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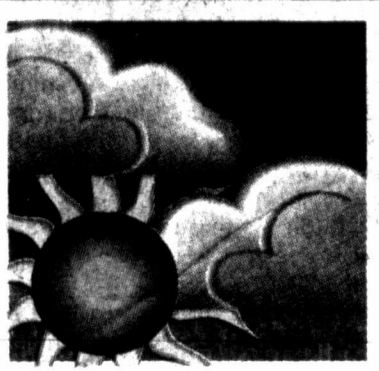
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High today is 52.
Low tonight is 23.
For weather details see page 2.

PAMPA — According to the PHS counselor's office, the exit level TAAS test will be given at PHS three days this week.
Only students taking the test will report to school in the mornings. All students will report at 12 noon to first block class.
Writing - Tuesday, March 3
Math - Wednesday, March 4
Reading - Thursday, March 5
Daily Schedule:
8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. — Breakfast in the PHS cafeteria for all TAAS takers.
8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Students dismissed to test sites.
9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. — Students tested.
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon — Lunch
12 noon — All students report to first block.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
The ticket, worth an estimated \$12 million, was sold in Dallas.
The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 12, 28, 29, 38, 46, 50.
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million, if sales continue as expected.

- Bess H. Bates, 93, former Dunlaps employee.
- Helen Louise Jordan, 63, Pampa resident since 1984.
- Verna Mae Russell Liebau, 80, General Motors accountant.
- Elva Maggie McKenzie, 84, homemaker.
- Foy Roy Perkins, 81, rancher and owner of Gruver farm supply store.

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Local taxable sales elevate

Figures for February reflect a 4.63% increase

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

If sales are any indication, the economy of Pampa continues to improve. Figures for February have been released by the Texas Comptroller and they show an increase of 4.63 percent over last year.

"This February collection is the highest we've had since 1993."

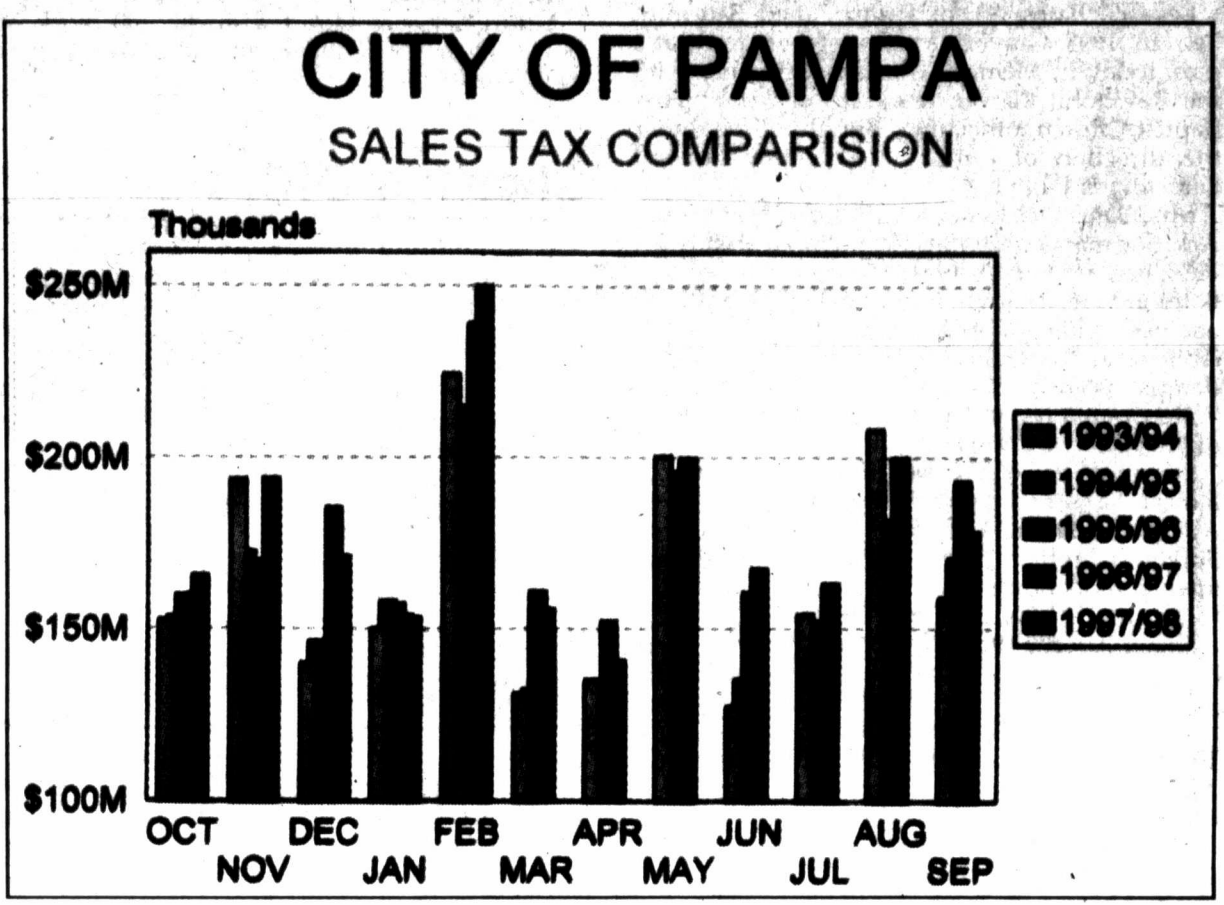
"To me, this indicates a stronger economy," said Pampa Finance Director, John Horst. "This February collection is the highest we've had since 1993." Taxable sales inside the city limits of Pampa were \$16,694,000, according to the State figures. The figures represent December sales and therefore

represent much of the Christmas season. Horst said the February numbers are one of the best months for sales tax numbers.

"Since October of '97 through February of '98 we're up 4.3 percent over last year," Horst said.

The total amount of sales tax reported for February was \$333,891 with \$250,418 going into the city coffers and \$83,473

to the PEDC. The March and April amounts will hopefully be up over last year but are traditionally two of the slowest months for sales tax revenues every year.



A sales tax comparison chart prepared by City Manager Bob Eskridge.

Panhandle basketball star on missing persons list

PANHANDLE — Carson County authorities are broadening the search for a Panhandle girl reported to be with a 29-year-old man who's wanted in connection with a Lubbock robbery.

Sheriff Loren Brand said today his office was working with federal agents and Texas Department of Public Safety officials to locate Shannon Ludington, 17, a star basketball player who disappeared a week ago.

Officers think the girl may be in the company of Jimmie Hays, a 29-year-old man who's been living at a motel in the Panhandle area while working at IBP in Amarillo. Hays is wanted for questioning

in connection with the robbery of a Lubbock County deputy sheriff last week of several handguns. A young woman was traveling with Hays at the time of the robbery. Officials said her participation in the Lubbock robbery would be out of character for the Panhandle High School student.

"We are still handling this as a missing person report," Brand said today. Ludington was reported missing Feb. 24, by her parents. Authorities said Ludington may be held against her will.

Brand said he is working with federal officials and the Department of Public Service missing persons division in an effort to locate the girl.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)
Co-pastor Rev. Amy Lakey (left) and the St. Mark CME Church recognized its longest-living member, Wyvon Mark Griffin (right), with a birthday party yesterday. The mayor, the city manager and other local organization leaders were on hand to honor Griffin. The church also dedicated and renamed their fellowship hall the "W.M. Griffin Fellowship Hall" to celebrate Griffin's lifetime achievements in both the church and Pampa community.

Lefors school superintendent

LEFORS — In a clarification today of actions taken by the Lefors school board last week, Superintendent Tom Alvis said no disciplinary action was taken against a sophomore who turned in a small amount of marijuana to school officials. Penny Summers turned a

small amount of marijuana over to Principal Ron Miller. Alvis said Summers reported she had received the marijuana from another student. The other student, a sophomore, told officials she had gotten the marijuana from Lefors High School senior Angie Davenport.

Davenport and the other student, a minor whose name was not released, were suspended for three days and given three weeks of inter-school suspension. Summers, Alvis said, was not disciplined because she had turned in the marijuana.

Last of the septuplets home safe and sound

By P. SOLOMON BANDA
Associated Press Writer
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Their mother wept with joy, their father grinned and their grandfather said he couldn't praise the Lord enough.

After 3 1/2 months in the hospital, the last two of the McCaughey septuplets went home Sunday to join their famously large family and the 60 volunteers who help take care of them.

"It's great, finally, everybody under one roof," said Kenny McCaughey, carrying a bundled-up daughter Alexis in one hand and Natalie in the other before heading to the family's small three-bedroom house in Carlisle, 10 miles south of Des Moines.

The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, thought about all the trips she had made to Blank Children's Hospital to visit Natalie and Alexis.

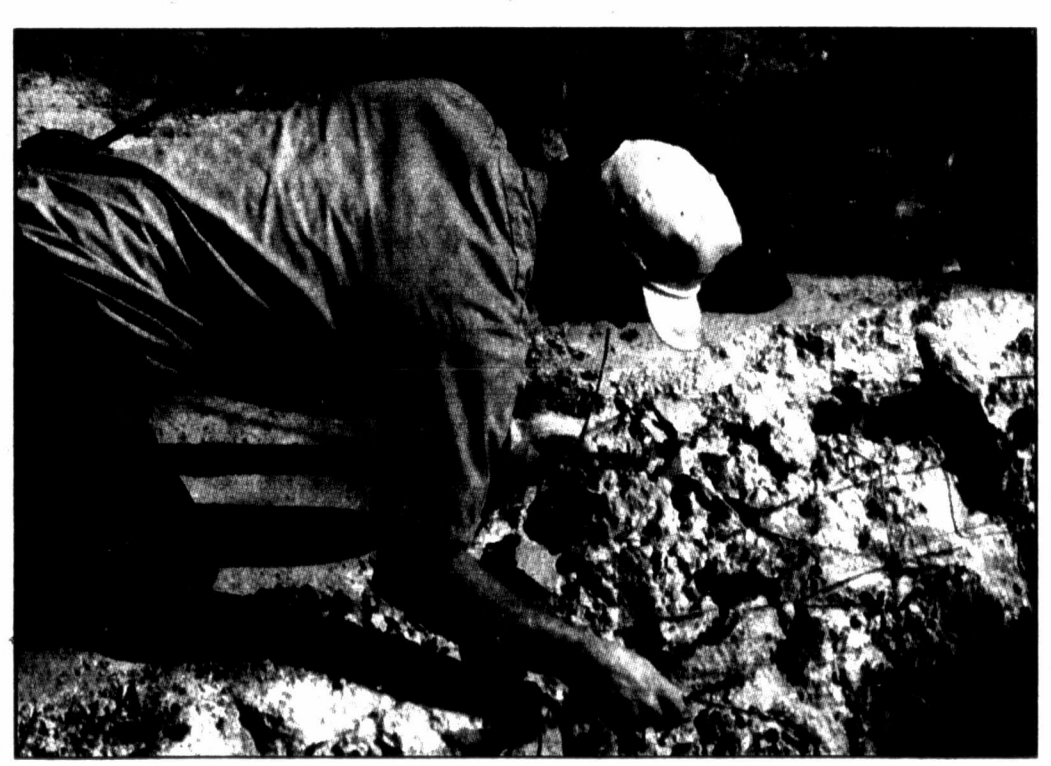
"I'm very happy," Mrs. McCaughey said. "It'll be weird not to come up every day."

The birth of the septuplets on Nov. 19 was the first of its kind in the United States since 1985, when a California woman delivered seven babies, three of whom survived.

The McCaugheys' four boys and three girls were born about nine weeks before their Jan. 25 due date. Normally, doctors hope that babies born prematurely will be ready to go home around the date they would have been born if the pregnancy had been carried to term.

The other septuplets had already gone home, starting with firstborn Kenneth on Jan. 3 and Joel, Brandon, Kelsey and Nathan later that month. Natalie and Alexis had not been eating as aggressively as their brothers and sister, so they were hospitalized longer.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

All work and no play ...

City employee Clinton Hinds removes some rubble from a sidewalk the city had to tear up in Buckler Park. They are trying fix a drainage problem.

Princess Diana's bodyguard begins to recall memories of the fatal crash

By ROBERT SEELY
Associated Press Writer
LONDON (AP) — The only survivor of the crash that killed Princess Diana slowly is recovering his memory, a newspaper reported today, and says he now recalls the dying Diana calling out the

name of her dead lover. For six months, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones remembered little about the events immediately before and after the Aug. 31 car crash in Paris. With the help of a psychiatrist, he is piecing together recollections, he told The Mirror newspaper.

"I have had flashes of a female voice calling out in the back of the car. First, it's a groan. Then Dodi's name is called," Rees-Jones told the paper. "It could only have been Princess Diana. I was conscious, and so was she," he said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

JORDON, Helen Louise — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.
LIEBAU, Verna Mae Russell — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church Chapel, Andrews.
PERKINS, Foy Roy — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Wheeler.

Obituaries

BESS H. BATES

Bess H. Bates, 93, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Bates was born Oct. 15, 1904, at Houston, Ark. She married Charles Hugh Brazil on July 13, 1930; he died Jan. 21, 1951. She later married T.C. Bates in 1956 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1980. She had been a Pampa resident since 1940, moving to Abilene in November of 1995 and returning to Pampa recently. She worked for Montgomery Ward Company and Dunlaps. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Bobby J. Brazil of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Virginia Allison of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Donald C. Ormson of Borger; a brother, Julian T. Harrison of Dallas; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

HELEN LOUISE JORDON

Helen Louise Jordan, 63, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 27, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors with the Rev. Dale Moreland, associate minister of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jordan was born June 5, 1934, at Foreman, Ark. She married Earl Jordan in 1958 at Amarillo. She had been a Pampa resident since 1984.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Donald Luis Provence and Travis Provence; a sister, Betty Joe Sheffield; and her parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Lee Lucas of Houston; a sister, Vera Marie Gonzalez of Lefors; two brothers, Bill Provence and Leonard Provence, both of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

VERNA MAE RUSSELL LIEBAU

MIDLAND — Verna Mae Russell Liebau, 80, sister of Pampa residents, died Sunday, March 1, 1998, at Polo Park Estates in Midland. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church Chapel at Andrews with Dr. H.A. Hanks, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Odessa under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Mrs. Liebau was born at Grenola, Kan. She married Walter L. "Pete" Russell on Aug. 29, 1939, at Panhandle; he died April 8, 1974. She married Fred Liebau on Jan. 1, 1978, at Pampa. She had resided in Andrews, Wichita, Kan., Rockport and Midland. She was an accountant for General Motors. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rockport, Permian Basin Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include: two daughters, Joyce Ogburn of Queen City and Ann Zugg of Andrews; two brothers, Gerald Elsheimer and Kenneth Elsheimer, both of Pampa; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

ELVA MAGGIE MCKENZIE

PANHANDLE — Elva Maggie McKenzie, 84, died Friday, Feb. 27, 1998, at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jim Perkins, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. McKenzie was born at Henrietta, Texas. She married Lester McKenzie on March 30, 1936, at Sayre, Okla. She had been a Panhandle resident since 1955. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Panhandle. She was preceded in death by a son, Donald McKenzie, on Feb. 26, 1982.

Survivors include her husband, Lester, of the home; a daughter, Pavla Jo Grigsby of Fort Worth; a sister, Dora Wolfe of Panhandle; a brother, Carl Smith of Mississippi; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

FOY ROY PERKINS

WHEELER — Foy Roy Perkins, 81, died Sunday, March 1, 1998, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Church of Christ with Bill Morrison, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Perkins was born June 22, 1916, at Hollis, Okla. He married Annie "Dee" Roberts on Dec. 21, 1935, at Hollis; she died Feb. 25, 1995. He married Joyce Ford on Oct. 6, 1995, at Wheeler. He was a rancher and owned-operated a farm supply store in Gruver for several years. He had been a Wheeler resident since 1988. He was active in Senior Citizens and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of Wheeler; a daughter, Bertha Lucy Berry of Seminole; a son, Wayne "Butch" Perkins of Odessa; four stepdaughters; two stepsons; two sisters, Opal Dee Kiapianer of Grand Junction, Colo.; and Jane Harkrider of Dumas; a brother, Lloyd Perkins of Hollis; four grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Westview Boys Home in Hollis or to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

Police report

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

Saturday, February 28

Melissa Mae Peterman, 24, 943 Finley, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.
 Patrick F. Martinez, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of Buckler. Damage and stolen goods were reported at \$585.

Sunday, March 1

Vance Howard, 26, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and possession of several controlled substances.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Doyle. Over \$300 dollars in merchandise was reported stolen.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 28

Jason Ray Lance, 20, 405 E. 3rd, was arrested on charge of failure to appear and minor driving under the influence.

Larry F. Mastella, 40, 901 Brunlow, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bret Alan Mattenbrink, 35, Rt 1, was arrested on charges of domestic assault.

Accidents

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

Sunday, March 1

A 1991 red and white Chevy Silverado, driven by Robert Earnest Hilton, 422 Finley, reportedly collided with a light pole at 315 N. Ballard.

A 1995 white Nissan 200SX, driven by Betrice Alexandri Jackson, 322 Anne, collided with a 1997 silver Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Sharon Anderson Rink, Comanche Street. Jackson was issued a citation for failing to yield right of way in a private drive.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, February 28

5:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a trauma call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th on a medical and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical center for a patient transfer.

10:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to a local nursing center.

12:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's West for a patient transport to a local nursing center.

7:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Sunday, March 1

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported two patients to a local nursing center.

4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Faulkner on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Monday, March 2

3:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.00	Enron	46 3/8	dn 5/8
Milo	4.03	Halliburton	47 3/16	dn 3/4
Corn	4.55	IBI	11 11/16	dn 1/8
Soybeans	5.90	KNE	51 15/16	NC
		Kerr McGee	67 3/4	up 1/8
		Limited	29 1/8	up 1/8
		Mapco	54	up 3/16
		McDonald's	54 5/16	dn 1/4
		Mobil	72	dn 1/4
		New Atmos	29 1/8	up 7/16
		NCE	46 5/8	NC
		Penney's	70 5/8	dn 1/16
		Phillips	48 11/16	dn 5/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	23 5/8	dn 1/16
		SLB	76 1/8	up 1/2
		Tenneco	41 1/2	up 3/8
		Texasco	55 7/8	up 1/8
		Ultramar	35 13/16	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	47	up 11/16
		New York Gold	298.00	
		Silver	6.49	
		West Texas Crude	15.38	

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

Occidental	25 7/16	dn 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	103.60	
Puritan	20.31	

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

Amoco	85 7/8	up 7/8
Arco	77 9/16	dn 3/16
Cabot	35	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	21 1/8	up 1/8

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SEPTUPLETS

family spokesman Wes Yoder said.

Natalie weighed just 2 pounds, 10 ounces at birth, but she is up to 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Alexis, who was 2 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, now weighs 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

The McCaugheys brought

Kelsey and the boys to the hospital, protected from snow in pink and blue blankets, before everyone went home Sunday. Big sister Mikayla and Mrs. McCaughey's parents also were on hand.

"We brought them here for a small reunion," Kenneth McCaughey said. "It's part of being a family."

The hospital in Saudi Arabia

where septuplets were born in January has threatened to call the police if the parents don't take their babies home.

Four of the seven babies were issued discharge slips last week but their parents say they are not ready to take them home. Doctors said Sunday the hospital nursery is overcrowded and they are running out of patience.

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DIANA

confirmed his statements to the newspaper, which were his most extensive public comments to date on the crash.

In November, Frederic Mailliez, the French doctor who treated Diana first, said she had been semi-conscious and muttering, and did not say "anything precise."

The British royal family, Diana's relatives and politicians have been skeptical of claims that she was aware of the crash, and have criticized veiled allegations of conspiracy raised by Mohamed al Fayed, who was the father of Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, and the employer of Rees-Jones.

Rees-Jones, who was sitting in the car's front passenger seat, told The Mirror he was conscious immediately after the Mercedes hit the side of the Pont de L'Alma tunnel.

"As far as I consider, there were only two people conscious in the vehicle," Rees-Jones said. "Princess Diana was the other one who was conscious. Unfortunately, the other two people were dead."

Diana died later in Paris' Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital.

Rees-Jones also said that chauffeur Henri Paul did not appear to have been drinking. Blood tests later showed Paul was intoxicated.

"People can come up with all sorts of theories and opinions after the event. But I know exactly what happened because I was there. I can state quite categorically that he was not a hopeless drunk as some have tried to suggest," Rees-Jones said. "If he had shown any signs of being drunk, I would never have let him near our car."

Rees-Jones told the paper he remembers two cars and a motorbike chasing the Mercedes after it left the Ritz Hotel in Paris.

One of the cars was a white hatchback. The paper said that was similar to a Fiat thought to have been involved in the crash.

Rees-Jones was seriously injured. For several

months he remembered nothing about the crash, but said that under psychiatric treatment, his memory improved.

"To start with I couldn't remember a thing, and doctors weren't sure if I would ever remember. I had amnesia, everything was just a blank," he said. "I am starting to remember more and more."

Herve Stephan, the French judge investigating the crash, will question Rees-Jones in Paris in the coming weeks in the hope that he might shed new light on the accident, the bodyguard's lawyer, Christian Curtil, said today.

In September, Britain's editors introduced a new code of conduct, reacting to the uproar over press intrusion into Diana's life.

The Mirror justified its story on grounds of public interest, although it is likely to bring complaints the newspaper is continuing to delve into Diana's life, regardless of the possible effect on Diana's relatives and her children, Princes William and Harry.

The Sunday Telegraph, a broadsheet newspaper that has been highly critical of the tabloid coverage of Princess Diana, said Rees-Jones' interview with The Mirror had been arranged by Mohamed al Fayed.

Rees-Jones' lawyers said the bodyguard had not been paid for the interview.

Al Fayed, who owns the Ritz Hotel in Paris and Harrods department store in London, also gave a lengthy interview to The Mirror on Feb. 12 saying he was "99.9 percent certain" the crash was part of a conspiracy and that Diana and Dodi were engaged. He also produced a new version of her "last words."

He has offered no evidence to support his claims. Today's Independent questioned whether Rees-Jones' recovered memories could be accurate, since his medical and psychiatric treatment was paid for by Al Fayed.

Also today, lawyers said that Diana left an estate worth \$35.6 million. The bulk of the \$21 million remaining after taxes will go to her two sons, the lawyers say.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

FREE BEEF STEW

First Christian Church (Deciples of Christ) will be providing free beef stew. It will be the 4th Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall located on 105 S. Cuyler. Public is welcome! No qualifications and no restrictions!!

PAMPA ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Alzheimer's support group will meet Thursday, March 5 at 916 N. Crest Road, Suite 101 in the North Crest Medical Building. Special guest speaker will be John Paul Smith who is the director of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center. We hope everyone will be able to attend and here him speak.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny with a high of 52 and a north wind of 10-20 mph — diminishing in the afternoon. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low of 23. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, the high almost 65, becoming breezy in the afternoon.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly clear. Low 20 to 25. Light and variable wind this evening, becoming south 5-10 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows near 20 to near 30. Tuesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs near 60 to the mid 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Far West Texas — Tonight,

mostly clear. Lows 30-35. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 65-70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s, Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 60s to mid 70s.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight and Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows 26 to 31. Highs 59 to 65. Extended forecast,

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s, near 30 Hill Country. Tuesday, increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s inland to upper 40s coast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains —

Tonight, mostly clear, becoming mostly cloudy late. Lows near 50 coast to the upper 40s inland. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 60s coast to

the upper 60s inland. Deep South Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s coast to the mid 50s inland. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 60s coast to near 70 inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, variable cloudiness northwest with a slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy central and northeast. Mostly clear south and southeast. Lows from 10 to the lower 20s mountains and north, 20s to near 30 elsewhere. Tuesday, becoming breezy statewide. Mostly cloudy northwest with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs in the 40s and 50s north, 60 to lower 70s south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, fair skies. Lows from the teens northwest Oklahoma to the 20s elsewhere. Tuesday, clear to partly cloudy. Highs from the mid 50s to mid 60s.

City briefs

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LOST MALE German Shorthair Pointer, Cherokee Street, has seizures - on medication & needs it! 665-8546. Adv.

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TIME TO Apply Pre-Emergent Weed & Feed. Kill the weeds & crabgrass before you see them. Available at Watson's Feed & Garden. Hwy. 60 East, 665-4189. Adv.

U.S. PLAYMATES at Club Biarritz, March 5th. Tickets \$10, VIP \$15 for ticket information call 669-2737. Adv.

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RESERVATION LINE open for Act I production "It's A Scream". March 6, 7, 13 & 14. 665-3710, 665-9369 leave message. Adv.

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TUESDAY NIGHTS live music by Tommy Henson at Dyer's Barbeque, 6-9 p.m. Adv.

ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts has moved to 301 W. Foster, sterling jewelry, jar candles & more gifts. Adv.

Ensemble contest



(Community Camera photo)

Recently, 70 Pampa Middle School students participated in the vocal solo and ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. They are the students of Suzanne Wood and Jennifer Scoggin, choral directors, and Wanetta Hill, private voice instructor. Students performing were Lauren Acker, April Angel, Jessica Baggett, Cory Bigham, Abby Bradley, Brittany Brazile, Helen Brooks, Jessica Burns, Luke Burton, Ashley Cain, Stacie Carter, Annie Chumbley, Kayla Conner, Richard Conner, Meagan Craig, Betsy Crossman, Megan Davis, Chesney Driggers, Taryn Fallon, Casey Fisher, James Gaddis, Julian George, Jay Gerber, Cassie Gibson, Charity Godwin, Karlie Green, Michelle Haley, Joe Bob Harp, Bonnie Holmes, T'Andra Holmes, Heather Hucks, Ashlee Hunt, Karissa Intemann, Samantha Jasso, Brittany Kindle, Ashley Kiper, Karen Kirkwood, Jessica Knipp, Lindsey Ledbetter, Andrea Lee, Justin Lemons, Chris Lewis, Collin Lewis, Denise Mackie, Danielle Martinez, Shelby McGahen, Katy Newhouse, Jessica Nicolet, Misti Northcutt, Jeanie Palmateer, Abbey Parker, Adam Parks, Heather Parry, Sammie Parsley, Janelle Powers, Jonathan Prock, Sara Scott, Megan Shannon, Michael Shaw, Tammy Silva, Shellie Snapp, Teryn Stowers, Kelly Tripplehorn, Callie Veal, Damian Villarreal, Leslie Ward, Jennifer Warren, Liz West, Morgan White and Angie Williams.

Study: 400,000 troops possibly contaminated by depleted uranium

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 400,000 Persian Gulf War troops may have been exposed to hazardous particles of uranium from shells fired by American tanks and aircraft, says a study released today by a coalition of veterans groups.

The National Gulf War Resource Center also alleged that the Defense Department was aware of the potential of health problems from battlefield exposure to depleted uranium before the 1991 war but failed to alert the troops.

"The U.S. Department of Defense has engaged in a deliberate attempt to avoid responsibility for consciously allowing the widespread exposure of hundreds of thousands of U.S. and coalition servicemen and women," the group contended.

Depleted uranium is a metal residue left when natural uranium is refined. It is used in artillery shells and bombs designed to penetrate the armor of tanks. It also is used as a protective shell on armored vehicles.

When sealed in armor or in a bomb or artillery shell, depleted uranium exposure is relatively harmless. But when a depleted uranium shell hits its target, some of the metal burns and oxidizes into small particles. This creates an airborne dust that, if inhaled or ingested, can be toxic in humans.

Until just recently, the Pentagon office investigating links between the mysterious ailments of Gulf War veterans, known collectively as Gulf War Illnesses, and troop exposures to a variety of toxins and chemical agents had insisted that only 27 soldiers had possibly been exposed to depleted uranium. It also contended that the troops faced no health risk from their exposures.

But on Jan. 8, in a report marking the first year of its investigation, the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses made a sweeping — but little noted — admission that thousands of troops may have been exposed.

It acknowledged "serious deficiencies in what our troops understood" about the health dangers of depleted uranium.

"These hazards were well documented" by the Army, it said. "Unfortunately, this information was generally known only by technical specialists," and combat troops and those who scoured the battlefields in Iraq and Kuwait after the war were not aware of dangers.

"The failure to properly disseminate such information to troops at all levels may have resulted in thousands of unnecessary exposures," the Pentagon report said.

The veterans coalition went further, alleging that the Pentagon — most particularly the Army — purposely kept soldiers in the dark and failed after the war to conduct immediate testing of those possibly exposed.

"They were aware they had a problem on their hands, and they were looking to minimize the (public relations) fallout from it," Dan Fahey, the principal author of the study, said in a telephone interview. Fahey is with the Swords to Plowshares Veterans Rights Organization, based in San Francisco.

A Pentagon spokesman on Gulf War Illness issues, Air Force Capt. Tom Gilroy, said he was unaware of the report being released today. "We welcome anything that can help," he said.

The report's authors said they could not make a firm estimate of the number of U.S. and allied soldiers who were exposed to the depleted uranium particles because too little is known about the circumstances of exposure incidents.

They settled on a rough estimate of 400,000 troops exposed based on surveys that indicated about three-fourths of the 541,000 U.S. servicemen and women present during the war reported having come in contact with destroyed Iraqi equipment either during the fighting or afterward.

Tribes, worried about backlash over riches, seek further political clout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried about a backlash because some tribes have struck it rich, American Indians are mounting aggressive lobbying and public relations campaigns to preserve their federal aid and avoid new restrictions on their gambling and other enterprises.

"All the tribes realize the success of those few could damage the sovereignty of all of us," said Tim Martin, executive director of the 23-member United South and Eastern Tribes. "And that is the threat that ties us all together."

Gambling wealth has helped some tribes achieve political power. Consider Connecticut's Mashantucket Pequots, whose chairman, Richard "Skip" Hayward, once camped out in Congress' hallways to bring attention to his tribe's bid for federal recognition in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Today, the Pequots, owners of Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, Conn., pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Democratic and Republican parties — and Hayward has been called by President Clinton himself.

But the wealth — while powerful — is highly concentrated. By Dec. 31, 1996, 281 gambling facilities were being run by 184 tribes — but 40 percent of revenues came from eight casinos, according to Congress' General Accounting Office.

While it has won gains for tribes

— such as the defeat of a proposed 35 percent tax on Indian revenues in 1995 — the money has had a downside, some Indian leaders say.

Because a few of them have gotten very rich, all tribes are saddled with the perception of wealth — and the need to fight efforts in Congress to capitalize on those riches by taxing them or reducing federal aid to some tribes.

One of the biggest issues facing tribes this year is the redistribution of federal aid, budgeted this year at \$759 million.

Congress has directed the Bureau of Indian Affairs to come up with a new distribution system. That worries both wealthier tribes, who say they still need federal help, and poorer tribes, who fear any radical changes in redistribution. Now, some of the richest tribes get far more money in proportion to their population than poorer tribes.

"Because one area has more than another does not mean that it deserves less," Bernida Churchill, an official with Minnesota's Mille Lacs band of Chippewa, owners of two prosperous casinos, told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee last week. "There is demonstrated unmet need almost everywhere in Indian country."

Until the 1990s, tribes were often caught off guard by legislation considered anti-Indian, said Keller George, a member of the men's council of the Oneida Nation of New York, which runs the upstate Turning Stone casino.

Indian issues then began to take on a higher profile as some tribes began to make a lot of money — a change that coincided with the election of many new lawmakers and the changeover to Republican control of the House of Representatives in 1994.

Today, "We're playing offense,"

George said. Indian groups such as the United South and Eastern Tribes meet with members of Congress more frequently and ply new lawmakers with briefing books on Indian issues. Last month, it held a seminar on tax issues for congressional staff members. Individual tribes also are reaching out to lawmakers outside their states.

The activity is not limited to tribes with casinos, even though they'd be hardest hit by new taxes. Virtually all tribes oppose increased federal controls over Indian land or money because they are seen as threats to sovereignty. They also fear that Congress eventually could curb aid to Indians across-the-board, even though most efforts, to date, have focused on richer tribes.

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Opinion

Smoke and mirrors won't provide relief

Promises to devote the budget surplus to shore up Social Security are meaningless.

During his State of the Union address, President Clinton promised to save Social Security by funneling "every penny of any surplus" to bolster this troubled government-run retirement program. What sounds like a sensible proposal is nothing but Clintonian smoke and mirrors.

For starters, there is not yet a budget surplus. There certainly won't be one for long if Congress goes along with Clinton's proposals to increase spending on everything from child care to reducing the size of classrooms.

Even more questionable is the notion that the federal government can be relied upon to restore what it has corrupted. Congress, with the complicity of this and other administrations, has raided the Social Security Trust Fund to mask the deficit and fund other government programs.

Currently, more money is being paid into the system than is taken out, but once the baby boomers retire that will change in a hurry. To make up for what was supposed to have been amassed in the trust fund, Congress will have to dramatically raise taxes or significantly reduce benefits.

The Concord Coalition, a bipartisan good-government group that promotes fiscal responsibility, "disputed claims that there will be a federal budget surplus by 1999, pointing out that the projected surplus is only reached by borrowing Social Security's annual surplus revenue." The \$9.5-billion surplus the president predicts for '99 "is possible only by borrowing Social Security's surplus of \$105 billion in that year."

Consider the absurdity of the scenario. The president wants to raid the Social Security Trust Fund to come up with his budget "surplus." Then he announces that he will direct the entire \$9.5-billion surplus back to Social Security. It's like a man who robs you of \$100, then gives \$5 back.

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935 to establish an insurance system to keep America's elderly from falling into poverty. Many Americans still believe the system operates as an insurance program. But they are wrong.

Initially, Social Security taxes were invested in interest-bearing trust funds. After retirement, workers would receive the dollars they had put into the system plus accrued interest. But in 1940, Congress transformed the program into the type of pyramid scheme that would today be illegal if a private company tried it. Instead of being paid by their own invested dollars, retirees were to be paid by current taxpayers. This change paved the way for the current situation, whereby Congress merely uses Social Security taxes to cover its profligate spending.

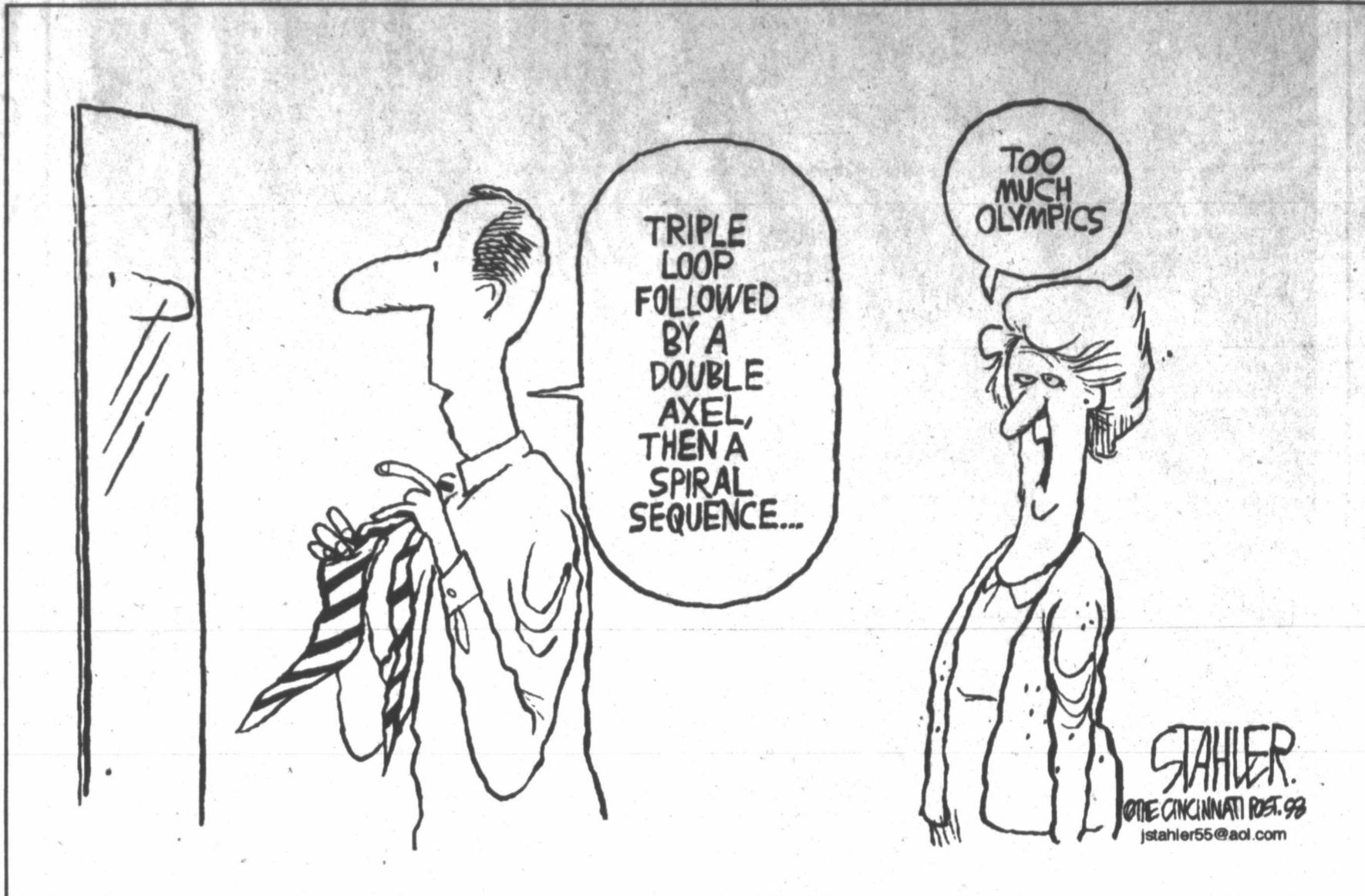
Like all ponzi schemes, the bottom has to fall out eventually. In 1940, there were 17 workers paying into the system for every one drawing from it. Today, the ratio is 3-to-1. By 2030, there will be more who collect from the system than pay into it.

Another problem is Social Security taxes continue to eat up an increasing percentage of individual earnings. According to the Heritage Foundation's William Beach and Gareth Davis: "In 1972, the average worker paid 8.1 percent in Old-Age and Survivors payroll taxes on the first \$9,000 of wages and salary; by 1997, that worker paid 10.7 percent on the first \$65,400. Between 2020 and 2046 the tax rate will rise to at least 14.4 percent, making it even harder to amass private savings."

And all to fund a system with a dismal return on investment. The current generation receiving Social Security has done fairly well by the system. But younger Americans could have hundreds of thousands of dollars more for their retirement years had they invested those payroll taxes into conservative, private funds rather than in this wasteful program.

Giving Americans the option to put their dollars in private accounts, similar to what successfully has been tried in Great Britain, can make the system solvent. This would ensure more comfortable retirements for Americans. Clinton's phony measures will do nothing of the sort.

—Odessa American



A parent's worst nightmare

What is the number one concern among kids? A Roper poll shows that 76 percent of children are scared of being kidnapped. What worries their parents? Mayo Clinic research reveals that 72 percent of parents fear that their child will be kidnapped by a stranger.

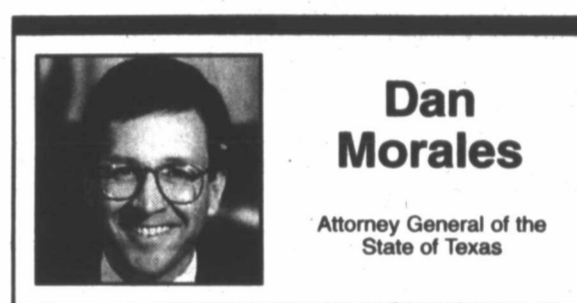
Surveys consistently indicate public awareness and fear of the most extreme acts of child abduction and murder. The truth is these crimes make up less than 0.5 percent of all child murders. One child abduction murder occurs for every 10,000 reports of a missing child.

Still, about 100 child abduction-murder cases do occur in the United States each year. As your Attorney General, I want Texas parents and law enforcement to know that swift and appropriate action are vital when these terrible crimes occur.

A Washington State Attorney General's Office study could lead to more efficient and effective investigations of child abductions and murders nationwide. The study, Case Management for Missing Children Homicide Investigation, examined more than 600 child abduction-murder cases from 44 states. Forty of the cases came from Texas.

The findings help detectives make better decisions in responding to reports of missing children, setting priorities, marshaling their resources, asking the right questions, knowing what to look for and knowing where to look first.

According to the findings, police should



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 Attorney General of the State of Texas

respond immediately to a report about a missing child. Police need to concentrate as many investigative resources as quickly as possible on these cases. This approach greatly boosts the odds that the child will be recovered alive. Quick investigation also improves the chance that the predator will be caught.

Unfortunately, in 60 percent of the cases studied, delays of more than two hours occurred between the time the parents missed the victim and the time they notified police that the child was lost. This made a big difference in whether investigators found the child alive. In 74 percent of the cases, the abduction victims were dead within three hours.

Timing is critical both in reporting a missing child and in initiating police investigations. Quick action on both counts may save a child's life and improve the probability of apprehending the kidnapper.

The effectiveness of a neighborhood canvass is another important finding of this research.

When police did not know where the abductor took the child, the potential for solving the crime dropped 40 percent below average. When investigators knew where the kidnapper picked up the child, the possibility of solving the crime increased 13 percent above average.

Investigators canvassing a neighborhood should ask everyone, "What did you see that was unusual?" rather than just the standard "What was unusual?" In the study cases, two-thirds of the time, the killer was in the area where the child was last seen because he belonged there. He either lived in the area, was there for some normal social activity or worked nearby.

The study uncovers patterns common to child abduction cases: Parents must not delay reporting a missing child to police.

Police must take the missing child report seriously and investigate the case immediately. The police inquiry should include questions about the ordinary activities in the area where the child disappeared.

The Washington State Attorney General's study findings can be alarming to parents and police. The more police and other law enforcement know about the nature of these crimes, however, the more effectively they can investigate and solve them.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the study, contact Kenneth A. Hanfland in the Office of the Washington Attorney General at 1-800-345-2793.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Monday, March 2, the 61st day of 1998. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 2, 1933, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date:
 In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford

B. Hayes was declared winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1897, President Cleveland vetoed legislation that would have required a literacy test for immigrants.

In 1899, Congress established Mount Rainier National Park.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elect-

ed Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1939, the Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect.

In 1949, an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non-stop, round-the-world flight.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be

excluded from the blood supply.

Ten years ago: The U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to order the United States to submit to binding arbitration its plan to close the observer mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A federal court later stopped the U.S.

Five years ago: In the third day of a standoff between federal agents and Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas, local radio stations broadcast a taped statement in which the group's leader, David Koresh, promised to surrender; however, the standoff continued.

Who is served by grand jury leaks?

So: Who are the culprits who have been leaking the stories about Mr. Starr's probe of the president's relationship with Monica Lewinsky? Is it even relevant? Should we care?

The matter is much more complicated than it appears to be.

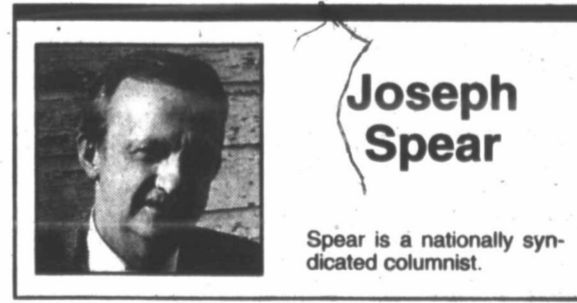
The Clinton camp clearly believes the prosecution team is intent on yanking the president's pants down before the entire world and that it has all but issued press releases about the statements of various witnesses before the grand juries that are investigating the Lewinsky scandal. When the testimony of Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, ended up on the front pages of the New York Times, the president's lawyer, David Kendall, called a press conference and erupted.

Starr's army is "out of control," Kendall said. There was evidence they had on at least 50 occasions released "information and falsehoods in an attempt to pressure, manipulate, and intimidate witnesses and possible witnesses, affect public opinion in (their) favor and cause political harm to the president." He would seek court relief, he said, and he did.

In response, Starr professed shock that anyone would question his conduct and said he would investigate himself. So far, there is no indication he has found anything amiss.

To assess the brouhaha, let us consider three points.

First, the public process runs on leaks, and 99.9 percent of the time, the people are well-served by them. Without leaks, and without the



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whistleblowers and disgruntled officials who engage in the surreptitious dissemination of information, we would be dependent upon self-serving press releases and news conferences to know what our government is up to. The press is protected so that it can "bare the secrets of government," wrote Justice Hugo Black in the Pentagon Papers case, which involved the leak of highly classified information.

Second, virtually every official in Washington leaks in one way or another, and every leaker has an agenda. Reporters know they are being used. Reporters are always being used. The question, to be perfectly blunt, is whether they are going to be high class hookers or streetwalkers. Are they being used for reasonably noble purposes, or are they serving baser interests?

Which brings us to the third thing, grand jury leaks.

Grand jury proceedings are considered sacrosanct. Indeed, it is illegal (Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure) for prosecutors,

jurors, court recorders or any other government employee associated with grand juries to reveal any evidence that is presented to them. The main reason for this stricture is that grand juries are investigative bodies that deal with unevaluated evidence and raw accusation, the disclosure of which could harm the reputations of the innocent and prejudice the trials of those who may be indicted.

The biggest problem with grand jury leaks is that they cannot be double-sourced (not that the media cares). Promiscuous use of them means the reporter has forfeited his public interest mandate and is abjectly-serving the interests of the leaker.

And what are the interests of the leakers on Starr's staff? Are they impartial pursuers of truth, as Starr himself ceaselessly claims? Or are they partisans and zealots who long ago decided Clinton is a rogue and have been thrashing around for three-plus years to find something that might prove it?

I call your attention to a February 1997 article by New York Post columnist John Crudele, in which he wrote that one of Starr's top deputies, Hickman Ewing, "flat-out thinks Bill and Hillary Clinton are corrupt. I know, because I've discussed the matter with him. And the minute he can prove it, Ewing will be bold enough to bring the first couple to trial."

I think you could fairly call that an agenda. I also think it is well past time for Janet Reno to name an independent counsel to investigate the independent counsel.

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MEDICAL

Health tips

Think hard before deactivating air bags

The evidence shows that automobile air bags soften impact in head-on crashes.

That is why Dr. James Atkins, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, recommends that air bags remain activated unless the driver sits closer than 10 inches to the steering wheel or children must sit in the front seat.

"It's unfortunate that air bags contributed to the deaths of some people, but many more lives have been saved by the devices," says Atkins, an emergency medicine specialist who served on a national advisory panel that recently recommended air bags be deactivated only with a doctor's permission for medical reasons or small stature, which may include adults shorter than five feet.

Air bags are designed to work in tandem with seat belts, acting as cushions that prevent people from hitting hard surfaces. "If the bags are deactivated, part of the safety system has been compromised and more injuries could result," Atkins says.

Sleep apnea can be a weighty problem

Weight loss may be the recipe for a good night's sleep. Snoring, snorting and jerking are symptoms of sleep apnea, which is a breathing interruption caused by airway obstruction. Dr. Anthony Dal Nogare, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says severe apnea has been linked with hypertension, irregular heart rhythms and death.

Seventy percent of patients with obstructive sleep apnea are obese. "Even a modest weight loss of 20 pounds can significantly improve airflow," says Dal Nogare, a pulmonary specialist. "Getting down to ideal body weight may cure the problem."

Severe cases of sleep apnea, in the obese and lean patient, may require surgery.

Cancer is just one cause of bloody urine

Contact your doctor anytime there is blood in your urine. "Hematuria, which is blood in the urine, is a sign of potentially serious illness that should not be ignored," says Dr. Craig Hall,

assistant professor of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "The most serious causes of this condition are cancers of the urinary tract, including the kidneys, ureter and bladder. Smokers over the age of 40 are at especially high risk for these diseases."

Blood also can appear in urine because of urinary tract infections, kidney stones and enlarged prostate glands, Hall says.

"Your general physician may refer you to a urologist for a definite diagnosis," he says. "It is important to have a full evaluation to determine the underlying cause of hematuria."

Get to the heart of a child's chest pain

A child's chest pain — unlike an adult's — may not be a sign of serious heart trouble. But it shouldn't be ignored.

Causes of childhood chest pain include musculoskeletal disorders, panic disorders, exercise-induced asthma or drug abuse, says Dr. Lynn Mahony, associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Mahony says a child should be examined by a pediatrician or pediatric cardiologist if the chest pain is acute and persistent, associated with exercise, or if the child has a history of viral damage to the heart, a suspected irregular heart beat or a worrisome family cardiac history.

Raise your pulse, lower breast cancer risk

Add this to the list of reasons to exercise regularly: It will lower your risk for breast cancer.

"Women who participate in recreational athletics and spend at least four hours a week exercising to keep fit have a significantly lower breast-cancer risk than women who spend their leisure time watching television or engaging in other sedentary activities," says Dr. David Euhus, assistant professor of surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Women whose work requires walking, lifting or heavy manual labor also develop breast cancer at lower rates than women engaged in less active occupations.

The greatest risk reduction is seen in premenopausal women, but Euhus says exercise is important for all ages.

"If you are not exercising now, start slowly," he says. "Begin by walking 15 minutes a day and slowly build up to four hours of vigorous exercise a week. As your stamina and energy level increases, join the community soccer league or take up country and western dancing."

Don't fret over misplaced keys

The growing understanding of Alzheimer's disease has made people more aware of the symptoms. But Dr. Myron Weiner says it also has created some unnecessary concern.

"People may lose their car keys more often as they age, but they and their family members shouldn't jump to the conclusion that Alzheimer's disease is the cause," says Weiner, professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "It should only be suspected when mental lapses become a constant problem."

If forgetfulness is increasing, Weiner says a physician can determine whether testing for Alzheimer's disease or other dementias should be performed.

Deadly bacteria

Anthrax is a naturally occurring disease in plant-eating animals which can infect all warm-blooded animals. The disease is caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*.



Rod-shaped spore found in soil

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- Highly lethal
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How humans are infected

- Through cuts in skin resulting from contact with infected animals
- Breathing spores
- Eating infected meat



Symptoms begin one to six days after exposure*

- Fever, fatigue, cough
 - Breathing problems, sweating
 - Bluish skin tone
- *Virtually always results in death

Treatment

- Vaccination prior to exposure
- Antibiotics immediately after exposure

Source: DefenseLINK; AP research

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Rituxan shown to fight Hodgkin's lymphoma

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of patients with an incurable type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma have their first new weapon in a decade.

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a novel, genetically engineered drug to attack the immune system cancer with far fewer side effects than standard treatment.

Rituxan is not a cure, but the FDA said it has an "excellent" success rate in shrinking tumors safely.

The approval makes Rituxan the nation's first anti-cancer monoclonal antibody — a long-awaited biotechnology in which specially manufactured antibodies bind to cancer cells and trigger the immune system to do the killing instead of toxic chemicals.

"Even though my type of lymphoma is still considered incurable, Rituxan has renewed my hope of raising my three children," said Dr. Wendy Harpham, a Richardson, Texas, physician who failed other treatments before Rituxan therapy put her cancer in remission.

About 240,000 Americans have non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph system that targets vital white blood cells. Many patients are successfully treated. But about half of them have an incurable form called low-grade non-Hodgkin's that causes repeat relapses over six or seven years.

These patients try high doses of chemotherapy, radiation and bone marrow transplants that can cause severe side effects, particularly when these treatments also kill

healthy cells that get in the way.

Rituxan is made from a genetically engineered mouse antibody designed to be a more specific treatment. Scientists don't know exactly how it works, said FDA monoclonal antibody chief Kathryn Stein. But ultimately these antibodies zero in on the white blood cells involved in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and trigger their death.

"This is the first of what we hope will be many monoclonal antibodies for tumor treatment," she said.

In a study of 166 patients with advanced cancer, 48 percent had their tumors shrink by at least half. Six percent of patients had complete remissions. Half the successful patients remained stable for more than 11 months, a rate that Stein called "excellent."

Protease inhibitors may improve, reverse AIDS related brain disease, according to researchers

CHICAGO (AP) — A progressive brain disease that attacks most AIDS patients was halted — and in some cases reversed — when treated with a powerful class of AIDS drugs, a study has found.

HIV-encephalopathy, which leads to a loss of mental and motor function, stabilized or improved in a majority of patients treated with protease inhibitors, a family of AIDS drugs proven to have a powerful effect on the virus, according to results presented at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

Dr. Christopher Filippi, director of neuroradiology at New York's Weiler Hospital, and researchers at Yale-New Haven Medical Center studied 16 patients with AIDS dementia. Magnetic resonance imaging scans showed that dementia stabilized or almost completely disappeared in 89 percent of the patients given protease inhibitors, Filippi said.

Bright white patches are present in the brain scans of patients with dementia. The patches appear darker in patients treated with protease inhibitors.

The disease, which affects more than two-thirds of

all AIDS patients, continued to progress in 86 percent of those not given the drugs, Filippi said.

The findings are particularly significant given the success of protease inhibitors in treating many of the physical symptoms associated with AIDS, he said.

"What good is it to prolong the body when the brain goes?" Filippi asked.

It is unclear how or why protease inhibitors affect the central nervous system, he said.

The drugs, which first appeared on the market in early 1996, have been shown to reduce the number of infections and deaths in AIDS patients when taken in combination with other drugs, such as AZT. Protease inhibitors work by blocking the production of protease, an enzyme crucial to the virus' survival.

One researcher who was not involved in the study said he is not convinced by the new findings. Dr. David Simpson, director of the neuro-AIDS research program at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, said magnetic resonance imaging is not the best way to determine the progression of dementia.



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Burden Of Parents' Divorce Can Weigh Heavily On Kids

DEAR ABBY: Please remind parents who are divorcing not to forget to have that all-important conversation with their sons and daughters in which they assure them that the divorce has nothing to do with them.

Don't assume they "know." Children need to be told that their parents will be there for them, even though their parents won't be living together. And it's vital that the parents follow through by being available to their children physically, emotionally and financially as much as possible.

My father abandoned my three siblings and me in all three ways. At 44, after three failed relationships, I still hurt because my father never told me the divorce was not my fault, and because he never stood by us. With the help of counseling, I've stopped blaming my father and myself for my failed relationships. I have finally made peace with my dad. I don't respect him or the decisions he made, but I do love him. He is who he is, and I realize now that it's time to get on with my life.

ON THE MEND
 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON THE MEND: That's good advice for divorcing parents everywhere. As I say in my teen booklet, the real victims of divorce or separation are too often the innocent bystanders — the children. I tell the children of divorce: "Don't



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

make your burden harder to bear by feeling in any way guilty about the split. Children are seldom, if ever, the cause — or even a factor — in a divorce or separation.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, used to silently condemn able-looking people who park in handicapped spaces. Then my husband developed lymphatic cancer at age 39 and needed chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

During his half-year of treatment, he displayed a handicapped placard in his car. Anybody watching him leave his car would have seen a tall, handsome, well-built man in the prime of his life. But the powerful treatments left him so weak and exhausted, he could barely walk across a parking lot.

That's when I realized that not all disabilities show, and if a person has a handicapped placard on the dashboard, he or she probably

needs it.

JULI
 IN VALLEY VILLAGE, CALIF.

P.S. Three years later, my husband is doing just fine.

DEAR JULI: I'm pleased that your story has a happy ending. I'm printing your letter as a reminder that people shouldn't jump to conclusions without having all the facts.

DEAR ABBY: I was driving home on New Year's Day via California Highway 73, one of the few toll roads in our state. At the collection gate, I followed a black four-door sedan. I thought the young female driver was talking excessively to the collector, but I stayed composed. When I handed the collector the fee, he returned it, informing me that the driver ahead of me had paid my fee and also wished me a Happy New Year!

Abby, a wonderful warmth came over me as my faith in the goodness of my fellowman was for that moment restored.

LLOYD JONES, SAN DIEGO

DEAR LLOYD: A wonderful warmth came over me when I read your letter. Thank you for sharing a dandy day-brightener.

something that has been disturbing you. New self-awareness will make it clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Things should work out rather well for you today in your involvements with friends, be they social or commercial. Your luck could work in either area.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds are tilted slightly in your favor today, just enough to give you an edge in competitive developments. Be grateful for what you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you think you have something of significant value that friends should know about, this is a good day to reveal what you have. They could be intrigued.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It could be very difficult for others to keep things hidden from you today. Your powers to probe and detect will discern readily what is being covered up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a good time to take care of arrangements that require additional bonding. You will be able to see situations from both sides and fuse them together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are some effective measures you can take at this time that could benefit your career. When others become aware of your intentions, it could trigger their help and cooperation on several levels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nice things will be said about you today, because the word has gotten out that you're generous in your praise of others. This gives you a dual purpose for taking bows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) People to whom you should be most solicitous today are members of your own family. They will be the ones backing you up when the chips are down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The more complex situations are today, the better you're apt to function. Your mind is nimble and quick, unafraid of challenging developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could be rather good at being able to spot arrangements that can be turned to your advantage. When you become aware of your opportunities, take positive action.

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Horoscope

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

There are indications in the year ahead for a strengthening of both your personality and will. Your new qualities will enhance your probabilities for success and popularity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Promoting your self-interests could be of paramount importance to you today. Handle your involvements in an assertive manner, but don't become too pushy. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work.

Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to take some time today to analyze your most innate feelings in order to get a handle on



"My watch stopped. It ran out of time."



"Did you drink the water out of this vase?"

The Family Circus



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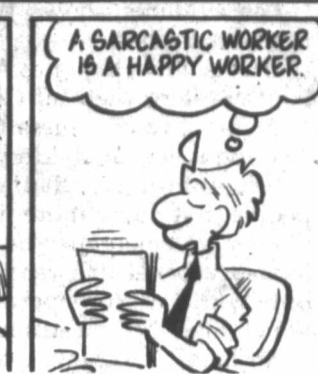
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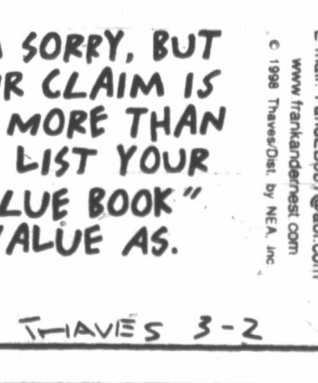
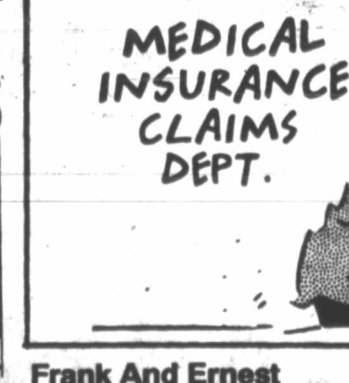
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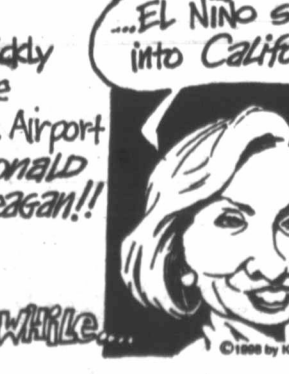
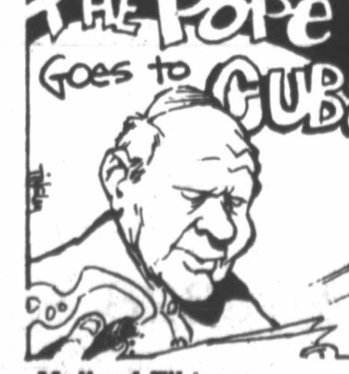
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TRACK

FRENSHIP — The Pampa Lady Harvesters opened the track season with an overwhelming victory Saturday at the Frenship Relays. The Lady Harvesters scored 239 3/4 points to bring home the championship trophy. Lubbock Estacado was a distant second with 104 points. Individual results will be published in Tuesday's edition of *The Pampa News*.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Club will have a baseball-softball organizational meeting at 7 Monday night, March 16 at the club, located at 601 E. Craven. Persons interested in becoming a coach or manager in the baseball or softball programs are required to be at the meeting or send a representative. Sign-ups are scheduled the first week of April and managers-coaches need to be in place by March 20. "If you know of anyone that is interested in managing or coaching, please encourage them to be present. Cooperation in this matter is appreciated because time is short," said Bill Simon of the Pampa Optimist Club Board.

FOOTBALL

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Ted Washington will remain with the Buffalo Bills under a five-year package worth more than \$27 million rather than shop himself to the rest of the NFL, according to a published report. The Pro Bowl nose tackle's contract includes a franchise-record signing bonus of \$6.5 million. The Buffalo News reported today. It also provides for Washington, who turns 30 next month, to receive about 70 percent of his money in the first three years. Bills general manager John Butler and Washington's agent, Angelo Wright, began intense negotiations late last week after the NFL Players Association and the league's Management Council announced a settlement that replaced the Bills' franchise label on Washington with a less restrictive transition tag, the News said. Washington's contract, the richest in team history, averages slightly more than \$5.4 million per season and surpasses the six-year, \$28.2-million contract defensive end Bruce Smith signed last year.

OLYMPICS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Figure skater Michelle Kwan, the silver medalist in the Nagano Olympics, has signed a deal with Unilever to promote Fresh Deodorant Care soap, USA Today reported. The newspaper said Unilever will announce the signing today. Unilever and Kwan's agent, Shep Goldberg, would not disclose financial figures, but USA Today's sources estimated the deal is for under \$100,000. Kwan, 17, was favored to the gold medal, and led after the short program, but was overtaken in the long program by 15-year-old Tara Lipinski. Kwan is preparing for the World Figure Skating Championships, which start March 31 in Minneapolis.

HOCKEY

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Amonte and Mike Modano — two thumbs up. Craig Ludwig and Chris Chelios — two thumbs down. The reviews came pouring in after the Dallas Stars and Chicago Blackhawks played to a 2-2 tie Sunday. And there was a wide range of opinion regarding the NHL's recent mandate instructing referees to call more obstruction infractions. "You're asking the wrong guy," said Dallas' Ludwig, who twice was assessed penalties giving Chicago 5-on-3 power plays that resulted in goals by Greg Johnson and Eric Daze.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Big 12's second regular season is history, and once again Missouri is the only team to beat Kansas. At home, of course. On the road, the Tigers went another full year without a victory, stretching their away-from-Hearnes Center winless streak to 24. But the fourth-ranked Jayhawks (31-3, 15-1 Big 12) kept their Big 12 record perfect every place but Columbia, Mo., Sunday by closing out the regular season with a 71-67 victory at No. 25 Oklahoma State. The Cowboys (21-5, 11-5), who have now lost six in a row to the Jayhawks, had "already assured themselves of second place in the regular season and the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament starting Thursday in Kansas City's Kemper Arena. Whoever replaces Barone will

In what may have been the most emotionally-charged regular season finale of the weekend, Texas A&M said goodbye to an old building, a witty coach and a horrid losing streak all at the same time. Breaking a 16-game losing skid, the Aggies shut down the regular season and 44-year-old G. Rollie White Coliseum on Saturday with an 80-75 victory over Baylor. It was also the last home appearance for coach Tony Barone, who's been fired effective with the final game, which will almost certainly come in the Big 12 tourney. The Aggies (7-19, 1-15 Big 12) are seeded 12th and will meet those same fifth-seeded Baylor Bears (13-13, 8-8) on Thursday afternoon in the first round.

launch next season in A&M's brand new \$36 million, 12,500-seat Reed Arena. "I am really proud of our guys," Barone said. "Our attitude, effort and composure are bigger than the win. We will build on it and prepare for Baylor in the first round of the tournament." In the other regular season wrapups on Saturday, Missouri avenged the worst loss in its 91-year basketball history by swamping Kansas State 89-59. Oklahoma clinched third place by shocking Texas Tech 89-56 in the most lopsided home loss in the Red Raiders' history. Colorado saw to it that Texas lost a double-digit lead for the sixth time this season as the Buffaloes rallied for an 81-64 win. And Tyrone Lue made all nine of his

second-half shots to lead Nebraska past Iowa State 70-62. Missouri (16-13, 8-8), victim of a record-breaking 55-point blowout in January at Kansas State, will meet Iowa State (12-17, 5-11) in the late game on Thursday. Kansas State (16-10, 7-9), which had 21 turnovers against the Tigers, will play Colorado (13-13, 7-9) in the first game at noon on Thursday. In the other first-round game on Thursday, 10th-seeded Texas (12-16, 6-10) will take on seventh-seeded Texas Tech (13-13, 7-9). Kansas, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Nebraska all drew first-round byes. In the second round on Friday, the top-seeded Jayhawks will meet the Colorado Kansas State winner and No. 2 seed Oklahoma State draws the

Texas-Texas Tech victor. Oklahoma gets the winner between Iowa State and Missouri while Nebraska takes on the Baylor-A&M survivor. Nebraska won its sixth straight game as Lue scored 24 points, which matched the total he had in the Huskers' victory over the Cyclones earlier this year. In an overtime win last year, he burned Iowa State for 30. "I thought I was the guy who had to pick it up," said Lue, who also matched his career high with nine assists. At Columbia, the Tigers said revenge was not on their minds. "We weren't looking at the margin, trying to match up how much they beat us by," said John Woods, who had five of Missouri's school record-tying 15 3-pointers.

Pampa girls stay unbeaten

WOLFORTH — Pampa swept Frenship in in a doubleheader Saturday to push their record to 4-0 in this first season of UIL girls' fastpitch softball. Pampa won the opener, 18-3, as Kimberly Clark (2-0) picked up the mound win. Heather Petty (2-0) was the winning pitcher in the second game as Pampa posted an 11-8 victory. "We hit the ball better this time around and I was real pleased with that. Our first big test is coming against Dumas," said Pampa head coach Rod Porter. Pampa hosts Dumas at 5 p.m. Thursday at Optimist Park. "Dumas will have the best team we've played so far," Porter added.

Harvester golf squad is fifth

MIDLAND — The Pampa boys' golf team finished fifth in a 12-team division at the Midland Invitational last weekend. Barry Brauchi led the Harvesters with a two-round score of 163. He had 87 the first day and 76 the second day. Grady Locknane followed with a 165 (85-80). "We need to get everybody down around 80. They're all capable. From tee to green they're doing just fine, but they need to improve on their short game," said PHS coach Frank McCullough. "That's what we're going to be working on."

The Pampa boys' team is entered in the Andrews Invitational Friday and Saturday. The Pampa girls' team will also be in action the same weekend at the Midland Invitational.

Midland Invitational Team results

1. Borger 306-321-627; 2. Andrews 325-303-628; 3. Lamesa 331-317-648; 4. El Paso Burges 346-320-666; 5. Pampa 345-325-670; 6. (tie) Sweetwater 340-331-671 and Big Spring 334-337-671; 8. Hereford 343-329-672; 9. Frenship 337-343-680; 10. Snyder 345-336-681; 11. Midland Trinity 352-337-689; 12. Amarillo Caprock 352-362-714.

Pampa individuals

Barry Brauchi 87-76-163; Grady Locknane 85-80-165; Nathan Banner 87-79-166; Matt Heasley 87-90-177; Clay Banner 86-91-177.

Medalists

1. (tie) Brad Gibson, Andrews, 77-74-151 and J. Chris Hubert, Andrews, 76-75-151; 3. Evan Hays, Borger, 73-80-153.

Power ousted

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Venus Lacy's layup with 1.9 seconds left lifted the Long Beach StingRays to a 70-69 win over Portland, eliminating the Power from the semifinals of the American Basketball League playoffs.

Natalie Williams led the Power — the ABL's Western Conference champions — with 27 points and 13 rebounds. She scored with 16.2 seconds left on a pass from Katy Steding to give the Power a 69-68 lead.

Elaine Powell missed a free throw, then Williams blocked a breakaway by Yolanda Griffith. The ball went out of bounds, setting up the winning play on an inbound pass from Andrea Nagy.



(Pampa News photo)

Second baseman Jennifer Quintana is one of 10 juniors listed on the 14-man roster in Pampa's first year in UIL fastpitch girls' softball. The Lady Harvesters host Dumas at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Tour operators, state at odds over wildlife refuge

ORANGE, Texas — On a gnarled cypress tree branch perches a blue heron seemingly oblivious to the group of sightseers in an airboat pattering slowly toward its home in Blue Elbow Swamp.

Vivian Langham, her two grandchildren and a friend from Fort Worth who are down on spring break, crane their necks toward the resting bird, hoping to get a better look even though they're so close, touching the heron doesn't seem that unrealistic.

"This is amazing," Langham says in a hushed voice, careful not to disturb the heron's afternoon nap. "I feel like we're almost in a different world. It's hard to imagine that we're not supposed to be back here. Everyone should be able to see this."

According to the law, Langham and the other sightseers shouldn't be in the Blue Elbow Swamp.

The owner of the airboat knows the tour is not supposed to be there either, but the driver risks it anyway without his boss's knowledge.

To enter the swamp, visitors are supposed to have permits.

It's been that way since Blue Elbow's designation as a wildlife management area two years ago following six years of negotiations among the state, federal government and landowners.

Those no longer welcome in the swamp include all-terrain vehicles and airboats. And that hits the only nearby airboat tour operator right in the pocketbook.

"If they don't want to promote tourism in this area, they're doing exactly the right thing," said Stan Floyd, owner of Super Gator Swamp Tours.

But more at stake than his profits, Floyd says, is the public's diminished access to the swamp — one of the state's two tupelo

cypress swamps. "If you have the opportunity to ride on a river in an airboat to a small channel in the swamp, and see a raccoon up in the tree or a nutria living in an old stump, you should be able to do it," Floyd said. "That's nature. That's something you can't get from walking a few feet out in the swamp on a boardwalk. That's not the real thing. This is."

Since being restricted from entering the Blue Elbow Swamp, Floyd's tour has been relegated to the public channelways off the Sabine River, which divides part of Orange County from Louisiana.

No longer can his tourists travel the old logging trails carved out by the timber barons in the early 1930s and '40s. They also can't visit some ancient Indian sites where century-old pottery has been discovered, an alligator breeding ground, or the biggest bald cypress tree in the area.

"My first-time tourists obviously don't miss something they've never seen and still have a good tour to enjoy, but my repeat customers are disappointed," Floyd said. "They say stuff like, we went there last time, why can't we go back?"

Floyd said he is trying to strike a compromise, however, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which is managing the area.

For a \$500 permit and offer of complete liability insurance, Floyd wants to use the perimeter of the 3,300-acre swamp.

But the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hasn't received Floyd's offer yet, and doubt they will.

"In my opinion, he's been trespassing for eight or nine years and has been making a good living off it," said James Thomas, a state biologist who works in the Blue Elbow Swamp.

PHS tennis team places at Odessa

ODESSA — The Pampa High School varsity tennis team placed sixth among the 16 teams entered in the Odessa Invitational last weekend.

"The team has shown much improvement in the last few weeks. We finished ahead of Midland Lee and Borger, teams which placed above us at Wichita Falls. Big Spring, Lubbock High and Odessa High all edged us in the fall, so it was nice to be above those squads," said Pampa head coach Larry Wheeler. "I felt the team stepped up in response to our major loss of Emily Waters to a wrist injury for the remainder of the spring season."

The invitational was held at various sites in Odessa.

Players of the week are junior Mandy Wells and senior Dustin Laycock. Waters has a 24-3 singles record. She finished third in the Odessa Invitational by defeating Jessica Sheldon of Amarillo High, 6-1, 6-2.

Odessa Invitational results are as follows:

Team standings: 1. Midland High 247; 2. Odessa Permian 211; 3. Amarillo High 190; 4. Lubbock Monterey 165; 5. Dumas 148; 6. Pampa 146; 7. Midland Lee 142; 8. Big Spring 140; 9. Lubbock High 129; 10. Borger 102; 11. Odessa High 93; 12. El Paso Jefferson 88; 13. El Paso High 80; 14. Hereford 67; 15. Caprock 53; 16. Randall 42.

Girls' singles

Mandy Wells: First round: def. Stephanie Holfer (ML), 6-0, 6-2; Second round: def. Holly Weishaar (H), 6-3, 6-1; Quarterfinals: def. Seema Patel (A), 6-10, 6-0; Semis: lost to Toffee Wilson (M), 6-1, 6-4; Third place: def. Jessica Sheldon (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Helen Orr: First round: def. Heidi Gerber (O), 7-5, 6-0; Second round: lost to Jessica Sheldon (A), 6-3, 6-4; Third round: def. Rebecca Feldman (J), 6-2, 6-0; Fourth round: lost to Melissa Mann (OP), 6-0, 6-0; 11th place:

Rangers' Oliver ready for 1998 season to get started

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — It hasn't been that long ago that Darren Oliver spent more time on the injury list than in the Texas Rangers' starting rotation.

But after two consecutive healthy seasons, he's ready to see what greater heights he can achieve.

"It's nice not to be talking about injuries all the time but it still comes up," Oliver said. "Now that I'm healthy, I want to stay that way and help get to the next level."

Oliver was 13-12 with a 4.20 ERA last season. He and Bobby Witt shared the team lead with 32 starts and three complete games. Oliver was second to Witt with 201.1 innings pitched.

Taking the next step for Oliver means improving his curve and cutting down on home runs allowed (team high 29).

"I've gotten to this point by continuing to work and I'm making smarter pitches now," Oliver said.

"If I could cut my homers in half, I could get a point off my ERA," Oliver said.

Oliver gets high marks for his grit from pitching coach Dick Bosman, but there is still work to

be done.

"We're fine-tuning a couple of pitches right now," Bosman said. "When you're winning, you can always find areas that aren't as good as they should be. His breaking ball needs to get better and everybody can get better control."

Bosman also is trying to bolster Oliver's arsenal by adding a cut fastball to his repertoire. "At some point it will be a part of his game," Bosman said. "There's no timetable for this. You don't interrupt the core pitches that got him where he is now. You make sure those are comfortable and in place and then you bring it out."

Oliver doesn't expect to use the pitch extensively anytime soon. "Bos is always coming up with something," Oliver said. "It's tough to get these guys out up here. It's not going to be my bread and butter pitch. It's just something that I can show a hitter now and then that it's there."

Oliver's breakthrough season was 1996, when he had a 14-6 record and helped lead the Rangers to the AL Western Division title.

Girls' doubles Curtis-McKinley Quarles: First round: def. Sessler Settle (R), 6-2, 6-1; Second round: lost to Cordero-Smith (D), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Third round: def. Mansouri-Milam (L), 6-1, 6-0; Fourth round: def. Alvarado-Barcenas (E), 6-0, 6-3; 9th place: def. Escalante-Orozco (J), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Valerie Lee-Keller Waters: First round: lost to Gannaway-Miller (LM), 1-6, 6-2, 7-5; Second round: def. Allen-Moody (L), 6-3, 6-4; Fourth round: def. Ansley-Stanley (L), 6-2, 6-2; 21st place: lost to Dominguez-Vera (BS), 6-2, 6-2.

Boys' singles

Dustin Laycock: First round: def. Eric Steinfath (LM), 7-6 (8-6), 6-3; Second round: lost to Luis Flores (L), 6-3, 6-3; Third round: def. Shelby Melban (D), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; Fourth round: lost to Brian Briethaupt (ML), 6-0, 6-2; 11th place: lost to Justin Optiz (LM), 6-4, 6-3.

Michael Cornelison: First round: lost to Dru Garcia (C), 7-5, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1; Second round: def. Matthew Gomez (E), 6-1, 6-0; Third round: lost to Daron Darnell (A), 7-5, 6-0; Fourth round: def. Armando Salcido (R), 6-0, 6-4; 21st place: def. Brent Berend (H), 6-3, 6-4.

Boys' doubles

Russell DuBoise-Jason Vickery: First round: lost to Ford-Wallace (OP), 6-2, 6-2; Second round: def. Hall-Hoffman (H), 6-1, 6-0; Third round: def. Burgess-Harris (ML), 6-1, 6-2; Fourth round: lost to Patel-Quintela (O), 6-4, 7-5; 19th place: def. Hillman-Schroeder (BS).

Brandon Coffee-Bryce Hudson: First round: def. Beville-Patel (H), 6-1, 6-0; Second round: lost to Gallanos-Passmore (LM), 7-5, 6-1; Third round: lost to Fierro-Hernandez (E), 6-1, 6-4; 13th place: def. Hughes-Trahern (B), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Tara returns home to cheering throng

HOUSTON (AP) — It's not as thrilling as winning a gold medal or as cool as the Grammys. But Tara Lipinski says she's looking forward to the simple pleasure of playing with her five dogs now that she finally has returned home.

The 15-year-old figure skating sensation arrived back in Houston Sunday, eager to trade the limos and luxury for her pooches and relaxation — at least for a few days.

"It's so great to be back home," she said at Bush Intercontinental Airport to the cheers of hundreds of fans.

A little more than a week after fulfilling her dream in Japan, Lipinski flashed her trademark smile and walked off the plane with her parents to the strains of the Olympic theme song.

Houston Mayor Lee Brown presented her with a bouquet of yellow roses as the crowd waved American flags and hoisted signs reading, "Welcome to Tara-tory."

"She's made all of Houston proud," said 13-year-old Casey Kinsey.

At a brief ceremony in the airport terminal, Brown presented Lipinski with a key to the city and read a proclamation declaring March 1 "Tara Lipinski Day."

"We are proud to honor and celebrate your achievement, and to show you in a big way that we are Houston proud," Brown said. "You've shown the world what Houstonians are made of."

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, also presented Lipinski with an American flag that has flown over the Capitol, calling her "a champion for all Americans and for all young people."

Afterward, Lipinski was whisked away in a stretch limou-

sine to a victory parade in her hometown of Sugar Land, a Houston suburb. With her gold medal hanging from her neck, she rode down the streets in a horse-drawn carriage as thousands of well-wishers cheered and waved.

The parade included several local high school bands, floats and mascots from Houston's professional sports teams and several past Olympic champions.

Lipinski, whose performance in Nagano made her the youngest individual gold medalist in any Winter Games and an overnight celebrity, said she still can't believe her dream finally came true.

"It seems so strange. I'm still in a little shock, but it's great," she said, adding, "A lot more people are asking for my autograph."

After leaving Japan, Lipinski spent a whirlwind week in New York, where she made the rounds of the talk-show circuit and was a presenter at the Grammy Awards.

While all that was "pretty cool," Lipinski said she was glad to finally be home.

"It's just good to be home and be with my family and spend time with them," she said.

After a few days of rest, Lipinski said she will continue training for the world championships, which begin March 31 in Minneapolis.

While Lipinski heads into the competition as both the Olympic champion and the defending world champion, she said she does not feel any additional pressure.

"I feel even less pressure because the Olympics was my ultimate dream," she said. "I always wanted the Olympic gold, and now that I've got it, I feel almost relieved. That was my ultimate goal."

Harvesters fall to Plainview in home baseball opener

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Editor

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters baseball squad took to the diamond at home for the first time this season in a run-rule shortened contest Saturday against the Plainview Bulldogs.

Plainview jumped out ahead early and continued to send in a couple of runs each inning, winning 14-1. The Harvesters are now 0-2 for the season.

Peter Gonzalez, the winning pitcher for the Bulldogs, held a struggling Harvester offense to only a few hits and a single run. Josh Blackmon started for Pampa and received the loss.

The Bulldogs started their offensive machine in the top of the first, scoring two quick runs off just a couple of hits before taking the field and sending

Pampa's first three batters down 1-2-3. The offense remained in place for Plainview and the 'Dogs scored at least a run every inning before nearing the run-rule mark.

In the second inning, first baseman Shawn Harris tagged a pitch for the first Harvester hit of the game, a double, but Pampa was unable to push a run across.

However, in the fourth, consecutive doubles by Greg Lindsey and Brandon Hill led the Harvesters to their only run.

Hill sent a ball down the first base line to drive in Lindsey.

Hill and Harris each had two hits in times at bat for Harvesters. Lindsey, Jesse Francis and Kaleb Snelgrooves made some good defensive plays, head coach Dennis Doughty said.

Pampa plays Frenship at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Frenship Tournament.

Switzer gives first extended interview since leaving Dallas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer says, "I don't have any enemy in the world who actually knows me."

In his first extended interview since leaving the Cowboys in January, Switzer talked to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram about a variety of subjects, including his departure, his relationship with quarterback Troy Aikman, and Chan Gailey, the man who replaced him.

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"It's not about that. We didn't play well on offense. Some injuries, some guys not motivated, some guys having poor years."

Sinatra, Al Martino, Jo Stafford, Teresa Brewer. You ought to try it."

Asked if Chan Gailey will be a better fit for the job, Switzer said, "Jerry found the right man."

"I saw what Chan was doing at Alabama, at little Troy State. (Cowboys scouting director Larry) Lacerwell, when he was at Arkansas State, went and stole some of what Chan was doing on offense," Switzer said.

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Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
DALLAS (AP) — The women's All-Big 12 team, as released Sunday by the conference office:	4. Louisiana Tech	23-3 836	4
FIRST TEAM—Alicia Thompson, 6-1, Sr., forward, Texas Tech, Big 12; Anna DeForge, 5-11, Sr., guard, Iowa State, Big 12; Phylasia Whaley, 5-10, Soph., forward, Oklahoma, Big 12; Lynn Pride, 6-2, Soph., forward, Kansas, Big 12; Stacy Fries, 5-8, Soph., guard, Iowa State, Big 12; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Big 12.	5. Stanford	19-5 806	5
SECOND TEAM—Angela Jackson, 6-4, Sr., center, Texas, West Allie, Wis.; Lara Webb, 5-10, Jr., guard, Baylor, Mandurah, Australia; Jayme Olson, 6-1, Sr., forward, Iowa State, Big 12; Kacy Moffitt, 5-4, Jr., center, Baylor, Leander, Texas; Angie Brazier, 6-3, Jr., center, Texas Tech, Odessa, Texas.	6. Texas Tech	22-4 767	6
THIRD TEAM—Julie Helm, 5-11, Soph., forward, Missouri, Washington, Ind.; Janet Grimm, 6-1, Sr., forward, Iowa State, North English, Iowa; Prissy Sharpe, 6-1, Soph., forward, Texas A&M, Longview, Texas; Rene Hanebutt, 5-8, Jr., guard, Texas Tech, Bowie, Texas; Nicole Kubik, 5-10, Soph., guard, Nebraska, Cambridge, Neb.	7. North Carolina	23-6 700	10
HONORABLE MENTION—Toya Ellis, Baylor; La Shena Graham, Colorado; Edwina Brown, Texas; Cheryl Edwards, Oklahoma State; Megan Taylor, Iowa State; Suzi Raymond, Kansas; Bri Jacobson, Kansas State; Renee Roberts, Oklahoma State; Keasha Bonds, Missouri; Jennifer Crow, Oklahoma State; Julie Lake, Texas Tech; Angie Finkes, Kansas State; Amy Yates, Texas Tech.	8. Duke	21-7 621	8
C.O.C.H.—The Year: Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech	9. Arizona	19-6 603	7
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Stacy Fries, Iowa State	10. N. Carolina State	21-6 566	11
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Megan Taylor, Iowa State	11. Fla. International	25-1 551	11
Sunday's Major College Basketball Scores	12. Alabama	22-9 463	20
EAST	13. Florida	21-8 476	12
Seton Hall 81, Pittsburgh 70	14. Clemson	24-7 377	18
Syracuse 77, Georgetown 72, OT	15. W. Kentucky	23-7 346	17
Temple 74, Massachusetts 66	16. Hawaii	24-2 322	19
SOUTH	17. Illinois	18-9 321	13
Clemson 76, Georgia Tech 62	18. Virginia	18-9 303	15
Wake Forest 71, N. Carolina St. 57	19. Vanderbilt	20-8 285	14
MIDWEST	20. Stephen F. Austin	23-3 238	21
Purdue 99, Michigan St. 96, OT	21. Utah	21-4 187	18
Xavier 89, Dayton 84	22. Iowa St.	23-6 102	22
SOUTHWEST	23. UCLA	18-7 78	—
Kansas 77, Oklahoma St. 67	24. Iowa	17-10 74	25
FAR WEST	25. Nebraska	22-8 70	—
Nevada 82, New Mexico St. 72	Others receiving votes: Drake 62, SW Missouri St. 56, Memphis 54, Rutgers 51, Washington St. 40, Liberty 29, Washington 29, Colorado St. 17, Kent 13, Georgia 12, Marquette 12, Arkansas 11, Oregon 11, Louisville 9, New Mexico 9, Auburn 7, Rice 5, Villanova 5, Butler 4, Notre Dame 4, Toledo 4, Kansas 3, Virginia Tech 3, Farmington St. 3, Michigan 2, Indiana 1, Ohio St. 1, Santa Barbara 1, Southern Meth. 1.		

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HOCKEY			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	T	Pts
New Jersey	37	16	80
Philadelphia	30	17	66
Washington	28	22	63
N.Y. Rangers	18	25	48
N.Y. Islanders	20	31	48
Florida	18	29	42
Tampa Bay	12	38	33
Northwest Division			
W	L	T	Pts
Pittsburgh	30	17	73
Montreal	28	23	63
Boston	25	22	62
Buffalo	23	21	60
Ottawa	23	28	56
Carolina	21	30	49
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
W	L	T	Pts
Dallas	38	13	85
Detroit	32	15	77
St. Louis	32	22	72
Phoenix	24	25	59
Chicago	23	26	56
Toronto	20	30	48
Pacific Division			
W	L	T	Pts
Colorado	31	14	78
Los Angeles	21	10	64
Edmonton	21	29	52
San Jose	22	29	51
Anaheim	20	30	49
Calgary	17	30	46
Vancouver	18	33	45

HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D Joel Boucard from Saint John of the AHL.			
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Recalled LW Bates from the AHL.			
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled G Frederic Chabot from the AHL.			
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled LW Patrick Elias from the AHL.			

PRO BASKETBALL			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	18	.695
New York	33	23	.589
New Jersey	33	26	.559
Orlando	29	29	.500
Washington	29	29	.500
Boston	28	30	.483
Philadelphia	19	37	.339
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	16	.729
Indiana	40	17	.702
Charlotte	34	23	.596
Atlanta	34	24	.586
Cleveland	31	27	.534
Milwaukee	28	28	.500
Detroit	26	31	.456
Toronto	13	43	.232
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	39	16	.705
San Antonio	39	18	.684
Minnesota	31	26	.544
Houston	28	29	.491
Vancouver	14	43	.246
Dallas	11	48	.183
Denver	5	53	.0863
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	17	.696
Phoenix	38	19	.667
Portland	33	24	.579
Sacramento	24	35	.407
Golden State	12	45	.211
L.A. Clippers	12	45	.211
Saturday's Games			
Miami 95, New Jersey 93			
Dallas 103, Washington 77			
Charlotte 90, Orlando 80			

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL			
AUSTIN (AP) — Schedule for the 1998 University Interscholastic League girls high school state basketball tournament, Thursday-Saturday, Frank Erwin Center, University of Texas campus.			
THURSDAY			
Class 1A Semifinals			
8:30 a.m.: Karmack (30-1) vs. Zephyr (32-6)			
10 a.m.: Ponder (31-4) vs. Nazareth (29-5)			
Class 3A Semifinals			
2 p.m.: Winnboro (34-3) vs. Lufkin Hudson (34-4)			
3:30 p.m.: Dripping Springs (32-2) vs. Comanche (31-5)			
Class 4A Semifinals			
7 p.m.: Bay City (32-1) vs. San Antonio Sam Houston (27-7)			
8:30 p.m.: McKinney (31-3) vs. Canyon Randall (27-8)			
FRIDAY			
Class 2A Semifinals			
9:30 a.m.: Ozona (37-1) vs. Cooper (29-6)			
11 a.m.: Crawford (30-3) vs. Hamilton (28-6)			
Class 3A Semifinals			
3 p.m.: Amelito Palo Duro (31-4) vs. Corpus Christi Carroll (33-5)			
7 p.m.: Coppavas Cove (33-1) vs. Allie Elbak (33-6)			
SATURDAY			
9 a.m.: Class 1A Championship			
10:30 a.m.: Class 3A Championship			
2:30 p.m.: Class 2A Championship			
4 p.m.: Class 4A Championship			
8 p.m.: Class 5A Championship			

BASEBALL			
Exhibition Baseball Game			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Oakland	3	0	1.000
Texas	3	0	1.000
Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Cleveland	2	0	1.000
Toronto	2	0	1.000
New York	2	1	.667
Boston	2	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
Kansas City	1	1	.500
Seattle	1	1	.500
Minnesota	1	3	.250
Anaheim	0	2	.000
Tampa Bay	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	3	.000
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Arizona	2	0	1.000
Florida	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
San Diego	2	0	1.000
Houston	1	0	1.000
Colorado	2	1	.667
Chicago	1	1	.500
Cincinnati	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
San Francisco	1	1	.500
Atlanta	1	2	.333
Montreal	0	2	.000
New York	0	2	.000
Milwaukee	0	3	.000
Philadelphia	0	3	.000
Pittsburgh	0	3	.000

Rockets shot down by Jazz

HOUSTON (AP) — For the Utah Jazz, it's all about passing. And that means John Stockton.

When the Jazz realized they couldn't outgun the Rockets Sunday, they rediscovered their passing game and slipped by Houston 106-100.

"Down the stretch we put the ball in John's hands and he runs the show," said Karl Malone, who scored 21 points and gave Utah the lead for good on a 16-foot jumper with 1:38 left, igniting a 9-0 run that put away the Rockets.

"That's what we expect of John and that's what he did for us today."

Stockton finished with 14 assists — five of them in the fourth quarter — and chipped in with 17 points as the Jazz won for the ninth time in 10 games and third straight on the road.

"I just thought we kept plugging away," Stockton said. "They jumped on us pretty good in the beginning. It seemed like a barrage. But we just hung in there and kept doing our thing and didn't panic."

"I knew it would come around and we just needed to not panic."

"He always seemed to have an answer to get the ball to the open guy," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

The Rockets folded after Hakeem Olajuwon had given Houston the lead with a 5-footer off the glass with 2:36 left. They missed their next eight shots.

Clyde Drexler, who topped Houston with 25 points and 10 assists, finally ended the drought with a jumper at the buzzer.

"We had our chances," Drexler said. "Utah had 20 more free throws than we did, which was frustrating. We have to come out with more fire and intensity in the second half. And not doing that today cost us."

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(Special photos)
Jana Gregory, assistant to the director of Meredith House, congratulates Meredith House Valentine Prince and Princess Amos Meador, top, and Georgia Corse, respectively.

Helpful neighbor now lead suspect in case

AMARILLO (AP) — A man who volunteered to help police find a 5-year-old girl who had disappeared from her back yard in 1992 has now been named as the prime suspect in the murder case.

Last week, Amarillo investigators issued an arrest warrant for Eddie Rowton, who lived close to and helped search for 5-year-old Shawnlee Perry.

Shawnlee was found dead in a field about five miles from her home one month after her May 1992 disappearance.

Former Lamb County Sheriff's deputy Tracy Bridges helped organize the search for the little girl.

He said Rowton approached him late at night, after dark, while the search was ongoing.

"He came up directly to me and said, 'What's going on?'" Bridges said. "I told him the little girl across the street was missing."

Bridges said Rowton then said he had not seen the girl, but offered to help in the search.

A week later, Rowton was arrested and later convicted of the rape and beating of a New Mexico woman in nearby Bailey County. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison, where he remains.

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Doctor sues for bad legal advice

FORT WORTH (AP) — A surgeon suing his lawyers and insurance company because he says they encouraged him to admit that he removed the wrong lung of a cancer patient gets his day in court this week.

Robert McFaul, who moved in 1994 from Fort Worth to San Antonio, is seeking at least \$15 million in damages, plus punitive damages and attorneys fees.

The surgeon claims the defendants made him a scapegoat and trampled his legal rights to help the insurance company get a favorable settlement with the family of the late Benjamin Jones Jr., the cancer patient on whom McFaul operated in 1991.

McFaul says he has lost business and referrals, been shunned by medical peers, seen his family humiliated by taunts and suffered numerous ailments, including depression, anxiety and panic attacks.

McFaul says that he had a workable defense but that lawyers from DeHay & Elliston of Dallas never told him his interests conflicted with those of other defendants, whom they also represented.

The lawyers and the insurance company, Clarendon National Insurance Co., have countered that any damage to McFaul's practice and reputation stem from his own mishandling of Jones' treatment.

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