

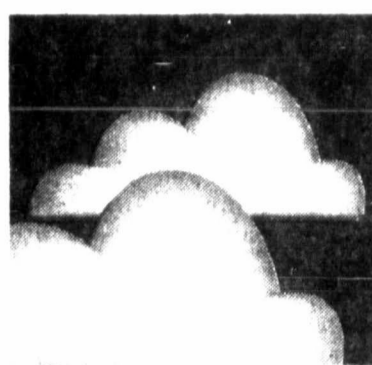
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Low tonight in mid 50s. High tomorrow near 70. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — Top O' Texas Branch No. 3094 of the National Association of Letter Carriers will be conducting a food drive Saturday, May 10.

Residents are asked to place non-perishable food items (preferably no glass containers) by their mail boxes for their mail carriers to collect.

Those living in apartment complexes with mail boxes may put the food out by the central box locations for pick up.

The food should be put out early before the mail delivery time.

The collected food will benefit The Salvation Army, Tralee Crisis Center and Good Samaritan Christian Services.

If the food has not been picked up, residents may call the Pampa Post Office so someone may come out and collect the food.

For more information, contact Ronnie Brownlow or Jim Huckert at 665-5713 or Katrina Bigham at the Pampa United Way office, 669-1001.

PAMPA — The Pampa public schools, with the exception of Lamar, will hold a kindergarten registration on Friday, May 9, at 2:45 p.m. Due to the ongoing construction at Lamar, registration there will be on Thursday, May 8, at 2:45 p.m.

Parents registering their children should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization records.

Parents are invited to attend a make-n-take T-shirt workshop at Horace Mann School on Tuesday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or at Lamar from 1:15 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. Refreshments will be served, but child care will not be provided.

AMARILLO — The American Cancer Society will be offering "FreshStart," a free straightforward, no-nonsense quit smoking program from 7-8 p.m., May 20, 22, 27 and 29 at the American Cancer Society Office, 1915 Bell, in Amarillo with Marcia Baker and Jeannie Simmons serving as facilitators.

The program consists of four one-hour sessions held during a two-week period and contains all the elements to help smokers quit cigarettes for good.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (806) 353-4306. Participants are urged to call before May 19 to reserve a spot in class.

A \$10 fee is requested to reserve a spot and is refundable after attendance of all four sessions.

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Ranch to Rail cattle program reviewed

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Eighty-one head of cattle were still on feed at Randall County Feedyard today as the 1996-97 Ranch to Rail program draws to a close.

Of 1097 cattle fed in this year's program, according to Dr. Ted McCollum III, director of the north division's operation, 994 have been sold on a grid basis to IBP. Thirteen died and nine were railied or slaughtered without grade.

The Texas A&M University's Ranch to Rail Program, McCollum said, is designed to give ranchers performance and carcass information on the cattle they raise.

Ranchers enroll a sample of their cattle in the program, putting them in a feedyard in the fall. As the cattle reach their finishing size, they are slaughtered and carcass information along with their feedyard performance data is returned to the rancher.

Now in its seventh year, the program is divided into two geographic areas. Cattle in the Ranch to Rail North program are fed at Randall County Feedyard between Amarillo and Canyon. Ranch to Rail South cattle are fed at Hondo Creek Feedyard north of Corpus Christi.

In their close-out conference Tuesday in Amarillo, McCollum, an Extension livestock specialist in Amarillo, and other

'You'd think that after this program has run for a while, things would begin to improve, but one thing to remember, we have a lot of turnover in this program.'

Ranch to Rail officials reviewed the 1996-97 program results with participants.

McCollum said of the 13 animals that died during the program, about half might have been avoided through use of health programs on the ranch prior to feeding.

He pointed out, however, that about 81 percent of the cattle in the program never got sick during the feeding period. Texas A&M officials used information from past Ranch to Rail programs to develop ranch immunization programs to improve animal health in the feedyard.

McCollum credited these programs with the low sickness rates experienced during this year's Ranch to Rail feeding operation. "On average, for all cattle, the medicine

cost was \$4.74 per head treatment cost," McCollum said. "This is down significantly from last year."

However, he pointed out that the average cost per head treated was \$25.34.

"I'm going to guess that we're in the neighborhood of \$80 to \$100 net profit on these cattle, given the way the market has been and the feeding costs," McCollum said.

"Those who had cattle that got sick one time can take \$25 off that profit. If you maintained a \$100 equity on your cattle during the feeding period and you made \$100, you got a 100 percent return on that money in a six month feeding period. If you take \$25 off, you've reduced your 100 percent return to 75 percent return on your money," he said.

Cattle coming into the program last October weighed an average of 621 pounds, he said, but the range was from 410 pounds to 900 pounds.

The finishing weight for which the ranchers got paid averaged 1156 pounds, but ranged from 811 to 1579 pounds.

"It went all the way from pretty small cattle to some very large cattle, but most of the group fell in between 1100 and 1200 pound range," McCollum said.

The average daily gain for the steers was 2.91 pounds per day, McCollum said, but the range was from 1.38 to 4.25 pounds per day.

Comparing this year's data to previous years, McCollum said with the exception of sickness, most of the information that's been gathered falls in the averages of past years. He said the sickness rates were lower than previous years. He also noted there is a trend to heavier cattle and fewer days on feed. In 1992, the average feeding period was 205 days.

"This year we're probably going to end up between 180 and 190 days average on feed," he said.

Final weights and average daily gains have not changed much.

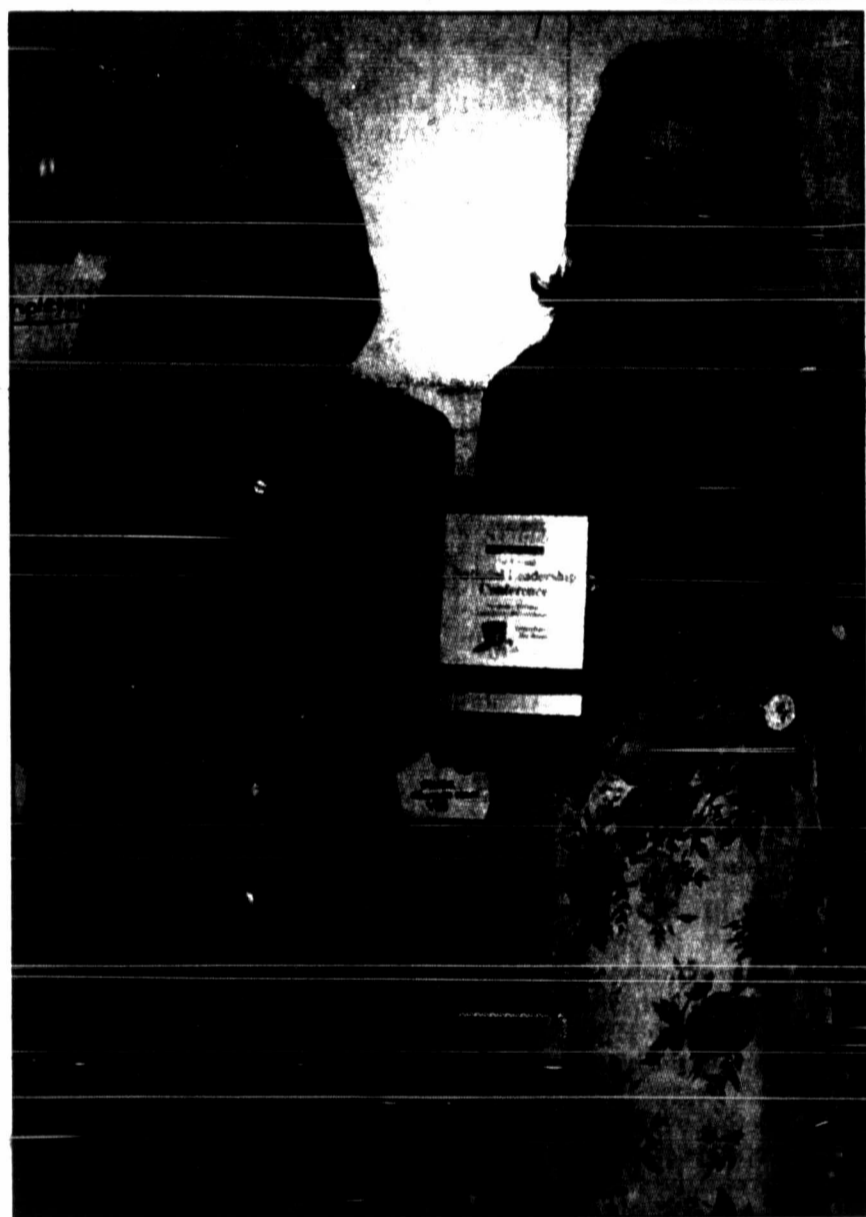
"You'd think that after this program has run for a while, things would begin to improve," he said, "but one thing to remember, we have a lot of turnover in this program."

He said about 80 percent of the participating ranchers each year are new to the program.

One thing that the program does indicate, McCollum said, is that there is room for improvement in the quality of beef being raised and fed in cattle country.

He noted that the cattle going through the program average about 35 percent Choice while the market indicates a demand for 70 percent.

"If that's our target, we've got a ways to go in terms of hitting those quality grades," McCollum said.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Kendra Rozier, vice president, and Deanna Dreher, keyboarding finalist, represented the Pampa Chapter of the Business Professionals of America at the national conference in Orlando, Fla., last week. Rozier acted as a voting delegate and Dreher finished second in national competition.

Pampa BPA students attend national meeting in Florida

Two Pampa High School students represented the state and the local chapter of Business Professionals of America at the National Conference in Orlando, Fla., last week.

Deanna Dreher and Kendra Rozier, accompanied by Sherrill Wheeler, sponsor, attended the conference of more than 4,000 national delegates. Dreher placed second in the keyboarding competition, going through several levels to earn top honors at the national competition. Rozier represented Texas as vice president and served at a voting delegate.

The Pampa Chapter participated in many activities this year and was recognized as one of the top five chapters in the nation for their work during Business Professionals of America week. The chapter received recognition for participating in the following special awards categories: Star Chapter, Star Advisor, 100 percent

Membership, C.A.R.E. Award and Special Olympics.

Dreher, Rozier, Jason Bliss, Melissa Coats and Ruben Leal received the Ambassador Torch Award, a national award given to members who earn 70 points in seven different categories including leadership, service, cooperation, knowledge, friendship, love, hope, faith and patriotism.

This conference was the culmination of a school year's worth of business workforce education and training which members of the local chapter of Business Professionals of America have received.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in business and office occupations. Activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving student practical experience through application of the skills learned at school.

Use of device to curb drunk driving brings criticism from judicial officials

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

In recent years the Texas Legislature has passed laws increasing the severity of penalties for driving while intoxicated.

The Associated Texans Against Crime, however, are claiming loopholes in the law allows judges, lawyers, bail bondsmen and other law enforcement agencies to side-step the law, hence allowing repeat offenders to continue to drink and drive.

According to information from the Associated Texans Against Crime, the law calls for second and subsequent DWI offenders to either serve 30 days in jail or have an ignition interlock device installed on their car.

Article 17 Section 441 of the Texas Legal Code calls for a

device that uses deep-lung breath analysis (ignition interlock) to be installed on any vehicle operated by an individual convicted of the second or subsequent DWI Offense.

The next section states the loophole. Magistrates may not require installation of the device if he finds it would not be in the best interest of serving justice.

Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey does not recommend the device as part of probation or sentencing due to the expense to the offender and the county. "Most people coming before us have a hard enough time paying fines and fees. If we insisted on these devices, it would wind up coming out of county funds," Alvey said.

It's not only the cost of having the devices installed, but also the

cost to the agency designated to oversee the installation and set the rules for their application which make the devices impractical as well as the numerous problems with the devices.

The problems include the ease of circumventing the device. A user can simply have someone else blow into it, or even blow up a balloon prior to drinking and release that into the device.

This does not even take into account the drivers who use different vehicles or pick up something to drink while their car is left running.

Statewide, only two companies deal in the devices: Smart Start and Guardian Interlock. Smart Start charges \$135.31 for installation and first month rental. It serves predominately East Texas.

See DRUNK, Page 2

Storm system brings more spring rains

Fog and rain covered the eastern Texas Panhandle early today as thunderstorms rolled through the area overnight and headed out to western Oklahoma.

Pampa reported high winds, with gusts up to 58 miles per hour, with several windows knocked out late Tuesday due to the wind that accompanied storms moving through Gray County. Pampa reported 0.75 of an inch of moisture overnight.

Canadian reported 0.8 of an inch with scattered hail and high wind. Wheeler County officials said they received light hail and rain Tuesday night into early today. Panhandle reported light rain overnight.

Thunderstorms spawned reports of tornadoes near Stratford and south of Hereford Tuesday evening.

It was clearing in Canadian shortly after 8 a.m. today after early morning showers. Fog still blanketed much of the eastern panhandle by midmorning.

Pampa reported fog and 63 degrees at 8 a.m. today. The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported clearing skies and 57 degrees.

A low pressure system moving out of the Rocky Mountains Tuesday spun off thunderstorms that spread eastward from New Mexico into West Texas during the evening.

A tornado near Hobbs, N.M., damaged several small out buildings, according to officials.

Hail up to 1.75 inches in diameter was reported near Hereford along with strong winds. At 6 a.m. today, Dumas was reporting a thundershower and 56 degrees.

About 9 p.m. Tuesday, thunderstorms were reported near Goodwell, Okla., and Sunray with 60 mile an hour winds. McLean reported hail about 10 p.m. Tuesday. Hail was also reported about 10 p.m. at Shamrock and northwest of Miami.

The forecast for today calls for cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms. The high today is expected to be a muggy 85 degrees with gusty southeast winds. The overnight low in Pampa was 52 degrees. Tuesday's high was 80.

Rain and cooler temperatures are expected Thursday with a high of 70 degrees. The cooling trend should continue through Friday with showers and thunderstorms and a high of 68 degrees.

Three arrested on drug charges on I-40

SHAMROCK — Three people were in Wheeler County jail facing drug charges today in connection with a traffic stop Tuesday afternoon near Shamrock.

Two men and a woman were expected to be charged today with narcotic trafficking after being stopped by Department of Public Safety troopers Tuesday afternoon at the 173 mile marker along Interstate 40.

Officers said they stopped a U-Haul truck with New Mexico license plates shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday for failure to drive in a single lane. Department of Public Safety Trooper Bruce Roberts said an Arkansas

woman was driving the truck and was accompanied by one man from Virginia and one man from Tennessee.

Roberts said all three appeared to be nervous when he and his partner, John Forrest, pulled them over. Roberts and Forrest were joined by Kevin King, a DPS trooper stationed in Shamrock.

With consent of the driver, the officers searched the vehicle and behind the seat in the cab of the truck found a black bag belonging to one of the men.

Inside, Roberts said, officers found about \$700 in cash and two or three containers including a heat sealed plastic bag filled with what officers suspect

was about one pound of uncut methamphetamine. The bag also reportedly contained drug paraphernalia and a derringer.

Officers said they found plastic bags and a heat sealing machine in the back of the truck.

Gray County authorities said Roberts and Forrest are troopers with the license and weight division of the Department of Public Safety specializing in drug interdiction. Authorities said the team arrived in Pampa Tuesday, were on Interstate 40 by 3 p.m. and had stopped the truck by 3:45 p.m.

Roberts is from Sulphur Springs. Forrest is from Weatherford.

Daily Record

Obituaries

ORVALEA DeWEESE

Orvalea DeWeese, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 6, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

GRADY H. ROGERS

HEREFORD - Grady H. Rogers, 91, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, May 6, 1997. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Rogers was born in Floyd County. He married Claudine Horn in 1932 at White Deer. He had been a Deaf Smith County resident since 1947, moving from Pampa. He worked as a pharmacist for 50 years prior to retiring and owned and operated Rogers Drug in Hereford. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Rotary Club and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Claudine; a daughter, Barbara Miller of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 312 Elm Street in Hereford and requests memorials be to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SAMMY LEE TAYLOR

SHAMROCK - Sammy Lee Taylor, 25, died Friday, May 2, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Jeremiah Booth of Shamrock officiating. Burial was to be in Bowers Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Taylor was born at Shamrock and was raised in Kelton.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1992.

Survivors include two daughters, Jordan Lee Taylor of Altus, Okla., and Lennie Renea Taylor of Shamrock; a son, Sammy Lee Taylor Jr. of Shamrock; his mother, Lennie Taylor of Shamrock; five sisters, Jeannette Taylor, Maggie Taylor and Martha Childers, all of Shamrock, and Wanda Ward and Rosie Taylor, both of Lubbock; a brother, Leland Taylor of Sundown; and several nieces and nephews.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

FLOATS AND ICE CREAM

Highland Baptist Youth will be providing floats and ice cream from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at 1301 N. Banks. People can drive in, drive up and place their orders. A freewill donation will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the church youth programs.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, May 6

7:30 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1525 Williston for a carbon monoxide check.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, May 5

Gray County deputies responded to a call in Lefors on a report of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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Gray County deputies responded to a criminal mischief report at the Energas Company.

Gray County deputies responded to the Berger Police Department to recover a stolen vehicle.

Gray County deputies responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a report of a disorderly conduct.

Gray County deputies responded to a residence in Lefors on a report of animal cruelty.

TUESDAY, May 6

Gray County deputies responded to the Harvester Lanes on a report of a theft.

Arrests

James Lee Middleton Jr., 21, 738 S. Barnes, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation. He was released on bond.

Amanda Lynn Shewmake, 17, Miami, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$50. She was released on bond.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, May 6

8:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Dwight on a fall. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Christine on a medical assist. No one was transported.

5:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center on a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of East Foster on a medical assist. No one was transported.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, May 6

Thefts of a check for \$15.12 and a check for \$39 were reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner. Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Hill. Damages to the tires of a 1986 Delta 88 and a 1989 Chevy Cavalier were estimated at \$250.

Theft of \$23.97 gasoline was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Austin Elementary has announced their Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks for the 1996-1997.

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebery Grain of Pampa.					
Wheat	4.05	up 3/8	Chevron	69 7/8	up 3/8
Milo	4.34	dn 3/8	Coca-Cola	66 1/8	dn 3/8
Corn	5.02	dn 1/2	Columbia/HCA	36 5/8	dn 1/2
			Enron	39 3/4	NC
			Halliburton	71 5/8	dn 1/8
			Ingersoll Rand	50 1/2	dn 7/8
			KNE	39 1/4	dn 3/8
			Kerr McGee	62 3/4	up 1/8
			Limited	18 5/8	dn 1/8
			Mapco	30 1/8	NC
			McDonald's	53 3/4	dn 3/4
			Mobil	13 1/2	up 1/4
			New Atmos	23 1/2	NC
			Parker & Parsley	33	dn 1/64
			Phillips	49 1/4	up 1/4
			SLB	112 3/4	dn 3/8
			SPS	38	dn 1/4
			Tenneco	42 5/8	up 7/8
			Texaco	108 1/8	NC
			Ultramar	31 1/8	up 1/8
			Wal-Mart	28 9/16	up 3/16
			West Texas Crude		19 66

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

Occidental	22 3/4	up 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	84.43	dn 3/8
Puritan	18.45	dn 1/4

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

Amoco	84 3/4	up 3/8
Arco	145	up 1
Cabot	23 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	17 1/2	up 1/8

Authorities check out Republic's 'embassy'

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

DAVIS MOUNTAINS RESORT, Texas (AP) — Authorities have completed operations following last week's standoff with Texas separatists, leaving behind a fugitive in the mountains and the sorry remains of the group's "embassy."

The trailer home and lean-to structure from which Texas secessionists held off state troopers for a week more resembled a hippie commune, an Appalachian shack or a garage sale gone awry.

But to Richard McLaren, the "embassy" hidden in the Davis Mountains was the diplomatic headquarters for the Republic of Texas. Indeed, to say the structure is a bit shoddy would be quite diplomatic.

Reporters got their first glimpse of McLaren's hideout Tuesday night, moments after the Department of Public Safety finished its on-site investigation of the week-long siege with McLaren's group.

McLaren and four followers surrendered on Saturday. Two others

fled into the mountains, and one was killed by authorities on Monday. Richard Frank Keyes III remained at-large.

The DPS stopped actively searching for Keyes on Tuesday.

"We'll be doing an investigation to try to find out where he is — but not beating the bushes looking for him," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said. "If somebody got injured it would be very difficult to get them out of there. A minor injury could kill someone because it's not like you can call 911 and get an ambulance there."

Keyes is wanted on state charges stemming from the April 27 hostage-taking of two anti-McLaren neighbors that began the stalemate.

Even though he's a wanted man on the run and believed to be carrying a deer rifle, Cox said extra officers won't be needed to protect the roughly 100 residents of the Davis Mountains Resort area.

On Tuesday night, visitors first came upon a filthy tent where one of McLaren's supporters apparently made a full-time home. The scent of food remained, probably

cooked on the grill in front.

About 200 yards up a tortuous dirt road lies what McLaren called his embassy. A flagpole, attached to yellow crime scene tape, was bent horizontal to the ground in front of the building. McLaren's request that the Republic of Texas flag remain flying after his arrest went ungranted.

The stench of gasoline, presumably left over from booby traps the group had planned around the area, hung in the air as reporters climbed to McLaren's headquarters. Trip wires of Coca-Cola and Budweiser cans provided a crude alarm system.

Living quarters at the Republic base consisted of a camouflaged tent, a couple of other trailers and a red bedroll left out in the open.

A green Volkswagen bug sits immobile and filled with trash.

Minor clues to the group's existence were visible through windows. Music ranged from Stevie Nicks to country medleys; video stars varied from Bruce Lee to Sharon Stone. A Texas Almanac and state government directory were at McLaren's fingertips.

"His wife started screaming. He started screaming," Johnson told Lubbock television station KCBD. "We tried coaxing him off and everything, but he was just dragging Gene around like a rag doll."

"Try pulling the trigger when your friend's face is right there in the tiger's mouth and you're trying to hit the tiger in the head," said Johnson.

and abdomen. Light, 44, of Woodrow, owns at least five Bengal tigers and has a license for them, family members and law officers say.

Light was attacked Tuesday night. His son and a friend, Shane Johnson, opened fire with a rifle and a pistol, shooting the tiger, called Rufus, twice in the head. Johnson said it was one of his toughest decisions.

One tiger killed, one captured after attack on keeper

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas tiger owner was in critical condition Wednesday after being mauled by one of his big cats as he worked in its cage.

Gene Light was rescued by his son and a friend, who shot the 700-pound animal while it still held Light in its jaws.

Light was hospitalized at University Medical Center with bites and cuts to his throat, chest

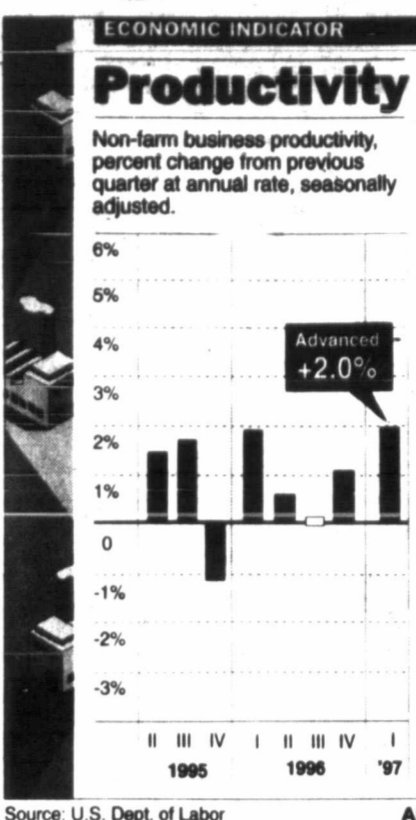
Productivity hits highest rate in three years

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's productivity, the key measure of how fast living standards can rise, increased at a 2 percent annual rate in the first quarter, the best in more than three years.

The rise in seasonally adjusted productivity at non-farm businesses, reported today by the Labor Department, reflected the fastest pace of economic growth in a decade. Productivity was nearly double the 1.1 percent rate of the last three months of 1996 and was the best since the 2.8 percent rate of the fourth quarter of 1993.

Productivity measures output per hour of work and its sluggish growth since the 1970s is viewed as the root of many economic problems, including relatively slow inflation-adjusted income growth. Though productivity can fluctuate from quarter to quarter, it has averaged about a 1 percent gain a year for more than two decades.

By comparison, productivity increases exceeded 3 percent a year in the 1960s. However, in the past few years, many economists



measuring efficiency gains in services from computers and communications advances such as cell phones and fax machines.

This would explain why economic growth has been robust, with unemployment near a 24-year low, while inflation has been restrained at levels last seen in the 1960s.

The faster productivity grows the faster businesses can raise wages without increasing their prices because workers are producing more with the same amount of work.

In the first quarter, unit-labor costs — a key ingredient in pressures on product costs — rose at a 2.7 percent annual rate. That was up from 2.5 percent in the fourth quarter but below the 3.3 percent rate in the second and third quarters of last year.

Worker compensation, when adjusted for inflation, rose at a 2.3 percent annual rate, the highest in five years and three times the 0.7-percent gain registered in the fourth quarter.

Hours worked rose at a 4.7 percent annual rate.

believe actual productivity growth has been better than reported by the government. That's because of the difficulty of

Area meeting set for discussion of speed limits

AMARILLO — Citizens who want to comment on speed limits in Texas are invited to a town meeting scheduled June 2 at 7 p.m. at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum, 2601 I-40 East in Amarillo.

The meeting is hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The Texas Department of Public Safety has also agreed to participate.

The meeting is one of 25 meetings being held statewide. The purpose of the meetings is to get public comment on specific locations where problems may exist regarding speed limits and the procedures used to set speed limits.

In November 1995, Congress repealed the federal law which mandated a national maximum speed limit of 55 mph, except on rural Interstate quality highways.

As a result, speed limits on Texas roads reverted to existing state law.

Texas law requires the Texas Transportation Commission to set speed limits on roadways on the state highway system at 70 mph unless an engineering and traffic investigation determines that, for safety measures, the speed limit should be lower.

Beginning in late summer of 1995 and continuing through mid-June 1996, TxDOT conducted studies on the state highway system to identify those road segments that should be posted at speed limits below the maximum provided by state law. As a result of those studies, and action by the transportation commission, approximately 30,000 miles of the state highway system roadway mileage now as speed limits lower than 70 mph.

The 70 mph maximum speed limit is now in effect on about 62 percent of the state highway mileage.

The installation of new speed limit signs was phased in over a nine-month period from December 1995 through August 1996.

"Moving motorists safely along Texas highways is a job we take very seriously," said David Laney, Texas Transportation commissioner. "We need to hear from people who drive roads, know where problems may exist, and have an opinion on whether the posted speed is too slow or too fast, or just right."

The public input, along with detailed crash studies, will provide comprehensive information for decision makers to help enhance the safety of Texas highways, Laney said.

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Drunk

Guardian serves Lubbock and the Panhandle and charges \$70 installation plus a trip charge based on mileage to install the device, plus \$55 a month rental.

Based on statistics gathered by ATAC, approximately 5,504 misdemeanor DWI convictions and approximately 625 felony convictions are handed down each month.

Recidivism studies conducted by the Texas Council on Alcohol

and Drug Abuse estimate that 30 percent, or about 1600 convictions, are for repeat offenders.

About 400 of the interlock devices are installed each month and members of ATAC would like to see more of the devices installed, or more offenders doing jail time.

In Gray County, 19 people have been arrested for second or subsequent DWIs since Jan. 1, 1996. Of these 19 people, 10 were sentenced to probation, three were dismissed, two were sentenced to

probation plus jail time, and four others received various dispositions.

Local bail bondsmen, probation officers and some attorneys all said the reason such a law was ever passed was due to the owners of the companies, which supply the devices, being able to get the lobbyists in Austin to push it through the system.

They also agree that in theory it is a very impractical method of controlling DWI offenders.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low in mid 50s with northeasterly winds to 20 mph and gusty. Thursday, cloudy and cooler with chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 70 with northeasterly winds to 25 mph and gusty. Tuesday's high was 80; the overnight low was 52. Pampa received 0.75 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows in upper 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs from around 60 to near 70. South Plains: Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Lows 50-60. Thursday, breezy and cooler with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 65-75.

North Texas — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, more numerous north with some severe. Lows 57 northwest to 69 south central. Thursday, cloudy with scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms. Turning windy and cooler. Highs 68 northwest to 77 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with patchy late night and early morning drizzle developing. Isolated showers north. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Thursday, cloudy during the morning with patchy drizzle. Becoming mostly cloudy by afternoon with widely scattered showers north. Highs in the 80s. Upper Coast: Tonight, fair during the evening becoming cloudy late. Lows in mid 60s inland to near 70 coast. Thursday, morning cloudiness with patchy fog, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 80s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal

Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, becoming cloudy. Lows near 70 to low 70s. Thursday, morning cloudiness becoming partly cloudy by afternoon. Highs in the 80s, mid 90s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance for showers and thunderstorms east. Skies fair to partly cloudy west. Cooler northeast. Lows near 30s and 40s mountains and north, upper 40s to low 60s south. Thursday, mostly cloudy and cooler east. Partly cloudy west. A chance for showers and thunderstorms east and north. A slight chance for afternoon and evening thunderstorms southwest. Highs from 50s northeast to 80s and low 90s southern deserts.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in upper 50s to low 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 70s.

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Committee vote scheduled on property tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) - A Senate committee working on a plan to cut local school property taxes was scheduled to vote today on its nearly \$2.5 billion plan.

The committee on Tuesday lowered a proposal to expand the state franchise tax to business partnerships.

The tax plan, aimed at lowering local school property taxes, would increase some state taxes and expand the state business tax to pay for the cuts.

It was expected to be voted on by the committee Tuesday but was delayed because of amendments.

None of the changes were expected to change the plan for most Texans.

One amendment would prohibit school districts from granting business property tax abatements for property not worth more than \$1 billion.

Even then, only the amount above \$1 billion could be written off the taxable property rolls. Schools would have to assume those costs.

Another change would reduce the proposed business tax on partnerships by about \$177 million every two years. Currently, only corporations pay the tax. The proposal would expand it to all companies except sole proprietorships.

Under a House plan already approved, partnerships with 35 or fewer partners would get up to a \$100,000 deduction per partner in the calculation of their business taxes. That already applies to corporations with fewer than 35 stockholders.

Lawyers, accountants and doctors, many of whom work in partnerships, told the Senate committee the franchise tax would hit partnerships harder than corporations making the same amount of money.

"We're not asking for sympathy," said Joe B. Allen, of the Houston-based Vinson and Elkins law firm. "We're asking to be treated like everyone else."

The committee adopted a change to give all corporations and partnerships up to \$100,000 in deductions from their business tax calculation for each of the 35 top paid partners.

In companies with more than 35 partners, half of the compensation for the 36th and additional partners would be included in the calculation of the tax.

"We anticipate that provides more fairness," said Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, chairman of the committee. "We're trying to treat partnerships like corporations."

Armbrister said the lost money

would be made up by more state funds and other changes. The overall Senate plan would lower local school taxes by about 17 cents per \$100 in property value.

The House plan would lower the taxes by at least 60 cents per \$100. That bill contains more state tax increases to pay for its property tax cuts.

Charles Pulman, an attorney with the Dallas-based Vial, Hamilton, Koch and Knox law firm, said the Senate change would not help partnerships or other companies because it would continue to include owners' income in the tax calculation.

Pulman said under current law, corporations don't include owners' income in the calculation of their taxes. The calculation does include the income of directors and managers, but that doesn't affect their "take-home" pay, he said.

Terry Washington executed for 1987 College Station murder

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A man described by prosecutors as "pure violence" has been executed for fatally stabbing his boss 85 times during a 1987 restaurant robbery in College Station.

His attorney described Terry Washington, who was mentally retarded, as childlike and called the execution, the ninth this year in the state, a "sad day for Texas justice."

Washington, 33, was pronounced dead at 6:18 p.m. CDT Tuesday, seven minutes after a lethal dose of drugs was released into his arms.

When a warden asked if he had a final statement, Washington said, "No, sir." After the drugs were started, he exhaled deeply twice and his lips fluttered noisily as if he were cold.

Washington was convicted in the January 1987 murder of Beatrice Huling, the 29-year-old night manager at the restaurant where he worked as a dishwasher.

Washington's attorneys argued he should not be executed because of his mental retardation. They compared his intellect to that of a six- to eight-year-old.

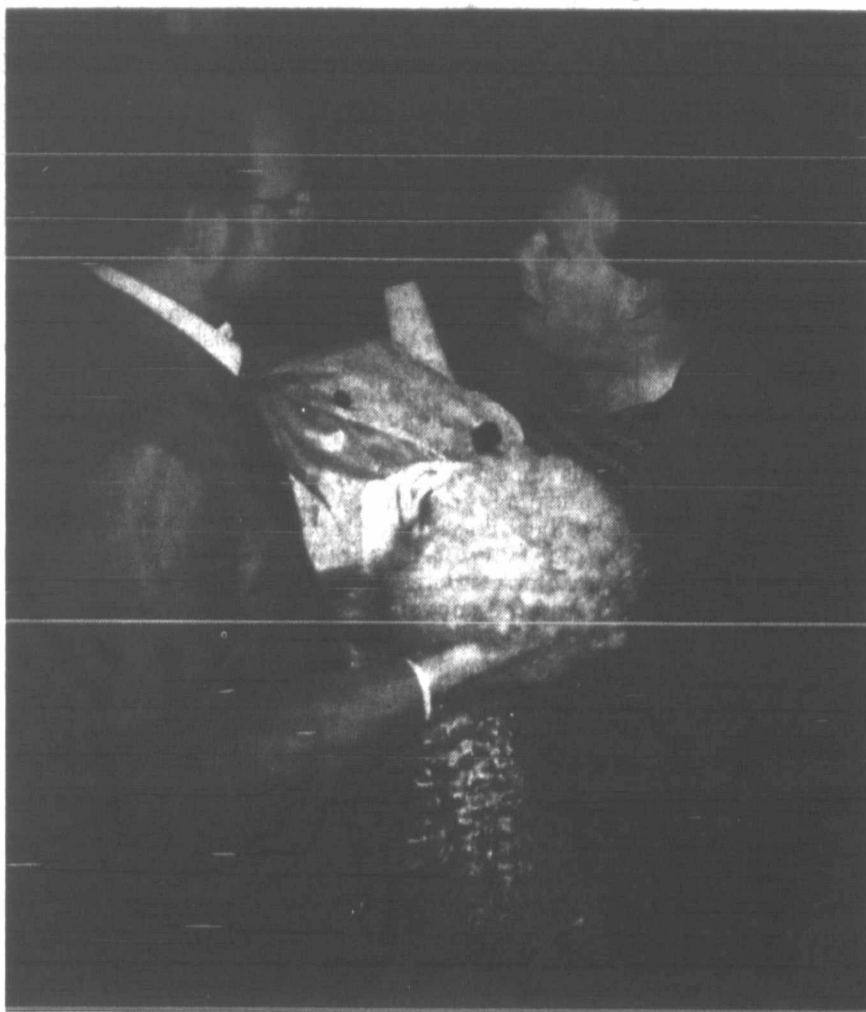
"He's like a child in that he doesn't seem to understand that this is it, his life will be over," said attorney Dina Hellerstein, who visited him last week. "He maintains his innocence and always has."

Prosecutors, however, described Washington as borderline or mildly retarded. They said he was able to hold down a job and plan the crime.

"They're essentially describing him as being a teddy-bear type of mentality, and that is simply not accurate," Deena McConnell, a Brazos County assistant district

attorney, said earlier Tuesday. "Mental retardation does not mean violence, and he is pure violence."

The victim's family did not witness the execution. Ms. Huling's husband, James Huling, declined comment through prosecutors.



(Special photo) Lord Edgar (Dean Birkes) questions Nicodemus (Andy Nies) during a scene in the Charles Ludlam play 'Mystery of Irma Vep.' Doors will open to the public for the production May 10-11 and May 17-18 in the ACT I Theater in the Pampa Mall. Reservations can be made by calling 665-3710 or 665-9369.

Two area actors to present 'Mystery of Irma Vep' play

Two area actors, Andy Nies of Amarillo and Dean Birkes of Pampa, will be doing a variety of costume changes to bring slapstick and mystery together in ACT I's fourth production, *Mystery of Irma Vep*.

The Charles Ludlam play features two actors playing several quick-change characters. Nies, a theater instructor at River Road High School in Amarillo, will portray the characters Lady Hillcrest and Nicodemus.

Nies has a bachelor of art's degree in theater from West Texas A&M University, where he won several best actor awards. His talent has continued into the classroom, as his one-act play has advanced in UIL contests for the second time in River Road history. In addition, Nies also coached the state qualifier in speech.

Birkes, the theater instructor at Pampa Middle School, will play Lord Hillcrest, the intruder, the maid and Irma Vep in *Mystery of Irma Vep*. He also has a bachelor of art's degree from West Texas A&M University and a master of arts from Oklahoma State

University in theater and speech. He has won awards in technical lighting and design.

Birkes has been involved with the administrative duties in addition to performing for four years in the TEXAS production held every summer in Palo Duro Canyon. He also was stage manager for *Oklahoma* one summer in Tulsa, and a technician at Seaside Musical Theater in Daytona Beach, Florida one summer.

Mystery of Irma Vep will be performed Saturdays, May 10 and May 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, May 11 and May 18, at 2 p.m. at the ACT I Theater in the Pampa Mall. Reservations can be made by calling the theater at 665-3710 or Berinda Turcotte at 665-9369.

In addition to the production, area residents can also take the opportunity to stop by the ACT I Theater in the Pampa Mall to view a special painting and photography exhibit. The exhibit will showcase works by Owen and Charlie Neal Gee, Darlene Holmes, Pat Kindle and Kathy Gist.

Officials fear city files compromised

DALLAS (AP) - The FBI is investigating whether sensitive computer files at Watauga's City Hall have been copied illegally.

The computer system was installed last spring at the Fort Worth suburb's City Hall by private contractor Jerry Phelps.

Phelps, who also has been interviewed by the FBI, said he found evidence that someone without proper authorization tried to enter computerized city police records, legal correspondence and personnel files.

"That included all of my sensitive files," Maness told *The Dallas Morning News* for a story in today's editions. "The information was downloaded and

apparently given to a private citizen."

FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche wouldn't confirm that the agency is investigating, but said computer crimes against a city government "are part of our domain" and a violation of federal law.

The federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act prohibits unauthorized access to the computer systems of governments and banks.

"It could be turned over to us if there is something removed from government that causes a loss," Ms. Poche said.

City Manager Lee Maness also said he was interviewed by the FBI regarding the possible theft of records last fall.

D-FY-IT drawing



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge) Pampa High School Principal John Kendall and D-FY-IT sponsor Monica Roden draw the winning ticket Monday as part of the fund raiser raffle for the D-FY-IT program. The winner of the CD car stereo was Trey Courtney. There will be prizes for everyone who sold tickets for the raffle, but top winner Faustina Curry, 100 tickets sold, will receive dinner for two compliments of the Texas Rose Steak House.

Jackson calls for boycott of Chevron

HOUSTON (AP) - Jesse Jackson called Tuesday for a national boycott against Chevron to support residents of a predominantly black Houston neighborhood in a court fight against the oil company.

Jackson's call came in a Houston visit as trial neared in a lawsuit against Chevron over alleged contamination in a predominantly black Houston neighborhood.

"Don't drink their water, don't buy their gas," he urged.

The lawsuit, set for trial later this month, centers on land beneath the Kennedy Heights neighborhood, one-time site of open pits where the old Gulf Oil

Corp. used to store crude oil.

Gulf later sold the land for residential development. In 1985, the company merged with Chevron.

For years, Kennedy Heights residents have complained about health problems in the neighborhood where city workers noticed the smell of hydrocarbon fumes in 1991.

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Opinion

Line-item judgment defies Constitution

The Line-Item Veto Act was enacted last year to stop the especially pernicious practice of Congress loading up pork-barrel or special-interest spending on sometimes unrelated legislation. It allows the president to cut separate items of spending without vetoing an entire bill.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson overturned the act. "Even if Congress may sometimes delegate authority to impound funds," he wrote in his opinion, "it may not confer the power permanently to rescind an appropriation or tax benefit that has become the law. That power is possessed by Congress alone, and, according to the framers' careful design, may not be delegated at all."

Here's what the Constitution says: "Every order, resolution, or vote ... (of Congress) shall be presented to the president ... and ... shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House ..." (Article I, Section 7, Clause 3).

That may not seem crystal clear, but ten years ago, when controversy arose over the line-item veto, New York constitutional lawyer Stephen Glazer wrote in *The Wall Street Journal*, "If the clause means anything, it means that the president can unbundle ... bills by vetoing line items and riders."

Glazer explained that the practice was common before 1974 under the term "impoundment." For almost two centuries impoundment was a broad, permanent power held by the president, not a specific power sometimes permitted by Congress.

But in 1974, after President Nixon impounded \$6 billion in pork-barrel sewer projects, Congress passed the Impoundment Control Act. Glazer called this "a de facto - and illegal - amendment to the Constitution" that prohibited line-item vetoes.

In this light, the 1996 Line-Item Veto Act was nothing but a repeal of the 1974 Impoundment Control Act. It restored matters to where the Constitution went into effect, until 1974.

Using a "fast-track" provision in the Line-Item Veto Act, Judge Jackson's ruling will be appealed past the circuit court directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. If that court of final resort reads the Constitution correctly, the act will be upheld.

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The ongoing media perception

As the news business changes to an every minute, 24-hour news cycle, all our media outlets claim they have to change their style to compete. Hard news is passe - by the time they get around to it, networks, new magazines, even morning newspapers claim hard news is old news. Therefore, they must reward us with analysis, synthesis, perspective on the news.

But when it comes to the Clinton scandals, we're getting precious little of either. Obviously, the newspapers deserve credit for getting on the fundraising scandal beat last fall and sticking with it, but their analysis isn't nearly as impressive. The news magazines are dragged along kicking and screaming. And the networks provide neither: Who wants talk of good government when there's cult mass suicides to cover?

Consider Webster Hubbell. Here is a guy who was associate attorney general of the United States, the third-highest ranking law officer in the land. (And let's face it: At the height of his power, he and the White House were going around the supposed No. 1, Janet Reno.) He was charged with stealing a half a million dollars from his law partners in Arkansas and lavishing the money on furs for his wife and other greedy moves. After he resigned in disgrace, the White House leaned on all the president's buddies to pay him another half-million dollars for supposed "jobs" that asked for no substantial work.

Imagine the outrage a 30-second ad on this could engender with the average American - yes, we know you work hard for \$25,000 a year, but if you have good friends in Washington, you can rip off your law firm and then grab another half-million on your way to prison! This paints a picture of real Ivan Boesky-style criminal excess. So, where is the obvious analy-



L. Brent Bozell

sis, the synthesis of all these hard news revelations? Answer: The Democrats in the media don't want the dots connected. How can they rub their hands together at the thought of making trouble over Gingrich paying his \$300,000 "fine" if people focus on Hubbell's ill-gotten million? These media people love catching Republicans in hypocrisy - the Supreme court nominee who smoked pot, even the family-values presidential contenders with second marriages - and love making their conservative base wriggle with disapproval. So, why not upset the liberal base of the Democratic Party, who despise the role of corporate money in politics, with tales of corporate payoffs - be it Hubbell or Hillary Clinton's Tyson-peddled \$100,000 in cattle trades? Making liberals wriggle is out of the question.

Even imagine accepting all of the non-operative White House spin lines. Even if Hubbell was possibly innocent after being charged in 1994, how politically smart does it look to pile a fortune on an accused embezzler who used to run the Justice Department? Even if Hubbell was innocent, his potentially crucial role as Whitewater witness makes the White House look like they're engaged in a hush-money gambit.

It's bad enough for the press that it took us years

to grasp the overall outline of this story. But even now, as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Boston Globe* and the *Los Angeles Times* do all the heavy lifting, the news magazines' sympathetic spin is hard to take. On March 17, a *Time* headline read: "So far, White House officials appear not to have broken the law - but their squirming is painful to watch." *Time's* April 14 story was headlined "The Hubbell Rescue Mission" but what took so long, and why does it look so bad?"

And the networks can't even forward the basics to their audiences. Apparently, they don't mind being stonewalled and manipulated. After all, what are party tools for? *The New York Times* first put Hubbell's pre-prison bonanza at \$400,000 in a March 6 front-page story. No network coverage. Two weeks later, the same paper found James Riady of the Lippo Group put up \$100,000 of that after five days of meetings with White House officials. No network coverage. On April 6, the *Los Angeles Times* noted White House lawyer Jane Sherburne wrote "monitor cooperation" by Hubbell's name on a 1994 Whitewater memo. No network coverage. *The Washington Times* reported Hillary Clinton ordered the Resolution Trust corporation in 1993 to keep her aware of any media inquiries on Hubbell. No network coverage.

Not only are liberals never impaled on spears of hypocrisy - they also never suffer from stonewalling for their leader. Almost to a man, Democrats have countenanced all of the White House's lies, abuses of power and potential crimes. But then, how could the media possibly point the finger at someone else in their circle of sympathizers when they twiddled their fingers insisting "character didn't matter" and then "both parties do it" until the election was over?

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, May 7, the 127th day of 1997. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

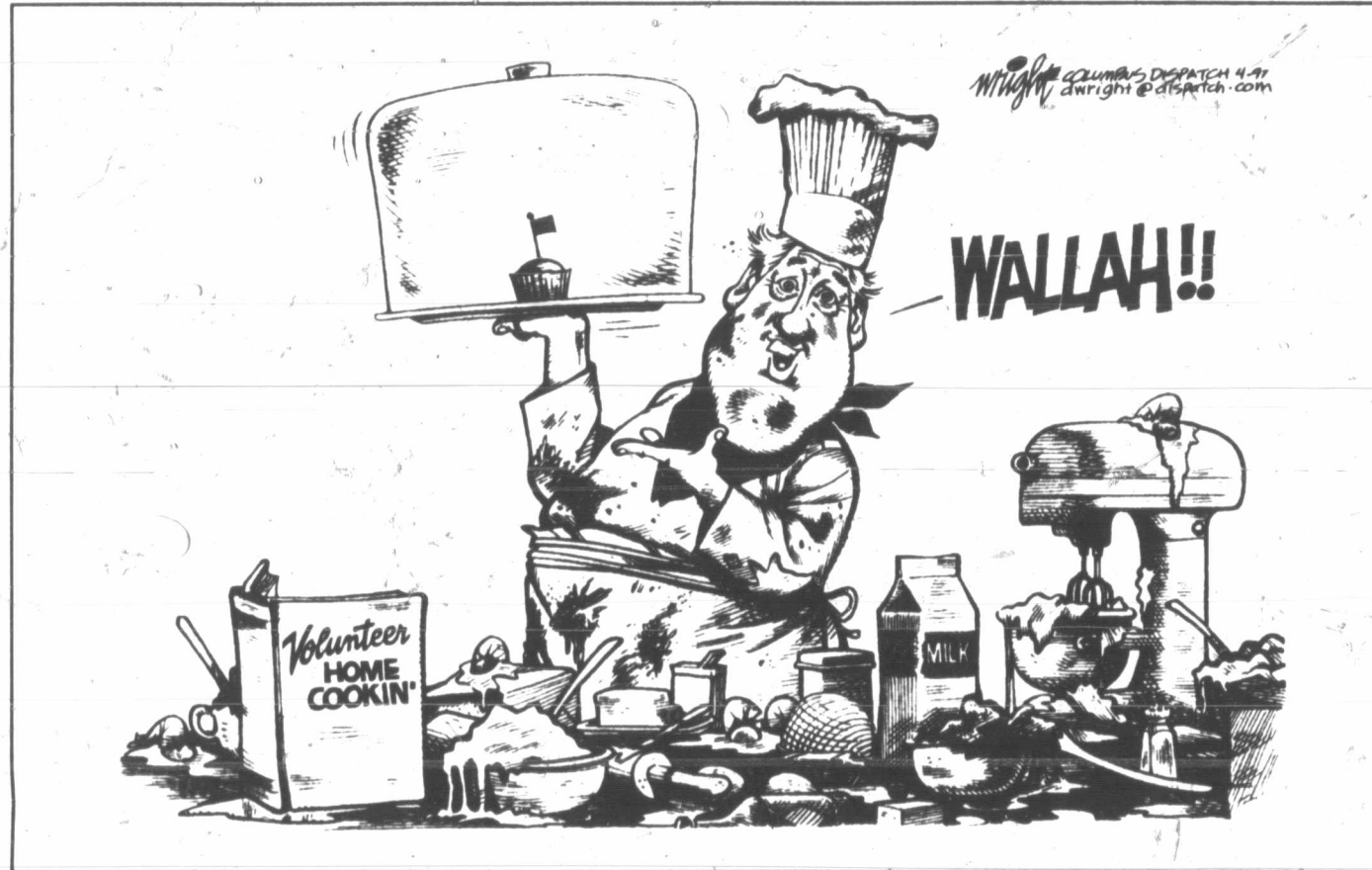
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In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in the Ural region of Russia.

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner *Lusitania* off the Irish coast.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.



Smoking isn't allowed here, FDR!

President Clinton, so attuned to the demands of political correctness, joined "advocates for the disabled" in calling for a statue of President Franklin Roosevelt in a wheelchair at the inaugural Franklin Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The memorial, as conceived, does not hide Roosevelt's disability. There is a photograph - one of only two surviving - depicting him in a wheelchair, as well as a reminder to visitors that after his bout with polio in 1921, Roosevelt "never walked again unaided."

But we are not content to let the past be itself or to try to understand it on its own terms. We have become a nation of special pleaders, each group beating its particular drum for this or that cause. A memorial to a beloved former president (if not a noncontroversial one) cannot be allowed to stand on its own; it must become the vehicle for pushing someone's modern agenda.

The "disabled community," as we are taught to style it - or, rather, those loudmouths who claim to speak for the disabled - demanded that Roosevelt, the most conspicuously handicapped of our former presidents, be depicted in a wheelchair despite the fact that he went to some lengths to prevent his disability from being evident.

Well, sure he did, the advocates cry, because there was so much prejudice against disabled people in the first half of this century. But we are now more open-minded, and we must place Roosevelt's disability front and center just in case anyone might miss it.

This is a terribly tendentious way to approach history - and it isn't fair to Roosevelt's memory. He can



Mona Charen

only be understood within the context of his time.

If we are to impose our modern concerns on him, how are we to manage the uncomfortable fact that Roosevelt was the happiest, sauciest smoker in history? Images of Roosevelt with his jauntily cocked cigarette holder are as familiar as images of his wheelchair are scanty. That style of merriment, even insouciance, in the face of the Great Depression arguably gave hope to the nation.

But, gee, now we know that cigarettes are evil. Attorneys general from a number of states are suing tobacco makers. President Clinton has declared war on smoking.

Smokers themselves are known to be victims of irresistible advertising by tobacco companies. Surely, if FDR had only known, he wouldn't have contributed to making cigarettes glamorous. Perhaps we should purge all photos of Roosevelt with cigarettes?

Once you head down the path of adjusting the past to fit modern sensibilities, you are engaged in

Soviet-style history. In the old days, figures like Trotsky and Beria would simply disappear from historical photographs when their presence became politically uncomfortable.

Why not just stick to the facts as best we can? Yes, Roosevelt was disabled. He hated being disabled. Who wouldn't? Once, when his braces betrayed him at a political rally and he fell to the ground with a thud, he hissed to his white-faced aides, "Clean me up!"

But that was a rare moment. The bigger story about Roosevelt is how bravely he handled the restrictions of his disability, how little he allowed others to worry over him and how he transcended his physical limitations to become a great national leader. Arguably, his personal triumph over polio and paraplegia set the stage for leading the nation out of its own paralysis - though this would be more a psychological than a political reality since Roosevelt's policies did not, in fact, end the Depression. World War II did that.

Still, Roosevelt's psychological contribution to the country was not insignificant. It was his sense of humor, his courage and his strength that gave people hope at a very dark time.

He did all of that as a man, as a Roosevelt and as an American. He did not do it as a poster child for the disabled.

Why do the spokesmen for the disabled not celebrate the fact that physical disability was such a small part of the complex man who was our 32nd president? Does that not prove a point they are at pains to make - that human beings ought not to be defined by what they can't do but by what they can?

Woe be to those who ask for tax relief

The attack on state spending goes forward in places like Iowa and Oregon - but not in Texas. What are we up to in God-loving, government-fearing Texas? Doing our nails and putting on four-fou water for a walk down the primrose path leading to a state income tax. Some fun, huh?

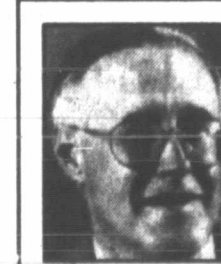
The true-hearted motives of the Bush (George W.) administration, whose property-tax reform movement got hijacked by the encrusted Democratic leadership of the legislature, can't disguise what goes on.

Property taxes, thanks mostly to dear old Ann Richards, who as governor spent so much time celebrating on TV that she basically ignored school funding problems, are sky-high and awful and overdue for a change. Which was what Bush had originally in mind.

However, one thing led to another, obscene hands were laid all over the maiden skin of Bush's plan, and what looked for a while like a small tax cut turns out to be a tax redistribution - from property-tax payers to presently less taxed businesses that will tend to cover their added costs by passing said costs right back to the property-tax payers in their capacity as customers.

The plan, though initially cutting taxes about two percent (wheee!), sets Texas on track for a state income tax. This is because it exhausts available sources of revenue without scaling back state government. Re-raising property taxes in a few years would look funny. The cry we will hear is "Skin the fat cats!"

All of this I bring up for two reasons: 1) Because, as a Texan, I occupy a front-row seat on the pro-



William Murchison

ceedings. 2) And because what we're doing in Texas is so typical.

When are Americans going to catch on? Tax cutting and tax redistribution, like lightning and lightning bugs, aren't the same commodity? The former is what taxpayers like; the latter is what politicians - most of the time - do. That is, they shift the burden around like hay on a pitchfork. What they conspicuously don't do is ask the solemn question, do we need all this government we're paying for? The reason they don't ask is that the answer, 99 times out of 100, would be no. That's not the answer public servants thirst to hear.

The question certainly wasn't asked in Texas, even by Bush. The dubious correlation of government spending and educational achievement was never called into question: notwithstanding that family involvement, a thing government policy can't touch, is regarded as the best predictor of academic success. The submissive assumption was that whatever we're spending now, we have to spend more.

Nor was Texas state government as a whole subjected to scrutiny, via a Grace Commission-type study. Cynics reply, yeah, what happened to the Grace Commission's recommendations for eliminating federal spending? That is not the point. At least the Grace Commission studied spending, made judgments, theoretically separated sheep from goats. We had something to talk about, in short. In Texas, we have nothing to talk about, save taxes.

That's how it goes, generally. "Cutting spending" is in most places a gauzy dream. The assumption is that such taxes and programs as we have, we have to have. The Grace Commission, in the '80s, blew this notion out of the water. The Heritage Foundation, a month ago, followed up with a 450-page proposal indicating \$510 billion in potential federal cuts over the next five years.

And if something isn't done? Well, things get painful. Iowa and Oregon, the states now reducing their tax loads, didn't worry until the loads got heavy.

Texas' load, assuming no evaluation of what and how much the government is doing, will grow heavy, too. In time, as they always do, taxes will slow the economy, and heads will wag disbelievingly. How'd we get here? The same way Americans always reach that forlorn destination: by assuming that high taxes are the price of civilization, that government does things better than the private sector, that we can always squeeze, somebody with a little more money than we ourselves.

In Texas, they seemingly believe it all. For now.

Community Calendar

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

- May**
- AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.
- CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.
- CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.
- VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler.** Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.
- WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.
- MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO** every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.
- CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS** project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at 100 S. Price Road. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.
- TRALEE CRISIS CENTER, 308 S. Cuyler,** is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.
- TOP O' TEXAS RODEO PAGEANT COMMITTEE** is now accepting entries for Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen. For more information, contact Sonja Longo at 665-1413, Jamie Greene at 665-8850 or the rodeo office at 669-3241.
- HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION** has its playdays every Monday with tee off at 6 p.m. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, call Christine Babb at 665-7640.
- TOP O' TEXAS TRADE DAYS** - Entries are being taken for events in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Trade Days, set for May 3-4 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion and rodeo grounds. Events include chili cookoff, brisket cookoff, arts and crafts booth, and team penning competition. For more information on these activities, call 669-3241.
- 8 - SPRING BAND FESTIVAL** in the McNeely Field House, 7 p.m.
- 10 - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS UNION** will be having its annual Canned Food Drive. Leave your non-perishable food items at your mail box to be collected by our local letter carrier. For more information, call Jim Huckert at 665-5713.
- 11 - MOTHER'S DAY CONTEST** sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee and The Pampa News. Write your thoughts on the Mom you love in 25 words or less and bring by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, or mail to Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198 before 5 p.m. May 2. First prize is \$100 in Pampa Bucks plus a retailer goodie bag.
- 11 - FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH** will be "Singing" and the public is invited. From 2-4 p.m. at 1700 Alcock. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.
- 13 - PAMPA ART CLUB SHOW** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library.
- 15 - PAMPA AREA CANTOR SUPPORT GROUP** will hold its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. at the Columbia Medical Center cafeteria. For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742.
- 15 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY** at 9 a.m. in the McNeely Field House.
- 16 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BANQUET** at the Pampa Country Club, 7 p.m.
- 16-17 - RELAY FOR LIFE** presented by the American Cancer Society at the Pampa High School track from 3 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Pam Dalton, 665-0356.
- 17-18 - HERITAGE ART CLUB SHOW** featuring Francis Hall as guest artist. Open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-4 p.m.
- 17 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PROM** at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m.
- 19 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** will meet at Lovett Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish dinner. For more information, contact Nancy Coffee at 669-1244.
- 20 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME ASSEMBLY** in the PHS Auditorium at 9:50 a.m.
- 20 - CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON** in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on the 20th, 669-3241.
- 20 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR HONORS BANQUET** at the Pampa Country Club, 7 p.m.
- 22 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR VARIETY SHOW** at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Federal action would result in higher telephone bills for some, lower bills for others

WASHINGTON (AP) - Many Americans would see their monthly long distance phone bills go down about \$2 under a new government plan. But those with second phone lines for a computer or a child and who make few long distance calls probably would see their bills go up. The changes are contained in a Federal Communications Commission plan, expected to be adopted today, that would revamp a labyrinth of "access" payments local phone companies get for routing long distance calls on their networks and for subsidizing local phone service.

Those fees now make up about half of the average long distance bill. The FCC is expected to cut those payments by \$1.7 billion starting July 1. Assuming AT&T, MCI, Sprint and other long distance companies pass along the reductions to customers as pledged, the average savings this year would be about \$2 a month, FCC officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The average long distance bill is about \$22.50 a month. The FCC says its plan would reduce that by eight percent to ten percent.

Congress ordered the FCC to take the action as part of opening the \$100 billion local phone market to competition from long distance, cable companies and other potential rivals.

The FCC's decision is likely to be challenged in court.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt asserted that the plan would lower phone bills for 85 percent of the nation's 82.6 million residential customers with one phone line. For the remainder, bills would remain the same.

In general, the more long distance calls made, the more one would save.

But critics including consumer advocates, retailers, small businesses and local phone companies said bills

could go up for some customers.

Business and residential phone users who make few long distance calls and who have multiple phone lines in their homes - perhaps for a computer or for kids - will see bills go up, said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumer Union's Washington office.

That's because they will get hit with increased monthly phone charges to help pay for discounted telecommunications services for schools and libraries as Congress and the Clinton administration required in a 1996 telecommunications law.

Customers with multiple lines in their homes would pay an additional \$1.50 a month for each line beyond the first beginning Jan. 1, 1998. The average "subscriber line" charge that now appears on monthly bills is \$3.50. About 16 percent of U.S. homes have second phone lines.

Multiline businesses beginning July 1 would have to pay on average an additional 40 cents a month for each line. The average subscriber line charge for businesses is now \$6 a month.

In addition, both multiple-line homes and business would get a new charge that would come from replacing some access fees, based on minutes of long distance use, with flat monthly rates to better reflect costs and more evenly spread fees among customers.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, multiline homes would pay \$1 a month per line and multiline businesses would pay about \$2.22 a month per line.

The FCC says there are not many homes or businesses with multiple lines that make few long-distance calls.

Most homes with multiple phones lines make a lot of long-distance calls, the FCC says. As a result, more than two-thirds of homes with more than one phone line would see total bills go down, FCC officials said.

Nursing Home Week



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge) Activity directors Ina Gale Rowell, Pampa Nursing Center, and Jeanette Jackson, Coronado HealthCare Center, meet with Mayor Bob Neslage to sign the proclamation announcing the week of May 11-17 as National Nursing Home Week. The week is scheduled to honor all the employees who provide care and attention to the residents of all the nursing homes. There will be a calendar of events every day to entertain the residents and staff at local nursing homes.

Music giants under investigation

JOHN SOLOMON Associated Press Writers

similar price-fixing investigation six months ago without taking action.

"It came as a complete surprise. I thought they had closed this inquiry last October," said Irving Scher, a New York lawyer representing EMI Music.

In a separate inquiry, the Justice Department won a court order earlier this year requiring the six major recording companies to surrender documents on how programmers are charged for music video programming distributed overseas.

The ruling in January from U.S. District Judge Harold Greene in Washington gave new life to an investigation begun in 1994 into the industry's use of overseas groups, called "performance rights societies," to sell rights to music video programming.

Investigators are trying to determine whether the societies have acted as "price-fixing cartels" and whether they have impeded the export of U.S. music video programming, according to Justice Department records included in the court case.

State briefs

Family friends remember Republic fugitive as a loner

ST. MARYS, Kan. (AP) - Friends and family of Richard Keyes III, the last Republic of Texas fugitive being sought in the Davis Mountains, remember him as an impressionable loner.

Authorities expected thirst, hunger and wild animals to force Keyes, 21, out of hiding in the mountains, but scaled back the search Tuesday, saying it wouldn't be resumed today.

Keyes is wanted on state charges stemming from the brief hostage-taking of a neighborhood couple that began the Republic of Texas standoff with law officers April 27.

Keyes and another Republic of Texas member had fled into the mountains from their makeshift headquarters in remote West Texas, shortly before leader Richard McLaren and three followers ended their weeklong standoff on Saturday.

One of the fugitives, Mike Matson, 48, was killed in a shootout with authorities on Monday.

ment and use the drugs in their bathroom, Cothran said. When he went to brush his teeth, Cothran saw "a bunch of white and brown powder" on a mirror.

Governor declares Holocaust Remembrance Week

AUSTIN (AP) - Author and Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissmann Klein recounted her rescue more than 50 years ago as Gov. George W. Bush proclaimed this week the Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust.

"We owe a debt to the survivors of the Holocaust who had the courage to speak out, as difficult as it must have been to recount the horrors they witnessed, so that they may never be repeated," Bush said Tuesday after signing the proclamation of May 4-11 as the Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust in the state of Texas.

"Today I sign a proclamation asking all Texans to spend a few minutes this week remembering and talking with their children about the Holocaust, the systematic state-sponsored persecution and murder of Jews in Hitler's Nazi Germany," he said.

Woman's graffiti helps end kidnapping

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A woman's cry for help scrawled in red lipstick on a store's restroom wall helped police rescue her and two children who had been kidnapped by the woman's estranged husband, police said Tuesday.

Edid Naranjo Leary, 31, and two sons, ages three and nine, were rescued and Ms. Leary's husband was arrested at a Corpus Christi Wal-Mart about 10:30 a.m.

The 32-year-old man, whose name was not released because he had not been charged, was held at the Nueces County Jail. He was expected to be arraigned Wednesday, according to a jail spokeswoman.

Ms. Leary's ordeal began in Richmond, just south of Houston, late Monday. The woman told police her husband accused her of having

an affair. The pair had been separated about two weeks, police reported.

After an argument, the woman and her sons were forced into the couple's truck about 11 p.m. Ms. Leary reported that her husband began talking about killing himself and "taking her with him."

That's when she started writing her messages in bathrooms everywhere she could get her husband to stop, police said. The messages were left at a Dairy Queen in Refugio and a convenience store near Sinton.

By Tuesday morning, the family was in Corpus Christi, where the woman wrote her plea, including her name and the words, "Please help me," on the Wal-Mart bathroom wall.

A customer at the store alerted an assistant manager, who called police.

Man denies responsibility in boy's overdose

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) - The man arrested in the death of a seventh-grader has denied responsibility for the death of the boy, whose body was found dumped in a church parking lot after an apparent drug overdose.

Sean Cothran, 20, told *The Dallas Morning News* that his only mistake was not calling authorities when he saw 14-year-old Victor Garcia dead on his living room floor. Instead, he left the Plano apartment with another friend.

"I wish I would have done the right thing," Cothran said.

Cothran said his roommate, on the night of April 4, sold cocaine and chiva - a heroin-sleeping pill mixture - to Victor and another young man whom Cothran only knew as "Juan." Cothran said he'd never met Victor before and didn't use drugs with him.

The roommate let Victor and the other man stay in their apart-

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Associate degree in fire protection



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Jerry Reece, a recent graduate from Frank Phillips College, received his associate's degree in fire protection and plans to continue working for the Pampa Fire Department while he continues his education, possibly at West Texas A&M University. Reece graduated as a Phi Theta Kappa member, the national honor society for junior colleges.

Public housing residents outraged, call proposed volunteerism measure slavery

CHICAGO (AP) — Arville Miles takes time to volunteer despite what she calls her full-time job — trying to raise four sons in a public housing complex where gangs, drugs, rats and cockroaches are commonplace.

Yet, she said requiring residents of complexes like Staway Gardens to complete community service is akin to forcing them into a life of servitude.

"Basically they're putting us back into slavery," Miles said.

She and several residents of the South Side development of cinder-block high-rises met Tuesday to discuss a proposed federal legislation that would require tenants in public housing to perform eight hours of community service a month or face eviction.

A spring breeze wafted into the complex's dingy social room, carrying in the smell of the urine-soaked, graffiti-covered hallway. The residents, mostly single women with young children, strained to be heard over the din of boomboxes. None of them favored the proposal — various versions of which are contained in bills pending in the House and Senate.

A floor debate on the House bill took place Tuesday, with a vote expected late today.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is promoting its own bill with a similar provision. And with the Clinton admin-

istration determined to overhaul public housing, it seems likely that some form of "mandatory volunteerism" eventually will become law.

Miles, 37, was raised in Staway Gardens, whose name implies an elegance unknown to residents. She pays modest rent and does volunteer work several hours a day. So do many of her friends.

"I disagree with someone MAKING someone volunteer," said Miles, who works with the residents' advisory council and helps in her children's schools. "It's something that shouldn't be mandatory."

New York Republican Rick Lazio, sponsor of the House bill, said "it is entirely reasonable to ask people who have asked for public housing, who are receiving a benefit to contribute back to their community and to help themselves."

Many of the women said they are not receiving much "benefit" living in Staway Gardens.

"I don't like being down here," said Rhonda Moore, a 31-year-old mother of three who says her only other option would be moving in with friends. "The gangs, the drugs — the children stay in the house because I can't really let them come out."

Elderly, disabled and employed residents would be exempt in the House measure. An attempt by

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Chicago to exempt parents with young children — as the HUD proposal does — failed last week, and Moore wonders what she would do with her children if she were forced to perform community service.

"I can't leave them in the house by themselves," she said.

Community service could be anything from sweeping apartment halls to removing graffiti — tasks Staway residents say have been neglected by Chicago Housing Authority workers.

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Rolling Plains PCA holds its annual meetings, elects new board members

Rolling Plains Production Credit Association held its annual stockholders' meeting in Canadian on Tuesday, April 29; Childress on Thursday, May 1; and Stamford on Friday, May 2.

Lance D. Morris of Crosbyton and Thomas R. Helton of Wheeler were reelected to the board of Rolling Plains PCA. Terry C. O'Neal of Pampa was chosen by stockholders to represent the Pampa Branch Office area. Board members serve three-year terms.

Other Board members are Garon B. Tidwell of Munday, Dan Henard Jr. of Wellington, Grover Crum of Darrouzett, Keith Corzine of Stamford, Garner Schoenhals of Canadian, Dean Turner of Matador and Jack Reese of Abilene.

Corzine gave the board report to the gathering.

Earning the highest rating possible by the Tenth District Regulator for the ninth consecutive year, the Association maintains its Tier I designation. The award is based on continued strength in capital, asset quality, management, earnings and liquidity.

The Association made a net profit after taxes of \$1,989,458. In 1996 Rolling Plains Production Credit Association loaned more than \$106 million to approximately 1,000 borrowers in its 25-county territory.

The Association's Board of Directors declared a patronage distribution based on 1996 fiscal year earnings.

Total patronage was \$1,583,358 with 40 percent being paid at the three sessions of the Annual Meeting. This patronage returned 20 1/2 cents for every one dollar of loan interest accrued on loans of stockholder-members in 1996.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Warren Rivers of Canadian at Canadian, Wes Campbell of Floydada at Childress and Todd Johnson of Abilene at Stratford.

Elected to serve on the 1998 Nominating Committee for the areas indicated were: Warren Rivers, Canadian; J.D. Paris, Pampa; Danny Thurman, Perryton; Steve Hampton, Wheeler; J.R. (Pete) Jones, Childress; Kenny Barton, Matador; Rod Townsend,

Munday; Steve Harris, Spur; Robert Aycock, Stamford; and Danny B. Lewis, Abilene.

Recognized as 50-year members in the Canadian section by Wes Håkill, Pampa Office manager, were Mr. and Mrs. Odie Calcote of McLean. In the Stamford section, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie R. Devaney of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hise of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Maben of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Hall Jr. of Jayton were recognized by Mike Guess, Stamford Office manager.

In all sessions, special recognition was given to J.D. and Lorene Paris of Miami, retiring director representing the Pampa area.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Gregory of Spur were honored by the PCA in recognition of the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program Award for being on the same land for over 100 years.

Cash prizes totaling \$1200 were awarded in a drawing from PCA stockholders in attendance. Entertainment was provided by Kansas ventriloquist Greg Claassen.

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Nation briefs

'Shock artist' charged with photographing corpses

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — In one photograph, a dead elderly woman lies on a table, a party noisemaker stuck in her mouth.

In another, two strips of paper are draped across the chest of a female corpse. They are painted with the words: "Happy Halloween."

Photographer James Michael Thompson calls his creations art. Police call them a crime, and on Tuesday charged the Denver man with five misdemeanor counts of abuse of a corpse.

In 1994, he used the photos of 27 aspiring actors to spell out the word "reject" in 6-foot-tall letters on a New York City building.

Most recently, he sent letters to randomly selected strangers in Clarksburg, W.Va., writing on topics such as what he bought at the store that day to revelations about his homosexual encounters.

Former cult member kills himself; another fails

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — Two former Heaven's Gate cult members sent "exit statements," packed bags, arranged purple shrouds and wore dark outfits and running shoes before trying to kill themselves. One survived.

Sheriff's deputies found the body of Wayne Cooke of Las Vegas and an unconscious Chuck Humphrey of Denver after receiving a call from CBS correspondent Lesley Stahl, who had spoken with Cooke's daughter, police said.

Humphrey, 56, was taken to a hospital, where he was in critical condition today.

Like the 39 cult members found in a Rancho Santa Fe mansion on March 26, Cooke and Humphrey left messages saying

they expected to be taken to "another level beyond human" aboard a spaceship trailing Comet Hale-Bopp.

Report: 'Newsweek' recalls special issue on children

NEW YORK (AP) — *Newsweek* is recalling a special issue on children from newsstands and doctors' offices because it recommends parents let babies as young as 5 months old feed themselves foods that can cause choking, *The New York Times* reported today.

It is the first time *Newsweek* has recalled an issue. The magazine, which is owned by The Washington Post Co., did not estimate the cost of recalling hundreds of thousands of issues that have been distributed.

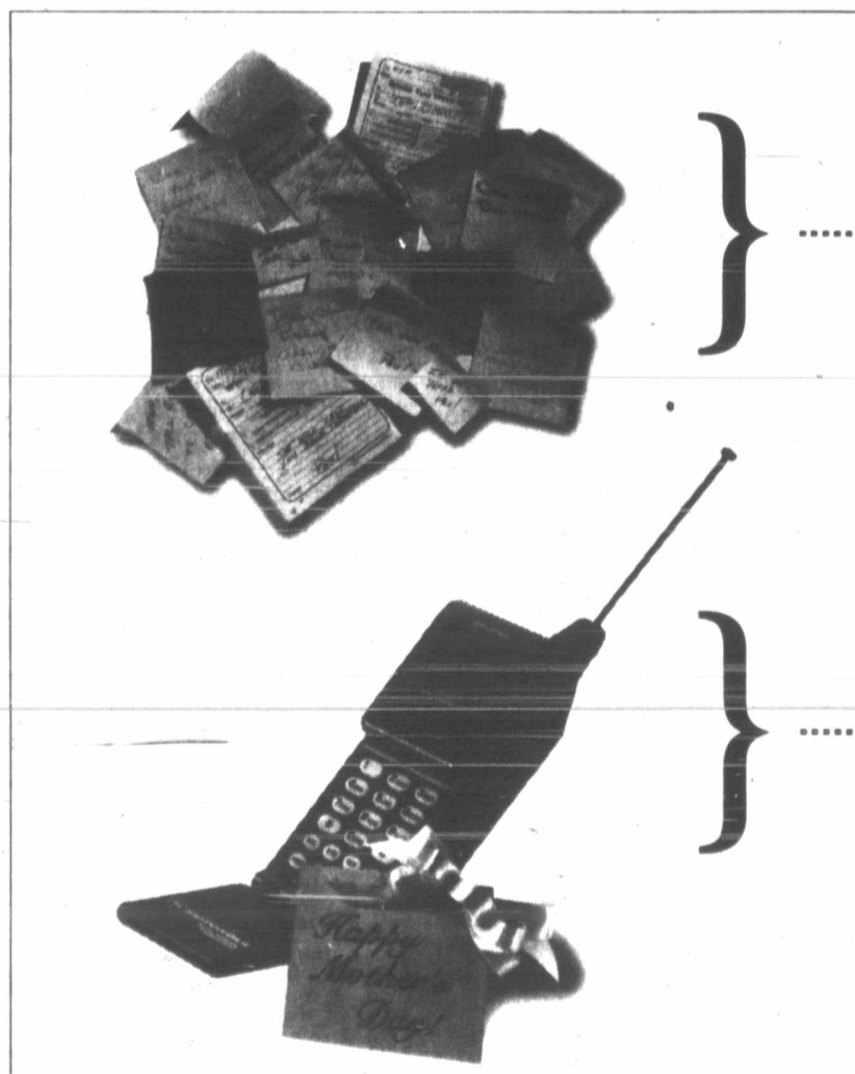
The recall was prompted by a phone call from a reader who is a pediatrician, the *Times* said. The mistake was made by a copy editor who was working on two items simultaneously, said Karen Wheeler, a spokeswoman for *Newsweek*.

UPS pilots meet with mediation board member

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — United Parcel Service and its pilots, who have voted to strike if contract talks fail, met with a federal mediator in Washington D.C., a company spokesman said.

The two sides have been in contract negotiations for more than a year.

The meetings Tuesday with a member of the National Mediation Board were designed to resolve differences over pay scales and pensions, said Ken Shapiro, a spokesman for the Atlanta company's Louisville-based airline.



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McVeigh sister says FBI coerced her in torturous marathon interrogation

DENVER (AP) — When Jennifer McVeigh flew home to Buffalo, N.Y., after a Florida vacation — shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing — she was met at the airport by FBI agents who wanted her to turn on her brother.

"They told me that he was guilty," she said. "He was going to fry."

Under cross-examination Tuesday, the 23-year-old woman broke down and cried for the first time in her two-day testimony as she recalled those eight days of interrogation.

At first, she said, she tried to cover up for Timothy McVeigh, but then admitted that he had sent her chilling warnings that "something big" was about to happen.

Prosecutors contend that McVeigh is responsible for a truck bomb that exploded on April 19, 1995, outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500 in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

McVeigh, 23, could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy charges.

Prosecutors were expected today to call Lana Padilla, the ex-wife of accused co-conspirator Terry Nichols, and introduce further testimony linking McVeigh to calls to bomb-material suppliers.

When Ms. McVeigh entered the courtroom Tuesday, she smiled broadly at her brother and mouthed "Good morning." He smiled back.

She then went on to testify about being questioned by the FBI in a room plastered with poster-sized pictures of herself and her brother, along with a listing of the possible charges against them.

"They had big posters on the wall all over the room," she said, breaking into tears. FBI agents gave her a list of possible penalties she faced, and to make sure she understood, they added "death" and underlined it.

For the second day in a row, Ms. McVeigh testified that in the

days leading up to the bombing, her brother sent her searing anti-government opinions and ominous remarks about the future.

Less than a month before the Murrah building was reduced to twisted metal, crumbled concrete and shattered glass, McVeigh sent his sister a letter in which he said "something big is going to happen in the month of the bull," she said.

Ms. McVeigh looked up the reference to the bull in an astrology book and saw it was the sign for Taurus, which begins in April. She burned the letter at her brother's request, never asking what he meant.

His second letter, received less than three weeks before the bombing, cautioned her to "watch what you say" and not to write him in April, Ms. McVeigh testified.

At times during the testimony, McVeigh, 29, stared intently at his little sister from across the courtroom.

In the months before the letters, Ms. McVeigh said her brother left a file on her computer at her Lockport home in upstate New York titled "ATFREAD," an apparent reference to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Prosecutors contend that McVeigh's motive for the bombing was a hatred for the FBI and ATF agents who played a central role in the 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas. Eighty-one people died in a fiery explosion during the raid.

'Volcano' usurped from lead on box office chart

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Kurt Russell thriller *Breakdown* was the top money-earner at the box office, taking in \$12.3 million in its debut weekend to bump *Volcano* from the No. 1 spot.

Breakdown, about a man whose wife is kidnapped after their vehicle breaks down on a rural highway, was followed by another new film, the Mike Myers spy spoof *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*, which earned \$9.5 million.

Volcano fell to third with \$9.1 million after debuting in the top spot last week, according to figures released Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Jim Carrey's comedy *Liar Liar* grossed \$5.9 million and ranked fourth in its seventh weekend. The movie about a lawyer hit by a truth-telling curse has grossed more than \$150 million.

The Tom Cruise film *Jerry Maguire* managed a 13th-place finish in its 21st week and became the fourth-highest grosser ever for Sony Pictures with \$150.4 million.

Overall, the weekend's box-office gross was up a substantial 33 percent over the same weekend last year, Exhibitor Relations said.

The only other major film to debut in the top ten was *Warriors of Virtue*, a martial arts adventure for

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Top weekend movies		
Weekend of May 2-4, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens		
		Weekend gross
1	<i>Breakdown</i> \$12.3, one week, 2,108 screens	\$12.3
2	<i>Austin Powers</i> \$9.5, one week, 2,187 screens	\$9.5
3	<i>Volcano</i> \$9.1, two weeks, 2,777 screens	\$9.1
4	<i>Liar, Liar</i> \$5.9, seven weeks, 2,675 screens	\$5.9
5	<i>Romy and Michele's High School Reunion</i> \$5.3, two weeks, 1,806 screens	\$5.3
6	<i>Anaconda</i> \$4.7, four weeks, 2,456 screens	\$4.7
7	<i>Warriors of Virtue</i> \$3.3, one week, 2,101 screens	\$3.3
8	<i>The Saint</i> \$2.5, five weeks, 2,118 screens	\$2.5
9	<i>Murder at 1600</i> \$2.8, three weeks, 1,970 screens	\$2.8
10	<i>Grosse Pointe Blank</i> \$2.1, four weeks, 1,177 screens	\$2.1

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

The film, starring Aidan Quinn and Courteney Cox, is a fable about a man who decides to test God by breaking the Ten Commandments.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations:

1. *Breakdown*, Paramount, \$12.3 million, 2,108 locations, \$5,838 average, \$12.3 million, one week.

2. *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*, New Line, \$9.5 million, 2,187 locations, \$4,366 average, \$9.5 million, one week.

3. *Volcano*, Fox, \$9.1 million, 2,777 locations, \$3,277 average, \$27.4 million, two weeks.

4. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$5.9 million, 2,675 locations, \$2,190 average, \$151.5 million, seven weeks.

5. *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Disney, \$5.3 million, 1,606 locations, \$3,317 average, \$14.9 million, two weeks.

6. *Anaconda*, Sony, \$4.7 million, 2,456 locations, \$1,922 average, \$49.5 million, four weeks.

7. *Warriors of Virtue*, MGM, \$3.3 million, 2,101 locations, \$1,560 average, \$3.3 million, one week.

8. *The Saint*, Paramount, \$3.1 million, 2,118 locations, \$1,445 average, \$52.5 million, five weeks.

9. *Murder at 1600*, Warner Bros., \$2.8 million, 1,970 locations, \$1,445 average, \$19.5 million, three weeks.

10. *Grosse Pointe Blank*, Disney, \$2.1 million, 1,177 locations, \$1,743 average, \$21.1 million, four weeks.

11. *Scream*, Miramax, \$1.1 million, 986 locations, \$1,131 average, \$94.6 million, 20 weeks.

12. *Chasing Amy*, Miramax, \$879,300, 530 locations, \$1,659 average, \$5.2 million, five weeks.

13. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$562,800, 650 locations, \$866 average, \$150.4 million, 21 weeks.

14. *The Devil's Own*, Sony, \$512,100, 700 locations, \$732 average, \$41.9 million, six weeks.

15. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$435,800, 641 locations, \$680 average, \$54.5 million, nine weeks.

16. *That Old Feeling*, Universal, \$428,000, 634 locations, \$675 average, \$15.8 million, five weeks.

17. *Vegas Vacation*, Warner, \$413,800, 621 locations, \$666 average, \$35.5 million, 12 weeks.

18. *Sling Blade*, Miramax, \$378,900, 329 locations, \$1,152 average, \$22.3 million, 23 weeks.

19. *Selena*, Warner Bros., \$376,000, 342 locations, \$1,099 average, \$33.5 million, seven weeks.

20. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$366,300, 386 locations, \$949 average, \$75.9 million, 25 weeks.

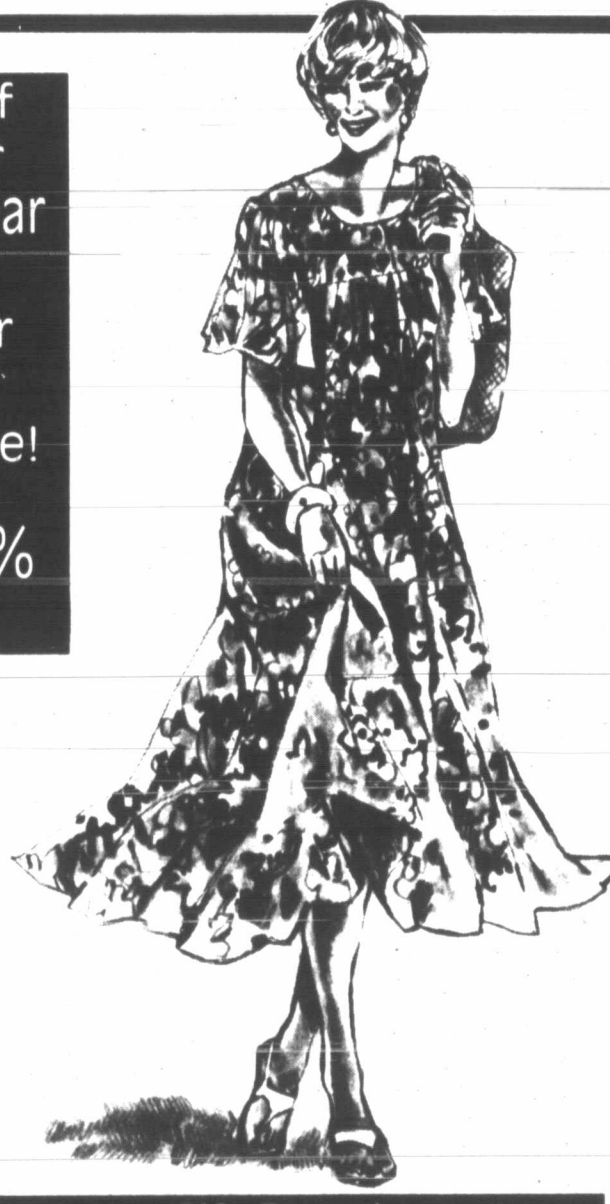
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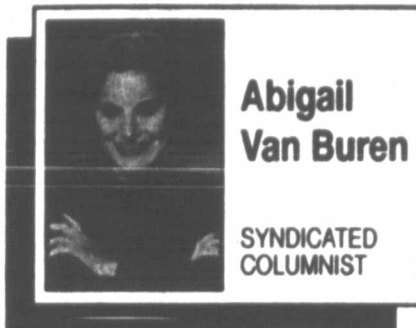
DEAR ABBY: May I add to your examples of acts of kindness?

On Oct. 23, 1996, I received a phone call at 10:30 p.m. from a hospital in Texas informing me that my sister Cindy and her family had been in a car accident that included fatalities. She was being transferred to another hospital for immediate surgery, her 11-year-old son was in surgery in critical condition, and her husband was being held for X-rays. They would give me no word on the condition of Cindy's 8- and 9-year-old sons.

A short time later, a nurse from the hospital to which Cindy had been transferred called to update me on her status. Her injuries were severe; she was stable but critical and heading into surgery. Breaking all the rules, the nurse told me that my nephews, Jacob and Travis, had died instantly in the crash.

I had called ahead to Houston to reserve a rental car. But when I arrived, they refused to rent me one because I didn't have a current driver's license. My purse had been stolen the week before, and I had not yet gone to get a replacement. All I had with me was an expired card I was using for picture ID, but was told that was unacceptable. I was devastated. I was still two hours from the hospital where Cindy was.

I stood outside the rental office in the rain, ready to burst into tears, when two men who had been ahead of me in line at the counter



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

approached and asked me why the agency wouldn't rent me a car. I explained about my sister, her family, the stolen purse and the missing driver's license. They listened sympathetically, then told me not to worry, they would get me there.

They were John and June James, a father and son who live in Houston. They took me to John's home so I could call my family and let them know I was all right. Then June drove me 120 miles (one way) to the hospital where my sister and surviving nephew were. I don't know how I could have gotten to her side without their help. June's sister rode along, talking with me and keeping me calm the whole trip.

June drove 240 miles, round trip, for a stranger — and I pray that God blesses them for their generous and caring natures. I don't judge people by their color, but I know many ignorant people who do. Thankfully, the James family doesn't either, for you see, I am

white and the Jameses are black. They saw a person in desperate need, and I saw a loving family.

My sister and nephew are still recovering from their injuries. Her husband sustained minor injuries, but like Cindy, he's dealing with the grief of losing two sons.

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DEAR BONNIE: I'm gratified to know that your sister, brother-in-law and one of your nephews survived the tragedy. Please accept my condolences on the loss of the younger children, and thank you for sharing this act of kindness with me and my readers.

All too often, the media reflect only violence and tragedy because sensationalism is what sells. But there are generous, caring people who reach out to others every day. And as obvious as it may seem, it bears repeating.

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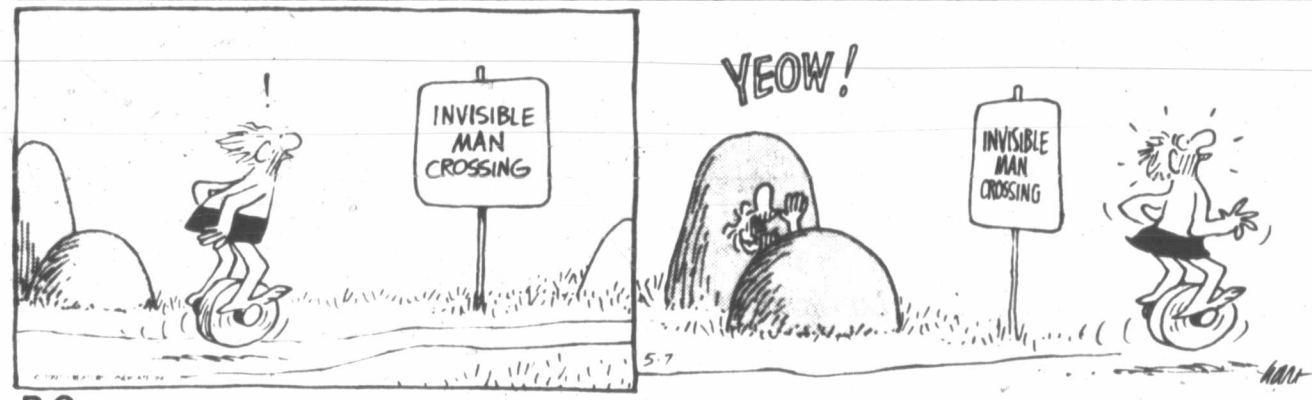
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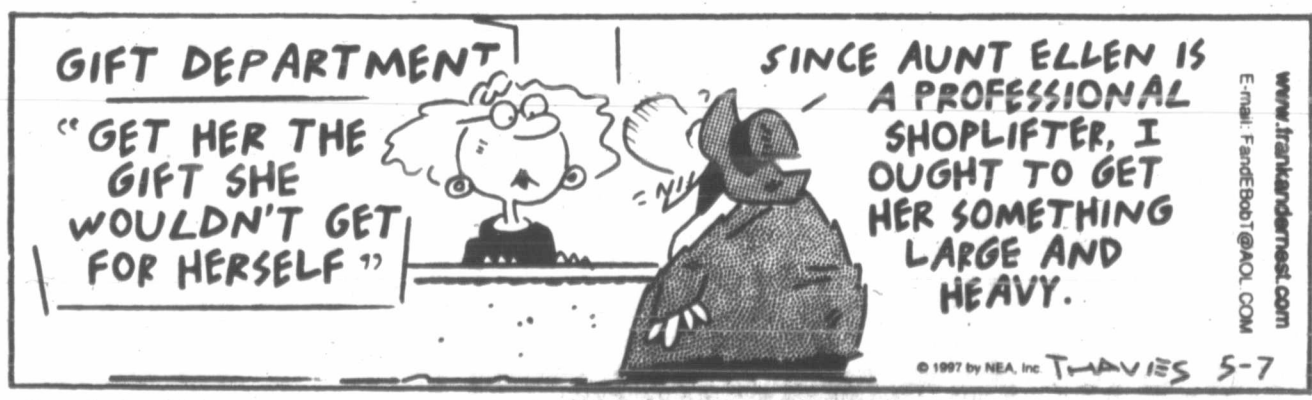
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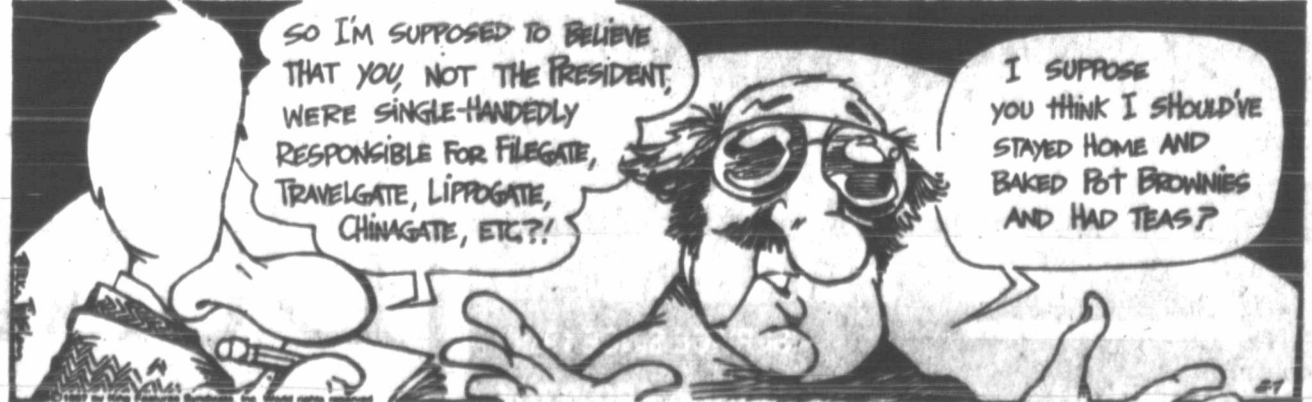
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Your abilities could be substantially enhanced in the year ahead. As you strive to acquire more for the people you love, you'll also generate greater returns for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you must be careful you're not penny wise and pound-foolish. You will be mindful of trivial expenses, but you may be oblivious to real extravagance. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will effec-

tively manage rational matters today, but situations that have emotional content could mar your judgment and cause you to behave poorly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As long as companions are in accord with your ideas today, and everything is going your way, you'll be as pleasant as pie, but woe-to-him or her who crosses you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think twice before asking favors from friends today. If pals think they are being used, you won't get what you want. Let suggestions come from them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Timing is the critical factor today that can spell the difference between success and failure. Take care not to push when you should pull.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take credit today for something in which you only played a small part. Losing the respect of your peers is poor compensation for momentary glory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your curiosity might run at high-peak today. Be careful you do not probe into a friend's private

affairs. Keep your questions to yourself.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be too hasty in negotiating a serious agreement today. What looks and sounds good at first may not be so, after further study.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might not prove wise today to tackle a mental task that demands your total concentration. If your focus wanders, errors are quite likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend might seek advice from you today pertaining to a financial matter. Do not pretend to know something you do not, or big trouble may follow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Associates might find you a bit difficult to comprehend today. This may be because of your severe mood swings, so keep them under wraps.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Responsibilities that require your attention should be taken care of as early in the day as possible. Your sense of duty lessens by midday.

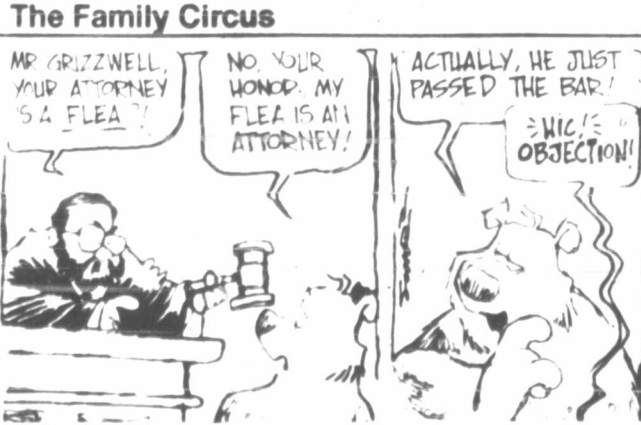
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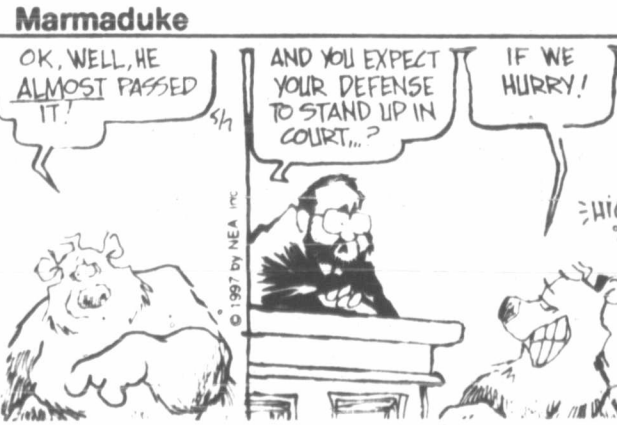
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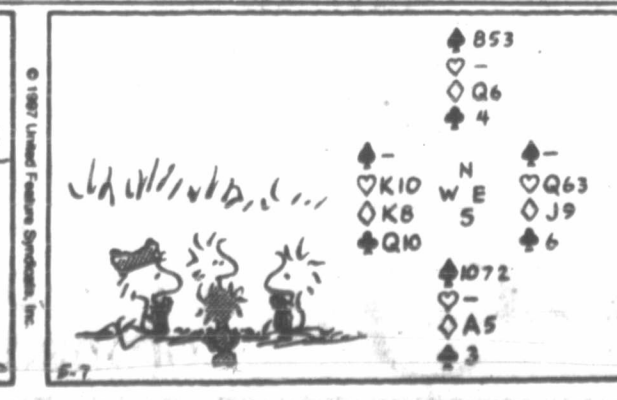
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Coaches in the Pampa Optimist Baseball Leagues who want to turn in their game results can pick up scoresheets at the Pampa News sports department.

Results can also be phoned in at 669-2527.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dave Hansen, who had just one RBI coming in, hit a two-run single in the seventh and Kevin Foster won for the first time in seven starts against San Diego as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Padres 2-1 Tuesday night.

Foster (3-2) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings, with five strikeouts and one walk.

Terry Adams pitched the eighth and Mel Rojas closed out the combined eight-hitter for his third save.

Brian McRae had two of Chicago's five hits.

The Padres loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, but Foster struck out John Flaherty and pinch-hitter Chris Jones.

Hansen's hit to center off Andy Ashby (2-2) followed a walk to Mark Grace and a double by Sammy Sosa into the left-field corner. Until that inning, Ashby had faced only two batters over the minimum.

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GENERAL

BORGER—Melanie Friemel of Groom received the coach's award in women's basketball at the annual Frank Phillips College Athletic Banquet.

Josh Purcell of Wheeler won the Outstanding Heart Award in rodeo.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Steve Kinser has never watched the Indianapolis 500, and the 14-time World of Outlaws sprint car champion doesn't plan to watch the May 25 race, either.

"I've lived in Indiana my whole life, and I've never seen an Indianapolis 500," the 41-year-old racer said Tuesday at a news conference to announce a sponsor, One Call Communications, for his Indy entry. "I got started racing, and every Indianapolis 500 race day, I'm racing some place else."

Kinser, who never has raced an Indy car, plans to start practicing in his Oldsmobile Aurora V8-powered Dallara either late today or Thursday and hopes to be ready when time trials for the 81st Indy 500 begin Saturday.

Helping his bid is brother-in-law Owen Snyder, the crew chief when Al Unser Jr. won the 1990 PPG CART World Series championship and the 1992 Indy 500.

"He's been around these things a long time. I think that's going to help me as much as anything," said Kinser, making his second attempt to race at the famed oval about 50 miles north of his hometown of Bloomington.

His previous attempt in 1981 with an underfunded team ended when his car crashed into the first-turn wall during practice.

If successful, the son of a former sprint car racer would fulfill a dream he had as a youth.

"Going through school, I always told everybody else, 'I'm going to run the Indianapolis 500,'" he said.

"With all the success we've had with the sprint cars, I got to make a fairly good living and all my thoughts turned to sprint car racing. ... Those dreams sort of lost it a little bit."

The winner of a record 414 Outlaws features — more than double any other driver in the series — Kinser has also driven in the all-star IROC series and in NASCAR's Winston Cup circuit.

Austin Anderson wins 5A golf title

AUSTIN (AP) — The boys' golf team at Austin Anderson High School is a champion again.

Led by medalist Troy Matteson, Austin Anderson claimed the boys' Class 4A golf state championship Tuesday. The team finished second last year after winning the team title in 1995.

Classes 1A through 4A crowned champions Tuesday in the University Interscholastic League state golf tournament. The 5A championship will begin Thursday.

Matteson shot a 68 — the day's low-round in 4A — on the par-71 Roy Kizer Course for a two-day total of 140. It was the junior's first individual title. He was third last year and runner-up in 1995.

Anderson posted a team-total 588 (304-284), 18 shots better than McKinney (606). Jacksonville was third with 618.

Jimmy Walker of New Braunfels Canyon finished second in the medalist race with a 143 (72-71). Chris Cureton of McKinney tied for third overall with Longview Pine Tree's Dan Floyd at 148.

In girls' 4A action, Snyder, which was third in last year's state championship, won the title with a 634 (325-309), seven shots

ahead of Dallas Highland Park (641). Fort Stockton and Bastrop tied for third with 665.

McKenzie Gibson of Highland Park won the individual title after firing her second straight 73 on the par-71 Roy Kizer Course for a two-day total of 146.

Snyder was led by Daysha Weaver, who rebounded from a first round 83 to shoot 71 on Tuesday, placing fifth overall.

In boys' 3A, Austin Lake Travis won the team title with a 618 (308-310), just ahead of Texarkana Pleasant Grove and Mexia, which tied for second with 621. Abilene Wylie (623) finished fourth.

Ryan Hancock of Mexia won the medalist honors with a 149 (74-75) on the par-71 Lions Municipal Golf Course. One shot behind was Michael Martin of Jacksboro (75-75), Jeremy Martin of Sealy (74-76), and Jeff Brinkman of Austin Lake Travis (75-75).

In girls' 3A, defending champion Yoakum carded the day's low-round of 329, but could not get past China Spring which won the team title by three shots. China Spring shot a two-day 664 (334-330), while Yoakum shot 667. Columbus finished third with a 730 (368-362).

Super Shooters



(Pampa News photo)

Displaying the basketballs and t-shirts they won in the Lamar Super Shooter Shootout last weekend are the second and third grade winners. Front row, l-r, are Britteni Rice, first place, girls division; Brooke McGraw, third place, girls division; Cassidy Tice, second place, girls division; Back row, l-r, are Weston Teichmann, second-place tie, boys division; Brett Ferrell, first place, boys division; Nicholas Robbin, second-place tie, boys division.

El Paso Franklin pulls off another Class 5A sweep

AUSTIN (AP) — El Paso Franklin's Sara Walker repeated her girls' 5A singles title and teammates Miranda Carvalho and Kaysie Smashey retained their doubles crown Tuesday at the University Interscholastic League State Tennis Championships.

The singles and doubles state championships in classes 4A and 5A were crowned Tuesday. Classes 1A through 3A begin on Friday. Hillary Brown and Tatum Rankin of Canadian are entered in the Class 2A girls doubles competition. They meet Karen Kubenka and Paula Zapalac of Schulenburg in the first round.

Walker, who won the 5A title in straight sets last year, won in the same style this year, defeating Christie Schweer of Houston Cypress Falls, 6-3, 6-3.

In Monday's semifinals, Walker defeated Shannon Duffy of Plano

6-7 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3, while Schweer beat Lindsay Deason of El Paso Franklin 6-2, 6-4.

In the 5A doubles, Carvalho and Smashey again needed three sets in the finals to repeat their title by beating twin sisters Ashley and Lindsay Hedberg of Round Rock Westwood, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Carvalho and Smashey advanced to Tuesday's finals with a 6-2, 6-0 semifinal win over Kasey Hawkins and Leanne Stout of McAllen Memorial. The Hedbergs beat Petra Gubler and Marsha Meyer of San Antonio Madison 6-0, 6-1 in the other semifinals.

In the 4A singles final, Dee Herring of Fort Worth Arlington Heights defeated Claudia Stritzel of Texas City, 6-0, 6-1.

Herring beat Elly Motloch of Dallas Highland Park 6-3, 6-0 to advance to the finals, while

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Stritzel knocked off Meagan Rymmer of Terrell 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

In 4A doubles, Vanesa Gomez and Jessica Gomez of Colleyville Heritage defeated Genevieve Kimmel and Monica Martin of San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-3, 6-3.

The Gomezes defeated Amanda Schneider and Jennifer Sanders of Friendswood Clear Brook 6-2, 6-0 in Monday's semifinals. Kimmel and Martin beat Andrea Ulrich and Valerie Shaw of Wichita Falls 6-4, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

Prakash Venkataraman and Thomas Will of Sugar Land Clements defended their Class 5A boys' doubles crown while Cody Hubbell of A&M Consolidated won the 5A boys' singles title at

the University Interscholastic League State Tennis Championships.

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In 5A singles, Hubbell defeated William Lee of Houston Cypress Falls, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

Lee defeated last year's runner-up, Sebastian Iannariello of Carrollton Turner 7-5, 6-0 in the semifinals Monday. Hubbell beat Justin Work of Hurst Bell 6-3, 6-4 in Monday's semifinals.

In the 5A doubles final, Venkataraman and Will beat Josh Ferguson and Seth Ferguson of San Antonio Churchill, 6-4, 7-5.

Venkataraman and Will defeated Eduardo Moreno and Gilberto Martinez of El Paso Franklin 6-4, 6-2 in the semifinals, while the

Fergusons defeated Todd Petty and Vidal Garza of San Angelo Central 6-3, 6-4.

In 4A singles finals, Scott Eddins of Fort Worth Boswell defeated John Pontikas of Texas City 6-1, 6-4.

Eddins defeated Justin Hunter of Southlake Carroll 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals, while Pontikas beat Grant Carona of Dallas Highland Park 6-4, 6-1.

In the 4A doubles finals, Stephen Perkins and Josiah Daniel of Dallas Highland Park defeated Ali Mirza and Stryker Autry of Wichita Falls, 6-3, 6-3.

Mirza and Autry defeated Ned Hodge and Mason Kruse of San Antonio Alamo Heights, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) in the Monday's semifinals, while Perkins and Daniel beat Jeff Johnson and Kyle Boothe of Sherman 6-3, 6-4, in the other semifinal.

Bowlers fall from 1st place

RENO, Nev. — Pampa's Nancy Looper and Rita Steddum last week were knocked from their perch atop the doubles division in the Women's International Bowling Congress national tournament.

"We wish to thank all of our well-wishers for the encouragement given during our reign. We haven't lost out on the money, just the title," Looper said. "Rita is still hanging onto Division I all-events."

Looper and Steddum bowled a 1,211 series in the Division I doubles event in March of the 19-week tournament. But when the weekly results were posted Sunday, Betty Brooks and Pat Narnard of Muskegon, Mich., still claimed the lead with a 1,249 series. Looper and Steddum, who still own the top doubles game score with 500, are second.

Steddum still leads the Division I all-events standings with a combined score of 1,826 in singles, doubles and team competition.

This was Looper's fifth national tournament and Steddum's third.

The best finish for either bowler in a national tournament came when Looper took 64th in singles competition in 1970.

Looper carries a 183 average while Steddum is at 173.

This year's national tournament, expected to draw nearly 90,000 bowlers, continues through July 14.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Wheeler senior Travis Stevens works on his pole vault form during a recent practice session.

Team One picks up second win in girls softball

PAMPA — Team One downed Team Five, 16-1, in Lady Harvester Softball League action earlier this week.

Team One improved its record to 2-1.

Amber Dean and Sabrina Johnson paced Team One's hitting attack with two hits each. Dean had a solo homer and knocked in three runs. Johnson knocked in four runs with a double and single.

Jami Wells and Tera

Dougherty pitched for Team One. Wells pitched two innings and allowed two hits. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Dougherty pitched three innings and gave up one hit. She struck out three and walked two.

Team Four improved its record to 2-0 on the season with a 10-2 win over Team Three in other action.

Kimberly Clark and Kelsey Yowell combined to hold Team

Three to just two runs in six innings. Clark struck out seven, walked one and allowed just one hit through seven innings worked.

Yowell came on in relief to start the fourth and pitched the final three innings. Kelsey had outstanding control while scattering five singles, striking out one and issuing only one base on balls.

Team Three had singles by Amber Kimball, Jennifer Mackie, Lisa Dwight, Tandi

paying off. Brooke's 15.26 regional time is number one among the eight state qualifiers. Porton's 14.99 in the 110 hurdles is at the top in the boys' division.

Travis just missed making the state meet last year, capturing a bronze medal (third place) in the vault at regionals. Only the top two finishers in each event at regionals qualify for state.

Stevens' best vault is 14-1, but he's far from satisfied with that height.

"I need to be going 15-6, but the weather hasn't been all that good," Stevens said. "Maybe I'm saving it all for state."

Going by the regional marks, Stevens' 13-0 is ranked second behind Meridian's Clint Symanek, who went 14-0.

"You're not going to find many schools this size who send three individuals to the state meet. They're hard workers and it's a close-knit group," said coach Phil Bailey, who works with the Wheeler track program.

Stevens competed in the pole competition Friday morning. The hurdle events are set for Saturday night.

Morton, Regina Tice and Erin Cobb.

For Team Four, Yowell and Clark each tripled, Jennifer Quintana doubled, and Cassi Scott, Betsy Murray, Allison Earl, Keili Earl, Angie DeJesus and Rachel Ledford each had a single.

Good defensive plays by Stephanie McCellan and Kristi Walling prevented Team Three from mounting a serious threat.

Scoreboard

Table with baseball and basketball scores. Baseball section includes National League, American League, and various divisional games. Basketball section includes NBA Playoff Glance and various divisional games.

Six teams qualify for Big 12 tourney

By The Associated Press

The South division will provide five of the six participants in the Big 12 Postseason Baseball Tournament beginning May 15 in Oklahoma City.

Missouri was the only North team to qualify for the first tournament of the new conference.

Texas Tech was the top Big 12 regular season team going into a three-game series with Texas A&M with a 22-5 regular season mark.

Oklahoma State, which plays Oklahoma in a three-game set, was next with a 19-8 mark.

Oklahoma was 17-9 and holding down third place.

Texas A&M was fourth with a 17-10 ledger and could move up with a big series against the Red

Raiders if the Sooners stumble against Oklahoma State.

Baylor, which has finished its regular season mark at 18-12, could move to fourth if Tech sweeps the Aggies.

Missouri was locked in sixth place at 15-14 with no regular season games left.

Texas missed qualifying for the tournament with a 12-15 record and will likely not be an at-large pick. The Longhorns, who were beaten 25-15 by Nebraska in their season finale, hadn't missed the NCAA playoffs since 1978.

NCAA regional tournaments will begin on Thursday May 22 and the Big 12 could have as many as five teams picked including the tournament champion.

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1 Public Notice MCDANIEL, an Adult, an incapacitated person, were issued on April 25, 1997, in Cause Number 97-38, on the Probate Docket of the County Court of Gray County, Texas to Mary McDaniel, Guardian. The address of record for the Guardian is: c/oPhil N. Vanderpool Attorney at Law P.O. Box 2455 Pampa, Texas 79066-2455 All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All claims shall be addressed to Mary McDaniel, Guardian, Estate of MALCOLM S. MCDANIEL, at the above address. DATED this 2nd day of May, 1997. Mary McDaniel Guardian of the Person and Estate of MALCOLM S. MCDANIEL, an Adult, an Incapacitated person B-1 May 7, 1997 3 Personal MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skincare. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095. BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine - 669-9435. MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, make-overs, career information. Sherry Diggs 669-9435. TALK TO PHYSIC Not a Shrink. 1-800-484-3800 extension 9359. \$3.99 per minute. Must be 18 years plus. Serv-U 619-645-8434

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- 8 Make a sweater
- 12 Wide shoe size
- 13 Sign on a door
- 14 Birthmarks
- 15 Important time period
- 16 Without purpose
- 17 Do a laundry job
- 18 Gives
- 20 Piano key
- 21 Future bks.
- 22 Before (post.)
- 23 Bitter nut
- 26 Rudely
- 30 Chemical suffix
- 31 Cow
- 33 Language
- 34 Poetic time of day
- 35 -- Grows in Brooklyn
- 36 Have lunch
- 37 Cheater
- 38 One opposed

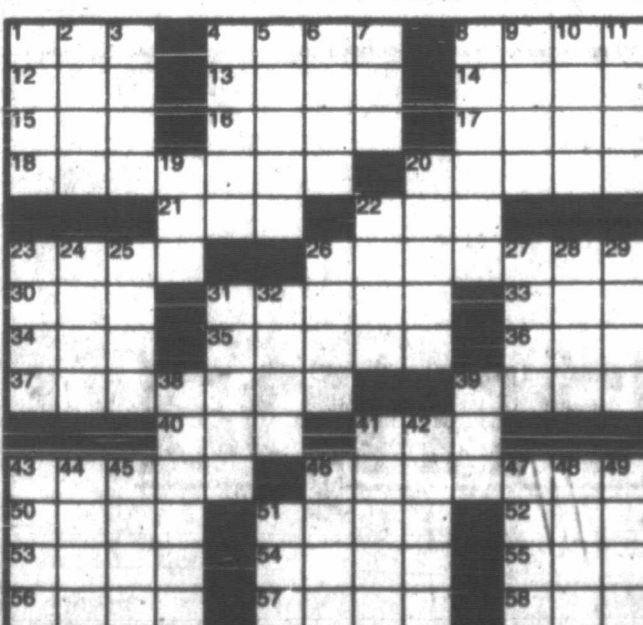
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- 2 Finnish first name
- 3 Singer
- 4 Small points of land
- 5 Unclothed persons
- 6 House wings
- 7 Bridge expert

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MEDICAL

U.N.: People live longer, but not always healthier

GENEVA (AP) — Medical advances mean more people around the world are living longer lives, but bad habits mean they aren't necessarily healthier and happier ones, a new U.N. report says.

The U.N. World Health Organization warns that so-called "diseases of the rich" — cancers, heart attacks, strokes and other illnesses in which diet and exercise are often believed to play a part — will increase as the customs of industrialized nations spread around the globe.

"Longer life can be a penalty as well as a prize. A large part of the price to be paid is in the currency of chronic disease," WHO says in its World Health Report 1997.

Thanks to medical progress, life expectancy is averaging 64 years in developing countries and reaching 80 years in some industrialized nations, WHO says.

But, it says, millions of people throw away the chance of a healthy old age because of sedentary lifestyles, bad diet and indulgences like smoking and alcohol abuse.

Trying to improve the health of the elderly is of crucial economic importance, WHO says. In the next 25 years, the population of people older than 65 is likely to grow by 82 percent, compared to 46 percent in the work-

ing age population and only 3 percent in newborns.

Still struggling with ailments linked to poverty, developing countries are also paying the price for mimicking Western lifestyles, WHO says.

Heart disease and strokes, which killed 15.3 million people last year and are the leading cause of death in many industrialized nations, are on the increase in poorer countries.

Cancers killed 6.3 million people in 1996 and there were 10 million new cases — not all of them fatal. This is expected to at least double in most countries in the next 25 years.

WHO concedes that's partly due to the elimination of other fatal diseases, which increases the odds of getting cancer.

But it says much of the blame lies with diet and, above all, cigarettes. Smoking is on the increase throughout the developing world and accounts for one in seven cancer cases worldwide, it says.

Long the leading cancer killer among men in industrialized countries, lung cancer is now the top cause of cancer death among women in the United States. The number of female cases in the European Union is expected to increase by a third in less than 10 years.

WHO is also concerned about the increase in breast cancer, which killed 375,000 women in 1996. White or Hawaiian women in the United States are most vulnerable, while risks in developing countries are smaller but growing, it says.

The agency is unsure of the exact reasons for the rise, although the main factor is age. Childless women or those who had children late; obese women; and those who took oral contraceptives at an early age or estrogen replacement therapy at menopause are also believed at increased risk.

Between 1995 and 2025, the number of people with diabetes will rise from 135 million to 300 million, with a resulting increase in kidney failure and blindness, it says. Again, that's due to an increase in obesity and sedentary habits in developing countries, WHO says.

On a brighter note, WHO says real progress is being made toward cancer prevention and cure.

Already, there are vaccines against hepatitis B, which causes liver cancer. A vaccine against the virus which leads to cervical cancer is on the horizon, and there are hopes for one against a key virus in stomach cancers, WHO notes.

More Texas children becoming immunized

AUSTIN — In Texas, the need to improve infant immunization rates is still an unfinished story, but thanks to hundreds of public health professionals and volunteers statewide, it's heading toward a happy ending.

According to a survey conducted by the National Immunization Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the immunization level of Texas 2-year-olds has increased from 71 to 76 percent. Texas leaped from 42nd place to 28th among the 50 states.

As National Infant Immunization Week was observed in April, Dr. Patti J. Patterson, Texas Commissioner of Health, warned that despite the positive trend statewide, the need to raise immunization rates for infants ages 2 and younger is far from over.

"Encouraging as the latest news is, Texas still has a long way to go to reach the goal of immunizing 90 percent of our little Texans by the year 2000," Dr. Patterson said. "It's critical that we don't even slow down now. We must keep working until we finish the job."

To help raise awareness of the need for age-appropriate immunizations, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) has published two free, easy-to-read booklets about the serious role immunizations play in a child's health — "The Story of Shots" and "My Child's Health Record."

"The Story of Shots" is a 20-page whimsically illustrated pamphlet that, although easy-to-read, contains an immunization schedule along with serious information about vaccine-preventable diseases. "My Child's Health Record" is an infant wellness diary providing a place for parents to record vital statistics on their infant, including immunizations.

Along with health-related information, the booklet includes space to record dates of important childhood milestones, such as the baby's first smile, first steps and first tooth.

TDH is offering the booklets as part of Shots Across Texas, a statewide public health program aimed at increasing the immunization rate of Texas children age 2 and younger. Sponsored by TDH and volunteers and coalitions throughout the state, Shots Across Texas strives to educate parents and other care givers about the importance of childhood immunization.

To find out more about Shots Across Texas, or to receive a copy of the booklets, parents, grandparents, health care providers and other concerned Texans can contact their local Shots Across Texas coalition or health department or the TDH Immunization Division at 1-800-252-9152.

If the child has Medicaid coverage, booklets may be ordered from the Texas Health Steps program at 1-800-252-8263.

On a diet? Don't cut out all the fat — some is good for you

HOUSTON — Believe it or not, some fat in your diet is good for you.

"Certain dietary fats are essential to maintaining life," said Lynne W. Scott, a registered dietitian and director of The DeBakey Heart Center's Diet Modification Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Fat has several important functions in the body, according to Scott. It is the most dense source of calories, providing more than twice the calories of carbohydrates or protein. Fat spares protein so that protein can be used to build and repair tissue instead of being used for energy. Fat also helps with absorption of vitamins like A, D, E and K.

Fat comes in three types — satu-

rated, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated. Saturated fats are found in meat with fat and whole-milk dairy products and vegetable fats such as coconut and palm oils.

Common oils such as canola, safflower, corn and olive oil contain all three types of fat. These oils all have the same amount of fat and calories. Canola oil has the lowest amount of saturated fat.

Besides its health benefits, fat helps satisfy your appetite, Scott says.

"People like the taste of fat. It adds to the palatability of food," she said. "Fat slows down the rate at which food leaves the stomach and produces a feeling of fullness after a meal."

Although ingredients such as

egg yolk, sour cream and cream cheese may be satisfying, they are also high in saturated fat. The key is moderation.

The American Heart Association recommends a diet with no more than 30 percent of calories from fat. For example, an adult requiring 2,500 calories a day should get no more than 80 grams of fat a day.

Knowing what kind of fat to choose is important in making wise fat choices.

Scott, who has authored a book, *The New Living Heart Diet*, offers the following tips on choosing low-fat, yet nutritious foods:

- Read the food label and check for calorie and fat content. A low-fat food has three grams of fat or less per serving.

- Choose lean types of meat like chicken breast without skin, fish and the leanest cuts of beef and pork.

- Prepare foods with little or no added fat. Cook vegetables with fresh herbs, spices, garlic and onions. "Paint" your cooking pan using a paper towel with a small amount of canola oil or olive oil, or use a non-fat cooking spray.

- Don't mistake fat-free foods for calorie-free foods. Some brands of fat-free cookies, for example, are higher in calories than their regular counterparts.

The DeBakey Heart Center is a joint project of Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital supporting cardiovascular research, treatment and education.

Study: Some malnourished kids suffer from low lactase

HOUSTON — Researchers find some malnourished children suffer from low levels of lactase in the small intestine. This finding could lead to more effective treatment of malnourished children in the future.

The study, involving researchers at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston and the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil, looked at 32 malnourished Brazilian children who had problems tolerating milk. "Between 10 and 20 percent of all malnourished children get worse after they are fed," said Dr. Buford Nichols, professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "They suffer from food intolerance, which cause diarrhea and vomiting, making it difficult to treat the malnutrition."

Researchers studied the

genes that make lactase, an enzyme that digests milk sugar, into messenger RNA. Messenger RNA carries genetic information that allows the body to manufacture protein.

"We found lactase messenger RNA to be very low in the malnourished children we studied," Nichols said. "Most of the reduced lactase enzyme activity is caused by nutritional deficiencies that affect the body's ability to build protein."

Low lactase is the most common genetic enzyme deficiency in humans. Recent studies found genetic causes in adults.

"The malnourished Brazilian children did not have a genetic defect," Nichols said. "This shows that these children did not have genetically driven low lactase activity. But rather it was temporarily suppressed by malnutrition."

Sleeping on back reduces incidence of SIDS deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 2,000 fewer American babies a year are dying of sudden infant death syndrome since doctors began telling parents to put babies to sleep on their backs instead of their stomachs.

Dr. Eric Gibson of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia said Monday that the rate sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, had dropped by more than 30 percent in United States.

But he said that even more American children could be saved if all parents understood the importance of sleep position.

"Putting infants to sleep on their stomach is an important risk for sudden infant death syndrome," Gibson said at a meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research.

Babies sleeping on their stomachs are more apt to be suffocated by bed clothing. Also, Gibson said an infant sleeping with its mouth and nose against covers can rebreathe exhaled air and become poisoned with carbon dioxide.

In most SIDS cases, babies are found in their cribs not breathing. Many are never revived.

The American Academy of Pediatrics in 1992 recommended that parents put babies to sleep on their backs or sides and in 1994, the National Institutes of Health started a "Back to Sleep" campaign to emphasize the sleep position.

Gibson said that a survey of 3 million births a year since 1989, shows that the U.S. rate for sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, has dropped from 1.4 per 1,000 babies to about 0.9 per 1,000.

"The deaths have gone from about 7,000 a year to less than 5,000 a year at the end of 1995," he said.

But Gibson said the country could do better.

He said a study shows that about 75 percent of Caucasian parents now put their babies to sleep on the back or side. Among blacks, there is a 58 percent to 60 percent compliance with the new sleep position.

Nitric oxide relieves newborn lungs

BOSTON (AP) — Inhaling nitric oxide gas can safely relieve a rare life-threatening breathing problem among newborns called hypoxic respiratory failure, two studies conclude.

Doctors hope the treatment will provide a safer alternative to putting babies on an artificial lung machine, which can have dangerous complications.

Hypoxic respiratory failure occurs when newborns do not get enough oxygen to survive. It can have a variety of causes, including immature lungs, breathing contaminated amniotic fluid or high blood pressure in the lungs. Until now, the only treatment

has been an external machine that puts oxygen into the blood. The approach can harm the arteries and cause brain damage.

Two studies on the use of nitric oxide were published in a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

One, conducted by Dr. Richard A. Ehrenkranz and others from Yale University, involved 135 infants. The other, by Dr. Jesse D. Roberts Jr. and colleagues from Massachusetts General Hospital, was done on 58.

Both showed that while not all babies were helped, the treatment was safe and modestly reduced the need for the lung machine.



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