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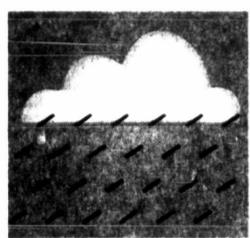
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PAMPA — The Pampa Independent School Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the Carver Center Board Conference Room at 6 p.m.

Action items include consideration to reject bids related to school facilities, declaration of election of unopposed candidates and consideration of district teacher appraisal system.

The board also plans to consider amending seven local policies regarding the legal status, powers and duties of the board, requirements of the secretary, food service management, property insurance, leaves and absences, expense reimbursement, and vacations and holidays.

The board will also consider the Wilson Elementary School construction and design documents, the multi purpose activity center bids and the bid for asbestos removal at Austin, Lamar, Travis and Wilson schools.

As usual, the board will hear administrative reports and construction management reports.

School board meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in the school is encouraged to attend.

DETROIT (AP) — About 5,400 workers were off the job at a General Motors plant early today as a third ongoing strike threatened supplies of popular GM and Chrysler models at the beginning of the spring selling season.

Local 594 of the United Auto Workers went on strike at the Pontiac East plant near Detroit after bargainers failed to reach agreement on a local contract by the 11:59 p.m. Tuesday deadline. Talks were to resume Thursday morning.

The plant assembles Chevrolet C/K and GMC Sierra full-size extended-cab pickups, among the company's biggest moneymakers.

The union has demanded more staff.

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Snow, wind, lightning and then today's morning fog bedeviled crews waiting for a chance to reach the cliff where a missing A-10 Thunderbolt is believed to have crashed.

The Air Force released an aerial photograph of the suspected crash site Tuesday as a second day of bad weather kept a helicopter crew from taking a first-hand look. The photo showed metal parts sticking out of the deep snow, and Air Force pilots say the parts look like pieces of an A-10.

Searchers hoped to be lowered by cable to the 13,000-foot peak today, but a clear overnight sky was replaced with low-lying clouds and fog by dawn.

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City commission delays awarding compactor bid

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

After spending slightly over \$12,000 in the past two months for repairs made on the current landfill compactor, city commission members discussed purchasing a new compactor at the commissioners' meeting Tuesday night.

The city received three bids from Al-Jon, Associated Supply and West Texas Equipment on a new compactor. The recommended bid for approval was submitted by Al-Jon in the amount of \$353,755.

However, commissioners and the mayor voted unanimously to postpone awarding the bid until more research on the company can be done.

Jim Spry, a representative of Al-Jon, told commissioners their equipment exceeded all the specifications, were highly recommended and had a service dealer nearby in Amarillo to provide parts and maintenance needs.

Despite his reassurances about the quality of the product, Mayor Bob Neslage still voiced a desire to wait on approving the bid until he could personally research the company's maintenance, parts accessibility and buy-back options.

In the bid package, Al-Jon offers to buy back the compactor after five years or 7,500 hours at a little less than one-third of the original cost of the machine.

Although other commissioners voiced a need for the compactor and faith in the city's staff opinions, they agreed all commissioners and the mayor needed to feel comfortable with the decision and unanimously voted to delay the decision until the May 13 commission meeting.

Other items voted upon during yesterday's commission meeting included:

- A bid was awarded to Duncan, Fraser and Bridges in the amount of \$113,656 for city liability insurance coverage under Zurich American.

- A bid was awarded to Dick Hale in the amount of \$175 per week and 20 percent of fees collections to act as park attendant at Recreation Park.

- A bid was delayed until the May 13 city commission meeting to change tax collection services from the Gray County Appraisal District to the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

- Ordinance 1301 updating the standards for curb cuts was approved.

- A disbursement in the amount of \$408.14 to Four R Industrial was approved with Commissioner Faustina Curry abstaining from the vote.

- A disbursement in the amount of \$6,743.25 to Pampa Concrete Co. was approved with Mayor Bob Neslage abstaining from the vote.

- March disbursements in the amount of \$723,537.95 were approved.

- The consent agenda was approved.

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(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Danny Nusser, Gray County agricultural Extension agent, uses a stem pulled from a wheat stalk to illustrate what injuries have occurred to the plant due to the splitting of the stem caused from recent freeze damage.

Farmers still assessing freeze damage to wheat

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

In meetings held Tuesday at the Gray County Extension Office conference room at Pampa and in Kingsmill at Britten Feeds, Gray County Ag-Extension Agent Danny Nusser showed farmers what to look for in the freeze damaged wheat stalks to help them determine their own crop damages.

The discussions also covered several options farmers might consider to make use of their freeze-damaged wheat crops.

The below freezing temperatures recorded during the period from April 10-13 caused serious crop damage for Gray County wheat farmers.

Matt Street, executive director for Gray County Farm Service Agency, explained that from the observations of insurance company adjusters, "... until the wheat is in its late boot stage, they will consider it (the freeze damaged wheat) a live plant, and right now, it is considered live, and not lost."

Street advises that before deciding on other uses of the wheat crops, all farmers must file their reports on their wheat damage with their appropriate crop insurance offices and request an appraisal be made of their crops.

Nusser indicated to the farmers that if they determine 50 percent head injury to their plants, then they should expect a 25 percent reduction in their yields. If the crop is in the tillering stage, the primary symptoms of freeze will

show burning of the leaf tips, a silage odor or a blue cast to the field, with a yield of slight to moderate.

If the damage is done to the plant in its heading stage, it affects the floret sterility and develops white coloring, damage to the lower stems and severe leaf discoloration, resulting in severe loss of production, he said.

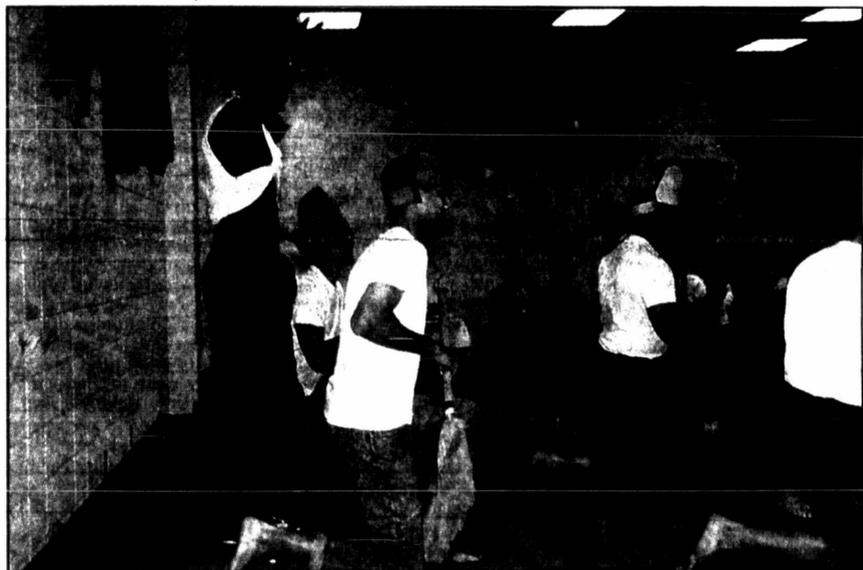
Nusser mentioned four varieties of wheat crops growing in the county-wide areas, including TAM, Coronado, Triumph and Ike. He said in his findings, it seems the Ike endured the cold better than the other varieties because it is bred to withstand cold to freezing temperatures, whereas the TAM variety suffered the worst of freeze damages.

Recommended options to the farmers expecting yield losses are to graze the wheat or use it for haying.

As to the quality of the hay, relating to its protein value, Nusser said it may hold a value of 13 percent to 11.9 percent on beardless hay. He mentioned to the farmers that should that decision meet their needs, area feed lots may be interested in buying some of the product.

Street again reminded farmers to fill out the necessary forms for the loss report and for an appraisal.

"The time frame is about two to four days after the appraisal request is turned in for the farmer to get his results, then he can make the optional choice," he said.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Pampa Varsity football team can do a lot more than just play ball. Members of the state 4-A semi-finalists performed an incredibly funny skit at the Senior Breakfast to kick off the graduation hoopla. The skit actors were Kyle Easley, Devin Lemons, Ryan Bruce, Aaron Wiseman and Tanner Winkler.

Breakfast honors PHS Class of 1997

The graduating Class of 1997 at Pampa High School kicked off the graduation process today with the Senior Breakfast at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The breakfast, sponsored by the City of Pampa and the Pampa School District, honored the parents, faculty and staff and especially the students of the graduating class.

Superintendent Dawson Orr, Pampa Mayor Robert Neslage and PHS Principal John Kendall addressed a crowd of more than 400 at the early morning gathering.

They all spoke of the tradition, the hard work and the dedication it takes to reach this milestone as well as the untold hours spent by the teachers and parents to guarantee students reach the first step

of life-long success.

Among those gathered to pay first recognition to the seniors were the Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats, City Council members, school board trustees and district administration.

All was not somber, though; many jokes were made regarding past graduations as well as this year's, but the big entertainment came from two groups of seniors. The varsity football team and a group of the senior drama club made sure that the crowd realized the sense of humor that abounds in the '97 senior class.

Varsity team members performed a skit about sailors who want more from life than can be found rowing a boat. They wanted to sing and dance and have a good time. Before this could hap-

pen, the sailors had to convince Captain Hook to give up the oar. In the end the audience laughed at the football players turned actors.

"Spoofs" and caricature are all too common these days, but none are as appreciated as the drama seniors' spoof "On the life in a day of a PHS student."

From the gawky freshman to the senior suffering from a bad case of senioritis, the students performed an excellent living caricature of life in high school, as seen through the eyes of the student body.

This was only the first of many graduation celebrations. The next will be the Spring Explosion, which will be lunch on the high school lawn the week of April 28 through May 2.

Jury deliberating case of man charged with aggravated assault

A jury of four women and eight men at noon today were deliberating the guilt or innocence of a Pampa man charged with aggravated assault in connection with the beating of his former girl friend.

James Edward Walling, 44, is on trial in 31st District Court on charges of aggravated assault in connection with the beating of Tina Thompson shortly before 8:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 1994, at her home at 1813 Coffee.

Tina Thompson testified today that she had dated Walling for almost two years and had tried to break up with him for six to seven months prior to that October night. Thompson, who testified that she knew Walling by the name of James

Edward Purdue, said Walling started abusing her after they had dated about six months.

She said the night she was injured, she was arguing with Walling on her front porch when her former husband, Del Thompson, drove up. Walling went out to Thompson's car and Tina said she followed. She said she grabbed Walling from behind and pleaded with him not to hurt Thompson, who suffered multiple disabilities from a car wreck in 1990.

Tuesday afternoon, Del Thompson, 36, testified that Tina Thompson and their son Jonathan had been visiting at the house of his father, Delbert Thompson,

the afternoon of Oct. 21, 1994, when he saw Walling outside with Jonathan. Del Thompson said an argument erupted with Walling when Thompson went out on the porch.

Thompson said Walling left after Tina and his father went outside to talk to Walling.

Del Thompson said he went to his ex-wife's house at 1813 Coffee about 30 minutes later after his father told him Tina was afraid of Walling.

Thompson testified that when he parked in front of Tina's house, Walling came to the passenger door of the yellow station wagon Thompson was driving

and tried to hold the door closed to prevent Thompson from getting out. Thompson said he grabbed a putter that was in the car to use as a cane. He said Walling grabbed him and pulled him from the car, taking the golf club and hitting Thompson in the head with it.

Thompson said he was lying in the street next to the car bleeding from a cut above the eye when he heard the putter skitter across the road. He said he looked up to see his ex-wife fall to the ground behind the car.

"I saw blood going everywhere," Thompson said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BECK, Billie Levern — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Borger.
GONZALEZ, Juanita Z. — 1 p.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.
WALKER, Ray — 10 a.m., N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel, Amarillo.

Obituaries

BILLIE LEVERN BECK

BORGER — Billie Levern Beck, 42, died Sunday, April 20, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Sunset Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Moon, pastor of Biblical Apostolic Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Beck was born at Canadian and had been a Borger resident for 2 1/2 years. He worked as a cutter for a dog fish cannery.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Elizabeth, in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca; a daughter, Charlene Southworth of Cheyenne, Wyo.; three sons, Billie "Scooter" Beck III and Jeremy Southworth, both of Borger, and Mark Southworth of Cheyenne; his father and step-mother, Billie Levern and Gladys Goldie Beck Sr. of Locust Grove, Okla.; three sisters, Mary Ann Welch and Sharon Followill, both of Borger, and Kathy Conn of Locust Grove; four brothers, Richard Beck of Borger, Newman Chancellor of Garden City, Kan., Charles Wayne Chancellor of Sanford and Ronald Lee Beck; and two grandchildren.

The family will be at 303 Frontera and requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

LEHMAN VORDMAN 'SOAPY' KEEL

CHILDRESS — Lehman Vordman "Soapy" Keel, 86, brother of Pampa residents, died Monday, April 21, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim McCurley officiating. Burial will be in Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Keel was born at Tell. He married Lena Blanche Trent in 1936 at Hollis, Okla.; she preceded him in death. He was a lake warden at Baylor and Childress lakes, retiring after 31 years of service.

Survivors include four daughters, Rita Evans and Gail Campbell, both of Childress, Sandra Wallace of Brady and Brenda Higley of Amarillo; two sisters, Hazel Wygal of Tell and Edith Smith of Pampa; a brother, Joe M. Keel of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and a nephew, Joe Merle Keel of Boerne.

RICHARD FRANKLIN STURGILL

POSSUM KINGDOM — Richard Franklin Sturgill, 61, a former Skellytown resident, died Monday, April 21, 1997, at Wichita Falls. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barret Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Sturgill was born June 30, 1935, at Wellington. He married Freida Norene Moran on May 7, 1955, at Pueblo, Colo. He had been a Skellytown resident since 1975, moving to Possum Kingdom in March of 1995. He worked as a pumper for Amoco Oil Company from January 1957 until retiring in 1986. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was a former member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown and was a current member of Westlake Chapel at Possum Kingdom Lake.



He was preceded in death by his father, Lemmie Dale Sturgill, in March of 1955; his mother, Leona Mae Sturgill, in April of 1974; a brother, George Thomas Sturgill, in August of 1989, and a son, Ricky Dale Sturgill, in March of 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Freida, of the home; a daughter, Roni Cook of Garland; two sons, Richard Earl Sturgill of Bakersfield, Calif., and Bruce Albert Sturgill of Roanoke; two sisters, Elwanda Honeycutt of Pampa and Hildred Stafford of White Deer; and 10 grandchildren.

The family will be at 200 N. Wells in Pampa and requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or to Pan Fork Baptist Encampment in c/o First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

RAY WALKER

AMARILLO — Ray Walker, 71, father of Pampa residents, died Monday, April 21, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel with the Rev. Travis LaDuke officiating. Private family graveside services will be held in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Walker was born at Gainesville. He had been an Amarillo resident most all his life. He married Gladys Combs in 1961 at Amarillo. He worked as a cement contractor for many years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of Cullter Road Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; two daughters, Raynita Aud and Lynn Turner, both of Pampa; a son, Charles D. Walker of Amarillo; three stepdaughters, Veta Joyce Bennett and Rhonda Kay Gentry, both of Portales, N.M., and Dorothea Jane Walker of Bedford; two sisters, Esther Owens of Arlington and Ruby Betts of Amarillo; a brother, Charles M. Walker of Hugo, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, April 22

Arrests
 Leonna Diane Lumley, 32, of Pampa was arrested on three warrants for issuance of worthless checks. She was released after paying fines.

Linda Spivey Brogg, 42, 232 Tignor, was arrested on two warrants for issuance of bad checks. She remains in custody.

Steven D. Lumley, 33, of Pampa was arrested on one warrant for issuance of a worthless check. He was released after paying fines.

Michael Kurt Curfman, 17, 1124 E. Foster, was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear. He remains in custody.

Anthony Paul Gamble, 26, 1201 N. Russell, was arrested on one outstanding warrant. He remains in custody.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, April 22

A burglary was reported in the 500 block of Warren. A GT Vertigo bicycle valued at \$300 was reported stolen.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson. A Sharp upright vacuum cleaner valued at \$249.95 was reported stolen.

A domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of West Ripley. No injuries were reported and no suspects were arrested.

WEDNESDAY, April 23

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. No suspects were arrested.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, April 22

Damage was sustained to the left rear quarter panel, left rear hub and muffler of a 1981 black Chevrolet Silverado truck driven by Maria D. Terrazas, 21, 1100 S. Christy after its left rear tire came off the vehicle. The vehicle was traveling eastbound in the 600 block of West Brown when the tire came off. The truck struck the tire as it rolled underneath the vehicle, causing the damage. No citations were issued.

Delton Lee Smith, 27, 1601 W. Somerville, was injured after his 1991 Gray Isuzu Rodeo collided into a metal wall at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart. According to the accident report, Smith lost control of his vehicle after attempting to stop at a red light in the 900 block of West Kentucky. Smith was taken to Columbia Medical Center for injuries. Smith was cited for failure to control speed and no seat belt.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, April 22

3:02 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in a mobile home in the 1000 block of East Denver. Only damages to a hot water heater were sustained.

6:18 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart on a motor vehicle collision.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

The Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.57	Chesron	66 3/4	up 1/8
Milo	4.48	Coca Cola	61 5/8	dn 1/4
Corn	5.15	Columbia/HCA	34 3/4	up 1/8
		Enron	37	dn 1/4
		Halliburton	72 1/2	up 1 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	47 1/4	up 1/4
		KNI	37 1/4	up 1/4
		Ken McGee	60 3/4	up 5/8
		Limited	17 7/8	up 1/8
		Mapco	28 3/4	dn 1/4
		McDonald's	51 1/4	dn 1/4
		Mobil	126 1/4	up 3/8
		New Atmos	24 1/8	up 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	31 1/2	dn 1/8
		Penney's	46 1/4	dn 1/4
		Phillips	38	dn 1/2
		SLB	111 5/8	up 5/8
		SPS	36	dn 1/4
		Tenneco	39 1/2	dn 1/8
		Texaco	105	dn 5/8
		Ultramar	30 7/8	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	28 1/8	up 3/8
		New York Gold	341 10	
		West Texas Crude	19.60	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

Magellan	81.41
Puritan	17.72
Occidental	22 1/8 up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Ameco	81.58	up 1/8
Arco	133 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot	24 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	16.58	up 1/4

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

Ameco	81.58	up 1/8
Arco	133 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot	24 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	16.58	up 1/4

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Commissioners debate tax collection switch

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

City commissioners continued the debate at their workshop meeting last night concerning switching the tax collection duties from the Gray County Appraisal District to the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

The debate arose when Commissioner Jeff Andrews and City Manager Bob Eskridge asked commissioners to delay on taking any actions for another two weeks, until differences between the Gray County tax assessor/collector and the Pampa Independent School District could be resolved.

County Judge Richard Peet told commissioners that he did not understand the city's decision to hold off on the issue, as the school district and city were two separate entities and, even though the city, Pampa school district and Lefors school district requested bids together, they did not need to approve the issue together.

Judge Peet and the County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris both pointed out the Gray

County services would save the city approximately \$10,000 in collection fees. The Pampa school district would save \$29,000 and Lefors school district would save almost \$4,000 under the Gray County tax collection services.

Morris also told the commissioners that the city commissioners should base their decision on the savings rather than the decisions of the school board and further added that if a decision is not made soon, then her department would delay the July 1 date for changing the collection services.

Despite the savings, controversy surrounding the amount of money charged to the school district has arisen, which is causing some of the commissioners to risk delaying the contract.

City Commissioner Bob Dixon, agreeing with Peet, questioned why the city would delay because of issues brought up by the school district.

"Do we have any valid concerns?" asked Dixon.

Commissioner Andrews answered that he personally felt it was in the best interest of the city to wait until the issues brought up by

the school district concerning the change of collection services to the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office were resolved.

"They have some price issues that are open and on the floor, and until they're resolved, then it is in our best interest to wait," said Andrews.

Eskridge explained that the school was delaying due to legal issues concerning local intergovernmental contracts to justify incremental costs for services. Although the city did not bring up these issues, they are valid concerns that could affect the city's contract with the tax assessor/collector for the collection services, he said.

"We have the same obligation to ensure we spend our money as effectively and efficiently as the school," Eskridge said.

Even if the school district does not approve the offer by the tax assessor/collector, it is still very likely the city commissioners will approve the measure. However, during the regular city commission meeting, the decision to delay the decision two more weeks was approved unanimously.

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City

Items on the consent agenda included the approval of minutes for the April 8 work session and regular city commission meetings, the second and final reading of ordinance 1299 amending the 1996-97 city budget, the second and final reading of ordinance 1300 allowing for a voluntary catastrophic leave bank for employees, a resolution allowing the city to charge \$50 for mowing private properties, a resolution adopting the city mission and value statements, and a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

In addition, several community members were appointed to serve on various city advisory boards. Lynda Duncan was appointed to the Cable Advisory Board. One vacancy due to an unexpired term still exists on this board. Matt Hinton was appointed and Mike Russell was reappointed to the Electrical Board. Sandy Crosswhite and Nancy Hahn were reappointed to the M. K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board. LaTonya Jefferey was appointed to a new term, and Robert Smith was also appointed to an unexpired term with the board. Newcomer Charles King was appointed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,

while Joe Martinez, Eileen Kludt and Judy Elliott were reappointed. Paul Reynosa and Hugh Hall were appointed and Larry Baker was reappointed to the Plumbing and Mechanical Board.

Gary Sutherland was reappointed to the Panhandle Elderly Apartment Corporation Board. Mayor Bob Neslage and commissioners Faustina Curry, Jeff McCormick, Bob Dixon and Jeff Andrews appointed themselves to the Pampa Housing Finance Corp. Board.

Cleo Meaker, Charles Buzzard and Coyle Ford were appointed to the Board of Adjustments, and Charles Henry was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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Assault

Thompson said he tried to reach Walling, who was holding the handle of the golf club and standing over Tina, but he said Walling kept backing away from him. Thompson said he finally got the golf club away from Walling, and Walling left.

"He jumped on a bicycle and took off," Thompson said.

Thompson said Tina was staggering toward the porch when a pickup stopped in front of the house. Thompson said he asked

the driver to call police.

Defense attorney Gene Martindale asked Thompson about a statement he made to police on Oct. 24, 1994, that Thompson had taken the golf club with him to equalize the balance between Thompson and Walling due to Thompson's disabilities.

Thompson denied going to Tina's house to fight with Walling.

Robert Grant, Tina's father, testified that Walling also came to his house that night as Grant was leaving to go to the hospital emergency room to check on his daughter. Grant said he asked if

Walling had hit her and Walling answered, "Yes, but it was accidental."

Bryan Fisher told the jury that he was passing by Tina's house that night when he saw a man with a beard swinging a golf club, hitting a woman.

"The lady was on the ground," Fisher said, "and the guy was smacking her while she was on the ground."

Fisher said the man doing the hitting ran toward the alley as Fisher yelled at him. Fisher said he saw a man ride off on a bicycle.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, April 22

12:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of North Mary Ellen on a lifting assistance.

3:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Denver on a fire assist. No

injuries were reported.

4:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a local nursing facility.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance for showers and thunderstorms, a few possibly severe. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy with chance for rain. Lows in mid 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in low 60s with southeasterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Tuesday's high was 60; the overnight low was 40. Pampa received 0.15 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows from low 40s to near 50. Thursday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Rain may be heavy at times. Highs from mid 50s to low 60s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Lows from mid to upper 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, a few possibly severe. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy with chance for rain. Lows in mid 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, with chance for showers. Lows in the

60s. Thursday, cloudy and windy. Highs in mid 70s coast to near 80 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance for showers and thunderstorms, most numerous north and east. Lows mid 20s to mid 40s mountains and north, mid 40s to mid 50s lower elevations south. Thursday, a chance for showers and thunderstorms. Snow showers higher terrain northern mountains. Highs upper 40s to mid 60s mountains and north, 70s to mid 80s lower elevations south.

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Immigration up by nearly one million last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a million foreigners were granted legal permanent residency in the United States last year, reversing a four-year downward trend in legal immigration rates.

Some 915,900 people immigrated here legally last year, a 27 percent increase over the 720,461 people granted green cards the year before, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Tuesday.

Nearly half of the new arrivals clustered in just three states: California, New York and Texas. Other top destinations were Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Pro-immigration and anti-immigration groups alike pounced on the new statistics to buttress their arguments.

"We don't need increasing numbers of immigrants," said Dan Stein, head of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which favors a moratorium on most immigration. "The whole system is out of control, and what we need is an immigration time-out ... to allow Congress to rework the system so that it protects America's long-term interests."

But a pro-immigration coalition pronounced the 1996 increase a temporary surge, noting that INS projections show rates declining after the next year or two.

"Legal immigration is a highly regulated and tightly controlled system that we believe serves the national interest," said Jeanne Butterfield, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

While the 1996 numbers mark an upswing from the past four years, legal immigration rates remain well below the highs posted at the turn of the century.

Newcomers account for four of every 1,000 residents now — down from twelve per 1,000 in 1910, said Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute, which favors higher rates of immigration than permitted now.

Last year's increase is due in part to a 1986 law that provided amnesty to nearly three million illegal immigrants. As those immigrants became citizens after five years of legal residency, they in turn have been bringing in spouses, children and parents.

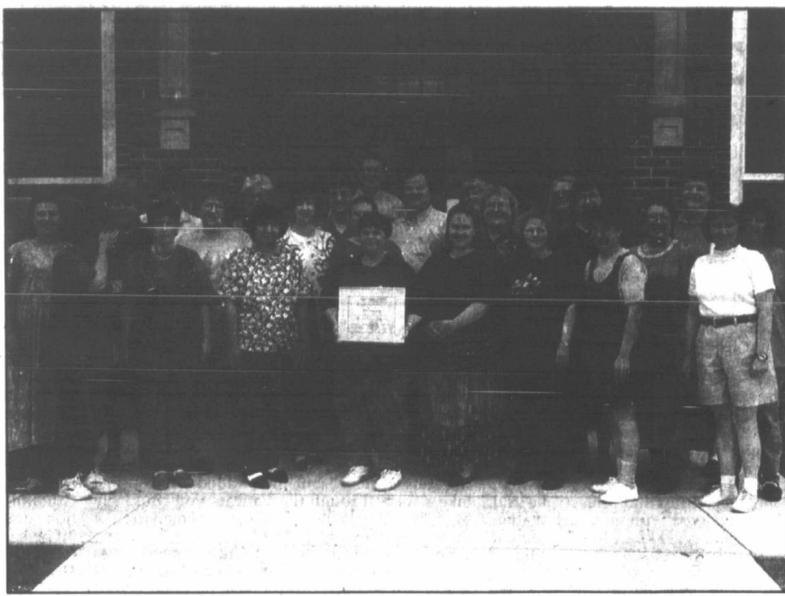
"So many people don't realize that with every bulge of immigration you bring in, you get another resonating bulge as they become eligible to bring in family members," said Rosemary Jenks of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors lower immigration rates. "This is family chain migration at its best."

Other reasons for the increase include INS delays in processing applications in 1995, which pushed many into 1996, and a one-time gain in family preference visas in 1996.

Last year's 27 percent increase is well below the 41 percent INS had projected.

"While this is neither a surprise nor particularly big news, given how easy it is to distort this debate over immigration, we thought it important to put it in context," said Frank Sharry, head of the National Immigration Forum, which opposes reducing legal immigration.

Baker farewell celebration



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The faculty and staff of Baker Elementary School gather to celebrate Baker's last year of service to the children of Pampa and to mark the school's receiving the highest award offered by the Texas Education Agency. The school was recognized as a Distinguished School. Pictured staff are Kay Pittman, Martha Sluder, Romelia Leal, Linda Lane, Starla Fogle, Elisa Zamudio, Dannie Beth Prock, Raquel Navarrete, Debbie McDaniel, Leslie Schafer, Gayla Burton, Joni Morgan, Carol Phillips, Sandra Owen, Rosella Stout, Lea Morris, Eric West, Connie Foote, Candy Tefertiller, Cheryl Shuck, Barbara Nichols, Beverly Morse, Marlene Kyle and Jane Adams. Not pictured are Joe Garcia, Vera Farmer, Jeneane Thornburg, Charlie Martinez, Lisa Neese, Susan Alexander, Nitza Roman and Crista Archer.

Woman's death spurs family to seek disclosure concerning doctors' pasts

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Anger and surprise sucked the breath from the couple in their 60s and the young man waiting with them in the chilly, barren conference room.

The doctor they believed had killed 29-year-old Shannon Lynn Harms would not lose his medical license, a man from the Texas Board of Medical Examiners told them.

If Dr. John Angle of Longview accepted certain conditions for the next four years, he could continue to operate.

Stella and Wade Yandell and Scott Harms struggled to understand.

What happened? Mrs. Yandell whispered. What about the evidence that Angle had violated the law? Or the family's testimony that he refused to admit mistakes? What could Angle have said to justify himself?

That's confidential, they were told.

In that moment, grief turned to bitter anger for the parents and husband of Shannon Harms, who suffered fatal brain damage during gynecologic surgery in March 1995.

The family knew, and the state board knew, that the curly-haired, brown-eyed Texas Tech graduate was not the "first patient to be injured while in Angle's care. But Shannon had not known.

Shannon had found her doctor two years ago in the Longview Yellow Pages, and wanted him to do the surgery before she moved from East Texas. Shannon, an extension agent who taught homemaking skills like sewing and nutrition, was getting promoted to Jacksboro, a town 50 miles south of Wichita Falls where Scott was based as a corporate pilot.

What happened in the operating room is a matter of debate and pending litigation. The Yandells and Scott Harms, who were interviewed for this story, have sued Angle; he and his lawyer, Charles Bell of Dallas, declined comment. Angle, in turn, has sued other physicians and hospital staff who were in the operating room.

What can be gleaned from hospital records, Shannon's autopsy and the findings of the State

Board of Medical Examiners is this:

To remove extra tissue in Shannon's uterus that Angle believed was limiting her ability to conceive, the doctor planned to insert a lighted viewing instrument called a hysteroscope through her vagina and cervix. Instruments used to trim the tissue would be inserted as well. To help the doctor see, a viewing instrument called a laparoscope would be inserted through a small incision near Shannon's navel.

Sometime during the hysteroscopy, which began around 10 a.m., Shannon's uterus started to bleed. The area was irrigated with sterile water so Angle could see better. But, unnoticed by the operating room personnel, Shannon's body began absorbing the water, which diluted her blood and filled her lungs with fluid. Her brain stopped getting enough oxygen.

By 11:05 a.m., when the panicked staff called for the anesthesiologist, Shannon's pupils were fixed and dilated. A brain scan at 12:30 p.m. revealed major brain damage.

Sierra Club, Public Citizen oppose pollution bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Companies could avoid some state pollution-control rules if they come up with alternative methods under a Senate-approved bill that drew fire from environmentalist and citizen groups.

Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, said his bill would give companies flexibility in fighting pollution. It was forwarded to the House Tuesday on a 24-5 vote by senators.

But the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Ralph Nader-founded Public Citizen denounced the measure.

"How did the Texas Senate

spend Earth Day? Why, by passing a polluter-backed bill, of course," the Sierra Club said in a statement.

Public Citizen said the bill would amount to a "blank check" for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to exempt a permit applicant from any requirement of any pollution control statute as long as the exemption doesn't conflict with federal law.

The Senate approved the bill after defeating a series of amendments by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, that Truan said were meant to ensure the environment would be protected.

"If we aren't careful, we're going to be polluting our atmosphere," Truan said.

Haywood said his bill would allow companies to petition the TNRCC for an exemption on control of pollution in areas where Texas regulation is stronger than federal law.

He said the measure would require the state agency to ensure the proposed alternative method meets or exceeds state and federal environmental standards. He said the procedures would allow for public notice and participation.

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Community Calendar

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce recently had a computer crash and lost all the Community Calendar information through December 1997. If you had previously submitted an event listing, please contact the Chamber and provide the information so the calendar can be updated.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

April

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

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VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

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MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at 100 S. Price Road. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.

TOP O TEXAS RODEO PAGEANT COMMITTEE is now accepting entries for Miss Top O Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O Texas Rodeo Teen. For more information, contact Sonja Longo at 665-1413, Jamie Greene at 665-8850 or the rodeo office at 669-3241.

HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION has its playdays every Monday with tee off at 6 p.m. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, call Christine Babb at 665-7640.

TOP O TEXAS TRADE DAYS - Entries are being taken for events in the Top O Texas Rodeo Association's Trade Days, set for May 3-4 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion and rodeo grounds. Events include chili cookoff, brisket cookoff, arts and crafts booth, and team penning competition. For more information on these activities, call 669-3241.

24 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940.

24 - ST. VINCENT'S PARISH FAMILY will be having an enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Room in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Advance tickets can be purchased at the parish office or the school office. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Take-out meals will be available.

25-26 - ACT I presents "God's Favorite" at the Pampa Mall, 7:30 p.m.

25-26 - BOB WILLS DAY CELEBRATION at Turkey. Festivities begin Friday with dance by the Original Texas Playboys. Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, with other activities throughout the day. For more information, call Dusty Hill at (806) 423-1424 or (806) 983-0067.

26 - AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE is presenting "A Day in Al-Anon" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Amarillo College Student Union Building, second floor, 2201 S. Washington, in Amarillo. The meeting includes a covered-dish luncheon. For more information, call (806) 371-6366.

26 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS at 6 p.m. at Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. Pot luck supper. For more information, call 665-8067, 665-0190 or 665-7896.

28 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30-8 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library annex. Featured will be Inez Wyrick, psychic, on "The Abilities and Working With People Through Music." The public is invited. For more information, call Grant Johnson at 669-9887 or Kelly Ebel at 665-2825.

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Opinion

Welfare reform food for thought

The sky isn't falling. That is, one message that can be drawn from the results of welfare reform in Wisconsin. Some critics of the new federal approach to welfare — with its work requirements and time limits on aid — have argued that energetically moving people off welfare rolls is a daunting and dangerous policy — even inhumane.

But official reports out of Wisconsin cast some doubt on the doubts. Strong work requirements have been in place in that state's welfare program for several years now — and welfare caseloads have dropped dramatically. Meanwhile, the overall unemployment rate remains very low — 3.6%.

One must guard against making any too-broad generalizations based on claims coming out of Wisconsin. The reports originated with the program's administrators' after all, and would naturally put the best face on the situation. And Wisconsin doesn't have a multi-ethnic territory that other states have.

Of course statistics can fib — and a cautious, analytical approach is warranted in evaluating any policy experiment. "But we can't screw around with our reports on our (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) numbers," Dave Blaska, spokesman for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, told us just recently. "Those numbers are audited, and if they're jimmied with, someone goes to jail."

The numbers tell a story that demands attention. New Mexico policymakers and legislators owe it to themselves, to taxpayers — and to the state's welfare population — to examine the Wisconsin experience carefully and with minds not jaundiced by preconceptions.

And they should be ready to apply any elements found successful.

Over the past decade, the AFDC caseload in Wisconsin has dropped by half. The numbers in Milwaukee are down 25%, while in 28 of the state's 77 counties, the drop is 80% or more.

And the decrease is gaining speed. AFDC caseloads are declining two percent monthly in Milwaukee, and five percent monthly in the rest of the state.

"Liberal welfare experts used to insist that a successful work program might reduce welfare caseloads by five percent over five years," writes Robert Rector, senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, in the latest issue of the magazine *Policy Review*. "In much of Wisconsin, the number of people on welfare is steadily falling by that amount every 30 days."

The Wisconsin program has three main elements. First, new applicants are actively discouraged from going on welfare if they are able-bodied. They're counseled on the negative effects of life on welfare; they get help to overcome near-term emergencies that might have sent them in search of assistance; and most are required to work, in the private sector or in community-service jobs, before getting any benefits.

People already receiving benefits also are required to find a job — or do community service work.

And, as a spur to change the settled mindset of program administrators, welfare offices are threatened with replacement by outside contractors if they don't promote work and reduce caseloads.

While some homeless shelters have seen a rise in clients, Blaska says the overall numbers are slight. And he's skeptical that it is the welfare program, rather than individual choice, that has forced anyone into such a condition.

He notes that the welfare-to-work program includes enough child-care assistance that no parent who wants to work can say a job would require her (or him) to leave a child unattended.

Blaska also expresses impatience with academic and journalistic critics who focus on the hardships endured by some people who've left welfare. "What about the miserable lives and futures inflicted on children if we allow their mothers to stay on welfare? I get upset with self-styled advocates for the poor whose modus operandi is to keep them poor by making welfare easy to get and easy to keep."

It is food for thought. Results in Wisconsin, rooted as they are in a different philosophy, are a challenge to advocates of traditional welfare approaches — a challenge they must honestly come to terms with before saying that reform will bring the heavens crashing down.

Media's hypocritical whitewash

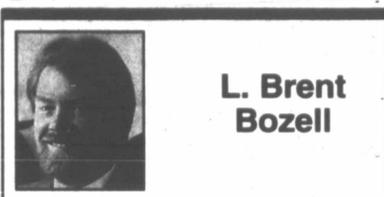
They may have danced in the mud of Woodstock or trolled in Oxford dormitories with Bill Clinton, but today's journalists are pure products of the 60s generation when one of their icons from that radical era passes on to some realm too cool for God.

How else to explain making the recent death of drug-addled homosexual communist poet Allen Ginsberg the *NBC Nightly News* lead story the other night? In front of a huge picture of Ginsberg's head, anchor Brian Williams eulogized: "The man who died in a New York hospital room this morning didn't just watch times change in the '60s as much as he helped change our times ... And so we begin tonight with the death of a poet and a man who was much more than that."

"Ginsberg was a communist agitator, a sexual pervert, a drugged-out loser whose nihilistic 'poetry' helped pollute the minds of a generation of radicals." That would have been a nice start.

Instead, reporter Rick Davis began with Ginsberg's most famous poem, *Howl*: "It was a poem of graphic sex, drugs and protest," he said. Norman Mailer followed with an interpretation: Ginsberg was a "genius ... I knew he was going to make a revolution in the consciences of his time." To which Tom Hayden added: "He was a prophetic figure and poet, like an Old Testament figure combined with a hippie." Ginsberg, said Davis, was "a guru with a showman's grace."

What this guru promoted through graphic poems — promiscuous homosexual sex and regular illegal drug use — also happen to be the two leading causes of AIDS transmission today. And, yet, in a two-minute top news story, NBC never even mentioned



L. Brent Bozell

to its viewers that Ginsberg was gay! No, there was no time in this lead story for anything that might damage Ginsberg's appeal (except airing some excerpts of his unintelligible "poetry"). For example, NBC could have cited a sympathetic interview with *Seconds Magazine*, wherein Ginsberg complained about misunderstanding of the National Man-Boy Love Association, which he declared was "a debating society," but then added: "If you just take a walk through the Vatican, you could say everybody loves the slightly erotic emanation of nude prepubescent bodies."

They ignored Ginsberg's political statements, as well, including his declaration in an August 1994 article in *The Progressive*: "I have no doubt that if Rush Limbaugh or Pat Buchanan or Ollie North ever got real power, there would be concentration camps and mass death." How's that for "grace"?

This was hardly the first time the valentines and whitewash have come out for a fallen '60s guru. When LSD prophet Timothy Leary died on May 31, 1996, the networks heaped praise on him as some sort of historical figure. NBC declared

"America's most unusual icon died today" and warmly concluded Leary was "dying the way he lived, following no one's rules but his own." (An appropriate eulogy for Bill Clinton, too.) At least *Newsweek's* David Gates gave readers a more complete obituary. Gates reported that by the end of the '60s, Leary "found it 'inconceivable' that turned-on parents wouldn't share acid with kids as young as 7." In 1970, he broke out of prison with the help of the violent leftist Weather Underground, fleeing to the Black Panthers' "exile" camp in Algeria. Gates reported Leary suggested it was a "sacred act" to shoot cops. Quite an "icon," this man.

When singer Jerry Garcia went from the Grateful Dead to just plain dead in 1995, the networks were there en masse to pay tribute. There again was NBC, making Garcia's death their No. 3 story. Tom Brokaw announced: "For millions of Americans tonight across several generations, it's a night of mourning. The leader of their tribe is dead. Jerry Garcia, the man who led the Grateful Dead through three decades of adulation, died today." Reporter Bob Faw declared: "If he had a philosophy, someone said, 'If it's not fun, don't do it.'" Four nights later, 20,000 Deadheads gathered in San Francisco was NBC's No. 2 story of the night. Over on ABC's *Good Morning America*, Joan Lunden declared: "Jerry Garcia became much more than a popular singer and guitarist. For Deadheads, he was nothing short of a spiritual leader."

Remember these hypocritical valentines the next time you see a network anchor decrying the senseless deaths of thousands to the ravages of AIDS or telling kids to just say no to drugs.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, April 23, the 113th day of 1997. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
April 23, 1564, is the generally accepted birthdate of the English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare. He died on the same date 52 years later.

On this date:
In 1348, King Edward III of England established the Order of the Garter.

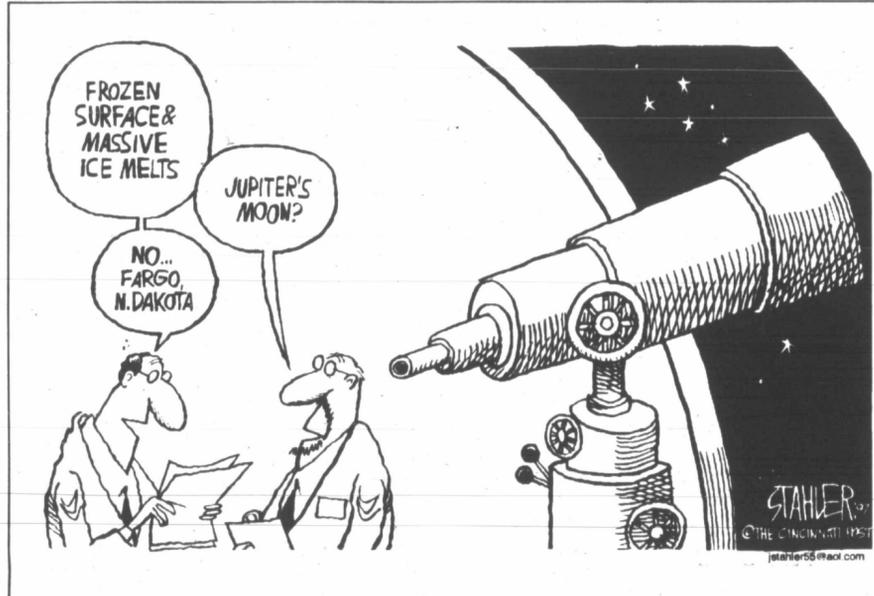
In 1616, the Spanish poet Cervantes died in Madrid. The same day, William Shakespeare died in Stratford-on-Avon, England.

In 1789, President-elect Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1896, the Vitascopo system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in New York City.

In 1940, about 200 people died in a dance-hall fire in Natchez, Miss.



How can justice 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*:

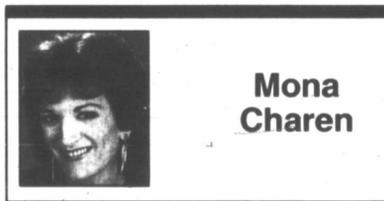
"David Willard Phipps Jr., a Gulf War veteran, was convicted of first-degree murder ... for killing his wife's lover, Michael Presson. Phipps did not deny killing Presson. ... He claimed that he was unable to formulate the mens rea (intent) for first degree murder because he was suffering from depression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

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



Mona Charen

disorder." It's all 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, recalling them to consciousness only 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.

Marriage ends with \$500,000 tax bill

Elizabeth Cockrell used to let her husband manage the family finances. It was a simple matter of trust. "You know, I'm doing the grocery shopping, you get the taxes done," she says.

So when tax time rolled around each year, she just signed the papers that her husband's accountant prepared. But this turned out to be the biggest mistake of her life.

Cockrell's four year marriage to her husband, John Crowley, ended in 1983. Four years later, the Internal Revenue Service came knocking on her door, telling her she owed \$500,000 in back taxes. Turns out, Cockrell's ex had set up some improper tax shelters, and since the IRS couldn't get hold of his money, they were going after hers.

It made no difference that Cockrell was unaware of the shelters. Or that they were set up before she and Crowley were married. Or that she never benefited financially from them. Or that she had paid taxes on all the money she personally had earned.

These facts were all undisputed in the U.S. Tax Court, but they were not enough to prove that Cockrell was an "innocent spouse." As far as the courts and the IRS were concerned, Cockrell had signed joint returns with Crowley while she was married, so she was equally responsible for his tax liability during that time.

Even worse, the court refused to reverse its decision after it was discovered that the IRS had



Sara Eckel

been withholding crucial evidence, and that one of the government's star witnesses had perjured himself.

Now, nearly two decades after she was married, Cockrell has yet to awaken from her nightmare. "I wish they had just thrown me in jail," she says. "At least then I'd be out and could get on with my life."

Indeed, Cockrell's appeal is still on hold, and if she loses this time she'll have to file for bankruptcy. "Here I am, I'll be 42. If I have to file for bankruptcy next year I'll be close to 50 before it's off my record. And everything I've worked for will be gone."

Cockrell is the victim of a tax law that has wreaked havoc on the lives of many divorced women and men. And while legal professionals have expressed sympathy for those in her situation, there have been few substantive measures to

help them. In its conclusion to Cockrell's case, the Tax Court said, "We are bound to apply the law that Congress enacted. If the result we reached seems harsh, the remedy must lie with Congress."

For its part, Congress passed a taxpayer-protection measure last summer, but it does little to help those in Cockrell's situation. While there are some helpful measures — for example, it raises the ceiling for which wronged taxpayers can countersue partners for which they were held liable — the IRS — it doesn't get to the heart of the problem.

And one of the main problems is the "innocent spouse" definition, which is nearly impossible to prove.

Another problem is the system of joint filing. Although married couples can legally file their taxes separately, only the most estranged couples do so because it is more expensive.

This is ridiculous. Couples should have the option of filing separately without paying a penalty. Such a measure would enable married partners to protect themselves and their future without ever having to question a beloved's finances. And it would relieve two-income couples of the second-earner penalty they pay each April 15.

But most important, it would ensure that no one else ever stands in Beth Cockrell's shoes. "The IRS should not be allowed to treat honest citizens like this," says Cockrell. "There's got to be a better way."

Berry's World

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Sister Expecting New Brother Sings The Baby-Sitting Blues

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl and I'm very worried. My mother is having a baby this summer. I'm happy for her and my stepfather (this is their first baby together), but I think they are expecting me to take on a lot more responsibility than I had anticipated.

My mother and my aunts make comments like, "Get used to changing diapers now, and you'll be a natural once your new brother is born." Or, "Just think, you have a baby-sitter in the house so you won't have to worry about getting one."

Well, I don't want to be a mother to this baby. I just want to be a sister, one who loves and holds, and occasionally changes diapers or feeds the baby.

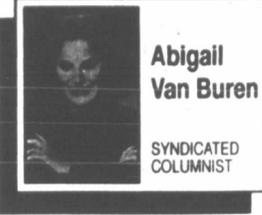
I don't know how to talk to my mother about this. I am afraid that I will upset her and she'll think I don't want this newcomer in our family. She has included me in a lot of the preparations, like shopping and decorating the baby's room.

My mother works full time and my stepfather works six days a week. I already take care of my younger sister after school and when my parents go out occasionally.

I want to enjoy my teen years, free to make my own plans that won't be overruled when my parents want me to baby-sit. Can you give me any suggestions?

THE OLDEST SISTER

DEAR OLDEST SISTER: It is



Abigail Van Buren

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not unreasonable for your parents to expect you to watch the baby for short periods when they are absent, but they should not depend upon you for all of the baby's care. You will be in school for a good part of the time while your mother works, so she will need another caretaker for your brother in any event.

Show this letter to your parents. The important thing to remember is "compromise": They should not expect you to be an unpaid baby-sitter for your new brother; you should expect to pitch in some of the time. You might discover, after the baby arrives, that you want to spend more time with him. Good luck, and congratulations on the new arrival.

DEAR ABBY: I got the shock of my life last week. I live in a well-

lighted, expensive neighborhood, in an electric-gated, fenced home.

I was upstairs in my bedroom when suddenly there was a knock on my bedroom door and in walked my two grown sons.

The youngest had climbed over the gated fence, gone into the gated backyard, put a credit card into the breakfast room door, found my purse and got my keys so that he could turn off the alarm in my car, get the remote control and open the gate, so that they could get in, come up the stairs, knock on my door and walk in. I nearly had a heart attack.

Abby, anyone could have done that, and I might not be sitting here writing to you. Everyone, please: Beware and be careful.

J.P.C. IN LA.

DEAR J.P.C.: Since you now feel vulnerable in your home, it's time to contact a security company and have someone there evaluate your premises. For openers, you need to purchase a deadbolt lock for the breakfast room. And for your peace of mind, instruct your two budding second-story men to never again enter your home without calling first.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Thursday, April 24, 1997

In the year ahead several enviable social or business relationships could be established. Each will be with an individual who will be as concerned about advancing your hopes as you'll be with his or hers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An arrangement you presently deem undesirable can be transformed into something better today, with mutual advantages for all participants. Know where to look for

romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to do some negotiating with authority figures to improve an unsatisfactory condition at work that has everyone irritated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not keep your feelings to yourself today, as your reluctance to reveal your emotions may be hindering this relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A circuitous route might be required today in order to achieve a critical objective. Take care to remain rational each step of the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A presentation you will make today will have a powerful impact, as long as what you're promoting is something in which you truly believe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ingenuity in financial and commercial matters could be rather impressive today. Aim high and

take risks!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Friends will find your personality dynamic and appealing today. Use this to your advantage and enjoy a night out!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others will be more receptive to your requests today if you appeal to their emotions, so let that charisma shine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hope is a powerful motivator today, and it can be used to bring about something you strongly desire. Trust your positive attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In situations where you have authority over others, your methods will be commendable today, if you stay fair and considerate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give free rein to your imaginative faculties today in plans that have far-reaching effects; you can act on them later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your most outstanding attribute today is your ability to revise the complicated affairs of others. Bend a sympathetic ear!

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"Mommy, will you hold my comb while I floss it?"



"Be patient, Marmaduke! The mama bird will show you the baby birds when she's ready!"

The Family Circus



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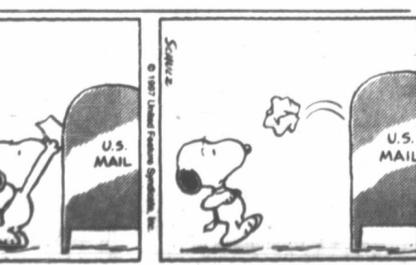
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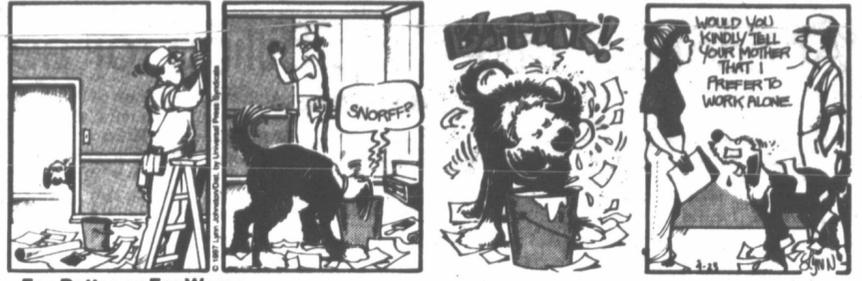
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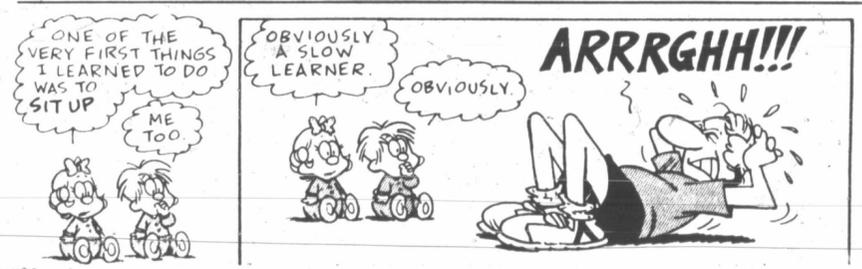
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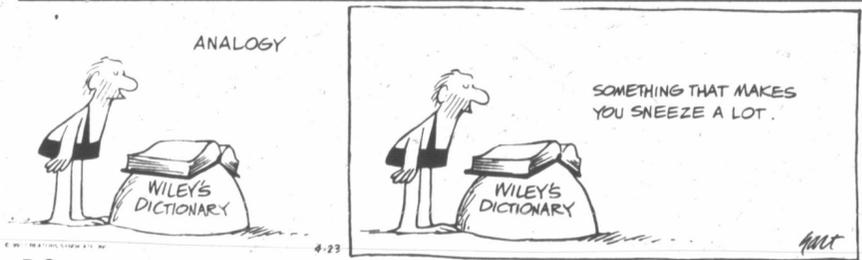
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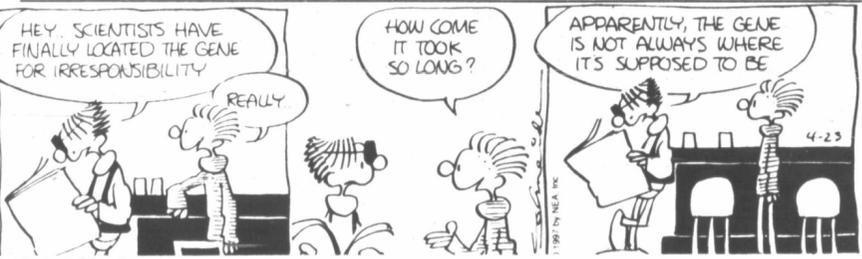
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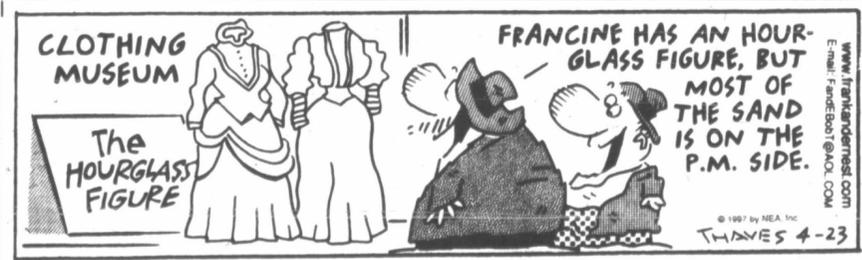
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lamar Super Shooter Shootout will be held Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pampa Middle School Boys' Gym.

The shootout is open to second, third, fourth and fifth grade boys and girls.

Cost for the contest is three dollars per entry. Entry forms may be obtained from your school's physical education teacher or at Lamar Elementary.

All entrants will receive a coupon for a free buffet at Mr. Gattis.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each age division.

If more information is needed, call Lamar Elementary at 669-4885.

FOOTBALL

CANYON — West Texas A&M University senior Devron Williams (defensive line, 6-3, 285, Houston) signed a rookie free-agent contract with the Houston Oilers on Monday, April 21, one day after the 1997 National Football League Draft.

Williams, the first WTAMU player to sign a free agent contract with the NFL since the program was resurrected in 1992, started all 21 games at the Canyon school after transferring from Cisco Junior College. He was named to the Lone Star Conference First-Team as a senior. Williams played in the 1997 Snow Bowl (NCAA Division II All-Star Game), leading his team to a 43-3 victory with two sacks, one tackle and ten quarterback pressures.

Williams, a native of Houston, played two years with the Buffs racking up 63 tackles in 21 games on the defensive line. Last season, Williams moved from defensive end tackle and tallied 34 tackles with five solo sacks. As a junior, he led the team in quarterback hurries at end with 25 to go with 3.5 sacks.

Williams signed for two years at \$131,000, dependent on him making the team.

RODEO

RED BLUFF, Calif. — Leo Camarillo of Lockeford, Calif., and his brother, Jerold Camarillo of Oakdale, Calif., won the gold card team roping average title at the Red Bluff Roud-Up. The pair roped three steers in 28.1 seconds and earned \$1,278 each.

The event was a first for the Red Bluff, Calif., rodeo and was open to PRCA Gold Card members only.

A Gold Card member is a 10-year dues-paying member of the PRCA who has reached 50 years of age, or a 20-year dues-paying member of any age.

All-around cowboy standings leader Chad Hagan of Leesville, La., won the calf roping title at the \$80,529 Buccaneer Days Pro Rodeo, April 16-19 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The 23-year-old cowboy roped his calf in 8.2 seconds and earned \$2,248.

Other winners in Corpus Christi were Mark Gomez Jr. (Hutchinson, Kan.), bareback riding, 81 points on All-Star Rodeo's Old Crow, \$2,211; Derek Clark (Colcord, Okla.), saddle bronc riding, 80 points on All-Star Rodeo's Ace of Skool, \$2,619; Mike Furr (Boerne, Texas), bull riding, 85 points on All-Star Rodeo's Juicy Fruit, \$3,492; Charles Pogue (Ringling, Okla.) and Britt Bockius (Claremore, Okla.), team roping, 11.96 seconds in two rounds, \$2,648; and Kay Blandford (Sutherland Springs, Texas), barrel racing, \$1,773.

Victor Deck of Summerdale, Ala., Frank Davis of Blackwell, Texas, and Teddy Johnson of Checotah, Okla., tied for first place in the steer wrestling competition with 4.0-second times. Each man earned \$2,210.

Elie is key to Rockets' playoff success

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — It took Mario Elie a long time to work his way into the Houston Rockets' starting lineup, and he's making the most of his big chance this season.

Elie was a role player with a reputation as a good defensive player when he played for Golden State and Portland and in his first three seasons with the Rockets. This season, trades and injuries finally gave him a shot at starting.

Now he's starting on a team that includes three future Hall of Famers. One of them, Charles Barkley, thinks Elie is the team's MVP.

"He's obviously our best defender. He has a hard assignment every night," Barkley said Tuesday as the Rockets began preparations for a best-of-5 playoff series against Minnesota.

"He's the only guy on this team that can't take nights off." Minnesota coach Flip Saunders also recognizes Elie's value to the Rockets.

"He does all the little things for them," Saunders said. "He hits key shots, he's a 90 percent free throw shooter, he's their best defender and probably their best clutch 3-point shooter. I think he's the key for them."

Elie will be in the starting lineup at small forward Thursday night when the Rockets play host to the Timberwolves, who will be making their first-ever NBA playoff appearance.

"I'm just happy I finally got a chance to start," Elie said. "I felt on a lot of teams, I had an opportunity but too many great players were ahead of me."

The big trade with the Phoenix Suns last year brought Barkley to the Rockets and sent guard Sam Cassell to the Suns. Mark Price's preseason injury helped Elie gain playing time.

"Once I got into the starting lineup, I wanted to stay there

and be consistent," Elie said. "I'm happy that I've been able to stay consistent this year."

Coach Rudy Tomjanovich assigns Elie to the opponents' best players, meaning Elie on Thursday night will be in the face of Minnesota's Tom Gugliotta, who averaged 20.6 points this season.

Elie said his defensive philosophy is to keep opponents out of their favorite shooting positions.

"Get a guy out of his sweet spot and make him work for every possession and by the end of the game, he's worn out," he said.

Elie has shown all season that he can handle tough assignments.

"I've had to guard point guards and big forwards and different players," he said. "The guys are depending on me to go against Gugliotta, go against (Gary) Payton, go against Grant Hill. I feel I've done a great job defending those guys and we've won most of those games."

Indeed, he's had the best season of his career, averaging 11.7 points, four assists and three rebounds per game. He led the team in 3-point accuracy (42 percent) and free throw shooting (89.6).

Granbury, Snyder win regional golf crowns

SAN ANGELO — The Pampa High boys golf team slipped from first to a tie for eighth in the final round of the Region 1-4A Tournament Tuesday at Riverside Golf Course.

The Harvesters, who led by four strokes at the end of the first round, finished at 307-323-630. Granbury won the regional title by shooting a second-round 301, finishing with a two-day total of 614.

"The boys didn't play terrible the second day. They just didn't shoot as low as they did the first day," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "There were a lot of low scores the second day."

Mike Smith led Pampa with a 75-81-156.

In the girls' division, Pampa finished third at 349-342-691, 48 strokes behind first-place Snyder.

"Our girls played real good," McCullough said. "They just got too far behind the first day. If they had shot 338 or 340, it would have been quite a battle."

Melissa Gindorf led Pampa with an 84-88-172.

Region 1-4A Tournament

Final Results

Boys

Team: 1. Granbury 313-301-614; 2. Andrews 311-306-617; 3. Lamesa 311-306-617; 4. Borger 311-309-620; 5. Fort Stockton 314-310-624; 6. Sherman 316-313-629; 7. Fort Worth Arlington Heights 323-306-629; 8. (tie) Pampa 307-323-630; Weatherford 318-312-630; 10. Plainview 315-318-633; 11. Justin Northwest 317-317-634; 12. Wichita Falls High 335-339-674; 13. El Paso Burges 339-337-676; 14. Fort Worth Western Hills 356-327-683; 15. Justin Northwest B 341-371-712; 16. El Paso Burges B 368-367-735.

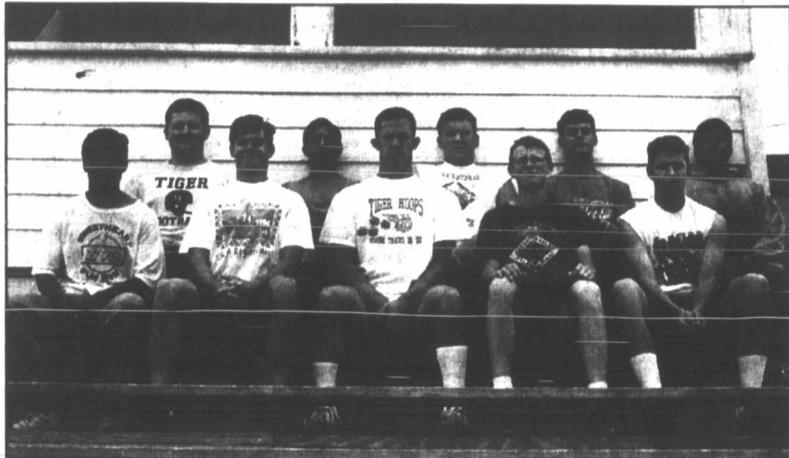
Girls

Team: 1. Snyder 326-317-643; 2. Fort Stockton 330-349-679; 3. Pampa 349-342-691; 4. Andrews 351-351-702; 5. Hereford 351-359-710; 6. Stephenville 362-357-719; 7. Burk Burnett 367-356-723; 8. Justin Northwest 364-365-729; 9. Snyder B 371-372-743; 10. Sherman 378-368-748; 11. Graham 407-410-817; 12. Fort Worth Arlington Heights 414-405-818; 13. Fort Worth Boswell 429-414-843; 14. El Paso High 468-460-926; 15. El Paso Ysleta 481-481-DO.

Medallists: 1. Dani Milon, Justin Northwest, 74-67-141; 2. Daysha Weaver, Snyder, 82-76-158; 3. Alesia Wells, Snyder, 81-78-159.

Pampa results: Melissa Gindorf 84-88-172; Shelby Allison 88-86-174; Christina Gage 95-84-179; Allison Piersall 84-86-179; Patti Montoya 93-86-179.

Regional track qualifiers



(Pampa News photo)

The Region 1-A Track Meet is set for Friday and Saturday in Levelland. Regional qualifiers for the Groom boys track team are (front, l-r) Abdon Carrillo, Justin Ritter, Brad Sustaire, Josiah Scott and Trae Kepley; (back, l-r) Jason Prather, Alberto Vega, Dusty Crump, Sean Crowell and Othon Carrillo. The Tigers won the district championship this spring. Field events begin at 10 a.m. Friday, followed by running preliminaries at 2:30 p.m.

Harvesters drop district baseball tilt to Canyon, 15-7

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

CANYON — Soggy Harvester field conditions forced Pampa's baseball squad to take their District 1-4A contest against first-place Canyon to the Eagles home turf Tuesday night. Canyon came away with a 15-7 win.

Pampa was designated as the home team and batted in the last half of each inning.

Aaron Whitney was the starting hurler for the Harvesters, facing Canyon for the first time this season. Whitney got the first two outs until running into trouble with Steve Martin, who singled before

being driven in by a Justin Ziegler homer to put the Eagles on top early, 2-0.

It didn't get any easier for Whitney in the second inning as Canyon batted around, producing more runs to build a 6-0 cushion.

Pampa's offense got started in the second, kicking off with a Duane King single that cleared the plate for Pampa shortstop August Larson. Larson connected on the first pitch by Ziegler, sending it over the right field fence to put Pampa on the board for the first time, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the Eagles continued to take it to the Harvesters

offensively, scoring four runs in the top of the third, punctuated by back to back Canyon home runs. Dominick Padilla sent the first shot over the right field for a three-run homer. Martin, who had scored earlier, followed Padilla's lead as he took another Whitney pitch out of the park before Pampa was able to end the inning.

Whitney was replaced in the fourth by reliever Jarred Prock, seeing his first district action of the season. Prock allowed the Eagles only two runs in the top of the fourth to return Pampa to the plate.

Offensively, the fourth inning was the Harvesters best of the

game as they scored four runs off five hits. Leadoff man Jeremy Knutson jumped on a pitch to send it up the middle, driving in Haynes, who reached base on a single to lead off the inning. Jamisen Hancock, who is hitting near .500 for the season, drove in more runs off an RBI double before eventually crossing the plate on a Duane King single.

In the fifth inning, Canyon placed two more runs on the board to take a solid 9-run lead going into the last one and a half innings of the game.

The Harvesters were able to post another much-needed run in fifth off two hits — A Ryan Davis sin-

gle, followed by a Hancock single to score the runner.

Canyon was shut down at the plate the final two innings of the game, going down 1-2-3 both innings.

Unfortunately, the final two innings were unproductive for Pampa as well. The Harvesters were unable to mount any kind of a comeback and only had three hits the final two innings.

With the win, the Eagles remain tied with Randall for first in district while Pampa falls to 3-7. Both teams finish out the remainder of the season this week with games on Friday and Saturday. Pampa hosts Borger at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Walker, Maddux have strong stats

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

OK, it's only April. Still, it's hard to overlook what Larry Walker and Greg Maddux are doing.

Walker raised his batting average to .507, getting four hits Tuesday night as the Colorado Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 13-4 at Coors Field.

"I am surprised," said Walker, who also leads the NL in home runs with nine and RBIs with 25 in 17 games. "The broken bats are going through, the ground balls are going through and I'm hitting the ball 60 feet and getting a base hit."

Maddux, meanwhile, extended his streak to 24 innings without an earned run as Atlanta stopped San Francisco's nine-game win-

ning streak with a 4-0 victory.

Maddux left after six innings. He missed his previous start because of a mild strain of his right hamstring, and he re-aggravated the injury while covering first base.

"I just kind of doinked my leg, that's all," Maddux said. "It's just one of those better safe than sorry things. Why jeopardize the next 200 innings for one or two more tonight?"

In other NL games, St. Louis rallied past Los Angeles 6-4, Houston beat San Diego 12-3, Montreal downed Chicago 5-1 and New York stopped Cincinnati 7-2.

The Braves improved to 14-4, their best start since moving to Atlanta in 1966. Led by Maddux, they have pitched a major league-leading four shutouts.

San Francisco was held to five hits and had its longest winning streak since 1994 stopped.

Atlanta scored twice in the first inning against William VanLandingham (1-1) on a sacrifice fly by Chipper Jones and Ryan Klesko's RBI single.

Rockies 13, Marlins 4

Roger Bailey pitched a six-hitter, overcoming a pair of two-run homers by Moises Alou to send Florida to its fourth straight loss.

Bailey (3-0) pitched his second straight complete game, retiring 13 consecutive batters in the middle innings. He also singled twice and scored two runs.

Ellis Burks, who began the game batting .163, had four hits, including a home run.

Pat Rapp (2-1) lasted just 2 2-3 innings and gave up 13 hits and 10 runs.

NCAA reinstates 5-second rule

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Four seasons after abandoning college basketball's closely guarded rule, the NCAA is overturning itself.

The men's basketball rules committee voted Tuesday to reinstate the 5-second count beginning next season. They said that, instead of enlivening offensive play, as intended, dropping the rule reduced shots and tended to make games less exciting.

"We don't announce vote totals, but I can tell you it was not close," said Larry Keating, committee chairman.

Under the rule, an offensive player may not dribble the ball

more than five seconds if a defender is within six feet of him. The offensive player must shoot or pass or be called for a turnover.

"The concern has been that the flow of the game hasn't been as good and the game doesn't look as good," Keating said.

"The group felt pretty strongly this was one of the reasons why," Keating said. "By putting it back in, we hope to get teams more into an offensive flow rather than having one player dominate up front."

During a two-day meeting ending Tuesday, the committee also voted to require most preseason tournaments next year to use a

40-second shot clock, instead of a 35-second shot clock.

This will be mandatory for most preseason tournaments that begin before Dec. 1, including the Maui Classic, the Great Alaska Shootout and the preseason NIT.

"Coaches very strongly support putting the 5-second count back in, but not all are in support of changing the clock," Keating said. "Most felt strongly that the five-second count was more of the culprit. But we put a 40-second clock in to see what happens."

If successful, the 40-second shot clock could become permanent for the 1998-99 season.

Handshake brings peace

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

A simple handshake ended one of baseball's most disturbing episodes.

Roberto Alomar and John Hirschbeck stood in short right field Tuesday night and shook hands, a moment that all of baseball had longed for seven months to see.

It was the first time that the two had met since that now-infamous game in Toronto last September when a raging Alomar spit in Hirschbeck's face.

As the Baltimore Orioles took the field at Camden Yards, Alomar detoured before taking his position at second base to offer his hand and some quiet words to Hirschbeck, who was working at first base.

Finally face-to-face, the two shared a private moment before 38,392 fans.

"I'm sorry," Alomar said.

"Thanks, now maybe they'll let us both do our jobs," Hirschbeck replied.

Hopefully, Tuesday night's reunion will indeed allow Alomar and Hirschbeck to finally put the incident behind them.

"I thought it was a great gesture," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "I thought it was a couple of good men, getting it all over with. He's a good umpire, Robbie's a good player. Let's

play baseball — no more questions."

Elsewhere in the AL, it was New York 10, Milwaukee 2; Boston 8, Cleveland 2; Seattle 7, Kansas City 2; Toronto 7, Anaheim 6; and Minnesota 5, Oakland 3.

Alomar and Hirschbeck did have another rendezvous during Baltimore's 3-2 win over the White Sox.

After Alomar singled in the sixth, he was called out by Hirschbeck when first baseman Frank Thomas caught a line drive by Rafael Palmeiro and stepped on the bag ahead of the diving Alomar.

This time, there was no argument.

Before the game, Alomar said he was looking forward to stepping on the field with Hirschbeck again.

"I'm real happy it's going to happen, so we can get this thing over with," Alomar said. "John wants to put everything that happened behind him, and I personally want to put everything that happened behind me."

"And I hope that from tonight on, you media guys can leave me alone and let me play the game of baseball."

Baltimore starter Mike Mussina (3-1) allowed two runs and seven hits with one walk in seven innings to earn his second win against the White Sox in five days.

Danny Darwin (0-2) took the loss.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL					American League					National League				
National League					American League					National League				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
East Division					West Division					Central Division				
Atlanta	14	4	.778	—	Baltimore	12	4	.750	—	Philadelphia	10	7	.590	—
Florida	10	8	.556	4	Boston	10	8	.556	3	St. Louis	10	8	.556	4
Montreal	8	9	.471	5 1/2	Toronto	9	8	.529	3 1/2	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2
New York	7	12	.368	7 1/2	Detroit	9	11	.450	5	New York	6	12	.333	8
Philadelphia	6	12	.333	8	New York	9	11	.450	5	Philadelphia	6	12	.333	8
Central Division					West Division					Central Division				
Houston	12	7	.632	—	Minnesota	11	8	.579	—	St. Louis	10	8	.556	4
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	3	Milwaukee	8	7	.533	1	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2
St. Louis	7	11	.389	4 1/2	Cleveland	8	10	.444	2 1/2	St. Louis	10	8	.556	4
Cincinnati	6	13	.316	6	Kansas City	7	10	.412	3	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2
Chicago	2	15	.118	9	Chicago	5	14	.263	6	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2
West Division					Central Division					Central Division				
San Francisco	13	4	.765	—	Seattle	13	7	.650	—	Philadelphia	10	7	.590	—
Colorado	12	5	.706	—	Texas	8	8	.500	3	St. Louis	10	8	.556	4
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	3	Oakland	9	10	.474	3 1/2	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2
San Diego	9	8	.529	4	Anaheim	8	10	.444	3 1/2	Chicago	7	12	.368	7 1/2

Monday's Games					Tuesday's Games					Wednesday's Games				
Philadelphia 10, Pittsburgh 2					Minnesota 5, Oakland 3					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 4					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Only games scheduled					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Tuesday's Games					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
N.Y. Mets 7, Cincinnati 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Montreal 5, Chicago Cubs 1					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Colorado 13, Florida 4					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 0					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 4					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Houston 12, San Diego 3					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Only games scheduled					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Wednesday's Games					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Cincinnati (Morgan 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 1-1), 1:40 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Florida (Brown 2-0) at Colorado (Wright 2-1), 3:05 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Atlanta (Glavin 3-0) at San Francisco (Ruster 1-0), 3:35 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Philadelphia (Maduro 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 2-0), 7:05 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Chicago Cubs (Muhlendahl 0-2) at Montreal (Bulinger 0-3), 7:35 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
St. Louis (Stottmyre 0-1) at Los Angeles (Martinez 2-1), 10:35 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Houston (Hampton 1-3) at San Diego (Hamilton 1-1), 10:35 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Thursday's Games					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 0-3), 8:05 p.m.					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				
Only game scheduled					Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 8, Cleveland 2				

Monday's Games					Tuesday's Games					Wednesday's Games				
Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Chicago White Sox 3					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Detroit 7, Texas 6					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Seattle 6, Kansas City 5					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Anaheim 5, Toronto 4, 13 innings					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Only games scheduled					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Tuesday's Games					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Minnesota 5, Oakland 3					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Boston 8, Cleveland 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Baltimore 3, Chicago White Sox 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
N.Y. Yankees 10, Milwaukee 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Seattle 7, Kansas City 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Toronto 7, Anaheim 6					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Only games scheduled					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Wednesday's Games					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Boston (Wasson 0-0) at Cleveland (Lopez 0-1), 1:05 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Milwaukee (McDonald 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 1-1), 1:05 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-1) at Baltimore (Coppinger 0-0), 7:35 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Detroit (Oliveras 1-0) at Texas (Oliver 1-1), 8:35 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Minnesota (Robertson 2-0) at Oakland (Pneko 1-0), 10:05 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Toronto (Herigan 1-1) at Anaheim (Langston 1-2), 10:35 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Kansas City (Pittsley 0-1) at Seattle (T.Davis 0-0), 10:35 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Thursday's Games					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Detroit (Brocal 0-1) at Texas (Pavlik 1-2), 2:35 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Minnesota (Rodriguez 1-2) at Oakland (Telgheder 0-1), 3:15 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				
Cleveland (Nagy 2-1) at Milwaukee (Edred 2-1), 7:05 p.m.					Boston 4, Baltimore 2					Boston 4, Baltimore 2				

Boston (Wakfield 1-1) at Baltimore (Kamienicki 1-0), 7:35 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				

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Easy's Inc.	25	27		
Peggy's Place	24	28		
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Harvester Cafe	19	33		
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Men				
High game: Mike Robbins 224; High series: Kyle Williams 585; High handicap game: John Herring 253; High handicap series: John Herring 680.				
Women				
High game: Peggy Smith 207; High series: Peggy Smith 514; High handicap game: Peggy Smith 231; High handicap series: O'Nita Robinson 640.				

HOCKEY				
NHL Playoff Glance				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
Wednesday, April 16				
St. Louis 2, Detroit 0	Dallas 5, Edmonton 3	Colorado 6, Chicago 0	Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Thursday, April 17
Detroit 2, St. Louis 1	Edmonton 4, Dallas 0	Colorado 3, Chicago 1	Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Saturday, April 19
Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1	New Jersey 4, Montreal 1	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1	New Jersey 4, Montreal 1	Sunday, April 20
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1	Florida 3, New York 0	St. Louis 2, Detroit 0	Dallas 5, Edmonton 3	Colorado 6, Chicago 0
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Thursday, April 17	Detroit 2, St. Louis 1	Edmonton 4, Dallas 0	Colorado 3, Chicago 1
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Saturday, April 19	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1	New Jersey 4, Montreal 1	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1	Florida 3, New York 0	St. Louis 2, Detroit 0	Dallas 5, Edmonton 3	Colorado 6, Chicago 0
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Thursday, April 17	Detroit 2, St. Louis 1	Edmonton 4, Dallas 0	Colorado 3, Chicago 1
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Saturday, April 19	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1	New Jersey 4, Montreal 1	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1	Florida 3, New York 0	St. Louis 2, Detroit 0	Dallas 5, Edmonton 3	Colorado 6, Chicago 0
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Thursday, April 17	Detroit 2, St. Louis 1	Edmonton 4, Dallas 0	Colorado 3, Chicago 1
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2	Saturday, April 19	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1	New Jersey 4, Montreal 1	Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-6)				
Thursday, April 24				
Charlotte at New York, 7 p.m.				
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.				
Minnesota at Houston, 9:30 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 10:30 p.m.				
Friday, April 25				
Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.				
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Phoenix at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.				
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				
Saturday, April 26				
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m.				
Charlotte at New York, 3:30 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8:30 p.m.				
Sunday, April 27				
Orlando at Miami, 12:30 p.m.				
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m.				
Washington at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Atlanta, 8 p.m.				
Phoenix at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.				
Monday, April 28				
New York at Charlotte, 8 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.				
Tuesday, April 29				
New York at Charlotte, TBD, if necessary				
Miami at Orlando, TBD, if necessary				
Atlanta at Detroit, TBD, if necessary				
Houston at Minnesota, TBD, if necessary				
Seattle at Phoenix, TBD, if necessary				
Wednesday, April 30				
Chicago at Washington, 8 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBD, if necessary				
Thursday, May 1				
Houston at Minnesota, TBD, if necessary				
Miami at Orlando, TBD, if necessary				
New York at Charlotte, TBD, if necessary				
Seattle at Phoenix, TBD, if necessary				
Friday, May 2				
Atlanta at Detroit, TBD, if necessary				
Chicago at Washington, TBD, if necessary				
L.A. Lakers at Portland, TBD, if necessary				
Saturday, May 3				
Minnesota at Houston, TBD, if necessary				
Phoenix at Seattle, TBD, if necessary				
Sunday, May 4				
Charlotte at New York, TBD, if necessary				
Detroit at Atlanta, TBD, if necessary				
L.A. Clippers at Utah, TBD, if necessary				
Orlando at Miami, TBD, if necessary				
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBD, if necessary				
Washington at Chicago, TBD, if necessary				

Dallas Stars return to basics to even first-round series with Edmonton at 2-2

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Mike Modano and Dallas Stars went back to basics to even their first-round series with the Edmonton Oilers.

"We said if we really pushed hard and gave it everything we had, we all thought they couldn't hang with us," said Modano, who scored a goal and set up Brent

Gilchrist's game-winner as the Stars beat the Oilers 4-3 on Tuesday night to tie the Western Conference quarterfinal 2-2.

"That's what we thought, and that's how we played. We just wanted to push the issue and really press them more by playing in their zone, forcing them to make plays and get some turnovers."

Game 5 is Friday night in Dallas.

"We're excited to go home with two games in Dallas," Modano said of the second-seeded Stars. "You always meet the Cinderella teams in the first round. We know what it's like, because we shocked some teams in '91 (when the franchise was located in Minnesota). They're giving us a

good test."

Gilchrist snapped a 2-2 tie at 1:53 of the third period, and Jamie Langenbrunner put Dallas ahead 4-2 at 5:31. But Ryan Smyth scored for Edmonton with 1:13 left, and the Stars had to hang on for the victory.

"They played a great game, they were really emotional," Gilchrist

said of the Oilers. "The building was a zoo, and we really had to fight."

On Sunday night, the Oilers scored three goals in the final four minutes en route to an overtime victory. This time, their late rally fell just short.

"Just because it happened to us last game, I think we have enough

leadership to say it happened once," Gilchrist said.

Edmonton forward Todd Marchant said the inexperienced Oilers weren't discouraged by the loss.

"Every player is getting more confidence," Marchant said. "Let's face it, for most of us, this is our first playoff series."

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<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO OR HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GLENN B. DAWKINS, DECEASED.</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Glenn B. Dawkins, Deceased were issued to the undersigned on the 21st day of April, 1997, in the proceeding indicated below our signatures hereto, which is still pending that the undersigned now hold such Letters.</p> <p>All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at the address below given, within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to said Estate are notified to come forward and make settlement with the undersigned. The mailing address of the undersigned is P.O. Box 662, Pampa, Texas 79066-0261.</p> <p>Julia Marie Dawkins Independent Executors of the Estate of Glenn B. Dawkins, Deceased, No. 8247 in the County Court of Gray County, Texas styled "Estate of Glenn B. Dawkins, Deceased".</p> <p>A-94 Apr. 23, 1997</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by June 3, 1997. Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process may be obtained from the FCC, 1919 M. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20554.</p> <p>A-41 Apr. 22, 23, 1997</p> <p>THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Gray TO: TINA MICHELLE BELLOW, Respondent (s) GREETINGS YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of JOSEPH HERMAN BELLOW filed in said Court on the 29th day of January, 1997, against TINA MICHELLE BELLOW, Respondent (s) and said suit being numbered 29726 on the docket of said Court, and entitled, IN THE INTEREST OF MICHELLE ASHLEY BELLOW AND ANGELA MARIE BELLOW, CHILDREN the nature of which suit is a MOTION TO MODIFY IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP Said child MICHELLE ASHLEY BELLOW was born on the 29th day of May, 1990, in PAMPA, TX. ANGELA MARIE BELLOW was born on the 18th day of January, 1995, in PAMPA, TX. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption, which will be binding on you. ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this 18th day of April 1997.</p> <p>YVONNE MOLER, CLERK 223rd District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>Pampa, Tx. 79066-1139 By: Gaye Honderich, Deputy IMPORTANT NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.</p> <p>A-93 Apr. 23, 1997</p> <p>REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>Sealed proposals for 28,754 km of structure, flexible base, acp on SH 152 from US 60 to Wheeler County Line covered by CSR 397-1-29 in Gray County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., May 7, 1997, and then publicly</p>
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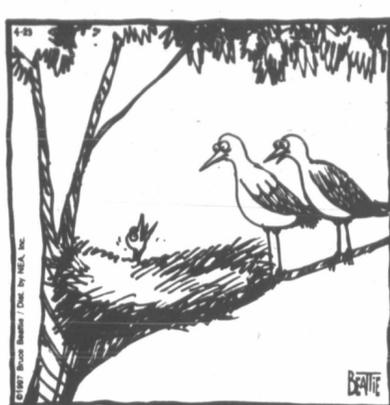
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Many people allergic to dust mite droppings

BROWN VALLEY, Minn. — You would be amazed at what you would find when examining your bed with a magnifying glass. It has been estimated that approximately 1 million dust mites live in a single pillow.

The researchers at the Ohio State University Department of Anthropology say that the number may be 10 million in the average double bed. This does not include your carpet, rugs, furniture and other nooks and crannies. Plus the warmer and humid weather of spring and summer heightens the breeding of these microscopic mites.

We may all be reacting to dust mites and not even know it. Have you ever woke up with a pounding headache and a stuffy or sniffling nose? Do you ever wake up tired in the morning even though you know you have gotten enough sleep? When you wake up, do you have a sore throat or aching joints?

"Those who sleep with mites can get very sick," says Dr. Thomas Platz-Mills, head of the division of Allergies and Clinical Immunology at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Seventy-five million Americans are allergic to dust mite droppings. Average dust mites leave 20 droppings behind a day. It is the droppings that are causing the asthmatic and allergic reactions. Dust mite droppings have been called the single most allergic substance in the house. Allergy shots, once thought to be a god treatment, are no longer favored, according to

the latest *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Center for Disease Control says that asthma and deaths of asthma have risen 65 percent since 1982. There are 14.6 million asthmatics in this country today. Of those, 4.8 million are children.

Today, asthma has become the leading chronic illness in children under 18 years old. In only ten years, asthmatic cases have jumped from 40 to 63 per 1000 children, according to the Institution for Nutritional Health.

Yet at the same time, the substances that are in the air that trigger asthma, such as automobile pollutants, have dropped. Dr. Michael Blaze of the University of Tennessee reports from an English study that children who are exposed at an early age to high concentrations of dust mites are five times more likely to develop asthma.

Dust mites are only one of the environmental causes of allergies, asthma and respiratory problems. The American Lung Association says that more people are killed every year from particle pollution, including smog, than were killed during the entire Vietnam War.

Some doctors claim that an answer to this problem is organic sulfur, which performs a number of functions including holding our body, tendons, ligaments, joints, skin and cartilage together. Also, sulfur activates essential enzymes, antibodies and hormones, according to the INH.

The human body has a natural defensive

system that manufactures a special sulfur compound that will attach itself to that attacking toxin, neutralize it, then sweep it out of the body. This process is called conjugation of a toxin. Every time our body removes this invading toxin, it loses that special sulfur compound forever, INH researchers claim.

"The problem is American's present diet doesn't furnish this essential sulfur to replace the one used to remove the toxin from our body," says Dr. Earl Mindell, Ph.D., R.Ph., author of *The Vitamin Bible*.

Mindell claims Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM) is the vital dietary source of sulfur that is found in our living tissues. This good sulfur is found in raw fruits and vegetables, seafood, non-pasteurized milk and raw meat.

"However, due to the methods we prepare our food today, the MSM evaporates by the time we consume it," says Dr. Mindell. "We just don't take enough of high quality good sulfur."

Years of clinical evidence with cases of allergies reported substantial to complete relief from symptoms of allergies to things as diverse as pollens, wool, animal hair, feathers and even dust mites when individuals take MSM supplements, he claims.

MSM has been documented in a number of studies that individuals who were not able to eliminate their asthma or allergy medication were able to severely reduce the dosage, the INH says.

Eye surgery clinic offering free eye cataract surgery

AMARILLO — In celebration of National Sight Saving Month and Mission Cataract USA, free cataract surgery is being made available at the Amarillo Cataract and Eye Surgery Center to everyone in the Panhandle who otherwise could not afford to have this vision restoring procedure.

Cataracts continue to be one of today's leading causes of blindness among seniors.

"We're extremely proud to be able to provide these services to individuals in our area with special needs," said eye surgeon J. Avery Rush, M.D., a surgeon of the Amarillo Cataract and Eye Surgery Center.

Other doctors joining Dr. Rush in this community service project are Robert Gerald, M.D., John Murrell, M.D., and Bruce Weinberger, M.D.

Mission Cataract U.S.A. is a nationwide community service project involving hundreds of eye surgeons throughout the United States. National Sight Saving Month is celebrated in May by the National Prevent Blindness Society.

Locally, free eye screenings will be conducted on Saturday, May 3, at Dr. Rush and Dr. Gerald's office, 7308 Fleming Avenue in Amarillo, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for the eye screening, which is conducted to help determine those candidates with cataracts

and financial need.

Eligible candidates will receive a comprehensive eye examination and will be scheduled for cataract surgery on Saturday, May 19. The surgeries will be performed at the Amarillo Cataract and Eye Surgery Center and include lens implants and all follow-up care.

Anyone who is visually impaired and has financial need is encouraged to call 354-8891 to make an appointment.

"We sincerely hope that anyone who is experiencing difficulty with their vision or has been previously diagnosed with cataracts — and who feels they cannot afford this type of eye care — will participate in this special project," Dr. Gerald said.

"This is an extremely rewarding experience for the surgeons as well as the patients," said Dr. Murrell, an active participant in Mission Cataract U.S.A. "We always look forward to this opportunity, and hope this year people once again take advantage of this unique opportunity."

In its most recent year of participation, the Amarillo Cataract and Eye Surgery Center screened nearly 50 people and performed 20 free cataract procedures as part of their participation in Mission Cataract U.S.A.

Scientists spot long-lived tumors by finding protein

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Scientists are developing what could prove to be a highly accurate way of finding cancer hidden in the body: detecting the presence of a protein that makes tumors live forever.

The protein, called telomerase, is the body's immortality chemical. Ordinarily it disappears after the fetus develops in the womb. But cancer cells produce this substance so they can divide over and over without succumbing to normal aging and death.

About 150 reports on telomerase were presented at last week's meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, up from five or so two years ago.

Researchers described how they are using telomerase to find cancers early, to distinguish them from benign growths, to judge cancer's lethal potency and to measure its recurrence after treatment.

One study found that telomerase appears to be even more accurate than examining cells under the microscope, now the standard way of judging whether they are cancerous.

Furthermore, at least a dozen pharmaceutical companies are working on drugs to shut down telomerase, starving cancer of something critical to its survival.

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"This is one of the most exciting advances in cancer biology to emerge in the last decade," Dr. Jerry W. Shay of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said.

However, it is unclear how far away a practical and reliable test may be.

Dr. Donald S. Coffey of Johns Hopkins University called the telomerase research "a very interesting breakthrough" but cautioned that it must be detected in cancer cells themselves, which are relatively inaccessible and means it cannot be offered as a simple blood test. He said current versions of telomerase tests are also probably not as accurate as they will need to be.

In adults, only cancer cells routinely make telomerase, and it can be detected in about 85 percent of tumors. In some major cancer

killers, such as lung and breast cancer, telomerase production is turned on even before the cancers begin their dangerous spread.

Over the past two years, a test has emerged that can detect telomerase in samples that contain as few as 10 cancer cells.

Cancers produce many kinds of chemicals. However, most are also found in normal tissue, too, so they cannot serve as an accurate signpost of malignancy. Experts hope that telomerase's unique role in cancer will make it a useful marker for many different kinds.

Shay and colleagues measured telomerase levels in nervous system tumors called meningiomas that were removed surgically. They found that the cancer recurred within three years in three of five patients whose tumors had telomerase but in none of 25 whose tumors did not have this chemical.

At Hiroshima University in

Japan, Dr. Eiso Hiyama is exploring the use of telomerase to detect whether patients have pancreatic cancer, a malignancy that is notoriously difficult to find before it has spread.

Tubes called endoscopes can be used to remove tissue samples from ducts inside the pancreas when cancer is suspected. He found that 12 of 13 patients whose tissue showed signs of telomerase turned out to have cancer. However, 18 others with no evidence of telomerase appeared to be cancer free.

"These findings suggest that telomerase activity in cells derived from pancreatic ducts may be a useful marker in the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer," Hiyama said.

In another study, Dr. Louis Dubeau of the Kenneth Norris Jr. Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles used telomerase to monitor patients treated for ovarian cancer, a hard-to-treat cancer that often spreads throughout the abdominal cavity.

After surgery and chemotherapy, doctors typically perform a second major operation to scan the abdomen for signs of cancer. Dubeau said looking for telomerase instead may eliminate the need for this operation.

Study finds sensible diet can lower blood pressure

BOSTON (AP) — A healthy diet high in fruits, vegetables and low-fat milk can help lower blood pressure and may even eliminate the need for hypertension medicine in some people, a study found.

The research, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, found a significant drop in blood pressure when people followed the special diet for eight weeks.

The findings were first reported

by The Associated Press when they were presented in November at a meeting of the American Heart Association in New Orleans. They are now being published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Adding a new therapy like this offers a lot of potential for both the treatment and prevention of hypertension," said Dr. Thomas J. Moore of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, one of the researchers.

The study was conducted on 459 volunteers, nearly 60 percent of whom were black. They were randomly assigned to one of three diets:

- a normal diet similar to what many Americans consume.
- a diet high in fruits and vegetables, which increases intake of fiber, potassium and magnesium.
- a combination diet that is low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol but high in fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products.

People on the combination diet reduced their average systolic blood pressure — the larger number in their blood pressure reading — by six points and their diastolic pressure by three points.

Among people who already had high blood pressure, the reductions were more dramatic. Their systolic pressure fell an average of 11 points and their diastolic an average of six. On the fruits and vegetables diet, their reductions were half this great.

Testing for drug-resistant cancer cells

HOUSTON — A new technique may allow doctors to detect drug-resistant cancer cells before cancer drugs are used in patients.

While some cancer patients are benefiting from the drugs currently available, other patients do not respond to the treatments. A better understanding of exactly how the drugs interact with the cancer cells could help improve the medications and reduce their damaging side effects.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston are studying cancer cells in the laboratory to see how they respond to different types of anticancer drugs.

"By testing drugs in cancer cells in the laboratory, we can see

exactly how the drugs are affecting the cells," said Dr. Pui-Kwong Chan, professor of pharmacology at Baylor.

Drug-resistant cancer cells often develop in patients during the late stages of chemotherapy.

Chan has pinpointed a protein which is 20 times more abundant in tumor cells than in normal cells. Determining the exact role this protein plays in cancer cells could help scientists better understand how cancer cells work.

"Since cancer cells have a much higher amount of the protein, we theorize that one way to block the cancer cell's growth is to interfere with the protein's function," Chan said.



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