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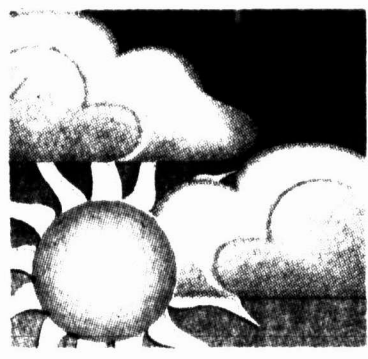
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PAMPA— A recertification course for professional life-guardians will be offered by the Red Cross at its office. The course will be April 1 at 5 p.m. To register call 669-7121.

PAMPA— The St. Matthew's Syle Show and Choir Performance will be at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room tonight at 7. Tickets may be purchased at the door: Adults \$4 and \$1 for children under 12.

PAMPA— "Street Gangs 247/365," a parent/adult conference, will be Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. A complementary lunch and day care for children 4 and under will be provided. For information call 665-0842.

PAMPA— The public is invited to come out to a fish fry on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm. For a donation of \$5 you will receive a generous portion of fish, creamy coleslaw, crispy french fries, sliced onion, cherry tomatoes, cake for dessert and iced team. For question and deliveries, call 665-1801 or 669-6743.

WADSWORTH (AP)— Two people were killed and 42 were injured when a truck hauling as many as 60 undocumented immigrants overturned on a farm road south of Bay City.

The Texas DPS said today that nine of the most severely injured were airlifted to

- LeRoy Charles Davidson, 73, former Canadian resident.
- Heath Craig Horton, infant son of Darryl and Brenda Horton.
- Lola Mae Roach, 85, former teacher.

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Group looking for ways to boost auditorium use

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

If all goes as planned, a subcommittee of the Pampa M.K. Brown Advisory Board will establish a non-profit organization known as the Advocates for M.K. Brown to promote the use of the civic auditorium.

"It would be a separate, non-profit entity created to look for endowment funding and to apply for grants ... to promote the use of M.K. Brown for organizations or people who might not be able to afford it otherwise," said Loralee Cooley, the new advisory board chair.

The City of Pampa owns the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and its current nine-member advisory board serves in an advising capacity to the city on issues pertaining to the auditorium. The electronic marquee outside the building on Hobart is an example of the advisory board's past work, said Cooley.

A subcommittee of the board, chaired by Cooley and Rev. Amy Lakey, has been working toward establishing the advocates group due to the financial limitations of the advisory board.

The board cannot solicit funds as an extension of the city, nor can they sponsor events at the auditorium according to city ordinances, said Cooley.

Therefore, the board deemed it necessary to help establish a new, non-profit organization — sepa-

The 1,500-seat auditorium, while free of use to the schools, costs the public \$200 for a 24-hour rental and the Heritage Room costs \$50 a day for public usage.

rate from the board or the city — to find funding and look for financial avenues allowing for better use of the facility, she said.

The 1,500-seat auditorium, while free of use to the school district, costs the public \$200 for a 24-hour rental and the M.K. Brown Heritage Room, part of the civic facility, costs \$50 a day for public usage.

These costs do not include deposits and building superintendent fees, or potential liability insurance and security fees tacked on when alcohol is used on the premises. The fees are less for non-profit organization use.

Cooley referred to other "separate" entities connected to other local organizations as precedence for their establishing an advocates organization. The Lovett Library has both a board and the Lovett Memorial Foundation and the White Deer Museum also has a foundation in addition to an advisory board, so this isn't anything unheard of, she said.

Knife assault trial under way today

Testimony began at the Gray County Courthouse this morning in a 1995 Pampa aggravated assault case.

Randy Harris, 40, is accused of pulling a knife and cutting David Bratcher, 44, on Dec. 22, 1995, at a west Pampa barbecue restaurant.

Harris is represented by David Scott of Perryton.

Authorities said Harris apparently called his former girl friend, Molly Johnson, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, where she works, about 8 a.m., Dec. 22, 1995, telling her he had some papers he wanted her to sign. Harris reportedly went to Dyer's shortly before 8:30 a.m. to see Johnson.

Witnesses claim Harris began hitting the woman, and David Bratcher, 44, another employee, came to her aid. Harris is reported to have grabbed a nearby steak knife and cut Bratcher's ear.

Records indicate both Johnson and Bratcher were treated for injuries at Columbia Medical Center.

District Attorney John Mann said Bratcher was cut by a knife and taken to the hospital.

Johnson, Bratcher and at least one nurse are expected to testify today.

A five-man, seven-woman jury was selected this morning in 31st District Court with Judge M. Kent Sims presiding.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Four people were treated and released at Columbia Medical Center after a three-car accident at 3:38 p.m. Monday. Police said a Buick Skylark failed to yield at 22nd and Williston and struck a Chevrolet Celebrity which was knocked into a Pontiac Gran Prix GT. Other details were not available as officers had not filed a report by press time today.

Shooting case nets indictment

A 31st Judicial District Grand Jury met yesterday and handed down several indictments, including one for attempted murder.

Joyce Jean Dingler, 70, 2132 Williston, was indicted for the attempted murder of her former son-in-law. She is accused of having driven to his house where she shot him in the head. He was in the hospital overnight. She is still being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Other indictments include: Jo Ann Faries, 29, 425 Nelson, indicted for engaging in organized criminal activity.

Johanna Blanco, 24, Panhandle, indicted for tampering with a governmental record.

Deborah Sue Dillard, Dumas, indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Weldon Tyrone Evans, 31, 846 Somerville, indicted for unlawful absence from a community correctional facility.

Dustin Miles Fuller, 17, 1116 N. Russell, indicted for burglary of a habitation.

Timothy Seth Lewis, 17, indicted for burglary of a habitation.

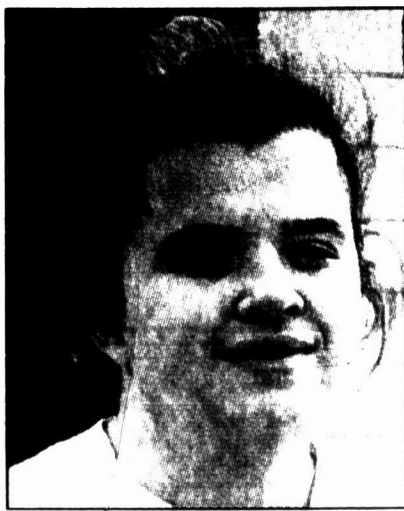
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Quite frankly...Do you think movies influence the way people think or act?



"No, not really. I think people have already made up their minds before they go to the movie."
— Holly Logue



"I think they do, especially movies for little kids."
— Melanie Sinyard



"Yea, I think they do."
— Patty Elliott



"Maybe they affect opinions but not my actions."
— Peggy-Sue Luedecke



"Yes, I do. I think it has a lot to do with the way people act now."
— Jennifer Littleton

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ROACH, Lola Mae — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

LeROY CHARLES DAVIDSON

WAYNOKA, Okla. — LeRoy Charles Davidson, 73, a former Canadian resident, died Saturday, March 21, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Church of God with the Rev. John Brint and Robert Boyle, pastor of Northside Church, officiating. Burial will be in Waynoka Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home. Masonic services will be courtesy of Waynoka Lodge No. 422.

Mr. Davidson was born at Heman and lived there with his family until 1933. He attended Chimney Creek School. His finished his education in Missouri after his family moved there by horse and wagon. They moved to Oklahoma in 1938. He married Bonnie Mae Miller in 1945 at Buffalo, Okla.; she died in 1966. He married Verna Marie Morris Parker in 1967. He worked for Santa Fe Railway from 1947-1985. He had lived in Waynoka, Canadian and Amarillo and returned to Waynoka following his retirement.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1943, serving in the New Hebrides, Hawaii, Pago Pago, Brisbane, Australia, New Guinea, Manus Island, the Philippine Islands, Luzon, Japan and twice at Pearl Harbor and twice at Samoa.

He was a member of the Church of God and Waynoka Masonic Lodge #422. He was a 32nd Degree member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Consistory.

Survivors include his wife, Verna; a daughter, Bettie Jean Shelton of Waynoka; three sons, Larry Davidson and Don Davidson, both of Waynoka, and Rex Davidson of Canadian; a sister, Ethel Mae Bradbury of Waynoka; three brothers, Howard Davidson of Cassville, Mo., Leo Davidson of Pennsylvania and Oris Davidson of Waynoka; and eight grandchildren.

HEATH CRAIG HORTON

SHAMROCK — Heath Craig Horton, infant son of Darryl and Brenda Horton, died Thursday, March 19, 1998. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Heath was born March 19 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents of Shamrock; two sisters, Jenny Little and Heather Kay Horton, both of Shamrock; and his grandparents, Billy Mack Briggs of Amarillo, Ann Briggs of Houston and Janet Horton of Wheeler.

LOLA MAE ROACH

Lola Mae Roach, 85, of Pampa, died Monday, March 23, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Bill Morrison, pastor of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Roach was born May 26, 1912, at Toronto, Kan. She graduated from high school in 1929 at Trinidad, Colo. She attended Nebraska Westland College for a year before transferring to West Texas State College in Canyon, receiving her teaching degree in 1931. She married Frank "Red" Roach on Nov. 11, 1931, at Sayre, Okla.; he died April 4, 1997. She had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She was a member of First Christian Church and was past president and Life Master of Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charlie Kiel; and a sister, Grace Snyder. Survivors include two daughters, Debra Stubblefield and Dennie Haynes, all of Pampa; a brother, Victor Kiel of California; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury's Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.02	Chevron	85.15/16	dn 11/16
Milo	3.96	Coca-Cola	75.11/16	dn 1/16
4.48	5.83	Columbia/HCA	30.9/16	up 1/16
Soybeans	5.83	Enron	47.5/8	up 1/8
		Halliburton	51.1/8	dn 5/8
		IRI	12.7/16	dn 5/16
		KSF	57.11/16	up 3/16
		Kerr-McGee	71.3/4	dn 3/4
		Limited	28.5/8	up 13/16
		Mapco	53.9/16	up 1/8
		McDonald's	52.3/16	up 1/16
		Mobil	78.3/16	up 1/16
		New Atmos	29.9/16	dn 5/16
		NE	49.11/16	SC
		Phillips	74	up 1/2
		Phillips	51.15/16	dn 1/4
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	26.5/16	dn 1/4
		SLB	77.3/4	dn 3/8
		Tenneco	43.1/16	up 1/16
		Texaco	61.3/8	dn 1/2
		Ultramar	35.1/8	dn 13/16
		Wal-Mart	49.15/16	up 1/4
		New York Gold	300.30	
		Silver	6.35	
		West Texas Crude	16.53	

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

Occidental	29.15/16	up 3/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	107.87	
Puritan	20.84	

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

Amoco	87.1/16	dn 1
Arco	81.5/8	dn 1
Cabot	38.1/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	21.13/32	dn 11/32

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month

at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Each Wednesday at the following times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials such as books, colors, chalk boards, stickers, and much more that will help you get your child ready for school! For more information call Sue Thorton at 669-4700.

Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, 10 to 11 a.m.; 3 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, March 23

Clifton D. Norvis, 33, 1920 N. Banks, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container.

Thomas Don Herving, 20, 1013 Kingsmill, was arrested on charges of probation violation.

Stephen Don Blanscet, 20, no address given, was arrested on charges of minor purchasing alcohol and violation of promise to appear.

Police report

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

Monday, March 23

Felix Fernando Gonzalez, 24, 924 Banks, was arrested on charges of domestic assault.

Two Pampa Middle School Students were arrested for fighting.

Assault with bodily injury was reported in the 900 block of E. Scott.

Criminal Mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Kentucky. A car window was reported broken.

Theft of \$150 in hubcaps was reported in the 400 block of Rische.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of N. Gray. \$550 in car damage was reported.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 23

7:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Naida and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

12:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of N. Starkweather and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of 22nd and Williston and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of 22nd and Williston and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

Fires

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

Monday, March 23

11:26 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 800 block of Scott on an investigation of smoke.

2:52 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1210 E. Francis on a structure fire.

3:38 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to 22nd and Wiliston on an automobile accident.

9:56 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a hot ballast.

Correction

Travis Elementary School fourth grader Chadd Malone was inadvertently left off the A-Honor Roll published last week.

Emergency numbers

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

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SHOOTING

Jordan Unit, indicted for aggravated assault.
Florancio Gomez, 41, Rufe Jordan Unit, indicted for aggravated assault.
Dewayne Gordon Hickman, 30, 2116 Coffee, indicted for aggravated robbery.
Tina Sue Hoskins, 28, 943 S. Finley, indicted for forgery by passing.
John Edward Maglauglin, 43, Borger, indicted for possession of a controlled substance and escape.
Jonathan Aaron Phelps, 19, 1111 Christine, indicted for burglary of a habitation.

Carlos Regalado, 52, 1029 Wells, indicted for possession of a controlled substance.
Agapito Romero, 39, Rufe Jordan Unit, indicted for aggravated assault.
Mary Ellen Scott, 45, 1031 N. Sumner #224, indicted for engaging in organized criminal activity.
Virginia Carol Trusty, 26, 827 Dean, indicted for forgery by passing.
Tandra Rochella Wilbon, 28, 1012 Neel Road, indicted for engaging in organized criminal activity.
Robert Anthony Hardy, 45, 1004 E. Gordon, indicted for sexual assault.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

A firefighter looks for the source of smoke as Battalion Chief Kim Powell helps with the hose at a house fire at 1210 E. Francis Monday afternoon. The fire, which caused moderate damage, started in a floor furnace.

Court report

Marriage licenses, February

Guy Matthew McKissick and Carrie Laswell
Jeremy Carnes and Sharla Warren
Roy Payne and Robin West
Colby Brown and Kimberly Dittberner
Robert Jones and Amanda Bennett

Court News for January and February

Justin Logan Ellis was dismissed on charges of Assault Causing Bodily Injury because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

Charges were dismissed concerning a judgement NISI on Jorge Ruiz.

Douglas Lee Sokoloski was found guilty of Driving at an Unsafe Speed and received a \$160 fine and \$109.25 in court costs.

Probation was revoked for Ricky Allen basden because he violated the terms of his probation. He received 50 days in Gray County Jail and a \$750 fine as well as \$175 in court costs.

Bobby Lindsey Brower's probation was amended. The new terms order him to go to the Driskell House for 60 days of treatment.

Cheryl Renee Foster's probation was also amended. The new terms include a request for treatment at the Plainview Womens Home and her probation was extended until November of 1998.

Barbara Roe and A.C. Braoddu were dismissed

on charges of Theft of Propety by Check because court costs and restitution payments have been made.

Raul Gutierrez's probation was modified to drop a mandatory DWI course.

David L. South, Tammy Michele Wisenhunt, Gregory Reeves, Jeffery Ray Estes, Wilfred Wayne Rapstine, Marrufo Sanchez, John Robert Moss, Jamie Ruth Wine, Margaret Hernandez, Gordon Hulsey, Greg Keith Lang, LaRonda McCampbell, Catherine Gonzalez Lange, and Kevin Jacoby were all discharged from misdemeanor probation.

Kenneth W. Griffin pled guilty to charges of Driving While License Invalid and received a \$200 fine, 4 months of probation, 24 hours of community service and \$199.25 in court costs.

Preston Reed, Domingo Velasquez and Danny Floyd Walker were all issued occupational licenses.

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

Gonzalo Madrid Chavez pled guilty to charges of Driving While License Invalid and recieved a \$250 fine, 10 days in Gray County Jail, 6 months of probation and \$199.25 in court costs.

Steven Charles Nolte, Jr. pled no contest to Possession of Marijuana and was issued a \$600 fine, 60 days in Gray County jail, six months probation, 70 hours of community service and \$199.25 in court costs.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with high of 80 and winds from the south at 5-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 40s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 80s and winds from the south at 10-20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear skies becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the lower 60s, upper 50s Hill Country. Wednesday, morning clouds, then partly cloudy and breezy. Highs near 80. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 50s inland to lower 60s coast. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs near 80 inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy after mid-

night. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, morning cloudiness then partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s coast to lower 80s inland, upper 80s Rio Grande plains.

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 40s. South wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny, breezy and warm with a high near 80. Southwest wind increasing to 15-25 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 47-57. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 50s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs 85-90. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 55-62. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows 50-55. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows from near 40 Marfa

Plateau to around 60 lowlands. Wednesday, fair. Highs from near 80 Guadalupe Mountains to the upper 90s along the river.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, low clouds developing late, otherwise fair. Low 56 to 61. Wednesday, morning low clouds, becoming partly cloudy by midday. Windy with a high 76 northeast to 84 southwest.

BORDER STATES — **NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, fair and mild. Lows 30s mountains, 40s to mid 50s lower elevations. Wednesday, fair to partly cloudy. Breezy in the afternoon. Temperatures remaining above normal. Isolated afternoon and evening showers west of the continental divide. Highs upper 50s to 60s mountains with 70s and 80s lower elevations. Lows 30s mountains, 40s to mid 50s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lower 80s.

City briefs

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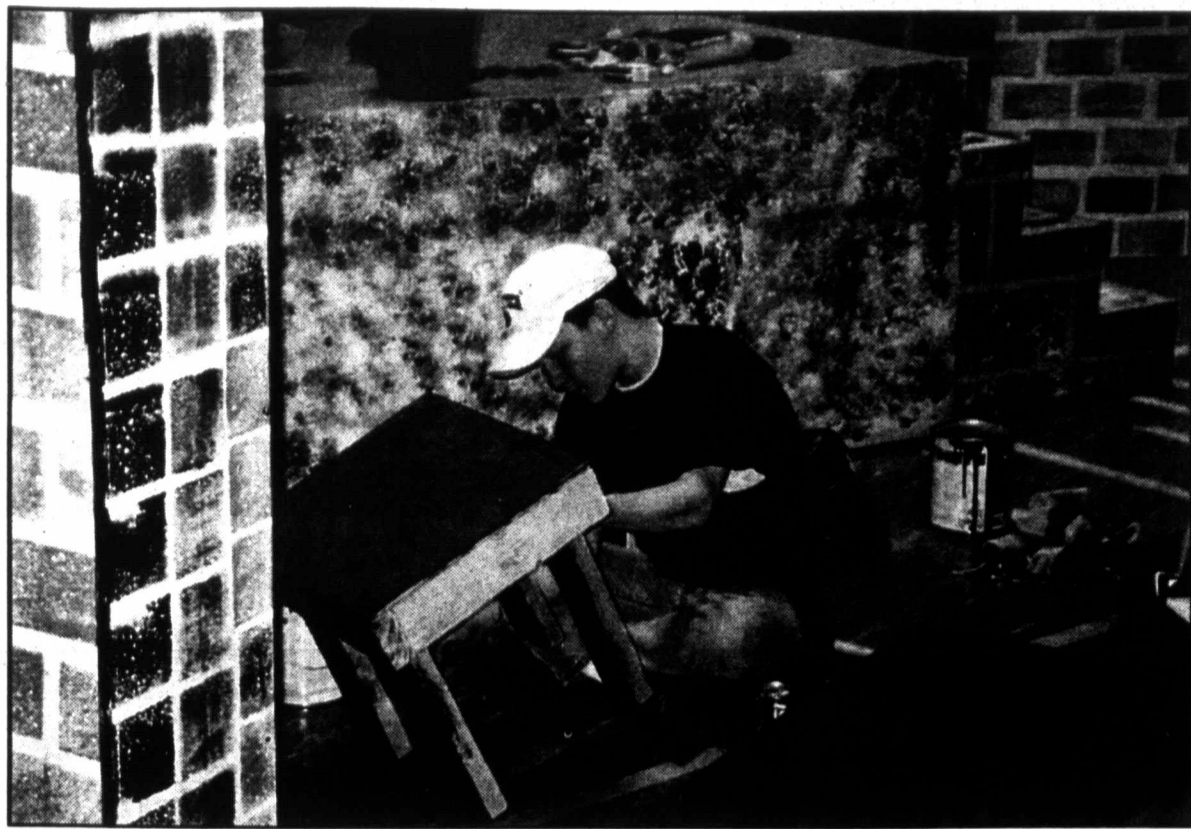
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ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts has moved to 301 W. Foster. Adv.
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Use Community Camera

'Macbeth'



(Special photo)

The theatre class at Pampa Middle School will present William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" at 7 p.m., Friday, March 27, in Pampa Middle School Auditorium. Dirk Archer, cast in the play, worked on sets during spring break.

Decision to cut crude oil production will likely result in higher prices

DALLAS (AP) — Cheap gasoline's days are numbered.

A decision by major oil-producing countries to cut their crude oil output and the approach of the summer travel season means automobile owners are likely to see gas prices creep upward.

"We knew prices couldn't stay down forever," said Mike Morrissey, spokesman for the American Automobile Association.

That's what oil ministers from some of the biggest crude oil producers were hoping when they announced they will reduce world oil output by up to 2 million barrels a day to staunch six-months worth of downward prices.

Gasoline prices began falling steadily last September and reached historic lows this month because of limited demand caused by a warm winter and the financial crisis in Asia.

Futures traders on Monday added almost a nickel to the wholesale price of gasoline. Crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose by about \$2 per barrel.

Still, Morrissey doesn't expect prices to reach the \$1.30 averages seen last summer.

The average price of gasoline in the United States, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.07 on Sunday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide. That was down almost 2 cents in the past two weeks, analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

An increase in crude oil prices, plus an increase in demand during the approaching vacation season, will likely mean higher costs at the pump. Taxes, refining costs and local competition also affect retail gasoline prices.

"We've been expecting an increase in demand because of summer travel. That plus the decrease in petroleum production will be the end of the current cheap gasoline prices," Morrissey said.

Ms. Lundberg says prices will go up, regardless.

"Gasoline prices would have come up anyway because they are at levels that are unrealistic for their costs," she said.

Prices have been pushed down by the lower demand along with quarreling between members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries about who should cut their oil production, as well as improved drilling techniques that have cut expenses.

The result has been an oil glut and lower prices, and that's made consumers who pay a large proportion of their expenses toward fuel very happy.

Local Sonic receives franchise award

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Sonic Drive-In in Pampa recently received Merritt Group Sonic franchise awards at the company's recent convention in El Paso. Bob Burkett, manager of the Sonic Drive-In in Pampa, located at 1418 Hobart, received awards for "Customer Count Increase," "Highest Customer Count" and "Best Overall Profit & Loss" for fiscal 1997.

With headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla., Sonic is the 50 largest hamburger chain in the United States. Initially a root beer and hamburger stand begun in 1953 at Shawnee, Okla., Sonic has grown to nearly 1,750 drive-in restaurants located in 27 states.

Military association seeking paratroopers for reunion

The 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team Association is seeking information as to the whereabouts of paratroopers serving together from 1951-56 at Fort Benning, Ga., and at Fort Campbell, Ky., for an army reunion.

The troopers would be around age 64 and would have attended high school in the late 1940s and early 1950s. The association recommends high school annuals or alumni associations as a good place to begin searching. Public libraries, veterans organizations, church records and funeral homes are also good sources of information.

Most areas have local historians who specialize in this type of research.

Even if a trooper is deceased the association needs to hear from the family in order to complete a Memorial Photo Album in honor of the paratroopers. The association would appreciate photos, a copy of the obituary or other information for the album.

The association may be contacted at the following address: 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team Association, Rodger Jacobson/Volunteer Organizer, 2205 Elm Street-Box 14, Hazel Green, WI 53811-0014.

West Texas A&M University to host special all-day girls sports clinic

CANYON — A special, just for girls, all-day clinic hosted by West Texas A&M University athletes and Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the WTAMU Virgil Henson Activities Center in Canyon.

All girls ages 5-17, throughout the Panhandle are invited to attend and sample the sports of basketball, soccer, golf and volleyball. Participants will discuss health and fitness needed by athletes, learn sports warm ups and cool downs, and as sample weight training and aerobic activities.

"Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. launched a national sports initiative this year to encourage girls to become more active in sports. So we wanted to have a special just for girls, Sports Day to make a positive impact in the lives of girls by providing program opportunities that help them feel good about themselves and encourage them to be a part of a team effort."

"Girls who are involved in sports and fitness activities are shown to have higher levels of self-esteem and more positive feelings about their bodies and appearance, and Girl Scout program is all about giving girls a positive self-image,

helping girls develop leadership skills and teaching girls to show respect for themselves and others. The Sports Day is a great opportunity to encourage girls to become active in sports. Girl Scouting makes a difference in the lives of today's girls, tomorrow's leaders," said Stephanie Cross, communications manager for the council.

There is no cost for this event for girls who are members of Girl Scouts, nonmembers may attend for \$7. Financial assistance is available. Participants may bring their own lunch, or lunch will be provided for an additional \$5. Event T-shirts will also be available for \$8 each.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 1. Call Natalie Stephenson, council director of the program, at (806) 356-0096 or 1-800-687-4475 for information and sign-up or register at the council program center located at 6011 W. 45th in Amarillo. The mission of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
 The Dallas Morning News on Bill Gates overload:
 If turnabout is fair play, Tiger Woods will soon endorse Windows 98. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, after all, now promotes Callaway golf clubs.

A Gates friend who heads the golf club company asked him to promote the wares as a favor. So, there the computer wizard is, beaming right into the living room on Sunday afternoon, advertising drivers during some golf classic.

Some days, it seems like the computer wunderkind is Everywhere. Grocery shoppers could catch his face staring out at them last week from the cover of Newsweek. Gracing a magazine cover has almost become de rigueur for the 42-year-old Harvard dropout, who also happens to be America's wealthiest man. Time, U.S. News & World Report, Business Week. You name the magazine, his face has probably appeared on it.

Gates-a-mania also has filled the airwaves and Internet. Television stations across the country replayed his recent appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. There he was, squeaky voice and all, telling senators to lay off his industry. It was like watching the smartest kid in class tell his teachers not to make him dust erasers after class.

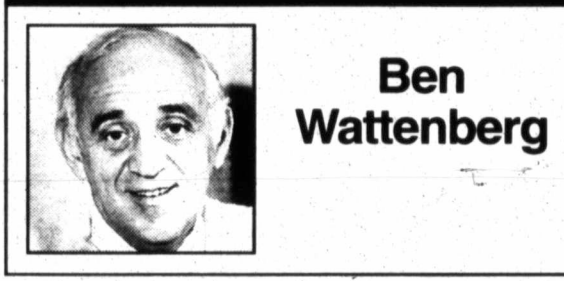
The Seattle native also wrote a campy diary of his recent trip back East for "Slate," the on-line magazine Microsoft produces. "Bill's camp highlights" include his observations on attending Time's 75th anniversary blowout in New York.

Of course, many Americans believe Mr. Gates embodies the entrepreneurialism that often separates this nation from more hierarchal countries. His start-up computer company certainly has reshaped the high-tech industry and provided many novices user-friendly technologies.

But he embodies another word, too: ubiquitous. Soon, the omnipresent Mr. Gates will probably deliver your pizza.

Bland leap into the future

By BEN WATTENBERG and DANIEL WATTENBERG



To Manhattan and Hollywood, Nashville has always represented kitsch. But for decades, it produced music that was a genuine alternative to the rock 'n' roll mainstream.

As rock 'n' roll strayed ever further from its origins in rhythm and blues and country in the '60s, it associated itself ever more closely with the political protests of the time. The rock culture rejected American institutions and traditions, but approved of itself. Faced with a "guilty" social order, "innocent" individuals inevitably turned to political protest. And the more they protested, the more they confirmed their belief in their own virtue.

The stance of country artists and their listeners at the time was virtually the opposite. When they looked outward, at the inherited order, they liked what they saw. Their pugacious loyalty to the American way of life was perhaps best encapsulated in Merle Haggard's "The Fightin' Side of Me": "When they're runnin' down my country, man, they're walkin' on the fightin' side of me."

But when they looked at themselves, they were sobered by what they saw: weakness, failure and sin. Sober self-awareness — sin followed by remorse, individual weakness confessed with an air of sad irony — was central to the country tradition of story-songs about drinking, cheating and law-breaking.

Is that distinctive tradition now in danger? Recent articles in The American Enterprise and The American Spectator report that years after its demise on the coasts, political correctness has donned a Stetson and risen again in, of all places, Nashville — honky-tonk heaven, redneck Rome. Gimme a Jack Daniels and Coke.

On second thought, make that a wine spritzer.

According to the articles, the new Nashville establishment has decreed that in order to expand its appeal laterally, to urban markets, and vertically, down to younger markets country music has to dry out, stop brawling, swal-

low its pride, stop living in the past, share the housework, take its daughters to work and stabilize its moods.

Two-steppin' is out. Twelve-steppin' is in.

According to John Meroney in The American Enterprise, Nashville's crisis intervention group is led by apple-cheeked country crossover sensation Garth Brooks and his ally, Patrick Quigley, a Manhattan marketing specialist elevated last year to CEO of Capitol/Nashville, Brooks' record label. Industry insiders suspect Brooks' fine hand behind the rise of Quigley, who masterminded Brooks' Central Park concert last year.

The traditional country fan is much more conservative than the average American," explained Quigley, who successfully marketed Swatch watches, Lange ski equipment and St. Pauli Girl beer before turning to music.

"If we can make country more progressive, there are millions and millions of people who'd say, 'This music is great. It means something to me.' "Progressive country means "more stuff about human rights, women's rights, the HIV virus, pulling together, peace," Brooks himself recently explained in Country Weekly, adding, "On my new album, we do the singlemother things ... like 'She's Gonna Make It.'"

Believe it or not, Brooks has now sold 67 million albums in the United States, more than any other solo act in history. And in Nashville, when 67 million albums speak, people listen.

Lured by the promise of new markets and chilled by radio programmers loath to offend political pressure groups who might in turn jeopardize corporate sponsorship, country

songwriters are pulling their punches. "Anyone who wants to get their songs recorded these days," writes Dave Shifflett in The American Spectator, "needs to follow these rules: no pro-drinking or cheating songs, and in general avoid subjects that might not appeal to 18- to 30-year-olds, such as losing a job, getting old, and of course, dying."

"Basically speaking, Nashville has ceased writing about reality," songwriter Jackson Leap told Shifflett. "You can't write about a whole list of things because Nashville has decided that people will not understand, for instance, that a drinking song or a cheating song might not be advocating drinking and cheating, but that they're just a story."

"You cannot write a negative woman song," Leap said. "That is a big no-no. In modern country music, women are angels. They're all perfect. They don't cheat or lie. Which of course ignores reality."

It would be a pity if Nashville abandoned its traditional skepticism toward liberal social activism, just when liberals themselves have begun to recognize its limits. And it would be a pity if Nashville abandoned its traditional realism about individual human frailty at a time when Prozac has fostered the illusion of individual perfectibility through psychotropic drugs.

Kitsch is an aesthetic of evasion, a doctored version of reality that excludes from view the inconvenient truths about human nature and the unacceptable realities of the human condition. The country music tradition wasn't kitsch. Nashville's storytellers were realists: They'd seen too much of life to fall for utopian pieties and illusions — public or private.

Here's hoping Nashville recaptures its traditional voice. It had it right the first time.

Ben Wattenberg is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and is the moderator of PBS's "Think Tank." Daniel Wattenberg, who wrote this week's column, writes regularly for The Weekly Standard and is a contributing editor for George.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1998. There are 282 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.
 On this date:
 In 1765, Britain enacted the

Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.
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had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.
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You are what you eat, aren't you?

The waiter took the two women's orders. The first requested a salad, the second, a hamburger and French fries. The first woman looked at the second woman in horror: "THAT'S what you're eating," she said. And immediately a pall was cast over the meal, with the second woman feeling angry and hurt and judged.

The remark was, of course, obnoxious in the extreme. Yet when my friend Beth relayed this story to me I was not shocked. For the incident struck me as nothing more than a dead-on illustration of the way Americans equate consumption habits with morality.

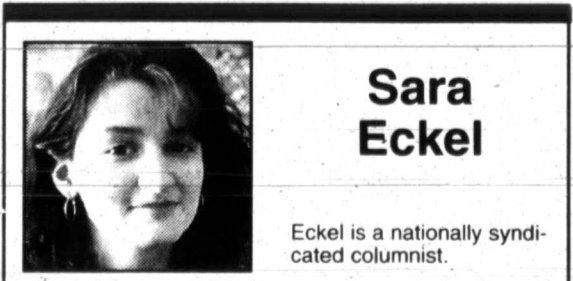
It's not just that we describe food in moral terms — calling rich desserts "sinful" or "decadent," for example — it's that we attribute these same characteristics to the people who eat them.

"You're so good," a co-worker once said to me as I purchased a granola bar from the office candy machine. Another day, I was making a "bad" choice — a chocolate and caramel concoction — when I realized that the candy bar was stuck up in the metal coil and I had lost 60 cents. The office-mate near me had consoling words: "Whenever that happens to me," she said. "I feel saved."

So I had been saved. Not from eternal damnation, but from fat and calories.

Or perhaps both. Because I'm starting to wonder if we even know the difference anymore.

For it's not just the "saints" who put a moral spin on consumption, it's the sinners too. They



are the ones who have answered the rise of lite cottage cheese and rigid anti-smoking laws with some fashionable new vices. Defiantly puffing cigars and sipping martinis, they relish being a member of the wicked and the damned. And they pity the tofu eaters — who just don't know how to live.

Members of the "saved" caste are equally happy to accept the notion that their diets make them morally superior. They smugly buy their whole grains and soy milk and wax poetic about yoga and meditation and mountain-biking. They pity the cigar smokers — who just don't know how to live.

But of course, there's one big problem with all of this: What you choose to eat or drink or inhale has absolutely nothing to do with how good a person you are. You can smoke three packs a day and still be the kindest soul who ever walked this earth. And you can fill your pantry with

organic produce and multi-grain pastas and still be the worthless wretch.

The aforementioned dinner companion believed that she was establishing her "goodness" when she scolded her friend for ordering a hamburger. When of course she did exactly the opposite — she sacrificed her friend's feelings at the altar of healthy eating.

And that's the problem with putting so much moral weight on personal habits: It distracts us from the real moral issues, the ones that are a lot tougher than low-fat or high-fat, smoking or nonsmoking, paper or plastic.

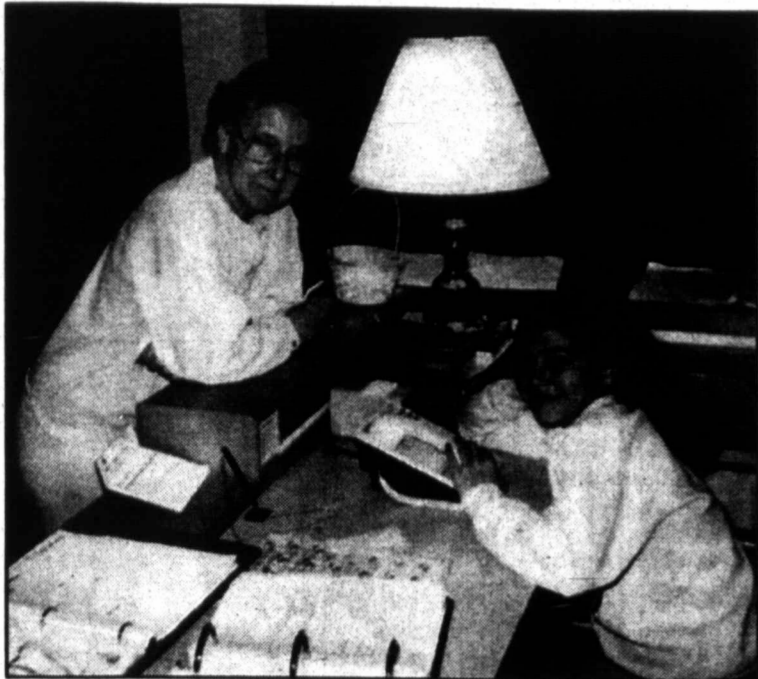
"I think it goes back to our Puritan roots," says Beth. "Everything we do in our culture has a moral tone — right down to, Do you buy your shampoo at the Body Shop? We like to have rules that tell us, I am being good or I am being bad. But of course it doesn't always work. Because when you think about it, the Puritans could be pretty nasty."

This is not to say that we don't have a certain obligation to take care of ourselves. We do owe it to our friends and families not to drive our health into the ground. But we should at least acknowledge that the person who sips bourbon isn't doing any great harm in the world, and the person who downs designer juice isn't doing any great good.

Doing good — and, for that matter, evil — takes a lot more work than that.

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(Special photos)

Meredith House tenant Laverne Collis, top, visits with regular volunteer Farren Copeland about upcoming activities at Meredith House including an Easter egg hunt, bingo, card games and crafts. Meanwhile, tenants Harold and Eula Thornhill, bottom, celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Patricia Riggins of Amarillo, served cake and punch at a reception in honor of the occasion.

South Texas restaurant link in Hepatitis outbreak, according to health officials

MOULTON, Texas (AP) — A South Texas restaurant is a common link — but not necessarily the source — for a highly contagious but non-lethal disease that has stricken five people, according to state health workers.

The Texas Health Department said three of the five people infected with Hepatitis A work at Kloesel's Steak House in Moulton and the other two frequent the restaurant.

Dr. William Riggins, Texas Department of Health regional director for much of South Texas, told The Victoria Advocate he cannot yet pinpoint Kloesel's as where the people contracted the disease.

It takes about one month for a person to become sick after being exposed to the virus, said Riggins.

"It's rare we ever pinpoint the source of where it comes from,"

he said, adding that health workers were still receiving other reports of the virus which attacks the liver and often causes stomach problems.

As many as 15 more people in Moulton have symptoms besides the five confirmed cases, said Riggins. He said he suspects many of them have the disease, but doctors will not know until test results were received.

"The doctors in the community are doing a good job reporting and watching for this," Riggins said.

He said he has not recommended treatment to regular patrons of Kloesel's because any exposure they might have experienced would have been much more limited.

Health officials found nothing wrong in inspections at the restaurant since people became sick, Riggins said.

'Titanic' sails through Oscars with record-tying 11 awards



Best Director James Cameron, 'Titanic'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The movie that almost couldn't be made couldn't be stopped.

"Titanic" won a record-tying 11 Oscars Monday, including best picture, completing a remarkable voyage for one of the most troubled but ultimately successful productions in Hollywood history.

Produced by two studios at a whopping cost of \$200 million, "Titanic" came within one win of topping 1959's "Ben-Hur" to become the most decorated film in Academy Award annals.

"I'm the king of the world!" "Titanic" writer-director-producer James Cameron yelled from the Oscar stage in accepting the best director trophy, repeating a line made famous by the film's young co-star, Leonardo DiCaprio. "I don't know about you, but I'm having a really great time."

The popularity of "Titanic" is not limited to the voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The 3-hour, 14-minute movie is also the highest-grossing in box-office history, holding both the domestic and worldwide marks.

It has been the nation's No. 1 film for an unprecedented 14 consecutive weekends, and is likely to remain in first place next weekend. With the Oscar surge, the movie now could pass the once unthinkable \$600 million plateau at North American theaters.

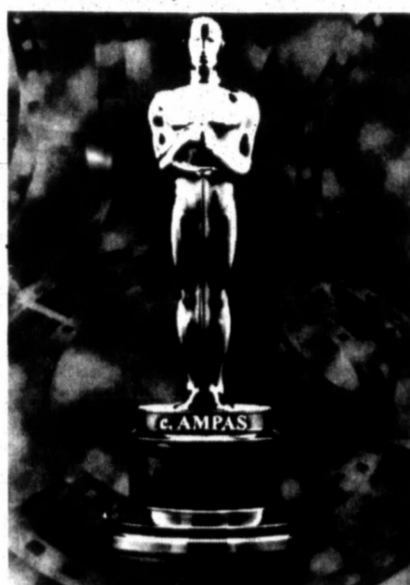
"Titanic" won statuettes for picture, director, cinematography, costume design, editing, dramatic score, song, visual effects, sound, sound effects editing and art direction. The film dominated the evening so strongly no other film won more than two awards. Three managed that many: "As Good As It Gets," "Good Will Hunting" and "L.A. Confidential."

"This morning, I woke up and couldn't wait for the day to be over. Now I don't want it to stop," said "Titanic" co-producer Jon Landau.

And yet "Titanic" failed to win any acting awards. ("Titanic"



Best Actress Helen Hunt, 'As Good As It Gets'



Oscar

also was not nominated for a screenplay award, becoming the first film since 1965's "The Sound of Music" to win best picture without being nominated for a writing Oscar.)

"Titanic" failed to collect prizes in three of its nominated categories — supporting actress, actress and makeup. Helen Hunt from "As Good As It Gets" beat "Titanic" star Kate Winslet for best actress.

"L.A. Confidential's" Kim Basinger took supporting actress over Gloria Stuart, and "Men in Black" claimed the makeup prize.



Best Actor Jack Nicholson, 'As Good As It Gets'

The 11 awards were nevertheless a stunning achievement for a film once so behind schedule it missed its planned summer release date by five months. Tensions between co-producers Paramount and 20th Century Fox ran so high that senior executives nearly came to blows.

"What a year it's been," the movie's Oscar-winning cinematographer, Russell Carpenter, said. "It's gone from being a ship of fools to being a ship of dreams."

Cameron declined to use the awards sweep to repudiate the film's many early critics, some of whom speculated before the film's debut that it couldn't possibly succeed.

"I feel happy. Vindicated has a negative connotation," Cameron said backstage. "There's nothing negative here, pure bliss."

"Titanic" was not the only former longshot to claim a prize at

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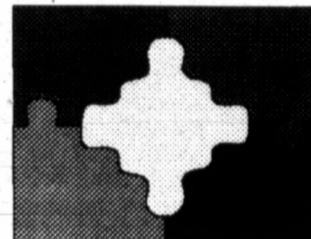
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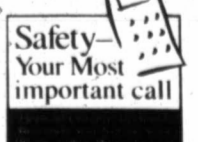
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Man Who Brings Home Bacon Makes His Wife Feel Fried

DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks he's better than I am because he earns money and I don't. I stay home with our three children.

During a recent argument, he spilled juice on our new carpet. When I asked him to clean it up, he refused, saying it's his carpet because he paid for it and it's my job to take care of his things.

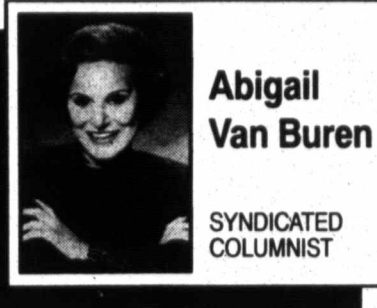
I try to explain that it's hard work to keep up a home and care for the children, but he says he'd change places with me anytime if I could find a job that pays me the same amount of money he makes. He knows I don't have the skills to do that.

He says he loves me, but I don't think that you can love someone you don't value or respect because she doesn't bring home a paycheck.

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DEAR FEELING WORTHLESS: In 1989, I printed a letter stating the dollar-and-cents value of a homemaker. At the time, it was \$52,000 a year, and the Employment Cost Index has continually risen. Your husband should be able to do the math.

Later, I told another woman who described herself as "only a housewife": "In your home you are the director of health, education and welfare; the secretary of the treasury; the head of entertainment and public rela-



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

...tions; the chairman of the House Rules Committee; and the chief operating officer of family planning. You'd have to be married to a millionaire to be paid what you're really worth."

Give your husband some food for thought. Schedule dinner a little later for him tonight, and leave this column on his plate for him to digest.

DEAR ABBY: I think you missed the real issue in the letter from "Enough Already in New York," the man whose company made him room with a gay colleague on a business trip. "Enough" managed to endure his discomfort during the trip. What he's had enough of is the ribbing from his co-workers after his return.

Abby, the man is being harassed. The subject of the harassment is sexual in nature. Sexual harassment, homophobic or otherwise, should not be tolerated in any work-

place. "Enough" should ask his co-workers to stop harassing him. If they persist, management should discipline them. If management fails to intervene, this man has a claim against his employers.

Laurie Leiber

DEAR LAURIE: You're right. I failed to see the forest for the trees. Thank you for the astute analysis.

DEAR ABBY: The problem experienced by "Cursing Mom" may be avoided when this little poem is taken to heart:

I lost a very little word,
 Just the other day;
 It was a very naughty word
 I had not meant to say.
 But then, it was not really lost—
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 My little daughter picked it up,
 And now she says it too.

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Horoscope

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

In the year ahead, your material growth might be a bit sluggish in the early phases. However, the earning you generate should be steady and substantial over the long haul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not become too enchanted today when dealing with members of the opposite gender. There is a chance you might hit on someone who is already spoken for. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're putting a joint enterprise together for a

commercial purpose today, put all the fine points in writing, even if it is with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Associates might be only in partial accord with your basic aims today. Do not attempt to manipulate anyone into a prejudiced position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Workers whose assignments you supervise will require delicate management techniques today. If they aren't inspired, they may not produce.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Taking risks on things over which you have no direct control could be costly today. Avoid proposals where the outcome is controlled by outside influences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make an effort to be more tolerant, affectionate and understanding toward your mate if he or she is in a grumpy mood. It will soothe troubled waters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Industriousness, not apathy, is required today if you desire to avoid similar headaches down the line. Do not attempt to sweep

anything under the rug.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you sally into the mall today, it could prove wise to leave your credit cards at home. You might waste hard-earned money on frivolous items.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, it could be that no matter how hard you try to be nice to some people, nothing you do will please them. Do not collect guilt for their rude behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually, you're not one to resort to tactics that aren't direct and forthright, but today you could try to manipulate others to serve your purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you might direct funds slated for essentials for something rather frivolous. If you operate along these lines, spender's remorse is probable later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be mindful of your behavior today when with friends. You might devote too much attention to a person you think could do you some good while ignoring an old ally.

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For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



Garfield



Walnut Cove



Marvin



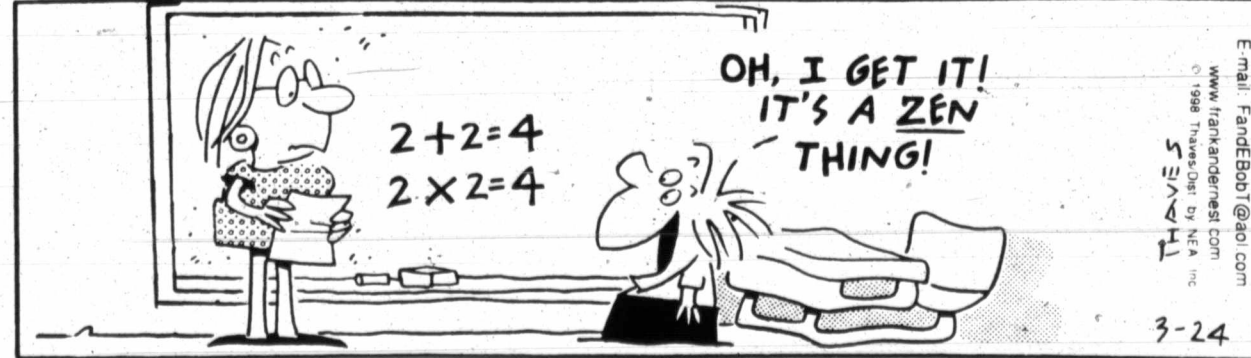
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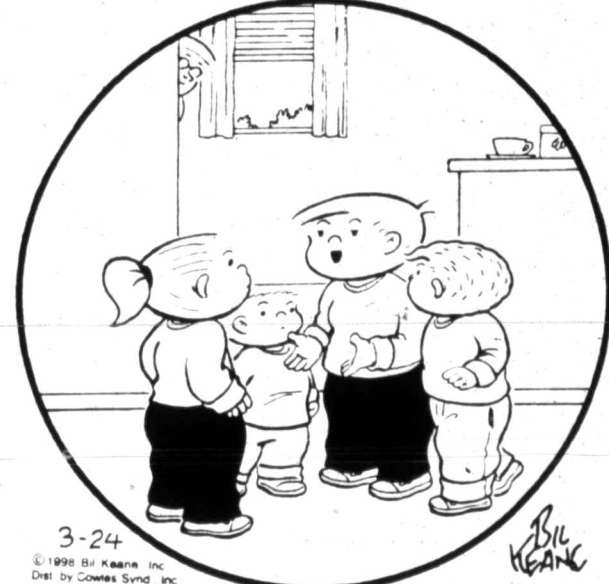
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



"Mommy will be good on the jury. She can always tell if you did something naughty."



"It was easy to fix. Just a burned-out lightbulb in his chandelier."

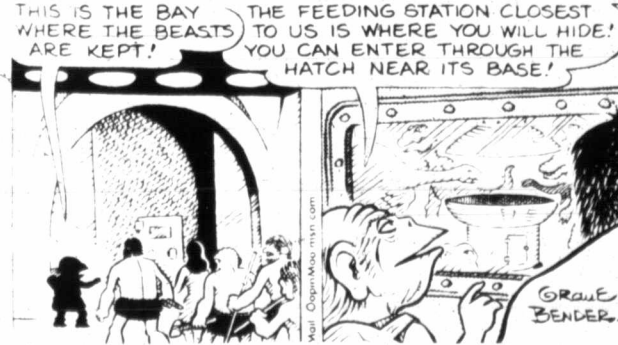
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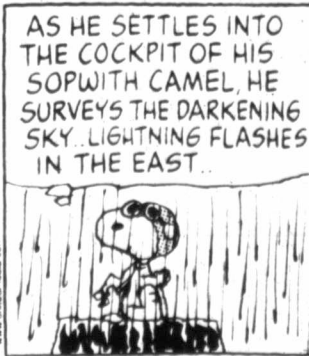
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Alley Oop



Peanuts

SPORTS

Majerus says Utes won't lie down for Tar Heels

Notebook

GENERAL

PAMPA — Springtime brings out the salesmen.

Local merchants are urged to be cautious of individuals who say they're involved in fund-raising or promotional activities in behalf of the Pampa High School Athletic Department, says PHS Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier.

"If someone is from the athletic department, they will either contact the merchant in person or they will have a letter of introduction. We certainly won't do business over the phone," Cavalier said.

Call the athletic office at 669-4830 if more information is needed.

TRACK & FIELD

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' track team will compete in the Chamber of Commerce Relays Friday and Saturday in Hereford.

Other Pampa Lady Harvesters who placed at the Bulldog Relays in Borger last weekend are listed below:

High jump: Tiffany McCullough, fifth place, 4-10.
3200: Daisy Leal, fourth place, 13:59.
100 hurdles: Lori Lindsey, fourth place, 16:61.
800: Anna Resendiz, fifth place, 2:44.74.
1600: Daisy Leal, fifth place, 6:29.59.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The annual Pampa High School boys' basketball banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Persons planning to attend should call the basketball office at 669-4832 as soon as possible so a number count can be made.

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — In what could be a step toward a lockout, NBA owners voted to go back to the bargaining table for a new labor agreement.

NBA owners voted 27-2 to reopen their collective bargaining agreement with the players. The current contract will expire June 30 — three years earlier than expected. If a new agreement isn't reached by July, a lockout — or at least a signing moratorium — could begin.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Will Carlton had 22 points and 12 rebounds as Georgetown, Ky., beat Southern Nazarene 83-69 in the NAIA championship game. Georgetown finished 36-3, and Southern Nazarene was 29-9.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — Evander Holyfield will defend his WBA heavyweight title against Henry Akinwande on June 6 at Madison Square Garden.

"It's pretty much done, there are just a few little details to work out," said Marina Capuro of Showtime, which will handle the pay-per-view distribution of the fight.

The fight will be Holyfield's first since he stopped Michael Moorer on Nov. 8.

An official announcement is expected Monday.

Akinwande, 6-foot-7, is the WBA's mandatory challenger. In his last fight, Akinwande was disqualified for excessive holding of WBC champion Lennox Lewis.

Johnny Tapia, the IBF and WBO junior bantamweight title holder, is expected to fight on the undercard against the winner of an April 3 WBO bantamweight bout between champion Jorge Eliecer Julio of Colombia and challenger Daniel Cobre Jimenez of Puerto Rico.

Other names mentioned for the undercard include WBA middleweight champion William Joppy and, Christy Martin.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Despite being heavy underdogs to top-ranked North Carolina, Utah coach Rick Majerus insists the Utes won't roll over for the Tar Heels.

"We're going there to play," Majerus said Monday. "If we weren't, I'd just as soon go there and eat Tex-Mex and get a Mariachi band and a fuzzy navel."

For the record, Majerus still plans on eating Tex-Mex in San Antonio, but likes his team's chances when they take to the floor against North Carolina (34-3) on Saturday.

"If fortitude and tenacity and effort count for anything, it's what got us where we are," he said.

The Utes (29-3), who employed that formula in a 25-point drubbing of defending champion Arizona to advance to their first

Final Four since 1966, again have a cautious eye toward an upset.

"They're just players, so we'll try to go out there and beat them," said Michael Doleac, the center for Utah, which is ranked seventh in the nation.

"I think we can (win)," guard Drew Hansen said. "We're going in with a lot of confidence."

Forward Hanno Mottola said the Arizona victory should send a message to those who doubted the Utes that they can play with teams that are considered more athletic.

"(The Arizona win) kind of showed the rest of the people, and us, too, that we can beat quicker teams," he said. "It showed we're not as slow as people think."

Still, playing a team with a half-dozen players who will likely head to the NBA when their college careers are over, including

Antawn Jamison, the leading voter for the All-America team, is a daunting challenge, and there are no delusions of grandeur on Utah's part.

"They're Arizona with more size," Majerus said of the Tar Heels. "And Arizona didn't have Jamison inside."

"There's no one in an office pool anywhere except maybe a Mormon or Ute loyalist that had Utah going to the Final Four," said the coach, but added that he has believed in his team all along. "I had Utah in my Final Four. I had Utah winning it. You've got to believe in yourself."

Majerus' optimism appears to have rubbed off on the team.

"I think there's a reason they're favorites. They have a bunch of great athletes," guard Drew Hansen said. "But I think we have a bunch of guys who know how

to win. ... We play tough, we're well-coached, we have a great point guard and a strong inside man."

It has been Utah's team play, especially its smothering defense, which has allowed the Utes to nullify its opponent's stars, including forcing Arizona's trio of Michael Dickerson and All-Americas Miles Simon and Mike Bibby into a combined 6-of-36 shooting.

The Utes won't begin preparing to defend North Carolina until Wednesday, and Hansen said a reappearance of the triangle-and-two zone that stifled Arizona is unlikely. But Majerus said how his team defends North Carolina will be key.

"We're not one of those teams that say 'We're the Running Utes, by God and this is the way we're going to be playing,'" he said.

Instead, his teams style is to try to counter its opponent's offense and disrupt their flow.

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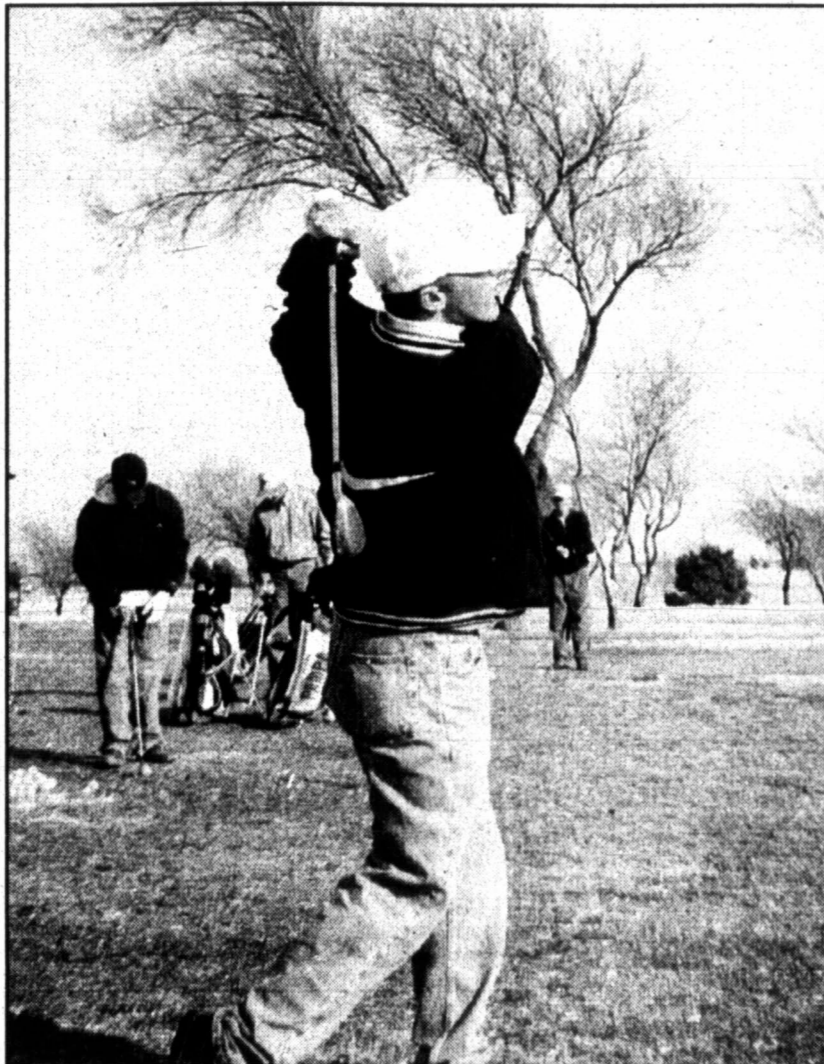
Majerus says the team is preparing for North Carolina as it would for any other game. But one notable difference Monday was a post-practice pep talk by former NBA All-Star Doc Rivers, whom Majerus coached at Marquette.

Rivers warned the players against getting into the big game and playing not to make mistakes instead of playing to win.

Forward Alex Jensen says the Utes aren't going to fail for lack of trying.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," he said. "You don't want to let it go."

District opener is just around the corner for Pampa golfers



(Pampa News photo)

Grady Locknane had a two-round 161 to lead the Harvesters in the Amarillo Relays last weekend.

Lady Vols, three surprises make up Final Four

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**
AP Sports Writer

After 60 games and a slew of upsets, the race for the NCAA women's basketball championship has come down to Tennessee and three surprises. And speaking of surprises, there was almost a fourth.

Tennessee, practically preordained as the national champion from the start, kept alive its hopes of a record third straight title, but only after surviving its scariest game of the season.

The Lady Vols needed all the havoc their press could muster and clutch play from Chamique Holdsclaw to turn back North Carolina 76-70 Monday night in the Mideast Regional final.

Thanks to a pulsating comeback from a 12-point deficit, Tennessee (37-0) will play Southeastern Conference rival Arkansas (22-10) in the national semifinals in Kansas City on Friday night.

"This is the hardest of the six (tournament) games to play," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "Everybody dreams of being in the Final Four, but you have to win the regional first."

Arkansas, at No. 9 the lowest seed ever to reach the Final Four, beat Duke 77-72 in the West to earn its first trip to the sport's

showcase event. But a pairing with Tennessee isn't much of a reward. The Lady Vols beat Arkansas 88-58 during the regular season.

Final Four veteran Louisiana Tech (30-3) meets first-timer North Carolina State (25-6) in the other semifinal. Third-seeded Tech beat fourth-seeded Purdue 72-65 in the Midwest final. North Carolina State, a No. 4 seed, won the East, 60-52 over second-seeded Connecticut.

Tennessee will be in the Final Four for the 11th time and has won five national titles, all under Summitt. Louisiana Tech, which has won two national championships, is Final Four-bound for the ninth time.

"There's nothing like going to the Final Four," Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "It never gets old." It almost never happened for Tennessee, which trailed 61-49 with less than 7 1/2 minutes left. But the Lady Vols' smothering press triggered a 15-1 run that pulled them into the lead.

Holdsclaw finished with 29 points and Semeka Randall scored 20 for the Lady Vols, who trailed in the second half for the first time since Dec. 12.

MIDEAST
North Carolina (27-7) regained the lead once after Tennessee's

spurt, at 67-66 on a free throw by Tracy Reid with 2:57 left.

But Tennessee made eight straight free throws, including six by Holdsclaw, and Teresa Getz scored on a putback to the delight of an orange-clad packed house in Nashville.

"It was not exactly what I had anticipated," Summitt said. "When we were down 12, I was asking them if I was coaching the wrong team. They were beating us at our own game. I was wondering if we should change uniforms. But I like what I saw down the stretch."

Chanel Wright led North Carolina with 21 points, and Reid scored 20.

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell was upset by the disparity in fouls. Tennessee made 28 of 33 free throws, North Carolina 11 of 18.

"We were playing eight on five," Hatchell said. "Tennessee didn't have a foul in the last five minutes, and we were doing everything we could to drive it in there."

EAST
North Carolina State, which had never even been in a regional final before, stayed calm after falling behind 36-26 three minutes into the second half at Dayton, Ohio.

The Wolfpack made up the gap

all at once, running off 14 straight points to go up 40-36. Chastity Melvin, posting up strong in the lane, scored eight points in that stretch and finished with 18.

"Mentally, we had to believe in ourselves," said NC State coach Kay Yow, whose first Final Four trip is coming 10 years after guiding the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Seoul. "We had to raise the level of our defense and we had to get the ball inside to Chastity."

Connecticut (34-3) lost for the first time in the eight games it has played without All-America Nykeshia Sales, sidelined by a ruptured Achilles' tendon. Amy Duran and Paige Sauer led the Huskies with 11 points each.

"Despite all our wins, this year has been an incredible struggle for me," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "The fact that we've even been able to get here is a miracle."

MIDWEST
Louisiana Tech continued its string of making the Final Four at least once every four years. That was especially satisfying for center Alisa Burras, who had 17 points and 16 rebounds.

"It means so much to go to the Final Four because it is my final year," said Burras, voted the regional tournament's most out-

standing player. "This is the highlight of my career."

Purdue (23-10), a comeback team all season, rallied after falling behind by 11. A baseline jumper by Stephanie White closed the gap to 68-65 with 30 seconds left.

LaQuan Stallworth's free throws and three Purdue turnovers in the final 20 seconds cinched the Lady Techsters' 15th consecutive victory.

White led Purdue with 23 points and nine rebounds.

WEST

Tennille Adams scored the go-ahead basket on a putback and Christy Smith made four free throws in the final 31 seconds to spark Arkansas' upset in Oakland.

Duke, denied its first trip to the Final Four, led 72-71 on Peppi Browne's layup with two minutes left. Adams then scored with 1:39 to play and Smith came through with her free throws to keep the Lady Razorbacks on top.

Sydia Messer's 20 points led Arkansas. Browne scored 20 for Duke (24-8).

"This team came closer by sharing," Arkansas coach Gary Blair said. "We found a way to get along and believe. They not only dreamed the dream, but lived it."

Rangers' McLemore, Elster work magic as double-play combo

TAMPA, Fla. - Individually, nothing about the Rangers' double-play combination suggests anything other than ordinary.

Neither second baseman Mark McLemore nor shortstop Kevin Elster has ever been recognized for their own talents. Neither has won a Gold Glove nor made an All-Star Game. Elster has been released five times; McLemore twice.

But put them together, and something magical happens.

"This is a case where two and two makes five," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

"Sometimes, two and two makes three. Most times it makes four. In this case, it adds up to something more."

When the Rangers lost, 2-0, to the New York Yankees on Sunday at Legends Field, perhaps the two best double-play combinations in the American League were on display. Same job, vastly different styles.

The Yankees boast a flashy shortstop, Derek Jeter, who stole singer Mariah Carey's heart, and a gritty second baseman, Chuck Knoblauch, who has taken New York by storm since being

acquired from Minnesota in February.

Each of them has been recognized individually. Jeter was the Rookie of the Year in 1996. Knoblauch won it in 1991. They have combined to go to four All-Star Games and may very well be the AL's starting middle infield in this year's game.

"You've got two guys who are young and athletic," Rangers infield instructor Bucky Dent said. "And then there are our guys, the older, steady guys that have been around. Our guys have learned to get the most out

of what they have."

That, if anything, may explain why Elster and McLemore work so well together. They are the Dead End Kids. They've been around the block and know all the tricks. And they use them to their advantage.

The biggest statistical difference between the division-winning Rangers of 1996 and last year's third-place team was defense. In 1996, defense was an asset. Last year, it was a liability.

Break down the defense and the biggest difference from one year to the next was the absence

of Elster, whom the Rangers didn't re-sign, and McLemore, who missed 73 games because of injuries.

The Rangers replaced Elster with Benji Gil, a younger, more athletic - and more inconsistent - shortstop. They spent all year unable to replace McLemore. The difference? In 1996, Rangers middle infielders made 32 errors. Last year, they made 49.

By now, though, that Elster and McLemore play well together is well-documented. That's why the Rangers reunited them during the off-season.

Browns are back in the NFL

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — It's official. Cleveland finally has the Browns back.

Sure the NFL had promised to give the city that Art Modell deserted after the 1995 season a new team for 1999, complete with the old Browns' uniforms and history.

But there was still a collective sense of relief when the league's owners voted unanimously on Monday to give the city an expansion team and backed it up by giving the team its first major executive even before it has an owner.

He's Joe Mack, former assistant general manager of the Carolina Panthers, who will build a personnel department to scout college and pro players who will take the field for the team's first exhibition — the 1999 Hall of Fame game at Canton against Dallas.

"Two things came through to us," said Carolina owner Jerry Richardson, chairman of the NFL's stadium committee. "How strongly Cleveland wanted an expansion franchise and how they wanted a decision sooner rather than later."

That decision came on a busy opening day at the NFL meetings. The owners also:

— Approved the extension of the collective bargaining agreement three years to the end of the 2003 season. The vote was 28-1-1, with Wellington Mara of the New

York Giants voting no and Al Davis of Oakland abstaining.

— Attempted to crack down on off-field violence with a new policy that allows commissioner Paul Tagliabue to suspend any player convicted of assault, spousal abuse, gun possession or other off-field crimes.

— Gave Tagliabue a five-year contract extension, to run through 2005, and doubled his salary from \$2.5 million per year to \$5 million.

The Cleveland decision fulfilled a promise the league made to the city after Art Modell moved the old Browns to Baltimore after the 1995 season.

But it wasn't clear that they would get the go-ahead at these meetings until Tagliabue and Richardson visited the new 72,000-seat stadium site a week ago.

"It was partly what we saw in Cleveland, that the stadium is becoming a reality," Tagliabue said. "Partly, it was our conversations with the mayor and how the fans feel and their desire for an expansion team."

That brought full circle the most emotional move during the two-year period when three franchises moved and several others threatened to do so.

"I was one of the people who wanted to get this done," said Modell, whose announcement in 1995 that he would move the team

shocked everyone — from fans in the old Dawg Pound at Cleveland Stadium to Tagliabue and other top NFL officials.

These Browns will move into a new stadium on the same site as the old one, built in the Depression era. But the team will wear the old Browns' orange and white and while there will be permanent seat licenses, there also will be a Dawg Pound designed for the average fan.

Some major developments are yet to come — like selection of an owner and a decision on the fee they will pay to play, probably between \$350 million and \$400 million.

But Mack, who will operate under the direction of George Young, the former Giants general manager who now is the NFL's vice president for league operations gives them a good start — he helped Carolina develop into the most successful first-year franchise ever when it finished 7-9.

Of the other actions on the first day of the NFL meetings, the most important was ratification of the labor contract.

But the most interesting was the attempt at a crackdown on off-field violence.

"The object is to deter misconduct," Tagliabue said. "We want to help the players keep out of trouble and we think this is one way to do it."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 13

At Norfolk, Va.

Nebraska 76, New Mexico 59

Old Dominion 92, St. Francis, Pa. 39

At Raleigh, N.C.

Youngstown St. 91, Memphis 80

North Carolina St. 89, Maine 64

At Tucson, Ariz.

Virginia 77, Southern Methodist 66

Arizona 75, Santa Clara 63

At Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut 83, Fairfield 52

George Washington 74, Georgia 72

Second Round

Sunday, March 15

At Norfolk, Va.

Old Dominion 75, Nebraska 60

At Raleigh, N.C.

North Carolina State 88, Youngstown State 61

At Tucson, Ariz.

Arizona 94, Virginia 77

At Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut 75, George Washington 67

Regional Semifinals

At Dayton, Ohio

Saturday, March 21

North Carolina State 55, Old Dominion 54

Connecticut 74, Arizona 57

Regional Championship

Monday, March 23

North Carolina State 60, Connecticut 52

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 13

At Lubbock, Texas

Notre Dame 78, Southwest Missouri State 64

Texas Tech 87, Grambling State 75

At Tuscaloosa, Ala.

UCLA 65, Michigan 58

Alabama 94, North Carolina-Greensboro 46

Saturday, March 14

At West Lafayette, Ind.

Colorado State 81, Drake 75

Purdue 88, Washington 71

At Ruston, La.

Clemson 60, Miami 49

At Lubbock, Texas

Clemson Tech 86, Holy Cross 58

Second Round

Sunday, March 15

At Lubbock, Texas

Notre Dame 74, Texas Tech 59

At Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alabama 75, UCLA 74

Monday, March 16

At West Lafayette, Ind.

Purdue 77, Colorado State 63

At Ruston, La.

Louisiana Tech 74, Clemson 52

Regional Semifinals

At Lubbock, Texas

Saturday, March 21

Louisiana Tech 71, Alabama 57

Purdue 70, Notre Dame 65

Regional Championship

Monday, March 23

Louisiana Tech 72, Purdue 65

Regional Championship

Monday, March 23

Tennessee 76, North Carolina 70

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 13

At Iowa City, Iowa

Kansas 72, Tulane 68

Iowa 77, Massachusetts 59

Saturday, March 14

At Stanford, Calif.

Arkansas 76, Hawaii 70

Harvard 71, Stanford 67

At Gainesville, Fla.

Virginia Tech 75, Wisconsin 64

Florida 85, Montana 64

At Durham, N.C.

Louisville 69, Utah 61

Duke 92, Middle Tennessee State 67

Second Round

Sunday, March 15

At Iowa City, Iowa

Kansas 62, Iowa 58

Monday, March 16

At Stanford, Calif.

Arkansas 82, Harvard 64

At Gainesville, Fla.

Florida 89, Virginia Tech 57

At Durham, N.C.

Duke 69, Louisville 53

Regional Semifinals

At Oakland, Calif.

Saturday, March 21

Duke 71, Florida 58

Arkansas 79, Kansas 63

Regional Championship

Monday, March 23

Arkansas 77, Duke 72

THE FINAL FOUR

At Kemper Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

National Semifinals

Friday, March 20

Louisiana Tech (30-3) vs. North Carolina State (25-8), 7 p.m.

Arkansas (22-10) vs. Tennessee (37-0), 30 minutes after first game

National Championship

Sunday, March 29

Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES - PAMPA

Celestine Mixed League

Team	Won	Lost
3 Bowlers & Bride	23	9
Hard Target	23	9
Right 2 Left	20	12
DJ's	18	14
Hits & Misses	15	17
Longhorns	14	18
Strike Force	14	18
Skunk Balls	12	20
Pinbusters	11	21
Party Balls	9	23

Week's High Scores

Men

High game: Gary Tyrell 236; High series: Gary Tyrell 596; High handicap game: Gary Tyrell 277; High handicap series: Gary Tyrell 728.

Women

High game: Connie Williams 225; High series: Jacki Lamberson 520; High handicap game: Connie Williams 305; High handicap series: Connie Williams 683.

Harvester Women's League

Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	72	32
O'Brien Enterprises	64	40
Schiffman Machine	57	46
H & H Sporting	54	50
Graham Furniture	52	51
Peggy's Place	51	53
Davis Minit Mart	51	53

Week's High Scores

High game: Ann O'Brien 202; High series: Geneva Schiffman 531; High handicap game: Joy Perry 231; High handicap series: Peggy Rodriguez 638.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	48	21	.696	—
New York	37	31	.544	10 1/2
Orlando	35	33	.515	12 1/2
Washington	35	33	.515	12 1/2
New Jersey	35	34	.507	13
Boston	30	38	.441	17 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	43	.368	22 1/2

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	52	17	.754	—
Indiana	48	20	.706	3 1/2
Charlotte	43	24	.642	8
Atlanta	40	27	.597	11
Cleveland	37	30	.552	14
Detroit	33	36	.478	19
Milwaukee	29	38	.433	22
Toronto	15	52	.224	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	50	17	.746	—
x-San Antonio	46	22	.676	4 1/2
Houston	36	31	.537	14
Minnesota	35	34	.507	16
Dallas	17	52	.246	34
Vancouver	16	52	.235	34 1/2
Denver	8	62	.114	43 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	19	.721	2
x-Phoenix	45	23	.662	6
Portland	37	30	.552	13 1/2
Sacramento	26	44	.371	26
L.A. Clippers	15	53	.221	36
Golden State	14	54	.206	37

x-clinched playoff berth.

Sunday's Games

Utah 124, New York 119, 20T

Detroit 105, Atlanta 98

Miami 112, Portland 80

Chicago 102, Toronto 100

Boston 108, Philadelphia 90

Orlando 92, Golden State 83

Indiana 96, Milwaukee 94, OT

Washington 102, New Jersey 100, OT

L.A. Lakers 96, Sacramento 83

San Antonio 93, Phoenix 83

Monday's Games

Detroit 94, Philadelphia 79

Chicago 111, Boston 88

Dallas 91, Minnesota 87

L.A. Lakers 107, Denver 86

Seattle 109, Sacramento 83

Vancouver 106, L.A. Clippers 95

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

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OSCARS

the 70th annual awards ceremony. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, the young actors who labored mightily to write and then star in "Good Will Hunting," took the Oscar for best original screenplay. The film's co-star, Robin Williams, was named best supporting actor for his depiction of a therapist.

"I just said to Matt, 'Losing would suck, and winning would be really scary,'" Affleck said in accepting the writing prize. "It's really, really scary."

Ms. Basinger, forced into bankruptcy after losing the "Boxing Helena" breach-of-contract lawsuit, returned to the Hollywood spotlight with her supporting actress win for "L.A. Confidential."

"If anyone has a dream out there, I'm living proof that it can come true," the actress told the Shrine Auditorium audience.

The movie also collected a trophy for best adapted screenplay, while "The Full Monty" won the Oscar for original musical or comedy score.

Jack Nicholson, who won the best acting award for "As Good As It Gets," joined an elite group of only four performers to own three or more Oscars. His others are as best actor for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975 and supporting actor in "Terms of Endearment" in 1983. Katharine Hepburn won four Academy Awards, and Ingrid Bergman and Walter Brennan each won three.

"I'm honored to be on any list with you, Bobby, Dusty, and you and your father Mr. Damon, and my old bike pal, Fonda," Nicholson said, making the umpteenth joke of the night about fellow nominee Damon's age.

Ms. Hunt, the only American competing against four British actresses in her category, thanked her director, who was not even nominated.

"I'm here for one reason and that's Jim Brooks, one single reason, and that's the only reason really," Hunt said.

It was one of the longest Oscar ceremonies on record at 3 hours, 42 minutes. The record is held by the 1984 show, which timed out at 3:45.

Billy Crystal had the duty of keeping the show on course, kicking things off with a filmed sketch that put him in scenes of the best-picture nominees, much as he did last year.

It started with a spit in the face from "Titanic" star DiCaprio.

"What, give up show business?" Crystal deadpanned.

No response from Nigeria on Pope's requesting release of prisoners

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Pope John Paul II's three-day trip to Nigeria left the people of sub-Saharan Africa's most populous country with inspiring words but no indication of change from the military government that keeps a tight hold on the country.

Gen. Sani Abacha, who seized power in 1993, spoke only in generalities at departure ceremonies for the pope Monday. He made no reference to a request by the Vatican to release some 60 prisoners from Nigerian jails, including well-known opposition figures.

The request echoed a similar appeal during the pope's trip to Cuba in January. Later, Fidel Castro's government announced the release of 299 prisoners.

The pope capped his trip to Nigeria with words of hope for Nigerians, telling them they can build a "a new reality" by respecting the human rights of all.

The West African country chafes under a severe military regime and further suffers from ethnic tensions and crime. During his stay, the pope repeatedly called on Nigeria's military leaders to relax their grip. Invoking Abuja, the six-year-old federal capital, as a metaphor, he offered a vision Monday of what the country could become.

Speaking at an open-air Mass, the pope said Abuja "is meant to represent the dawning of a new era for Nigeria and for Nigerians, an era filled with hope, in which every Nigerian citizen... is called to play a part in the building of a new reality in this land."

Some Ugandans afraid of own children after exposed to rebel machinations

GULU, Uganda (AP) — Some Ugandans are afraid of their own children, whom rebels have stolen by the thousands and tortured into heartless killers.

"We are living in fear of our children," said Father Rumano Ouma of Amuru Church, near Gulu, 180 miles north of the capital of Kampala.

Rebel leader Joseph Kony, who claims to be a spirit medium, has fought for 12 years in the north, purportedly to oust President Yoweri Museveni. But it is his own people, the Acholi, who suffer his vengeance.

Museveni apologized last week to the Acholi for the failure of the government and the army to protect them and their property. He also promised to discuss with President Clinton, during his two-day visit to Uganda, Sudan's support for the rebels.

Clinton may prove sympathetic; Sudan's Islamic-led regime is branded by Washington as supportive of terrorists. Kony's Sudan-based Lord's Resistance Army is not a serious threat to Museveni as its 3,000 rebels strike only in the north.

But the insurgency has exacerbated tensions between Uganda and Sudan, paralyzed plans to develop the north and undermined Museveni's efforts to build an economy from the destruction left by Idi Amin and Milton Obote. An estimated 20 percent of the national budget goes to the military, annoying Ugandans who want more money spent on schools, hospitals and roads.

The Acholi have urged Museveni to negotiate peace with the rebels. The government has refused, arguing it can't make a deal with an elusive band with an uncertain agenda and almost no constituency.

Meanwhile, the 900,000 people in the northern districts of Gulu and Kitgum live under Kony's threat.

About 300,000 of them have left their homes, sometimes under military pressure, for villages patrolled by soldiers. There they live in precarious circumstances. The government has not provided food, latrines, clinics or other assistance, leaving that to a few aid agencies willing to work in the north, including the U.N. World Food Program.

Kony is punishing the civilians because they stopped supporting the bizarre crusade of his Lord's Resistance Army, which claims to fight for a government ruled by the Ten Commandments while breaking them.

Rebels have chopped off the lips, noses, ears and genitals of hundreds of suspected government informants. They've looted crops, burned down homes and stolen hospital supplies. They have destroyed more than 100 schools and killed as many teachers. Tens of thousands have died.

"In this unusual conflict, in which the perpetrators and the victims are both Acholi... it is the LRA's demand for obedience — and its expression of anger at its perceived betrayal by its natural ethnic constituency —

which motivates a great deal of the violence," Robert Gersony wrote in a report prepared last year for the U.S. Embassy in Kampala.

Worst for the Acholi is having their own children abducted and turned into enemies.

"They want to overthrow the government, but because they are not supported by civilians, they have to do everything by force — abducting children and training them to kill us," said John Odonga, who abandoned his farm for a village protected by army troops.

UNICEF estimates 3,000 to 6,000 children have been abducted. Others put the figure at 10,000.

The children who manage to escape return broken.

Betty Alur, 14, was told she would be killed for losing a small hoe — that's when she fled from the Lord's Resistance Army. But she carried with her haunting visions of brutal executions, and tried to commit suicide once she reached safety.

"I thought, where will I turn to?" she said, recovering at a center for traumatized children in Gulu.

Ojok Santo, 13, spent two years in the bush with the rebels. His biggest military success was ambushing a Sudanese rebel truck, and stealing the cargo of land mines.

Now, he doesn't want to go home. "I'm afraid to go back," he said. "If rebels catch me again, I'll be killed for escaping."

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