

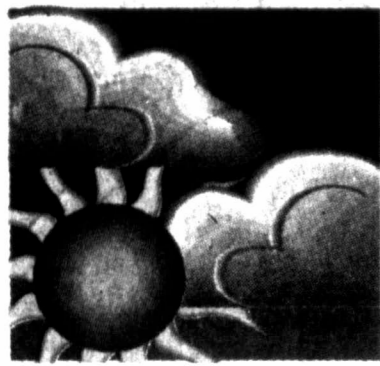
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details.

PAMPA — The Pampa school board has posted notice of a regular scheduled board meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the board room of Carver Center.

Action items include the approval of the quarterly financial report, consideration of the 1997-98 school calendar, consideration of the multi-purpose activity center design documents and the consideration of change order procedures.

Other items requiring action by the board include student transfer policies, attendance zones and policy regarding gifted and talented students.

The administrative reports include an architect update status, construction manager update and board of trustee election report.

The board will call an executive session for the renewal of campus administrators contracts, teacher and other professional contracts and teacher resignations. Any necessary action will be taken when the board reconvenes.

AUSTIN (AP) — Fraternity membership has fallen dramatically at the University of Texas, with a 29 percent drop from fall 1990 to fall 1996.

Reasons cited for the decline range from concerns about grades to membership costs to hazing, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"The fraternal image on campus has lost a lot of its promise," said Jeremy Gough, president of UT's Delta Kappa Epsilon.

"Parents see those articles and say, 'I don't want my son to become the next Gabe Higgins.'"

Higgins was pledging the now-disbanded Texas Cowboys, a UT spirit organization, when he drowned at a 1995 initiation picnic.

WINONA (AP) — An East Texas hazardous waste plant has closed its doors for good after a years-long battle against area residents who said the operation's emissions caused health problems and birth defects.

Attorneys for the American Ecology Environmental Services plant last week told the State Office of Administrative Hearings, which was overseeing its permitting, that the company has been financially drained in its fight against residents.

"This process is simply not affordable given the economics of the planned operation," company attorneys said in a closure notice obtained by the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.

In its quarterly earnings statement released Friday, American Ecology said its decision to close the Winona plant cost \$7.4 million.

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City approves resolution to forgo election

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

City commissioners passed a resolution Tuesday reelecting Bob Neslage, Jeff McCormick and Robert Dixon as the mayor, city commissioner Ward 1 and city commissioner Ward 3, respectively.

By passing this resolution, the city is not burdened to hold a costly election for uncontested candidates. And, with recent state legislation, cities are allowed to forgo the election if candidates are uncontested and no write-in candidates have made a declaration of their intention to run by the filing deadline.

However, despite the fact that there will be no election for city officers, a possibility remains that a referendum may be held in August concerning the sale of park land near the corner of Hobart and Somerville streets directly in front of the Coronado Inn.

This issue was brought to the city commissioners in Tuesday's work session by Mike Parker, owner of the Coronado Inn.

He told commissioners that

representatives of Sonic restaurants had contacted him about building a state-of-the-art facility on Somerville in front of the Coronado Inn. However, the Sonic representatives voiced that to do so, they would have to have curb cuts and driveway easements on the park land directly in front of the proposed location.

The restaurant chain would be willing to pay for utilities and moving of any items, such as the Perry LeFors statue, if needed.

Despite the willingness of the representatives of Sonic, City Attorney Don Lane told commissioners that it would be a violation of law to use any parks land for purposes other than recreation.

He cited an example of a lawsuit filed in another city in which a business had placed a sidewalk on park land. Because the sidewalk was not deemed for recreational purposes (it led directly to the business) the situation was deemed a violation of law. Sonic's request would be very similar to that situation, Lane said.

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Financial projections look better, city manager says

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Financial projections for the city are looking better than two years ago, but large expenditures could still present future problems, City Manager Bob Eskridge told commissioners Tuesday afternoon.

In the past fiscal year, the city has worked to cut its expenditures. This was done, said Eskridge, because 1995 financial projections estimated a \$798,000 deficit in the general fund for the city by the year 1999. However, because of reduction of operating costs, the city now projects only a \$161,000 deficit by the year 1999.

Although it is still a deficit, Eskridge said, it shows the city is on the right track to reduce its costs and this change reflects a decrease in projected expendi-

tures of approximately \$600,000. If the city keeps on this path, the current financial projections will continue to reduce, further lowering the deficit projected by the year 1999.

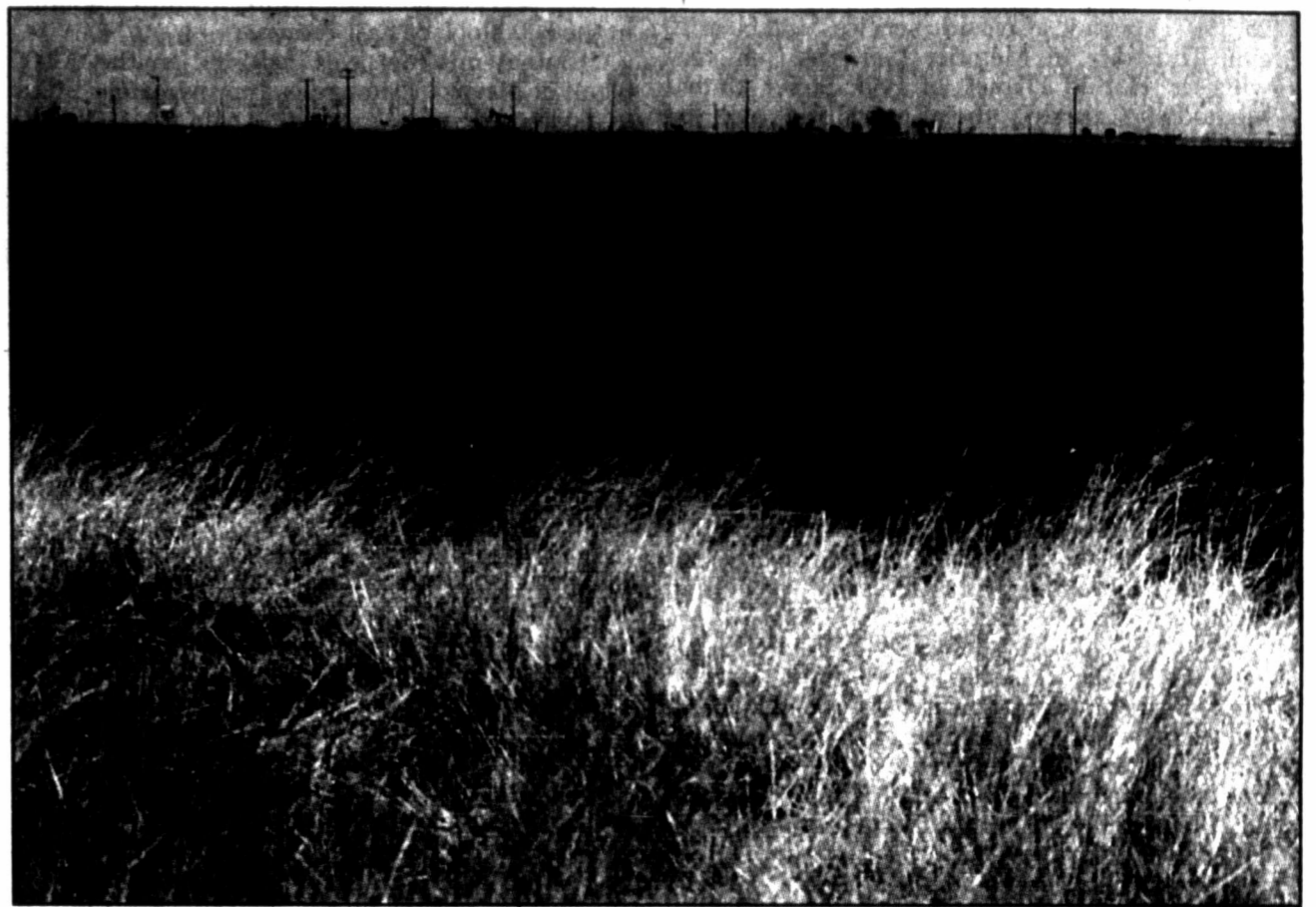
While deficits are predicted for future city budgets, Eskridge did remind city commissioners that these projections do not reflect actual costs or revenues. Another factor for the estimated deficits, he said, was the financial projections reflect a very conservative growth (1 percent) in the city's revenue. The revenue actually brought into the city could be more, which would also reduce the deficit.

The projected costs, however, were estimated at a 2.5 percent increase per year for personnel expenses and 1.5 percent for other expenses due to inflation.

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Anna Riphahn, the 15-year-old author/illustrator, demonstrates the work and detail which goes into illustrating a book. Riphahn visited with students at the Pampa Middle School on Monday and Tuesday, encouraging them to write and draw and follow their dreams.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The combination of high grasses, dry conditions and strong winds have made the Panhandle area extremely prone to grass fires in the last weeks. Until the area gets a significant amount of moisture, residents can expect to see more and more burned out lands.

Forest Service team issues 20-county alert for wildfire danger on area lands

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The Texas Forest Service's Panhandle Fire Prevention Team, a newly formed task force to help prevent grass, range and wildfires, has issued a 20-county alert asking people to use extreme caution while in dry grasses.

Lou Sloat, public information officer for the task force, said, "Just a spark is all it takes and a grass fire gets started and easily gets out of control."

The dry, windy conditions have kept the wildfire danger at critical levels in the Texas Panhandle, and a two to three inch soaking rain would do little to alleviate the problems, especially if it were followed by hot windy conditions.

Sloat said the type of soil plays a big factor in how much rain would be needed to remove the threat of fire from the grasslands. "A two or three inch rain would be necessary in the heavy sands while in shallower soils with a caliche base possibly a one to two inch rain would be sufficient."

According to the Texas Forest Service, the entire Panhandle area from Lubbock north is in

very high danger zones, with counties north of the Deaf Smith to Collingsworth line being in extreme danger.

In this 20-county zone more than 52,000 acres have burned since March 11. Since Friday, March 21, there have been 51 grass fires burning 31,000 of those acres.

Many counties in the area have issued burn bans until moisture contents have come up. Randall County has banned all burning, including trash, or wood and charcoal in barbecue grills in Palo Duro Canyon.

Sloat said that last year was the worst year for fires since records have been kept. With only half the Texas counties reporting, more than 18,333 fires were recorded, burning more than 1.42 million acres.

Fire department officials across the area continue to ask residents and workers to use extreme care when using welding equipment near the dry vegetation and to burn trash in barrels, set in a cleared area and covered with a screen.

Anyone considering a controlled burn should contact a local fire department before the burn is scheduled.

"Many of the CRP fields are planted in love grass. That has to be burned for new growth to take place. Until we get considerable moisture it is best to leave it and not try to burn it off," said Sloat.

Officials also urge motorists to use caution when driving over dry grasses. "The hot catalytic converters can get the dry grasses to smoldering in nothing flat," he said.

The proper disposal of smoking materials is imperative with the existing conditions. Officials urge smokers to fully extinguish all cigarettes or other smoking material before tossing them out.

Ron Davis, incident commander of the task force, said, "Without the public cooperation, wildfire numbers and damage over the past week could have been much worse."

Davis hopes the public will continue to be aware of the threat of wildfires and the ease in which they get started, at least until the spring green up.

The task force is responsible for organizing 91 teams of volunteer and regular firefighters in the 20-county area to help keep damage from grass fires to a minimum.

Young author encourages students to practice writing

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

A freshman from Topeka High School, Topeka Kan., but native to Pampa, 15-year-old Anna Riphahn returned this week to the Pampa Middle School to discuss the book she has had published and her efforts in the past.

Riphahn has been entering the "Written and Illustrated by ..." contest since she was 9 years old.

Her first effort, "Rockberry Muffins," won second place in the national contest of 7,500 entries and a \$2,000 scholarship. At age ten she entered "The Deserted Planet," which placed third from 10,000 entrants and supplied her with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Her latest effort, "The Timekeeper," placed first.

First place allowed her book to be published, a chance at a tour, scholarships and royalty rights.

Riphahn said, "It took nine months and several thousand hours to get it ready for first publication."

Riphahn said the opportunity to work with the publisher, editors and professional writers offered her unbelievable experience that she might never have had otherwise.

"I still have to make up all the

school work I miss when I'm on tour. That gets pretty tiresome sometimes," she said.

Since her book has placed first, Riphahn said she also gets the chance to participate as a judge for other entries.

"The Timekeeper" is now getting ready for its second printing and Riphahn is kept busy on the tour circuit talking to students about the contest that first attracted her mother's attention.

"Mom wanted to use it for her classes, but she sort of used me for a guinea pig," Riphahn said. "I got started writing probably in the first grade when a teacher really encouraged me to continue to write."

Riphahn said she has taken a break from her writing occasionally, but she catches herself looking for more ideas everywhere she goes and in everything she does.

The illustrations came from doodling and then into full pictures. She said she had to make herself take the time and study how the body was designed and the proportions of hands to fingers and legs to body and head.

Riphahn said she would like to encourage anyone with an inclination for writing and drawing to get interested in contests just to get the practice.

Fed ups rate to 5.5 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once won't be enough in the Federal Reserve's effort to crush bubbling inflation pressures with higher interest rates, many economists believe.

Saying the economy's strength risks fueling inflation, the central bank raised a key short-term interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 5.5 percent on Tuesday.

"This action was taken in light of persisting strength in demand, which is progressively increasing the risk of inflationary imbalances developing," the Fed said.

That view was bolstered today by an unexpectedly strong report on orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods. They rose 1.5 percent in February, the Commerce Department said.

Several large banks followed by raising their prime rate from 8.25 percent to 8.5 percent. The rise spread today, including a move by Chase Manhattan, the nation's biggest bank. More expensive auto loans, adjustable-rate mortgages and credit-card borrowing will result.

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Services tomorrow

GOLDSMITH, Henry Clyde — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo.
HILL, Zula Ann — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

HENRY CLYDE GOLDSMITH
AMARILLO — Henry Clyde Goldsmith, 66, brother to Lefors residents, died Tuesday, March 25, 1997. Masonic graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Harold Daniel, of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home Inc. of Amarillo.

Mr. Goldsmith was born at Delhi, Okla. He married Barba Warden in 1955 at Raton, N.M. He was a shop foreman for Southwestern Public Service Company, retiring in 1992. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was a member of the Tenth Street United Methodist Church and the Palo Duro Masonic Lodge #1239.

Survivors include his wife, Barba; a daughter, Barbby Osborne of Amarillo; two sons, Stephen Goldsmith of Dallas and Michael Goldsmith of Amarillo; three sisters, Georgia Johnson of De Soto and Elloise Maples and Betty Jackson, both of Lefors; a brother, Leon Goldsmith of Lefors; and three grandchildren.

BILL JACKSON
BORGER — Bill Jackson, 60, of Pampa, formerly of Borger, died Monday, March 24, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Highland Park Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jackson was born at Waterbury, Vt. He had been a Borger resident for 19 years and had been a Pampa resident for two months. He was a retired as a truck driver. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his mother, Beatrice Jackson of Waterbury; a daughter, Flora Lee Jackson of Borger; a son, James E. Jackson of Pampa; a sister, Harriet Gorton of Waterbury; two brothers, Earl Jackson and David Jackson, both of Vergennes, Vt.; and a grandson.

BILLIE LOUISE DIFFEE JORDAN
Billie Louise Diffie Jordan, 64, of Pampa, died Monday, March 24, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Bob Diffie, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jordan was born May 13, 1932, at Amarillo. She moved to Pampa from Houston in 1965. She had attended Dumas High School. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. She had worked as a home health aide for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wadie and Dorene Diffie; and a brother, Robert Diffie Jr., in 1934.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Jordan and Jerry Jordan, both of Houston; a brother, Dr. Bob Diffie of Dallas; a granddaughter, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials be to Fellowship Baptist Church or Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 12 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Traciella Kaepfer, LMFT. For more information, call Kay Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

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

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB
 The Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Community Center in Skellytown.

ROCK-A-THON
 The Hiland Pentecostal Youth Group will have a fund-raising "Rock-A-Thon" at the church's Fellowship Hall, 18th and Banks, from 5 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. For information on being a sponsor, call the church at 669-6915.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
 The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet for its regular scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. Speaker will be Dr. B.E. Wilkinfield. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Cheryl at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 665-1356.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 40s and southerly winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, variable cloudiness and breezy with a high near 80 and southwesterly winds to 25 mph. Tuesday's high was 55, the overnight low was 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle tonight, partly cloudy with lows from mid 30s to mid 40s. Thursday, breezy and partly cloudy with highs from mid to upper 70s. **South Plains** — Tonight, slight chance of showers south Plains, otherwise

mostly cloudy. Lows low to mid 40s. Thursday, decreasing clouds and breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms, low rolling plains. Highs low to mid 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy, northeast. Increasing cloudiness elsewhere. Lows 44 to 52. Thursday, a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy elsewhere with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 72.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central tonight, cloudy with scattered showers east and scattered showers and thunderstorms west. Lows in the 50s south central to upper 40s. Hill Country,

Thursday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe north. Highs near 70 to low 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 50s inland to near 60 coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of light rain or drizzle. Lows in low 60s coast to near 60 inland. Thursday, cloudy and warmer with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 70 coast to the 70s inland.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, March 25
 The police received some information regarding the theft of a Dallas Cowboy jacket valued at \$125.

A burglary of motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. Taken was a ladies wallet and driver's license, and the driver's side window was broken. Total loss is \$171.

A 22-year-old female reported a simple assault in the 300 block of East Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo. Damage is approximately \$100 to a garage door.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, March 25
 7:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Coffee on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing home.

3:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Faulkner on a welfare check. No one was transported.

3:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a nursing facility in Amarillo.

WEDNESDAY, March 26
 3:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Lefors on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, March 25

Arrests
 Steven Emmert, 41, Amarillo was arrested on charges of failure to appear for a seat belt violation and no liability insurance. He was released to pay at a later date.

Kenda Seeman Maddox, 47, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$500 but under \$1500. She remains in custody.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, March 25
 1:18 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire 11 miles south of Hwy. 273, mile east of FM 2373 and one quarter mile north on the Bowers Ranch.

6:22 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a good intent call at 201 N. Nelson.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, March 25
 A 1992 Ford Taurus driven by Mildred Ludun Evans, 24, 1927 Evergreen, struck a legally parked 1991 Pontiac Grand Am, owned by Annette White, 209 Tignor. Evans was cited for unsafe backing and no proof of liability.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.16	Chevron	71.1/8	dn 1/2
Milo	4.51	Coca Cola	58 1/4	dn 1 1/4
Corn	5.19	Columbia/HCA	37 7/8	dn 3/8
		Edson	39 1/2	dn 1/4
		Halliburton	71 3/4	up 1
		Ingersoll Rand	46	dn 1/8
		KNE	39 5/8	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	64	up 1/4
		Limited	18 5/8	dn 1/8
		Mapco	31 1/4	dn 1/4
		McDonald's	47 3/8	dn 1/8
		Mobil	134 7/8	dn 1/4
		New Atmos	25 5/8	dn 1/4
		Parker & Parsley	30	NC
		Penney's	49 5/8	up 1/2
		Phillips	41 3/4	up 1/4
		SLB	113 1/2	up 3/4
		SPS	36 3/4	NC
		Tenneco	39 5/8	up 1/8
		Texasco	109 1/4	up 7/8
		Ulramar	32 1/2	NC
		Wal-Mart	29 1/8	dn 1/8
		New York Gold	347.90	
		Silver	5.13	
		West Texas Crude	20.95	

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

Magellan	83.14
Puritan	17.91

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Ameco	90.34	up 5/8
Arcis	134	dn 1
Carbor	24 1/2	dn 1/8
Carbor OAG	15.78	NC

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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Financial

The general fund, said Eskridge, is expected to have a surplus of \$47,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal years. This surplus is estimated to end in 1998-99, in which a deficit of \$44,000 is projected. By the fiscal year 2001-02, the deficit in this fund is projected at \$313,187.

Revenues in the water and waste water funds are estimated also at a 1 percent growth per year. This fund should remain steady until the 1999-2000 fiscal year, when the Roberts County water project is scheduled to become on line.

At this time, a 15-cent tax increase in the water rates in the year 1999 could be needed to help fund the cost of this project, Eskridge said.

The debt service fund is in the worst condition than any of the others, he told commissioners, because the city has used several hundred thousand reserve dollars in 1992 to fund a portion of the street bond issue. In 1995, the tax rate was increased to lessen the use of the reserves, but estimates for the 1997-98 fiscal year show that only \$50,000 will be left of this fund.

Certificates of obligation for 1997 has put an additional debt of \$1 million into the fund (\$500,000 for dumpsters, \$500,000 for equipment). Half a million for the dumpsters will be transferred into the debt service fund as revenue from the general fund.

In addition, to plan for the dwindling reserves, all interest made on investments from the certificates of obligation will be strictly for debt service payments. By the 2002-03 fiscal year, debt service obligations should be fulfilled, drastically reducing the problem.

Tipping fees for the solid waste landfill fund may also have to be raised in the future, according to the financial projections.

With the construction of the new landfill cell, the expenditures in this fund has risen dramatically. An increase in the tipping fees will help offset this cost.

Although the issue has not been discussed at length, it could be an item of contention for the 1997-98 city budget.

Both the Lovett Library fund and the Hidden Hills golf course fund are projected to remain close to balanced within the next five years. The M.K. Brown Auditorium fund is estimated to have a surplus during the next five years.

Eskridge did mention to city commissioners that capital was not reflected in the five-year financial analysis to ensure an accurate reflection of costs and revenues.

Despite the estimated deficit within the next few years in many of the funds, Eskridge told commissioners that he felt there was no need to increase taxes at this time, although it could be a future possibility.

The current budget problems, he said, were quite manageable.

Tearing down the jail



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Charles Watkins, an inmate at the Jordan Unit TDCJ, is helping to tear down the cinder block walls of the city jail. The renovations are part of a joint agreement between the city and county to house prisoners in the county jail and turn the old city jail into a command center.

City

The only other alternative, said Lane, would be to hold a referendum in August in which citizens would vote on whether to sell a portion of the park land in front of the Coronado Inn to the fast-food chain. However, referendums are costly and there is no guarantee voters would approve the sell, he said.

In addition to the sale of park land, concerns also arose concerning the proposed traffic hazards at that intersection. Police Chief Charlie Morris told commissioners that the Somerville and Hobart street intersection was already a traffic hazard, and adding another fast-food restaurant in that location may further the problems.

Judy Elliott, with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, also mentioned the aesthetic value of the park grounds in that location. "We also have to address the aesthetics of suddenly having a restaurant on one of the few clear spaces on Hobart," she said.

Parker told city commissioners that if Sonic is not allowed to build a driveway easement across the park land, it will either have to find another place within the city to build the new restaurant or will simply choose not to build in Pampa.

The latter possibility is the one that is most likely, he said, although Sonic would keep its present location open.

The issue was tabled until members of the Parks and

Recreation Advisory Board could discuss the issue during their Thursday night meeting. They will decide in that meeting if they want to consider selling the property to Sonic.

During the regular city commission meeting, several items were approved unanimously, including:

- A bid to B&B Solvent in the amount of \$11,611.48 for the construction of a drainage ditch for 23rd Street, running parallel to Rosewood;
- A bid to MWC Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$131,125.50 for 500 new stackable garbage containers;
- A disbursement in the amount of \$221.18 to Four R Industrial (Commissioner Faustina Curry abstained from the vote);
- A disbursement in the amount of \$445.50 to Pampa Concrete (Mayor Bob Neslage abstained from the vote); and
- The consent calendar. Items on the consent calendar included a resolution setting the landfill hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1 through March 31 and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 1 through Sept. 30. The operating days were also changed to Monday through Saturday, and no loads will be accepted on Sundays.

A resolution authorizing the donation of old stage curtains to the Pampa Independent School District, a resolution supporting improvements to Lovett Memorial Library and the list of February disbursements in the amount of \$469,667.06 were also approved on the consent calendar.

City briefs

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ORDER YOUR Easter Cakes from BBS/TCBY. 665-4026. Adv.
AEROBIC CLASSES are in high gear, so come and get fit at the Mane Attraction. Fitness equipment and weights are available also. Call 669-0527. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

SORRY FOR the inconvenience due to the construction on Ballard St. Enter the alley and parking is available on the south side. Don't hesitate to call 669-3309. We are always here for you. Roberta's Flowers. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

LADIES NIGHT! Thursday night at the Landmark. Come check out the specials and the DJ. Membership required. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

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WATER COLOR workshop. Ginger Test. April 2nd and 3rd. Must pre-register at The Hobby Shop. Adv.

HUGE SHIPMENT of bedding plants, miniature roses, check out the specials and more. Come on out to Watson's Feed & Garden. Hwy 60 E. Adv.

ESTEE LAUDER Free Gift with purchase of \$17.50. Complete line of all Estee Lauder products, fragrance, skin care, nails, thighbone, and suntan products. Promotion ends Saturday. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1097. Adv.

EASTER LILLIES are in at Watson's Feed & Garden 665-4189. Adv.

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FREE INTERNET Classes, Thursday night, 7 p.m. Hi-Plains NTS, 829 Price Rd. Call to reserve, 665-0706. Adv.

THE EASTER BUNNY will be at Celebrations Friday and Saturday. The Easter Bunny can deliver your children's Easter Baskets or Stuffed Ballons. Get your orders in by Friday. Call Celebrations 665-3100 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

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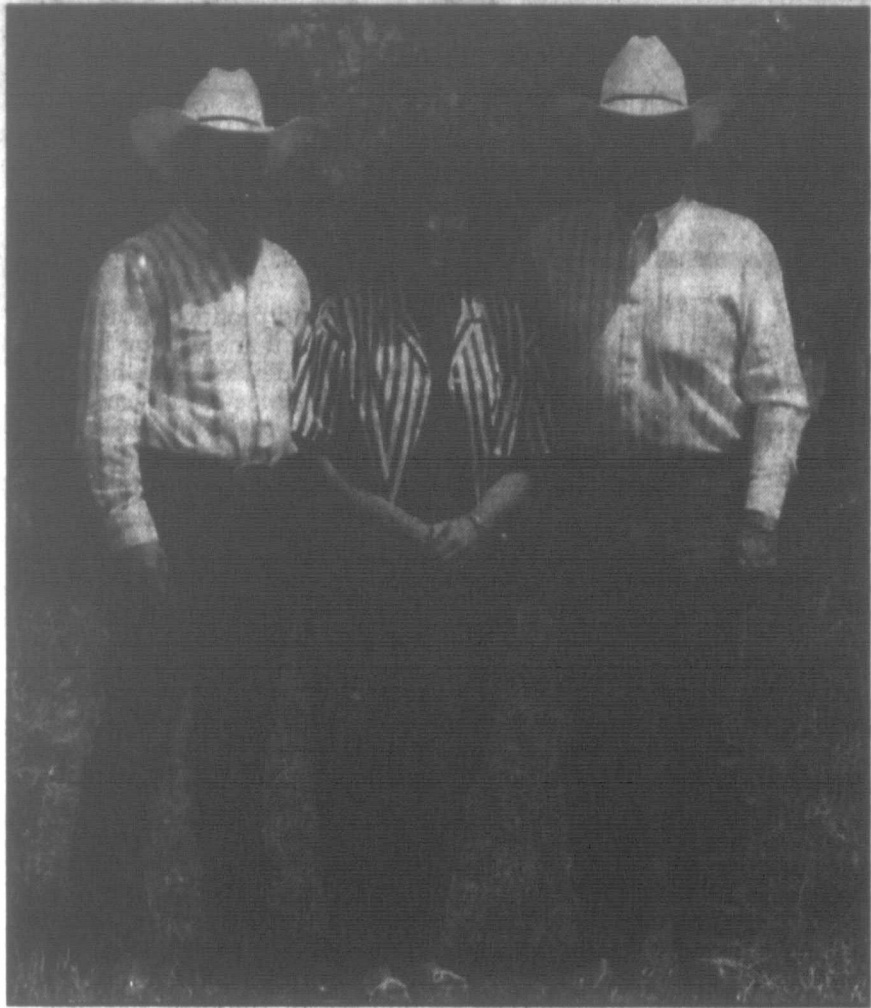
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Posing on their ranch near Allison are, from left, son Bret Begert and his parents, Darena Begert and Hiram Begert, named as the 1997 Ag Family of the Year by the Top O' Texas CattleWomen.

CattleWomen name Allison's Begerts as Ag Family of Year

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently named Hiram, Darena and Brett Begert from near Allison at their 1997 Ag Family of the Year.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is an organization of women whose purpose is to work for the betterment of the beef industry. The members are active in beef promotion, education and legislation.

Their main goals are to promote beef and the cattle industry and to support area youth pursuing an agricultural, nutritional or health related field through scholarship programs.

The Begert family was presented with this honor because of their family-style love and commitment to the ranching way of life. They raise registered, purebred, black Limousin cattle in the eastern Panhandle's rolling pastures along the Washita River, only a few miles from the Oklahoma border.

"We became interested in the Limousin breed in 1974 when we saw our first Limousin cattle at the Oklahoma State Fair," said Darena Begert, who is currently serving as Top O' Texas CattleWomen president. "We were impressed with their muscle and meat."

"We began our breeding program, first through A.I. We really liked the calves, so we purchased Limousin bulls and bred them to our Angus cows," she said. "Since that time, we've built up to over 500 black Limousin mother cows. We add a few new bulls with different bloodlines each year, always striving to improve."

The Begerts have developed their Limousin herd into a business which markets bulls and replacement females across the United States and have also

sold to Mexico.

"We sell our cattle private treaty, mostly to commercial cattlemen," Mrs. Begert said. "We like to show people around the ranch. They can make their selection, then look at the animal's sire and dam, and we all get acquainted. We like people and we're interested in their cattle operations, too."

After graduating from West Texas A&M University, son Bret returned to the ranch. He began showing steers and heifers at the age of nine, which led to the family's involvement in the breed's state and national organizations.

Hiram Begert is currently serving as secretary of the North American Limousin Foundation's Board of Directors. Mrs. Begert is a past president of the Limouselles, the breed's national women's auxiliary, and Bret is past president of both the Texas Junior Limousin Association and the North American Limousin Association.

"This involvement with these organizations and our private treaty customers have given us the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people," Mrs. Begert said. "Many have remained good friends for over 23 years."

The Begerts are active in the United Methodist Church of Allison. Their hobbies are the same as their livelihood — the cattle, wildlife and range and grass management management and improvements.

"We're a very fortunate family, because we love what we do," Mrs. Begert said.

Gore: Administration will strive to forge stronger ties

BEIJING (AP) — Vice President Al Gore said today that two days of talks with China's leaders convinced him Beijing is prepared to do more to open its markets to U.S. goods and is more receptive to candid discussions about human rights.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with President Jiang Zemin, Gore said he had raised specific cases in which the United States objected to China's handling of dissidents and political prisoners.

Gore said there were some "strong disagreements" on this subject during his talks here, but that overall "the response was I think a more receptive response than I have had in previous discussions with Chinese leaders on this subject."

Gore said he would not offer details of the cases he raised because it was his belief "our prospects for success are enhanced" by keeping the discussions private. But he said he "did not pull any punches" during talks on human rights and said, "We are finding ways to communicate more effectively with China's leaders on this topic."

He did not cite any specific promises from his hosts.

The vice president said he had told Jiang and Premier Li Peng that allegations China illegally funneled money into U.S. elections last year were being investigated by federal law enforcement authorities. "They vigorously denied the allegations," Gore said.

The vice president said those allegations alone were no reason to slow the recent warming of relations between the two countries. But while the issue did not come up in today's meeting with Jiang, Gore said he told Li that if evidence of Chinese interference emerged, "that would be serious indeed."

The allegations have caused a political firestorm back home and were a constant shadow as Gore tried to build closer rapport with Chinese leaders. Still, the vice president said he was convinced the allegations had not set U.S.-China ties back, and that he saw no reason for them to significantly undercut domestic U.S. political support for the administration's policy.

China signed two lucrative business contracts with American companies during Gore's two days in Beijing, and he said Chinese leaders left him convinced they

were serious about making progress on trade and environmental issues as well.

"I think we have done some good work here on behalf of the United States and on behalf of the relationship between the United States and China," Gore said.

The U.S. trade deficit with China was nearly \$40 billion last year. While China disputes the way the United States calculates the trade figures, Gore said there was no dispute that the problem was growing. And he said Jiang and Li indicated they were prepared "to take further steps to open the Chinese markets to U.S. goods and services." Again, he offered no specifics.

Gore said he and Jiang discussed plans for the Chinese leader to visit Washington this fall and for President Clinton to reciprocate next year.

"Good afternoon," Jiang said in English as Gore joined him for a hearty handshake in an ornate room at the Great Hall of the People, China's legislative chamber.

"The past few days have been productive," Jiang said of the highest-level U.S. visit to China since the Tiananmen crackdown. "We can have a chat in a lively atmosphere."

Affidavit paints history of abuse

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — One boy returned home from day care repeatedly with the smell of cat food on his breath. Another was punched in the chest for digging up bushes. A sick girl was forced to clean up her vomit.

Those are just some of the accusations made public against Kathy Greene, who has provided day care out of her home and kept nine foster children during the past seven years. Ms. Greene is charged with manslaughter in the death of a Raegan McBride, a two-year-old girl who died from a blow to the back of her skull at the home.

A police report unsealed Tuesday paints a frightening picture of what went on inside the home, portraying a woman who routinely wielded cruel punishments against children and even masturbated in front of them.

Ms. Greene is also accused of flogging one of her foster children with a belt, whacking his back 16 times. Two other foster children said they ran away after repeated beatings.

The affidavit also says that Raegan suffered other head

injuries in the weeks before she died Feb. 24. Ms. Greene told hospital workers that the child had lapsed into unconsciousness after a seizure.

Ms. Greene, 54, pleaded innocent to manslaughter at her arraignment Tuesday, while Raegan's mother spoke out for the first time about her daughter's death.

Patrice Ward said she wants the federal government to investigate the state system that failed to protect her child.

"Our hearts are heavy over the death of our baby, but we have an inner peace knowing that although Raegan's life was not spared, we are going to pursue every avenue available to us so that her death will save other children and their families from facing similar tragedies," she said.

The non-profit group that licensed Ms. Greene's home is overseen by the state Department of Children and Families. The state Department of Public Health licenses foster parents, who are paid for taking in children.



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Opinion

Germans issue new dictionary

English-speaking people have been blessed with the lack of a central language authority.

Instead, a spontaneous order of grammar and spelling has arisen, with some variation developing in the many countries that speak the language and in different printed styles, such as those of the Associated Press, *The New York Times*, authoritative dictionaries and so on.

Other people labor under central language authorities that impose artificial rules.

Consider the Commission for German Spelling of the Institute for German Language, a government-sponsored agency which to non-Germans (and perhaps many Germans) must seem a caricature of the German mania for order.

The commission, made up of linguists from the major German speaking countries — Germany, Austria, Switzerland and tiny Liechtenstein — has just issued *Die neue deutsche Rechtschreibung* (*The New German Correct Spelling*), which, according to its publisher, will be "the guiding principle of all dictionary publishers."

The new version contains, "Over 600,000 entries." That's a lot of rules. "Order your copy today and get familiar with the new German spelling now," the publisher's press release continues. Jawohl!

Some of the changes seem silly, the kind of things that shift almost without notice in English precisely because they are done over time by private institutions and individuals speaking a living language.

Most affected in *Die neue deutsche Rechtschreibung* are words imported into German from other languages:

T-bone-steak will be replaced by T-Bone-Steak. After-shave will become Aftershave. And *Common sense* will turn into *Commonsense*, something that, however it is spelled, seems conspicuously absent from the new *Rechtschreibung*.

The cost of implementing the changes — changing dictionaries, government publications, etc. — is estimated from \$180 million to \$600 million. That's a lot of money for changing some capital letters and hyphens.

German speaking people might better spend their money relaxing over a few steins of Bier, whose spelling will never change.

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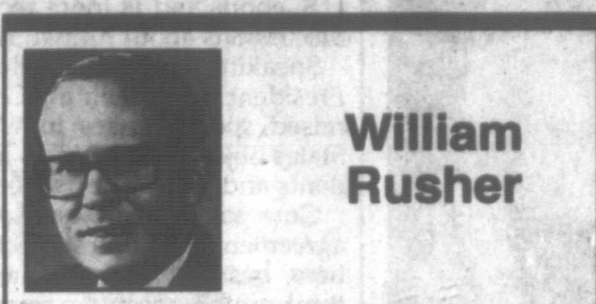
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'Family Guide' rates TV shows

It has been nearly three months since Jack Valenti, representing a consortium of television industry associations, announced the industry's proposed new television rating system, and the cryptic symbols began appearing in the upper left-hand corner of television screens on Jan. 1.

Since then, the public reaction to the rating system has been, to put it gently, underwhelming. Groups ranging from the National Parent-Teacher Association and the Traditional Values Coalition to the American Psychiatric Association have criticized it. And a poll and interviews conducted by the *New York Times* indicate that while 86 percent of parents approve of such ratings and 73 percent have noticed them on their screens, only 37 percent have actually used them.

It's not hard to understand why. There are six different ratings. Two are for children's programs only: TV-Y, for programs deemed suitable for all children, and TV-Y7, for programs recommended for children seven and older. The other four ratings, which cover all other programs (except news and sports, which are unrated), are: TV-G, for programs approved for audiences of all ages; TV-PG, for programs with a "limited amount" of sex, violence and profanity, suggesting that young children should view them together with their parents; TV-14, for programs containing levels of sex, violence and profanity that many parents would deem inappropriate for children under 14; and



William Rusher

TV-M, which nobody under 17 should see. Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, TV manufacturers must begin equipping TV sets with a "v-chip" that will enable parents who have made their way through this ratings thicket to block out undesirable programming. Meanwhile, they can use their — ahem — parental authority.

All signs indicate that parents would much prefer to be told which shows contain suggestive sex, and which violence, instead of just having them rated as acceptable or unacceptable for certain ages. But that doesn't seem to be in the cards.

Happily there is another solution. The Media Research Council (fair warning: I sit on its board of directors) recently published the third edition of its *Family Guide to Prime Time Television*, covering the 1996-97 season. This 48-page booklet contains a brief background description and a thematic summary of every entertainment TV show

currently appearing on ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, UPN and WB — 97 in all.

The *Family Guide* is the end product of literally thousands of hours of content analysis by teams of researchers using a computerized tracking system. Without being unduly blue nosed, it carefully and fairly describes each series. Thus, *Cosby*:

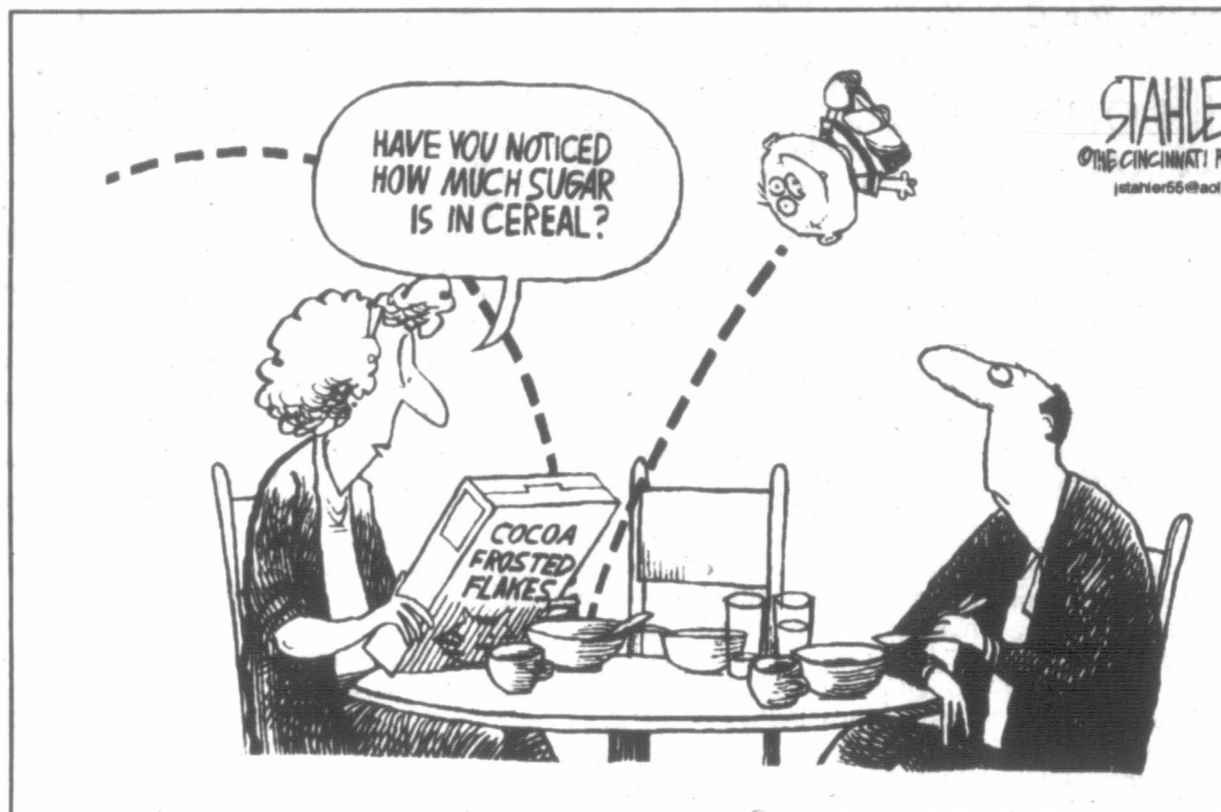
"Background: Recently laid off after 30 years of employment, Bill Cosby's character fills his time doing home improvement projects and pestering neighborhood merchants."

"Summary: 'Cosby' showcases a loving marriage of many years. Dialogue is largely free of offensive language, but parents should be alerted to allusions to sex, albeit within the context of marriage."

And *NYPD Blue*:
"This Emmy-winning series focuses on the personal and professional struggles of New York City detectives."

"Summary: Though its rough language and occasional nudity make 'NYPD Blue' unsuitable for family audiences, its implicit pro-police, pro-law-and-order messages will appeal to adult viewers willing to overlook the language and sexual content."

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 26, the 85th day of 1997. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

On this date:
In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall concrete statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

We're all too hooked on beauty

A few years ago, I was talking to some former classmates at a college reunion. Mike, a fellow English major, was describing his job in the finance industry. "The thing I've noticed is, every time I talk to another guy I immediately want to know what his rank is. Is he higher than me, or am I higher than him? I'm always making that calculation."

"That's funny," said Lucy, my old suitemate. "It's that way with women too, except that we are evaluating each other's looks."

I couldn't have agreed more. For all of my feminist beliefs, for all of my parents' hard work in trying to raise a self-actualized daughter, my dirty little secret is that I reflexively take note of other women's looks and judge myself accordingly. Lucy, for example, is very beautiful and even though I wasn't romantically interested in Mike, her presence still made me feel like the second fiddle, the dowdy stepister. Had I been standing next to someone less attractive, my feelings would have been completely different.

The beauty culture is not exclusive to women. Both men and women are affected by their looks. Studies show that attractive people make more money, get more promotions and are less likely to be convicted of a crime. There are also certain jobs that the differently featured need not apply for — as anyone who has worked in a luxury hotel or a four-star restaurant can attest.

But women get the message that we are our bodies from the first day we strap on our patent leather Mary Janes. And for those of us who grew up during the '70s, there was an interesting mixed message about what we should see when we look in the mirror. I could cite dozens of examples here,



Sara Eckel

from *Charlie's Angels* to *Growing-Up Skipper*. But Crystal Kile, a graduate student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, has unearthed one of the most telling ones: The Bionic Beauty Salon. Kile found this in her parents' attic while visiting one Christmas, and though she had no recollection of it, her mother insists that she begged for it during the Christmases of 1976.

The Bionic Beauty Salon was, of course, intended for the Bionic Woman doll, from the television show of the same name. The title character, Jaime Sommers, was originally the girlfriend of the Six Million Dollar Man, Steve Austin. Both had superhuman powers, but Jaime's were kept at bay, because Jaime needed to be feminine as well as bionic. As Kile points out in her zine/dissertation/Web page, Jaime may have helped solve crimes with her extraordinary strength, but she also took orders from Oscar Goldman and she lived in a studio apartment above her parents' house. Her job was also non-threatening; she was a schoolteacher, while Austin was an astronaut.

But the most revealing part of Kile's thesis is a catalog reprint of the Bionic Woman and Six Million Dollar Man accessories available during

the Christmases of '76 and '77. While proud owners of Col. Steve Austin dolls could choose from an array of action accessories, such as the Air Force Rescue Helicopter, the Mission to Mars Space Suit and the Command Console; Jaime Sommers fans were limited to such toys as the Beauty Salon, the Bionic Woman Carriage House and the Bionic Woman outfits (Cocktail Dress, Gold Evening Gown, Party Pantsuit, etc.)

Of course, as Kile points out, she wanted the Bionic Beauty Salon. Sure, she might have enjoyed sending Jaime to Mars, but she was also very interested in having the repair/hairstyling center. That same Christmas I can recall begging my parents for a makeup playset — actually a life-size, bodiless Barbie head to which you gave makeovers and hairdos. (Kile had one too, I was pleased to learn.)

And that's where it gets interesting. For as much as we know that these toys and TV shows mess up our heads, we still feel a nostalgic bliss when we think of them. I remember recently flipping through the channels with a couple of girlfriends when we hit the Miss America Pageant. We had a great time making fun of the goopy evening gowns and the pat, non-threatening answers in the "personality" segment ("I believe children need positive role models." "I want to be an advocate for the American family.") Helene, herself a beauty pageant veteran, told us how contestants put Vaseline on their teeth to keep their mouths in smile position. Jane liked Miss Vermont's short hairdo and crepe silk gown, and was favoring her. I said, you're crazy Miss California always wins.

In other words, we were hooked.

Moynihan: Our greatest spotter of ideas?

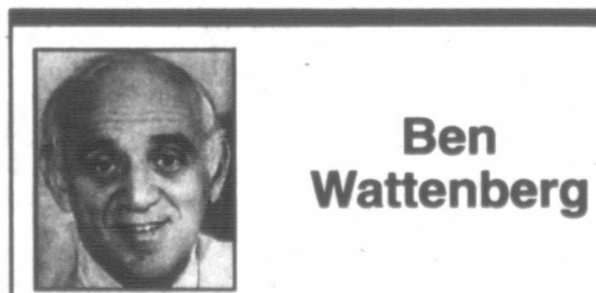
After 50 years of public service, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's central complaint is that "We don't seem to have any capacity for social learning, or else we forget what was learned."

Moynihan has been a professor, politician, editor, ambassador, Cabinet member, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, action intellectual, bureaucrat, naval gunnery officer and White House staffer. His fields of interest include foreign policy, welfare, economics, cities, race, India, Canada, ethnicity, education, architecture, epidemiology, the measurements of social science and official secrecy, to begin a very long list.

What haven't we learned? What have we forgotten? I chatted with him about it for a *Think Tank* program.

"The great achievement of our lifespan ... is learning to manage the business cycle," he says. He recalls the atmosphere of his youth during and after the Great Depression: "There was only one real question around; it was understood that free enterprise market capitalism had failed. Indeed, if you look at the data, the alternation of boom and bust, and boom and crash, has seemed to be amplified from the late 1890s ... The question was what comes next; that's what you argued about."

But then came the Employment Act of 1946, influenced by the thinking of John Maynard Keynes, and, says Moynihan, "In a half century we've had (only) four quarters of negative economic growth. There's been nothing like it in the history of the species, something thought quite impossible ..." The dips were relatively so minor



Ben Wattenberg

that "If the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the Commerce Department didn't tell you, you wouldn't know."

And now? What have we learned from such success? Not much, says Moynihan, after the (barely successful) struggle in the Senate to derail the Balanced Budget Amendment, which required a two-thirds vote: "By one tiny vote, we escaped a constitutional amendment to put us back on a 12-month agricultural cycle ..."

Moynihan also has a problem with what's happening in welfare. He goes on: "Surprising events ... just when that pattern of steady growth settles in and stays in — your society starts coming apart!"

Of a sudden, says Moynihan, we faced "one of our largest social changes ever in the modern industrial era ... the breaking down and erosion of traditional family structures by which children were reared with two parents ... born in two-parent families." Moynihan cites anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski's promulgation of "the first universal law of anthropology," which held that

everywhere — in Samoa, Chicago, Argentina, Siberia — every child had an acknowledged male parent ... "Suddenly, in the 1960s we begin to see this pattern break up in the United States, to the point where almost a third of all American children are born to a single parent, unmarried ... with profound (undesirable) consequences."

"How did this happen?" Moynihan asks, and then says, "I don't know!"

When it is suggested that it happened because of counterproductive government welfare and poverty programs, Moynihan snaps, "We're going to find out, aren't we?" He says he fears that "We will find millions of children unsupported and possibly even abandoned ..." In fact, he says, he predicts it. "It's the biggest gamble we've ever taken with social policy ..." It would have been wiser, he believes, just to toughen up his 1988 Family Support Act, which was working. We should not forget the lesson of social history.

Might it be that the shock therapy of the 1996 welfare-reform legislation has sent a message, and already shows some signs of reversing the ill effects of welfare? It is not impossible, Moynihan acknowledges, but highly dubious. He believes that the law is the most regressive piece of social legislation in the century.

We shall see. I doubt it. But it has not usually been wise over the years to say "Moynihan's wrong." Quite the contrary. For 50 years he has been what his former deputy Stephen Hess says of him: "Our generation's greatest spotter of ideas that might make our society better."

Berry's World



Jim Berry
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"Not only am I not a crook — I am not a POLITICIAN."

'Liar' puts Carrey on top of box office again

By ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Carrey showed he still has star power as his new film *Liar, Liar* earned \$31.4 million for the No. 1 spot and the best March opening ever at the box office.

The film averaged more than \$11,000 per screen, easily topping the previous March record of about \$25.4 million held by the 1990 film *Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

Selena, about the slain Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla Perez, debuted in second place with \$11.6 million in ticket sales.

Liar's success proved that Carrey is a superstar despite the failure of his last film, *The Cable Guy*.

Cable Guy had a strong opening last June with \$19.8 million, but it quickly lost its legs, earning \$60 million overall — not enough to justify Carrey's \$20 million paycheck for the film. Audiences didn't like his dark turn as a crazed cable installer.

In *Liar, Liar*, Carrey plays a shifty lawyer forced by his son's birthday wish to tell the truth for 24 hours.

Universal placed the film at 2,845 locations — its largest release ever. *Liar, Liar* was Universal's second-highest, three-day opener ever, behind *Jurassic Park*.

The Tim Allen film *Jungle 2* dropped to fourth place with a \$6 million gross. *Private*

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Top weekend movies	
Weekend of March 21-23, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
Liar, Liar \$31.4, one week, 2,845 screens	\$31.4
Selena \$11.6, one week, 1,850 screens	\$11.6
Return of the Jedi \$7.5, two weeks, 2,111 screens	\$7.5
Jungle 2 \$6.0, three weeks, 2,340 screens	\$6.0
Private Parts \$4.4, three weeks, 2,217 screens	\$4.4
Donnie Brasco \$3.3, four weeks, 1,530 screens	\$3.3
Sling Blade \$3.0, 17 weeks, 1,020 screens	\$3.0
Love Jones \$2.5, two weeks, 821 screens	\$2.5
The Empire Strikes Back \$2.4, six weeks, 1,723 screens	\$2.4
The English Patient \$2.0, 19 weeks, 1,002 screens	\$2.0

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

Paris, starring shock jock Howard Stern, fell to fifth place with \$4.4 million. Both comedies saw a nearly 50 percent drop in their audience takes compared to the previous week.

Next in line was the mobster film *Donnie Brasco* with \$3.3 million.

Audiences also turned out to see Oscar-nominated films. *Sling Blade* was in seventh place with \$3 million, while *The English*

Patient was 10th with \$2 million. *Jerry Maguire* had \$1.8 million for 11th place for a total of \$143 million in 15 weeks. *Shine* was No. 14 with about \$1 million.

Two of the three reissued "Star Wars" movies remained on the top 10 list. *Return of the Jedi* was in third place with \$7.5 million and *The Empire Strikes Back* was ninth with \$2.4 million.

Star Wars was in 17th place after eight weeks.

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

1. *Liar, Liar*, Universal, \$31.4 million, 2,845 locations, \$11,045 average, one week.

2. *Selena*, Warner Bros., \$11.6 million, 1,850 locations, \$6,279 average, one week.

3. *Return of the Jedi*, Fox, \$7.5 million, 2,111 locations, \$3,561 average, \$27.5 million, two weeks.

4. *Jungle 2*, Disney, \$6 million, 2,340 locations, \$2,571 average, \$35.6 million, three weeks.

5. *Private Parts*, Paramount, \$4.4 million, 2,217 locations, \$1,986 average, \$34.4 million, three weeks.

6. *Donnie Brasco*, Sony, \$3.3 million, 1,530 locations, \$2,155 average, \$36.3 million, four weeks.

7. *Sling Blade*, Miramax, \$3 million, 1,020 locations, \$2,958 average, \$12.5 million, 17 weeks.

8. *Love Jones*, New Line, \$2.5 million, 821 locations, \$3,108 average, \$7.5 million, two weeks.

9. *The Empire Strikes Back*, Fox, \$2.4 million, 1,723 locations, \$1,409 average, \$63.4 million, five weeks.

10. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$2 million, 1,002 locations, \$2,011 average, \$63.2 million, 19 weeks.

11. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$1.8 million, 909 locations, \$2,003 average, \$143 million, 15 weeks.

12. *Michael*, New Line, \$1.27 million, 1,012 locations, \$1,256 average, \$91 million, 13 weeks.

13. *Absolute Power*, Sony, \$1.22 million, 1,016 locations, \$1,200 average, \$47.5 million, six weeks.

14. *Shine*, Fine Line, \$1 million, 911 locations, \$1,164 average, \$32.4 million, 18 weeks.

15. *Dante's Peak*, Universal, \$956,040, 1,028 locations, \$930 average, \$61.3 million, seven weeks.

16. *Booby Call*, Sony, \$926,960, 809 locations, \$1,146 average, \$18.6 million, four weeks.

17. *Star Wars*, Fox, \$896,449, 741 locations, \$1,210 average, \$135.5 million, eight weeks.

18. *Vegas Vacation*, Warner Bros., \$773,936, 1,102 locations, \$702 average, \$34.1 million, six weeks.

19. *Fools Rush In*, Sony, \$752,266, 748 locations, \$1,006 average, \$28 million, six weeks.

20. *Marvin's Room*, Miramax, \$722,800, 638 locations, \$1,133 average, \$12.1 million, 14 weeks.

American rules Caribbean: Strike serves as wake-up call

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Burned by the costly threat of an American Airlines pilots strike, Caribbean governments want to wean themselves off the carrier that delivers most of their tourist income.

It won't be easy. American and its American Eagle subsidiary control 70 percent of the Caribbean air market. The Caribbean's nine biggest airlines, meanwhile, are struggling. Nearly all lose money, and most fly dated equipment.

That leaves tourism-dependent Caribbean economies worrying about any future strikes at American, especially if they last longer than the one President Clinton quickly halted on Feb. 15 — just minutes after union leaders ordered a walkout.

"If American goes on a protracted strike, these are islands that can't get from here to there," said Robert Booth, an analyst at Aviation Management Services in Miami.

The winter of 1997 was supposed to be a banner tourist season. The hotels fronting white sand beaches had repaired damage from several devastating hurricanes. Bookings were 90

percent or higher. The cruise ships that sail from the docks below San Juan's Old City were flying in thousands of winter-weary tourists.

Then came the strike threat. Hundreds of tourists cut short their vacations.

"It was a phenomenon we had no control over," recalled Hendrick Santos, general manager of Aruba's Hyatt Regency Hotel and director of the island's hotel association. "Our hotel lost \$135,000 for a strike that lasted two minutes."

Caribbean tourism generates \$14 billion a year and employs half a million people. An American strike would cost the region \$33 million a day and thousands of jobs, the Caribbean Hotel Organization estimates.

But more than tourism is at stake. The \$750 million Caribbean air market includes residents and business executives who need to get from island to island, and thousands of manufacturers who export goods abroad.

Puerto Rico, for instance, exports roughly \$8 billion a year in manufactured goods by air. Again, American flies the bulk of that cargo.

Despite the competition from American,

Caribbean carriers have traditionally resisted cooperating with one another, in part because many were partly or wholly government-owned and thus symbols of national pride.

Routes connecting the eastern and western Caribbean have disappeared, and hours-long waits between connecting flights are common.

Although the threat of bankruptcy that several of the carriers faced wasn't a motivation for change, it appears the American strike may be.

Executives at newly privatized airlines such as Air Jamaica, Antigua-based Leeward Islands Air Transport and Trinidad-based BWIA International Airways appear ready to merge some operations.

"We, too, in the Caribbean have to be mean and lean enough to compete," said Luther Gordon Miller, director of finance and resource management for the Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Organization.

Air Jamaica and BWIA are leading the cooperative effort, which includes Guyana Airways, Curacao's ALM, Surinam Airways and Bahamas Air. Agreements could come within months, Miller said.

More motorists swerving to avoid debris, troopers say

DALLAS (AP) — Driving at highway speeds, you watch a pickup truck's load vibrate loose ahead of you, landing in front of your wheels in heavy traffic.

Just about everybody has a tale of near-misses avoiding roadway obstacles. But two Texas motorists have died this month after swerving to avoid debris, and state statistics show those mishaps are occurring increasingly often on busy Texas roads.

Four children were thrown from a truck Saturday when the vehicle in which they were riding stopped for a pet carrier that was dumped on C.F. Hawn Freeway in Dallas. A dump truck struck their vehicle, ejecting them.

Minutes later, another driver rolled his truck and died trying to avoid the same wreck, near where law officers call "Dead Man's Curve."

And near Waco earlier this month, a chair on Interstate 35 prompted motorist Ralph Marcelli, 65, of Hondo to swerve into oncoming traffic, hitting a bus head-on.

Marcelli sustained internal injuries and his wife, Mary-Ellen, was rushed to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco where she later died. Eighteen bus passengers were treated at

a hospital and later released.

From January through November 1996, preliminary figures show that four Texans died in wrecks in which their vehicles had swerved or veered to avoid objects in the road. There were two deaths in all of 1995.

The total of all such mishaps also increased, from 299 in 1995 to 375 through November 1996, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Total injury accidents rose to 259 by November, compared with 187 the previous year.

"If you have a load, make sure it is secured and not falling off the vehicle," said Dallas police Sgt. Floyd Simpson. "We're seeing too many of these kinds of wrecks."

But he said all large Texas cities with heavy commercial traffic face the problem.

"Our guys are out there on the lookout for it," he said. "Citations are issued for it."

In the Texas Transportation Code, the offense comes under the heading of failure to control

"loose materials." Motorists can be fined up to \$200 for a first misdemeanor conviction for failing to contain loads.

But catching up with the moving culprits isn't easy. Those who are caught leaving the scene of a wreck they caused could be charged in a hit-and-run.



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National briefs

Egg producer accused of mixing old eggs with new
TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's largest egg producer claims disgruntled workers are behind the charge it has been selling old eggs to grocery stores and restaurants in 20 states.

AgriGeneral Co. L.P. said in a letter sent to customers that a lawsuit charging it with safety and labor violations was the work of "disgruntled former and current employees" and was motivated by "outside efforts to organize our employees."

The federal lawsuit accuses AgriGeneral of selling old, smelly eggs and says that maggots were found in some boxes.

Some eggs are stored in coolers as long as a year, the workers charged.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday on behalf of 25 former and current workers and the Ohio Public Interest Research Group, a consumer watchdog group, also accused the company of refusing overtime pay to employees who routinely work 50 to 60 hours a week.

Man sues for half a million over mouse sandwich
WALKERSVILLE, Md. (AP) — A golfer whose clubhouse snack turned out to be a mustard-slathered mouse in a bun is demanding a half-million dollars for the alleged practical joke.

Terry Lee was waiting to start a round at the Glade Valley Golf Club in December when maintenance worker Charles Shawver handed him a foil-wrapped sandwich.

Lee thought it was a hot dog and took a bite, learning only then he had eaten mouse.

Club manager James Reck said Tuesday the distasteful incident was a prank between two friends. But Lee isn't laughing. He has filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against the club and Shawver.

Police were called to the home of Ann Hoover when she didn't show up at a hearing for Roy Kirk, who was appealing fines for the vacant, condemned row house he owned next to Ms. Hoover's home.

When they couldn't find the 44-year-old woman, a neighbor suggested they look in Kirk's house. They found Kirk and put him in the van, then discovered Ms. Hoover's dismembered body in the basement.

Suspect questioned in 'polite' robbers case
BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Police in one of Maryland's wealthiest neighborhoods believe they have cracked a series of armed break-ins by two dressed-in-black gunmen dubbed the "polite robbers."

A suspect was apprehended Tuesday morning following a high-speed chase in this affluent suburb of Washington, D.C., but another remains at large.

Two armed men who seemed to have British or Australian accents have staged eight robberies since January, entering the homes using garage door openers left in cars or through unlocked doors.

The suspect's name was not released, pending formal filing of charges.

The masked robbers demanded cash from the homeowners at gunpoint, but harmed no one.

They left one house empty-handed on Sunday after the owners could produce just \$6 in cash. The robbers gave it back.

One victim described the duo as "polite," and another told The Washington Post that the gunmen were so nice he felt bad that he did not have more cash on hand.

Woman dismembered, man hangs self
PITTSBURGH (AP) — The dismembered body of a woman who had feuded with her neighbor about his dilapidated row house was found in the man's basement, shortly before he hung himself with his belt in a police van.

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Sex Photos Are Out Of Sight But Not Out Of Wife's Mind

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, when I was five months pregnant, I found hidden pictures of my husband and his former girlfriend. These weren't just ordinary pictures — they were very graphic sex pictures. I was devastated. I thought maybe he had forgotten about them, but when I confronted him, he admitted going down to the basement on occasion to look at them.

I know that he has not even spoken to her for years, so why would he take a chance to keep such pictures hidden in our house?

He is a wonderful husband and a great father to our two children. I really do trust him, but I am still upset a year later.

He has told me over and over that he is sorry, and I have forgiven him, but I just can't get this out of my head. I think about it all the time and have become very insecure.

Please print your reply as opposed to a personal reply, as he may get the mail first and think I am crazy for still having this hang-up. Sign me ...

INSECURE

DEAR INSECURE: The timing of your discovery could not have been more unfortunate. But since he hasn't spoken to this woman in years and is a wonderful, trustworthy husband and a great father, you would be wise to quit torturing yourself over the incident. If



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you feel the need to dwell on something, count your blessings and dwell on them.

DEAR ABBY: I remodel houses for the Veterans Administration. I happen to be female, but I can lay flooring, hang Sheetrock, paint, wallpaper — anything except electrical wiring.

I make frequent trips to hardware stores and lumberyards. Because I am small, my husband accompanies me to do the lifting and loading. Clerks in these stores frequently ignore me, but offer to help my husband. If I ask a question, the clerks invariably direct their answer to my husband.

Sometimes my husband will tell the clerk to talk to me, and sometimes I step between my husband and the clerk, smile and say, "I am the carpenter and the buying customer." The older male salesclerks are more set in their notions about

women doing this kind of work, so I prefer female or young male clerks who are accepting of a female carpenter.

Forgive my bragging, but I also do crossword puzzles in ink.
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DEAR LADY CARPENTER: Gloria Allred would love you. You have broken the gender barrier, making it easier for other women to go where females formerly feared to tread. More power to you!

DEAR ABBY: This is for Mavis E. Winter in Laguna Niguel and others who don't have time to brush their teeth before going to the dentist's office. Many years ago, before dentists wore rubber gloves while treating patients, my dentist told me what he did when patients said they didn't have time to brush. He would tell them, "That's OK. I didn't have time to wash my hands either!"
STILL BRUSHING

CONFIDENTIAL TO "GOOD HOUSEKEEPER WANNABE" IN ITHACA, N.Y.: "If you are always the first one to see the dirt, perhaps you ought to clean your glasses." (Abigail Van Buren)



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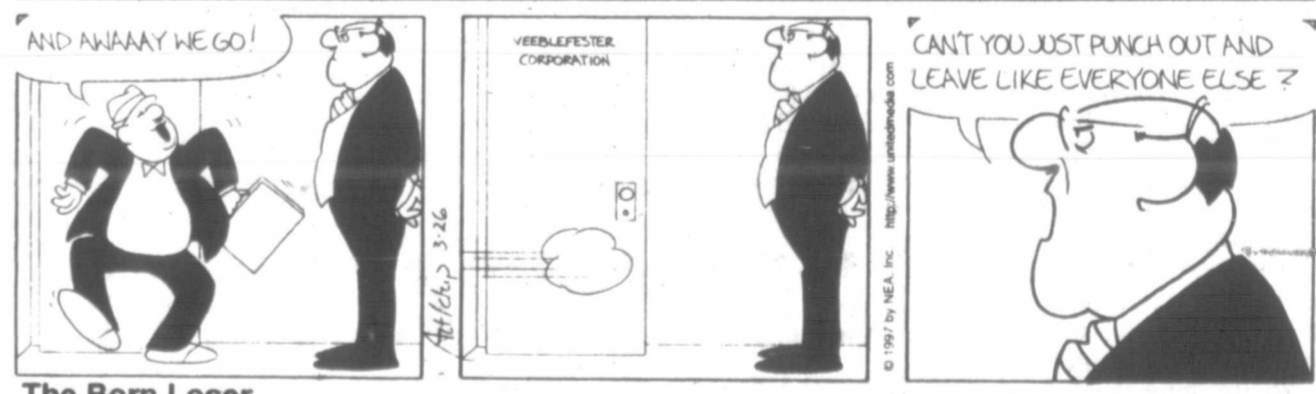
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Horoscope



Thursday, March 27, 1997

Conditions look promising for you in the year ahead to use your entrepreneurial skills to develop an auxiliary source of income. Be vigilant and check all the possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Assume a more assertive role in an arrangement in which you share a vested interest with another. It now requires an infusion of momentum that only you can generate. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might receive pleasant news from a distant person with whom you have an emotional affiliation.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be more adept at complicated matters today than you were yesterday. Go back and rectify any mistakes you might have made.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Everything should go smoothly for you and yours today in the romance department. The time you'll spend together will provide loving memories.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to devote at least a portion of your day to creative touches that beautify your surroundings. It will impress others and give you a sense of accomplishment.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to reduce complicated elements to simplified functions. There will be much need for your talent.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There could be a big change for the better today. You might now be rather fortunate in a materi-

al situation that has been thus far unfulfilled.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might even surprise yourself with the skills you've acquired for promoting ideas or things you truly believe in.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your material prospects appear more hopeful than usual today. Try to look behind the scenes to see if there is something in which you could play a role.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you might be a tad discouraged, something you're involved in has a good probability of success. Do not relinquish your hopes hastily.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Important personal interests can be advanced today. You should be able to do this without appearing self-serving or indifferent to others.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might tune in on a good idea that can reward you in the future. It may come in two parts, from two different sources, and still have a singular application.



"If he brings eggs, why isn't he the Easter Chicken?"



"These cookies are fine. Marmaduke doesn't like walnuts, so he only sniffed and licked a few."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Led by Curtis Carrington, Anthony Maxwell and Don Smiley, top-seeded Life (Ga.) forced 24 turnovers and hit a dozen 3-pointers Monday night to defeat Oklahoma Baptist 73-64 and capture the NAIA national championship.

Carrington scored 18 points, Maxwell 16 and Smiley 15 for Life. James Harris, who averaged 14.2 points per game during the tournament, was named MVP.

Life jumped out to an 8-0 lead before Lamond Ford's bucket put Oklahoma Baptist up 12-11. There were four ties in the next five minutes as Oklahoma Baptist mostly went inside to score — fighting off Life's feisty full-court press — while the Running Eagles relied on outside shooting.

Eric Cardenas led Oklahoma Baptist with 14 points and 16 rebounds.

BASEBALL

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers are running out of outfielders.

Cleanup hitter Juan Gonzalez will miss opening day because of a thumb injury and the AL Western Division champions suffered another blow Tuesday night in Sarasota when Rusty Greer ran into a wall trying to catch a foul ball in an exhibition game against the Chicago White Sox.

Greer stretched a nerve in his shoulder blade area. Doctors said it was similar to a football injury called a "stinger."

The Rangers said they will re-examine the shoulder on Wednesday and that Greer could miss several days. The Rangers open the regular season April 1 against Milwaukee.

"The ball kept fading and I took one last lunge and knocked my shoulder into my ear," Greer said.

The Rangers leftfielder is familiar with hitting walls. He missed 10 games last year because of a sprained left shoulder after crashing into a wall in Cleveland chasing down a fly.

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — Center fielder Deion Sanders missed the Cincinnati Reds' exhibition game against Detroit on Tuesday because he missed his flight from Dallas, where he had traveled to pick up his son and daughter.

Sanders left the team Monday after an exhibition game in Bradenton. He called the Reds on Tuesday and was given permission to stay behind and take care of personal matters.

Sanders' wife, Carolyn, recently filed for divorce.

Sanders was back with the Reds to play today against the Houston Astros in Kissimmee, Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said.

"He's played hard every day," manager Ray Knight said. "He's ready to go."

Through 21 games, Sanders was batting .319 with four triples and 11 runs scored.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The widow of former Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Jim Gilliam has sued the team, claiming it is profiting from his image on posters, media guides and other products.

Edwina Higgenbotham also sued major league baseball and acting commissioner Bud Selig in Los Angeles Superior Court on Tuesday, seeking unspecified general and punitive damages.

The Dodgers' legal department did not return messages.

Gilliam played for the Dodgers in Brooklyn and Los Angeles from 1953-66, beating out Jackie Robinson at second base during his first year with the team.

He was one of the league's first black coaches, and worked with the team from 1966 until he died Oct. 8, 1978.

Higgenbotham claims the Dodgers have sold advertising and profited from Gilliam's picture, including a poster with an Anheuser-Busch logo on it and 1997 media guide pages with L.A. Cellular advertisements.

Healthy Harris key to Minnesota hopes

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In one corner of the room, in front of the bright lights and rolling cameras, Eric Harris had the packaged answer.

No, he never doubted his Minnesota teammates would beat UCLA in the Midwest Regional final last Saturday even though his throbbing right shoulder threatened to keep him out of the game.

But pulled to a quiet corner of the room, Harris had a different response. Yes, he was worried the national championship the Golden Gophers worked so hard for might have crumpled to the Alamodome floor with him when he slammed into that hard pick last Thursday night.

"You kind of feel like that," Harris admitted. "You wonder why now, why me? Why am I getting hurt? It's tough."

FINAL FOUR

Not too tough, as it turned out.

The Gophers originally feared Harris separated the shoulder when he was hurt with about seven minutes left in regulation of a double-overtime win over Clemson. But there was no ligament damage, only a bruise.

The starting point guard, Harris got intensive ice and electrical stimulation treatments for a day and a half before the final and a shot to deaden the pain before the game.

"I was going to play anyway, regardless — even if I was on my death bed," Harris said. "I mean, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

He shot well in warmups, but was 0-for-3 in the game, and his

effectiveness decreased with the effect of the painkillers as the game wore on. Still, he played 10 minutes in the second half as Minnesota rallied from a 10-point deficit to knock off UCLA and give Harris a full week to recuperate.

"It shouldn't be a problem come Saturday," Harris said.

The Gophers flew to Indianapolis on Tuesday, the first team in town for this weekend's Final Four. They left the Twin Cities without much fanfare and traveled with their regular charter company, Champion Air. They were greeted by the band from Indianapolis' Ben Davis High School, the school forward Courtney James helped to the state championship in 1995 before enrolling at Minnesota.

Perhaps more than any single

player, Harris epitomizes Minnesota's surprising season. He was an offensive liability his first two seasons, a defensive specialist who had no confidence in his quirky jump shot.

But he worked hard all summer to become a reliable shooter, and his steady leadership has been vital.

"He's our heart and soul," Bobby Jackson said. "Without him we're a totally different team."

Minnesota will meet defending champion Kentucky in Saturday's second national semifinal, and a healthy Harris will be critical against the Wildcats' relentless defensive pressure.

"They bring great pressure for 40 minutes," Harris said. "They sort of remind us of Iowa as far as their trapping and their full-court pressure. We've just got to stay focused

and don't lose our intensity out there as far as being tough and handling the trap."

How Minnesota will handle Kentucky's defense has been a popular question this week. Coach Clem Haskins has answered that question with a question of his own: How will Kentucky handle Minnesota's defense?

"I think it's a two-way street," Haskins said. "I would say that (Kentucky coach) Rick (Pitino) is back there concerned about Minnesota's pressure, too. We feel like we can bring the heat and we're one of the better defensive ballclubs in the country. So they'll pressure us, but we're also going to put some pressure on them."

Harris will be the key for Minnesota on both ends, and he believes the Gophers are ready.

Cougars down Hedley

BRISCOE — Donnie Barr knocked in seven runs as Fort Elliott blasted Hedley, 17-4, in high school baseball action Monday.

Barr was 4 for 4 at the plate with a home run and double. He also had two stolen bases.

The winning pitcher was Clay Zybach, who allowed three earned runs while giving up five hits and striking out seven. His record is now 1-2.

Zybach was also 3 for 4 at the plate with three runs batted in and two stolen bases. Michael Hilburn was 2 for 4 with two runs batted in and two stolen bases while Andy Finsterwald was 2 for 4 with one run batted in.

"We played a lot better than we have been playing," said Fort Elliott head coach Curtis Smith. "We only made two errors and we got a good game out of Clay."

The Cougars are now 4-4 on the season.

DUMAS — Dumas defeated Pampa, 12-8, Tuesday in a District 1-4A baseball game.

Pampa is now 0-2 in district play and 8-6 for the year. Dumas improved to 3-0 in district and

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

13-5 for the season. Pampa had two more hits than Dumas, 13-11, but the Harvesters committed five errors while the Demons had three.

Aaron Whitney and Duane King pitched for Pampa with Whitney taking the loss.

Jeremy Knutson's triple was the only extra base hit for the Harvesters, who trailed 8-1 after three innings.

Stewart was the winning pitcher.

Pampa hosts Hereford at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday in district action. Hereford is 0-3 in district and 6-10 overall after falling to Caprock, 13-1, Tuesday.

In one other district game Tuesday, Canyon downed Borger, 10-8. Randall, in a non-district outing, fell to Clovis, N.M., 12-2.

District leading Dumas is a game and a half ahead of Canyon in the standings.

Caprock holds down third place with a 2-1 mark.

Hogs halted in NIT

NEW YORK (AP) — A presidential pep talk helped send Michigan into the NIT final.

The Wolverines had breakfast Tuesday morning with former President and alumnus Gerald Ford and then went out and beat Arkansas 77-62 to earn a spot in the final of the NIT against Florida State.

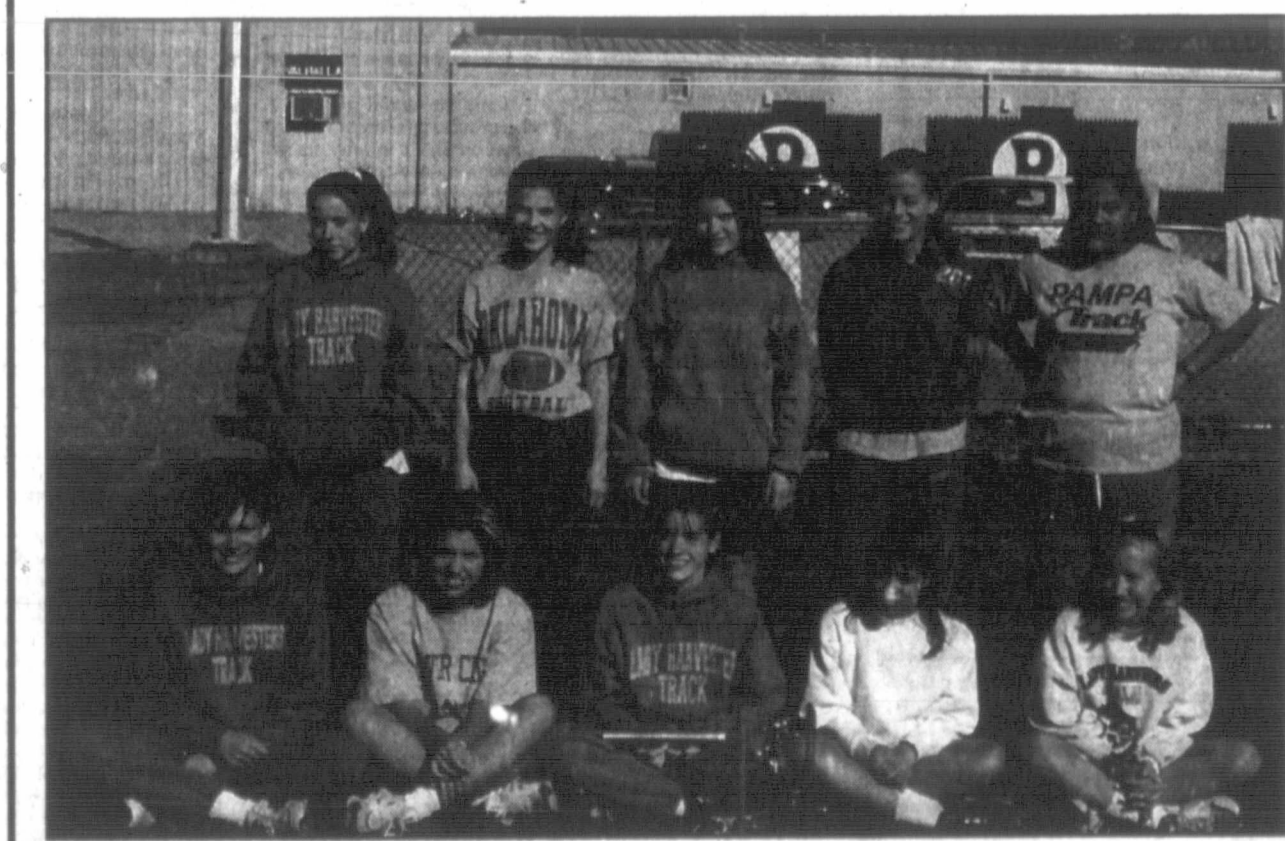
With Ford cheering on his old school from a luxury suite, Maurice Taylor scored 19 points and added a career-high 15 rebounds for Michigan (23-11). Coincidentally, the last time Michigan and Arkansas met, in the 1994 NCAA Midwest Regional, President

Clinton was on hand to cheer his beloved Razorbacks to a 76-68 victory.

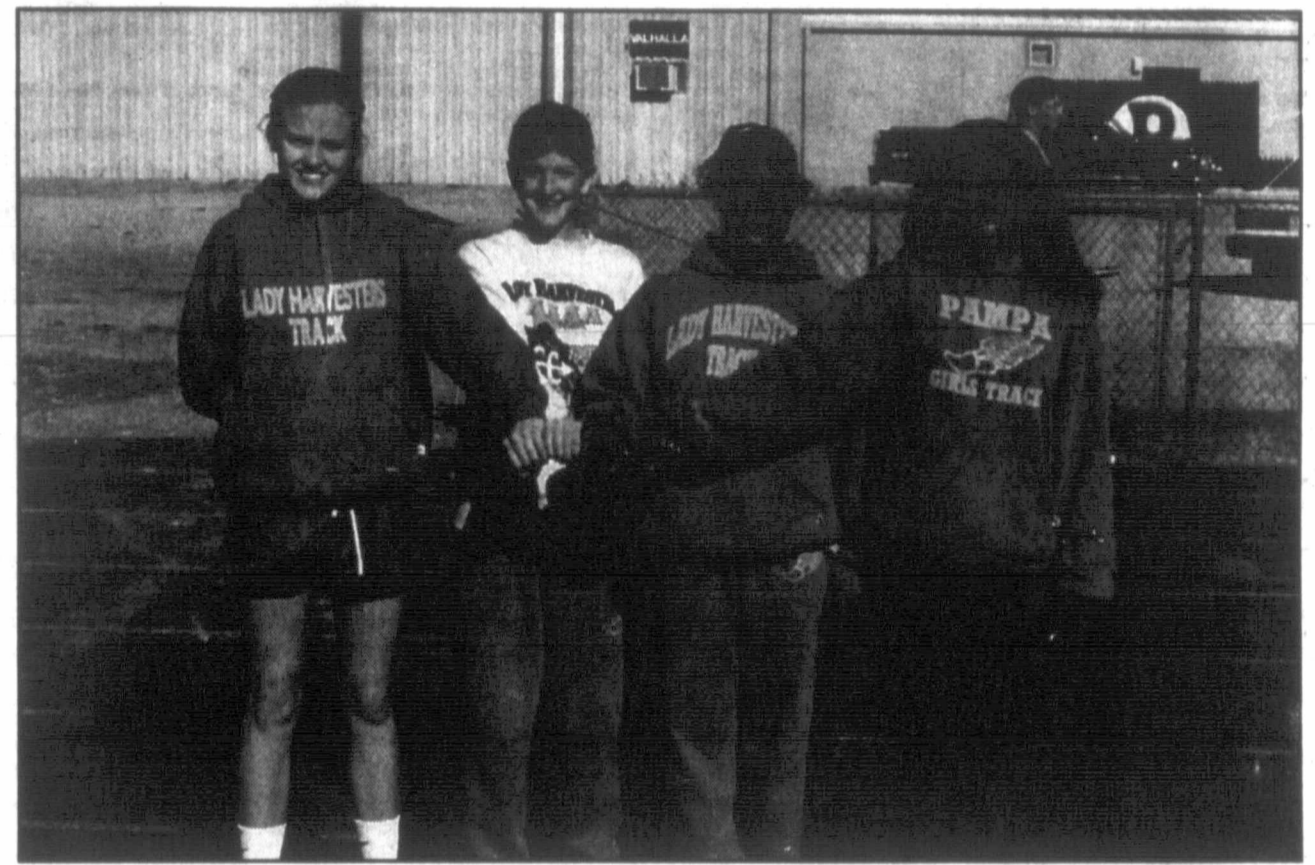
Louis Bullock and Jerod Ward added 15 points apiece for the Wolverines, who have won six straight games following a five-game losing streak that cost them a spot in the NCAA field.

Florida State (20-11) earned its first trip to the championship with a 71-65 win over Connecticut in Tuesday's other semifinal. Thursday night's matchup will be the first ever in basketball between Michigan and Florida State.

Trophy winners



The Pampa junior varsity track team claimed the runnerup trophy in the JV girls' division at last weekend's Hereford meet. Team members are (front row, l-r) Sara Maul, Laura Reynolds, Aubrey Ward, Carla Dunn and Marci Hansen; (back row, l-r) Sherrie Turner, Beth Buzzard, Mary Grace Fields, Christie Bourne and Diana Solis.



Pampa's winning 1600-meter relay team of (l-r) Jenny Fatheree, Robin Williams, Lavonne Evans and Audrey Wilbon provided the key points at last weekend's Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce meet in Hereford. It was the fourth meet championship for the unbeaten Lady Harvesters.

PHS girls' track team go after fifth championship at Borger

PAMPA — The Pampa High girls' track team has been running like the winds of March — fast and furious past the opposition. And before the month ends, the unbeaten Lady Harvesters will go after their fifth meet championship at the Borger Invitational.

The Borger meet is set for Thursday with the prelims at 2:30 and the finals at 5:30.

At Hereford's Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce meet last weekend the Lady Harvesters faced their toughest test yet, holding off Palo Duro to win the meet by five points.

With the outcome hinging on the 1600-meter relay event, Pampa's Audrey Wilbon, Lavonne Evans, Jenny Fatheree and Robin

Williams came through with a winning time of 4:12.18 for the narrow margin of victory. Odessa was second at 4:14.15.

"Evans and Wilbon ran tremendous legs (60 seconds) for us. Fatheree and Williams stepped it up and did a good job. It was tough for Fatheree because she ran the mile just before the mile relay," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

The 1600 relay was the only event Pampa won, but the Lady Harvesters placed second in five events. Freshman Tandy Morton had a personal best 16.18 in the 100 hurdles while finishing second.

The Lady Harvesters were without the services of freshman sensation Lacrease Ford, who was sidelined with a knee injury. Coach

Lopez hopes to have Ford ready for the Borger meet.

Ford, a member of the 400-meter relay team, has victories in the 100, 200 and long jump so far this season. She also had a second place in the 100.

Pampa's 400-meter relay team had two firsts and a second in the three previous meets. They finished second at Hereford.

Besides the Hereford win, the Lady Harvesters have captured the Tiger Relays in Frenship, the Top O' Texas Invitational in Pampa and the Bulldog Relays in Plainview.

The Lady Harvesters will be seeking their third straight District 1-4A title later this spring.

Appealing Alamo City keeps attracting major sports events

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Alamo City made NCAA officials glad they chose the town for next year's Final Four.

NCAA officials such as Dave Cawood were on hand during the Midwest regional tournament to see what will have to be changed before next year's collegiate basketball championship in the Alamodome.

"This is a very impressive facility," Cawood said. "Next year's Final Four should be a wonderful event."

You wouldn't figure faraway teams like UCLA, Minnesota, Iowa State and Clemson could pack the place. But San Antonio showed it can draw a crowd at the Midwest regionals, even without a Texas team.

The two-day event drew 61,161 fans, fourth-highest for a regional in NCAA history. Many were fans of the four schools but a lot of locals were there, too.

"The Alamodome is a tremendous facility," said UCLA coach Steve Lavin. "You could hear the crowd. The players said they didn't feel like they were playing in a dome."

Home of the San Antonio Spurs, the Alamodome has a

capacity for basketball of 41,250. NCAA officials could find a way to expand it should they wish to do so next March. Whatever the seating, the Alamodome should sell out.

Rick Nixon of the University of Texas at San Antonio, the host school, also impressed the NCAA with his organizational ability as the event ran with few hitches.

But San Antonio already was drawing top sporting events, like last year's NBA All-Star game.

On Dec. 6, the Alamodome will host the Big 12 football championship game. Sources say San Antonio could get the game for at least two years. The Alamodome has a capacity of 65,000 for football.

Big 12 Associate Commissioner Donnie Duncan said cooperation was one reason San Antonio got the game.

"We were pleased with the cooperation of the various sports committees in San Antonio," Duncan said.

With its Alamo, missions, Fiesta Texas, golf courses, Seaworld and wonderful restaurants, San Antonio already is among the convention destinations in the state.

BASKETBALL
1997 Recreation Department
Basketball League Standings

Team	Won	Lost
De Squad	9	0
Relly	8	1
Computer Sales & Tech.	7	2
Comcast Chevrolet	5	4
Pampa Machine	4	5
Onyx	4	5
Trinity Fellowship	3	6
Hochst-Celanece	3	6
Cabot Corp.	2	7
City of Pampa	0	9

Golden State	25	44-362	24
x-cinched playoff berth			
Monday's Games			
L.A. Lakers 109, New Jersey 84			
Tuesday's Games			
Indiana 98, Toronto 84			
Orlando 114, Sacramento 103			
Atlanta 96, Portland 86			
San Antonio 64, Cleveland 59			
Houston 112, Minnesota 103			
Chicago 94, Dallas 92			
Phoenix 117, Milwaukee 112			
L.A. Clippers 110, Vancouver 104, OT			
Seattle 126, Golden State 89			

Chicago	13	14	481
Pittsburgh	12	13	480
New York	9	11	450
Montreal	8	13	381
Atlanta	7	16	304

(NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.)

Tuesday's Games
New York Mets 20, Los Angeles 7
Atlanta 2, Montreal 1
Florida 2, Baltimore 5
Pittsburgh 5, Boston 4
Cleveland 2, Toronto 1, 7 innings, rain
New York Yankees 6, Minnesota 4
San Diego 9, Chicago Cubs 4
San Francisco 16, Anaheim 1
Oakland 9, Colorado 6
Seattle 7, Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 6, Detroit 1
Kansas City 9, Houston 3
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Texas 7

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 10:30 p.m.

Baseball Exhibition Baseball At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	9	.654	-
Baltimore	15	10	.600	1.5
Texas	16	12	.571	1.5
Oakland	15	12	.556	1.5
Seattle	15	13	.538	1.5
Kansas City	13	13	.500	2.5
San Diego	14	14	.500	2.5
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	4.5
Chicago	11	16	.407	4.5
Cleveland	11	17	.393	4.5
Detroit	9	16	.360	5.5
Minnesota	10	19	.345	6.5
Boston	8	16	.333	6.5
Anaheim	7	19	.269	7.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	23	4	.852	-
St. Louis	18	9	.667	1.5
San Francisco	17	11	.607	1.5
San Diego	16	11	.593	1.5
Philadelphia	14	11	.560	1.5
Houston	13	11	.542	1.5
Los Angeles	12	11	.522	1.5
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	1.5
Colorado	14	13	.519	1.5

National Basketball Association
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	51	17	.750	-
x-New York	49	20	.710	1/2
Orlando	40	29	.580	1 1/2
Washington	33	36	.476	1 1/2
New Jersey	21	47	.309	3 1/2
Philadelphia	18	49	.263	3 1/2
Boston	13	57	.186	3 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	60	9	.870	-
x-Detroit	48	20	.706	1 1/2
x-Atlanta	48	22	.686	1 1/2
Charlotte	45	24	.652	1 1/2
Cleveland	36	32	.529	2 1/2
Indiana	32	36	.471	2 1/2
Milwaukee	28	40	.412	3 1/2
Toronto	25	45	.357	3 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	17	.754	-
x-Houston	46	23	.667	1.5
Minnesota	33	36	.476	1.5
Dallas	22	46	.324	2 1/2
Denver	19	49	.279	3 1/2
San Antonio	17	52	.246	3 1/2
Vancouver	12	60	.167	4 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	49	20	.710	-
x-L.A. Lakers	46	23	.667	1.5
x-Portland	41	30	.577	1.5
L.A. Clippers	31	37	.451	2 1/2
Phoenix	30	39	.435	2 1/2
Sacramento	29	41	.414	2 1/2

BASEBALL
Exhibition Baseball
At A Glance

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	9	.654	-
Baltimore	15	10	.600	1.5
Texas	16	12	.571	1.5
Oakland	15	12	.556	1.5
Seattle	15	13	.538	1.5
Kansas City	13	13	.500	2.5
San Diego	14	14	.500	2.5
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	4.5
Chicago	11	16	.407	4.5
Cleveland	11	17	.393	4.5
Detroit	9	16	.360	5.5
Minnesota	10	19	.345	6.5
Boston	8	16	.333	6.5
Anaheim	7	19	.269	7.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	23	4	.852	-
St. Louis	18	9	.667	1.5
San Francisco	17	11	.607	1.5
San Diego	16	11	.593	1.5
Philadelphia	14	11	.560	1.5
Houston	13	11	.542	1.5
Los Angeles	12	11	.522	1.5
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	1.5
Colorado	14	13	.519	1.5

HOCKEY
NHL Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Philadelphia	42	21	11	95	251	193
x-New Jersey	39	21	13	91	205	169
Florida	33	24	17	83	201	179
N.Y. Rangers	35	30	9	79	239	206
Washington	30	36	8	68	188	206
Tampa Bay	29	37	7	65	199	226
N.Y. Islanders	25	36	11	61	202	215

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Buffalo	38	23	11	87	216	182
Pittsburgh	34	32	7	75	251	245
Montreal	27	33	14	68	224	253
Hartford	27	38	10	64	194	229
Ottawa	24	34	15	63	200	217
Boston	24	41	9	57	212	286

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	44	23	8	94	228	174
Detroit	34	23	15	83	229	174
Phoenix	35	34	5	75	213	222
St. Louis	31	34	9	71	218	226
Chicago	29	32	12	70	193	187
Toronto	26	41	6	58	210	253

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	46	19	9	101	252	178
Edmonton	34	33	7	75	230	221
Anaheim	31	31	11	73	218	206
Calgary	31	35	8	70	198	208
Vancouver	30	39	5	65	228	250
Los Angeles	28	38	10	62	194	242
San Jose	24	42	7	55	183	243

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed OF Jose Cruz Jr. to his minor-league camp. Optioned LHP Tim Davis to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. Released RHP Rusty Meacham and OF Lou Frazier.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned LHP Doug Creek to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League. Reassigned C Rich Rowland, INF David McCarty and OF Dax Jones to their minor-league camp.

BASKETBALL
USA BASKETBALL—Named Trudi Lacey assistant director of women's programs, effective April 28.

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed G-F Darrin Hancock for the rest of the season.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed F Bruce Bowen for the rest of the season.

MILWAUKEE BRUINS—Signed F-C Jimmy Carlwright to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed CB Jocelyn Bonilla.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
At A Glance

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0
NY-NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0

Western Conference

Team	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	1	0	1	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0

Longhorns' basketball coach has enjoyable tour of Rutgers campus

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

If Rutgers can come up with the right financial package and his wife gives him the OK, there's a good chance Tom Penders will leave Texas to become the Scarlet Knights next basketball coach.

Penders spent an enjoyable six hours on the Rutgers campus on Tuesday and then returned home while his agent, Craig Fenech, worked on a deal to make him

Bob Wenzel's replacement at the Big East Conference school.

"I think he really liked Rutgers," a source close to the talks told The Associated Press on Tuesday evening. "It sounds positive; at least his agent is here."

Penders, who guided Texas to the third round of the NCAA tournament last week, left the Piscataway, N.J., campus of the Big East school around 3 p.m. EDT, while Fenech was involved in negotiations with Rutgers trea-

sure Joe Whiteside.

Fenech did not return a telephone call left at his home. Rutgers athletic director Fred Gruninger was not immediately available for comment.

Rutgers reportedly plans to offer Penders a deal that will pay him \$600,000 annually. It includes a base salary between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Penders currently earns \$400,000 at Texas and reportedly will receive an additional

\$100,000 next season.

In an interview on campus with the Courier-News and the North Jersey Herald & News, Penders said money isn't the only issue that will influence his decision.

"I do have a wife (Susie) I'd like to keep and she has to be involved in the decision," Penders said.

Jeff Capel of Old Dominion and Bill Herrion of Drexel also have interviewed for the Rutgers job, but Penders is considered the

leading candidate.

Penders has a record of 194-93 in nine seasons at Texas, taking the Longhorns to the NCAA tournament eight times. Texas lost to Louisville 78-63 in the round of 16 on Friday.

Penders met Tuesday with university president Dr. Francis L. Lawrence, Whiteside and Gruninger. He toured the facilities and then met with academic support personnel, board members and players. After lunch he

had more talks with Lawrence, Whiteside and Gruninger before taking a flight to Dallas.

Penders has rebuilt basketball programs at Tufts, Columbia, Fordham and Rhode Island. He interviewed with Rutgers while at Fordham in 1985. He spoke with Rutgers again while at Rhode Island, before taking the Texas job in 1988.

Wenzel was fired almost three weeks ago after Rutgers finished its fifth straight losing season.

Blockbuster! Indians trade Lofton to Braves for Grissom, Justice

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — In one of baseball's biggest trades in years, the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians struck a shocking deal Tuesday involving David Justice, Marquis Grissom and Kenny Lofton that reshaped two of the sport's strongest teams.

"This is a trade of enormous magnitude for two very, very good franchises," Indians general manager John Hart said. "We're talking about franchise-type players. We talked about this at some length, and we realized that if we were going to get it done, it had to happen soon."

The Indians, who faced losing

Lofton to free agency at the end of the season, gave up the All-Star center fielder and pitcher Alan Embree.

The Braves, projected to have the majors' highest payroll at \$62 million, had talked this spring about trading Justice — whose home run beat Cleveland 1-0 in the clinching Game 6 of the 1995 World Series. But Atlanta made it an even larger deal by including another All-Star outfielder, Grissom.

It was an old-fashioned, superstar-for-superstar deal predicated by the economics of modern sports.

"It's painful in the respect that I

think baseball in the '90s is extremely apparent in this trade," Hart said. "For both teams, not just the Indians."

The NL champion Braves traded the high-priced Justice so they can try to re-sign pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make \$12.5 million in the next two seasons.

The AL Central champion Indians could have lost Lofton, winner of four straight Gold Gloves and five consecutive AL stolen base titles, to free agency at

the end of the season.

"We had to make this trade based on the fact that Kenny Lofton is a free agent at the end of the '97 season," Hart said. "We went through it last year with Albert Belle, and Albert left us. We were not prepared to let that happen again."

As for recent baseball trades involving so many star players, few compare.

Toronto and San Diego pulled off a big deal after the 1990 season with Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar going to the Blue Jays for Fred McGriff and Tony Fernandez. In late 1992, the Oakland

Athletics sent Jose Canseco to Texas for Ruben Sierra, Bobby Witt and Jeff Russell.

Lofton and Grissom are regarded as the two best center fielders and leadoff hitters in baseball. Both are 29, and both are coming off outstanding seasons.

Lofton batted .317 last year, setting career highs with 210 hits, 14 homers, 67 RBIs and 75 stolen bases.

"I can't really think too well right now," Lofton said. "Maybe I can say I'm disappointed. I've done everything they've asked me to do in Cleveland, and I thought I would be rewarded."

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51 Deer
52 Scarlett O'Hara's concern
57 Hill dweller under-standing
58 Farm measure
59 Actress Moran
60 Okay
61 Tenth of a decade
62 Not working.
63 Like battery
24 Musk cat
24 Straight - arrow
25 Liqueur flavoring
27 Postpone
31 Tina Turner's ex
32 Resounded bass
34 Heavy volume
35 Current events
37 Browns
39 High card
40 Ford flop
42 Fell
44 Dole (out)
46 Alleviates

DOWN 18 A pig - poke
19 Window coverings
21 Musk cat
24 Straight - arrow
25 Liqueur flavoring
27 Postpone
31 Tina Turner's ex
32 Resounded bass
34 Heavy volume
35 Current events
37 Browns
39 High card
40 Ford flop
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ADS VOTD TISEE

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16 Bury margin
20 Dill seed
21 The - out (helped)
22 Penned 45 Type of element
23 Sees 47 Aid in diagnosing
24 Congenitally joined.
26 Dine 48 First-rate (2 wds.)
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