

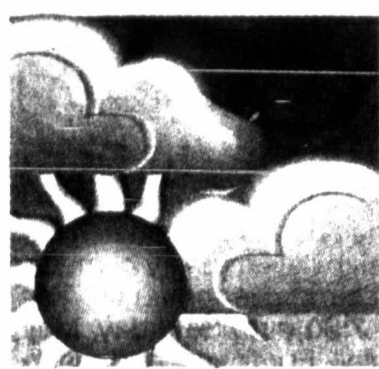
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Low tonight in low 50s.
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weather details.

PAMPA - Horace Mann Elementary School, one of two Pampa elementary schools to be closed at the end of this school year, will be having a reunion Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the school.

All former classmates, staff, parents and others are invited to come Saturday morning. The building will be open for tours, and cookies and punch will be available.

Also, yearbooks for the school have arrived, according to Susan Ratzlaff, president of the Mann Booster Club, which is sponsoring the reunion event.

Those who have ordered the yearbooks may pick them up Saturday morning or at the school office. Some additional copies of the yearbook are available for sale, Ratzlaff said.

PAMPA - Residents needing access to businesses, the nursing homes and the Masonic Lodge on West Kentucky Street should access those areas from Price Road.

The construction area on Kentucky Street has been moved from Hobart to just in front of Beck Electric. That portion of the street will be closed for several weeks and residents are urged to use Price Road or Wells Street for access to businesses or residences on Kentucky Street.

LEFORS - Lefors will hold its annual St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lefors Civic Center.

Everyone is invited. For more information, call 835-2863 or 835-2533.

PAMPA - There will be a banquet for all current and former staff of Baker Elementary School on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Baker Cafeteria.

All current and former staff members are welcome as the district prepares to close the 70-year-old facility.

Participants should notify Candy at Baker no later than Monday, May 19, by calling 669-4780.

PAMPA - St. Mark C.M.E. Church, 407 Elm, will be selling barbecue dinners on Saturday, May 24, beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing until sold out.

Donations are \$6 each for the dinner. Delivery can be arranged by calling 669-6743, according to the Rev. L.N. Lakey, pastor.

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City awards tax collection bid

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Despite the hesitation of the Pampa Independent School District, the Pampa city commissioners awarded a bid for tax collection services to the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Office on Tuesday night.

The city commissioners delayed on taking any action on the proposal submitted by Gray County at their April 22 meeting because of the school district's reluctance to approve the bid.

The city, Pampa school district and Lefors Independent School District jointly solicited bid proposals from the Gray County tax assessor/collector and the Gray County Appraisal District earlier this year. The proposal returned by the tax assessor/collector reflected a substantial decrease in the cost of collection services compared to the Gray County Appraisal District.

However, the Pampa Independent School District trustees have voiced some concerns over the legal wording in a section of the Property Tax Code, which has delayed their decision on the proposal. Initially, city commissioners wanted to wait for a resolution between the county tax office and the school district.

As the June 1 deadline neared, though, city commissioners decided to go ahead and approve the proposal to save money in upcoming year.

In addition, County Judge Richard Peet also was on hand during the workshop meeting Tuesday afternoon to reassure city commissioners that the fees being charged by the county tax office were both reasonable and within the limits of the law. He further assured that the county tax office would evaluate their fees at the end of the first year and possibly lower the cost to the city in future years.

"We appreciate your diligence on it and the time you've taken to look at it," said Peet. "I think in the future you're going to see it (the cost) come even further down."

The cost for collection services with the county tax office is approximately \$10,000 per year, reflecting a savings of over \$10,000.

Other items approved by city commissioners during the regular meeting Tuesday evening included a bid by Al-jon in the amount of \$353,755 for a new sanitary landfill compactor and the consent agenda.

Items on the consent agenda included minutes of the April 22 work session and regular



(Special photo)
City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers swears in Commissioner Jeff McCormick, Mayor Bob Neslage and Commissioner Robert Dixon at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. All three candidates were re-elected through a resolution which allows uncontested candidates to be reappointed without an election.

meeting, the first reading of an ordinance which would allow the city's personnel policies and procedures to be revised by res-

olutions rather than ordinances. approval of the absence of Commissioner Robert Dixon from the April 8 city commission meeting.

Relay for Life to feature luminaria service

All Gray and Roberts county residents are invited to attend a special luminaria service at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at Pampa High School stadium to remember or honor a loved one who has battled cancer.

The luminaria service is part of the American Cancer Society's Second Annual Relay for Life fund raiser.

Luminarias, votive candles placed in a bag and lit, can be purchased for \$5 at this annual relay from 5-8 p.m. Friday. These luminarias will then be placed around the inside of the track, while Joe Martinez sings an inspirational song. Participants will be able to write the name of their loved ones on the bag.

"Past participants said that this was the most moving part of the whole event," said Kathy Gist, an American Cancer Society volunteer. "This service is a great way to honor or pay

tribute to those we know who have fought cancer. It's also a good way to show support for cancer patients."

Proceeds from the luminaria sales will benefit the Gray/Roberts Unit of the American Cancer Society. Donors who buy a luminaria will have a card sent to the honoree's family stating that a luminaria has been lit in memory or in honor of them.

Gist noted that this service is for everyone in the community, not only those who are on a team.

The luminaria service is part of the 24-hour Relay for Life activities to be held at the stadium from 3 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday to benefit the Gray/Roberts County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life will feature teams of former and current cancer patients, their families and the public - corporations, busi-

nesses, churches, neighborhoods, co-workers and others - with a minimum of 10 persons on each team.

The teams will keep at least one person on the track for the entire 24 hours while the rest of the team members camp out in the center of the track to participate in various activities, including games and entertainment.

Also forming part of the Relay for Life activities is the Cancer Survivors Walk. The opening ceremony will begin at 6:15 p.m., with the survivor's lap and a celebration starting at 6:30 p.m.

Any cancer survivor who wishes to participate may call Kathy Gist at 665-4742 to register. The registration for the survivor's lap will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the high school stadium.

For more information on the luminaria ceremony or Relay for Life, call Pam Dalton at 665-0356.

Woman pilot heads toward Amelia Earhart's last stop

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) - Round-the-world pilot Linda Finch landed in Papua New Guinea today, along a Pacific route ever nearer to the site where aviator Amelia Earhart disappeared 60 years ago.

The Texas millionaire and aviation enthusiast is trying to recreate and complete the ill-fated final flight of Earhart. Finch, 46, earlier today departed from Darwin, Australia, with 3,240 miles to go to reach Howland Island, a tiny uninhabited island north of Fiji where Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared on July 2, 1937.

It took about eight hours for the trip from Darwin, where Finch has spent nearly a week

getting ready for her Pacific crossing.

Finch on Thursday is expected to make a short hop from Port Moresby to another city in Papua New Guinea.

The crash left Earhart about 6,835 miles short of completing her historic "globe-girdling" flight. Earhart had traveled almost 22,370 miles of the 29,200-mile journey across five continents. No trace was found of her aircraft.

Finch is the first person to try to recreate the flight in the same model plane, a 1935 Lockheed Electra 10-E.

Her next stops include a series of hops across the Pacific, including landings at Nauru and Christmas Island, before reaching Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sponsors providing prizes for Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant

The Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant, scheduled in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo in July, is recog-

nizing its top sponsors by exhibiting the prize packages at the sponsors' places of business.

These special sponsors have made substantial donations to help the pageant directors make the prize packages "something

wonderful to receive."

Pageant Director Sonja Longo said, "These top sponsors have donated to the Miss Top O' Texas pageant, and we would like the residents of Pampa to take time to stop by their business and see the prize packages.

"Jamie and I can plan a great pageant, but it comes down to the money aspect because without the generosity of these special people, the pageant prizes wouldn't be as great as they are," she said.

The queen's prizes will be on exhibit at the top sponsor, M & H Leasing Co., Inc. The company is sponsoring the entire queen's prize package - the saddle, the buckle, the tiara, "the whole package," Longo said.

Longo noted that after M & H Leasing made the commitment for its donation, two additional sponsors wanted to help make the prize package better. Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Co. provided a \$500 scholarship, and Rheams Diamond Shop provided a 14K gold and diamond horseshoe ring.

Pageant Director Jamie Greene said, "The Miss Top O' Texas Teen's prize package is great because of the generosity of many people that wanted to donate to the pageant."

Helping sponsor the Teen's Pageant are Jim's Jewelry of Borger, with a 14K gold and diamond horseshoe ring; Clark Carr and Son's Memorial, with the trophy saddle; Uniglobe Travel Agency, with a handmade trophy buckle; and the Evening Kiwanis Club, with the first runner-up's handmade trophy buckle.

Wayne's Western Wear has been a great help in supplying category winner's prizes, Greene said. "We are in the process of making a schedule so that our prize package will be on display at our top sponsors' businesses so that everyone can come by and see it," Greene said.

"This being the first year the professional rodeo has had a queen, you will be surprised at how nice these sponsors have made the prize packages through their generosity," she added. "I hope that everyone stops by and tells them what a great job they are doing."

Greene said it is not too late for any young lady who wants to enter the Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant to do so; entries do not close until June 1.

For more information, call Sonja Longo at (806) 665-1413 or Jamie Greene at (806) 665-8850.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

From left, Sonja Longo, pageant director; Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey, president of M & H Leasing Co. Inc.; and Jamie Greene, pageant director, display some of the prizes which will be awarded in the Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant. M & H Leasing has donated the saddle, buckle and tiara to be awarded the rodeo queen.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PRICE, Ruth — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, Higgins.
RAMEY, Wreatha Alma — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Mooreland Cemetery, Mooreland, Okla.

Obituaries

RUTH PRICE
 HIGGINS — Ruth Price, 84, a former Mobeetie resident, died Monday, May 12, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monte Kreis and the Rev. Wesley Holland officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Shattuck.
 Mrs. Price was born at Wichita Falls. She moved to Mobeetie and was a Mobeetie High School graduate. She married Frank Bradney in 1934 at Lipscomb. The couple resided in the Lipscomb and Higgins area. She moved to Braman, Okla., in 1942 and to Higgins in 1951. She married Ode Price in 1954 at Clayton, N.M.; he died in 1988. The couple lived in Higgins and were engaged in ranching. She was a homemaker and a member of United Methodist Church of Higgins, United Methodist Women, Extension Homemakers Club, Litera Club, Quilting Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
 Survivors include a daughter, Arlene Walker of Higgins, a son, Jim Bradney of Canadian; a sister, Clotile Purcell of Higgins; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.
 The family requests memorials be to the Helping Hand Fund at United Methodist Church of Higgins.

WREATHA ALMA RAMEY
 Wreatha Alma Ramey, 89, of Pampa, died Monday, May 12, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Scott Richards, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. in Mooreland Cemetery at Mooreland, Okla., with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Ramey was born March 4, 1908, in Woodward County, Okla. She married Ray Willard Ramey on June 11, 1926, at Woodward, Okla.; he died Aug. 14, 1981. She had been a Pampa resident since 1943. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
 Survivors include two sons, Darrell E. Ramey of Paradise Valley, Ariz., and Ray W. Ramey Jr. of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Olive Strothers of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three grandchildren, Jan Browning and John Ramey, both of Albuquerque, N.M., and Max Ramey of Carlsbad, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

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.
IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Miami at the Rural Health Clinic from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Calendar of events

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Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, May 13 Arrest
 Jorge Ruiz, 39, 608 Wynne, was arrested on a municipal warrant. He remains in custody.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance..... 911
 Crime Stoppers..... 669-2222
 Energas..... 665-5777
 Fire..... 911
 Police (emergency)..... 911
 Police (non-emergency)..... 669-5700
 SPS..... 669-7432

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, May 13
 A 1997 tan Lincoln Town Car driven by Wayne Clair Cleveland, 84, of Canadian, collided with a 1992 silver Chevrolet Silverado truck driven by Hermus Carroll Moore Jr., 52, of Pampa, at the intersection of Perrytown Parkway and West 30th. Cleveland was cited for unsafe lane change.
 A 1978 blue Ford Thunderbird driven by Nicholas R. Newman, 24, 1016 E. Scott, collided with a 1996 green Oldsmobile Silhouette van driven by Billy Lee, 40, 1140 Willow, in the 200 block of North Hobart. Newman was cited for failure to control his speed and no proof of liability insurance.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, May 13
 7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Perryton Parkway at 30th on a motor vehicle. No injuries were reported.
 8:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 9:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.
 10:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Turtle Creek on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 2:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's West.
 2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Duncan on a fire standby. No patient was transferred.
 3:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Baptist St. Anthony's.
 8:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical assist. One patient was treated and transported to Columbia Medical Center.
WEDNESDAY, May 14
 2:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan Unit TDCJ on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, May 13
 2:27 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1717 Duncan on a structure fire. Fire was started by an overheated pan. Damage was limited to smoke.
 5:45 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1040 N. Dwight on an air conditioner fire. A bad relay damaged the compressor only.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, May 13 Arrests
 Kevin Wayne Jacoby, 28, 1913 N. Christy, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest. He was released on bond.
 O'Tonya Larell Worsham, 27, of Longview, was arrested on a Gray County warrant and a Potter County warrant. She remains in custody.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.94	
Milo	4.22	
Corn	4.89	

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

Chevron	72	dn 1/2
Coca-Cola	67 1/8	up 5/8
Columbia/HCA	36 7/8	dn 1/4
Enron	41 1/4	NC
Halliburton	76 1/4	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	51 3/4	up 1/4
KNE	40	up 1/8
Kerr-McGee	63 7/8	up 3/8
Limited	19 1/8	up 1/8
Mapco	31 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	52 5/8	up 5/8
Mobil	133 3/4	up 1/8
New Atmos	22 7/8	NC
Parker & Parsley	33 3/4	dn 1/8
Pennys	50 1/8	up 5/8
Phillips	41 1/2	up 1/4
SLB	117 7/8	up 7/8
SPS	37 3/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	43 5/8	up 1/8
Texaco	111 1/8	dn 3/4
Ultramar	31 1/2	dn 3/8
Wal-Mart	30	NC
Amoco	86 1/2	dn 1/4
Arco	144 1/8	dn 5/8
Cable	24 1/2	dn 1/8
Cable O&G	18 3/4	up 3/8
New York Gold	348.80	
Silver	4.82	
West Texas Crude	21.22	

Correction

The Pampa News erroneously reported in an article in Tuesday's edition that the JTPA summer youth program will be employing 14 student workers. The actual number is between 26 and 28 workers. Also, students whose families receive AFDC, food stamps and free lunches do not receive preference, it just makes the paperwork easier, according to officials with the Texas Work Force Commission.

'Mystery of Irma Vep' continues



The intruder (Dean Birkes) taps Lady Enid (Andy Nies) on the shoulder as she studies the portrait of her predecessor, Irma Vep, in *Mystery of Irma Vep*, a slapstick mystery comedy. The play stars two male actors playing six characters in a quick-change performance. The play, presented by Area Community Theatre I, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the ACT I Theatre at Pampa Mall. For tickets and reservations, call 665-3710 or 665-9369.

Mexican volcano spews glowing rocks, ash

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's Popocatepetl Volcano spit out steam, ash and glowing rocks again overnight, causing some small fires in nearby pastureland, a volcanologist says.
 The latest emission, at 10:30 p.m. local time Tuesday, lasted about a minute, then the volcano returned to "a latent calm," Hugo Delgado said.
 The emission came just after an official report said there is less than a 10 percent chance that the volcano will break into full-scale eruptions.
 Nevertheless, officials are taking preparatory measures just in case the snow-capped peak blows its cone, and army brigades are ready to implement evacuation plans if necessary, the National Center for Disaster Prevention said.
 About 300,000 people live on the skirts of the volcano, whose name in the Aztec Indian language means "smoking mountain."
 "There is an over 90-percent probability that the (volcano's) activity will remain in its current range and then decrease," the Interior Ministry said in a statement late Tuesday.
 The report said there is less than a 10 percent probability of a change in the volcano's emissions, which since late 1994 have consisted largely of ash plumes, the largest of which occurred Sunday night.
 The report says the current phase of activity is similar to an 8-year period between 1919 and 1927, when the volcano blew off ash but did not erupt lava or cause mud flows, and finally quieted down.
 But authorities are not taking any chances with the 17,991-foot Popocatepetl, whose name means "smoking mountain" in the Aztec Indian language.
 The volcano, located 45 miles southeast of downtown Mexico City, spewed intermittent plumes of dust, ash and steam last month. Earlier this month a shower of small, glowing rocks from the crater started a small brush fire high on the cone.
 Authorities in the state of Puebla, which borders the volcano to the north and east, said Tuesday they will improve evacuation routes for surrounding villages.
 The state government will pave 15 miles of roads on the volcano's slopes, build two bridges and mark the ten separate evacuation routes more clearly, the government news agency Notimex reported.
 And the federal government has forbidden aircraft from flying within 10 miles of the volcano's crater.
 The aircraft warning, based on fears that abrasive volcanic ash could be sucked into jet engines and clog turbines, was motivated by a huge shower of ash from the volcano late Sunday.
 People living on the flanks of the rumbling volcano began cleaning up from that ash plume Tuesday, plowing ash under their fields and sweeping it off their roofs.

Actor gets 18 months probation for harassment

BALTIMORE (AP) — Actor John Heard was sentenced to 18 months probation and ordered to seek psychological treatment Tuesday for harassing actress Melissa Leo, the mother of his 9-year-old son.
 Heard, who is best known as the father in the *Home Alone* movies, was convicted in March of telephone misuse and trespassing for making more than 100 phone calls to Ms. Leo's home in about two months.
 He was acquitted of the more serious charges of assault and harassment.
 District Court Judge Barbara Waxman offered Heard probation on the condition he attend a 22-week program for those who batter their partners and seek psychological treatment.
 He must also have no contact with Ms. Leo, who appears in TV's *Homicide*, or her live-in boyfriend, John Russell, except to arrange court-approved visitation with his son.
 After consulting with his attorney, Heard accepted.
 If he violates his probation, Heard could face the maximum sentence of six years and two months.
 Afterward, Heard expressed frustration at a system he said "hates fathers."
 "I brought him (his son) into the world with his mother and as such I see him for a day and a half ever 14 days. I just don't think that's fair," Heard said.
 Ms. Leo refused to talk to reporters after the sentencing, waving her hand in front of TV cameras and saying: "Jack, turn the TV off," apparently referring to her son.
 In the courtroom prior to sentencing, she said she felt "continually abused."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, generally fair with a slight chance of thundershowers. Low in low 50s with southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 70s and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday's high was 85; the overnight low was 58.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thundershowers. Lows in upper 40s to low 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in mid 80s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy early then becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows near 70 coast to upper 60s inland. Thursday, early morning cloudiness becoming partly sunny in the afternoon and south and west. Lows 57 to 63. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 75 to 81.
 South Texas — Chance of thundershowers, some possibly severe with large hail and damaging winds throughout central regions. Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, increasing clouds with occasional drizzle. Lows in mid 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in mid 80s. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in upper 60s inland to near 70 coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in mid 80s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy early then becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows near 70 coast to upper 60s inland. Thursday, early morning cloudiness becoming partly sunny in the afternoon and warm. Highs near 80 coast to mid 80s inland.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, a few evening showers and thundershowers mainly central mountains and east, otherwise mostly cloudy northeast with fair skies west and south. Lows upper 20s to mid 40s mountains and north with mostly 50s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers, mainly mountains and east. Highs mid 60s to near 80 mountains and north with 80s to near 90 lower elevations.
 Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thundershowers south, mainly after midnight. Lows in upper 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thundershowers. Highs in the 70s.

City briefs

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PIZZA HUT Delivery open for breakfast 7-11 a.m. Carry out or delivery. 665-0887. Adv.
IMAGES CORDIALLY invites you to a Trunk Showing of Fall and Holiday Howard Wolf by Robert Wolf, Thursday, May 15th, 10:50-3 p.m. 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.
PUTT-A-Round-Or-Two and Hawaiian Shaved Ice, 900 Duncan, is now open for the season every day at 2 p.m. 669-9952. Adv.
DANCE MOOSE Lodge - Saturday 17th to Jerry Sparks. Members and guests welcome. Adv.
NEW EYEWEAR for spring and summer: Prescription Oakleys, Bolle, Lightweight ovals and tansitions Photochromic lenses. Drs. Simmons and Simmons 1324 N. Banks, 665-0771. Adv.
LADIES NIGHT! Thursday night at the Landmark. Come check out the specials and the DJ. Membership required. Kitchen now open. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.
CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 Foster. Adv.
THE CITY of Lefors is accepting applications for Utilities Superintendent until 5 p.m. on May 19th. Submit applications to the city office, 101 N. Court, Lefors, Tx. or P.O. Box 383, Lefors, Tx. 75054. For further information contact the city office 806-835-2200. Adv.
DANCE TO Borderline, Saturday 17th, \$3 person, \$5 couple. The Landmark Club, 618 W. Foster. Adv.
PAMPA ATHLETIC Club Billiard, snooker, darts, beverage, food, music, Tuesday night pool tournament. 114 S. Frost. Adv.

NASA still aiming for Thursday launch of Atlantis

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA fell behind in countdown preparations today because of a few minor problems, but managers were confident they would be ready for Thursday's pre-dawn launch of space shuttle Atlantis.
 Atlantis is scheduled to lift off around 4:08 a.m. on a crucial resupply mission to the Russian space station Mir. Forecasters expect an 80 percent chance of good weather.
 Shuttle test director Doug Lyons said technicians had to dry one of Atlantis' steering thrusters because of a moisture buildup in the combustion chamber. In addition, engineers got bad readings from two electronic units that are part of the system to separate the solid-fuel rocket boosters and external fuel tank from Atlantis after liftoff.
 The units appear to be working well again, Lyons said.
 Because of the extra work, technicians fell behind in stowing experiments and other last-minute equipment aboard Atlantis but expected to finish the job by early afternoon.



(WTAMU photo)

Lamar Elementary School personnel, from left, Lorine Cash, Kelly Smith, Nitza Roman and Pat Farmer attended a luncheon honoring Roman for completing her year in the Student/Teacher Expanded Program (STEP).

WTAMU students complete STEP program

CANYON — Eight West Texas A&M University students completed their first year as a teacher through the Student/Teacher Expanded Program (STEP).

Nitza Roman, a kindergarten teacher at Lamar Elementary School in Pampa, and Tori Kelley, a resource teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School in Pampa, were recognized at an end-of-the-year luncheon at WTAMU's Buffalo Room April 25.

The program is designed for students who have completed

all degree requirements except the professional semester and is coordinated between the school district and the University.

STEP applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in all courses, and a 3.25 GPA in education courses or passing scores on the appropriate ExCETs (state-mandated finals in specific areas).

A STEP committee including a mentor teacher, a building administrator and a representative from the University oversees the progress of the intern.

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tricts pays the intern 75 percent of a teacher's salary, and the master teacher receives a 20-percent stipend to assist the intern throughout the school year. The remaining 5 percent is used for release time for the mentor teacher and intern to collaborate during the year.

Roman worked with mentoring teachers Lorine Cash and Kelly Smith at Lamar Elementary.

Kelley worked with Mary Sims and Connie Nicklas at Horace Mann. Tom Lindsey was her supervising principal.



(WTAMU photo)

Horace Mann Elementary School personnel, from left, Tom Lindsey, Connie Nicklas, Mary Sims and Tori Kelley, along with Dr. JoAnne Davis, WTAMU assistant professor of education, attended a luncheon honoring Kelley for completing her year in the Student/Teacher Expanded Program (STEP).

Inmate executed for 1984 Harris County slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Anthony Ray Westley maintained his innocence to the end, insisting while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney he did not kill the owner of a Houston-area bait shop during a bungled robbery 13 years ago.

"I didn't shoot your husband,"

Westley, 36, told Eileen Hall, widow of murdered store owner Frank Hall, in the seconds before he was executed Tuesday evening.

"I really didn't. I want you to believe. I didn't kill him."

Mrs. Hall stood with her daughter and two sons, watching through a window as Westley

received lethal injection. Six minutes later, at 6:30 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

"I don't believe what he said, not for a minute," Mrs. Hall said. "No doubt in my mind whatsoever he's the man who killed my husband. I feel it's very ironic. He killed my husband on the 13th. He's been here 13 years. Today is the 13th. I think that's fantastic. I only wish it could have been Friday the 13th."

Senate to debate making controversial partial-birth abortion procedure illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Senate prepares to consider a GOP measure to outlaw a specific abortion procedure, Sen. Rick Santorum is urging his colleagues to "open your hearts to these babies" and pass the bill.

The White House fanned the debate on Tuesday when it said President Clinton might support a Democratic effort to restrict late-term abortions.

"I would hope that it would shock the consciousness of every member of this Senate that we would allow human life to be treated in such a deplorable fashion, to be manhandled and destroyed as we wouldn't even allow a puppy dog to be destroyed," Santorum, R-Pa., said Tuesday evening in the Senate.

"Open your heart to these babies. Don't let this kind of barbarism continue," he said. "Stop the murder. Stop the infanticide."

Today, the Senate was to begin debating the bill, sponsored by Santorum, that would ban — except when the mother's life is threatened — one type of late-term procedure that abortion foes call "partial-birth" abortion.

It involves the partial extraction of a fetus through the birth canal by its feet, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining the contents so the head will pass through the birth canal.

Clinton has threatened to veto the bill unless it makes exceptions to protect women's health. Santorum and other sponsors, meanwhile, acknowledge being short of the votes necessary to overturn the veto. Many lawmakers remain undecided about how to vote on either measure.

The House passed the bill by a veto-proof majority in March.

The White House said Tuesday that Clinton might support an alternative being drafted by Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

That proposal, designed as a compromise to the Republican bill, would restrict abortions after the point at which a fetus may survive outside the womb. But it would allow abortions in cases when continuing the pregnancy would endanger a woman's life or cause "grievous injury" to her physical health.

"We believe it's possible for the White House to support that language," said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry. He said the proposal was "designed to accommodate the president's concern about health consequences for a mother."

An attempt to override Clinton's veto of a bill identical to the GOP measure failed last year because the Senate didn't have enough votes. Santorum told reporters Tuesday that the odds of a veto-proof majority this time were "less than 50-50 but I think we're gaining."

Abortion foes also gained momentum this year when Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of a coalition of abortion clinics, said he had "lied through my teeth" when he testified that the procedure was performed rarely and only to save the mother's life or to abort malformed fetuses.

"This debate has been surrounded by lies," Santorum said from the Senate floor. "Hopefully those admissions of lies will give people the opportunity to look anew at what the facts are."

Critics of the GOP measure say it is unconstitutional, since the Supreme Court already has said states must make exceptions for health reasons when imposing restrictions on late-term abortions.

On the other hand, Daschle's measure would apply in the nine states with no such restrictions. Laws in the other 41 states would not be affected.

Douglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee criticized the Daschle proposal for giving the attending physician the right to certify that an abortion is necessary.

Elderly couple mysteriously appear at hospital

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A well-dressed man pushed a woman in a wheelchair into Saint James Hospital, carrying a note describing their specific medical conditions and a request they not be separated.

Neither can speak, hear, read or write. And every day the man carefully attends to the woman's needs, helping her to chew her food and deftly measuring her medicine.

Hospital officials see little choice other than to split them up if no one steps forward to reveal the couple's identities.

"It was the most heartbreaking thing in the world," hospital spokesman Joseph M. Orlando said Tuesday. "It is so painfully obvious that he takes good care of her."

Two days of police work has gone nowhere. The couple could have been abandoned by a family or an institution, and the man has made gestures indicating they were thrown out of somewhere.

Light-skinned, possibly Hispanic, the woman appears to be in her 60s and the man in his 40s.

The typed note they had with them said she was 68 or older, has seizures, hypertension and is incontinent. Precise dosages of her medicine were listed, including warnings of a previous wrist fracture, no-sodium diet and allergic reactions.

The note gave the man's age as 45 or older and said he, too, suffered seizures.

It also described him as the woman's primary caregiver who bathes her, feeds her, "massages her, caters to her every whim, lovingly ... must never leave her side, will never leave her side, should never leave her side ... doing so will prove detrimental to her well being! and health!"

It ended by misspelling the name of a city: "Savanna Georgia."

Those responsible for leaving

the couple at the hospital on Sunday appeared to make an effort to conceal their identities.

Part of the label on the woman's anti-seizure prescription was ripped off, as were markings on her wheelchair — such as the maker or vendor — which would help authorities trace it.

The couple were clean. The man wore khaki pants and carried \$100 and no identification. They had two plastic bags that held prescriptions as well as grapes and raisins.

"They obviously were stocked," Orlando said. They also had a book of food stamps, but the man's gestures appear to indicate that he found them, Orlando said.

If no family members are found, the woman will likely have to go to a nursing home, and the man to a boarding home. Orlando said that would be a tragedy, since the two appear inseparable.

INS announces record number of deportations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 42,000 illegal immigrants were deported from the United States in the first six months of this fiscal year, keeping the federal government on track for a record number of removals.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service announced Tuesday that between Oct. 1 and March 31 it had removed 42,426 illegal immigrants — 23,290 of whom were ordered deported because of criminal convictions.

Removing criminal aliens is a key INS enforcement goal, one that Clinton administration officials have been stressing in recent months amid heightened concern here and abroad that a

tough new immigration law will result in massive sweeps.

"There will be no mass deportations or targeting of Central Americans under this law," President Clinton assured his Central American counterparts during a visit to Costa Rica last week.

More than half of the criminal aliens removed so far this year had been convicted of aggravated crimes such as murder, rape and armed robbery.

"We need to remember that these criminal alien statistics represent more than just numbers," INS general counsel David Martin said Tuesday. "Each criminal alien removed means one less dangerous person on our streets."

The overall six-month deportation rate keeps the INS on pace to achieve its goal of removing a record 93,000 undocumented aliens from the United States this year, up from nearly 69,000 last year.

Even as the INS is speeding removals, some lawmakers on Capitol Hill are complaining that too little is being done. The illegal immigrant population is estimated at five million, a number that swells by some 275,000 each year.

The deportation numbers do not reflect the more than 1.3 million apprehensions each year of people caught trying to enter at U.S. border points or who agree to voluntary removal.

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Opinion

NATO needs re-evaluating

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has announced he will go to Paris on May 27 to sign a treaty with the heads of state of NATO's 16 current members, including President Clinton.

The agreement means Yeltsin almost certainly will acquiesce in NATO's plans to expand to include three former Soviet-bloc countries, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

But amid all the official bonhomie, a serious question arises: Should the organization be enlarged, or even continued?

Consider the original purpose of NATO. The organization was founded in 1949 to resist the aggression of the Soviet Union. The good news is, it succeeded. In 1991, the Soviet Union dissolved, replaced by a weak Russia whose military has been unable even to defeat tribesmen in Chechnya, a small Muslim republic.

"NATO was a good alliance during the Cold War," Barbara Conry, foreign policy analyst at the Cato Institute, told us. "But it's really a relic at this point. The primary issue is that U.S. security interests and the interests of Western Europe are diverging."

She pointed out that NATO was established when the Western European nations were at their most vulnerable point after the devastation of World War II. Soviet dictator Josef Stalin gazed hungrily toward the area's rich industrial areas. Leaders were wary about his intentions, and they were right.

Not only has the threat subsided, "but now the Western Europeans have a larger population and gross domestic product (GDP) than we do. So the argument that Western Europeans are not capable of providing for their own defense isn't true."

The U.S. commitment to NATO currently is \$30 billion a year, or twelve percent of an overall U.S. defense budget of \$250 billion.

The most telling figure, though, is amount spent on defense as percent of GDP among key members: 3.2% for the United States; England, three percent of GDP among on defense; France 2.4%; Italy two percent and Germany just 1.8% - half the American percentage. The smaller countries spend even less: Belgium 1.3% and the Netherlands a paltry 0.2%.

If the Europeans themselves seem to fear less and less for their own defense, why should Americans assume an ever larger burden?

NATO's only major action in recent years has been the Bosnia peacekeeping operation and U.S. participation is scheduled to end next year (assuming President Clinton doesn't break his promise again, as he did a previous pledge to withdraw the troops in 1996).

"There's no reason why the U.S. should have any troops in Europe," Conry advised.

That makes sense. With a federal debt of \$5.3 trillion and rising, U.S. taxpayers should think carefully before the nation sends military might to other countries, let alone the world's wealthiest region. With the Soviet threat long gone, it's time to bring the troops home - and reevaluate the purpose and objectives, if any remain, of NATO.

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Burton: In the media bull's eye

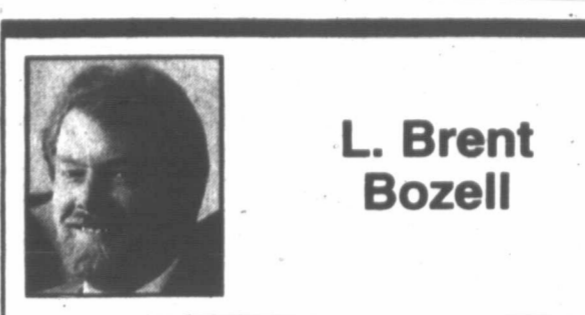
In today's competitive, rapid-fire communications industry, reporters don't tell the world what happened today - they try to predict what will happen tomorrow. So, it wouldn't be prudent to wait and see how Dan Burton's Government Reform and Oversight Committee undertakes its upcoming investigation or what it discovers about Democratic fundraising. The media are already vilifying Burton as something just this side of Cro-Magnon, Al D'Amato and Newt Gingrich can tell him this is just the beginning.

The media pile-on is under way for a simple reason. To them, Burton is not enough like Bill Clinger, the moderate Eastern Republican. Burton replaced as chairman, or Fred Thompson, his moderate Republican Senate counterpart. Burton is a conservative. And he's serious about investigating the Clintons. You can almost hear the journalistic teeth gnash.

The liberal attacks began back in the Dec. 8 *Time*. The headline read "In the House a Zealot Softly." A "zealot"? This is a term *Time* has used 39 times since January 1992, almost exclusively when describing militia wackos - and Gingrichian Republicans. Needless to say, it's not once been used to describe any Democrat. Writer James Carney claimed "the President's chief inquisitor (Torquemada, call your office) on such issues as the Democratic fund-raising scandal will be a man who has never pretended to be impartial." Pretending to be impartial is a game reporters expect everyone to play, and Burton's not playing to their liking. So, it's open season.

Over at *U.S. News & World Report*, writer Jason Vest was a little kinder: Burton was "playing the relentless Sam Gerard to Clinton's Fugitive." (If Clinton is so innocent, who is the one armed man? Hillary?) Vest claimed Burton's zeal "reached its zenith when he used a pistol to shoot a 'headlike thing' in his backyard" to study the Vince Foster case.

That's a distortion, and Vest clearly had to know



L. Brent Bozell

it. Burton went out with a law enforcement friend to test the theory that you can hear a gun shot from 200 yards. Foster's body was found 200 yards from the heavily guarded Saudi embassy. Their question was simple: How come the Saudi heard no shot? That's another media taboo violated: never investigate the Foster death. They haven't. You shouldn't.

Then came *The Washington Post* with the suspect story of Democratic lobbyist Mark Siegel, who claimed Burton "shook him down" to raise \$5,000 in donations. All three networks dove on that story. When recent accounts in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Times* started peeling away Siegel's credibility, the networks were nowhere to be found.

Now it's time for the weekend warriors of the talk-show circuit to blast away at Burton. On CNN's *Capital Gang*, *Time*'s Margaret Carlson said, "He is considered flaky and a bit of a crackpot, even though a nice guy. Some crackpots are nice." *Chicago Tribune*'s Washington bureau chief James Warren added Burton "is sort of like - the Republicans' wacky aunt stuck down in the basement. You don't want to let her out in front of guests."

On *Inside Washington*, *Newsweek*'s Evan Thomas claimed: "Burton is a car wreck waiting to happen. He's got real problems himself on campaign fund-

raising ... Burton is, shall we say, a complicated guy. He once, I think, said he wanted to nuke Iraq to avoid the Kuwait War. I mean, he's got all sorts of problems."

Thomas hadn't been this reckless since he called Paula Jones trailer trash. In the wake of Iraq's threat to pulverize Allied forces with chemical weapons, Burton did say - as President George Bush and Norman Schwarzkopf had also discussed - that all military options should be considered in the war, including the possible battlefield use of tactical nuclear weapons. So what?

Media liberals really do believe (and hope) that Burton will embarrass the Republicans. But what about Democratic embarrassments, such as ... Henry Gonzalez, the San Antonio liberal who first came to fame claiming John Kennedy was shot by a right-wing militia conspiracy? This is the man who spent 1992 claiming George Bush was "principally responsible" for "Iraq's war machine," including two days before the 1992 election on *60 Minutes*, who spent the first half of 1994 stonewalling any House Whitewater investigation. Did the media describe him as a loony, a hard-charging partisan, a conspiracy theorist? Flaky, a car wreck, a zealot? Think again.

They loved him. On Iraqgate, once reporter told it right. Stuart Taylor wrote that CBS, the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post* "built upon and magnified reckless and unfounded claims of Bush administration conduct by congressional Democrats led by Henry Gonzalez, the flaky, fiercely partisan chairman of the House Banking committee."

The media never changes. Every day now, reporters are preying over Burton's personal and political life grasping for straws to discredit him, while Gonzalez's actions are long forgotten. And to think, the hearings haven't even begun yet.



Clinics should be more prudent

At first, it sounded like a supermarket tabloid headline: "Sixty-three-year-old becomes mom!" No sooner did the news break than the stereotypical reactions came flooding in. Even before anyone had a chance to disapprove, some leapt into print to hail this as another breakthrough for women.

Dr. Marcia Angell, executive editor of *The New England Journal of Medicine* and a sound thinker on other subjects, noted in *The New York Times* that men have been siring children in their dotage for centuries. To deny this opportunity to women, she argues, amounts to age and sex discrimination.

As the saying goes, when the only tool in your box is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. This is not an issue of age or sex discrimination. Not everything in life reduces to some issue of discrimination. This is a matter of judgment. It should be about the best interests of children.

Angell and others have argued that since 14-year-olds have babies, and drug addicts have babies, why shouldn't elderly ladies? This is the fallacy of the false alternative. If there were any feasible way to prevent children and drug addicts from conceiving and bearing children, it would be worth doing, but there isn't.

The only way to prevent those pregnancies is the way societies have always prevented them in the past - through the rigid application of stigma. Fear of shame is a powerful human motivator that we have all but abandoned in modern America. There seems to be only one situation in which shame is



Mona Charen

brought to bear in our society, and that is when someone makes a remark that can be interpreted as racially insensitive. (Actually, even that is incomplete. It must be the remark of a white person. Racist statements by minorities are not seen as shameful.)

Certainly a stigma should attach to the decision by a woman almost on Social Security to have a baby. Why? Because she is being selfish and shortsighted. It is extremely doubtful that a woman in her 60s has the energy to care for an infant. The chances are unacceptably high that she and/or her husband will die before her child is 20. The chances are also too high that they will become a burden to the child while the child still needs to be dependent.

Dr. Angell is unworried by this prospect. "Any responsible mother, young or old, should make provisions for the care of her baby should she die before her child is grown. A post-menopausal woman who is willing to

have a baby is especially likely to do so."

Sure we all make provisions for someone to raise our children should we die unexpectedly. That doesn't alter the fact that the untimely death of a parent is a catastrophe for a child. You don't just arrange for a new mother the way you order a new stroller.

Women in their 60s do not become pregnant naturally. The lady in California lied about her age to qualify for the donor-egg in vitro fertilization program at the University of Southern California. After menopause, women's ovaries stop producing eggs. Donor eggs, usually from women in their 20s or early 30s, are used. The eggs are fertilized by the husband's sperm (in this case, the husband was 60) and then placed in the uterus that has been prepared for pregnancy through daily (often twice daily) hormone injections.

This lady said she was 53 and apparently offered falsified medical records to document it. The age limit at the USC clinic is 55. But wouldn't it make more sense to set the limit at 45, which is where nature usually sets it?

People who run fertility clinics have not tended to think beyond the goal of helping people to become pregnant. But they must. The proper analogy is to an adoption agency. Agencies must decide who will be a fit parent. They do not give babies to people in their 60s or to unmarried teenagers. Fertility clinics are now having 60% to 75% success rates with donor eggs. They owe it to the children who will be born to ensure that the parents are ready for the task of raising them.

Another target for ruthless attorneys

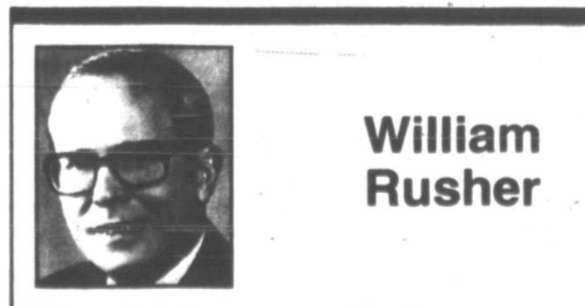
There has been a lot of hysteria recently over people who presume to doubt that nicotine (and more generally the tobacco in which it is found) is "addictive."

We are forever being reminded, ominously, of the half-dozen tobacco executives who a couple of years ago swore under oath that they didn't believe cigarettes were addictive. And just last year Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole dropped another few notches in the opinion polls when he dared to admit, during a television interview, that he didn't know whether cigarettes were addictive or not.

The question is crucial for the smokers (or their heirs) who developed lung cancer or other ailments supposedly related to smoking, and who are now asking juries to award them millions of dollars in damages, even though every pack of cigarettes for the last quarter of a century has carried a warning by the surgeon general against the health risks of smoking. The plaintiffs' explanation is that they couldn't help themselves - they were hopelessly "addicted."

In addition, the attorneys general of a score of states are lining up to sue the tobacco companies for hundreds of billions of dollars as compensation for the cost of medical care for smoking's alleged victims, on the ground that the companies knew their product was "addictive."

But what, exactly, is an "addiction"? Webster's *New World Dictionary* defines it as an "habitual



William Rusher

inclination." Thus defined, it can be used to describe a whole spectrum of levels of desire, from a mild preference to an uncontrollable passion. But where on the scale does nicotine (or tobacco, or cigarettes - I am using these terms interchangeably) belong?

Common sense tells us that there is no one answer: It depends on the individual. We all know plenty of people who can take a cigarette or leave it, and others who certainly seem "addicted" in the sense that they say they "can't quit." But how many smokers are truly unable to quit?

Like many Americans, I have some personal experience in this matter. I smoked two packs of cigarettes a day from the time I was 18 until I was 30. Then I quit, cold turkey - not because of the surgeon general's warning (this was long before he said a word), but because common sense told me the habit was bad for me. It was hard to quit - I failed once, and suc-

ceeded only on the second try. But I never took refuge in the excuse that I was "hopelessly addicted." Some things are just harder to do than others.

No doubt there are smokers who simply can't generate the will to stop smoking, much as they might (in theory) like to. But I don't see why tobacco companies should be forced to pay millions of dollars to every widow who is lucky enough to have had an especially weak-willed husband.

And if such suits are justified, why aren't the wine, beer and liquor companies compelled to compensate equally handsomely the estate of every alcoholic who dies of cirrhosis of the liver, delirium tremens or some other alcohol-related disease? For that matter, why aren't the various state attorneys general suing to recover from these companies the enormous social costs of alcoholism, from medical care to the expense of picking up drunks in the street?

Nobody, surely, will deny that alcohol can sometimes be ferociously addictive, and in such cases is often fatal. It would take an uncommonly brazen distiller, vintner or brewer to argue that he didn't know this.

The only reason we aren't going after the alcohol-producers right now is that too many Americans like an occasional drink to make it safe for the politicians and trial lawyers to pick on them. We are in the grip of a national hysteria against smoking, and quacks like California congressman Henry Waxman know an easy target when they see one.

State briefs

Legislation tightening trucking regulations heads to governor
AUSTIN (AP) — Fewer overweight and dangerous trucks would be on the road under a bill headed to Gov. George W. Bush's office, a sponsor says.

The bill would allow Department of Public Safety troopers to stop truckers from continuing their routes if their trucks are overweight, unsafe or if the driver doesn't have the proper paperwork or insurance. It quietly rolled through the Legislature and was finally passed by the House on Tuesday.

Attorney General Dan Morales more than a year ago raised concerns about what he called dangerous Mexican trucks that have gotten more access to Texas roads.

In December 1995, a portion of the North American Free Trade Agreement opened up more Texas roads to Mexican trucks. Before that, they were allowed only in parts of the Rio Grande Valley.

Morales said Mexican trucks are older and not as safe as American trucks and face less restrictive weight limits in Mexico. He also said Mexican truckers don't have the same training, licensing and insurance requirements as Texas and American truckers.

House amends tobacco bill against author's wishes

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has given preliminary approval to a bill requiring tobacco companies to tell the state exactly what's in their products, but only after approving an amendment that allows the companies to protect trade secrets.

Critics of the amendment said it would gut the bill by allowing tobacco companies to continue concealing information from the public.

Supporters of the amendment argued that no company should be required to divulge information that could be considered a trade secret.

"There's no other business that we require to divulge their trade secrets," said Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, author of the amendment that was approved on a vote of 65-63 Tuesday.

Rep. John Hirschi, D-Wichita Falls, who sponsored the bill, fought the amendment's passage.

Peruvian-born astronaut bound for Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After space shuttle Atlantis docks with the orbiting Mir station this weekend, the ten astronauts and cosmonauts on board will toast with chicha.

Chicha? The Peruvian juice is made by boiling dried purple corn and mixing in lemon and sugar. It's a gift from NASA astronaut Carlos Noriega, who, with Atlantis' launch, will become the first Peruvian-born person and fourth Latin American-born person in space.

The Marine Corps helicopter pilot will follow Cuban cosmonaut Arnaldo Tamayo Mendez, who flew on a Soviet Soyuz rocket in 1980; Mexican engineer Rodolfo Neri Vela, who rode aboard Atlantis in 1985; and five-time space flier Franklin Chang-Diaz, a NASA astronaut who was born in Costa Rica and first flew on the shuttle in 1986.

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

15 - PAMPA AREA CANCER 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 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL PROM DECORATING at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

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 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PROM at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m.

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.

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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.

19 - PAMPA ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION awards at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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. Sponsored by Pampa Economic Development Corporation with Lewis Meers, board president, as speaker. 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.

20 - PAMPA ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION graduation at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 7 p.m.

22 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston in Pampa. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940. Visitors are welcome.

22 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR VARIETY SHOW at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Digital, Cyrix suing Intel Corp. for patent infringement on Pentium microprocessors

BOSTON (AP) — Intel Corp. is facing a pair of lawsuits from rivals who want the leading computer-chip maker stopped from producing Pentium microprocessors that allegedly infringe the other companies' patents.

Intel, which launched the popular line of chips four years ago, vowed to defend itself against a suit filed by Digital Equipment Corp. and said it was surprised by the actions of its long time business customer.

Cyrix Corp. announced Tuesday evening that Intel was violating patents issued that same day to Cyrix. Intel said it was examining the suit and had no other comment.

Intel made nearly all its \$5.2 billion in revenue last year from Pentium chips and last week rolled out the Pentium II, its latest weapon into the market for hearty business computers.

Digital's suit, filed Monday, was seen as highlighting the frustration it faces in trying to boost sagging sales of its Alpha microprocessors.

Intel, whose chips are the "brains" in 85 percent of the world's personal computers, has been extremely aggressive in trying to extend its dominance to the lucrative market for more powerful business machines, where Digital's chips are in wider use.

At stake is ownership of technology critical to the improved speed and power that has placed Intel in increased competition with Digital for high-end office computer systems.

Digital claims in the suit that Intel willfully used technology in 10 Digital patents issued between 1988 and 1996 to develop its Pentium, Pentium Pro and Pentium II chips.

The patents cover cache management — a section of memory used to improve computer performance — high-speed instruction processing and other technologies Digital said are vital to "state-of-the-art" microprocessor design.

"These may sound like arcane, abstract concepts. But they are fundamental to every computer that's been developed over the past few years," said Drew Peck, an analyst with Cowen & Co. in Boston.

Robert Palmer, Digital's chairman and chief executive, said the company did not learn until recently about Intel's alleged use of its technology.

In 1990 and 1991, he said, Digital and Intel engineers shared microprocessor technology during talks about a collaboration between the two companies that never came about.

Nichol's lawyer seeks access to own FBI file

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawyer on the defense team for accused Oklahoma City bombing suspect Terry Nichols has asked a federal judge to help him gain access to his own FBI file.

Ronald G. Woods of Houston wrote U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal. Woods said he's been trying to get the file that FBI has maintained on him since 1965, when he began a three-year stint as an FBI agent.

Woods, 59, said Tuesday his request is more urgent now because the FBI is probably feeding information from the file to prosecutors looking for anything that would give them an edge in Nichols' trial.

Nichols will be tried sometime following the completion of the trial of Timothy McVeigh. The two are accused of setting off the bomb that killed 168 people at the federal building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995.

"Especially due to my role in

this case, I want to know what they are putting in my file," Woods said. "The credibility of the FBI has been called into question on a number of fronts."

"Whatever information they are making available to the government here in this case, I have a right to it, too."

Woods served as a U.S. attorney at Houston and in South Texas in addition to his service as an FBI agent. He said he does not expect

to find anything negative because he passed three grueling FBI background checks.

But Woods said he wants to make certain everything is accurate, considering that he was often at odds with the FBI during his tenure as U.S. attorney from 1990 to 1993.

"We had disagreements all the time over what cases they should pursue. They wanted to do small, piddly cases to raise their statistics," Woods said.

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Columbia adds three new employees to its Physical Therapy Department

The addition of three new employees to the Physical Therapy Department at Columbia Medical Center will expand and improve the continuum of care offered by the hospital to its patients in Pampa and the surrounding area.

Terry Barnes, marketing director for Columbia Medical Center of Pampa, announced this week that Maureen Mushett, director of Physical Therapy; Ashlee Smith, occupational therapist; and Stacy King, certified occupational therapist assistant, have joined the staff at Columbia.

"We are very pleased to have such a talented group of individuals in our PT Department," Barnes said. "Physical therapy is an integral part of the services we offer here at Columbia Medical Center. The addition of this staff and the services provided by their department maintains the comprehensive care we want to provide to Pampa and the surrounding area."

Mushett, director of the department, is a native of the Midwest. She brings an extensive and diverse background in all phases of physical therapy with her to the Texas Panhandle.

"I'm pleased to be in this area," Mushett reported, "although I do miss the trees that I'm used to in the Midwest. But the friends I have here and the attitude of the people in this region are a great compensation."

A licensed physical therapist with a bachelor of science in health science degree from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., Mushett has experience in all phases of rehabilitation. She has worked with pediatric patients in a variety of settings including the public school system and at a clinic for disabled children. She also has worked extensively with geriatric patients, with acute care patients and with individuals facing the challenges of joint replacement surgery.

Mushett carries substantial knowledge and experience of sports rehabilitation. She is a therapeutic recreation specialist and volunteers her services to Para-Olympics and the Dwarf Athletic Association of America.

"A great deal of our work is based on patient education," Mushett explained. "The patient is a partner with the physical therapist in the rehabilitation process and is a key to the long-term results of our mutual efforts."

"Patients who are willing to relearn activities are the most successful. Our work not only involves exercise, but also teaching the patient everything from posture to how to lift objects safely and properly."

"Patients must learn to pay attention to their bodies. If their body is tensing during an exercise, or if they are experiencing increased pain, it may mean that they aren't doing an exercise properly or, in some cases, it may mean they have pushed too far into the pain zone and they may need to take a break," she said.

"Too many patients approach this work from a standpoint of 'no pain, no gain,' but if they push too hard, they may actually slow-down their long-term recovery. Part of our job is to help the patients learn to listen to their own bodies and to teach them what to do if a problem recurs," she explained.

Mushett stresses a preventive approach in her department. "The better shape individuals are in, and the more they know about caring for themselves and their bodies, the fewer problems they are likely to have. That, in turn, helps lower overall health care costs."

Smith, a native of Miami, Texas, shares Mushett's philosophy and stresses a holistic approach with her occupational therapy patients.

"Occupational therapy looks more specifically at the activities

patients must perform in daily living, self-care, work and leisure," she explained. "In some cases OT patients must relearn the activities most of us take for granted, and in some cases some adaptation of the environment is necessary."

"But we don't just look at the patient and the disability," she added. "We look at the overall aspect and how it will affect the individual's quality of life. Each treatment is personalized to meet the specific needs and desires of the patient. We tailor our programs on the basis of the patient, the environment and psychosocial components."

Stacy King, a certified occupational therapist assistant, works closely with Smith in patient care. Also Steve Dauer, speech therapist, and Jeff Leigh, physical therapy assistant, work together with the other professionals in this department as a rehab team.

All areas of physical therapy not only provide benefits to the patients they treat, but also provide benefits to families, the community and society. Individuals who learn to listen to their bodies and who master new ways of performing daily activities will avoid recurring health problems and maintain their self-reliance and become less dependent on the health care system. This, in turn, lessens the long-term costs of health care.

"Our goal at Columbia Hospital is to provide quality care for our patients in every area, from acute care to rehabilitation," Barnes said. "These new employees and the continuing development rehabilitation services in our Physical Therapy Department will enable us to more fully accomplish our objectives."

Physical therapy and occupational therapy differ in some ways, but the goal in both areas is to foster independence, good health and quality of life for each patient.

Surgical technique aids skin cancer

HOUSTON — A highly-specialized surgery allows skin cancer removal with minimal loss of normal skin.

"Mohs micrographic surgery is used for large skin cancers, recurrent cancers or cancers in critical areas like the nose, ears, eyelids and lips," said Dr. Ida Orengo, dermatologist in charge of Mohs surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Most commonly used to treat basal and squamous cell skin cancers, the surgery is performed by dermatologists who have undergone one to two years additional training for Mohs certification.

During Mohs surgery, the dermatologist cuts a thin layer of skin removing all visible cancer. Using a detailed mapping technique, the specimen is cut and analyzed under the microscope for remaining cancer.

"If there is still some tumor left, we mark the location and remove skin from that specific area," she said. "By targeting the area where the cancer remains, we spare as much normal tissue as possible and get a better cosmetic result."

Tissue analysis continues until no cancer cells are found.

Mohs surgery has a 99 percent cure rate for

first-time skin cancers and a 96 percent cure rate for recurrent cancers. Other techniques, Orengo says, generally have a 50 percent cure rate for recurrent tumors.

"Mohs is the treatment of choice for recurrent skin cancers," she said. "It is often less expensive because it is done under local anesthesia and the dermatologist acts as the pathologist."

Although not all dermatologists can perform Mohs surgery, the technique is available at most major medical centers. In Texas, there are 20 Mohs-certified dermatologists.

"Skin cancer is easier to treat when it is small, so early detection is important," Orengo said.

She recommends annual skin exams for adults at risk for skin cancer. Risk factors include fair or freckled skin, three blistering sunburns during childhood or three outdoor occupations during teenage years.

"If you notice changes in the size, shape or color of a mole or if there is bleeding, itching or oozing, see a dermatologist immediately," she said.

Orengo encourages her patients to protect their skin from additional sun damage by using sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, wearing protective clothing and hats, and avoiding outdoor activity between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Middle-aged people face problems with eye strain

HOUSTON — You may not feel old when you reach 40, but chances are your eyes will.

Nearly 90 percent of people over 45 are wearing glasses all or most of the time.

"It's a normal biological phenomenon," said Dr. Richard Lewis, professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Our tissues are not infinitely elastic. We develop wrinkles in our skin, we develop gray hair and we begin to lose the ability of the lens to focus up close."

While some people experience blurred vision as they age, others

will witness more subtle changes in vision. Eye strain and fatigue are common complaints from people who have their eyes too close to their work.

To help focus on the fine print and relieve stress on their eyes, many people in their 40's turn to over-the-counter reading glasses.

"These are acceptable for the average person who isn't unusually nearsighted or farsighted and who doesn't have a significant problem with astigmatism," said Lewis.

But the glasses do have limitations.

"They are made for the average face, which means the center of the lens may not line up properly with the eyes," said Lewis. "An eye-care professional should make the necessary adjustments."

While reading glasses can be effective for people in their 40s and 50s, Lewis says the glasses should not take the place of a complete, regular eye examination. Middle age is when the most common form of glaucoma begins to appear and other common diseases, such as diabetes, have potential complications inside the eye.

Britain launches hormone therapy study

LONDON (AP) — Britain has launched the world's largest study to determine the benefits and risks of hormone therapy for 1 million post-menopausal women.

Researchers said the study should answer key questions including whether hormone replacement therapy increases the risk of breast cancer and protects against heart disease.

The study by the government-funded National Health Service and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund has already collected data from about 60,000 women and hopes to produce initial results in five years.

"This is knowledge that the women of Britain, and probably Britain alone, can give the women of the world," said Valerie Beral, head of the cancer fund's epidemiological unit and the study's principal coordinator.

She said Britain was probably the only country with a large population that also has a comprehensive national breast screening program and growing use of hormone therapy.

In Britain, 1.5 million women every year are invited to go to a National Health Service breast screening center for a mammogram, and three-quarters accept. The women, aged 50 to 64, are invited to have a mammogram every three years.

The Million Woman Study involves sending the 1.5 million women a form to complete on their lifestyle, including drinking and smoking, family background, medical history, and use of hormone replacement therapy.

Many women take hormone supplements to ease hot flashes and other symptoms of menopause.

Most research on the effects of

hormone therapy has been done in the United States.

U.S. studies suggest that hormone supplements offer post-menopausal women significant protection against heart disease, strokes and brittle bones but slightly increase their risk of cancer of the breast or uterus.

"It's a very interesting study," said Dr. Clark Heath, vice president for epidemiology at the American Cancer Society, who has previously collaborated with Beral. "If it's done right, it can go a long way towards resolving whether people who take them and don't take them are different."

"The possible risk of HRT on cancer may be wider than just breast cancer," he said, and the study may shed light on whether hormone therapy increases the risk of ovarian cancer and reduces the risk of colon cancer.

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World briefs

Solana, Primakov reach accord concerning NATO
MOSCOW (AP) — NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana and Russia's foreign minister reached an agreement today to ally Russian concerns over the alliance's plans to expand eastward, officials said.
 Russian and NATO officials said the two sides had reached broad agreement after two days of talks, but gave no details and said the accord had to be sent to the governments involved.
 The breakthrough came after Solana conferred today by telephone with President Boris Yeltsin.
 Russia bitterly opposes the alliance's plans to offer membership to former Soviet satellites, but cannot block the expansion. The Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary are expected to be invited to join the alliance this summer.

Israeli court hears arguments to indict Netanyahu
JERUSALEM (AP) — With the viability of Israel's conservative government at stake, the Supreme Court today began considering requests to overrule prosecutors and charge the prime minister with fraud in an influence-peddling scandal.
 Police last month recommended that state prosecutors indict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his justice minister, an aide and his political ally Aryeh Deri. State prosecutors decided to charge only Deri, leader of the Shas party.
 Israel's high court is notoriously activist and independent, and can force an indictment when petitioned to do so. Some observers believed it was unlikely to interfere in this case.
 A ruling against Netanyahu would likely bring down his government, though technically he could remain in office until convicted. The court is expected to consider the case for several days.
 "The judges should be gutsy," said Ofir Pines, an legislator from the opposition Labor Party who filed one of the nine motions. "I expect a positive response from the high court."

House panel OKs Texas radioactive waste agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel has approved an agreement that would allow Maine and Vermont to ship low-level radioactive waste to West Texas in a trash-for-cash arrangement.
 The House energy and power subcommittee by unanimous vote Tuesday approved the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, sending the matter to the full House Commerce Committee.
 Congressional approval is required before Texas, Maine and Vermont can consummate a deal allowing the Northeastern states to ship to Texas waste generated mostly from nuclear power plants. The Senate Judiciary Committee in March approved the compact.
 In exchange for freeing Vermont and Maine from having to develop long-term waste storage solutions, Texas would receive \$25 million from each state. The compact, which would be the 10th approved by Congress, derives from a 1980 law nudging states to find a common solution for their radioactive waste problems.
 Congress already has approved nine other compacts covering 41 states.
 The Texas compact — supported by the three states' legislatures, as well as Texas Gov. George W. Bush and at least 17 of the state's 30 House members — was defeated in the House in 1995, setting the stage for this year's fight.
 Although the compact is silent on location, Texas officials want to build a waste dump near Sierra Blanca, 90 miles east

of El Paso. The state owns a 15,500-acre ranch near the impoverished town of less than 3,000 inhabitants. As a condition of receiving the dump, the community would receive \$5 million.
 A leading dump opponent, Sierra Blanca rancher Bill Addington, told lawmakers Tuesday that the dump is being forced on his area because it is impoverished, Hispanic and has little political clout.
 Rep. Henry Bonilla, whose district includes Sierra Blanca, said many residents share Addington's concerns.
 "There is a feeling they are being dumped on frankly because they are a poor community, because they are located many hundreds of miles away from the centers of power in this country," the San Antonio Republican told the subcommittee, vowing to fight the compact on the House floor.
 Committee members said their job is to determine whether the compact meets federal law — not whether Sierra Blanca is the appropriate site. Opponents should direct their concerns to lawmakers in Austin, said Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall, one of the authors of the compact language.
 He and co-author, Republican Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis, repeatedly noted that the agreement doesn't designate a site.
 But, said Bonilla: "Let's not kid ourselves though and think by passing this compact it's not going to be specifically affect-

ing a community that has already been picked as the site."
 Saying his West Texas constituents "got rolled, frankly," Bonilla said Congress is "their last chance" to stop the waste dump.
 Supporters contend the compact protects Texas from being forced to accept waste from many other states. A disposal site is needed to handle low-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants outside Dallas and Houston as well as other sources, they say.
 "Passage of the Texas compact is vital for the environmental security of the people of Texas," said Roy Coffee, a Bush aide who heads the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations.
 But critics contend the Sierra Blanca site is environmentally, diplomatically and geologically unsound — located just 16 miles from Mexico and the Rio Grande watershed. The site is in an area rattled in 1995 by the most violent earthquake to hit the region in 60 years. Fault lines run through the proposed site, which sits over an aquifer, raising the possibility of groundwater contamination, Addington said.
 Replied Coffee: "It's not going to be a site that is polluting the area."
 Sierra Blanca already is a major repository for out-of-state waste. Some 400 tons of New York City sewage sludge are shipped daily to Sierra Blanca by a private venture, where the waste is sprayed over a large ranch.

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Women Doing 'Men's Work' Still Struggle To Gain Respect

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column from "Lady Carpenter" inspired this letter. I do a little carpentry, too, but primarily I am an electrician. I have my own business and I, too, make frequent trips to hardware stores and lumberyards. I, too, bring my husband along to help carry and load. And yes, you guessed it, I'm also subjected to the ignorance of male clerks — and sometimes female clerks, as well.

My husband is wonderful. He either ignores the clerk who talks to him first, forcing the clerk to address me, or else he tells the person to talk to me because I'm the electrician and the buying customer. The only way I can get a clerk to look me in the eye instead of my husband is to go to the store alone. Unfortunately, it takes longer to get waited on that way.

I once had to track down the owner of a small local hardware store and ask if he was ever going to wait on me. He said he thought I had come in with the last man, who had just left. He apologized and then said he didn't have anything in his store that would interest a woman. "How about if the woman is an electrician?" I asked. He said, "Oh! What would you like?" I said, "Nothing from you," and left.

Abby, we need to let more men know that there are plenty of women out here who are interested in so-called "men's work," and who are quite good at it, too. I've been

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

"messing around" with wires since I was 10 — more than 40 years now. Please help us get the word out that women in the trades exist in greater numbers than most people realize. If you print this, please don't use my name. Let all those guys out there wonder which of the many thousands of us women who do "men's work" wrote this.

LADY ELECTRICIAN: Your encounter illustrates how offensive stereotyping can be. Knowledgeable women exist in the work force today in almost every field. Read on as another woman in a nontraditional business shares her wisdom.

DEAR ABBY: I got a kick out of the letter from the woman who went into a lumberyard with her husband (she's in the building business and the clerk was talking to him instead of her). She was furious because she was getting no respect

as a woman and the owner of a business.

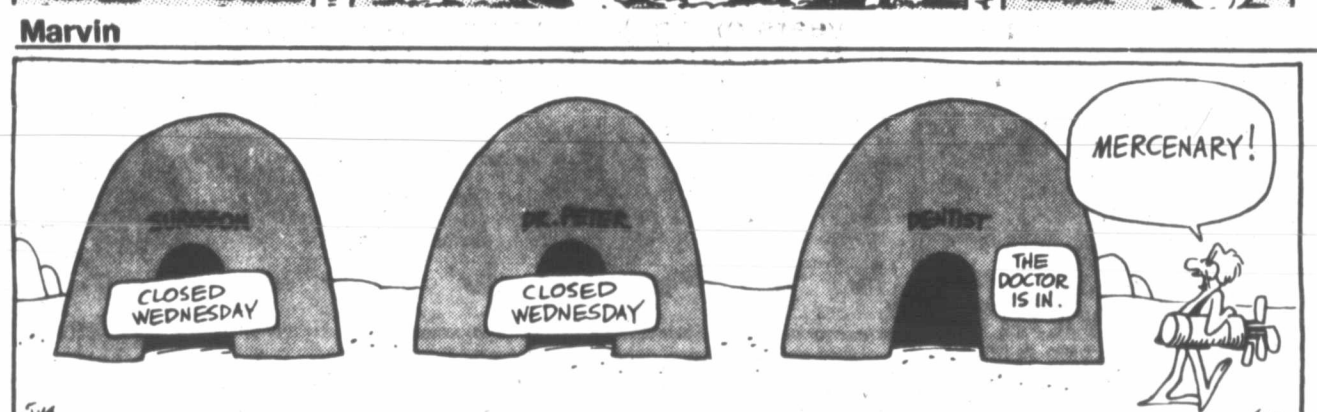
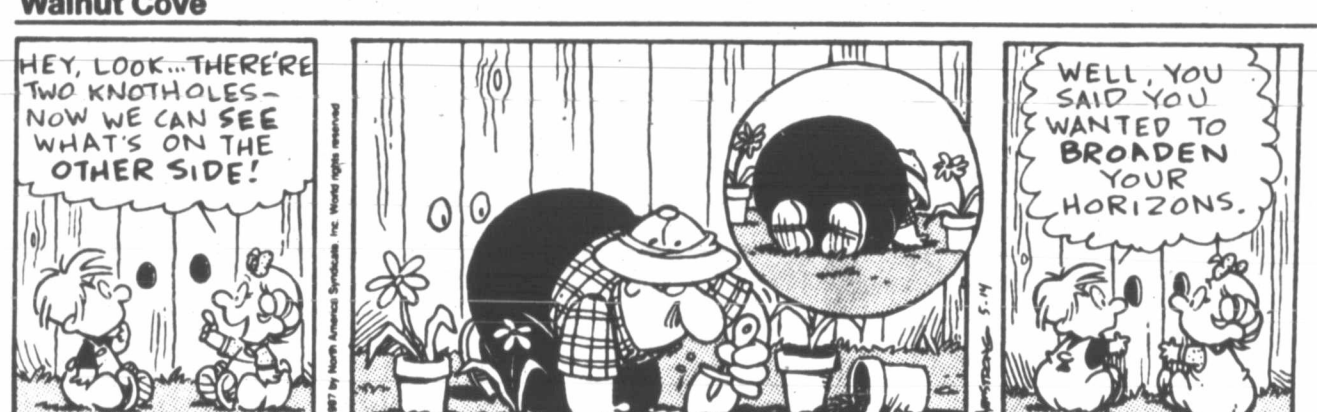
I am a woman who has been in the sign business since the '70s. I cut, paint, rout and letter my own signs, and I assure you I have never had a problem with "respect" from the lumber department. I also have raised six kids. I wouldn't dream of taking my husband along when I'm dealing in business. If you want respect, you don't drag your husband along. My business is mine, and I'm in control. My husband's business is his, and I assume he is in control of it.

SOME BASIC RULES:

1. Do not take a husband along — go alone. Pick out your merchandise, let the clerk put the lumber on the truck or into the car. Your husband can meet you at the destination to unload.
2. If you can't drive the truck with the lumber in it, have him wait in the truck until you've made your purchases, then signal him to help. Then you'll be in control.
3. If you need him and can't do without him, let him linger in the back of the store examining other merchandise and making believe he is not with you. Then signal him when your shopping is complete.

Men are not ogres, Abby. The lumber people are only looking for business. If your money is green, that's all that matters. They don't care if you're male or female, 19 or 90.

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Horoscope



Thursday, May 15, 1997

Success in your endeavors is indicated for you in the year ahead. You will base your projections upon realistic premises. What you envision can be attained through industrious tenacity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to entertain friends, but be sure the ones you select aren't demanding. Keep the group small and the fare simple. 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) Give domestic matters priority today. If you take care of your more demanding needs now, you'll be free to pursue outside interests later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be more adroit today in mental tasks than in physical ones. Work on your ledger and your budget while giving your muscles a rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, draw on your common sense, and practical instincts on the home front and in the workplace. Use these assets for profitable purposes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may be quite difficult for you to remain passive in critical situations today. Your associates will appreciate your take-charge attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be more productive today if left to your own devices. Try to spend time free from outside influences when working on important endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The types of relationships you're apt to enjoy the most today will be friends who are tuned

into your industrious and positive wavelength.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being number one today could be more important to you than usual. Your competitive inclinations will help you gain your desired recognition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to handle the day's events in a philosophical manner. You will come through with flying colors if you treat winning and losing with equal grace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something materially profitable could develop for you today through an arrangement where an associate has laid strong foundations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will operate at your best today in one-to-one relationships that are of personal significance. An old alliance will be strengthened.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're in a mood today where you're cognizant of details, you should be able to clear up small but significant matters very easily.

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"Try what I do, dear. Lay your troubles down somewhere and you'll forget where you put them."



"Have you noticed he always turns himself in just before doughnut break?"

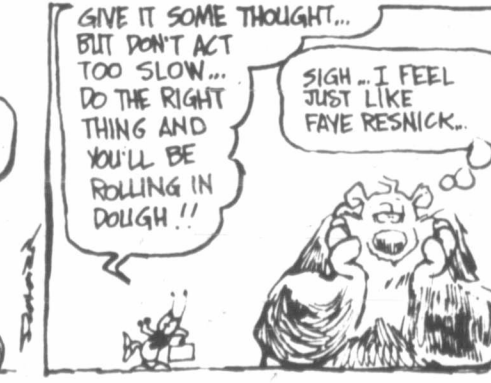
The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



Frank and Ernest



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

SuperSonics keep series alive against Rockets

Notebook

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Indians manager Mike Hargrove, whose team has the best record in baseball the last three-plus seasons, got a long-awaited contract extension Tuesday despite the team's early struggles this year.

Hargrove, 47, in his sixth full season as Indians manager, received a two-year extension with a club option for 2000.

"It says to our fans and the rest of the baseball world that they believe in my ability as a manager," said Hargrove, speaking before Tuesday night's game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington. "That's gratifying. It says the organization believes in stability and staying the course."

Hargrove is 466-396 (.541) since he was hired as Indians manager in 1991. His mark of 434-343 since 1992 is the best in the AL. He is second in team history in managerial tenure behind Al Lopez, who managed the Indians from 1951-56.

CHICAGO (AP) — Rupert Murdoch's Fox Group, negotiating to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers from Peter O'Malley, was given permission Tuesday to obtain detailed financial data about the team and the sport.

Under baseball's rules, the Fox Group will have to fill out a detailed questionnaire for the sport's ownership committee. Fox was given approval to examine the sport's national television, marketing and licensing agreements.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Anaheim designated hitter Eddie Murray became the sixth player to appear in 3,000 games during the Angels 8-7 victory over Chicago.

Murray joined a list that includes Pete Rose and Hall of Famers Carl Yastrzemski, Hank Aaron, Ty Cobb and Stan Musial.

MONTREAL (AP) — Ken Caminiti, the National League's Most Valuable Player last season, was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right hamstring by the San Diego Padres.

The third baseman injured the hamstring April 20 and missed two games. He re-aggravated the injury running on May 11.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Reliever Mitch Williams, whose career went into a nosedive after allowing Joe Carter's deciding home run in the 1993 World Series, was given his unconditional release by the Kansas City Royals. The left-hander was 0-1 with a 10.80 ERA in seven appearances this season.

BOXING

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Buster Douglas defeated journeyman Louis Monaco by disqualification after Monaco hit Douglas after the first round bell.

TENNIS

BERLIN (AP) — Steffi Graf played her first singles match since being sidelined by a knee injury and beat Chanda Rubin 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to advance to the third round of the German Open.

Mary Pierce, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Irina Spirlea, Mary Joe Fernandez, Brenda Schulz-McCarthy and Ruxandra Dragomir were also second-round winners.

No. 13 Barbara Paulus and No. 16 Elena Likhovtseva were the only seeded losers.

HOCKEY

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Geoff Sanderson, Anson Carter and Mark Recchi scored the goals and Sean Burke made 28 saves as Canada beat Sweden 3-1 to tie the title playoff at the World Hockey Championships at one victory each.

The deciding game for the gold medal will be played Wednesday.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics found a solution to the Houston Rockets' sharpshooters just in time to stay alive in the NBA playoffs.

Hersey Hawkins had 23 points, including four 3-pointers, and Gary Payton did a defensive job on Matt Maloney to lead the Sonics to a 100-94 victory Tuesday night.

The Rockets still lead the series 3-2 and could end it in Seattle on Thursday night, but the SuperSonics feel good about returning home for Game 6.

"We did what we should have done at home," forward Terry Cummings said. "It was a gut-check. We did a good job defensively and rebounding. For the first time this series, we concentrated on getting Hersey the ball and making Maloney work."

"We don't think he works hard."

He just runs around and shoots."

Until Tuesday night, Maloney and Mario Elie hitting effectively from 3-point range was enough for the Rockets to take a 3-1 lead. But they went cold on 3-pointers Tuesday night as Maloney was 0-for-6 and Elie was 0-for-5.

"My intentions were just to make him (Maloney) drive the basketball," Payton said. "He rushed a lot of shots and then he didn't take any more. I was going to let him know that he wasn't going to get wide open looks this time."

Maloney said his shots just weren't falling.

"He did a good job, but they didn't do anything different," Maloney said. "Overall, they came out with a lot of energy. We just didn't do what we had to do. I hit those shots before."

Payton scored 21 points and

Shawn Kemp added 20 for the Sonics, who are seeking to become the sixth team in NBA history to successfully come back from a 3-1 deficit.

If Houston wins Game 6, the Western Conference finals will begin Saturday at Utah.

"When you're up 3-1, you ought to finish them off," Charles Barkley said. "But they came out like they were 3-1 trying to finish us off. Now, even if we win up there, we have to go straight to Salt Lake City. That's the worst part of it."

Seattle outshot Houston 48 percent to 39 percent and withstood a 31-point, 16-rebound performance by Hakeem Olajuwon and a 26-point effort from Clyde Drexler.

"You can't be more proud of the effort," Karl said. "We went to a very aggressive mode. We're reaching that point in the series

where energy is sometimes hard to find. We reached in and found it."

The Rockets missed their first 10 3-point attempts, then shot 4-of-5 in the second quarter to get back in the game. It wasn't enough.

"Our offense just wasn't smart," Barkley said. "You've got to use your brains. That's not just a hat rack. We played terrible offensively."

Seattle led 57-52 at halftime, and Hawkins had five points in a 14-4 spurt in the third quarter that gave Seattle a 76-62 lead with 4:39 left in the period. "Houston was cold again in the third quarter, missing its first six 3-point shots."

When the Rockets tried to rally in the final four minutes of the game, Seattle answered each of their baskets with one of its own.

A tip-in by Olajuwon with 3:58 left pulled Houston to 94-86, but

Detlef Schrempf responded with a turnaround baseline jumper. A layup by Charles Barkley was followed by two foul shots by Payton, and a 3-pointer by Drexler with 2:17 left was answered by Kemp on a tip-in with 2:01 left to put Seattle ahead 100-91.

Schrempf missed shots on Seattle's next two possessions and Elie went to the line with 44 seconds left with a chance to pull Houston within five. But he missed the first before making the second, leaving the score 100-94.

After Kemp missed a jumper with 21 seconds left, Barkley missed two straight 3-point attempts from the corner as well as a 2-point attempt.

When the ball bounced to Barkley yet again with two seconds left, he slammed it to the ground rather than try another jumper.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Pitcher Russell Robben of Cree Company fires a pitch during a Babe Ruth baseball game at Optimist Park. The Babe Ruth League (for players 13 through 15 years of age), as well as the other leagues will be in action during Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday at Optimist Park. A barbecue for the general public will be held from 12 to 4 in the Optimist gym. Tickets are five dollars and can be purchased at the door.

Glo-Valve maintains first place in Major Bambino League race

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service came from behind to slip past Dyer's Bar-B-Que, 8-6, Tuesday to maintain first place in the Optimist Major Bambino League.

Ryan Zemanek picked up his first win of the season working the last three innings. He allowed no runs or hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Zach Windhorst started for Glo-Valve. He left in the second inning, giving up two earned runs, but not hits. Windhorst struck out three, walked four and hit one batter. Eddie Palma pitched the rest of the second inning, allowing one earned run on two hits. He walked two and struck out two.

Jay Gerber allowed five runs and four hits while striking out four and walking four for Dyer's.

Zach Hucks pitched the last two innings, giving up three runs on only two hits. He walked one and was without a strikeout.

Glo-Valve struck for three runs in the top of the first. Windhorst walked and scored on a three-base error hit by Palma. Zemanek had the first of three RBI for the evening with a single to drive in Palma. Zemanek scored on a wild pitch and two infield outs.

Dyer's scored all its runs in the second inning as 12 batters went to the plate with half of them scoring. Tim Kettering started the inning off by being hit by the pitcher. Two walks followed. Rufus Estrada cracked a two-run double. Adam Etchison was safe on a fielder's choice and Gerber singled to load the bases. Three Glo-Valve errors led to four more runs and a 6-3 Dyer's lead.

Glo-Valve struck back with two runs in the third inning to pull within a run. Palma singled, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an infield out. John Braddock hit a towering home run over the left field wall to make score 6-5 in Dyer's favor.

In the fourth inning, Glo-Valve edged ahead. Windhorst walked and Palma singled him to third. Two wild pitches scored Windhorst and moved Palma to third. Palma scored on an infield out.

Glo-Valve picked up an insurance run in the fifth. Kevin Parks led off with a double over the left fielder's head, moved to third on an infield out and slid home on a ball hit by Derrick Lewis.

Glo-Valve improved to 3-0 while Dyer's dropped to 1-2.

Tribe tops Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It wasn't pretty, but the Cleveland Indians' bullpen got the job done in a 7-3 win over the Texas Rangers.

Cleveland's relievers have struggled all season, and Tuesday night was no exception. Jose Mesa loaded the bases in the ninth before newly acquired left-hander Alvin Morman struck out Lee Stevens for the final out.

"Everybody that came out of the bullpen tonight pitched well," said Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove, who received a two-year contract extension before the game. "Morman came into a tough situation for a guy who just joined a new team, in a new league, in a new city."

The Rangers loaded the bases in the ninth with one out off Mesa, who struck out Dean Palmer before being replaced by Morman. Morman came to Cleveland last weekend in a trade with Houston and was making his debut with the Indians.

Mesa is easing his way back into the closer's role for a bullpen which has blown six of its first 14 save opportunities.

"We used Mesa tonight and I thought he was putting too much pressure on himself," Hargrove said. "But the bottom line is he still has to get people out. He has the same stuff that he has last year when he had all those saves."

Matt Williams hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning, his 10th, as the Indians rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

Tony Fernandez went 3-for-5 with an RBI for Cleveland.

Williams continues to adjust to the American League following his off-season trade from San Francisco. Williams was in a 2-for-16 slump before going 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

"It's a constant adventure for me up there because I don't know any of these guys that I'm facing," Williams said. "Against guys I don't know, I have to expect fastballs."

Mets slip by Astros

NEW YORK (AP) — Butch Huskey is a lot more relaxed, and that's making opposing pitchers more uptight.

Huskey's fourth homer in six games lifted the New York Mets over the Houston Astros 4-3 on Tuesday night.

"You can only play this game relaxed," said Huskey, whose seventh home run in the seventh inning broke a 3-3 tie and sent the Mets to their fourth straight win and 12th in 16 games.

"One thing I don't do is put pressure on myself," he said. "All I try to do is go up to the plate, wait for my pitch and hit the ball hard."

Huskey separated his right shoulder in both 1994 and 1995 and then last season struggled while trying to adapt to third base.

"I know that I'm more relaxed at bat since I've been playing the outfield," he said. "I found it hard playing third base and staying relaxed."

Greg McMichael (3-2), the second of three Mets pitchers, relieved starter Armando Reynoso in the seventh and benefited from Huskey's homer.

Russ Springer (1-1), who relieved starter Mike Hampton, gave up the homer.

"I didn't get the ball inside enough," Springer said. "The guy's hitting the ball pretty well right now."

Huskey is hitting .429 in his last six games.

"Tonight, I got a fastball on the middle inside," he said.

Reynoso hit his third career homer and first this season to start a two-run third, but then allowed Sean Berry's second homer, a two-run shot that tied the score in the sixth.

New York took a 1-0 lead in the first when Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell booted John Olerud's grounder and allowed Carl Everett to score from third. After Reynoso's homer made it 2-0, Olerud doubled in another run in the third.

Texas Tech's Joe Dillon leads All-Big 12 baseball squad

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech first baseman Joe Dillon, the Big 12 Conference player of the year, was among four Red Raiders named Tuesday to the all-conference team.

Dillon had 28 home runs in 50 games this season. Also named to the first team were Texas Tech second baseman Keith Ginter and starting pitchers Jason Gooding and Shane Wright.

The league champion Raiders won all the top conference honors. Keith Ginter was named newcomer of the year, while Josh Bard was named freshman of the year and Larry Hays coach of the year.

The 1997 Big 12 All-Conference team:

First Team
 1B — Joe Dillon, Texas Tech
 2B — Keith Ginter, Texas Tech
 SS — Heath Schesser, Kansas State
 3B — Rusty McNamara,

Oklahoma State
 C — Javier Flores, Oklahoma
 OF — Francis Collins, Nebraska
 OF — Jeff Guiel, Oklahoma State
 OF — Jason Tyner, Texas A&M
 DH — Casey Bookout, Oklahoma
 Utility — Todd Sears, Nebraska
 Starting Pitcher — Kris Lambert, Baylor; Scott Williamson, Oklahoma State; Ryan Rupe, Texas A&M; Jason Gooding, Texas Tech; Shane Wright, Texas Tech
 Relief Pitchers — Jason Jennings, Baylor; Geoff Geary, Oklahoma

Second Team
 1B — (tie) Jason Bichelmeier, Kansas State; Tony Lucca, Oklahoma State
 2B — Billy Gaparino, Oklahoma State
 SS — Joe DeMarco, Kansas

3B — Jason Stephens, Texas A&M
 C — Josh Bard, Texas Tech
 OF — (tie) Jon Topolski, Baylor; Mark Cridland, Texas; Brett Loeffler, Texas; Johnny Hunter, Texas A&M
 DH — Scott Poepard, Kansas State
 Utility — Kip Harkrider, Texas; Josh Holiday, Oklahoma State
 Starting Pitchers — Eric Yanz, Kansas State; Jon Adkins, Oklahoma State; Monty Ward, Texas Tech; Jeff Andra, Oklahoma

Relief Pitchers — (tie) Brett Bergman, Baylor; Josh Wingerd, Kansas; David Johnson, Kansas State

Player of the Year — Joe Dillon, Texas Tech
Newcomer of the Year — Keith Ginter, Texas Tech
Freshman of the Year — Josh Bard, Texas Tech
Coach of the Year — Larry Hays, Texas Tech

Silver medalist



(Pampa News file photo)

Wheeler sophomore Brooke Stevens claimed the silver medal (second place) in the Class 1A girls' 100 hurdles last weekend in Austin. She had finished fifth at state in the hurdles as a freshman.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL					
National League					
At A Glance					
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct.	GB	
East Division					
Atlanta	26	12	.684	4	
Florida	22	16	.579	4	
Montreal	19	16	.543	5 1/2	
New York	20	18	.528	6	
Philadelphia	14	23	.378	11 1/2	
Central Division					
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	—	
Houston	20	19	.513	—	
St. Louis	16	21	.432	3	
Chicago	11	25	.306	7 1/2	
Cincinnati	11	25	.306	7 1/2	
West Division					
San Francisco	22	13	.629	—	
Colorado	22	14	.611	1/2	
Los Angeles	20	15	.571	2	
San Diego	14	21	.400	8	
Monday's Games					
Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 2					
Florida 11, Philadelphia 2					
Only games scheduled					
Tuesday's Games					
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2					
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 3					
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 1					
N.Y. Mets 4, Houston 3					
Florida 11, Atlanta 5					
Chicago Cubs 2, Los Angeles 1					
Only games scheduled					
Wednesday's Games					
San Diego (T. Worrell 2-4) at Montreal (Juden 3-0), 1:35 p.m.					
Los Angeles (Martinez 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 1-4), 2:20 p.m.					
St. Louis (Stottmyre 1-2) at Philadelphia (Maduro 3-3), 7:05 p.m.					
Florida 11, Atlanta 5					
Colorado (Wright 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 4-0), 7:05 p.m.					
San Francisco (O. Fernandez 3-3) at Cincinnati (Schourek 2-3), 7:35 p.m.					
Houston (Kile 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-2), 7:40 p.m.					
Florida (Brown 3-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 6-0), 7:40 p.m.					
Thursday's Games					
San Diego (Hitchcock 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Castillo 1-5), 2:20 p.m.					
Colorado (Bailey 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 2-3), 7:05 p.m.					
San Francisco (VanLandingham 1-2) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-2), 7:35 p.m.					
Los Angeles (Vaiske 1-4) at Cincinnati (Smiley 3-5), 7:35 p.m.					
Only games scheduled					
American League					
At A Glance					
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct.	GB	
East Division					
Baltimore	25	11	.694	—	
New York	22	16	.579	4	
Toronto	19	17	.528	6	
Detroit	16	21	.432	9 1/2	
Boston	15	21	.417	10	
Central Division					
Milwaukee	19	15	.559	—	
Kansas City	18	17	.514	1/2	
Cleveland	18	18	.500	2	
Chicago	14	21	.400	5 1/2	
Minnesota	15	24	.385	8 1/2	
West Division					
Seattle	20	15	.571	—	
Texas	18	19	.457	5	
Anaheim	15	24	.385	8	
Monday's Games					
Milwaukee 9, Seattle 8					
Minnesota 12, Toronto 2					
Texas 4, Cleveland 2					
Baltimore 5, Oakland 1					
Anaheim 16, Chicago White Sox 8					
Only games scheduled					
Tuesday's Games					
Seattle 2, Milwaukee 1					
Baltimore 7, Oakland 3					
Detroit 4, Toronto 0					
Kansas City 9, Boston 0					
N.Y. Yankees 11, Minnesota 2					
Cleveland 7, Texas 3					
Anaheim 8, Chicago White Sox 3					
Wednesday's Games					
Toronto (Hengen 3-1) at Detroit (Moshler 2-2), 1:05 p.m.					
N.Y. Yankees (Petite 6-1) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 1-3), 1:15 p.m.					
Cleveland (Nagy 5-2) at Texas (Witt 6-0), 7:35 p.m.					
Boston (Wakefield 1-1) at Kansas City (Rusch 2-2), 8:05 p.m.					
Milwaukee (Eldred 4-3) at Oakland (Prieto 2-2), 10:05 p.m.					
Baltimore (M. Johnson 0-0) at Anaheim (Hasegawa 1-2), 10:35 p.m.					
Chicago White Sox (Navarro 3-1) at Seattle (Moyer 2-0), 10:35 p.m.					
Thursday's Games					
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 2-3) at Seattle (Fassero 4-1), 8:35 p.m.					
Detroit (Oliveros 2-2) at Kansas City (Appier 4-2), 8:05 p.m.					
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 2-1) at Texas (Alberro 0-0), 8:35 p.m.					
Baltimore (Karnienick 2-1) at Anaheim (Dickson 5-1), 10:05 p.m.					
Milwaukee (Karl 1-5) at Oakland (Telgheder 0-2), 10:05 p.m.					
Only games scheduled					
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CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)					
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Friday, May 16					
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.					
Saturday, May 17					
Detroit at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.					
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N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.					
Monday, May 19					
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.					
Tuesday, May 20					
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.					
Wednesday, May 21					
Detroit at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., if necessary					
Thursday, May 22					
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.					
Friday, May 23					
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.					
Saturday, May 24					
Detroit at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., if necessary					
Sunday, May 25					
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 2 p.m., if necessary					
Monday, May 26					
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., if necessary					
Tuesday, May 27					
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m., if necessary					
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No games scheduled					
Thursday, May 29					
Detroit at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., if necessary					
Friday, May 30					
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., if necessary					
Saturday, May 31					
No games scheduled					
SOCCER					
Major League Soccer					
At A Glance					
Eastern Conference					
W	LSOW	Pts	GF	GA	
Columbus	6	2	14	13	8
D.C.	5	3	13	17	10
Tampa Bay	5	2	13	13	9
New England	4	3	10	7	12
NY-NJ	3	6	7	8	12
Western Conference					
W	LSOW	Pts	GF	GA	
Kansas City	4	3	10	12	11
Dallas	5	4	9	13	13
Colorado	3	6	9	12	15
San Jose	4	4	8	12	11
Los Angeles	1	7	0	3	6
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.					
Friday's Game					
New England at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.					
Saturday's Games					
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Washington D.C. at New England, 3 p.m.					
San Jose at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.					
Thursday, May 22					
San Jose at Washington D.C., 7:30 p.m.					
Columbus at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.					
Friday, May 23					
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.					
SuperSonics-Rockets, Box SEATTLE (100)					
Schrempf 6-11 3-5 15, Kemp 8-15 4-4 20,					
Perkins 1-6 5-8 8, Hawkins 8-15 3-3 23,					
Payton 8-17 5-8 21, Cummings 1-1 3-4 5,					
Wingate 1-4 1-1 3, McIlvaine 0-1 0-0 0, Snow					
0-1 0-0 0, Stewart 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 35-73 24-					
31 100.					

Bulls advance to Eastern Conference finals

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman swished 3-pointers, made a no-look pass, blocked Dikembe Mutombo's shot and rebounded like a demon. By the time his inevitable ejection came, Rodman had already energized the Chicago Bulls into the Eastern Conference finals.

Rodman, who had become a non-factor in the playoffs because of his overly aggressive play and the apparent overzealousness of referees, upstaged even Michael Jordan as the defending NBA champions won 107-92 Tuesday night to eliminate the Atlanta Hawks in five games.

Of course, Dennis the Menace couldn't stay completely out of trouble, drawing two technical fouls with 2:44 to play after a scrap with Mutombo. He was ejected for the third time in the playoffs and picked up his 10th and 11th technicals, but by the time it happened the outcome had already been decided.

After averaging 17 minutes, one point and four rebounds in the first four games of the series, the flam-

boyant six-time NBA rebounding leader had 12 points and nine rebounds in 33 minutes Tuesday.

Jordan scored 24 points for the Bulls, who next play either New York or Miami. New York leads that series 3-1.

When he entered midway through the first quarter, Rodman—usually cheered loudly at the United Center—received the silent treatment from fans who apparently had grown tired of a playoff act that has featured 33 fouls in eight games.

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1 Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Gray
TO: PAMELA JEAN CAMPBELL, Respondent (s)
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of JENE MARI-ON JENNINGS and SHERRY NEWSOM JENNINGS filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1997 against PAMELA JEAN CAMPBELL, Respondent (s) and said suit being numbered 30548 on the docket of said Court, and entitled: IN THE INTEREST OF CHILDREN: TO TERMINATE THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AND FOR THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

1 Public Notice

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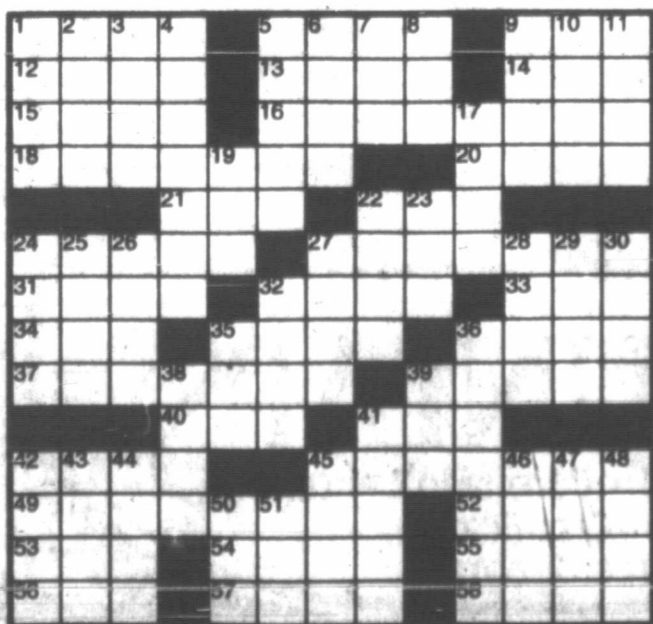
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(Courtesy photo)

The work of cowboy artist Bruce Green of Clifton, such as his 'Halos in the Dust' above, will be featured at the musical drama 'TEXAS' in the 1997 season.

'TEXAS' to feature work of cowboy artist Bruce Green

CANYON - The paintings of cowboy artist Bruce Green from Clifton, Texas, will be featured in the 1997 souvenir program of the TEXAS musical drama.

TEXAS opens its 32nd season on June 11, and plays nightly except Sunday at 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 23 in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Canyon and Amarillo.

TEXAS annually selects a cowboy artist's work to enhance the western tones projected in the outdoor drama's script. As audience members reflect on their Palo Duro canyon experience, the western scenes scattered throughout the souvenir program are vivid reminders of the culture upon which TEXAS is based.

Like all artists selected by TEXAS, Green is a member of the Cowboy Artists of America. A native of Mesquite, Texas, Green grew up watching Roy Rogers, Trigger and any western he could find on television. His proudest moment as an artist was his induction into the elite cowboy artist group in 1993.

Though he didn't grow up on a ranch, Green has drawn horses for as long as he can remember. His art training began at the age of eight at the Museum of Fine Art in Dallas. There, his art was chosen to be part of a children's exhibit which toured Europe. At age 15, Green traveled in Germany and France studying art and architecture.

Long before the Mesquite Championship Rodeo found

fame on TNN, Green rode bulls at the weekly rodeo in his hometown. While studying art at the University of Texas, Green photographed other rodeo competitors to help pay the bills.

With an art degree, a wife and a new baby, Green displayed and sold some of his first work on the town square of Rockwall on election day. While his wife cared for seven children in their home, Green closed the bedroom door and painted from memory and photographs taken on trips west. That was 20 years ago.

Today, Green and his family live in an 1870s farmstead they painstakingly restored. The Chisholm Trail is grown over now, but the old houses and barns still stand proudly in testimony of another time — much like the cowboys, horses and landscapes Green creates on canvas.

Green exhibited his work in a one-man show at the Texas House of Representatives. Today, he paints and creates bronze sculptures at the Bosque County conservatory for Fine Art in downtown Clifton.

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Diabetic survives 3 1/2 days in desert after car gets stuck

EL PASO (AP) — A 64-year-old diabetic with hip problems survived 3 1/2 days in the desert without food or water after he tried taking a short cut and his Cadillac got stuck on a sand dune.

Fred Baer was found Tuesday afternoon near Cornudas, Texas, more than 40 miles from where he was last seen on Friday night and some 20 miles from his stranded car.

"For a family that's not very religious, we have become that way," said the man's daughter, Deb Youngblood.

Baer was treated at Providence Hospital in El Paso but appeared to be in good health.

The man disappeared about 7:30 p.m. Friday after dropping off a carload of students at the Cattleman's Steakhouse near Fabens, about 25 miles south of El Paso.

Baer apparently hoped to avoid highway construction on Interstate 10 and decided to return to El Paso by driving his 1981 Cadillac de Ville through desert back roads.

"He thought he was going to take a shortcut," said El Paso County sheriff's Lt. Marvin Ryals. "Evidently, he got lost and was reported missing that night."

Authorities set up a search effort, with officers on horseback and special rescue teams fanning out across the desert to look for Baer. A Border Patrol helicopter also was pressed into service for the search.

Baer's family was worried because he has several health problems. He needs regular doses of insulin for his diabetes and has a history of hip problems.

As it turned out, officials said, Baer abandoned his car about 25 miles north of the Cattleman's when it got stuck on a sand dune. He hiked out of the area and ended up walking more than 20 miles.

"These roads change all the time," Ryals said. "Water that runs here will wash out a road."

Despite his poor health, Baer was able to make it to a gas pipeline road running through a ranch about six miles southwest of Cornudas, officials said.

He was found by Chevron employee Andy Vandivort, who was checking the pipeline about noon Tuesday.

"He laid on that pipeline road for a day or two," said Jason Kirby, who was at a nearby house when Baer arrived. "He talked quite a bit and was doing pretty good."

Baer told Kirby that he spotted one of the aircraft looking for him but was unable to get searchers' attention.

Ryals said the search parties never gave up hope. The man's vehicle was found Monday night and was used as a reference point for a more detailed search.

Baer can probably thank the weather for his survival. It rained on both Saturday and Sunday, and temperatures in recent days have been unseasonably cool.

Bruce Willis reigns supreme at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Robin Williams-Billy Crystal comedy *Fathers' Day* finished a distant second at the box office, earning a relatively weak \$8.8 million in its debut weekend.

The film, which marked the first big-screen pairing of Williams and Crystal, earned a little more than half as much as the Bruce Willis science-fiction thriller *The Fifth Element*, which took in \$17 million.

Even Kurt Russell's *Breakdown*, in its second week of release with a \$7.6 million take, nearly outgrossed the \$8.8 million earned by *Fathers' Day*, according to figures released Monday.

"We all expected more. Something went wrong. They had a tremendous marketing campaign and the public just didn't respond," said John Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery was fourth with \$7.1 million, *Volcano* was fifth with \$4.5 million and Jim Carrey's *Liar Liar* placed sixth with \$3.6 million.

Next were *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* (\$2.9 million), *Anaconda* (\$2.7 million), *The Saint* (\$1.6 million) and "Murder at 1600" (\$1.3 million).

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Top weekend movies		
Weekend of May 9-11, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
1. <i>The Fifth Element</i> \$17, one week, 2,500 screens	\$17	
2. <i>Father's Day</i> \$8.8, one week, 2,482 screens	\$8.8	
3. <i>Breakdown</i> \$7.6, two weeks, 2,295 screens	\$7.6	
4. <i>Austin Powers</i> \$7.1, two weeks, 2,187 screens	\$7.1	
5. <i>Volcano</i> \$4.5, three weeks, 2,650 screens	\$4.5	
6. <i>Liar, Liar</i> \$3.6, five weeks, 2,312 screens	\$3.6	
7. <i>Romy and Michele's High School Reunion</i> \$2.9, three weeks, 1,806 screens	\$2.9	
8. <i>Anaconda</i> \$2.7, five weeks, 2,302 screens	\$2.7	
9. <i>The Saint</i> \$1.6, six weeks, 1,730 screens	\$1.6	
10. <i>Murder at 1600</i> \$1.3, four weeks, 1,504 screens	\$1.3	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

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. *The Fifth Element*, Columbia, \$17 million, 2,500 locations, \$6,813 average, \$17 million, one week.

2. *Father's Day*, Warner Bros., \$8.8 million, 2,482 locations, \$3,536 average, \$8.8 million, one week.

3. *Breakdown*, Paramount, \$7.6 million, 2,295 locations, \$3,319 average, \$23.2 million, two weeks.

4. *Austin Powers*, New Line, \$7.1 million, 2,187 locations, \$3,230 average, \$19.5 million, two weeks.

5. *Volcano*, Fox, \$4.5 million, 2,650 locations, \$1,696 average, \$34.1 million, three weeks.

6. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$3.6 million, 2,312 locations, \$1,565 average, \$156.5 million, eight weeks.

7. *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Disney, \$2.9 million, 1,806 locations, \$1,804 average, \$19.1 million, three weeks.

8. *Anaconda*, Sony, \$2.7 million, 2,302 locations, \$1,158 average, \$53.1 million, five weeks.

9. *The Saint*, Paramount, \$1.6 million, 1,730 locations, \$903 average, \$54.8 million, six weeks.

10. *Murder at 1600*, Warner Bros., \$1.3 million, 1,504 loca-

tions, \$862 average, \$21.7 million, four weeks.

11. *Grosse Pointe Blank*, Disney, \$1.12 million, 994 locations, \$1,123 average, \$22.9 million, five weeks.

12. *Warriors of Virtue*, MGM, \$1.11 million, 2,101 locations, \$528 average, \$5 million, two weeks.

13. *Scream*, Miramax, \$662,126, 784 locations, \$845 average, \$95.6 million, 21 weeks.

14. *Chasing Amy*, Miramax, \$585,811, 431 locations, \$1,359 average, \$6.1 million, six weeks.

15. *Vegas Vacation*, Warner Bros., \$298,450, 487 locations, \$613 average, \$35.9 million, 13 weeks.

16. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$289,900, 412 locations, \$704 average, \$150.9 million, 22 weeks.

17. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$267,566, 502 locations, \$533 average, \$54.8 million, 10 weeks.

18. *Dante's Peak*, Universal, \$253,080, 342 locations, \$740 average, \$66.4 million, 14 weeks.

19. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$232,986, 315 locations, \$740 average, \$76.3 million, 26 weeks.

20. *Sling Blade*, Miramax, \$222,737, 277 locations, \$804 average, \$22.6 million, 24 weeks.

Banned oxygen canisters discovered aboard Continental flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators are trying to determine how a Continental Airlines passenger jet ended up carrying seven oxygen canisters in its cargo hold, a practice outlawed following last year's ValuJet crash.

"We take this very seriously and we're investigating it thoroughly," Eliot Brenner, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said Tuesday.

The oxygen generators, secured by safety caps, were in a shipment of airline materials found by Continental workers ten days after the flight to Houston from Los Angeles.

"With the caps, they were not in danger of going off," Brenner said. The canisters were not listed as part of the shipment, he said.

The FAA reported the flight took place on April 15, but the airline said it was a day later. Chemical oxygen generators were banned

as cargo in passenger planes shortly after ValuJet Flight 592 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board. Investigators believe the May 11, 1996, disaster was caused by a fire fueled by poorly packaged oxygen generators.

Air transport of the generators is now restricted to compartments in cargo planes that the crew can reach during the flight.

Houston-based Continental issued a statement Tuesday saying the disarmed generators were shipped accidentally by a vendor who failed to disclose they were hazardous.

"The airline immediately reported this occurrence to the FAA when the shipment was discovered. In addition to our own internal audit, Continental is working closely with the FAA in its investigation to determine how this shipment happened," the statement said.

Continental spokeswoman Karla Villalon declined to identify the vendor, saying it is under investigation. She did not know how many people were aboard the plane.

Continental, the vendor and its shipping agent could face millions of dollars in fines if investigators conclude hazardous material laws were violated, Brenner said.

Jim Hall, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said the incident illustrated the need to install smoke detectors and fire-suppression equipment in the cargo compartments of all passenger airliners.

"What this incident shows is that no matter what regulations are passed, the threat of inadvertent placement of hazardous materials on aircraft will always be with us," Hall said in a letter to Carol Hallett, president of the Air Transport Association of America.

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