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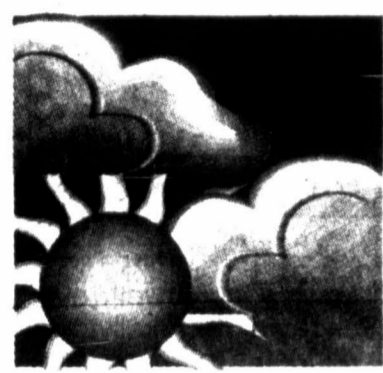
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PAMPA — The Pampa News picked up two honorable mentions in the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors awards held this weekend at South Padre Island.

Former News staffers Chip Chandler and Cheryl Berzanskis earned the honor in the Class A Feature Series category for a series on emergency personnel in Pampa.

Berzanskis, Darlene Holmes and Marijane Kent received the award in photojournalism for their work on three Sunday photo pages.

PAMPA — The second annual Woe-Man's contest will be held Thursday, May 1, at the Pampa High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

This "beauty contest" for senior boys will be judged on talent, beauty and intelligence.

Tickets are \$2 at the door and all proceeds will go to the Student Council projects.

By The Associated Press

One ticket sold in Houston matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket is worth an estimated \$9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 9, 11, 18, 41 and 44.

There were 317 tickets purchased matching five of six numbers, winning \$602 each. Matching four of six were 8,346 tickets, with a prize of \$82 each.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Human remains found at the site of an A-10 Thunderbolt crash have been positively identified as those of Capt. Craig Button, the pilot who flew 800 miles off course before going down, the Air Force said.

Positive identification was made through DNA testing by scientists at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona said Sunday.

Button, based at Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio, Texas, was on a routine training mission from Arizona on April 2 when his A-10 veered from other planes in his formation.

Wreckage of the plane and fragments of body parts were found Friday in the rugged mountains south of Interstate 70, ending a three-week search.

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Court sides with county in lawsuits over rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deeply divided Supreme Court today made local governments less vulnerable to lawsuits over excessive force used by their police officers, setting aside an \$818,000 award against an Oklahoma county.

The 5-4 decision also could make it more difficult to sue local governments over other violations of federally protected rights.

In other cases today, the court: — In an apparent victory for President Clinton's proposed crackdown on tobacco advertising, left intact Baltimore's bans on billboard ads for cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

— Ruled that police armed with court warrants to search for drugs cannot always enter homes without knocking and announcing themselves. They must be able to show they had a reason to believe a suspect would be dangerous or destroy evidence if alerted to the police raid, the justices said.

— Said states can bar political candidates from appearing on an election ballot under more than one party banner. The 6-3 ruling allows Minnesota to reinjoin about 40 other states that limit candidates to one listing on a ballot.

— Held that Indian tribal courts generally lack authority over lawsuits between non-Indians involved in traffic accidents on state highways that run through tribal land.

'Congress did not intend municipalities to be held liable unless deliberate action attributable to the municipality directly caused a deprivation of federal rights.'

In the excessive force, ruling, the court said Bryan County wrongly was punished for a 1991 incident in which Reserve Deputy Stacy Burns threw Jill Brown to the ground with such force that she has undergone four operations since and ultimately will require total knee replacements.

Burns had been hired by his uncle, Sheriff B.J. Moore, despite a long record of misdemeanor convictions. Oklahoma law bars only the hiring of convicted felons to such law enforcement jobs.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court that although Moore's decision to hire Burns may have been a poor one, it does not make the county vulnerable to Mrs. Brown's lawsuit.

"Sheriff Moore's inadequate scrutiny of Burns' record cannot constitute 'deliberate indifference' to (Mrs. Brown's) federally protected right to be free from the use of excessive force," O'Connor said.

The court's dissenters said today's decision waters down a line of Supreme Court decisions, dating back to 1978, that subject

local governments to civil rights lawsuits when individuals' rights are violated.

"Cases involving constitutional injuries allegedly traceable to an ill-considered hiring decision pose the greatest risk that a municipality will be held liable for an injury that it did not cause," O'Connor said.

"Congress did not intend municipalities to be held liable unless deliberate action attributable to the municipality directly caused a deprivation of federal rights," she said.

She added: "Bryan County is not liable for Sheriff Moore's isolated decision to hire Burns without adequate screening, because ... (Mrs. Brown) has not demonstrated that his decision reflected a conscious disregard for a high risk that Burns would use excessive force."

O'Connor was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer dissented.

Trooper testifies in bombing case

DENVER (AP) — A trooper who arrested Timothy McVeigh about 90 minutes after the Oklahoma City bombing took the stand today as the prosecution moved away from the bloody toll of the blast toward evidence in the case.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Charles Hanger pulled over McVeigh's yellow Mercury Marquis on Interstate 35 about 63 miles north of Oklahoma City because his car was missing a rear license plate.

Hanger told the jury he took shelter behind the door of his cruiser as McVeigh got out of the car and walked toward him. As McVeigh reached for his camouflage wallet, Hanger said he noticed a bulge under his light windbreaker.

"I told him to take both hands and slowly pull back his jacket,"

Hanger said. "He said, 'I have a gun.' I pulled my weapon and stuck it to the back of his head."

As Hanger searched and cuffed him, McVeigh told the trooper he was also carrying a knife and a spare clip of ammunition.

In the chamber of the pistol, Hanger found a round of Black Talon ammunition, bullets designed to inflict maximum damage on a shooting victim.

Hanger then arrested McVeigh for carrying a concealed pistol in a shoulder holster. Three days later, McVeigh was tied to the blast as he waited for a court hearing on the gun charge.

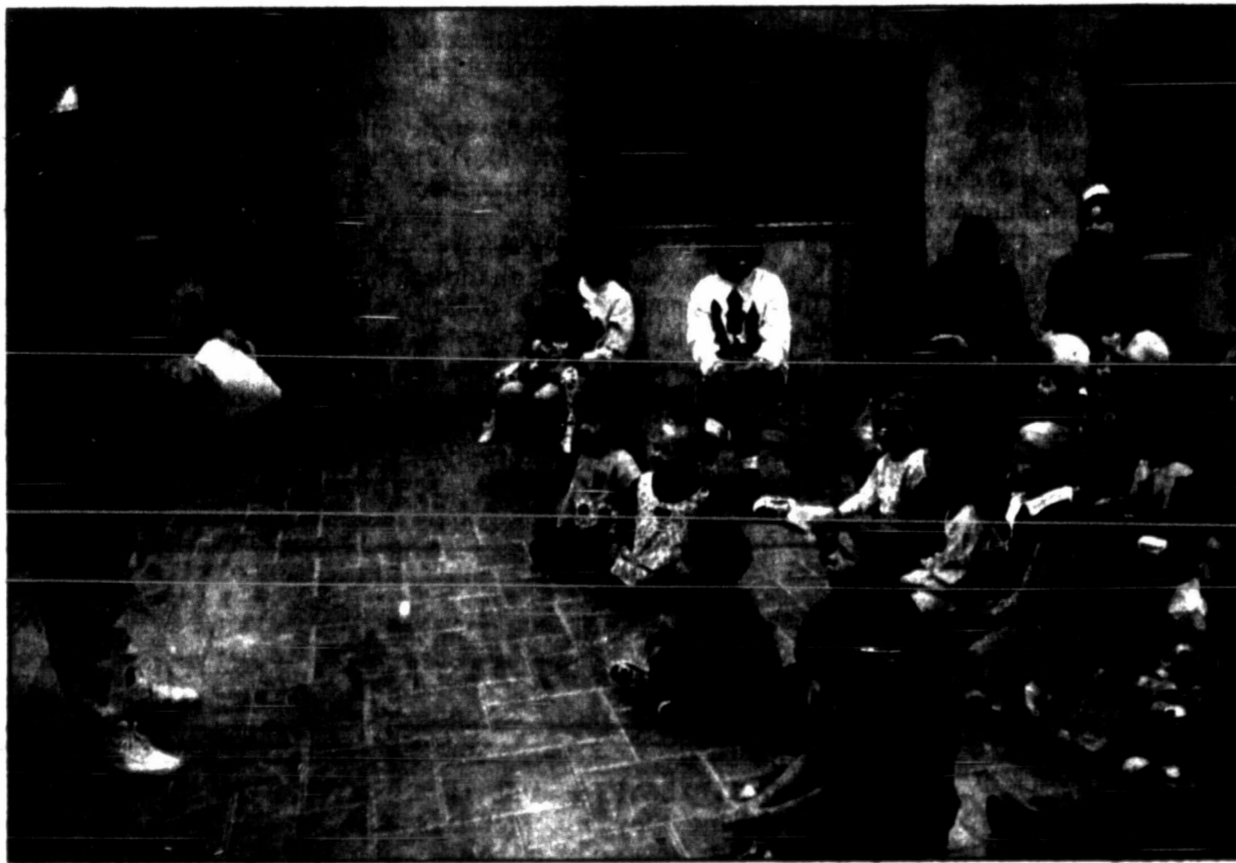
About two dozen bombing survivors and family members attended the court session this morning, the most since the trial began March 31. Half of them received

money to make the trip from a special fund set up for them with donations from the federal government and private organizations.

McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf War veteran, could face the death penalty if convicted of federal murder and conspiracy charges in the bombing. Prosecutors said he was driven by anti-government fervor and a twisted plot to incite a second American revolution.

Nine witnesses took the stand Friday and described how they greeted co-workers, dropped their kids off at day care and sipped coffee at the downtown federal building on April 19, 1995. The truck bomb exploded at 9:02 a.m., ripping apart the building and killing 168 people, 19 of them children.

Talking trash



Oscar the Grouch has nothing on Clean Pampa's Lora Baggerman. Baggerman dressed up in a metal trash can to teach the students at St. Matthews Day School about recycling on Friday. The students were given a lesson on the items which can be recycled and the necessity of reusing our natural resources.

Planting trees



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Don VanHouten and Cub Scouts Matthew Jimenez and Andrew VanHouten plant a tree Sunday beside the Hike n' Bike Trail near M.K. Brown Swimming Pool. The planting project will help the Cub, Tiger and Webelos Scouts present to earn their Cub Scout World Conservation Award. In addition to planting the 30 trees along the hiking trail, the Scouts will also help the city parks department care for the trees. Parks Advisory Board member William McCarley was also present to oversee the tree planting and to help install a battery operated drip irrigation system to sustain the trees during the drier months.

Presidents urge more to become volunteers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Calling up a nation of new recruits, President Clinton and presidents past stood before Independence Hall today and exhorted Americans to become volunteers in a campaign to save the nation's children "one by one."

"We can change America, folks, if we'll do it together, hand in hand, community by community," Clinton told 3,000 soggy summiters at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

Standing at the same site where delegates once signed the Declaration of Independence, Clinton, former Presidents Bush and Ford and former first lady Nancy Reagan lined up to sign a new declaration sounding a "call to service."

"The era of big government may be over but the era of big challenges for our country is not," Clinton said. "So we need an era of big citizenship. That is why are here and that is what we should promise ourselves we will do."

Top priority for the summit is encouraging Americans to do volunteer work helping at-risk youngsters.

"These children have got to be saved one by one," Clinton said.

The message was echoed by Clinton's predecessors. "Should we capitulate to the worst elements and the challenges in our society?" Ford asked. "The answer is emphatically no. We in America, thank goodness, have the tools to win this war."

Former President Carter, speaking by satellite hookup, called on Americans to "reach out from the safety and security of your home" to help youngsters who fear for their futures.

Bush saw the summit as a sign that "something right is starting to happen" across America.

Mrs. Reagan, representing her ailing husband, tried a new approach to her "just-say-no" anti-drug theme: "When someone asks you to help a child, just say yes."

County commission to meet

Gray County commissioners will hold regular court session at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, for the purpose of considering general business transactions and other pending matters.

Commissioners will consider and discuss:

- A resolution in support of the County Attorney Compensation Bill.
- A request from K N Energy, Inc. to install a cathodic protection ground bed and connecting cable in the south barrow ditch in the northeast quarter of Section 108, Block 3, I&GN Railway Survey of Gray County.
- A contract with the U.S. Forestry Service for Gray County Sheriff's Department

personnel at Lake McClellan.

- A request by Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris to lower collection contractual fees with McLean school district and reimbursement for 1997 payment.
- County road maintenance in Precinct #3.
- The county's giving \$500 to the civil defense program.
- The county's receiving radio tower.
- A request from County Judge Richard Peet to advertise for bids for food service at the county jail; and
- Recognition of Tax Assessor/Collector Morris for completion of the Course 401 Supervisor's Management.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PROCTOR, Betty Sue — 2 p.m., Veterans Field of Valor, Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.
STAGGS, Merville Thomas — Graveside, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.
TAYLOR, Marie — 1 p.m., Shamrock Church of Christ, Shamrock. Burial, 4 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

Obituaries

AVIS FIELDS

Avis Fields, 78, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 27, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Fellowship Baptist Church with the Rev. Delbert White, pastor, officiating. Additional services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Huff Funeral Home Chapel in Whitesboro. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Whitesboro under the direction of Huff Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Fields was born Oct. 25, 1918, in Lamar County, Texas. She married George W. (Russ) Fields on Nov. 2, 1935, at Paris, Texas; he died Feb. 18, 1988. She had been a Carson County resident since the early 1940s, moving to Pampa in 1975. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Theresa Wimslett and Pat Flynn, both of Gordonville, and Jean Dona and Angie Degner, both of Pampa; two sisters, Onita Floyd and Nan Garmon, both of Pampa; two brothers, J.C. Chennault of Pampa and Desso Chennault of Paris; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

After local services, the body will lie in state from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and until service time Thursday at Huff Funeral Home in Whitesboro.

ROBERT D. 'BOBBY' HOWARD

LAKETON — Robert D. "Bobby" Howard, 53, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, April 28, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Howard was born Sept. 29, 1943, at Wheeler. He had been a lifelong Gray County resident, attending Pampa High School. He married Marolyn Trout on July 14, 1963, at Mobeetie. He was an area rancher and cowboy for the past 30 years, serving as director of Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for 20 years and taking an active role in 4-H high school rodeos. He was a member of Laketon Church of Christ and Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

Survivors include his wife, Marolyn, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Danny Holman of Miami and Shelley Howard of Canyon; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Denise Howard of Laketon; his father, Ernest Howard of Pampa; two brothers, Les Howard of Pampa and Fred Howard of Schuykill Haven, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Justin Holman of Miami and Bradley Howard and Suzanne Howard, both of Laketon.

The family requests memorials be to Ronald McDonald House or Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

BETTY SUE PROCTOR

AMARILLO — Betty Sue Proctor, 73, a former Canadian resident, died Friday, April 25, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Veterans Field of Valor at Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Davis of Olsen Park Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Proctor was born at Marshall, Mo. She married C.W. "Proctor" Proctor in 1943 at Houston; he died in 1996. The couple owned and operated Proctor's Western Wear in Canadian, moving to Canadian in the 1980s and returning to Amarillo in 1990. They had originally moved to Amarillo in 1958 from Spur. She was employed at Thompson King Insurance and B.R. Barfield Insurance in Amarillo for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Gerry Cox of Clarkston, Wash.; a son, Mike Proctor of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Smith of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2220 S. Bonham and requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo.

MARY J. SMITH

BORGER — Mary J. Smith, 72, died Friday, April 25, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Forsyth officiating. Burial will be at 5 p.m. in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born at Gainesville. She had been a Borger resident for 45 years and was a homemaker and a member of Bible Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd V. Smith, in 1982, and by a daughter, Melinda K. Smith Zapatas.

Survivors include a son, Jeff Smith of Perryton; her mother, Catherine Schmitz of Bonham; a sister, Laverne Brinlee of Ivanhoe; a brother, Julius Schmitz of Denton; and two grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	4.31		
Milo	4.36		
Corn	5.04		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation			
Occidental	22 1/8	up 1/8	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Mutual	80.68		
Magellan	17.55		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:			
Amoco	.83	dn 5/8	
Arco	133 1/4	dn 5/8	
Cabot	22 1/8	NC	
Cabot O&G	16 1/4	NC	
Chevron	65 1/4	dn 1/2	
Coca Cola	59 1/2	up 3/8	
Columbia/HCA	33 1/4	dn 7/8	
Exxon	37	up 1/8	
Halliburton	69 1/2	dn 1 1/8	
Ingersoll Rand	47 3/4	NC	
KNE	37 1/8	dn 3/8	
Kerr McGee	60 1/4	up 1/8	
Limited	17 3/4	NC	
Magco	29 1/4	dn 1/8	
McDonald's	51 3/8	up 1/4	
Mobil	123 5/8	dn 3/8	
New Atmos	23 1/2	NC	
Parker & Parsley	31 1/8	dn 1/4	
Pennsey	45 7/8	NC	
Phillips	38 5/8	dn 1/8	
SLB	109 1/8	dn 1 1/4	
SPS	36 1/4	NC	
Tenneco	38 3/8	dn 1/2	
Texaco	102 1/2	up 1/4	
Ultramar	30 3/4	NC	
Wal Mart	27 1/4	up 1/8	
West	339.70		
Silver	4.58		
West Texas Crude	19.82		

Obituaries

MARIE TAYLOR

AMARILLO — Marie Taylor, 93, a former Shamrock resident, died Saturday, April 26, 1997. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Shamrock Church of Christ with Sid Smith, minister, officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Elizabeth Parker, associate to the rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Perry County, Ark. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1993, moving from Shamrock. She had been a Shamrock resident from 1935 to 1993 and had owned and operated Western Restaurant and K.C. Steakhouse. She was a member of Business and Professional Women and Shamrock Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joann Lane.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane Ann Smith of Lake Tanglewood; a son, Jim Bob Lane of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Marion Green of California; a stepson, Bob Taylor of California; a sister, Ima Jean Pettit of Holdenville, Okla.; a brother, Raymond Lipe of Pinetop, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Western Motel in Shamrock and requests memorials be to Building Fund of Shamrock Church of Christ; Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001; Amarillo Speech Hearing and Language Center, 1300 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo; or Meals on Wheels, 1416 West Eighth Ave., Room 106, Amarillo, TX 79101.

The body will be available for viewing today at Wright Funeral Home in Shamrock.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 26

1:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Nelson on a medical assist. No one was transported.

4:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo for a patient transfer to the 800 block of Bradley.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Dwight on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 1100 Farley on a medical assist and transported one patient to the Amarillo VA Medical Center.

9:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to U.S. 60 and Loop 171 for a mutual aid, with Wheeler EMS. One patient was transported to Baptist St. Anthony's West.

10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Wells on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

SUNDAY, April 27

1:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight on a lifting assistance. No one was transported.

2:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a location east of Pampa on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

3:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Nelson on a trauma. No one was transported.

5:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's.

MONDAY, April 28

12:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Twiford on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Kneecrackers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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.

TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, at Furr's Cafeteria. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-8018.

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Pampa Police Department for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, April 25

A hit and run was reported in the 200 block of Browning when an unknown vehicle struck a 1990 White Pontiac Grand Prix parked in front of a residence at 425 Wynne.

SATURDAY, April 26

A 1997 Nissan Altima driven by Anette Susan White, 23, 1117 Valton Dr., collided with a 1973 Oldsmobile Delta driven by Aretha Victoria Brown, 17, 1101 Huff Rd., in the 600 block of West Crawford. White was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, April 27

Rhonda Michelle Glass, 22, of McLean was arrested on two Pampa Police Department warrants. She was released after paying a cash bond.

Authorities jail wrong man for another's crimes

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A career criminal who uses the name Joseph Robinton has been on the run from Texas authorities since 1995. Louisiana resident Joseph Robinton wishes the fugitive had chosen another name.

Robinton, of Bethay, spent 34 days in the Caddo Correctional Center for a crime that another man committed in Fort Worth.

No one knows for sure what the other man's name is. Authorities said he apparently has stolen the names, Social Security numbers and birthdates of at least seven other men.

In the meantime, Robinton fell victim.

"It's scary. It could happen to anybody," he said. The saga began on Feb. 10 when Robinton called the Caddo Parish sheriff's office to his Bethany home to file a missing person's report on a relative who later returned.

When deputies showed up to take the report, they saw wires bypassing Robinton's electrical meter. Deputies also conducted a routine check on Robinton and found that Tarrant County authorities in Fort Worth had a warrant for his arrest.

Robinton was arrested and booked with theft of utilities and held on the Texas warrant.

Robinton knew why deputies were accusing him of utility theft. He had no idea why they thought he had committed a crime in Fort Worth. The last time he had been there was in 1973.

In jail, Robinton sent memos to law enforcement officials claiming his innocence on the Fort Worth charge, which he eventually found out was for perjury.

Under normal circumstances, Robinton would have been released after posting a \$2,500 bond on the theft charge, which still is pending.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 48-hour period ending 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 26

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of East Harvester. Damage and loss to a 1995 Kenworth was estimated to be \$350.

A theft of a 12-foot single axle trailer valued at \$2000 was reported in the 300 block of Canadian.

A theft of a .45 caliber Smith & Wesson handgun, valued at \$750, and armour piercing ammunition was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.

Officers reported a narcotics violation in the 300 block of East Brown. Two suspects were arrested for possession of marijuana.

A domestic assault with bodily injury was reported at the police station. One suspect was arrested.

Arrests

SATURDAY, April 26

Steven Emmanuel Rossiter, 19, 102 N. Nelson, was arrested on three municipal warrants. He was released after paying a cash bond.

Cheryl Renay Foster, 28, 405 Doyle, was arrested

Skellytown fish fry



Bob Jones, Guy McKissick and Lewis Churchwell relax after enjoying a fish and calf fry Sunday at the Skellytown Community Center. A group of residents prepared the meal as a get-together for food and fellowship.

Czars' jewels go to embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crown jewels of the Russian empire, locked in the vaults of the Corcoran Gallery of Art the last two weeks because of a dispute, will be returned to the Russian Embassy, a Corcoran official said today.

It was not yet clear, however, whether the imminent end to the dispute meant that the jewels' first tour of the United States would continue, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Spokesmen for lawyers negotiating the dispute said they hoped for an agreement later today.

The show was due to open at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts on May 11 and then to go on to

Memphis, Tenn., and four other cities.

But for the last two weeks, the exhibit instead has been mired in a dispute between the American Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation, headed by former Rep. James W. Symington and Russian authorities.

"It's all about money," said the Corcoran official.

When the dispute became public after the Corcoran show closed April 13, the Russian Embassy demanded that the jewels and other exhibit items be returned to the embassy.

Cars from the embassy blocked a big trailer truck already loaded with court ladies' gowns, icons, paintings and bishops' vestments.

on one county and two municipal warrants. She remains in custody.

SUNDAY, April 27

Lesley Wayne Alexander, 34, 2600 N. Hobart #E6, was arrested on a charge of assault with injuries. He was released after paying a cash bond.

James Glen Hooker, 26, 320 1/2 N. Nelson, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. He remains in custody.

Alisha Jean Smith, 28, 617 E. Campbell, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. She remains in custody.

Kimberly Dawn Morris, 30, of Lefors was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. She was released after paying a cash bond.

Amanda Joe Botello, 22, 421 N. Doucette, was arrested on a capias warrant. She was released after paying fines.

MONDAY, April 28

Alva Leroy Marshman, 33, of Borger was arrested on charges of no valid driver's license, no liability insurance, a fictitious tag and a fictitious insurance sticker. He remains in custody.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 26

7:13 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 318 Jean for a hazardous removal.

7:47 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to 1137 Farley for a lifting assist.

9:12 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Russell on a good intent call.

MONDAY, April 28

7:36 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1237 S. Barnes on a motor vehicle accident.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, generally fair with a low in the mid 40s and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, generally sunny with a high near 80 and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Additional rainfall over the weekend brought Pampa's total for April to 11.71 inches and for the year to date to 13.64 inches.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy to fair with lows in mid to upper 40s. Tuesday, partly sunny and windy with highs in mid 70s to around 80. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows low to mid 50s. Tuesday, fair and windy. Highs 85-90. North Texas — Tonight, patchy

fog developing over the east late, otherwise mostly clear. Lows 51 to 55. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Windy central and west. Highs 77 northeast to 88 southwest.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 50s, near 50 Hill Country. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warm. Highs in upper 80s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy this evening with patchy fog or low clouds developing toward morning. Lows in low 50s inland to near 60 coast. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in low 80s inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 60 coast to upper 50s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warm. Highs in mid 80s

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy north with mostly fair skies south. Slight chance of early evening and early morning showers far north. Lows mid 20s to low 40s mountains with 40s to mid 50s elsewhere. Tuesday, windy in the afternoon. Continued mostly fair skies and a little warmer south. Partly cloudy north with a few showers and thunderstorms, most likely over and near the mountains. Highs mid 50s to low 70s mountains and northwest with mid 70s to near 90 east and south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Tuesday, clear to partly cloudy. Highs upper 70s to mid 80s.

City briefs

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MARTIAL ARTS adult classes

starting May 5th, Mondays and Thursdays. 665-8554. Adv.

PIZZA HUT Delivery open for breakfast 7-11 a.m. Carry out or delivery. 665-0887. Adv.

FLOWER SALE at All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Adv.

DALE'S CAR Wash now doing paintless dent repair, hail damage, door dings. No painting. 665-3341. Adv.

TWICE IS Nice Children's

Consignment Shop now accepting spring and summer children's clothing 10:30 - 3 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Store opening Saturday May 3rd, next to Subway. 665-3989. Adv.

MEN'S NIGHT - Tuesday night, at the Landmark. Come check out the specials! 618 W. Foster. Adv.

CHADD & RYNE Malone are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby brother, Reid Andrew, born April 21, 1997 weighing 9 lbs. and 5 ozs. Proud parents are Johnny and Cheryl Malone. Proud grandparents are Larry and Linda Starnes and Harold and Neva Malone. Adv.

ESTATE SALE all week at 308 N. Christy and 320 N. Christy. Adv.

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Seven of the world's richest nations want dollar to stabilize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finance ministers and central bankers from seven of the world's richest nations want the soaring U.S. dollar to stabilize on exchange markets. But their warning was vague, and currency traders began at once to test their resolve.

After a five-hour meeting at the Treasury Department Sunday, officials from the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan issued a statement saying they had "agreed to monitor developments and to cooperate as appropriate in exchange markets."

The statement provided no specific targets for stemming the dollar's rise against the yen, which is essentially what is bothering officials from the Group of Seven.

Currency traders in Tokyo pushed the dollar to 126.74 yen in late afternoon trading today, up from around 126.25 late Friday in New York.

Dealers in Europe forecast the dollar will make it up to the 128 level. The dollar also moved up against the German mark, hitting 1.7313 compared to Friday's 1.7274. European dealers said the mark was on its way to 1.80.

Analysts said the G-7 statement was a veiled threat to support U.S. and Japanese intervention in currency markets, if necessary, by purchasing massive amounts of yen and selling dollars.

"What they've done is throw down the gauntlet," said Robert Dederick, an economist with Northern Trust Co. of Chicago. "But they've also set themselves a considerable task because if the markets think they have made a mistake then they will have to act."

A Tokyo-based dealer at a Dutch bank said nothing new came out of the G-7 communique.

"It's a yen-selling factor so gradually the market will test the upside" or see if the dollar will go

through the psychological resistance point of 127 yen to the dollar, the banker said.

"Nothing G-7 said alters the fundamentals," said Michael Burke, an international economist at Citibank in London. He called their statement "mildly stronger" than one they made after their meeting in Berlin in February when they said they felt the dollar's correction from 1995 lows had gone far enough.

Before the G-7 meeting, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin met with Hiroshi Mitsuoka, Japan's finance minister. In a statement that was slightly stronger than the G-7 declaration, the two "reaffirmed their commitment to cooperate closely in exchange markets as appropriate."

Japanese officials hinted two weeks ago they were prepared to intervene to halt their currency's slide. Rubin has said he shares Japanese officials' concern but has avoided commenting

directly on the possibility of intervention.

Central bankers do not have enough reserves to control exchange rates outright. They can make traders wary of pushing the dollar too high by intervening now and again to cause unexpected losses. Japanese intervention alone would not have the same effect.

After the G-7 meeting, Rubin said he did not want to elaborate on their statement. "It's been very carefully crafted ... and I think it speaks for itself."

In addition to agreeing to watch the market, the statement said the G-7 countries emphasized "the importance of avoiding exchange rates that could lead to the reemergence of large external imbalances."

This was a reference to the Japanese trade surplus. A weak-but-stable yen helps Japan by keeping the price of its exports low.

Lake full of water



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Water laps against the top of the Lake McClellan dam over the weekend after the latest rain storms caused the water to flow over the spillway for the first time in 12 years. The waters rushing into the lake from the record-breaking rains in April put the lake's depth at more than 20 feet now.

Republic of Texas digs in after trade off between hostages and jailed member

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — A militant separatist group swapped two hostages for one of its two jailed members early today, more than 12 hours after invading a neighbor's home and triggering a standoff with police.

But the self-styled Republic of Texas "ambassador" said the group wouldn't give up and was "digging in."

"They released one of our people, our captain," Richard McLaren told the *San Antonio Express-News* by cell phone from his so-called "embassy" in the rugged Davis Mountains.

"He's back at the embassy. All our boys are back. We're digging in."

The Republic released hostages Joe Rowe and his wife, Margaret Ann Rowe, in a swap for Robert Jonathan Scheidt, arrested early Sunday on a weapons violation, Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lauren Chernow said.

At least three dozen state and local police who surrounded the remote subdivision called Davis Mountains Resort remained in position and would resume negotiations with the group later this morning, Mrs. Chernow said.

Reporters were kept at a rest stop several miles from the

entrance to the site, 75 miles north of the Mexico border and 220 miles south of El Paso, the nearest major city.

Joe Rowe, who suffered a minor gunshot wound to the shoulder, was wheeled on a stretcher into Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine. He was listed in stable condition.

The standoff began about noon Sunday, and McLaren said hours later that the Rowe would be released in exchange for two Republic members: Scheidt, a 43-year-old identified as "captain of the embassy guard," and Jo Ann Canady Turner, arrested in Austin last week on two contempt charges. Ms. Turner remains in custody.

McLaren also demanded another concession.

"We want them to ... agree to a referendum to allow Texans to vote on the independence issue," he told San Antonio radio station WOAI.

McLaren apparently was not part of the assault on the Rowes and remained about 15 miles away at the "embassy," a ramshackle trailer surrounded by trees. Richard Keys, the "militia lieutenant commander," claimed to be in charge at the Rowe house.

The group has refused to specify its numbers, and the DPS declined to speculate.

Ms. Chernow said the Rowes' home, which overlooks the only road into the development, remained occupied early today.

Although the hostages were released, other residents remained in some 90 homes scattered over thousands of acres of rugged high-desert terrain covered with prickly pear cacti in lower elevations and thick stands of pines up higher.

Some of the residents said Sunday that they would be afraid to traverse the road because that would mean passing the Rowe house.

"We would like to advise them to stay calm," DPS spokeswoman Lucila Torres said of the residents.

Residents had been complaining for months about McLaren, a wild-haired, lanky 43-year-old who has filed property liens against his neighbors and threatened them with machine guns. He had been avoiding an arrest warrant since last December for filing bogus liens.

"We've been telling people ... this was going to happen," area resident Michelle Behrendt said. "They (authorities) sat on their thumbs and did nothing."

Death of fetus hot issue at state capital

AUSTIN (AP) — Baby Krystal's crib, clothes and blankets have long been packed away, unused. The man convicted of causing her death in a drunken driving accident is behind bars. Her family is mourning still.

But their grief would be even harder to bear if the man who caused the wreck couldn't have been charged with a crime against the infant, says Krystal Zuniga's grandmother, Rebecca Coronado of Corpus Christi.

That could have happened: Krystal was still in the womb when the accident occurred last June, and a fetus isn't considered an individual under Texas law. Prosecution occurred because she lived for a short time after her emergency, premature delivery.

Krystal's case, and others, have prompted proposals to allow for prosecution when a fetus capable of being born alive is injured or killed.

Abortion and acts by the mother would be excluded.

One bill, by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, is scheduled for a House committee hearing this week. A March hearing for another, by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, was canceled and hasn't been rescheduled. Similar measures have been filed by other lawmakers.

"What we're simply trying to address is where someone does injury to a woman carrying a child and the child is killed," Smithee said. "There's been a tremendous loss to that woman and that family. Yet there may not be any way to prosecute the perpetrator."

Harris — while calling his bill "unequivocally, totally separate" from anti-abortion efforts — said Friday that before pushing it further he is waiting to see what the House does with a Senate-passed bill requiring parental notification for minors to get abortions.

"That whole area has gotten so volatile and confused in people's minds that I just think it's better not to distract from the parental notification at this point," said Harris, whose bill also would allow for civil lawsuits by the parents of a viable fetus who died.

Although bills' chance of passage get dimmer as the June 2 end of the legislative session draws near, supporters haven't given up hope.

"It's very important," Mrs. Coronado said of the legislation. "What gives people the right to take away a human being's life? You just can't say, 'He did this to you. Just forget about it.'"

"It's something that's with you for the rest of your life."

Krystal was delivered 1 1/2 months premature after Frank Flores Cuellar's truck crashed into her mother's car. She died 44 hours after birth from head injuries suffered in the accident.

Bill proposes license plates for out-of-state schools

AUSTIN (AP) — If Rep. Glen Lewis has his way, Texans who want to pledge their allegiance to out-of-state universities soon will be able to — on Texas license plates.

The Fort Worth Democrat is supporting a bill that would allow the state to produce license plates that carry the logos of other states' schools.

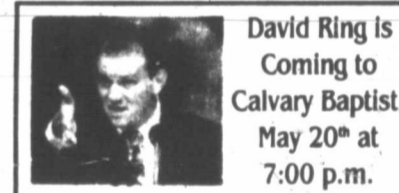
"These folks are citizens of the state," Lewis said of people clamoring for out-of-state university plates. "They just chose to go to school outside the state of Texas."

Specialized plates raise millions of dollars for the state and the schools every year.

Under existing law, \$25 of the \$30 fee charged for collegiate Texas plates goes to the university.

Under the Lewis plan, which is pending in the House Transportation Committee, the money from out-of-state university plates would go to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, not to the non-Texas schools.

"I figured as long as the state of Texas gets the money, it shouldn't make any difference to the state," Lewis said.



David Ring is Coming to Calvary Baptist, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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Immigrant smuggler brags to agents posing as coyotes

HOUSTON (AP) — Over drinks in a Mexico City bar, Gladys Perdomo Board bragged how she bribed top Mexican officials, carried a gun, even hired federal police to hunt down those who betrayed her.

She had no idea she was talking

to a pair of agents from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service posing as out-of-work "coyotes," slang for transporters of illegal immigrants.

After that meeting 14 months ago, Ms. Board's comfortable and very profitable life came crashing

down around her, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

Along with it fell an entire smuggling gang that earned millions each year transporting about 50 illegal immigrants a month — usually from India and Pakistan — to Houston and other U.S. cities.

Ms. Board's cut was generous — \$8,000 of the hefty \$28,000 fee her smuggling gang charged for each immigrant escorted to the United States.

"It's easy," the 51-year-old former Houston real estate agent told the *Chronicle*. "If you got money, you got everything you want."

Now the Honduran-born Board sits in a jail cell in Victoria, awaiting transfer to federal prison, where she will serve a 15-month sentence for smuggling. She was arrested March 1, 1996.

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Opinion

Government must get past myopia

The United States is proposing to set up a joint Israeli-Palestinian anti-terrorist group to quell Mideast violence. The U.S. also hopes President Clinton will talk some sense into Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his coming visit to Washington.

Such actions certainly sound good, but they will accomplish little until Western governments gain a firmer grasp on the source of the latest disruptions to the so-called peace process.

Contrary to popular belief, that source is not Israeli construction of apartments in so-called Arab East Jerusalem. Continuing troubles between Palestinians and Israelis have more to do with the West's refusal to hold Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority to the same standards it holds Israel's much-maligned government.

This double-standard has emboldened Palestinian demands and has encouraged their leaders to promote violence when peace negotiations haven't gone their way. We saw violence months ago after Israel's opening of an archaeological tunnel and again as it builds an East Jerusalem housing complex. So much misinformation is spread about the current crisis that it's hard to know where to begin to correct it. For starters, Jews have lived in East Jerusalem since biblical times. Arafat, not the Israelis, has flouted the Oslo peace agreements. Strong evidence exists that recent violence was instigated by Palestinian leaders, and was not the spontaneous uprising the Western media have described.

Most significant, if Israel delayed the housing complex, it would essentially admit East Jerusalem was not under its control. This would legitimize Arafat's desire to divide that city and overlook what happened last time Arabs controlled East Jerusalem — Jordan tried to exterminate the Jewish population. And dividing Jerusalem, by the way, was not part of the Oslo agreement.

Arafat's game is obvious. "The overall strategy," *The New York Times*' A.M. Rosenthal wrote, "is to take every concession provided under the 1993 Oslo agreement to negotiate a peace, and bank it. Then use terrorism, police firepower, unfounded vilification of Jews (Israelis injected HIV into 300 Palestinians, proclaimed a high-Arafat aide) and the threat of military conflict to obtain what has not been agreed to — such as Palestinian statehood, control of the whole West Bank or rule over Jerusalem in stages."

The Western media should hold Arafat accountable for the suicide bombs, the killings of Israeli children and his flagrant violations of Oslo limits on the size of the Palestinian militia. Then, perhaps, he might be forced to act more reasonably. Instead, Western correspondents fawn over Arafat and condemn Netanyahu for his hardball negotiations. No wonder Arafat's demands grow more strident each passing day.

We're told that if Israel doesn't give Arafat a foot hold in Jerusalem, if it doesn't turn over all of the West Bank and Gaza, if it doesn't prepare to carve from its tiny land mass a Palestinian state, then Israel is at fault.

This is nonsense. The sooner Western leaders open their eyes to what Arafat is doing, the sooner the Israelis and Palestinians can create a real peace based on security rather than myopia.

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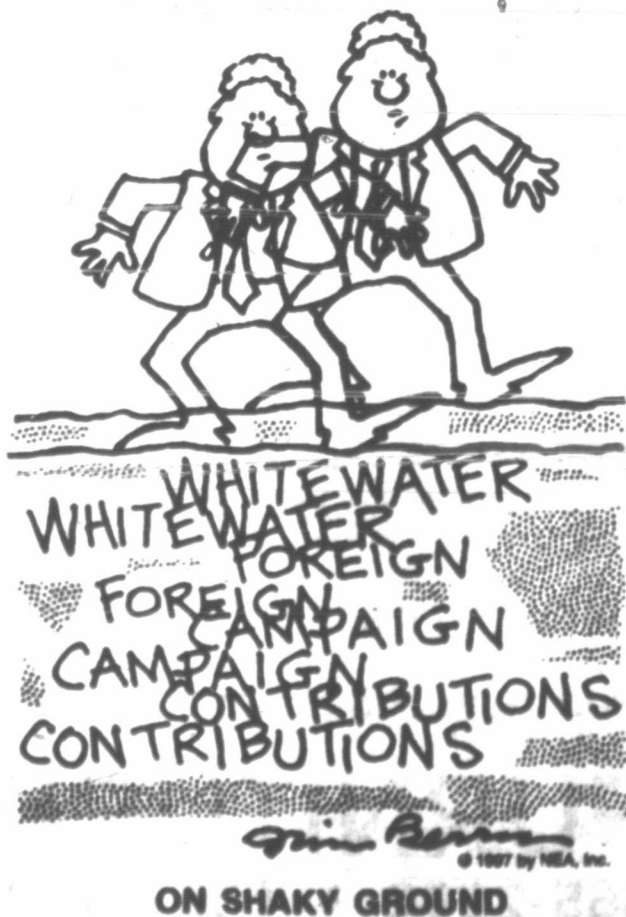
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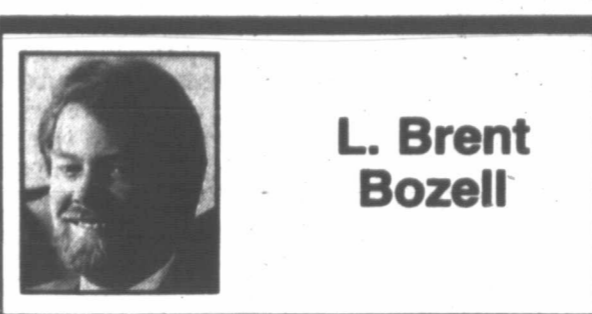
Newt on art: Does he mean it?

Something — principle? desperation? a spring breeze? — has motivated Newt Gingrich to stiffen his spine on the topic of federal arts funding. The speaker may revert to what some claim to be an all-too-frequent jellyfish mode, but for the time being, the right feels encouraged.

After talking tough to the thugs who run China, now comes the hard part: Gingrich proposes to stand up to the arts establishment and call for the elimination of the NEA. Though he deserves credit for speaking out, let us remember that it was only two years ago, in the heady days of the Republican revolution, when such talk was GOP House orthodoxy and the legislation to carry out this task was a veritable fait accompli.

To criticize federal funding for obscene art is simply to articulate common sense, and to oppose federal arts funding is merely to assert basic conservative doctrine, period. But this time, Gingrich went the extra mile to put some of the NEA's most prominent advocates, the megabuck celebrities, on the defensive. "If the people who come to lobby us who are famous and rich (would) dedicate one percent of their gross income to an American Endowment for the Arts," Gingrich declared, "they would fund a bigger system than the National Endowment ... (Stars) should not come (to Capitol Hill) to ask us to raise taxes on \$24,000-a-year workers in order to transfer the money to New York and California."

A case in point is New York's Whitney Museum, to which the NEA gave \$400,000 the same day that Gingrich made his remarks. What can one see at the Whitney? For one thing, according to the *Kansas City Star*, a "wildly perverted Santa's workshop" in which the characters, covered with chocolate sauce, "perform ... lewd acts with stuffed animals." Also displayed at the museum are still photos from



L. Brent Bozell

Watermelon Woman, an NEA-funded movie about black lesbians.

Gingrich, of course, is arguing not for a reformed NEA that would stop funding only projects like those at the Whitney, but rather for the NEA's abolition. But is he sincere? Two incidents earlier this year give cause for skepticism. On March 11, several actors, including the liberal blowhard Alec Baldwin, descended on the Capitol to press for arts funding. Baldwin and his fellow lobbyists-for-a-day were in the office of Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.) and asked him to arrange for them a meeting with Gingrich.

Foley called Gingrich, who agreed to the request. Baldwin later opined that he was "impressed with ... Gingrich regarding this issue."

Already upset with Newt's public overtures to Jesse Jackson, the Baldwin meeting represented, in the eyes of many conservatives, another nonsensical overture to the enemy. And make no mistake, Baldwin hates conservatives. He's a fiercely partisan bore at best, an intemperate extremist at worst. In the February edition of *Us* magazine, for example, he raged, "The people who run the Republican Party ... are really rotten, nasty, horrible human beings (who) want to hurt" Bill Clinton. After the

interviewer asked who these "evil men" might be, the first words out of Baldwin's mouth were, "Newt Gingrich."

Harsh rhetoric aside, there's the narrower question of Baldwin and Gingrich's sharp disagreement over the NEA. In 1995, Gingrich stated that the Endowment supplied "art patronage for an elite group ... and (funded) avant-garde people who are explicitly not accepted by most of the taxpayers who are coerced into paying for it."

So why huddle with a man who despises your movement and whose whole purpose for a meeting was to salvage that which Newt had pledged to terminate? It can't be that the speaker was unaware of Baldwin's positions. *Us* is not an obscure magazine. Its circulation is 1.1 million, and its total readership is estimated at 4.5 million. Quite simply, it was poor political judgment, if not a signal that Gingrich's position on NEA funding was changing.

Gingrich squandered more conservative good will on February 12. The *Weekly Standard* reported that at a Washington dinner honoring Ward Connerly, the force behind the California Civil Rights Initiative, Gingrich delivered a stirring anti-affirmative-action speech and was rewarded with a standing ovation. Later that evening, though, the speaker said that legislation proposed by Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.) outlawing federally sponsored affirmative action was not "a top priority." Canady, according to the *Standard*, called "the discrepancy between Gingrich's words and deeds 'bizarre.'"

As it would be if Gingrich backed down from his current position on the NEA. This issue is a test for Newt and his leadership abilities. If he stands firm, he burnishes his credentials to lead on the budget and taxes. If he doesn't, it could be the last straw for many of his loyalists.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 28, the 118th day of 1997. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on April 28, 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsa wood raft named the Kon-Tiki on a 101-day journey across the Pacific Ocean to Polynesia.

On this date:

In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Captain William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Pennsylvania 6-5000" for RCA Victor.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by partisans as they attempted to flee the country.



Ellen DeGeneres comes out: Yawn

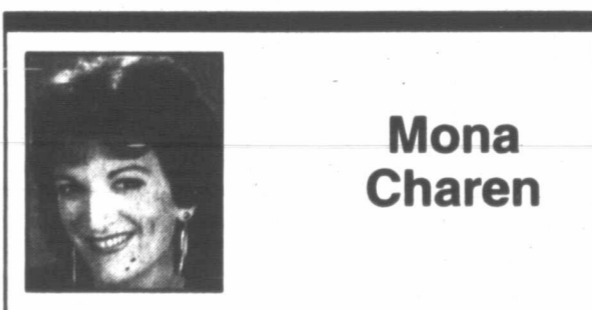
The headline on the *Time* magazine story struck the predictable tone: "Roll Over Ward Cleaver ... Ellen DeGeneres is Poised to Become TV's First Openly Gay Star. Is America Ready or Not?"

Is America ready? The question assumes so much. It assumes that history is moving inexorably in the direction of tolerance and total acceptance of homosexuality and that it is only a question of time. If we're ready, we have reached a level of maturity. If we're not ready, well, the producers and stars of *Ellen* will be remembered as brave pioneers.

They do give themselves airs, don't they, these TV folks? Their self-glorification over the *Ellen* coming-out party has been particularly egregious. We're so brave, so ready to risk losing advertisers. (Why, just think, instead of running Chrysler ads, we might have to make do with Kodak or some other giant of the military industrial complex.) We open-minded progressives here in Hollywood are so burdened by having to educate and uplift the benighted masses out there — those narrow-minded Neanderthals whose willingness to tune us in has secured our Bel Air mansions.

Bill Kristol said it best. If *Ellen* were truly courageous, she would come out as a Republican or a religious Christian. That would help the producers to discover what true courage is. Can you imagine the reaction of Alec Baldwin or Barbra Streisand?

The actress who plays *Ellen* has also announced her lesbianism on the cover of *Time*, saying, "I did it for my own truth." Revealing one's homosexuality these days is about as startling as having accepted illegal campaign contributions. But *Ellen DeGeneres* also said something quite telling. Remarking that



Mona Charen

she'd like to move on and get this sexuality discussion behind her (are we being just a tad disingenuous here?), she quipped, "Maybe I'll find something even bigger to do later on. Maybe I'll become black."

That's the heart of our problem, the core reason we cannot find the vocabulary to object to a gay-rights agenda. Every group that appeals for special — i.e. minority — status in America today is riding on the coattails of American blacks. America has a permanent bad conscience about the treatment of blacks. Accordingly, as the writer David Frum puts it, "Americans seem always to be saying to themselves, 'If we were wrong about segregation, perhaps we're wrong about gays, or women, or fill in the blank.'"

Knowing this, knowing the enormous power of the analogy to blacks, every group with a grievance and an agenda has sought to define itself as just like blacks. Feminists were the first to seize the mantle, declaring simultaneously that women were an oppressed minority group (though a majority) and no different from men. The line then formed at the

left, with Asians, Hispanics, homosexuals, the handicapped and the rest queuing up to claim the tremendous moral authority of the civil-rights crusade.

Now comes *Ellen* to break new ground. What new ground, you ask? Aren't there already numerous (22 according to one count) gay characters on network television? And are they not always, absolutely always, portrayed as positively saintly human beings in loving, monogamous relationships?

Part of the reason conservatives object to *Ellen* is that they are probably braced for another bombastic bit of propaganda for the gay-rights cause.

The truth is that lesbians are not like blacks and their claims present different problems. For society to recognize and legitimize homosexual unions would undermine the purpose of marriage, which is to create and support families. Happiness tends to be a byproduct of normal marriage, but that is irrelevant to the state.

Homosexuals deserve tolerance, but their unions cannot be considered (Hollywood notwithstanding) the equal of heterosexual ones. If we legitimize homosexual marriage, we must risk creating more homosexuality because there is some segment of the population (we can't know how large) that is suggestible. In other words, humans are not born gay or straight. They are born with certain tendencies. Experience will shape them. So will fashion. In Fairfax County, Va., it has become the "in" thing for teenagers to say they are "bi." Did fashion play no role in that?

Only those who are indifferent to that effect can greet *Ellen's* coming out with equanimity.

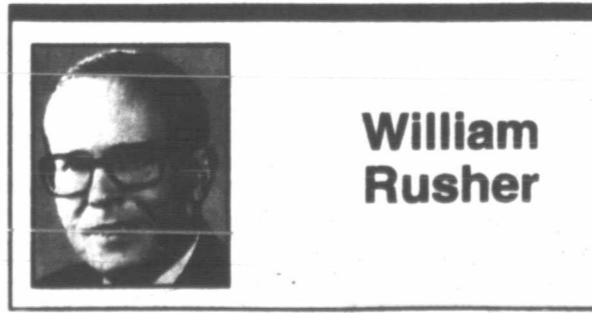
Clinton successfully plays family card

In recent decades the so-called "family issues" have seemed almost wholly owned by the Republican Party. While the Democrats prospected for votes among allegedly "victimized minorities," from blacks and homosexuals to pot-smokers and American Indians, the GOP has been happy to portray itself as the natural home of the American family and the defender of its interests: the sanctity of marriage, and opposition to all the newer "lifestyles" seeking to compete with it. The result, more often than not, has been Republican victories on Election Day.

The Democrats have had the very devil of a time countering this Republican strategy. On the last evening of the 1988 Democratic convention, after Michael Dukakis had accepted the party's presidential nomination, the children of virtually every major figure in the party, from Dukakis to Jesse Jackson, were paraded across the stage under the benevolent gaze of the television cameras — the idea presumably being to try to convince America's voters that Democratic politicians have families too, and can be counted on to watch out for their interests.

More recently, House minority leader Richard Gephardt has taken to expressing loud sympathy for "America's working families," an expression that seems to combine an implicit fondness for families with a coy suggestion that only those whose breadwinner belongs to the AFL-CIO really qualify as "working."

But it is President Clinton, and more particularly



William Rusher

his political Rasputin Dick Morris, who hit on the idea that made it possible for the Democratic Party to stand forth, at last, as a defender of "family values."

Like most great ideas, this one was simple: Propose minor, even trivial, "reforms" that deal with the minutiae of daily living in American families. That was the idea behind the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, which allows employees to take up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave a year to care for a newborn or adopted child, or to attend to their own serious health problems or to care for a seriously ill parent, child or spouse.

Never mind that most employers already give their workers reasonable time off for all these purposes: As with Christmas cards, it's the thought that counts (politically).

Better yet, propose a long series of such "reforms" one at a time — dribble them out every day or so, as Clinton did on the train that slowly

bore him to Detroit for his renomination, thus compelling the media to give each one far more attention than it deserved. Thus we got the proposal for a 10 p.m. curfew on youngsters (leaving some of us to wonder whatever happened to midnight basketball) and the presidential endorsement of uniforms for schoolchildren, to keep the poor ones from being embarrassed by their clothes.

It was also in 1996 that Clinton called for expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to give employees an additional 24 hours of unpaid leave per year to attend parent-teacher conferences, take a child to the doctor or dentist, find child care, or help an elderly relative with medical appointments or other services.

There is not the slightest evidence that any of these steps addresses any pressing need in American society that is currently going unmet; but collectively they proclaim Clinton's compassionate concern for the American family — and that, of course, is exactly what they are designed to do.

In addition, unlike the federal handouts the Democrats have long used to seduce voters, these goodies add not one nickel to the federal deficit. Consumer prices will ultimately have to rise to absorb their cost, but who's counting?

Precisely where in the Constitution is the federal chief executive empowered to concern himself with giving employees 24 hours of leave annually to attend parent-teacher conferences is a good question — but hey, it proves he's warmhearted, doesn't it?

Gays, lesbians set to celebrate 'Ellen' episode

NEW YORK (AP) — The invitations are out and so, no doubt, are a lot of the revelers. At least 30,000 invitations have been mailed around the country, and as far away as Finland and Japan, urging people to "come out" in celebration of Wednesday night's episode of *Ellen*, in which the title character reveals she's a lesbian.

"If Ellen Morgan can come out to the world ... you can come out to your family, friends and co-workers," says one of a variety of bids sent out for a multitude of parties. Among the festivities are a mid-night costume party at the Cambridge, Mass., home of a Harvard theater student and a fund-raiser thrown by a financial adviser in Manhattan.

While many gays and lesbians say the "coming out" episode is a milestone in their efforts for equal rights, others bristle at the heavy promotion and commercialism of the event.

In San Francisco's Castro district, a number of parties with the pointedly alternative theme "Come Out With Ellen" will honor

Allen Ginsberg, the gay poet who died earlier this month — "a TRUE cultural warrior," says longtime gay activist Robert Bray.

San Franciscans have been spotted in T-shirts with the last name of the ABC show's star, Ellen DeGeneres, crossed out and replaced with "Ginsberg." Pink-and-black bumper stickers in the Castro read "Ellen — come out already."

DeGeneres did just that, of course, in prominent magazine and television interviews prior to the show in which her character, Ellen Morgan, announces to her therapist she's attracted to women.

The general reaction from gays and lesbians to the coming out of both Ellens — from towns in the Midwest to such centers of gay life as the Castro and New York's Greenwich Village — has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

"This is a very big deal for us," said Sky Johnson, media director for the Gay and Lesbian Cultural Center in Los Angeles.

"There's a shelter here filled with gay and lesbian youths who

were kicked out of their homes. ... To many people, this is going to be hugely important."

In Los Angeles, GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) was struggling to keep up with demand for its "Come Out With Ellen" party kits, which include invitations, a poster of DeGeneres, information about gay rights and a letter from Chastity Bono — GLAAD's media director and the daughter of Sonny Bono and Cher.

"I've sent out more than 1,500 coming-out kits already to all 50 states and to five foreign countries," said Don Romesburg, a GLAAD spokesman in San Francisco.

"At first I thought I'd just have a few friends over for the occasion. I didn't realize how in vogue the whole thing would get," said Kathy Bresnan, 32, a financial adviser at American Express in New York.

She's invited a dozen or so guests, each of whom has been asked to contribute at least \$10 to GLAAD. And she hopes one particular guest will use the occasion

to come out as a lesbian herself that night.

Like Bresnan's party, many of the gatherings are intended as fund-raisers, but groups would not estimate how much they expect to raise.

"The scope of this is much bigger than anything we've ever tried before," said Kim Mills, spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C., which has distributed more than 2,600 of its own *Ellen* party kits.

The biggest parties are planned for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington and New York, but they're ready to celebrate in the heartland, too.

"Lots of people are having 'Ellen' parties, and the campus is also sponsoring something," said Jeff Krotz, president of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

What has soured some gay Americans on the episode and its attendant hoopla is the sudden fascination with gay issues in the mainstream media, prompted by the life of a fictional TV character.



(Special photo)

Whitney Erin Roe

Former Pampans' daughter takes Little Miss Borger title

Whitney Erin Roe, age four, was crowned "Little Miss Borger" in the Miss Borger Teen Pageant recently in Borger, a community service program sponsored by the Borger Noon Lions Club.

She competed with seven others in the ages four to six categories. Each contestant modeled clothing and sat for interviews with the judges.

The Lions' sponsored pageant is an annual project to raise funds for year-long activities put on by the organization. The more recent community project collecting more than 1,500 pairs of used eyeglasses was held March 22 in conjunction with the District 2-T1 Eyeglass Project. More than 5,000 eyeglasses were collected from all over the district and turned in at the close of the

District Lions Club Queen contest held April 26 in Amarillo.

The eyeglasses will be shared with the needy and with people of the Third World, said LaRona Maxwell, pageant coordinator and a Lions Club volunteer.

Whitney is currently the "Diamond Miss Glamour Girl" of the state of Kansas, which crown she will pass to the new contest winner in July. She competed in the top five of the Nationals Pageant in Oklahoma City in July 1996 and will compete again for the 1997 title.

Her parents are Jon and Leslie Roe, formerly of Pampa, now living in Borger. She is the granddaughter of Donnie and Jan Woods and Bill and Barbara Roe of Skellytown, and great-granddaughter of Marie Van Ortwick of Pampa.

IRS-mandated fuel can cause problems

NEW YORK (AP) — A red dye the federal government requires in diesel fuel may damage aircraft engines and already has forced the temporary closing of one airport, *The New York Times* reported today.

Tests indicate the dye, used in some diesel fuel since 1994 because of an Internal Revenue Service regulation, can turn into a tar-like substance when heated that clogs fuel nozzles in jet engines.

The diesel fuel passes through the same pipelines that are used for aviation fuel.

Even a minute amount of the dye contaminant can cause problems; only eleven parts of dye per million parts of diesel fuel can turn fuel bright red. Jet fuel is considered contaminated if it has the slightest pink tinge. Its normal color is paler than white wine.

"The likelihood of a major airport shutdown because of red dye contamination in jet fuel is a serious concern for the aviation industry," the Boeing Co. warned its customers in November, the report said.

Boeing Field/King County International Airport in Seattle was forced to close temporarily Aug. 1 after a worker discovered the fuel was rose colored, according to the report. All of the fuel tanks in six airplanes had to be drained and purged.

Smaller such occurrences have caused disruptions at several other airports, including La Guardia, Miami International and Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia, the *Times* said.

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Clinton, former presidents join forces to start civic trend

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Clearing away the grime and graffiti on Germantown Avenue was the easy part. Now President Clinton and his predecessors are trying to transform their summit on community service into a must-do movement to save the nation's most vulnerable children.

"Yes, we're a great volunteering country, but we can do more, more of us can do it and we've got to focus on the children," Clinton said in a taped interview on ABC today that previewed the "call to action" he was sounding later in the day at Independence Hall.

Former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford and former first lady Nancy Reagan were joining him to give a bipartisan stamp of approval to the effort.

Celebrities from Oprah Winfrey and Wynonna Judd Kelley to Tony Bennett and John Travolta lent their star power to the effort at an evening gala Sunday celebrating those who serve.

"It's about teaming those who do with those who have for those who need," Winfrey told a cheering crowd.

The high-octane emphasis on community service reflects a change in the political landscape: Democrat Clinton has joined Republicans in endorsing smaller government and greater personal initiative to help solve America's problems.

"I believe in the combination of the government doing its jobs and citizens doing their jobs. And that's how the country works best," Clinton said in a taped interview today on NBC's *Today* show. He told ABC's *Good Morning America* that some problems simply can't be solved by government: "Kids still need one-on-one involvement with caring adults," he said.

The summit's long-range goals: improving the lives of at least two million of America's 15 million at-risk children by the year 2000 through mentors, safe places to learn, medical

attention, job skills and chances to serve.

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, the chairman of the summit, acknowledged the outcome is uncertain: "For those who say, 'How far can you get?' the answer is: not sure yet. There are 15 million young Americans in need, and we should not be satisfied until we have touched the life of every one."

Clinton was unveiling two new efforts today to reinforce the effort by:

—Expanding by 50,000 the number of scholarships available for AmeriCorps workers over the next five years by spending less per participant in the national service program. Clinton is encouraging corporations to help pay the difference.

—Providing \$20 million in federal grants to triple to more than 600 the number of students who can get college tuition in exchange for agreeing to work as police officers for four years after graduating.

Nation briefs

Pizza joint sabotaged by couple with similar phone number

KENNER, La. (AP) — It seemed strange — more and more customers telling managers at Papa John's Pizza they thought the restaurant had been closed by health officials.

The mystery ended when they learned that the answering machine of Don and Sharon Smith told callers: "Hello, this is Papa Don's. I'm sorry, at the present time we are not making or delivering pizzas due to problems with the health department. May we suggest that you call Domino's or Pizza Hut."

The Smiths' number is identical to that of Papa John's, except for one digit. They left the message after getting tired of late-night calls.

The Smiths have had the number since 1975 and put the message on a few months ago. Papa John's opened about three years ago.

A judge has ordered Smith to stop indicating that he is in the pizza business. An attorney for the pizza shop, Robert Garrity, said Papa John's has thousands

of dollars invested in materials that refer to the number.

Seismologists predict aftershocks will continue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of residents jolted out of sleep by earthquakes on two weekend mornings won't find any comfort in seismologists' predictions that aftershocks will continue.

The temblors were aftershocks to the 1994 Northridge earthquake that killed 72 people and caused \$25 billion in damage.

"We still get a few small aftershocks every week from Northridge, so to get a couple of 4- or 5-magnitude ones in the last few days is really not unusual," Jim Mori of the U.S. Geological Survey said. "It's not unusual for them to come together in a cluster."

About 80 Northridge aftershocks were recorded over the weekend. There have been more than 13,000 since the 1994 quake of 6.7 magnitude.

A magnitude 4.9 aftershock struck at 4:09 a.m. Sunday, almost exactly 24 hours after a

magnitude 5.0 hit the same area. No major damage or injuries were reported from either quake.

Champion whistler performs around the world

LOUISBURG, N.C. (AP) — You just put your lips together and ... blow.

No one did that better than Tanguay Desgagne of Sherbrook, Quebec, who became the new

international whistling grand champion Saturday at the 24th annual International Whistlers Convention and Music Festival.

Mary Frances Herndon of Sedalia, Mo., was named the female champion, while former grand champion Joel Brandon of Chicago was given the Hall of Fame Award. He is now whistling his way around the world, performing with symphonies and jazz orchestras.

Wilson School Honor Roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the fifth-six weeks for the 1996-1997 school year.

Second Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Megan Addington, Kirby Broadus, Shauna Gray, Kaley Maddox, Kenzi Nickell, Ashton Ray, Tanner Ray and Matthew Trusty.

A-B Honor Roll
Jenea Edie, Britnee Ledbetter, Justin Sealman, Alex Torres and Abby Weaver.

Third Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Alicia Anguiano, Chelsea Anderson, Jordan Douglas, Karli Douglas, Brandi Holden, Jon McCoy and Sarah Platt.

A-B Honor Roll
Cooper Crow, Adeena Dallas, Julie Jeter, Noe Roe, Julie Scott, Blake Smith, Anthony Staab, Erin Turner, Jose Venegas, Erin Watson and Jared Woodruff.

Fourth Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Kristen Boyd, Lyndsey Dyer, Angela Henthorn, Susan Jay, Amanda Rasmussen and

Wendi Miller.

A-B Honor Roll
Ruben Lerma, Kandice Maddox and Philip Staab.
Fifth Grade
All A's
Melissa Land, Tisha Platt, Cara Pryor, Bobby Wood and Zach Woodruff.

A-B Honor Roll
Cody Atwood, Brad Britten, Colt Cox, Nicky Davila, Benny Martinez, Ryan McCarley, Ashley Roe, Melissa Scobee, Jessy Silva, Luis Silva, Heather Staab, Amanda Stephenson, Jeff Trusty, Ashley Winton and Zack Woodruff.

Baker School Honor Roll

Baker Elementary School has announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks of the 1996-1997 school year.

Second Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Eliza Mungia, Colby Stevens, Cassy Tice, Samantha Wilson, Jamie Gonzales and Kali Jimenez.

A-B Honor Roll
Johnny Carver, Erica Wendt and Franky Ortega.

Third Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Adrian Puentes, Victoria Alfaró, Ernie Portillo, Nisha Kumar, Heather Balay, Christina Deleon, Dawnya Hicks, Noemi

Perez, David Ramirez and Josiah West.

A-B Honor Roll
Jennifer Oxley and Jose Nunez.
Fourth Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Rudy Loera and Jaime Resendiz.

A-B Honor Roll
Nicole Bryan, Lucio Gurrola, Mateo Campos, Cynthia Hernandez and Felipe Portillo.

Fifth Grade
All A's Honor Roll
Jaime Chavez.

A-B Honor
Dean Moman, Delma Torres, Allison Phelps, Raquel Ramirez and Junior Perez.

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Woman's Family And Friends Help Heal Her Cancer Wounds

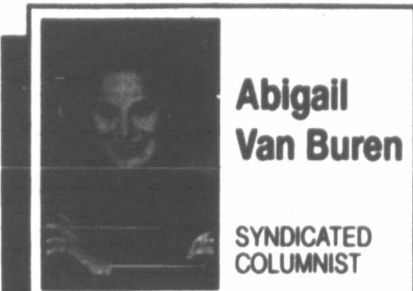
DEAR ABBY: I was upset by the letter from the woman who was upset because her sister-in-law and mother announced to friends that she had breast cancer. Her anger will not help her through her ordeal.

Last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because of the short time frame (I found out on Wednesday and a radical mastectomy was performed on Friday), I had time to alert only my immediate family and two close friends. When the members of my church and all my other friends found out, their outpouring of love and prayers speeded my healing process. Without the love, understanding and help of my family and friends, my recovery would have been less rapid.

A member of a breast cancer support group called and invited me to a meeting. These new friends have provided me with emotional support that only a survivor could give; their sense of humor in the face of life-threatening illness cannot be rivaled. They have the latest news on medicines and techniques. We have speakers on all subjects relating to cancer.

Because I informed my friends about my cancer, at least one called her doctor immediately and scheduled the mammogram she had been postponing. Another friend was just beginning radiation, and since I had already started mine, I was able to tell her what to expect.

Breast cancer has opened up a whole new world for me — a world



Abigail Van Buren

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of positives, because life may be too short to worry about the negatives.

Be proud that you survived. Reach out to others and let them reach out to you. With insurance companies reluctant to fund reconstructive surgery, we need as many people as we can get to fight for our side. You may use my name.

JO ANN C. WALL, CHESAPEAKE, VA.

DEAR JO ANN: You have my sympathy for the ordeal you have experienced, and there is little doubt your positive attitude has played an important role in your recovery.

Early detection is critical in managing breast cancer, as many readers reminded me after I printed the letter from "Hurting in Kansas." A young woman from Cincinnati said it best:

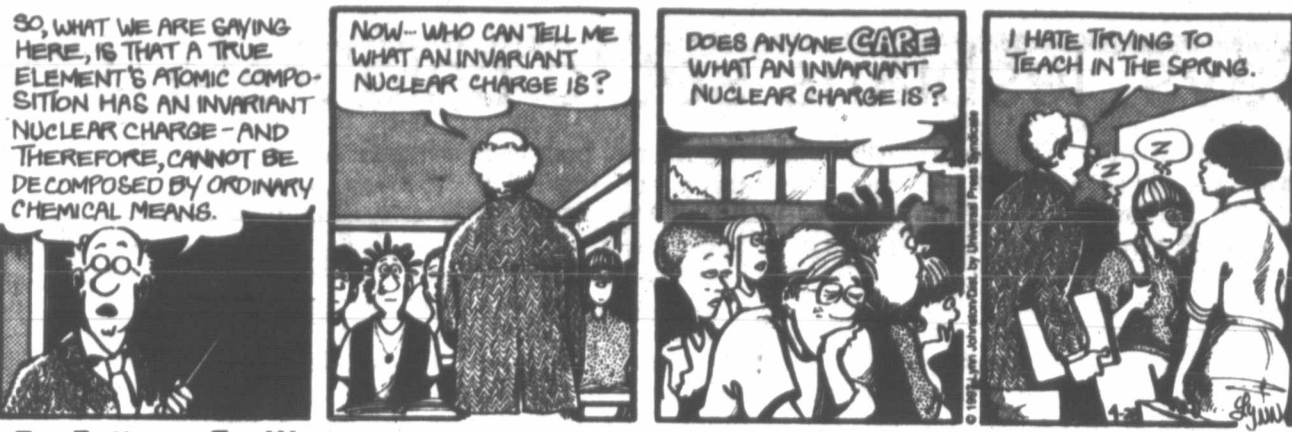
DEAR ABBY: I am so furious I can hardly see to write this letter.

Last week a man I met recently invited me to have dinner with him. We agreed on the day and time. It is now 45 minutes past the time he was supposed to pick me up and he has not called, and by now I don't expect him to.

Abby, I have been stood up by so many men that I am surprised when a planned date actually happens. I'm not talking about men who say, "I'll call you sometime," or "Let's get together sometime." I am referring to those who make a specific date with a specific activity planned. I am too embarrassed to talk to anyone about this; therefore, I don't know if this is normal behavior or not.

My question to you is this: The next time I get stood up, instead of ignoring it, would you suggest I call the man with whom I had the date and tell him that if he wanted to cancel our plans, he should have had the courtesy to call and tell me? ON MY WAY TO SEE A MOVIE WITH A GIRLFRIEND

DEAR ON MY WAY: It is extremely rude to make specific plans and then fail to show up, whether it is a date or an activity between friends. A phone call to the person who stood you up would not be out of line. Remind him or her that sometimes the sins of omission are far more cruel than the sins of commission.



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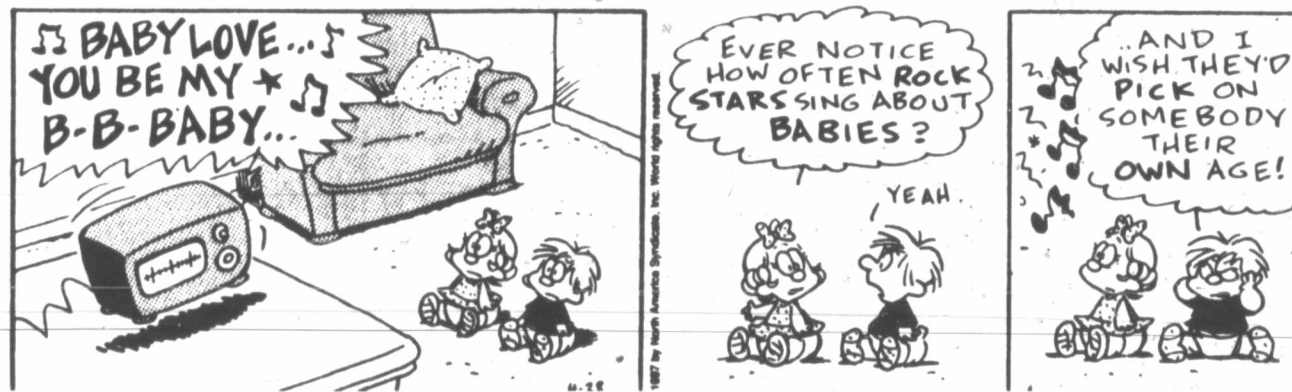
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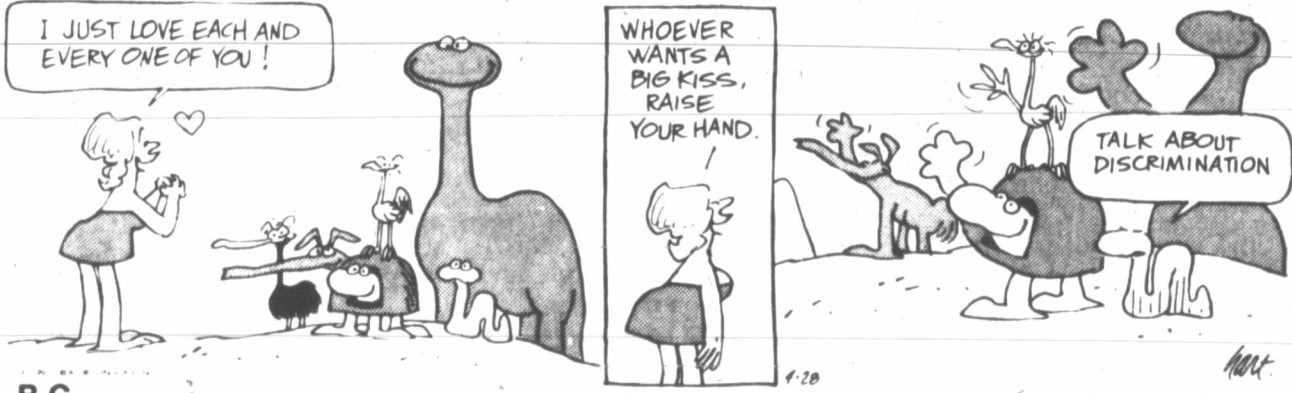
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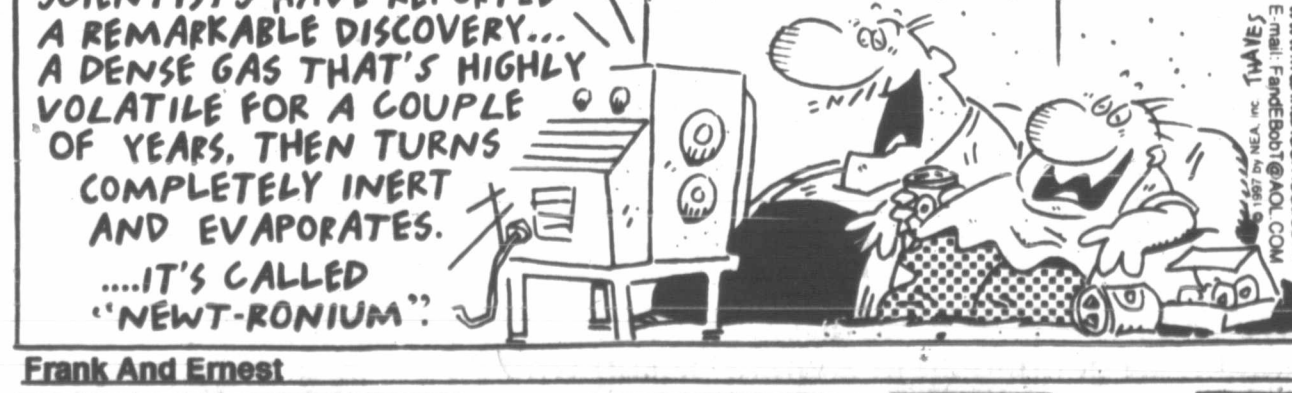
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

A sign in status is indicated for the year ahead if you take advantage of your opportunities. Be sure the ambitions they arouse are realistic and attainable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Success is within your reach today, provided you do it the hard way. Verify your objectives and pursue each in an intelligent manner. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work.

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) Avoid being indifferent to developments today, as you may drift into unfriendly waters. Be sure that you're in control of events.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) today you could be drawn into a complicated development if you allow others to manipulate you. Heed the warning signals before it's too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Impulsive judgments could cause you problems today. Do not make decisions until you're absolutely certain you have all the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Household problems that require special knowledge should be left to the experts today. Stick with what you know or you could both up the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to overtax yourself physically today in strenuous activities. Go a little at a time to build up your strength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It might be better to temporarily shelve several disagreeable tasks which require your attention instead of doing them in a half-hearted way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is imperative today that you control events instead of letting them control you. Stay positive or you could be defeated before you begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're out shopping today, be careful not to get attracted to items that cost more than they're worth — you can't afford it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Restless urges could intensify your ambitions today and entice you into new endeavors. Take care that your methods are productive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you behave in a competitive fashion today, it could provoke circumstances you didn't anticipate. Keep your spirits in check.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An unpleasant development might leave you with angry feelings today. However, don't blame a whole group for the behavior of a single member.

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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters will try and finish off the 1997 baseball season this week.

Pampa plays at Borger today with the District 1-4A game starting at 6:30. Pampa hosts Caprock at 4:30 Tuesday to end the season.

In the latest Harvester statistics, Jerren Miller is tied with Duane King for the team lead in home runs with four.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — This year's Lady Harvester Basketball Camp will be held June 9th through the 13th, and will be directed by Lady Harvester Head Coach Mark Elms.

The camp will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each of the five days, and is open to any girl from 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

Registration will be held at McNeely Fieldhouse May 4 from 2-4:00 p.m. and on the 5 and 6th from 6-7:00 p.m. The camp will be limited to only 60 girls, so register as soon as possible.

Cost for the camp will be \$70.00, with \$35.00 due at registration and the remaining balance to be paid on or before June 8th.

For more information about the camp, contact Coach Elms.

FISHING

COLLEGE STATION — As the weather begins to warm, ponds lure fishers to the banks. But pond owners who have stocked fish with in the past year should send hooks and bait elsewhere, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service fish specialist said.

"If the pond was stocked in the fall of 1995 with bass, bluegill, and channel catfish, it should be ready for fishing in the summer of this year," said Dr. Jim Davis, Extension fish specialist. "When fishing starts, the pond owner must be careful that not too many bass are harvested."

In a new pond of less than one acre with clear water, few weeds and unwary bass, up to 80 percent of the bass can be removed in merely one hour, Davis cautioned. Overharvest is less likely in older ponds with bass that have seen a variety of lures, or ponds with silty or algae-laden water, weeds and brush, he said. Also, cold or very hot water suppresses the appetite of bass, so overfishing is less likely under those conditions.

Davis noted that though the bluegill which were stocked in 1995 might be ready to harvest, care should be taken to not remove more than 50 percent of the fish more than 6 inches long.

"These are part of the original stocking and can be overfished," Davis said. "This means you must keep an accurate record of the fish harvested and stop fishing when one-half of the original stock is removed."

Channel catfish usually do not reproduce in ponds stocked with bass and bluegill, so the original fish put in the pond — less any that have died — will be the only catfish there. Davis recommends that no more than one-fourth of the fish be removed each year and that new channel catfish be stocked every three years.

"This way, there should be good fishing for catfish all the time," Davis said.

Recordkeeping is essential to maintain a balance in the population for continuous fishing. A rule of thumb, Davis said, is to remove about 100 pounds of bluegill per acre per year but not more than 15 pounds of bass per acre per year.

"If too many bass and/or too few bluegill are removed, the pond will become overpopulated with bluegill and bass reproduction will suffer," Davis said.

Baylor has new head coach, new attitude

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor's football program hasn't had much to brag about since the Grant Teaff years.

Teaff got the Bears to the Cotton Bowl twice and had them competing at a high level in the old Southwest Conference.

But Baylor officials thought the Bears needed to be at a top 25 level in the national polls — not in the top half of the SWC.

So they politely shoved Teaff out of the coaching chair and moved Chuck Reedy into it.

Reedy said the right things. Like "there's no reason why we shouldn't compete for a national title."

However, a 4-7 season last year, including an embarrassing 1-7 start in the new Big 12

Conference, brought new athletic director Tom Stanton to a crossroads.

He decided to fire Reedy, who liked an option-type, ground-oriented offense, and hire Notre Dame offensive coordinator Dave Roberts, who never saw a forward pass he didn't like.

"I like wide-open, here-we-go football," is the way Roberts puts it.

Roberts had aerial circus deluge when he coached at Western Kentucky and Northeast Louisiana.

His 10-year head coaching record was 63-50-3.

Always known as a tremendous recruiter, Roberts has to prove he can produce as a head coach.

Under Lou Holtz's tight con-

trols at Notre Dame, Roberts never really got to turn his offense loose.

At Baylor, he will — as soon as he can find the right quarterbacks and the right receivers.

It may take some time. But he doesn't have a lot of it.

The Bears open with Miami on Aug. 30 and have a road date with Michigan on Sept. 20.

Spring training at Baylor has been busy with Roberts installing his new schemes.

He said his passing game is based on timing, much like the Dallas Cowboys.

"The quarterback will throw the ball on timing and the receiver will have steps to be in the right place at the right time," Roberts said. "It will be fall before we get our whole package

in. We can't get complicated early. The players have to have time to learn what we're teaching. It's like a foreign language. Intelligence will be a huge factor."

Roberts said Baylor's talent pool is about average.

"We've got some big receivers but the speed there could be better," he said. "The tight ends aren't big, so I hope they're athletic. Running backs look pretty good. We're a little short in the offensive line although the first five looks pretty good."

Quarterback will be a battle between Jermaine Alfred and Jeff Watson, both veterans. Roberts also recruited Michael Odum of Flower Mound Marcus, who played only seven games last year because of injury, but hit 110

of 201 passes for 1,725 yards and 15 touchdowns when he did play. Don't forget Odell James, a freshman, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Watson came out of spring drills as the starter because "he protected the football and moved the team better than Jermaine."

Roberts also moved safety Nikia Codie from safety to receiver and switched Derrick Fletcher from the defensive to the offensive line.

Although the Bears may pass a lot, Roberts plans on them being physical.

"We won't be a finesse team," he said. "Defensively, we'll be attacking. On offense, I like to throw it."

Lady Harvesters take second at regionals

PAMPA — After winning performances at the Region 1-4A Track and Field Meet in San Angelo, Pampa's Jenny Fatheree and Barbara Wine are headed for Austin and the Class 4A state meet.

Fatheree, a sophomore, won the 800 with a 2:21.90 time. It was the area's best time this spring. It will be her second straight trip to the state meet. She went last year in both the 1600 and 3200.

"Fatheree ran a smart race. That's what experience does for you," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

Wine, a junior, won the shot put with a toss of 40-8. Wine had the state's second best throw of 43-10 going into the regional meet. Kashocka Williams of Edinburg North has the state's best throw at 43-40.

"Wine really stepped up considering the weather conditions. She threw under a continuous rain," Lopez said.

Pampa's 800-meter relay team of Kisha Evans, Lavonne Evans, Audrey Wilton and Lacrease Ford also qualified for the state meet by placing second with a time of 1:46.10.

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the state meet, which will be held May 9-10 in Austin.

Big Spring won the girls' team title with 85 points while Pampa was second with 48. Lubbock Estacado was third with 36 points.

Seven area individuals are also headed for the state meet.

In the Region 1-A meet at Levelland, Justin Ritter of Groom won the 400 in 50.12 and also placed second in the 800 in 1:59.45.

Wheeler's Jason Porton and

Miami's Marshall Flowers were 1-2 respectively in the 110 hurdles. Porton's time was 14.99 while Flowers finished in 15.25.

Travis Stevens, also of Wheeler, cleared 13-0 to win the pole vault.

In the girls' division, Wheeler's Brooke Stevens had a winning time of 15.26 in the 110 hurdles.

In the Region 1-2A meet at Abilene Christian University, Canadian girls won the championship for the third year in a row.

The Lady Wildcats had a pair of gold-medal winners in Bessie Ann Reed and Amber Rupperecht. Reed won the 400 with a time of 59.66. Rupperecht won the 300 hurdles (47.21) and placed second in the 100 hurdles (15.01).

Canadian's 1600-meter relay team won with a time of 4:08.85.

Here's how other Pampa-area athletes placed at regionals.

Pampa

100: Lacrease Ford, fourth, 12.70.

400-meter relay, fourth, 49.90.

Fort Elliott

Donnie Barr, sixth, long jump, 19-7 1/2; sixth, 100, 11.82.

Groom

Jason Prather, fifth, discus, 118-3.

Carrie Davis, third, high jump, 4-10.

Miami

3200: Clint Hardin, third, 3200, 10:57.93.

200: Shane Mitchell, sixth, 23.75.

1600: Clint Hardin, fifth, 4:58.23.

McLean

3200: Shawn Sanderson, fifth, 3200.

Canadian

1600: Denise Lee, third, 5:32.82.

Braves shut out Padres, 2-0

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux allowed just one hit before Sunday's game was called in the bottom of the fifth inning because of rain, and the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 2-0.

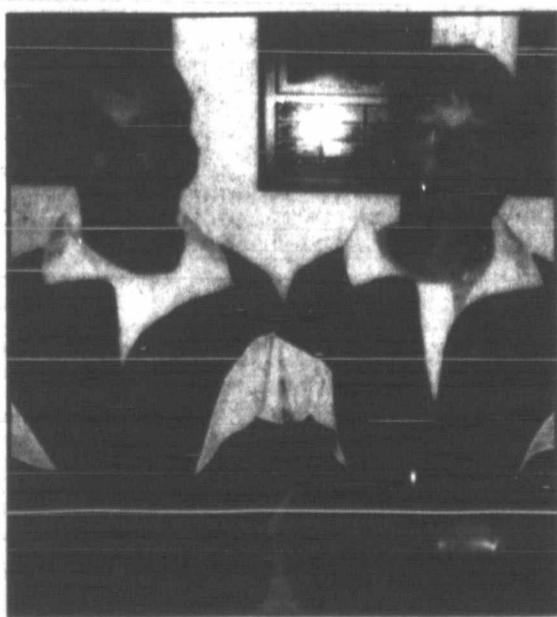
Maddux (3-1) permitted only Ken Caminiti's broken-bat single in the second inning. Caminiti was erased on a double play, and Maddux faced the minimum 15 batters in his 22nd career shutout. San Diego lost its fifth in a row.

Padres first baseman Wally Joyner sprained his right ankle in the fifth inning on a tag play, and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

Atlanta set a team record with its 17th win in April, and the Braves' 17-5 record is the best in franchise history after 22 games.

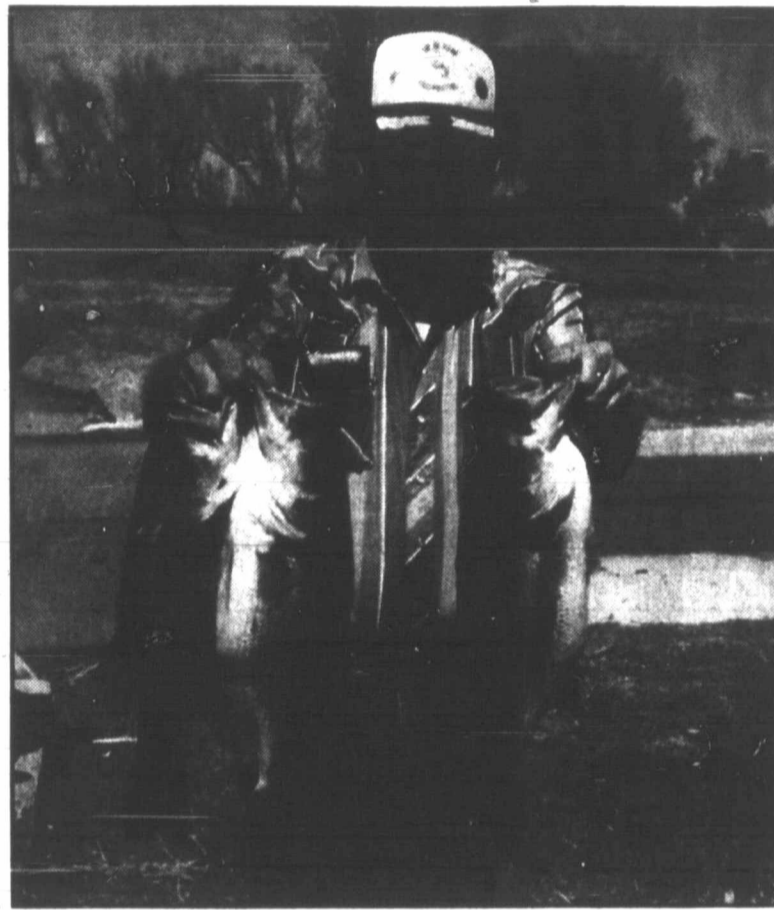
The game was stopped in the fifth with the Braves batting with two runners on and one out. It was called after a wait of 2 hours, 7 minutes.

Third-place



Tanner Smith (left) and Curt Smith of Fort Elliott placed third in boys' tennis at the Region 1-1A meet last week in Levelland.

Big Bass award



Roy Alderson, a member of The Top of Texas Bassmasters Club, won the Big Bass award during a club tournament at Lake Foss, Okla. Alderson, of Lefors, won with a 5.44 pound catch. Alderson also caught two more bass weighing 5.41 and 5.00. The next club tournament will be at Lake Meredith May 17-18.

Crappie tips for Lake Sam Rayburn

BROOKELAND, Texas — Some East Texas anglers say a good crappie fishing trip is sweeter than a honeymoon. If that's the way you feel, I strongly suggest loading a boat and heading to Sam Rayburn lickety-split. That's where you'll find plenty of hungry crappie.

"Right now the crappie are just beginning to stage for the spawn," said Rayburn crappie fishing guide Ed Dickert, as he pulled out three ultra-light rods rigged with 6-pound test line one morning last week.

Dickert, Mike Ramsey and I were on the lake to test the waters, so to speak. The three of us enjoy catching crappie. So, when Dickert called to say they were hungry and moving shallow, we didn't dilly-dally around.

The water temperature on Rayburn is in the low 60s. That's several degrees cooler than it was

a couple of weeks ago. And that's a little chilly for crappie to move to the spawning beds in two to four feet of water. So for the time being they're staging in about 10 feet of water.

"When you've got crappie moving up to spawn on Rayburn during a cold front, the falling water temperatures will keep them bunched up on top of submerged hydrilla," says Dickert.

To prove a point, he positioned the boat over a creek channel and got Ramsey and I to watch the depth finder. We could clearly see the creek channel and the ledge where the hydrilla had grown up along the edges. Water depth was 15 feet deep. But the hydrilla was 5 feet high. We found fish on top of that grass.

In most situations, you would expect to cast lures for crappie. But what we did from about 8 a.m. till noon was stroll 1/16 ounce

Roadrunner spinners over the top of hydrilla. The result was a stringer of slab-sized crappie, along with six bass to about 2 1/2 pounds.

The drill is to cast the spinners out and bump the boat forward with the trolling motor. You want to move just fast enough to keep the lures ticking the tops of the hydrilla. This is not trolling. The East Texas term for this type of fishing is strolling. It's deadly on crappie.

The area we fished was almost high and dry about this time last year. That's when the lake was 14 feet low. And if you'll recall, crappie fishing on Rayburn during April of 1996 was very slow. The fish couldn't be located. The result is a good population of fat crappie this year that are easy to locate and catch right now.

Dickert says the best fishing is in the mid-lake area.

Kentucky Derby has two longshots this week

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — There are two longshots in the Kentucky Derby already this week. One is Celtic Warrior by his presence; the other is D. Wayne Lukas by his absence.

Celtic Warrior hasn't won in four starts this year, beaten a total of 37 3/4 lengths. Trainer Danny Hutt figures by Saturday his horse will go off "about 100-1, but I'll be betting on him."

In Lukas' case, the odds are looking shorter by the minute. The trainer was lobbying to get his champion filly Sharp Cat out of Friday's Kentucky Oaks and into the Derby to avoid being left without a starter for the first time since 1980.

"I'm training for the Oaks at this point," Lukas, who has won seven of the last eight Triple Crown races, said Sunday. "If I owned her, I would run her in the Derby. I really think the prince would like to go in the Derby."

So far, owner Prince Ahmed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia hasn't changed his mind about running in the Oaks, following the advice of racing manager Dick Mulhall. But Lukas, who has run a

record 31 horses in the Derby, meets with the owner late today or Tuesday in a final effort to change the game plan.

While Sharp Cat put herself in Derby contention with four straight victories against fillies before finishing sixth against the boys in the Santa Anita Derby, Celtic Warrior seems an unlikely starter.

His last victory was Nov. 1 — in a 6 1/2-furlong allowance race at Churchill Downs. Since then, he was second in the Kentucky Jockey Club, ninth in the San Vicente, eighth in the San Rafael, sixth in the Louisiana Derby, and fourth in the Blue Grass.

"Our horse is going to be smaller than most and he doesn't have the pedigree some of the others have," Hutt said of his first Derby starter. "But he's got a lot of heart. I really feel like he's got a chance and I think he deserves to be here."

There's a method to Hutt's apparent madness. In the 1990s, Derby longshots fared quite nicely. Two of the last five Derby winners — Thunder Gulch in

1995 and Lil E. Tee in 1992 — were longshots despite winning at least one major prep race.

Thunder Gulch went off at 24-1 — the second longest shot in the 19-horse field — and returned \$51 on a \$2 wager. In '92, the first three finishers were longshots — Lil E. Tee at 17-1, Casual Lies at 30-1 and Dance Floor at 33-1.

In '91, Mane Minister was third at 87-1 and Pleasant Tap was third at 44-1 in '90. The biggest Derby payoff came in 1913, when Donerail returned \$184.90 to win.

Hutt is convinced the stretch-running Celtic Warrior, purchased for \$35,000 last September by the trainer and two partners, shouldn't be dismissed so quickly.

"He loves this racetrack," the trainer said. "In two starts at Churchill, he's got a win and a second. He acts like he wants to go the mile-and-a-quarter and he has the right style, where a race like this won't hurt him because he's going to lay back and close. I think he's a dangerous horse."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	17	5	.773	—
Florida	13	9	.591	4
Montreal	11	10	.524	5 1/2
New York	9	14	.391	8 1/2
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	9 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	14	9	.609	—
Pittsburgh	11	11	.500	2 1/2
St. Louis	8	14	.364	5 1/2
Cincinnati	7	15	.318	6 1/2
Chicago	4	18	.182	9 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Francisco	18	5	.782	—
Colorado	15	8	.714	1
Los Angeles	11	10	.524	5
San Diego	9	12	.429	7
Saturday's Games				
Cincinnati 10, Philadelphia 2				
Montreal 8, N.Y. Mets 1				
Colorado 4, St. Louis 2				
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 6				
Atlanta 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings				
San Francisco 2, Houston 0				
Florida 8, Los Angeles 3				
Sunday's Games				
Atlanta 2, San Diego 0, 4 1/2 innings, rain				
N.Y. Mets 5, Montreal 3, 10 innings				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, p.p.d., rain				
St. Louis 6, Colorado 2				
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 0				
San Francisco 3, Houston 2				
Florida 4, Los Angeles 3				
Monday's Games				
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 2-0) at Philadelphia (Portugal 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Worrell 1-3) at Florida (Saunders 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Reed 1-1) at Cincinnati (Smiley 1-4), 7:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Martinez 2-1) at Atlanta (Glavin 3-0), 7:40 p.m.				
Montreal (Hernandez 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mutschler 0-3), 8:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Vandringham 1-1) at St. Louis (An Benes 0-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Wright 3-1) at Houston (Hampton 1-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
Colorado (Bailey 3-0) at Houston (Wall 0-0), 1:35 p.m.				
Montreal (Bullinger 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 0-3), 2:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Hamilton 1-1) at Florida (Brown 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-2) at Philadelphia (Maduro 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Clark 2-1) at Cincinnati (Morgan 0-2), 7:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Park 0-1) at Atlanta (Wade 0-0), 7:40 p.m.				
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Rangers win fifth straight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With slugger Juan Gonzales still sidelined, Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates has had to approach games a little differently. "You guess who's going to be the star today," Oates said. So far, it's working. Warren Newson had three hits and reliever Dan Patterson stopped a late rally as the Rangers won their fifth straight game Sunday, 7-3 over the Minnesota Twins. "That's a good thing," said Newson about having a different player step forward every day. "We can't depend on just one person, and the other team can't try to pitch around one person. Anybody can hurt you in this lineup." The fact that the Rangers had many good hitters has been well known. Only recently have these players showed some consistency.

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Giants score winning run in seventh to edge Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston manager Larry Dierker figured the San Francisco Giants were about to cool off from a stretch that saw them win 14 of 18 games. "But then I thought maybe we were ready to cool off, too," Dierker said of his first-place Astros. "Unfortunately, it looked like I was right about us and wrong about the Giants." The Giants used excellent pitching and clutch hitting to defeat the Astros 3-2 Sunday to take the three-game series two games to

one. Damon Berryhill provided the winning run with a run-scoring single in the seventh. It was San Francisco's 12th win in 14 games and allowed the Giants to keep pace with Atlanta for the best record in the majors (16-5). "They're not blowing anybody out, they're scraping to get by, which is what winning teams do," Dierker said. "They're winning close games, which is another sign of a good team." The Giants are 8-2 in one run

games. Reliever Rod Beck, who picked up his major league-leading 11th save (in 11 opportunities), doesn't believe the number of close games the Giants have been involved in is cause for concern. "I think this is a team that needs to be pushed to be at its best," Beck said. Glenallen Hill, whose third home run of the season started the scoring for the Giants on Sunday, also sees nothing missing. "As far as I'm concerned, I think we have a great team," Hill said.

"We've done the small things all year. The pitching staff is outstanding. The bullpen has been tremendous and we've had timely hits. I don't think you can ask any more. "Slowly but surely our key guys are getting going. When we have our offense, defense and pitching all rolling, I expect a lot of good things from this team." The Astros scored only two runs during the final 18 innings. Osvaldo Fernandez (3-1) limited the Astros to six hits and two runs in six innings Sunday.

Greater Greensboro Tournament decided by playoff

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Frank Nobilo has won golf tournaments all around the world, but America had been anything but the land of opportunity for him this season. The 36-year-old New Zealander decided, like so many foreign players in the '90s, that the United States was the place to take his game to the next level. Nobilo didn't count on back problems and a circulatory condition that lead to arthritic-like symptoms in both arms for the bet-

ter part of the last 10 months, sending him to doctor-after-doctor and into a deep golfing slump. But Nobilo put all his ailments aside Sunday during a miserable day for golf when he birdied six of his final 11 holes and made a scrambling par on the first playoff hole of the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic to beat Brad Faxon. "Given the nature of what has happened to me the last six or seven months, and the state of mind, this is the one I'll probably

always remember," said Nobilo. "When you become uncompetitive for a length of time, you really miss it and you want it to come back. "To come through this week and in this weather, I think this will go to the top of the tree." Nobilo, who started the day five shots off the lead, tied Faxon at 14-under-par 274 through 72 holes, forcing the fourth playoff in the last 10 years at a sopping wet Forest Oaks Country Club course. "It hasn't sunk in," Nobilo said

of his first PGA Tour win. "I knew last year it was difficult coming to America, nothing seemed to be easy. But I was determined I wanted to play here because I thought my best golf was ahead of me. "A lot of other players have done it. I like playing around the world, but some of the tournaments here have very strong fields, and if you want to improve your game, you have to play against the best. I stuck with it, so it makes me the happiest guy in the world today."

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Club news

Twentieth Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met April 22 at the home of Linda Moore with Moore serving as hostess.

The Plant Sale netted \$286.19. Members voted:

- to set aside \$200 towards having ten years of club minutes bound and placed in Lovett Memorial Library
- to give \$50 to Pampa High School swim team towards purchase of a new timer
- to donate \$200 to CASA
- to donate \$50 to Camp Alpha.

Twentieth Century will be hosting a President's coffee to be held the fourth Tuesday in September. Friends of the Library had persons on probation help with the book sale. All were commended for their work.

Grace McGrath gave the program on "How One Person Can Make a Difference." She gave as an example the life story of Mother Teresa.

Mother Teresa was born Aug. 27, 1910, at Agnes Bojaxhu in Skopje, Macedonia. Her father, who was part owner of a successful construction company, died when she was nine. She lost her comfortable life, but, being a deeply religious and caring person, she turned to helping the poor and those less fortunate.

She became a nun in the Sisters of Loreto and taught school for 20 years. In 1946, she heard a call from God to serve in the slums in India. In 1948, she became an Indian citizen. She formed the Missionaries of Charity in India and in 1962 was recognized by the Indian government for her work with the poor. In addition, she received the 23rd

Peace prize given by Pope John in 1971, was called "A Living Saint" by *Time Magazine* in 1975 and — as her crowning achievement — received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. All prize money was given to the poor.

Mother Teresa's attitude is summed up in this quote, "When I wash the leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing the Lord himself."

Mother Teresa became gravely ill in 1996 necessitating the appointment of a new leader, Sister Nirmala. Even though Mother Teresa has retired, she still has plans to open a branch of Sisters of Charity in China.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. May 13 in the home of Dorothy Stowers, 2015 Charles.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met April 22

with President Carolyn Smith presiding. Edna Hickman served as hostess. Thirteen members were present. Mary Fain led the reading of the club collect.

Pat Youngblood presented the video, *Working Texas: From Ranches and Roughnecks to Sodbusters and Spacemen* which features persons representative of farming, lumbering, ranching, the oil industry and high technology. In the video, Charles Bowers and Earl Smith are typical farmers. Bill Gething and Sally Youngblood are typical ranchers.

Working Texas was produced by Glen Ely, producer of *Gray County Adventure*, the video shown on the History Channel April 21.

The next meeting will be an installation luncheon at 11:30 on May 13 with Julia Dawkins as hostess.

A confident Chretien calls for federal election in early June

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Jean Chretien has called a federal election for June 2, confident that the popularity of his Liberal Party can survive a vote a year and a half before his five-year term expires.

Chretien's opponents complain that there is no justification for an early election other than his party's eagerness to win another mandate. No other government with an outright majority in Parliament has called an election so early in four decades.

In his speech announcing the election Sunday, Chretien asked for a new mandate to decide Canada's priorities now that the federal deficit has been tamed.

"Deficit reduction is not an end in itself. It is the means to an end," he said. "Canadians must now decide what kind of country they want to build with the hard-won dividend."

Experts predict the Liberals will win 180 to 220 seats in new House of Commons, which is expanding from 295 to 301 seats.

The Liberals now hold 175 seats, compared to 50 each for the western-based, right-wing Reform Party and the separatist Bloc Quebecois; nine for the left-of-center New Democrats; and two for the Progressive Conservatives.

The Conservatives, swept from power in 1993, are the Liberals' closest rival in terms of claiming support in all regions. But they are considered a long

shot to even regain status as the foremost opposition party.

Under a new election law, the official campaign will last only 36 days — eleven days less than before.

But all five major parties have been campaigning full-tilt for weeks as Chretien made his intentions increasingly obvious. Over the past three weeks, the government has launched a rapid-fire series of initiatives aimed at resolving problems or currying favor in each province.

It partially reopened Newfoundland's cod fishery after a four-year shutdown because of dwindling stocks, agreed to let British Columbia have more say in managing Pacific salmon stocks and gave Quebec's separatist government control over job training programs.

"All these decisions are being made on political grounds," said Reform Party leader Preston Manning.

The Liberals' weakest region is Chretien's home province of Quebec, where separatists consider him a traitor for opposing independence.

The Liberals now hold 19 of Quebec's 75 seats in Parliament. If they fail to make inroads on the Bloc Quebecois, it will embolden separatists, who narrowly lost an independence referendum in 1995 and plan another vote within the next few years.

Flood crest of Red River pushes into Canada; some refuse to flee

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — The crest of the swollen Red River surged into Canada today, threatening to make the region's worst flood this century even worse. Several hundred people refused to leave their homes.

As thousands of soldiers arrived Sunday to help fight the flood, high winds threatened to push floodwaters over dikes built around towns and farms in the Red River Valley, which resembles a vast lake.

"It's made the potential for accidental death much more extreme," said Harold Clayton, Manitoba's director of emergency operations.

More than 17,000 residents of the mostly rural region south of Winnipeg were ordered to leave; 400 civilians who refused to comply

may be arrested and removed by force, Clayton said.

The flooded river had already forced thousands of evacuations across North Dakota and Minnesota in the United States.

At Emerson, the Manitoba town closest to the U.S. border, the water was still about three feet below the top of the protective dike late Sunday.

"We're going to survive this," said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sgt. John Fleming. "There's no doubt in anybody's mind behind this wall."

Water already covers everything but a few dike-protected towns across a huge swath of southern Manitoba. The flood is

expected to eventually cover 700 square miles.

In Winnipeg, a city of 660,000, about 3,000 families have been warned they might have to leave their homes. One hospital, St. Boniface, has moved half of its patients elsewhere. The Winnipeg Art Gallery moved valuable art out of its basement.

Most of the city is expected to be protected by a 30-year-old floodway built to divert high water.

Military construction crews worked Sunday to complete a 14-mile dike on the southwest outskirts of the city amid concerns the water might bypass the floodway and enter Winnipeg through a tributary, the La Salle River.

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