

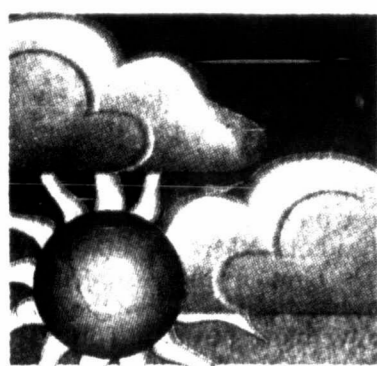
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**PAMPA** — The Beta Sigma Phi Pampa chapters will celebrate Founder's Day this evening at Chaney's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

The incoming officers will be installed, and recipients of two \$2,000 Beta Sigma Phi scholarships and the Girl of the Year from each chapter will be announced. This honor is presented to members for outstanding service to sorority throughout the past year.

There are now 250,000 active members of Beta Sigma Phi, representing 20 countries, and all will be celebrating the founding of Beta Sigma Phi 66 years ago by Walter W. Ross. This is the largest women's social, service and cultural organization in the world.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said today that the state would be more willing to settle with the tobacco industry now that attorneys general from 24 states have agreed not to grant immunity to tobacco companies for future liability.

"The issue of future immunity is no longer on the table," Morales said, one day after meeting with his colleagues from across the country in Chicago to discuss tobacco litigation.

Texas is one of 24 states suing the industry, seeking to recover money spent on health care for tobacco-related illnesses. Morales said the number of states suing would likely "grow into the 30s."

Morales said the tobacco industry would have to come up with "something well in excess of \$300 billion for the state of Texas" to agree with a settlement.

"Three hundred billion is close, but it won't get us to a point where we would bypass going to trial," Morales said.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A proposal to let Texas drivers to buy coupons allowing them to drive 10 mph over the speed limit has stalled in a House committee.

Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, said Monday that the proposal is the best way to educate people about the need to conserve energy. He also said selling the coupons could raise millions of dollars for state needs.

"When the speed limit went to 70 mph, we increased consumption and increased our dependency on foreign oil," he said.

But the House Transportation Committee declined to take action on the idea, leaving it pending with just more than 30 days left in the legislative session.

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## Markets cheer modest wage, benefits hikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' wages and benefits rose a modest 0.6 percent in the first quarter, cheering nervous financial markets worried a tight job market will cause accelerating inflation.

The quarterly compensation gain was in the low end of the range for the Labor Department's Employment Cost Index over the past two years and only two-thirds of the 0.9 percent predicted by economists.

Separately, the Commerce Department said orders to factories for big-ticket durable goods unexpectedly plunged 3 percent in March, the biggest decline in seven months. February orders were weaker than initially reported.

Also, consumer confidence dropped for the second straight month in April, falling more than anticipated, said the New York-based Conference Board, a business group.

This morning's reports sent stock and bond prices soaring, pushing down interest rates in credit markets. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks jumped 90 points to 6,873 in early trading. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds — a barometer of business and consumer borrowing costs — plunged as low as 6.99 percent, the lowest in a month, from 7.11 percent late Monday.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, durable goods orders posted the sharpest drop in nearly six years. And the backlog of unfilled orders recorded the first

decrease since August. That suggests any threat of inflationary bottlenecks developing in the manufacturing pipeline is receding.

"An inflation problem isn't going to materialize this summer," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. "If it is going to materialize, it's going to be later in the year, which is a pleasant development."

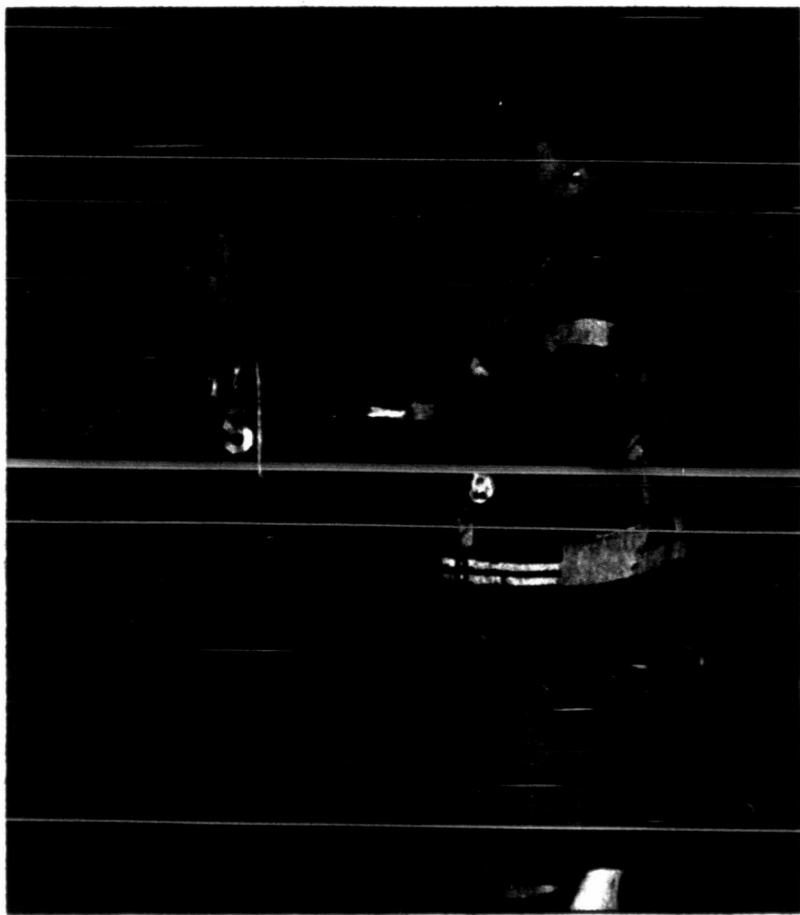
But today's compensation report wasn't wholly benign from the standpoint of those worried the Federal Reserve will have to ratchet up interest rates to quell inflation.

Wages and salaries — nearly three-fourths of total compensation — rose a seasonally adjusted 0.9 percent, the most in a year. Still, the index's rise for total compensation was tempered by a scant 0.1 percent rise in benefits.

Before the Fed nudged short-term interest rates a quarter percentage point higher on March 25, Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress the restraint in wage gains could soon start eroding as sustained low unemployment bolstered workers' confidence and bargaining power.

Zandi said today's reports probably won't deter Fed policy-makers from raising rates another quarter point when they meet May 20. But, if the data is followed by similar news in the months to come, it may persuade policy-makers to hold off in subsequent meetings, he said.

## Jumping for TAAS



Third, fourth and fifth grade students participated in the Jump for George cash giveaway on Monday afternoon. Jessie Parsley jumped and won \$9, which Wilson Elementary School Principal Debbie Robertson counts out from the TAAS incentive money. Later in the year the top performers of the TAAS will have the chance to win bicycles.

## Curious web-surfers swamp Republic of Texas' Internet site

DALLAS (AP) — The separatist Republic of Texas group facing off with police in West Texas are also under siege on the Internet.

The Republic's World Wide Web page is receiving hundreds of visits per minute as the separatist group and its so-called "embassy" remains locked in a three-day-old armed standoff.

The Texas attorney general's office, meanwhile, is waging legal warfare against two Internet service providers, or

ISPs, subpoenaed to surrender electronic mail and other documents pertaining to customers who are members of the militant group.

One ISP, the Overland Network, was the forum for the group's declaration of war that preceded Sunday's taking of two Davis Mountains Resort community residents as hostages.

Todd Jagger, Fort Davis-based Overland's founder, said the militant group's WWW page had already received

about 5,000 "hits" since the first week in April.

Even though telephone lines to the embassy compound have been cut during tense negotiations with self-styled "ambassador" Richard McLaren, Jagger said group members still managed to post new information to the Internet several times Monday.

"They're still updating their web page," he said. "I don't know how they are doing it."

Cecil Brice of Sherman, a member who maintains a web page for the group's district four through Internet Texoma Inc., said it's one way to get out what he called the truth.

"What I see coming is another Waco and I don't know how to stop the (Texas Department of Public Safety) and other people from going ahead with it," he said. "All they have to do to avoid it is to lay down their guns, stand down and sit down at the table and talk."

## History book winners



Carolyn Smith, president of the El Progreso Study Club, and project chair Julia Dawkins present Morgan White and Jason Young with copies of *Panhandle Pilgrimage* by Pauline Durette Robertson and R.L. Robertson. White, Young and Daniel Passini (not pictured) were nominated for the 23rd annual history award by their Texas history teachers. The award is to encourage young people to study and enjoy history.

## McLean to host annual Texas Route 66 State Convention activities on Saturday

McLEAN — The annual Texas Route 66 State Convention will be held in the community room of the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean on Saturday, May 3. Registration of members attending the event begins at 10 a.m., with induction ceremonies beginning at 11 a.m.

After the ceremony, there will be an annual business meeting and new officers for 1997-1998 fiscal year will be elected. The noon luncheon will be served in the community room. Luncheon tickets are \$7.50 each.

The Route 66 Hall of Fame inductees for this year include the late C. Orval Davis, a former postmaster at Wildorado for almost 40 years; Day Thompson, who was sheriff of Oldham County from 1951 to 1961; Dot Leavitt, who, along with her husband, Harold, operated the Zero Lockers in Vega; Bob and Clara Gruhkey of Adrian, who operat-

ed Clara's Cafe in Adrian; and Page Blackwell, who operated the John Deere business in the community of Groom before it was relocated three miles west of Groom.

Others to be inducted are the late K.C. and Eula Reed, who owned and operated the Texaco Station, grocery store and motel in Jericho; the late Crim Goodlett, who owned and operated a Texaco Station in Groom; and Howard Suttle, a former Greyhound Bus driver on the Old Route 66.

Also joining the Hall of Fame list are Jewel Meacham, owner of the hardware store in McLean for 41 years; Al and Sophia Hutchison, who owned a cafe on Route 66 in McLean and who were cooks for other Route 66 restaurants in the McLean and Shamrock areas; and Dan Ashford, who owned and operated a Phillips 66 Station along the

famous highway route in Groom. The Devil's Rope and Old Route 66 Museum is open to the public Tuesdays through Sundays, and provides interesting and informative history concerning the early pioneer settlers of the McLean and Alanreed communities, including a separate museum exhibit room for Old Route 66 history and memorabilia. A small "movie theater" is provided for persons wishing to watch a 15 minute video on the history of the old 66 highway.

The public visiting hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. To enter the McLean community, take the eastbound exit off I-40 at Exits #141 and #142. If traveling westbound, use Exits #143 and #142.

For more information concerning the Route 66 Convention, contact the museum staff at (806) 779-2225.

## Red River ends its main flooding course

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The Red River has finished its main flood course in the United States, leaving 250 miles of grimy mess in its wake.

Like an unwanted visitor who just won't leave, the Red took more than three weeks before its huge crest crossed into Canada, where today it broke a dike and submerged one small town. It will take a lot longer than that to clean up.

In the full week and a half since it forced the evacuations of almost all residents of this city of 50,000, the community is ever so slowly drying out.

By early today, the river was down to 45.6 feet at Grand Forks, almost 9 feet below last week's record crest.

Only about 5 percent of the homes have tap water, but it is not yet fit for drinking. Fewer than 10,000 have electricity. There is no adequate protection

against fire, which destroyed a downtown block during the height of the flooding.

And for the 90 percent of residents allowed to return home for cleanup, just getting there can be a daunting task.

Peter and Wanda Behling found their home in East Grand Forks, Minn., blocked by a 100-yard moat of waist-deep water.

Behling donned chest waders and went inside to find a house thrown into what he called "sheer chaos."

An aquarium was tipped over, its fish lying dead on the muck-covered carpet. The bed had floated up on top of the dressers. The television had floated from the living room to the kitchen.

A battery-powered combat toy lay in the boys' bedroom, short-circuited and croaking out a garbled song over and over. Among the strange scenes and

sounds that perhaps best pointed to the force and oddity of what has been called a 500-year flood, there was the Coast Guard — more than 1,200 miles from any coast.

"It's really weird. It's something you don't expect to see in North Dakota," said Seaman Eddie Terrebonne.

His Coast Guard crew was helping ferry people to Pembina, a town of 640 people where the 30-mile long crest of the Red River passed into Canada Monday.

The water was expected to take weeks to recede, but now the heaviest flow was surging to its Lake Winnipeg destination about 60 miles away.

Along that path, water overwhelmed a hastily built dike early today and flooded the small town of Ste. Agathe, Manitoba, about 20 miles south of Winnipeg.

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## Services tomorrow

**CRAWFORD, Lucille Marie** - 11 a.m., First Christian Church, Spearman.  
**DALTON, Edwina R.** - Memorial services, 2 p.m., Rector Funeral Home Chapel, Amarillo.  
**FIELDS, Avis** - 10 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**HOLT, Colton Michael** - 11 a.m., Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Borger.  
**HOWARD, Robert D. "Bobby"** - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.  
**WHITSTINE, Virgil Lee** - 1 p.m., Wheeler Funeral Home, El Campo, Texas.

## Obituaries

**ELSIE ALEXANDER**  
**ERICK, Okla.** - Elsie Alexander, 95, a former Wheeler, Texas, resident, died Sunday, April 27, 1997. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Sweetwater First Baptist Church at Sweetwater with Ray Smart officiating. Burial was in Mulberry Cemetery under the direction of Fathere-Albert Funeral Home.  
 Mrs. Alexander was born at Martha and later moved with her family to Meridian. She married Samuel Robert Alexander in 1918 at Sweetwater; he died in 1955. The couple farmed at Sweetwater. She was a Wheeler resident until moving to Amarillo, Texas, in 1975 and had been an Erick resident since 1985. She was a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Nelda Bowers of Levelland, Texas; a son, Truman Alexander of Sweetwater; three sisters, Naomi York of College Station, Texas, Elmerine Burnam of Elk City and Mozelle France of Amarillo; a brother, Neal Stewart of College Station; 11 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

**ELLEN SUE BLAIR**  
 Ellen Sue Blair, 38, of Pampa, died Monday, April 28, 1997. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Ms. Blair was born May 23, 1958, at Pampa. She had been a lifelong Pampa resident and graduated from Pampa High School.  
 Survivors include her mother, Ella C. Blair of Pampa; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Gloria and Paul Bowen of Anchorage, Alaska, Cathy and Robert Anguiano of Pampa and Shirley and Randy Crofford of Mustang, Okla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Eddie and Rebecca Blair of Pampa; five nieces, five nephews, four great-nieces; and two great-nephews.

**LUCILLE MARIE CRAWFORD**  
**SPEARMAN** - Lucille Marie Crawford, 88, a former Mobeetie resident, died Sunday, April 27, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Joe Weeks and Arnis Pape officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.  
 Mrs. Crawford was born at Brinkman, Okla. She had been a Spearman resident since 1926, moving from Mobeetie. She married Ott Crawford in 1927 at Spearman; he died in 1972. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church of Spearman.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Floydean Gatlin of Spearman, a son, John Crawford of Spearman, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Spearman Children's Home or Spearman Booster Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 518, Spearman, TX 79081.

**EDWINA R. DALTON**  
 Edwina R. Dalton, 71, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 27, 1997. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel in Amarillo with J. Alan Ford of Southwest Baptist Church officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Rector Funeral Home.  
 Mrs. Dalton was born at Mobeetie and had been a Pampa resident for 22 years, moving from Mobeetie. She married R.D. Dalton in 1946 at Portales, N.M. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa.  
 She was preceded in death by a son, Kenny Greenhouse, in 1993.  
 Survivors include her husband, R.D., two daughters, Kathleen Weddle of Electra and Annette Lyle of Amarillo, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.  
 The family will be at 3506 Hawthorne and requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.  
 The body will not be available for viewing.

**COLTON MICHAEL HOLT**  
**BORGER** - Colton Michael Holt, six-month-old son of David and Teraya Holt, died Saturday, April 26, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Virgil Lowery officiating. Burial will be in Babyland Garden at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.  
 Colton was born at Pampa and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.  
 Survivors include his parents, of Borger; two brothers, Casey Holt and Caleb Holt, both of the home; grandparents, Marion and Mary Holt of Borlogg, Idaho, and Case and Jeanie Duggan of Kellogg; and great-grandmothers, Francis Holt of Grass Valley, Calif., and Joyce Wolf of Borger.

**Calendar of events**  
**TOTS-N-TRAINING**  
 Parents of preschool children can pick up free materials to help their children get ready for school through the Tots-N-Training program. Materials and a copy of the service's newsletter will be available at Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Albertsons', 1233 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and Pampa Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, from 4:30-6 p.m. For more information, call Sue Thornton at 669-4700.

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

**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.

**Fires**  
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**MONDAY, April 28**  
 7:36 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to 1237 S. Barnes on a motor vehicle accident.  
 9:45 p.m. - Three units and four personnel responded to a grass fire three miles west on 23rd.

## Obituaries

**ROBERT D. 'BOBBY' HOWARD**  
**LAKETON** - Robert D. "Bobby" Howard, 53, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, April 28, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Mobeetie with Elmer McLaughlin, pastor of Laketon Church of Christ, and John Stokes officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely 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 the 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 Schuylkill 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.

**ALFRED LEE REYNOLDS**  
**SLATON** - Alfred Lee Reynolds, 57, of Southland, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, April 25, 1997, as a result of an automobile accident near Petersburg. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 28, in Trinity Evangelical Methodist Church with the Rev. Lee Elliss, pastor, and the Rev. Weldon Thomas, retired pastor, officiating. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service of Slaton.  
 Mr. Reynolds was born May 18, 1939, at Canadian. He attended school at Slaton and Pampa before serving four years in the U.S. Air Force. He married Janet Adamek on Dec. 15, 1962, at Tahoka. He had owned Sono Agriculture Product Inc. of Plainview since 1975. He moved to Southland from Plainview in 1987.  
 Survivors include his wife, Janet; three sons, Mark Reynolds of Orlando, Fla., Matthew Reynolds of Lubbock and Andy Reynolds of Plainview; his mother, Ruth Taylor of Slaton; his father, Alfred Leonard Reynolds of Clarendon; a brother, Ricky Reynolds of Pampa; a half-sister, Betty Ann Reames of Pampa; a stepsister, Cheryl Cloud of Plainview; and six grandchildren.

**VIRGIL LEE WHITSTINE**  
**VICTORIA** - Virgil Lee Whitstine, 87, grandfather of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, April 27, 1997. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Wheeler Funeral Home at El Campo. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Edna, Texas.  
 Mr. Whitstine was born at Claude, Texas, in 1909, to Charles William Whitstine and Florence Johnson-Whitstine. He married Bey Catherine Ballew in 1935. He worked at various jobs prior to working in the oil field, helping to establish Stone Well Service. He worked for founder Pappy Stone for 60 years before retiring at 81.  
 He was preceded in death by his wife, six brothers and a grandson.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Bey Carole Filip of Houston, Wanda Sue Dickson of Buckley, Wash., and Diana Kay Winnett of Naperville, Ill.; two sons, Tommy Lee Whitstine of Palmer, Alaska, and Kenneth Edward Whitstine of Orange; a brother, Vardel Everett Whitstine of Louisville, Ky.; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

**Stocks**  
 The following grain quotations are provided by Ateberry Grain of Pampa:  
 Wheat 4.10  
 Milo 4.30  
 Corn 4.98  
 The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:  
 Occidental 22 dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:  
 Magellan 81.10  
 Puritan 17.67  
 The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:  
 Amoco 81 1/8 up 1/4  
 Arco 133 5/8 dn 1 1/4  
 Cabot 21 3/4 dn 1/8  
 Cabot O&G 16 1/4 dn 1/8

Chevron 66 5/8 up 5/8  
 Coca-Cola 61 5/8 up 1/2  
 Columbia/HCA 33 3/8 up 1/4  
 Enron 37 1/8 up 1/8  
 Halliburton 68 7/8 dn 7/8  
 Ingersoll Rand 48 1/8 up 1/4  
 KNE 37 1/4 NC  
 Lument 59 3/4 NC  
 Kerr McGee 59 1/8 up 3/4  
 Marathon 29 1/8 NC  
 Magcon 29 1/8 NC  
 McDonald's 52 1/4 up 1/2  
 Mobil 125 3/4 up 3/4  
 New Atmos 23 1/2 up 1/4  
 Parfiter & Parsley 30 7/8 up 3/8  
 Pennco 47 up 1/2  
 Phillips 38 5/8 NC  
 SLB 108 1/8 dn 1 1/2  
 SPS 36 5/8 up 1/4  
 Tenneco 39 5/8 up 3/4  
 Texaco 103 5/8 up 5/8  
 Ultron 31 1/4 up 3/4  
 Pennco 47 up 1/2  
 Wal-Mart 27 7/8 up 1/8  
 New York Gold 339.30  
 Silver 4.58  
 West Texas Crude 19.98

## Late snowstorm leaves 3,000 cattle dead

**AMARILLO (AP)** - More than 3,000 cattle died as a result of the snowstorm that dropped as much as 15 inches of snow in some areas of Texas and New Mexico last week, authorities say.

W.J. Hill, a Dimmitt veterinarian, said more than 500 cattle died in the Dimmitt area alone, making it the worst snowstorm for cattle deaths he's ever seen in 30 years of working in the area.  
 "In my 30 years in Dimmitt, I believe that's the biggest number of dead cattle I've seen in spite of all the blizzards we've had," Hill told *The Amarillo Globe-News* Monday.

Ronnie Griffith, dispatcher for Hereford Bi-Products, said the company picked up 4,000 to 5,000 head in the past three days in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.  
 Some of them can be attributed to normal losses,

## Sheriff's Office

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

**MONDAY, April 28**  
**Arrests**  
 Sylvia Ramirez, 20, Wheeler, was arrested on three traffic violations. She bonded out.  
 Kevin Ray Lietz, 21, Copperas Cove, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$50. He remains in custody.

## Accidents

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

**SUNDAY, April 27**  
 A 1996 Chevy Caprice driven by Trevor McGill, owned by the city of Pampa, and a 1993 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Robert K. Graham, 15, 2212 Lynn, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Brown Street. McGill was in pursuit of a traffic violator, with his red and blue lights on. Graham stopped at the stop sign, but failed to see the patrol car. McGill was unable to stop. No citations were issued.

**MONDAY, April 28**  
 A 1995 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Kimberly

## Police report

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

**MONDAY, April 28**  
 A missing person, a 66 year-old male, was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.  
 A burglary was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes. Damage and loss of various household items and electronics were valued at \$1,595.

## Ambulance

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

**MONDAY, April 28**  
 7:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to McCullough and Barnes on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.  
 11:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to

but more than 3,000 were caused by the snowstorm, Griffith said.

"And we've still got a lot of stuff we haven't been able to pick up," he said Monday. "People are just now being able to get out into the wet fields and pull cattle and count numbers. We still have calls coming in."

Both Hill and Griffith said that some cattlemen lost up to 250 head from their herds.  
 Hill said he believes the reason for the high losses is that the cattle stayed wet-so long that they drifted, piled up in corners and suffocated.

The losses seem to be worst in the places with good five-wire fences. Cattle contending with hot-wire fences broke through and wandered, but didn't die, Hill said.

Temperatures were 29 and 30 degrees, and wind chills were worse at times, Hill said, "but it rained almost steady for four days."

About 8 to 10 inches of snow fell west of Hereford, where more dead cattle were found.

"This is the worst in terms of death loss, as far as the numbers I've had to post or autopsy. I've never seen anybody lose 200," Hill said.

A fierce spring storm that whipped through New Mexico killed 1,300 sheep on a Torrance County ranch and an estimated 130 head of cattle near Las Vegas.

Leroy and Mercedes Cravens had expected a good season on their sheep ranch before the punishing winds and snow blew through Thursday and Friday, leaving them only 400 sheep.

Dawn Menefee, 17, 1101 S. Finley, collided with a telephone pole at 1200 S. Barnes. The accident was due to mechanical failure. No citations were issued.

A 1992 Ford F-150 driven by Stewart Brent Carroll, 16, 2301 Evergreen, backed into a legally parked 1987 Dodge Dakota pickup owned by Brenda Reed, 1040 Varnon Dr., at 200 E. Harvester. No citations were issued.

A 1993 Toyota Camry driven by Wilhelmina Kuhr Beck, 73, 1940 Fir, and a 1995 Ford Mustang driven by Guadalupe Campos, 34, 804 E. Campbell, collided in the 600 block of Zimmers. No citations were filed.

Theft of three wheels was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks.

A runaway was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

**TUESDAY, April 29**  
 A report of a child in need of supervision was made in the 200 block of Kingsmill.

**Arrest**  
 Tyrone Satchell, 22, Shamrock, was arrested on seven warrants.

Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Bradley to transport one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

4:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Jorder on a medical assist. No one was transported.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in mid 40s with northwesterly winds 20-30 mph and gusty. Lake wind warnings in effect. Wednesday, partly cloudy and windy with a high in the mid 70s. Northwesterly winds to 25 mph and gusty, decreasing to 10-15 late in the day. Monday's high was 71; the overnight low was 48.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy and windy with a chance of thunderstorms in some regions. Caution advised on area lakes. Lows from around 40 to mid 40s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and not as warm, windy, with highs from around 70 to mid 70s. South Plains: Tonight, a slight chance of showers or thunder-

storms northern low rolling plains, otherwise mostly clear. Lows mid 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 75-80.

North Texas - Tonight, clear. Increasing cloudiness late. A slight chance of thunderstorms extreme north central. Lows 58 to 63. Wednesday, clear to partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east. A slight chance of thunderstorms north central and northeast. Highs 75 to 81.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly clear with some low clouds developing after midnight, mainly south central. Lows in low 60s, mid 50s Hill Country. Wednesday, sunny and warm. Highs in upper 80s. Upper Coast: Tonight, fair. Lows in mid 60s inland to near 70 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in upper 80s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly

### BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy north with a slight chance of evening showers and thunderstorms, mainly mountains. Fair skies south. Lows mid 20s to mid 40s mountains and north with 40s and 50s lower elevations south. Wednesday, partly cloudy north, mostly sunny south. Cooler northeast, not as warm south. Breezy most sections by afternoon. Highs low 50s to mid 70s mountains and north with 70s to mid 80s lower elevations south.  
 Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly central regions. Lows mainly in the 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and a little cooler. Highs mainly in the 70s.

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## Hot air balloons



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)  
The fourth and fifth grade students at Wilson Elementary School kicked off the week of TAAS tests with some hot air balloons which the students had made. Unfortunately, the cool Monday morning temperatures and the many rents in the delicate materials kept the balloons from taking off as planned.

## Future Entrepreneur Scholarship program kicks off for year 1997

The nation's only major scholarship supporting the philosophy of entrepreneurship rather than a specific profession is helping even more aspiring entrepreneurs in 1997.

The Future Entrepreneur Scholarship program, coordinated by the National Association for the Self-Employed, has helped provide financial assistance of more than \$455,000 to 331 students in the seven years since its inception.

This year, the NASE has announced that the amount of each of the 22 scholarships in the program will increase from \$3,000 to \$4,000. For the third consecutive year, one scholarship applicant will be chosen as the NASE's Future Entrepreneur of the Year and receive \$12,000 scholarship.

In 1995, Ethan Pagliaro of Cincinnati was the first student to receive the Future Entrepreneur of the Year Scholarship.

"It was like winning the lottery," Pagliaro said when accepted his award. "Here I was feeling like I wouldn't be able to make it back to school because money was so tight. And all of a sudden, NASE says 'You're going!'"

Pagliaro and 1996 winner Jeffrey Davis, Mount Vernon, Texas, illuminate a trend among today's youth — an increasing number look forward to becoming self-employed business professionals. Statistics show:

- 38 percent of college students think owning a business is the best path to a successful career.

- 70 percent of high school students want to join the ranks of self employed business owners.

- 50 percent of young people believe business ownership is an avenue to economic security.

Despite this, youth still need a strong educational background and the funds to finance it. That's why the NASE offers the Future Entrepreneur of the Year scholarship to the dependent of an

NASE member. The NASE Scholarship program provides resources to help fledgling entrepreneurs lay the foundations for successful futures.

The deadline to apply for one of the 22 scholarships worth \$4,000 is May 30, 1997. Applications for the \$12,000 Future Entrepreneur of the Year Scholarship will be accepted until April 30. For more information, contact Larry R. Starnes at 665-1726 or Rick Massick at 665-6828.

The NASE is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan association with more than 320,000 members. It is the largest association of its kind representing the smallest of small businesses. In addition to its scholarship program, the NASE offers its members legislative advocacy and more than 100 other benefits including discounts on business products and services. More information on NASE can be found on its home page: <<http://www.nase.org/>>

## Lawmakers: Senate tax bill to be much smaller than House plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate is likely to pare down by billions of dollars a House plan to lower local school property taxes by raising numerous other state taxes, according to two key lawmakers.

Sens. Ken Armbrister, head of the Senate committee that will consider the plan, and Teel Bivins, head of the Senate Education Committee, on Monday said they need more time to review the nearly \$5 billion House tax overhaul approved early Saturday.

Both said the Senate is likely pass a much smaller proposal. How that would affect property owners and other Texans remained unclear.

The House plan would lower local school property taxes by just less than 50 percent. To pay for the cuts, the proposal would expand the state business tax, increase the number of goods and services subject to the state sales taxes, raise some other taxes and add \$1.3 billion in other state funds to school spending.

Combining the cuts with the increases, most Texans would save about two percent in total state and local taxes.

"The House has put forth a dramatic plan," said Bivins, R-Amarillo. "Our challenge in the precious little time we have left is to try to get something out of here so we can get to conference and essentially hammer out a property tax reduction plan for the state."

"I want a plan that has property tax relief for all sectors, not to have one sector of the economy feel that they came up on the short end of the stick," he said.

Many conservatives have said the House plan would hit businesses too hard, while others say it would weigh too heavily on consumers.

Any changes in the Senate would force a conference between Senate and House lawmakers to work out differences.

The Senate work, a conference committee and final votes would have to come before June 2, when the legislative session ends. Voters would have the final say on Aug. 9.

"It's going to be extremely hard," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate. "We do not have that luxury of time."

Armbrister, D-Victoria, said two likely differences between the House plan and a likely Senate proposal include:

- The number of items subject to the sales tax. The House proposal would add nearly 30 items to the list of sales taxable goods and services. That would raise about \$1.2 billion every two years.

- Armbrister said a Senate plan would more likely raise about \$132 million every two years. He said items most likely to be removed from the list would be those that most closely affect consumers, like utility taxes.

- The way the state sends money to schools. The House plan proposes a complete rewrite of the school funding structure. It would tax business property on a statewide basis, rather than on a local basis. That would eliminate the so-called "Robin Hood" funding system, which forces the richest districts to share wealth with the poorest.

The Senate plan, Armbrister said, would work within the current structure and would encourage school districts to lower their tax rates by offering them more money for doing so. The current funding formula gives more state money to school districts each time local school tax rates are increased.

Armbrister added that the school funding issue will be key.

"If we don't agree on that, the money doesn't matter," he said.

The Senate committee could begin its work Thursday. Armbrister said he would like to have a Senate bill completed within two weeks.

## Man stabs wife to death for starting dinner without him

FORT WORTH (AP) — A computer specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration stabbed his wife to death, telling her "you did this to yourself," because the family started eating dinner without him, police said.

Sharon Perales was stabbed at least once in the chest and died on the kitchen floor Sunday as their 12-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter called 911.

The boy told police he heard his father say to his mother, "You pushed me to the limits. You did this to yourself."

Federico Perales, 52, waited calmly for officers to arrive, said a police spokesman, Lt. Mark Krey. Charged with murder, Perales was being held today in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Mrs. Perales, 48, and the children sat down to eat a late dinner when trouble began, Krey said. Her husband was in another room. "She had called her husband to

eat dinner but got no response, so they went ahead and started to eat," he said. "Mr. Perales then sat up from the couch and became irate because they had started eating before him."

Perales walked into the dining room, grabbed his wife by the hair, pushed her to the floor and cursed her, police said.

The children tried to reach the telephone in the kitchen to call police, but their father pushed them away, Krey said. The daughter ran to a bedroom to call while the son remained in the kitchen, watching as their father began opening cabinet drawers until he found a large knife, police said.

Before police arrived, Krey said, Perales assured his daughter that he would not hurt her or her brother.

The children and other relatives said Perales had been violent toward his family in the past and Mrs. Perales had recently

told him she wanted a divorce. "Without a doubt, this woman suffered his abuse for years and years," Krey said. "This (situation) is so stereotypical of a chronic abuser."

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Opinion

A vote in favor of privacy rights

In Paris recently the protection of private communications found support from an unexpected corner: The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The 29-member OECD — made up of the world's major industrial nations, excluding China and Russia — usually is a typical slow-moving bureaucracy.

But the OECD voted against adopting measures, proposed by the Clinton administration, to regulate encryption — the use of mathematical codes to keep secret communications on the Internet and other electronic data systems.

The OECD's non-binding "Guidelines" even went so far as to state: "The fundamental rights of individuals to privacy, including secrecy of communications and protection of personal data, should be respected in national cryptography policies and in the implementation and use of cryptographic methods."

The OECD action was a rebuke to President Clinton, who has conducted a four-year effort to ensure government's ability to snoop on American citizens. Clinton's latest regulations, which went into effect in January, mandate that all Americans using advanced encryption methods for international (but not domestic) communications place a decryption code in "escrow" with a private, third-party business. The "escrow key," as the decoding numbers are called, then can be accessed by the government during investigations.

This order has frozen exports of U.S. encryption technology, allowing foreign countries an open field in this profitable new business area.

Sadly, the push for control was led not only by the United States, but by the two other countries that once led the world in advancing human liberty, France and England.

By contrast, the arguments against controlling cryptography were led by the Czech Republic and Poland, lands with recent experience of the control of information by communist tyrannies.

"It's a good decision because it's a bad idea for governments to have access to the private communications of their citizens," John Gilmore, a founding board member of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, told us. "The U.S. has taken a very U.S.-centric view, that governments will be always democratic, civil and reliable. The OECD member states have noticed that most governments around the world don't have respect for the civil rights of their citizens. And encouraging an international regime that glorifies the government's right to wiretap would have a serious effect on human rights and those working to advance human rights all over the globe."

The OECD action is yet another reason the Clinton Administration should abandon its restrictions on encryption. The right to privacy implicitly means the right to encrypt to ensure that privacy — without government intervention or access.

High court passes drug test

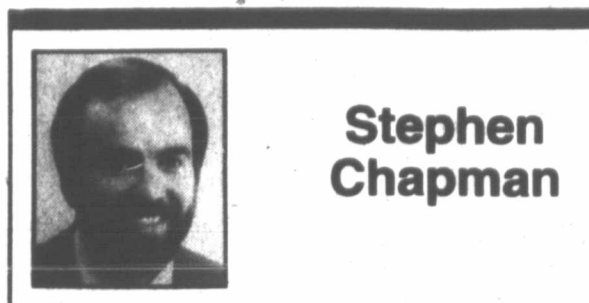
A few years ago, when Democratic Sen. Ernest Hollings was running for reelection in South Carolina, his opponent had the bright idea of demanding that he submit to a drug test. Hollings disposed of the issue with a succinct reply: "I'll take a drug test if he'll take an IQ test."

IQ tests are not required for election to the Georgia legislature, which in 1993 passed a law subjecting all candidates for state office to have their urine analyzed by a laboratory to prove that they have not been using marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines or other forbidden substances. That obligation did not sit well with the Libertarian Party, whose candidates are not on record as engaging in drug use but who do unashamedly advocate legalizing it.

The party's 1994 candidate for lieutenant governor, Walker Chandler, went to court arguing that the law was an invasion of constitutionally protected rights. Recently, a nearly unanimous Supreme Court found itself in the novel position of aligning with the Libertarians and against those who think Americans should be prepared to forfeit all privacy in the endless, futile war on drugs.

The decision is a declaration that even this generally conservative Supreme Court has limits to what it will tolerate in the name of eradicating drug use. Given its past rulings, the court would not have surprised many people if it had upheld the Georgia law. Just two years ago, it refused to overturn a public middle school's practice of requiring random drug tests of students who play interscholastic sports, and earlier, it accepted a U.S. Customs Service policy of testing all employees applying for certain jobs.

But the Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches has to mean something. What it has traditionally meant is that the government can't pry into



Stephen Chapman

the pockets or personal affairs of a citizen unless it has reason to think he has done something wrong. The surliest lowlife on the street can't be stopped and frisked unless the police can state a reasonable basis for suspicion. The dumpiest house on the block can't be searched without a warrant based on "probable cause" that it harbors evidence of a crime. The Supreme Court, however, has been willing to allow drug testing of some people who are not suspected of wrongdoing.

This time, however, the state of Georgia went too far. As Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the eight justices who voted to invalidate the law, the urinalysis of candidates indisputably amounted to a search, and given the circumstances, there was no way to conclude that it was reasonable.

Georgia is not famous for putting crackheads in office. In fact, the state's own lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court, "To be frank, there is no such problem as we sit here today." Nor is there any reason to think the legislature would be impaired if one of its members were sneaking out to smoke pot between floor debates. (Would anyone notice?) If the state is going to invade the privacy of citizens, the court said, it has to come up with a better reason than idle speculation about some-

thing bad that could happen someday, maybe.

Taking a drug test may seem like the sort of sacrifice of privacy that any politician should be willing to accept. But no one would suggest that candidates should be kept off the ballot until they have let police ransack their homes and workplaces for evidence of wrongdoing. If someone has been convicted of a crime, it may be prudent to bar him from office. But people with clean records shouldn't have to go to such lengths to prove they have done nothing wrong.

If we were to allow drug testing of anyone running for state office, it would not take long before someone would propose requiring it of people getting state contracts, people taking state jobs, people requesting state welfare benefits or even people applying for state driver's licenses. If a drug-addicted state senator poses a danger, doesn't a drug-addicted driver pose an even bigger one?

But the Georgia law shouldn't be understood as a genuine effort to combat the dangers of illegal drugs. As Justice Antonin Scalia said of the Customs Service's drug testing, it amounts to an "immolation of privacy and human dignity in symbolic opposition to drug use." Measures like this are intended to further narrow our shrunken concept of personal privacy while undermining the notion that each of us should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The court's decision won't handicap law enforcement, though, and it should do no harm to the quality of lawmaking in Georgia. Georgians who want to know if their leaders' minds are addled by drugs can always watch to see if they make fools of themselves in public. And if ridiculous behavior doesn't distinguish them from other state officials, maybe the people of Georgia have a bigger problem than they realize.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 29, the 119th day of 1997. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Five years ago, on April 29, 1992, deadly rioting that claimed 54 lives and caused \$1 billion in damage erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

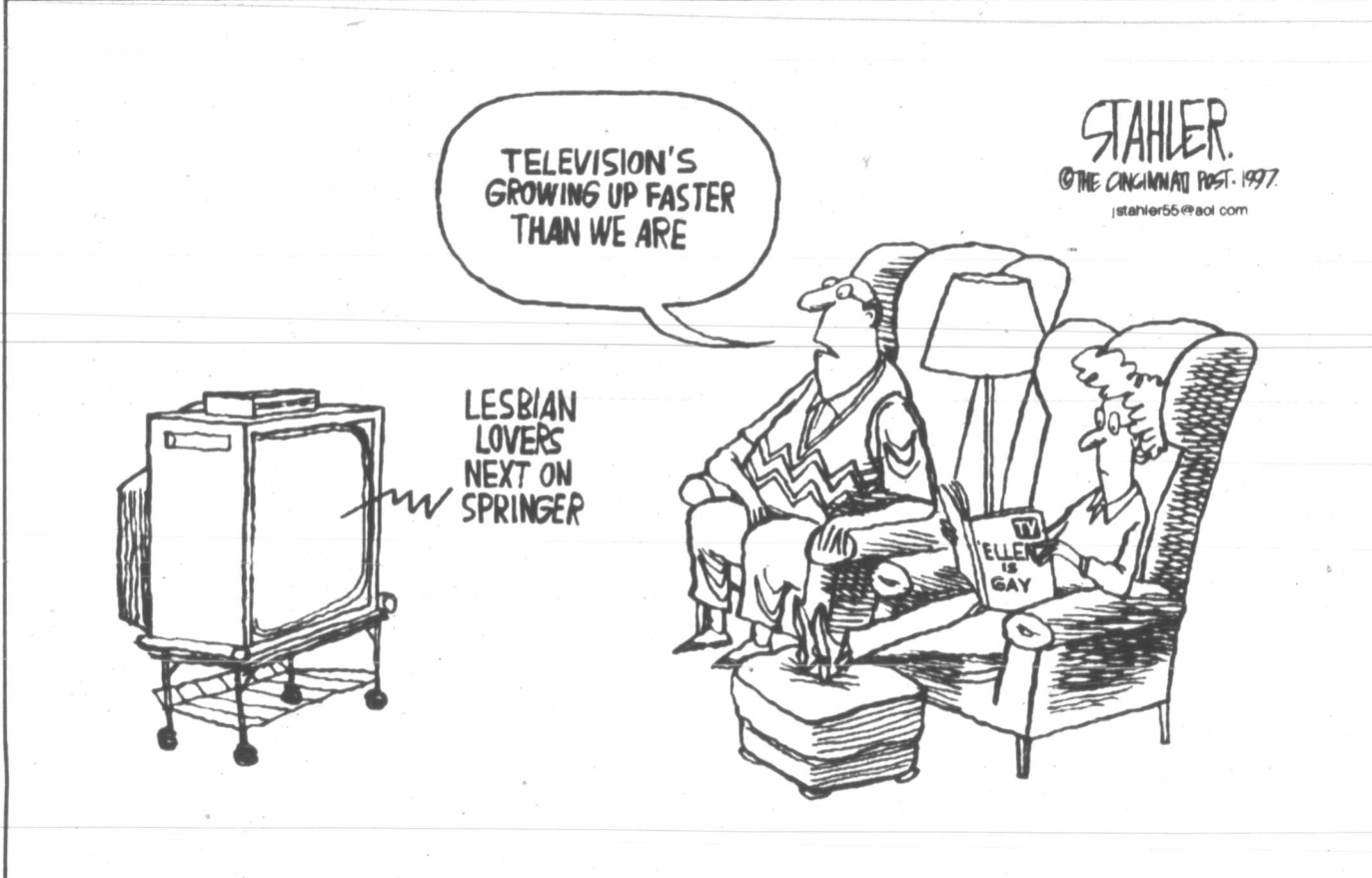
On this date: In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English.

In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union.

In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; that same day, in a Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Admiral Karl Doenitz his successor.



Getting the best of TV stupor

Charley Reese

One of the warning signs of an impending decision to kick television out of your life is when you turn the sound off while watching ball games.

I like to watch ball games occasionally. I like to watch boxing on the rare occasions when two opponents are evenly matched and neither is on a weekend pass from a retirement village, demented or glass-jawed. I found myself in recent months, however, increasingly irritated by the banal and inane commentary, not only about boxing but about sports in general.

The one exception is John Madigan. He's great. The computer database has ruined baseball commentary. It allows the compilation of statistics nobody wants to know. How many times have you heard some guy yap like this into the microphone? "Joe Schmo holds the record for the most singles by a right-handed hitter against a left-handed pitcher in the third innings of games played on a grass field on a slightly overcast day."

Who cares? And the sports interview? Ho, ho, ho. Interviewing a boxer is like asking a dairy cow to explain T. S. Eliot's poetry. Kiss truth, folks. Boxing is barbarism. People rarely go into boxing just to kill time until there is an opening in graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The longer they box the less smart they get. The human brain, anchored only fore and aft, is not designed to bounce around inside the skull. When it does bounce a lot, conversation suffers, though in fairness, most of the commentators don't seem that much smarter than the boxers.

The NBA has gone Hollywood. Basketball is the most overhyped sport with the most overpaid players. A fairly simple child's game has been turned into a Steven Spielberg production. The players even act like actors.

So, you see, when you find your enjoyment of sports, one of life's more simplistic pleasures, being soured by the banality and hype surrounding it on the glowing screen, you know you're getting close to tossing the tube.

Another symptom, especially prominent among cable subscribers, is the day you realize you've seen the *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (the Burt Lancaster version) 17 times each on four channels, the Henry Fonda version 18 times on three channels and the Walter Huston version at least twice on two channels.

It's pretty scary to realize you're becoming familiar with 100% of Hollywood's productions beginning with *Birth of a Nation*. Even John Wayne, may God rest his soul, gets old with repetition.

Someone warned back in the 1950s that television would eat up its material at a voracious rate. And so it has. Television has gone beyond the

rerun. It is now into the rerun-to-the-tenth-power.

Another milestone on the road to liberation from television is when you finally get enough of near-dinner-hour commercials for sanitary napkins, medicines for hemorrhoids, douches and underwear for people who suffer from incontinence. Has television no shame? Nope, it doesn't, or even taste.

The breaking point for me came on a recent short vacation. I had spent three pleasant days without television and was settling down for an afternoon nap when a family moved into the next room at the motel and turned on the TV.

I figured anybody who would turn on a TV at two o'clock in the afternoon on a beautiful spring day in the mountains would probably watch it around the clock.

Off the bed in a flash, I tossed my ditty bag into my suitcase, checked out and hit the road. If I don't wish to watch television, I certainly don't wish to listen to somebody else watching television.

Life without the tube is pleasant. I have restrung my pawnshop guitar, tuned it (a major undertaking for the tone deaf) and picked out the tune of *Amazing Grace*.

I've also started reading a new translation of my favorite essayist, Michel de Montaigne, a 16th century French tough guy who is one heck of a writer. Beats TV stupor any day.

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The airwaves belong to Americans

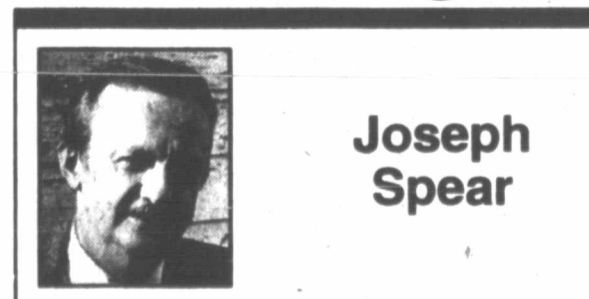
If there is a Scoundrel Hall of Fame somewhere, they are likely preparing a special alcove for the broadcasting industry. Surely a more brazen breed of knave never strode the earth.

For six decades, they used the public's airwaves, free of charge, to generate billions in profits while telling us they were doing it "in the public interest." Now comes new technology that creates more channels that could be worth \$70 billion if sold on the open market, and yet damned if they haven't handed it to them again. Maybe we deserve to get screwed.

The story goes back a decade, when the government was preparing to assign excess spectrum space for public safety and mobile communications use, and the industry's lobby, the National Association of Broadcasters, said wait a minute, we need that space for, uh, let's see, for High Density Television. Yes, that's it. For HDTV. And so they got a free "second channel," over which they would broadcast the new hi-tech signals that would bring us theater-sharp images and CD sound.

Then scientists discovered that electronic signals could be "digitized" and broadcast in bits like computer codes, and that the same sliver of spectrum that currently carries one "analog" signal can carry half a dozen "digital" signals. Whoa! Suddenly there were six "revenue streams" where there had been one. The extra channels could be used for home-shopping shows, for pay-per-view, for pagers, you name it.

The profit potential was enormous. As Federal



Joseph Spear

Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt put it, the extra spectrum space was "beachfront property on the Cyber Sea." On Capitol Hill, two lonely warriors took up the battle. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., crusaded for an airwaves auction, similar to others which have raised \$20 billion for the national treasury over the past few years.

Wait a minute, said the broadcasters, we've got a God-given right to use these airwaves and all this nonsense about buying it is getting into the realm of sacrilege. No joke. NBC President Robert Wright actually said that forcing broadcasters to pay would be like "taxing the right to build churches."

Theirs was a great public service, they said, providing "free" things like news and weather. They needed the second channel, they said, to simulcast analog and digital while the country was converting to the new technology. And they couldn't afford to pay for spec-

trum space and modernize at the same time.

They even mounted a multi-million dollar scare campaign. They ran ads claiming that Congress wanted to "tax" free TV. It would be the death of *Seinfeld* and *Letterman*, they said.

They also boosted their education and persuasion donations to members of Congress. During the 1995-1996 cycle, the NAB gave \$861,714 to various congressional campaigns. Owners and executives of the top four networks reportedly coughed up \$2,475,405 in soft money for the two parties. It didn't hurt matters, either, that the president of the NAB, Edward O. Fritts, was a classmate of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott at Old Miss. Lott has been one of the industry's biggest boosters.

And so it was that last year Congress overhauled the nation's telecommunications laws and came up with a design for the future that had every major player doing cartwheels.

There were breaks for cable, breaks for telephone companies, breaks for broadcast — among them a proviso that awards the "second channel" free of charge. Now the broadcasters are resisting the idea that the new capacity should be dedicated to public service. They need "spectrum flexibility," they say. And they're not sure when they can surrender their old analog space. We need to keep an open mind on that, too, they say.

Consider: The analog band can also be converted to six digital frequencies. That would be twelve new revenue streams.

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# American, Russian gather cosmic dust samples outside Mir

KOROLYOV, Russia (AP) — An American astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut worked outside the Russian Mir space station for almost five hours today, gathering cosmic dust samples and installing a radiation meter during the first joint U.S.-Russian spacewalk.

The two men conversed in Russian as they worked, asking each other to pass tools or operate controls.

Russian mission control said everything went so well that Jerry Linenger and Vasily Tsibliyev completed the mission early, taking four hours and 58 minutes rather than the scheduled 5 1/2 hours to finish their work outside the Russian space station.

"They are both feeling fine," mission control spokeswoman Vera Medvedkova said at the start of the spacewalk. "A voice link has just been established and I can hear our mission controllers congratulating Linenger on making his first spacewalk. He is laughing and saying he likes it fine."

It was the first spacewalk for Linenger, and the first time an American astronaut has used a Russian-made spacesuit on a mission.

A giant screen at Russian mission control in Korolyov, just outside Moscow, showed the two astronauts in white space suits using a crane and other equipment.

The two astronauts were conducting experiments on materials for building future spacecraft that include the removal of samples of material mounted on the outside of the Mir by American astronauts and taking samples of cosmic dust.

A radiation meter and other equipment are being installed outside the Mir as part of the experiments.

"Scientists need to know what happens just outside the outer surface of spacecraft, how materials

behave there and which are best for building spacecraft," Medvedkova said.

The astronauts were also using new Russian space suits designed for longer missions.

"New space suits were built for more comfort. They allow more freedom of movement and are also equipped with an additional water pump to improve climate control. They allow the crew to spend a longer time in open space, that is, up to more than seven hours," said deputy mission control chief Viktor Blagov.

In March 1996, while the American space shuttle Atlantis was docked with Mir, American astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford walked outside to install several experiments. It was the first American space walk outside a station in 22 years.

Linenger is scheduled to return home in late May on the Atlantis.

When Atlantis docks with the Mir in May, it will bring Linenger's replacement, astronaut Michael Foale, who is scheduled to spend 4 1/2 months on board the station. Americans are scheduled to be aboard the Mir continuously to gain expertise needed for the new international space station.

The spacewalk comes amid concern about the safety of the aging Russian space station.

Linenger and his two Russian colleagues have had to contend with a fire, leaking antifreeze fumes, broken oxygen generators and problems with the carbon dioxide removal system.

The Mir, currently the world's only space station, has been in service for eleven years although it was designed to last five years. It is slated to be replaced by an international station built cooperatively by a number of countries including Russia and the United States.

## Gov. Bush declares Pet Week

AUSTIN — Every day animals touch our lives in many ways, a fact Texas Gov. George W. Bush acknowledged when he recently proclaimed May 4-10 Pet Week in Texas.

"During this week, and all year long, we should take time to show kindness to animals, provide them with medical attention, encourage adoption of homeless pets, and recognize the contributions that animals make to enriching the lives of Texans, young and old," Gov. Bush said.

"Pets bring companionship, devotion and love to many Texans. Throughout the history of our state, animals have been our helpmates and playmates — some herding cattle and sheep, guarding our homes and businesses, assisting Texans with disabilities, and others providing laughter or solace," Gov. Bush added.

The celebration in Texas is part of National Pet Week, an event created by the Auxiliary to

the American Veterinary Medical Association to promote responsible pet ownership and the importance of veterinary care. In the Lone Star State, the members of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, Auxiliary to the TVMA and Texas Association of Registered Veterinary Technicians will once again participate in Pet Week.

"Veterinarians give necessary inoculations, provide care when pets are ill and help preserve and improve their quality of life," Gov. Bush said.

Many veterinarians will participate in Pet Week through activities ranging from speaking to school or civic groups about proper pet care, to holding celebrations within their clinics.

Gov. Bush urged Texans to join in the Pet Week celebration. "We can use this time to consider the role pets play in our lives and the importance of keeping those loyal companions healthy."

## Rotarians clean up highway section



Thirty bags of Highway 70 litter and several pieces of junk too large to fit in a bag were collected by Pampa Rotary Club members the weekend of April 19. Rotarians cleaned up a mile of highway trash north of the Little Red School House. Helping with the cleanup are, from left, Chuck White, Fred Brook, Charles Morris, Lee Fraser, Jeff Boyd, Duane Harp, Robert Smith and Jack Reeve. Not pictured are Charlie Powell and Curt Beck.

## West Texas A&M to offer online computer class during summer

CANYON — How about taking a class in your bathrobe or while the kids are napping? It could become a reality for those enrolled in West Texas A&M University's EDE 450/5450.

The online computer class, "Exceptional Learners in the Mainstream of Society," will meet on campus only three times during the first summer session, June 2-July 9.

"The emphasis of the course is on how to meet the needs of exceptional children (special needs, gifted and talented and at-risk students) in a general education," said Dr. Nella Bea Anderson, course instructor and WTAMU assistant professor of education.

Anderson said the course is designed to be interactive with e-mail, chat rooms, online connections, etc.

"Just because it will be at your computer doesn't mean it can't be interactive," she said. "Students will have the opportunity to inter-

act with the instructor, classmates, parents, classroom teachers and professional organizations via Internet connections."

Anderson created specific materials for this course that include eight units of study divided into objectives, an introduction, activities, practice, evaluation and a wrap-up.

"Because the class is on the Internet, it will be great for self-directed students," Anderson said. "They can do the work any time of the day."

Class participants will decide on a once-a-week chat time to discuss issues.

Anderson described the course as a necessary part of preparing students to teach in today's classrooms.

"The technology we will use in this class is the kind of technology teachers need to know how to use in their classrooms," she said. "The benefits of this course are two-fold because the student gains the

insight from course material and the technology from the course delivery."

The recommended computer equipment for this class includes a Pentium class machine which is equivalent to a Power Macintosh with 16 MB of RAM, an 800X600 256 color display, Windows 95 or System 7.5, a double-speed CD-ROM, a modem card, local Internet service or WTAMU dial-in access, and a JAVA capable web browser such as Netscape.

LEK Technologies Inc. has a special package that includes the WTAMU computer class equipment. To contact LEK, call (806) 622-3313.

For more information about the course, contact Anderson at (806) 656-2906 or nanderson@wtmail.wtamu.edu.

For more questions about the computer equipment, contact James Houston, WTAMU network analyst, at (806) 656-2904 or jhouston@wtmail.wtamu.edu.

## Worldwide chemical weapons treaty to take effect without Russia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The worldwide treaty banning chemical weapons will go into effect without ratification from Russia — which admits having them — and other key countries.

The pact bans the use, development, production or stockpiling of all chemical warfare agents and requires the destruction of existing stockpiles over the next decade.

The treaty was to go into effect at midnight Monday.

The United States, which ratified the pact Thursday, and Russia are the only two countries that acknowledge they have chemical weapons.

Russia's parliament on Friday postponed adoption of the ban, saying the country could not currently afford to destroy its stockpiles — a task

its says would cost \$5 billion. Russia's lower house, the State Duma, promised to ratify it by fall, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

## Lottery set to reveal name of ticket holder

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery has given a Houston lotto winner until the end of business today to file a legal challenge before having his name made public.

The Texas attorney general last week, in the first-ever legal opinion on the subject, ruled that the lotto winner's name and age are public information.

The lottery was told to release the name of the \$11.3 million lotto winner last Friday despite his contention that his name should be kept secret.

But the agency declined to release his name, giving the winner until next week to file a legal challenge. The lottery on Monday decided to give him until 5 p.m. today.

"This time limit balances your client's interests in preventing the untimely disclosure of the information," lottery attorney Diane Morris wrote to the winner's lawyer, Jeff Frasier. "Likewise this time limitation respects the public's right to reasonable access to public information."

Frasier on Friday said he planned to file a lawsuit to block his client's name from being released. He did not immediately return a call Monday.

The jackpot drawing held last Christmas was claimed in January by the Houston-based A.M.R. Partnership. None of the partners' names were made public.

The Associated Press at that time filed a request under the state's Public Information Act asking the Texas Lottery for the names, ages and hometowns of A.M.R.'s principal partners.

The lottery generally has announced such information about winners since the game began in 1992. Some winners have requested minimal publicity but have not fought to keep their names secret.

The AP's request for the information was turned over to the attorney general's office to determine whether the winner's name, age and hometown were matters of public record.

The office issued that opinion Friday. Written by Assistant Attorney General Karen Hattaway, it said the lottery winner's hometown, already made public, is part of his "street address," which by law is not public information.

"With the exception of the 'hometown' of the individual who claimed the prize money, the requested information must be released," the opinion said.

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## Getting the mud off



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Cub Scout Ryan Olson jumps to get the mud off of his shoes Sunday after helping plant about 30 trees adjacent to the Hike n' Bike Trail near M. K. Brown Swimming Pool. Members of Pampa's Tiger, Cub and Webelos scouts were present to help with the project to earn their Cub Scout World Conservation badge.

## Board terminates executive director

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies voted to fire executive director Clema D. Sanders effective immediately.

The board voted 6-2 to replace Ms. Sanders with Larry R. Shimek in the wake of an expense-account scandal with the board.

"It's been a long day, I don't have a reaction yet," Ms. Sanders said Monday after the board's announcement. The board spent more than two hours in executive session discussing the decision.

"Right now, the board's action speaks for itself," said Ben Nix, board chairman.

Ms. Sanders was reassigned less than a week ago from executive director to the agency's chief of training and education, effective May 1. That reassignment is no longer in effect and Ms. Sanders was terminated "in any capacity" with the agency, Nix said. Shimek, a twelve year veteran

of the agency, was named acting executive director when Sanders was reassigned and now officially holds the title of executive director.

Joel Glenn and Matthew Washington were the two votes against terminating Ms. Sanders.

"Miss Clema has brought the agency for the last 22 years to where it is today. Profitable, money-making organization," Washington said. "She's done a tremendous job with this agency and I thought hind sight is 20/20. We all make mistakes, but I think Miss Clema has done a tremendous job for this agency."

The personnel changes came in the wake of recent scandal.

More than a month ago, the state auditor's office released a draft report that said the board improperly spent \$17,470 at meetings between September 1994 and December 1996.

## Manitobans irate about campaign launching

By DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press Writer

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Canada's prime minister is a heavy favorite to win reelection in five weeks — except in flood-stricken southern Manitoba.

Residents are furious that Jean Chretien launched the campaign Sunday while the region battles its worst flood of the century. "He's just thinking of his own political gain, not what we're doing out here," said Bev Jones, helping lay sandbags as the Red River's crest approached.

Local politicians, including members of Chretien's own Liberal Party, had urged him to delay the long-anticipated election until the flood crisis passed. Chretien decided otherwise, and neglected to mention the flood in his election announcement.

Chretien did visit Winnipeg on Saturday, accompanied by a horde of reporters and TV crews. It appeared to worsen his image here rather than improve it.

Handed a sandbag near one threatened

home, Chretien asked, "What do you want me to do with it?" He then handed it to a volunteer.

"There wasn't even a pretense of caring," wrote Winnipeg Free Press columnist Gordon Sinclair Jr.

Winnipeg radio talk show hosts and their callers also chided Chretien.

"This may end up costing the prime minister more than he thinks," said one host, Gerald Fast of Radio 1290.

The flood will pose a delicate dilemma for political candidates, who risk being viewed as insensitive if they campaign in the midst of a natural disaster.

Reg Alcock, a Liberal member of Parliament from Winnipeg, said he was too busy working at a flood-assistance center to think about opening a campaign office.

"A third of my constituency might potentially be under water, so we're just doing everything we can," he said.

The flooding forced 17,000 Manitobans from their homes in the Red River Valley south of Winnipeg. About 8,000 people in the provincial capital are on evacuation

alert as the river's peak approaches this weekend.

Federal election officials say they will make special arrangements for voters displaced by the flood. Mail-in ballots are expected to be one option.

Chretien did not have to call an election until next year. He opted for an unusually early vote partly because there is no strong opposition party at the moment.

Alexa McDonough, leader of the left-of-center New Democratic Party, called Chretien insensitive. McDonough said the election would have been delayed if the flooding were in a more populous province.

Another long-shot rival for prime minister, Preston Manning of the right-wing Reform Party, panned Chretien's visit to the flood zone.

"People on the street in Winnipeg are not particularly impressed by seeing politicians come, throw a couple of sandbags and get themselves on TV," Manning said. "Some of them would like to use those politicians as sandbags."

## Three accused of plotting to blow up plant held without bond

FORT WORTH (AP) — Three suspects discussed plotting to blow up a natural gas processing plant while they cased the site shortly before they were arrested, a secretly made videotape purports to show.

About 15 minutes of the tape was played in federal court Monday during a preliminary hearing at which the suspects' lawyers unsuccessfully argued that their clients should be released from jail.

Shawn Dee Adams, 37; his 35-year-old wife, Catherine Dee Adams; and 34-year-old Edward Taylor Jr. are charged with conspiracy to commit robbery affecting interstate commerce. They have not been indicted.

The Adamses and Taylor reportedly are heard on the tape discussing their plans to bomb the Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. plant in Bridgeport as cover for an armored-car heist.

Dallas police detective Charles Storey, who was assigned to the FBI's joint terrorism task force, said a camera hidden in the glove box of an informant's pickup truck captured the video.

Adams suggests that it might take three or four days for law enforcers to control the mass destruction they unleashed. Then Taylor says, "It might take them that long to get the casualties out."

During a discussion about the best time to detonate the bombs, Adams expresses concern that doing it too early might shut down the road and prevent the armored car from getting to the

bank. He suggests they overtake the drivers at the bank.

"They're not going to mess around with a gun barrel at the back of their heads," he said.

Then Mrs. Adams adds: "If they can do it in the movies, we can do it."

She also expressed surprise that they were able to drive so close to the plant and observed that a few children live nearby.

"I hate for it to be that way, but if it has to be, it has to be," she said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Roper said Mrs. Adams' comment sums up the group's plans and aim.

"I think that establishes what their intent was," he said. "They conspired to commit a crime where a lot of people would get hurt."

U.S. Magistrate Charles Bleil

ordered the three held without bond.

A detention hearing for co-defendant Carl "Jay" Waskom Jr., 34, was continued until this afternoon.

Defense attorneys argued that their clients had ties to the community, had little or no criminal records and would not pose a danger if they were released.

Warren St. John, Mrs. Adams' attorney, said it was unfair for them to be held "while the government does its homework ... while government figures out what the law violation is."

However, Bleil apparently was swayed by testimony from Storey, who laid out the government's case, and by the videotape.

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## Prosecution admits Ryder truck axle, fingerprints into evidence in McVeigh case

DENVER (AP) — Moments after jurors in the Oklahoma City bombing trial were dismissed for the day, the piece of evidence that drives the prosecution's case was wheeled into court: the rear axle from the Ryder truck that carried the bomb.

Investigators using a vehicle identification number on the axle traced the truck to Elliott's Body Shop in Junction City, Kan.

Employees there helped produce the sketch that led authorities to Timothy McVeigh, who is on trial for the deadliest terrorist act on U.S. soil.

In addition to details about the axle, jurors today were expected to hear from an FBI fingerprint expert, sources close to the case told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The expert will likely testify about prints lifted from anti-government literature found in McVeigh's car after his arrest, and on a crumpled business card found on the floor of a highway patrol car used to transport McVeigh.

The business card, from Paulsen Military Supply in Wisconsin, bears a handwritten notation: "TNT at \$5 a stick. Need more."

It was the literature that held center stage Monday.

A sealed envelope found in McVeigh's car was labeled with the handwritten message, "Obey the Constitution of the United States and we won't shoot you."

Inside were articles attacking the federal government for the raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, two years before the April 1995 bombing, FBI agent William Eppright III testified.

Prosecutors contend McVeigh bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building to avenge the Waco raid. The 29-year-old Gulf War veteran could face the death penalty if convicted of federal murder and conspiracy charges in the blast that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

The envelope also contained quotations from Samuel Adams and John Locke about the dangers of overzealous governments, and a page from the racist novel *The Turner Diaries*. The page included a passage about government bureaucrats: "We can still find them and kill them," Eppright said.

Prosecutors claim McVeigh used a bombing described in the



Timothy McVeigh

book as a blueprint for the Oklahoma attack.

Eppright also read a quotation from Adams: "Where the government fears the people there is liberty. When the people fear the government there is tyranny." Then he read a handwritten addition to the quote: "Maybe now, there will be liberty."

Under cross-examination by the defense, Eppright conceded that some of the literature was much less inflammatory. One of the passages addressed gun-control legislation: "I would rather fight with pencil lead than bullet lead."

The envelope was in McVeigh's 1977 Mercury Marquis when he was pulled over for a missing license plate 75 minutes after the bomb tore apart the federal building at 9:02 a.m., Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Charlie Hanger told jurors.

McVeigh had earplugs in his pocket, a loaded handgun and a knife, Hanger said. In a detailed account of the chance arrest, Hanger said McVeigh was cooperative and appeared relaxed, even offering an explanation of where he had just been.

"He said he was in the process of moving to Arkansas and that he had taken a load of his belongings down there," Hanger testified.

McVeigh was arrested by federal authorities two days later as he awaited a hearing on a concealed weapons charge.

Prosecutors contend McVeigh was fleeing the bombing when he was stopped, and said explosives residue was found on the earplugs, his clothing and the knife.

## Traveling 'In the Dark' exhibit to stop at Discovery Center

AMARILLO — The Discovery Center will debut "In the Dark," a 6,000 square foot nationally traveling exhibit, on May 24 and will run the exhibit through Sept. 14.

"In the Dark" contains five walk-through areas enabling visitors to see and experience some dark and largely unseen worlds as well as the ways people have reacted to darkness through history.

Components of the exhibit use sophisticated, life size dioramas; interactive elements, such as computer games, mechanical displays and chemical experiments; specimens and fiberglass models; and informational panels that surround the visitors with the sights, sounds, smells and sensations of several dark ecosystems.

The five walk-through areas are:

- **The Darkness of Night** — Encounter animals that dwell in three diverse environments including the Great Smoky Mountains, the Sonoran Desert and a Louisiana cypress swamp.

- **Darkness Within the Soil** — Examine the animals that thrive just underneath the Earth's surface.

- **Darkness Deep Within Caves** — Examine the natural processes that form each type of cave and the unique, sometimes varied organisms found within them.

- **Darkness of the Deep Sea** — Highlights two deep sea environments, a deep sea vent field and a section of the deep open sea, and compares these two diverse ecosystems, the organisms that live in each and these unique deep sea creatures' survival methods.

- **Darkness and Humans** — Details past and present human interactions with dark environments and the resulting effect on these ecosystems. This component also contains a 2,000 square foot play space that rep-

resents an urban backyard for children ages nine and younger. Admission to the exhibit is \$4.50 per person and includes admission to Planetarium show "Who's Scared of the Dark?" Children two and under are admitted free of charge.

The Discovery Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Monday.

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## Secessionists defiant, SWAT team ready

By MARK BABINECK  
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FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — Armed members of a group demanding independence for Texas issued a defiant statement in response to claims by authorities that talks were making progress: They had no plans to surrender.

Two miles from the group's remote sprawling community, a 15-member state SWAT team watched and waited early today, joining at least 75 state and federal law-enforcement agents for the third day of the standoff.

Late Monday, officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety turned away an attorney who said he was hired by Richard McLaren, the self-styled "ambassador" of one faction of the Republic of Texas secessionist group.

"This is my client and I just want to talk to him," Houston attorney Terry O'Rourke said. "I want to get him out alive."

The DPS told him he could meet with authorities later this morning. Negotiations with the Republic group were cordial, with topics ranging from political philosophy to the weather, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

"Some degree of progress has been made," he said, refusing to elaborate. "I think there's some optimism."

But within hours of that statement, McLaren issued his own, interpreting the FBI proposals as demands for surrender — a move his group was not prepared to make.

"Mr. McLaren states that they have no intention of surrendering — they're only interested in getting the foreign agents off of Texas soil," the statement read.

Asked if McLaren's hiring of a lawyer meant a surrender was imminent, O'Rourke said: "He can't win a battle with guns in the mountains with the FBI and the Texas Rangers." He added, however, that Republic



members were "well-armed" and prepared to fight.

About ten Republic members were believed to be entrenched in the rugged 6,000-acre Davis Mountains Resort community, located 175 miles southeast of El Paso. However, *The New York Times* reported today that state officials said they did not know the exact number and could not rule out the possibility that there were children at the "embassy," McLaren's ramshackle trailer in the development.

Authorities believed group members were hiding out in or around the trailer.

As many as 80 residents of the area were urged to leave, but no one was considered to be in danger.

Six Republic members were charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony. Cox said three were also charged with aggravated kidnapping for Sunday's hostage-taking that led to the standoff.

Members held Joe and Margaret Ann

Rowe hostage for twelve hours, demanding the release of two jailed comrades and a referendum on Texas independence.

Mrs. Rowe said she and her husband believed the attackers were willing to kill them.

"It wasn't an empty threat. If somebody will come shooting in your door, they mean it," Mrs. Rowe said at a medical center in Alpine, where her husband was in stable condition with shrapnel wounds to his shoulder.

The attack followed months of conflict between McLaren and Rowe, head of the community's property owners' association.

Earlier Monday, the Rowes were exchanged for Robert Scheidt, identified as the Republic's "captain of the embassy guard" who was arrested Sunday on weapons violations. He has since joined the three people who took the Rowes hostage.

The group also demanded the release from jail of Jo Ann Canady Turner, but she remained in custody after her arrest in Austin last week on two contempt charges.

Republic members contend they are the legitimate government of Texas, which they say was illegally annexed as a state in 1845. They have filed millions of dollars in bogus liens against Texas and public officials.

The group, founded in December 1995, has split into at least three factions, two of which now disavow McLaren. "It appears that Richard McLaren and those acting with him have gone completely off the deep end," said one Web site posting made by a rival Republic faction.

McLaren has threatened to resist any attempt to arrest him and compared his situation to deadly government standoffs near Waco and at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

"These boys are asking for a total military assault," he said in an interview with *The Associated Press* earlier this year. "Our defense forces will fire because we would consider it an invasion."

## World briefs

### Police close major highways in face of IRA threats

LONDON (AP) — Police closed parts of four main highways in the London area today because of a series of security alerts, and the BBC reported: "It seems the IRA has been at it again."

Eight days after the IRA disrupted most of London's transport system with bomb threats, the new security alerts forced evacuation of parts of Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

The airports remained open while they were searched, and Heathrow got the all clear within a half-hour. At Southampton airport southwest of London, incoming flights were suspended but planes were allowed to depart.

Stretches of the M25 highway that rings the capital were closed, as well as parts of three other major highways, creating huge rush-hour traffic jams. By noon, most of the highways were reopened.

"There were coded warnings phoned to the police this morning," Scotland Yard said.

The Irish Republican Army usually uses a code word to verify its telephone calls. So, although no group immediately claimed responsibility, suspicion fell on the IRA, which has set off a series of security alerts accompanied by some small explosions in the runup to Thursday's national election.

### North Korea adds wood chips to rice to stretch rations

BEIJING (AP) — North Koreans are grinding oak trees into powder to supplement meager rations of rice and face mass starvation if food aid does not arrive within weeks, a foreign aid worker said today.

Kathi Zellweger, who just returned from the communist state, said she saw food warehouses that were nearly empty, hungry children too weak to stand, hospitals that can't feed patients and other signs that North Korea's food crisis is "heading toward a disaster if nothing is done."

Unless food aid is delivered by June or July "we will have a full-

blown famine with mass starvation and possibly also refugees heading toward China and South Korea," said Zellweger, of the Caritas aid agency.

People eat soups made with wild plants; one farmer could not remember the last time he ate meat, she said.

### Nature group reports 21 tons of ivory seized

GENEVA (AP) — Asian ivory carvers may be looking for new contraband ivory imports as they run out of old, legal tusks, the World Wildlife Fund said Monday, calling for stricter global enforcement of laws against the trade.

Twenty-one tons of ivory seized between 1989, when trade in tusks was banned, and 1996 was destined for Asian countries, the WWF said.

Asian markets legally can use only pre-ban ivory stocks, but "these stocks may have been supplemented by smuggled ivory," it said, adding that it is impossible to know for sure because little information is available on ivory carvers and their stockpiles.

A survey of eight countries and territories — China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand — found them inadequately equipped to deal with illegal ivory imports.

The survey was conducted by TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring program of WWF and The World Conservation Union.

"Enforcement of international ivory trade restrictions must be improved worldwide, but especially in East Asia where markets remain active," the WWF said.

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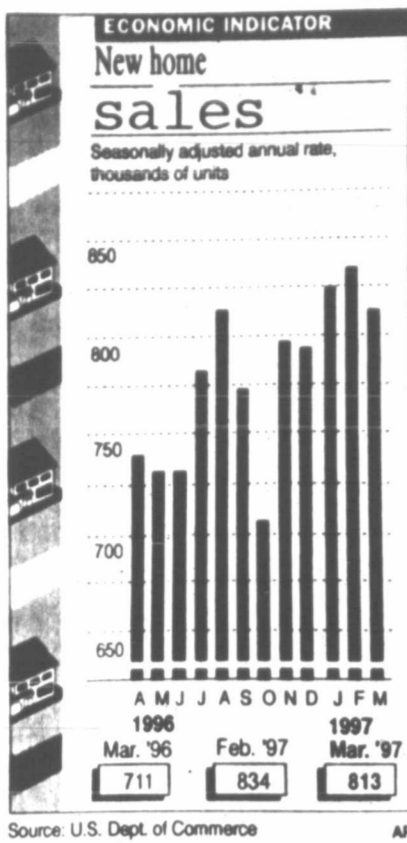
WASHINGTON (AP) — New homes sold in the first quarter at the fastest pace in nearly two decades, the government said Monday in the first of a series of economic reports under scrutiny this week by inflation-wary financial markets.

In the final month of the period, March, sales actually slipped a bit — 2.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 813,000, the Commerce Department said. But it was a modest decline from an eleven year high of 834,000 in February and 825,000 in January.

And it was the first time since 1978 that the sales pace topped 800,000 for three consecutive months.

"You had a really wonderful combination of relatively low interest rates and a robust economy generating solid job gains," said economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "So consumers had a healthy appetite for buying new homes."

Stock prices advanced, with the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks rising 44.15 points to 6,783.02. But trading was hesitant as investors awaited a passel of reports with the potential to seal Federal Reserve policy-makers' conviction they need to



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

benefit gains, for the first quarter. It was viewed as a critical report since Federal Reserve policy-makers have said they're concerned about wage pressures spilling into product price increases.

Also due this week is the government's first look at overall economic growth in the first quarter — expected at a robust four percent annual rate — and the unemployment rate for April.

By week's end, the Fed will have more than enough evidence to justify a second quarter-point tightening of interest rates at its May 20 meeting and probably another in July, analysts said. The first increase in more than a year came on March 25.

"We may have to cool the economy down more rapidly than a lot of people anticipate so I think we should be expecting higher rates," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "It's not going to be pleasant."

Eventually, higher rates will cool the housing market, but not immediately, economists said. Strong sales so far this year have reduced the inventory of unsold new homes at the end of March to 297,000, the lowest in nearly three years. Builders will be

busy for some months replenishing the backlog. And sales will be helped this month and perhaps next month by buyers moving to beat further mortgage rate increases.

"But by the third quarter, the housing sector will be turning into a drag on the economy," said economist David Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders. "It will be a kind of orderly retreat, not a serious old-style housing downswing."

Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages hovered below eight percent in March but moved above that mark in April for the first time in six months. Seiders said they likely would not move higher than 8 1/4 percent on a sustained basis.

The small new home sales dip in March was led by a 16.1 percent decline in the Northeast, to an annual sales pace of 94,000 homes. Sales fell 10.5 percent in the South to 351,000. But they rose 17.7 percent in the West to a 246,000 rate, the highest since November 1993, and 2.5 percent in the Midwest to 123,000.

The median price of a new home, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was \$142,500 in March, up four percent from a year ago.

## Nation briefs

### Report: Feldman shoo-in to succeed Shanker at AFT

NEW YORK (AP) — Sandra Feldman, president of the New York City teachers' union, is expected to succeed Albert Shanker as head of the American Federation of Teachers, *The New York Times* reported today. Shanker died Feb. 22 of cancer. He was 68.

Quoting AFT board members, the paper said Ms. Feldman, 57, a former elementary school teacher, is the obvious replacement for Shanker because she has run the largest local in the teachers' union. She represents 90,000 workers in New York City's public schools.

The AFT has 900,000 members. It is the second largest teachers' union, behind the 2.2-million member National Education Association.

### Clinton to sign open skies agreement

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — President Clinton plans to sign open-skies agreements with a number of Central American nations at a meeting in Costa Rica next week, *USA Today* reported today.

The paper said Guatemalan Ambassador Pedro Lamport told its editorial board Monday that Clinton will be signing the agreements to lift air travel restrictions. The United States already has similar open-sky arrangements with 16 countries and the paper noted that tentative agreements have been reached with Panama and Guatemala to lift limits on service, pricing and the number of airlines allowed to operate in particular countries.

Open-sky agreements probably will increase U.S. dominance of air travel in Central America, but countries there are "looking at it

as a way to open up their economies," Deputy Assistant Secretary Transportation Patrick Murphy told *USA Today*.

### Oprah Winfrey cancels Rodman appearance

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk show host Oprah Winfrey has dropped basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman from her show because his new book is too risqué, the *New York Post* reported today.

The psychedelic-haired hoops star, famous for his outlandish publicity stunts and sexual candor, dressed up in a white wedding gown and a platinum wig last year to sign autographs for his last book, *Bad As I Wanna Be*.

But a Winfrey spokesman told the *Post* that Rodman's new book, *Walk on the Wild Side*, crossed the line of acceptability, and the talk show diva nixed his appearance on her show. The segment was scheduled to be taped last week and broadcast nationally today.

### Fist full of losing lottery tickets save man's life

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A thick stack of losing lottery tickets brought Patrick Gayle the best luck of all: It helped save his life.

Gayle had \$40 worth of losing tickets in his shirt pocket when he got hit in the chest by a stray bullet from a teenage gang fight.

The slug pierced a lighter, a credit card, shaved the edges off some lottery tickets and put holes in others.

"You want to talk about being lucky?" said Gayle, 33, who was unharmed. "Those tickets saved me."

Police charged a 17-year-old boy with attempted homicide. Gayle turned the tattered tickets over to police as evidence last Wednesday, then went to play his lucky numbers again.

## Federal regulators advise on how to prevent air bag deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators gave lawmakers simple advice on how to protect children and shorter adults from the force of deploying air bags: buckle seatbelts, put kids in the backseats and sit farther away from the steering wheel.

The devices have saved more than 1,900 lives, according to government estimates. But they also have been blamed for the deaths of 38 children and infants and 25 adults — many of whom were shorter women.

"Although the device has the power to save lives, we have seen that when used improperly there are tragic consequences," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who presided Monday over a House Commerce subcommittee hearing on air bags.

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration, said all passengers should buckle up and children should ride in back whenever possible. Most of those killed were not wearing seat belts.

Martinez said shorter drivers should put the driver's seat back as far as possible, raise the seat up and tilt the steering wheel toward the chest rather than the face.

Sitting ten inches away from the steering wheel "dramatically decreases your chances of getting hurt from an air bag," Martinez said.

Government regulators also said they are exploring whether to allow the use of cutoff switches for air bags in vehicles already on the road.

"That's one issue we're looking at," said NHTSA deputy administrator Phil Recht.

In response to public concerns, the highway safety

agency in March allowed automakers to install air bags that deploy with 20 percent to 35 percent less force.

NHTSA officials also have proposed that any motorist be allowed to have a mechanic disconnect an air bag. But automakers are unified in their opposition to the plan, saying it would prompt too many consumers who would benefit from air bags to instead disconnect them.

"We believe millions (of customers) could be at the dealer's doorstep asking for deactivation," Lou Camp of Ford Motor Co. testified. "We don't have millions of parts."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was holding a hearing this afternoon on disconnecting air bags and whether making them less forceful will help reduce deaths from the devices.

"Almost daily, we hear of

another death or serious injury to a child associated with air bags or (not wearing) seat belts," McCain said in an interview. "It's a very important issue to millions of Americans."

He said the hearing also would explore whether cutoff switches are a good option. "There's a lot of controversy about the disabling of the air bag," McCain said.

Dealers are worried about liability in disconnecting an air bag, insurers are worried about increased premium costs from accidents without air bags and consumers' groups are concerned whether air bags could be reconnected later, McCain said.

"There's just an enormous amount of questions involved," he said.

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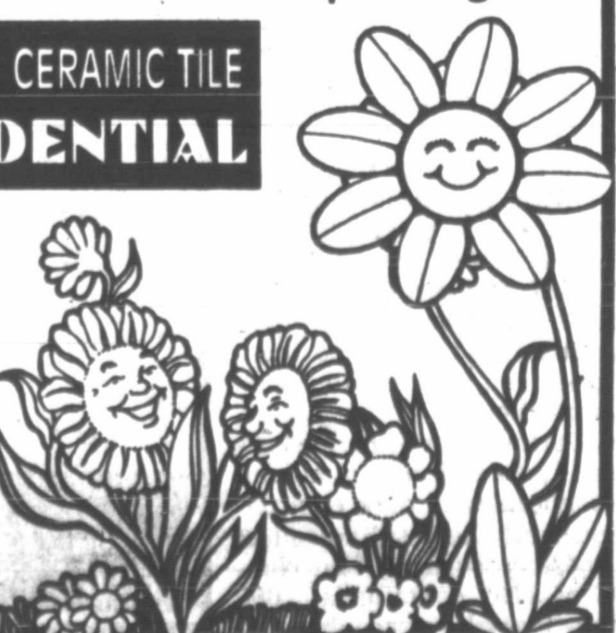
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# Frightened, hungry Rwandan refugees emerge from hiding in jungles

BIARO, Zaire (AP) — Thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees emerged from hiding in the jungles of eastern Zaire on Monday, their hunger more powerful than their fear of the mobs that drove them from squalid camps a week ago.

Aid workers estimated seeing 5,000-10,000 refugees, frightened, exhausted, and desperate for food, heading toward an abandoned camp at Biaro, south of Kisangani. Until Monday, international officials could account for only a few hundred of the at least 80,000 missing.

U.N. workers worked to bring in tons of food for the starving Rwandans, while U.N. officials argued for the refugees' immediate airlift back to Rwanda — something Zaire's rebels have repeatedly blocked.

"This is the only way. These people have to go home," said Filippo Grandi of the U.N. refugee agency.

"If I could go only today," refugee Sosthene Ntirampaga said as he emerged from a week of hiding and wandered into the camp.

Refugee camps housing about 80,000 Rwandans near Kisangani were found deserted last week, five days after rebels fighting to oust President Mobutu Sese Seko sealed the area to foreign aid workers and journalists.

The refugees are among 1 million Rwandan Hutus who fled into Zaire to escape retaliation for the nation's 1994 genocide of a half-million Tutsis. Most have returned; the Rwandans who remained in central Zaire camps increasingly were at odds with local Zairians and rebels, many of them Zairian Tutsis.

Last week, Zairian mobs allegedly attacked the camps with machetes, blaming the refugees for the murders of six villagers. The mobs killed hundreds

at one camp alone, and rebels also opened fire there, the refugees say.

"First the Zairians attacked us," said the refugee, Ntirampaga. "They looted food, medicines, everything ... Then we heard the gunshots and fled."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, flew to Zaire Monday to talk with Mobutu and rebel leader Laurent Kabila about ending their 7-month-old war. Kabila's forces have overrun more than half of Zaire in their battle to topple Mobutu.

Richardson said in the capital, Kinshasa, that he would try to improve refugees' conditions: "There have been reports of human rights abuse and massacres — this must end."

The scene at Biaro gave some credence to the stories of violence.

In a makeshift hospital tent a woman lay, barely

alive, with a machete wound to the head. Behind the hospital were a dozen corpses — mostly women and children, some with machete wounds.

A lone doctor tried to care for scores of wounded, and sick people pouring into the camp.

Kabila insisted on Sunday that his troops had not harmed the refugees. But U.N. officials said the rebels stormed a pediatric hospital in eastern Zaire on Saturday and left with 50 children.

"These were children, not even teen-agers. They had nothing to do with the fighting or the genocide in Rwanda. They were of no military interest," Roger Botralahy, who runs the UNICEF office in Bukavu, 20 miles south of the pediatric hospital, said Monday.

The roughly 20 rebels beat three hospital workers and berated others for "caring for our enemies," the humanitarian group Save The Children said.

## Bomb blast kills one at rail station

MOSCOW (AP) — A bomb exploded Monday at a train station in southern Russia, killing one person and wounding 17. Authorities blamed Chechen fighters, who claimed responsibility for a similar attack last week.

The explosion, which happened shortly before 7 p.m., heavily damaged the train depot in Pyatigorsk, a resort in Russia's Northern Caucasus, Viktor Khoruzhii, deputy regional premier, told the Interfax news agency.

Earlier reports from the Federal Security Service and the Ministry for Emergency Situations said two people died in the blast.

Russian news agencies, citing officials at the scene, later revised the casualty toll, saying four of the 17 wounded were injured seriously.

Two suspects were detained on suspicion of planting the bomb, Zdanovich said. The RTR and NTV networks said the suspects were two women of Chechen nationality.

"There are signs of possible involvement of Chechen terrorists," Alexander Zdanovich, a spokesman for Russia's Federal Security Service, told the Interfax news agency.

President Boris Yeltsin, who is vacationing 150 miles away in Sochi on the Black Sea, immediately condemned the bombing and imposed tight security measures on the region, said his spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

The attack followed a bomb blast last week in the waiting room of a railway station in the southern town of Armavir, which killed two people and wounded eight. The device was concealed in a piece of luggage.

Police said they were looking for three men suspected of involvement in that bombing and issued their descriptions and composite portraits.

A maverick Chechen guerrilla leader, Salman Raduyev, claimed responsibility for the Armavir bombing, which he called "the beginning of a series of spot strikes throughout Russia, especially at railway stations and military facilities," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Raduyev has said the attacks would mark the first anniversary of the death of Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, killed by Russian forces in April 1996.

But Chechen officials, who have been unable to control Raduyev and other armed fighters active in their republic, denied Chechens were behind the attacks.

Instead, Chechen Vice President Vakha Arsanov accused Russian security forces of conducting the bombings to discredit his republic, ITAR-Tass said.

If Chechen involvement in the two explosions is confirmed, Moscow plans to demand that Chechen authorities step up efforts to maintain order in the republic, Yeltsin said.

## Euthanasia memorial

BRANDENBURG, Germany (AP) — The city of Brandenburg has dedicated a memorial to 9,000 physically disabled, mentally retarded and others deemed "unworthy people" and executed in the Nazis' euthanasia program.

Starting in August 1933, the former prison building in Brandenburg was one of the first Nazi concentration camps where such victims were kept before being gassed and cremated.

Klara Noack, head of a group representing victims of euthanasia and forced sterilizations, said at Sunday's dedication ceremony that victims of the Nazi euthanasia program remain among the Holocaust's least remembered victims.



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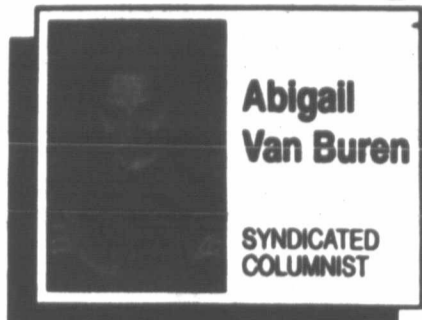
**DEAR ABBY:** Last Christmas I was blessed with a visit from my daughter and her family. When it came time for them to leave, however, my granddaughter cried her heart out. We couldn't get the tears to stop until I said, "Let's ask Mom if you can spend part of the summer with me." My daughter agreed, but now I am faced with a problem. The trip entails two or three changes of airplanes.

When I discussed my concern with a friend, she told me that her granddaughter had made a plane trip requiring two airplane changes each way. In order to ensure her safety, my friend gave the flight attendant \$40 (\$20 for each plane the child was taking). This was done for the return trip also. I was surprised that she had tipped the flight staff, but she assured me that this is what is done today.

Is tipping a requirement to guarantee the safety of a child flying alone, or do the airlines still provide personal attention for children without handing gratuities to the flight staff?

**GRANDMOTHER JUDITH, LAWTON, OKLA.**

**DEAR JUDITH:** Your friend was misinformed. I checked with three major airlines, and all three had similar policies regarding children traveling alone. None of them allows flight attendants to accept tips. In order to fly alone, a child



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

must be at least 5 years old. There is an additional fee for an unaccompanied child, but it is part of the cost of the ticket. However, fees vary, depending on the airline and the number of connecting flights.

**DEAR ABBY:** To "Concerned Daughter," whose elderly mother is taking medication she got from several doctors and trading pills with friends, I say: Go to Mom's house, collect her pill bottles, write down the names and phone numbers and contents of each. Make a list of medications Mom swaps with her pals. Call all the doctors and tell them exactly what Mom is taking and who is prescribing what. Ask specific questions and ask each if he (or she) is aware that Mom is seeing Doctors So-and-So. Then mail each doctor a note giving the names of all her physicians and the names and dosages of all her medications.

I am a health-care provider who

almost lost one of my patients to this same type of drug addiction. Once I recognized there was a problem and spoke with the doctors, they began to consult with one another. The patient had to be hospitalized and evaluated, and go through a drug rehabilitation program.

Abby, in my opinion, it's an honor to become my parents' protector. They protected me when I was young, and now it's my turn to protect them.

"Concerned Daughter," please take my advice immediately — you could be saving your mother's life.

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**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In your important involvements today, be optimistic, but also rely upon your common sense and experience. A careful combination will yield the best results.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A close friend might request a loan from you today. If you're in a position to help, do so, but don't let your pal treat it as a gift.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Be realistic regarding the objectives you establish for yourself today. If they aren't defined in detail, it could penalize your efforts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An important endeavor in the workplace may come to a climax today if you throw yourself into it. You need results, not rationalizations.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be reasonable regarding the demands you may place on a loved one today. She or he should not be required to do things you would not do yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It could

prove wise today not to put yourself in the middle of two friends who have serious differences. They might both turn their guns on you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** In order to be truly productive today, you must not take on more than you can handle. Best results stem from prioritizing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You could be very vulnerable to flattery today, and a manipulative associate who is aware of this might use it to get what he or she wants.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do not fight too hard today for the chairmanship of a committee in which you're involved. Whoever leads this arrangement may regret it later.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If a friend comes to you for advice today, tell it like it is instead of saying things that will only momentarily soothe his or her ego.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Determine up-front the limits you'll place on nonessential expenditures today. Without guidelines, you might go overboard.

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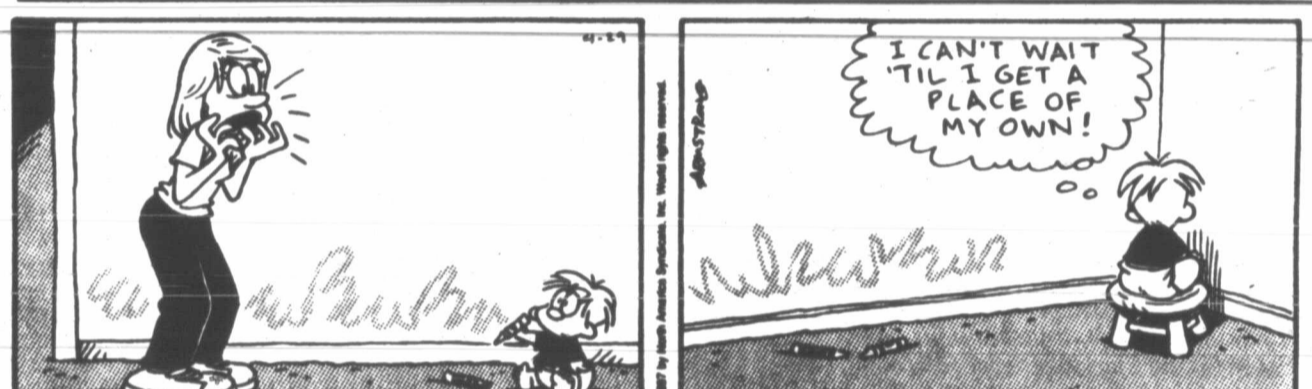
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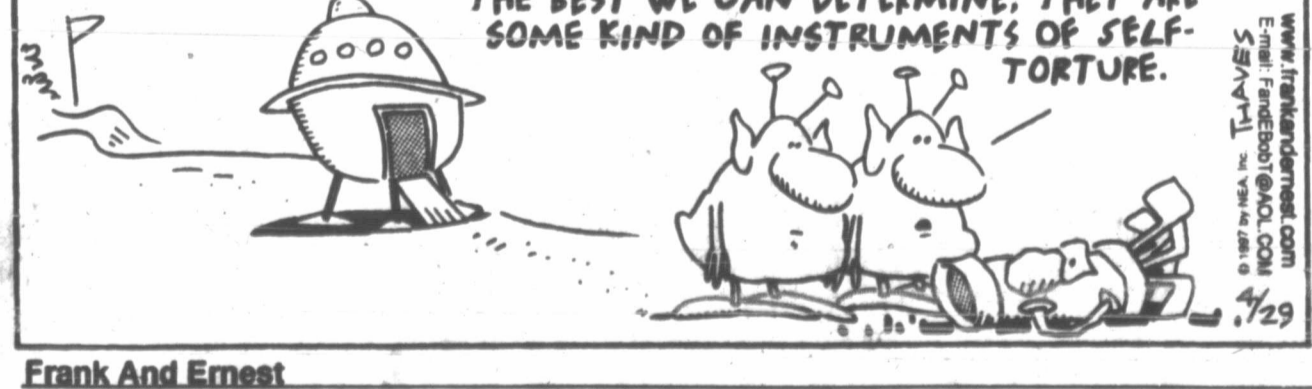
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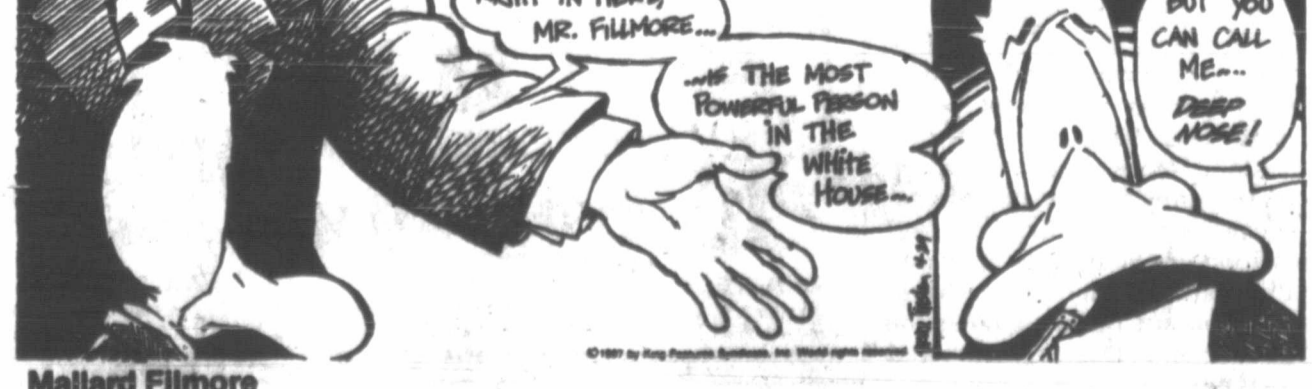
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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Family members with whom you have strong emotional bond could be lucky charms for you in the year ahead. Stay in close touch with kith and kin.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your imagination may play tricks on you today if you're unguarded. Try not to let self-dubbing thoughts determine your mode of behavior in worldly affairs. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year



"Daddy, how do I... no, wait..." "Mommy's better at math. I'll ask her."



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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**CANYON** — West Texas A&M University head men's basketball coach Rick Cooper announced today the signing of Antelope Valley College's (Calif.) Michael Hamelin to a national letter of intent to play for the Buffs in 1997-98.

Hamelin, a 6-1, 185-pound point guard who will be a junior next season for the Buffs, averaged 16 points, six rebounds, six assists and two steals per game for Antelope Valley's 30-5 team. He converted 79 percent from the free throw line and 39 percent from three-point range his sophomore season.

Hamelin, a Palmdale, Calif. native, was named junior college first-team all-state last year and led AVC to a combined 58-12 record in his two seasons.

"Michael is a very strong, athletic point guard with a tremendous knowledge of the game," Cooper said.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Utah had playoff history to make, and Jeff Hornacek and Karl Malone were in a hurry to do it.

Hornacek scored 28 points and Malone had 26 points and 13 rebounds as the Jazz defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 104-92 Monday night, sweeping a team out of the playoffs for the first time in the club's 24 postseason appearances.

The Jazz, who had a franchise-record 64 regular-season wins, wrapped up the best-of-5 series with three consecutive victories. They earned a five-day rest before opening the second round Sunday against the winner of the Los Angeles Lakers-Portland series in Salt Lake City.

Loy Vaught scored 20 points and Brent Barry added 17 for the Clippers, who made the playoffs for the first time in four years with the worst record among postseason teams.

The Jazz hit a cold spell in the fourth quarter, going 6:08 without a field goal while the Clippers got within 10 points on three free throws by Malik Sealy 4:01 remaining.

Utah was ahead by 18 points when its shooting stalled. The Jazz missed eight straight field-goal attempts and hit just four of 14 attempts in the period.

But they could afford a brief slump, especially with John Stockton hitting four straight free throws and Malone converting two to keep the Clippers at bay. Malone was perfect at the line, hitting all 10 of his attempts.

### FISHING

**LAKE MEREDITH** — Lake Meredith will have its annual "Fly Open Walleye Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. All areas of Lake Meredith are open for fishing unless marked otherwise, by the National Park Service or Canadian River Water Authority. All fishing must be done from a boat — no bank or dock fishing is permitted.

The tournament is open to only 150 teams. The entry fee is \$150 per boat. A prize of \$3,000 is guaranteed to the first place winners, but actual payout is based on the number of teams actually entered. A \$300 prize is awarded for the largest Walleye caught each day.

The tournament boats will leave the starting area in predetermined starting order beginning at 7 a.m. each day. Contestants must have their weight voucher validated no later than 3 p.m. each day. Failure to do so will disqualify the contestant for that day. Scoring for each team will be designated by a team member prior to weighing.

Each team is responsible for supplying its own boat and equipment. Any legal method of taking fish by rod and reel is acceptable, and live bait or lures are acceptable.

Contact tournament coordinators at 806-857-9330 or 806-857-3464.

## Derby field could be smallest in 18 years

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)** — A colt and a jockey got left behind Monday, and it looked like the filly was next, with only five days left to what could be the smallest Kentucky Derby in 18 years.

With only 11 starters declared for the race Saturday, it could be the fewest since Spectacular Bid beat nine rivals in 1979.

Monday appeared to be the day of decision for the D. Wayne Lukas-trained filly Sharp Cat, and it was a no-go. At the same time, injuries will keep both the colt Pacificbounty and jockey Chris McCarron out of the Derby.

McCarron was set to ride Hello, but injuries he sustained in a spill a week ago at Santa Anita have left him too sore to ride.

"He said he's not 100 percent, and it wouldn't be fair," Hello's trainer, Ron McAnally, said.

Lukas said he spoke by telephone Sunday with Sharp Cat's owner, Prince Ahmed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, and racing manager Dick Mulhall, who were in Lexington.

"I didn't get anywhere with them," Lukas said.

"It looks like we're going in the Oaks," he said, referring to a filly race the day before the Derby. He added, however, "I don't want to say we're not running in the Derby because they might call up and change their minds."

It didn't look like it would happen, though. Mulhall especially has remained firm on the issue for a month, and he and the prince are not expected to arrive in Louisville until after entries are made Wednesday.

That would leave Lukas without a Derby starter for the first time

since 1980 and give him no chance of winning his third straight Derby.

Pacificbounty, meanwhile, is out of the race with an injured right front foot. He was hurt while finishing third in the Arkansas Derby on April 12.

"He has five owners, and I feel bad for them and their horse, but you have to do what's best for the horse," trainer Walter Greenman said.

Greenman said Pacificbounty, while breaking out of the gate at Arkansas, clipped the back of his front foot with the back foot and tore off most of his heel.

"I thought maybe it would toughen up and be all right," Greenman said. "Some guys like to patch them, but I haven't had any luck with that."

Going into the Arkansas Derby, Pacificbounty had won three

straight out in California, including a pair of stakes races.

McCarron injured his shoulder when he took a spill off his mount in the fourth race at Santa Anita on April 21. X-rays taken immediately afterward were negative, but he was badly bruised.

McAnally left the decision on a replacement up to owners Al and Sandee Kirkwood of Vancouver, Wash., and they chose Mike Smith, who has never been aboard Hello.

"I don't think it will matter," McAnally said. "He's not a difficult horse to ride."

The list of potential replacement jockeys also included Eddie Delahoussaye, Kent Desormeaux and Calvin Borel. That was one benefit of the small field. There were lots of good jockeys left.

"I think it helps everyone," said Shane Sellers, who will ride proba-

ble favorite Pulpit, winner of the Blue Grass. "My opinion might not be worth the gravel I'm standing on, but I've ridden in eight Derbies, and when you get a field of 20, about 10 of them stand out. It makes for a tough race to run."

"This year when you get 10 or 11 or even 12 — whatever — it makes it a better race. They're all legitimate horses, all very competitive, and you have a lot of different racing styles."

Pulpit, trained by Frank Brothers and owned by Claiborne Farm, was one of four Derby horses who had their final serious workouts on Monday. Pulpit worked five-eighths of a mile in a very quick 1:00.2-5 over a muddy track. He will be trying to become the first horse since Apollo in 1882 to win the Derby without racing as a 2-year-old.

## Hospice schedules benefit golf scramble at Hidden Hills course

**PAMPA** — Tee time for Hospice of the Panhandle's seventh annual benefit Golf Scramble begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3 at Hidden Hills Golf Course, north of Pampa.

Proceeds from this four-player, 18-hole scramble go to Hospice of the Panhandle, a not-for-profit organization that provides care for terminally-ill patients and support for their families throughout five counties of the northeast Texas Panhandle. The event features prizes in first, second and third places in all flights. Prizes are also planned for longest drive and closest to the hole categories. There will be only one player per team with 10 or less handicap.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee of \$35 includes green fees, use of a golf cart and refreshments, said Sherry McCavit, Hospice of the Panhandle's executive director. Hospice of the Panhandle volunteers will serve free sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks.

To register or if more information is needed about playing in the Scramble, contact David Teichmann, Hidden Hills golf pro at 669-5866.

The 1996 Golf Scramble raised more than \$4,200. These funds were used to provide hospice care to all appropriate persons, said McCavit. Patients and their families are never billed for Hospice of the Panhandle's services, she added.

Hospice of the Panhandle receives funding through two annual events — the Golf Scramble and Tree of Love, from memorials and donations, and from reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance, McCavit explained.

In 1996, Hospice of the Panhandle served 175 persons with limited life expectancies and their families. Approximately \$50,000 was spent to care for needy patients. More than 900 patients and families have received care from Hospice of the Panhandle since it began in 1988.

## Brewers rout Rangers

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Milwaukee starter Ben McDonald was supported by the offense, the opposing defense and even the scorer's booth.

McDonald was the beneficiary of the Brewers' biggest offensive output of the season Monday as Milwaukee routed Texas 14-8, snapping the Rangers' five-game winning streak.

Marc Newfield tied his career high with four runs batted in, and Dave Nilsson hit a three-run homer as the Brewers staked McDonald (3-2) to a 13-2 lead after three innings.

The Rangers contributed defensively by botching a possible inning-ending double play in the Brewers' five-run first inning. After the game, McDonald's earned runs dropped from seven to three when the official scorer changed two Texas hits to errors.

"We had some long innings and it was tough to try and estab-

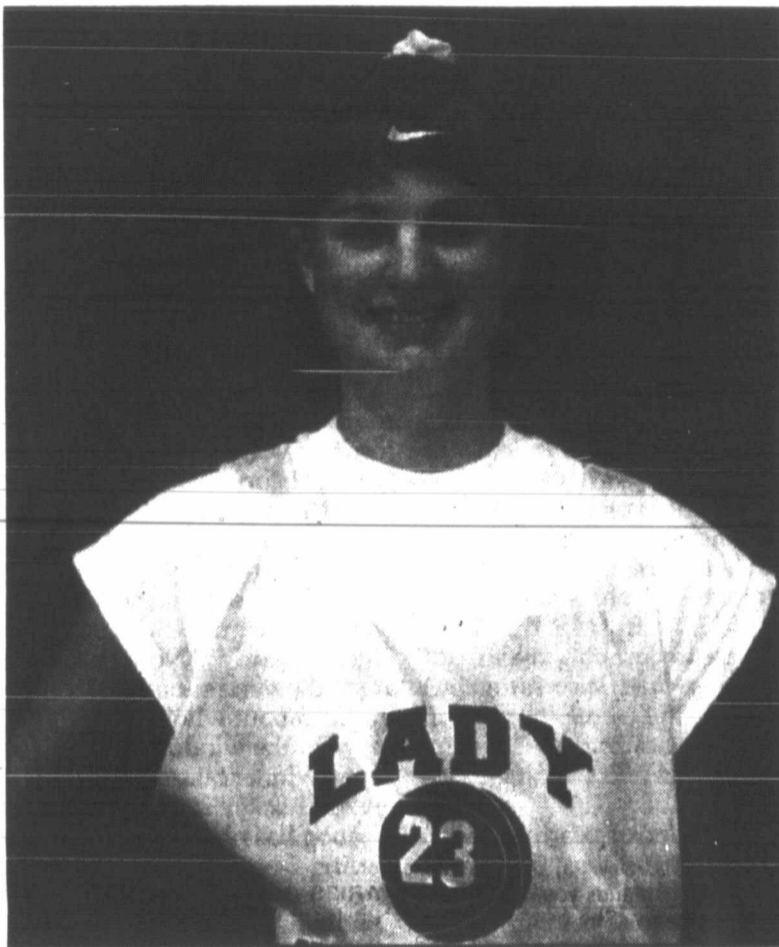
lish some sort type of rhythm, sitting there for 30 minutes at a time," said McDonald, who allowed seven runs, three earned, on seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. "I'll take it every time. I'll sit there for 30 minutes every time if they score runs like that."

Milwaukee scored five runs in the first inning with the aid of a crucial error and added four each in the second and third innings. The Brewers had 12 hits in the first three innings, including six doubles.

The Brewers knocked out Rangers starter Darren Oliver (1-2) in the first inning with the aid of four unearned runs.

Milwaukee loaded the bases with one out, sandwiching two walks around Jeff Cirillo's double. Matt Mieske bounced a tailor-made double-play ball to third, but second baseman Mark McLemore dropped the throw as Mark Loretta scored from third on the play.

## Academic All-Stater



(Special photo)

**Pampa High School senior Jennifer Jones has been selected to the 1996-97 Class 4A Academic All-State Girls' Basketball Team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Jones was earlier named to the all-region and all-district teams. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones.**

## Borger nips Pampa, 7-6

**BORGER** — The struggling Pampa Harvester baseball squad traveled to Borger Monday to make up a game scheduled for Friday that was postponed due the recent rainfall.

Both the Harvesters and Bulldogs entered the game at 3-7 in District 1-4A action and out of the playoffs, but playing for pride nonetheless. Borger was able to take control of a close baseball game late to earn the win, 7-6.

Pampa, who had won its last meeting with Borger, 16-5, in a run-riddled game, was first to put a run on the board in the second inning. Duane King was first to reach base for the Harvesters off a Borger error and was advanced to second after designated hitter Seth Haynes was hit by a pitch on the shoulder. Josh Blackmon went to the plate after Haynes and was able to get a piece of a Steven Bridges pitch for an RBI single that drove in King.

The Harvesters posted another run in the third as Jerren Miller reached base on a single. Miller was able to grab a stolen base and later advance to third before crossing the plate on a wild pitch by Borger's Bridges.

Trailing 5-2, the Harvesters started coming back in the fifth. Miller started things off with an RBI single for Pampa's first run of the inning. Following Miller to the plate was the much-touted third baseman Jamisen Hancock. He provided the highlight of the game by taking a Bridges pitch out of the park, sending two runs across the plate and putting Pampa back in the thick of things. Later in the inning, the Harvesters captured the lead as King nailed one into left center for an RBI double that scored Schumacher, who had reached base on an error.

Pampa continued to lead into the bottom of the sixth when an unexpected play put Borger ahead for the final time. After a Bulldog hit, one run crossed the plate to tie the game. After a defensive bobble, another Bulldog attempted to score. The throw to the plate got loose, allowing the winning run to score.

Borger moved a game ahead of Pampa in the district standings. Randall defeated Canyon, 4-2, Monday to clinch the district championship.

Pampa hosts Caprock at 4:30 today to close out the season.

## Rockies edge Astros in 10

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Andres Galarraga and Darnell Coles couldn't touch Billy Wagner's 97 mile-an-hour fastball. Vinny Castilla sure did.

Castilla homered off Wagner with two outs in the 10th inning Monday night to lift the Colorado Rockies to a 7-6 win over the Astros.

"Vinny Castilla is our best fastball hitter," Rockies manager Don Baylor said. "You better have three digits on it to get Vinny."

After he struck out Galarraga and Coles, Wagner tried to overpower Castilla with the hard stuff.

"Sometimes that macho feeling takes over, and a guy feels like he's got to go with his best pitch," Baylor said. "I'm sure he'll say he doesn't regret staying with the fastball."

Castilla's homer offset a two-homer, four-RBI night by Houston rookie Bob Abreu.

Castilla hit his eighth homer of the season off Wagner (2-1), who gave up his first run in 15 innings this season.

"The first one he threw right by me," Castilla said. "The second one I was ready for."

Said Wagner: "I put the first pitch by him. I got the next pitch just a little higher. You have to tip your hat to him. He hit my best fastball and he hit it a ton."

Houston Manager Larry Dierker agreed with Wagner.

"We almost made a heroic comeback," Dierker said. "It's tough to lose when a guy hits a fastball off your best reliever for a home run, but you have to hand it to him. It was no accident."

## Fourth place finishers



(Special photo)

**Reagan Meadows (left) and Susie Luttrell of Fort Elliott finished fourth in doubles at the Region 1-1A Girls' Tennis Tournament last week in Lovelland. Both girls are sophomores.**

## Deion playing more like a two-sport star

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Deion Sanders has returned to baseball a different player, one who has learned to accept his limitations on the diamond. It shows in his swing and in his stats.

The Cincinnati Reds' leadoff hitter is having the best month of his major-league career. He leads the major leagues with 18 steals and leads his team in hitting at .381.

When he left baseball two years ago to devote his time to the Dallas Cowboys, Sanders was an average leadoff hitter with a low on-base percentage. Since then, he has come to terms with his shortcomings.

"I just know myself now," Sanders said. "That's pretty much it. You learn your limitations. You learn what you can and cannot do. Once you're able to accept that, everything is fine out there."

"I've accepted quite a few things I know I cannot do. I'm not a guy who's going to hit the ball out of the park. I could if I changed my stance, but I wouldn't be hitting what I'm hitting." The change has been so impressive

that those around him are convinced it's not just a one-month fluke.

"Deion used to be an athlete playing baseball," shortstop Barry Larkin said. "Now he's matured. He knows what he can do and he's accepted it."

Nobody anticipated so much so soon when Sanders decided to give baseball another try last January. The Reds needed a leadoff hitter they could afford; Sanders needed the camaraderie of the clubhouse.

They struck an unusual \$1.2 million deal that returned him to two-sport status with the Reds and the Cowboys, then waited to see how long it would take him to overcome a year's worth of rust and an eye injury left over from the NFL playoffs.

He didn't need much time. "I'm different than most guys," Sanders said. "I expect the best, I really do. I expect the best out of myself no matter what the situation."

April has been the best month of his nine-year career. He hit safely in 19 of the Reds' first 23 games and led the majors in triples (four) and multihit games (13) in addition to steals.

The 18 steals are the most in April since Rickey Henderson had 20 in 1988. Sanders stole a career-high four bases in one game, tied his career high with four hits in another.

There is reason to think it could develop into more than a one-month fling. Sanders has gotten away from some of the bad habits that made him an easy out all too often.

When he walked away from the game two years ago, Sanders was an impatient hitter who swung at the first pitch resembling a strike. He played right into pitchers' hands.

"He used to go up there and swing, and in three pitches, whatever was going to be done was done," manager Ray Knight said. "It didn't take him many more than three pitches to get his business done."

That's changing. Sanders still doesn't take many walks — only seven in 23 games — but he's going deeper in counts and waiting for pitches he can handle. He's also going to the opposite field instead of trying to pull everything with his warning-track power.



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## Former Soviet bloc nations wooing Washington as they seek membership in NATO

WASHINGTON (AP) — They're inviting journalists for breakfast, lawmakers for lunch and Pentagon generals for dinner, hungrily pursuing membership in the world's most powerful military club.

Watch out, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Nine other central and eastern European countries are pressing hard with U.S. officials and opinion makers to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The roads leading to NATO come through Washington," Slovenia Ambassador Ernest Petric said, toasting Brig. Gen. Robert Osterhals, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Europe and NATO affairs.

The 16-member NATO alliance meets in Madrid, Spain, in July to invite new members. Before, NATO leaders hope to sign a charter with Russia to ease its concerns over eastern expansion. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright travels to Moscow this week to discuss Russia's relationship with NATO.

So far, the Clinton administration has refused to name favorites. But former Soviet bloc nations know Washington is a key arbiter in the historic process of enlarging the 48-year-old NATO in the post-Cold War era.

"The effort by countries to lobby and position themselves is all very interesting, but the foreign policy implications are more significant," said Jeremy Rosner, in a newly created job since March to promote NATO expansion and act as special adviser to President Clinton and Albright.

He pointed to "democratic reforms, settlements of border disputes, better treatment of ethnic minorities as these countries make their case for membership. This has already been a unifying process in Europe."

Indeed, Romania already has struck a military alliance with its former longtime foe, Hungary, and Ukraine is next, Romanian Foreign Minister Adrian Severin told reporters over orange juice and muffins.

In NATO, "we are looking for a confirmation of our membership in the democratic family," he said. "There are psychological aspects."

Posing beside Albright at the State Department last week, Severin began nearly every statement with, "I am here," almost as if even he couldn't believe his country had come so far so quickly. It was only last November that Romanian President Emil Constantinescu unseated former Communist Ion Iliescu's leftist government in a free election.

"I am here to say we could be a reliable partner," he said. "NATO remains open to all European democracies," Albright said.

She issued the same affirmation during a visit from Slovakian Foreign Minister Pavol Hamzik, although a State Department spokesman said the former other half of Czechoslovakia needs more democratic reforms.

A NATO invitation would begin a two-year process for countries to qualify for membership by demonstrating adequate military power and preparedness, democratic policies, free elections and human rights protections.

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are expected to receive invitations. Romania and Slovenia are coming on fast, with backing from France and Italy. Slovakia has an outside chance. Better luck next round for Bulgaria, Albania, Macedonia and the Baltic states Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Next week, Albright meets Slovenia's Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek.

"Slovenia has very solid and friendly relations with all its neighboring countries," said Ivo Vajgl, state minister of foreign affairs.

But Congress is likely to have qualms about approving new NATO members from central and eastern Europe, said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a proponent of NATO expansion.

## Kids acting like adults wind up in adult court

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A playground "marriage" that led to a playground "divorce" has landed two fifth-graders in domestic violence court.

In an unusual use of New Mexico's Family Violence Protection Act — usually invoked in cases of domestic violence — the family of 11-year-old Katie Rose Sawyer of Farmington filed a complaint against Cody Finch, 10, and his two teenage brothers.

The April 21 complaint alleges that Cody punched Katie Rose, that he made a threatening call to her and that her home was vandalized over the past two months.

Cody's attorney argued the case belonged in children's court, but a special commissioner called for under the Family Violence Protection Act ruled the youngsters had a "continuing personal relationship" as defined by the law.

A hearing is set for next Monday to determine whether domestic violence occurred and whether the court should issue a restraining order.

"I'm a little appalled by the idea of

fifth-graders having a playground marriage and a playground divorce and ending up in domestic violence court," Cody's attorney, Raymond Archambeau, said Monday. "What kind of world are we living in?"

He added: "Domestic violence court is for adults acting like children, not to make children act like adults."

Adults who violate a domestic violence restraining order can be jailed and lose their right to carry a gun, punishments that Archambeau said sum up why the case is in the wrong court.

The children got "married" on the school playground with a classmate acting as the minister, said Cody's mother, Jinx Finch.

Cody played at Katie Rose's house, and she made him hot dogs and Kool-Aid. He was very much in love, for a while anyway," Mrs. Finch said.

But later, "the little girl who performed the marriage decided she liked Cody and wrote up divorce — that's d-i-v-o-r-c-e-s — papers," she said. The papers say Cody and Katie Rose "are sick and tired" of each other

and want a divorce, Mrs. Finch said.

The court complaint by the girl's parents, Marty and Melinda Moon, alleges Cody punched Katie Rose on Jan. 24.

"He says Katie was slapping him," Archambeau said.

Mrs. Moon, a junior high English teacher, did not immediately return a call for comment.

However, she has told *The Denver Post* she went to court because she wanted her daughter protected after the boy made harassing phone calls.

She said that after the family installed a device to block calls, windows in their home were broken and hubcaps were stolen off the family car. She said she suspected the boy's 15- and 16-year-old brothers.

The boys' mother denied they were involved in any vandalism and said the case "would be hilarious if it weren't so expensive."

Archambeau said the most likely outcome is that the court will order the two to stop seeing each other. Cody's parents already have moved him to another school.

## Researchers: Anti-fat hormone burns fat inside cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leptin, a hormone that acts in the brain to suppress appetite, also fights obesity by burning up fat within cells, researchers report.

Dr. Roger H. Unger of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said laboratory rats that are genetically altered to have high levels of leptin lose all the fat in their bodies within days.

The researchers say a study to be published Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* shows for the first time that leptin is active inside body cells and not just in the brain.

"There is a huge effect in cells on the metabolism of fatty acids," said Unger. "The fat never leaves the cells. It is burned up inside."

Fat was depleted in cells that normally store fat and in muscle, liver and pancreas cells, he said.

"Within seven days, there is no fat detectable in the body at all," said Unger.

Earlier studies of leptin had shown that the hormone acts in the brain to blunt the appetite. Rats with high levels of leptin were found to eat about half the food of normal rats.

Unger and his associates transferred genes that boosted the leptin levels in laboratory rats to

about 20 times normal.

The animals' appetite and feeding habits were then carefully monitored.

For comparison, normal rats were fed exactly the amount of food as the high-leptin rats, said Unger.

Later, tissue of all of the rats was examined for fat content.

Unger said the normal rats lost fat, but only about half the amount shed by the leptin rodents. Also, the normal rats retained fat in their muscle cells.

The study suggested that leptin may be useful in the control of Type II diabetes, the form of the disease that often develops in

older, overweight people. He said the rat study showed that by burning up fat in the cells, the excess leptin also lowered blood sugar and made the cells more sensitive to insulin, the hormone that controls sugar levels. Diabetes develops when the body stops making or becomes insensitive to insulin.

Unger cautioned, however, that the studies on the action of leptin in rat cells may not apply to humans. "That still needs to be tested," he said.

An artificial form of leptin is now being tested as a weight-control drug in humans, but the results are still unknown, he said.

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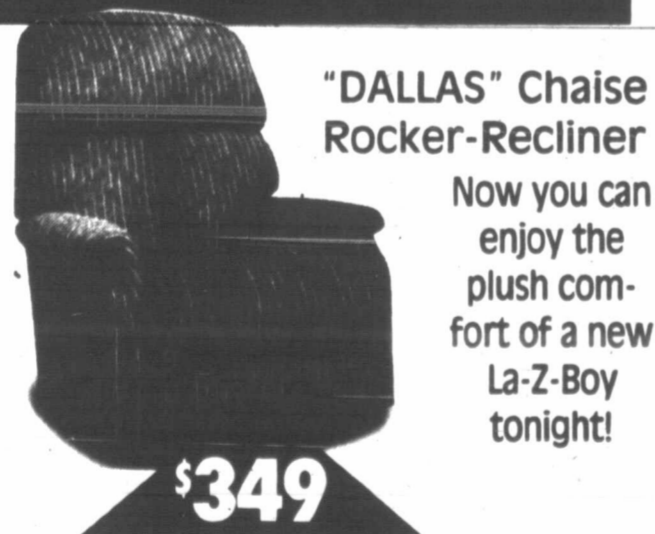
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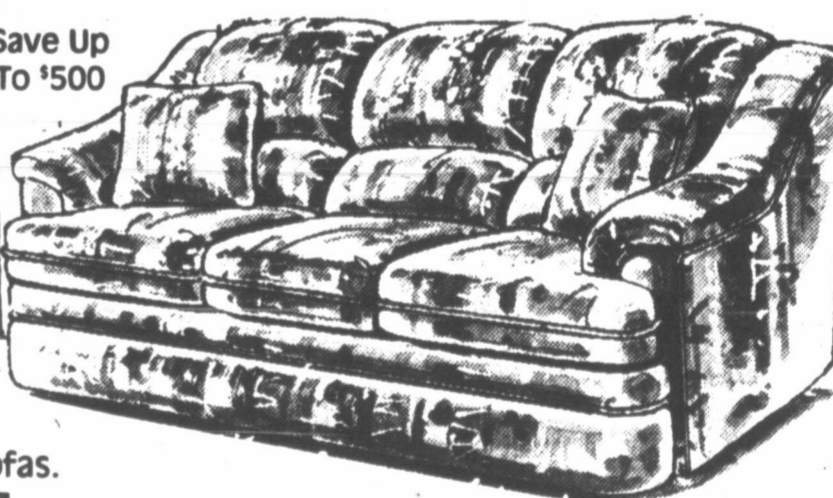
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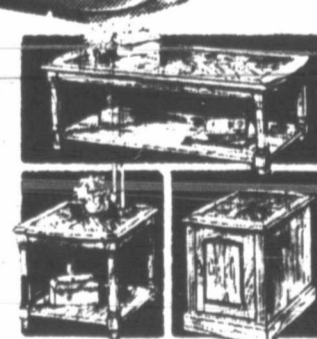
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