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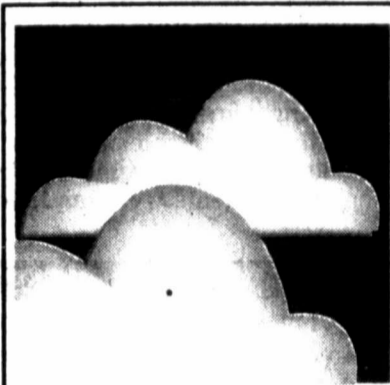
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PAMPA— The sculpting process from beginning to end is a special exhibit by Grant Johnson, a local artist, will be presented at the next meeting of the Creative Artisan's Network.

Various sculptures of wax, clay, and alabaster will be displayed during the program which will be Monday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks in the gym.

There is no charge for the program.

PAMPA — The Gray County Republican Party has opened its headquarters in Pampa. It is located in the Combs-Worley Building at 120 W. Kingsmill Room 202. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Their phone number is 665-1998.

HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Lee Brown is banning discrimination in city government on the basis of sexual orientation in an executive order issued 13 years after a similar ordinance was repealed by voters.

"I have issued this order because I truly believe that the city of Houston should not discriminate against anyone," Brown said in a written statement. "This is the right thing to do."

Brown's directive Monday is allowed under his executive order authority and does not require approval by the city council.

- Clifford R. Gandy, 93, farmer and Hereford's Santa Claus for over 60 years.
- James Lee Nixon, 73, Shamrock resident since 1960.

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Judge tosses 'veggie libel'; suit goes on

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — The first test of the nation's 13 "veggie libel" laws has come back with an incomplete grade.

The federal judge in Oprah Winfrey's beef defamation trial on Tuesday tossed out part of the case filed under Texas' food defamation law, but allowed cattlemen to continue the trial as a simple disparagement suit.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, without explanation, rejected a defense request to throw the case out entirely. Jurors returned after a four-day break this morning to hear the lawsuit as a common-law business disparagement case.

The defense began by showing bloody pictures of sheep heads, cow heads, and euthanized pigs headed for a Baltimore rendering plant to be processed into animal food.

"Under the plaintiffs' theory, any person in the United States who owned a cow has a cause of action," defense attorney Charles Babcock said during a hearing Tuesday. "It creates too much danger, too much risk to people speaking about generic topics."

Van Smith, a reporter for City Paper, an alternative newspaper in Baltimore testified that he studied the rendering process for a 1995 story.

Attorneys were attempting to prove some animals do end up being fed to other animals, as vegetarian activist Howard Lyman claimed on the show.

Scientists say animals eating the remains of other animals is the primary

way mad cow disease is transmitted.

Cattlemen blame Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, talk show about mad cow disease for causing cattle prices to plummet. They say the program cost them \$12 million.

It was the first time a lawsuit had tested the "veggie libel" law passed in 1995. Judge Robinson did not declare the Texas law unconstitutional; she merely ruled the cattlemen failed to make a case under

it. "Under the plaintiffs' theory, any person in the United States who owned a cow has a cause of action," defense attorney Charles Babcock said during a hearing Tuesday. "It creates too much danger, too much risk to people speaking about generic topics."

Attorneys were unable to discuss the ruling with reporters because of a gag order. Others closely watching the case were surprised by the ruling.

"When I got the law drafted in 1995, I never dreamed that there would be someone with enough money to hire the best legal defense in the world," said state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss.

Now that their case has been reduced to ordinary business disparagement, cattlemen have a much heavier burden of proof.

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Appeals court sends Canadian River case back

A summary judgment by 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims regarding who owns part of the Canadian River bed has been reversed by the 7th District Court of Appeals.

The Feb. 10 ruling, which sends the case back to the lower court, said Sims' ruling in favor of panhandle landowners was in error because it excluded a survey done by a licensed Texas surveyor hired by the state as well as that of two state expert witnesses. A surveyor hired by the landowners showed a very different and much more narrow view of the river bed.

The dispute started when a group of panhandle landowners sued the state in 1989 claiming the disputed land is part of their ranches. The state, which has claimed the land as part of the Canadian River, gets about \$4 million a year that goes into the Permanent School Fund (PSF).

See RIVER, Page 2

Office coffee suspect in poisoning of eight

DALLAS (AP) — Office coffee is suspected in poisonings of eight North Dallas workers.

Police Tuesday were investigating whether a drug was slipped into coffeepots at North Texas Anesthesia Consultants.

Employees were rushed to Presbyterian Hospital in Plano on Monday after complaining of dizziness and incoherence.

Tests showed six of the workers had traces of Benzodiazepine, commonly found in Valium and other tranquilizers, in their urine.

Seven workers were treated and released. Roni Longoria of Rockwall suffered two seizures and remained hospitalized.

Police were testing the office coffee machine at a laboratory.

The consultants' office provides doctors for 18 area hospitals, said Andy Karabinos, the company's chief executive officer.

Karabinos said he would be surprised if the illnesses were the intentional work of disgruntled employees. Two workers had quit Friday, but for personal reasons, he said.

Crash hurts three...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Three people were taken to Columbia Medical Center about 9:30 this morning after an automobile accident involving a Haliburton truck and a car at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 152. Names and details were unavailable at press time.

Bush to be in Wheeler Saturday

Texas Gov. George W. Bush will be the featured speaker at a political rally early Saturday morning in the Wheeler High School Gym.

The public is invited by Wheeler Mayor Wanda Herd, the Wheeler City Council and Wheeler Chamber of Commerce.

The rally gets under way at 7:30 a.m. and will

last about an hour.

A spokesman urges spectators to arrive and be seated no later than 7:15 a.m. and said, "We feel this is a very special occasion, so get up early and come help us welcome Gov. Bush to Wheeler and the eastern Texas panhandle.

Refreshments will be served.

Hereford sugar beet plant shutting down

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — Not four months after an official proclaimed a "great future" for sugar beets in the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico, Imperial Holly is shutting down its Hereford processing plant.

About 85 workers will lose their jobs when the plant's processing facility shuts in April, the company announced Tuesday. Another two dozen will stay on to man the plant's continuing packaging operation.

The plant has been in danger of closing in recent years as area beet production has declined. Acreage actually increased last year, but it wasn't enough for the company to justify processing sugar here.

Holly Sugar agricultural manager Dennis Printz said last fall that farmers were inquiring about growing beets in the area. "With all that interest," he said, "we see a great future for sugar beet production here."

Holly president Roger Hill said Tuesday the company "carefully considered what effect

Texas is the only state to produce both sugar beets and sugar cane, though the future of beets is in limbo with the Holly downsizing.

(downsizing) would have on our employees, growers, customers, vendors and the community, and, on balance, this was the best course available."

The Hereford plant packages 15,000 100-pound bags of sugar daily. In addition to the Holly brand, the plant supplies sugar to Gerber Products Co., General Mills and three supermarket chains.

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Hereford is 40 miles southwest of Amarillo.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Boatmen's outgoing president Randy Watson (center) with father, Floyd and son, Luke were together at a recent going away party at the bank. Randy resigned as president and says he'll stay in Pampa and remain active in the community. (See story on Page 3)

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Services tomorrow

NIXSON, James Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.
POORE, Elva C. Chisum — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami.
SPEES, Ina E. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WHITE, Myril — 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Coolidge, Ariz.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, February 17
Troy James Short, 26, 1008 Crane Road, was arrested for violation of probation for burglary.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, February 17
 9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

8:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 and 149 and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Wednesday, February 18
 3:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Obituaries

CLIFFORD R. GANDY

HEREFORD — Clifford R. Gandy, 93, father of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 16, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. H.W. Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Gandy was born at Goldthwaite. He had been a Deaf Smith County resident since 1934, moving from Hale County. He married Corene Julian in 1935 at Plainview; she died in 1997. He was a farmer and served as Hereford's professional Santa Claus for more than 60 years. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Glenna F. Bell of Pampa and Earle Dean Lowry of Houston; two sons, Julian R. Gandy of Hereford and Troy M. Gandy of Modesto, Calif.; a brother, George S. Gandy of Wheeler; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gideon Society or to Temple Baptist Church.

JAMES LEE NIXSON

SHAMROCK — James Lee Nixon, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Shamrock Cemetery with Gordon Dougherty, nephew of the deceased of Dozier, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Nixon was born in Collingsworth County near Dozier. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1960, moving from Dozier. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include two sisters, Susie Bradstreet of Shamrock and Maybelle White of Amarillo.

Calendar of events

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.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported these calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, February 17
 2:41 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to a medi-vac standby.

2:56 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen on a medical assist.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance will be held Saturday Feb. 21, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. There will be a band. The admission will be \$5 and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Bring snacks and finger foods by 7:30 p.m. For more information call 665-2829.

API MEETING

The February regular meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the API will be held at the Sportman's Club, Tuesday, Feb. 19. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Bob Neslage at (806) 669-2701.

Court report

December

Ricky Payton Griffin was dismissed on charges of Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Domestic.

Jose Silva Jr.'s probation was revoked in favor of 30 days in Gray County Jail and a \$675 fine and \$225 worth of court expenses.

Ernest Lemar Huff was found guilty of Criminal Trespass and must serve 45 days in Gray County Jail and pay 174.25 in court costs.

Brandi Wilson was dismissed on charges of Theft Over \$50 - Under \$1500 because her fines and restitution payments have been paid in full.

Bobby Cole was dismissed on charges of Theft of Property by Check because the evidence was insufficient to convict him.

James Wilson was dismissed on a charge of Theft Over \$50 - Under \$1500 because restitution payments have been made.

Karie Bradley was dismissed on a charge of Theft of Property by Check because an affidavit of forgery was signed.

Sheri Stewart was dismissed on charges of Theft of Property by Check because court costs and restitution payments have been made.

David Alan David underwent a modification of probation to extend the time of his probation as well as time to complete payment of his fine.

Stocks

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

Wheat 2.93
 Milo 4.14
 Corn 4.66
 Soybeans 6.05

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

Occidental 25 15/16 dn 1/16
 Magellan 100.85
 Puritan 20.04

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

Amoco 83 7/16 up 1/16
 Arco 72 1/2 dn 3/16
 Cabot 31 3/8 up 1/4
 Cabot O&G 20 3/16 dn 1/8

Emergency numbers

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 Energas 665-5777
 Fire 911
 Police (emergency) 911
 Police (non-emergency) 669-5700
 SPS 669-7432
 Water 669-5830

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

JOSH McDOWELL Parent/Adult Seminar, Feb. 22, 806-665-3551.

RCA BIG Screen TV-\$500. Table saw-\$125. 665-0447. Adv.

BETA SIGMA Phi Mardi Gra Scholarship Dance & Casino Feb. 28th, 8-12 a.m. Reservations - call Linda Duncan 665-3867 or Sue Garner 665-3261. Adv.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN School of Pampa now accepting student applications for 1998-99. Early enrollment now thru March 13. For applications & info. 665-3393. Adv.

K OF C Sausage Dinner, The 46th Annual Polish Sausage dinner will be held on Sunday, March 1st at the K of C Hall at Ward and Buckler Streets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 12, and may be obtained at the door. Also available will be cooked or raw bulk sausage, along with barbecue sauce, red beans, cole slaw, potato salad, and apricot dressing. Adv.

HOLLY'S - CALF Fries, Fri. 20th 6 p.m. til gone. Sat. 21st - Just Us Band 9-1 a.m., adm. \$3. Adv.

FREE INTERNET Class, Thurs. night 7 p.m.-? 665-0706 for reservation. Adv.

BECKY LENTZ will be back! Tues., Feb. 17th at Shortcuts, 669-7131. Adv.

SOCCER COMBO Deals starting at \$29.95 for cleats, balls & shinguard, Adidas, Lanza, Umbro, Mitre, Patrick. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

DOLL CLOTHES & Accessories for the American Girl 18 in. doll at Cottage Collection. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger, 806-274-2142. Adv.

KARIN SUTHERLAND, Nail Tech/Manicurist, now at Hair Junction, specializing in Diamond Nails. 665-2233. Adv.

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TRIAL

They must show Ms. Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist guest meant to damage the beef industry. Under the "veggie libel" law, they only had to prove knowingly false statements were made.

Judge Robinson issued the ruling after a day of arguments outside the jurors' presence. Her decision was terse and was not accompanied by a written order.

States passed "veggie libel" laws after Washington state apple growers unsuccessfully sued CBS over a 1989 "60 Minutes" segment about the potential dangers of a fruit coating called Alar.

Without a specific food disparagement law on the books at the time, apple producers sued under traditional business disparagement laws. The cattlemen find themselves in the same situation after Judge Robinson's ruling.

"It appeared to me (cattlemen) were stressing the 'veggie libel' claims," said Bruce Johnson, the attorney who successfully defended CBS. "They were putting all their eggs in the 'veggie libel' basket, and the judge's decision apparently cuts the heart out of their case."

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RIVER

The Court of Appeals also dismissed fees the judge had the jury award to the plaintiffs for attorneys fees, surveyor expenses and for the cost of appeals totaling more than \$800,000.

The appellate court ruled that the Texas Legislature, when granting the land owners the right to sue the state, specifically declared, "This resolution shall be limited to settling the title dispute and may not authorize an award of monetary damages or attorney fees."

The appellate court also ruled that the survey done by Darrell Shine, for the state was based on current conditions and was not a search for S historic Canadian River boundaries as claimed by the plaintiffs.

Johnson and other experts had predicted this case could become the Supreme Court test for "veggie libel" laws. Judge Robinson's ruling eliminated that possibility.

In a motion filed Tuesday morning, cattlemen said they believe there's been enough evidence presented in the four-week trial to support the more difficult disparagement case.

Plaintiffs rested their case last Friday. The defense was to begin calling witnesses this morning when jurors return from a long weekend.

The cattlemen say Ms. Winfrey and activist Howard Lyman gave the impression on her show that U.S. cattle were at risk for mad cow disease, an English epidemic suspected of causing 23 Brits to die.

Mad cow disease and its human counterpart never have been detected in the United States.

Plaintiffs attorney Joe Coyne said his side has proven the falsity and malicious intent of statements on the show, particularly some of those made by Lyman.

"It's different than saying someone who raises a hypothesis could be culpable or liable. We're not suggesting that," Coyne said. "The problem with this show is we believe statements were made as fact."

The disputed area is below the Sanford Dam at Lake Meredith and involves almost 14,000 acres. Since the dam was completed, water flow in the river has been greatly reduced and plant growth has sprung up in some places that used to have water.

Judge Sims had ruled that the adjacent landowners are "entitled to have their land abut and be washed by the present flow of the water." The appellate court said the river boundaries should be based on the "gradient bank" method used to decide the dispute between Texas and Oklahoma involving the Red River in the 1920's.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro also had mentioned the fact that prior court decisions have held that a man-made structure, such as a dam, can not alter public or private boundaries.

'No need for a trial'

Lawyers seek dismissal of Jones suit

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton's lawyers have asked a federal judge to dismiss Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit, accusing her of trying to "humiliate and damage the president."

In their filing Tuesday, the lawyers also said a dismissal would protect future presidents from frivolous litigation.

Mrs. Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, claims in part that when Clinton was Arkansas governor he asked for sex then retaliated when she rejected his advances. But in excerpts of her sworn deposition, released Tuesday by Clinton's lawyers to support their request, she said Clinton never threatened her or her job.

She gives as an example of harassment an incident in which she didn't receive flowers on "secretary's Jay." And she acknowledged that she never examined her employment records before filing the lawsuit in 1994.

Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, said that despite months of gathering evidence, Mrs. Jones has failed to establish her case. He accused her of "using the compulsory processes of the court in an attempt to humiliate and damage the president."

"There's no need even for a trial," he wrote. Bennett said Mrs. Jones also failed to prove Clinton conspired with state trooper Danny Ferguson, the president's co-defendant, to deprive her of equal protection rights.

"If the court were to permit such a veneer-thin case of sexual harassment and outrage as this to go forward against a sitting president, it would place future presidents at risk for frivolous and vexatious litigation," Bennett wrote.

The trial is scheduled for May 27.

Mrs. Jones' lawyers did not return phone messages left Tuesday. There was no immediate ruling on the 442-page ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright.

Mrs. Jones claims Clinton propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel in May 1991 while he was governor and she was working at a state development conference. She is seeking \$525,000.

In his deposition last month, Clinton said he did not remember meeting Mrs. Jones and denied sexually harassing her.

Employment records, previously reviewed by The Associated Press, show Mrs. Jones stayed on her job at Arkansas Industrial Development Commission for nearly two years after the alleged encounter, received merit raises and cost-of-living increases during that time and left of her own volition.

"I'm the only one out there who did not get any flowers. And everybody noticed it ..." Jones said. "There had to be something for me to be treated that way."

In her deposition, Mrs. Jones said she went to the hotel suite because she was excited to meet the governor.

"I had never met the governor before," she said. She said after a few minutes of small talk about work, Clinton tried to kiss her but she rebuffed him and tried to turn the discussion toward Hillary Rodham Clinton.

At that point, she said Clinton told her, "I love the way your hair flows down your back." Eventually, she said, Clinton sat on a couch next to her, exposed himself and asked for oral sex. She said she jumped up from the couch, said "I'm not that kind of girl" and tried to leave.

"He was just red as he could be. You could tell I had embarrassed him so bad," she said.

"He put his hand on the door to where I could not open it up any further, and he stopped me and he says, 'You're a smart girl. Let's keep this between ourselves,'" she said.

She admitted that Clinton made no threats against her or her job, but said "you can read between the lines, you know." The incident lasted no longer than 15 minutes.

In her deposition, which was taken in Little Rock over two days in November, Mrs. Jones acknowledged that none of her supervisors or co-workers ever mentioned the alleged encounter.

"That doesn't mean they didn't know," she said. Another of her complaints in the deposition was that she did not receive flowers for secretary's day 1992, while other women in her department did.

"I'm the only one out there who did not get any flowers. And everybody noticed it ..." she said. "There had to be something for me to be treated that way."

Clinton's lawyers also released portions of depositions by Mrs. Jones' former supervisors who said they did not know of any negative action taker against her.

Excerpts of her deposition also included a brief mention of what Mrs. Jones has referred to in a sworn affidavit as a "distinguishing characteristic" of the president's genitals.

The validity of the description has been denied by Bennett, who has cited Clinton's annual physical exam.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy with scattered rainfall today and a high of 44 with variable winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, scattered light rain and possibly a bit of snow; low 32 and winds from the northeast at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 52 and northwest winds at 10-20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain or light snow. Low in the upper 20s. North to northwest wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 50s. Northwest wind 10-15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of light rain, rain may be mixed with snow southern panhandle and south plains. Low 25-35. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 55-60. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs near 60.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy and cool with isolated showers. Lows in the mid 40s, mid 30s northwest Hill Country. Thursday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the 60s, near 70 west. Southeast Texas and Upper

Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy and cool with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s inland to near 50 coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers. Highs in the 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 50. Thursday, sunny. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, rain and snow showers ending statewide with skies becoming fair west. Lows 5 to 20 mountains with 20s to lower 30s elsewhere. Thursday, decreasing clouds east and fair west. Warmer with highs mid 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 50s to lower 60s east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Mainly south. Lows in the 30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy in the morning southeast with a slight chance of rain, then becoming partly cloudy. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs in the 50s.



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Junior Service League officers



(Special photo)

The Junior Service League recently installed officers for 1998. Above (left-right) are: Lori Hukill, Michele Dyson, Angie Leos, Jo Linda Childress and Marion Green.

Exchange students



(Community Camera photo)

Julia Peters of Germany, left, and Susanna Tornquist of Sweden view the Swedish flag during a lecture and slide show in the classes of Rhonda Frels at Pampa Middle School. Peters attends Pampa High and is living with the Ronnie Parsley family. Tornquist attends White Deer High and lives with the Stephen Sleeker family of White Deer.

Bank employees throw officer farewell coffee

Randy Watson, outgoing president of Boatmen's First National Bank in Pampa, was feted with a farewell coffee recently by associates and customers in the lobby of the bank. Watson announced early last month his resignation as president in order to pursue other interests.

"Randy has been a tremendous team player and leader during the transition from Boatmen's to NationsBank," said Tom Jones, senior banking executive for NationsBank in the panhandle area.

Randy has carried forward a family tradition of serving our Pampa customers and we regret his leaving very much but extend our best wishes for success in his next venture, said Jones.

Jones also recognized Floyd Watson, a well-known, long-time banker in the panhandle for his five decades of service in banking and the Pampa community.

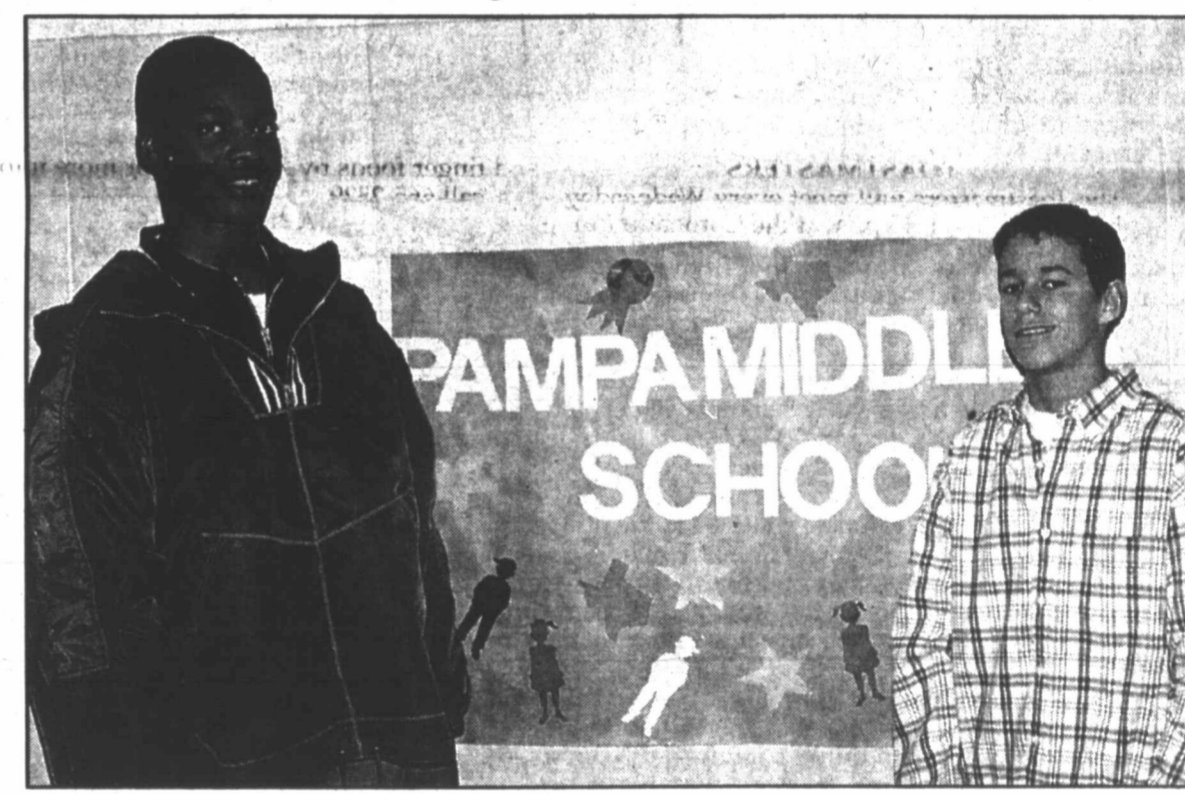
"You both have set a precedent of being good bankers and good neighbors," said Jones. "And we at NationsBank plan to continue this legacy not only at this bank but throughout the panhandle."

Boatmen's First National Bank is scheduled to be converted to NationsBank on Feb. 20, 1998.

Jones and banking center associates presented Watson with a surprise gift of a fly rod and reel in appreciation of his leadership, friendship and service to the bank. Also present at the morning event was Watson's father, Floyd Watson, who served as Chief Executive Officer of the Pampa bank for 31 years before retiring in 1995.

Randy Watson has made no announcement about his future plans but does say he plans to stay in Pampa and remain active in the community.

Middle school mayor



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Justin Lemons (left) is the new vice-mayor of Pampa Middle School serving with Mayor David Philips.

Witness driven to Starr out of concern about tapes, according to agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey appeared at the federal courthouse today, as new information surfaced about what may have led a colleague of Monica Lewinsky to turn over to prosecutors secret tapes suggesting a presidential affair and cover-up.

New York book agent Lucianne Goldberg said that a month before Linda Tripp provided her secret recording of conversations with Ms. Lewinsky to prosecutors, Tripp became concerned her tapes might be illegal and began looking for a new lawyer to seek immunity from prosecution.

Goldberg, who was advising Tripp last year, said in an interview Tuesday that it was that concern that eventually led Tripp to an attorney, and eventually, Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Tripp's attorneys at the time had convinced her that "she had done something illegal and awful and she panicked and she wanted immunity, and she had to have a lawyer now who knew how to get her immunity on the tapes," Goldberg said.

Victoria Toensing, a prominent Washington attorney, confirmed Tuesday she was approached by a lawyer about Tripp's concerns in December and was asked to represent her, but did not take the case.

James Moody, Tripp's current lawyer, said his client went to Starr in January because she was being asked by Ms. Lewinsky to lie in Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

"She was to a point where there was crime going on, about to go on, and she was going to get dragged into it," said Moody. "She was being asked to participate in a cover-up."

This morning, Lindsey arrived at the courthouse where the federal grand jury is meeting. Lindsey, a lawyer who has been at Clinton's side since his first campaign for president, has an office just down the hall from the Oval Office and has unfettered access to the president.

The Washington Post reported today the grand jury has issued a subpoena to Kathleen Willey. Ms. Willey is a former volunteer White House aide who reportedly has said in a deposition in the Jones case that Clinton groped her when she went to his office in November 1993 seeking a full-time job.

In Little Rock, Ark., on Tuesday, Clinton's attorneys asked a federal judge to dismiss Mrs. Jones' lawsuit, claiming she had made an "unfounded case." Inside their 500 pages of arguments, supporting affidavits and depositions, the Clinton lawyers for the first time divulged portions of her sworn deposition in the case.

Railroads and federal government to sponsor safety test

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The major railroads and the federal government will co-sponsor a test of a safety system using satellites on Union Pacific Railroad.

The Federal Railroad Administration, the Association of American Railroads and the state of Illinois will spend more than \$35 million over four years on the test.

The system will use global positioning satellites to help track freight and passenger trains over a 123-mile stretch of the railroad in Illinois. The system is called Positive Train Control and will be dispatched and monitored from UP's Harriman Dispatching Center here.

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Opinion

Iraq attack requires careful planning

► If war cannot be avoided, the effort must be done with a consensus of policy makers and some clear goals.

Things continue to heat up in the Persian Gulf. Defense Secretary William Cohen's office announced recently that he's sending up to 3,000 more ground troops to Kuwait. President Clinton ordered 2,200 Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit shifted from the Mediterranean to the Gulf. The naval task force in the Gulf now includes three aircraft carriers.

The forces are preparing for a potential assault on Iraq to force its dictator, Saddam Hussein, to allow closer inspections by U.N. arms experts looking for chemical and biological weapons. At a recent meeting in Washington, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Clinton discussed strategy. Clinton warned, "I will say again, one way or the other, we are determined to deny Iraq the capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them."

According to The London Times, a strike could occur in about 10 days to two weeks and would include 200 sorties a day by American and British bombers. That also was the timetable estimated by Richard Dekmejian, a professor of political science at the University of Southern California and an expert on the Middle East who has been watching Saddam Hussein for 25 years. That timetable coincides with the end of the Winter Olympics.

"There's a 90 percent possibility of an attack" by U.S. forces, Dekmejian figures. The attack will come "unless all the diplomacy by the Arabs and Russians and French ... bring about a sudden reversal by Saddam" to allow inspections.

Dekmejian wonders whether U.S. leaders have considered what might happen should air strikes kill many Iraqi civilians, with the pictures spread around the world, but not change Saddam's intransigence or remove him from power. It could bring massive anti-American demonstrations in the Arab and Islamic countries and terrorism against U.S. targets around the world.

The options then might include ground attacks to finish the job. But U.S. forces, even two weeks hence, "will be in no position to face Iraqis on the ground," Dekmejian said, because only about 20,000 U.S. troops will be deployed against Iraq's estimated force of 300,000.

Dekmejian said no exact estimate could be made now of the cost of a major ground operation, but figured "billions and billions of dollars. It will cost money and lives." Such an expenditure would effectively vaporize the estimated \$8 billion budget surplus congressmen will be boasting about in their re-election bids.

Unless the Clinton administration has some special intelligence about groups within Iraq that might topple Saddam during air strikes, Dekmejian thinks continued diplomacy is a better solution, enforced by stricter economic sanctions, including a ban on all air flights over Iraq.

In a similar vein, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who only a few days before seemed hawkish on an attack, by week's end were warning against hasty action.

Clinton would be advised to lay out his political and military aims before the American people, allowing Congress and the public to debate the matters at hand. If a diplomatic solution is not possible, just what will be the next step? How serious is the threat Saddam poses? Will the actions Clinton proposes be adequate to end the threat? If Saddam survives an air attack, what next?

We hope war can be avoided. But if it does come, it should be conducted with the approval of Congress and with thorough planning that includes clear plans that achieve definable goals.

—Odessa American



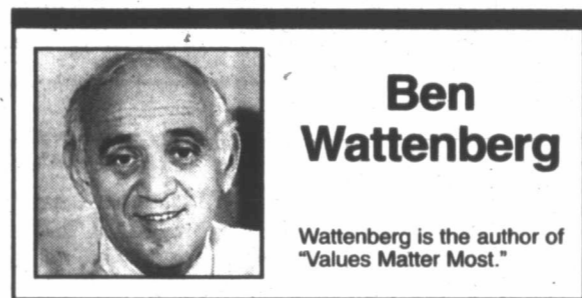
Your country; you set the rules

Dear Public,
I have been reading about your opinions these days. Keep opining, Public. You are the key to the resolution of this current morass of sex, compulsion, lying and legalisms.

Here, gleaned from an array of recent public opinion polls, is what you seem to be saying about President Clinton: You don't want your children to grow up to be like him. You'd much rather have your child grow up to be like Bill Gates than Bill Clinton. You think he (Clinton, not Gates) is lying when he says, staring you right in the eye, that he had no sexual relations with "that woman, Ms. Lewinsky." You think that if he lied under oath, and, more intensely, that if he asked other people to lie under oath, he should resign or be impeached. You think that Clinton brought this on himself and has harmed the dignity of the office. You think Clinton's legacy will be that he dropped his pants once too often. That seems fairly straightforward.

However, at the same time, Public, you believe that Clinton is doing a good job (approval ratings ranging from 73 percent to 54 percent). You think that Hillary Clinton might have been correct when she said the scandal was the handiwork of "a vast right-wing conspiracy." ("True," 22 percent; "could be true," 45 percent; "not true," 29 percent, according to a Fox News poll.) You think the press is in one of those ugly scandal modes, and that they are overplaying the story. You think independent counsel Kenneth Starr is acting out a political grudge and that his investigation should be shut down.

Many conservatives find your attitudes maddening. They ask, Public, how could you? How can you say that a president who brings the



words "oral sex" into every living room is doing a good job? That a liar is doing a good job? That mainstream moderate-liberal news organizations are dancing to the tune of right-wing conspirators?

Public, what is it you are trying to say? Tell me if I'm wrong, but it's not as contradictory as it sounds. President Clinton is doing a much better job. (Naturally, I think it started in 1995, after he read my book describing how he had gone down a too-liberal path.) On Clinton's watch: Welfare is down, crime is down, the budget is balanced, inflation and unemployment are down, income is up. Public, your mutual funds are doing very well. Of course, conservatives say that they should get most of the credit. It has become a truism that the best thing that happened to Clinton was the election of a Republican Congress, but truisms are often true. Anyway, Clinton's skillful State of the Union message provided a "bump" in the polls.

Public, I don't think there is a vast right-wing conspiracy at work. For sure, it isn't vast. But I interpret your response to mean that there are some political drivers involved in this deal. True. As there were, on the other side, during the Watergate scandal, at the root of which was

also a cover-up, perjury, subornation of perjury and obstruction of justice. The press, as usual, goes crazy with an ongoing scandal. But, Public, uh, why are you watching it so intently? That's what feeds the feeding frenzy. (CNN has its highest ratings since O.J.)

Interestingly, and properly, I think that you, Public, are going to resolve this issue. Democracy works. Richard Scammon has noted that the public opinion poll, despite its abuses, is one of America's great contributions to democratic theory and practice. This thing will go on for a while. I imagine Clinton will deny it, but it will become at least mildly clear that he with Monica, meaning that he lied to a grand jury, as well as to the public. But he will emphasize that he never told anyone else to lie, and that will be very difficult to challenge. He won't resign. Impeachment would be a long and anguished process; it takes two-thirds of the Senate to convict.

The only way it might happen is if you, Public, get thoroughly disgusted with what you learn about this. Only then would there be any substantial pressure on Congress to act. There isn't now, nor should there be. There may never be. One way that message will come through will be via public opinion polls. This will be a poll-driven issue, and in this case that's good. It's your country, and you set the rules.

Take your time, Public. Do not believe this stuff about government's being unable to function while under a cloud of alleged scandal. Clinton has to show that the scandal has not affected his ability to get things done. The Republican Congress cannot be seen as thwarting the process of governance just because the scandal trumpets are sounding.

Keep thinking, Public. We'll be listening.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1998. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

On this date:

In 1516, Mary Tudor, the Queen of England popularly known as "Bloody Mary," was born in Greenwich Palace.

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.

In 1564, the artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.

In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1953, "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3D fad of

the 1950s, opened in New York City.

In 1960, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.

In 1970, the Chicago Seven defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.

In 1977, the space shuttle

Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

Ten years ago: Soviet Communist Party leaders dropped former Moscow party chief Boris N. Yeltsin from the ruling Politburo.

Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the Supreme Court.

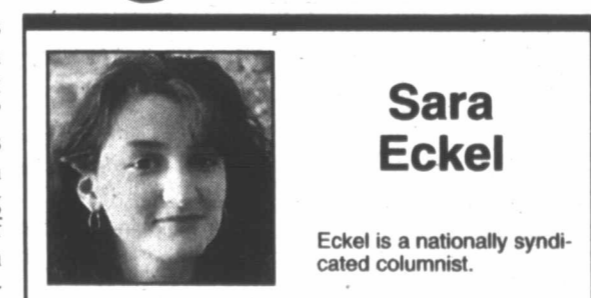
Five years ago: President Clinton hosted a campaign-style rally at St. Louis' Union Station to enlist citizen support for his economic plan.

Understanding sexual harassment

It's hard to imagine what Kenneth Starr was thinking when he wired up a Pentagon employee to get information on her friend's sex life. Was he aware of how bad this would look? Did he realize that the revulsion Americans would feel would not be for President Clinton but for the people who are literally digging through dirty laundry to find some kind of scandal? Or was he so intent on bringing down the commander in chief that he lost all perspective?

With President Clinton's approval rating higher than ever, it is clear that Americans do not think that his alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky is relevant to his job performance. And though Americans may be gobbling up countless hours of CNN coverage on the matter, we also understand that what may have happened between the pair is no more our business than what Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee do in their spare time.

But if there is a new low in American privacy standards, Kenneth Starr is not the only one who is being blamed. Lately another villain has emerged: feminism. cross the airwaves and opened pages of the nation, commentators have wagged their fingers at the women who have lobbied for sexual harassment laws. They are the ones, the charge goes, who have opened up this Pandora's Box, and now we are helpless to stem the tide of investigators, cameras and wire



taps that will soon be heading to a bedroom near you.

It can all sound very frightening, something to give even the most ardent feminist pause, until you examine what exactly sexual harassment is.

Because the legal definition of sexual harassment is not only utterly reasonable, it is also quite difficult to meet. In order to prove that an employee has been sexually harassed, you must show either that sexual favors were requested as a specific condition of employment or that certain overtures created working conditions that severely hindered an employee's ability to do her job. The latter half of that definition, called "hostile environment" harassment, is the one that has caused so much controversy, but once again it has a very exacting standard: In order to prove that the plaintiff has a legitimate grievance, you must show that the

harassing behavior was severe, unwelcome and repeated.

This standard, when applied correctly, does a good job of weeding out the frivolous lawsuits from the legitimate ones. The "severe" criterion knocks out innocuous comments such as a compliment of a dress or haircut. The "unwelcome" criterion eliminates consensual sex. And the "repeated" criterion ensures that someone who makes an unwanted sexual advance is given the opportunity to be warned that the other party has taken offense.

The problem is, most people are not working with the legal definition of sexual harassment; they are working with the popular understanding of it - which is pretty much that anything goes. That's why workplaces and universities frequently create overly restrictive rules regarding employee conduct. And it's why we see a number of frivolous charges - such as the woman who claimed to be sexually harassed after a co-worker recounted a racy "Seinfeld" gag to her.

Of course, if the media heads who claim to be so outraged by this sexual harassment confusion would simply explain (or learn) what sexual harassment is, we could go a long way toward solving this problem. But then they would have to stop harping on feminists and blaming them for the decline of Western civilization. And what fun is that?

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The tragedy of the Blue Bird and Miller Mines

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by LEE I. NIEDRINGHAUS

In the late 19th century, the United States was the world's largest producer of silver, with the miners of Colorado, Montana, Nevada and Utah gloriously extracting 40 percent of the global total. It was a dangerous, capital intensive business fraught with mine collapses, constant litigation and declining profitability due to the unceasing decline of the market price of silver. However, mining was still financially rewarding and drew British and American entrepreneurs and adventurers like magnets due to the spectacular fortunes that had been made by the Silver Barons in Nevada's Comstock Lode and later in Leadville, Colo. It was a Gilded Age rage! George Tyng, the astute manager of White Deer Lands, one of the Texas Panhandle's greatest cattle pastures, was no stranger to mining as he reputedly held interests in mines in Mexico (second in silver only to the U.S.), Arizona, Honduras and Canada. Similarly, the principal owner of White Deer Lands, the great Scottish statesman and nobleman, the 5th Earl of Rosebery, had a significant silver mining investment in the Blue Bird Mine in Burlington, Mont., just outside of Butte. George Tyng would become involved — very involved.

In 1878, Lord Rosebery married the heiress Hannah de Rothschild, and with the combined fortunes of both families invested heavily in the United States. He had selected Andrew Kingsmill in 1878 to become manager of the London branch of Edinburgh based British Linen Company Bank of which Lord Rosebery was governor. Kingsmill had formerly been the "Senior Deputy Principal of the Private Drawing Office" of Great Britain's central bank, the Bank of England. With the addition of attorneys in London and New York, Lord Rosebery was well placed to proceed with his financial interests. However, he needed someone to essentially be his roving eyes and ears in the United States, and he found just the right man — the debonair and cultured American, Ferdinand Suydam Van Zandt, a very close young friend of Lord Rosebery.

Van Zandt had been born into an established Knickerbocker family in New York City and in 1878 spent three years in Leadville where he worked for the noted mining engineer, Arthur D. Foote, superintendent of the Adelaide Mining Company. Back in New York City he became a protégé of influential Washington lobbyist, Sam Ward, and through him established valuable social and financial contacts in Great

Britain.

A strikingly good looking man, described by some as an "Adonis," Ferdinand Van Zandt became extremely close to Lord Rosebery and during his periodic trips to Great Britain found an English wife, the young widowed Amy Lubbock Mulholland, the eldest daughter of Sir John Lubbock, the eminent banker and member of Parliament. In the early 1880's, Van Zandt traveled throughout the United States for Lord Rosebery including visits to the White Deer pasture in Texas to help monitor the increasingly difficult position of the Fracklyn Land & Cattle Company and its Diamond F Ranch. However, in 1885 he became totally preoccupied by a new investment of Lord Rosebery, the Blue Bird mine in Burlington which became one of the territory's greatest silver mines. By 1888, Van Zandt had put in a 90 stamp mill (to crush the ore), and the tiny community of Burlington had begun to flourish, particularly after 1.4 million ounces of silver had been produced in that one year alone. The prestigious "Engineering and Mining Journal" commented that the Blue Bird was "one of the most perfect mills of the west." The journal publicly congratulated Van Zandt on his hard work stating that, "His success has been the more wonderful from the fact that it was won while he was still so young a man. It is due, of course, in part to rare good luck, but more to the remarkable foresight and quickness of perception, which enabled him to grasp the opportunities when they offered." His luck, unfortunately, was going to change quickly.

In 1889, litigation lightening struck the Blue Bird Mine on conflicting claims — a highly serious matter. Undoubtedly exhausted, Ferdinand and Amy Van Zandt headed to California in late 1890 where they acquired a new estate "Burke Place" in Menlo Park, taking a much deserved break. However, with Van Zandt away, William Keller, the general manager, ill, and the legal situation worsening the situation prompted the New York attorney for the mine, Frederic de P. Foster, to ask George Tyng to come up to Burlington from White Deer to try to contain the highly volatile legal actions and take on the role of acting general manager. While living in Montana, Tyng continued his responsibility for White Deer Lands, which demanded a great deal of his time due to the complexities of the lease of the pasture to the Niedringhaus family's Home Land & Cattle Company, which used White Deer as its southern headquarter



(photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

Francis Tyng (second figure, left-right) stands before the Miller Mine near American Fork, Utah. Francis Street was named after Tyng.

ters for the immense N-N Ranch. At the same time, he was trying to develop a strategy for White Deer in terms of land sales after the N-N lease expired. But the Blue Bird was more than demanding, claims, counter-claims and attorneys all demanded the best out of George Tyng, and he gave it. Tyng finally returned to White Deer in early 1891, and an appreciative Ferdinand Van Zandt wrote Frederic Foster, glowingly remarking that, "I wish to thank you for the great service Mr. Tyng has been to us ever since his coming to us and to say that my admiration for his extraordinary ability and my affection for him continues to grow."

In spite of the hard work of Van Zandt and Tyng, the clouds continued to darken over the mine. In June of 1891, a \$2 million suit was filed against the Blue Bird for claim encroachment, and a meeting was called in London for early March to review a dire predicament for both owners and managers. Ferdinand Van Zandt set out first for the meeting, first stopping in Cannes on the French Riviera for some mental rest — it did not help. Leaving Cannes by train followed by a crossing of the English Channel, he became seriously ill with influenza and made it only as far as the port of Dover on the English coast. George Tyng had already arrived in London for the meeting, but was urgently called by Van Zandt to assist him in coming up to London. Tyng rushed to Dover, collected his friend and brought him to the elegant Brown's Hotel in London's exclusive Mayfair district. Van Zandt had disastrous news — he had received a telegram from Butte stating that the Blue Bird had been "attached" by the legal authorities. He stood to lose everything, and late into the night the two comrades desperately tried to come up with solutions. They broke off around 1

a.m. and went to bed. The next morning the hall porter of Brown's came up to Ferdinand Van Zandt's room and knocked on his door. Not getting any response, he came into the room. Lying on the bed was Ferdinand Van Zandt, dead with a bullet hole in his head.

Scotland Yard ruled it suicide. Undoubtedly devastated by the loss of his friend, George Tyng returned to White Deer, a shaken man. The great Blue Bird mine closed down, filled with water and was auctioned off in pieces never to regain its former glory. Amy Van Zandt wrote George Tyng her most private thoughts on this unendurable tragedy to which Tyng, in writing to Frederic Foster, quietly commented, "I received Mrs. Van Zandt's letter forwarded by you, enclosing a little memento of Van Zandt. I sent you the letter, which you can tear up after reading. There is pathos in this dear woman's idea that having been employed by poor Van Zandt commends a man for being entrusted with other men's business." This chapter in George Tyng's life then came to a close. It should be noted that the family and friends of Ferdinand Van Zandt were adamant in their belief that Ferdinand, in spite of business pressure, would never take his own life and strongly disagreed with the Scotland Yard ruling.

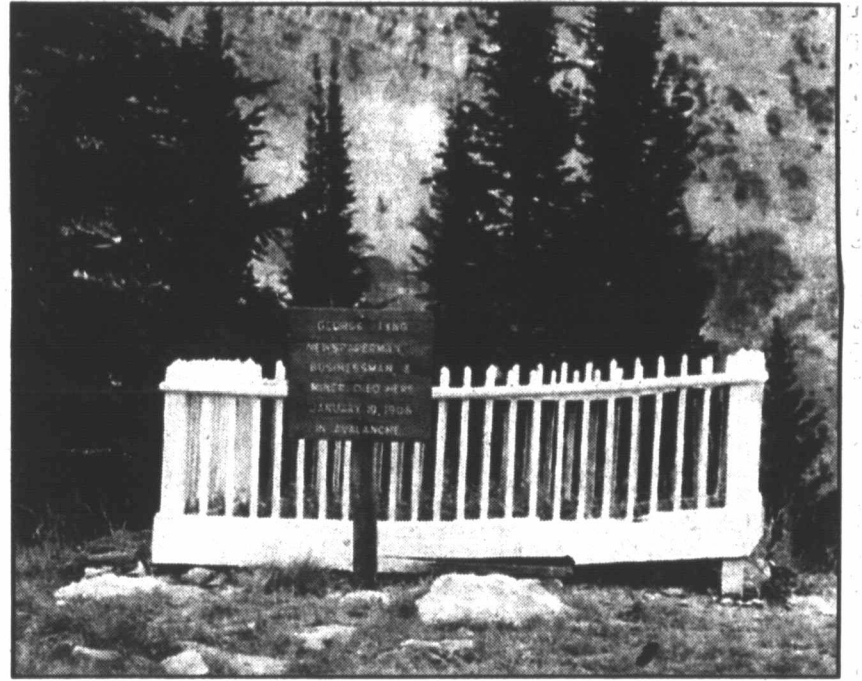
In 1903, George Tyng closed out his land and cattle days at the Pampa, Texas, headquarters of White Deer Lands and headed for the Rocky Mountains and the silver mines of Utah along with his son, Francis. George the previous year had purchased the Kalamazoo claims in the American Fork Canyon about 20 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. Additionally, he leased the neighboring Miller Mine, located high in the Wasatch Mountains on 10,000' Miller Hill and originally developed by Jacob and William Miller of the

York City to obtain a lease extension for the Miller Mine, keeping the news of the discovery absolutely clandestine. He and his son quickly recruited new miners, erected a new boarding house, brought in a team of 20 horses, and Francis enrolled at the Colorado School of Mines to pick up greater technical mining and engineering expertise.

During 1905, the prosperity of George Tyng was dramatically increasing. Another son, Charles, joined in the mining effort, his wife, Elena, preferring the safer and warmer atmosphere of their home in Victoria, Texas. Toward the end of the year snowfall had been exceptionally high, but the Tyng camp among the pines was set away from the conventional paths of snowslides. However, on Jan. 14 of the following year it was reported that "fourteen teams hauling Tyng ore were trapped high in the canyon by avalanches." Five days later Tyng heard a "deep rushing roar that could only mean one thing — an avalanche." Fifteen feet of snow covered George Tyng and snuffed out the life of one of the most intriguing men of the west. He was buried on the shoulder of Miller Hill.

As historian Laurence P. James wrote, "In the spring, the enclosure around George Tyng's grave fill with tall grass and wildflowers. Most people have forgotten who is buried up on that hillside, accessible only by jeep or on foot. Still, every few years someone mends and paints the little picket fence." George Tyng is not likely to be forgotten.

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(From 1889 to 1893 William F. and Frederick G. Niedringhaus of St. Louis leased the White Deer Lands for their N Bar N Ranch. Lee I. Niedringhaus, a great grandson of William, wrote this article for the Museum Mementos of the White Deer Land Museum.)



(photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

George Tyng's gravesite is located in American Fork Canyon, Utah. The inscription on the marker in front of the newly painted white fence reads: "George Tyng, newspaperman, businessman and miner. Died here January 19, 1906 in avalanche." The photo was sent to the White Deer Land Museum by W. Dan Proctor of Pleasant Grove, Utah, in 1991.

Princess Di's rock: The butler who keeps her secrets, advises government on memorial

LONDON (AP) — When Princess Diana died, the first friend to reach her side was her butler. At her island burial, he was the only mourner from outside her immediate family. The queen has honored him for his loyalty, and the government wants his advice on a national memorial.

Paul Burrell has been described as one of the most important people in Diana's life, yet his name is virtually unknown to the millions who watched the circus of her life and follow the dramas of her death. "My rock," she called him. "The Boss," he called her. Burrell, 39, was Diana's servant for almost 10 years and became her confidant as she found fewer people to trust. In the last year of her life, he accompanied her on trips to Angola and Bosnia.

He is still at Diana's Kensington Palace home, where he lives with his wife and small sons, seeing to her personal possessions and taking inventory. And he is still keeping her secrets.

Many requests to interview Burrell arrive at the princess's office, but he does not respond to them, a spokeswoman said. "He never will," she added. The royal family, which has more reason than most to value discretion, has made clear a job will be found for Burrell in the royal household. He reportedly has turned down handsome offers of jobs with movie stars. Diana's mother talked to a glossy gossip magazine. Her for-

mer lover James Hewitt kissed and told. Her last lover's father, Mohamed al Fayed, provides a steady flow of announcements that others contradict — her "dying words," her purported plans to marry his son Dodi and live in Paris, his belief that their fatal crash was not an accident.

The most public thing Paul Burrell has done is quietly decide to run in the London marathon to raise money for Diana's charity. "He is an incredibly loyal man. He was devoted to her in life, and to her memory in death — a man whom she depended on quite simply more than anyone in her life, closer than her family or any of her friends," said the Daily Mail's Richard Kay, a reporter Diana was known to seek out.

It was Burrell who flew to Paris in the early hours of Aug. 31, who gathered all Diana's belongings from La Pitie Salpetriere hospital and remained as a very personal guard of honor until Prince Charles arrived with Diana's sisters to take her back to England.

Burrell sat with her body through most of the following night at the chapel of St. James's Palace, and advised on who should be invited to her funeral at Westminster Abbey.

Before her death, Burrell's discretion in Diana's employ had led the princess to request an official honor from the queen, who awarded him the Royal Victorian Medal for services to the royal family.

In presenting the medal weeks after the fatal crash, the queen told him, "I can't tell you how happy I am to give this to you. ... Thank you for everything you have done."

Now, Burrell is part of the small group selected by the government to decide on the nation's permanent memorial to the princess. And he is a trustee

of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, along with her elder sister, Lady Sarah McCorquodale, and her lawyer, Anthony Julius.

Burrell was only 12 when he declared he would work at Buckingham Palace some day.

After a training course, he did just that.

In nearly 20 years of royal service, he has worked at the queen's main London residence and also as a footman at Balmoral Castle, her Scottish home. His wife, Maria, is a royal maid.

The Burrells moved to Highgrove, Charles and Diana's country estate, in 1988. When the royal couple separated and Charles asked Diana to make a list of what she wanted to take to Kensington Palace, she is said to have put Burrell at the top.

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Teen-Age Prank Creates Guilt That Won't Go Away

DEAR ABBY: As a teen-ager, for kicks I would randomly call women at night and ask to speak to their husbands. If the wife said he wasn't there, I would pretend to be the husband's lover, saying he was supposed to have told her about me.

Most of the time it didn't work, but one young woman believed me. She began crying and said, "We've been married for only one year; now I know why he tells me he has to work late."

I hung up without confessing that it was a stunt, immediately regretting what I had done, but I couldn't call back to make amends because I didn't remember which number I had called.

Abby, the damage I may have caused haunts me to this day. I sincerely wish I could take back what I did.

REGRETTING PAST MISTAKES

DEAR REGRETTING: Since there is nothing you can do to change the past, perhaps you can ease your conscience by doing a good deed. I have a suggestion: Volunteer to mentor a teen-age girl who could benefit from the friendship of a caring, mature adult. There are many out there who need it.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me settle this argument. My husband, who thinks he knows everything, keeps insisting that the forks and



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

spoons should be placed in the basket of the dishwasher with the sharpest point of the utensils facing upward. I say that the utensils should be facing down, so that when they are removed from the dishwasher they can be grabbed by the handles. Will you please settle this?

FRUSTRATED IN DENVER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your husband is wrong. The utensils should be loaded into the dishwasher with the points facing down, which prevents them from poking or cutting the person who is unloading the machine. It also keeps the eating surfaces cleaner if they're grasped by the handles.

P.S. If this is all you and your husband disagree on, I would say you have a marvelous marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the letter in your column from "Waiting

With Baited Hook in Nevada."

As a divorced, 45-year-old, overweight woman with three teen-agers, I had attended church-sponsored activities for years, including dances. None of the men were interested in me.

When I started taking my 14-year-old son to a one-eighth-scale, live steam-engine train park last summer, I began to volunteer my time. The outdoor setting was beautiful, the people were friendly, and it was surprisingly fun. It didn't take long for a divorced man to strike up a conversation, and within six months we were married!

I found out by happenstance that what you suggested works: Look where men spend their free time, and enjoy the same wholesome activities.

LUCKY IN OREGON

DEAR LUCKY: I'm delighted to hear about your happy outcome. Sometimes we make our own "luck" — and I think you "engineered" yours beautifully.

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Horoscope

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998

Developments that will charge up your hopes and expectations will unfold in a consistent manner in the year ahead. Fulfillment is possible where you met failure previously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Mistakes can be made if an important matter is handled impulsively today. Carefully study all aspects and don't make a move until you can proceed with assurance. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac

sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Meaningful objectives are achievable for you at this time. Begin with your least important ones and try to work yourself up the list.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, associates will react in accord with the example you set. If you project a cooperative spirit, they'll match your behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Some confidential information might be passed onto you today. Before using it, however, have it verified to uncover any shortcomings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep quiet about what you're doing today if you're helping a friend with a problem. Inviting others into the picture could be counterproductive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you'll be both a good starter and a strong finisher. This might not be true, however, of subordinates to whom you delegate assignments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Companionship will be important to you today. This is good, provided you don't put socializing above your duties. Maintain your pace

with work as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today's developments could strengthen your financial position in a unique manner, but your gains are not likely to come through gambles or risks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In most competitive developments today, you should fare well, yet you still could encounter a mismatch if you seriously underestimate the competition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial prospects look stronger today, so try to focus your efforts on profitable endeavors. Use your ingenuity to fatten your bank account.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your enthusiasm will be in harmony with your expectations today and this could make a dynamic combination that could result in personal gains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Most will feel inclined to cooperate with you today where your career is concerned. Those who can't be swayed will be inflexible, so don't spin your wheels.

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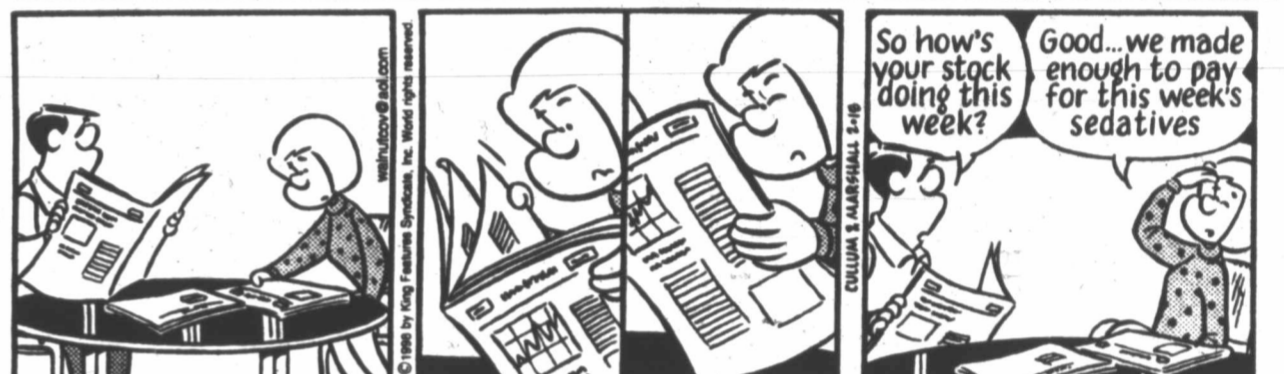
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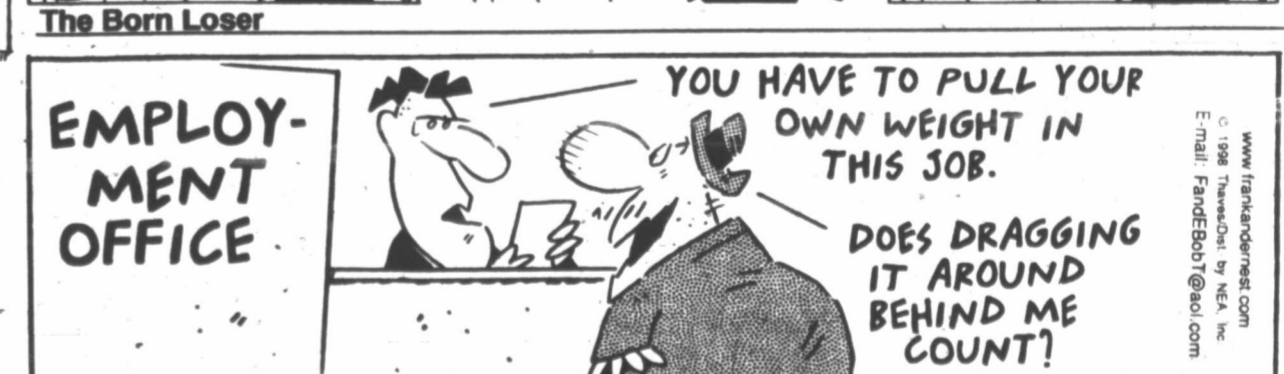
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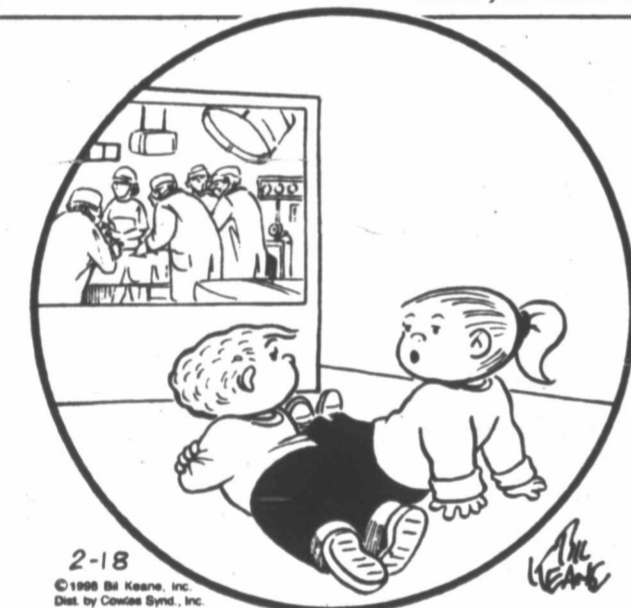
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"You don't feel anything when they operate 'cause they give you an Anastasia."



"There's the reason our trash can ends up in the next block."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



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SPORTS

Flurry of gold boosts United States

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Softball Umpires Association on Sunday, March 15 is having an organizational meeting and mandatory classroom and field mechanics clinics to prepare for adult spring softball.

The location will be the Umpires' Building at the north end of Recreation Park and the time is 3 p.m. This training is mandatory for all returning and interested new softball umpires.

The required test will be given at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the same location east of town.

Spring ball will begin March 28 with the 13th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For more information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes and Scott Hahn.

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is March 25 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on April 1 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 6 for Men's Open and April 7 for Women's Open and Men's Church and Mixed.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 if more information is needed.

BASKETBALL

1998 Recreation Department Basketball League Standings (Standings as of Feb. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Men's Competitive		
Subway	3	1
De Squad	2	1
Reliv	2	2
ONVX	0	3
Men's Recreational		
Celanese	2	0
Pampa Machine	1	0
N.B.C.	1	1
Davis Electric	0	1
Mary Ellen Church of Christ	0	2
Women's Open		
Team	Won	Lost
Subway	4	0
Sun-Trol Window Tinting	3	0
White Deer	1	1
Babb Construction	1	2
McLean Feedyard	0	2
Celanese	0	3

ICE SKATING

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Michelle Kwan floats on the ice, Tara Lipinski soars above it. Either way, they are skating in their own world.

Soon that world should be adorned with Olympic gold and silver.

There will be no bronze, or anything like it, for Nicole Bobek. Only tears.

"Before I started, I heard people cheering and I thought, 'I'm in heaven,'" Kwan said after she edged Lipinski in tonight's short program, worth one-third of the total score. "People clapping, billions of people watching on TV and I'm skating. It's just me and the ice."

"When I'm on the ice, I don't think anybody can stop me."

It would take a colossal collapse by the American teenagers to prevent the first 1-2 finish by any nation in Olympic women's figure skating since 1956.

The second and final part of the competition, the free skate, will be Friday night.

Both women expressed joy with their surroundings and their celebrations. And both seem to know they are performing in another realm, far beyond where third-place Maria Butyrskaya of Russia or the other contenders can reach.

"I don't think it is comparable to any other competition, just the feeling, the excitement, seeing the American flag wave around, the Olympics rings in the middle of the ice," Kwan said.

after placing first with eight

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — It took a team of underpaid, overachieving women hockey players to start a golden spurt for the United States in the Nagano Games. It didn't take long for a group of underachieving NHL millionaires to end it.

The spectacular collapse of the U.S. men's hockey team was made complete today when the carefully assembled collection of NHL all-stars lost 4-1 to the Czech Republic and was eliminated from the Olympics before even getting a chance to play for a medal.

On the same ice where the U.S. women team won Olympic gold the night before, a team that featured six 50-goal scorers and 17 other NHL stars scored only one first-period goal in losing its third game in four tries.

"This was the biggest waste of

time ever," said U.S. assistant captain Keith Tkachuk. "I hate to be negative, but this is disgusting."

The shockingly quick exit extended the U.S. men's hockey medal drought to five Olympics, ever since the Miracle on Ice team won the gold in 1980.

It also put a damper on a sudden flurry of gold — all coming in newly hatched Olympic sports — that pushed U.S. medal winnings into double figures and close to the American record of 13 medals in Lillehammer.

A trio of gold medals, two of them in freestyle skiing, pushed the U.S. total to five golds and 10 overall. And a powerful trio of female figure skaters waited in the wings to add to a medal count that has an outside chance to become America's best ever.

"Best ever" also describes

WINTER OLYMPICS

Norway's Bjorn Dahlie, who skied his way into Olympic record books with his seventh gold medal and 11th overall in cross country events.

A day after beating Canada 3-1 to win the women's hockey gold, members of the U.S. team savored both the win and the attention for a sport making its Olympic debut. They showed up with gold medals around their necks at a Nagano hotel reception, then appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" to recite the 10 best things about winning a gold medal.

It was a far cry from the years of anonymity on ice before women's

hockey became an official Olympic sport in Nagano.

"We were talking about who was going to be on the Wheaties box," U.S. forward Alana Blahoski said. "We were told it was going to be Picabo Street or us. Why not us?"

Eric Bergoust, who learned aerisals by jumping off the chimney of his parent's farmhouse into a pile of mattresses, and Nikki Stone could also lay claim to the cereal box after hitting twisting back flips to win golds in men's and women's aerisals.

"I can crash every jump for the rest of my life and I won't care," Bergoust said. "I felt like everything I've done before doesn't matter now that I've finally done this."

Bergoust was close to perfection on both his quad jumps on a snowy and windy day, while

Snow, who nearly retired after failing to qualify for the final in Lillehammer four years ago, was nearly as good.

U.S. freestyle skiers now have three of the five American golds, with a super-G win by Picabo Street the only other individual gold for the United States. Freestyle skiing didn't become an Olympic medal sport until 1994.

"My dreams, everything I've dreamed of since I was 5 years old, I was in a gym saying, 'I'm going to win a gold medal someday,'" Stone said. "I can't believe it."

With four days of medals still to be won, the United States was nearing its best showing ever of 13 medals in Lillehammer. Germany, with 22 total medals, topped the medal list, followed by Norway (19), Russia (13), and Canada and Austria (12).

A&M in Kickoff Classic

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida State has been this Kickoff Classic route before, and it wound up in 1993 with its first national title.

Five years later, the Seminoles are headed back to Giants Stadium for a Kickoff Classic matchup against Texas A&M on Monday night, Aug. 31 (ABC-TV, 8 p.m. ET).

The Seminoles are just one of two teams — Nebraska in 1994 was the other — to win the Kickoff Classic and then go on to capture the national championship. The first Kickoff Classic was played in 1983.

"It will be a very difficult game for us, especially as a season opener with new starters at some key positions," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Tuesday. "But I think it's good for college football for teams to take on challenges."

Florida State, which finished No. 3 last season after a 31-14 win over Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, has rarely taken the easy road with its non-conference schedule.

In addition to their Atlantic Coast Conference foes, which includes North Carolina, the Seminoles also play Florida, Miami and Southern California next season.

For the Aggies, who finished No. 20 after a 29-23 loss to UCLA in the Cotton Bowl, the matchup was somewhat surprising since Texas A&M of the Big 12 usually prefers the easier non-conference option. This season, Texas A&M's other non-conference foes are Louisiana Tech, North Texas and Southern Mississippi.

"We're excited about opening the 1998 season in New York against a quality program like Florida State," Texas A&M athletic director Wally Groff said. "We're honored we were selected."

Both teams have visited Giants Stadium before — the Aggies lost 23-14 to Nebraska in the '87 Kickoff Classic and the Seminoles beat Kansas 42-0 in the '93 game. Florida State capped its national title season with an 18-16 win over Nebraska in the '94 Orange Bowl.

The Aggies and Seminoles last met in the 1992 Cotton Bowl, with Florida State winning 10-2. Florida State leads the series 3-0.

Florida State, 11-1 last season with its 11th consecutive top four finish in the AP poll, will feature sophomore running back Travis Minor, but must replace quarterback Thad Busby, wide receiver E.G. Green and offensive linemen Kevin Long and Tra Thomas, along with All Americas Sam Cowart and Andre Wadsworth on defense.

Texas A&M, 9-4 last season under coach R.C. Slocum, returns 14 starters — including quarterback Brannndon Stewart and running backs Dante Hall and Surr Parker, along with star linebacker Dat Nguyen.

Each school receives a minimum payout of \$675,000. Each will also play a 12-game regular-season schedule.

Two other games to open the season have yet to finalize their matchups — the Pigskin Classic and the Eddie Robinson Classic.

Soccer champions



Computer Sales and Technology team won the girls' under 10 division title in the Pampa fall soccer leagues. Team members are (front, l-r) Nisha Kumar, Telissa Sealy, Adeena Dallas, Keri Carter, Kristen Roye and Michaela Scroggins; (back row, l-r) coach Maryann Vinson, Myca Vinson, Meredith Coutts, Autumn Darden, Monica Johnson and coach Regina Scroggins. Not pictured is Lydia West.

Groom girls advance in playoffs

WHEELER — Groom downed Mary Hutsell 3 and Carrie Davis 2. The Tigerettes improved their record to 17-10 while Samnorwood finishes at 17-8.

Groom is the No. 2 seed out of District 6-1A while Samnorwood won the District 5-1A championship.

Groom goes against Springlake-Earth in an area round game at 7 Thursday night at Amarillo High Activity Center.

Silverton 43, McLean 30
CLARENDON — McLean fell

to Silverton, 43-30, Tuesday night in a Class 1A bi-district girls' playoff contest at Clarendon College.

Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren scored 16 points each to lead Silverton.

Rachel Galley was the leading scorer for McLean with 10 points. Silverton led at halftime, 26-14. Lori Hefley had 7 points while Shaley Stalls and Lacey Steel had 5 each; Vanessa Glass 2, and Amanda Cline 1 for McLean.

McLean finishes with a 17-10 record. The Tigerettes were the No. 2 seed out of District 5-1A. Silverton is 23-5. The Lady

Owls were the District 6-1A champion.

Claude 67, Follett 48

PAMPA — Bobbi Pratt scored 24 points to help lead Claude past Follett, 67-48, in a girls' Class 1A bi-district game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Hillary Irby added 15 points for Claude.

Kellie Altmillier had 21 points and Shanelle Ashpaugh 10 to lead Follett.

Claude lifted its record to 21-8 while Follett closes at 13-12.

Pitchers having tough time around batting cages

Attention pitchers: Stay away from the batting cage!

So far this spring, two pitchers have incurred freak injuries in or around batting cages — a territory so uncharted for some that it might as well be a field of booby-traps.

The latest victim was Milwaukee Brewers left-handed prospect Horacio Estrada, who fractured a bone in his non-throwing hand while taking a swing in BP. Brewers pitchers must bat this year with the club's move to the National League.

"They're probably going to have to put a pin in his hand," Brewers assistant general manager Fred Stanley said. "At least it wasn't his pitching hand."

Estrada, a 22-year-old Venezuelan who spent last season at Class AA El Paso, was injured on a follow-through in the batting cage on Monday. An

MRI exam on Tuesday showed a small fracture.

Bob Scanlan, hoping to make the Houston Astros' pitching staff, snagged his spikes on the turf in the batting cage and fractured a bone in his left forearm trying to brace his fall. The right-hander will be sidelined 4-6 weeks.

"I heard it pop," said Scanlan, who is 6-foot-7, 215 pounds. "I've never broken anything before, so I wasn't sure it was broken. All I knew was that it hurt."

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said Scanlan fractured the radius, one of two bones that make up the forearm. Because it was his non-pitching arm, Scanlan expects to be throwing again in two weeks.

"Hopefully, I'll be better sooner rather than later," Scanlan said.

Meantime, maybe clubs should post warning signs for pitchers

on the outside of the cages: Enter at your own risk.

The Florida Marlins — what's left of them — entered the White House on Tuesday to meet President Clinton.

The World Series champions were missing 12 of the 25 players who helped them beat the Cleveland Indians last October, gone in owner H. Wayne Huizenga's payroll purge.

"It may not be the precise same Marlin team that played the Indians last year that takes the field on opening day," President Clinton said. "But if the players keep the same spirit, they'll be sure to be in the hunt again when the season comes to a close."

Tony Saunders and Jeff Conine were the only former Marlins who attended the ceremony in the East Room. The big stars who were traded stayed away.

"It's not worth it to meet the

president," said closer Robb Nen, at spring training with the San Francisco Giants in Scottsdale, Ariz. "If I was still with those guys, maybe. But now, I'm dedicated to this team. My goal now is to get ready for March 31."

Charles Nagy, passed over in favor of Jaret Wright as the Game 7 starter for the Indians against Florida, said in Winter Haven, Fla., that he's not bitter.

Wright, a playoff hero for the Indians at 21, pitched well in the decisive game. But the Marlins tied it in the ninth against Jose Mesa and won it in the 11th — with the game-winning hit coming against Nagy.

"It's in the past," Nagy said. "It was disappointing, but the decision was made for the best of the team. At the time it looked like a good decision. Jaret pitched a hell of a game."

Scoreboard

WINTER OLYMPICS

Winter Olympic Medalists Table
By The Associated Press
Through Wednesday, Feb. 18
(89 total medals)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	7	8	7	22
Norway	7	4	4	15
Russia	8	4	1	13
Canada	4	5	3	12
Austria	2	3	7	12
United States	5	1	4	10
Netherlands	4	4	2	10
Finland	2	3	5	10
Japan	4	1	3	8
Italy	1	4	2	7
France	2	1	3	6
Switzerland	2	1	2	5
China	0	3	0	3
South Korea	2	0	0	2
Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	2	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with OF Jeffrey Hammonds on a three-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Purchased the contract of RHP Ken Robinson from the Toronto Blue Jays. Designated LHP Kirt Ojala for assignment.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed RHP Manuel Bano, RHP Oscar Hernandez, RHP Andy Larkin, LHP Felix Heredia, RHP Mike Villano, 3B Josh Booy, INF Amarty Garcia, 1B Derek Lee, OF Fletcher Bates, OF Todd Dunwoody and OF Julio Ramirez to one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed RHP Chan Ho Park to a two-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Named Tim Lincecum manager of Kingsport of the Appalachian League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Terminated the contract of F Dickey Simpkins.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Traded F Clarence Weatherston and G Jim Jackson to the Golden State Warriors for F Joe Smith and G Brian Shaw.
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Activated G Nate McMillan from the injured list. Placed G James Cotton on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Acquired RB Eric Rhett from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a 1999 third-round draft pick. Re-signed TE Eric Green to a two-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DT Mike Wells to a five-year contract.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Jon Torine conditioning coach.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released S Dana Hall.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed G Kevin Donnalley to a four-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Re-signed DL John Randle to a five-year contract.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed QB Kurt Graham to a three-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed WR Bernard Holmes.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Ed White offensive line coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned G Tripp Tracy from Richmond of the ECHL to New Haven of the AHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned D Brett Clark to Fredericton of the AHL. Recalled D Brad Brown from Fredericton.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled D Jason Studwick and D Jason Holland from Kentucky of the AHL.

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	34	18	.654	—
New Jersey	31	21	.596	3
New York	29	21	.580	4
Washington	27	28	.509	7 1/2
Orlando	25	27	.481	9
Boston	23	29	.442	11
Philadelphia	16	33	.327	16 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	39	15	.722	—
Indiana	36	15	.706	1 1/2
Charlotte	30	21	.588	7 1/2
Atlanta	30	23	.566	8 1/2
Cleveland	28	24	.538	10
Milwaukee	25	28	.490	12 1/2
Detroit	23	28	.451	14 1/2
Toronto	11	40	.216	26 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	35	15	.700	—
San Antonio	35	16	.686	1/2
Minnesota	28	22	.560	7
Houston	28	25	.510	9 1/2
Vancouver	14	37	.275	21 1/2
Dallas	10	42	.192	26
Denver	5	46	.098	30 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	39	12	.765	—
L.A. Lakers	35	14	.714	3
Phoenix	34	16	.680	4 1/2
Portland	31	20	.608	8
Sacramento	24	29	.453	16
L.A. Clippers	11	41	.212	28 1/2
Golden State	9	41	.180	29 1/2

Monday's Games
New Jersey 103, Milwaukee 92
Orlando 85, Atlanta 81
Houston 121, L.A. Clippers 99
Utah 98, Charlotte 90
New York 91, Denver 77
Philadelphia 98, Cleveland 97
Miami 110, Minnesota 84
San Antonio 95, Detroit 94
Chicago 105, Indiana 77
Phoenix 95, Dallas 77
New York 91, Denver 77
Portland 101, Golden State 83
Sacramento 102, Boston 99
Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Boston U. 83, Northeastern 79
Fairfield 92, Siena 84
Pittsburgh 80, Georgetown 79
Princeton 71, Penn 52
Temple 50, St. Joseph's 42

SOUTH
E. Tennessee St. 81, W. Carolina 69
Georgia St. 73, Mercer 67
Tennessee 87, Mississippi St. 63
UNC-Greensboro 58, Furman 56

MIDWEST
Connecticut 88, Notre Dame 79
Michigan St. 80, Michigan 75

FAR WEST
Boise St. 77, Nevada 67

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA
Ladies Trio League

Team	Won	Lost
Engine Parts & Supply	48 1/2	31 1/2
Schiffman Machine Co.	46	34
Ward's Tree Service	43	37
Chaney's Cafe	37	43
3 B's & an A	34	46
SMCO 2	31 1/2	48 1/2

Week's High Scores
High game: Vicki Blackmon 208; High series: Jonnie Ray 552; High handicap game: Adrienne Arebalo 248; High handicap series: Kim Davis 660.

Pampa 9th graders complete season in district tournament

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Dumas, 45-37, in the opening game of the 9th Grade District Boys Basketball Tournament at McNeely Fieldhouse. That win put them into the semifinals against eventual champion Valleyview.

"It was a great game," said Pampa coach Troy Bell after Valleyview rallied for a 46-45 victory. "Obviously, it didn't come out the way we wanted it to, but we had our opportunities. The kids played as hard as they could and to the best of their abilities."

Pampa lost to Hereford, 44-36, in the third-place game.

Individual tournament point totals for Pampa were: Victor Brooks 29; Undral Jernigan, 23; Kevin Schaub 15; Kenneth Reed 15; Tanner Hucks 12; Shawn Strate 11; Kirk George 11; Bryce Jordan 5; Jared Allen 5.

In the B team district tournament, Pampa lost to Dumas, 42-27, in the opening game, but bounced back to beat Canyon, 42-40, in overtime.

Pampa then beat Hereford, 51-36, to take fifth in the tournament.

Pampa used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Canyon in the overtime contest.

Jonathan Munn led the scoring with 11 points, while Derek Cummings had 9, and Adam Wright 8. Matt Bolch hit seven free throws in the fourth quarter.

Pampa scored 19 points in the fourth quarter to put Hereford away.

Bolch led the scoring attack with 12 points while Cummings had 8 points; Wright and Tim Williams 7 each.

"Coach (Dale) Ammons did a heck of a job with the B team. They hadn't won a district game all season, but they really responded in the tournament by beating two good teams," Bell said.

Coach Bell thanked the parents of both A and B team members for their support all season long and for taking care of the hospitality room during the district tournament.

"We also want to think the parents for allowing coach Ammons and myself to coach their kids," Bell said.

Cowboys taking training camp to Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys announced today they are taking their 39th training camp to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The team, which has trained in Austin for eight years, have made an agreement for only one year.

"As we see it," said Dallas owner Jerry Jones, "the Dallas Cowboys represent all of Texas and I saw first hand how much excitement there can be at an in-state training camp. Our fans throughout the state and the Southwest will continue to have that opportunity to become closer with their team in Wichita Falls."

Jones said the Cowboys will open camp in mid-July and break camp on Friday, Aug. 14.

Midwestern State President Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez has said the university will improve its practice fields for the Cowboys.

"The Cowboys are the premiere sports franchise in the world," Rodriguez said. "We will start work immediately, if it comes about. We have a lot of work to do."

The team announced in September it would leave Austin's St. Edward's University because of a lack of space at the private Catholic college. Both sides said it had nothing to do with several thousand dollars' worth of damage that players caused in dormitory rooms at the end of last summer.

The team also considered El Paso, Arlington, San Antonio, Tyler and other sites in Austin.

The Cowboys previously trained in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Following the official announcement today, the Cowboys' representatives participated in a luncheon and a tour of the campus.

Wichita Falls is 125 miles northwest of Dallas, just a few miles south of the Oklahoma border.

Kidd leads Suns past Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — For Jason Kidd, a visit to Reunion Arena doesn't hold the excitement it once did.

Kidd, acquired by Phoenix in a major trade in December 1996, still played with enthusiasm against his former team Tuesday night, finishing with 17 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Suns to a 95-77 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"The first few games back here, it was special," said Kidd, chosen by Dallas with the second overall pick of the 1994 NBA draft. "Now it's just another team on my schedule."

The Suns won the game by outrebounding the Mavericks 67-29. Phoenix got 13 rebounds from Antonio McDyess and at least five from seven players.

"I haven't seen something like that in a long time, especially in a regulation game," Suns coach Danny Ainge said.

Cliff Robinson scored 14 of his 20 points during a third-quarter surge to help the Suns win their 11th straight at Reunion Arena.

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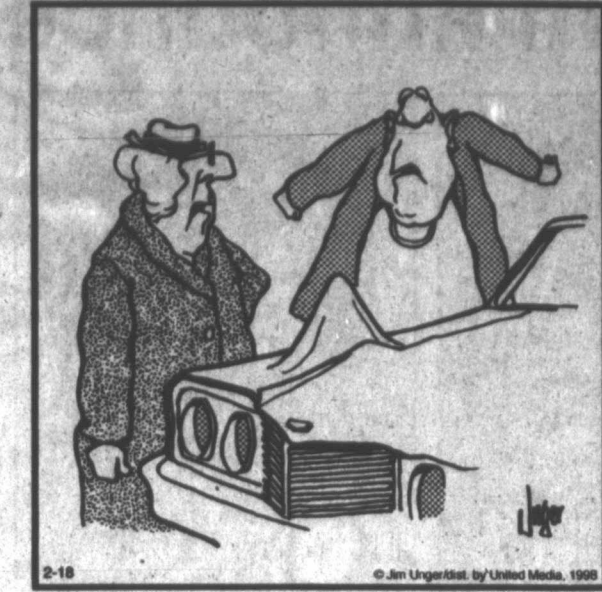
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ACROSS

1 Slow musical movement

7 What Ann Landers gives

13 Ferret

14 20 Questions category

15 Rat, e.g.

16 Mountain-ering maneuver

17 Eggs

18 Fir

20 Gravel ridge

21 Verne hero

23 Crude

24 No man — island

25 Invitation

27 There

29 Drivers' org.

31 Number of cards in a Roman deck?

32 Atty.'s deg.

33 Mel's Diner waitress

34 Actress

37 Television award

40 Comedian

41 Sixth sense

43 Views

45 Limb

46 Salon buy

47 Actress

48 Ideal place

51 Can you — it?

54 Swimming

55 Aluminum

56 Type of fly

57 Funeral car

DOWN

1 Baseball's Hank —

2 Ranch worker, at times

3 Cartoonist

4 Golly!

5 Lodge

6 Playful water mammal

7 Hyena's kin

8 Genetic material

9 Limo rider

10 Force (oneself) on others

11 Type of salad

12 Actress

13 Negative vote

19 Elliptically

24 Some expressions

26 Without color

28 Egyptian river

30 Renounce

34 Large arteries

35 Type of control

36 Language suffix

38 Certain autobiography

39 Aches

40 Outing

42 Water sound

44 Marsh plant

49 Those holding office

52 Shame!

53 Pill-regulating org.

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Beta Sigma Phi announces sweethearts for 1997-98

Beta Sigma Phi sorority recently announced its 1997-98 Sweethearts of the Year for each individual chapter in the area. The sweethearts, chosen for outstanding service, are as follows:

Xi Phi Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi named Colleen Eskridge sweetheart for 1997-98. Eskridge came to Pampa four years ago with her family. Since arriving in Pampa, she has served as board member, vice president and current president of Celebration of Lights. In addition, she is correspondence secretary of Xi Phi Alpha, is president of Parent Boosters at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, is volunteer and president of AFS student exchange program in Pampa, is an Odyssey of the mind coach for the third straight year, is a member of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild, is a school volunteer and a volunteer at the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Prior to moving to Pampa, Eskridge co-founded Children's Christmas Tree in 1986, a project providing Christmas gifts to over 400 underprivileged children in Jacksonville, Texas, each year.

She has also been a Girl Scout leader, serving in the capacity of County Cookie Chairman, and has been a Cub Scout volunteer, served as vice president of Parent Teacher Association in Englewood, Colo., and president and vice president of PTA in Jacksonville, was an officer of Side by Side Women's Ministry in Denver, Colo., was a member and officer of Young Homemakers of Texas and has been active in Rosenberg Revitalization Project and Keep America Beautiful.

Eskridge, a native of Sharon, Pa., attended Seton Hill College at Greensburg, Pa., and has been



Colleen Eskridge

married to her husband, Bob Eskridge, for 24 years. The couple have three children: Rob, Dana and Mike.

Eskridge is currently employed by Pampa ISD and works with Pampa High School Senior Development class.

Her hobbies include quilting, needlepoint and refurbishing old furniture.

Xi Beta Chi sweetheart for 1997-98 is Jo Gholston, a radiological technologist at Columbia Medical Center in Pampa. Gholston joined Xi Beta a year ago and is currently serving as the chapter's recording secretary.

She has lived in Pampa for two years and is the mother of three: Jamie, 27, Karie, 24, and Kane, 18. She has one grandchild, Taylor. She is registered with American Registry in both radiography and mammography. She enjoys cross-stitch, crafts and family.

Bobbie Russell is 1997-98 sweetheart of Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Russell has



Jo Gholston



Gerry Caylor

belonged to the sorority for the past 2 1/2 years, serving as corresponding secretary and vice president.

She and husband, Richard, are members of First United Methodist Church and have



Bobbie Russell



Ann Franklin

three children: Briana, 11, Brody, 7, and Braden, 3.

Russell, a 17-year veteran beauty operator, is currently employed at Song's Salon in Pampa. She enjoys shopping and family.



Terri Tyrrell Cree

Beta Eta Omega sweetheart for 1997-98 is Terri Tyrrell Cree. Cree has been a member of the sorority for the past two years, serving as parliamentary and corresponding secretary.

She is currently employed as manager at Dos Caballeros Restaurant in Pampa, having been promoted to the position five years ago. She has worked for the establishment a total of 13 years.

She is the wife of Kevin Cree and is stepmother to Meagan and John Cree and is mother to Chase Sterling.

Cree attends Pampa Bible Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She enjoys both water and snow skiing, horseback riding and camping.

Gerry Caylor is Preceptor Chi sweetheart for 1997-98. Caylor, a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi and a charter member of Preceptor Chi, is currently serving on the Ways and Means Committee, after having served in every office and on every com-

mittee during past service as a longstanding member of the sorority.

She belongs to First United Methodist Church and is treasurer of United Methodist Women and is secretary of the Administrative Council. In addition, she is a member of Twentieth Century Culture Club and is secretary of the Gray-Roberts Unit of the American Cancer Board.

Caylor was born and raised in Pampa and is now retired from Cabot Corporation. She and husband, Clint, have one son, Scott Grayson.

She was recently honored with a dinner party at Pampa Country Club.

Her hobbies include gardening and shopping.

The 1997-98 sweetheart of Preceptor Theta Iota is Ann Franklin. Franklin, a 35-year member of Beta Sigma Phi, joined the sorority as a charter member of Nu Phi Mu. She has been the recipient of the Silver Circle and the Order of the Rose and is an honorary Life Member. She is currently in her third year as chapter treasurer and has held many offices in her chapter and in City Council as well.

Franklin is a member of Pampa Downtown Kiwanis, Pampa Fine Arts Association, First Christian Church, First Christian Church Lamplighters Class and First Christian Church Chancel Choir.

She is currently employed at Pampa Chamber of Commerce where she has worked for the past year.

She and husband, Darrel, have been married 33 years and have made their home in Pampa for the past 20 years. The couple are the parents of Carey Frazier and have three grandchildren.

PFA donation



(Special photo)

Riley Kothman, Celanese plant manager, presents a check to benefit Pampa Fine Arts tent to be erected during the upcoming Artrain visit. Above (left-right) are: Sandra Keeton, PFA treasurer, Kothman, Lorelee Cooley, PFA Artrain coordinator, Destiny Shadrick, volunteer coordinator with Artrain of Ann Arbor, Mich., and John Mahany, train manager of Ann Arbor.

Friends of Southwest Art to host guest lecturer at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon

CANYON — Dean A. Porter, Ph.D., director of the Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame, will be the featured speaker at the second annual meeting for the Friends of Southwestern Art beginning at 6 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

Dr. Porter received his M.A. and Ph.D. in art history from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He was curator for the art gallery at

Notre Dame from 1966 to 1974 when he became director of the Snite Museum. Dr. Porter has been a Samuel H. Kress Fellow, has lectured all over the United States and has numerous publications to his credit. His recent research has been focused on the Taos Art Colony and in 1990 he published "Victor Higgins: An American Master." Dr. Porter is currently working on a biogra-

phy of Taos artist Walter Ufer and a book on Taos art colony patrons. He is also a working artist in both watercolor and woodcut.

Dr. Porter's lecture will be "The Rise and Fall of the Taos Society of Artists." Tickets are \$25 per person. For reservations telephone the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at (806) 651-2244 or (806) 651-2245.

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Above (left-right) are: Rick Gaddis, Cabot R&D deputy section manager, Melvin Dennis, Peggy Dennis and Bill Porteous, Cabot R&D section manager.

Cabot honors couple with service award

Cabot Corporation Research and Development is pleased to announce Melvin and Peggy Dennis as recipients of a 1997 Cabot Volunteer Service Award. The Cabot Volunteer Service Awards Program honors dedicated and talented employees, retirees, spouses, sons and daughters who provide outstanding volunteer service to their communities.

Bill Porteous, R&D section manager, and Rick Gaddis, R&D deputy section manager, presented the couple with a check for \$2,000 payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as well as framed certificates in recognition of their volunteer efforts.

The award is in recognition of volunteer work with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Melvin retired from Cabot R&D in 1996. He and Peggy began working with the foundation over two years ago when their granddaughter, Maddie, was born with cystic fibrosis.

The Dennis' design and create "Angels for Maddie" pins which they sell for \$15 a piece. All profits are donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To date the amount of their donations exceeds \$22,000. They have also donated many angel pins to the foundation for auctions and have given away several pins to celebrities such as Celine Dion and Emmitt Smith.

The couple participate in many other fund-raisers for the foundation and are dedicated to helping find a cure. The main purpose of the foundation is to find a cure and to make everyone aware of the need for a cure through education. Ninety-six percent of all funds collected go toward research.

For more information about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or to purchase an "Angels for Maddie" pin, call (806) 883-2461.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

