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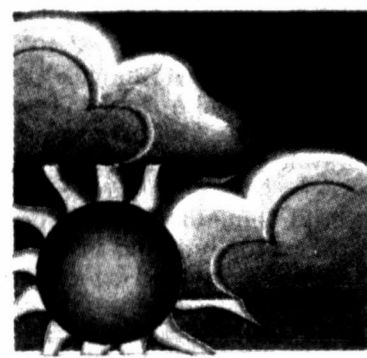
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AMARILLO -- As storm clouds gather over the Persian Gulf, a panhandle oil and gas group announced that former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney will be guest at their annual meeting this spring.

"Dick Cheney will be our keynote speaker," Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said today.

Cheney, who was Secretary of Defense during the Persian Gulf War of 1991, will speak May 6, at the association's annual convention at the Radisson Inn Hotel in Amarillo.

AUSTIN (AP) -- Garland native LeAnn Rimes is the latest -- and possibly last -- Texan to appear in the "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign.

Miss Rimes, a teen-age country music sensation, is featured in the last spot Austin advertising firm GSD&M will produce for the Texas Transportation Department.

GSD&M, which created the widely copied campaign in 1986, announced earlier this month it will not seek to renew its contract that ends March 31.

- **Finis Crutchfield Gee, 62**, retired Pampa Fire Department fireman.
- **Robert Burch "Bob" Reynolds, 70**, telecommunications and satellite communications pioneer.
- **Hubert Sauls, 66**, retired electrician, part-time city employee.
- **Bernard T. "Shorty" Smith, 92**, retired Cities Service employee.
- **Martha Ann Taylor, 65**, homemaker.

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Youngster gets lifesaving award

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

A little girl was honored for saving her family, a playground for Pampa's youth and the demolition of houses were discussed at the city commission meeting Tuesday.

The commission and fire department presented a special citation, and teddy bear to Kristen Herman, 3, who was at city hall with her mother Crystal.

Recently Kristen woke up with a headache according to her mother and then woke up a groggy family. Once the adults were awake they determined there was a carbon monoxide leak.

Kristen is credited with saving her family's life.

Rotarian Chuck White outlined plans by a group, including the Rotary Club, to build a super playground in Highland Park, near the Clarendon College building.

The project which they hope to start this fall would connect modular playground equipment involving a lot of different climbing, crawling, and exploring activities together, that White said could act as a "castle or fort"

for young children to crawl through and play in.

He predicts the project will cost around \$100,000 even though much of the labor will be volunteer efforts by the community.

He told commissioners the Rotary Club has already pledged \$6,200 and he thinks their contributions could reach \$10,000 to \$15,000 in time.

The ideas to raise money involves everything from collecting pennies and nickels at schools to calling on many of the churches and charities in town to help raise the money.

White said, "It's critical to get it started before school is out. We hope to get the kids excited and that will involve the parents."

The city commission encouraged him to go ahead with the planning and City Manager Bob Eskridge said the commission would put a resolution to approve the use of the park on a future commission agenda.

Pampa's Code Enforcement Director, Danny Winborne, discussed the progress of the city's efforts to demolish some of the city's abandoned, burned out, and unsafe houses.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Proud mom, Crystal Herman, (left) watches as her 3-year-old daughter Kristen gets a teddy bear from Pampa Fire Battalion Chief Paul Jenkins for saving her family from a carbon monoxide leak.

Oprah case should get to jury today

By **MARK BABINECK**
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) -- Attorneys for Texas cattlemen told jurors today that Oprah Winfrey's talk show should be found liable for intentionally disregarding the truth about the risk of mad cow disease in U.S. beef.

"They were on notice. They knew the truth. They broadcast it anyway because they were reckless," Joe Coyne said in closing arguments.

Just as Ms. Winfrey has a right to freedom of speech, co-counsel David Mullin said, "we have the right not to have our business damaged by a bunch of falsehoods shot out of Chicago."

The jury was expected to begin deliberations after defense closing arguments today.

Mullin and Coyne represent a group of Texas cattlemen suing

Ms. Winfrey, her production company and show guest Howard Lyman for business disparagement they say cost them \$11 million.

The cattlemen argued that an April 16, 1996, episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" about dangerous foods left viewers with the false impression that American beef could be infected by mad cow disease. The affliction has never been found in this country.

The defense has said that all the statements broadcast were either factual or were legally protected opinions and rhetoric.

Coyne argued: "You look at that transcript all day. The word opinion is not there."

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled this morning that jurors must base their decision in the multimillion-dollar squabble on the entire mad cow

See **OPRAH**, Page 2

School considering events for take daughters to work day

A variety of activities are being considered by the Pampa ISD Board of Education for this spring's Take Our Daughters to Work Day (TODTWD).

The state allows school districts to determine how the program will be conducted for the nationally recognized program, said Jane Steele, assistant superintendent of instruction.

The activities associated with the day are not open only to daughters, she said. Participation in the career/mentoring program is for both boys and girls, said Steele.

She briefed the board about the program during Tuesday's Pampa ISD Board of Education meeting.

Board members were given copies of a letter from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) which advised school districts about new scheduling opportunities and potential coordinated activities related to TODTWD. The letter confirmed that while the agency encourages career investigation and community partnership programs, district officials should not consider participation as a mandate.

The Pampa board, however, expressed interest in pursuing the program at some level. And with approval from middle school Principal Tim Powers, Steele suggested the board make the program available to middle school students only.

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Murder mystery event this weekend

CANADIAN -- Dawn was breaking over the town when a single gun shot rang out.

Sheriff Noble lay sprawled in the dirt, bushwhacked from behind.

Although set in the fictional town of Drygulch in 1872, this murder mystery will be solved Friday, Feb. 27, and again Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Pioneer Saloon in the River Valley Pioneer Museum in Canadian.

This annual fund raiser for the museum also features a silent auction along with the murder mystery "Who Shot the Sheriff?"

"It's highly improvisational," laughs Lee Walker, the museum director who wrote the script.

This is the second year the museum has staged a

murder mystery.

"We started last year," Walker says. "Two years ago, we did it as a private party. It was so successful that we thought we would use it as a fund raiser."

It was wonderfully well received."

Their annual Bullets n' Barbecue Gala begins at dusk Friday and Saturday.

"That's 6:30 p.m., pardner," Walker says.

The suspects in the mystery are Craig Caudle as Rowdy Azell, Janet Guthrie as Miss Patience, Lauren Haley as Sally Forth, Steve Johnson as Juan Bandito, Micah Lewis as Doc Mallard, Kim Parnell as Bibi Gunn and John Baker as the narrator. Call 323-6548 for reservations.



Law enforcement officers from all over the panhandle gathered to take a course in "Narcotics Interdiction" offered by the Pampa Police Department. The one-day class taught by Fort Worth Investigator Mike Kennedy was offered Tuesday and again on Wednesday.
(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LEWIS, Cecil L. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SMITH, Bernard T. "Shorty" — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.
TAYLOR, Martha Ann — 10:30 a.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Plymouth Cemetery, Samnorwood.

Obituaries

FINIS CRUTCHFIELD GEE

GRIFFIN, Ga. — Finis Crutchfield GEE, 62, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. GEE was born Sept. 2, 1935, at Sunset, Texas. He married Della Altman on June 1, 1957, at Pampa. He had been a longtime Pampa resident prior to moving to Florida and Georgia. He was a fireman with the Pampa Fire Department, retiring in 1987 after 30 years of service. He was also a master plumber and owned-operated GEE's Plumbing from 1976-1987. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include Della, of the home; two daughters, Lynette Maciel of Pampa and Carla Price of Okkechobee, Fla.; three sons, Calvin GEE and Bertie GEE, both of the home; and Buford GEE of Palm Beach Gardens; his mother, Navella GEE of Pampa; a sister, Rosetta Miller of Amarillo; three brothers, Marlin GEE of Pampa, Roland GEE of Guttenburg, Iowa, and Dennis GEE of Amarillo; and five grandchildren.

ROBERT BURCH 'BOB' REYNOLDS
RICHARDSON — Robert Burch "Bob" Reynolds, 70, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Richardson's St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Reynolds was a pioneer in the field of tele- and satellite-communications, designing and building the communications system for the Apollo man-on-the-moon missions, creating the telephone long distance switching system, transmitting the first ground-to-satellite-to-ground video picture, creating the first mobil microwave communications system used at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., and designing the satellite telephone transcontinental long distance service. Later, he worked to restore telephone service from Los Angeles to the rest of the nation following the earthquake in 1994. He was also involved in satellite communications in Japan, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Peru, Chile and other countries. He retired from Rockwell but continued to work for such companies as MCI.

He was a charter member and elder at Richardson's St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church. He served on the board of Richardson Symphony Orchestra, was a longtime member of Richardson Rotary Club and was active in various community service organizations.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Grace, and by a daughter, Susan.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy; his children, Cat Reynolds, Diana Reynolds, Fran Whitmeyer, M.C. Knox and David Palmer; a sister, Betty Jeanne Broly; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to the American Kidney Foundation or to the American Cancer Society.

The family will receive visitors from 6-9 p.m. today at the Restland Funeral Home.

HUBERT SAULS

Hubert Sauls, 66, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Sauls was born Sept. 25, 1931, at Byers, Texas. He married Betty Mills Hanson on March 7, 1974, at Big Spring. He had been a Pampa resident since 1975, moving from Big Spring. He was a salesman for Martin Glover for several years, was a retired electrician working for various construction companies in the Pampa area and was a part-time City of Pampa employee, working at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois Clutter and Dorothy Shelton.

Survivors include his wife Betty, of the home; a daughter, LaNell Scott of Trent; a stepdaughter, Debbie Cochran of Pampa; two stepsons, Lee Hanson of Indiana, Pa., and Donald Hanson of Juneau, Alaska; a sister, Ola Mae Basquet of Evans, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Drive, Suite G-100, Austin, TX 78731-1606.

BERNARD T. 'SHORTY' SMITH

LEFORS — Bernard T. "Shorty" Smith, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 23, 1905, at Childress. He married Celia Ward Smith on Nov. 16, 1946, at Shamrock; she died April 22, 1987. He had been a Lefors resident and an employee of Cities Service, for 37 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving with the SeaBees during World War II from 1942-43, where he was stationed in the Bermudas, seeing

action at Iwo Jima.

Survivors include a niece, Ann Steppes of Amarillo; and two nephews, Joe S. Smith, Jr., of Amarillo and Clyde Smith of Childress.

MARTHA ANN TAYLOR

Martha Ann Taylor, 65, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Nachtigall officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Plymouth Cemetery at Samnorwood. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Taylor was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Collingsworth County, Texas. She graduated from high school at Samnorwood. She married Eugene Taylor on June 8, 1951, in Collingsworth County. She had been a Pampa resident since 1964, moving from Wheeler. She was a homemaker and a member of Highland Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Randall Taylor, on Sept. 21, 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, of the home; a daughter, Janet Lynn O'Neill of Amarillo; three sons, Kevin Taylor of Amarillo and Phillip Keith Taylor and Steven Taylor, both of Pampa; five sisters, Shirley Andrus, Odessa Ledbetter, Linda West and Carolyn Taylor, all of Pampa, and Bonnie Guthrie of Wellington; three brothers, Bill Kidwell and Doug Kidwell, both of Pampa, and Otis Kidwell, Jr., of Monahans; and 14 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

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

Tuesday, February 24

Juan Ruben Abriso, 21, 1005 Varnon, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle.

Oaty Roderick McCain, 68, McCain, was arrested for public intoxication.

Steven Lee Cook, 40, 520 N. Russell, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeremy B. Lambert, 21, 1121 Strarkweather, was arrested on warrants.

Thalamus Malone, 20, 509 Harlem, was arrested for violation of probation.

Charles Edward Broadbent, 40, 412 Ward, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fires

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

Tuesday, February 24

2:55 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 2506 Charles on a CO alarm.

5:31 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of N. Hobart on a medical assist.

8:37 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 1400 block of N. Hobart on an automobile accident.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, February 24

Charles Martinez, 65, 720 N. West, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, February 24

10:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

2:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Gray "8" and Gray "C" and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville on an auto accident and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hobart on an auto accident. No one was transported.

Wednesday, February 25

6:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of McCullough and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.94	dn 1/16
Milo	4.06	dn 1/16
Corn	4.658	dn 1/16
Soybeans	5.988	dn 1/16

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

Occidental	24 7/8	dn 1/4
Magellan	101 62	dn 1/4
Puritan	19.99	dn 1/4

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

Amoco	83 1/16	dn 3/16
Arco	74 1/4	dn 3/16
Cabot	32 3/8	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	19 15/16	dn 1/16
Chevron	78 3/8	dn 7/16
Coca-Cola	68 11/16	up 3/8
Columbia/HCA	26	dn 1/8
Enron	45 1/16	up 11/16
Halliburton	44	up 1/16
IRI	11 7/16	NC
KNE	51 5/16	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	65 3/16	dn 9/16
Limited	28 7/8	NC
Mapco	54	dn 9/16
McDonald's	52 3/16	up 9/16
Mobil	70 1/16	up 1/8
New Atmos	28 3/8	dn 1/8
NCE	46 9/16	up 1/4
Phillips	66 11/16	dn 5/8
Phillips	45 5/8	dn 1/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	22 15/16	up 1/2
SLB	72 9/16	up 1 3/4
Tenneco	41 3/16	up 7/16
Tetaco	55	up 1/4
Ultramar	35 1/16	NC
Wal-Mart	47 11/16	up 13/16
New York Gold	292.20	NC
Silver	6.27	NC
West Texas Crude	15.13	NC

Correction

The presiding judge of the 31st Judicial District is Kent Sims who will face Steve Emmert in the November elections. Sims was misidentified in an article Tuesday.

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"There are a lot of roadblocks to get through but I have been working diligently working on this thing," he said.

Winborne said that he now has a list of 13 houses that are scheduled for demolition.

"Within a two-week period, seven houses will come down," Winborne said.

Most of the houses that are being demolished have been houses where the owners of the properties were contacted and approved the demolition.

Commissioner Faustina Curry said she has had citizens suggest to her that the city should get rid of all the houses, "just go in there and tear them

down". She said she reminded them that it's private property and certain laws have to followed to destroy private property.

In other action the commission reappointed Taunita Olson and Brian Butler to the Cable Advisory Commission and authorized the city manager to join a committee to watch progress of EPA regulations concerning storm water management.

Commissioners also purchased two backhoe/loaders from Scott Tractor the lowest bidder of \$117,400. The commission also agreed to sell an abandoned house at 629 Yeager Street for \$1,100. According to Winborne the house had garbage piled knee high and a bad stench. One of the conditions of the sale is to clean up the house.

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OPRAH

segment, not on specific comments made by vegetarian activist Lyman, as the defense had asked.

Ms. Robinson also ruled today that jurors must base damages on actual cattle sales losses, a figure much lower than the total losses the cattlemen claimed their business suffered.

A week ago, Ms. Robinson dealt a heavy blow to the cattlemen's case when she said the lawsuit could not go forward under Texas' "veggie libel" law, which protects agricultural products from false and disparaging remarks.

Defendants argue that because no one on Ms. Winfrey's show mentioned the plaintiffs by name,

it couldn't possibly have disparaged them. The show had to be "of and concerning" the cattlemen to disparage, defense attorneys wrote.

The cattlemen cited a lower court ruling in a 1990 lawsuit pitting Washington state apple growers against CBS over a "60 Minutes" report that linked a size-regulating spray to cancer in children. The initial ruling allowed the lawsuit to proceed even though the broadcast didn't mention specific growers. An appeals court eventually found in favor of CBS but didn't address the "of and concerning" issue.

Ms. Winfrey has taped her talk show in Amarillo since the trial began last month. She will produce her final Texas show Thursday.

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SCHOOL

"The national TODTWD focuses primarily upon students in the middle/junior high school range. School districts are encouraged to focus TODTWD activities on this age level, rather than on very young students or on those already in high school," the TEA letter reads.

Steele proposed the first week in May as a possible time frame for the event.

The board also entertained the idea of coordinating the event for a half a day instead of a full

day as suggested by member Pat Kennedy. Talk of having students write essays about what they did on the day was also mentioned. President of the board, John Curry, sparked a conversation on the possibility of having parents recruit mentors that are employed in a career in which their child has an interest. The board and the staff said they were concerned that students be provided with a well-organized and useful experience.

"We want to make sure this is very meaningful if the students are going to miss a full day," Steele said.

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance will be held Saturday Feb. 21, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The band will be Bordline. The admission will be \$5

and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Bring snacks and finger foods by 7:30 p.m. For more information call 665-2829.

API MEETING

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

Emergency numbers

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

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Windy today with winds out of the west at 25-35 mph and gusting; high of 60. Tonight, diminishing winds, fair and a low of 34. Partly cloudy and cool tomorrow with a high of 52 and a northwest wind of 10-20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy and cool with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s, mid 60s Hill Country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy with occasional thunderstorms, some possibly severe with locally heavy rains. Lows in the mid 50s inland to upper 50s coast. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness with a few morning showers. Highs in the mid 60s inland to lower 60s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Wind advisory in effect. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 60 coast to the mid 50s inland. Thursday, a 20 percent

chance of morning showers, then partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 70s.

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — A wind advisory is in effect for today. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low 25 to 30. West wind 15-25 mph Diminishing to under 20 mph by midnight. Caution advised on area lakes until midnight. Thursday, partly cloudy and cool with a high near 50. Northwest wind 15-25 mph with higher gusts. Low Rolling Plains — Wind advisory in effect today, Tonight, clear. Lows in the 30s. Thursday, sunny and breezy. Highs around 60. Permian Basin/Upper Trans. Pecos — Wind advisory northern Permian Basin today. Tonight, clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Thursday, sunny. Highs around 65. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Wind advisory Concho Valley today. Tonight, clear. Lows 35-40. Thursday, sunny and breezy. Highs 65-70. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows 35-40. Thursday, sunny and breezy. Highs 55-60. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 40s. Thursday, sunny. Highs in

the lower 50s mountains to near 70 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Wind advisory today west and central. Tonight, partly cloudy west. A slight chance of thunderstorms early central then decreasing cloudiness. Mostly cloudy east with showers and thunderstorms likely. Cooler with lows 40 west to 53 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of, showers. Decreasing cloudiness by afternoon all but the northeast. Highs 62 to 67.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Wind advisory east half today. Tonight, mostly cloudy north with a few snow showers. Partly cloudy central and south. Lows 10 to around 20 mountains and north with 20s to lower 30s elsewhere. Thursday, mostly cloudy north with a few rain or snow showers. Partly cloudy south. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and north with 50s to lower 60s south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s northwest to mid 40s southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.

City briefs

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BETA SIGMA Phi Mardi Gras Scholarship Dance & Casino

Feb. 28th, 8-12 a.m. Reservations - call Linda Duncan 665-3867 or Sue Garner 665-3261. Adv.

DOUGLAS FINA 200 N. Hobart.

Wash/Vac, oil changes, details by appointment. 669-9534. Adv.

K OF C Polish Sausage Dinner, March 1st, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

K of C Hall at Ward & Buckler. Adv.

ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts has moved to 301 W. Foster. Adv.

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MEALS ON Wheels Garage Sale, 318 N. Cuyler-Open for collections & sales, Mon. Mar. 2, 5:30 p.m. No furniture or Lrg. appliances. Adv.

GOP wrestles over tax cut strategy

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are battling internally over whether to seek a new round of deep tax cuts or smaller cuts, reflecting divisions over the best approach to November elections in which congressional control is at stake.

Arguing for a modest approach are many in the Senate, including Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici of New Mexico. They are talking about tax cuts of around \$30 billion over five years, about what President Clinton has proposed and one-fifth of the reductions included in last summer's balanced-budget plan.

Supporters of this plan argue that Clinton's call to use expected budget surpluses to buttress Social Security is so politically powerful that it would be a losing battle to propose using surpluses to pay for a bigger tax-cut package. They cite surveys such as a New York Times-CBS News poll earlier this month that showed that even among Republicans, cutting taxes finishes a poor third behind Social Security and reducing the national debt when people are asked how the surplus should be used.

"I think we get killed. We lose on that" if the issue comes down to a fight over using surpluses for either tax cuts or strengthening Social Security, said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., a House moderate who supports limiting tax cuts and paying for them.

But many House members and other Republicans want the GOP to push for a tax cut that is two, three or more times bigger, even if Clinton vetoes it. They say reducing taxes is the party's premier issue and the one most likely to motivate core Republican voters

this November, when there will be no presidential race to stir wide interest.

Saying the \$30 billion tax-cut figure is not "cast in stone," Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson said in a brief interview Tuesday. "You won't see us abandoning our commitment to cutting taxes."

"I don't think we can do very much" with \$30 billion, said Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, of the tax-writing House Ways and

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Means Committee. "I'll push personally for a much bigger tax cut."

Archer also criticized Clinton's budget for its proposed tax increases and new revenue sources. "The president has proposed a series of tax hikes on women, widows and middle-income Americans who save; millions of airline passengers; small businesses that create jobs and manufacturers that export," he said Tuesday.

Clinton's budget calls for \$24.2 billion in targeted tax cuts through 2003, offset by \$105.6 billion in new revenues, chiefly the \$65.5 billion the administration expects to receive from the tobacco litigation settlement and \$23 billion in tax increases on corporations.

Republicans who want a big tax package are ready with many

proposals. These include making higher-income people eligible for the lowest 15 percent income-tax bracket, or easing the so-called "marriage penalty," which raises taxes for many people when they marry.

But other GOP lawmakers say Republicans won their budget victory with last year's balanced-budget and tax-cut package, and with the likelihood that the strong economy will eliminate federal deficits in the next few months. They question why they should risk a political defeat by Clinton on tax cuts when polls show the public is not demanding them.

Within the month, Republicans hope to push through the Senate a budget mapping spending and tax plans for fiscal 1999, which begins Oct. 1. Senate GOP leaders have circulated an outline of their budget priorities, which include adhering to spending caps in last summer's balanced-budget pact and paying for any tax cuts with offsetting tax increases or spending reductions.

But things are moving more slowly in the House, where Republicans are less unified and don't plan on voting on a budget until after lawmakers return from their Easter break in late April.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has been meeting with six other House leaders and committee chairmen to begin crafting a budget framework. One participant is House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., who is fighting for billions of dollars in new highway spending, but tax cuts are likely to be given top billing in whatever emerges.

Underlining that, Gingrich told reporters Tuesday, "I am adamantly committed to a tax cut this year."

Even in the Senate, pressure from some conservatives for deeper tax cuts had Lott saying this week that the outline of Senate budget principles was "very, very preliminary."

That elicited a warning Tuesday from the White House, where officials believe they have a political winner in Clinton's State of the Union plea to use surpluses to help "Save Social Security first" — and not to pay for tax cuts or spending increases.

"My suggestion is that Republicans should not even think about defying the Social Security first principle," said Gene Sperling, one of Clinton's economic advisers.

Whatever the size of their tax package, Republicans are also planning on House and Senate votes this year on a conservative plan to simply end the federal income tax after 2001.

The proposal, designed to highlight the GOP's desire to overhaul the unpopular tax system, does not address what new revenues would replace the lost hundreds of billions of dollars the income tax brings the government annually.

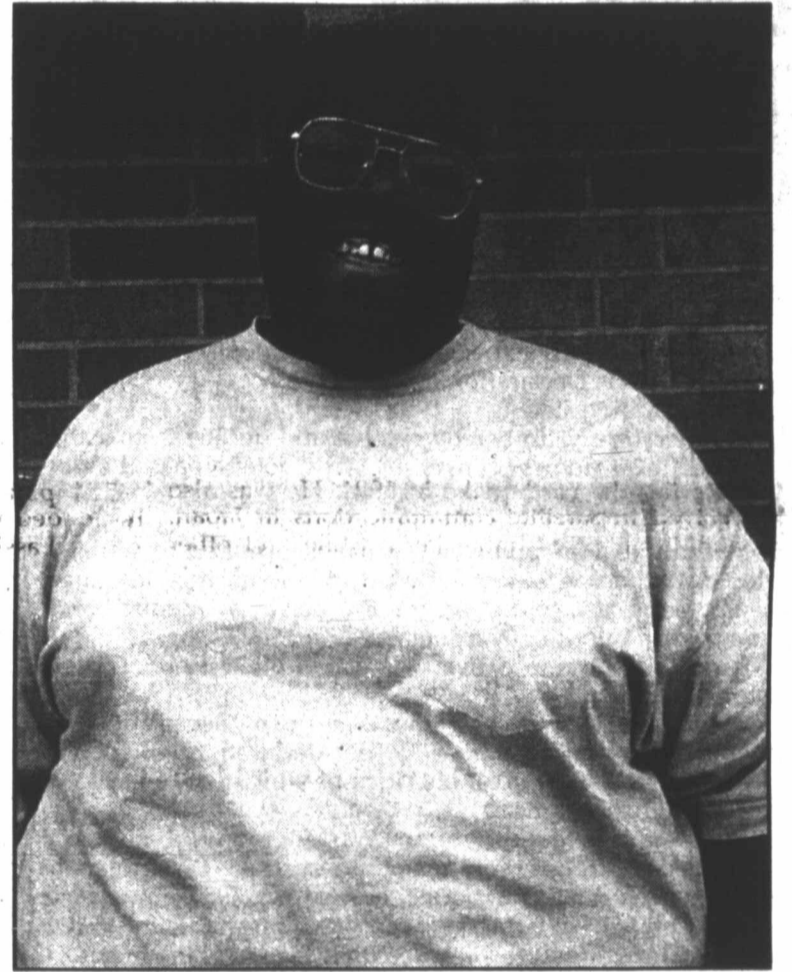
Pampa Nursing Center



(Community Camera photos)

Lenora Young, Dorothy Sorenson and Dorothy Crump join Activity Director Jodie Jones at the snack table during Pampa Nursing Center's Valentine's celebration which featured Pampa High School's Fiesta Dancers.

Perfect attendance



(Community Camera photo)

Johnny Fuller was recently awarded \$100 gift from America Health Services and Pampa Nursing Center for perfect attendance for November and December 1997.

Baptist General Convention Executive Board votes to disassociate itself from Austin church

DALLAS (AP) — Church members expelled from a statewide Baptist group for actively supporting homosexuals say the action is similar to efforts in the 1940s to keep blacks out of white church pews.

The 180-member executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas voted Tuesday to disassociate itself from Austin's University Baptist Church.

"We cannot approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate," said Tulsa pastor Charles Davenport, head of the committee that drafted the motion.

It wasn't the first time the Austin church found itself ousted for such reasons.

In 1948, it was disavowed by the Austin Baptist Convention when it allowed blacks to sit in the same pews with whites. Then in the early 1970s, it was criticized for ordaining female deacons.

Hans Venable, a gay man whose ordination as deacon at University Baptist helped precipitate Tuesday's action, said biblical arguments also were made against blacks in the church.

"I do see this as a very similar issue," Venable said. But Venable said he found hope in debate that preceded the board vote.

"I have to say that there are a lot of positive outcomes," he said. "It's just been such a wonderful opportunity to talk about our ministry and spread the debate further about how gays and lesbians can be safe in church, where they can be loved and participate fully."

David Stahl, a church member

and Venable's partner of 15 years, said the expulsion could actually help the gay and lesbian cause.

"From what I heard ... this debate is going to continue in the BGCT churches," Stahl said. "They're going to go back to their home churches and talk about this, and know what's right. It was a very encouraging step into the future."

The motion supported by the board asks University Baptist to remove any claim of affiliation with the convention from its literature and Internet site. The convention also will no longer accept money donated from the church for missionary programs.

Tuesday's vote was sparked when top group officials learned

last month that the University Baptist Web site mentions its convention affiliation.

The church has had a tenuous relationship with the convention since it ordained Venable in 1994. The church also drew fire for sponsoring and inviting homosexuals to participate in Open Circle, a ministry for gays and lesbians.

Convention leaders insisted their vote was not a condemnation of the church's acceptance of homosexuals.

"We commend the church for their ministry, and we feel that churches should minister (to homosexuals)," Davenport said. "But ministering to is different than an affirmation of, and we interpret (the church's activities)

to be an affirmation of."

University Baptist Pastor Larry Bethune said he doesn't understand the distinction.

"I don't feel very commended as a church for our ministry to gays and lesbians today," Bethune said after the vote.

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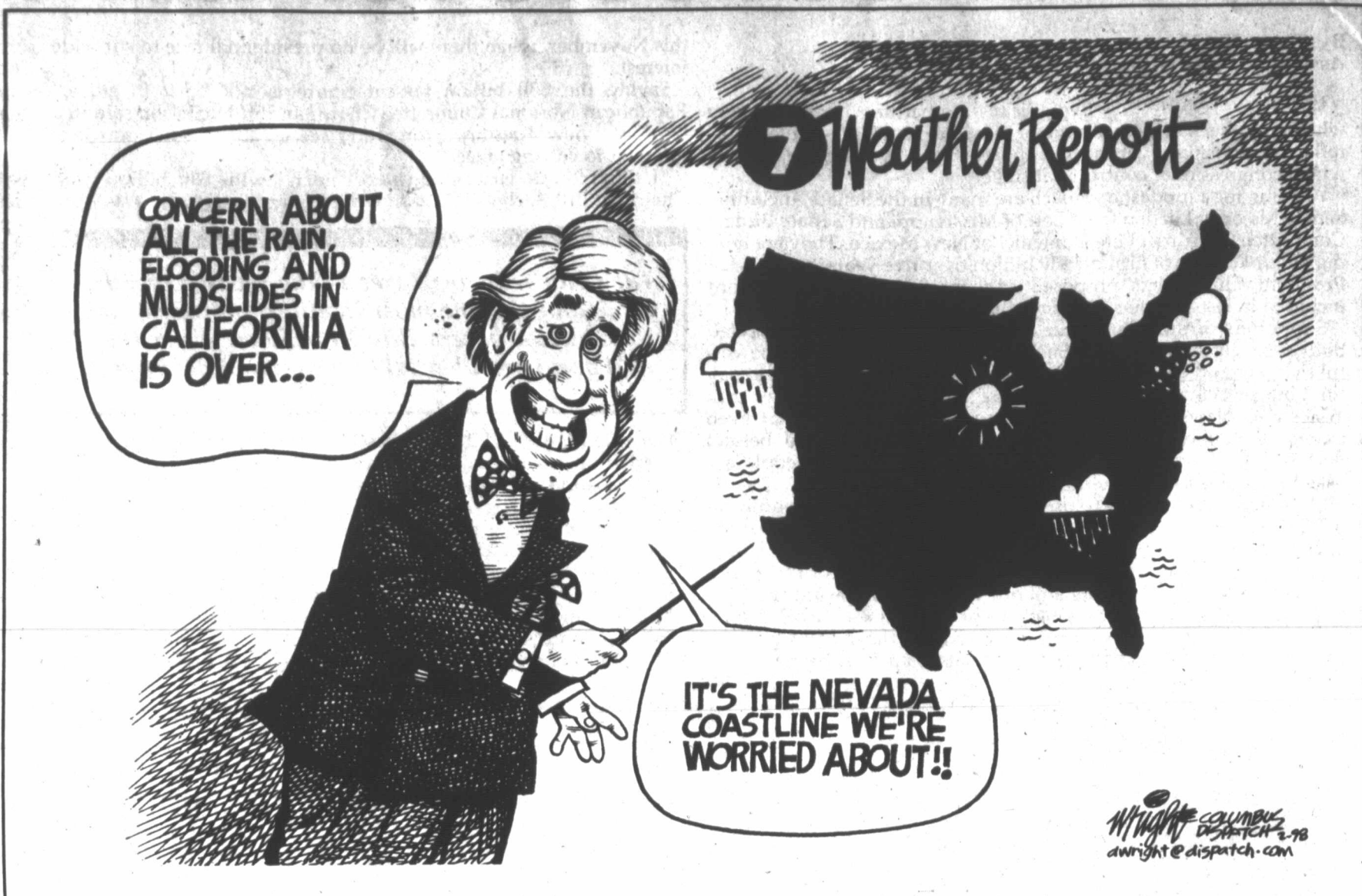
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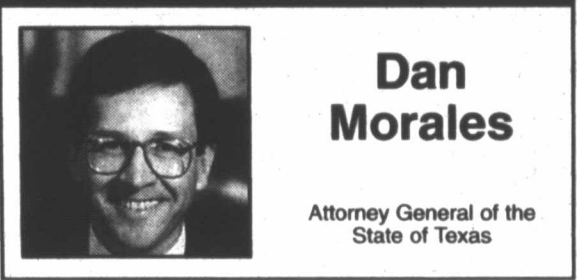
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Inside the Beltway
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Home equity loans new option



Dan Morales
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

In November 1997, Texas voted to amend the state constitution, making home equity loans legal in Texas for the first time. We at the Office of the Attorney General want you to understand your rights if you are considering a home equity loan.

Under the new law, the total amount of all liens against your property, including the mortgage, tax liens and home equity loan lien, may not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of your home. For example, if you own a home worth \$100,000, and you owe \$50,000 on the mortgage, the most you can borrow through a home equity loan is \$30,000. Only one lien securing a home equity loan may be in effect at any given time, and only one such lien may be approved per year.

There is a three-day cooling off period after you close on the loan. This means you have three days to change your mind and cancel the loan without paying any fee or penalty. In addition, you must wait 12 days between the time you submit your loan application and the day you close on the loan.

Other safeguards are:

- You can only lose your home by order of a court.
- You and your spouse cannot be held personally liable for the loan, unless you obtain it by fraud.

—You can repay the loan in advance without paying a penalty, and your lender cannot force you to repay the loan faster simply because the market value of your home goes down.

—Your lender cannot force you to use the home equity loan to pay off another debt.

—Lenders cannot use wage garnishment as security for a home equity loan.

—You are not required to sign any form or applications which has blank spaces to be filled in at a later date.

Home equity scams are a growing problem for consumers and law enforcement officials alike. In the most common schemes, a con artist will convince a home owner to take out a home equity loan and invest the cash in a bogus investment, mortgage refinancing offer, home improvement scam, debt consolidation plan or similar scheme.

—Be leery of anyone who offers to help you get a home equity loan so that you can take advantage of a special one-time-only investment offer.

—Have all of the paperwork relating to the loan reviewed by a lawyer or financial advisor of your choice. Do not rely solely on the advice of a lawyer or accountant brought in by the lender.

Be wary of unfamiliar lenders or investment counselors who offer to process all of the paperwork related to consolidating your debts or investing the proceeds of your loan. They may pocket your cash instead, leaving you with no equity in your home, no cash, and bills still waiting to be paid.

Thoroughly investigate potential lenders and investment offers. Get independent financial or legal advice before you act. Be honest in assessing how much debt you can afford, and shop around to make sure you are getting the best return for your money. Above all, do not let others rush you into making decisions.

Whether your goal is debt consolidation, making home repairs, investing for college tuition or financing a dream vacation, the basic rules for smart investing are just as valid when considering a home equity loan as they are for any other financial decision.

Lone Star rising: Texas celebrates independence

At the beginning of each year I look forward to March 2, a special day for Texans, a day that fills our hearts with pride.

On that day, 162 years ago, a solemn convention of 54 men meeting in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos signed the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The declaration stated:

"We, therefore ... do hereby resolve and declare ... that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic..."

At the time, Texas was a remote territory of Mexico, hospitable only to the bravest and most determined of settlers. After declaring our independence, the founding delegates quickly wrote a constitution for the newborn republic and organized an interim government.

My great-great-grandfather was one of the signers of those historic documents.

As was the case when the American Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, our declaration only pointed the way toward a goal, the price of which was enormous effort and great sacrifice.

While the convention sat in Washington-on-the-Brazos, 6,000 Mexican troops were marching on the Alamo to challenge the newly created republic. Several days earlier, from the Alamo, Colonel William Travis sent his immortal letter to the people of Texas — and to all Americans. He knew the Mexican Army was approaching, and he knew that he had only a very few men at arms to help defend the San Antonio fortress.

Colonel Travis wrote:

"Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna — I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man — the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken — I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall — I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country — Victory or Death. William Barret Travis, Lt. Col, Commander."

What American, Texan or otherwise, can fail to be stirred by Col. Travis' resolve?

In the battle that followed, 184 brave men died in a heroic but vain attempt to fend off Santa Anna's overwhelming army. But the Alamo was crucial. Because those heroes at the Alamo held out for so long, Santa Anna's forces were battered and diminished. Gen. Sam Houston gained the time he needed to muster his forces and devise a strategy to defeat Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

The Lone Star was visible on the horizon at last.

We Texans continue to commemorate the heroic times during which we won our independence, existed as a republic and finally joined the Union. Each year in March I read Colonel Travis' letter to my colleagues in the Senate to remind them — and all of us — of the pride Texans share in their history, and in being the only state that came into the Union as a republic.

By The Associated Press

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 1998. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:
 In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth the First.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first

state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows" made its debut on NBC.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election. Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

Today in history

In 1990, Nicaraguans voted in an election that led to an upset victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: Panama's civilian president, Eric Arturo Delvalle announced the dismissal of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as commander of the country's Defense Forces. The next day, Panama's National Assembly voted to oust Delvalle.

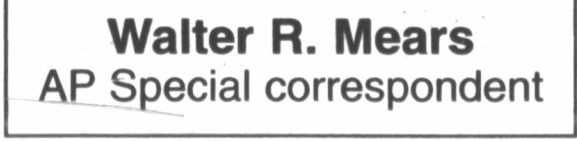
Five years ago: President Clinton ordered the Pentagon to mount an

airdrop of relief supplies into Bosnia-Herzegovina.

One year ago: China's elite bid a final farewell to Deng Xiaoping, the country's last major revolutionary leader. A jury in Media, Pa., convicted multimillionaire John E. du Pont of third-degree murder, deciding he was mentally ill when he killed world-class wrestler David Schultz.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 71. Musician Tommy Newsom is 69. Actor Tom Courtenay is 61. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 61. Actress Diane Baker is 60. Rock singer-musician George Harrison is 55.

Saddam granted one more chance ...



Walter R. Mears
 AP Special correspondent

He said he wants all the details defined, but as a practical matter, any deal to reopen inspections could hardly have been refused, with world and U.S. opinion divided on striking Iraq.

While Clinton had emphasized diplomacy first, he did not mean bargaining or concessions. It was to be diplomacy with the result set in advance — Iraqi compliance with the terms Baghdad accepted seven years ago.

That seems to be what Annan arranged, in an accord that also is said to renew the offer of easing or lifting U.N. economic sanctions if there is full compliance with eliminating weapons of mass destruction, with a provision to have U.N.-chosen diplomats accompany the inspectors to some suspect sites, a gesture to Iraqi sensitivities.

Clinton said the settlement, if Iraq abides by it, will enforce a proven system against weapons of mass destruction — chemical, biological and nuclear.

He said inspectors "are the most effective tool we have" against those weapons, the missiles to deliver them, and the capacity to rebuild them once found and destroyed.

More have been eliminated in seven years of inspections than by the air raids of the 1991 Gulf War. Air strikes in this crisis would have risked an outright end to those inspections. And the administration already has toned down its claims of what air strikes would accomplish.

Clinton had told Congress the United States was determined to deny Saddam the capacity to use weapons of mass destruction, but later lowered the aim a bit, saying air strikes couldn't destroy that capacity, but would leave Saddam worse off than before.

The president said the tough U.S. stance was essential in producing the deal Saddam accepted. Now it is a question of compliance, and of convincing a restive Congress that administration policy has succeeded so far.

Republicans can't argue with reopened, unrestricted inspections. Instead, they'll wait and see whether their chorused warnings that no deal with Saddam is reliable prove valid, and Iraq stirs another crisis.

Clinton, no less suspicious, had his own answer. "If Iraq fails to comply this time ... there will be serious consequences," he said.

But there aren't any now. Saddam went to the brink, and backed away, to the position he'd accepted in the first place, before he began balking and then blocking weapons inspections. Clinton didn't say Saddam had capitulated, only that he had "admitted he has to honor commitments he made back in '91."

The White House wasn't declaring winners or losers. Press secretary Mike McCurry said there was more work to be done, and added, "I think it'll be some time before we would attempt to make any final analysis of that kind of nature."

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Junior Service League members



(Community Camera photo)

Junior Service League recently installed the following new members: back row: Jill Troxell, Stacie King, Dena Shields, Christy Hardin and Misede Carter; front row: J.J. Slatten, Donna Young and Toni Engle.

Dallas native receives four Grammy nominations

DALLAS (AP) — When Erykah Badu's grandmother dropped her off for her first flight to New York, the young, soulful singer promised she'd make it big.

"I was telling her, 'Gosh, I hate to see you go so far,'" Viola Wilson, Ms. Badu's paternal grandmother, recalled saying when the singer got a record contract. "You know how mother hens are."

"And she said, 'Well, Momma I'm really going to make you proud. I'm going to make this bigger than big.'"

And she has. In a year, Ms. Badu has released two albums, appeared in a soap opera and the new movie, "Blues Brothers 2000." She also has four Grammy Award nominations.

So Ms. Badu has returned to the Big Apple, where tonight she'll find out if she'll be bringing any Grammy Awards back to Texas.

The singer, billed as the next Billie Holiday, is up for awards for best New Artist, Female Rhythm & Blues Vocal Performance, Rhythm & Blues Song and Rhythm & Blues Album.

Her African headdress, hazel eyes and tall, slender frame are eye-catchers, but teachers at Dallas' Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts said it was rap that made Ms. Badu the center of attention there.

"We knew that she had wonderful talent when she was here," said Rosann Cox, Ms. Badu's high school dance instructor. "She had started on rap verses before rap verses were big."

Ms. Badu's smooth, soulful voice and talent have taken her far from the school that sits among downtown Dallas' skyscrapers.

The school where graffiti is encouraged and metal detectors are nonexistent has become well-regarded for the talent it produces.

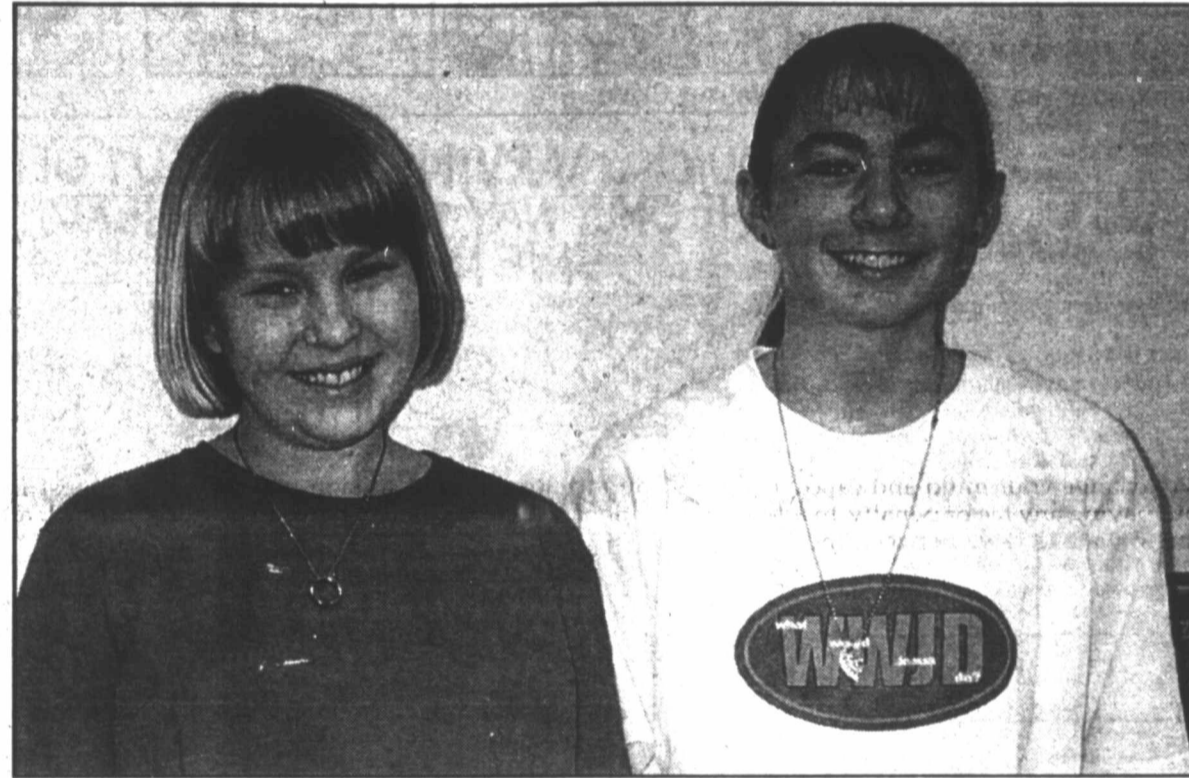
Singer Edie Brickell, jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove and Spin Doctors drummer Aaron Comess are all alums. Hargrove is also up for a Grammy tonight.

Ms. Badu didn't respond to an interview request. Her former teacher said the singer had "a spirit about her."

"Erykah would have succeeded whether she had us or not," Ms. Cox said. "When you looked at Erykah there was a light behind her eyes and a real special aura about her. You knew destiny was going to do something wonderful for her."

Ms. Badu's jazz-R&B mix and spiritual lyrics have invigorated the music industry, said Dallas Morning News music critic Thor Christensen.

Spelling bee champs



(Community Camera photo)

Fifth grader Emily Elliott, left, and seventh grader Kendra Raber were winners of Pampa Home Educators' Association Spelling Bee. Raber was champion in the PHEA contest while Elliott was first runner-up. Both students will participate in the Gray County Spelling Bee March 6 in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building.

Teen kills self following botched kidnapping-murder attempt

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — A 19-year-old man who was promised a new stereo system for kidnapping and killing a friend's grandmother shot himself to death when apprehended with the bound and gagged woman in the trunk of his car, police said.

Chris McDonald was promised the \$900 stereo for kidnapping and killing Linda Byrd, 51, authorities said.

The Huffman man died at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hermann Hospital in Houston where he had been treated for a self-inflicted gunshot wound since his arrest late Monday night.

Officers said Mrs. Byrd was taken from her home in the Houston suburb of Huffman about 8:30 a.m. Monday. She was bound and gagged and kept in the trunk while McDonald drove around the area for hours.

Kenneth Starr probing lengths of White House damage control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pressing ahead with his investigation into what role the White House has had in disseminating derogatory personal information amid reports that President Clinton will try to shield his closest aides from grand jury questioning about Monica Lewinsky.

On Tuesday, Starr's office subpoenaed White House lawyer Lanny Breuer, who has been one of the president's legal advisers in the Whitewater investigation. Breuer was expected to appear as early as today before the grand jury Starr is using to look into Ms. Lewinsky's allegations of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

That presaged a showdown over what Clinton's aides should be forced to reveal to Starr.

The New York Times in today's editions said Clinton has decided to invoke so-called executive privilege to prevent his top aides from testifying about their internal White House discussions about the Lewinsky investigations.

Quoting lawyers involved in the case, the newspaper said the president made the decision after Starr filed a motion last week to compel testimony from his close friend and deputy White House counsel Bruce Lindsey. Lindsey deferred answers to some questions in two appearances before the grand jury.

A hearing before U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson on a White House motion to exert executive privilege could be held as early as this week, the newspaper said.

Two senior Clinton advisers, saying the proceedings are under court seal, would not confirm or deny Tuesday night whether Clinton has decided to invoke executive privilege. But they said many elements of the Times story were not accurate.

Meanwhile, Starr's decision to look into White House contacts with reporters prompted a sharp attack from Clinton backers. "This smacks of Gestapo. ... This outstrips McCarthyism. ... Forget chilling effect, this is deep freeze," former White House adviser Harold Ickes said.

In response, Starr said he simply wanted to ensure that his investigation was not obstructed. He said he "has received repeated press inquiries indicating that misinformation is being spread about personnel involved in this investigation."

"We are using traditional and appropriate techniques to find out who is responsible and whether their actions are intended to intimidate prosecutors and investigators, impede the work of the grand jury or otherwise obstruct justice," Starr added.

At issue is a recent campaign by presidential supporters to provide damaging information to news organizations, including The Associated Press, about the backgrounds of two of Starr's prosecutors.

Earlier in their careers, Bruce Udolf and Michael Emmick supervised cases in which prosecutors' conduct was sharply criticized. The feeding of derogatory information about the investigators is part of a larger campaign by the Clinton camp to portray Starr as waging a political vendetta against the president and the first lady.

Man apprehended for trying to rendezvous with 13-year-old

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A chemical engineer from Oklahoma has been arrested after he arrived in Corpus Christi for an apparent sexual rendezvous with a 13-year-old girl he met on the Internet.

James C. Lacey, 51, of Broken Arrow, Okla., was charged in federal court Monday with violations of federal child pornography laws.

Lacey was arrested Friday at a Corpus Christi mall where authorities said he was to rendezvous with the girl. Instead he met an undercover federal agent who posed as the 13-year-old girl.

He remained in the Nueces County Jail Tuesday. A bond hearing is set for Thursday.

Lacey was charged with transmitting child pornography across state lines with a computer and traveling across state lines with the intent of engaging in sex with a minor.

"He had the room rented and a car rented and the nine yards," said Capt. Mark Schauer of Corpus Christi Police Department.

On Nov. 8, Sgt. Mickey Leadingham of the Corpus Christi Police Department's special services division logged onto America Online under the assumed identity of a 13-year-old girl named "Ryan".

Leadingham, who started the investigation on his own time, did so partially because of an incident last August when a 12-year-old Gregory girl ran off with a 39-year-old man she had met on the Internet. David Lynn Tindle, a postal worker, was arrested in Waco in connection with the girl's abduction and rape.

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Husband Asks For Equality In Giving And Getting Gifts

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I will be celebrating our 54th wedding anniversary this year, and I have had the same gripe for half a century. What on God's green earth makes women think that holidays are only for them? Let's take last year, for example:

On Valentine's Day, I gave my wife a lovely silver and gold choker with matching bracelet and earrings. I would have loved to have seen a bottle of champagne in the bedroom, or received an invitation to go out for dinner. Neither happened.

Three months before our anniversary, I planned a weekend at a first-class resort, and for her birthday, we went on a two-week cruise. This was all booked and paid for in advance. On our anniversaries, I am lucky to get a card from her.

Abby, we live in an affluent community, and I see many wives making a fuss over their husbands. But every time I mention my feelings, my wife tells me that holidays are for wives. The topper was when she said, "I go to bed with you; what else do you want?" Her favorite is, "You have everything; I don't know what to get for you."

I could go on for days, but this is enough for one letter. Thanks for listening.

HURT HUSBAND

DEAR HURT HUSBAND: Your wife should be ashamed of herself. Although most of us of a certain age have most of the material things we need, every-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

one likes to be remembered on special occasions.

Actions speak louder than words. Show her this column, and tell her that gift-giving should be a two-way street.

DEAR ABBY: My son "George" was 17, and his girlfriend, "Lulu," was 18 when she announced that she was pregnant with George's child. When I told him, "The first thing we'll do is have some blood tests done to be sure that's true," George insisted that he would accept the baby as his own whether it was his or not. Hearing that, his father and I agreed to accept the child as our grandchild.

Well, Lulu had the baby and everything seemed to be fine until they broke up seven months later. Lulu refused to let George, me or anyone in the family see the baby. I was so upset I called our family lawyer, who informed me that there's nothing we can do about it

because Lulu didn't put George's name on the birth certificate.

The problem is, George and Lulu are back together again. When I heard the news, I informed my son that Lulu was not to come near me, and I wouldn't accept the baby as my grandchild until the blood tests were taken. George told his father that he thinks I'm being immature, and I should learn to take things as they come. How can I make him see that I can't accept Lulu treating my heart like a yo-yo? Please help me.

TORN IN TUSCALOOSA

DEAR TORN: Although I don't blame you for being hurt, you will get nowhere if you take a hard-line stance. Lulu and George are both very young, and Lulu must have been furious at him to take out her wrath on the entire family.

Swallow your anger and try to make a friend of Lulu. Tell her that you were very hurt by what she did, but you'd like to put the episode behind you. She needs a mature and steady influence in her life, and if you provide it, you could reap a loving, rewarding dividend.

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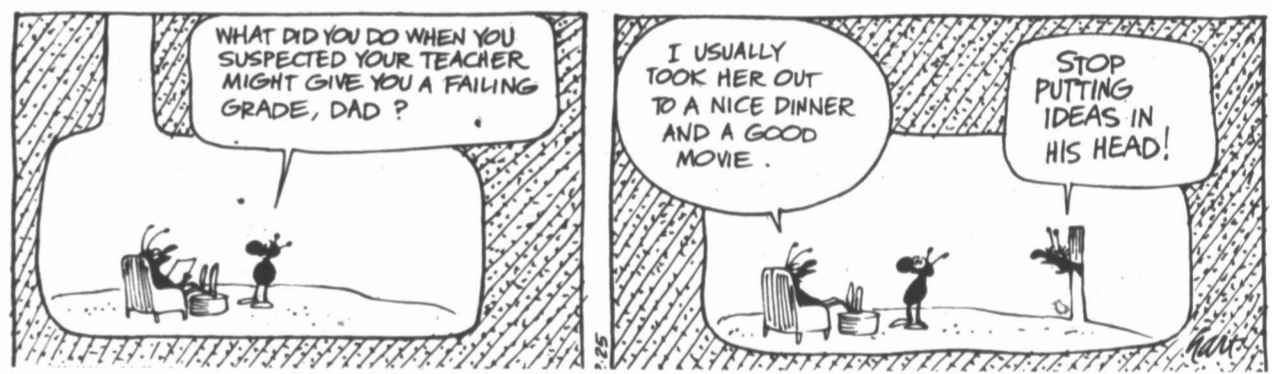
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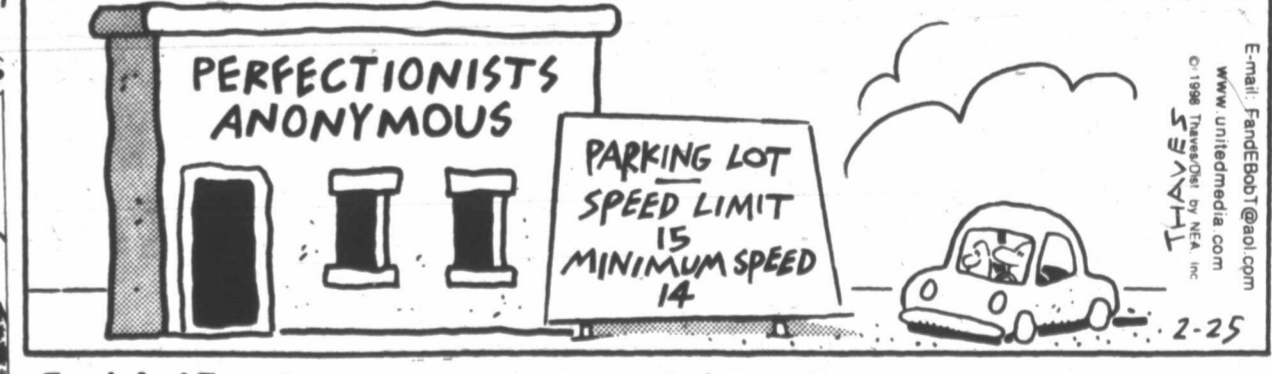
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Eek & Meek



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Mallard Filmore

Horoscope

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998

Constructive currents will be stirring in the year ahead that will strengthen your financial resolve. This could be an interesting and impressive earnings cycle for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually, you are a rather cautious person, but today you may not be able to distinguish between boldness and foolishness. Use common sense in your choices. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You might be drawn into a debate today. If your

opposition has a firmer grasp of facts than you do, you'd better have an escape route ready to flee the scene.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might have your hands full today just trying to keep your own affairs in order without going out of your way to sort through the muddle of another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Partnership arrangements could be more of a hindrance than a help today. If there is an objective you'd like to achieve, try to do so unaided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Disappointment is a possibility if you rely upon co-workers today to handle assignments you should be taking care of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Let your hair down and enjoy yourself at a social event today, but take care not to wear out your welcome. To be safe, make an automatic exit early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though it might take some doing, be tolerant of companions today who are not in harmony with your goals and purposes. Make

allies, not enemies.

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"Grandma, who are you talkin' to about those old family pictures?"

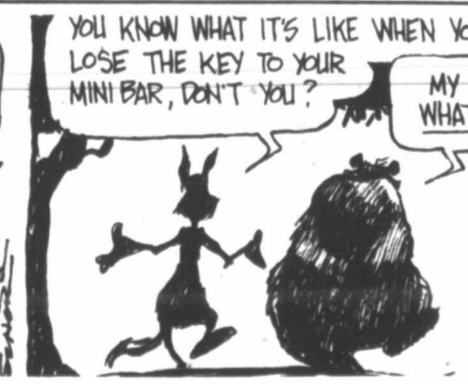


"Still think I was hearing things?"

The Family Circus



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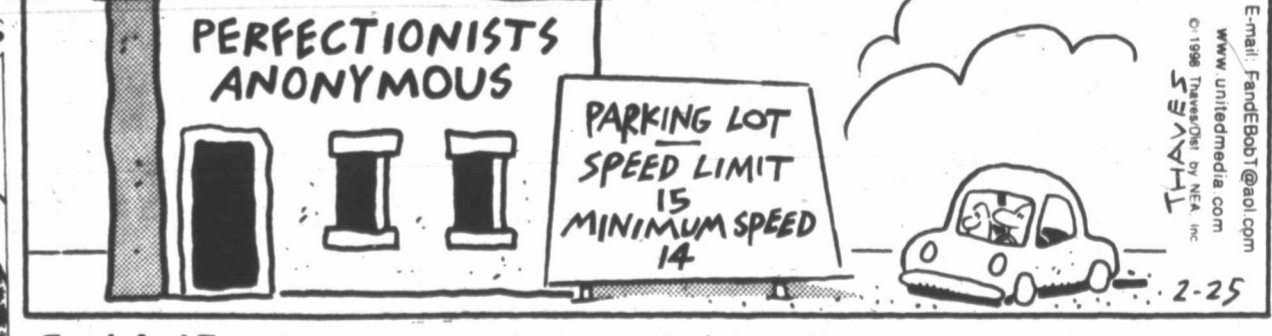
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SPORTS

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — For the past eight years, girls' fastpitch softball in Pampa has consisted of intramural games and not officially part of the high school athletic program.

That's all changed this year as girls' softball officially became recognized by the UIL.

Thursday, starting at 5 p.m., history will be made as Pampa hosts Borger in the first UIL girls' softball game at Optimist Park.

For the Lady Harvesters, it will be the first of eight scheduled regular-season games, three being played at Optimist Park. The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Midland Tournament March 6-7.

AMARILLO — Palo Duro defeated Pampa, 8-3, in a 1998 baseball opener Tuesday afternoon.

Josh Blackmon led Pampa's hitting attack, going 2 for 2. A double by Jesse Francis was Pampa's only extra base hit.

Pampa's home opener is Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. against Plainview.

FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

Another year, another home stadium for the Oilers?

The Tennessee Oilers called Houston's Astrodome home in 1996 and spent 1997 at Memphis' Liberty Bowl. They also were expected to play next season in the Liberty Bowl, but Oilers owner Bud Adams agreed Tuesday to pay \$1.2 million to Memphis to get out of the contract.

That leaves the team free to negotiate a deal to play the 1998 season in Nashville. A new 67,000-seat stadium in Nashville will be ready for the 1999 season.

Vanderbilt's 41,448-seat stadium is the team's likely option.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP)

The Dallas Cowboys released veteran backup quarterback Wade Wilson on Tuesday to clear room under the salary cap but hinted he might be re-signed later.

Also Tuesday, Dallas waived 34-year-old defensive tackle Tony Casillas, who is retiring after 12 NFL seasons and two stints with the Cowboys.

Wilson, 39, still had one season left under his contract, but Stephen Jones said the team wanted to create more flexibility to sign free agents.

"There were salary cap implications involved in this move," said Jones, Cowboys vice president and director of player personnel.

"We are going to keep all of our options in regard to Wade open, and we know he will keep his options as far as we're concerned open as well."

Wilson, a 17-year NFL veteran, has seen little duty during his two seasons as Troy Aikman's backup.

It wasn't always that way. The alumnus of East Texas State, now Texas A&M-Commerce, has completed 57.2 percent of his 2,340 passes for 16,720 yards, 92 touchdowns and 98 interceptions over his career. Last season, he was 12-of-21 for 115 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Taken by the Minnesota Vikings in the eighth round of the 1981 NFL draft. In 11 seasons with the Vikings, he led the team to the playoffs three years in a row (1987-89).

Released by the Vikings before the 1991 training camp, he played 1992 with the Atlanta Falcons and 1993-94 with the New Orleans Saints before signing with the Cowboys as Aikman's backup.

Season ends for Groom

WHEELER — Samnorwood closed out Groom's season, 49-46, Tuesday night in a Class 1A boy's bi-district game.

Artie Wright hit for 18 points and Travis Thompson added 14 to Samnorwood's scoring attack.

Josh Evenson was high scorer for Groom with 17 points. Wyatt Weinheimer followed with 9.

Others scoring for Groom were Toby Burgin and Chris Ollinger with 7 points apiece, Daniel Treadwell and Jimmy Chavedo 3 each.

The Tigers did lead 17-10 at the end of the first quarter and 29-20 at halftime.

Groom finishes with a 12-15 record.

Samnorwood (17-9) meets the winner of the Lorenzo-Cotton Center game in the area round of the playoffs.

UIL is sued by home schooler

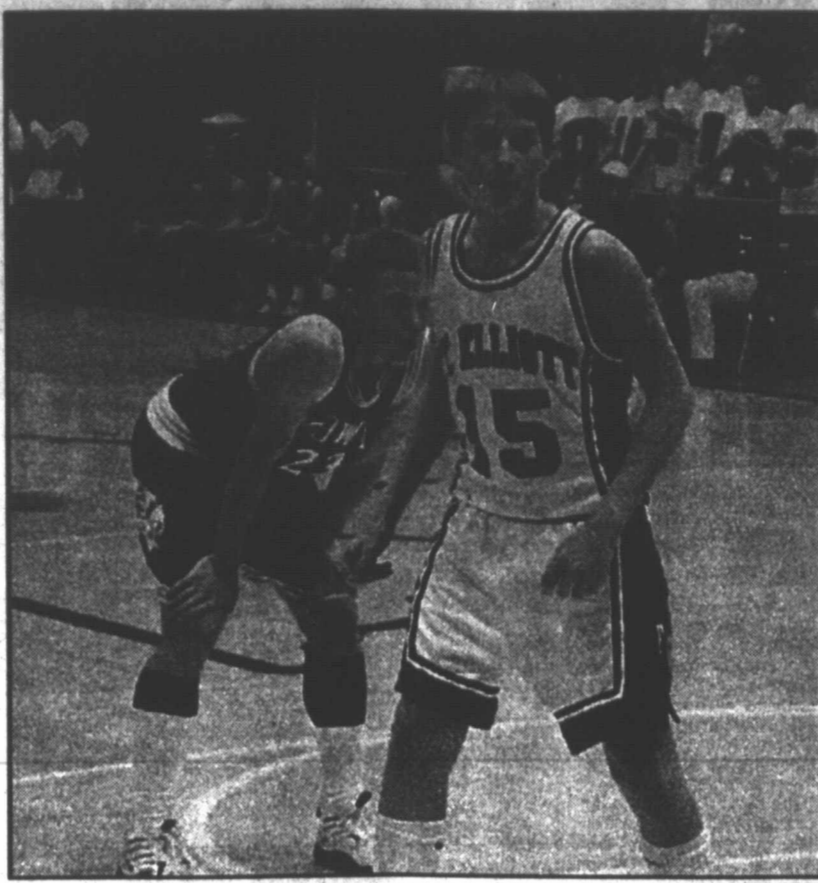
AUSTIN (AP) — Amy Ensminger, a 16-year-old home-school student from Corpus Christi, says not being allowed to play on a public high school softball team is hurting her chances for a college scholarship.

She is suing the Corpus Christi Independent School District and the University Interscholastic League to be a member of the Corpus Christi Miller High School team.

UIL officials say if her lawsuit — the first of its kind in Texas — is successful, extracurricular activities in the state's public schools will be forever changed.

With a nation-leading 150,000 home-school students in Texas, UIL officials say it was inevitable that such a lawsuit would be filed.

The case also comes after member schools of the UIL, which governs sports, music and academic competitions, overwhelmingly rejected allowing home-school students to participate by a margin of 38-to-1.



(Pampa News photo)

Curt Smith (15) scored 16 points for Fort Elliott in Tuesday night's bi-district game with Booker.

Booker bounces Fort Elliott from playoffs

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Writer

PAMPA — The Fort Elliott Cougars fell to the Booker Kiowas, 67-51, in a Class 1A bi-district contest played at McNeely Fieldhouse Tuesday night.

The Kiowas were led by the three-point threat of senior Nick Phillips and the bruising inside play of junior post Travis Woodard.

Fort Elliott, sporting a 20-9 record going into the contest, kept the game close early and actually led for much of the first quarter. Led by underclassmen Nathan Hefley, a sophomore, and Curt Smith, a freshman, the Cougars looked strong early. With Smith and Hefley converting on the offensive end, Donnie Barr paced Fort Elliott defensively, recording seven rebounds in the first half alone.

Booker broke the game open in the second quarter. In the lead by five (16-11) after the first quarter, the Kiowas relied on a tough performance off the bench from Phillips to widen the gap. Phillips drained four straight 3-point buckets for Booker and grabbed a team-high four rebounds in the first half to pace the Kiowas.

After halftime, Booker continued to maintain a healthy lead over the Cougars. The Kiowas, traveling with 15 players, never hesitated to substitute as needed down the stretch.

Despite a couple of short-lived offensive runs, Fort Elliott was unable to maintain a comeback late, eventually losing by 16 points to the 14-14 Booker Kiowas.

Nate Hefley had 19 points and Curt Smith 16 to lead Fort Elliott in scoring. Woodard had 17 points and Phillips 16 for Booker.

Buy me some peanuts and aluminum bats

By **The Associated Press**

Ah, spring training. The "POP!" of gloves, the "PING!" of bats.

Ping? That's right, the Korean National team were allowed to use aluminum bats in an exhibition game against the New York Mets today. Major league teams are not allowed to use aluminum bats, which are popular in college and Little League.

Mets manager Bobby Valentine doesn't care what kind of bats the Koreans use.

"I don't think that there's any doubt that this team won't get many hits," Valentine said as he perused a scouting report. "They shouldn't. They have to fill in a

lot a of good hitters to be the kind of team that's going to win the Asian tournament."

Mets Korean pitcher Jae-Weong Seo, who is slated to pitch against his former teammates in another exhibition on Thursday, said hitters are definitely more fearsome when wielding aluminum.

"You can tell the type of hit with a wooden bat's crack," Seo said through an interpreter. "With the aluminum, you can't tell if it's a solid hit or not. It could be a bloop single or a home run — same sound."

The Korean team knows Seo, but they may not recognize his pitches. The 20-year-old right-hander has added something to his arsenal of pitches during

spring training.

"I'm going to throw in some foreballs and change-ups," Seo said.

Valentine planned to use six pitchers in each of the games against the Koreans.

"I hope the only cutoffs and relays we work on are in practice," Valentine said.

At Fort Myers, Fla., Jeff Frye's knee punctuated Boston's spring training camp with a big, loud pop.

In the middle of a rundown drill, the second baseman fell to the ground, his left knee apparently damaged.

"I heard something pop," said Darren Bragg, the runner on the play. "It definitely didn't sound good. It definitely didn't look

good."

Frye, coming off his best season and signed to a \$7 million, three-year contract, was driven off the field on a golf cart. About a half hour later, he left the clubhouse on crutches and was driven away to undergo X-rays and an MRI.

"I saw him go down and grimace. He didn't get right back up," manager Jimmy Williams said. "I knew it wasn't good."

John Valentin began last season as the second baseman, but was shifted to third, where Williams wants to keep him.

"It's going to be a great loss," Mo Vaughn said. "We were really looking forward to him getting on base for us and starting the whole thing off."

Greene may return to Carolina; Green Bay makes up for losses

By **The Associated Press**

Kevin Greene is ready to forgive and forget.

Seven months after a nasty and bitter standoff led the Carolina Panthers to waive the linebacker before last season, Greene returned Tuesday to talk about rejoining the team.

"I'm going to aggressively pursue being a Panther again. I think they want me to be a Panther, too," said Greene, who was released two weeks ago by San Francisco in a cost-cutting move.

Greene helped the 49ers build the NFL's top-ranked defense last season. He finished with 10 1/2 sacks as a situational pass-rusher after leading the league with 14 1/2 sacks while with the Panthers in 1996.

Greene said he mainly wanted to extend an olive branch and explain his preseason holdout with owner Jerry Richardson and coach Dom Capers. He said he's been contacted by more than a half-dozen teams about playing a 14th season.

Panthers spokesman Charlie Dayton said Tuesday's meetings were preliminary and were the first since Greene became a free agent.

Greene held out before the 1997 season while demanding that Carolina sweeten the second year of an incentives-laden contract. The Panthers refused to renegotiate and started fining him for failing to show up for work while under contract. He was cut just before the start of the season.

An independent arbitrator ruled in December that Greene must repay the Panthers a \$350,000 roster bonus paid before the standoff. The arbitrator forgave \$289,000 in fines the Panthers levied over his 75-day holdout.

Carolina and the NFL Management Council filed a lawsuit last month to force Greene to repay the bonus.

Greene said he and the Panthers seemed willing to

bury the hatchet.

"There were mistakes made all the way around and we're all very well aware of that," he said. "We're willing to move ahead."

The Green Bay Packers brought in some new blood Tuesday — signing two free agents and one of their own practice players — after losing four players in the free agent market, including Edgar Bennett and Craig Hentrich.

Safety Roger Harper, who spent three seasons with Atlanta and one with Dallas, and linebacker Antonio London, who started six games for Detroit last season, signed with the NFC champions, while tight end Kyle Wachtoltz, a practice squad player in '97, also signed with the Packers.

Green Bay also recently signed wide receiver Robert Brooks to a \$15.1 million, five-year deal. Also, wide receiver Don Beebe still hopes to play next season after the Packers cut him recently.

In other deals: — St. Louis Rams signed wide receiver Ricky Proehl, who appeared headed to Arizona, where he played from 1990-94. The Rams offered him a better deal — \$6 million over four years, including a \$1.6 million bonus.

— The Jacksonville Jaguars signed restricted free-agent center Quentin Neujahr of the Baltimore Ravens to an offer sheet. — The Ravens were not disclosed. The Ravens have until midnight March 3 to match it. The Jaguars have not re-signed 10-year veteran Dave Widell, an unrestricted free agent.

— The Miami Dolphins re-signed receiver Brett Perriman and signed punter Klaus Wilyear contracts.

— The Dallas Cowboys released backup quarterback Wade Wilson on Tuesday to clear room under the salary cap, but hinted he might be re-signed later. Wilson, 39, still has one season left under his contract.

Borger wins soccer clash

PAMPA — Borger slipped by Pampa, 1-0, in a District 5 boys' soccer match Tuesday afternoon.

"It was a great effort by our team. We put ourselves in a position to win, but we just couldn't do it," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle.

Borger's goal came on a penalty kick by Kyle Jones in the final two minutes of the match.

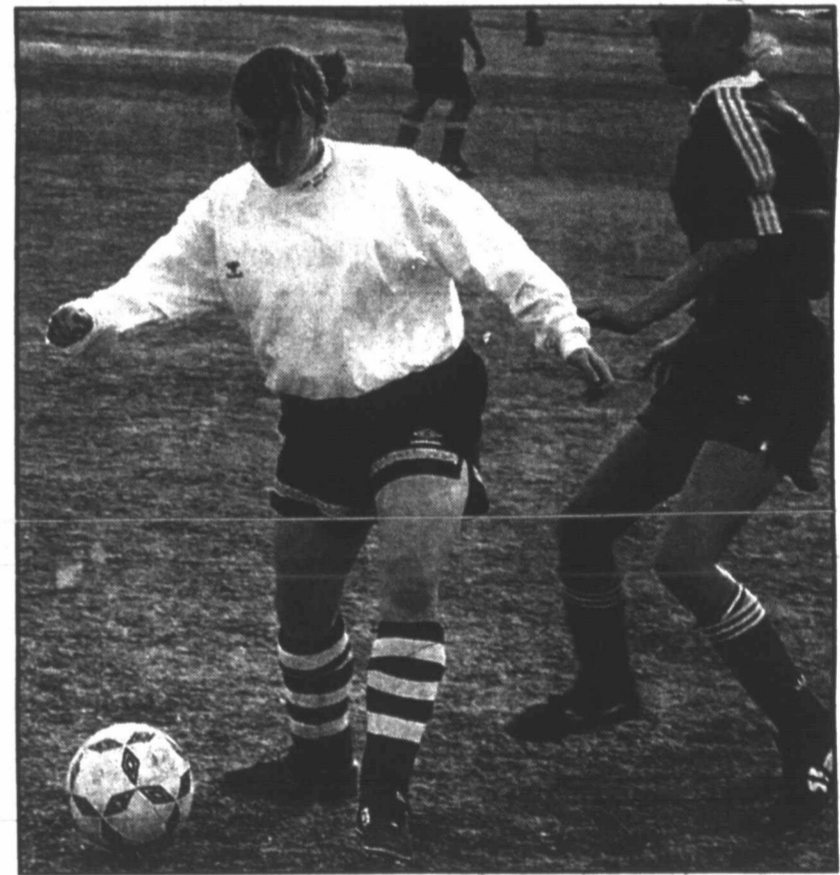
Cottle said Lucas Jaramillo, Jeremy Hall, Brian Johnson, Ryan Sells, Jimmy Story, Kyle McCullough and Vincent Simoneau had an outstanding match for Pampa.

Pampa lost 3-2 in a shootout against Borger in the girls' match. Jessica Maddox and Annette Botello each scored goals for the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa coach Matt Gantz praised Cynthia Davis for her outstanding play.

"Cynthia stepped in for an injured Aubrea Ward and really played with some intensity," added Gantz.

The Harvesters close out the season March 7 at 12 noon at Canyon.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Candace Cathey (left) controls the ball against Borger in a District 5 girls' match Tuesday. Borger won 3-2 in a shootout.

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Oklahoma State wraps up Big 12 South crown

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — When people think of "Big D" Texas usually comes to mind.

Tuesday night, it was Oklahoma State that had the "Big D" as the No. 25 Cowboys defeated Texas 80-58 to clinch the Big 12 South title.

"I think that was the best defense that we've faced this year," Texas coach Tom Penders said after the Cowboys held the Longhorns to just 42.3 percent shooting (22-52) from the field and 20 percent (4-of-20) from 3-point range.

"I think they did a terrific job of taking us out of our step and forcing us outside. They did a great job of pressuring from every position." In their three previous conference meetings against OSU, the Longhorns shot a combined 50 percent from the field, 53.7 percent from 3-point range and had an average victory margin of 22 points.

"One of the biggest keys of the game, because they are a very, very good basketball team, was to take away their 3-point shots," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton. "Don't give them any good looks."

With the victory, the Cowboys earned the No. 2 seed in next week's Big 12 Tournament in

Kansas City. In the process, they will receive a first-round bye.

"We won the South and now it's time to go and take on Kansas (Sunday in Stillwater), take care of business, and go into the tournament and see what we can do," said Desmond Mason, who led OSU (21-4, 11-4 Big 12) with 27 points and 14 rebounds.

Adrian Peterson added 18 points for OSU, while Brett Robisch, saddled with foul trouble, had 11 points and nine rebounds. Doug Gottlieb, the Big 12 assist leader, had eight assists and 11 points.

"It was sweet people we proved people wrong," Gottlieb said of preseason predictions that the Cowboys would finish seventh in the league. "Just like the football team did this year, we felt like we had to step up and show that OSU is an all-around great sports school. The more people say we're going to be down, the better we're going to be."

Kris Clack led Texas with 18 points. Forward Gabe Muoneke had a team-high 11 rebounds.

"Their smothering defense made the difference," Clack said. "They did a good job of keeping me from getting the ball."

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	38	18	.679	—
New York	31	23	.574	6
New Jersey	32	24	.571	6
Orlando	23	27	.500	9 1/2
Washington	28	28	.500	10
Boston	25	30	.455	12 1/2
Philadelphia	18	35	.340	18 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	42	15	.737	—
Minnesota	37	18	.673	2 1/2
Atlanta	32	23	.582	9
Charlotte	32	23	.582	9
Cleveland	29	26	.527	12
Milwaukee	28	27	.509	13
Detroit	25	29	.463	15 1/2
Toronto	12	42	.222	28 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	37	16	.698	—
San Antonio	37	18	.673	1
Minnesota	30	24	.556	7 1/2
Houston	27	28	.491	11
Vancouver	14	41	.255	24
Dallas	10	44	.185	27 1/2
Denver	5	50	.091	33

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	42	13	.764	—
L.A. Lakers	37	16	.698	4
Phoenix	37	17	.685	4 1/2
Portland	32	22	.593	9 1/2
Sacramento	24	32	.429	18 1/2
Golden State	12	42	.222	29 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	44	.200	31

Monday's Games

Detroit 111, Sacramento 85
Chicago 97, Cleveland 75
Charlotte 118, Denver 98
Seattle 101, L.A. Clippers 100

Tuesday's Games

Washington 124, Houston 112
Golden State 87, New York 82
New Jersey 110, Vancouver 101
Miami 104, Utah 102

L.A. Lakers 98, Milwaukee 81
San Antonio 105, Minnesota 99
Philadelphia 85, Phoenix 84

Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Thursday's Games
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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Weekend at box office:

Watch out Luke Skywalker, here comes 'Titanic'; sea epic leads for 10th straight weekend ...

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Watch out, Luke Skywalker. The disaster epic "Titanic" led box office receipts for the 10th straight weekend and is closing in on the all-time box office ticket sales mark held by 1977's "Star Wars," which grossed \$461 million, including receipts from last year's re-release.

"Titanic" has grossed \$402.6 million and analysts say "Titanic" could pass "Star Wars" around the time of the Academy Awards on March 23.

The disaster epic also was last week's No. 1 film in the United Kingdom, Japan, Spain, Italy, Holland and Mexico.

Of new releases, "Senseless" fared the best, opening in fifth. "Palmetto" was a weak eighth, and "Dangerous Beauty" and "Mrs. Dalloway" did average business in limited release.

"The Wedding Singer" was a strong second, and "Good Will Hunting" and "As Good As It Gets" continued to make the top 10 list.

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

1. "Titanic," Paramount, \$21 million, 3,006 locations, \$6,998 average, \$402.6 million, 10 weeks.
2. "The Wedding Singer," New Line, \$12.2 million, 2,837 locations, \$4,311 average, \$37.7 million, two weeks.
3. "Sphere," Warner Bros., \$7.7 million, 2,814 locations, \$2,731 average, \$26.9 million, two weeks.
4. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax, \$6.5 million, 2,185 locations, \$2,962 average, \$88 million, 12 weeks.
5. "Senseless," Miramax, \$5.3 million, 1,843 locations, \$2,896 average, \$5.3 million, one week.
6. "As Good As It Gets," Sony, \$4.6 million, 1,837 locations, \$2,509 average, \$107.5 million, nine weeks.
7. "The Borrowers," Polygram, \$4 million, 1,593 locations, \$2,518 average, \$11.2 million, two weeks.
8. "Palmetto," Sony, \$2.9 million, 1,505 locations, \$1,911 average, \$2.9 million, one week.

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Feb. 20-22, 1998		
All dollar figures in millions		
Rank	Movie	Weekend gross
1	Titanic	\$21.0
2	The Wedding Singer	\$12.2
3	Sphere	\$7.7
4	Good Will Hunting	\$6.5
5	Senseless	\$5.3
6	As Good As It Gets	\$4.6
7	The Borrowers	\$4.0
8	Palmetto	\$2.9
9	The Apostle	\$2.4
10	L.A. Confidential	\$2.3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

17. "Flubber," Disney, \$701,000, \$90.3 million, 13 weeks.
18. "Amistad," DreamWorks, \$413,000, 601 locations, \$687 average, \$42.6 million, 11 weeks.
19. "The Wings of the Dove," Miramax, \$383,000, 324 locations, \$1,183 average, \$11.1 million, 16 weeks.
20. "Desperate Measures," Sony, \$376,000, 522 locations, \$720 average, \$13 million, four weeks.

Country Swing musician to visit Clarendon, Claude as part of Community Residences program

CLARENDON - Clarendon and Claude are gearing up for a week long visit from traditional fiddler and recording artist Alvin Crow March 2-7. Crow will discuss and present traditional Western Swing music for local schools, senior centers, Lions Clubs, medical centers and other sites throughout the communities.

While growing up in the Texas Panhandle, Crow mastered the Western style and has earned the compliments of Bob Will's widow. Crow began learning to play the fiddle at age four on his grandfather's lap in Oklahoma. He moved to Amarillo and established his own band at the age of 14. He has now been a band leader for more than 20 years and has since moved to Austin. He has played all over Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and has toured Europe several times.

With the discussions and mini-performances, Crow will underscore the importance of Western Swing to the region. The week of activities will be the sixth of 20 Community Residences scheduled throughout Texas from January until June.

Other Community Residences will feature such traditional music masters as fiddlers Johnny Gimble and Valerie Ryals Bates, blues artists W.C. Clark, Carol Fran and Clarence Holliman, conjunto accordionists Mingo Saldivar and Santiago Jimenez Jr. Each musician will spend seven days in a community, performing, jamming with local musicians and teaching classes.

Texas Folklife Resources is a statewide non-profit cultural organization serving both Texas folk artists and their audiences by helping to present and promote a diverse and living artistic heritage for all Texans. All performances are free to the public and Crow is being sponsored by Clarendon College, Armstrong County Museum and Texas Folklife Resources.

For more information or for a complete schedule, call CC's Christi Ross at (806) 874-3571. For interviews or for information on Texas Folklife Resources, contact Debbie Fant, coordinator of Community Residence program, at (512) 320-0022.

Texas A&M at Galveston to host annual sea camps

GALVESTON - From wiggling their toes in marsh mud to harvesting oysters from Galveston Bay reefs, Sea Camp at Texas A&M University at Galveston offers kids some of the most memorable days of their lives.

Each year, hundreds of Sea Camp kids come face-to-face with endangered sea turtles, cruise on a TAMUG research ship, explore coastal marshes and meet some of the world's most renowned marine biologists. Along with this the adventure and fun comes a better understanding of the natural world and the reasons we have to work to conserve threatened marine resources.

Youth from all over the world have taken advantage of the opportunity to learn about the

ocean since Sea Camp was founded at TAMUG in 1986.

During the week-long camp, Sea Campers live in dormitories on the TAMUG campus on Pelican Island. Each day the young explorers will investigate the rich coastal habitat of Galveston Bay while using scientific sampling techniques to study marine animals such as fish, shrimp and crabs. The week includes a day trip to an oyster reef conducted by world-famous oyster biologist. The experience gives campers an up-close look at where the science and fishing industry meet in the coastal environment.

Campers also will tour the Kemp's ridley sea turtle research facility run by the National Marine Fisheries Service at Galveston and

learn about a variety of marine mammals that inhabit the Gulf of Mexico just off the Texas coast. Campers will identify birds and coastal plants as they investigate local beaches and beautiful salt marshes.

"There's no better way to learn about a salt marsh than to stand in it, listen to its sounds, see its critters, feel the soft muddy bottom and smell its unique aroma," Dr. Judy Wern, Sea Camp director, said.

After each exciting day in the field, Sea Campers will enjoy many fun activities such as a beach cook-out, sand sculpting contests, pool and pizza patties and sunset pier fishing.

Sea Camp is an experience that enriches children's lives forever.

Sea Camp is open to kids ages 10-17. Besides Sea Camp I described above, there are five other Sea Camp options: Sea Camp II - A continuation of Sea Camp I; Sea Camp III - Fish Camp; Sea Camp IV - Marine Mammal Workshop; Sea Camp V - Camping Along the Texas Coast; Sea Camp VI - Sea Camp in Belize.

Sea Camp spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The tuition for Sea Camp I is \$625. Tuition for Sea Camp II-V are \$675. Sea Camp in Belize tuition is \$1,650. Tuitions include room board and transportation during camps. Public and private school teachers can attend Sea Camps I-V free by serving as counselors. Teachers also can receive Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee, recognition Continuing Education credit and optional graduate school credit.

For more information, contact the Sea Camp registrar's office at (409) 740-4525, or write to Sea Camp, Texas A&M University at Galveston, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553-1675. The Sea Camp website is <http://www.tamug.tamu.edu/~seacamp>.

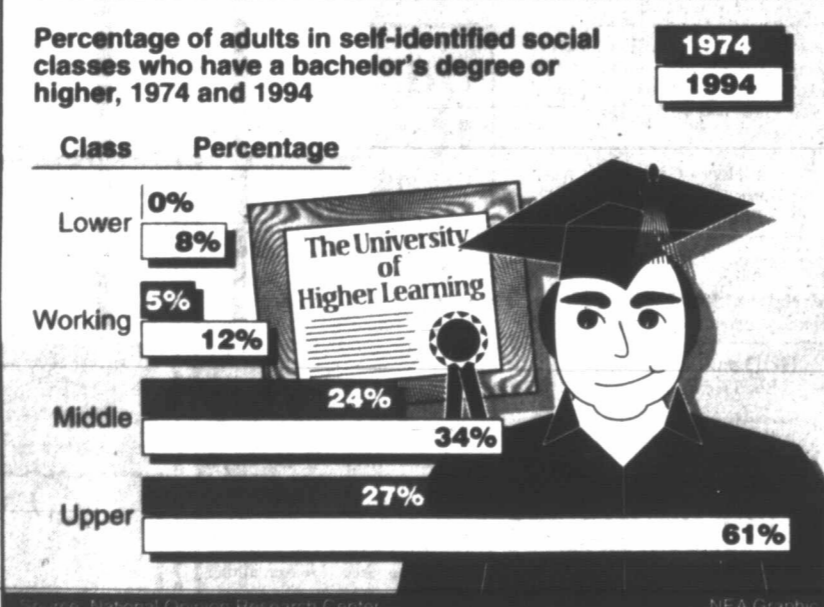
Lefors pupils to compete in state UIL

LEFORS - Lefors High School has qualified four students for the 1998 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet March 16-21 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Qualifiers include Shelly Murray, Angie Davenport, Nikki Bockmon and Amanda Sprouse. The students qualified for the state meet by placing second and third at UIL Cross-Examination District Meet held recently in Miami. The students are coached by Scott Carothers.

Through participation at the state meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$11.4 million to approximately 10,315 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 525 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$750,000. These academic scholarships have been funded by grants and donations from foundations and individuals. Each dollar the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AVISO PUBLICO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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