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Former mayor looks forward to retirement

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

McLEAN - After 18 years of public service to the citizens of McLean, Mayor Sam Haynes retired at midnight, Saturday, May 3, following the swearing in of the newly elected mayor.

Although retiring from the mayor's office, he continues to be involved in public life in McLean and for the county.

He said he still has plenty of jobs to perform since he is on the board of the local library, the cemetery association and the Methodist Church and also serves on the board for the Gray County Tax Appraisal District. In addition, he sings in his church choir and still teaches Sunday School after 40 years.

"I believe I will maintain a busy schedule, without the mayor's job," Haynes said.

Charlie McClendon, who is president of B-B Turbine Inc., a worldwide engine servicing company located in town, is taking on the roll of mayor. Although he is a newcomer to Texas and to the community, McClendon sees a lot of potential for his new home, and he is excited about it.

According to retiring Mayor Haynes: "He (McClendon) said he plans for McLean to be the best little town in the state, and I believe he will succeed."

Haynes said he has lived all of his life in McLean, attended grade school here and graduated

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**Former McLean Mayor
Sam Haynes**

ed from the McLean High School in 1947. He has been involved in ranching and local business in the community ever since.

He has devoted full time to his responsibilities as mayor of his community, but now he is looking forward to spending time with his family - especially his young granddaughter, Minnie Caroline Buckhaults. He likes working in his yard and working at his hobby of building bird houses.

McClendon and his family moved to McLean from San Diego, Calif., two years ago. His wife, Deanna, works part-time in the elementary school programs, and they have two daughters, Ashley, 10 years old, who is in the fourth grade, and Nicole, who is four years old.

"Our first couple of months was a tough adjustment period, but since we had already built our new home, we were basically committed ... and, now, we are happy to be a part of this community," he said.

The family is involved in several community activities, including the schools, chamber

of commerce and other civic clubs.

While an active mayor, Haynes said he devoted a part of every day to the office representing the citizens. With the exception of maybe four years when he did not run for office, 18 years of his life has been devoted to serving as mayor to the town.

Haynes says he has thoroughly enjoyed those years and he is appreciative of working with the city staff and the local people.

He said the mayor's position was a part of his home life as a boy when his father, John Haynes, served for about two or three terms, at a salary of \$25 a month. So, city business seemed to be his destiny from an early age.

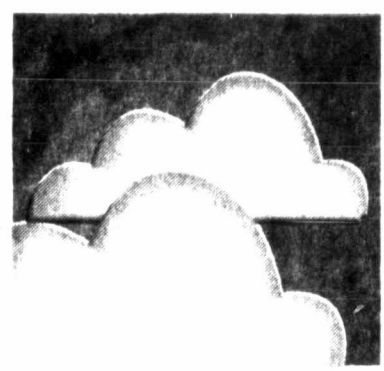
Haynes said his family first settled in the area in 1900 when his grandfather J.S. Morse came to McLean, followed by another grandfather, A. W. Haynes, in 1907. Each one farmed and ranched in the county, and each one participated in community leadership in the town's early history.

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(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Sam Haynes, McLean's retiring mayor, is looking forward to being able to work in his yard, build his bird houses, feed the yard birds and plan each day for the fun of it, he says.



Low tonight in mid 50s.
High tomorrow in
upper 70s. See Page 2
for weather details.

Results of area school board elections are now available with incoming trustees being sworn in throughout the month.

Allison's voters reelected all three incumbents: Benny Boydston, 99 votes; Cletus E. Greene, 98 votes; and Rhonda Robertson, 36 votes. They will take the oath of office on Thursday, May 8.

Borger voters also reelected incumbents Ken Sheppard, 707 votes; Elaine Feese, 563 votes; and Susan Lee, 868 votes. Their swearing in will be on May 13.

In Canadian, Jonilyn Hanes claimed 169 votes and Polly Farrar received 181 votes to fill the regular three-year terms, and Jeff Hartes will fill the unexpired term with 226 votes. Canadian trustees were sworn in Monday night.

Lefors filled its openings with Ken Miller receiving 71 votes and Jada Murray receiving 64.

PAMPA - The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for Friday, May 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the Carver Center Board Conference Room.

The only item on the agenda is the consideration to approve construction bids related to elementary facilities. This meeting is necessary to keep the construction projects on schedule, according to Superintendent Dawson Orr.

Orr said Friday's meeting will be very brief, but the bids for drywall work need to be approved.

BORGER - Frank Phillips College will host a GED graduation on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium.

Friends and family members are invited to attend the ceremony, and a reception will be held immediately following the commencement in the foyer.

This is the first class of GED graduates to be formally recognized by the college. For more information, contact Julia Kasch at (806) 274-5311, Ext. 736.

AUSTIN (AP) - Lions and tigers and bears as pets - oh my, not in Texas.

Ownership of dangerous wild animals would be banned in the state, with exceptions, under a bill approved Monday by the Senate.

The bill, which goes to the House for consideration, was approved after sponsoring Sen. Mike Moncrief added exemptions to address numerous concerns from his colleagues.

He also left the rhinoceros off the bill's list of dangerous wild animals. Several ranches in the state have breeding programs for endangered rhinos.

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Celebrating Cinco de Mayo



(Pampa News photo by Dianne F. Dandridge)

Members of the Pampa High School Spanish Club and the Theater and Arts Department joined forces to present some traditional Mexican music, dances, costumes and folklore for the annual Cinco De Mayo Celebrations held Monday. Cinco De Mayo is the day Mexico officially gained its freedom from Spain and is celebrated in the United States by millions of Hispanic residents.

Authorities seek identity of dead separatist

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) - The man was sleeping when the search dogs found him. Startled, he fired his pistol and took off back into the thick woods.

At mid-afternoon, the dogs tracked him down again. Only this time, when he fired at the dogs, their human colleagues from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice fired back.

The man was hit once in the arm and went down - but only for a minute. He stood, fired up at a Department of Public Safety helicopter. Someone in the helicopter shot back. Then came a fatal gunshot to the man's torso from the TDCJ officer.

While the DPS explained that sequence of events, the agency wasn't sure which of two runaway followers of Texas separatist Richard McLaren had been killed - although all signs pointed to Mike Matson, a 48-year-old former Marine. Officials said the dead man was middle-aged. The other runaway, Richard Frank

Keyes III, is 21.

An aerial search for the other man resumed this morning. He was never spotted Monday.

"There is some feeling now that maybe they were not together," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

The body was found about a mile southwest of the gaggle of trailers McLaren's Republic of Texas faction called their embassy. It was in such rough countryside that horses called in to carry off the corpse had to turn back. Instead, a basket was lowered from a helicopter.

The man had no identification on him, forcing authorities to wait for autopsy results from the Bexar County medical examiner's office in San Antonio.

Ralph Matson wasn't waiting. He was so convinced it was his brother that he'd already planned to travel from his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Texas today.

"Yeah, that's my brother,"

Matson told The Associated Press after being read a description of the victim. "I know my brother never carried any ID."

Ralph Matson said his brother did not join the Texas group, but committed himself to protecting McLaren, whose group has been calling for Texas to secede from the United States. Matson insisted his brother was "pro-government."

"My brother told McLaren, 'I'll take bullets for you and your wife, I'll guard you like no one has ever been guarded,' but I need to know that you are serious, that this isn't a game because I won't go to jail," Ralph Matson said.

Then on Saturday, a week into a standoff, McLaren laid down his arms and left. Three people joined him, but Mike Matson and Keyes refused. Matson faced no charges, while Keyes faces several state charges stemming from the April 27 hostage-taking that sparked the stalemate.

White Deer superintendent may go to another district

WHITE DEER - The White Deer Independent School District may be looking for a new superintendent if all goes as expected in the Devine Independent School District.

According to current White Deer Superintendent Larry Johnson, he has accepted the position of Devine Independent School District superintendent, contingent upon his wife, Sharon, being able to gain employment in the district.

Johnson said his contract expires June 30, 1999, but feels that he and the school board will be able to reach an equitable agreement.

"I've been up front with the board since I started considering

another position, so they know my plans," said Johnson.

The Devine school district, about 35 miles southwest of San Antonio, instructs approximately 1,800 students and has offered Johnson a salary of \$70,000.

"This is a new challenge, in a larger district," said Johnson. "My daughter will be graduating this year and so we expect an easy transition."

Johnson's wife, Sharon, is a certified elementary and special education teacher. The Devine district expects to announce the retirement of a teacher later this week, and possibly the employment of Mrs. Johnson.

Johnson said he will release further details as they become available.

House OKs Pampa tax bill

A bill that would allow voters in Pampa to extend the half-cent sales tax for economic development has weaved its way with approval through the Texas House of Representatives.

House Bill 1310, sponsored by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, would allow any economic development corporation to extend their sales tax with voter approval.

The bill is specifically designed to address cities in which an economic development corporation has been established under a time limit, such as Pampa.

Under current law, Pampa's economic development corporation would expire in 2001 without any options for renewal even if approved by voters.

Susan Triplehorn, acting director for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, said she is "very pleased" with the approval of the bill in the House and hopes it continues to gain approval in the Senate.

"This gives Pampa the opportunity to compete with other communities," she said, noting that because Pampa is the only city in the state with a time limit on its 4A sales tax. "This just gives us the opportunity to continue a good thing in Pampa."

Now that the bill has passed the House, it will continue to the Senate under the sponsor of Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. A representative from Bivins' office said the bill could be on the floor for approval as early as the end of May.

Factory orders slip 1.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories slipped 1.6 percent in March, the largest drop in seven months, pulled down by declines in aircraft, motor vehicles and communications equipment.

The drop to a seasonally adjusted \$319.2 billion was in line with what economists predicted. It followed gains of 0.4 percent in February and 2.5 percent in January, the Commerce Department said today. Orders

for the first quarter as a whole were 1 percent higher than the fourth quarter and 5.7 percent higher than a year earlier.

Declines were broad-based and included a 2.6 percent drop in orders for durable goods, expensive items intended to last three or more years, and 0.3 percent for nondurable goods. A preliminary report last week had put the durable goods decline at 3 percent.

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Services tomorrow

JONES, Bob L. — 1 p.m., Assembly of God Church, Midland.

SANDERS, Mary Elizabeth — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel, Plainview.

Obituaries

BOB L. JONES

MIDLAND — Bob L. Jones, 64, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, May 4, 1997. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Sammy Hayes officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mr. Jones was born Nov. 21, 1932, at Back, Texas, to Lawrence and Lettie Jones. He was raised in Pampa and attended Pampa schools. He married Earlene Stewart on May 29, 1952, at Tucumcari, N.M. The couple remained in the north Texas area, where he was involved in the insurance industry. He later worked in the petroleum industry upon moving to Midland. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church of Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Earlene Jones of Midland; two daughters, Cindy Bloomer and Leslie Pinson, both of Artesia, N.M.; a son, Randy Jones of Midland; two brothers, Fred Jones of Artesia and Lawrence Jones of Dallas; nine grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

MARY ELIZABETH SANDERS

PLAINVIEW — Mary Elizabeth Sanders, 75, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, May 5, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanders was born at Clarendon and attended Clarendon schools. She married Dell Sanders in 1939 at Clarendon; he died in 1993 at Plainview. She moved to Borger after marriage and to Woodward, Okla., in 1942, to Amarillo in 1943, to Plainview in 1944, to Pampa in 1960, to Tulia in 1965, and to Halfway in 1987. She worked at Piggly Wiggly and was a rural mail carrier. She was active in bowling leagues and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Dell Young of Halfway; two sons, Jim Sanders of San Angelo and Jack Sanders of Amarillo; two sisters, Franke Murcheski of Plainview and Viles Ward of Hereford; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.	
Wheat	4.05
Milo	4.34
Corn	3.02
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.	
Occidental	22 3/4 up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were trading at the time of compilation.	
Energy	665.5777
SPS	669.7432
Water	669.5830

Emergency numbers

Energy	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, May 5

Oaty Don Scott, 21, 827 S. Banks, was arrested on a charge of probation violation. He remains in custody.

Larry Eugene Carozza, 54, of Lebanon, Ohio, was arrested on charges of fugitive interference with child custody. He remains in custody.

Daniel Anthony Gutierrez, 30, 1517 Dogwood, was arrested on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He bonded out.

John Wayne Crawford Jr., 21, of Borger, was arrested on three Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding, no liability insurance and failure to appear. He was released after paying fines.

Ambulance

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

MONDAY, May 5

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing home.

3:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local residence.

6:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing home.

TUESDAY, May 6

3:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Holly Lane on a medical assist and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

Police report

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

MONDAY, May 5

A theft was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee. A section of a concrete bird bath valued at \$75 was reported stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner. About \$50 in damages was done to a fence.

Three theft by deceptions were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill for clothing orders valued at \$34.64, \$77.86 and \$68.33.

Calendar of events

TOTS-N-TRAINING

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

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Care Center, 600 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Mayor

"I have been going into the city offices every morning, and I would take care of whatever I needed to do each day. One of my last office duties was signing city employees' paychecks on payday, the last day of April," Haynes said.

"I am looking forward to doing other things, and probably will spend a lot of time on the ranch," he said, "and I believe Charlie will take things in hand and do an excellent job."

The Haynes family includes his wife, Linda Ann Haynes, who teaches high school English and history subjects in the McLean school system, and a son and their two daughters and sons-in-law, and several grandchildren.

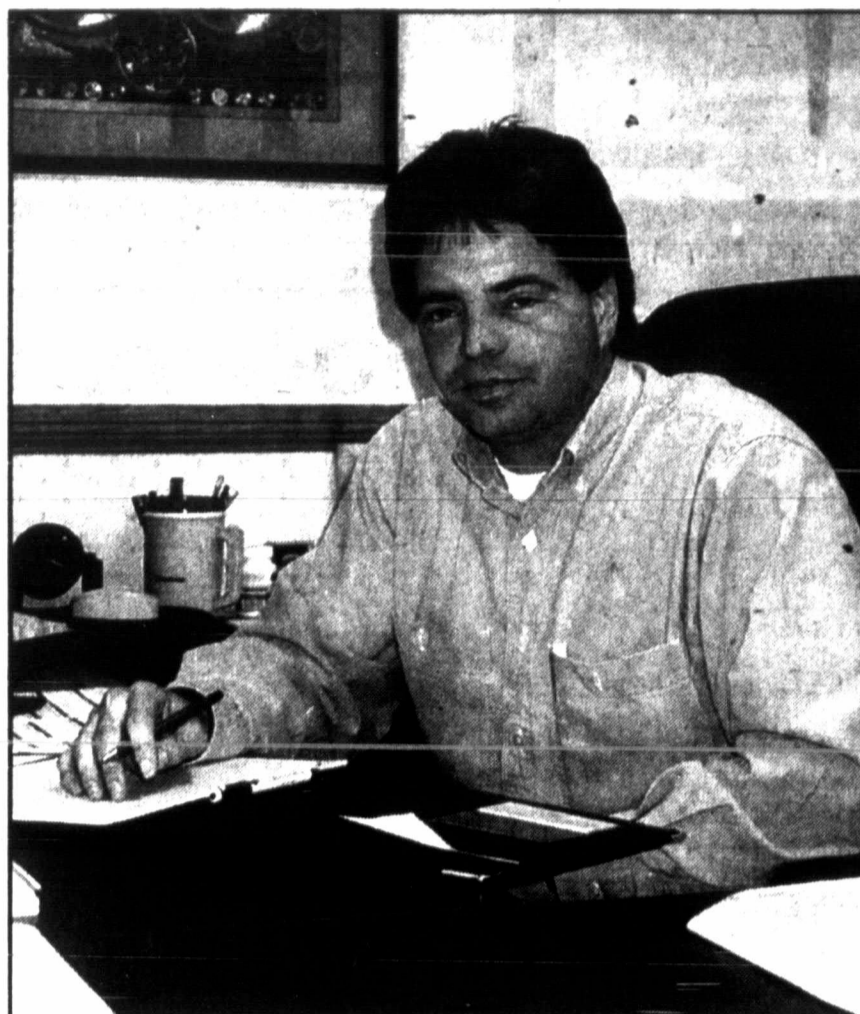
McClendon mentioned several new families who have made McLean their home in the past couple of years, since he and his family moved in. He is pleased about how much each family is contributing toward developments to enhance and benefit the town and its citizens.

"McLean has a golden opportunity for growth, being located on the Old Route 66 and Interstate 40 highways. We've got it all right here. It's history past and it's here today, right now," said McClendon, adding that he hopes "to be able to continue carrying Sam's torch."

At the start of a new year, the Greater McLean Chamber of

Commerce directors voted to name McClendon president to serve on the 1997 chamber board. He believes new enthusiasm will "reinspire people in our area to revamp, retrain, and rebuild business."

As president of the chamber of commerce, and as mayor of McLean, McClendon believes everybody working together will help everyone and will help to make this part of the Panhandle come alive.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Charlie McClendon, McLean's newly elected mayor, plans for McLean to be the best little town in the state.

Hit-and-run victim still in critical condition

An 18-year-old Pampa man run over by a van Sunday evening remains listed in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

John Lewis Sullins was taken via helicopter to the Amarillo hospital Sunday after the driver of a red and gray van ran over him in a lot in the 700 block of South Reed.

In the meantime, 20-year-old Michael Farris Young remains in custody at the Gray County Jail, charged with aggravated assault

with a deadly weapon. Pampa police detective Connie Lockridge said it is believed that Young was driving the van when it struck Sullins.

The events leading up to that fateful event, however, are still sketchy and under investigation, authorities said.

The original cause of the confrontation between the individuals in the two vehicles has not yet been determined, said Det. Lockridge, although at this time police suspect it involves a traffic incident.

Of the facts gathered at this

time, police know the confrontation began about a mile outside of town on Highway 273 South. According to police, the confrontation continued into the southeast side of town with the individuals in the van chasing the individuals in the truck. The driver of the truck parked in the lot off of Reed Street and the individuals got out, at which time Sullins was struck by the van.

The van then fled the scene and Young was later arrested and charged in the incident. Young's bond was set Monday at \$10,000.

Globe-trotting American pilot lands in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Linda Finch, the San Antonio pilot retracing the round-the-world route of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, landed in Jakarta today to an exuberant welcome from children and Indonesian officials.

Dozens of reporters, photographers and TV crews crowded close to her vintage 1935 Lockheed plane as the Texas businesswoman climbed out of the cockpit at an Indonesian air force base.

Two children presented Finch

with garlands of flowers while a troupe performed a traditional dance. Also on hand were U.S. Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy and Indonesian air force Air Marshall Tamtomo Hadi, who shook hands with Finch and congratulated her.

Finch, who flew in from Singapore, plans to leave Wednesday for the city of Surabaya, 400 miles east of Jakarta.

She was originally supposed to make a stop in Bandung, the cap-

ital of West Java, 110 miles southeast of Jakarta but changed the route because of a fuel problem. Her restored Lockheed Electra 10-E does not use regular jet fuel. For the same reason, Finch will also drop plans to stop in Kupang, another Indonesian town on western part of Timor island, and fly from Surabaya directly to Darwin, Australia.

Her plane is the same as the model Earhart was flying when she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean in 1937.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of evening thunderstorms. Low in the mid 50s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Monday's high was 78; the overnight low was 52.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in low to mid 50s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy to partly sunny with a chance for thunderstorms. High in mid 70s to around 80. South Plains: Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Lows 55-65. Wednesday, chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid to upper 80s. North Texas — Tonight, increasing clouds with a chance of thun-

derstorms except southeast. Some severe northwest half. Lows 60 to 66. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 80 to 85.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy becoming cloudy by midnight. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, cloudy morning. Partly cloudy, breezy and warm afternoon. Highs in the 80s, near 90 west. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 60 inland to upper 60s coast. Wednesday, brief morning clouds and fog. Otherwise partly cloudy. Highs near 80 inland to 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows near 70 coast to the 60s inland. Wednesday, cloudy morning. Partly cloudy and windy afternoon. Highs near 80 coast near

90 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated evening thunderstorms western mountains and northwest. Scattered thunderstorms east, a few of them lingering past midnight. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and northwest, upper 40s and 50s east and south. Wednesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance for afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms north. Highs mid 60s to low 80s mountains and north, 80s to mid 90s southern lowlands.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in upper 50s to low 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s to low 80s.

City briefs

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

ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts have beautiful silk flower arrangements for Mother's Day, inside Frank's Hobart Store. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Tuesday 5-8 p.m. Pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

DON'T FORGET Mother's Day is May 11th and Graduation is coming soon. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1091. Adv.

CUYLER CLOTHING Co. has wonderful new junior department featuring Polo jeans by Ralph Lauren. 113 N. Cuyler, 665-8698. Adv.

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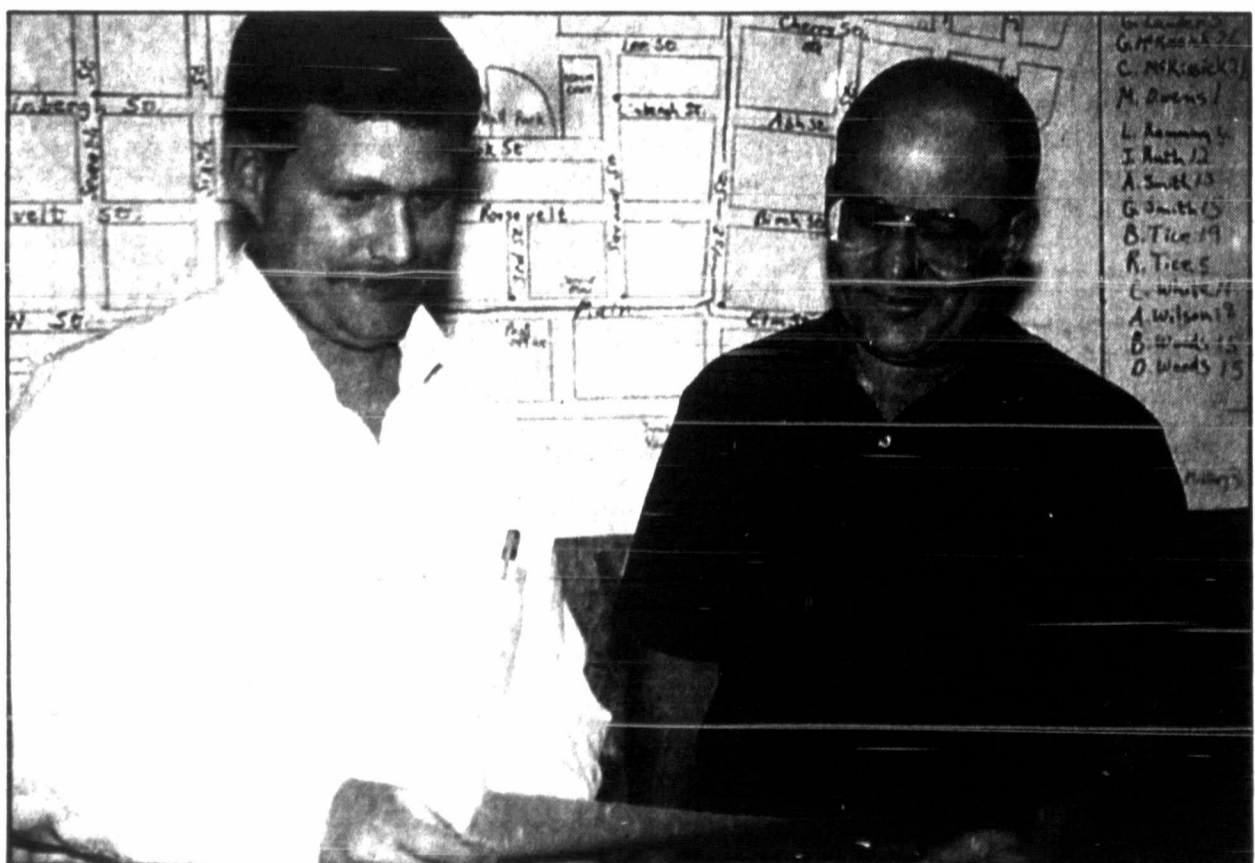
REMEMBER MOM with a locket from All Its Charm, now 25% off this week. Adv.

WANTED CONSIGNMENT - Nice Antiques and Furniture. Call Sherryl 665-4422 or 665-6214. Adv.

HEALTH INSURANCE for the Self-Employed at affordable group rates! Call Rick Massick, 665-6828. Adv.

NEW MOM wants to stay at home, will watch two infants/toddlers. Call Sheila at 669-6995. Adv.

News director honored



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Andy Wilson, a member of the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department, honored Pampa's KGRO-KOMX news director Mike Ehrle on Monday for his help in the recent drive to acquire a new ambulance and all the coverage Ehrle has provided through the years for the department. The Skellytown VFD was established in 1935 and started with one home-made fire unit. It now has eight units and more than 25 members.

Miss your paper?

Dial 669-2525 before 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sundays

Nation briefs

Sergeant apologizes to rape victims at hearing

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — An Army drill sergeant convicted of raping six female trainees apologized to his family, colleagues and those under his command but said he had no explanation for what happened.

"After I started down this path, I became blind to my inability to live by the moral values I learned from childhood," Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson told the court-martial jury Monday night.

He apologized to his wife, his two children, his fellow drill sergeants and "the trainees who believe I brought them harm."

"I was your drill sergeant and I failed you," he concluded.

A six-member panel was to hear closing arguments today at Simpson's sentencing hearing.

Shop student wears tin plated dress to prom

RED LION, Pa. (AP) — Other couples at the prom may have dazzled, but Elizabeth Frey was positively glittering in her tin-plated steel dress.

While classmates were out buying expensive gowns, the 17-year-old junior at Red Lion Area High School whipped up the five-pound dress in shop class for last Saturday night's prom.

The bodice included sheet-metal plates riveted onto thick black canvas, with a zipper and elastic in strategic places "so I could breathe," Frey said. The skirt was made of small, metal squares chained together to create a flowing effect. The straps were metal rings.

"I carried a pair of pliers in my pocketbook just in case one of the jump links came loose, so I could fix it right there," said Frey, who has worked with tools since she was a toddler.

City official spends ten hours on roof to raise funds

KIEFER, Okla. (AP) — Hey, buddy, can you spare a dime? Swell — so how about \$150,000?

Trying to put a dent in the town's estimated debt, Police Chief James Poulin spent 10 hours Monday on the roof of City Hall, pleading for money. In the end, accompanied by a lawn chair and his wits, Poulin raised \$5,000.

"It's great up here and I can see everything," said a cheerful Poulin, who also is organizing a rummage sale on May 17.

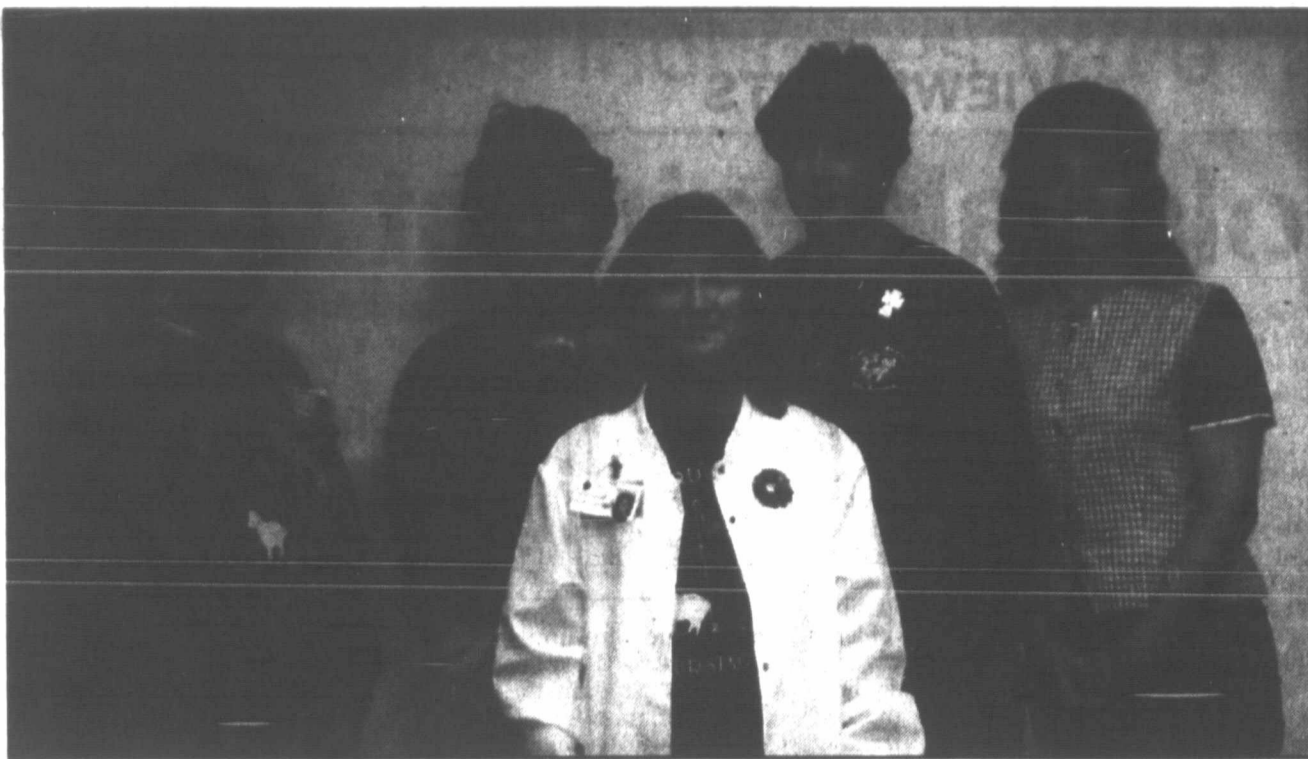
They came from near and called from far to help.

A six-year-old boy came by early to give his red piggy bank to the chief; elementary and junior high school students collected \$389; a bus full of senior citizens stopped and tossed in coins, bills and checks.

"These are people on fixed income," Poulin said, "but they love this town."

A private auditor has told town officials that Kiefer's bookkeepers wrote hundreds of bad checks in recent years; an energy company recently sued the town for failing to pay a \$97,543 natural gas bill.

CINEMA 4
Coronado Shopping Center
June 2 June 10 (PG)
Selena June 17 (PG)
Liar Liar June 24 (PG-13)
Grosse Pointe Blank June 31 (R)
\$5.00 Per Person
Showtimes - Call 665-7141



(Special photo)

Staff members of Shepherd's Helping Hands include Dauna Wilkinson, Marcia Jullian, Virginia Martinez, Carrie Duroy and Pam Dalton.

Shepherd's Helping Hands seeks volunteers

By EDYTH JACKSON

Shepherd's Helping Hands Inc., a non-profit (501c3) organization established in 1991, needs volunteers to assist elderly or disabled citizens who wish to remain independent at home for as long as possible.

Funding is provided through grants, donations and networking with others.

Help is provided for the people of Gray, Hutchinson and Wheeler counties, where there is a need, especially for those without adequate assistance, which may include Medicare and Medicaid.

Many hours of service and financial contributions have been given through individuals, churches, businesses, social services and other charitable organizations to help people overcome adverse circumstances.

Volunteers are needed and asked

to assist in meeting basic needs for local citizens. Opportunities to share time and talents include giving a ride to physician's office, assisting with grocery shopping, answering phones, attending minor home details or making small repairs, and problem solving to help individuals manage necessary tasks in daily life.

The purpose is to participate in ordinary care within the community to help secure a safe and pleasant environment for everyone.

Shepherd's Helping Hands began as a project of the nursing staff of Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency Inc. in Pampa, who found patients not meeting personal requirements for following physician's orders while living independently. In 1991, Shepherd's Helping Hands, primarily concerned with meeting medication needs, expanded services to the counties

in which Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency had offices.

In 1993, a grant from the Panhandle Homecare Coalition enabled Shepherd's Helping Hands to enlarge services to home repair and safety, personal care and housekeeping aides, and case management.

In 1994, Shepherd's Helping Hands moved into its own office, employing two part-time staff to answer the telephone and do assessments under the supervision of a board of directors.

Interested persons may request more information by calling Dauna Sue Wilkinson or Carrie Duroy at (806) 665-0356. Volunteers are encouraged to call. A list of opportunities for some ways to help is readily available.

The time offered is greatly appreciated, no matter how limited, as there is a need for the talents of caring volunteers.

Record seven executions scheduled this month

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The six convicted killers executed last month broke a state record first set 73 years ago when five murderers died in the Texas electric chair on the same February night.

The new mark is not likely to stand as long.

Eight condemned men have execution dates over the next three weeks and officials expect all but one to be strapped to the Huntsville Unit gurney, joining 115 others who have been put to death since capital punishment resumed in Texas in 1982.

And a record set this month may only last through June. A tentative list of scheduled executions has ten more names for next month, with eight likely to die, state officials say.

The spurt is a combination of events set in motion more than a year ago when executions here were stalled by an appeal

from death row inmate James Davis, who challenged a new Texas law intended to speed the appeals process for condemned killers.

Prosecutors involved in capital punishment litigation note the Davis case — rejected by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in late December — delayed a number of cases that should have concluded a year ago.

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Governor supports bill aimed at deregulating state's electric market

AUSTIN (AP) — Electric companies would have to compete for the right to power Texas, and the companies that serve most of the state would have to cut rates by ten percent under a bill touted by Gov. George W. Bush.

The governor, who has taken a lead role in often contentious talks between the various factions of the state's electric utility industry, made it clear Monday that he wants the market deregulated.

"I think people want cheap electric rates, as cheap as they can possibly be," Bush said. "Deregulation will allow that."

Under the Bush-backed proposal, the state's electric market would be opened to competition Sept. 1, 2001, except for publicly-owned utilities and cooperatives, which would get to choose when to join competition.

Investor-owned utility companies, which cover about 90 percent of Texas, would have to cut prices by ten percent for residential customers and by four percent for small business customers over the next three years, beginning Sept. 1.

Publicly-owned utilities and cooperative utility companies would not have to cut rates.

The incentive for the utilities to back the deal is the ability to recover 100 percent of so-called "stranded costs."

All consumers currently pay for the construction and maintenance of power plants owned by their local electric companies. If some customers were to choose a new company, those left with the local provider could be stuck with a larger share of the tab.

The costs that could be abandoned by current customers moving in the future to new

companies are called "stranded costs." They have been estimated around \$14 billion. The figure could change depending on when and how competition starts.

To help utilities recover those costs, they would be allowed to purchase up to \$4 billion in bonds financed by ratepayers to help pay down those costs in the four years preceding the date for deregulation, under the proposal.

Some consumer groups criticized the proposal as a sweetheart deal for utilities.

"We would be better off with no bill, than passing this bill," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen. "This is a \$14 billion bailout for the big boys and passes the costs on to the consumers."

"It's like giving away the farm and handing the consumers the mortgage."

Gary Rasp, a spokesman for the Association of Electricity Companies of Texas, which represents investor-owned utilities, said, "There are elements in the bill that we could support, but we haven't had a chance to review it thoroughly."

Karen Johnson, president of Beaumont-based Entergy, which serves 317,000 electric customers in southeast Texas, said, "This plan is a very promising approach."

The governor appeared with several lawmakers from both the House and Senate at a news conference drumming up attention for the bill. But Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, said the bill was a long way from receiving wide-ranging support in the Legislature.

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

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Opinion

The administration's excuses sound lame

The Clinton administration's damage-control mode has taken on an all-too-familiar pattern that belies confidence in the commander-in-chief.

Damaging revelations about one scandal or another are leaked, to which the president and his cohorts offer an unequivocal denial. Then, when new revelations show that denial to have been false, the administration claims that the latest charge or corruption was really no big deal (and everyone does it, anyway).

When even the sycophantic Washington media get impatient with the administration's answers, it offers the type of creative defense that defies credulity.

This was the president's pattern regarding the "sale" of the Lincoln Bedroom. Clinton's denials eventually evolved into claims that there were "no strangers" staying at the White House Hotel. Even that proved a lie. To defer criticism about his fundraising techniques, the president said the Republican juggernaut — Bob Dole would be pleased to know the fear he instilled in Democratic hearts — was so menacing that he had to do the illicit things he did to protect the nation.

Unbelievable. Despite the outlandishness of this defense, the administration has taken the same tack regarding the latest scandal. Revelations that in 1994 top Clinton aides solicited business for former Associate Attorney General Webb Hubbell, a Clinton crony who recently completed a 16-month prison term for fraud and tax evasion.

The administration first claimed it knew nothing of attempts to help Hubbell until they were reported in the media. Now Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and former Chief of Staff Mack McLarty admit they lined up lucrative jobs for their buddy, Webb, after he left the Rose Law Firm in a dispute. That undermines the administration's claims, so the story has changed.

"I do not believe they were improper," Clinton said, referring to the job-finding efforts. Bowles and McLarty only "acted out of human compassion" when they helped enrich Hubbell by a half-million dollars — nearly the same amount he had embezzled from his law partners and clients.

The obvious question is why top Clinton aides and well-heeled Democratic supporters would be so quick to help Hubbell, and why anyone — including the Indonesian-based Lippo Group that is at the center of the Clinton fundraising scandals — would offer such lucrative work. The answer, many pundits and politicians believe, was to buy Hubbell's silence during a crucial point in the Whitewater investigation.

Given the Clinton administration's constant attempts to stifle and stonewall queries into Whitewater and other damaging investigations, "hush money" is a far more likely explanation than "human compassion."

"Maybe it's luck, and maybe luck doesn't have much to do with how Hubbell was able to take care of his family during the months he spent in prison," wrote *Washington Times* Editor Wesley Pruden. "Maybe it was more like the luck of soldiers of the Mafia, whose families are taken care of, often more than comfortably, as long as the absent patriarch keeps his lips tightly zipped."

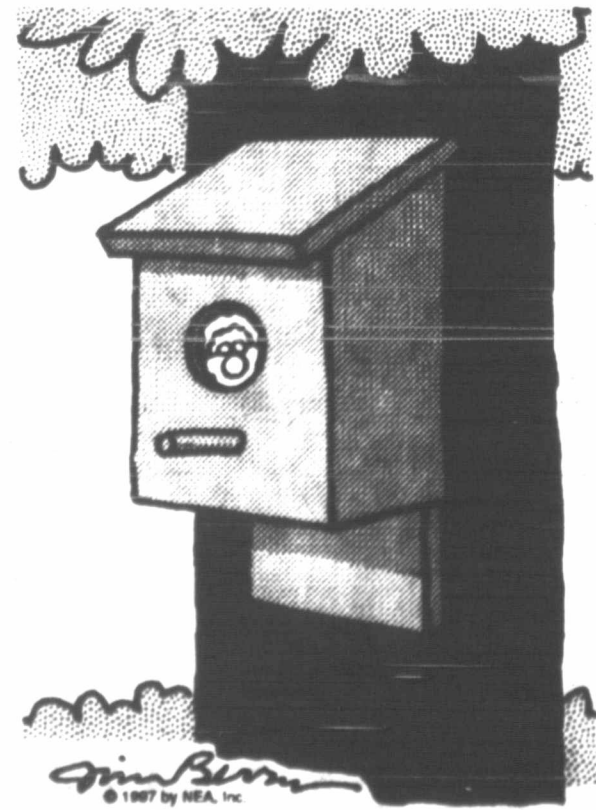
Whatever the reason, it stinks to high heaven, despite the lame excuses the administration is sure to offer next.

Thought for today

"A little neglect may breed mischief,
... for want of a nail, the shoe was lost;
for want of a shoe the horse was lost;
and for want of a horse the rider was lost."

Benjamin Franklin,
Poor Richard's Almanack

Berry's World



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SNOWBIRDS HAS BEGUN

Pols take aim at Greenspan

One chairman of the Federal Reserve Board said his job was to take away the punch bowl just when the party started to get lively. The Fed is currently in that position, raising interest rates to prevent inflation even though everyone is perfectly happy with the state of the economy. That has members of Congress berating Chairman Alan Greenspan about how he's doing his job — and even threatening to take away some of his authority.

A recent *USA Today* headline said, "Miffed by rate hikes, Congress may fetter Fed." The newspaper didn't run a story acknowledging the possibility that oysters may learn to dance, which is at least equally likely. Like a baseball fan telling a radio talk show host how batters should hit against Randy Johnson, Congress relishes giving the Fed unsolicited advice. But that doesn't mean it really wants to stand in the batter's box.

Thanks to the central bank's decision last month to raise interest rates by a whopping quarter of a percentage point, an odd alliance of Democrats and Republicans has emerged to decry the Fed chairman's inordinate fear of inflation. House Democrats on the Banking Committee demanded an immediate hearing to expose the fact that Greenspan has a heart of gold bullion.

"They are cutting off growth before inflation shows up," fumed Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), "and they ignore the social consequences." House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt and a group of his colleagues sent a letter to Greenspan insisting, "Now is not the time to further raise interest rates and put economic growth and opportunity at risk." (Hmmm. What would be a good time to put economic growth and opportunity at risk?)

New Jersey Republican Jim Saxton, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, is likewise disgusted: "In the absence of inflation signals, hikes in



Stephen Chapman

interest rates are unwarranted." Saxton and Sen. Connie Mack (R-Fla.) have gone so far as to introduce a bill to require the Fed to focus solely on preventing inflation — which, in a twist of logic, they say would discourage it from raising interest rates at the moment.

Our lawmakers have not been quite as blunt as former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who in his recent account of his time in Washington, *Locked in the Cabinet*, referred to Greenspan as a "robber-baron pimp." But give them time.

Now, there is an interesting debate to be had about the right way to detect incipient inflation and the proper weight to give short-term economic growth in making decisions about monetary policy. There may even be a kernel of truth in the familiar allegation that Greenspan is overly allergic to the threat of rising prices.

But a man who has managed to preside over steady growth and stable prices for as long as he has deserves the benefit of some doubt, particularly when the criticism comes from opportunistic politicians whose horizon doesn't extend beyond November of 1998 and liberal ideologues who spend about as much time worrying about inflation as they do about Donald Trump's tax burden.

Greenspan understands that waiting for inflation to rise before acting to check it is like waiting for a measles epidemic before administering vaccinations.

The problem for Congress is that the Federal Reserve Board is an independent body that doesn't have to please Congress, the president, George Steinbrenner, God Almighty or anyone else. Nothing elected officials do has nearly as much effect on our prosperity as the decisions made by the Fed. But when the economy malfunctions, it is presidents and members of Congress who are punished at the polls. Our elected leaders are thus in the position of bearing responsibility for the Fed's actions but having no authority over them.

This is not really uncomfortable, though. For most politicians, this represents the best possible world. They can criticize the Fed when it makes unpopular decisions that they know it has to make; and they can be confident that the Fed will ignore them and do what it believes is best for the long-run health of the economy. And they can take full credit when its decisions pay off in low unemployment, low inflation and rising living standards.

All the verbal abuse and threats of action should not give anyone the idea that Congress would ever actually do anything to compromise the Fed's independence. Few members of Congress have the slightest interest in mastering the numbing details of administering monetary policy, and even fewer would trust themselves and their fellow legislators to make wise choices about it. They may not like the job the Fed does, but they are not foolish enough to think they could do better.

As long as they are restrained by a tightly held leash, our lawmakers will bark fiercely at the biggest dog in Washington. But without the leash, they'd run the other way.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, May 6, the 126th day of 1997. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Sixty years ago, on May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 36 of the 97 people on board.

On this date:
In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

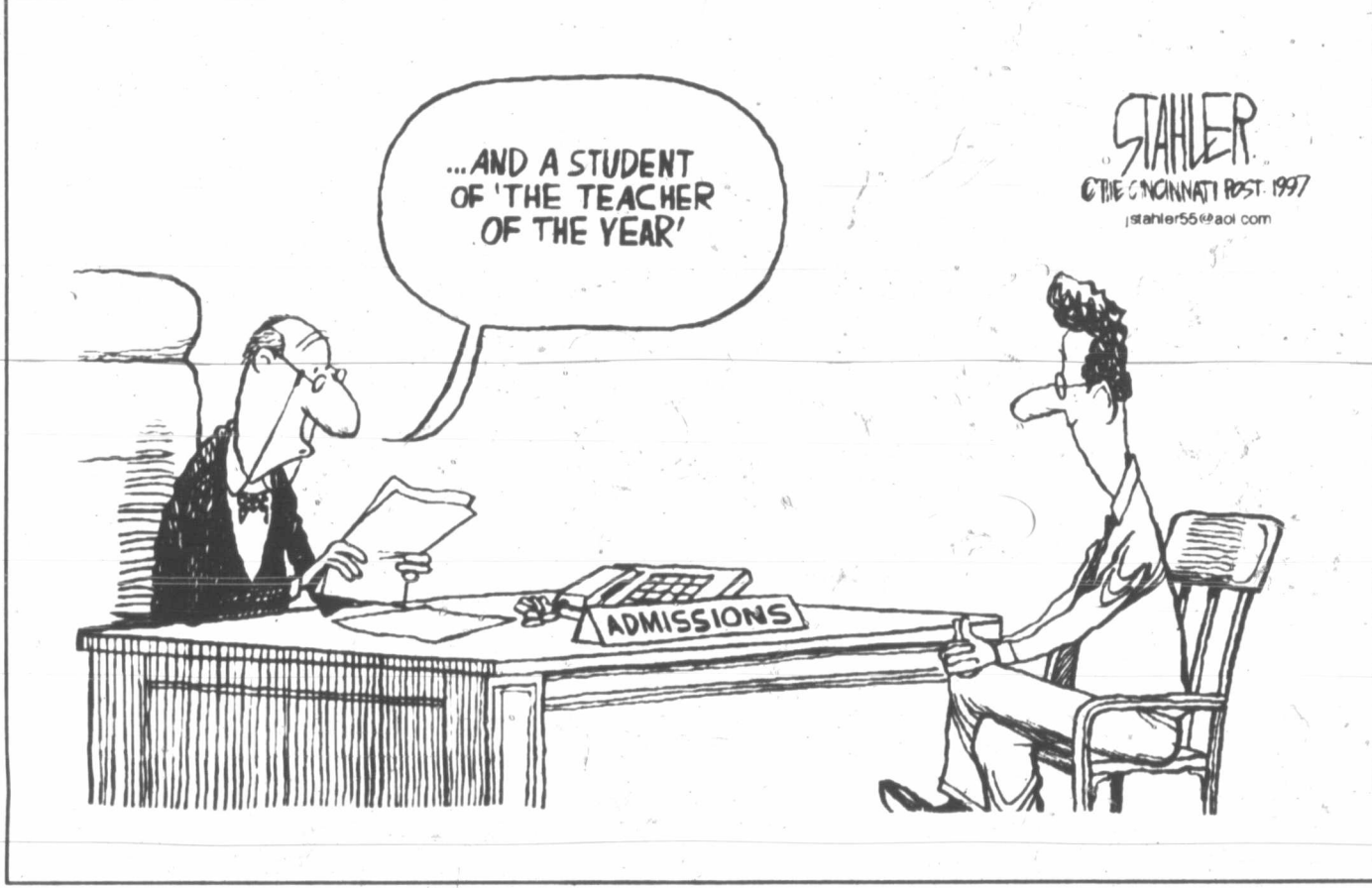
In 1882, over President Arthur's veto, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the United States for 10 years.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1895, legendary silent-screen star Rudolph Valentino was born in Castellaneta, Italy.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating.

In 1941, dictator Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.



Gingrich should just stay home

House Speaker Newt Gingrich is a demagogue. Demagogues are not new.

"A new race of men is springing up to govern the nation," Joseph Story wrote in 1833. "They are the hunters after popularity, men ambitious, not of the honor so much as of the profits of office — the demagogues whose principles hang laxly upon them, and who follow not so much what is right as what leads to a temporary vulgar applause."

Such men have always been known to be bad for a country.

"The shortest way to ruin a country is to give power to demagogues," Dionysius of Halicarnassus observed about 2,000 years ago.

So what has Newt been up to lately, other than paying his \$300,000 penalty? Well, he went to Taiwan and publicly boasted, "If Peking seeks to unify Taiwan with the mainland by force or intimidation, the United States will use all means necessary to prevent it."

Oh? Do you wish to go to war with China to preserve the independence of Taiwan? Has Congress decided to do that? If so, then why did the United States government unilaterally repudiate its mutual defense treaty with Taiwan (we use to call it the Republic of China) during the Carter administration?

As Gingrich very well knows, the U.S. government abandoned Taiwan a long time ago. It is also the official policy of the U.S. government, as Gingrich well knows, that the United States consid-

Charley Reese

ers Taiwan a province of China. That makes Taiwan an internal matter for the Chinese government to settle anyway it chooses to settle. We don't recognize Taiwan as an independent national government.

When American politicians say the Chinese must reunify their country in a peaceful manner, they're just covering up their cowardly abandonment of Taiwan years ago. They, least of all Gingrich, are not about to go to war in defense of Taiwan, and the Chinese know it.

Think, for a moment, how ridiculous it is for politicians who abandoned Taiwan's claim to independence in the 1970s, to pretend that America would be prepared to spend tens of thousands of American lives and tens of billions of dollars in a war with China — just because we don't like the manner in which China handles what we've already agreed is an internal affair of China.

And where in the Constitution does it say that the United States government has the authority to meddle in the internal affairs of other sovereign nations?

The United States had a clear moral choice in the 1970s: Either recognize the Communist government on the mainland or continue to recognize the Republic of China on Taiwan as the legitimate government of the Chinese people.

Big business, led by David Rockefeller, said dump ROC and recognize the Reds — it's a bigger market. So the United States ignominiously dumped the Republic of China on Taiwan.

And that's that. Besides, when the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, "Stay out of a ground war in Asia," he knew what he was talking about. We disregarded that advice in Vietnam, and we all know the results.

Gingrich should not be taking foreign junkets in the first place. The business of the American people is languishing for lack of leadership in the House. He should be in Washington doing the job he's paid to do: administering the House and providing some leadership to his party, which some call the Republican Party and others call the Stupid Party.

The Democrats, inadvertently, did the worst possible thing they could do to hurt the Republicans: They let them win a majority in the House and Senate. And now after three years of Republican majorities, people can see how hollow their campaign rhetoric is.

Nothing of any real importance has changed. Trade policy is the same; taxes are the same; big central government is the same; the deficit's still there; the budget is still unbalanced; the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Department of Education, the Legal Services Corp. — those things conservatives said they wanted to get rid of — are still there. Thank Gingrich. Liberals do.

Golf is still stuck in the 19th century

It is just possible that the world may enter the 21st century before professional golfers get out of the 19th.

Talk about your plantation attitudes. Here is what golfer Frank Urban "Fuzzy" Zoeller had to say to a CNN sports reporter on the day that 21-year-old African-Asian-American Tiger Woods clobbered his more experienced competitors by an historic twelve strokes in the venerable Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga.:

"That little boy is driving well and he's putting well. He's doing everything it takes to win. So, you know what you guys do when he gets in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not to serve fried chicken next year. Got it?"

Zoeller was referring to the Champions Dinner, held on the Tuesday of Masters week, in which the previous year's winner selects an entree. Fuzzy started to turn away from the camera, then added: "Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve."

I felt personal pain when I saw that tape. I felt bad for the enormously talented and magnetic Tiger Woods, who is probably still too young to be inured to racial innuendo. And I felt bad because I lost a hero, of sorts. Fuzzy Zoeller is — when a bad back permits it — a superb golfer himself, with victories in the 1979 Masters and the 1984 U.S. Open. He is an immensely personable guy. He is funny, laid back, even whistles when he works. I pulled for him every weekend.

Zoeller claims that his allusions to "that little



Joseph Spear

boy," "fried chicken" and "collard greens" were meant as a joke. His "comments were not intended to be racially derogatory," he said in a statement released by his manager, "and I apologize for the fact they were misconstrued in that fashion." In subsequent interviews he seemed genuinely remorseful.

I believe him. Still, there is no way to excuse the insensitivity of Zoeller's words, not to mention the stupidity of them. They are indicative, I fear, of an attitude that permeates this middleclass, white-man's game, at all levels.

A century-and-a-third after the Civil War, five decades after Jackie Robinson burst on the scene, four decades after Brown vs. the Board of Education, three decades after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., hundreds of country clubs in the United States still discriminate against blacks, not to mention Jews and women. If they are wholly private, it is legal; they can wallow in bigotry to their hearts' content. But it seems to me that,

as public figures, professional players have an obligation to oppose the immorality of it.

Until 1990, however, pro golfers casually abetted these prejudices. That was the year the Professional Golfers Association, which until 1961 had a "Caucasian only" clause in its bylaws, held its annual tournament at the Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham, Ala. The club founder and president, Hall Thompson, gave an interview in which he said his organization would never admit a black because "that's just not done in Birmingham." He added: "I think we've said that we don't discriminate in every other area except the blacks."

And how did the noble players of the professional tour react? The only two black members of the group entered mild protests. But with the exception of Lee Trevino, who grew up in a barrio, the remaining four members seemed more interested in their checks than in taking a stand against segregation.

"I think the whole thing got blown away out of proportion," said knickers-wearing Payne Stewart. "That's something (the media) are pretty good at, blowing things out of proportion."

"We're golfers, not the U.N.," said Paul Azinger. "I play golf, not politics," said one Fuzzy Zoeller. Despite these sentiments, the Shoal Creek embarrassment spurred the PGA Tour and the PGA to prohibit tournaments at clubs that practice discrimination. It was a huge step forward.

Fuzzy's fizzle shows that golf still has a long way to go.

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Route 66 Hall of Fame inductees have many tales, memories

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

McLEAN — During a special noon banquet Saturday, May 3, at the Devil's Rope/Route 66 Museum, several couples and individuals received recognition at the annual Route 66 Hall of Fame inductees' ceremony.

All of those recognized are from small businesses in the area which once provided services to travelers using the original U.S. Highway 66 during its early history.

Howard Suttle, of Raton, N.M. is one particular individual remembered for his personal contribution to the history of the highway route, because he provided the means for travel. He says he is certainly familiar with old friends along the famous highway route through the Panhandle of Texas.

After he was discharged from the U. S. Army (World War II), he married and soon started a family. He decided to try for a bus driver's license at the urging of a very good friend, J.D. Williams. In 1951 the Greyhound Bus Lines hired him to drive passengers over the Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma route. He traveled over two and one-half million miles in his career before retiring in 1979.

He published a book about of short-stories and illustrations telling experiences of his life and times on Old Route 66, titled *Behind the Wheel*. He said he has seen just about everything — "If it can be done on a bus, I've seen it."



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

During the annual convention luncheon held Saturday, May 3, at the annual Route 66 Convention, 12 inductees received certificates of recognition from the Route 66 Association for their years of dedication and service to travelers along Route 66 during its early history, before the construction of I-40. Those present to accept the honor for themselves or their loved ones include, from left, back row: Geneva Davis, Truman Goodlett, Page Blackwell, Al Homer, J.W. Meacham and Howard Suttle; and front row: Dot Leavett, Irma Blackwell, Agnes Homer and Sophia Hutchison.

Juanita took over the station after their father's death. In 1956 a new station and a new home was built for Mrs. Reed's comfort.

Page "Tater" Blackwell, of Groom, is 77 now and he is still working. He first came to this area traveling and promoting the Bunion Derby from Santa Monica, Calif., to Chicago, Ill. It was a young Indian war race, and Red Grange was helping with the promotional prize of \$10,000 — only five runners finished that race, he said. Other memories of Route 66 includes tales of gangsters Bonnie and Clyde.

attended several schools, including Sam Houston College and West Texas Normal school in Canyon, where he played basketball.

After his stint in the U.S. Army, he returned to fulfill his plans. He married his longtime friend from Henrietta who had lost her husband and was raising two daughters. Later the couple had a son. Together they served their customers and community friends with integrity, pride and worthiness. After her husband's death Nov. 1, 1995, Mrs. Goodlett moved to McLean.

Day Thompson was sheriff of Oldham County from 1951 to 1961 and is well aware of the heydays of those years along Old Route 66. He also served as chief of police in Vega for 16 years, touching many lives in this area. He retired in 1978 and is living in Vega.

His law enforcement friends remember his encounter with fate one night, Christmas 1954, when he was kidnapped at gunpoint by a hitchhiker traveling west on Highway 66. Since the weather was bad, the roads were slick with ice, so Day took his chances, fooling the young hoodlum-passenger by manipulating a malfunction of his car.

His car became disabled and stalled at the side of the road. But his captor flagged another car and, at gunpoint, convinced the

driver to carry him down the road west toward Vega. Sheriff Thompson flagged another driver and gave chase, capturing the hitchhiker after he turned his stolen car over on the icy road.

About seven years later it was determined by law that the boy was unlawfully tried; therefore, he was given another hearing, resulting in freedom and a second chance. The two became friends and the young man lived in Vega for awhile. Thompson has not heard from him in several years and still wonders if he is doing all right.

C. Orval Davis operated the Wildorado-Davis Mercantile and grocery store, with a post office inside the building, from 1942 through the early 1960s. During World War II, he took a leave of absence to serve in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge in 1942, he married Geneva Rice, and they raised their two children in this home at the same business location.

As postmaster from 1935 to 1974, he still operated the business and other jobs, including driving tractors and selling insurance. The Davis Mercantile was the first to sell television sets and brought many lookers. It closed its doors when the land was purchased for the right-of-way to build the interstate highway I-40.

Bob and Clara Gruhkey were married in the mid 1940s and lived in Adrian. Clara worked as a bookkeeper for Loveless Oil Company and was a cook at the Bent Door Cafe. In 1956 the couple opened Clara's Cafe and operated it for almost six years.

Clara said she was also going to college, driving 136 miles a day, working at the cafe at night, studying and still trying to raise children. During their time managing the cafe, memories of many events happening with tourists on Old Route 66 remained in their hearts.

One special time she recalls is when a Memphis, Tenn. Boy Scout Troop bus broke down in Adrian, they entertained and fed 28 boys, provided them with a tour of the town and ended the day with a big picnic in the park. Clara is wid-

owed but still resides in Adrian. Al and Agnes Homer married in 1940. They said they tried farming and doing other things, but were always lured toward the Old 66. In 1955 they opened a Texaco Service Station in Groom and kept busy for 18 years. Their first year profits were \$95,000, they said. Gas was 25 cents a gallon and flats were fixed for 50 cents.

They both helped establish the first highway ambulance service in Groom. Agnes was a nurse at the local hospital and worked for the local doctor. It is the longest run ambulance service in that area, also known as Jericho Gap or Blood Alley, because of the numerous highway accidents.

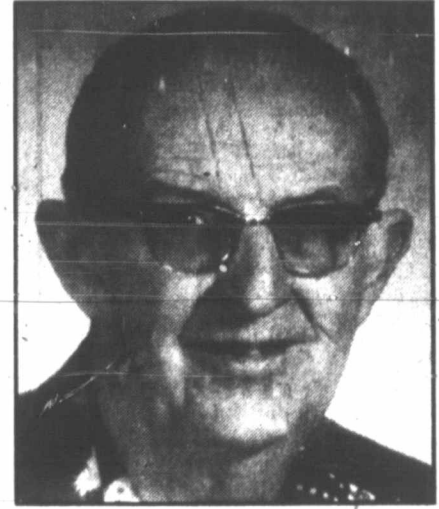
Now retired, the Homers continue to help others. They share a mutual hobby of making quilts for elderly residents of the area rest homes in and near Groom. They have made 580 lap robes and are working on these quilted art creations every day.

Dot Leavitt and her husband, Harold, owned Zero Lockers in Vega, where they sold everything from block ice to bologna to tourists traveling the Old Route 66. Their service also included custom slaughtering at a plant north of Vega, transferring the fresh meat to the locker in an old army jeep. They also operated a laundromat in Vega for 32 years. While running two businesses, they raised four children.

Dot still likes to help others and irons for some of her old customers in Vega after several years. She says she plans to retire in June to enjoy her hobby of collecting Route 66 memorabilia. She calls her home a mini-museum.

Dan Ashford bought his Route 66-Phillips 66 Service Station in Groom in 1967. In 1973 his son Jerry purchased it from him. Because of giving full service business, he gained many friends and customers along the mother road, working hard and long hours.

Dan says the family never ceases to be amazed at what the tourists loaded into their cars when traveling, or what they wore for their traveling clothes ... even today.



J.W. Meacham

J. W. "Jewell" Meacham is well known for his business and civic contributions when he ran the McLean Hardware store located on Main Street in McLean for more than 41 years.

Meacham is widowed, living in his home in McLean, but he enjoys remembering the days of his profitable business, which was located between the east and the west bound lanes of the old highway. It continued as a thriving business for the little town until the interstate highway bypassed it.

Meacham was born in Turkey in 1913. He and his wife, Dixie Nell Cheatam Meacham, were married in 1938 and raised a family of three children.

Sophia Mae (Young) Hutchison, born in Arkansas on Nov. 24, 1899, came to Paducah, Texas with her family as a child. She married Bill Hutchison in 1927, and they had three children. After her husband died in 1942, she relocated to the Rolling Plains to teach school in Alanreed.

Because she enjoyed cooking, also, she opened her own cafe in McLean. She served many customers from 1944 through 1962. She is also known for her food specialties in Shamrock, when she was cook at the famous U-Drop-Inn Cafe. Today, she lives at



Sophia Hutchison

McLean's Care Center and still enjoys the opportunity to tell and retell her memories when visiting with her old friends.

K.C. and Eula Reed moved to Jericho, Texas in 1941, operating a small Texaco Service Station one mile north of the little town. Since times were hard, they lived in the back rooms of the service station. Mr. Reed died in 1948, and Mrs. Reed died at age 87 in 1979, but their stories are still being told.

According to family and friends retelling their story, K.C. would always say, "Ma was the manager. I changed tires and she patched tubes."

The tourists bought anything from soda pops to canvas water bags. The water had to be hauled from a windmill a mile away. Food was always available, since "Ma" cooked hamburgers, fried pies and donuts for the customers. Anyone needing a bathroom used the one out back, but by 1948, prosperity allowed Ma to enjoy an inside bathroom and running water.

Their son John and his wife



Crim and Truman Goodlett

In Groom, owners of another Route 66 Texaco Service Station, E. Crim Goodlett and his wife, Truman — are well remembered. In the mid-1930s Goodlett was working the wheat harvest when he arrived in Groom. He decided he liked the town so well that he bought a plot of land on the highway and made plans to build a service station.

Crim was also a scholar and

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Gun sale subject of lawsuit filed by slain victim's parents

RICHMOND (AP) — The parents of a slain carjacking victim have filed a lawsuit alleging that a Houston hunting and outdoor store illegally sold the gun used in the slaying.

The lawsuit was filed in Fort Bend County by Tony and Linda Ambrosio against Carter's Country, the Houston store to which the murder weapon was tracked.

The Ambrosios are the parents of Alek Ambrosio, 21, who was killed Oct. 21 at a stop sign in Fulshear.

His body was left in the street and his white Saturn was found later in a Houston apartment complex. The black Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol that killed him also was found there.

A suspected Houston gang member, who was 16 at the time of the shooting, has been detained in the slaying by Fort Bend County juvenile authorities.

Bill Carter, owner of Carter's Country, could not be reached for comment Monday, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today.

The Ambrosios allege that the gun also was involved in three other crimes leading up to the slaying of their son. The crimes included another carjacking, an aggravated robbery and a drive-by shooting.

American Airlines, pilots ratify five-year contract

GRAPEVINE (AP) — After nearly three years, a strike and presidential intervention, American Airlines and its pilots finally have a contract. This labor peace, however, is an uneasy one.

A five-year contract was approved 69 percent to 31 percent by the Allied Pilots Association on Monday. Despite the overwhelming majority, the union was still wary about losing the right to fly regional jets.

Throughout contract talks, Fort Worth-based AMR Corp. had fought to have its subsidiary American Eagle fly the smaller jets and refused to back down to American pilot demands to control the aircraft.

American pilots fear losing jobs if the carrier shifts routes to the smaller jets.

In the contract ratified Monday, American pilots failed to get the right to fly regional jets. Various limits on flight distance, jet size and fleet size were added to the agreement, as well as job guarantees that allow furloughed American pilots to fly the jets at American Eagle.

PHS band takes UIL Sweepstakes Trophy



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Heather Fernuik, Amanda Sims, Stacey Lambricht, Kevin Organ, Chris Admire, Matt Bailey, Jeremy Williams and Jonathan Smith were members of the senior band which participated in the recent UIL concert and sight reading contest. The band brought home a Sweepstakes Trophy for their efforts.

Pentagon expected to recommend two rounds of base closures for 1999-2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's review of the post-Cold War military is expected to recommend that Congress approve two new rounds of potentially painful base closures, Defense Department sources say.

The Pentagon's blueprint for the future will also propose to slice the 1.4-million active duty force by 60,000 men and women and cut hundreds of warplanes from planned purchases by the Air Force and Navy, say senior officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary William Cohen is looking at 1999 and 2001 for scheduling the separate base shutdown rounds, one senior official familiar with the review said Monday.

Cohen hinted last week that he was interested in such a step, arguing that post-Cold War reductions have chopped 30 percent out of the military's manpower ranks but only 18 percent of its infrastructure.

Lawmakers are likely to react sourly to the suggestion that

new base closings might be needed. They are still smarting from the reaction caused by the 97 major base closings ordered in four base-closure rounds beginning in 1988.

Pentagon officials are looking for the savings in order to pay for high-tech weaponry for the next century, but they must come up with about \$15 billion annually over the coming four years, and plan on annual budgets of about \$250 billion.

Even so, military "wish lists" for such weaponry are pared back in the study's recommendations. The Air Force wants 438 F-22 stealth fighters, but the proposal calls for only 339. The Navy has sought 1,000 of the newly improved F-A-18 Super Hornets, but the plan calls for 785, said a senior military officer, who also spoke privately.

Cohen is slated to make the findings of the Quadrennial Defense Review public on May 19. President Clinton was briefed on the outlines of the study last week, and senior Pentagon officials met Saturday

for another round of decision-making.

The final draft of the review is being shown to selected members of Congress, but changes could still be made, all officials cautioned.

The study has come under criticism from some quarters on grounds it is not making enough revolutionary changes.

For example, the strategy portion of the review holds to the notion that the United States must remain ready to fight two major regional conflicts, which may occur at nearly the same time. But it also highlights the need to plan for other events, such as humanitarian relief operations, or lesser conflicts that occur in far-flung areas.

On Monday, the Marine Corps commandant defended the Pentagon review against such charges. He spoke at a conference at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on the value of having U.S. naval forces strategically placed around the globe.

Charlton Heston vice president of NRA

SEATTLE (AP) — Charlton Heston was elected first vice president of the National Rifle Association on Monday, ousting an incumbent who was a sharp critic of the powerful gun lobby's current leadership.

The 72-year-old actor, best known for his starring role as Moses in *The Ten Commandments* in 1956, unseated incumbent Neal Knox in a climactic vote following months of heated political maneuvering.

The loss was a stunning defeat for Knox, 61, a gun-issues writer and former NRA chief lobbyist from Rockville, Md. Three months ago, he seemed on the verge of replacing the organization's top offi-

cial, Executive Vice President Wayne R. LaPierre Jr.

LaPierre was re-elected Monday, defeating Donna Bianchi, head of the NRA board's finance committee, who was drafted at the last minute by his critics.

Heston said in his many years as president of the Screen Actors Guild and on many boards, "I never before had the chance to serve usefully on an organization that successfully defended the Bill of Rights."

LaPierre said he would share the limelight more with Heston than he did with Knox. "Believe me, anytime Moses wants to make a statement, you let him," LaPierre said.

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Clinton defends Whitewater appeal; Starr charges Hillary changed testimony

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Clinton says he is fighting a court order to surrender key Whitewater notes to a special prosecutor because his lawyers say a Supreme Court appeal would be "the right thing to do for America."

At issue are notes from two conversations between Hillary Rodham Clinton and White House attorneys — one concerning what she did after the death of deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster and the other following her grand jury testimony about the mysterious disappearance and reappearance of her law firm billing records that were under subpoena.

Clinton authorized the appeal to the Supreme Court after a federal appeals

court, overturning U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright in Little Rock, ordered the White House to surrender the notes.

In withholding the notes from Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's subpoena, the White House claimed executive privilege, attorney-client privilege and attorney work product protections.

Meanwhile, published reports say court documents show Starr has asserted that Mrs. Clinton has changed her sworn testimony on several matters he is investigating.

"The independent counsel candidly states in his motion to compel that Mrs. Clinton's testimony on several issues under investigation 'has changed over

time or differs from that of other witnesses' and that she 'is a central figure' in his investigation," Judge Wright wrote as part of her order denying Starr's motion to compel production of the White House notes.

In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis ordered that the notes be turned over to Starr, saying it would be "a gross misuse of public assets" to allow any part of the government to use in-house lawyers as a "shield against the production of information relevant to a federal criminal investigation."

Both the appeals court ruling last week and the November 1996 lower court ruling it overturned were sealed until last week.

The *Washington Times* and the (New York) *Daily News* reported in today's editions on Starr's arguments to Judge Wright, which were contained as a footnote to her newly released written order.

David E. Kendall, the private lawyer for the president and Mrs. Clinton, told both papers: "It's simply not true that her testimony has changed over time in any material way. That her testimony may differ in some respects from that of other witnesses is neither surprising nor significant."

In an interview with Hispanic broadcasters in Mexico, Clinton was asked how the Supreme Court appeal seeking to keep his wife's conversations with White House lawyers squares with his

earlier promise to cooperate fully with the Whitewater investigation.

The president replied that he believes last week's court ruling, if allowed to stand, would mean no government employee could "ever have a government lawyer again" and know the conversations were confidential.

Clinton told the broadcasters White House lawyers "came to me and said this is what we strongly believe, this is the right thing to do for America and for the Constitution, and everyone knows that you and your wife have answered all of the questions there and have told everybody everything there is to tell, and we ought to do this for the country."

World briefs

Investigations may shed light on Bre-X scam

TORONTO (AP) — Bitter investors are preparing lawsuits, potential partners have jumped ship, and the Mounties' fraud squad is joining the hunt for perpetrators of the Bre-X Minerals gold-mine scam.

After more than two years as a stock-market superstar, Bre-X was on the brink of disintegration today because of revelations that thousands of rock samples at its exploration site in Indonesia had been doctored with gold from elsewhere.

The Toronto Stock Exchange, which suspended trading in Bre-X shares on Monday, was lifting the freeze today. Analysts predicted a massive sell-off of shares in the small Calgary company that at its peak last year was valued at \$4.5 billion.

"This is a top-notch, No. 1, world-class scam," said John Woods, who publishes an investment newsletter in Vancouver. "So many people were fooled for so long."

Officials in Indonesia said today they had halted the company's operations there pending an investigation.

Thief returns statue of Simon Bolivar stolen in Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A man who admitted stealing a statue from the birthplace of South American independence hero Simon Bolivar said he did it to prove a point: Crime in Caracas is easy.

"How is it possible that a man breaks open the door of the liberator's house before 10 o'clock at night ... and walks out with whatever he feels like?" Raul Toro, 43, told Radio Caracas Radio on Monday after turning himself in at the radio station and returning the statue.

Toro said he broke into the popular tourist attraction in downtown Caracas on Sunday night and left with a foot-high, 14-pound bronze statue of Bolivar on horseback.

The statue is a miniature of one erected in New York City's Central Park in 1924.

Toro was being held by police.

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Rebekah Bachman, instructor of animal science in the equine industry program at WTAMU, said the riding classes are suited to beginners.

"Many times adults feel reluctant to learn unfamiliar skills because they feel intimidated or uncomfortable," she said. "The riding classes will give people who may have no experience with horses but want to learn an opportunity to understand horses and learn how to ride a horse."

Bachman said the classes will teach students safety around horses, horsemanship skills, basic care and management of horses, and participants will spend a lot of time riding.

The fee for the six-week program is \$100, which covers the horse and tack each student will be provided with for the class.

For information about the riding classes, contact Bachman or Scott Sturgeon, WTAMU Horse Center Operations Manager, at (806) 655-9213.

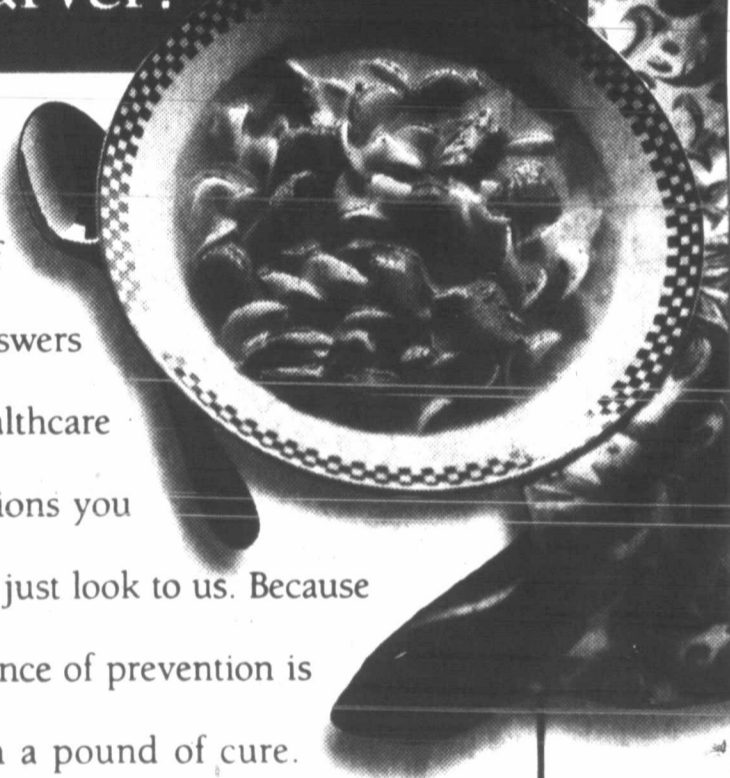


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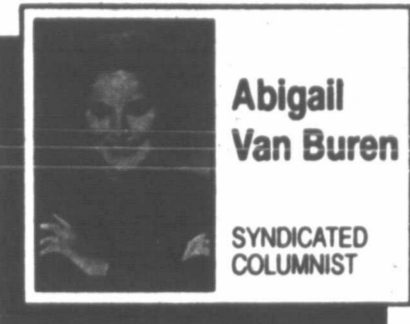
DEAR ABBY: I recently read in the paper another account of a young life lost in a car accident. I live within 30 miles of two universities, and I can't begin to tell you how many accidents of this kind we have each year. The young driver wasn't drinking or speeding. She was reaching down to pick up a CD she had dropped. She swerved off the road, overcorrected, and slammed into another vehicle. She and her passenger were killed instantly. The people in the car she struck were lucky; they were only badly bruised and shaken.

My husband is a tow truck driver who often has to gather up what is left after one of these senseless accidents. Our hearts break for the friends and families of these precious young people. Please, Abby, remind drivers of every age: Do not try to find something you have dropped, change the radio station, tape or CD, read, apply makeup, shave, or dial a cell phone with one hand while you are driving! It takes only a second or a glance away from the road to drift and lose control of your car.

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Abigail Van Buren
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nothing is as important as paying full attention to the task at hand — and that means keeping both eyes on the road and both hands firmly on the wheel.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Ashley" for three years. During this time we have learned a great deal about each other, have compromised on many issues, and are very close to getting married.

There is one issue that stands in the way. Ashley feels that it is OK to keep secrets from each other. By secrets, I don't mean things from the past, but current day-to-day matters. For example, when I ask who she was talking to after she hangs up the phone, or inquire about her activities if we haven't seen each other for a few days, she thinks I'm prying.

I don't think I can ever trust someone who withholds things from me. I feel that for two people to be really close, there can be no secrets. Her withholding creates a sense of in-

security in me. Abby, is it normal for people in a relationship to withhold information from each other?
SECRETLY WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: If you cannot stop questioning her and she is unable to be more forthcoming, the two of you are facing a serious obstacle. I urge you to seek counseling and resolve it before you marry.

If you trust her, you should not need to know to whom she was talking every time she hangs up the phone, nor should you grill her about her activities in your absence. On the other hand, part of a healthy level of communication between couples is the sharing of information through normal conversation.

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Horoscope



Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Interesting developments could be in store for you in the year ahead. New life might breathe itself into several projects that have been lying dormant. This time you'll manage them successfully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might have to be a shade more assertive today in order to manage matters that involve others. Be sure to do this without arrogance. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Staying

power should provide you with an edge over your competition today. You will still have lots of zip left after they've run out of steam.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If life's been a trifle dull lately, devote some time today to finding a new, exciting interest. You are in a good cycle for discovering what you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In developments with possibilities for personal gain, you're apt to be more daring than usual today. Be enterprising, but don't take foolish risks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Speak up today in order to protect your self-interests. Work out your vocal chords to let others know you have no intention of being a doormat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your abilities to probe, research and detect could be sharper than usual today. This is a good time to take care of fact-finding assignments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make arrangements today to get together with someone you recently met and would like

to know better. Do not be bashful, the feeling is mutual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your ambitions are easily stimulated today; once you focus on an objective, getting what you go after will be highly probable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not take gambles on uncertainties today. If you feel the urge to take a chance, bet on yourself and your abilities, not on unknown quantities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you have a marvelous knack for taking over discarded items and transforming them into something new and functional. Use this gift wherever you can.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A situation might develop today where you'll have to stand up for a friend who isn't as bold as you are. Fearlessness inches you into the winner's circle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could prove wise today to offer a bit more than the going rate if you want the work you've contracted done faster and more efficiently.

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"I think Mommy and Daddy were already old folks when we got them."



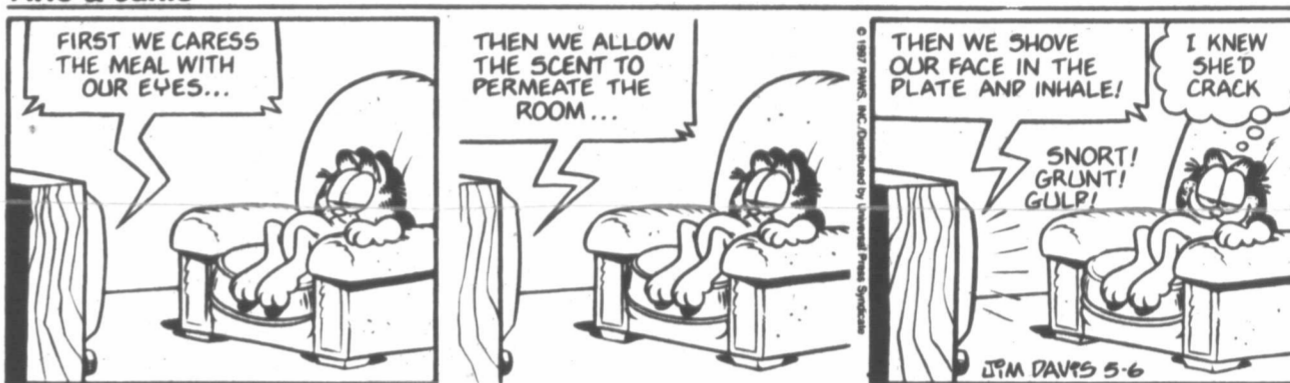
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SPORTS

Notebook

RODEO

LUFKIN — Scott Breeding of Edgar, Mont., scored 90 points on Harper and Harper Rodeo's bull Nitro Hi to pocket \$2,765 and the bull riding title at the \$51,542 Angelina County Benefit Rodeo, April 23-26 in Lufkin, Texas. Fellow bull rider Kelly Armstrong of Seven Persons, Alberta, took second with 84 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's bull Shark. He earned \$2,119.

Other winners in Lufkin were Eric Mouton (Weatherford, Okla.), bareback riding, 84 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Mindy, \$1,296; Billy Etbauer (Ree Heights, S.D.), saddle bronc riding, 83 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Mountain Maw, \$1,296; Cody Ohl (Orchard, Texas), calf roping, 17.0 seconds in two rounds, \$3,319; and Jenna Beaver (Huntsville, Texas), barrel racing, 14.43 seconds, \$1,104. Craig Cavaness of Fulshear, Texas, and Frank Davis of Blackwell, Texas, tied for first in the steer wrestling competition by downing two steers in 8.4 seconds. Davis earned \$2,742 and Cavaness earned \$2,360.

Bareback rider Jeffrey Collins of Wister, Okla., is scheduled to return to competition at the Old Fort Days Rodeo, May 26-31 in Fort Smith, Ark.

Collins, 28, twisted the tendons and bruised a previously broken bone in his right hand while competing at the Laughlin (Nev.) River Stampede, April 3-6. The two-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier has led the Crown Royal bareback riding standings since Feb. 4.

BASKETBALL

BOSTON (AP) — Rick Pitino met today with the Kentucky athletic director and appeared ready to become coach of the Boston Celtics for a salary higher than that of any coach in any sport.

Pitino, who called the Celtics' job "the greatest opportunity ever afforded a coach," was expected to announce his final decision today, but most reports indicated that he would join the most storied team in pro basketball.

Pitino scheduled a 3:30 p.m. news conference in Lexington, Ky.

The reported 10-year contract for the Kentucky coach was said to be worth more than \$70 million, exceeding Larry Brown's five-year, \$25 million contract with the Philadelphia 76ers, which he agreed to on Monday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Vancouver's Shareef Abdur-Rahim, beaten by Philadelphia's Allen Iverson for NBA Rookie of the Year, was the top vote-getter and the only unanimous choice on the All-Rookie team announced today.

In balloting by the NBA's 29 coaches, none of whom was permitted to vote for his own players, Abdur-Rahim received a perfect 28 first-place votes and 56 points. Points were awarded on a 2-1 basis.

Iverson and Minnesota's Stephon Marbury were next with 27 first-place votes and 55 points each. Rounding out the team were Marcus Camby of Toronto and Antoine Walker of Boston, each with 22 first-place votes and 49 points.

Iverson, Camby, Abdur-Rahim and Marbury were the top four selections, respectively, in last year's NBA draft. Walker was No. 6.

In the rookie balloting, Iverson finished first, followed by Marbury and Abdur-Rahim.

The only player drafted in the first five who did not make the first team was Milwaukee's Ray Allen. He was voted to the Schick All-Rookie second team, along with New Jersey's Kerry Kittles, the Los Angeles Lakers' Travis Knight and Kobe Bryant, and Houston's Matt Maloney.

Elie's 3-point shots lift Rockets past Sonics

HOUSTON (AP) — Seattle took away Hakeem Olajuwon, and the Houston Rockets' second choice was just as deadly.

Double-teaming Olajuwon didn't work out the way the SuperSonics planned because Mario Elie led a 3-point shooting display as the Rockets held off the SuperSonics for a 112-102 victory in the opener of their second-round playoff series Monday night.

"We gave them a lot of opportunities to shoot the ball, and they knocked them down," Seattle guard Gary Payton said. "We have to go out tomorrow and change some things. We'll find solutions. There's a lot of games left in this series."

Game 2 is Wednesday night in The Summit.

Elie finished with 20 points and got the Rockets started by making all five of his 3-point attempts in the first half, matching a playoff record. The Rockets hit 10 of 15 3-pointers for a 64-55 halftime lead and finished the game 15-of-28 from long range.

"I had no conscience, I just let it go," Elie said. "After the first one went down, I felt good. I had fresh legs. I was the lucky guy. I was getting some good looks and the guys kept kicking the ball out to me."

The Rockets kept extending their lead, and the SuperSonics, despite just finishing a tiring five-game series with Phoenix on Saturday, kept charging back.

The Rockets built a 103-76 advantage with 10:07 left, but Hersey Hawkins hit four 3-point

baskets in a row during a 26-9 run that cut the Rockets' final victory margin.

"It wasn't easy, it was deceiving," Olajuwon said. "They played very well. We can't get carried away. The pressure is still on until the last game."

Elie tied the record for 3-pointers without a miss shared by three players, most recently by Seattle's Nate McMillan against the Rockets on May 6, 1996.

"He's been our most consistent player all season," Charles Barkley said of Elie.

"What he did tonight didn't surprise me. I was happy with every aspect of our game except me. But I look at my game differently. I expect more out of myself. But I will get better."

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets

with 22 points, and Shawn Kemp paced the SuperSonics with 24.

Houston used a 26-9 run to take a 55-35 lead with six minutes left in the half. But Kemp scored eight points over the rest of the period as Seattle's cut Houston's lead to 64-55 at the half.

"I think both halves were very different," Seattle coach George Karl said. "In the first half, they shot the ball well and we were hesitating. In the second half, with the turnovers and missed layups, they became sluggish offensively."

"This is two games in a row they've done stuff to us pretty substantially, and we are going to have to evaluate and come back and tinker here and there."

The Rockets won the regular season series 3-1 with the SuperSonics, including a 113-73

victory in the final regular-season game.

"I thought it was an excellent performance by everybody that played for us," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Game 1 is so important when you are at home. If you don't win, that then they have another shot at you and you know they have two more games back at home."

Notes: Seattle is the only team to beat a Rudy Tomjanovich-coached team in a playoff series. ... Houston has a 16-0 playoff series record when it wins the first game of the series and a 5-16 record when it loses the opener. ... Nate McMillan, who missed games 4 and 5 of the first-round series with a sore right knee, suited up for Game 1 against the Rockets but did not play.

Fatheree ready for return

PAMPA — As a 9th grader, Pampa distance runner Jenny Fatheree was the only Lady Harvester to qualify for the Class 4A state meet last year.

Fatheree returns to Austin again after winning the 800-meter run at regionals. This time around, however, she'll have some company. Shot putter Barbara Wine and the 800-meter relay team will join her.

Last year, Fatheree qualified for state in both the 1600 and 3200. This year she decided to concentrate on the 800. Her 2:21.90 was the number one time in the Amarillo area, but she faces some tough competition at state. Fatheree's time is ranked sixth among the eight state qualifiers.

"I like the 800," Fatheree said. "I wanted to try it and see what happened."

What happened was Fatheree's domination of the event. Her regional win was Fatheree's sixth 800 victory this year in seven meets. She finished second once.

Shannon Spaulding of Rockport-Fulton and her 2:18.98 will be the one to beat at the state meet. But never count Fatheree out. With every outing, she keeps cutting seconds off her time. And when Fatheree enters



Jenny Fatheree

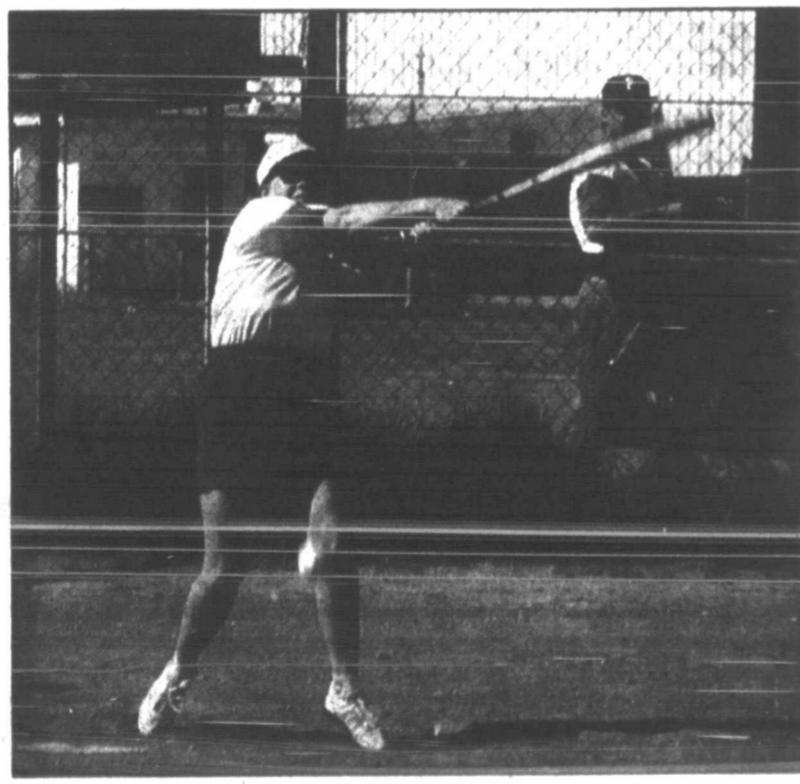
Austin's Memorial Stadium for the second time in two years, she's be better prepared for the spacious surroundings and the huge crowds, which can overwhelm many athletes.

"I definitely feel more confident. I'm sure I'll be more used to everything," Fatheree said.

The Class 4A running events begin at 5:45 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

The other 800 qualifiers include Monica Gomez of El Paso Riverside, Melanie Pate of Kaufman, Traci Rust of Quinlan Ford, Shantel Lee of Nederland, Brandy Spencer of West Orange Stark and Golden Ashley of Buda Hays.

Softball scene



(Pampa News photo by Denny Cowan)

Math teacher Jamie Green is hoping her batting average adds up to a high number at the annual Pampa High School senior-faculty softball game Monday at Hobart Street Park.

Astros overpower Phillies, 9-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Luis Gonzalez knows he is part of the reason the Houston Astros haven't been scoring runs lately.

"It's been frustrating with me and Derek Bell not hitting," Gonzalez said after driving in three runs with a double and one of the Astros' three homers in their 9-2 victory over Philadelphia on Monday night. "I've been doing everything I can to get out of this slump. I've been coming out early, staying late. You want to live up to expectations, and I know I haven't been."

There are signs Gonzalez might be about to break out of his slump. He's had two hits in each of the last two games. His batting average has risen 12 points (to .225) during the last week.

"When he gets hot, he gets real hot," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I hope this is the start of that. It's hard to say if it is."

"He got a couple of hits off Kevin Brown and he had a good game today."

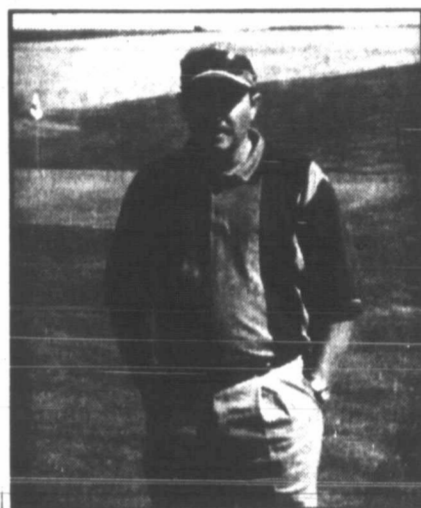
Handley's hole-in-one highlights Hospice of the Panhandle tourney

PAMPA — Saturday, May 3, became a golfer's dream-come-true for Mike Handley of Pampa — A picture-perfect day, good friends, helping a good cause. What more could a person ask for?

Twenty-six teams gathered early that morning to play in Hospice of the Panhandle's seventh annual benefit golf scramble at the Hidden Hills Public Course. For seven years, the event has raised thousands of dollars toward the care of terminally ill persons and their families from this area. After weeks of unpredictable spring storms, all 102 golfers breathed a sigh of relief when Saturday dawned bright and sunny with only the lightest breeze blowing — perfect golf weather.

Handley and his team of Keith George, Rick Foster and Willie Nickelberry began the shotgun start on hole 11. Four holes later, Handley experienced what every golfer dreams of, but rarely sees become a reality. On No. 15, he set his ball and swung strong and true. As he watched the white dot fly through the air he knew it was a good shot, then it passed from his field of vision.

"I'm about half blind, he said afterwards. "About halfway down there, I couldn't see it any more. I didn't know it went in until the guys started yelling."



Mike Handley

A hole-in-one! Who could ask for anything more? Well, it turned out to be one of the holes designated for a "closest to the pin" prize, also, so Handley won a gift certificate from Holmes Sports Center, too.

This year's scramble was divided into three flights.

Woods Flight
1. Kelly Everson, Sam White and Tommy Hill, all of Pampa, and Sid Brass, McLean; 2. Robert Morris, M. Watson, Craig Davis and C. Tanner; 3. Mike Handley, Keith George, Willie Nickelberry, all of Pampa, and R. Foster.

Nicklaus Flight
1. Dr. Joe Lowrey, Dr. Alfredo Juan, Bob Neslage and Dr. Fred

Simmons, all of Pampa; 2. Phil Young, Dr. Laxman Bhatia, Dr. Renee Grabato and Jason Hoffman, all of Pampa; 3. John Darby, Oscar Sargent, Ed Langford, all of Pampa, and Bob Langford, Odessa.

Palmer Flight
1. Roy Stephens, Wiley Reynolds, Jim Harwood and Bill Harwood, all of Pampa; 2. Dr. Craig Shaffer, Dawson Orr, Denver Bruner and Whitey White, all of Pampa; 3. Gary Griggs, Tommy Washington, Bill Frost and Wendell Shults, all of Pampa.

Closest to the hole winners, in addition to Handley, included Wyatt Earp of Pampa, on No. 12; Sam Haynes, Pampa, No. 6, and T.J. Davis, Pampa, No. 8.

Longest Drive prizes were awarded to Sid Brass of McLean on No. 17 and to Craig Davis of Pampa on No. 4.

In 1966, the Hospice of the Panhandle Benefit Golf Scramble netted \$4,290 for the not-for-profit agency's patient care fund. Final figures are now available yet, but organizers say that proceeds from the 1997 scramble are expected to be approximately \$5,000.

The above article was written by Dee Dee Laramore, public relations director for Hospice of the Panhandle.

Glo-Valve wins Optimist opener; Dyer's serve loss to Hoechst Celanese Plant

PAMPA — John Braddock hammered three hits, including a home run, scored three times and had three RBI to lead Glo-Valve Service to a 12-0 win over Cabot Corporation in the opening game of the Major Bambino League season Monday at Optimist Park.

Eddie Palma, Ryan Zemanek and Zach Windhorst combined for a one-hit shutout with Palma getting credit for the win.

Windhorst slammed the second pitch of the season into center field to open the Glo-Valve first inning. He score moments later on Palma's

triple. Palma trotted home on a double by Zemanek. Zemanek scored on a single by Braddock. Hal Rogers was safe on an error which moved Braddock to third. Braddock scored on a double steal and Rogers moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch.

After two were out, Steven Cameron socked a single. He went to second and third on wild pitches. Derek Lewis walked and Cameron and Lewis executed a double steal. Lewis scored on a single by Windhorst and Palma doubled Windhorst home and went to third on a wild pitch. Zemanek walked and they executed the

third double steal of the inning to score Palma. Braddock followed with a home run to center field to cap Glo-Valve's 11 runs and 8 hits in the first inning.

Braddock singled in the third inning and scored on after two wild pitches and a passed ball.

Ryan Barnes had the only hit for Cabot.

In the nightcap, Dyer's Bar-B-Que bested Hoechst Celanese Chemical Plant, 6-2, with Jay Gerber picking up his first win of the season. The hit was supplied by Rufus Estradad, who cracked a bases-loaded single to break the game open for Dyer's.

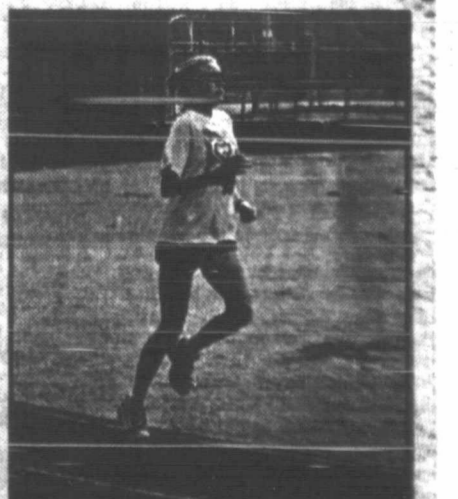
Braves nip Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals again, although it was nothing like last October.

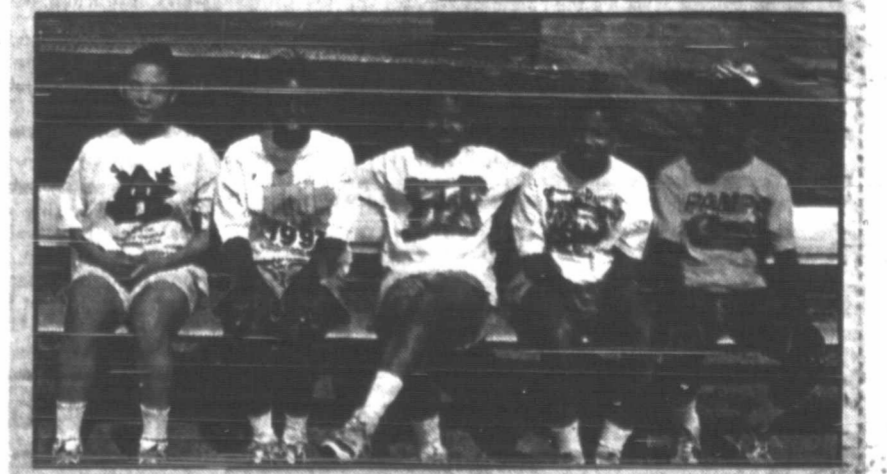
Denny Neagle allowed five hits in eight innings as the Braves won 2-1 Monday night in the teams' first meeting since the NL championship series last fall.

Ryan Klesko homered for the Braves, who have beaten the Cardinals four straight times since falling behind 3-1 in the NL playoffs last fall. Two of Atlanta's last three victories in the playoffs were by 14-0 and 15-0 scores.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
All Times EDT				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	22	8	.733	—
Florida	17	13	.567	5
Montreal	15	14	.517	8 1/2
New York	15	16	.484	7 1/2
Philadelphia	9	20	.310	12 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	18	13	.581	—
Pittsburgh	15	15	.500	2 1/2
St. Louis	13	17	.433	4 1/2
Cincinnati	9	21	.300	8 1/2
Chicago	7	22	.241	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	20	9	.690	—
San Francisco	19	10	.655	1
Los Angeles	17	12	.586	3
San Diego	11	17	.393	8 1/2
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 1				
Colorado 7, Philadelphia 3				
Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 1				
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0				
Chicago Cubs 2, Los Angeles 1				
San Diego 1, Montreal 0				
Florida 9, Houston 8, 13 innings				
Sunday's Games				
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1				
St. Louis 8, N.Y. Mets 2				
Colorado 9, Philadelphia 0				
Los Angeles 5, Chicago Cubs 2				
Montreal 9, San Diego 3				
San Francisco 2, Cincinnati 1, 10 innings				
Houston 1, Florida 0				
Monday's Games				
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 0				
Houston 9, Philadelphia 2				
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1				
N.Y. Mets 6, Colorado 1				
Los Angeles 3, Cincinnati 1				
San Francisco 4, Montreal 2				
Tuesday's Games				
N.Y. Mets (Micko 0-3) at Colorado (Swift 3-1), 3:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Cooke 2-3) at Florida (A. Fernandez 3-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Schilling 3-3) at Houston (R. Garcia 2-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Smoltz 3-3) at St. Louis (Morris 1-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Burke 3-3) at Los Angeles (Astacio 3-0), 10:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Foster 2-2) at San Diego (Ashby 2-1), 10:05 p.m.				
Montreal (P. Martinez 4-0) at San Francisco (Eisele 4-1), 10:05 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
Montreal at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.				
Atlanta at Florida, 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9:35 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:35 p.m.				
American League				
At A Glance				
All Times EDT				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	19	9	.679	—
New York	16	15	.518	4 1/2
Toronto	14	14	.500	5
Boston	14	15	.483	5 1/2
Detroit	12	18	.400	8
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	14	13	.519	—
Cleveland	14	14	.500	1/2
Kansas City	14	15	.500	1/2
Minnesota	13	18	.419	3
Chicago	10	18	.357	4 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	18	12	.600	—
Texas	16	11	.593	1/2
Anaheim	14	14	.500	3
Oakland	14	17	.452	4 1/2
Saturday's Games				
Toronto 6, Minnesota 5				
Cleveland 7, Detroit 6				
Oakland 4, Baltimore 3				
Anaheim 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game				
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2, 2nd game				
Kansas City 2, N.Y. Yankees 1				
Texas 7, Boston 6				
Milwaukee 17, Seattle 4				
Sunday's Games				
Detroit 2, Cleveland 0				
Toronto 1, Minnesota 0				
Baltimore 11, Oakland 0				
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2				
N.Y. Yankees 13, Kansas City 5				
Texas 7, Boston 6				
BASKETBALL				
NBA Playoff Glance				
Day-By-Day				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
FIRST ROUND				
(Best-of-7)				
Thursday, April 24				
New York 109, Charlotte 99				
Miami 99, Orlando 84				
Houston 112, Minnesota 95				
Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 86				
Friday, April 25				
Atlanta 89, Detroit 75				
Chicago 98, Washington 86				
Phoenix 106, Seattle 101				
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 77				
SECOND ROUND				
(Best-of-7)				
Sunday, May 4				
Utah 93, L.A. Lakers 77, Utah leads series 1-0				
Monday, May 5				
Houston 112, Seattle 102, Houston leads series 1-0				
Tuesday, May 6				
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30 p.m.				
Wednesday, May 7				
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.				
Seattle at Houston, 9:30 p.m.				
Thursday, May 8				
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				
Friday, May 9				
Houston 98, Minnesota 84				
New York 100, Charlotte 93				
Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 99				
Sunday, April 28				
Miami 104, Orlando 87				
L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 93				
Chicago 109, Washington 104				
Detroit 93, Atlanta 80				
Monday, April 28				
New York 104, Charlotte 95, New York wins series 3-0				
Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 92, Utah wins series 3-0				
Tuesday, April 29				
Orlando 88, Miami 75				
Detroit 99, Atlanta 91				
Houston 125, Minnesota 120, Houston wins series 3-0				
Phoenix 110, Seattle 103				
Wednesday, April 30				
Chicago 96, Washington 95, Chicago wins series 3-0				
Portland 98, L.A. Lakers 90				
Orlando 99, Miami 91				
Seattle 122, Phoenix 115				
Friday, May 2				
Atlanta 84, Detroit 82				
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 91, L.A. Lakers win series 3-1				
Saturday, May 3				
Seattle 116, Phoenix 92, Seattle wins series 3-2				
Sunday, May 4				
Miami 91, Orlando 83, Miami wins series 3-2				
Atlanta 84, Detroit 79, Atlanta wins series 3-2				
HOCKEY				
National Hockey League Playoff Glance				
Day-By-Day				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
FIRST ROUND				
(Best-of-7)				
Wednesday, April 16				
St. Louis 2, Detroit 0				
Dallas 5, Edmonton 3				
Colorado 6, Chicago 0				
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2				
Thursday, April 17				
New Jersey 5, Montreal 2				
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 1				
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1				
Florida 3, New York 0				
Friday, April 18				
Detroit 2, St. Louis 1				
Edmonton 4, Dallas 3, OT, Edmonton wins series 4-3				
Colorado 3, Chicago 1				
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2				
Saturday, April 19				
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 0				
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1, OT				
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS				
(Best-of-7)				
Friday, May 2				
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 0				
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1, OT				

NAYB to host tournament

LONGVIEW — North American Youth Basketball announced today that there are still openings in the 1997 NAYB National Tournament to be held in Longview, Texas and the surrounding communities.

NAYB will host this tournament July 23-27, 1997. The tournaments will feature twelve different brackets of competition. They include 5th grade boys, 5th grade girls; 6th grade boys, 6th grade girls; 7th grade boys, 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls; 9-10th grade boys, 9-10th grade girls; 11-12th grade boys, 11-12th grade girls.

For information and an entry blank, contact the NAYB national office at 1-800-787-3265 or Tommy and Lance Aldridge at 903-845-5192 or 903-663-1301.

Thomson wins Clovis bareback riding crown

COLORADO SPRINGS — Among other things, California's San Joaquin Valley is known for its agriculture, the Fresno State Bulldogs and rodeo.

This year's \$105,461 Clovis Rodeo, April 26-27 in Clovis, Calif., kicked off the region's slew of rodeos with style.

And Troy Thomson, 23, of Westlake, Texas, won the bareback riding title in style by scoring 158 points on two horses. He won the average title and pocketed \$3,571.

Thomson, who has never qualified for a National Finals Rodeo, is ranked 22nd in the Crown Royal world standings with \$10,541. The top 15 contestants in each sanctioned event at the end of the season qualify for the NFR, worth \$3.4 million in 1997.

Rocky Steagall of nearby Sanger, Calif., finished second by scoring 156 points. The 34-year-old cowboy earned \$2,687.

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Facsimile bids will not be accepted.</p> <p>The City of Pampa reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received and to waive any formalities or technicalities.</p> <p>The City Commission will consider bids for award at the May 27, 1997 Commission meeting.</p> <p>Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary May 6, 13, 1997</p>	<p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skincare. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, make-overs, career information. Sherry Diggs 669-9435.</p> <p>TALK TO PHYSIC Not a Shrink 1-900-484-3800 exten.on 9359 \$3.99 per minute. Must be 18 years plus. Serv-U 619-645-8434</p> <p>5 Special Notices</p> <p>ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, study and practice. Tuesday night 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>PAMPA Lodge #966, we meet every Thursday 7:30 p.m. Stated business- 3rd Thursday.</p> <p>11 Financial</p> <p>NEED \$\$\$? 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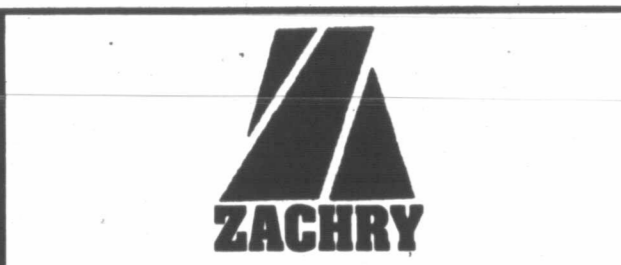
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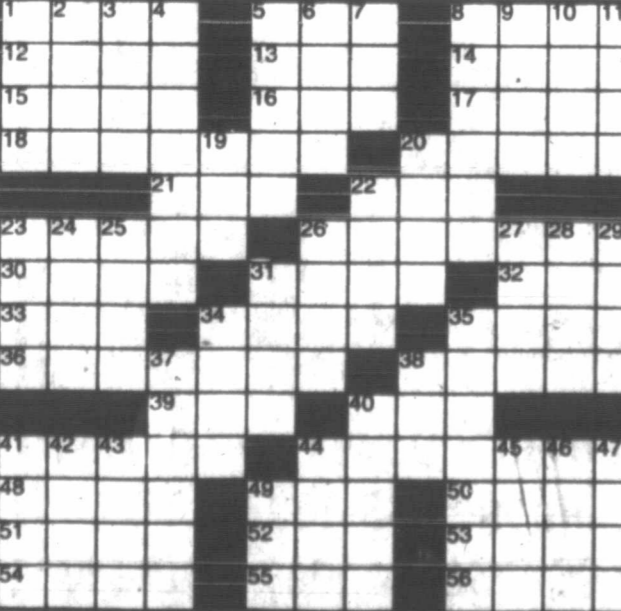
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Jury finds R.J. Reynolds not liable in smoker's death

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The image of a gaunt, bald and dying Jean Connor was not enough to convince six jurors that R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. should be held accountable for the death of the lifelong smoker.

"This was a jury that just said, 'Tough, lady, you chose to smoke, and the people who sold you the cigarettes, they're blameless,'" said Miami lawyer Stanley Rosenblatt, who has lawsuits pending against tobacco companies.

"It's an attitude that's out there, and I don't kid myself," he said.

The six-member jury decided Monday that RJR cigarettes should not be blamed for the death of Jean Connor who, in 1995, succumbed to lung cancer at age 49. She testified on videotape that she could not fight her addiction to cigarettes.

Tobacco company lawyers said the verdict showed that individuals cannot blame the tobacco industry for continuing to smoke while being aware of the risks.

"Cigarette smoking is very much a matter of personal choice," lawyer Paul Crist said after the verdict.

But the Connor family saw the verdict as an example of the power of a tobacco company to fool the people.

"Honestly, what went through my mind was how magnificent the tobacco companies are," Mrs. Connor's sister, Dana Raulerson, said.

They kill tens of thousands of people a year, "and six people can't see that. They're magnificent," she said.

Jurors weighed dozens of internal company documents and heard numerous scientists for both sides during the four-week trial. The wrongful-death case brought by Mrs. Connor's family was the first liability test for tobacco companies since they lost a case in August.

The verdict could help the tobacco industry in its talks with six state governments over settlement of medical claims filed by 25 states, analysts said.

Montana and Arkansas also filed suit against the industry Monday, while Oregon announced intentions to sue. The states are seeking reimbursement for Medicaid payments for smoking-related illnesses.

The talks ongoing in Dallas focus on having the companies submit to regulation, a multimillion cash settlement and advertising restrictions in return for protection from individual lawsuits.

The *Boston Globe* reported today that negotiators floated a larger lump payment by tobacco companies — \$375 billion over 25 years, up from \$300 billion — and a new plan for financial penalties if youth smoking does not decrease.

And *The New York Times* reported today that the state attorneys general meeting with tobacco officials had

hardened their position over the past week. The attorneys general are now proposing a plan that would give full legal rights to smokers suing tobacco companies but limit the amount of money the tobacco industry would have to pay, the *Times* said, citing a person close to the talks, who it did not identify.

However the verdict in Florida shows that tobacco companies are not without a defense against lawsuits and could increase pressure on states to settle now.

"The attorneys general and those who want to bleed the tobacco industry to death are going to have to go back to the drawing board," said Gary D. Black, a Wall Street securities analyst.

The other side of the settlement issue disagreed.

"They (tobacco companies) don't see this as a major victory that lets them off the hook," said John Banzhaf III, executive director of Action on Smoking and Health in Washington.

The stock market saw the verdict as good news.

Tobacco stocks quickly regained lost ground and helped lift the stock market to a record close Monday. In late trading on the New York Stock Exchange, RJR Nabisco, the parent of R.J. Reynolds and maker of the Winston and Salem brands smoked by Mrs. Connor, was up \$3.12 1/2 at \$32.62 1/2 a share.

Springer defends hiring, free speech

CHICAGO (AP) — Hours after taping a talk show episode called "Pregnant Women Who Work in the Sex Industry," Jerry Springer talked to news viewers about the beauty of free speech.

In his first news commentary for WMAQ-TV's late evening news, Springer on Monday night defended his hiring and described criticism from journalists as "elitist snobbery."

He recalled that as mayor of Cincinnati, he struggled over whether to grant a parade permit for a group of neo-Nazis.

Springer said his father reminded him he was in America, "that this is the freedom we sought when we escaped to here." Springer granted the permit.

His commentary capped a day of protests over his hiring and the resignation of Carol Marin, a veteran news anchor at the NBC-owned station.

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