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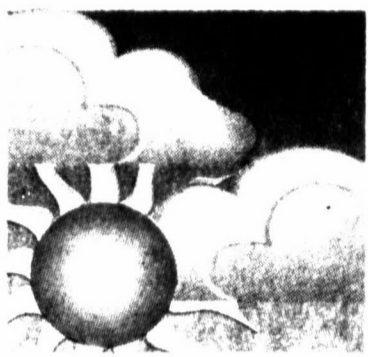


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PAMPA — The Salvation Army is forming a community-wide volunteer base to help in the event of a disaster. All those interested in helping are urged to attend this volunteer preparedness meeting tomorrow night at 6 at The Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler. No special skills are required. For more information call 665-7233.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5-11-28-32-36-45. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

ANGLETON (AP) — A former Texas prison guard accused of delivering drugs to an inmate for cash has been indicted by a grand jury. Former Ramsey II Unit guard Harry Landry Jr. faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the second-degree felony charge. Landry, 40, was fired because of his arrest.

- Dan B. Buzzard, 78, attorney.
- Linda L. Godfrey, 54, former volunteer at Columbia Medical Center.
- Faye Leadean Horton, 72, former employee Southwestern Lighting and Furniture.
- Curtis Ligon Johnson, 85, farmer, carpenter.

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Toddler critical after near drowning incident

An 18-month-old boy is in critical condition today after falling into a ravine filled with about two feet of water.

According to police, Ethan Allen Anderson, son of James and Angela Anderson of Pampa, was at the Super Playground Sunday afternoon with some other children and a babysitter when the incident occurred.

At 2:58 p.m. the child was reported missing and at 3:01 a call came in to dispatchers reporting a drowning child.

Pampa Chief of Police Charlie Morris said a man in the park found the boy face down in the water, pulled him from the pool of water, and called for help. He began CPR which a school nurse, who was also there, soon took over. When Officer Corey Powell arrived he took over CPR until the Pampa Fire Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance arrived.

The child was rushed to Columbia Medical Center and then airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was listed in critical condition today in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Amarillo hospital.

The water had collected in a ravine just east of the playground and was about two feet deep where the child was found. Pampa police along with the District Attorney's office are investigating the incident.

"We've been in contact with the parents," Morris said today. "They are asking for the prayers of the community."

Donations are being accepted for the family, said Pamela Neffendorf of United Foods where James Anderson works. Angela Anderson works at Frank's on Brown and donations are also being accepted there.

PISD board adopts plan for future snow day usage

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

"Snow dates will be used in order listed on the calendar."

School board officials elected to have these words printed at the bottom of this year's Pampa ISD calendar after a detailed discussion on when to schedule the two snow days required in every Texas school district calendar.

Snow days are used in the event that school is missed earlier in the year because of inclement weather.

Board members decided to go with the 1999-2000 proposed snow days set on the calendar for Mon., April 20, and Mon., May 1.

"I like them there, but I just don't want what happened this year to happen next year," said Dr. Jay Johnson, school board vice president.

Because of a day missed due to snow this last January, the board had to make a decision last month on which snow day to use to make up the lost day.

The decision was a difficult one for the board because the first snow day was the Friday of Easter weekend and the second day was at a time in May when a large group of students had

The problem with scheduling snow days, according to Johnson, is that people treat them as holidays and when we have to use one it interrupts their plans.

planned to be gone for a choir trip. Choosing against the "worse of two evils," the board voted to use the day in May.

The problem with scheduling snow days, according to Johnson, is that people treat them as holidays and when we have to use one it interrupts their plans.

"People don't understand," he added. A suggestion by Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele to put a statement at the bottom of the calendar to let the public know that the first snow day listed will be used first to compensate for an unexpected day of bad weather put the board at ease.

"I could live with that for sure," said Johnson. The board voted unanimously in favor of the decision.

Homicide probe techniques, look at old cases part of clinic

A number of Pampa and Gray and Wheeler County law enforcement officers were in Odessa recently examining splattered blood.

Bill McMinn with the 31st and 223rd District Attorney's office, Beverly Chace with the Pampa Police Department, Joel Finsterwald with the Wheeler County Sheriff's office, Rick Walden with the Wheeler County Sheriff's office and Kevin King with the Department of Public Safety were in Odessa today at the Homicide Investigator's of Texas convention.

A spokesman for the group said the major focus of the seminars at this year's convention is the study of blood splatters at a homicide scene. Officers will also have a chance to discuss unsolved cases.

"It's a chance for law enforcement officers from across the state to get together and compare old cases as well as new ones," McMinn said.

McMinn said it also gives officers a chance to become acquainted with new techniques and new crime fighting technology being developed.

Looking for a big one ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Lee Scott risks a chilly wind to get a little fishing in last week. He caught some small channel catfish threw them back. But if he's back out today, Scott can expect a warmer time as a high of 75 is predicted.

Old Mobeetie group sponsors art contest

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is sponsoring a contest for artwork for a special stamp cancellation and for the cover of their new booklet.

The historical association will select one piece of artwork from the contest for a pictorial United States Postal Service stamp cancellation for the Red River War Village Station that will be open only on June 26, Wheeler County Heritage Day. A second selection will be used for the cover of the association's new booklet that will be available beginning June 26.

"Heritage Day will honor the Native American, as they were a large part of the history of Wheeler County and the panhandle," said Louise Hogan, association treasurer.

The artwork must be black and white done in pen and ink. It should be seven inches wide and five inches high and should reflect Native American life, she said.

Hogan warned about making the artwork too detailed or busy because for the stamp cancellation, it will be reduced to four inches wide and two inches high.

All entries must be received by April 1. Name, address and telephone number must accompany each entry. Proof of age is required. Entrants under 18 must have a guardian's consent.

Hogan said eligible entries must be the original creation of the entrant and must not have been previously published. The artist must sign the work and the original, not a copy, must be submitted.

The contest is open to anyone, and artists may enter as often as they like. All entries will become the property of The Old Mobeetie Texas Association.

Hogan said winners will be notified by April 10. Entries should be mailed to The Old Mobeetie Texas Association, Box 66, Mobeetie, TX 79061.

For more information call 845-2028, 845-3401 or 826-3427.

Woman charged with arson

A Pampa woman was in Gray County jail today in lieu of bond after being charged with arson.

Joy Yvonne Bybee Brown, 36, was charged with arson in connection with a fire at her home Saturday.

Brown is accused of having set a bed on fire during a family argument, Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said today.

Fire units were called shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday to the home at 617 N. Christy.

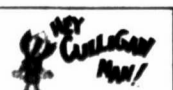
Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns set bond at \$10,000 on the arson charge.



One of the winning O, My Faire Shakespeare teams at Austin Elementary included (top left) Christopher Smith, Chase Brewer, Joe Whiteley and Jack Mackie. (Bottom left) Katie Holmes, Morgan Ketchersid and Myca Vinson.

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'Pride of Pampa' Band



(Community Camera photo)

Members of the "Pride of Pampa" Band participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest recently. The contest was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Those students making first divisions on solos were: Kim Grice, trombone; Michael Leland, trombone; Darrell Schroeder, trombone; Wesley Warren, trombone; Brian Klein, percussion.

A&M at Galveston to host sea camps

GALVESTON — In the early morning, they pull their nets through the marsh, examining the marine life in the shallow muddy water. In the afternoon, they are on the research vessel observing dolphins. They are not professional marine biologists. They are youth attending Sea Camp. Each summer, Texas A&M University at Galveston's Sea Camp hosts groups of youngsters exploring the bays, marshes and estuaries of the upper Texas coast. The weeklong adventure teaches the dynamics of the marsh through seeing, feeling, smelling, listening and actually "being there."

Sea camp invites youth 10-18-years-old for an adventure in learning about the wonders of the ocean through hands-on experiences. Divided into 22 one-week sessions, the camps

run through June and July. Each camp is geared toward a specific age group and may focus on the ecology/biology of the Galveston area or on a particular topic such as fishing, coastal camping, marine mammals, ecological studies in Belize or marine mammals in Mexico.

"We hope to instill in our campers a love for the environment," said Dr. Judy Wern, Sea Camp director. "Because the learning is through hands-on outdoor activities, we teach kids lessons they won't forget about the marine and estuarine environments."

Teachers also may benefit from the camp by serving as camp counselors while earning continuing education credit.

First-time campers seine in the salt marsh and sink up to their knees in soft mud, trawl

on the research vessel "Earl Milan," visit the National Marine Fisheries' turtle research facility and explore a living oyster reef with Sea Camp founder and renown oyster biologist Dr. Sammy Ray.

Sea Camp has the social and evening recreational experiences of regular camps as well as the element of learning in a university atmosphere. Spaces in the camps are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the basic camp is \$625, which includes tuition to the camp, room and board at the Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island and entertainment fees. Cost of advanced camps and "out of the country" camps and registration information are available by calling (409) 740-4525 or by visiting the camp's website at <http://www.tamug.tamu.edu/~seacamp>.

CEUs, horse branding offered at Cattle Raisers school

FORT WORTH — Any horse owner interested in protecting their horses from theft should put the 1999 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association School for Successful Ranching on their agenda, says C. Coney Burgess, president of TSCRA. The school will be March 27-28 in Fort Worth just prior to TSCRA's annual convention.

Butch Davis, TSCRA field inspector from Huntsville will explain how a permanent ID can deter horse thieves and help recover stolen horses. Davis will also provide freeze-branding services to horse owners with proof their brand has been registered with their county clerk. This service will

be free to members. Nonmembers will be charged \$25 per horse. Number and letters irons will be available; horse owners with specialized brands should bring their own iron. All horses must have a negative Coggins test to be admitted onto the grounds of the Will Rogers Center. TSCRA members will also be able to enroll their horses in the Horse Identification Program.

Producers can also earn two CEUs required for self-certification of pesticide applicator licenses. One credit will be offered in drift minimization and one credit will be offered in integrated pest management.

A seminar on risk management

will feature nationally recognized expert in futures and options, Don McCasland, and an in-depth nutrition seminar will cover all aspects of balancing nutritional requirements with consumption.

Registrations will be accepted at the TSCRA office until March 25.

API announces upcoming meeting

The Panhandle Chapter of American Petroleum Institute will meet for social hour at 6:30 p.m. and for dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18 at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Thomas Hill of KIMRAY, Inc.

Hill is vice-president of engineering at KIMRAY and is based in Oklahoma City. He will speak

on "Total Electronic Well Control." A Mexican buffet dinner will be served for \$12 per person and API memberships will be available at the door. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

Door prizes and scholarship prizes are being donated by B&B Solvent, Inc., of Pampa.

Registration is also available online at www.thecattleman-magazine.com.

FPC livestock judging team results

BORGER — Frank Phillips College Livestock Judging Team recently competed in the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo Livestock Judging Contest and placed 23rd overall.

Individuals taking honors were: Larren O'Leary, second High Individual in Horses; Andy Hefley, 23rd High

Individual in Sheep; and Chipper McLaughlin, 52nd High Individual in Horses.

Other team members are Brian Bixby, Larren O'Leary, Juke Morrow, Melisa Price and Israel Ortega.

Agriculture Instructor and Coach Buddy Curry trained the team.

New applications universal

CANYON — Applying for admission to a Texas public university has never been easier for students, thanks to a common application now being used for the Fall 1999 semester by West Texas A&M University and all of the state's other public universities.

It is hoped that the convenience of completing and submitting copies of the same application, instead of having to complete a separate application for each of the state's 35 public universities, will encourage many students to take the steps necessary to begin college or to continue work on a four-year degree.

Legislation sponsored by State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) in 1997 directed the creation of the common application. An advisory committee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board developed two versions, one for first-time freshman and one for transfer students. Directors of admission of public universities from across the state serve on the committee.

"WT accepts both of the common applications and the WT application for admission, but we don't require all sections of the common application to be filled out," Lise Blankenship, WTAMU enrollment manager, said.

Approximately 600,000 copies of the common application have been mailed since August 1998 to high schools and community colleges throughout the state. Students may request a copy from their academic counselor at those institutions or print a copy from

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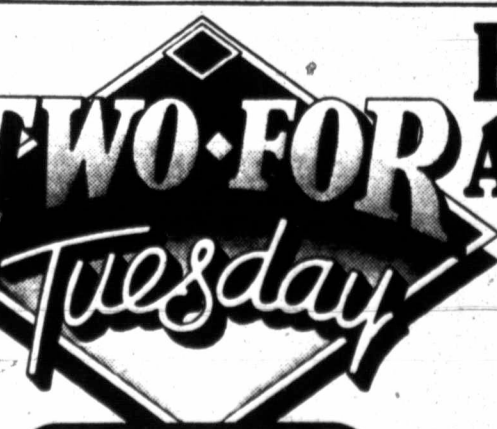
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MEDICAL

Face of AIDS epidemic changing

By MARTHA IRVINE
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — One of the country's last hospices set up to care exclusively for dying AIDS patients has a problem — albeit a good one. It's going out of business.

Experts in the field say the closing of the Chicago House hospice — and the shifting focus of AIDS facilities throughout the country — is further evidence that the epidemic is less about dying and more about caring for the millions who are living with HIV.

That includes Charles Borin, the last remaining resident at the two-story white stucco home on Chicago's far North Side where 357 patients have died in the last six years.

"I'm the only one who survived," the 76-year-old retired hairdresser said recently as he looked at the first boxes he's been packing. "Why? I don't know."

Borin's relative healthiness since he was diagnosed with the AIDS virus seven years ago likely has much to do with the 17 pills he downs each day. That includes a "cocktail" of protease

Murphy, a Chicago House board member who is also director of the HIV clinical treatment unit at Northwestern University Medical School. "And the reason is — we don't need it."

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inhibitors, the drugs credited with stalling the progression of the virus and making it increasingly difficult for Chicago House officials to fill the hospice's nine beds in the past year.

At first, they were afraid they simply weren't getting the word out.

"We contacted everybody we know. And nothing. There was no response," says Dr. Robert

Statistics have hinted at the trend for quite some time. Nationwide, AIDS killed about 43,000 people in 1995, compared with 16,685 in 1997, according to the most recent data available from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Murphy has also seen the shift in his practice. Of the 1,000 HIV-positive patients being treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, he says only 15 have T-cell counts below 50, a level considered "high risk."

It's much the same elsewhere. Even San Francisco General Hospital's Ward "5A" — once singled out as a model for inpatient AIDS care — is now filled with as many cancer patients as AIDS patients.

"I think this is the best thing that's ever happened," says Murphy, who voted with the Chicago House board to use the \$250 a day they were spending per hospice patient on services in greater demand, including subsidized housing for healthier HIV-positive people and their families.

Since then, they have stopped accepting hos-

pice patients and will refer them instead to hospices who care for people with all kinds of illnesses. Borin, who was admitted in July for 24-hour care but wasn't considered a terminal case, will move as soon as he can find other housing.

Many consider the closing of Chicago House good news, though there are a few cautionary notes. "There are people out there who still have the disease who are not taking care of themselves," says Althea Porcher of the Connecticut Hospice Cottage Program, which has a five-bed hospice for homeless AIDS patients in Branford, Conn.

Others point to the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections a year, which some fear are being lost in the news about the major drop in deaths.

"Complacency is setting in," says Gustavo Suarez, a spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "You often hear people say, 'Oh, it's just like diabetes.' And that's leading to a lot of unsafe practices, particularly in young people."

In still other cases, protease inhibitors have stopped working.

"Two years ago, we were to the point that we almost had no AIDS patients," says Jeremy Hollinger, manager at Coming Home Hospice, a 15-bed facility in San Francisco for AIDS and cancer patients. "Now we're getting more AIDS patients again."

Chicago House's Murphy says he's hoping a new line of protease inhibitors and other drugs will quash any major resurgence of HIV. But even the most hopeful understand they're dealing with an unpredictable epidemic.

"You never know. In a year, we might be right back here," Lisa Hamlin, resident manager at the Chicago House hospice, said as she looked around the house. "But I hope not."

Health briefs

TV creates a weight problem for children

HOUSTON — Although today's children are not, on average, consuming more calories than previous generations, they certainly might be moving less.

More than one-fourth of Americans children spend four or more hours each day watching television, and a full two-thirds spend at least two hours a day in front of "the tube," according to a recent study. Not surprisingly, the more television the children watched, the fatter they tended to be.

While time spent sitting in classrooms, doing homework, and reading is not negotiable, parents can help their couch-potato kids become more active. Fiorotto suggests replacing unnecessary sitting with family walks, bike rides, hopscotch, soccer drills, or even dances in the living room.

Avoiding sinus problems during allergy season

DALLAS — When the weather begins to get warmer, many people with allergies will start to sniffle, blow, sneeze and wheeze.

There are several ways to keep allergies from developing into a more serious sinus problem. Rinsing your nose with a saline solution or spray several times a day, as well as using a nasal decongestant pill can help keep your nose clear. But stay away from decongestant sprays, which can become addictive if used for more than a few days.

"Drinking plenty of fluids can also keep your nasal discharge thin and prevent thick secretions that stagnate in the sinuses," says Dr. Richard Mabry, professor of otolaryngology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Mabry says that measures are especially important during air

travel, which can dry nasal membranes and subject sinuses to air pressure changes. Of course, the best way to stay out of trouble is to avoid contact with "the things you know spark your allergy attacks, or consult a specialist, Mabry says.

Got heartburn? Gum up the works

DALLAS — One out of four healthy adults experience heartburn at least once a month. Heartburn is the painful sensation that occurs when small amounts of stomach acid, but regular use can cause side effects, such as diarrhea.

For an alternate remedy, Dr. Stuart Spechler suggests chewing a stick of gum.

"Chewing gum increases the flow of alkaline saliva, which neutralizes gastric acid and stimulates contraction of the esophageal muscles," says Spechler, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

He also recommends avoiding fatty foods, chocolate, bedtime snacks and lying down after eating. Consult a physician if persistent heartburn doesn't respond to these simple remedies or if it's accompanied by weight loss, difficulty with swallowing or bleeding.

Dust mites might be triggering allergies

HOUSTON — Washing your child's pillow in hot water could help lessen allergy symptoms.

"Pillows are one of the biggest triggers of allergies, because dust mites live in them," said Dr. Holly Birdsall, an ear-nose-and-throat specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dust mites take up residence in pillows and beds coverings, where they feed off skin cells that fall off the body. When your face comes in contact with the pillow, you might breathe in dust mites. One inside the nasal passage, these microscopic bugs can cause such allergic reactions

as sneezing and itchy eyes.

Birdsall recommends washing pillows and all bedding every two weeks in hot water. "It's the hot temperature, not the soap that kills dust mites," she said. Nonwashable items like mattresses should be enclosed in allergy-proof covers. Stuffed animals should be washed or moved away from the bed.

Doctors say seniors can walk off constipation

DALLAS — Constipation, a common complaint among senior citizens, is often not openly discussed, but can be a real problem for folks who get little exercise.

"Reduced physical activity can contribute significantly to problems of constipation," says geriatric specialist Dr. Craig Rubin, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Physical activity, like walking 20 minutes a day, may reduce or eliminate the need for laxatives."

However, Rubin cautions, constipation can be due to other factors and should always be discussed with your doctor.

Proper snack provides nutrition for fetus

DALLAS — A well-planned snack can satisfy extra nutritional needs when you're eating for two. Pregnant women need an extra 300 calories a day during their second and third trimesters and it's an easy task.

"Most importantly they need more protein — about 10 grams more per day," says registered dietitian Joyce Barnett, an assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center's Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. "So a glass of nonfat milk will give them about 90 calories, protein and also the calcium that's very important during pregnancy."

Tot hat add one-and-a-half ounce serving of lean meat or low fat cheese and a serving of whole grain bread. An extra fruit or vegetable will fulfill the remaining calorie needs.

Deadly liver cancer on the rise due to hepatitis, according to study

By KATHARINE WEBSTER
Associated Press Writer

The most common form of liver cancer, a type that is nearly always fatal, is on the rise in the United States and the increase is likely to continue until hepatitis is better controlled, researchers reported recently.

The incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma increased 71 percent from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s, according to researchers at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Hospitalization and death rates for all types of liver cancer were also found to be increasing at a similar pace.

The study was published in a recent issue of New England Journal of Medicine.

Liver cancer will strike an estimated 14,500 Americans in 1999, according to the American Cancer Society. Most will get hepatocellular carcinoma.

Only 5 percent of people with hepatocellular carcinoma are alive five years after diagnosis, because the tumors usually are found only after the cancer has spread.

The cancer is often caused by chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C, viral diseases that lead to liver scarring, known as cirrhosis, which in turn can lead to liver cancer. Hepatitis also can cause other changes in liver cells that make them cancerous.

Alcoholism is another leading cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer. But alcoholism is declining and hepatitis B infections are slowing because of a vaccine and effective treatments. So researchers

believe most of the increase in liver cancer is due to hepatitis C, a disease discovered a decade ago.

Many Americans with hepatitis C got it from transfusions before the blood supply was cleaned up by 1992. The virus can also be spread between drug users sharing needles, and in rare cases, through sex. In half of all cases, doctors do not know how patients got it.

An estimated 4 million Americans are infected with the hepatitis C virus, but no one knows the exact number because it can take up to 30 years for symptoms to develop. There is no vaccine and the only available treatment does not help the majority of patients.

Scientists call hepatitis C a hidden epidemic. "A lot of people still don't know they have it," said Dr. Jack Wands, a liver research expert at Brown University. "I think it will continue to rise until we have either a vaccine or an effective treatment."

Doctors should test patients with hepatitis-induced cirrhosis for liver cancer, because if tumors are caught early enough, surgery can be successful, said Dr. Hashem El-Serag, lead author of the study.

Hepatitis B is more infectious but is easier to treat. It is spread through blood, sex or from mother to child at birth. About 200,000 Americans are diagnosed each year. The vaccine has been available since 1991.

Hepatitis A, a relatively mild form of the virus, is not a risk factor for liver cancer. It is spread primarily through contaminated food, such as shellfish from tainted water or restaurant food that has been touched by infected employees.

Scientists identify gene that may regulate weight

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP Science Writer

Researchers have identified the first gene known to suppress obesity and regulate the burning of calories,

a key step that may help in developing a drug that keeps people trim.

The gene, known as Mahogany or the MG gene, was discovered in mice. It is the sixth gene found to be implicated in obesity, but researchers said it is the first discovered to regulate metabolism and the expenditure of energy.

In one of two studies published in a recent issue of the journal Nature, scientists at Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass., tested groups of mice with normal and mutated MG genes. They fed the mice diets with varying percentages of fat.

Mice with a mutated MG gene did not gain weight whether they ate a high-fat diet or a low-fat one.

Mice with the normal gene gained weight on the high-fat diet.

Researchers said they were optimistic that the gene would play the same role in humans, but cautioned that it has been demonstrated only in mice (Mahogany refers to the animals' brown fur).

And though the findings suggest the gene plays an important role in diet-related obesity — which afflicts most of the 54 percent of American adults who are too hefty — obesity is thought to more than a matter of genetics.

"Obesity is a complex problem for which diet, exercise and biology all are important," said geneticist Craig Warden of the University of California at Davis.

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Monday March 15

Dad Who Walks on Family Has No Right to Walk Down Aisle

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Lisa in California" that she should have her grandfather and father walk her down the aisle. Her father gave up any rights or honors of being a father when he walked out on her when she was 2 years old.

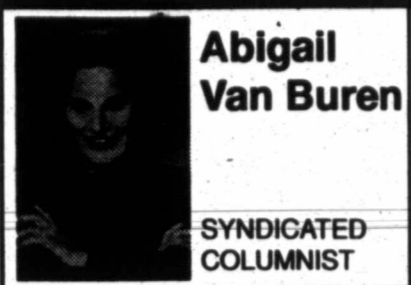
I have lived through a similar situation. When I got married, I certainly did not have my father give me away or even attend my wedding, for that matter. If her father is sincerely sorry for the way he has acted, he should understand her feelings and tell her that he completely understands and agrees that her grandfather deserves the honor. After all, the grandfather was the one who was part of her life when the father chose to walk away. I also disagree with your suggestion that she could walk alone. Why should she?

I have never regretted my decision and I've been married 15 years. Even after my father's death three years ago, I had no regrets.

In this situation and my own, the fathers were the adults and made their own adult decisions. Now it's time for her father to act like the adult he is and take what is handed to him.

M.A.D.N., DOUGLASSVILLE, PA.

DEAR M.A.D.N.: If you have never regretted your decision, then you made the right one for you. I was surprised at the number of readers who disagreed with my answer — although not



Abigail Van Buren

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everybody did. Read on for a different perspective:

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Lisa," who does not want her father to walk her down the aisle or even to attend her wedding. My parents divorced when I was an infant. By the time I was in high school and college, our relationship had diminished to practically zero. My stepfather, who had been a wonderful "Dad" since I was 6, walked me down the aisle. I do not regret giving that honor to my stepfather, who had been — and still is — always there for me. But I wish I had handled it differently for my father's sake.

My father and I have since restored our relationship. We both know we have hurt each other and don't want it to happen again. Most of it was due to lack of communication. I thought he no longer loved me or wanted me around; he thought I didn't want him in my life. Both of us were terribly wrong. Lisa, if you even think you may want a relationship with your father someday, please do as Abby

suggested. Include him in your big day. Let him escort you down the aisle with your grandfather, or walk down the aisle by yourself with both of them sitting in the pews beaming with pride.

J.M. IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR J.M.: I admire your compassion, even though it came to you from the perspective of hindsight. There was, however, a third alternative that both you and I did not consider. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: On the evening of my daughter's rehearsal dinner, she took her father aside and told him she had thought long and hard about her wedding day, and after reflecting on her childhood had reached a decision. She said, "Daddy, even though you have not been a big part of my life so far, I love you. However, we both know who has earned the honor of giving me away."

She went on to say that the honor of walking the bride down the aisle belongs to the person who guided her through childhood, late-night studies, heartbreaks and triumphs.

When the minister asked, "Who gives this woman to this man?" I proudly said, "I do!"

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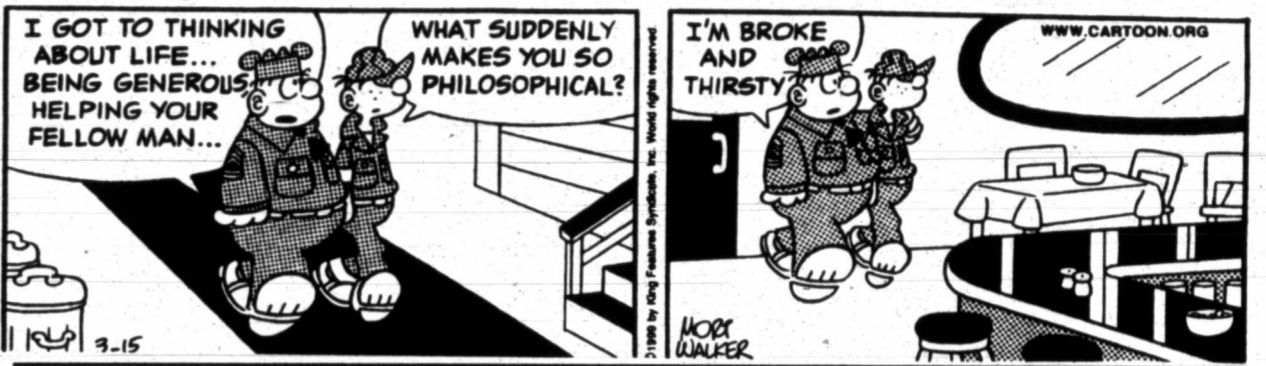
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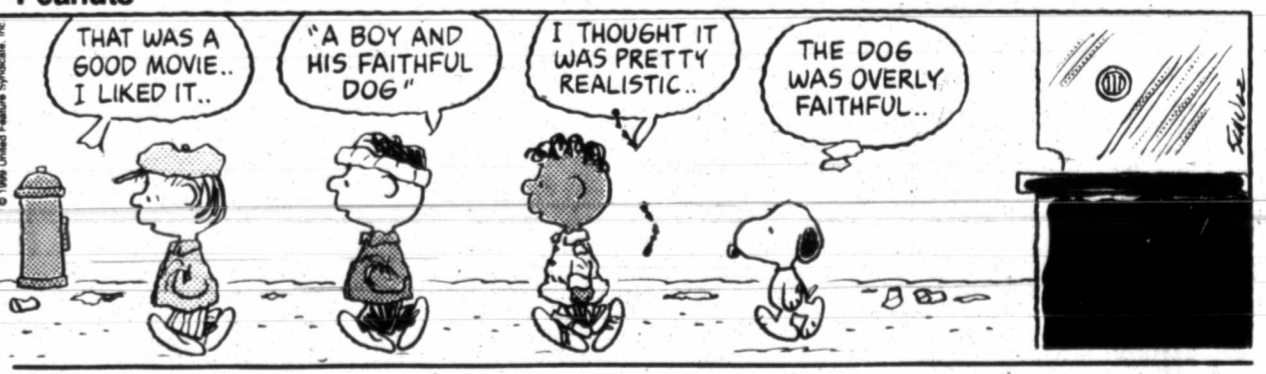
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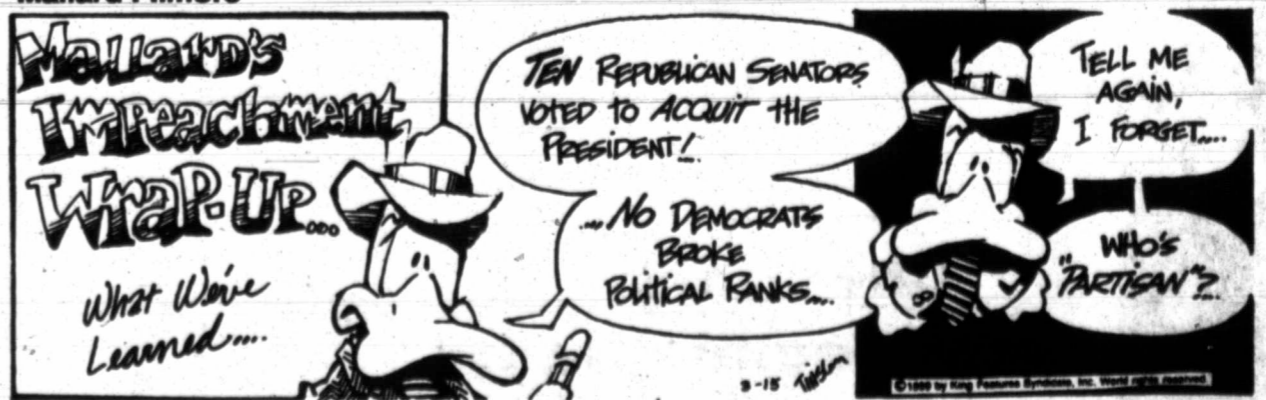
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Horoscope

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **★★★★** Much goes on behind the scenes. Count on a radical change in plans. Work on opening doors, rather than closing them. You have the ingenuity and intelligence to get past an obstacle. Do some deep thinking. Tonight: Make some time for you. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★★★** Chase your dreams. Be direct and don't let a partner's devices throw you off. He obviously doesn't agree with you and lets you know. You have an opportunity to think through a relationship. One-to-one relating leads you down the victory path. Tonight: Where the action is. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★★** Accept responsibility and keep an eye on long-term goals. Don't sell out to a jealous or irritated partner. Your ability to concentrate comes out. You work well under pressure; be productive and get the job done. Assume a leadership role at the office. Tonight: Make a must appearance. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★★** Take an overview. Creativity emerges when you hit a major obstacle. Your ability to surmount a problem makes you a sure-fire winner. Allow more feedback from co-workers. Seek experts for answers to your questions. Take care of your health; make time for a checkup.

Tonight: Let it happen. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** You could get blocked when you least expect it. Reconsider a decision. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a partner. You instinctively know what will work. Don't shy away from the inevitable. The sooner you tackle a problem, the sooner you will resolve it. Tonight: Don't put off a talk! **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Defer to others. Are you really that surprised that a partner or roommate tests your limits? Evaluate and work toward a change. Communication guides you. Make inquiries and listen to the feedback you are getting. Tonight: Enjoy yourself with friends. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★★** Work demands attention; don't lose your focus. Concentrate and be efficient. Demonstrate your self-discipline. You get a lot done and can add to your financial structure. Don't try the same approach with collecting funds, however. Think before proceeding. Tonight: Hitched to your desk. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★★** Jump over a financial restriction. Allow your creativity to run high, but refuse to take any risks. A child or loved one might attempt to coerce you, but he does not have your best interests in mind. Express your expectations and needs, and expect a response. Tonight: Get physical. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★★** You might not intend to cause yourself trouble, but, inadvertently, you do. Reconsider, before you say something you could live to regret. Family and domestic matters need to take the highest priority. Take some time to reflect. Tonight: Think through a

problem. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Don't sabotage yourself when you are heading in the right direction. Make calls, talk to a friend and manifest dreams. You are on the route to success; only you can stop it. Keep up with your work, clear your desk. Your efficiency is tested! Tonight: Out at a favorite spot. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Emphasis is on finances and success. Don't push yourself too hard, but be aware of what others are expecting. Catch up on news, make calls and handle responsibilities. A friend could let you down where it counts. Touch base with a boss; make sure you are speaking the same language. Tonight: Treat yourself. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★★** Clearly, you know what you want and where you are going. Listen to feedback from another at a distance. Be willing to cross that boundary and take that risk. Others respond to your inquiries and curiosity. A boss makes demands and is difficult. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's answer

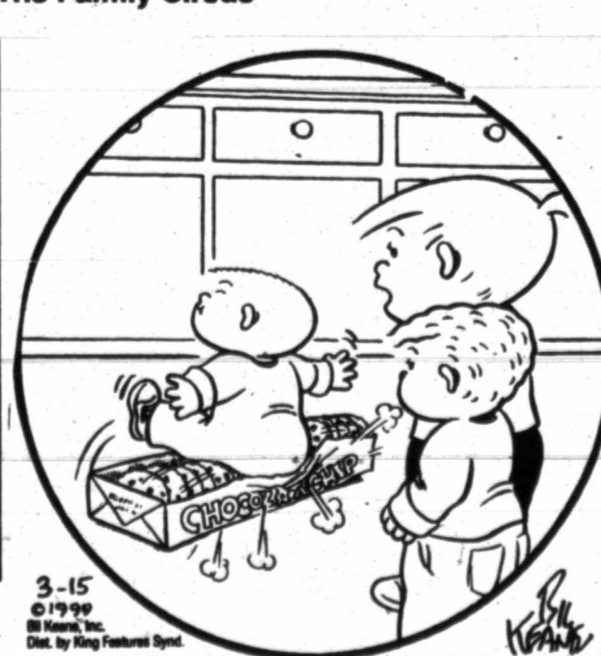
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Marmaduke



"What's man's best friend doing in man's best chair?"

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"Oh, well. That's the way the cookies crumble."

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SPORTS

Notebook TRACK

LEVELLAND — Pampa's Curtis Johnson won three events at the South Plains College Invitational. The Harvesters had 48.9 points to place eighth in the team standings.

Team standings: 1. Plainview 160; 2. Frenship 152; 3. Seminole 66; 4. Borger 65.2; 5. Hereford 58; 6. Levelland 55.4; 7. Brownfield 54; 8. Pampa 43.9; 9. Dimmitt 34.5; 10. Littlefield 16.

Pampa placings are as follows:

Long jump: Curtis Johnson, first place, 21-1.
100: Curtis Johnson, first place, 11.20.
200: Curtis Johnson, first place, 23.03.
Shot: Calvin Tucker, fourth place, 46-1 1/2.
Pole vault: Josh Taylor, sixth place, 12-0.
High jump: Bobby Holmes, fourth place, 5-10; Reece Hartman, fifth place, 5-10.

GENERAL

PAMPA — Baseball and softball coaches and managers are urged to attend tonight's meeting of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club to view a video.

The video will show ways of organizing practices and will show drills which will keep players interested while learning fundamentals.

The meeting starts at 6:30 and will be held at the Optimist Building.

PAMPA — Baseball and softball programs for youngsters 5 to 15 years of age are now available at the Pampa Kids-Youth Club. Signups will be held at the MPAC building (between the high school and baseball fields) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 20 and March 27.

For more information, call Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

The season begins May 4 and lasts through June 29.

To keep costs down, the club is accepting donated baseball and softball equipment or charitable contributions.

Call Larry Lenderman at 669-2035 or Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

Coaches and other volunteers will not have to pay fees or club dues.

AUSTIN (AP) — Five runs in the first inning was more than D.J. Jones needed in a complete-game 12-2 victory over Kansas State on Sunday. Jason Cox went 3-for-4 with a triple and four RBIs for Texas (18-7, 8-1 Big 12) while extending his hitting streak to nine games. Jeff ontveros went 3-for-5 with a double and four RBIs.

Travis Andre went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for Kansas State, and Chet Savage went 2-for-3 with one double.

Optimist softball will expand this season

By John Warner
Guest Writer

"The Optimist Girls Softball League is going to expand to three divisions this season," declared Sheri Tice, the new Commissioner for the League. "With the Pampa High School program becoming sanctioned by the U.I.L., we now have a gap for seventh and eighth grade girls which the Optimist Club will strive to fill," Tice explained. "We will offer girls 13, 14 and 15 years old the opportunity to play in a league of their own. We will continue to have the Minor League Division for girls who are 7, 8 and 9 as well as the Major League Division for girls who are 10, 11 and 12."

"Several years ago, the high

school began a softball program for girls from the seventh grade through the 12' grade," Tice recounted. "The Optimist Club did not want to be in competition with the high school, so we discontinued our Senior League Girls Softball. Now that there is no program for girls between the Optimist Little League program and high school, our Senior League will start up again to fill that need."

Tice will serve as Commissioner for the girls for the first time.

She has been a member of the Optimist Club and an Optimist softball coach for the last three years. Her husband, Randall, is beginning his 10' season of Optimist coaching. He has coached in T-ball, the Rookie League, the Minor Bambino

League, the Major Bambino League and now the Babe Ruth League.



Sheri Tice

Tice and her husband have been married for 16 years and are the parents of two children. She is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

"Softball gives the girls a chance to meet new friends and teaches them to socialize," Tice responded when asked about the benefits of girls softball. "It is good exercise and prepares them for the years ahead. They learn how to deal with winning and losing in a game as well as in life."

Tice speaks from experience. "Our family thoroughly enjoys the game of softball," Tice said. "Randell and I have both played in the City's softball league. Randell still does. It is a family thing with us. Randell has helped with Cassie's team's practices. Our

son, Randy, attends all his sister's games. Then we all go over and watch him in the Babe Ruth League. It helps families bond together."

The Optimist Club has set signups and tryouts for all three divisions of the Girls Softball League for April 6, 7 and 8 at Optimist Park. "Girls who stay in the same division normally stay on the same team as last year," Tice explained. "They need to sign up but do not need to try out because they are automatically on the same team. The girls moving up and new girls need to attend at least two of the tryout sessions."

"There is a lot of enthusiasm for our new division," Tice said. "It is going to be really fun to have the older girls playing again."

Tourney provides good look at Texas recruits

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas probably could have used two of its recruits' tournament savvy a year early.

The day after Texas was bounced from the NCAA tournament by Purdue — thanks in large part to shaky guard play — Roosevelt Brown scored a team-high 21 points in Duncanville's 78-61 victory over Dallas Kimball for the Class 5A state championship.

Another UT signee, 6-foot-7 Seminole guard Chris Ogden, scored 22 points in his team's loss in the Class 3A final to Mexia.

Brown, a 6-3 guard, scored 37 points in two games for Duncanville and Ogden had 42 points and 15 assists in the tournament for Seminole.

Now, Brown says, he's ready to take his game to the big time of the Big 12 Conference.

"I think they (Texas) could have used me. I will bring them stability and quickness to relieve pressure"

off Texas center Chris Mihm and forward Gabe Muoneke, Brown said.

But Brown wasn't the only player to step up big in the quest for the title among Texas' largest high schools.

Brown's teammate, 6-9 junior forward Brian Boddicker, scored 52 points in two games and dominated the post like no other player in the tournament. Boddicker was named the 5A championship game MVP with 20 points.

Duncanville's David Sykes, a Southwest Texas State signee, scored 33 points in the tournament and Kimball's Quinton Ross, who has signed with Southern Methodist, scored 45, including 22 against Duncanville.

Duncanville (35-3) became just the third school to win University Interscholastic League state football and basketball titles in the same academic year. Dumas (1962) and Southlake Carroll (1993) were

the others.

"To win the state title in both football and basketball is quite an accomplishment for our school and it's something that we are very proud of," said Duncanville coach Phil McNeely, who also coached Duncanville to the 1991 basketball title.

"Now it's up to our baseball team to pull off the three-peat, and we think they can do it," McNeely said.

Kimball (34-5) missed a chance for its fourth title of the decade. Kimball won state championships in 1990, 1996 and 1997.

In other tournament finals Saturday:

—In Class 4A, Kevin Risher scored 13 points and Jason Smalls added 12 as Crowley beat Port Arthur Lincoln 60-51.

Playing at a frenetic pace, Crowley pulled away by converting 15 of 17 foul shots in the fourth quarter.

Crowley (34-4) won its first state title in its first trip to the state tournament. Crowley never won a state playoff game before this season.

Rhossi Carron scored 15 for Port Arthur Lincoln (29-6), which has won seven state championships in 11 state tournament appearances since 1981.

It was the first-ever loss in a state tournament game for Lincoln coach James Gamble, who led Lincoln to four titles from 1981-88. He retired after the 1988 season, but returned this year.

Gamble now is 9-1 in state tournament games with Lincoln.

—In Class 3A, Mexia outscored Seminole 12-6 in overtime by keeping Seminole from a second shot on any of its extra period possessions to pull away for a 77-71 victory.

Sophomore Rickey Huckaby, the game MVP, led Mexia (33-5) with 25 points and Demar Chambers

added 19. Ogden led Seminole (36-4) with 22 points despite spending much of the fourth quarter on the bench in foul trouble.

—In Class 2A, A.J. Hill and Peaster's blond ambition proved to be too much for Wellington in a 66-62 victory.

Hill scored 31 points, including three free throws with 2.1 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Neil Graves scored five points in overtime for Peaster (28-7), whose entire team and coach Danny Henderson sported bleached blond hairdos for their first state tournament.

George Shrubs led Wellington (29-6) with 21 points.

—In Class 1A, Robert Tovar scored 15 points and Anthony Weaks added 14 as defending champion Moulton won its third title of the decade 54-49 over Brookeland.

Pampa JV tennis team maintains perfect mark

PAMPA — Pampa's junior varsity remained undefeated, taking first place at the Pampa 4A JV and 3A Varsity Tournament over the weekend.

The team consisted of freshman David Phillips, sophomore Matt Cook, junior Kerry Turner, freshman Jared Spearman, freshman A.J. Smith and junior Shawn Stone for the boys. The girls were freshman Ashley Stucki, sophomore Celeste Stowers, freshman Stacie Carter, junior Jennifer Muns, freshman Michelle Lee, freshman Brittany Kindle and junior Hefen Orr. Orr is a varsity player who couldn't make the trip to the Altus Tournament because of a choir conflict.

The Palo Duro varsity placed second and the Pampa JV Team Two placed third.

Finals results are as follows:
Girls singles: Noo Sadakhoun, Palo Duro, def. Helen Orr, Pampa, 4-6, 6-3, 0-6; Stacie Carter, Pampa, def.

Courtney Moreland, Pampa, 6-1, 6-1, for third place.

Girls doubles: Sivixay-Kayakone, Palo Duro, def. Celeste Stowers-Michelle Lee, Pampa, 7-6, 6-4; Reznex-Gonzales, Dumas, def. Miller-Francis, Canadian, for third place (injury default).

Boys singles: Caleb Ashley, Canadian, def. Jimmy Phansana, Palo Duro, 6-1, 6-2; A.J. Smith, Pampa, def. Jared Spearman, Pampa, 6-1, 6-1, for third place.

Boys doubles: Matt Cook-Shawn Stone, Pampa, def. Kerry Turner-David Phillips, Pampa, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Lovelace-Anderson, Canadian, def. Minick-Graham, Canadian, 6-2, 6-2, for third place.

Top seeds head for Sweet Sixteen

By The Associated Press

Miami of Ohio made it, but Miami of Florida didn't. All the top seeds advanced, but so did long-shots Southwest Missouri State, Gonzaga, Purdue and Oklahoma.

The NCAA tournament was reduced to 16 teams over the weekend, a group that includes traditional powers like Duke and Kentucky as well as five double-digit seeds — the most ever in the regional semifinals.

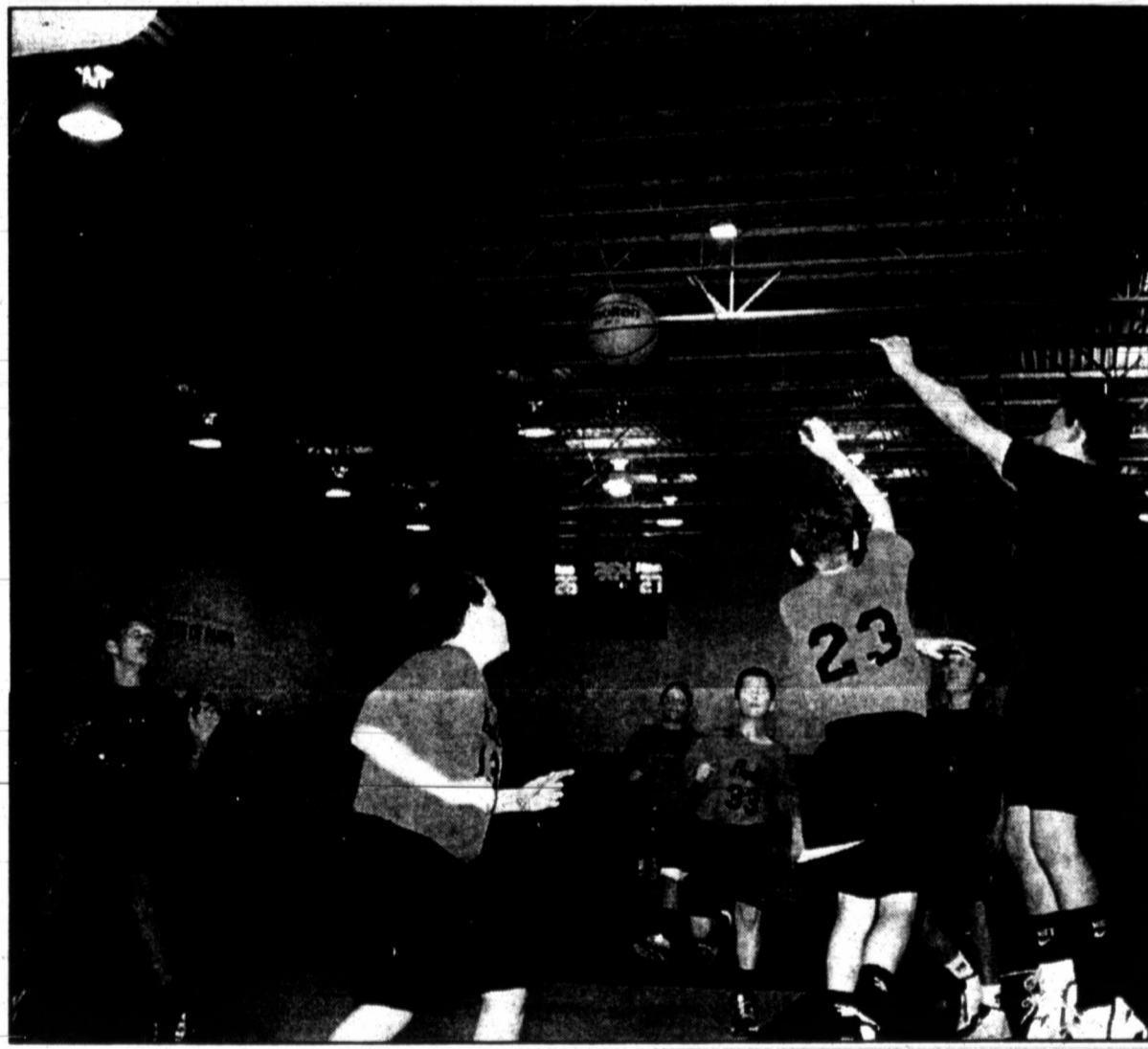
Duke, the heavy favorite to win it all, continued its impressive run Sunday with a 97-56 rout of Tulsa at the East Regional in Charlotte, N.C. William Avery scored 19 points and Elton Brand added 17 as the top-seeded Blue Devils won their 29th straight game and reached the regional semis for the 10th time under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"They are like a bunch of sharks. When they smell blood they definitely swarm to you," said Tulsa coach Bill Self.

Kentucky moved another step closer to its fourth straight NCAA title game by beating Kansas 92-88 in overtime at the Midwest Regional in New Orleans. Scott Padgett scored a career-high 29 points, including seven in overtime, as the Wildcats won their first postseason meeting with the Jayhawks.

"We weren't ready to go home," Padgett said. "We felt like we had something to defend here. I think we just willed that win."

Optimist basketball



Seth Foster of the Sonics passes to teammate Jarrod Kotara for two points in a recent Optimist City Tournament game. The Bulls defeated the Sonics 34-30 in the 5th-6th grade division.

NCAA Tournament Glance

Region	Round	Date	Location
EAST REGIONAL	Second Round	Thursday, March 18	At Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, Tenn.
	Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 19	At The Bradley Center, Milwaukee
	Regional Championship	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
	Semifinal winners	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
MIDWEST REGIONAL	Second Round	Thursday, March 18	At The Bradley Center, Milwaukee
	Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 19	At The Bradley Center, Milwaukee
	Regional Championship	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
	Semifinal winners	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
SOUTH REGIONAL	Second Round	Thursday, March 18	At The RCA Dome, Indianapolis
	Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 19	At The RCA Dome, Indianapolis
	Regional Championship	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
	Semifinal winners	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
WEST REGIONAL	Second Round	Thursday, March 18	At Trans World Dome, St. Louis
	Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 19	At Trans World Dome, St. Louis
	Regional Championship	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
	Semifinal winners	Saturday, March 20	At The Superdome, New Orleans
THE FINAL FOUR			
At Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.			
National Semifinals			
Saturday, March 27			
East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m.			
South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game			
National Championship			
Monday, March 29			
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.			

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'Pride of Pampa' Band



(Community Camera photos)

Members of the "Pride of Pampa" Band participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest recently. The contest was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Those students making first division in ensembles were: (photo at left) Jonathan Brockington, James Carter and Chance Williamson - trumpet trio. Those students making first division in ensembles were: (photo at right) Matt Dyer, Jarred Etheredge and Ricky Morehart - trumpet trio.

Texas news round up ...

Two mites responsible for nearly wiping out wild Texas honeybees

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Two parasitic mites have so decimated wild honeybee populations in Texas, researchers say their numbers now hover close to extinction.

By Texas A&M University's estimate, the state's wild honeybee population — responsible for pollinating produce and wildflowers — has fallen by 90 percent since 1985. Commercial beekeepers have seen their honeybee colonies reduced by 50 percent over the same time period.

Bees may seem pesky, but beekeeper Clint Walker of Heidenheimer says their absence would be worse.

"If you buy groceries, have a garden or like to see wildflowers, you're going to be affected by this," Walker told the Temple Daily Telegram.

The value of pollination of the cultivated crops by managed colonies of honey bees is estimated at \$487 million annually, said Dr. John Thomas, Texas Beekeepers Association executive secretary.

big time is turning into more of a job fair following industry downsizing.

Registration for South by Southwest (SXSW) is up about seven percent over last year, with up to 6,000 badge-wearers paying hundreds of dollars each to attend industry sessions and showcases at the festival, which runs from Wednesday through Sunday.

"When the hammer came down, we were expecting all these people to call and cancel because they lost their jobs, but that didn't happen," Roland Swenson, South by Southwest director, told the Austin American-Statesman. "If anything, (uncertainty) has stimulated interest in the business end of things."

That uncertainty followed what has been described as the most massive restructuring in the history of the music business. Several recording labels were lost following a mid-January downsizing by Universal Music Group.

Deep cuts to follow include an estimated 3,500 jobs and 250 acts.

Visiting cardinal on list of possible candidates to succeed John Paul II

DALLAS (AP) — A Nigerian cardinal whose

name has appeared among possible papal successors has helped bring an interdenominational perspective to a world conference on thanksgiving and gratitude.

Cardinal Francis Arinze, the pontiff's deputy for outreach to other faiths, also appeared at events outside the four-day Thanksgiving World Assembly, which brought dozens of religious leaders from other countries at the urging of a United Nations group.

After his Sunday sermon at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the Nigerian Catholic Association's local president gave Arinze a plaque, saying, "We would like to believe we are in the presence ..." then halting in mid-sentence.

Later, George Egbuniwe said he'd just been catching his breath.

But Patrick Awa, a fellow worshiper sitting near the altar, said the speech changed course because "the cardinal held up his hand and said, 'No, no, no.'"

Report: Diary describes confrontation with Indian before slaying

SAN ANTONIO (AP) A slain Texas journalist, in a diary once believed to have been missing, had described threats from an Indian tribe following his visit in Mexico, according to published reports.

Philip True, a Mexico City-based reporter for the San Antonio Express-News, described a confrontation with a man who threatened him with possible jailing for entering Huichol territory without permission, according to Newsweek magazine's March 22 issue.

"It is crucial evidence," True's widow, Martha, told the newspaper by phone from Brownsville on Sunday.

"It is Philip's thoughts about what happened,"

she said, adding that law officers had earlier told her that her husband's pocket journal, which he carried in his backpack, was missing.

Mrs. True on Thursday gave birth to the couple's only child, Philip Theodore.

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AUSTIN: Right now, fair-market value for the innermost thoughts of the self-proclaimed "most hated woman in America," is \$6,500. Unless a higher bidder comes forth, an Austin man has put in the highest bid for the diaries of missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. ... WASHINGTON: Octogenarian Charles Withers of Seguin, Texas, doesn't rank himself among Bill Clinton's biggest defenders. But when the retired industrial engineer received a solicitation to contribute to the president's legal defense fund, he whipped out his checkbook. Withers gave \$5 to the defense fund, joining more than 1,200 Texans who chipped in \$86,331 in the second half of last year to help defray Clinton's mounting legal bills. ... WACO: The state comptroller is withholding money from the Emma L. Harrison Charter School until other state agencies can determine the school's relationship to a tax-delinquent community center. Principal Roma Spivey said the state's move will put the troubled school in even deeper financial distress. ... YANTIS: Don't tell Debbie Holland until other time is the charm. The East Texas school teacher had heard how her mother-in-law was struck by lightning as a child, burning off all her hair and leaving her in a coma for weeks. Then a few years ago, her husband was hit by a bolt while tending to a dairy farm. On Thursday, Mrs. Holland became the third family member struck by lightning.

Music festival a big draw

AUSTIN (AP) — An annual music festival that draws hundreds of bands hoping for a shot at the



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Fire shuts down Everglades road

GOLDEN GATE, Fla. (AP) — Two brush fires burned 1,600 acres on Sunday, shutting down the main road across the Everglades.

The blazes damaged up to 10 houses and about 200 more structures were in danger. Residents were asked to voluntarily evacuate.

Two firefighters battling the southern Florida blaze suffered second-degree burns, said Sgt. Jeff Maturo, spokesman for the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

About an 80-mile stretch of Interstate 75 — the main road across the Florida Everglades commonly called Alligator Alley — was shut down just before 11:30 a.m., said Duty Officer William Scott of the Florida Highway Patrol in Fort Myers.

The two fires were on either side of the highway, one burning 1,300 acres, the other 300 acres.

"We do not know the cause," said Terence McElroy, spokesman for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer

Services. "We're still investigating, but we're not aware of a natural cause."

There was zero visibility in the area due to smoke, and the flames were jumping over the highway, Scott said.

"They haven't even begun to get it contained," he said. "The wind is whipping really hard."

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The common application may also be completed and submitted electronically to one or more public universities in the state. The Internet address is www.applytexas.org. The availability of an electronic version of the State of Texas Common Application adds a whole new dimension to the process of applying for university admission in Texas. Thousands of electronic applications have already been received by the state's public universities.

According to assistant director of operations Venessa McCallie, approximately 15 percent of the applications received by WTAMU this year have been common applications.

More information or an application can be obtained at the WTAMU website at www.wtamu.edu.

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