

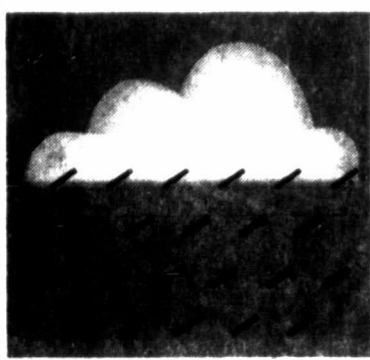
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ROCKWELL, N.C. (AP) —
Sydney, the chimp, couldn't
be lured back home by his
sweetheart, so now zoo keepers
are stumped.

The owners of the Charlotte
Metro Zoo have been trying to
entice the 150-pound chimpanzee
back into his cage after
nearly a week of freedom.

It was last Thursday when
the 19-year-old chimp pried
back part of his cage and
escaped. Searchers appealed
to Sydney's romantic side on
Tuesday, wheeling his mate,
Rita, in a small cage into the
woods. Because Rita is in
heat, zoo officials hoped her
scent would be too much for
Sydney to withstand.

KENNESAW, Ga. (AP) —
Phone-napped and held for
ransom.

Jennifer LeBrecque was
running an errand in
Atlanta's suburban Cobb
County when her \$350
combination cellular phone,
pager and walkie-talkie was
stolen from her unlocked car.
When she called her husband
to alert him to last
week's theft, he was negotiating
with someone over the
phone's radio band. The
phone-napper demanded \$80
be put in an orange envelope
and placed under the slide at
an elementary school playground,
according to police
reports and the LeBrecques.

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) —
A 9-year-old boy was found
sunburned and badly beaten
in a cemetery and authorities
are holding a man in connection
with the disappearance
of the boy and his sister.

Cody Daniel Lawrence
Patterson was found late
Wednesday night in the
Thorp Spring Cemetery,
about four miles south of his
Granbury home. Searchers
are still looking for his 11-
year-old sister, Sarah Jewel
Vanessa Patterson.

The children disappeared
after going to bed Tuesday.
Their mother discovered
them missing when she went
to wake them Wednesday
morning.

His sister, Sarah, is 5 feet 3
inches tall and weighs 105
pounds. She has blue eyes
and blond hair. When last
seen, she was wearing a blue
T-shirt with a yellow stripe
and denim shorts.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Wednesday for the
twice-weekly Lotto Texas,
state lottery officials said.

They said the estimated \$4
million jackpot will rise to
about \$9 million for Saturday
night's drawing.

The numbers drawn
Wednesday night by the
Texas Lottery from a field of

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Authorities attempt to end standoff by cutting separatist's electricity

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) —
Republic of Texas leader Richard
McLaren hasn't contacted negoti-
ators in two days, and authori-
ties plan to increase the pressure
on the holed-up separatists by
cutting off their electricity today.

Trooper John Barton insisted
this morning that law officers
considered the five-day standoff
and the resulting police tactics
"routine."

"We consider this a nonviolent
type situation. It's just something
that's routine," Barton
said. "When they cut the power
off, it is a routine procedure."

O'Rourke said the electricity to
the headquarters trailer McLaren
calls his "embassy" already had
been cut off overnight.

The standoff looked to be near
an end Wednesday after an
agreement was drafted, but it
wasn't signed. McLaren hasn't
spoken to negotiators or his
attorney, Terry O'Rourke, since
Tuesday night.

"For those of you who are not
from Texas, we have a little
expression here: 'Sometimes a
wheel falls off.' Unfortunately,
we've lost a wheel," said Mike
Cox, spokesman for the
Department of Public Safety.

Cox would not discuss the
state's tactics, saying that "the
most important thing is for us to
hear from Mr. McLaren. We can't
make any progress at all until he
gives us a call."

O'Rourke told reporters that
he believed the agreement,
which all parties refused to
discuss in detail, was still
intact.

"Here in Texas, you don't have
to sign agreements to have a
deal. I would say that there's an
understanding. And here, you
know, they say a handshake is a
deal and your word is your
bond," he said.

On Wednesday, seven men
carrying a variety of weapons
were arrested 70 miles north of
here, in Pecos, apparently as they
headed to McLaren's Davis
Mountains Resort community.
Three of the men carried

Republic of Texas membership
cards.

Reeves County sheriff's
deputy Hilda Woods said two
suspects were being sought on
warrants from other counties
and a third was being held on a
charge of being a felon in possession
of a firearm. Charges were
pending against the others.

Reeves County Sheriff Arnulfo
Gomez said he believes more
members of the group are head-
ed to the community because
people identifying themselves as
Republic members had been calling
his office.

"I know they're headed this
way. I'm hoping there's no con-
frontation," Gomez said.

A Republic of Texas hot line
urges members to get to
Balmorhea, about halfway
between Fort Davis and Pecos,
for a rally to support McLaren
and his group. As of this morn-
ing, though, there was no sign of
such a rally.

The Republic of Texas, which
has splintered into three factions,
claims Texas was illegally
annexed by the United States
and wants a statewide referen-
dum on independence.

Archie Lowe, president of
another faction, said he's consid-
ering reuniting with McLaren's
group in light of the standoff.

"Texans are like any family,"
Lowe said. "Every day I would
fight with my brothers, but you
don't let the guy come from next
door and hit him."

The standoff here, 175 miles
southeast of El Paso, began
Sunday after members of the
group took two neighbors
hostage in retaliation for the
arrests of two followers.

Both hostages were released a
day later in exchange for one of
the jailed followers.

Cox said 13 adults were
believed to be in McLaren's trailer,
including at least two women.
He said authorities were inter-
ested only in the six members
who had been charged with kid-
napping or other offenses in the
hostage-taking.

Pampa man detained after stealing unblemished antique paper money

The Pampa Police Department
recovered approximately \$5,900
worth of stolen items
Wednesday when information

from a victim of a recent bur-
glary provided some new infor-
mation to the department.

The combined efforts of the



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown logs in the antique
currency that resulted from Wednesday's Arrest. The
money which had been valued at approximately \$3,000
lost considerable value by being scratched and folded.

Geranium Sale



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The latest 4-H project is a colorful one as Brianna Roberts, Sarah Schwab, Kelly
Tripplehorn and Emily Elliott will attest. The 4-H club members will be selling
geraniums on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dobson Cellular park-
ing lot and the Coronado Center parking lot. Seed geraniums will be \$2 and cut
geraniums will be \$3. All proceeds will go to the 4-H clubs.

Top O' Texas hosts Fourth Annual Trade Days

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will host its
Fourth Annual Trade Days this coming weekend,
with a full slate of activities and events to provide
family fun.

The event, to be held at the Clyde Carruth
Pavilion and Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa,
also includes the Cowboy Chili Cook-Off, the
Brisket Cook-Off and amateur team penning
action.

An arts and crafts fair and flea market will be
held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and
Sunday, May 3 and 4, at the Clyde Carruth
Pavilion.

The Fourth Annual Cowboy Chili Cook-Off and
the first Brisket Cook-Off both will be held at the
Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

The Chili Cook-Off judging will take place at
12 noon on Saturday. First place will receive
\$300, with \$200 for second place and \$100 for
third place. Samples will be available to the pub-
lic at 50 cents per cup after the judging is com-
pleted.

The Chili Cook-Off is sponsored by North
Country Coors, Dorman Tire, Subway Sandwiches,
Bourland and Leverich, and Signal Fuels.

The Brisket Cook-Off judging will take place at
12 noon on Sunday. Trophies and cash prizes will
be awarded to the top three places. Samples will be
available to the public after the judging.

The Brisket Cook-Off is sponsored by Bill Benda
and McDonald's Restaurants of Pampa and
Perryton.

The amateur team penning event, the first for the
Top O' Texas Trade Days, will begin at 1 p.m. on
Sunday at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. Books
will open at 9 a.m. the same day and close at the
start of each class.

Classes and their entry fees are: Amateur-
Novice, \$60 per team; Mixed, \$60 per team; and
Youth, \$21 per team. Each rider is limited to three
rides.

Sponsors of the team penning event are North
Country Coors and the Top O' Texas Rodeo
Association.

Mexicans demand restoration of lost wages and benefits

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Tens
of thousands of Mexicans
marched through the streets of
the nation's capital today to
celebrate Labor Day and to
demand that lost wages and
benefits be restored.

It is a time when everyone
from peasants to rebel support-
ers makes their voice heard.
Shops and restaurants shut
down and most newspapers
don't publish for a celebration
as sacred as Christmas.

"Despite everything, the
fight goes on!" industrial work-
ers shouted as they paraded
down Reforma Avenue and
other major streets to converge
for a rally at the downtown
plaza called the Zocalo.

"Long live Emiliano Zapata!
Long live Lazaro Cardenas!"
shouted peasants, recalling his-
torical figures who fought for
land for small farmers, and
calling for the release of current
leaders now in jail.

"We are also fighting for
social services such as educa-
tion and better health care," a
young farmer said.

Union members carried ban-
ners proclaiming their affilia-
tions, while tooting horns and
punching the air with their
fists.

A young man wearing a ski
mask, in the style of the
rebels of the Zapatista
National Liberation Army,
called on the government to
fulfill a February 1996 partial
accord it had signed with
rebels.

A band serenaded the U.S.

Embassy in mock courtship,
while protesters denounced
economic policies under the
North American Free Trade
Agreement, which linked
Mexico's economy to those of
the United States and
Canada.

"Die Clinton!" the marchers
shouted as they passed by the
embassy, just four days before
President Bill Clinton's sched-
uled visit to Mexico.

Free market reforms and
efforts to stabilize the peso
have helped Mexico recover
from a brutal 1995 monetary
crash, modernize outdated
industries and attract billions
in foreign investment. Stocks
and foreign reserves are up,
and inflation is coming under
control.

But ordinary workers have
yet to feel any benefit.

Real wages are 20 percent of
what they were in 1980. Nearly
half of all workers earn the
minimum wage or less. Prices
for staples such as tortillas,
beans, milk, eggs, cooking oil
and sugar have as much as
tripled in two years.

Employers, including state
and federal governments,
have started cutting back on
hard-won benefits such as
retirement payments to meet
the challenge of skyrocketing
costs.

Finance Secretary Guillermo
Ortiz has acknowledged the
difficult times for most
Mexicans, but has said the con-
tinuing economic recovery will
soon begin to filter down.

Mexican law enforcement calls on U.S. for help

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — After long rebuffing U.S. offers of technical and personnel assistance in the drug war, Mexican law enforcement officials are applying U.S. standards to new recruits and even asking the FBI to assist in an investigation.

Mexico announced Wednesday that it was scrapping its corruption-ridden anti-drug agency and returning those duties to Attorney General's Office. The revelation comes less than a week before a two-day visit by President Clinton.

On Sunday, at the request of the Attorney General's Office, an FBI evidence team arrived to help investigate the slayings of two Mexican counternarcotics agents.

"This is just another sign of the growing cooperation," U.S. Ambassador James Jones said during a Wednesday briefing.

On drug issues in general, Jones said the U.S. government would provide Mexico with "training, technology or whatever is appropriate."

The agents' bodies were found

over the weekend in the trunk of a car abandoned in a Mexico City parking lot. The two men, who disappeared on April 4, belonged to a special group investigating the whereabouts of notorious cocaine trafficker Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

The FBI evidence team is believed to be the first high-level crew from the agency that has come to Mexico since the 1985 slaying of U.S. drug agent Enrique Camarena. Mexico has generally rejected such U.S. assistance, believing it endangers the nation's sovereignty.

For months, U.S. officials quietly prodded Mexico to replace the troubled National Institute for the Combat of Drugs and use American standards to vet and train agents.

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo Cuellar promised Wednesday that the new Special Prosecutor's Office for Attention to Drug Crimes would be characterized by "legality, honor and efficiency."

Recruits will undergo thorough background checks and receive special training, as well as "significant" salary and benefit increases — a move intended to

curb the temptation to take pay-offs.

"It is solid evidence of the commitment of the Zedillo government to fight the narco-traffickers and to clean up corruption," Jones said.

While saying there is still a long way to go, U.S. authorities believe they now have small groups of Mexican agents with whom they can work. They are especially hopeful about a new organized crime unit, formed several months ago, some of whose members have been trained by the FBI in Quantico, Va., U.S. officials say privately.

To ensure that the elite unit remains untainted, it will operate independently of the new special prosecutor's office and report directly to Madrazo.

The attorney general said Wednesday that twelve of the 60 recruits for the new special prosecutor's office were being trained in Spain and some others may later be trained by the FBI.

He said his agency is also talking with other European and Latin American countries for possible drug aid.

Agents from the old institute may apply for the new program, but they must pass the same litany of drug, psychological, lie-detector and physical tests, as well as personal and financial background checks.

Madrazo did not say how much the new agents would be paid. Federal agents traditionally have earned less than \$1,000 a month — and are expected to buy their own uniforms, weapons and bullets, as well as pay travel expenses.

The old institute came under heavy fire in the U.S. Congress after its head, army Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, was charged with being on Carrillo's payroll.

American lawmakers who opposed Clinton's efforts to re-certify Mexico as a drug-fighting partner pointed to the general's arrest, but Mexico was ultimately re-certified following a painful public debate.

A U.S. congressional committee on Wednesday voted to abolish the drug certification program, which Latin American nations say is biased and hypocritical — given that the United States is the world's top consumer of illegal drugs.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Students of the Community Christian School meet at Gray County Courthouse Annex to add their information to the Texas Parks and Wildlife web site. The students used information gained from interviews, research and field trips for the reports they added to the web.

Community Christian School pupils take interest in web site

A project designed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife department to put Texas on a Worldwide Web Site has gained the interest of the Community Christian School students.

The students in grades K-9 have been working on group projects ranging from classic Texas footwear to weather patterns across the Panhandle.

Tuesday, the students met at the Agricultural Extension Service office to learn how to put their information on the web site. The students were given instructions, then allowed to add reports, pictures and symbols of Texas for all the world to see.

Myra Carlisle, a third and fourth grade teacher, said, "Many of the projects tie in with science and history. More than anything, this is a good way to

let the students know there are people who want to know about where we live."

The students have been visiting museums, libraries and points of interest to get the information they added to the web page. They've spoken to cowboys, ranchers, game wardens and landscape architects for information ranging from the cowboy boot to wildlife and flora and fauna native to the area.

The students were able use a scanner and add pictures of white tail deer, coyotes and jackrabbits along with the cloud formations and the gullies running through some of the ranch land.

Anyone wishing to access the web site may do so at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.

INS under fire for citizenship flaws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigration officials are drawing renewed congressional criticism for failing to fix a flawed citizenship process that allowed 180,000 foreigners to become Americans without required background checks.

House immigration subcommittee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, also warned Wednesday of another possible scandal in the making.

Smith questioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service's recent action allowing

private businesses to take the fingerprints of citizenship applicants. INS Commissioner Doris Meissner defended the decision to allow some 3,000 entities nationwide to process fingerprint cards, which are then run through FBI computers to determine if the applicant has a criminal record.

The new system, she said, is an improvement over the past, when there were no controls over fingerprinting. In an interview, Meissner said: "It really doesn't matter so much who takes the print.

High court declares boll weevil program unconstitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has declared the state's boll weevil eradication program unconstitutional, a victory for cotton growers who blamed the pesticide-spraying effort for millions of dollars in lost crops.

"Hallelujah!" said Harlingen cotton grower Lamar Smith, one of 120 Rio Grande Valley farmers who sued the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "Hopefully, it means that we're out from under this fiasco that they call the boll weevil eradication program."

His lawsuit was one of two filed against the foundation contending its method of assessing fees for the program was unconstitutional. The other was filed by ten Hale County cotton growers.

In both cases, state district judges invalidated the assessments and stopped their collection.

On Wednesday, the state's high court upheld the lower court rulings.

In the majority opinion, Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips said the Legislature violated the state constitution by delegating broad governmental authority to the private foundation.

The boll weevil eradication act "as a whole represents an overly broad delegation of legislative authority to a private entity. ... Therefore, the act cannot stand," Phillips wrote.

But Justice John Cornyn, in a dissenting opinion, said the ruling could set a dangerous precedent.

"The prospect of invalidating a delegation on this basis jeopardizes innumerable other statutes covering a multitude of subjects," Cornyn wrote.

A lawyer for the foundation did not return

a telephone message from The Associated Press.

The Legislature established the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in 1993 to fight the spread of cotton-destroying weevils.

Farmers in nine regions of the state were given the option to join the program and pay a per-acre assessment for each year they participated.

But some farmers who initially supported the effort soon turned against it, claiming the pesticide spraying killed beneficial bugs that eat the boll weevil and other harmful insects.

Rio Grande Valley cotton growers lost \$140 million in sales in 1995 after a disastrous season that they blamed primarily on the eradication program. The following year, growers successfully launched a recall election and voted to discontinue spraying.

Bill to free motorcycle riders from helmets hits snag in the Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Motorcycle riders who don't want to wear helmets have lost a battle in the Texas Senate but say they've got enough support to win the war against the mandatory headgear.

"We have enough votes to pass it, if we can ever get it up for a vote," said Tony Brownword, a black-jacketed legislative warrior for motorcyclists' rights from Blum, 42 miles south of Fort Worth.

Brownword contends helmets decrease safety by giving riders a false sense of security and aren't as

effective as proponents suggest.

His description of riding with a helmet: "Imagine driving in a car with a five-pound brick tied on the back of your head."

Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, also predicted eventual passage of his bill to repeal the mandatory helmet law for those 21 and older — even though the Senate declined to take that action Wednesday.

Instead, senators voted 16-15 to send the measure to a House-Senate conference committee to decide whether helmetless riders

should be required to carry at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a motorcycle accident.

The Senate earlier passed a version of the bill that would require the insurance and would forbid riders from getting state rehabilitation funds for spinal cord and head injuries if they're hurt while riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

The House removed those provisions but voted to raise fees to provide for increased motorcycle safety and education efforts.

Patterson said he'd thought he

had enough votes to win Senate approval of the House version of the bill. But after a plea from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, who opposes the bill, the tide turned.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he at least wants the bill to include the requirement for additional medical insurance.

"We simply cannot afford to use state resources to continue to maintain people on life support that are there simply because they refused to wear a helmet on a motorcycle," he said.

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Opinion

Web site would help oversight

Democracy depends on open government. And thanks to the new technology of the Internet, government can be more open than ever.

By the end of the year, the General Services Administration has said it will establish a site on the Internet that lists all federal grants and contracts funded by the federal government.

This would be an important step because citizens finally would have one-stop access to all kinds of contracts from scores of federal departments and agencies. These contracts typically are gathered by the GSA and the Census Bureau.

It would be an important tool to help keep track of who and what companies benefit from government largesse.

The action is being spurred by Republican Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, who has been drafting a proposed Federal Funding Electronic Disclosure Act, which would set up such a database. However, "Congress may be able to persuade the GSA to do this on its own without any legislation," said Kenneth R. Weinstein, director of the Heritage Foundation's Government Reform Project who has analyzed the effects of putting up such a site on the World Wide Web.

Every year the federal government gives out \$250 billion in federal grants and contracts. That's more than \$750 million a day. "But the feds tell little of where it's going," Weinstein said. "A Web site would tell journalists, academics and small businessmen and women where their money is going. It also would allow average citizens to keep an eye on how effective these grants are."

It could be a real eye-opener, much like the wealth of information gleaned from a fairly new Web site set up by the Center for Responsive Politics. Journalists found much of the information about the "soft money" that funded the 1996 Democratic and Republican election campaigns from the Center's Web site, which showed donations to parties and candidates.

Once the federal grants and contracts information is displayed, it easily could be collated with the donations information on the CRP Web site, providing the first comprehensive picture of both sides of the special-interest ledger — campaign donations from certain people and companies and federal contracts to those people and companies.

There are other uses of such a database, too. For instance, a quick check could be made of those business owners and others who testify before Congress as to whether or not they receive federal money, thus exposing any potential conflicts of interest.

"Even members of Congress are kept in the dark about the recipients of federal largesse," Weinstein wrote in a study for the Heritage Foundation. "Few, if any, of the dozen or so federal grant recipients who testified daily before the 104th Congress ever revealed their federal funding sources, and even fewer asked for spending cuts in the programs for which they benefited."

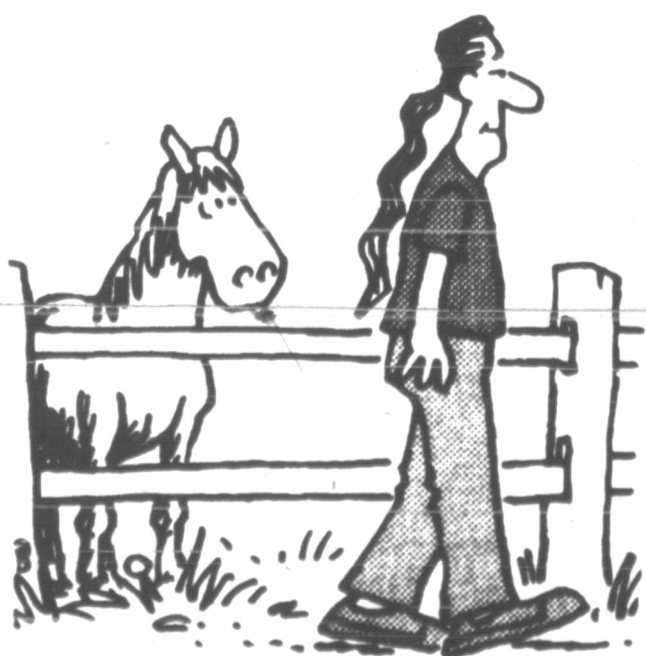
All in all, the idea of a Web site of federal contracts and grants is a good one. Congress' job now is to make sure the GSA follows through and puts up this Web site. If the GSA drags its feet, Congress should take the initiative and pass Sessions' bill.

Thought for today

"If a man does not make new acquaintance as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man, Sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair."

Samuel Johnson

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Victims' Rights Amendment

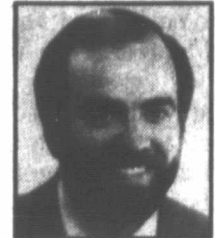
In the conflict between criminals and their prey, just about everyone residing outside a correctional institution takes the side of the victims. Hence the popularity of Washington's latest fad: a constitutional amendment to protect victims' rights. But Americans should take another look. Enshrining this idea in the Constitution threatens to handicap law enforcement and warp the criminal justice system while doing very little to help its intended beneficiaries.

The measure would do all sorts of things that sound eminently praiseworthy. Victims would have a right to be present and speak at trials, sentencing proceedings and parole hearings, and they would be entitled to notice if the offender is released. They would get the right to restitution from the offender, and they would be assured a speedy trial.

Politicians from across the spectrum have been falling all over themselves to champion the cause. President Clinton has endorsed it, as did Bob Dole last year, and the Senate co-sponsors include Arizona Republican Jon Kyl (American Conservative Union rating: 90) and California Democrat Dianne Feinstein (ACU rating: 8). Supporters think that if they can win congressional approval, getting it ratified by the states will be easy, since virtually every state has either a law or a constitutional amendment upholding the rights of crime victims.

Surface appeal may be enough to get this amendment passed, but surface appeal is all it has. Dig deeper and you find that it would create many serious problems and solve none.

To start with, it would divert money and prosecutors' energy away from the business of investigating and prosecuting crimes. More of their time would be spent keeping track of victims and sending them notices about every meaningless court date. Most



Stephen Chapman

prosecutors already try to do right by victims, but this proposal would turn that task into a constitutional duty, even if it drains away funds needed for more urgent matters.

Jim Wootton, president of the Safe Streets Alliance, which recently sponsored a press conference to endorse the initiative, dismisses questions about the potential cost. "I don't have an estimate," he says. He is confident, though, that "the public is prepared to provide the resources." But how is the public supposed to know it is willing to cover the tab when the amendment's advocates can't say how big it will be?

If Americans truly think victims' are important enough to justify that reallocation of funds, they don't need to fiddle with the Constitution to achieve it. State provisions have already given crime victims all the rights sought here.

It may seem only fair that since defendants' rights are protected by the U.S. Constitution, victims should have equal status. But the procedural safeguards in the Bill of Rights were included only because in criminal trials, the government is trying to take away the life, liberty or property of individual people — who may or may not be guilty of any wrongdoing. The government is not

trying to do any such thing to crime victims.

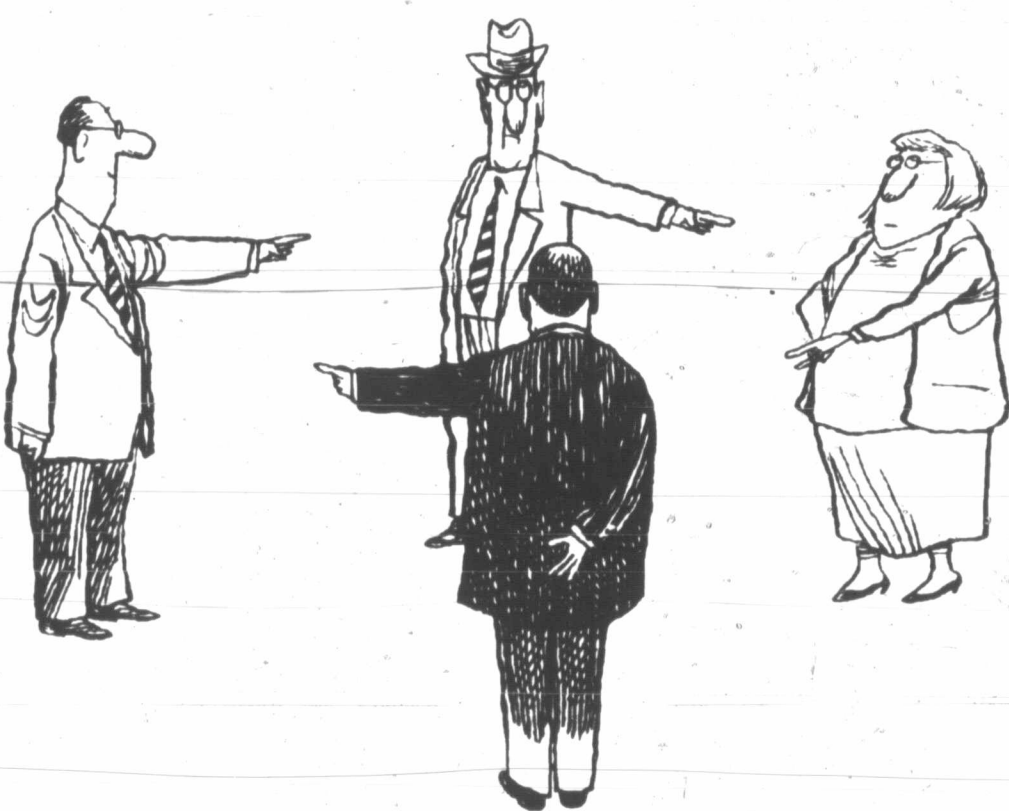
Supporters complain that whenever conflicts arise between the rights of the defendant and the rights of the victim, the defendant always prevails, since his rights enjoy the highest protection and the victim's don't. But this is a rare problem. Wootton laments that defense lawyers frequently file motions to bar victims from the courtroom, even if they don't plan to testify. How often are those motions granted? "I don't know," he says.

The chief example of mistreatment of victims cited by the safe Streets Alliance doesn't strengthen its case. In the Oklahoma City bombing case, the judge told surviving victims and bereaved relatives they couldn't attend the trial itself if they wanted to testify at any sentencing hearing. He reversed himself only when Congress moved to pass a bill overruling him. The supporters have the mistaken idea that this shows the need for a constitutional amendment. In fact, it shows quite clearly that Congress can address the problem without the slightest constitutional change.

What the supporters often forget is that many of the supposed abuses of victims — such as moving Timothy McVeigh's trial to Denver to get an impartial jury — actually serve the ultimate interests of victims. The point in that instance was to assure a fair trial. Letting a prejudiced jury convict an innocent man would be no favor of the bombing victims or their loved ones. It would, however, be a boon to the guilty party, who would go unpunished.

Politicians should resist the urge to adopt the latest political fashion. Putting victims' rights in the Constitution won't do any good that can't be done by ordinary laws. But it could produce some damage that the authors of the Constitution wisely tried to prevent.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 1, the 121st day of 1997. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay.

On this date:
In 1786, the opera "The Marriage of Figaro," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, premiered in Vienna.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1931, singer Kate Smith began her long-running radio program on CBS.

In 1941, the Orson Welles motion picture *Citizen Kane* premiered in New York.

In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler committed suicide, it was announced that Admiral Karl Doenitz had succeeded Hitler as leader of the Third Reich.

Is Peltier wrongly imprisoned?

I learned long ago not to trust impressions of people based on short quotes in newspapers and snippets of tape on TV.

So it didn't surprise me, when I met Dennis Banks, who was once described by the government as a "domestic terrorist," to find an intelligent, humorous, soft-spoken man with a great deal of compassion and tolerance.

Banks is a leader and was one of the founders of the American Indian Movement. He was in Orlando, Fla., on a tour with a band and singers to raise awareness of AIM's campaign to get presidential clemency for Leonard Peltier.

Peltier is serving two life sentences for "aiding and abetting" in the murder of two FBI agents. Banks, who was a very close friend of Peltier, says he is innocent, and it appears that he is. The same U.S. attorney who at Peltier's trial had told a jury that Peltier had executed the two agents during a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation 17 years later admitted in an appellate court appearance, "The government does not know who killed the two agents."

A woman whose affidavit was used to extradite Peltier from Canada has since admitted she was coerced into lying when her children were taken from her. FBI testimony that tests proved a casing found at the scene had been fired from Peltier's rifle was apparently false. Banks says documents later obtained through the Freedom of Information

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Act reveal that the rifle was too damaged for any tests to be conducted on it. Another Indian has since confessed that he fired the fatal shots, though in self-defense. To make clear how odd the whole thing was, two other Indians who were actually charged with the murder were acquitted on grounds of self-defense.

But all this happened in the early 1970s, when Richard Nixon was at his paranoid best and had ordered the FBI to destroy the Black Panthers and AIM and the anti-war movement.

Still, Peltier has never been given a new trial; hence the drive for clemency. I do not think President Clinton will grant it for the same reason he dodged the draft — no guts. But he blows with the wind. You never know.

So Banks and I sat on stools outside the bar where they were going to perform. He is a stout, powerful man who once cut logs for a living. He exudes calmness.

Neither Banks nor AIM, when it started, ever thought the movement would be at odds with the FBI. Banks was sent to government military school as a boy to be "de-Indianized," and his dream was to become an Air Force general. He enlisted in the

Air Force and applied for the U.S. Air Force Academy. But he needed more work in math, and while trying to repair that deficiency, events took over.

"I did become a general of sorts," he said with a smile, referring to his leadership of AIM.

He and others started the movement because of the poverty and discrimination against the Indians.

"We never dreamed we'd end up in conflict with the FBI," he said. "We went to them for help — to help us fight the discrimination and to prosecute people who were beating up Indians."

But things didn't turn out as anyone planned, and plenty has been written on the occupation of wounded Knee and the violent confrontation at Pine Ridge. You can find AIM on the Internet at <http://www.dickshovel.com>, or by visiting your library. Peter Matthiessen's 1983 book, *In The Spirit of Crazy Horse*, is a good start (reprinted by Penguin, 1995).

AIM today, Banks said, operates the largest job training program in the United States for Indians, sponsors a running program and several heritage programs for Indian youths, as well as a sobriety program. Thanks to gaming, the material situation has improved for some tribes, but the environment remains a top priority for all Indians, he said.

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Balanced budget: An impossible dream

A recent conversation with a group of voters — known in the parlance as a "focus group" — revealed that most Americans have just about given up on Washington ever balancing the budget.

Washington has done such a cynically good job of convincing people that the budget can't be balanced without padlocking the Washington Monument, forcing senior citizens into soup-kitchen lines and cutting huge holes in the safety net for the poor that the whole idea has become a non-issue.

That's why members of Congress should make it their No. 1 issue.

The only way to attack the cynicism that rots the body politic is by showing the American people that nothing is impossible if you really put your heart and mind to it. Heck, that's what we tell our kids every day, right? Is it all a big lie?

Newt Gingrich & Company can do the impossible if they really try — and nobody will be hurt. The last Congress — the 104th — eliminated more than 270 federal programs, agencies and offices, and nobody is dying in the streets as a result. Wall-to-wall protesters aren't manning the barricades. The world hasn't come to an end.

Indeed, the overwhelming majority of Americans, including Yours Truly, can't name more than one or two of the now defunct programs. That shows you how necessary they were



Edwin Feulner

and how much they're missed. Not at all.

Scott Hodge, who was named by a local business magazine as one of Washington's premier "pork busters," recently completed a top-to-bottom review of hundreds and hundreds of government programs. He found 160 separate job-training programs, run by 15 different federal agencies, at an annual cost to taxpayers of \$20 billion. Some of the "jobs" programs are so loosely run, according to government auditors, they have no idea how many "students" are enrolled or what percentage ever get jobs.

Hodge also found dozens of programs that are so out of date that they should have been retired years ago. The Rural Electrification Administration, for example, was created in 1935 to help bring electricity to rural America. Despite the fact that its job was completed many years

ago, the REA still lives on, now with a new identity: the Rural Utilities Service. Retire the program and we save \$1.8 billion over the next five years. Then there's the Depression era Natural Resource Conservation Service, previously known as the Soil Conservation Service. The 12,000-person agency operates out of 2,500 field offices around the country at an annual cost of some \$800 million. Its work is so vital that the government's audit agency, the General Accounting Office, could find no difference in soil erosion levels between areas served by the NRCS and those ignored by the NRCS.

Hodge also found programs that take money from you and me and hand it over to some of the world's largest and wealthiest corporations.

In short, Hodge found that balancing the budget would be anything but impossible if Washington would get serious and ask the right questions: Does this program work? Does this program duplicate other existing programs? Have the goals of this program been accomplished? Is this an appropriate function of the federal government?

In his 450-page book, *Balancing America's Budget*, Hodge asks precisely such questions. He proposes getting rid of those programs that don't pass the test. In the process, he found, we will get the balanced budget Washington keeps promising while telling us it can't be done.

U.S. has reached 'bottom line' on NATO concessions to Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Saying there will be no "second-class" members in NATO, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright vowed today the alliance will issue invitations to Central and European countries in July — even if Russia has failed to agree to terms for a linkup with them.

While prepared to listen to Russia's concerns about the looming enlargement of the NATO military alliance, Albright said there will be no more concessions to Moscow.

"Basically, we are at our bottom line," she said on her flight from Washington to Moscow to see Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov and possibly President Boris Yeltsin.

The 16 NATO allies and their chief negotiator, Secretary General Javier Solana of Spain, have offered Russia a charter that would provide some

links to the alliance for Russia but no veto over its military decisions.

NATO also has offered a unilateral assurance it has "no intention, no plan, no reason," to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of the Eastern and Central European nations that will be invited to join the alliance on July 8.

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, all former allies of Russia, are the leading contenders, with Romania and Slovenia also making strong bids.

Expansion would extend NATO to Russia's western border. In March, NATO also assured Moscow the allies had no intention of deploying "substantial" combat forces closer to Russia.

Yeltsin has said he hopes the charter can be concluded for signing in Paris May 27 at a ceremony that President Clinton and other NATO leaders plan to attend. But if the gaps are not bridged by

then, Albright said, NATO will go ahead and issue invitations to the prospective new members.

The United States already has ruled out making the charter legally binding. That would give the pledges Clinton and the other leaders are making some legal force.

Albright's talks with Primakov are likely to center on Russia's quest for more security guarantees. "They want to assure themselves that NATO is not a threat, and they are using the time to get additional qualifications" in the assurances already offered, she said.

"There is a new Russia," Albright said. "It is important for Russia to understand there is a new NATO, too. It is not a bloc-to-bloc situation. In NATO individual countries are part of a defensive alliance."

The planned expansion of NATO has marred U.S.

relations with Russia since NATO leaders decided at a summit in January 1994 to take in new members.

Clinton and Yeltsin discussed the issue at their summit in Helsinki, Finland, in March, while Albright and Primakov have met three times, exchanged letters and talked on the telephone.

This trip, Albright said, will not produce dramatic results. With a chuckle, she told the twelve reporters aboard the U.S. Air Force jet she borrowed from Vice President Al Gore: "I don't want to be boring, having brought you all along, but I don't think we are going to have any breakthrough. Each step is an incremental one."

When she sees Primakov today, she said, "I will lay out what our bottom lines are and he will lay out theirs. What we are going to try to do is to close some of the gaps."

State briefs

House wants more say in welfare privatization effort

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers should have a say in any decision to allow private companies to run the state's welfare system, a powerful state lawmaker says.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, on Wednesday gained easy first-round approval for a bill requiring the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to work with the governor and the Legislative Budget Board on any welfare privatization plan. The LBB is headed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, and includes House Speaker Pete Laney and nine other lawmakers.

There is some question, however, as to how Junell's bill, which still faces a final House vote, would affect a far-reaching privatization proposal already developed by the Health and Human Services Commission and the Council on Competitive Government.

HHS Commissioner Mike McKinney, is scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C., Friday to iron out final questions about the proposal.

Under that proposal, private companies could be hired to collect information from welfare applicants, help fill out their applications and then determine whether they are eligible for assistance. It requires federal approval and puts the future of many state jobs into question.

House vote would require local address for military voters

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has given tentative approval to a bill that would let military voters have their mailed-in ballots counted up to ten days after polls closed but require them to have addresses in the county in which

they were voting.

Military voters overseas or away from home currently can submit a federal voting application by mail stating their "home of record." That determines in which local elections they can vote.

Elections last year in Val Verde County raised concern among some lawmakers because hundreds of military votes cast by soldiers away from the county — some gone as long as 20 years — determined two elections.

Those elections were challenged, and one of the winners has since given up his post.

Democrats and minorities argued that military voters, like all other voters, should be required to have residences in the cities and counties in which they vote.

House rejects attempt to make federal family leave state law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Family Medical Leave Act should be adopted into state law to make it easier for Texans to maintain the rights established by the federal law, state Rep. Domingo Garcia says.

But the Dallas Democrat lost an effort Wednesday to make that happen. He said he will take a second run at the issue soon.

The federal act allows workers to take up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave after the birth of a child or because of a serious family illness. It applies to people who work at places with 50 or more employees.

Garcia said workers denied the leave currently have to go to federal court — a very expensive and time-consuming process — to challenge that rejection.

If Texas were to adopt the statute into state law, residents denied the rights could challenge that in state court, Garcia said.

Former death row inmate fights efforts at new trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Four years ago, Andrew Lee Mitchell walked off death row a free man, his 1981 capital murder conviction set aside after an appeals court concluded evidence had been suppressed at his trial.

On Wednesday, Mitchell returned to court to fight efforts by prosecutors to retry him for the 1979 robbery and murder of an East Texas fireworks salesman.

Mitchell, who maintains his innocence, argues that a new trial would violate his constitutional rights, but prosecutors contend he is a killer who belongs back behind bars.

"The evidence is certainly there to show that Mr. Mitchell committed this offense," said Smith County Assistant District Attorney David Dobbs.

Mitchell, who has a million-dollar civil lawsuit pending against Smith County officials, responded: "(The district attorney's) duty is to protect my constitutional rights, not to violate them."

Texas' history unique but legitimate, scholars say

DALLAS (AP) — Remember the Alamo? Texas' unique history under six flags — including the Republic of Texas' from 1836 to 1845 — has long fed a romantic mythology of independent frontiersmen willing to give up everything for liberty.

But problems ranging from finances to raiding Indians spurred citizens of the infant nation to vote to join the United States on Dec. 29, 1845. Legal scholars say that even if Texas' annexation were illegal — as the separatist Republic of Texas group claims — Texas has been a state too long to declare otherwise now.

UIL band students



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Shanna Buck, Jimmy Stewart, Holly Meyers, Stephanie Cameron and Luke Wilson were among the members of the Pampa Middle School Blue Band which participated in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Amarillo last week. The band earned a sweepstakes trophy, and a division I from each of the judges in each category. The band spring concert will be May 8 at the McNeely Fieldhouse.

Labor Party expecting big win in British elections

LONDON (AP) — Police scoured polling centers for hidden bombs this morning over fears of a possible IRA attack before voting began in Britain's national election. Polls predicted an end to 18 years of Conservative government and a big victory for Tony Blair's re-styled Labor Party.

Nothing suspicious was reported at the 45,000 polling centers but extra officers were to remain on duty all day to search voters and their bags.

The increased security follows several small explosions by the IRA on the British mainland as well as phoned-in bombed threats using IRA code words. The ensuing chaos, intended to remind voters of the IRA presence ahead of the election, severely disrupted the nation's road and rail networks.

Gerry Adams, president of the Irish Republican Army's political ally Sinn Fein, was the favorite to

win the Northern Ireland parliamentary seat of West Belfast.

Regaining the seat that he lost in 1992 to Northern Ireland's biggest Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, would boost Adams' standing internationally and his claim to a place in Northern Ireland peace talks. Britain has ruled that Sinn Fein must not be allowed to take part until the IRA restores the cease-fire it broke last year.

M.K. Brown Auditorium May events

The following activities and events are currently listed on the May calendar for activities and events at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

May 2, Friday — Eighth grade party.

May 7, Wednesday — Pampa Economic Development Corporation seminar.

May 15, Thursday — Senior Developmental Class party.

May 16, Friday — Pampa High School prom decorating.

May 17, Saturday — Pampa High School prom. Jeanne Willingham dance recital rehearsals.

May 18, Sunday — Prom cleanup.

May 19-23 — Pampa High

School choir

May 19, Monday — Pampa Academy of Christian Education awards.


May 20, Tuesday — Pampa Academy of Christian Education graduation.

May 24, Saturday — Jeanne

Willingham "Dance, Dance, Dance" recital. Pampa Area Singles activity.

May 25, Sunday — Mackie family reunion.

May 30, Friday — Pampa High School All-Night Party for graduates.



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Purviance family has long history of contributions to Pampa

Members of the Purviance (wine-maker) family left France during the Huguenot persecution in the 16th century. They migrated to Germany and then to Ireland before John Purviance (b. 1760) came to North America. As a patriot from either Pennsylvania or North Carolina, he was a soldier in the Colonial Army that fought for American independence.

Alexander C. Purviance, son of John, received government lands in Illinois as pay for his service in the War of 1812. Because of the poor spelling of his commander, the title to the land was made to Alexander C. "Purvines." Alexander assumed the misspelled name because he did not want to jeopardize his title to the land.

William Graham Purvines, son of Alexander, married Emily Cartwright Eaton, granddaughter of Peter Cartwright, noted Methodist circuit rider and presiding elder. About 1900 their son, Carroll Purvines, and his wife Kate came to Panhandle, Texas, via Osage Indian Territory.

The sixth child of William and Emily Purvines was Walter Purviance, born in 1879 at Pleasant Plains, Sagamon County, Illinois. While researching old records, Walter discovered that his family name had been misspelled and used the correct spelling. He graduated from Kankakee, Illinois in the early 1900s and began his medical career at Granite City, Illinois. He married Grace Murphee. Their son, John Graham

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum

Purviance, was born in Granite City on September 17, 1908.

Hoping to find a cure for tuberculosis, Walter began research on the tubercle bacillus. He contracted the disease and, in an effort to regain his health, he



(Photo courtesy of Margaret Surratt)

Dr. Walter Purviance in World War I uniform.

and his family came to Panhandle, where Carroll and Kate Purvines were living on a ranch 17 miles north of town. Walter and Grace lived in a four-

room house that Carroll and Kate had vacated when they built a new house. Walter quickly regained his health and he and his family moved to Pampa in 1910.

For a time Dr. Purviance was associated with M.T. Talley in the real estate business. Later he became a teller in a Pampa bank. Then he bought an interest in the Pampa Drug owned by C.T. Hunkspillar. He built a two-story white stucco house at 802 West Francis. The street on the east side of the house was named for Dr. Purviance.

About 1912 Mrs. Purviance's sister, Maud (Mrs. Scott) Hall came to live with the Purviances. She taught sixth grade in the Pampa schools for many years. In 1915 Dr. Purviance was elected mayor of Pampa and served in that office for two years.

When World War I was raging in Europe, Dr. Purviance volunteered in the medical corps and was commissioned as a first lieutenant on August 15, 1917. He was assigned to active duty at Base Hospital, Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas. From there he

went to Fort Riley, Kansas, and then to Camp Merret, New Jersey. On June 1, 1918, he embarked for France, arriving in Liverpool, England, before going to LaHarve, France.

He was commissioned a captain on March 5, 1919. He was in the battles of Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne offensive. His field hospital was in the midst of the fighting until Armistice Day. He spent a year in the army occupation before being discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on May 30, 1919.

After his return to Pampa, Dr. Purviance resumed his practice of medicine. His first office was with Dr. Archie Cole in the back of the Pampa Drug. Later he had offices in the Rose Building. In 1921 Dr. and Mrs. Purviance adopted a little girl, Janice.

In 1946 he built the Purviance Clinic at 808 West Francis on the lot adjoining his home. Dr. MacField McDaniel and Dr. Julian M. Key were associated with him.

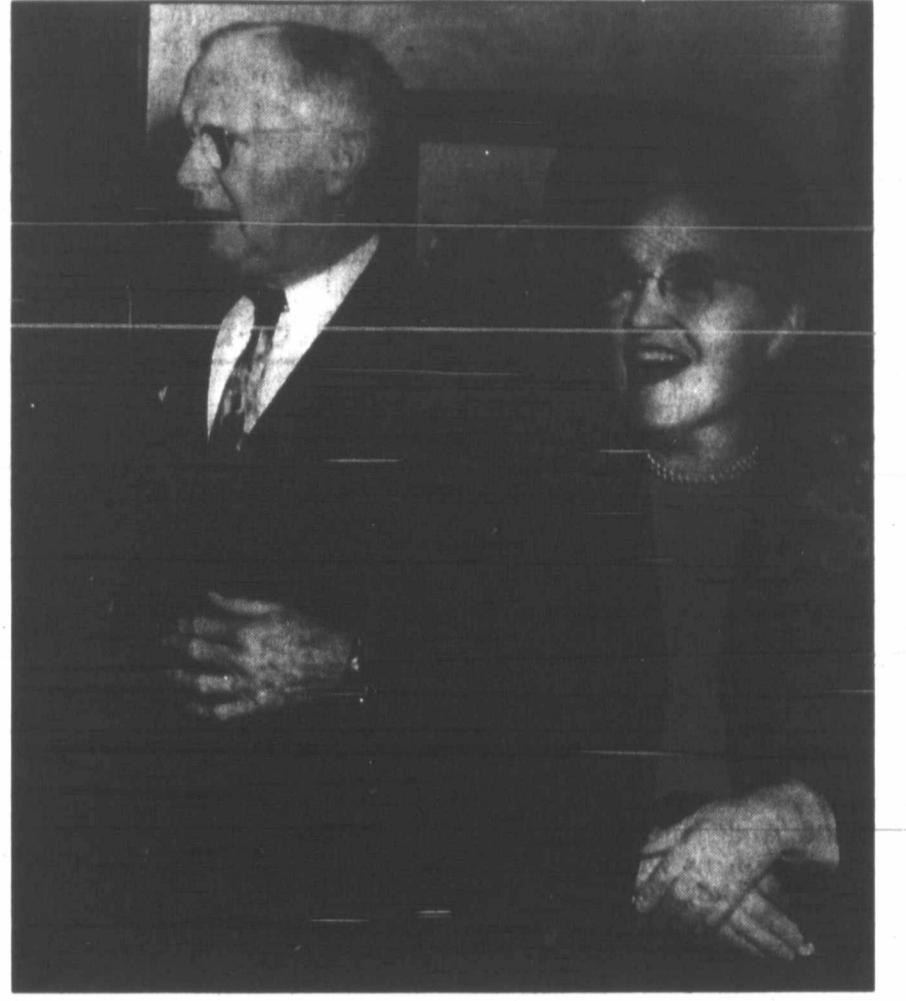
The Purviances were unselfish in their devotion to the First Methodist Church, the city of Pampa, their neighbors and, most of all, to Dr. Purviance's medical career. He kept abreast of the times as medicine and medical care developed and attended meetings of the American Medical Association.

Grace Purviance found great pleasure in her church work. She was president of the Missionary Society for 15 years, and she taught the Ladies Friendship

Class for many years.

In 1952 when Gray county celebrated its 50th year, the *Pampa Daily News* reported: "Dr. Purviance was guest of honor at a dinner given at Pampa Country Club. He was presented with a plaque and a hat in recognition of

his years of service in both the practice of medicine and his untiring service in civic affairs." Dr. Purviance bought a summer home in Evergreen, Colorado, where he died in 1958. Grace Purviance died in Pampa on November 6, 1974.



(White Deer Land Museum photo)

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Purviance.

McVeigh's attorney likens him to harmless, Walter Mitty-type daydreamer

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's attorney portrayed him as a mere Walter Mitty, a harmless daydreamer victimized by two admitted drug users who agreed to testify against him to save themselves from prosecution.

Defense attorney Stephen Jones spent much of Wednesday attempting to lessen the effect of damaging testimony by Lori Fortier, who told jurors that McVeigh disclosed his plans to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building months before the explosion.

During his painstakingly detailed cross-examination of Mrs. Fortier, Jones likened McVeigh to the character in James Thurber's short story *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. Like Mitty, an everyman who fantasizes about becoming a hero, McVeigh talked about taking action, but never did, Jones said.

McVeigh used phony names and aliases, "talked about government conspiracies in the U.N.," and "kind of lived out of his car," but didn't commit crimes, Jones said.

"In all of the times that you saw Tim McVeigh, did you ever see him do anything — and we're not talking about what he talked about but about what he did — did you ever see him do anything that you knew to be a crime?" he asked Mrs. Fortier.

McVeigh blew up a pipe bomb and said he stole weapons, she replied.

Jones attacked Mrs. Fortier about drug use to which she and her husband have admitted, and he criticized the couple for declaring McVeigh innocent in the days after the bombing, but implicating him when they feared they would be arrested.

Prosecutors planned to call McVeigh's friends and associates today to show he tried to buy bomb components in the months before the April 1995 blast ripped the face off the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Among the witnesses expected was Greg Pfaff, who has said McVeigh asked him if he could get any "det cord," a detonator for a bomb. Also on the list was David Darlak, who has said McVeigh wanted him to get racing fuel.

On Wednesday, explosives expert Paul Rydlund described how to build a bomb similar to the one authorities say was used in the blast.

Rydlund said it was relatively cheap and easy to acquire the materials for a large ammonium nitrate-fuel oil bomb, which could send a shock wave through a building at 13,000 mph. A 50-pound

bag of the key ingredient — ammonium nitrate — costs \$5.

Rydlund said one person could have built the bomb that killed 168 and injured more than 500 others.

Rydlund followed Mrs. Fortier, who Jones attempted to portray as a drug-using liar who changed her story to save her own skin.

The 24-year-old wife of one of McVeigh's Army buddies admitted that she smoked pot and used methamphetamines, or speed, since she was a teenager. Her drug use accelerated in the weeks before the bombing, she said.

She acknowledged in a soft voice that she lied to friends, family and the FBI after the bombing, saying she didn't think McVeigh was involved.

She received immunity from prosecution for testifying against McVeigh. Her

husband, Michael Fortier, who is to testify later, has pleaded guilty to gun-running charges and faces up to 23 years in prison.

McVeigh, who could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy, stared intently at Mrs. Fortier, leaning back in his chair with his hands folded in front of him. She glanced furtively at McVeigh, but avoided his gaze.

Jones read into the record FBI wiretaps of the Fortiers' trailer home that indicated Fortier told friends and family that he could make some money by selling his story.

"Did you talk to Michael privately about making a cool 'mill' off this case?" Jones asked.

"No," said Mrs. Fortier. "I never had an intention of selling my story."

FEC decides not to act on cases involving Reform Party boss

DALLAS (AP) — The Federal Election Committee won't step into two lingering disputes between factions of former presidential candidate Ross Perot's third party.

An FEC spokeswoman said Wednesday the commission has closed its file on a request by a breakaway Reform Party group seeking recognition as the political party's national governing body. The FEC said it didn't have enough information to decide that issue.

And the commission also decided not to answer a complaint from United We Stand-Ohio, a nonpartisan group begun as part of the

early Perot movement that resisted being merged into the Reform Party.

Perot ran for president as an independent candidate in 1992 and founded United We Stand America, tapping his own billions to help fund it. Before his 1996 campaign, many United We Stand state organizations rolled into the Reform Party and nominated Perot for president.

Perot garnered eight percent of the vote as the Reform Party candidate.

But the United We Stand-Ohio members became disillusioned with Perot's leadership, vehemently opposing his decision to

use their organization as a springboard to his new party.

In a letter to the FEC in November 1995, the Ohio group asked for a ruling that Perot was wrong to use United We Stand America money and other assets, such as computers, telephones and mailing lists, to help qualify the new party for the ballot.

The group received the FEC's response this week. The FEC said too much time had elapsed and it was "exercising its prosecutorial discretion to do nothing."

Perot spokesman Russ Verney was not available for comment. Sharon Snyder, spokeswoman

for the FEC, said the case had not been assigned to anyone there because of the agency's heavy workload.

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Red Cross office volunteer honored



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)
Long-time Green Thumb worker and Red Cross volunteer Johnnie Cozin was honored Tuesday at the Red Cross office by Bill Hilderbrandt, Red Cross chairman, and the rest of the staff for her volunteer efforts. She has volunteered at Red Cross for three years, but will be leaving the area to move to California.

Laxative ingredient may cause cancer

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Laboratory rats developed cancer after being fed high doses of a chemical used for more than 90 years in a common over-the-counter laxative, federal scientists report.

In a report presented Wednesday to a committee of the Food and Drug Administration, toxicologists said that rats developed lymphomas after six months of a diet laced with phenolphthalein, an ingredient in the popular laxative Ex-Lax.

The amount of phenolphthalein related to cancer was at least 30 times higher than the normal dose people would receive from the prescribed amounts of the laxative, an FDA official said.

A vice president of the company that makes Ex-Lax said the laxative has been sold since 1905 and that the firm has no evidence that the product is not safe. He also questioned the validity of the results from the laboratory rat study.

Scientists from the National Toxicology Program, a Research Triangle Park, N.C. office of the National Institutes of Health, presented the report at a meeting of the Carcinogen Assessment Committee of the FDA. The committee went into executive session shortly afterward, excluding the public, and took no immediate action.

Committee Chairman Joseph J. DeGeorge of the FDA said his group would make a report to another FDA committee which, in turn, could decide whether the agency will move to restrict or modify the use of phenolphthalein in laxatives.

June K. Dunnick of the National Toxicology Program said that cells from 21 tumors taken from the laboratory rats were found to lack a cancer suppressor gene called p53. When normal, this gene helps to prevent cells from turning into cancer. The gene is missing or flawed in many human cancers.

"There was clear evidence of the loss of p53," said Dunnick.

Mark B. Gelbert, vice president of Novartis Consumer Health Inc. of Summit, N. J., manufacturer of Ex-Lax, said the product has no known health risks when consumers follow the directions on the package.

"We believe that the dose levels used to test on the rats is very high," said Gelbert. He said the rats used in the study may not be a "valid model for determining risks in humans."

Nation briefs

JonBenet's parents submit to formal police interviews

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — After much wrangling over the conditions of their interviews with police, JonBenet Ramsey's parents finally gave investigators what they had demanded all along: separate meetings.

Each lasted about nine hours Wednesday, said Police Chief Tom Koby and Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter.

Police set terms of the interviews, including conditions that Patricia Ramsey be interviewed first, that the sessions be taped and last indefinitely with reasonable breaks, and that the couple could be accompanied by their lawyers.

The prosecutor refused to say whether there would be any further meetings. "I can't speak to that," he said.

Six-year-old JonBenet was found strangled Dec. 26 in the basement of her family's expensive Tudor mansion, about eight hours after her mother found a ransom note demanding \$118,000. An autopsy said she may have been sexually abused.

Time Warner pulling plug on interactive TV network

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Time Warner Inc. will shut down its once-touted interactive television network by the end of the year as it concentrates on a less-costly new system to provide video on demand.

The Full Service Network provides movies on demand, home shopping, video games and other services in 4,000 homes in two Florida counties. Time Warner originally planned to use the two-way television network as the center of a nationwide shopping and entertainment service.

But the company now is focused on becoming the first cable operator to commercially deploy video on demand. It

would be seen through the company's new Pegasus digital cable boxes, due to be introduced by the end of this year.

Company officials unveiled the Full Service Network with a splashy public relations blitz in December 1994, but technical difficulties and high costs hindered its startup.

Many family members settle lawsuits against ValuJet

MIAMI (AP) — Many relatives of the 110 people killed on ValuJet Flight 592 have reached million-dollar settlements with the airline and the company that mishandled the oxygen canisters blamed for the crash.

Of 50 lawsuits filed against the discount airline, 19 have been settled, ValuJet spokesman Gregg Kenyon said Wednesday.

SabreTech, the contractor that mishandled oxygen canisters suspected in the crash, was named in 46 suits and "a significant number" were settled, company spokesman Jim Grandone said.

Under the terms of the settlements, plaintiffs are barred from saying how much they were being paid. Neither ValuJet nor SabreTech would give the settlement amounts.

Report: Two people witnessed fatal shooting

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The man accused of killing comedian Bill Cosby's son Ennis was with two friends who witnessed the shooting, according to court documents and a relative of one witness, *USA Today* reported today.

The paper reported that both witnesses were questioned and released and that officials would not say whether they are suspects.

USA Today said court documents also confirm that police have two other witnesses who say they helped Michael Markhasev, the 18-year-old Ukrainian immi-

grant accused of shooting Cosby, search for the murder weapon days after the killing.

Markhasev was arrested March 12 and has been held since then pending trial. He pleaded innocent to initial charges of murder with special circumstances of attempted robbery and use of a firearm during a crime.

Rudman to advise on Gulf War illnesses

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Sen. Warren B. Rudman will be appointed as the president's special adviser on Gulf War illnesses, *The New York Times* reported today.

The official announcement was expected to be made today, the newspaper said.

The appointment comes a day after a White House panel reported to the president that the military investigation into whether U.S. troops may have been exposed to chemical weapons during the Persian Gulf War is moving too slowly.

Black employees file class action suit against UPS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — United Parcel Service driver Timothy Mapfumo says he's been ordered to take routes so dangerous he hired a security guard one Christmas.

"I have been forced to work in the slums and the ghettos in the worst part of Oakland," he says. "I was terrified ... thought I was going to get my brains blown out."

Mapfumo, a 15-year employee, believes he got the dangerous route — and not one he had requested in an affluent area — because he is black.

On Wednesday, he joined other black UPS employees in a class-action lawsuit charging they have been shut out of good assignments, promotions and have been punished for complaining of discrimination.

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Court upholds reporter privilege

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge should have at least heard what two newspaper reporters would have said before blocking them from testifying in a Dallas murder trial, a divided Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled in upholding the reversal of a Dallas man's conviction.

The judge in the murder trial of Lawron Coleman ruled that his attorneys had not shown that the testimony of two reporters for *The Dallas Morning News* was material to the defense.

Coleman, who was a member of a gang, was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in jail and fined \$10,000.

His attorneys subpoenaed *Dallas Morning News* reporters Nora Lopez and Tracy Everbach to testify in the trial about "work and fact-finding" they had done for articles on gang violence in Dallas.

But the reporters' attorneys had argued that federal and state law gave reporters a qualified privilege protecting information obtained in the course of news gathering activities and

the trial judge ruled in their favor.

According to court records, Coleman was a member of a Dallas street gang known as the Oak Cliff Mafia and saw his brother get wounded in a drive-by shooting by members of a rival gang, called Los Homeboys.

Approximately six days later, Alvarez, who was a member of a third gang, was shot and killed. Coleman submitted a written confession in which he said he believed Alvarez was a member of Los Homeboys, according to court records. The confession was admitted at trial without objection.

Coleman's defense was that he committed voluntary manslaughter, not murder, because he was acting under the sudden passion of his brother's shooting.

The 10th Court of Appeals in Waco said the burden rested with the reporters to show that their testimony was immaterial to the case. The 10th Court said the trial court erred by not hearing testimony from the reporters and reversed Coleman's murder conviction and ordered a new trial.

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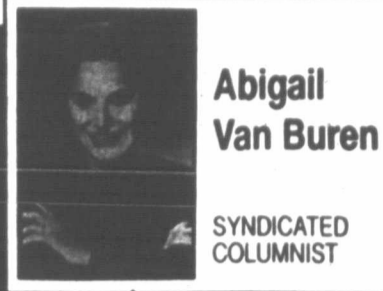
DEAR ABBY I am a mortgage broker, and it is my job to review people's credit history. I am disturbed by the number of people who are mired in credit card debt. I just talked to a couple with four children who had more than \$100,000 in credit card debt with an annual salary of \$75,000.

This is an extreme case. However, it is not uncommon for people to be caught up in the vicious cycle of paying for things on credit and being able to afford only the minimum monthly payments of these cards. I feel the credit card companies are to blame for all their gimmicks of "preapproved" junk mail, and the consumer is to blame for not being able to throw this mail away instead of signing up. Credit cards encourage people to live beyond their means, creating financial stress in families.

If people are in that situation, I encourage them to call the credit card company to close their account and cut up their cards, except one with a low interest rate or one that is due monthly. If there isn't enough cash to pay for it — don't buy it!

Use the card for emergencies only. Even though they may have to do without the new outfit or the larger television set, consumers will be happier without the stress that credit card debt can cause. Are there support groups available for "credit junkies"?

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DEAR FREE AND CLEAR: I don't know about support groups for credit junkies, but consumer credit counseling services are available in most major metropolitan areas. To locate one, look in the Yellow Pages.

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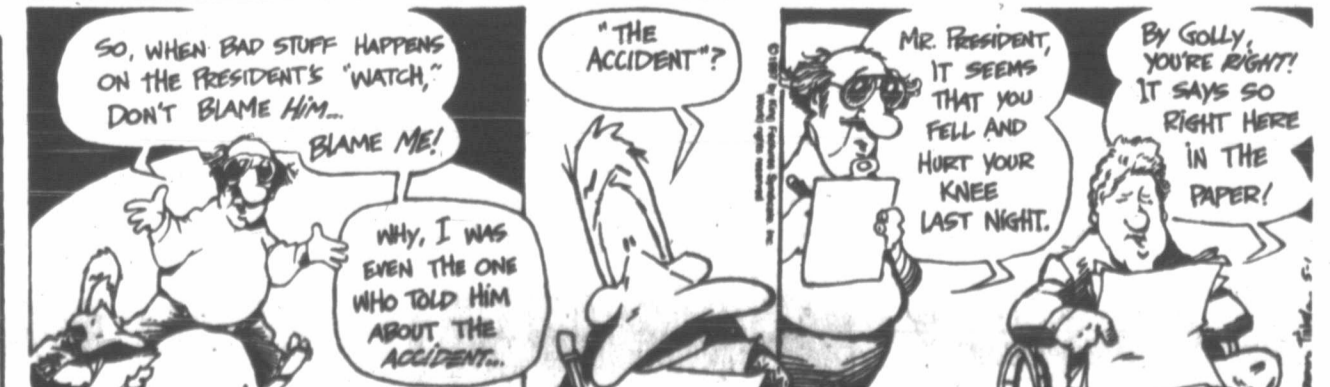
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Horoscope



Friday, May 2, 1997

In the year ahead, your imagination and curiosity will be more easily stimulated than before. These attributes could be substantial contributors to your success. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will be quite clever today in maneuvering around obstacles. This will provide your expectations with good chances of being realized, with or without cooperation from others. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station

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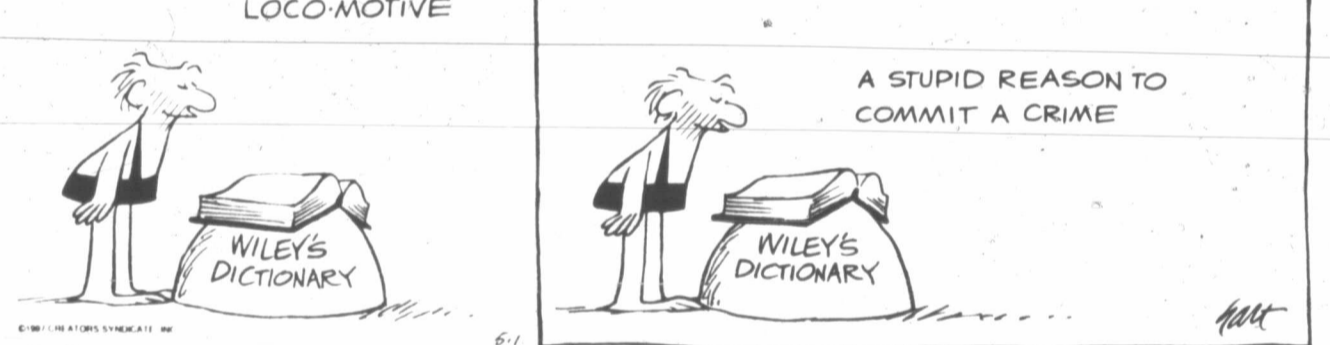
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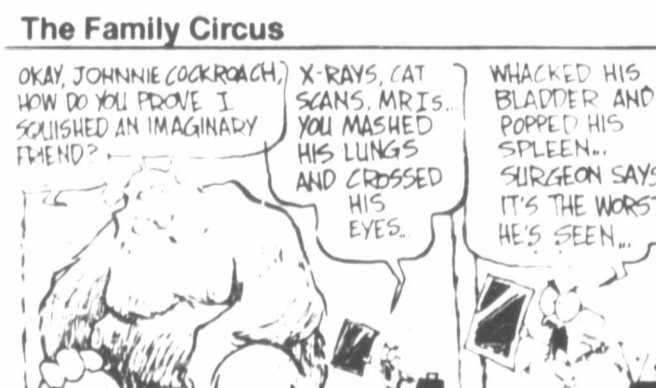
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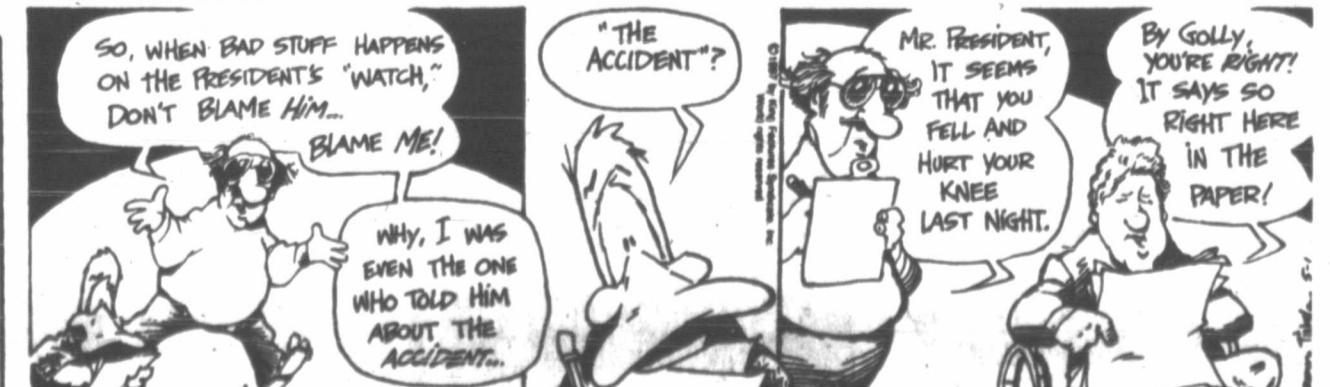
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SPORTS

Pulpit is early Kentucky Derby favorite

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BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers released veteran pitcher Kevin Gross from Class AAA Oklahoma City on Wednesday, one day before they would've become a free agent if not promoted to the majors.

Gross, who went 11-8 with a 5.22 ERA with Texas last year, was signed as a free agent March 17. He made six starts with the 89ers, going 2-3 with a 4.63 ERA.

Left-hander Dan Smith was called up from Class AA Tulsa to replace Gross in Oklahoma City. Smith was 1-1 with a 3.64 ERA in five starts with Tulsa.

Taking Smith's place in Tulsa will be left-hander Keiichi Kojima, who had been in extended spring training.

Kojima pitched professionally in Japan from 1987 to 1992, including a stint with the Yomiuri Giants of the Japanese Central League.

GOLF

PAMPA — Emil Hale of Canyon shot a 71 to win the pro division at the seventh annual Pro-Am Tournament Monday at Hidden Hills.

Thad Lassister of Canyon shot 75 to place second. Danny Riddle and Mickey Piersall, both of Pampa, tied for second 76.

In the team division, Danny Riddle, Bob Burkett, Jerry Dorman and Floyd Baxter, all of Pampa, were first with a 114. The team of Scooter Jeffers, Kerry Ormson, both of Amarillo; Travis Johnston and Morris Driver, Pampa, placed second with a 121.

BASKETBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson is so confident that he deserves the NBA Rookie of the Year award that he called it "my award" three weeks before the end of the season.

The NBA planned to make it official today by naming the Philadelphia 76ers point guard the league's top rookie. The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

The 76ers, who have never had a player win the honor, scheduled a noon news conference to announce "a major postseason award."

Vice president Dave Coskey declined to say if it involved Iverson, but team sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the award will go to the former Georgetown star and the NBA's No. 1 overall draft choice last year.

Attempts to reach Iverson through the team were unsuccessful.

Iverson, 21, was the leading rookie scorer this season, and his average of 23.5 points placed him sixth overall in the NBA.

FISHING

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Eleven boats were knocked out of commission by debris and other underwater obstructions during warmups Wednesday for the \$50,000 B.A.S.S. National Championship on the Red River, tournament officials said.

Officials blamed the misfortune on recent heavy rains which caused the river to rise by two feet overnight.

One fisherman was thrown from his boat, knocked unconscious and had to be rescued. Two others turned up missing when their boats hit something underwater and lost power.

Don Waggoner of Glendale, Ariz., was able to regain consciousness and swim to his boat, but could not climb aboard because of his injuries and had to be rescued by a commercial fisherman.

David Truax of Beaumont, Texas, and Doug Hass of Mitchell, S.D., drifted off course when their boats lost power and were found by searchers later near Lock and Dam 4.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Captain Bodgit and Pulpit, who have proven themselves through deeds not words, are in the Kentucky Derby. So is Deeds Not Words, who has proven very little.

On Wednesday, a field of 133-year-olds was entered for the Derby, and although he was beaten by Captain Bodgit, Pulpit was made the early 2-1 favorite.

Deeds Not Words, meanwhile, was a late entry for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, keeping alive his 17-year streak at the Derby and drawing more attention Wednesday morning than either of the two favorites.

"I ought to do this every year," Lukas said, surrounded by dozens of onlookers and reporters as he made the announcement. "We run an 80-1

longshot, and we get this kind of treatment."

Although he might go off at 80-1, Deeds Not Words was made a 50-1 longshot in the early line. After winning the last two derbies with Thunder Gulch and Grindstone, it looks like Lukas is a longshot to keep that string alive.

"And yes, I've never made a Lukas horse 50-1 in the morning line," track oddsmaker Mike Battaglia said.

The 13-horse field is the smallest since 1985, when Spend A Buck beat 12 rivals.

In post position order, the field was: Crypto Star, Pat Day; Phantom on Tour, Jerry Bailey; Concerto, Carlos Marquez; Captain Bodgit, Alex Solis; Silver Charm, Gary Stevens; Celtic Warrior, Francisco Torres;

Pulpit, Shane Sellers; Hello, Mike Smith; Jack Flash, Craig Perret; Shammy Davis, Willie Martinez; Deeds Not Words, Corey Nakatani; Crimson Classic, Robby Albarado, and Free House, David Flores.

All starters will carry 126 pounds, and \$700,000 of the \$1 million purse will go to the winner. Shammy Davis and Jack Flash will run as a Nick Zito-trained entry.

"At least we don't have 20. It's looking pretty good," said 33-year-old Gary Capuano, who trains Florida Derby and Wood Memorial winner Captain Bodgit. "They're all legitimate horses, and that means a lot. When you get 20, you have maybe half the field here just because they want to be."

That was a question that

Lukas answered before anyone could ask it Wednesday morning.

"We're rolling the dice," he said, "but whatever you do, please don't say I'm entering a horse just to have a horse in the Kentucky Derby."

Deeds Not Words has raced only twice this year and just four times in his career, winning only a maiden race. He was third, 11 1/2 lengths back of the leader in the Lexington at Keeneland in his last start, April 20.

Captain Bodgit was made a 5-2 second choice, despite beating Pulpit in the Florida Derby and compiling a record of seven wins in 10 lifetime starts.

"I think we'll be favored by post time. Let them build Pulpit up to King Kong. It'll make us look better when we win," said

Barry Irwin, who manages the 32-member Team Valor syndicate that owns Captain Bodgit.

The only real knock on Captain Bodgit is the ugly, bulging tendon on his left front leg, apparently from an injury back on the farm as a 2-year-old. It doesn't seem to bother the colt when he runs, and Capuano has tried not to baby him in training.

"It's amazing," Capuano said, grinning. "Overnight and, poof, it's gone. You don't even have to look at it now. Anybody asks me about it from now on, that's what I'm going to tell them, because to me, it's not there."

"It's just something that's part of him. I know him. I've been training him up to this point. So I'm not going to change anything."

Wheeler's Stevens picked to play in all-star football tilt

AUSTIN — Travis Stevens of Wheeler has been selected to play in the Southwestern Bell All-Star football game this summer.

Stevens, a quarterback and cornerback, helped lead the Mustangs to a 10-4 record and a berth in the Class 1A semifinals. Stevens totaled nearly 1,900 yards of offense. He rushed for 958 yards and threw for 938 yards.

Stevens will have another sport to compete in at Austin before the football game. He's headed for state track meet after winning the pole vault at regionals last week-end in Levelland.

Stevens will also be joined at the state meet by his sister, Brooke. She won the 100 hurdles at regionals.

The all-star football game is set for 7:30 p.m. July 29 at Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

Two other Amarillo-area grid-ers, Scott Anderson of Caprock and Andy Kendrick of Friona, were also picked to play in the football game. Anderson played tailback and safety for Caprock. He gained 858 yards and scored seven touchdowns on 178 carries in nine games. On defense, he made 71 tackles and snared three touchdowns. He averaged 14.7 yards per interception return.

Kendrick helped lead Friona to a 13-2 record and a berth in the Class 3A semifinals. As a running back, Kendrick gained 1,376 yards and scored 21 touchdowns on 163 carries.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NFL's Houston Oilers know where

FOOTBALL

they will spend training camp. The location of the first game of the 1997 season remains anyone's guess.

They could be forced to finish out their lease and play in the Astrodome USA in Houston. A settlement in slow-going negotiations to break that lease could see the Oilers playing in Memphis' Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

The NFL hasn't set a firm deadline for the Oilers to make a decision.

"A couple of years ago, the Raiders went up to August before deciding whether it would be Oakland or Los Angeles," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday.

Oilers' spokesman Dave Pearson had no comment.

The past few weeks have been filled with rumored deadlines for an Oilers' decision. But nothing has been announced.

Tennessee fans have a wait-and-see attitude. Houston fans have had no better luck since tickets, which most NFL teams start selling in March, still haven't gone on sale until late May as the Oilers tried, but failed, to leave early for Tennessee.

Bill Wilson of Memphis, the Liberty Bowl manager, had thought he would know by Thursday whether the Oilers would be using his stadium this fall.

Hungry Huskers hope to put Nebraska back on top

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — After a frustrating, injury-plagued year Nebraska running back Ahman Green is ready to make his junior year count.

"I'm just waiting patiently until the season gets started," said Green, who rushed for 96 yards on 12 carries in the Huskers' annual spring game.

Green, who suffered a toe injury and then a stress fracture on the same foot last year, did not carry the ball much by design. "We're not necessarily trying to

beat him up to see what he can do," said coach Tom Osborne.

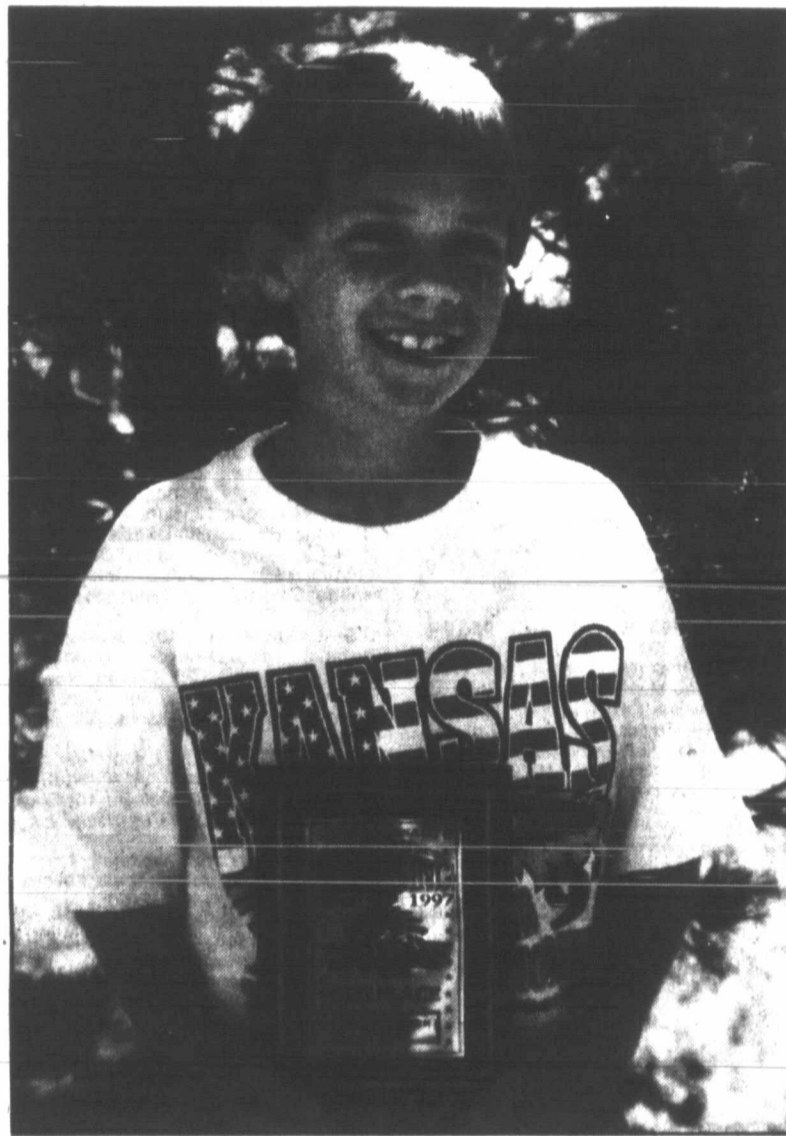
Osborne things Green, who had a 67-yard run against Nebraska's first-string defense in the spring game, is on pace to match his freshman year performance. He carried the ball 141 times for 1,086 yards, averaging 7.7 yards per carry, that year.

"I wanted to get out there and play 100 percent. I did that," Green said. "Now I want to get up and get my team back to where we were last season."

"Call him one of the hungry Huskers."

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Wrestler wins award



(Special photo)

Aaron Holmes displays the wrestling award he won at the USA Kansas Kids State Championship Tournament held recently in Topeka, Kan. Aaron, the son of former Pampa residents Joe and Terri Holmes of Houghton, Kan., placed sixth in the folk-style tournament. Aaron wrestled in the 8 and under 73-pound division. His grandparents are Aubrey and Mary McCord and Larry and Darlene Holmes, all of Pampa.

Rangers win in the rain

CHICAGO (AP) — It was a dark and stormy night, not to mention windy, wet and a little risky for millionaire players.

Gusts up to 60 mph whipped in their faces and swept away their hats, while cold rain flooded their eyes.

"When the catcher would throw the (dry) ball back to the mound, it would actually get wet," Texas pitcher Bobby Witt said.

"Guys were running around the bases tip-toeing. The umpires wanted to get it in. They didn't want to have another makeup. The umpires were caught in between."

The Rangers finally won Wednesday night's game 6-2, one called after a 40-minute delay in the top of the seventh.

Both teams lost their starting pitchers because of shoulder problems before the third inning, and Texas scored four in the first on Mike Simms' grand slam, about an hour before conditions became so bothersome.

"It was very sloppy. That could be dangerous," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said. "It began to accumulate. It was just a matter of time when it rains like that. With all the wind out there, it was a lot worse than it looked."

Then why did they play? That's what an irate White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas wanted to know.

"Those are the worst conditions I've ever played in," Thomas said. "We should have been out of there in the third inning. The tarp should be on the field in those kinds of conditions; that's why we have it. The weather cost us the game."

Trail Blazers avoid sweep

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers ruined the Lakers' bid for a first-round playoff sweep Wednesday night, burying Los Angeles early with Kenny Anderson's 17-point first-quarter barrage, then withstanding a remarkable fourth-quarter rally for a 98-90 victory.

The Blazers pulled to 2-1 in the best-of-5 series, and they can even it by beating the Lakers again Friday night.

After two lopsided losses on the Lakers' home court, the Blazers took control of Game 3 from the opening tip, then saw a 31-point third-quarter lead melt to six in the final period.

The Blazers led by 18 in the first quarter, 26 in the second and were up 69-38 after Isaiah Rider sank a 3-pointer with 7:58 left in the third.

The Lakers outscored Portland 24-6 to start the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 90-82 on Kobe Bryant's two free throws with 3:15 to play. Rasheed Wallace and Anderson each made a pair of free throws to keep the Lakers down.

Anderson, who had Portland's only field goal of the fourth quarter, made his first eight field goal tries and had a career playoff high of 30 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Wallace added 20 points and Clifford Robinson 18.

Shaquille O'Neal had 29 points and 12 rebounds but got little help from his teammates until the final period. O'Neal outscored Portland center Arvydas Sabonis 29-0, but the rest of the Blazers starters outscored the rest of the Lakers' starting five 80-15.

Bryant scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter.

Canadian girls are state bound in track

CANADIAN — After winning the Region 1-2A track meet for the third year in a row, the Canadian girls team will be well-represented once again at the state meet May 9-10 in Austin.

"We've got a pretty good crew going again. Most of the girls have been there before," Canadian coach Don Drinnon said.

Canadian's regional champion 1600-meter relay team does have one underclassman, Kathy Lee, on it, and she's just a 9th grader. The other relayers — Amber Rupperecht, Denise Lee and Bessie Ann Reed — are all seniors.

With standout performances by Rupperecht and Reed, the Lady Wildcats scored 82 points at the regional meet in Abilene.

Iraan was a distant second with 36.

Rupperecht qualified for the state meet in two events, defending her regional crown in the 300 hurdles with a first-place time of 47.21. She placed second in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.01. Wellington's Monique Davis was first in 14.97.

In the past three years, Rupperecht has won the silver medal in the 300 hurdles at the state meet.

Reed won the 400 with a season's best time of 59.66. Reed had the panhandle's best performance (5-9) in the high jump, but failed to qualify in that event.

The 1600-meter relay team won the gold with a 4:08.85 clocking. Panhandle was second at 4:10.17.

Canadian learned later that it had picked up another event to take to state. Denise Lee finished third in the 1600, but she will advance to state because second-place finisher Lori Sanchez of Ozona was disqualified for disciplinary reasons.

Both Rupperecht and Denise Lee broke school records this year during a regional qualifiers meet two weeks ago at Amarillo Tascosa. Rupperecht ran a 44.5 in the 300 hurdles and Lee turned in a 5:26.1 in the 1600. Rupperecht's hurdle time is also No. 1 in the panhandle. Lee's 1600 time is ranked third.

Ironically, the Lady Wildcats never broke any district or regional records this year. All they did was win a bunch of medals.

Scoreboard

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Taiwan pork industry devastated by disease

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — It's a time of crisis for Taiwan, so it was natural to see the president stepping up to the TV cameras the other day to offer his people reassurance. He did so by eating a pork knuckle.

Lee Teng-hui's action was meant to calm a populace in panic over an outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease that is decimating pig herds and the economy in general.

Troops have been mobilized for a mass pig slaughter so horrifying that the government asked TV stations not to show footage during mealtimes.

An ominous byproduct is a rumor pulsing through Taiwan that China deliberately planted diseased pigs on the island to damage its rival's economy. How else to explain a disease that hasn't hit Taiwan for 83 years?

Such rumors are hardly helpful to an already volatile political relationship, and the government has been quick to clarify that the diseased pigs could have come from anywhere in East Asia.

Meanwhile, Japan, which buys half of Taiwan's annual \$3.2 billion pork production, has halted imports, and officials say the outbreak may shave up to 1.4 percentage points from Taiwan's estimated 1997 economic growth rate of 6.2 percent.

More than 700,000 of Taiwan's eleven million pigs have died of the disease, and 3.6 million more are being slaughtered. All but one of Taiwan's counties have been ravaged since the outbreak was detected in mid-March.

The industry, which employs over 100,000 people directly and untold more in related industries, may take three years to recover, say agriculture officials.

Hoof-and-mouth disease is characterized by high fever and bleeding blisters in the animals' mouths and feet that prevent them from eating. Humans can carry the virus, but don't develop the sickness.

Still, not expectedly, consumers are repulsed by the idea of putting diseased meat in their mouths.

The government has sought to boost domestic sales by ordering civil servants to serve pork at official banquets.

But such gestures, and Lee's televised pork feast, seem to have had limited success.

"The meat those officials are eating on TV has been rigorously safety-checked. But it's hard to trust what you just buy in the market," said one shopper at Taipei's Tungmen market, who wouldn't give her name.

However, restaurant-goers are back to ordering pork dumplings, wontons and soup, says Tsai Tien-hsiang, owner of a family-run chain of Taipei noodle shops.

Taiwanese eat nearly 90 pounds of pork a year on average, compared with less than seven pounds of beef, and butchers say prices are stabilizing, if only because the slaughter has left so little pork on the market.

"The price is slowly recovering, but the customers still aren't coming," says Lin Yu-sheng, who runs a pork stall at Tungmen.

Famed evangelist's granddaughter protests campus book selections

WACO (AP) — A Baylor University senior who complained the required reading for her American literature class lacked moral grounding didn't have to go far for backing.

Rachel-Ruth Lotz, whose grandfather is evangelist Billy Graham, said she was offended by the two novels because of their sexual content.

In a compromise reached Wednesday with the world's largest Baptist university, Ms. Lotz can substitute two books in place of *The Shipping News* by E. Annie Proulx, and *Jane Smiley's A Thousand Acres*.

The Pulitzer Prize winning books were both on the reading list for Lotz's course on masterpieces of American literature.

"I have never in my life flat-out told someone, 'Hey, I'm Billy Graham's granddaughter,'" said Lotz, a Raleigh, N.C., senior and the daughter of Anne Graham Lotz. "I want people to know me for who I am, my own faith. My teacher didn't even know."

"I love my grandfather, but

this was my decision. Because I love Jesus, I was willing to stand up for him."

A Baylor spokesman said the university tries to be understanding when it comes to a student's religious faith.

"A school like Baylor is more sensitive to a student's feelings on issues like this than probably a Texas or Texas A&M," school spokesman Larry Brumley told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. "Baylor is a church-related institution and sensitive to how the beliefs a student brings to the classroom interact with their education."

Smiley's plot involves two daughters who struggle with memories of being molested by their father. Incest plays a minor role in Proulx's novel.

"When I read those books, I cringed," said Ms. Lotz. "I felt it was the Holy Spirit."

One book she will now read for her American literature class is *Loving God With All Your Mind* by Gene Edward Veith Jr.

Travis Elementary honor roll

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

First Grade

All A's Honor Roll
Brendon Carpenter, Ashly Delsardo, Dakota Gilleland, Natasha Henderson, James Irvin, Stephanie Jasso, Kalynn Jones, Kayla Kidd, Rachal Nunn, Chris Russell, Emily Woodruff, Van Allen, Adam Anguiano, Chris Bledsoe, Jordan Bynum and Mistie Cano.

Ryan Carnegie, Mike Fernuik, Krishna Henderson, Jad McGuire, Landon Moreland, Valerie Rushing, Brody Russell, Kelly Turk, Russell Carter, Colby Copeland, Julie Crossman, Courtney Elliott, Kristen Hagerman, Joshua Humphrey, Mitch Kelley, Shealyn McGahen, Kayla Mendoza and Vivek Sant.

A's and B's Honor Roll

Kyle Hargus, Thomas Pena, Desiray Vance, Josh Mulkey,

Ryan Baggerman, Lowry Baggett, Jennifer Haley, Lydia Heare, Dylan Roberts, Lorri Golleher and Briawna Richards.

Second Grade

All A's Honor Roll
Jacklyn Cargill, Bradley Johnson, Ryan Olson, Maegan Patterson, Kristen Roye, Heather Sampson, Whynee Shattuck, Meredith Coutts, Ben Gibson, Kinsey Guynes, Alyssa Kelsey, Whitney Morris and Brittany Taylor.

Andrew VanHouten, Lauren Bowen, James Coffee, Justin Curtis, Russell Dougless, Gavin Eggleston, Logan Howard, Alisha Jones, Richard Leal, Alicia Kirkwood, Jade Skinner and Sara Swan.

A's and B's Honor Roll

Cory Baker, Dustin Curtis, Chelsea Luster, Krista McClelland, Kelly Presson, Kelsie Wyatt, Ryan Goldsmith, Alexandra Long, Shauna Friend, Toria Rodriguez and Lyndsee

Third Grade

All A's Honor Roll

Braydon Barker, Beth Brooks, Hannah Brooks, Shelly Cook, Nicole Fernuik, Brian Haddock, Laura Haley, Sara Langford, Seth Peerson, David Tatum, Krissie Alexander and Logan Baker.

Crissie Boring, Brook Colton, Zachary Edens, Morgan Meharg, Amber Qualls, Miranda Woodruff, Cheryl Alexander, Marissa Hudson, Jordan Hugg, Lacie Long and Amy Youree.

A's and B's Honor Roll

Shane Goldsmith, Meagen Howard, Destinee Patton, Heather Wills, Lexton Rabel, Autumn Darden, Aaron Anguiano, Ashlee Lucus and Cortnee White.

Fourth Grade

All A's Honor Roll

Ruth Anne Schlewitz, Erin Winegeart, Meggan Gage, Jake Heare, Breanna Roberts, Cody Hukill, Jennie Rogers, Megan

Coffey, Jennifer George, Jennifer Jackson, Jacob Potter, Missy Brown, Jacob Stillwagon and Chris Moody.

A's and B's Honor Roll

Nathan Carnegie, Beth Joiner, Austin Morgan, Whitney Parker, Kendall Stokes, Matthew Woodruff, Mitchell Crow, Justin Lane, Rebecca Middlebrook and Sarah Schwartz.

Fifth Grade

All A's Honor Roll

Stacey Johnson, Jennie Waggoner, Bart Cathey, Samantha Conner, Abbi Covalt, Caitlyn Davidson, Chelsea Dyer, Amber Asher, Briana Russell and Erika Skinner.

A's and B's Honor Roll

Evelyn Jasso, Lindsay Jennings, Stephanie Nelson, Sammy Silva, Zach Hucks, Demetrio Martinez, Andy Rogers, Haley Bowen, Hunter Craig, Jason Kilhoffer and Jonathan Sturgill.

St. Vincent de Paul School honor roll

St. Vincents De Paul School has announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks of the 1996-1997 school year.

All A's

Jordan Albracht, Noah Davis, Jackie Gerber, Jon Hildebrandt, Monica Johnson, Jamie Juan, Natalie

McVay, Stephanie McVay, Angela Mechelay, Taylor Meyer.

Chelsea Smith, Brittany Tomaschik, Kirk Velasquez, Gregory Wariner, Ashley Zimmer and Grant Zimmer.

A's and B's

Sara Albracht, Kevin

Brown, Nick Burklow, Isabell Chavez, Bliss Davis, Jordan Eakin, Mayra Hernandez.

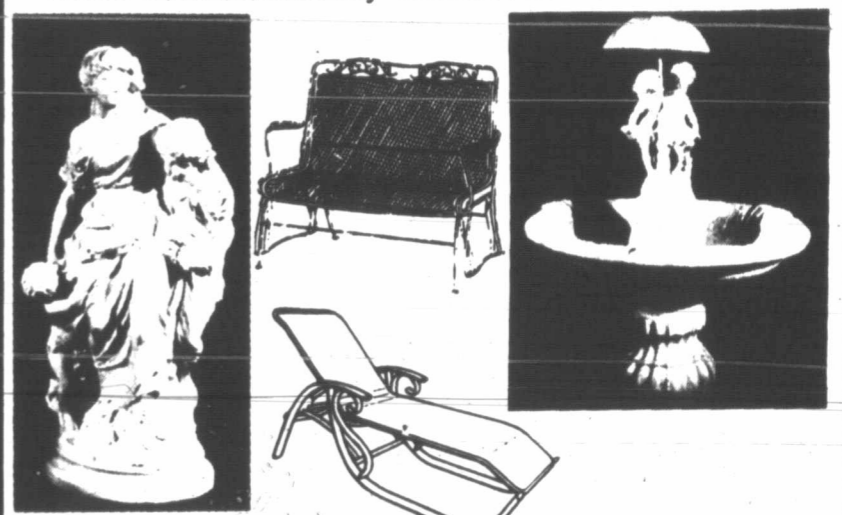
Eddie Palma, Vanessa Resendiz, Zed Richards, Julie Schuneman, Brandon Smith, Brittany Walters and Angela Watson.



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