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Low tonight in upper teens. High tomorrow in upper 30s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be having three classes next week at its office, 108 N. Russell.

On Monday, April 14, there will be an adult CPR class. On Tuesday, April 15, a first aid class will be offered, and on Wednesday, April 16, an infant CPR class will be held. All classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. For registration and more information, call the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Also, the Red Cross is seeking volunteers for swimming instructors for the summer swimming classes. Parents who will have children taking the swimming classes are invited to become volunteers.

Those interested in assisting with the swimming classes are invited to call the Red Cross office for information. A swimming instructors class will be held for those needing certification for the program.

PAMPA — Pampa High School counselors Gail Cole and Karla Howell will meet with parents of current PHS juniors on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide helpful information for parents in preparation for their students' senior year at Pampa High School.

Counselors will address these topics: post-secondary plans, financial aid for continued education after high school, TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program), college admission testing, scholarships, college application process, and cost of cap, gown and invitations for graduation.

Cole and Howell encourage parents of juniors to attend this informational meeting.

PAMPA — The Pampa Branch of the NAACP will have a public meeting with city officials at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford.

Scheduled as speakers for the meeting are City Manager Bob Eskridge, Pampa Chief of Police Charlie Morris and Precinct 4 City Commissioner Faustina Curry.

The meeting is open to the public. Those interested in becoming members of the NAACP Pampa Branch are encouraged to attend the meeting and to enroll in the organization.

For more information on the NAACP Pampa Branch, call (806) 669-0300, or write to NAACP Pampa Branch, P.O. Box 167, Pampa, TX 79066.

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Cold front brings ice, tornadoes

From Staff and AP Reports

The good news is the cold front that kicked off severe weather late Thursday spawning hail, thunderstorms and tornadoes across the Panhandle moved off to the east into Oklahoma.

The bad news is the cold front brought snow and bitter cold that is expected to cover the Texas Panhandle through the weekend like an icy glove.

Pampa had blowing light snow and 25 degrees at 6 a.m. today, which dipped down even lower to 22 by 8 a.m. Gusty northerly winds at 30 miles per hour plummeted the wind chill factor to 15 degrees below zero.

Thunderstorms and freezing temperatures combined Thursday evening to produce slick and dangerous road conditions for area residents in the northern part of the Panhandle.

Road advisories were posted in several cities in the Panhandle and posed a threat to travelers and local residents. In Pampa, an early morning one-vehicle collision resulted in injury to resident 20-year-old Clifton Fletcher Jr.

Fletcher was traveling east on Highway 60 early this morning when his vehicle lost control and slid off the road and into a culvert. Fletcher was thrown from the car. He was taken to Columbia Medical Center for treatment but had not been released by press time.

The unexpected April freezing rain also caused some problems for local utility services, causing some damage to a relief valve on gas lines off Gwendolen Street in Pampa. The damage, however, was minor and did not result in any losses of gas to residents, said Energas Manager Bill Wade.

Electrical lines across the county, however, did not fare so well. Freezing rain has been the cause of electrical wires failing across Pampa and various parts of Gray and Roberts counties.

Power losses were reported on the east side of Pampa by Highway 60 and throughout the two counties. Southwestern Public Service Co. representatives, however, expected at least 95 percent of all lines to be working by the lunch hour and all lines to be up and running again by the end of the day.

Carson County authorities

said streets in Panhandle started to glaze over with ice about 4:30 a.m. today. Hemphill County officers reported snow flurries starting about 3:30 a.m. today on top of icy roads. At 6 a.m. today, Canadian reported 27 degrees and winds gusting to 30 to 35 miles an hour. Wheeler reported light sleet. Gage, Okla., reported 30 degrees. Clayton, N.M., reported 18 degrees at 6 a.m. today.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported 24 degrees at 6 a.m. today with blowing snow. The city reported a wind chill of minus eight degrees.

The northern counties of the Texas Panhandle were under a snow advisory today along with the Oklahoma Panhandle and Southwest Kansas.

The Department of Public Safety said roads in the Texas Panhandle north of Interstate 40 were slick in spots.

Pampa's forecast calls for cloudy, windy and bitter cold today with a 40 percent chance of light snow. The high today is expected to be 35 degrees with gusty north winds 20 to 30 miles an hour.

It will be cloudy and cold tonight with a low of 20 and north winds diminishing five to 15 miles an hour.

Saturday should be cloudy and cold with a high of 38 degrees with north winds 10 to 20 miles an hour. There should be variable cloudiness Sunday and warmer with the high near 45 and a low near 25.

Monday will be partly cloudy and warmer with a high of 65 and a low of 35. Tuesday should be partly sunny and much warmer with a high in the mid 70s. The low should be about 45.

Pampa recorded 0.57 of an inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today. It was 51 degrees in Pampa Thursday for the high before the latest cold front plunged into the area.

Funnel clouds were reported in at least nine South Plains counties Thursday night - Lubbock, Lynn, Swisher, Dawson, Hale, Lamb, Crosby, Garza and Dickens.

A man died about 9:45 p.m. Thursday, when a twister hit a double-wide mobile home near White River Lake, about 15 miles south of Crosbyton and about 40 miles east of Lubbock.

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Pajama Day



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Wilson Elementary School third grade classes celebrate reading more than 2,600 books between the two classes with a Pajama Day Party and red shirts on Thursday. All the students who have earned 50 points in the Accelerated Reading program wore their red shirts as proof of their reading skills. For more on reading programs in Pampa schools, see Page 11 in Sunday's edition of *The Pampa News*.

Pampa man plans to use book covers to place 10 Commandments in schools

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Despite laws concerning the teaching of religion in public school systems, Pampa resident William Rasmussen is trying to get the message of God into the public school system through a commonly used item - book covers.

The word of God, he believes, is an important aspect to the teachings in today's society. And, to promote Christianity among students in the public education system, Rasmussen is printing 1,000 book covers with the 10 Commandments on them.

"I really believe the 10 Commandments should be reestablished in the schools," said Rasmussen.

One church, Calvary Baptist, has already voiced support of the project. In addition, the financial committee of the church has donated money toward getting the first 1,000 book covers printed.

"I thought it was a good idea," said Calvary Baptist's pastor, Lyndon Glaesman.

Both Rasmussen and Glaesman are hoping other area churches will also want to get involved in the project, as the book covers will be donated to the students in the churches that donate to have the book covers made.

"I really do think for other churches to get involved, it would be a really good statement," said Glaesman.

Rasmussen is using the book covers to get the word of God into the public schools and to send a nationwide message concerning the controversy in Alabama about the 10 Commandments hanging in Judge Roy Moore's courtroom. Moore was ordered to have the commandments removed.

The idea for the 10 Commandments book covers was suggested by one of Rasmussen's sisters. He then consulted with Glaesman about the idea, and from that point, the project has blossomed.

Rasmussen believes the general public is very supportive of the project and hopes other churches in the Panhandle get involved. Ultimately, he believes the book covers could be a nationwide project.

"They (the public) think it's a very good idea," said Rasmussen. "I think this is really ... so to speak ... going to explode nationwide."

People are turning more and more to the word of God, said Rasmussen, to battle the moral decline in today's society. He believes there is a moral decline taking place due to the fact that there isn't enough religion in the government or public schools.

This philosophy, admits Rasmussen, could stir a lot of controversy but he welcomes a battle.

"Anything that's being done for God is going to be controversial," he said. "I'm looking to go head on with this. I don't care what happens."



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

William Rasmussen has initiated a project to provide Pampa students with book covers containing the 10 Commandments.

TOTTA to host 'Diamondback Nationals' motorcycle trials

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Members of the Top of Texas Trials Association, Pampa's Motorcycle Association and organized motorcycle associations from across the United States will be converging Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, at Lake McClellan for the 1997 Top of Texas Trials Association "Diamondback Nationals" Trials competition.

The riders' meetings are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and the timed trials start at 9 a.m. The lake is a closed course - to other bikers during the two days of the TOTTA "Diamondback" Trials competition.

The participants range from age 14 up, riding in 14 classes of trials each day, said Bill Stephens, local member and one of the trials events coordinators. Following the events Saturday night, at 6 p.m. a \$6 per plate



Geoff Aaron

barbecue camp supper is open to everyone, catered by Dyer's of Pampa. Riders and their families or accompanying assistants, and any spectators who want to attend the supper should have their tickets reserved no later

than 10 a.m. Saturday, Stephens said.

Organizations submitting their geographic location for consideration in designating a location for the Trials competition is, in itself, quite a contest, said Doug Youree, senior vice president of the Pampa association. Lake McClellan was picked in 1985 and again in 1990.

"Our Lake McClellan course rated in the top five of the selections list over the last several years, and it is an honor for this part of Texas to be picked for the National Trials this year," he said.

A \$3 permit is required for each vehicle entering the recreation areas of the lake park. There is no admission charge for the motorcycle trials. Specific rules will be posted for the spectators, Stephens said, and directive signs will be properly located to guide the spectators outside the boundaries.

The 1996 competition was in Lucerne Valley, Calif., and Geoff

Aaron of West Redding, Conn., was the winning rider. Two-time National Champion Aaron, age 24, is credited with 17 other National Trials wins and he is a five-time Trial des Nations team member. His sponsors often include Beta Motors Italy, Cosmopolitan Motors and many others. Most of the top riders are professionals, sponsored by commercial bike companies and top equipment suppliers in the U.S.

"He really puts on a show for the spectators, and we expect he will probably take another championship this year, too," Youree predicts.

Among the top American riders recognized in the championship levels also, are Jess Kempkes, age 20, of Lincoln, Neb., and Matt Moore, age 17 of Sapulpa, Okla.

The 1993 High School National Champion, Moore is also a three-time Trial des Nations team member and three-time Oklahoma State Champion.

Kempkes is another one to watch. He was the 1992 High School National Champion, winner of the 1994 Nebraska State Champion and is a three-time Trial des Nations team member.

Youree explained that there are 16 courses on the trials loop, and each rider must pass over them, riding the loop three times each day. According to Youree, the object of the rider is to complete each section, keeping both feet on the pegs throughout the full two minutes required on each course.

"The object of judged trials is to ride through a specified course without setting your foot down on the ground surface, without crashing or riding out of bounds, nor stopping, unless balanced without support," Youree said.

A rider may stop or back up while balanced without penalty, and the rider with the lowest score at the end of the event is the winner.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BEARD, Icy Mae George — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

ICY MAE GEORGE BEARD

Icy Mae George Beard, 89, died Thursday, April 10, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Beard was born July 23, 1907, at Ravia, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1958, moving from Ada. She married Joseph Alonzo George on Aug. 25, 1925, at Ada, Okla.; he died July 25, 1978. She later married Hulle Beard in 1983 at Pampa; he died Dec. 9, 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and John R. Harris of Tulsa, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, J.A. and Louise George of Dumas and G.B. "Don" and Irene George of Hennessey, Okla.; a sister, Lorena Scruggs of Pampa; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Three Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN

Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

MOBILE MEALS

The Southside Senior Citizens Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, April 12, will be hamburger steaks, buttered potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert.

WEST TEXAS SINGLES

The West Texas Singles will have a dance on Saturday, April 19, at the Buena Vista Community Hall with a potluck supper at 7 p.m. followed by the dance at 8 p.m. with a live band. Admission is \$5. No smoking and no alcohol permitted.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa	
Wheat	NA
Milo	NA
Corn	NA
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation	
Occidental	24 1/8 dn 1/2
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation	
Magellan	80 1/4
Puritan	17 1/8
The following 90-day N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa	
Amoco	82 7/8 dn 1/4
Arco	124 3/8 dn 1/2
Calmar	24 1/4 up 1/8
Calmar O&G	16 1/8 dn 1/8
Chevron	63 1/2 dn 1/2
Coca Cola	55 7/8 dn 1/8
Colombia/HEA	41 1/2 dn 1/8
Enron	36 3/4 dn 1/4
Halliburton	67 dn 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	44 7/8 dn 1/2
KSE	4 3/8 dn 5/8
Kennecott	56 1/4 up 1/4
Limited	17 1/8 dn 1/8
Magco	29 1/4 up 1/4
McDonald's	48 5/8 dn 1/2
Mobil	12 1/4 dn 1/8
New Atmos	24 1/8 up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	30 1/8 dn 1/4
Prudential	45 3/8 up 1/8
Phillips	38 1/8 dn 1/8
SLB	10 7/8 dn 2
SPS	35 7/8 dn 3/8
Tenneco	38 1/4 dn 1/8
Texasco	104 dn 1/2
Ultramar	31 1/4 dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	27 7/8 dn 1/2
New York Gold	348.60
Silver	4.75
West Texas Crude	19.38

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, April 10

A 1983 blue Honda Civic driven by Kathleen Lee Laycock, 41, 1100 Terrace, collided with a 1970 white and brown Chevrolet truck driven by Stephen Daniel Price, 16, 1905 N. Coffee, at the intersection of the 200 block of West 18th and the 1800 block of Russell. Laycock was cited for failing to yield right of way at a stop sign.

A 1985 gray Mercury Grand Marquis driven by Stephen Matthew Harp, 17, Rt. 1 Box 4D in Pampa, and a 1992 white Ford Topaz driven by Timothy Seth Lewis, 16, collided at the intersection of 200 W. 17th and 1700 N. Charles. Harp was cited for failing to yield right of way at a stop sign and failing to control his speed. Lewis was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

A 1995 purple Chevrolet Geo Prizm driven by Jennifer Nichole Nettles, 16, 805 Lefors, collided with a 1987 black Nissan Sentra driven by Natalie Devon Rummerfield, 17, 610 N. Frost, in the 600 block of East Francis. Nettles was cited for following too closely.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, April 10

Arrests

Scott Allen Frith, 32, 431 Perry, was arrested on charges of evading arrest, a Waco Police Department warrant for criminal trespass and four JP warrants. He remains in custody.

Troy Elton Hopkins, 69, 803 N. Nelson, was arrested on two JP warrants and a Missouri warrant for insurance fraud. He remains in custody.

Ronnie Labaron Towels, 28, of San Antonio, was arrested by Wilson County Sheriff Office on a Gray County failure to appear warrant. He was transported to Gray County jail, where he remains in custody.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, April 11

4:23 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

5:33 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolen on a gas leak.

5:52 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171 on a downed power line.

6:25 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to Recreation Park on a medical assist.

6:32 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to the 900 block of East Campbell on a medical assist.

6:50 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to an automobile accident four miles east on Highway 60.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, April 10

Theft of a purse was reported after a home in the 800 block of North Somerville was burglarized. One suspect was arrested.

A suspect evading arrest was reported in the 800 block of Malone. The suspect was arrested.

Judge rules line-item veto unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal judge ruled as unconstitutional a landmark law that gives the president the power to veto specific items in bills passed by Congress. The law, the judge declared, turned the principle of separation of powers "on its head."

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issued his decision late Thursday overturning the Line-Item Veto Act, a new and still-unused law that carried enormous significance for federal spending and the balance of power in government.

Passed by Congress last year, the law allowed the president for the first time to veto particular items in spending bills and certain limited tax provisions passed by Congress. Previously, the president could only veto entire bills.

"We're disappointed of course, but we won't have any further comment until the Justice Department has an opportunity to read the decision," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said of Jackson's ruling.

The Clinton administration has

asked the court to throw out the challenge to the law that had been filed by six members of Congress. The lawmakers, led by the senior Senate Democrat Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., argued the law was an unconstitutional encroachment of Congress' legislative power.

"I am very pleased with the court's decision, which I believe to be a great victory for the American people and our Constitution," Byrd said in a statement.

Congress passed the law in April 1996 and it became effective Jan. 1. Despite questions about its constitutionality, lawmakers decided the president needed a new tool to combat the federal deficit.

The law allowed the president to strike out individual items from spending bills, including appropriations, narrowly targeted tax breaks covering 100 or fewer people and new or expanded entitlements, such as Medicare or veterans' benefits.

Jackson said it directly contradicted basic tenets of the Constitution.

"Where the president signs a bill but then purports to cancel parts of it, he exceeds his constitutional authority and prevents both houses of Congress from participating in the exercise of lawmaking authority," Jackson wrote.

"Never before has Congress attempted to give away the power to shape the content of a statute of the United States, as the act purports to do. ... Congress has turned the constitutional division of responsibilities for legislating on its head," the judge said.

But, Jackson added, the issue "undoubtedly" will be finally resolved in the Supreme Court.

Clinton, like many presidents before him, had wanted the law to block excessive spending and special-interest tax breaks that lawmakers sometimes include in bills. The law allowed the president to sign a bill and within five days still reject a specific spending item in it. Congress could then pass a separate bill to reinstate the specific item and the president had the power to veto that bill.

McLean council tables action on landfill items

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

MCLEAN - At its regular monthly meeting Thursday night, the McLean City Council members discussed items concerning the city landfill.

The council voted to table any action regarding the local landfill area, pending a financial analysis report from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper engineering firm of Amarillo. The engineering firm's analysis will determine whether it is financially advisable to keep the landfill open after October of this year.

In other action, the council approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Sam Haynes as official spokesman for the city regarding an application request by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The council approved the request made by Karen Babcock of Amarillo for PRPC authorizing

submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for funds for community development.

Councilmen also approved the use of the McLean Hospital Clinic by the Gray County Sheriff's Office as an office for the local deputy, justice of the peace, county constable and area high-way patrol officer.

The council accepted the proposal presented by Larry Wallace, representing the Gray County Sheriff's Office, and agreed to rent the clinic building to the county at a monthly rental of \$50, on the acceptance and approval of Gray County commissioners.

The McLean council approved a request by the First Baptist Church to allow the church to install a "Welcome" and public announcement sign.

The council also approved a

request by spokesman Terry Dickey of Trinity Church to allow an add-on building project to extend to the city's right-of-way line on Commerce Street, but denied a request to waive city tax requirements on two lots in Block 99 at this time.

Councilmen voted to continue collection of a \$1 volunteer fee which can be paid on the monthly utility bill, which had been collected in the past to contribute toward the cost of a new city fire truck.

The continued collection will now go into a permanent fund to help the city with future needs benefiting the residents.

In other business, councilmen approved current payment of bills. There was no action taken concerning personnel matters nor on hiring any temporary help at the present time, according to City Secretary Toni Bohler.

The McLean council will hold its next meeting on May 8.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy and bitterly cold with a low in the upper teens and northerly winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, cloudy with a high in the upper 30s and northerly winds 10-20 mph. Thursday's high was 51; the overnight low was 22. Pampa received 0.57 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Mostly cloudy and cold with lows in mid to upper teens. Saturday, mostly cloudy with highs from around 30 to near 40. Saturday night, partly cloudy with lows from around 20 to mid 20s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to around 30. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the 30s.

North Texas - Freeze warning

northwest third tonight. Tonight, cloudy and windy. A chance of showers or thunderstorms south central and east. Cold with lows near 32 northwest to 46 southeast. Saturday, decreasing clouds west, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs 47 northwest to 57 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to 40s south central. Saturday, partly to mostly cloudy and cool. Highs in the 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, decreasing clouds with showers and thunderstorms ending. Some storms possibly severe with large hail and damaging winds. Lows in the 40s inland to near 60 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy and cool. Highs in the 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s coast to upper 50s inland.

Saturday, cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Winter storm watch tonight and Saturday morning northern mountains and northeast highlands. Tonight, cold with snow showers increasing north. Cloudy with slight chance for drizzle or light rain southeast. Partly cloudy southwest. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north, mostly 30s southern lowlands. Saturday, considerable cloudiness with a chance for snow showers north and a few showers southeast. Partly cloudy and breezy southwest. Highs 30s and 40s north with 50s and 60s south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, a chance of rain central and south this evening, possibly mixed with sleet and snow in central regions. Lows in mid 20s to mid 30s. Saturday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in upper 30s to upper 40s.

Cold

Hail as large as baseballs fell as firefighters and deputies from Dickens and Crosby counties sought to rescue the man, officials said. The continuing threat of tornadoes grounded rescue helicopters.

"It was totally destroyed," Janie Walker, a dispatcher with the Dickens County sheriff's office, said of the mobile home two miles west of White River Lake. "His wife got out, but she's been cut up pretty badly."

The woman was taken to Crosbyton Hospital, where she was treated for serious cuts, said Pat Vasquez, director of Emergency Medical Services.

The couple wasn't immediately identified.

Numerous funnel clouds and

large hail were spotted in the Lubbock area.

About 10 p.m., a tornado ripped apart six houses at Liberty Acres, a mobile home development four miles east of the Lubbock airport in northeast Lubbock County.

Lubbock County sheriff's deputies, Idalou and Abernathy firefighters and volunteer crews searched for bodies under fallen walls and trees. Only one person suffered minor injuries, Beverly Morton, a Lubbock County Sheriff's Office spokesman reported.

Strong thunderstorms roared across a vast area of Texas early today ahead of a cold front that promised wintry conditions for much of the state tonight.

One man was killed when his mobile home east of Lubbock was struck by one of several tor-

nadoes reported in northwest Texas Thursday night.

Storms this morning uprooted trees, caused minor damage and brought some street flooding across the eastern two-thirds of the state.

The storms blew through the Dallas-Fort Worth area during the morning rush hour with winds gusting to 70 mph.

Heavy rain and gusty winds also were reported in the Houston area and Southeast Texas coastal counties early this morning, with some trees uprooted and signs down. Street flooding was reported in Galveston before the storms moved offshore.

Six to eight inches of rainfall overnight caused flooding along the Lavaca River in South Texas, with some road closings and minor wind damage reported in Lavaca County.

Board gives preliminary OK to curriculum rewrite

AUSTIN (AP) - While State Board of Education members wrangled over rewriting requirements for vocational courses, Deborah Gwathmey of Brownwood talked about what worked for her child.

Ms. Gwathmey testified before the board that a marketing course helped her eldest daughter, an honor student, get back on track when she fell into depression following a friend's suicide.

Involvement in a marketing-related student group and participation in leadership conferences "allowed her to put her past where it belonged and challenged her to embrace something brighter and more promising," she said.

"Marketing did not restore Crystal God did. However, marketing played a major part in helping her get back up with purpose, vision, self-worth and confidence," she said, testifying Thursday in support of the curriculum rewrite.

The State Board of Education today approved the so-called enrichment curriculum, including career and technology courses, fine arts and foreign languages. The board broke the proposal into 11 categories, with votes varying from 15-0 to 9-6.

Board members backed by religious conservatives, who didn't vote for the rewrite, contend the rewrite is tied to a federal school-

to-work program and is meant to water down academics.

"If we are able to make the enrichment curriculum ... academically rigorous and knowledge-based, we could derail the federally encouraged movement to make schools merely training centers for business and industry," said board member Robert Offutt of San Antonio.

After proposing changes in the document that weren't adopted, he voted against the rewrite, along with board members Donna Ballard of The Woodlands, David Bradley of Beaumont, Richard Neill of Fort Worth and Richard Watson of Gorman. Randy Stevenson of Bullard abstained.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

HAIR EXPRESSIONS - Free bottle of tanning lotion with 1 month of tanning, now thru April 30th. 319 W. Foster, 669-7131. Adv.

IN EFFORT to provide to those without, the Pampa Noon Lions Club is accepting the donations of used eye glasses to be presented at their annual district convention on April 18, 1997. Donations can be made as late as Thursday, April 17th. There will be a box at the Health Fair in MK Brown on Saturday and there will also be boxes at Heard & Jones, Simmons & Simmons, Regional Eye Clinic and Balfour Optical. Adv.

STAY AT home mom would like to keep infant and/or toddler. Call 669-3919 after 5 p.m. References. Adv.

LOVE BEYOND Words - April 13th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Baptist Church featuring Brian Randone "Touches lives with the Power of Mime". Adv.

FOR SALE Voit Treadmill (non-electric) 665-8187. Adv.

RALPH LAUREN, Polo jeans and t-shirts at Cuyler Clothing Company. 113 N. Cuyler. 665-8698. Adv.

NEW ARRIVALS, Brighton belts, bracelets, hand bags, and shoes. 123 N. Cuyler. 669-1091. Adv.

DON JONAS Calligraphy, Amarillo Civic Center, Biggest Little Show, April 12th and 13th. Adv.

4-H HORSE Project Freeze Branding Horses on Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bull Barn. \$20 per horse. Adv.

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CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, turkey and dressing, chicken fried steak, cobbler. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

DANCE AT McLean Country Club, Saturday 12th, 8-12. Music by Texas Rhythm. Members and guests welcome. Adv.

"RHYTHM IN Shoes" will do toe-tapping step and modern dances for Pampa and Borger Community Concert Associations at 7:30, Monday in Borger High School Auditorium. Attendance is by membership in the associations. Adv.

1 MORE Day Left of Bunny Sale at All Its Charm. Adv.

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Geoff Aaron of Connecticut, two-year national champion, will be one of the riders in this weekend's 'Diamondback Nationals' motorcycle trial runs at Lake McClellan.

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The point system is based on a "clean" or "zero" point. If the rider successfully negotiates the section without dabbing, riding out of bounds or crashing, he is given a "zero" rating, which is the best, he said.

If the rider is given a "one," it means he dabs once in a section, and is penalized one point for using any other part of his body to regain balance — an elbow against a tree, for example.

If a "two" is given, it means the rider dabs twice while in the section; three points is the maximum score given to a rider who completes the section without crashing, riding out of bounds or losing forward momentum while dabbing. There is no such thing as a four because the rider can dab as many times as he needs to after three, and still receive a three-point score.

A "five" is the maximum penalty for failure to complete a section. The most frequent failure is losing forward momentum while dabbing. Fives are given to riders who crash or ride out of bounds.

A rider may request a five point rating for a section he decides not to attempt due to its difficulty; and actually missing a section carries a 10-point penalty in AMA/NATC rules.

Cash prizes are not given in any competition, but top winners receive plaques and trophies significant to the event. Appropriately, for the Diamondback Nationals, champions will receive taxidermy diamondback Texas rattlesnakes, mounted inside a glassed cov-

ered trophy display piece, Youree said. Other competitors will receive engraved plaques.

"It's lots of fun to ride, but it is also fun for the fans. It is amazing what they (the riders) can do on those motorcycles," he said.

For the past six weeks, members of the local motorcycle association have been building the course trial sections along the bike loop.

Youree said most of the sites are of natural formations and underbrush found in Lake McClellan park. Fallen trees, rocks and piles of dirt are added to make some sections more difficult. The recent rains and flooding creeks have damaged some of the courses, and workers are busy this week repairing them or moving some courses to other sites. Presently, the south side of the lake will be open for weekend campers and spectators.

"One of the biggest sections to climb over is an obstacle of fallen trees, and stands about five feet high. The other areas might be 10-foot dirt ledges or mud-bogs requiring a lot of turning and climbing to get out of it," Youree said.

Stephens said, "The weekend visitors will be very good for Pampa, with several family groups choosing to stay in local motels, eating meals at most of the restaurants in town and using other services provided by local businesses. It should pull in at least 550 people, which will give our local economy a shot in the arm."

"This motorcycle competition is a good wholesome sport, giving an opportunity for all of us to meet a lot of good people," Stephens said.

IRS refuses to exempt Kemp tax reform group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service refused to grant Jack Kemp's tax commission charitable status because the group helped confer "substantial private benefit on the Republican Party and its candidates," according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, appointed by Republicans and composed of Republicans, last year recommended a generic version of the flat tax proposal championed by GOP politicians during the 1996 election.

Rep. John Dingell, R-Mich., and other Democrats had charged that the commission lacked the political neutrality to qualify for the special tax-exempt status.

But Kemp's commission, in legal documents supplied Thursday to the AP, argued its work was educational and non-partisan, appealing to "all persons who pay an income tax and who may believe that the income tax system of America is too complex, inefficient, unfair or biased."

The IRS twice turned down the group's application for tax-exempt status, which would allow donors to deduct contributions to take a federal tax deduction. The IRS said the tax reform report published by the Kemp commission lacked a balanced view of tax reform.

"In short, the report reads like a brief or manifesto in support of a particular list of tax law changes, and avoids discussion of problems that may cause concern to the potential readership," Garland A. Carter, chief of the IRS exempt organizations branch, said in an Aug. 8 letter to the group.

"We believe the creation of the commission and its report were intended to confer a substantial private benefit on the Republican Party and its candidates," Carter's letter said.

The IRS again denied the group's tax exempt status on Jan. 27.

Word of the IRS decision came as a Senate committee approved issuing several subpoenas aimed at learning if nonprofit groups were engaged in political activity in violation of their tax-exempt

status last year. But Kemp's commission was not among the groups being subpoenaed.

Kemp was the GOP's vice presidential nominee last year, but the commission's report was issued before former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., picked him as a running mate.

Meanwhile, the group intends to file an appeal of the IRS ruling next week in U.S. District Court in Washington, William J. Lehrfeld, its attorney, said. He disputed the IRS view that the Kemp commission and its report engaged in political advocacy.

"It's very clear the tax reform commission was not captive of any political party or ideology," Lehrfeld said, adding that it didn't lobby Congress.

In a protest to the IRS, Lehrfeld said the commission "has been singled out by an unsympathetic news media and the IRS because our principles and policies challenge the traditional (read as stale) notions of a simple, fair and just tax system."

A denial of charitable status is not common: Out of the 50,000

applications for tax-exempt status the IRS gets each year, there are approximately 700 denials.

The group had a financing arm, The Fund for the Study of Economic Growth and Tax Reform, which sought nonprofit status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

While there are some 20 different nonprofit entities under IRS rules, some of which allow political advocacy, the 501(c)(3) charities are the only ones that allow people to deduct their contributions from federal income taxes.

"Getting a tax-exempt status is a public subsidy and public subsidy should not be for political organizations that have political objectives," said Rep. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., a member of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The commission had raised roughly \$375,000 from 1,500 contributors but earlier this year had a debt of about \$150,000. Lehrfeld said some of that debt had been paid down further, but he didn't know how much. The group disbanded after issuing the report.

Ex-lotto director sues GTECH as cause of termination

AUSTIN (AP) — Fired Texas Lottery director Nora Linares has sued the agency's main contractor, alleging that misdealings by GTECH Corp. caused her termination.

Ms. Linares' attorneys, Buck Wood and Charles Soechting, said Rhode Island-based GTECH intentionally hired Ms. Linares' friend, Mike Moeller, as a consultant to use him as a weapon against her.

She has said she didn't know Moeller worked for GTECH until reporters asked her about it. The lottery commission subsequently ousted Ms. Linares from her \$82,687-a-year job in January.

"What we're saying is, GTECH's activities, which were in violation of statute and contract with the state of Texas, caused her to be terminated," Wood said Thursday, moments after filing the lawsuit at the Travis County Courthouse. "And that is actionable under Texas law."

GTECH spokesman Marc Palazzo coun-

tered that the petition is "rife with false and misleading allegations."

"GTECH will vigorously defend this meritless action," he said in a statement.

The lawsuit, which doesn't specify damages, contends that GTECH hired Moeller, a former state agriculture official, in October 1992 knowing he had a "personal relationship" with Ms. Linares.

At the time, Moeller was under a federal indictment accusing him of using taxpayers' money to hire consultants whose only job was to collect political campaign contributions. He later was convicted and currently is imprisoned.

"In an effort to have some potential, future leverage over Ms. Linares, (GTECH employee J. David) Smith instructed Mr. Moeller to keep his consulting agreement secret from all others, including Ms. Linares," the lawsuit reads.

GTECH officials have repeated that Smith, who himself has been convicted of federal fraud, was a "rogue" who hired Moeller without the company's knowledge or approval.

"I don't think there's anything Smith did that top GTECH management didn't know about," Wood said. "Legally, it wouldn't make any difference if they did. Anything he did, they did."

The suit goes on to accuse GTECH of a string of improprieties designed to maintain its hold on the state's lottery. The Lottery Commission has said it may rebid GTECH's contract and is seeking a consultant to assist in that process.

Ms. Linares initially sued lottery commissioners after she was fired, saying she was dismissed for political reasons. Her attorneys later dropped that lawsuit and focused on GTECH.

Legislation would allow creditors to charge up to 18 percent interest

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas banks could charge up to 18 percent interest on their credit cards under a bill pending in the House.

Texas creditors currently can charge only up to 14.4 percent interest.

The 1983 state law limiting credit interest has driven credit card operations for nearly all Texas banks and other creditors to other states that don't limit such interest, according to Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, sponsor of the bill.

"It allows Texas banks to start offering credit cards without going to South Dakota or Nevada or Wisconsin," Eiland said of his bill Thursday before the House

gave it first-round approval. "It will allow Texas banks to bring their credit card departments back to Texas."

About 20 states don't regulate credit interest.

Eiland said the state limit on credit interest hasn't protected Texans from higher interest rates. He said more than 90 percent of credit cards offered in Texas come from states that don't have so-called usury laws. He added that nearly all of the cards have rates higher than the 14.4 percent Texas credit interest limit.

The bill, which requires a final House vote, also would allow Texas banks to charge late-payment fees, annual fees and "over-the-

limit" fees. It was approved 95-45.

An amendment added to the bill would require such fees to be placed into separate accounts and wouldn't allow interest to be charged on them.

Other amendments would require Texas credit card issuers who offer credit to students 24 and younger to charge them no

more than the prime interest rate plus one percentage point and would allow only creditors in Texas at the time the laws took effect to charge up to the 18 percent interest rate. Those starting operations in Texas after the effective date would continue to operate under the 14.4 percent limit.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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Texas Editorials

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on gangs:

As street gangs continue to become a more serious problem in America, it is becoming more obvious that gang members have a growing contempt for society.

Perhaps nowhere has this contempt been more evident in recent months than in the Rhode Island federal courtroom last week in which a member of the Latin Kings gang stood up, unzipped his pants and urinated during his trial.

Federal marshals pounced on 22-year-old George "King Animal" Perry, and removed him from the courtroom.

The outrageousness of the act concerns us much more than its seriousness. Perry is one of six gang members who were being tried for murder, extortion, drug dealing, carjacking and other offenses. Public urination and indecent exposure are minor crimes in comparison.

But the fact that he would do that in a court of law with a jury present — even though his back was to them at the time — speaks volumes about his lack of respect for the court and his disdain for societal values.

Human life and values held dear by normal members of society are scorned by gangs. So, as gang members continue to treat society with contempt, society should react in kind.

This should be reflected in tougher laws and higher law enforcement priority's being placed on gang activity.

And it must be reflected in our jury verdicts. We must not passively accept into this country the intrusion of gangs and their contemptuousness of decent values.

Austin American-Statesman on HB 3508:

House Bill 3508 by State Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, has as its stated purpose the promotion of energy conservation. To that end, Merritt proposes that the state Lottery Commission sell coupons ... which the holder may use to get out of a speeding ticket.

The basic idea is that when a citizen is stopped for speeding, he merely hands the officer one of the coupons and goes on his way, ticketless.

Where does energy conservation come in? A spokesman for Merritt said that exceeding the speed limits by more than 10 miles an hour burns fuel at an accelerated rate.

The bill is fine as far as it goes, but why stop at speeding coupons? How about coupons for bald tires, faulty brakes, for busted turn signals? For a hefty price, Texans could have coupons that allow one armed robbery without penalty. There could be a Drew Nixon coupon to get out of a prostitution sting.

The coupons could become so popular that the Legislature could abolish all taxes. And all in the name of energy conservation.

San Antonio Express-News on the federal response to flooding:

The Clinton administration has asked for \$2 billion in supplemental disaster relief funds to help rebuild communities in California, the Ohio Valley and the Pacific Northwest ravaged by recent floods.

Last year, flooding in the Northwest and East cost taxpayers \$501 million. In 1993, when the Mighty Mississippi overflowed its banks, Congress paid \$5.7 billion.

This annual rite occurs because people build and live in flood plains. They try to put down roots where Mother Nature says they shouldn't.

That is nonsense, but government makes it easy.

Local governments authorize zoning and land use in flood plains.

The federal government provides flood insurance and disaster relief.

And the Army Corps of Engineers has boasted for a century that it can tame the mightiest rivers.

The solution is easy, a Corps of Engineers official in California recently admitted. "Keep people out of the flood plain."

How? Congress is mulling legislation that would make broad federal policy changes to move people from flood plains. Direct buyouts are an option. So are incentives to local governments that do not allow building in flood plains.

People should not live and developers should not develop in places that flood. There are land uses for flood plains — say, Parkland — that are more suitable.

Paying disaster relief makes members of Congress heroes back home, but it is just another budget buster that needn't be.

Bum data in, bum data out



Ben Wattenberg

Global warming is back, although there is conflicting evidence about whether the globe is actually warming in any significant measure. No matter, in December in Kyoto, the industrial nations of the world will meet under the United Nations auspices. Their mission: Restraining the increase of the so-called greenhouse gases that cause the global temperature to rise.

How do the greenhouse gases get into the atmosphere to do their warming? The answer is long. The short answer is that some are of natural origin and some are caused by people, who, among other things, drive automobiles, heat their homes, and raise cows that go poof! (releasing Methane gas).

Insofar as people do it, it is important to estimate how many people there will be on the planet in the future. And not just to prevent global warming. After all, population alarmists have been telling us for decades that population increase erodes per-capita economic growth, poisons the planet, causes overcrowding, gobbles up nonrenewable resources, strains renewable resources, incites war, yields hunger and so on.

The United Nations publishes an extensive array of population data. Their most recent major demographic publication is called *World Population Prospects: The 1996 Revision*. It is, in many ways, a most admirable work of statistics. It contains the best available current data for each of 184 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

The volume also provides population projections going out to the year 2050. Linked U.N. data offers global projections to 2200. And there's the rub. The United Nations has presented data that is misleading, quite possibly adding three billion extra people, or more, to the totals. The folks in Kyoto ought to understand this before they start calculating how and by how much we humans ought to scale

back our living standards to meet the alleged greenhouse threat.

At the root of the problem is what's happening on the ground, in the bedroom and in the obstetric ward. Never before in history have birth rates and fertility rates fallen so low, for so long, in so many places all around the world.

In the last decade the Total Fertility Rate for Europe has plunged by 21 percent, down from already incredibly low levels, to 1.45 children per woman. (It takes 2.1 children per woman to merely keep a population stable over time.) The Italian fertility rate is down to 1.2 children per woman, the lowest in the world and the lowest in the history of the world. Japan is at 1.5. The U.S. rate has declined in each of the last six years, to an estimated 1.98, not very far from the all time low level of the 1970s.

Most important is what has happened in the developing countries, often called the Less Developed Countries. In the last 30 years the aggregate rate of the LDCs has plunged from 6.0 to 3.1 children per woman — with the most dramatic drop occurring since 1990.

The United Nations publishes three sets of population projections, labeled "high variant," "low variant" and "medium variant." Naturally enough,

it is the "medium variant" that is used most frequently. It is the one that forms the basis for the central demographic assumption for the Kyoto conference. Erroneously, the "medium variant" is regarded as the "most likely" variant. It isn't.

Current world population is about 5.8 billion people. The U.N. medium projection puts the global population of 2050 at 9.4 billion people — a 62 percent increase. And it predicts that it will climb to 10.7 billion just after the year 2200 — an increase of 84 percent. The actual figure used most often in the calculations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a World Bank projection (based on UN data) of 11.3 billion 2100 — an increase of 95 percent.

These projections are much overstated. The assumptions used in the "medium variant" projections are off the wall. Countries and regions with below replacement fertility are automatically taken up to 2.1 children per woman. Thus, Europe's TFR soars from 1.45 to 2.0 by 2050, an increase of 38 percent. How can that be "medium" when European fertility rates are still falling?

Conversely, the rates for the LDCs are taken down to 2.1 but no further. This too is preposterous. There are already 27 LDCs with below replacement fertility, including China, the world's most populous country, at 1.8 and falling. The rate for India, the second most populous nation, has fallen about half way to replacement level in just the last ten years, from 4.07 to 3.07 children per woman.

Many leading demographers believe that global population will top off at about eight billion or nine billion toward the middle of the coming century, not 10.7 billion or 11.3 billion — and then decline. Yes, decline. Decline.

What a difference! In the number of people, and in the amount of greenhouse gases. Will the Kyoto environmentalists be using bum data?

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, April 11, the 101st day of 1997. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 11, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald in Germany.

On this date:
In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

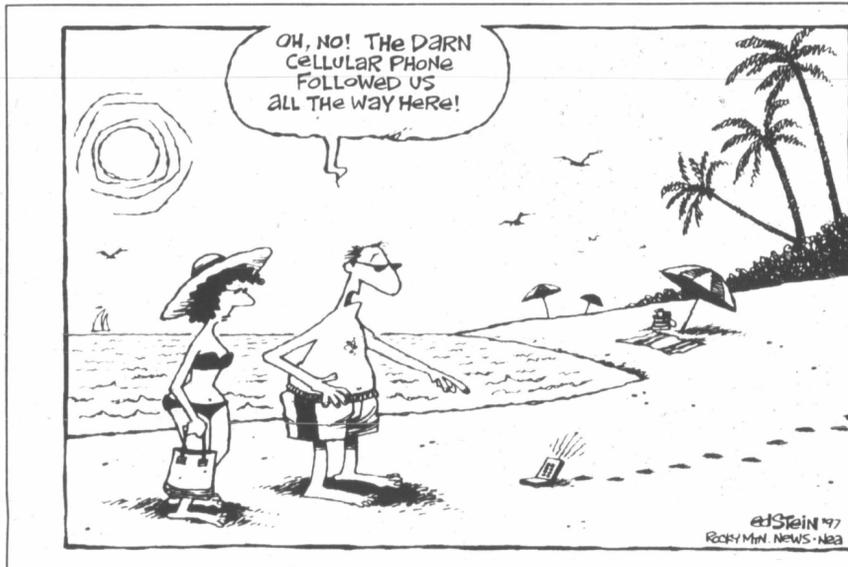
In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, President McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war against Spain.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson played in an exhibition between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees.



How justice can be better served

In the hands of Margaret Hagen, an anecdote can be a deadly weapon. Here is an example from her new book, *Whores of the Court*.

"David Willard Phipps Jr., a Gulf War veteran, was convicted of first-degree murder ... for killing his wife's lover, Michael Presson. Phipps did not deny killing Presson. ... He claimed that he was unable to formulate the mens rea (intent) for first degree murder because he was suffering from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder."

Judge Julian Guinn of Tennessee apparently thought this claim did not hold water and instructed the jury, "I charge you that post-traumatic stress disorder and major depression are not defenses to a criminal charge." The judge was reversed on appeal for being, according to Hagen, "unduly wary of expert psychological opinion."

The point of the anecdote was to illustrate what a rare, free-thinking jurist Judge Guinn is, because large numbers of American judges and juries have turned over the weighing of facts to psychological experts in matters from disability claims and child custody to murder.

Hagen would argue that except in extremely limited circumstances, the very notion of "expert psychological opinion" is a farce. An experimental psychologist herself, Hagen believes that her profession is qualified only to measure very limited things about the brain — perception, language, learning, cognition and memory. The rest she dismisses as "witch doctoring."

Psychotherapists have no special wisdom, Hagen passionately argues, about the human soul. They have no tools to see what ordinary people miss. There is no science to labeling people "depressed" or "phobic" or suffering from "post-traumatic stress disorder." It's all



Mona Charen

intuition, and while that doesn't make it worthless, it doesn't make it science, either.

You don't have to buy Hagen's blanket indictment of clinical psychology (I don't) to see that her case for removing psychologists from America's courtrooms is strong.

In 1990, George Franklin was convicted of a murder committed 20 years before (it was later reversed). The only witnesses against him were his estranged daughter and her therapist. The therapist explained that Eileen Franklin Lipsker suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and had repressed the memory of seeing her father commit this crime against her friend for 20 years. She "explained" that children often "repress" memories of traumatic incidents for many years later. At trial, Lipsker provided only details that had appeared in the press.

There is no science, Hagen says, underlying the concept of "recovered memory syndrome." Yet, the word of one expert was sufficient to get a man convicted of murder. Is it wise to call such intuitions "expert testimony"?

Psychologists and their lawyer partners have been quite creative in devising more and more diagnoses designed to exculpate. There is "urban psychosis," "battered woman syndrome" and "black rage," to name just three.

Through an ever-expanding list of "diminished capacity" defenses to criminal charges, and through the admission of expert testimony on matters like "flashbacks" and "brief psychotic disorder," the misuse of psychological testimony is undermining the foundation of our justice system — the concept that people are responsible for their conduct.

In the civil courts, things are, if anything, worse. Psychologists and other therapists routinely bolster the claims of those who say they cannot work because they are too mentally or emotionally damaged — or so emotionally scarred from sexual harassment or being fired, or whatever, that they require millions in compensation. And in the psychologized American courts of today, they're often getting what they request. A woman in Washington state was awarded \$900,000 after being fired from a job at a radio station. Her employer said she was abrasive and obnoxious. She said that she had informed her employer of her manic depression two months before the firing. The jury found that her dismissal constituted unlawful discrimination against the mentally handicapped.

Hagen's indictment of clinical psychology may be overwrought, but her advice that we repudiate psychological testimony is sound. When people seek to reform themselves, psychology has a valuable role to play, as it does in treating mental illness. But when it comes to judging lies or truth, intent or accident, and good or evil in a court of law, ordinary common sense is a better guide than psychology.

Shouting, shoving on road to civility



Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

Before there was a Congress, John Adams wrote of his fear that when it assembled, members would seek influence with noise not sense, meanness not greatness.

It's been 201 years, and House civility campaigners still are trying to overcome those tendencies. Their challenge was dramatized by a shoving episode on the House floor Wednesday.

Four leaders of the civility movement, organizers of a weekend retreat that drew 200 of the 435 House members to Hershey, Pa., a month ago, said they're trying to broaden the effort now.

"We're not trying to avoid controversy," Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., told the American Society of Newspaper Editors on Wednesday. He said controversy is built into the system, but that it should be "purged of the venom that has characterized it more and more."

Hence, the private, foundation-financed retreat, which Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., said fostered contacts and friendships that have been elusive at the Capitol.

The system itself is not as collegial as in earlier days when information was passed person to person, without the computer links and televised sessions that make it possible to operate almost solo.

Besides, Skaggs said, many of the new members of the House, where more than 60 percent were first elected in the '90s, won after campaigning against the federal government and even the Congress in which they serve. He said that can create "a surreal

working environment."

Anger, confrontation and even violence have flared before; the incivility problem is not new business. "As a nation, we have been here before," said Rep. Amo Houghton Jr., R-N.Y.

Two congressmen got there again on Wednesday. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, pushed Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., with both hands after a shouted argument over allegations that lobbyists had written proposed laws in the Republican's Capitol office. DeLay angrily denied it.

DeLay was at the civility session in Hershey; Obey wasn't.

After a Democrat and a Republican swapped insults on the House floor two years ago, they went outside and grappled, briefly, in an anteroom. In a dispute over committee operations in 1995, a Democratic elder compared the Republicans to the Nazis, which led to shouting and yanked neckties.

It seldom gets that far, but rancorous words and partisan feuds are regular fare. Skaggs said no organization can be productive when much of its energy is spent "on internal squabbling."

Divisions and differences are part of the system. Skaggs said nobody is trying to dampen debate, only

to keep it in bounds so that rival sides can cooperate to get things done.

He said too much attention, and news coverage, goes to the infighting instead of to substantive differences on real problems. And he acknowledged that members of Congress bear a responsibility for that.

"It becomes self-fulfilling when we and our colleagues realize that the thing that gets us coverage is fights," he said.

There's no lack of them, what with squabbling over White House fund-raising excesses, Democratic leaders complaining that Republicans have made this into a do-nothing Congress, and a restive GOP band in the House protesting the way Speaker Newt Gingrich runs things.

One Republican, Rep. Peter King of New York, called Gingrich "road kill on the highway of American politics," which flunks any civility test.

Still, as the civility campaigners say, they're just getting started.

Gingrich and Rep. Dick Gephardt, the minority leader, both were at the Hershey retreat. Indeed, one of the organizers, Rep. Tom Sawyer, D-Ohio, said that until then, they hadn't spoken to each other in more than 20 months.

Now one of the civility goals is to get the often-antagonistic leaders talking regularly.

Both are expected to attend a Hershey follow-up Wednesday night, when Skaggs and the others will try to spread the lessons of that session among House members who didn't get there.

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Red River cities brace for lesser crest of water

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Troy Krabbenhoft camped out early today — in his own kitchen, with his girlfriend, his dog and a big red sleeping bag. Ten feet away, behind a towering wall of bagged sand, a swollen river was knocking.

They slept in shifts, a half-hour each, and kept the radio on. If it fell silent, they knew the electricity powering their three water pumps had failed and a basement flooding emergency was at hand.

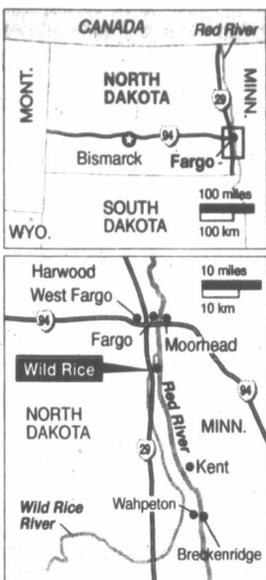
"If I'm asleep for five minutes too long, it's all in here," said Krabbenhoft, a logistics officer for the North Dakota Air National Guard.

His 150-foot back yard was under 5 feet of water this morning, as was most riverfront property in Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minn., where the Red River was expected to crest sometime before nightfall.

But the reality may be somewhat less dire than the prediction.

On Thursday, the predicted crest level for the Red was lowered by 2 feet; a faulty gauge several miles south on the north-flowing river was blamed for the discrepancy. That put sandbaggers slightly ahead of the game.

The Red was expected to crest here at between 37 1/2 and 38 feet and remain that high for



"I have never seen a blizzard that had been covered by water, and then it freezes. And the mess that it has caused — it is just unbelievable," Witt said in Fargo, standing in front of a submerged parking lot at the edge of the Red River. The region's senators and congressmen accompanied him.

"What you've got here is the most severe winter on record, followed by the most violent winter storm in 50 years," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "At the same time you're facing the greatest flood threat in 150 years."

Snowmelt-swollen rivers have been cresting across the prairie that forms the Minnesota-North Dakota border for nearly a week. A 2-foot blizzard last weekend, after days of 60-degree temperatures, added more snow and ice to the mix.

At least eight people have died from the flood or its effects. Residents, many caught between the rising Red and already-cresting smaller rivers, have been feverishly bagging sand and fortifying dikes as sheets of water come across the plains. In Fargo and Moorhead, volunteers monitored dikes through the night and into today.

The gulf of water grew wider today between dike-fortified Fargo and Moorhead. Some streets are submerged by 6 feet,

with only the top of a stop sign still visible by a major shopping mall. Back yards are lakes. Roads in many places taper off into the river like boat launches.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol closed 31 exits of Interstate 29 north of Fargo on Thursday because of floodwaters spilling onto the road. They rerouted traffic to less water-logged local and state roads.

In Moorhead, nearly one-quarter of the city was without water or sewer service for much of Thursday when water backed up in a lift station near the Red River. It forced Concordia College to advise 1,600 on-campus students to leave after 30 portable toilets proved an unpopular option.

Spc. Chad Melin of the Minnesota National Guard fixed the problem by dumping 300 sandbags into a river-edge chute.

"I'm not a wastewater man myself," Melin said early today. "But we're learning."

several days, the National Weather Service said. It was at 37.3 feet at 2 a.m. today. Flood stage is 17 feet.

Vice President Al Gore planned to survey flooded areas today. Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt, touring the areas Thursday, pledged to "deploy everyone" to get help for people and their towns.

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Redistricting ruling handed down

AUSTIN (AP) — The 3rd Court of Appeals has thrown out a lower court ruling that would have required all of the state's senators to run for re-election in 1998.

The court ruling Thursday stems from a settlement reached in 1995 by Republican legislators and state officials in a lawsuit over legislative district lines that were alleged by the GOP lawmakers to have been racially gerrymandered.

After both sides in the lawsuit agreed to redrawn districts and submitted the so-called "Thomas plan" to a three-judge panel in federal court, state District Judge John Dietz in Austin ruled that all the senators would have to run for re-election in 1998 if the Legislature adopted the plan.

The ruling was based on the fact that the constitution requires all state senators to run for re-election each time districts are redrawn — also known as "apportionment" — usually once

every ten years after the U.S. census count is released.

But the 3rd Court of Appeals ruled on Thursday that if the 1997 Legislature adopts the plan reached in the settlement, the senators wouldn't all have to run for re-election next year.

"The court said that when you have federal court-ordered lines and the Legislature adopts them, you don't have apportionment," said David Edmondson, general counsel for the Senate Redistricting Committee.

Due to redistricting changes in 1994, the state's 31 senators drew lots to determine two-year and four-year terms. The state staggers the terms to ensure that the Senate always has the service of experienced members.

Fifteen senators were required to run in 1996, while 16 drew lots to run in 1998. With the 3rd Court ruling, those lots would remain intact if the Legislature approves a bill by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, that would adopt the Thomas plan.

Messner questioned again about citizenship problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key lawmaker is threatening to start hauling immigration officials before Congress if they balk at new rules aimed at tightening a sloppy citizenship process.

Appearing Thursday before congressional appropriators to outline her 1998 budget request, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Messner once again found her agency under fire for the citizenship controversy.

Amid a record number of citizenship applications, INS failed to conduct full criminal background checks on some 180,000 applicants last year — nearly 11,000 of whom had felony records.

"They were drug pushers, child molesters, prostitutes," fumed Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., who chairs the House appropriations subcommittee that funds INS.

Congressional Republicans have blamed an election-year push by the Clinton administration to add new voters, presumably inclined towards Democrats, to the rolls.

Administrative foul-ups, not political motives, were behind the lapses, Messner has long said. Thursday, she outlined new procedures designed to ensure that every applicant's fingerprints are taken and run through the FBI's computers before citizenship is granted.

But Rogers seemed skeptical that all INS employees will follow Messner's new directive.

Alluding to the difficulties Messner has had in imposing change on a hidebound, decentralized field organization,

Rogers said: "There have been a few instances in the past that you have issued orders that were not followed."

"That is correct," she replied.

Piqued by Messner's refusal to categorically state that she would fire recalcitrant employees, who have civil-service protection, Rogers demanded the name of any manager who refuses to follow orders.

"Send me the names, and then send the bodies," a visibly angry Rogers said, threatening to subpoena disobedient employees.

An as-yet unfinished audit has turned up 168 cases of improper naturalization. Citizenship revocation proceedings have begun in 69 of those cases, Messner said.

She noted that arrest or conviction, even on a felony charge, is not automatic grounds to disqualify someone from citizenship.

Rogers warned that the INS, which is seeking a \$419 million budget hike from Congress next year, won't get any money until the problems are solved.

"We are facing and fixing chronic, decades-old management problems," Messner said, later adding: "Our problems are not intractable."

The administration is seeking \$3.6 billion for the INS next year, proposing \$360 million in new initiatives and some 1,500 new personnel, including 500 new Border Patrol agents to be stationed along the Southwest border.

If Congress provides the extra money, the INS budget will have increased 142 percent since the start of the Clinton administration.

Lawmaker under fire for speeches

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A Republican state representative continues to profit from his widely proclaimed theory that the federal government had foreknowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Rep. Charles Key, R-Oklahoma City, acknowledged Thursday he had his expenses paid on an ocean cruise in which he was a featured speaker, and that he has sold thousands of videotapes concerning the Oklahoma City bombing.

But Key angrily denied a published report that he will profit further by speaking this weekend at "Preparedness Expo '97," an event in Mesquite, Texas, that also features the co-founder of the Militia of Montana and others.

Key is supposed to be part of a panel discussion entitled "The Oklahoma City Bombing, What Really Happened & Is There A Cover-Up?" Key is also scheduled to speak on the same issue later in the weekend.

The Hill Report, a conservative political newsletter based in Oklahoma City, wrote about Key's speaking plans in this week's edition. The Tulsa World sought the conservative lawmaker's response for a story in today's editions.

The Hill Report said the fee to hear Key speak is \$5, and that \$7 audiotapes and \$18 video tapes concerning the cover-up allega-

tions would be sold at the event.

Key denied he is making any money off the event other than for travel and lodging expenses, which he said should amount to about \$100.

He said he was unaware there would be a fee to hear him speak. Key did acknowledge being part of a weeklong Caribbean cruise last November in which his expenses were paid.

He was a speaker on the cruise, entitled the "Politically Incorrect Cruise." Key said he brought his wife and children along on the cruise, but had to pay for their expenses. "It was extremely expensive," he said.

Key said he has sold at least 7,000 copies of a \$19.95 videotape he co-produced concerning allegations of a government cover-up of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

All the sales revenues have been used to pay for production expenses and advertising, Key said. But he said he received a \$2,000 advance last year to cover personal expenses incurred as a result of giving away copies of the video to the news media.

In the video, Key claims there was more than one bomb, that federal agents knew about the bombing in advance and that a government arsenal inside the building contributed to the blast.

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State briefs

Chemical weapons treaty under debate in the Senate

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press Writer

'Nightmare' rapist receives 55 year sentence

DALLAS (AP) — An Irving man — described by a prosecutor as "every woman's worst nightmare" — has been sentenced to 55 years in prison for raping two neighbors.

Roy E. Daniels Jr., 36, pleaded guilty to two aggravated sexual assault charges, but asked that a jury set his punishment. He was eligible for probation.

In one of the attacks, a victim was held captive and tormented for three hours and in the other the victim was beaten severely while she slept.

Daniels admitted that in the first attack he covered the woman's face with a coat and tied a belt around her neck. He also admitted that he rubbed a knife blade across her neck several times during the three-hour ordeal.

The second victim testified that she was sleeping in her apartment when Daniels entered and struck her ten times in the head with a metal pipe before sexually assaulting her.

Assistant warden chases down, tackles prison escapee

CUERO (AP) — Assistant warden Williams Stephens knew what was happening when he heard shotgun blasts as he prepared to leave his home next to the Stevenson Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Stephens was preparing to take his children to day care early Thursday.

Then he heard the shots being fired, meaning that someone was trying to escape from the minimum security prison.

Stephen put his children, ages five and two, on the floorboard of his truck and drove toward the man.

Inmate Cesar Briseno didn't stop, not when guards fired five shots nor when Stephens told him to stop.

Stephens chased Briseno down, tackled him and held him until other officers arrived.

Officials say aquifer recharged in Hays, Travis counties

AUSTIN (AP) — The northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer is above drought stage for the first time in 16 months, thanks to plenty of wet weather during the first part of 1997.

Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District voted unanimously Thursday to lift water-use restrictions in effect since January 1996 for portions of the aquifer beneath Travis and Hays counties.

"We're thrilled," said board President Sue Johnson. She said spring rains have brought water back to normal levels for the underground spring that is the sole source of drinking water for more than 40,000 people.

Recent heavy rains have helped the aquifer recharge the huge rock formation that holds water.

The drought that gripped Central Texas and the rest of the state last year was declared over months ago. Only the aquifer district remained under a drought alarm, which called for water conservation measures.

Senate approves bill on college admissions

AUSTIN (AP) — Race-neutral factors such as economic status and family background would be emphasized in college admissions under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, attempts to address a court ruling that has resulted in the elimination of race as a consideration in admissions and financial aid policies in Texas.

The measure was approved by the Senate 23-7 on Thursday and sent to the House for consideration.

The ruling in a case known as Hopwood has become a lightning rod of controversy after Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling to apply to all schools.

Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education Norma Cantu has said the ruling should apply only to the University of Texas law school, which was successfully sued by four white students who argued the school's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

The bill says that 50 percent of a college's enrolling class should be admitted based on traditional criteria, such as grade-point averages and standardized test scores.

Forty percent should have their academic record considered along with factors such as family background, socioeconomic status or whether a student is bilingual, according to the bill.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both sides say it is easy to decide where to stand on the global chemical weapons treaty.

Proponents say Senate ratification would ensure U.S. leadership in the fight against some of the most heinous weapons on Earth. Opponents fear foreign inspectors would trample Americans' rights and that rogue states would be free to use poison gas.

The treaty still stalled in the Senate was negotiated and signed under Republican presidents and has the strong support of President Clinton and a long list of former and current military experts.

Longtime arms control foes and a handful of conservative senators led by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., are trying hard to keep the United States out of it.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott laid out a plan Thursday that would allow ratification no earlier than April 25, just four days before the treaty takes effect for 70 countries that have already ratified it. But Helms is still refusing to free the accord from his committee.

The treaty itself is not at stake, but proponents say the chance for U.S. leadership and participation will be lost as the rest of the world moves to rid itself of chemical weapons over the next ten years.

America would not sit on the treaty's governing board. U.S. inspectors would not be allowed to join teams enforcing it. U.S. chemical companies say they would lose an estimated \$600 million because of

restrictions on trade with non-treaty countries.

Opponents say the United States, because of its superpower status, would still have a major role if ratification comes later or if Congress simply passes tough domestic laws against chemical weapons, which is to be taken up next week before the ratification issue.

The convention outlaws development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical warfare agents and requires they be destroyed within 10-15 years. It also sets up strict inspections and enforcement that could affect individuals and businesses as well as countries.

Clinton says the treaty "can help to shield our soldiers from one of the battlefield's deadliest killers." He also says it will bolster U.S. leadership "against terrorism and proliferation around the world."

With polls showing 84 percent public support for ratification, the treaty first sent to the Senate in 1993 is an unlikely focus of impassioned debate.

But a number of issues are in dispute as the Senate prepares for debate:

—Non-ratifying states such as Libya, Iraq and North Korea could pose an even greater danger if they are not covered by the treaty, opponents say. The administration says that without the convention, there would be no ban on producing and stockpiling such weapons. With it, there is a basis for pursuing violators.

—Fears are being raised that it would prevent the use of tear gas and other riot-control agents, giving soldiers no option but deadly force. Proponents say it would not prevent use of tear gas outside military combat.

—Inspectors from terrorist states that sign the treaty

could be on inspection teams operating in the United States. Proponents say this actually argues for U.S. participation, because ratification would ensure an American say in administering the inspections.

—Opponents suggest treaty enforcers will not comply with all domestic legal restrictions on search and seizure. Proponents say the treaty requires that inspections be conducted according to each nation's constitutional process.

—The treaty calls for the sharing of information about anti-chemical weapons technology, which opponents say might aid in the production of war chemicals. The administration says the treaty's strong prohibitions against exports of any chemical weapons materials would preclude this.

—Opponents fear the treaty will lull the U.S. military into complacency on the need to protect against chemical warfare. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says this is a false fear, noting that Clinton has requested a \$225 million increase in funds to equip and train troops against chemical and biological attack over the next five years.

Several differences have already been worked out between Helms and the White House, but key disputes are expected to be resolved in Senate votes on amendments to ratification legislation.

The treaty itself cannot be amended and the administration has rejected several proposed Helms amendments likely to come to a vote.

The senator wants to require several changes in the treaty. He also would require ratification by non-signatory countries before U.S. ratification takes effect.

Confederate Month causes furor in Virginia, many call for governor's resignation

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Gov. George Allen's decision to proclaim April a month to salute the Confederacy's "four-year struggle for independence" has angered black leaders into demanding his resignation.

A group of civil rights leaders went to the state Capitol on Thursday and attacked the word-

ing in Allen's proclamation, which called for respecting "the honorable sacrifices of (Virginia's) Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens to the cause of liberty."

"Liberty for whom?" said Salim Khalfani, activities director for the Virginia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"These people fought against the Union and the United States of America and they lost. They are losers," he said.

Ken Stroupe, Allen's spokesman, dismissed the protest as grandstanding by longtime Allen foes.

"The fact of the matter is that the NAACP has never supported anything that this administration has

done," Stroupe said. "People realize how absurd those types of things are."

Allen already has made about 500 proclamations this year, Stroupe said, designating days, weeks and months to mark a wide variety of causes, activities and events.

Allen, a Republican who is in the final year of his four-year term and

barred by the state constitution from seeking re-election this fall, proclaimed last month that April would be Confederate History and Heritage Month.

Most of the battles of the Civil War were fought in Virginia, and Richmond was the Confederacy's capital from 1861 until just before the war ended in April 1865.

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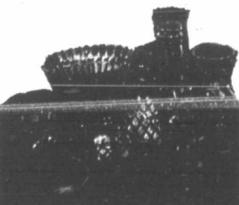
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Ambassador's task: Accounting for MIAs in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just confirmed as the first U.S. ambassador to communist Vietnam, Pete Peterson will be launching a new era in a country that once tortured him as a captured enemy fighter pilot.

The former Air Force captain and congressman says his primary task will be an accounting of some 1,600 U.S. servicemen listed as missing in action from the Vietnam War — a continuing rift between the two nations that caused some veterans groups and lawmakers to oppose sending an ambassador to Hanoi.

But those criticisms were not directed at Peterson, who came home from Vietnam with a Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit after spending six years in a solitary cell where he was tortured and interrogated repeatedly.

"I never was opposed to Pete

Peterson," Sen. Robert Smith, R-N.H., said Thursday before the Senate approved the nominee on a voice vote. "My concern was we needed to get the fullest possible accounting (of MIAs) ... and if the ambassador going to Vietnam will do that, I'm all for it. He went through hell in Vietnam."

Smith said he received a letter from President Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, spelling out steps that will be taken to assure an accounting of missing Americans.

Peterson, a Democrat who after Vietnam went into the computer business and in 1990 was elected to the House from Florida, thinks it is time to begin a new relationship with his former enemies.

"We have to start using the term Vietnam without adding the suffix war," Peterson told The Associated Press last year.

Several fellow Vietnam veteran

senators echoed that sentiment Thursday.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Americans were "ceasing to treat Vietnam as a war and beginning in earnest to treat it like a country."

"The time for healing has arrived and Congressman Peterson is the one to lead us in that direction," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., another veteran of the war.

The government in Hanoi welcomed Peterson's appointment.

"This is a positive development in U.S.-Vietnam relations," Foreign Ministry Tran Quang Hoan spokesman said in a statement.

Peterson's approval came just four days after the United States and Vietnam signed a debt agreement obliging the communist country to repay \$146 million in leftover wartime debts

incurred by its former enemy, South Vietnam.

Peterson was shot down Sept. 10, 1966, over the northern hamlet of An Doai. His plane hit the ground in flames, and Peterson's fighting days came to an end when he parachuted into a mango tree.

Villagers threatened him and threw sticks and bottles. That harrowing, moonless night was the first of many more for the young pilot.

He finally returned home, retiring from the Air Force in 1981 after 26 years' service.

While taking no position on Peterson's qualifications, the American Legion said it was "adamantly opposed" to sending an ambassador to Hanoi. The group charged that the Vietnamese have not cooperated on MIA accounting as they promised.

Books exploit Egyptian psyche

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — With titles including *Searching for Peace with Sex* and *The Hookers' War: Jewish Women and Arab Politicians*, a paperback genre is filling a shadowy niche in the Egyptian psyche.

The books, their covers sometimes illustrated with the Jewish star of David and sultry women in lingerie, are a hot item in Cairo book shops and at stalls on the city's crowded streets.

Their theme: Israel uses its women to corrupt Muslim youth, recruit spies, control Arab politicians or somehow get an edge in the Mideast peace process. They exploit an Egyptian fondness for conspiracy theories, a widespread hatred of Israel and a fascination with Israelis' more liberated sex lives.

"Sex is more dangerous than nuclear weapons. ... Israel has been using this weapon to confront us for some time. However, recently it has reached a

provocative level," wrote Amr Nassef, author of *Normalization with Sex*.

The rhetoric persists nearly 18 years after Egypt became the first Arab country to make peace with Israel. But Israelis always have complained that Egypt maintains a "cold peace," limiting contacts and making it difficult for Egyptians to visit Israel.

The peace has become even chillier since the election of right-wing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last May added snags to Israel's peace talks with Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon.

Columnist Mohammed Wagdi Qandil wrote in the Akhbar Al-Youm newspaper "Egyptian youth go to work in Israel and then they fall in the spider webs by temptation with money and sex. ... It is very obvious that the (Israeli intelligence agency) Mossad uses sex in recruiting spies."

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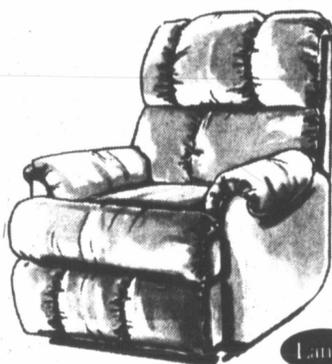
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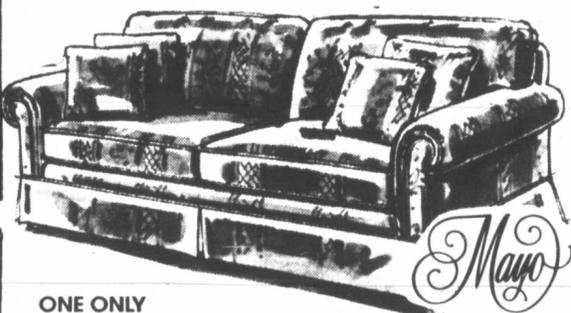


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RELIGION

Church uses Internet to raise money for school

By ESTES THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. (AP) — Candy sales, car washes and simply begging for funds weren't enough, so the Abundant Life Church branched out to the World Wide Web.

The result is VisionNet, a year-old Internet service provider that has attracted about 300 customers.

The company is operated by a nonprofit foundation at the church, a nondenominational congregation of 1,450, and benefits Abundant Life's private school.

"The Christian community perceives what we're doing as unorthodox," sales director Jimmy Chalmers says. "We believe our ministry is making money for this little Christian school. We don't have to beg for money. There are needs we can meet if we're willing to be creative, to be unorthodox."

The company's niche is local Internet access in small towns and helping users block adult sites. It also has 14 commercial customers who maintain Web page domains in the VisionNet computer, including a local sauce manufacturer and a massage equipment distributor.

VisionNet was created to raise money for the church's private school of about 330 students, from kindergarten through 12th grade, says Dennis Haskins, VisionNet's chief executive officer and the administrator of Abundant Life Christian Academy.

"One of my objectives is to make Christian education an affordable alternative" by offer-

ing students scholarships to help pay tuition of about \$2,500 a year, Haskins says.

Last year, VisionNet gave \$30,000 to the school. Its goal is to underwrite 40 percent of the school's \$900,000 operating budget, he says.

"Candy sales, popcorn sales and car washes aren't going to cut it for the kind of money that private Christian schools need," says Chalmers, one of two full-time employees housed in a closet-sized office at the school.

VisionNet has bigger dreams, such as larger offices. But not too big.

"We have to restrict our growth because of the level of service we want to give our customers," Chalmers says. That service includes going to a customer's house to solve a problem if necessary.

Another element that distinguishes VisionNet is that it tries to help families find clean, wholesome sites on the Web.

Its goal is to have as many as 2,000 individual dial-in users and 250 corporate accounts, Chalmers says, with a focus on rural areas in central North Carolina and southern Virginia.

VisionNet got its foothold in the towns of Mebane and Hillsborough by providing Internet users a local telephone number for modem access. The service costs consumers a \$30 activation fee and \$20 a month for Internet access.

Subscribers get Netscape, a commercial Internet access program, and SurfWatch, a program that blocks adult-oriented sites. By the end of the month, the VisionNet server

will have blocking software so users can customize access, Chalmers says.

Chalmers says a small amount of the Internet — he estimates 3 percent — is devoted to sexually oriented programming. It's that small section that gets all the news attention and complaints.

The Internet can be a daunting place for people who don't want to be exposed to smut.

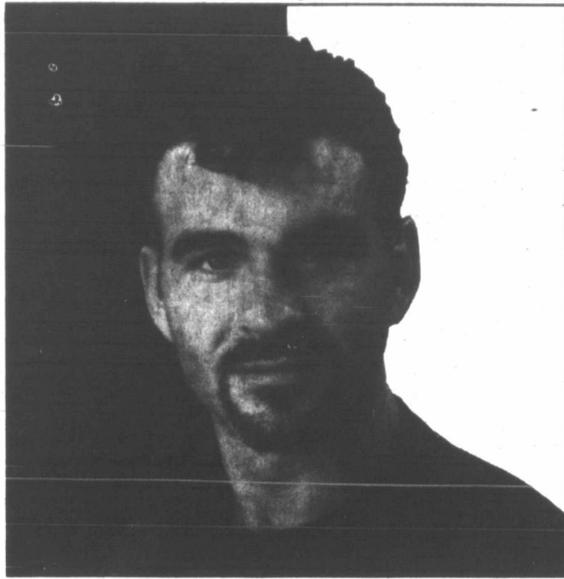
"We have gotten clients because we provide that service," Chalmers says. "There are plenty of pictures out there ... that most pubescent young men would enjoy. Why shouldn't there be an opportunity for families to have a service where we can assist parents or guardians in being able to protect their children from these sites on the Internet?"

Chalmers says VisionNet is trying to sell the service to corporations that want to limit employee access to inappropriate sites.

Chalmers and Adriano Marcuz, the operations director, who worked at IBM for 20 years before coming to VisionNet, both belong to the church. They donated their time for six months to start the company, which now has annual operating costs of about \$135,000, including their salaries.

The company was started for less than \$100,000, using an interest-free loan from a benefactor.

"Christian schools have distorted their view of the world to 'How can others help us?'" Chalmers says. "We believe that we can do things for ourselves."



Christian pantomime artist Brian Randone will be a special guest at the Sunday worship services at Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Central Baptist Church to host appearance by Christian mime

Brian Randone, Christian pantomime artist, will be a special guest in the 11 a.m. morning and 6 p.m. evening worship services at Central Baptist Church, located at Starkweather and Browning, on Sunday, April 13.

A group from the church was introduced to Randone's ministry this past summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. His presentations were so powerful that plans were made for Randone to come to Pampa on his ministry.

Randone holds a bachelor of arts degree from Moody Bible

Institute in Chicago and a master's of divinity from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He studied under master mimes Tony Montanero and Doug Berkly.

Through the power of mime, Randone touches the hearts of young and old alike with compelling sketches that will hold an audience spellbound, according to those who have witnessed his presentations.

The entire 6 p.m. evening worship service will feature Randone as he spreads a message of hope for today's generation.

Religion briefs

PAMPA — HiLand Church, corner of 18th and Banks, is hosting a series of revival services beginning this Sunday.

Evangelist for the services is the Rev. Jody Rogers, who will be accompanied by his wife, Valerie. The Rogers exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in song and in the preaching of the Word of God, according to Pastor Nathan Hopson.

Pastor Hopson and the church extend an invitation for "everyone to come and be blessed by the ministry of Jody and Valerie Rogers."

Service times are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

PAMPA — On Sunday afternoon, April 13, from 2 until 4 p.m., the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host the monthly Gospel Singing.

Special singers and musicians from various Pampa churches and the surrounding area will participate.

Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation extend a welcome for everyone to attend.

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop is withholding judgment on whether believers claiming to see a miraculous vision on Yakima Valley highway signs are actually observing the Virgin Mary or just a chemical pattern on metal.

"The church understandably always proceeds with caution when it may seem that there is a miraculous manifestation of any kind," Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla of Yakima said in a news release.

The state Department of Transportation says the signs are chemically coated to prevent oxidation and that may account for the visions.

The visions of the Virgin Mary have drawn thousands of people to a sign outside Sunnyside and others in the Yakima Valley, creating traffic safety concerns.

Another sighting attracted hundreds to a sign in Moses Lake, about 100 miles northeast of Yakima.

Both the Yakima Valley and Moses Lake have large populations of Hispanics, many of them immigrants from Mexico.

A rainbow emanating from the sign inspired many to say prayers, light candles and sing hymns in Spanish.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin's adviser on church relations is visiting Utah as a guest of the Mormon Church, which was outraged earlier by comments from another Russian leader.

Anatoly Nichociovich Lashinski's visit comes about a year after Gen. Alexander Lebed — then Yeltsin's choice for national security director — characterized members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as "mold and filth which have come to destroy the state."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a Mormon, says Lashinski's visit demonstrates a significant change from last summer's harsh exchange of political rhetoric.

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Once famed as a "city of churches," the Pittsburgh suburb of Wilkesburg may yank the welcome mat out from under worshippers looking for a free parking place.

Some members of the borough's parking authority, citing falling revenues and rising costs, want to end the community's tradition of letting Sunday morning churchgoers park free in city lots.

Many residents and church officials object to the proposed change.

The Wilkesburg Ministerial Association argues that free parking brings benefits city officials may not have considered.

"The people who are involved in the churches here are also involved in the 'Meals on Wheels,' youth programs and other things that happen during the week," says Robert Wilson, the association's president.

The parking authority plans to decide in two weeks whether to end the free-parking privileges.

Former Miss America to speak at mother-daughter banquet

Dr. Shirley (Cothran) Barret, a former Miss America, will speak to mothers and daughters at a Hawaiian theme banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Dr. Barret is definitely a woman of the '90s as a wife, mother of four and holder of three degrees including a PhD in early childhood education and family counseling.

As a speaker at all kinds of Christian and secular functions, such as women's workshops and retreats, Barret knows what it is to feel the pressures of juggling home, family and career.



Dr. Shirley Barret

She says that because of where she is in her life now, she feels perfectly comfortable speaking to women and their special concerns, because these concerns are hers, too.

Admitting that she leads a very joyful and rewarding life, Barret knows what it is to struggle with accomplishing "everything that she wants to do and is called on to do."

Her heart's desire is to minister exclusively to women and young ladies. She sees her ministry building toward this area as she has been invited to speak at retreats, conferences, banquets, mother-daughter events and television shows

such as *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Tonight Show*, *Merv Griffin*, *Bob Hope Special*, *Dawn*, *Our World*, *Phil Donahue*, *700 Club* and *Crystal Cathedral*.

She was also a judge of the 1987 and 1996 Miss America Pageant shows.

The First Baptist Church of Pampa extends an invitation to the women of Pampa to come and bring their daughters (sixth grade and up) to hear this exciting lady speak on "From Miscellaneous to Miss America."

Cost of the "Hawaiian Haystack" meal will be \$2 each. The banquet requires a reservation by calling the church at 669-1155.

West Texas priests urge parishioners to lay down guns

By TANYA EISERER
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE (AP) — Mild-mannered and somewhat soft-spoken Father Joe Uecker doesn't typically preach messages of hellfire and brimstone.

But a series of violent assaults and drive-by shootings among teenagers in a north Abilene neighborhood have caused the Catholic priest to draw a line in the sand.

"We often choose the things that lead to death," Uecker told the faithful recently at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church.

Uecker admonished his parishioners — teens and adults alike — to "turn in their guns, their pistols — to lay them at the foot of the cross."

"I urge you to do it now, to do it at the end of the service, but do it lest they kill anyone else."

"Die to all those things that are opposed to God," he added.

People who depend on guns for protection don't realize they are headed for destruction,

Father Uecker said.

"I hope that people will see the stupidity of relying on guns and knives and on violence itself," he said.

Uecker and his assistant, Father David Matz, became involved in attempting to stop neighborhood violence when a Hispanic community leader asked them to take part in a summit between two battling groups.

The priests returned to their congregations preaching a message of nonviolence, particularly at St. Vincent where some of the youth involved in the violence attend church.

A similar message has been preached at St. Francis Catholic Church, located on the other side of town. Uecker is priest for both churches.

Uecker and Matz fear that if the violence continues, they will end up burying one of those young people.

Nobody has turned in a gun yet, but Uecker and Matz are praying that people will begin to change in their hearts.

"If I get one, I will consider it successful," Uecker said.

Matz, 34, said he wants to get the point across to parents that their actions might serve to sanction the use of weapons.

"You're not modeling Christian behavior when you place your faith in a gun for protection," he said. "You're putting security in a weapon."

"I asked them, 'Where do you put your security in your pistol ... or in Christ?'"

"It's no wonder to me that there's a problem with juvenile violence when you've got parents out buying the weapons."

"You're just telling your kid 'If you're afraid, it's OK to have a gun.'"

Matz said he vividly remembers delivering the homily at the funeral of Daniel Don, a teenager who was accidentally shot in mid-December.

And unless people heed the message, more blood will be shed, he said.

"All I know is that guns are ruling the day," Matz said in that

nomily. "... Guns will fascinate us, but in the end, the fascinating power and beguiling control they offer won't last."

"And I'll tell you: Guns will not last. In the end their power only gives death, but life challenges us to make some choices to live like Jesus."

For Uecker, a 29-year-veteran of the priesthood, it's not the first time he's called upon people to turn in their guns.

The first time was in 1982 when Uecker was in San Angelo.

"I buried five murder victims in one year and I got tired of it," said Uecker, who moved to Abilene in 1993 from a church in Sweetwater, about 40 miles away.

"I didn't start off as any kind of a big crusader."

One Sunday in church he told his parishioners that "if they couldn't own a gun just for hunting purposes, then turn it in and I'd give it to the police."

Somehow the story spread and Uecker soon received calls from major news networks and newspapers interested in the story.

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Power Of Attorney Can Relieve Stress Of Family Emergency

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to suggest that your readers think about giving a power of attorney to a trusted relative to be used in case of emergency. This is especially important for single adults.

The cost of having this document prepared is relatively inexpensive compared to what you will pay if someone must petition for guardianship.

I speak from experience. My father suffered a major stroke that left him totally incapacitated. Legally I could not even stop his mail without a power of attorney, let alone access his checking account to pay his bills, cancel his apartment lease or admit him to a nursing home.

I was forced to initiate guardianship proceedings that were costly, stressful and time-consuming. The cost for our simple uncontested guardianship was \$3,000.

SUSAN

DEAR SUSAN: Good advice. None of us knows when an emergency may arise when we will need the help of someone to take care of our financial affairs until such time as we can resume responsibility. Note: Powers of attorney are not necessarily permanent. They can be revoked any time you wish.

DEAR ABBY: As a flight attendant for a major airline for the past



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

16 years, I have dealt with people from all walks of life. I sincerely strive to make each passenger's flight enjoyable, and I feel compassion for those who are physically or mentally challenged, elderly, and children traveling alone.

For the past five years I have struggled with a weight problem and have been working hard to regain my self-esteem and healthy physique. My sensitive nature has been sorely challenged with comments from well-meaning individuals, due to my weight. Remarks such as, "When are you due?" "How much do you weigh?" and "How much longer do you have before you go on maternity leave?" hurt me deeply.

Abby, can you suggest an appropriate response to such comments? Regaining my self-worth has become crucial, and I must discover a way to continue my job as a flight attendant without further damage to my self-esteem.

HURTING IN CINCINNATI

DEAR HURTING: The most appropriate response to questions about your pregnancy would be, "I'm not pregnant." People who make insulting comments about your weight are cruel, but if you appear to be pregnant when you are not, take it as a wake-up call.

I urge you to seriously consider a diet and exercise program immediately. Please, make your first order of business a call to your physician, requesting a referral to a dietitian registered with the American Dietetic Association.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are having a disagreement and hope you will settle it.

We have both been married before. For my first marriage, I wore a plain dress because we were married at the courthouse by a judge. I was told that a bride could never wear white at her wedding if she had been married before. My boyfriend says I can. What do you think?

GETTING MARRIED SOON DEAR GETTING MARRIED: Wear whatever makes you happy. Traditionally, first-time brides wear white. But nowadays brides wear whatever they want when they walk down the aisle. Brides have been known to marry in everything from bathing suits to fur coats — to nothing at all!



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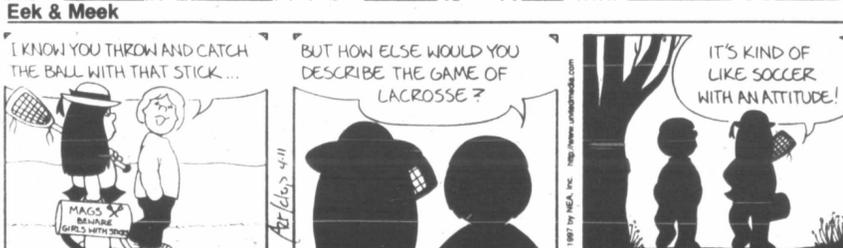
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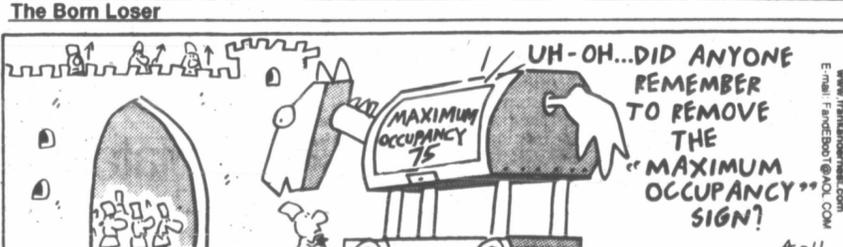
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 13, 1997

You will be motivated by your desire to get more out of life, and this could lead to changes in the year ahead that will benefit you materially.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a remarkable faculty for finishing difficult projects today. If associates have left things unfinished, you'll be able to move in and tidy up. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph

predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Mundane involvements are likely to occupy most of your time today. You are entitled to a fun break, however, so be sure to fit one in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be a rewarding day for you, provided you are enterprising and resourceful. Give meaningful endeavors your full attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not be reluctant to express your ideas today; persons involved will recognize their merits and appreciate your involvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Rather than let a debt to you drift along, this is a good day to finalize the arrangement and ensure you will be receiving your due.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today your mood will reflect the inclinations of your companions, for example, productive co-workers will inspire you to act as they do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Give yourself meaningful goals to focus on today, sub-

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will have a way of expressing your ideas that will capture the imagination and support of others today. Make a bold pitch!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Associates might find shifting conditions traumatizing today, but you'll be able to figure out ways to use these changes to your advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An individual who is important to your immediate plans can be swayed to your way of thinking today. Make arrangements to meet and tell your story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Much of your energy today might be devoted to helping others sort out their affairs. You might not benefit immediately from doing this, but you could later on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions look rather pleasant for you today. If some small disturbances emerge, however, you'll be able to manage them masterfully.

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"I have the feeling you're politely laughing on the inside."

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SPORTS

Notebook

TRACK

PAMPA — Pampa sophomore Curtis Johnson is ranked among the Amarillo area's top sprinters headed into the District 1-4A track meet today and Saturday in Dumas.

Johnson is tied for fourth in the 100-meter dash with a 10.7 time. His 22.4 in the 200-meter dash has him tied for sixth.

Tascosa's Shawn Samuel leads the 100 with a time of 10.4. Tulia's Doug Yarbrough is the 200 leader at 21.7.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — Amarillo Palo Duro boys basketball coach Gerald Tucker has resigned his coaching position, according to the *Amarillo Daily News*.

Tucker's six-year record at PD was 93-93. He led the Dons to the District 3-5A championship during the 1992-93 season.

This past season PD had a 20-13 overall record and a 5-5 District 3-5A mark.

The 44-year-old Tucker plans to continue his teaching duties in the Amarillo Independent School District system.

Tucker had been the Palo Duro junior varsity head coach and the varsity assistant the past 10 years before being promoted to head coach.

HOCKEY

DALLAS — A look at the implications of tonight's game between the Dallas Stars and the Colorado Avalanche, according to the National Hockey League:

— If Colorado wins: Rockies clinch the Presidents' Trophy as top team in the Western Conference.

— If Colorado and Dallas tie: Rockies carry a one-point into Sunday, the final day of the season. A Colorado victory on Sunday would clinch the President's Trophy, while a Colorado tie and a Dallas victory on Sunday would give the Stars the trophy. A Colorado tie and a Dallas victory on Sunday would leave the teams tied in points, but Dallas would win the tiebreaker for most victories.

— If Dallas wins: Stars carry a one-point lead into Sunday and could seal the conference championship with a victory in the season finale. Dallas also would top Colorado with a tie on Sunday because of tiebreaker advantages.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Japanese commissioner's office ruled the San Diego Padres have the negotiating rights to pitcher Hideki Irabu for two seasons.

Whether they ever get him signed is another thing.

The Padres obtained Irabu's rights in a deal with his Japanese club, the Chiba Lotte Marines, in January. But the right-hander has refused to negotiate with San Diego, insisting that he be traded to the New York Yankees.

San Diego has received several strong offers for Irabu from other major league clubs, but things have been quiet since before opening day.

FOOTBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Defensive end Neil Smith is unlikely to re-sign with the Kansas City Chiefs, coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Smith, a nine-year veteran and one of the Chiefs' most popular players, has already received free agent offers from Denver and Oakland. Reports this week had him close to signing with the Broncos.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Police searched San Diego State's locker room and six homes for evidence they think could link three players to the reported gang rape of a high school student.

Authorities said an 18-year-old woman told them she was raped March 2 at a house a mile south of campus. Police said the woman was acquainted with her alleged attackers and identified four of five men she said raped her.

Huston takes one stroke Masters lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — About the only thing faster than the greens at Augusta National on Thursday was the way John Huston and Tiger Woods closed their rounds at the Masters.

On a day of three-putts, four-putts and even five-putts — when 6-foot par putts turned into 66-footers for bogey — Huston holed out from 190 yards on the final hole for a 5-under-par 67 and a one-stroke lead over Paul Stankowski.

Woods closed with four birdies and an eagle on the back nine to follow a shaky 40 on the front nine with a 30 and was one stroke behind Paul Azinger, who was in third place after a 69.

"I don't ever remember holing out from the fairway to end a round before," said Huston, whose best finish in the Masters was a tie for third in 1990. "I hit a 5-iron from 190 yards and it somehow found it's way into the hole."

Holing out from the fairway might have been the best way to deal with the greens at Augusta and Huston did it twice, also chipping in from 60 feet with a 4-iron on No. 1 to save par. Huston used only 24 putts, an almost unbelievable number the way the greens were putting.

"Willie Wood said it was like driving on ice," Huston said about the greens. "All you could do was hold onto the steering wheel with both hands and hope you stop."

Only seven players broke par. Jose Maria Olazabal, Nick Price and Costantino Rocca were at 1-under-par 71.

"I'm just glad to get this round behind me," Woods said after an overpowering back nine which

featured a drive and a wedge to the 500-yard 15th hole for an eagle. "After the way I struggled on the front nine it was a good way to finish."

It was a remarkable finish on a day when severe pin positions and super slick greens made hitting for the flag impossible and nearly every putt an agonizing adventure.

"You can't attack some of these pins," Woods said. "You have to play defensively."

Never have the greens of Augusta National putted this fast on a Thursday. Never were the pins plopped in such precarious positions this early in a tournament.

And rarely were the scores this high in the first round of the Masters.

A day that started with breathless anticipation over the pairing of defending champion Nick Faldo and Woods turned into a hold-your-breath survival test on the greens.

"I had a lot of 6 and 10 footers I was just trying to two-putt," Azinger said after using only 29 putts. "They were pretty severe," he said about the greens.

How severe were the greens? Ken Green, who shot an 87, had a five-putt green on No. 16.

U.S. Open champion Steve Jones, who shot an 82, four-putted from 40 feet on No. 8.

"The fourth putt was a 4-footer," Jones said. "If I miss that one I seven-putt."

Greg Norman, whose first competitive round at the Masters since his collapse last year was a 77, had a 6-foot putt for par on No. 2 and a 66-footer coming back for bogey. He made a 7.

Rangers shut out Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bobby Witt scattered three hits over eight innings in his first start as the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-0 Thursday before a sparse crowd at County Stadium.

A game time temperature of 38 degrees and 12 mph winds kept the crowd down. Although the announced attendance was 5,638, there were only about 1,000 fans on hand, and the upper deck was closed.

Witt, the Rangers' fifth starter, twice had his first start delayed by weather postponements. He didn't give up a hit until the fourth, when Fernando Vina and Dave Nilsson singled. He then retired 10

straight batters before Marc Newfield singled with two outs in the seventh.

Witt struck out five and walked one. John Wetteland, signed by Texas in the offseason after winning the World Series MVP award with the Yankees, pitched a perfect ninth for his first save with the Rangers.

Mark McLemore and Ivan Rodriguez hit consecutive RBI singles off Scott Karl (0-2) with one out in the fifth to drive in the Rangers' runs.

Karl surrendered just five hits — all singles — in 6 1-3 innings, but three of those came in succession. He struck out four and walked three.

Shaw signs



(Pampa News photo by Diana F. Dandridge)

Pampa center Willie Shaw signs a football letter of intent with Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla. Also pictured are Shaw's parents, Michael and Geri Shaw, and Dennis Cavalier (standing), PHS Athletic Director and head football coach.

Astros' rookie wins first mound start

ATLANTA (AP) — On paper, it appeared to be a mismatch. John Smoltz, the reigning NL Cy Young award winner vs. Chris Holt, a rookie making his second major-league start.

But it wasn't. And thanks to Jeff Bagwell, who went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs, the Houston Astros and Holt beat the Atlanta Braves and Smoltz 5-3 Thursday night.

Holt (1-0) got the win despite giving up 13 hits in seven innings. It ended Atlanta's six-game winning streak and also put an end to the Braves' five-game unbeaten string at their new home, Turner Field.

"My chances going in didn't look too good," said Holt, who didn't walk any and struck out three in throwing 113 pitches. "It turned out to be an enjoyable evening, though. I had a little case of the nerves, but I came out on top."

Houston manager Larry Dierker called Holt's outing "gutsy."

"A lot of young pitchers would have been affected emotionally and given in, but not Chris. He

made some mistakes early in the game, but later was finding his spots," Dierker said.

In addition, Holt had Bagwell on his side.

Bagwell had a double, an RBI triple in the seventh and Solo homer in the fifth inning off Smoltz (1-2), who allowed six hits, three runs, walked four and struck out five in six innings.

Bagwell's homer, his first of the season and his first ever off Smoltz in 63 at-bats, gave Houston a 3-2 lead.

"I've really never come close to a homer off Smoltz," Bagwell said. "My first time up, I just missed on a couple of fat pitches. The homer was middle of the plate, away. That's as hard as I can hit a ball."

"I didn't have my best stuff," Smoltz said. "It was frustrating. We had a chance to win, but I'm still not clicking just right."

The Astros have handed Smoltz both his losses in 1997, winning 2-1 in the season-opener in Houston. The Atlanta right-hander was 24-8 in winning the Cy Young last season and didn't lose his second game until June 24.

"Smoltz had some tough luck," Braves shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "This just goes to show you that getting a lot of hits don't always win games. Holt managed to pitch out of some problems."

Braves manager Bobby Cox was ejected in the seventh inning for arguing balls and strikes while the Astros' Luis Gonzalez was at bat. First he got the heave-ho from third base umpire Larry Vanover, then by home plate umpire Ed Montague, who apparently missed his partner's signal tossing Cox.

"I thought we had the guy struck out three times," Cox said. "But you're not supposed to argue called strikes."

The Astros sealed the game on Bagwell's RBI triple off reliever Brad Clontz in the seventh. Bagwell then scored when Alan Embree threw a wild pitch.

Bill Spiers gave the Astros a 2-0 lead in the second inning with a two-run homer, his first of the year and just the second of the season for the Astros in their ninth game. Bagwell made it three.

Porton wins at Kiowa Relays

BOOKER — Wheeler hurdler Jason Porton captured two first-place medals at the Kiowa Relays last weekend.

Porton, a senior, won both the 100 and 300 hurdles. He was a Class 1A state qualifier last year and placed third in the 110 hurdles.

Booker won the boys title while Beaver placed first in the girls division. Wheeler placed second in the boys division and Follett was second in the girls division.

Area finishers at the Kiowa Relays are as follows:

Boys

Shot: May, Miami, second place, 40-2 1/2.
Discus: Davis, Wheeler, first place, 137-3.
High jump: Bradstreet, Wheeler, first place, 5-8; Rowley, Wheeler, third place, 5-8.
Triple jump: Lackey, Miami, first place, 39-8; Hutchison, Miami, third place, 38-0.
Vault: McCasland, first place, Wheeler, 9-6.
400 relay: Wheeler, first place, 45.79.
800: Jones, Wheeler, second place, 2:17.87.
110 hurdles: Porton, Wheeler, first place, 14.93; Flowers, Miami, second place.
100: Stevens, Wheeler, third place, 11.37.
300 hurdles: Porton, Wheeler, first place, 41.75; Dunnam, Wheeler, second place, 43.68.
1800: Hardin, Miami, first place, 5:22.69.
1600 relay: Wheeler, Miami, first place, 3:49.25.

Girls

High jump: Verden, Wheeler, first place, 4-10; Gill, Miami, third place, 4-8.
3200: Johnson, Wheeler, second place, 15:16.44; Montgomery, Wheeler, third place, 15:29.21.
800: Jolly, Wheeler, first place, 2:47.03.
110 hurdles: Stevens, Wheeler, first place, 15.25; Verden, Wheeler, second place, 16.97.
300 hurdles: Verden, Wheeler, second place, 51.81; Gentry, Wheeler, third place, 58.31.
1600: Montgomery, Wheeler, third place, 7:05.06.
1600 relay: Wheeler, first place, 4:46.06.

State leaders



(Special photo)

Warner-Horton of Pampa is the Division 1 leader after the first weekend of bowling at the Texas State Bowling Association Tournament in Amarillo. Warner-Horton team members are (front, l-r) Carrie Duroy and Chris Duroy; (back, l-r) Darrell Raper, Donny Nail and Benny Horton. They had a 3,148 team score.

Cubs remain winless

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Fernandez came within two outs of the major league's first no-hitter and overcame some dreadful fielding Thursday to carry the Florida Marlins to a 1-0 victory over the winless Chicago Cubs.

The one-hitter marked a sensational return to Chicago for Fernandez, who pitched for the crosstown White Sox for 6 1/2 seasons before signing a five-year, \$35 million contract with the Marlins in December. He also had a one-hitter in 1992 for the White Sox.

Just when the Cubs thought they couldn't do any worse, they almost failed to register a hit in falling to 0-8 for the first time in the franchise's 122-year history.

They lost their first seven games in 1962 and went on to finish with their worst record ever, 59-103.

Chicago's only hit was Dave Hansen's one-out pinch single in the ninth — a hard one-hopper that went under

Fernandez's glove and off his right leg before settling in the infield grass where no one could field it.

Official scorer Don Friske made the call immediately and there was little doubt that it was a hit.

Fernandez (2-0) then had to scramble to help Florida improve to 7-1 and become the only team in the majors with fewer than two losses.

He got Brian McRae to ground to third baseman Bobby Bonilla, whose throw pulled first baseman Jeff Conine off the bag for an error. The next batter, Brant Brown, grounded to short but Edgar Renteria bobbled the ball and had no play at first. But Jose Hernandez, pinch-running for Hansen, rounded third base too far and was thrown out by Renteria.

Fernandez took care of the final out himself, fanning Ryno Sandberg for his eighth strikeout.

BlueJays blank White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Juan Guzman gave up three hits in seven shutout innings to outduel James Baldwin, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-0 victory Thursday over the Chicago White Sox.

Guzman, (2-0), the American League's reigning ERA leader, gave up a leadoff single to Tony Phillips in the first and a one-out single to Ozzie Guillen in the fifth. He retired the next five batters before Chris Snopce doubled with one out in the seventh.

Guzman walked four and struck out three.

Guzman, who gave up one run in his season opening start against Milwaukee, has now pitched 14 consecutive scoreless innings and has an ERA of 0.64.

Tim Lincecum, Dan Plesac and Mike Timlin closed out the combined four-hitter.

Baldwin, (0-1), allowed three hits in eight innings with four walks and four strikeouts.

Toronto added two runs off Tony Castillo in the ninth on a pinch-hit RBI double by Robert Perez and a bases-loaded walk to Otis Nixon.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	7	1	.875	—
Atlanta	6	3	.667	1 1/2
Montreal	3	4	.429	3 1/2
New York	3	6	.333	4 1/2
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	4 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	6	3	.667	—
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Cincinnati	3	5	.375	2 1/2
St. Louis	1	6	.143	4
Chicago	0	8	.000	5 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	6	3	.667	1/2
San Francisco	5	3	.625	1
San Diego	4	4	.500	1 1/2

American League				
At A Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	2	.714	—
Toronto	4	3	.571	1
Boston	4	4	.500	1 1/2
New York	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Detroit	4	5	.444	2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	5	4	.556	—
Cleveland	4	4	.500	1/2
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	1 1/2

Heat downs Pistons to clinch first NBA division title

By The Associated Press

The Miami Heat won their first division title, and the Minnesota Timberwolves clinched their first playoff berth.

Miami's 93-83 victory over Detroit, combined with Chicago's 105-103 win over New York, gave the Heat the Atlantic Division championship Thursday night.

"It's a great day for the franchise," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "I'm proud of the players and what they've done, but I know it's just the first step. I've been around the league a long time, and I know they don't give you anything for division titles."

Rookie Stephon Marbury had 29 points, seven rebounds and eight assists as the Timberwolves clinched the first playoff berth in their eight-year history with a 108-96 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Finally, baby, finally! Eight years. I don't have to read that crap in the papers no more!" shouted Doug West, the only player remaining from the team's inaugural 1989-90 season.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Orlando 105, Toronto 69; New Jersey 93, Milwaukee 88; Seattle 90,

Dallas 82; Houston 102, Vancouver 94; Portland 98, San Antonio 81; Phoenix 101, Sacramento 99; and Golden State 109, Denver 107, Heat 93, Pistons 83.

At Miami, Tim Hardaway scored 30 points and Alonzo Mourning 26 as the Heat clinched the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference. That means Miami will have home-court advantage through the first two rounds, and won't have to play the Bulls before the conference finals.

Detroit's Grant Hill had 21 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. The Heat have won six in a row and 14 of their past 15, while Detroit has lost three straight and eight of 12.

Timberwolves 108, Clippers 96
At Los Angeles, Tom Gugliotta had 23 points and 15 rebounds for Minnesota, which never finished higher than 11th in the Western Conference prior to this season. Rodney Rogers scored 30 points for the Clippers, who despite the loss maintained their three-game lead over Sacramento for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

Bulls 105, Knicks 103
Michael Jordan scored 20 of his 34 points in the final 7 1/2 minutes and Luc Longley made two free

throws with 5.4 seconds left to complete Chicago's comeback victory. Scottie Pippen scored 33 points for the Bulls, who improved to 68-10 with their fifth straight victory. Patrick Ewing had 20 points for New York, which lost its third straight home game.

Nets 93, Bucks 88
At East Rutherford, Jimmy Jackson had 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his first career triple-double as New Jersey snapped a five-game losing streak. Kendall Gill added 23 points for the Nets, including a clinching 3-pointer with 12 seconds left. Vin Baker had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Bucks, who have lost four straight and 20 of 24.

Magic 105, Raptors 69
At Toronto, the Raptors were held to their lowest point total ever in a loss to the Magic. Dennis Scott scored 20 points for Orlando, which tightened its hold on the seventh playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. That's important for the Magic because it would mean avoiding the top-seeded Bulls in the first round. Sharone Wright led the Raptors with 17 points.

SuperSonics 90, Mavericks 82
Seattle won at Dallas despite a six-point game by Shawn Kemp.

Kemp was 0-for-4 from the field, scoring all his points from the free-throw line. But the Sonics got 17 points from Hersey Hawkins and 16 from Gary Payton to hand the Mavericks their 12th loss in 13 games. Michael Finley scored 25 and Sasha Danilovic added 22 for the Mavs.

Rockets 102, Grizzlies 94
Charles Barkley had 21 points and 12 rebounds in his first home game in six weeks after suffering a hip injury. Hakeem Olajuwon added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who won for the fourth straight time to keep pace with Seattle for the second-best record in the Western Conference. Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 20 points for Vancouver, which has lost nine straight overall and 13 in a row on the road.

Blazers 98, Spurs 81
At San Antonio, Portland's starters outscored the Spurs' starters 75-27. All five Trail Blazers starters scored in double figures, while no San Antonio starter scored more than seven. Rasheed Wallace scored 19 points and Arvydas Sabonis had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers, who used runs of 12-0 and 10-0 in the second period to take command.

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McBride 665-8540</p> <p>We will do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.</p>	<h3>15 Instruction</h3> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Frank Phillips College International Schools FOUR WEEK TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING COURSE ALL "ON SITE" CLASSROOM AND "BEHIND THE WHEEL TRAINING" IN BORGER</p> <p>ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS Pre-Hired Prior to Class Start Call 888-558-4824</p> </div>	<h3>21 Help Wanted</h3> <p>paper professional, please send your resume, including salary requirements, IMMEDIATELY to: Wayland Thomas, Publisher The Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198 Pampa, TX 79066-2198</p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.</p> <p>SIVALLS, Inc. needs welder-fabricators. Drug test required. Only experienced should apply. 2-3/4 miles west on Hwy. 60, Pampa, TX.</p> <p>Wildlife Jobs/Salary+Benefits Game wardens, security, maintenance, park rangers. No experience necessary. Exam/application 1-800-698-7574 extension 7615, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days</p> <p>Postal Jobs \$14.90/Hour Guaranteed hire plus full benefits. For application and exam information call 1-800-698-7574 extension 7614, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days.</p> <p>CALDWELL Production needs oilfield pumper, experience required. Call 665-8888, Hwy. 60 West.</p> <p>RESPONSIBLE Individual for Combined and truck operators. 6 plus months work. 405-327-0249</p> <p>TAKING Application for experienced, qualified retail sales person. Good salary to the right person. Apply at Tarpley Music Company, 117 N. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79066</p> <p>NOW Accepting applications for substance abuse counselor to work in adolescent / residential program. Must be LCDC. If interested send resume to P.O. Box 337, Pampa, TX 79066-0337, BOE.</p>	<h3>21 Help Wanted</h3> <p>TACO Bell, daytime positions available. Apply in person.</p> <p>COMPUTER Users needed. Work own hours. 20K-50K/year. 1-800-348-7186 extension 1484.</p> <p>IF you've ever thought about pursuing a sales career, here's an opportunity to join one of the leaders in our industry. Complete benefits including health and life insurance, 401K, ESOP and more. Send resume to: Job #QE-Spirit, 1345 Riverbend Dr. Suite #200, Dallas, TX, 75247.</p> <p>CABLE Tool and Rig Supervisor. 20 plus years experience in Granite wash in dolomite formation. Send resume to Box 1258, Pampa, TX 79065</p> <p>PRODUCTION Supervisor. 20 plus years experience in Granite wash in dolomite formation. Send resume to Box 1258, Pampa, TX 79065</p> <p>TEXAS FARM, INC. ON-SITE TRUCK DRIVER. Join a winning team! Texas Farm, Inc. is looking for a DOT certified driver with a background in live animal transportation. Two years experience desired but not required. Our company offers immediate opportunity for advancement as we continue to grow. We offer an excellent work schedule with an opportunity for long-term employment. Our benefits package is unbeatable and includes Medical and Dental benefits, prescription drug plan, vacation and sick leave and a Short Term Disability plan. Interested applicants should come by our main office to fill out an application or mail a resume to: Texas Farm, Inc., #9 S.W. 2nd Ave., Perryton, Texas 79070. Attention: Human Resources Supervisor. EOE.</p>
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21 Help Wanted

McLEAN Care Center is now accepting applications for LVN's. CNA's. 605 W. 7th, McLean, 779-2469

SALIM MOTOR CO.
Borger, TX
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* Great Work Environment
* Guaranteed Income
* Open Sales Floor
* Demonstrator Program
* Excellent Traffic Flow
Great opportunity for Excellent and career. Please contact Clark Wilkinson Sales Manger.

Help wanted part time and full time. Apply at Pizza Hut 855 W. Kingsmill.

HELPER Position Open. Must have good driving record, minimum wage. Apply at M & H Leasing, 1925 N. Hobart. No phone calls.

JACK'S Car Wash is looking for a smiling face that enjoys working outdoors. Position is now open for Manager / Attendant. Job requires 2 to 5 hours per day 7 days a week, depending on weather. Works well for retired persons, women, and families needing a second income. Applicant must be self motivated and willing to help customers. For more information call 806-249-4384.

FENCE Laborers. Apply at 410 S. Cuyler

EXPERIENCED Automotive, residential, commercial glass work needed. 1432 N. Banks, 665-3931.

NOW taking applications at Dos Caballeros for cooks and wait persons. Apply in person. 1333 N. Hobart.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
Needs part-time insert / press checker. If interested apply at the Pampa News. Completed Application accepted only!
No Phone Calls

30 Sewing Machines

WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-3833.

49 Pools and Hot Tubs

5 PERSON SPA-cover, chemical kit, delivered, 10 jets 1997 model. No plumbing or special wiring. From \$2695. 806-358-9597, 354-8091.

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS Pools from \$895. 24 ft. round from \$1999. 10 sizes to choose from and installation available. Morgan Pools serving the Panhandle for 29 years. 668-9597, 354-8091

50 Building Supplies

White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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60 Household Goods

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS
Rent one piece or house full TV-VCR-Camcorders Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom Rent by Hour-Day-Week 801 W. Francis 665-3361

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Washer and Dryer Good Condition Call 665-4842

60 Household Goods

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68 Antiques

WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.

69 Miscellaneous

CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

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69a Garage Sales

LARGE Garage Sale: Furniture, clothing, books, yam, much more. Whately Self Storage. Saturday only 9 - 6. 1112 S. Hobart.

2632 Evergreen. Sleeper sofa, toys, clothes many household items. Saturday only 7 - 12

SALE! 1800 N. Sumner. Friday and Saturday 7 - 1. Adult Clothes, lots of miscellanous.

ESTATE Sale. 207 Skycrest, Borger. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. Refrigerator, furniture, appliances, tools, antique hall tree, rockers, candle stands, pictures, crocks, occupied Japan, old toys and Christmas collectables.

Saturday 10-7, Sunday 1-7 Nice newborn to 12 month boys and some newborn girls and 12 month to 27 and teen girls clothes, and mens and ladies clothes, 2 couches, and loveseat, table and chairs, dolls, household items, baby items, Little Tyke toys, miscellanous. Something for everyone. 1604 N. Sumner.

GARAGE Sale: 1807 Chestnut. Lots of furniture and miscellanous. Saturday, Sunday, 8-4.

GARAGE Sale: 1117 Terrace. Saturday and Sunday.

3 Estate sale - Friday 9 - 5 Saturday 9 - 1. No Early Birds. 1320 Christine. Furniture, glassware, antiques, collectables and more.

WEATHER Don't matter. Friday-Sunday, 9-5. Baby clothes, playpen, car seats, tires, wheels. Adult clothes, shoes. Brick and cedar house, Hiwy 60 on Right before Watson's Feed Store.

2128 N. Christy Saturday Only 9-4. Toddler boys, women, men clothes, toys, lots of miscellanous

3 Family House Clean Out! Saturday 8-2, 1144 Willow Rd. Clothes - boys (twins), housewares, furniture.

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT
New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Fable writer
6 Musical direction
11 Stabbed
13 Actress
14 Diane —
14 Away from the shore
15 Mistakes
16 — culpa
17 Chemical suffix
19 Pigeon shelter
20 Paper container
21 Craving
22 Seaweed product
23 Playwright
24 Clifford —
26 Most nervous
27 Alias (abbr.)
30 Use a chair
31 Relatives
32 Prefix for cycle
33 — stone
37 Musical group
41 Australian

DOWN
42 Back
43 Actress
44 Gardner
45 Poland's
46 Wales
47 Actor
48 Gulgler
49 Rooster's mate
50 Spiking the punch
53 Barked
54 A
55 Barrymore
56 Horae
57 Watered
58 silk
1 With hands on hips
2 Group of nine
3 Fodder
4 One —
5 Corral
6 — Lingus (airline)
7 Like some taunters



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75 Feeds and Seeds

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1 room, 2 beds furnished, kitchen free. \$70 each one. 1244 S. Hobart st., 669-9588.

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3 bedroom, dining room, utility, central heat. Owner will carry. 505 N. Dwight. 665-4842

3 bedroom, large spacious rooms, large lot, RV pad with cover, fenced. Marie. Pampa Realty, 665-5436, 665-4180.

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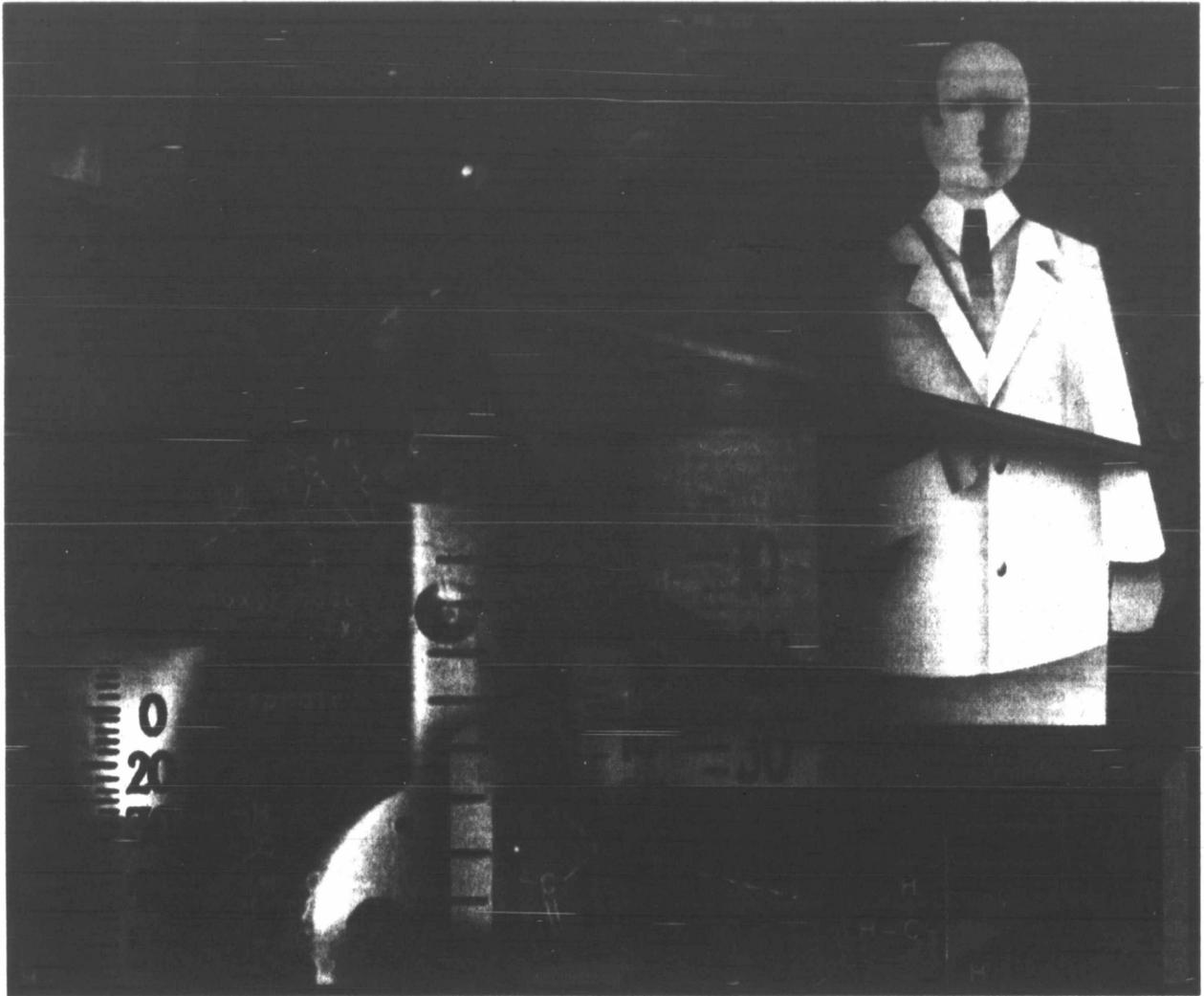
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