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PEDC update: More on Seaboard and other potential area companies

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Prospective businesses from half a world and from half a state away have shown some interest in building in Pampa, according to Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Lew Mollenkamp. He was in Houston late last week attending a Texas Economic Development Council Reception Thursday night.

Representatives from forty different countries and ninety different Economic Development

Councils (EDC) were also at the Texas EDC reception Thursday evening. Mollenkamp said that every continent on earth was represented from Asia and Australia to Europe and South America.

"We had a presentation by the TEDC on the business climate in Texas," Mollenkamp said. They then showed what each region of the state had to offer. Pampa is included in the Plains region.

Each region also had their own booth where delegates from the countries could discuss specifics. Mollenkamp says they had a lot of interest expressed and handed

out literature on the area. "There are a lot of misconceptions on what we have to offer in Texas," Mollenkamp said. He

"They liked what the saw," Mollenkamp said.

said the reception helped explain the variety of things that the area has to offer.

He said there was particular interest shown in the Pampa area

by the Chinese and by people in South America. Some expressed interest in arranging for trade missions to visit the area later.

One visit did occur over the weekend when representatives from a Texas dairy visited the area.

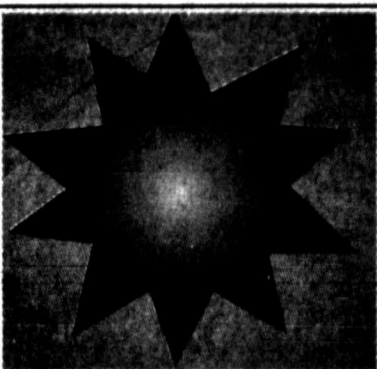
"They liked what the saw," Mollenkamp said. "We're pleased that it looks like we would have the feed supply that they would need."

Some specifics, Mollenkamp also said, have been decided about what Pampa would offer to Seaboard Farms for the hog processing plant if Pampa were

selected.

Details were finalized Monday morning that the PEDC can acquire approximately a section of land just south of the Jordan Prison Unit. The land is currently owned by Celanese who has agreed to sell the land.

"That property is appropriate for this project because it is quite a ways out of town and it's adjacent to a rail line." There will have to be some work on the rail if this project does come here," Mollenkamp said. He emphasized that the process of deciding where Seaboard will locate is still in the early stages.



High today 60.
Low tonight 37.
For weather details see page 2.

CANADIAN — Cedar Ridge Children's Home and Cedar Ridge Child Placing Agency, in cooperation with First Christian Church and the community of Canadian, will soon begin providing services for foster children at Canadian Christian Ranch, eleven miles south of Canadian.

Cedar Ridge will recruit, screen, train, supervise and evaluate prospective foster parents. The staff of Cedar Ridge will be at First Christian Church Feb. 26-28 to begin the interview process. Applicants must be mature, responsible, caring people capable of passing a criminal history background check.

For more information, call Kathy Walton at (512) 752-3790 or e-mail cedarridge@juno.com.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7-12-16-19-45-48

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million.

- Joe Bob Grayson, 44, a retired oil field driller.
- Johnnie George Merilatt, 47, middle school teacher.
- Vallie B. Shotwell, 92, secretary of the First Baptist Adult Sunday School class.
- Woody Williams, 72, U.S. Navy veteran.
- Jackie Lee Evans, 47, a chemical engineer for Dowell Industries.

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White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board reviewing this year's plans for the museum — (from left, front) Michael Trimble and Iris Ragsdale (left, back) Jean Duncan, Helen Wilson and Donna Burger.

Museum board to prepare for upcoming expansion

The White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board recently reviewed architectural plans for an expansion of the museum.

The expansion is planned to include the now vacant building at the corner of Cuyler and Atchison Streets.

The renovations of that building, however, will have to wait until funds can be raised to complete the project, according to officials.

The plans were drawn up by Chris Kupcunas of the Dallas architectural firm of Bryan, Burton and Kupcunas.

Kupcunas is a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School. He was a member of the Harvester basketball team for two years. He got his degree from Texas Tech.

Officers for the advisory board were recently named. They include Michael Trimble as Chairman, Mark Warner Vice Chairman, and Iris Ragsdale Secretary.

Talk show still hot five weeks into trial

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Five weeks into Oprah Winfrey's beef disparagement trial, it's little wonder her talk show ticket remains so hot while the clamor to get into her courtroom has disappeared.

One needn't look further than the audience introductions.

Fans lucky enough to see her show live are warmed up by a giddy staffer, quick with jokes and other gimmicks to ensure a revved-up Oprah kind of crowd. Then guests such as country superstar Garth Brooks light up the stage.

Courthouse observers don't exactly get the same treatment.

"You can sit there and breathe, watch and listen," U.S. Deputy Marshal Jeff Popejoy tells visitors each time the oft-tedious trial lurches back into action. No eating, drinking, gum-chewing, reading, note taking, entering or leaving while court is in session, he warns.

Then, spectators are left to squirm in hard wooden pews as witnesses such as Southern Methodist University economist Dan Slottje sling phrases like "confidence intervals" and "statistical methodology."

"It was kind of boring. I just really wanted to see her," said Lea Hendrick, who on Friday caught 1 1/2 of the 120-plus hours of testimony logged so far. Others in the half-empty gallery

agreed it's a lame substitute for the show, but at least they got to see the star.

Ms. Winfrey has become something of a fixture in Amarillo. When jury selection began Jan. 20, the Winter Olympics hadn't started, Monica Lewinsky was an anonymous former White House intern and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" was taped in Chicago.

She's now taped more of her shows in Texas than Illinois this year.

"You can tell your friends we'll be here for a long time," Ms. Winfrey told an audience member during her first show on Jan. 22. "A while from now you can say, 'Oh, I've seen that show (live) 17 times.'"

As the trial creeps into its sixth and perhaps final week, entertainment value isn't the only way it's failed to live up to expectations.

The case failed to address the constitutional question over Texas' "veggie libel" law. It won't be answered here because U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled cattlemen hadn't made a case under it.

Cattlemen claim Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show created the false impression that U.S. beef consumers were at risk from mad cow disease. There was the first test of any of the nation's 13 food disparagement laws.

See OPRAH, page 2



Bethel Walker and Margie Moore were two of the many volunteers who gathered at Central Baptist Church to prepare fruit breads for the prison employees of the Jordan and Baten prison units recently.

Ride for charity

AMARILLO — Riders around the world are saddling up for Ride '98. The American Quarter Horse Association's charity trail ride series is expanding from a national to an international series.

There will be more than 50 rides throughout the United States, Canada, Brazil and Germany from May through October. Rides are planned for scenic, horse-friendly, sites with either a day or an entire week-end of fun, food and activities.

"Ride '98 is a great way to have fun on horseback, see some of the world's most beautiful trails, meet other people who love horses, and raise money to benefit worthwhile causes for the equine industry," said AQHA President Mike Perkins.

Many Ride '98 sites are usually inaccessible; some tour private ranches, while others feature national forests, recreational areas and parks. Some rides boast special activities and entertainment.

Each ride is hosted by an AQHA affiliate with a portion of proceeds benefiting a local charity. In addition, each affiliate will contribute to the American Quarter Horse Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships and supports research to improve the health of all horses.

This year's trail ride series will See TRAIL, Page 2

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Daily Record

Services Tomorrow

MERILATT, Johnnie George — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, The Colony.
WILLIAMS, Woody — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Higgins.

Obituaries

JACKIE LEE EVANS

HOMINY, Okla. — Jackie Lee Evans, 47, a former Skellytown resident, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, at St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Services were held Saturday. The body was cremated. Arrangements were under the direction of Butler-Stumpff Funeral Home of Tulsa.

Mr. Evans was born Sept. 27, 1950, at Clayton, N.M. He was a chemical engineer for Dowell Industries.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Patriece, of the home; two daughters, Jessica Evans and Liza Evans, both of the home; a sister, Linda Belknap of Pampa; and three brothers, Jerry Evans of Skellytown, J.R. Evans of Dumas and James Evans.

JOE BOB GRAYSON

SPEARMAN — Joe Bob Grayson, 44, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998. Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with T.J. Pittman and the Rev. B.L. Davis officiating. Graveside services are to be at 4:30 p.m. in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Grayson was born at Dumas. He had been a Spearman resident for the past 38 years, moving from Sunray. He graduated from high school in 1972 at Spearman and attended North Texas State University. He was a retired oil field driller and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Chuck Grayson of Spearman; his parents, B.J. and Jonell Grayson of Spearman; and two sisters, Bobbie Sheets of Round Rock and Pam Edwards of Sayre, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to American Kidney Foundation, to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, TX 79424, or to a favorite charity.

JOHNNIE GEORGE MERILATT

THE COLONY — Johnnie George Merilatt, 47, son of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, at Trinity Medical Center at Carrollton. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bruce Scofield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Cantrell Funeral Home of Frisco.

Mr. Merilatt was born July 12, 1950, at Higgins, to John and Lucille Merilatt. He married Lark Luke on Nov. 23, 1989, at Houston. He graduated from West Texas State University and from University of North Texas, receiving a master's degree. He taught at Griffin Middle School in The Colony. He was a member of First Methodist Church of Pampa and Loyal Order of the Moose of Farmers Branch.

Survivors include his wife, Lark, of The Colony; a stepdaughter, Heather Anne Goodall of Morgantown, Ky.; a stepson, Leslie John Poling of Carrollton; his mother, Lucille Merilatt of Pampa; and three stepgrandchildren.

VALLIE B. SHOTWELL

AMARILLO — Vallie B. Shotwell, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998. Graveside services were to be at 11:30 a.m. today in Ochiltree Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin James, pastor of Lake Tanglewood Community Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mrs. Shotwell was born at Tannah, Texas, to Kenneth and Finnie Britt. She married Hugh Shotwell in 1925 at Canyon; he died in 1979. She majored in music and minored in textiles at West Texas State University. She was a teller at First National Bank of Pampa for seven years.

She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, First Baptist Church of Canyon and First Baptist Church of Pampa, serving as secretary of the Adult Sunday School Department for 21 years. She also volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Elaine Shotwell, in 1939; and by a son, Robert Bruce Shotwell, in 1932.

Survivors include two nephews, Earl Reynolds of Canyon and J.W. Hill of Bushland; and three nieces, Lottie Wheeler, Sandra Taylor and Lida Floyd, all of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174; or to a favorite charity.

WOODY WILLIAMS

HIGGINS — Woody Williams, 72, father of a Miami resident, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifford Baze and the Rev. Dinzal Leonard of Canadian officiating. Military graveside rites will be courtesy of "Kevin A. Stout" American Legion Post 509. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Williams was born July 18, 1925, at Higgins, to Marshall and Anna Williams. He had been a lifelong Higgins resident. He married Vivian Booth on Feb. 10, 1948, at Arnett, Okla. He was a boot maker and owned-operated Woody's Boot Shop in Canadian and Higgins. He was a trustee for Higgins ISD and was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church and was a member of "Kevin A. Stout" American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Canadian.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving aboard the U.S.S. Honolulu and the U.S.S. Nevada during World War II, where he received six Stars, four Combat Bars, WWII Victory Medal and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian; two daughters, Linda Doyal of Topeka, Kan., and Dynett Groff of Amarillo; two sons, Steve Williams of Gun Barrel City and Carson Williams of Miami; three sisters, Genevieve Davis of Lucerne Valley,

- Calif., Virginia Fechner of Hesperia, Calif., and Velora Phelps of Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, M.C. Williams of Couroe and Carlos Williams of Shattuck, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Higgins or to a favorite charity. The body will be available for viewing from 1-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Stickley-Hills Higgins Chapel at Higgins.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Saturday, February 21

Michael K. Deshazo, 27, 1129 Crane, was arrested for public intoxication.

Allen Lee Baumgardner, 35, Rt 1 Box 1500, was arrested on warrants.

Howard Ray Vance, 26, 2908 Rosewood, was arrested for domestic assault.

A theft was reported at the Taylor Mart at 404 N. Ballard. Thirteen dollars in merchandise was reported stolen.

Tampering with a witness was reported in the 800 block of E. Denver.

Sunday, February 22

Journey Mundell, 26, 1031 S. Wells, was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Saturday, February 21

Jerry Lynn Richards II, 17, 1604 N. Zimmers, was cited with failure to control speed and failure to stop and leave information when his 1992 Ford Mustang lost control at Tignor and Murphy running over some landscaping including a fence, bushes and logs. No injuries were reported.

A hit and run occurred on a Taylor Mart parking lot when an unknown vehicle struck a 1989 GMC Van owned by Terrell Fry of Allison while it was parked at a gas pump.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 21

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of S. Christy and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Banks. No one was transported.

8:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Banks. No one was transported.

Sunday, February 22

7:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 700 block of N. Faulkner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

3:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Monday, February 23

12:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of S. Christy and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 21

11:00 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of S. Christy on a medical assist.

4:12 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a gas spill in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

5:22 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1900 block of N. Banks on a smoke scare.

Sunday, February 22

1:36 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of N. Faulkner on a medical assist.

3:35 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of N. Faulkner on a medical assist.

Monday, February 23

12:21 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of S. Christy on a medical assist.

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dubbed "veggie libel" statutes.

Because of Robinson's ruling, another court will have to break that legal ground. Now the case is a standard product disparagement suit, one that carries a much heavier burden of proof for plaintiffs.

They must convince the jury not only that Ms. Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist guest falsely defamed them, but also that defendants showed either malicious intent or reckless disregard for the truth.

The defense presented deposition testimony this morning from three employees of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, during which time defense attorney Charles Babcock introduced more than 20 internal NCBA documents.

Among them were notes taken prior to the show by NCBA public relations director Alisa Harrison, who booked NCBA specialist Gary Webber on to the program. The notes were admitted to dispute beef industry claims that officials were ambushed on the show and didn't know that anti-beef activists would be in attendance.

"We can take Howard Lyman," one of the notes said, referring to the anti-beef activist on the show.

"Confidence in beef is high and we can keep it there. There are members who watch Oprah and if we're not there they'll want to why."

Since the ruling, the defense already has presented one economist who attributes the cattle market drop to myriad other factors. Another economist ridiculed the work of a cattlemen's expert who focused blame on Ms. Winfrey.

Also, executive producer Diane Hudson spent two days telling the jury that Ms. Winfrey's staff only intended to create an insightful food safety program.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

Correction

The Sunday, Feb 22 paper had some sentences cut off on page one and page two. On the front page, in the "Court Decisions" box, the last sentence should have stated, "Approved Commissioner Wright's request to hire two new employees." And the county story continued onto page 2, in its entirety, is as follows:

COUNTY

interested physicians to participate in conjunction with the paramedics for the weekly clinics, said Rural/Metro Supervisor Nancy Hull.

"We've been unable to fill the position. We couldn't get anyone to commit and we didn't think it was fair to the county," Hull said.

The lack of a supervising physician puts the liability back on Sheriff's office and the county, she said. Uncomfortable with the situation, Rural/Metro decided to terminate the contract, she said.

The court did discuss and is next month scheduled to officially approve of a new replacement contract with Rural/Metro paramedic Kevin Hull, who worked with the inmates through the prior contract. Hull implored Columbia Medical Center's Dr. Chand Bhatia to supervise his services to the inmates. Bhatia agreed, he said.

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TRAIL

support the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, the national organization that promotes horse activities for people with disabilities. Local NARHA riding centers will secure pledges for a designated ride participant, and affiliates will make a contribution to the national NARHA education fund for every rider who participates.

During Ride '97, nearly 4,000 riders participated in 43 rides throughout the United States, including rides in Alaska and Hawaii. As a result of Ride '97, a \$300,000 contribution was presented to the American Quarter Horse Foundation, and NARHA received a \$20,000 donation.

Riders can obtain details about the rides by calling the Ride '98 hotline at 1-888-414-RIDE.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat.....	2.95	Chevron.....	77 5/16 dn 1/8
Milo.....	4.12	Coca-Cola.....	69 5/16 dn 1/4
Corn.....	4.63	Columbia/HCA.....	26 1/16 NC
Soybeans.....	6.02	Enron.....	44 13/16 dn 13/16
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:			
Occidental.....	25 1/8 up 1/8	Halliburton.....	43 7/16 dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan.....	101.92	IRI.....	11 9/16 dn 9/16
Puritan.....	20.12	KNE.....	50 5/8 up 3/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Amoco.....	83 dn 1/16	Kerr McGee.....	64 1/4 dn 15/16
Arco.....	75 15/16 dn 1/2	Limited.....	29 9/16 dn 3/16
Cabot.....	33 1/16 up 5/8	Mapco.....	54 15/16 dn 1 11/16
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/8 dn 11/16	McDonald's.....	53 up 1/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Amoco.....	83 dn 1/16	Mobil.....	70 1/16 dn 15/16
Arco.....	75 15/16 dn 1/2	New Atmos.....	28 3/16 dn 3/8
Cabot.....	33 1/16 up 5/8	NCE.....	45 7/8 up 1/8
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/8 dn 11/16	Penney's.....	68 1/4 dn 1/8
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Amoco.....	83 dn 1/16	Phillips.....	45 3/4 dn 1/16
Arco.....	75 15/16 dn 1/2	Pioneer Nat. Res. 21.....	15 1/16 dn 1/16
Cabot.....	33 1/16 up 5/8	SLB.....	73 1/16 dn 1/16
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/8 dn 11/16	Tenneco.....	42 1/8 NC
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Amoco.....	83 dn 1/16	Texasco.....	54 1/2 dn 1/4
Arco.....	75 15/16 dn 1/2	Ultrasun.....	34 13/16 dn 3/4
Cabot.....	33 1/16 up 5/8	Wal-Mart.....	45 3/4 up 3/8
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/8 dn 11/16	New York Gold.....	292.40
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Amoco.....	83 dn 1/16	Silver.....	6.35
Arco.....	75 15/16 dn 1/2	West Texas Crude.....	16.29
Cabot.....	33 1/16 up 5/8		
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/8 dn 11/16		

Calendar of Events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

FREE BEEF STEW

Beginning on February 28, the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be providing free beef stew. It will be the 4th Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall located on 105 S. Cuyler. Public is welcome! No qualifications and no restrictions!! Public is also invited to attend worship services at 10:50 a.m. on Sunday at 1633 N. Nelson.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid-60s. Tonight will bring a clear low of 37. Tomorrow, increasing clouds with a high of 65.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 30s. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, increasing high clouds.

High around 65. Breezy south to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. — **Low Rolling Plains** — Tonight, fair. Lows from the mid 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy and warm. Highs from near 70 to the mid 70s.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy and warm. Highs from the mid 70s to near 80. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy and warm. Highs in the mid 70s. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows around 40. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. A slight chance of afternoon showers or thunder-

storms. Highs around 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows from the lower 30s to the mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warm. Highs from near 70 mountains to the mid 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, fair. Lows 40 to 46. Tuesday, partly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Windy west. Highs 70 to 76.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear with patchy fog developing southeast. Lows in the lower 40s, mid 30s Hill Country. Tuesday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s east to near 80 west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair becoming mostly cloudy with patchy fog developing. Lows in the mid 40s inland to lower 50s coast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, clear with patchy fog developing coastal bend. Lows in the mid 50s coast to near 50 inland, mid 50s Rio Grande plains. Tuesday,

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storms. Highs around 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows from the lower 30s to the mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warm. Highs from near 70 mountains to the mid 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, fair. Lows 40 to 46. Tuesday, partly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Windy west. Highs 70 to 76.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear with patchy fog developing southeast. Lows in the lower 40s, mid 30s Hill Country. Tuesday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s east to near 80 west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair becoming mostly cloudy with patchy fog developing. Lows in the mid 40s inland to lower 50s coast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, clear with patchy fog developing coastal bend. Lows in the mid 50s coast to near 50 inland, mid 50s Rio Grande plains. Tuesday,

patchy morning fog coastal bend, otherwise partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the mid 70s coast to the upper 70s inland, mid 80s Rio Grande plains. Deep South Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 60 coast to the upper 50s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the mid 70s coast to the upper 70s inland,

U.S.-Iraq: America remains sceptical as to whether crisis is really over ...

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intrigued but not convinced that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had met all conditions for unlimited U.N. access to weapons sites, the Clinton administration is moving ahead with military preparations while awaiting a full account of what U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan worked out in Baghdad.

It takes a couple of days before President Clinton and his advisers have all the facts they want to decide whether the crisis with Iraq is over. Annan was to fly to France today and then on to New York to report to the U.N. Security Council, probably Tuesday.

Even if the report turned out to be completely positive, administration officials stressed the litmus test would be whether Iraq followed through and opened its arms stores to U.N. inspectors at times and places of the inspection team's choosing.

At the same time, the Pentagon began steps to call up some 500 military reservists for possible assistance in case of an attack on Iraq. Early today in Baghdad, Annan signed what he called a "serious, credible agreement" with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

Aziz credited Annan's diplomacy — and not the U.S. military threat — for clinching the deal. The agreement came from "the goodwill he brought with him — not the American or the British buildup in the Gulf, and not the policy of saber-rattling," Aziz said.

Even before the official signing, the U.S. caution contrasted with the near-jubilant within the Annan entourage. Annan's spokesman, Fred Eckhard, said the agreement assured the rights of U.N. inspectors and did not include a time limit on searches for biological and chemical weapons ingredients.

"We obviously have serious questions," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Sunday after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called Annan and received "a short phone briefing."

She "did not receive a comprehensive assessment" from Annan, Rubin said. "And therefore we are not in a position to make a judgment whether the principles for a peaceful solution have been achieved."

"Whatever happens, we will be looking for action, not words," on whether Iraq meets the terms set down by the United States, Rubin said.

One of the conditions for a settlement, he said, was unlimited access for the U.N. monitoring commission. Another was maintaining the authority of the commission to make inspection decisions

and to choose the composition of each team based on expertise, not nationality.

The most recent crisis with Iraq was spurred by its refusal to accept American inspectors, accusing them of espionage.

Annan spoke by telephone to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Clinton's most steadfast supporter in threatening a military strike on Iraq if Saddam did not reverse field and permit unfettered U.N. inspections. The secretary-general did not call the president, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Britain joined the United States in deferring a judgment pending Annan's briefing on the details, but Eckhard said "we expect the text will be acceptable to all 15 members of the Security Council."

Albright, meanwhile, conferred by telephone with British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine after talking to Annan.

Cook, speaking today in Brussels, said: "Saddam is a man who only makes an agreement under pressure."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin expressed satisfaction today with the accord, saying Moscow had supported a diplomatic solution "from the very beginning."

Clinton receiving briefings from his advisers in the Oval Office on Sunday afternoon and telephoned Blair and Sultan Qaboos of Oman, a Persian Gulf emirate.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry declined to assess the positive accounts from Baghdad.

"We've got a lot of serious questions," he said. "It's a very serious matter at a serious time, and we want to get some questions answered."

News of the agreement came after Albright said the United States would act alone against Iraq if any agreement Annan brought from Baghdad jeopardized U.S. interests.

"It is possible that he will come with something that we don't like, in which case we will pursue our national interests," she said on ABC's "This Week."

Saddam's ability to threaten the world with weapons of mass destruction must be diminished, by military means if necessary, Albright said. "We will pursue that. That's what our job is. That's what we will do," she said.

To emphasize the threat, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he was making the first request for reservists to provide combat support for the 32,000 troops stationed in the Persian Gulf. "We are hoping for a peaceful solution, but we are prepared to exercise a military option if necessary," he said.

Marine Maj. Mary Baldwin at Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., said Cohen is asking Clinton for authority to call about 500 members of the National Guard and Reserves for logistical support. She said they would include an Army chemical company, Air Force special operations C-130 air crews, Navy harbor surveillance personnel and a Coast Guard port security unit.

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(Special photo)

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CC Homecoming Royalty named during basketball homecoming ceremonies

CLARENDON — Ginger Teague of Childress and Steven Browning of Miami were recently voted Clarendon College 1998 Homecoming Royalty by the student body at CC. Teague and Browning were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during basketball homecoming ceremonies.

A sophomore pre-dentistry major, Teague is a graduate of Childress High School and is the daughter of Ben and Peggy Teague. She is active in CC Student Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, choir and drama and is a member of CC cheerleading squad.

Browning, son of Sam and Linda Browning and a Miami High School graduate, is a sophomore sports medicine major. He is active in Phi Theta Kappa and is a member of CC men's basketball team.

Other CC Homecoming Queen candidates were: Markeeta Schenelle, White Deer; Maxie Flores, El Paso; Holly Jasper, McLean; Cristi Holmes, Follett; Andrea Watson, Kingston, Jamaica; and Kelli Griffith, Pavillion, Wyo.; King candidates were: David Ward, Hedley; Jeff Henry, Borger; Cody Sander, Woodward, Okla.; Wes Eaton, Carlsbad, N.M.; Brent Hillery, El Paso; and Mick Clark of Ardmore, Okla.

Gray County FSA announces crop insurance closing dates

Matthew Street, county executive director, Gray County Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, recently announced sales closing dates for 1998 crop insurance in Gray County are Feb. 28, 1998, for cotton and March 15, 1998, for corn and grain sorghum. Sales closing dates are significant because signing up for insurance, changing the crop insured or level of protection and changing insurance providers, must be done prior to the announced date.

"For most producers, obtaining crop insurance is essential to building a comprehensive risk management plan," Street said. "Producers should make it a point to consider all their crop

insurance options, while there is still time to sign up."

To ensure all producers are served, insurance companies are required to insure all eligible crops and to provide all levels of coverage in the states in which they operate. Producers are encouraged to contact their agent for assistance during this period of transition.

Waivers of administrative fees for producers who qualify as limited resource farmers are available from all crop insurance companies. Private agencies are willing and prepared to assist those qualifying producers with determining eligibility for waivers. A listing of crop insurance agents may be found in all local USDA Farm Service Agency offices.

State's power to sue nursing homes hinges on appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's power to take nursing homes to court for negligence hinges on the appeal of a lawsuit stemming from the death of a 93-year-old woman in West Texas, state and industry officials say.

In a lawsuit the state filed against the Parks Good Samaritan Village of Odessa, Travis County District Judge

Jeanne Meurer ruled last October that the attorney general's office lacks the authority under state law to sue nursing homes for civil penalties over substandard care and conditions.

At issue is whether the Texas Constitution and state laws ever granted power to the attorney

general to sue nursing homes for fines, said Randy Doubrava, Good Samaritan's lawyer in Austin.

"They're exceeding their authority," Doubrava said. "I thought we should challenge that."

So far, 16 other nursing homes

have argued that they are beyond Attorney General Dan Morales' legal reach.

Judges in Denton and Dublin have rejected the argument, and the state is appealing Judge Meurer's Oct. 1 ruling. The issue likely will be decided by the Texas Supreme Court.

Ties die

Rank	State
1	Texas
2	Florida
3	New York
4	Ohio
5	Illinois
6	Pennsylvania

Source: National Center for Health Statistics

Texas led the nation, with more than 99,000 divorces in 1994.

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The Wedding Singer	7:30	(PG-13)
Sphere	7:00	(PG-13)
Good Will Hunting	9:00	(R)
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- People who knew me in High School thought: "or"
- My classmates think of me as:
- The best word or words to describe me:
- People will remember me as being:
- The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be:
- My hobbies are:
- My favorite sports team is:
- My favorite author is:
- The last book I read was:
- My favorite possession is:
- The biggest honor I've ever received is:
- My favorite performer is:
- I wish I knew how to:
- My trademark cliché or expression is:
- My worst habit is:
- I would never:
- The last good movie I saw was:
- I stay home to watch:
- Nobody knows:
- I drive a: "or"
- Someday I want to drive a:
- My favorite junk food is:
- My favorite beverage:
- My favorite restaurant is:
- My favorite pet:
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or"
- My favorite meal is:
- I wish I could sing like:
- I'm happiest when I'm:
- I regret:
- I'm tired of:
- I have a phobia about: "or"
- My biggest fear is:
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is:
- My most embarrassing moment:
- The biggest waste of time is:
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:
- If I had three wishes they would be:
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be:

Big houses

The largest federal correctional institutions in the United States

Facility	Location	Capacity
Federal Correctional Inst.	Fort Dix, N.J.	3,621
U.S. Penitentiary	Atlanta	1,252
Federal Detention Center	Miami	1,214
U.S. Penitentiary	Leavenworth, Kan.	1,201
Federal Medical Center	Fort Worth, Texas	1,132
Federal Medical Center	Lexington, Ky.	1,116
Federal Correctional Inst.	Milan, Mich.	1,054
Federal Transport Center	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,053
Federal Correctional Inst.	Coleman, Fla.	1,024

Source: Bureau of Federal Prisons

Fort Dix, N.J., which formerly served as a basic training facility for the United States Army, has been converted into a federal correctional institution. It is the largest such institution in the United States.

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Opinion

Donations play critical role in political arena

Political donors trot out the big bucks in hopes of getting something for their money.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt offered a curious defense, when you think about it, when he insisted he had nothing to do with a decision not to allow three Indian tribes to open a gambling casino at an unprofitable dog-racing track in Wisconsin. If anybody takes it seriously, it could undermine fund-raising efforts by both parties.

What Babbitt and others want us to believe is that making political donations is something of a crapshoot, with the odds intrinsically unpredictable but stacked against the high roller. Political donations and aggressive lobbying usually have no discernible influence on policy decisions, is the assertion; such decisions are presumably made in a hermetically sealed chamber.

If that's true, a lot of political donors might start wondering why they're giving money at all to the major parties.

In the case that has drawn Babbitt to the brink of scandal with the Justice Department due to decide in a few weeks whether an independent counsel should be named — three Indian tribes and some promoters had wanted to build a casino next to a dog-racing track that had been losing money. Lower-level Interior Department officials initially approved the plan, but it was eventually vetoed.

A group of tribes that already had a casino operating and didn't want a new competitor approved donated \$286,000 to the Democrats, and lobbied furiously. Proponents of the casino, backed by gambling interests, lobbied as well. There's evidence that the White House communicated with Babbitt and others at Interior, but whether and what kind of pressure might have been exerted is unknown.

Babbitt says all the lobbying had no effect whatsoever on the decision to reject the casino proposal. Maybe he's right. Career bureaucrats do sometimes make genuinely independent decisions despite heated controversy. And there was an Indian tribe in Oklahoma that gave big bucks to the Democrats hoping for a favorable ruling and didn't even get a polite brush-off, let alone the decision they wanted.

But for the most part, people make political donations because they want something — if only to be left alone — from government. Long ago H.L. Mencken characterized elections as "an advance auction of stolen goods"; the phrase is still apt.

Plenty of donors, many of whom give to both parties, are almost as frank as businessman Roger Tamraz, who said during Senate campaign finance hearings last year that if he had understood the process better he would have given twice as much.

If there really is no relationship between political donations and favorable decisions — and if those who have made big donations in the past actually come to believe it — both political parties would be hurting much more than they are for enough donors to keep their operations in business.

—Odessa American

It's really only one day!

So — you're getting married. Been there. Done that. I, therefore, feel like an authority on the subject ... at least a valid critic.

Three and a half years ago I did the whole wedding thing and I wouldn't be paid to do it again, buster! (How much would you give me?)

Weddings are ... difficult. Giving them. (They're expensive) Getting them. (They're expensive) Going to them. (They're expensive)

Oh, there are parts of it that are fun. I just don't know if that overrides the parts of it that aren't. I guess it varies. It's extremely difficult to plan and pay for a huge, unrepeatable event that will seriously change your life forever. That's a lot of pressure coming from several directions. Balancing little details, life decisions and financial commitment ... argh ... the whole idea is worth a big sigh if you ask me.

I now understand PERFECTLY why everyone says, "Why don't you just elope?" The thing is, everyone (alot of people, anyway) has this notion in their head of big, romantic weddings. "Father of the Bride," the movie, doesn't help the matter much, either.

So give up on trying to get the happy couple to elope. It ain't gonna happen. Let them have their "dream wedding." And then chuckle a little from the sidelines as you watch them fumble. Because they will. And be sure to help them back up, too.



Random Revelations by Miranda G. Bailey

Pampa News staff writer

Weddings are totally separate from the concept of marriage. Yes, you do one to get the other, but really, I'd say they're pretty unrelated. (i.e. conceiving children and having them ... not that I know anything about having them ...) But don't judge a wedding by a marriage or vice-versa.

Weddings are meant to test a couple. I say, if you can survive a wedding, especially a fairly large sized wedding, you're pretty well set for life with your mate. Now, I'm not talking about you kids out there for whom mummy hired a wedding coordinator, or better yet, did all the work herself.

This column is addressed to all the young marryers who are trying to save money and put together a nice wedding in the process. That means YOU are the one arranging the details in between hearing comments from all those people who love you, only want the best for you

and can't hardly keep their noses out of your wedding plans.

You will hear, "It's your wedding. Do what you want," more times than you would like to ... but don't believe it. Weddings really aren't owned solely by the bride and groom. NONONO!

Weddings are a family affair. Mothers in particular feel the need to assist you with the preparations, as though it were a God-given right, an ordained prerequisite for motherhood. Even if they're not paying for everything, they all want a piece of the wedding action!

That right there might be the most valuable piece of information you can have. Try to think of your wedding as a theatrical piece available for the masses ... a form of public, experimental art, if you will.

Yes, it's a very serious event, and yes, it may (hopefully on more levels than one) be the only wedding you will ever have. It's a special day, that's a given. BUT IT'S REALLY ONLY A DAY!!!!

Don't let the wedding take precedence over what's really important — your sanity. Remember the marriage that will result from the wedding. Remember those around you are living vicariously through your love-jaded eyes, so be a little forgiving. And most importantly, remember to start writing the "thank you" notes ahead of time!

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 1998. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.

On this date:
In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in Germany.

In 1822, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1847, U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy

Adams, died of a stroke at age 80.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office after an assassination plot was foiled in Baltimore.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1905, the Rotary Club was founded.

In 1927, President Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. The attempt

collapsed 18 hours later.

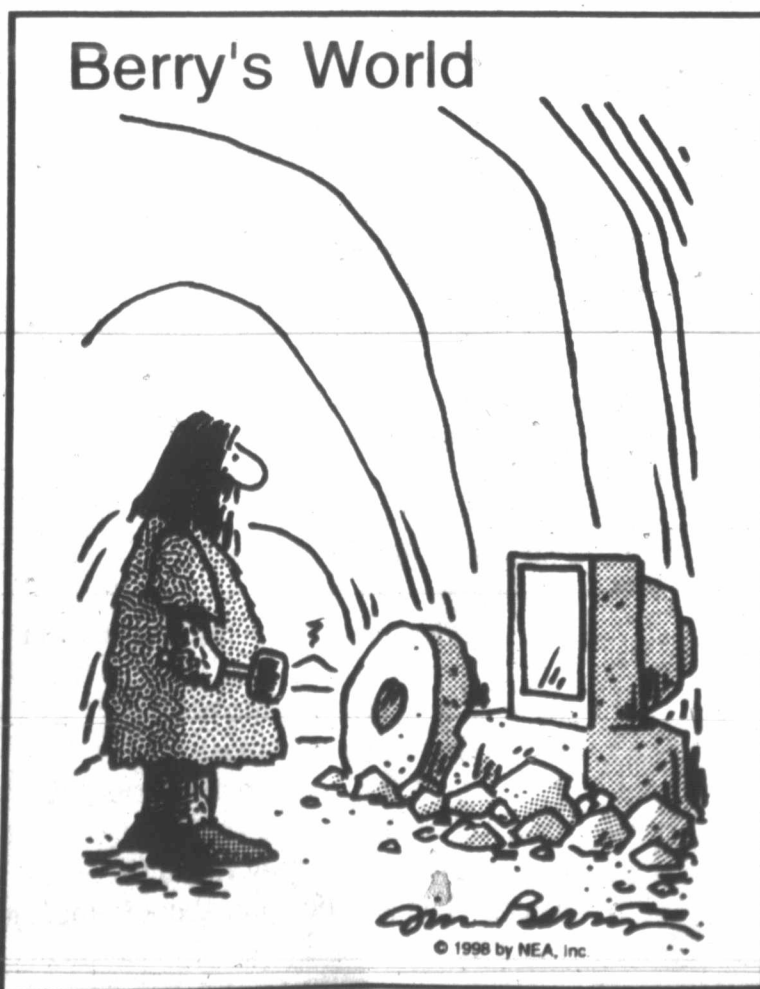
Ten years ago: President Reagan named William L. Ball III to succeed James H. Webb Jr. as Navy Secretary. Presidential hopeful Bob Dole defeated Vice President George Bush in the South Dakota and Minnesota Republican primaries; among Democrats, Michael S. Dukakis won in Minnesota, Dick Gephardt in South Dakota.

Five years ago: President Clinton won United Nations support for a plan to airdrop relief supplies to starving Bosnians during an Oval Office meeting with Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

One year ago: Scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, a

Palestinian teacher, opened fire on the 86th-floor observation deck of New York City's Empire State Building, killing one person and wounding six others before shooting himself to death. In eastern India, nearly 200 people were killed when fire swept through a tent erected for a religious festival.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 58. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 54. South African activist Allan Boesak is 53. Actress Patricia Richardson ("Home Improvement") is 47. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 46. Singer Howard Jones is 43. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 36. Actress Kristin Davis ("Melrose Place") is 33. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 33. Actor Marc Price ("Family Ties") is 30.



Child support: A challenge to change

Many of familiar with the efforts we make at the Office of the Attorney General to collect over-due child support. At one time or another, you have probably read about wage withholding, license suspension, IRS refund interception, and credit bureau reporting — to mention just a few of the tools we use to make non-custodial parents support their children financially.

These are all excellent programs, but they are not enough. We also arrest people and put them in jail when they deliberately evade their responsibility to their children. Even this is not enough. The fact is, there is only so much government can do to enforce parental responsibility. What we really need is nothing less than profound social change, and widespread societal commitment.

Our current caseload now exceeds a million cases. The number of children represented by these cases is even greater. These children find themselves on our caseload through no fault of their own. In too many cases, at least one of their parents has brought them into this world and then simply abandoned them.

The Office of the Attorney General, as well as County Domestic Relations Offices and private child support collection agencies, many times are left to pick up the pieces. Our child support staff is challenged every day to process cases



Dan Morales

Attorney General of the State of Texas

that may never receive a single collection. Why? Because of the poor choices parents made.

We must open and attempt to work cases where the mother could only provide us with the first name of the alleged father. It is not easy to locate someone without having at least a complete name, but we are called upon, in fact mandated by federal law, to do so. How is any child support worker going to find a "Tom," "Michael" or "James?"

Sometimes there is not even a first name to go on, but only a photograph. o make matters worse, sometimes we get no information whatsoever. A child may have been conceived during a very brief relationship and in that case nothing may be known about the non-custodial parent. Also, we must sort through situations

where there are multiple alleged fathers. There are many scenarios that hinder the collection of child support. These are only a few examples, but cases like these represent a very substantial portion of our caseload.

The child support workers of the Office of the Attorney General are dedicated people. They work for children despite dismal odds hoping that their efforts will help provide food, clothing and shelter. However, having a caseload of more than a million and total child support staff of 2,500, we are fighting an uphill battle.

Child support challenges require child support changes. It does not start with the Attorney General's Office or any other child support collection agency. It starts with individuals making wise choices before they have children. It is about parents teaching and protecting their children from years of potential heartache. If these changes take place, then our challenges will begin to diminish. The time for responsibility is now.

For more information about child support enforcement, visit the home page for the Office of the Attorney General at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>. If you are behind in your court-ordered child support payments, contact your local child support office to arrange a payment schedule today.

MEDICAL

Medical news:

Researchers say possible connection between gums, heart disease ...

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Could diligent flossing and brushing lower the risk of a heart attack? It's not as odd as it might sound.

Some researchers think the same bacteria that rot the gums might do bad things elsewhere in the body. Surveys show that people with bad teeth and gums also tend to have more heart trouble, and circumstantial evidence is accumulating that this is more than a coincidence.

The latest piece of supporting data came recently at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A researcher said his animal experiments suggest that some strains of the most common bacteria that build up on teeth can trigger blood clots.

"Our data suggest that bacteria may cause blood clots that can actually obstruct coronary arteries," said Dr. Mark Herzberg of the University of Minnesota.

That could lead to heart attacks, which occur when blood clots get stuck in heart arteries already clogged with cholesterol.

Others suggest that even if dental bacteria are not harmful, the body's reaction to them could be.

People with periodontal disease have a lifelong simmering infection that causes chronic inflammation of the gums. In response, their bodies release a slow, steady stream of potent germ-killing chemicals that might in themselves be harmful.

"The ramification of this inflammation can be far-reaching," said Dr. Frank Scannapieco of the State University of New York at Buffalo, who has done research in the area.

He and others say this constant, low-level infection could play a role in other common conditions, such as diabetes, lung diseases and even premature births.

About three-quarters of adults over age 35 have some degree of periodontal

disease, a painless condition that often gives off few warnings except, perhaps, red gums and bleeding when brushing.

Under the surface are pockets of infection that contain billions of bacteria. If this oozing mess was out where it could be seen, it would be a bone-deep sore the size of the palms of both hands.

When bacteria build up on the teeth, they form crud called plaque. The most common form of germ in dental plaque is *Streptococcus sanguis*. Herzberg found that about 60 percent of all strains of *S. sanguis* are capable of making the blood clot in a test tube.

In experiments on rabbits, Herzberg found that when one strain of *S. sanguis* was injected into their blood, it made clots form for about a half-hour. Electrocardiograms showed the clotting was bad enough to slow the flow of blood in heart arteries and deprive the heart muscle of all the oxygen it needed.

Ordinarily, collagen can make blood clot. Herzberg said the bacteria have structures on their surface that look just like collagen, a protein. And clotting cells in the bloodstream mistake these for the real thing.

The bacteria may carry this fake collagen as a kind of camouflage, Herzberg said. It fools the immune system into letting the bacteria pass as though it is a normal part of the body.

Large-scale studies suggest that those with bad gums and teeth have about double the usual risk of dying from heart disease.

Proving that gum disease is to blame is difficult. Heart disease and periodontal disease are both especially common among the poor. Some experts wonder if bad gums are simply a sign of poverty in people with heart trouble and not a cause of their troubles.

At least three more big studies are under way to help settle this. But the work so far suggests that bad gums could be as strong a risk factor for heart attacks as smoking cigarettes, which is blamed for about 40,000 heart-related deaths a year.

Over the past two decades, deaths from heart disease have been declining. Better diets and treatments probably account for some of this. But Herzberg believes there may be another explanation: Better dental care.

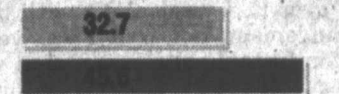
Psychiatric drugs

A look at prescription drug rates for mental health:

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Prescriptions

Doctor visits in which patients received prescriptions for mental problems, in millions

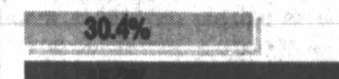


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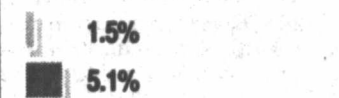
Tranquillizer (anti-anxiety)



Antidepressant



Stimulant



Infection common in college women

BOSTON (AP) — Sixty percent of women students at one New Jersey campus caught the papilloma virus during three years of college. The sexually transmitted infection usually went away within a few months.

The finding, reported in a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, underscores the high risk of catching this virus among young women, as well as its typically passing nature.

Human papilloma virus — HPV — can cause warts but otherwise is almost always harmless. However, it can trigger cervical cancer in a tiny percentage of those infected.

The virus can cause abnormal cell growth that is picked up by Pap tests.

Institute leads study that may have isolated hunger hormone

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists believe they have found the brain's hunger hormone, the stuff that triggers the overwhelming urge to say, "Another helping of mashed potatoes, please. And lots of gravy!"

The discovery is likely to start a stampede of research intended to find medicines that can rein in this substance and help people say no to food.

The researchers were led by Dr. Masashi Yanagisawa of Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. They are reporting the finding in a recent issue of the journal *Cell*.

The scientists called their discovery "orexin," a play on "orexis," the Greek word for hunger.

"We believe that orexin is one of the important pathways in the regulation of hunger," said Yanagisawa.

The researchers found that two varieties of orexin are made by nerve cells in the lateral hypothalamus, a part of the brain already known to play a role in appetite.

"It's an absolutely beautiful piece of work," said Dr. Jeffrey Friedman of Rockefeller University, "a very thorough and technically elegant set of studies that identify two new players in the system that controls weight."

The work suggests that the brain churns out orexin when it senses a need to eat, such as after a drop in sugar levels in the blood.

The same substance appears to be at work in rats as well as probably many other creatures. This

allows the scientists to test its effects.

They gave orexin to lab rats and found it made them ravenous. For an hour or two, they ate eight to 10 times more food than they ordinarily would.

They also checked the brains of rats that had not eaten in a day and found that their orexin levels had gone up.

"It really makes a nice feedback loop to regulate your appetite," said Yanagisawa.

He said the possibility of harnessing this discovery to combat eating problems are already being investigated by scientists at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, which collaborated on the discovery.

He said it should be possible to create drugs that mimic orexin and make people eat more. This could be helpful for cancer patients and others who have illnesses that rob their appetites.

Even more important would be using this discovery to make drugs for treating obesity. The scientists know the exact spot on the surface of cells in the brain where orexin does its business. So it should also be possible to create medicines that block these spots, called receptors, so orexin cannot get in and trigger the munchies.

The scientists believe many hormones besides orexin are involved in both creating and

suppressing appetite.

One of these is leptin, an appetite-suppressing protein made by fat-filled adipose cells. While leptin is supposed to signal the brain to stop eating, the signal somehow does not get through properly in overweight people.

Yanagisawa said that leptin could be one of the signals that triggers the brain to make orexin

and whet the appetite.

The discovery was made through a relatively new process called reverse endocrinology.

Traditionally, scientists discover a hormone and then try to figure out what it does by searching for the receptor that it attaches to. In this case, the scientists discovered the receptor but had no idea what hormone acted on it or what it did.

Fourth-quarter report

Columbia's results reflect a massive restructuring prompted by the federal fraud investigation of the company.

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Sales Trip Roommates Are Cause Of Unwanted Gaiety

DEAR ABBY: I recently was on a sales trip with three colleagues — two females and one openly homosexual male. I am a heterosexual male. The two females roomed together and I was assigned a room with the homosexual male.

When I complained about this arrangement before the sales trip, my sales manager told me to get over it. I went along with the arrangement; however, I was very uncomfortable the two nights we spent in the room, although nothing happened except some mild kidding at dinner between all four of us.

Since returning, I have been subjected to every joke you can imagine from others in the office, as well as this homosexual male. I have taken the stance that this will eventually be forgotten, but it seems to have taken on a life of its own.

I maintain that pairing me with this person was wrong, as it was the same as pairing me with a female, which certainly would never have happened. What do you think?

ENOUGH ALREADY
 IN NEW YORK

DEAR ENOUGH ALREADY: I disagree. There is a misconception among heterosexuals that because a person is gay, that person will be attracted to anyone of the same sex. Nothing could be further from the truth!

P.S. Perhaps your company should inquire about a corporate rate, so everyone could



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

have his or her own room.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you print my letter. I have seen so many letters in your column about what to give on special occasions.

When a person doesn't know what to give someone, gift certificates are the greatest. Most people just love them!

I've given gift certificates to a bride, a new mother and to a recent graduate. The recipients have told me there is always something they need that they did not receive. With the added expense of setting up a new apartment, a new baby or a student going to college — believe me — gift certificates were very welcome.

CATHY IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

DEAR CATHY: I agree; there's much to be said for allowing the recipient to choose something he or she wants. Gift certificates make dandy gifts for

almost any occasion.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading your booklet, "The Anger in All of Us, and How to Deal With It." I am 31 years old and learned more about dealing with my anger in the 20 minutes I spent reading your booklet than I ever had before. I got so much out of it.

Abby, I have been dealing with a lot of anger toward my parents (who are now deceased), my uncle and my grandmother. Your booklet helped me see another point of view that will, I'm sure, aid me in resolving my anger. Thank you for offering it to those of us who need help so desperately.

RONALD IN GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR RONALD: Everyone experiences anger; it's part of living. However, learning to control our anger in a mature manner so that it doesn't damage us or others takes insight, maturity and practice. I'm pleased that the booklet was helpful to you.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998

Your best benefits in the year ahead might come from an endeavor that will be resurrected. Time will be its ally and in the months ahead it could succeed where it failed previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you could be in a gregarious mood and this is OK, provided you do not discuss things with others that were told to you in secrecy. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If your

expectations are based upon reasonable assumptions, they have good chances of being fulfilled today. If you're unrealistic, it's another story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not take full credit today for something an associate was instrumental in helping to bring about. It could scar the relationship deeply.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Making last-minute adjustments in strategy today could turn out to be counterproductive. Your original ideas may be your best bet in the long run.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you will be measured by the quality of the loyalty you express toward others. Do not befriend a new acquaintance instead of standing by an old pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be required to honor a commitment today that's rather painful to keep. Regardless of the inconvenience, stand by your promise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your ideas for handling a critical development today are likely to be superior to the well-meaning

advice of associates. Lean on your thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make an extra effort toward self-discipline today in an area where you often overindulge. This can be handled without taking the edge off your fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be firm regarding the terms you set if you have to negotiate a significant matter today. You are in a stronger position to bargain than you may realize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Associates could be so wrapped up in their own concerns today, they won't be receptive to your proposals. If so, reschedule your presentation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're involved in something of mutual concern for another today, work on this issue first before getting off onto other matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not yield to inclinations today to suddenly switch procedures that are trending to your advantage. Your later adjustments might not be effective.

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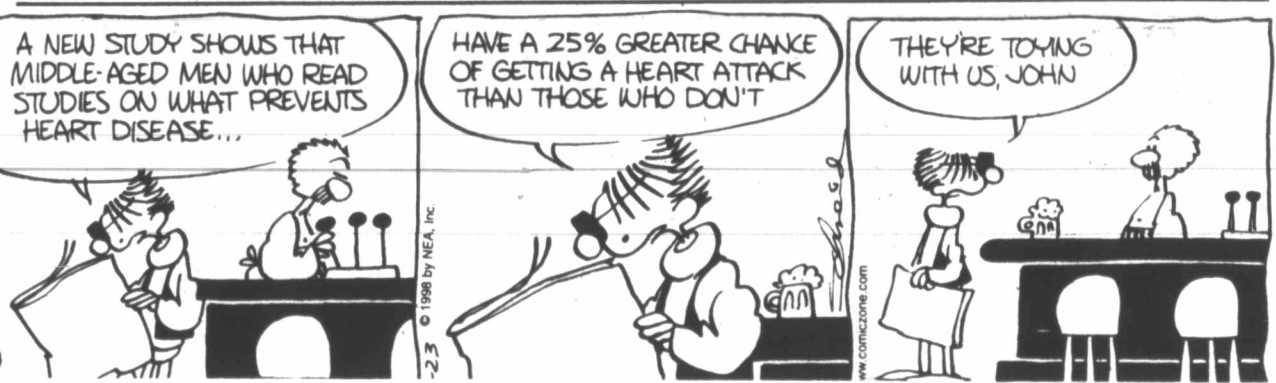
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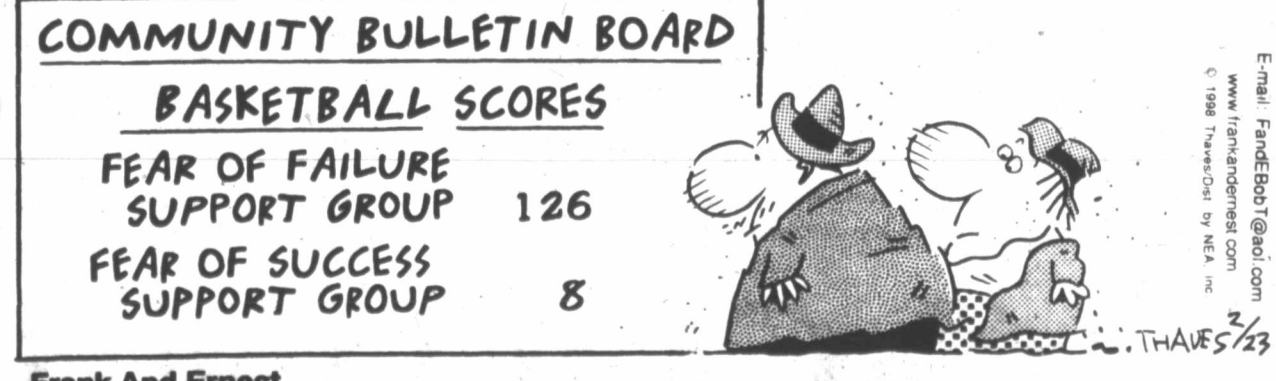
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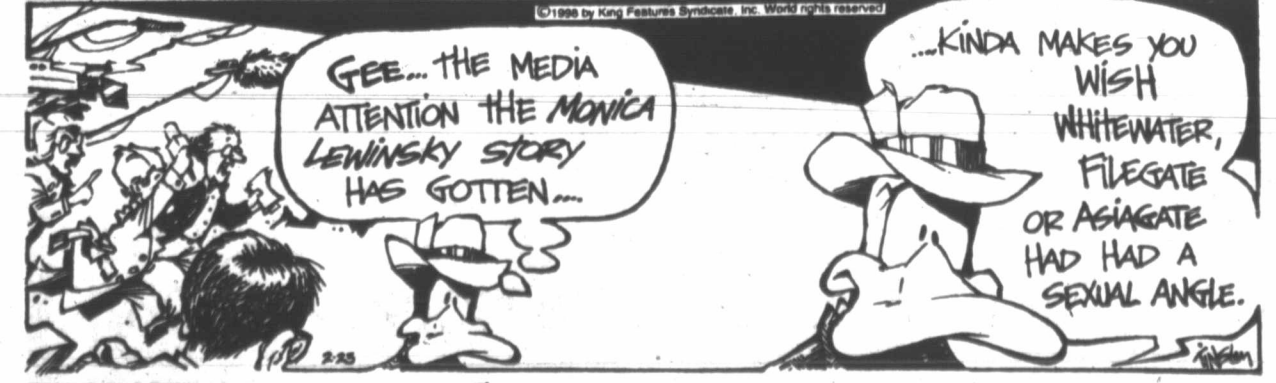
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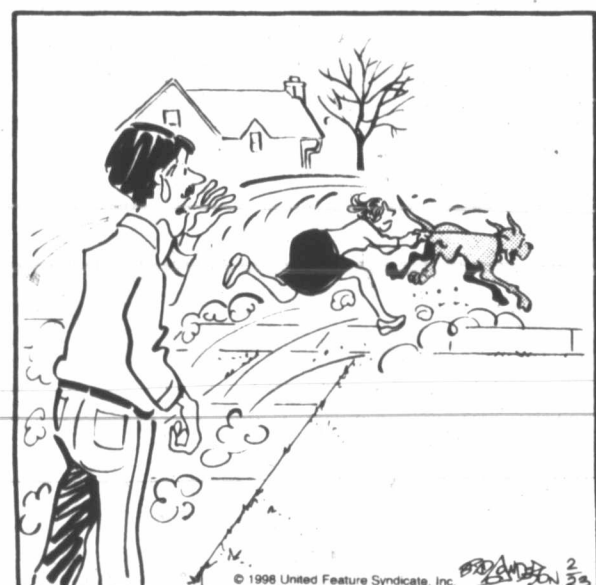
Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Basketball players bounce the ball a lot, but they never put their leg over it."



"Be careful; he brakes for fire hydrants."

The Family Circus



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SPORTS

Few surprises as Big 12 play winds down

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 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.

OLYMPICS

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Wheaties may be the "breakfast of champions," but five women on the Olympic champion hockey team won't get to see their faces on the box.

That's because five of the gold medalists are still in college, and under NCAA rules they cannot accept commercial sponsorships if they want to continue their college hockey careers.

Fifteen other members of the U.S. women's hockey team will be on the box, but those excluded by the NCAA rules are Tara Mounsey, Sara DeCosta, A.J. Mleczko, Angela Ruggiero and Jenny Schmidgall.

"It's a rule, and we were aware of it coming into this. But it's a bummer. It would be kind of a cool thing," Mounsey told her hometown newspaper, the Concord Monitor, as she watched 15 of her teammates step on stage at the Metropolitan Hotel for the Wheaties box announcement.

Even though the members of the team won't necessarily make money from being on the Wheaties box, NCAA rules prohibit college athletes from allowing their photos or names to be used for financial gain by someone else.

"It's hard on these five players," U.S. coach Ben Smith said. "This truly has been a team in every sense of the word and it's hard for them not to be with their teammates at this moment. But it gives you a tip on their age and their future."

General Mills, which sells Wheaties, doesn't feature amateur athletes often, but the eligibility issue came up when the U.S. women's gymnastics team was on the Wheaties box after the 1996 summer Olympics, spokesman Greg Zimprich said. Gymnast Kerri Strug, who still had college eligibility, ended up on the box because she turned professional.

"Every time we do a box we have to be aware of eligibility issues," Zimprich said. "I think we felt it was unfortunate that we couldn't picture the whole team ... but I think the box honored the achievement of the entire team," he said.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Surprises were rare in the next-to-last weekend of the Big 12 regular season.

Kansas won at home? Heard that before ... 58 straight times before.

Missouri lost on the road? That's 23 in a row.

Texas A&M just plain lost? The Aggies are 0-14 in the Big 12 and could be the first school to go winless since Texas Tech went 0-16 in the 1989-90 Southwest Conference season.

In the middle of all those fulfilled expectations, though, Oklahoma State officially proved its preseason critics wrong.

The Cowboys, picked to finish seventh, held on to their share of second place and guaranteed a first-round bye in the conference tournament by beating Kansas State 64-61 Saturday at

Manhattan, Kan.

But despite reaching the 20-win mark for the sixth time in eight seasons under coach Eddie Sutton, the Cowboys aren't calling themselves an NCAA tournament team just yet.

"We know if we come out and win our next two games, we have a pretty good shot at it," said forward Adrian Peterson, who led Oklahoma State with 26 points in Saturday's win.

Kansas, meanwhile, can still call itself the only school ever to win a Big 12 basketball championship. The Jayhawks locked up the outright title Saturday, pulling away from a one-point halftime lead to beat Iowa State 71-54 at Lawrence.

They also won the last two Big Eight championships before the merger that created the Big 12.

"This is what we work for all year," coach Roy Williams said.

"It's a great accomplishment. The seniors have four of four (titles). It's really been a great run."

Also on Saturday, Oklahoma clinched the third of the conference's four first-round byes by beating Missouri 80-76. Elsewhere, it was Texas Tech 86, Texas A&M 83; Baylor 80, Texas 75; and Nebraska 79, Colorado 71.

Nebraska is 8-6 with two games left in conference play. Iowa State is 5-9, the only school besides Texas Tech guaranteed to finish below .500.

Baylor and Texas Tech are both 7-7. Kansas State, Missouri, Colorado and Texas are at 6-8.

Peterson and Joe Adkins hit four 3-pointers each for Oklahoma State. All of Adkins' and two of Peterson's came in the first nine minutes of the second half, with Adkins launching his last two from well beyond 20 feet. Adkins finished with 14 points.

"You would like to see him shoot a little closer sometimes, but I like them when they go in," Sutton said.

Peterson's last 3-pointer broke a 59-59 tie with with 1:21 left.

Desmond Mason then forced a jump ball as Dies drove to the basket with 18.5 seconds left and Oklahoma State up 62-61. The Cowboys got the ball on the alternate possession, and Peterson hit two free throws with 16.8 seconds left.

Dies led Kansas State with 21 points and five blocked shots, the latter tying a Bramlage Coliseum record.

Kansas forward Raef LaFrentz didn't set any records on Saturday, but his 18 rebounds — one short of a career high — moved him into second place on the Jayhawks' all-time list. LaFrentz also scored 12 points. Forward Paul Pierce scored 17

of his 19 points after the break — after spotting his mother in the stands at halftime.

Pierce also spent much of the second half guarding Cyclones freshman Marcus Fizer, holding him scoreless after a 13-point first half.

Oklahoma got a career-high 36 points from Corey Brewer — and some help from a bizarre play in the closing seconds — in its win over Missouri.

With Oklahoma leading 77-74 and 16.7 seconds remaining, Tiger freshman Johnnie Parker was called for offensive goaltending on a basket by Brian Grawer, who was fouled by Brewer on the play.

That wiped out the basket and Grawer's chances for a game-tying three-point play.

Grawer was awarded two shots, hitting both to get the Tigers within a point, but Missouri didn't score again.

PLAY BALL!

Pampa takes on PD in opener

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters begin the 1998 baseball season Tuesday afternoon against the Palo Duro Dons.

Gametime is 4:30 at Palo Duro.

"We've got a very young inexperienced team, but we've got a group that going to be very competitive. They've got the kind of attitude that's going to help them get better every time they play," said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty.

The Harvesters will have a senior-dominated pitching staff, led by Aaron Whitney, Jarrod Prock, Jason Benton and Josh Blackmon.

"All four of these guys have the potential to be great pitchers," Doughty said.

"The key is for them to throw strikes and that will definitely give us a chance to win some ballgames."

Whitney, however, is sidelined indefinitely with tendinitis. Whitney was Pampa's most productive pitcher during district play last year.

Outfielder Justin Roark is trying to recover from a knee injury. The Don's have a first-year head coach in Tim Benton.

"I expect them to be very enthusiastic in their first game under a new head coach," he added.

Pampa hosts Plainview at 1 p.m. Saturday in both varsity and junior varsity games. The District 1-4A opener is March 28 at Randall.

Caprock claims soccer victories

PAMPA — Caprock swept Pampa in District 5 soccer matches Saturday at the Harvester complex.

In the boys' match, Caprock posted a 2-1 shootout in a shootout. Lucas Jaramillo scored for Pampa in the first half.

It was a frustrating afternoon for the Harvesters, who had 28 shots on the Caprock goal. The Longhorns had just six on Pampa's goal.

"Caprock's coach came off the field talking about what a great team we've got," said Pampa head coach Warren Cottle. "I totally agree with him. We've got an awesome group. We do everything right except find the goal."

Caprock has a 4-2 record in district play. Pampa is 1-5.

Caprock downed Pampa, 4-1, in the girls' match.

Pampa's lone goal came from Jessica Maddox, who also played goalkeeper for 20 minutes of the match.

Maddox, Annette Botello and Aubrea Ward had outstanding matches for Pampa, head coach Matt Gantz said.

"Aubrea would be my player of the game if I had to pick one. She really played with high intensity. Annette gave it all she had," Gantz said.

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Randall boosted its district lead in both boys' and girls' divisions with victories over Canyon on Saturday. Randall boys are 5-1 while Randall girls are 6-0.

Pampa hosts Borger at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in more district action.

District champs



The Pampa 8th grade boys' B team won the District Tournament championship this season. Team members are (front, l-r) Daniel Heuston, Ricky Morehart, Matt Brown, Brad Stucker, Nick Jennings and Chandler Bowers; (back row, l-r) John Knipp, Chad Platt, Matt Crow, Jared Spearman and Greg Easley. Not pictured is Erik Brown.

Winter Olympics end with fireworks

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — The games behind them, the athletes of the 1998 Winter Olympics danced among ancient Japanese icons and modern pop stars to close the world's fair of sports and say thanks — to the moments that defined them and the Japanese hosts who welcomed them.

Next stop: Salt Lake City, 2002.

For Nagano, the 1998 Winter Olympics — "the best organization in the history of the Olympic Games," according to International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch — wound up with a pocketful of experiences and an important verdict: Perhaps they weren't the most exciting games ever, but they came out much better than OK.

"I'm so sad to see them end," said Tamayo Kimura, an office worker. "The games were a big success, I think."

Bookending the opening ceremony's sumo-wrestler extravaganza with an intense, dazzling show of light and music, Nagano's Olympic organizers offered up a slickly packaged closing Sunday night that began with solemnity and tradition but quickly unfolded into a carnival of exuberant goodbyes.

The most visual moment: Thousands of Japanese swaying handheld flashlight-lanterns in the mountain night, showing their affection for their hometown and for traditions they spent more than a millennium perfecting and could finally show a rapt world.

"It is my particular hope that our friends in Salt Lake City ... will keep our torch of peace

burning," said Goro Yoshimura, vice president of the Nagano organizing committee. "I am convinced that the practice of sport contributes to a peaceful and better world."

For the Americans, a slow start melted into a second-straight winter's best 13 medals — led by U.S. women with eight, six of them golds — and some unforgettable triumphs.

The U.S. women's hockey team, in their Olympic debut, took the gold and lent an

Masahiko Harada, coming back from a dismal jump, tied teammate Takanobu Okabe for the longest jump on skis in Olympic history — 137 meters.

Bjorn Dahlie, the Norwegian cross-country skiing great, extended his Winter Olympics record by picking up his 12th medal in the last race of Nagano — a gold in the 50-kilometer. It was his record eighth winter gold medal, too.

Austria's Hermann Maier careened through the air and

said IOC executive board member Kevan Gosper of Australia. "Here, Siberia sent them everything in the book. About the only thing we didn't have was a bush fire, and they managed to find a way through."

The people came — 1,358,207 of them at competitions and victory ceremonies by Sunday afternoon. Local Olympic organizers expected the total at competitions alone to reach 1.27 million when everything is counted.

In the end, when it came time to say goodbye, Nagano danced.

"Sayonara! Sayonara!" shouted the master of ceremonies, comedian Kin'ichi Hagimoto, bedecked in a cartoonish white-and-red top hat.

The American team marched in with equal enthusiasm, carrying a banner inviting everyone to Salt Lake City, home of the 2002 Winter Olympics. "Thank you, Nagano," it said; Bye held up the right corner. Some Americans rode on others' shoulders.

And the Japanese, greeted by a flag-waving, horn-blasting hometown crowd, strode in to an even more special sight: their emperor, Akihito, grinning and clapping his hands over his head as Empress Michiko whispered in his ear.

Finally, all pretense of solemnity ended with eight full minutes of fireworks. The Japanese pop group Agharta performed "Ie Aie," or "Let's Make a Circle and Dance" — the theme song of the Snowlets mascots. The drums played the lights came on.

The Olympics, for Nagano, were over.

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— Tamayo Limura, office worker

unparalleled level of respect and name recognition — and a David Letterman appearance — to Karyn Bye, Cammi Granato and their teammates. Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan put on a one-two combo in women's figure skating. And Picabo Street's super-G gold was the Americans' only Alpine medal.

The U.S. men in hockey slouched to a more ignominious end. Denied a shot at a medal by mediocre play and, some said, too many late nights, some of them finished their tour in Nagano by doing an estimated \$3,000 in damage to Olympic Village furniture and property.

Japan found glory with speedskater Hiroyasu Shimizu, who set an Olympic record by skating 500 meters in 35.76 seconds and bested himself a day later with a 35.59. And

the snow in a spectacular crash, then dragged his bruised body back to win two gold medals. The Czechs, behind goaltender Dominik Hasek, stole Canada's chance for Olympic gold in men's hockey, winning 2-1 in a thrilling post-overtime semifinal shootout. The Czechs won the gold on Sunday, 1-0, over Russia.

And, of course, there was the weather. Sometimes miserable, sometimes picturesque, it added to the burden of organizers, who constantly had to reschedule Alpine events before they finally went off. It didn't help that a minor earthquake struck Saturday; by then, it was almost expected.

Through it all, Nagano and its legions of Olympic volunteers in their recyclable jackets performed like trouper.

"In Lillehammer, there were 16 days of blue skies, white

Scoreboard

CITY BASKETBALL
1988 Recreation Department
Basketball League Standings
(Standings as of Feb. 19)

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

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed C Kevin Glover to a three-year contract.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Prev. Rank
1.	Duke(42)	25-2	1,708	2
2.	Arizona(19)	24-3	1,552	3
3.	North Carolina(6)	26-2	1,534	1
4.	Kansas(3)	29-3	1,584	4
5.	Utah	22-2	1,404	6
6.	Connecticut	24-4	1,377	7
7.	Kentucky	24-4	1,275	8
8.	Stanford	23-3	1,225	10
9.	Princeton	23-1	1,223	9
10.	Michigan St.	20-5	991	14
11.	Purdue	22-6	919	5
12.	Arkansas	22-6	882	16
13.	Mississippi	19-5	871	15
14.	South Carolina	20-5	794	13
15.	Texas Christian	24-4	781	19
16.	New Mexico	21-4	756	11
17.	Cincinnati	21-5	670	17
18.	UCLA	20-6	650	12
19.	West Virginia	22-6	497	20
20.	Massachusetts	20-7	340	18
21.	Michigan	19-8	332	22
22.	Illinois	20-8	237	23
23.	Syracuse	20-6	170	21
24.	Temple	19-6	117	—
25.	Oklahoma St.	20-4	111	—

Others receiving votes: St. John's 108, Maryland 86, Tennessee 82, Xavier 69, Rhode Island 43, Murray St. 38, Detroit 32, George Washington 24, New Mexico St. 16, Florida St. 10, Ill.-Chicago 9, Ball St. 8, N.C. Charlotte 4, Illinois St. 3, Long Island U. 3, Georgia Tech 2, Indiana 2, Iowa 2, Marquette 2, Pacific 2, Dayton 1, Gonzaga 1, Hawaii 1, Miami 1, Oklahoma 1, W. Michigan 1, Wyoming 1.

PRO BASKETBALL

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Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	18	.673	—
New York	31	22	.585	6
New Jersey	31	24	.564	6

Retired Corky creator keeps plugging away at Friendswood

By DOUG PIKE
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It was lure maker Paul Brown's garage, but I felt like a kid who'd just stumbled into Santa's North Pole workshop. In drawers, in boxes and hanging from the walls were hundreds of fishing toys in endless combinations of shape, size and color.

From that modest space in Friendswood, aided only by a handful of helpers and with sage counsel from the state's saltiest pluggers, Brown has whittled and molded and poured so many different soft plastic lures that he's lost count.

My guess is that he probably never kept count. These days, the 63-year-old retired radar technician makes lures when he feels like it — which isn't often when wind is light and bay runs clear.

"I retired," said Brown, "so I could spend my time with people who love fishing as much as I do."

Make no mistake that the man best known for creating the Corky, the slow-sinking soft plug used by Jim Wallace two years ago to establish a new state benchmark for speckled trout, is motivated almost exclusively by fishing. All else, even a brass ring that's clearly within reach, takes a back seat.

Idle chatter in fishing circles has it that Brown has been approached by a few mega-tackle companies with handsome offers for rights to his designs and manufacturing techniques. Brown claims otherwise, a sly grin showing behind his bushy moustache, and insists that the only tackle maker who ever physically visited his operation was simply trying to get a peak at the machine under wraps in a back corner of the shop.

"That's the one I use to make my corks," he said, waving a finger toward a hulk of metal hidden in shadow. "You can take pictures of anything in here but that."

If he chose, Brown probably could sell out to one of the industry's superpowers and retire. But he's already done that. He could sock away some money, fish when the notion struck him and whittle new lures when fishing was slow. But he already does that, too.

Like many pluggers of his generation, Brown caught and sold bay fish back in the '60s and early '70s to supplement his income. It was in 1971, in response to fishing partner Pete Tanner's concept of a plastic shrimptail larger than the original Boone Tout and its spinoffs, that Brown found himself in the lure business. His first long tail was a quick hit with coastal anglers, but it attracted attention from more than just other fishermen.

By the mid-'70s, soft plastic shrimp were a dime a dozen. New molds and new names popped up

almost daily, and Brown turned to his cronies for fresh thoughts. They toyed with imitations of different forage species, softer and harder materials, and a host of visionary concepts.

"I've got boxes full of ideas that never worked," Brown said.

Truth be known, most of those baits probably worked pretty well. Not a bust in a bucketful, I'd guess. They got tucked away, however, because they didn't meet the sky-high expectations of Brown and his all-star lineup of unofficial field testers.

Impromptu skull sessions in the converted garage summoned the likes of Tanner, Bubba Silva and Maurice Estlinbaum, as well as a steady procession of professional guides. For each bait that wouldn't wiggle just so for these sharpshooters, though, there came another that speckled trout could not resist.

Brown's first attempts at the Corky, rudderless, blunt-nosed forerunners to today's proven producer, were fashioned nearly a decade ago. In his own words, "it was a mess; it went in circles." It didn't have that super-slow sink rate, either, thanks to original tests in freshwater. One by one, though, Brown's brain trust imagined modifications that eventually made the Corky what it is today. If Brown and company uncover yet another potential improvement, it may change again tomorrow.

Running straight and catching a few fish are never enough to satisfy this bunch. For example, Brown said that Cullen Plaag, father of Silver King Adventures' guide James Plaag, bends down the nose of a floating Corky to make it dive against a sharp rod twitch, then wobble seductively to the surface — deadily, he said, in the elder Plaag's favorite West Bay coves.

Others in the group reshape the Corky's interior wire to make the suspending version "walk the dog" or do other tricks. They request custom colors, and Brown obliges. They imagine entirely new lures, and Brown whittles a prototype. The research and development department of B&L Mfg., it seems, works around the clock.

And Brown just keeps churning out lures, always eager to hear about tweaks and adjustments that might make any of them better. Next to all the Corkys and shrimptails in various stages of completion were several racks of as-yet unnamed creations. They'll get tested eventually, and a few might actually be packaged and sold.

"I'm lucky to know some super fishermen," Brown said. "People ask me how I think of all these lures. Well, they're from the ideas of 100 people. There's a lot of input in every one of these baits."

If there is an unofficial "chief" among these unofficial field testers, it is Tanner.

"Pete can take a disaster and jack with it and make it work," Brown said. "He won't give up on it."

If Brown has demons, he hides them well. While most everyone in this industry groans about working too hard and having less time to fish, Brown refuses to get caught up in such drudgery. He seems a genuinely happy man who can spot trouble a mile away and instantly map a two-mile route around it.

A regular at the parade of consumer outdoor shows that passes through Houston, Brown — who's seen several of his designs copied by other manufacturers — said he can't understand squabbles between lure makers.

"You can't fret over knockoffs," he said. "I just accept them as a compliment and get on down the road."

That's easier to do, I'd guess, when you've got three new lures in production as the first spinoffs of an old one are coming down someone else's production line.

Brown said some lures that now are the subjects of heated arguments and high-dollar lawsuits, claimed by feuding parties to be original property of both, have actually been around for decades. He'd rather be on the bay than in court, and he sees no good coming from one-man battles against armies of corporate attorneys.

The "B&L Mfg." label comes not from some secret alliance with another tinkerer but from a business started years earlier by his wife — no need to generate a whole new set of books, an accountant once told him, for such a "small" endeavor. That was back when Brown was turning out a few dozen lures at a time and only selling them through Mike Carlile's old Pines Plaza Sporting Goods store off FM 517 at the Gulf Freeway.

In the years since, however, Brown's operation has definitely grown. As much as it could, anyway, within the confines of the old garage and without cutting into his fishing time.

Now, his lures are available at a whopping eight stores around Texas — not including any of the big chains. If you want them, in other words, you might have to do a little extra looking to find them. Brown does what he can to keep pace with his retailers' demands (which skyrocketed after Wallace's record-breaker), but he sets a comfortable pace and won't push beyond it. As a result, racks and shelves that hold his most popular models and hottest colors sometimes run empty.

His success — by Brown's standards if not by Wall Street's — is rooted in a sincere passion for the sport and a casual quest to create the perfect lure.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Signed Of Alex Cole to a minor-league contract.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed 2B Tony Graffanino to a one-year contract.

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Activated F Mark Strickland. Placed F Jamal Mashburn on the injured list.

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FOOTBALL

National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Signed OL Jim Pyne to a three-year contract. Re-signed G Tony Sample to a three-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed OL Matt Campbell of the Carolina Panthers to an offer sheet.

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Duke delivers impressive victory

By The Associated Press

Duke's move back to the top was pretty impressive.

The Blue Devils' chance to re-take the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll opened when North Carolina lost to North Carolina State on Saturday.

On Sunday, Duke (25-2) took advantage when it came up with a 120-84 victory over then-No. 12 UCLA, the most points ever allowed by the Bruins, who dropped to 18th in the new rankings released today.

Trajan Langdon matched his career-high with 34 points to lead Duke, which had been No. 1 two other times this season, dropping out following losses to Michigan and North Carolina.

"There is no load being carried by anybody on this team," said Langdon, who finished 11-for-16 from the field with five rebounds and four assists in 29 minutes. "We're just so deep and so talented compared to last year."

You can add in freshman center Elton Brand, who returned to the Blue Devils on Sunday for the first time since breaking his foot on Dec. 27. He was the team's leading scorer and rebounder when he left and he had 14 points and seven rebounds in 16 minutes.

"They didn't let me know how many minutes I would play, but to me I played a lot," he said. "The more I was in there the more I got back into the flow."

UCLA (20-6) was never in it against Duke, which scored 57 points in the opening 20 minutes, shooting 56 percent, making 10 of 17 3-pointers and blocking seven shots to go up by 24 points at half-time. It was the 16th half this season Duke has scored 50 or more points.

"Collectively, Duke was razor sharp — defensively, offensively, on the boards, in transition, in their half-court," Bruins coach Steve Lavin said. "They clearly showed why they will be the No. 1 team in the nation."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 7 Kentucky 85, Georgia 74; No. 19 West Virginia 81, Seton Hall 71; No. 21 Michigan 112, Indiana 64; No. 22 Illinois 79, Iowa 72; and No. 24 Temple 56, George Washington 49.

The loss wasn't UCLA's worst of the season as the Bruins were beaten 109-68 by North Carolina in the Great Alaska Shootout in November.

"(Duke) played probably about as well as anybody we've played going back to the North Carolina game, so that kind of explains why they are the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation," Lavin said. "It shows you what a great conference the ACC is."

"I just told my team we've got to get better. Hopefully an experience like this will make us better for (NCAA) tournament play. I don't think we'll play in any more of a difficult environment the rest of our season."

Kris Johnson led UCLA with 20 points, while Baron Davis added 18.

Roshown McLeod added 23 points for Duke, which ran its non-conference record in Cameron Indoor Stadium since 1983 to 114-2.

No. 7 Kentucky 85, Georgia 74

The Wildcats (24-4, 12-2 Southeastern Conference) had all five starters in double figures as they pulled away behind their defense. Nazr Mohammed had 16 points and Heshimu Evans added 15 for Kentucky, which shot 55 percent (36-of-66).

Freshman Jumaine Jones had 21 points for the visiting Bulldogs (14-12, 6-8), who shot 54 percent (15-of-28) in building a 43-36 half-time lead. They shot just 19 percent (6-of-32) over the final 20 minutes, rushing shots against Kentucky's fullcourt pressure.

No. 19 West Virginia 81, Seton Hall 71

The Mountaineers (22-5, 11-5 Big East) started five seniors in their final home game and each scored

in double figures. Jarrod West had 20 points for West Virginia, which lost all but three points of a 54-41 lead midway through second half and held on by going 9-of-10 from the foul line over the final 1:11.

Donnell Williams had 19 points for the Pirates (13-13, 7-9), who had seven of their nine 3-pointers in the second half.

No. 21 Michigan 112, Indiana 64

Jerod Ward had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Wolverines (19-8, 9-5 Big Ten) scored the most points ever allowed by a Hoosiers team coached by Bob Knight.

The loss was the second-worst for Indiana since Knight took over for the 1971-72 season, just off the 106-56 loss to Minnesota on Feb. 27, 1994.

Louis Bullock scored 26 points and Robert Traylor had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolverines, who shot 62 percent.

Larry Richardson scored 13 points for the Hoosiers (18-8, 9-5), who shot 33 percent.

No. 22 Illinois 79, Iowa 72

Jerry Hester scored 20 points and the Illini (20-8, 12-3) kept alive their chance at a share of the Big Ten title. Michigan State, with a 13-2 conference record, has already clinched at least a share of the regular-season championship. Illinois will be co-champions if it wins at Indiana on Tuesday and Michigan State loses to Purdue on Saturday.

Ricky Davis had 18 points for the visiting Hawkeyes (18-9, 7-7), who were outscored 15-6 over the final 6 1/2 minutes.

No. 25 Temple 56, George Washington 49

Lamont Barnes had 20 points and seven blocked shots for the visiting Owls (19-6, 12-3 Atlantic 10), who beat a ranked team on the road for the third time in February. Temple's matchup zone forced 21 turnovers and held the Colonials to 38 percent shooting.

Freshman Michael King had 16 points, all in the second half, for George Washington, which lost its fourth straight.

Duval holds on for Tucson championship

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — David Duval blew a seven-shot lead, then recovered with a dramatic, 15-foot chip for birdie and beat Justin Leonard and David Tombs by four strokes Sunday in the \$2 million Tucson Chrysler Classic.

Duval finished in style, sinking a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to create the illusion of an easy victory. It was anything but simple.

Duval, who won three consecutive starts at the end of last season, won his fourth title despite shooting 1-over-par 73. He finished with a four-day total of 19-under 269.

Leonard, Duval's playing partner all four rounds, shot a final-round 70 that included a bogey on the 18th hole.

He caught up with Duval at 17-under on the 14th hole and shared the lead on No. 15. But Leonard bogeyed No. 16 when he two-putted after chipping onto the green, and Duval made his chip.

Tombs closed with a strong 68, but also bogeyed the last hole.

Tim Herron and Steve Lowery shared fourth place at 275, with Tom Lehman, Andrew Magee and Bob Tway at 276.

The \$360,000 winner's share boost-

ed Duval, who was second on the money list last year with \$1,885,308, to first at \$553,663.

The sixth-year player won his first title last October in Williamsburg, Va., then picked up wins No. 2 and 3 in successive starts at Orlando, Fla., and the Tour Championship in Houston to earn \$1,269,000 in his last three events.

Duval finished with the record book throughout the first three rounds in this tournament. But he dropped back on the final three holes of the third round, which he played in double bogey-birdie-bogey.

That took him out of reach of John Huston's PGA-low 22-under total at last week's Hawaiian Open. Duval started the last round at 20-under, but still led Leonard by six shots as late as the ninth hole.

Duval bogeyed No. 9 and Leonard birdied, a preview of the drama to come on the back nine.

Tombs and Leonard were 16-under through nine holes and made the turn four shots back.

But Duval birdied No. 10, while Leonard made par and Tombs took a double bogey-6 after some incredible bad luck — his approach shot hit a spring-

er head, bounced 100 feet over the green, and he two-putted after two chips.

The 13th and 14th holes were pivotal. Duval entered them with a four-shot lead and left tied with Leonard at 17-under after losing four shots to par.

Duval triple-bogeyed No. 13, a 406-yard downhill hole with a slight dog-leg left, where he hooked his tee shot out of bounds by less than a foot. After hitting another drive, Duval knocked his approach shot over the green and three-putted from the fringe.

On the same hole, Leonard made a 10-foot birdie putt, completing a three-shot swing.

Leonard caught up on No. 14 with a par after two-putting from 9 feet.

Duval's approach game, his strength all week while shooting 66-62-68 the first three rounds, deserted him again on the 14th. His second shot landed in a bunker, and he blasted out across the green again, two-putting from 18 feet for a bogey-5.

Duval steadied himself by paring the 15th hole, got his two-shot edge back on No. 16, and picked up two more shots on the finishing hole.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Area for baseball players
- Obligations
- Star
- Graduates
- Synthetic fabric
- Entertain
- Genetic material (abbr.)
- Oriental sash
- Musician's job
- Cosmonaut Gagarin
- Opposite of oui
- majesty
- Obey a red traffic sign
- Horried Head
- movement
- illuminated
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- Figure, e.g.
- skater
- Thomas
- Arrow

DOWN

- Mommy's mate
- Distant planet
- Child's stroller, old-style
- Possessive pronoun
- Gis
- Wooden joint part
- Boldly
- Diminutive suffix
- Pull
- Pictures

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Patterson, 361' from North & 2327' from East line, Sec. 23, R. A. Rowe, PD 3000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Spring Resources, Inc., #4 Young Ranch '52', 1320' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 52, A-2, H&GN, PD 11100'.

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Moore Coufnty Line) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #12-6 Flowers 'C', 625' from South & 2000' from East line, Sec. 6, —, BS&F, PD 4300'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #1 Lee Trust, 2139' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 54, A-5, H&GN, PD 8500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #7 Patterson, 1320' from South & 2467' from West line, Sec. 45, A-5, H&GN, PD 8500'.

Applications to Plug-Back

ROBERTS (WILDCAT above 12100') Seagull Midcon, Inc., #4-16U Mathers Unit, 7550' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 16, 44, H.T. Gill, PD 12100'.

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2

Glass, Sec. 8, 2, H&GN, elev. 2884 gr spud 12-14-97, drlg. compl 12-16-97, tested 1-23-98, potential 360 MCF, TD 2445' — Form 1 showed this well in Blk. 3, but all other forms show Blk. 2

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hanner, Sec. 67, 23, H&GN, elev. 2829 gr, spud 8-29-97, drlg. compl 9-1-97, tested 10-20-97, potential 150 MCF, TD 2460' —

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hess, Johannes Seiber Survey, elev. 3033 gr, spud 11-12-97, drlg. compl 11-15-97, tested 12-15-97, potential 1130 MCF, TD 2730' —

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hunt, Sec. 12, 20, H&GN, elev. 2754 gr, spud 9-19-97, drlg. compl 9-22-97, tested 11-10-97, potential 500 MCF, TD 2300' —

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Krouch, Sec. 187, E, D&P, elev. 2891 gr, spud 11-18-97, drlg. compl 11-21-97, tested 12-15-97, potential 1100 MCF, TD 2569' —

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #8 Lewis, Sec. 65, E, D&P, elev. 2963 gr, spud 11-29-97, drlg. compl 12-2-97, tested 12-22-97, potential 1350 MCF, TD 2690' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1016 Buckthal, Sec. 16, 41, H&TC, elev. 2615 kb, spud 12-5-97, drlg. compl 12-18-97, tested 1-29-98, potential 8000 MCF, TD 8130', PBTD 8025' —

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H&K Plugging & Salvage,

Whittenburg (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines, for the following wells:

#2802, 3423' from North & 1026' from East Lease line, Lot 28, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 12-13-84, plugged 11-3-97, TD 3450' —

#2901, 6713' from North & 3115' from West Lease line, Lot 29, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 11-20-84, plugged 12-9-97, TD 3592', PBTD 3423' —

#3001, 6586' from South & 2455' from West Lease line, Lot 30, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 12-1-84, plugged 10-17-97, TD 3600', PBTD 3574' —

#3102, 6586' from South & 330' from West Lease line, Lot 31, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 7-19-84, plugged 10-13-97, TD 3318', PBTD 3303' —

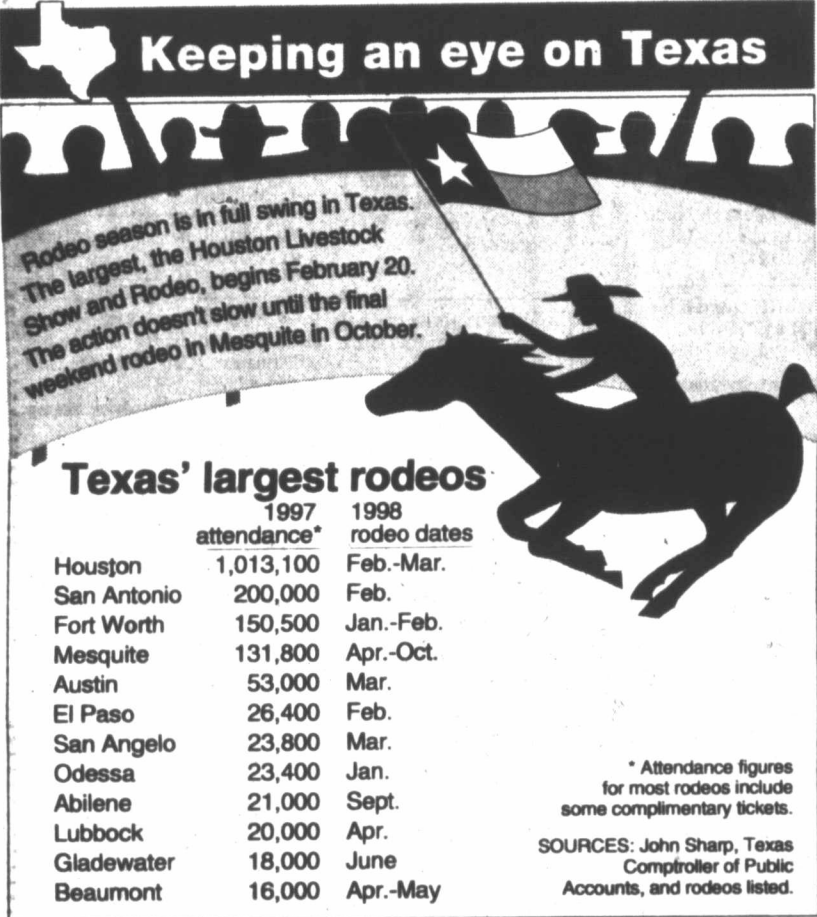
#3103, 6586' from South & 1063' from West Lease line, Lot 31, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 4-11-84, plugged 10-15-97, TD 3282', PBTD 3267' —

#3201, 5926' from South & 330' from West Lease line, Lot 32, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 1-14-84, plugged 10-10-97, TD 3336', PBTD 3321' —

#3202, 5334' from South & 330' from West Lease line, Lot 32, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 7-23-84, plugged 10-7-97, TD 3320' —

#3401, 5926' from South & 3115' from West Lease line, Lot 34, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 12-3-84, plugged 10-24-97, TD 3450', PBTD 3437' —

#4203, 2832' from South & 1063' from West Lease line, Lot 42, 3, Wm. Neil, spud 7-28-84, plugged 9-3-97, TD 3290' —



Keeping an eye on Texas

Rodeo season is in full swing in Texas. The largest, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, begins February 20. The action doesn't slow until the final weekend rodeo in Mesquite in October.

Texas' largest rodeos

	1997 attendance*	1998 rodeo dates
Houston	1,013,100	Feb.-Mar.
San Antonio	200,000	Feb.
Fort Worth	150,500	Jan.-Feb.
Mesquite	131,800	Apr.-Oct.
Austin	53,000	Mar.
El Paso	26,400	Feb.
San Angelo	23,800	Mar.
Odessa	23,400	Jan.
Abilene	21,000	Sept.
Lubbock	20,000	Apr.
Gladewater	18,000	June
Beaumont	16,000	Apr.-May

* Attendance figures for most rodeos include some complimentary tickets.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and rodeos listed.

New translation of fabled fables proves racy

NEW YORK (AP) — So you know the fables about the tortoise who outlasts the hare and the mouse who pulls the thorn from the paw of the lion. Heard the one about the camel who relieves himself in the river?

A new translation of "Aesop's Fables" reveals the quaint children's tales were, in the original Greek, considerably ruder and racier. The new book features gender-switching hyenas, hard-hearted frogs and a crane with a taste for double entendres.

"The ones we're familiar with have been tampered with through the ages," said co-translator Olivia Temple, who collaborated on the book with her husband, Robert Temple.

"The Victorians didn't translate any of the slightly rude ones. And the ones we have known about were turned into little morality tales for children."

Penguin Classics published "Aesop: The Complete Fables" in England last month. The book isn't due in U.S. stores until Tuesday, but it's already received attention in some expected places. Rush Limbaugh mentioned them on his radio show, wondering if they were fit for children, and they were lampooned on TV's Comedy Central as "Lust in Translation."

Little is known about Aesop, who apparently lived in Greece in the sixth century B.C. He's referred to in the writings of Aristophanes, Plato and Aristotle, among others, and he was said to have used his stories to make points in courtrooms and negotiations. It was supposedly a sign of status to quote him at drinking parties.

The new edition of the fables includes 358 entries, some 100 of which have never before appeared in English. The fables define a pagan world, the moral less that good is stronger than evil but rather that you do what you need to do to survive.

In "The Shut-In Lion and the Ploughman," the ploughman's attempt to trap the lion in his shed leads to the lion's killing all the sheep and then attacking the cattle. The moral: Don't provoke the powerful.

A hard lesson also is learned in "The Ass and the Frogs." When the ass falls into a bog and begins to cry, the frogs have no sympathy: "What sort of a noise would you make if you had been living here for as long we we have? You, who have only fallen for a moment?"

The moral: Life is tough; quit whining.

Alterations in the fables date at least to the 18th century, when a translator named Samuel Croxall freely expanded the original works. "Well over 50 percent of Croxall's so-called translations were written by Croxall," Robert Temple said.

Just a single word could make all the difference. In "The Fox and the Bunch of Grapes," a hungry fox is unable to reach a bunch of grapes hanging from a tree. As originally translated, the fox walks away and, to save face, mutters, "Those grapes are sour." That's the source of the expression "sour grapes."

But the Temples' translation reveals a sexual overlay to the story. The Greek word was not "sour," but "unripe." The phrase "unripe grapes" also could refer to a sexually immature girl.

The fables actually are no more graphic than other Greek literature, to which even some ancient Greeks objected. In Plato's "Republic," Socrates complains that Homer should not have shown the Trojan king Priam, "the kinsman of the gods," as "praying and beseeching, rolling in the dung." Socrates also criticizes Hesiod's creation poem, the "Theogony," which includes a son who castrates his father and throws away the genitals.



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