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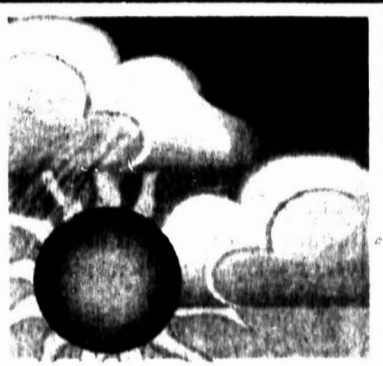
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**CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)**  
— A Nueces County woman will be forced to stay in a disease control center for as long as a half-year after refusing treatment for a severe case of tuberculosis.

A district court jury decided Monday that the unnamed woman is infectious and may be a threat to herself or others because she refused or failed to follow orders given by the Nueces County Health District.

Her condition is likely to continue for at least 90 days. Judge Mike Westergren quarantined the woman for as long as six months.

Last month, the woman accepted treatment but later left a health care facility against doctor's orders. She continued to visit public places, also against her doctors' wishes.

The woman's attorney, Fran Willms, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that her client now wants treatment. But health department officials still pursued the court order in case she changed her mind.

The woman currently is being treated at a disease control center, where she has been for about 30 days, Willms said.

It has been about seven years since anyone in Nueces County has been forced into quarantine, county officials said.

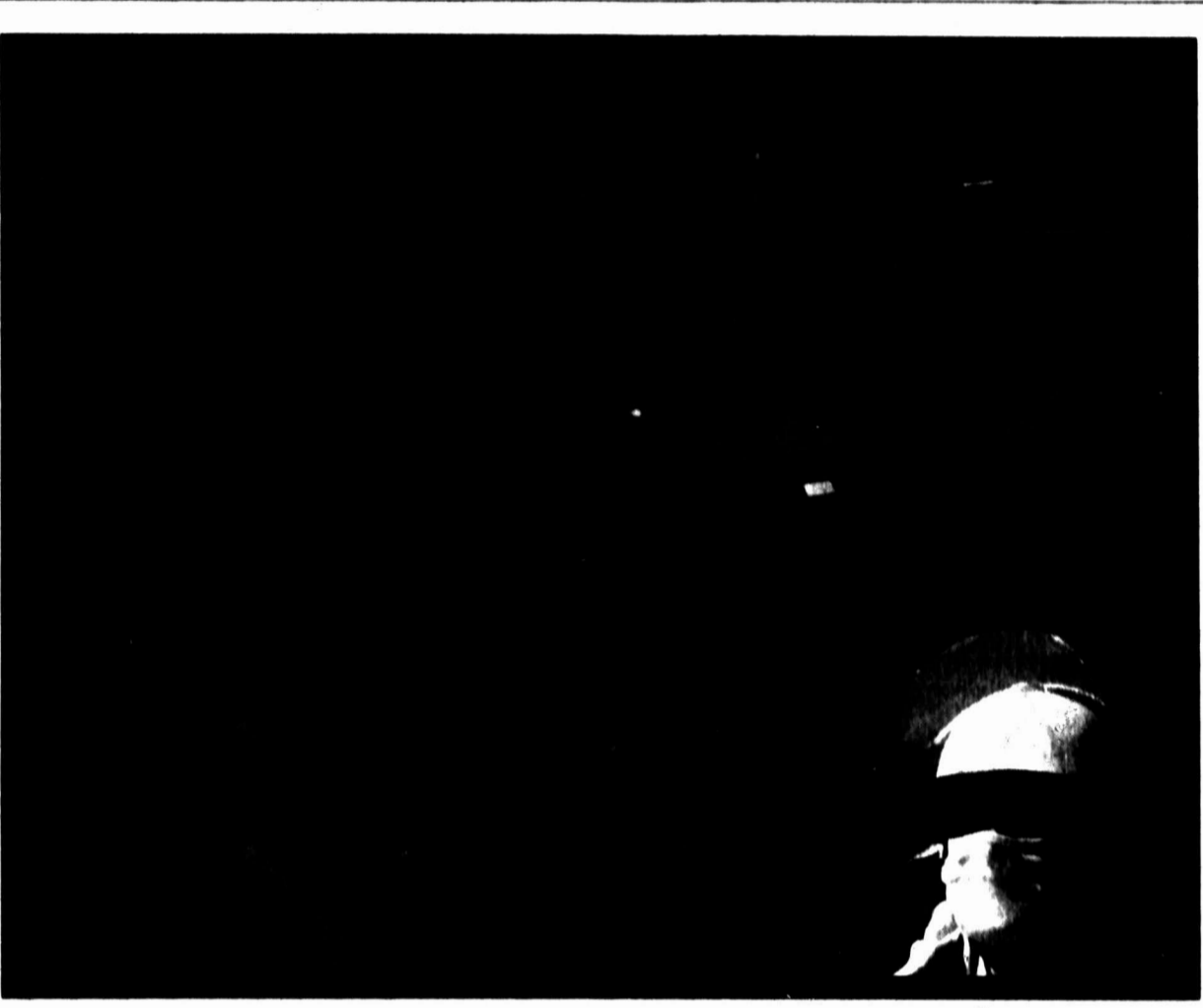
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A volunteer fire company sprays smoldering embers at an abandoned farmstead near the intersection of county roads M and 5 Tuesday afternoon. Flames, fanned by 50 mph winds, blackened some 2,000 acres southwest of Pampa. In inset, Gary Larkin, protected from sun, smoke and blowing dust, stands atop a Skellytown rig waiting for the pumper's water tanks to be refilled from a tanker at a staging area near Gray County Roads M and 5.

## Fire chief urges caution in wake of latest blaze

### County Commission expected to impose burn ban next week

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell urged local and county residents today to be extremely cautious due to the imminent fire danger in Pampa and Gray County.

Approximately 2,000 acres of prairie was blackened Tuesday in a grass fire which spread rapidly near the Celanese Plant southeast of Pampa.

A county-wide burn ban is expected to be enacted by the Gray County Commissioners Monday when they meet in a special meeting at 2 p.m. Monday in the meeting room of the Gray County Sheriff's office. The extreme fire danger conditions in Gray County dictates commissioner court action, said County Judge Richard Peet. The meeting would be held sooner, said Peet, but two commissioners will be out of town and not able to make a meeting until Monday. Peet said he felt it very important all four commissioners be at the meeting to deliver input and report on each precinct.

Peet said he is working on an agreement with the City of Pampa to allow residents living out in the county to take their household trash to the city landfill for disposal without charge in the (See FIRE, Page 2)

## Man guilty on 'meth' charge

A 31-year-old man pleaded guilty today to charges of possession of a controlled substance. He still faces parole violation charges in Ochiltree County.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 31, 1809 Coffee, pleaded guilty today in 31st District Court to charges of possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Larry Pulliam said he noticed a motorcycle rider weaving in and out of traffic shortly before 3 p.m., Aug. 12, on U.S. 60. Pulliam said the motorcycle turned north on Price Road at about 90 mph.

While Pulliam was trying to stop the motorcycle, he said, the motorcycle rider hit a curb and was thrown from the bike.

Witnesses said the rider, identified as Honeycutt, slipped something into the tail pipe of the motorcycle after it crashed while officers weren't looking.

Officers said they found a small plastic bag with a white powder in the tail pipe.

Judge Steve Emmert sentenced Honeycutt to 180 days in Gray County jail with credit for time served.

Authorities said Honeycutt still faces parole violation charges with regard to a burglary conviction in Perryton.

## Thornberry for Endangered Species Act reform

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON -- According to Pampa's Congressman, the House Resources Committee is scheduled to hold hearings today on the Endangered Species Act.

The House Resources Committee has held 25 hearings on Endangered Species Act reform since 1995. Another one is planned for today on Capitol Hill.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry of the 13th Congressional District, which includes Pampa, is a member of the committee which has jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act.

"The Endangered Species Act is a classic example of good intentions gone astray," Thornberry said. "It's also an example of how the federal government

has crossed the line between responsible conservation and overzealous regulation."

He said no one wants to see bald eagles become extinct as the law was originally intended to prevent, but with the recent debate over prairie dogs, Thornberry has announced his support of legislation that would reform the Endangered Species Act.

"The federal government has lost its sense of balance between preserving endangered species and protecting the rights of law-abiding American citizens," Thornberry said.

Thornberry is supporting a bill, entitled The Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act (HR 3160).

"This bill will help restore that sense of balance and, in the process, put some common sense back into the law,"

Thornberry said.

The Texas Panhandle congressman said the proposed legislation would return more authority for wildlife protection back to the states, require any listing of an endangered species to be based on sound science, give private property owners a greater voice in the listing process and put the emphasis on species recovery, not just species listing.

Under the Constitution, Thornberry says, the states have always had primary responsibility for the protection of wildlife and plants within their borders.

"This bill recognizes the importance of state involvement in this area by restoring to them a more cooperative role in protecting species," Thornberry says.

He says that too often the federal government has rushed to list a species as endangered only to later find that the sci-

entific information used for the listing was incorrect.

"This bill will help put an end to this by, among other things, requiring the use of peer reviewed science to support any listing," Thornberry says.

HR 3160, he says, will help ensure that the people most affected by the Endangered Species Act are aware of what the federal government may be proposing in the area and are able to participate more fully in any action involving the listing or delisting of a species.

Thornberry says there are 1,197 species listed as endangered or threatened. Yet, he says, none of those species have been recovered due to actions taken under the Endangered Species Act.

"This bill will make sure that more resources are devoted to the recovery and delisting of species," Thornberry says.

## Taylor Mart robber sought Man may have had gun

By KEITH ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

Taylor Mart clerk Joyce Thornton was back on the job today — no small thing given the fact she was robbed at the store at 400 N. Ballard last night.

It all happened when a black man in a light gray hooded sweatshirt and faded jeans entered the convenience store and said, "This is a robbery, and I have a gun. Put all your money in a sack."

Thornton, 58, said the man had his right hand in his pocket like he was holding a gun. She filled a paper sack with around \$60. She said the man mumbled something, and grabbed the sack from her. He left the store on foot.

"I watched him walk north around the building, then I locked the doors and called the police and my manager," Thornton said.

"I had been robbed before in Houston. It was a whole lot easier this time," Thornton said.

That's not to say she wasn't afraid, though.

"I was nervous. I was shaking and turned white. When the police got here I felt better, but I'm still queasy to my stomach," Thornton said. Thornton said she was scheduled to work today but added, though, that her manager is working tonight.

The robber is described as a black male between the ages of 17 to 22. He was about 5'10" in height, and he was estimated to weigh about 140 pounds.

"He was clean-shaven, and light-skinned. He was soft-spoken. He looked like a kid, to me," Thornton said.

Pampa Police Department Lt. Terry Young said officers have no suspects and are still investigating the incident.

"We would encourage anyone with any information to call Pampa Police Department or CrimeStoppers," Young said. CrimeStoppers is 806-669-2222.

## Prison guard among those judge arraigns

A part time prison guard was arraigned Tuesday in 31st District Court on charges of aggravated assault.

Wayne Leon Woodward, 36, 706 N. Zimmers, pleaded not guilty before Judge Steven Emmert today to an indictment charging Woodward with aggravated assault in connection with an August fight in which a 16-year-old youth suffered head injuries when a beer bottle was broken over his head.

Pampa attorney Rick Harris was appointed to represent Woodward.

Cheryl Renea Foster, 31, Lefors, and Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 37, 1000 Huff Road, pleaded not guilty today in 31st District Court to charges of aggravated robbery.

Foster and Dorsey were charged in connection with the robbery of a disabled Kansas man around New Year's.

The 65-year-old Kansas man was beaten and robbed in the 1000 block of Huff Road. He told police that about \$600 was taken from him.

Gilbert Julio Chavez, 23, Las Vegas, N.M., pleaded not guilty to attempted capital murder, escape and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in connection with a high speed chase down Interstate 40 on Feb. 13. Two officers were injured as they arrested Chavez.

(See ARRAIGNMENTS, Page 2)

## Burglar gets probation

A 30-year-old welder pleaded guilty to burglary today in 31st District Court in return for a probated sentence.

Kevin Todd Howe, 30, Lefors, waived a grand jury presentation and pleaded guilty to an information accusing him of burglary of a habitation. Judge Steve Emmert sentenced Howe to a five-year probated sentence, including successful completion of treatment in a substance abuse program. Howe also was ordered to pay \$1700 restitution.

Authorities said several guns were taken in the burglary of the residence, but they were returned.



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**'EIEI Oops!'**



Second grade students at Travis Elementary recently performed the program "EIEI Oops!." Above: (Top) 'Cute Chicks' Kayla Taylor, Rachel Heuston, Kristin Bivins, Treva Miller, Chelsea Waldrop, Clarise Espe Santo, Kara Stephens, Riley Woodruff, Allyson Ramey, Shelbi Gross and Janet Barraza; (middle) Bradley Miranda, Kallie Marek, Craig Conner, Mikala Furgason, Bria Hendricks, Dawn Harkins, Robin Fernuik, Kelsey Scates, Garret Coutts; (bottom) "ducks" Gabriel Rodriguez, Hallie O'Loughlin, Hanna Lane, Joseph Neigisch, Shealeigh Lambricht, Dillon Pierce, Bo Likes, Kristen Herman, Ryan Watson.

**West Texas A&M graduate students to survey neighbors of Pantex plant**

CANYON — Graduate students from West Texas A&M University have begun surveying neighbors of Pantex to find out their views about the nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant.

Students interested in the project submitted a resume and cover letter and went through an interview process with both Dr. James Hallmark, facilitator for the Pantex Plant Citizens Advisory Board and professor of speech communication, and Jenifer Kunz, facilitator for the PPCAB and associate professor of sociology.

Six students, who are not associated with Pantex or the Department of Energy, were chosen to meet the expectations of the project.

"I feel like the students chosen were very qualified for the positions," Hallmark said. "Five of them would like to be professors in the future and this is a great opportunity to get experience."

According to Hallmark, the role of the students is not to provide information, but to gather information, stories and perceptions of Pantex neighbors.

"I think the public is kind of hesitant because the PPCAB has never conducted a project like this," Kunz said. "But once they realize that our purpose is to serve them better, I think they will be less reluctant."

Letters were sent out to hundreds of people living near the plant, and only a few have declined interviews.

"I have interviewed about 20-25 people," Mitzi McClelland, a graduate student from Pampa, said. "The people have either been really for it or really against it, but everyone has been really helpful."

The PPCAB is conducting the survey of all residents living within 10 miles of Pantex and seeks to interview at least one member of each household within five miles of the weapons plant. The board also seeks to collect information from people living in the city of Panhandle.

The survey includes a questionnaire that asks about Pantex and the respondent's views. Answers to the questions will be kept confidential unless a responder specifically requests otherwise.

Questions ask about general experiences and attitudes toward the plant; perceptions about health, safety and environmental issues relevant to Pantex; trust and confidence in various groups/agencies; and emergency response procedures.

"I think this is going to be an advantage for Pantex and allow valuable information to surface," McClelland said.

The students will present all the research to the PPCAB by summer, then the board will decide what to do with the information, Kunz said.

Hallmark said the research project will also be presented at a national convention in November in Seattle.

"I think that it is a good idea to go nationally because this project shows real concerns and real fears of people," Hallmark said.

**Calendar of events**

**TOASTMASTERS**  
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

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

**CLARENDON COLLEGE**  
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

**LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

**HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION**  
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**DEDICATION CEREMONY**  
Dedication ceremonies for M.K. Brown Academic Center will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1607 W. Kentucky. Tours of the building are planned during the open house. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**  
Lamar Elementary School will hold a Flag Raising Ceremony at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 9 to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**BROWN BAG LECTURES**  
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

**TEXAS CIVIL JUSTICE LEAGUE**  
Texas Civil Justice League is offering voters an Internet source for candidates for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and 15 Court of Appeals districts across the state. TCJL will post information on its website — <http://www.texasjudges.org>. — about judicial candidates for appellate court benches including background and qualifications for the bench. The information will be non-partisan and is presented for the sole purpose of educating voters about the candidates.

**POWER WHEELCHAIRS**  
Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit [www.durablemedical.com](http://www.durablemedical.com) on the World Wide Web.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**  
International Library of Photography is sponsoring the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline for entries is March 31. The contest is open to everyone and there is no entry fee. Participants are invited to send one 8 x 10 or smaller color or black-and-white print (unmounted), in only one of the following categories: People, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture or other. Send entries to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9007, 3600 Crowland Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

**MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT**  
Officials of the 2000 Mrs. Texas United States Pageant are seeking applicants for the competition to be held in April at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to Mrs. United States to be held in July at Las Vegas. Contestants must be married, a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Judging will be based on personal interview, evening gown presentation and swimsuit. For more information, write JDY Productions, 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224 or call (214) 339-4788.

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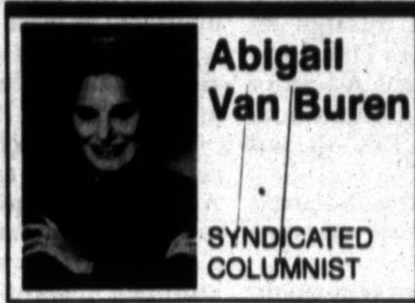
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# All Hands in Hospitals Should Be Kept Clean

**DEAR ABBY:** When my father was in the hospital for cancer treatment (surgery and chemotherapy), a doctor examined my father's surgical wound without first washing his hands. When I asked the doctor to please wash his hands, he appeared angry. After that incident, my mother was afraid to ask anyone to wash his or her hands before attending to my father, because she wanted them to be nice to him. We were at their mercy.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I have seen doctors, nurses, technicians and other hospital personnel come into a patient's room and either not wash their hands, or simply run water over their hands before attending to a patient. I have also seen some people come into a patient's room with a cold.

In an article in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* (Jan. 19, 1999), a study showed that not only do health-care workers wash their hands less frequently than they should, but they do not wash them for even 10 seconds — even though most protocols require 30 seconds of hand-washing. Studies have shown that washing hands for less than 10 to 15 seconds has limited effectiveness. Hands must be washed before putting on gloves, for just putting on gloves does not protect patients well enough.

An article in *The New York Times* (Nov. 9, 1999) reported that a study at Duke University found that only 17 percent of physicians treating patients in intensive care units washed their hands appropri-

ately. The *Times* went on to report that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 percent of the people admitted to hospitals, about 1.8 million patients a year, will pick up an infection there, and 20,000 of them will die as a direct result. By contrast, 17,171 Americans died of AIDS in 1998. Hospital-acquired infections will contribute to the deaths of 70,000 more people.

Abby, this is a serious problem. Please help patients and their families speak up when they see a health-care worker failing to wash his or her hands properly. Also, please urge doctors, nurses and other health-care workers to do the right thing and wash their hands with soap for 30 seconds before touching a patient.

DAUGHTER OF A PATIENT

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Your letter is shocking, and I'm pleased to help spread the message. The Mayo Clinic, the world-renowned medical mecca in Minnesota, has sponsored

"Infection Awareness Week" programs. Perhaps it's time other hospitals followed suit. Part of the campaign included prominently displaying posters along the corridors of the Mayo hospital complex that depicted a pair of hands under the terse message: "The 10 Most Common Causes of Infection."

Doctors, nurses and other employees of the Mayo Clinic were reminded to wash their hands frequently by other posters bearing a catchy slogan: "A milligram of hand-washing is worth a kilogram of antibiotics."

I urge anyone who encounters a medical professional who fails to adhere to recommended hygiene practices to speak up about it and to report it to the hospital administrator in writing. I am told that instead of hand-washing, some institutions use alcohol-based hand rubs and gels containing softeners that remove bacteria and are less irritating or drying to the hands.

Proper hygienic practices are an essential part of high-quality medical care. No one should settle for less.

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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000

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)

\*\*\*\* Snap your fingers and help turn a friend's aspirations into realities. Brainstorm to find different ways of financing a project. Sometimes we all place obstacles in our own paths; avoid this pattern. Talk about dreams. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Assume responsibility and take charge of a project. Your focus, direction and long-term planning help others succeed. A boss trusts your work and ideas. Don't push too hard for clarity while another is in a "creative place." Tonight: Take your bows.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for another. Follow a hunch. Use break time to search the Web for a CD, or hop out to the music store during your lunch break. Relax your mind. Don't be so hard or critical about your workplace or boss. You might be overly tired. Tonight: Think vacation.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* A partner clearly supports you by lending ideas, and in any other way possible. Aim for what you want. Network. Be careful with a friend or loved one who could feel threatened by

your reaching out for others. Be open to work changes. Tonight: Relax with a pal. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Let others express their reluctance about a key money partnership. You might not always be comfortable with their ideas. You could be overwhelmed by news. You are inspired. Don't push a child or loved one so hard. Tonight: Observe a power struggle, but don't play.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Get into work. Be willing to explore alternatives with others. Sometimes you have a hard time letting go of the tried and true. Creativity comes out when you're doing what you love. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Easy does it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Allow more mirth and fun into your life, even if an associate or partner is difficult or hard on you. Trying to be logical and nurturing another might not work. Let your imagination have freer reign. Do reality checks with a child or loved one. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You are coming from a logical place. Tension builds in dealings with others. A tendency to mix personal and business matters could confuse another. You are full of wild ideas, even though you might not actually want to play them out. Tonight: Home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for others. Listen to your imagination, stay open and do a good job of listening. Doors open; new opportunities greet you. Your work drags you down. Eliminate what is unnecessary. Work on efficiency. Pressure builds

at home. You can't be everywhere at once. Tonight: Talk up a storm. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* No one can create a budget the way you can. Right now is a great time to eliminate excess spending and cut back on risks. You might not be totally comfortable with what is going on, but stay with it. Don't get discouraged. Tonight: Review finances one more time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Beam in more of what you want. Charisma and personality work for you. You might not be sure of a personal matter; let it go for now. A friend proves to be challenging; he or she has a different idea about what constitutes fun. Tonight: Slow down some.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Step back, especially if you are unsure of what to say or how to express yourself. Discomfort is normal, but pressure at work adds to the confusion. Do little, while thinking a lot. The answers will be forthcoming. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Loser of a famous race

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16 Effervescent quality

17 Family member

19 Party staple

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24 Colander's kin

26 Way to go

27 Battle reminder

28 Arm bones

30 Unfilled

31 Cribbage need

32 Powerful chess piece

34 Unadulterated

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38 "Hogan's Heroes" setting

41 Music's Hendrix

42 Pal of Pooh and Piglet

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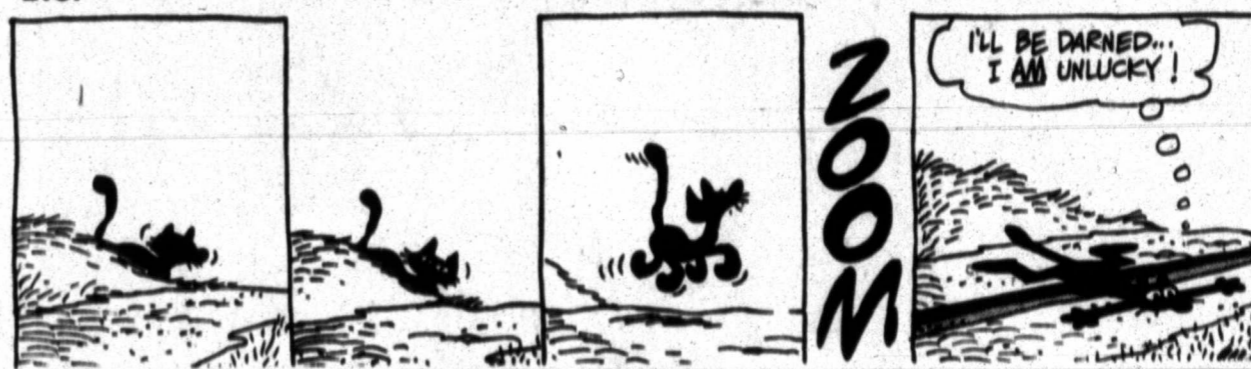
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## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Mallard Filmore



# SPORTS

## New argument in NCAA racial lawsuit

### Notebook

**BASEBALL**  
**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Sparky Anderson, the only manager to win World Series titles in both leagues, was elected into the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee. The former Cincinnati and Detroit manager, third on baseball's career win list, was elected in his first of eligibility. Anderson announced he would wear a Red Sox cap for his plaque. Negro League outfielder Turkey Stearnes and 19th century infielder Bid McPhee were also selected for enshrinement, though for the first time since 1993, the committee did not choose any former big leaguer.

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)** — Chicago White Sox catcher Brook Fordyce broke a bone in his left foot during an intrasquad game and is expected to be sidelined 4-6 weeks. Fordyce said he felt a bone on the top of his foot crack when he tried running from first base to second on a pitch in the dirt.

**PEORIA, Ariz. (AP)** — Tom Lampkin, the Seattle Mariners' backup catcher, will have arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee and be sidelined for 4-6 weeks.

**BASKETBALL**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Erick Barkley of St. John's was declared ineligible by the NCAA, the second time this season the sophomore guard missed games because of rules violations.

St. John's, in a statement released at halftime of the Red Storm's game against Seton Hall in which Barkley did not play, said it had notified the NCAA during the morning that its investigation into possible rules violations concerning financial aid he received while a student at Maine Central Institute in the 1997-98 academic year concluded there was no violation.

The NCAA responded in the afternoon that it judged there had been a violation and informed St. John's to declare Barkley ineligible.

**OLYMPICS**  
**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The Utah Legislature agreed to give up \$13 million in Olympic sales tax in exchange for Salt Lake City's word that the state won't be liable for any municipal costs related to the games.

Leaders in cities with Olympic venues have expressed concern about municipal costs related to the 2002 Winter Games, such as plowing roads, increased law enforcement and transportation costs.

**FOOTBALL**  
**ATLANTA (AP)** — One of Ray Lewis' co-defendants is requesting a separate trial in the killings of two men outside an Atlanta nightclub.

The lawyer for Reginald Oakley, 31, also requested that his client be allowed separate trials for the murder and assault charges he faces in the Jan. 31 deaths.

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Orlando Brown won't have to sit out any more games for shoving a referee. The Cleveland Browns announced that the NFL decided that their right tackle had been punished enough for forcefully pushing Jeff Triplette to the ground in a game against Jacksonville last Dec. 19. As result, Brown's suspension was being lifted today.

Brown served a two-week suspension and lost more than \$49,000 in salary. If he had been suspended for part of the 2000 season Brown could have lost \$125,000 per game, based on his \$2.1 million salary for the upcoming season.

**BOXING**  
**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Riddick Bowe was sentenced to 30 days in prison for kidnapping his wife and five children and ordered to get treatment for his boxing brain injuries.

Judge Graham Mullen said the damage from the blows to the head persuaded him to be lenient. Before the judge imposed the sentence, the 32-year-old former heavyweight champion apologized.

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — The four black student-athletes who sued the NCAA and lost are going back to court. Their lawyers are armed with new arguments they believe will win their racial discrimination case regarding the use of test scores to determine eligibility.

"There's more than one way to prove discrimination," plaintiffs lawyer Andre Dennis said Tuesday. "This time, we're confident we can prove that the NCAA has impermissibly used race as a discriminatory factor and has acted with deliberate indifference by continuing to maintain Proposition 16."

Instead of taking their appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, as many expected, the plaintiffs lawyers filed a motion to amend their complaint in an attempt to correct flaws in their 1/2 Umt cited by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In December, the three-judge appeals

panel overturned a lower court's decision in Cureton vs. National Collegiate Athletic Association. The lower court struck down the test score component of Proposition 16 — a rule setting minimum standardized test scores for 3/4 of George Washington University in D.C. that since the NCAA

did not directly receive federal funding, it cannot be sued for "disparate impact" discrimination under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The law forbids discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs that directly receive federal funds.

Rather than arguing the case as a "disparate impact" claim, the plaintiffs attorneys want to resubmit their claim using a new legal argument of "purposeful discrimination." They contend that 1/4 of the latter charge can be brought against orga-

nizations that indirectly receive federal funding — such as the NCAA.

The appeals court never addressed the merits of the lower court's decision that the NCAA's use of standardized test scores discriminates against minority athletes.

The NCAA standards were challenged by four black athletes who contended they were denied athletic scholarships or sports eligibility because they did not score the minimum on the Scholastic Assessment Test or American College Test.

Proposition 16 requires minimum scores of 820 on the SAT or 16 on the ACT, a core group of high school courses and a minimum grade-point average in that core for freshmen in the NCAA's 302 Division I schools.

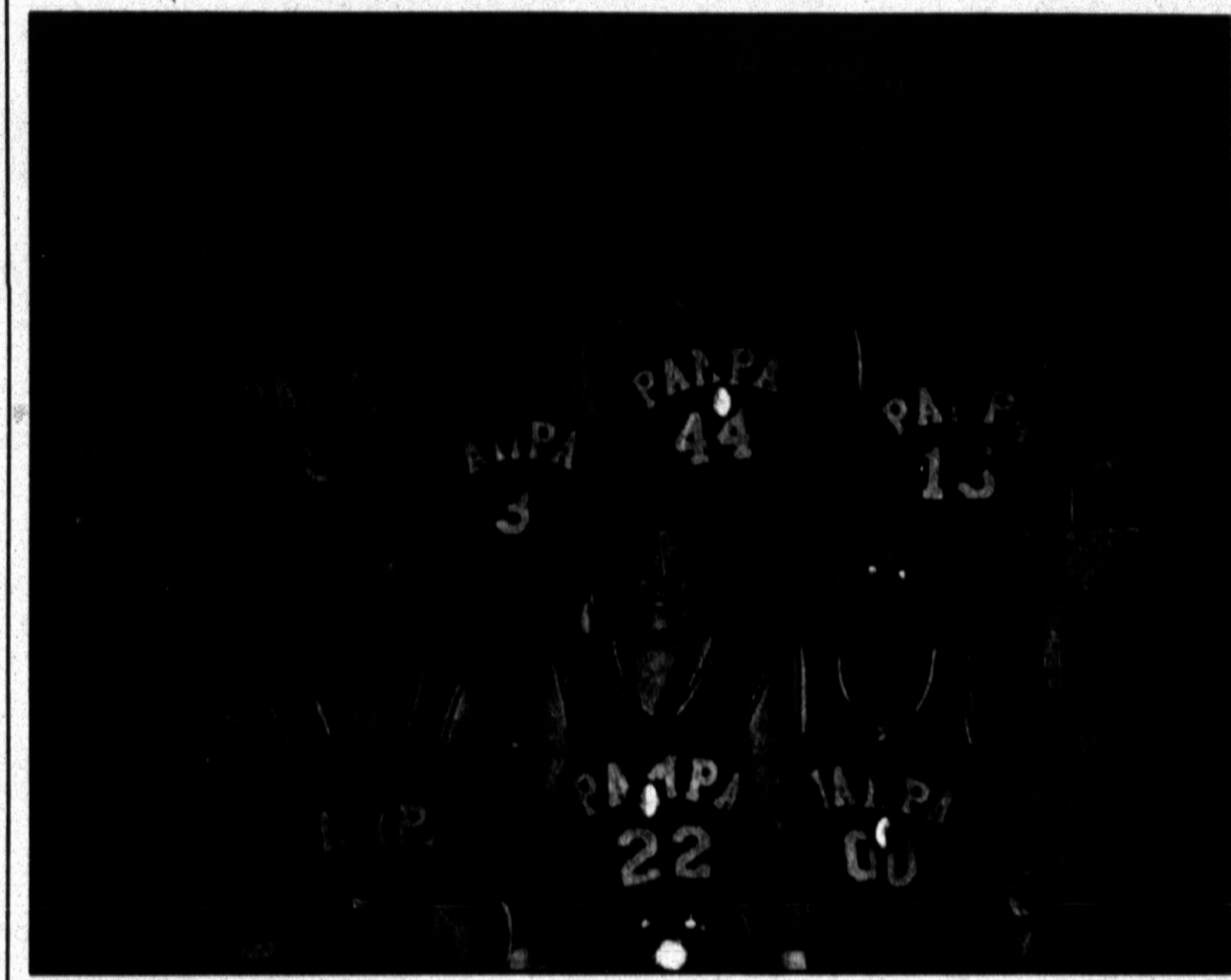
The amended complaint seeks an injunction prohibiting the NCAA from

using a cutoff score requirement and allowing all affected student-athletes to regain their last year of athletic eligibility.

"What the NCAA has done up to this point is to have the case decided in its favor on a technicality," Dennis said. "It is our position that the NCAA has a flawed rule that is discriminatory ... which means we will continue to press for the change of that rule."

NCAA officials did not return a call seeking comment Tuesday. In a statement released Monday, NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro rejected the plaintiffs' claims.

"There are more than 330,000 athletes involved in NCAA competition. There is no intentional discrimination by this association with regard to any of them," Renfro said. "For the plaintiffs to introduce this argument at this late hour is certainly a questionable move."



The Pampa Academy Lady Pacers were crowned T-CAL 1A champs at Galveston recently. Above: front row, Shay Chapman, Kellie Mullican, Rainy Hopson; second row, Kendra Raber, Heather Parry, Erin Raber, Courtney Echols; third row, Coaches Craig Raber and Mike Sublett.

## State Champs! Lady Pacers win T-CAL 1A state basketball championship

The Lady Pacers of Pampa Academy were crowned the T-CAL 1A State Champions last weekend in Galveston. The three-day event brought the top 10 teams from the five different regions in the state together for a single elimination tournament. After placing second in regional play, the Lady Pacers had to win three games before reaching the finals on Saturday.

The first game on Thursday matched the Pacers against Heritage Family School of Fredericksburg. The Pampa team dominated from the onset with a half-court trap that frustrated the opposition and won the game by a score of 43 to 20. Erin and Kendra Raber led the scoring with 16 and 12 points respectively. Rainy Hopson had 8, Kellie Mullican put in 5, and Courtney Echols had a basket.

In their second game on Thursday afternoon, Pampa met the number 1 ranked Hillsboro Gospel Center Christian Academy. The very physical Lady Eagles were also frustrated by the half-court press and were held to only 2-points in the first quarter. The Lady Pacers went on to win the game 48 to 15, but suffered an injury loss when Rainy Hopson injured her ankle in the last quarter. Erin Raber again led the scoring with 30 points and 12 rebounds, followed by Rainy Hopson with 8, Kendra Raber with 7, and Kellie Mullican with 3.

On Friday, the Lady Pacers had to play without their senior, Rainy Hopson. They met a very tall Conroe Calvary Baptist team. Although they never led by more than 5-points during the

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game, the Lady Pacers kept their composure with only 12 turnovers and won by 2-points with the score 32 to 30. Erin Raber led the scoring from the inside with 19 points. Kendra Raber had 9 points, shooting 83 percent from the free throw line. Shay Chapman and Mullican each had a basket.

In the Championship game on Saturday, the Lady Pacers met Midland Classical Academy. The Pacers effectively controlled the tempo of the game and consistently broke the Midland press to allow only four points on fast breaks. Mullican hit two 3-pointers and a long two in the third period to add to the Midland team's frustration. Erin Raber led the scoring with 23 points, and Rainy Hopson, playing on an injured ankle, scored 11 along with Mullican. Kendra Raber had seven to finish the Pacer scoring and give the Pampa team a 52-36 victory.

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### America's Cup

**AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)** — Another dominating performance by skipper Russell Coutts and Black Magic left New Zealand at the cusp of America's Cup history today. Black Magic sailed off to a 4-0 lead in the best-of-9 series that resumed after two straight postponements due to lack of wind.

As if the veteran sailors aboard the untouchable Black Magic needed any outside help, they watched as the Italian vessel Luna Rossa gave away the lead by making a colossal tactical blunder.

New Zealand, which won by 1 minute, 49 seconds, can wrap up the series Thursday and become the first country other than the United States to defend the oldest trophy in sports.

### Tennis

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** — Anna Kournikova needed only 45 minutes to beat Alina Jidkova 6-2, 6-1 and advance to the second round of the State Farm

### Women's Tennis Classic

In other first round matches, Nathalie Dechy defeated fifth-seeded Conchita Martinez 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and No. 7 seed Sandrine Testud rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Dominique Van Roost. No. 8 Barbara Schett

**DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — Patrick Rafter, in his first singles match in six months, played through shoulder pain to beat Hernan Gummy 6-2, 7-6 (5) in the first round of the Citrix Tennis Championships. Justin Gimelstob, Chris Woodruff, Stephan Koubek, Alex Calatrava and Xavier Malisse also advanced.

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — Marcelo Rios got off to a slow start and was upset 6-4, 7-6 (3) by Bohdan Ulihrach in the first round of the Chevrolet Cup.

Nicolas Pietrangeli advanced when Fernando Meligeni withdrew because of a leg injury when trailing 7-6 (4), 1-0. Albert Portas, Guillermo Canas, Gaston Gaudio, and Bulgaria's Orin Stanoychev also advanced.

## Cowboys looking to replace Sanders at cornerback spot

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys are focusing on the cornerback position this week, interviewing a couple of free agents in advance of All-Pro Deion Sanders' departure.

Free agent cornerback Ryan McNeil, who led the National Football League with nine interceptions in 1997, was interviewed Tuesday. Phillippi Sparks, another free agent cornerback, gets his turn today.

"I would hope that we can make a decision and get something worked out," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

McNeil of Miami, who appears to be the Cowboys' top choice, was persuaded by the team to remain in Dallas Tuesday night instead of returning home. He spent Tuesday discussing his role and how he fits into the Cowboys' defensive scheme with Jones, vice president Stephen

Jones, coach Dave Campo and defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer.

The Cowboys were expected to offer McNeil a contract today. The six-year veteran started for the Cleveland Browns last season.

Sparks, an eight-year veteran and full-time starter with the New York Giants, arrived in Dallas at 5 p.m. Tuesday. He was scheduled to meet with Cowboys' management and coaches today.

Jones said other cornerbacks could be invited to the team's Valley Ranch headquarters along with "three or four quarterbacks" from which one will be signed to replace Jason Garrett as Troy Aikman's backup.

The Cowboys will likely not pay \$12.7 million to keep Sanders, who has publicly indicated his days in Dallas are over.

## Lakers 90, Trail Blazers 87

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — The Los Angeles Lakers earned more than just a victory. They gained momentum, respect and undisputed possession of the league's best record.

Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points and Kobe Bryant added 22 Tuesday night as the Lakers defeated the Blazers 90-87 in a riveting battle between the NBA's two finest teams.

The Lakers won their 12th straight game and snapped the Blazers' 11-game streak. Portland also had won 16 straight at home.

Scottie Pippen had 19 points to lead the Blazers, who couldn't get anything going after Pippen's 3-pointer put Portland ahead 85-84 with 3:07 to go.

It was the first time in NBA history that two teams with at least an 11-game winning streak had faced each other, and the game lived up to its billing right to the end.

The Lakers led by as many as 11 early in the fourth quarter, but a 3-pointer by Greg Anthony tied it at 80-all with 4:46 to play, and Pippen's 3-pointer from 27 feet away gave the Blazers the lead.


Both teams sputtered for the next few minutes, but the Lakers inched ahead on two free throws by Kobe Bryant and another by Ron Harper to make it 87-85 with 34.3 seconds left.

After Damon Stoudamire missed an 18-foot jumper, O'Neal was quickly fouled and made one of two for an 88-85 lead. Pippen rushed another long 3-pointer, and Steve Smith's shot off a long offensive rebound was nowhere close.

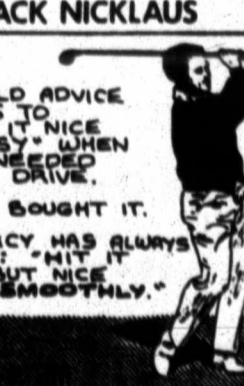
Portland got a meaningless layup from Arvydas Sabonis to end the game.


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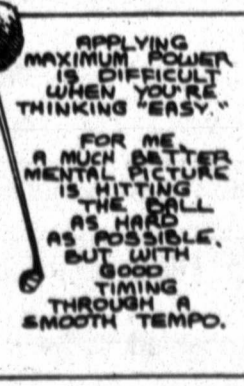
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# Bush, McCain turn campaign efforts to Super Tuesday

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain turned their Republican hostilities toward the main event — Super Tuesday — after the Texas governor won a three-state parlay to recapture the

lead in the struggle for the GOP presidential nomination. They traded accusations of divisive, low-road campaigning, and posted rival victory forecasts for the climactic tests ahead.

Saying he's "not going to rest" yet, Bush told ABC's "Good Morning America" that candi-

dates like McCain who use name-calling and accusations "get hurt at the polls."

Vice President Al Gore rebuffed Bill Bradley's last-chance bid for headway in his faltering challenge before Democratic contests in 15 states next Tuesday that could decide who wins that nomination. Gore won overwhelmingly in Washington state's primary, gaining no delegates but denying his rival any basis on which to claim a boost in the next round.

"This is really a sweet, sweet victory," Gore said in a conference call to his Washington supporters. "We climbed another mountain tonight."

Bush outdistanced McCain in Virginia's Republican primary and captured the North Dakota caucuses by a landslide. He won the Republican primary in Washington state, where McCain gained his only success by leading separate balloting among voters affiliated with neither political party.

— In Virginia, with all of the precincts reporting, Bush had 350,185 votes, or 53 percent, and McCain had 290,779, or 44 percent. Alan Keyes had 20,294 votes, or 3 percent.

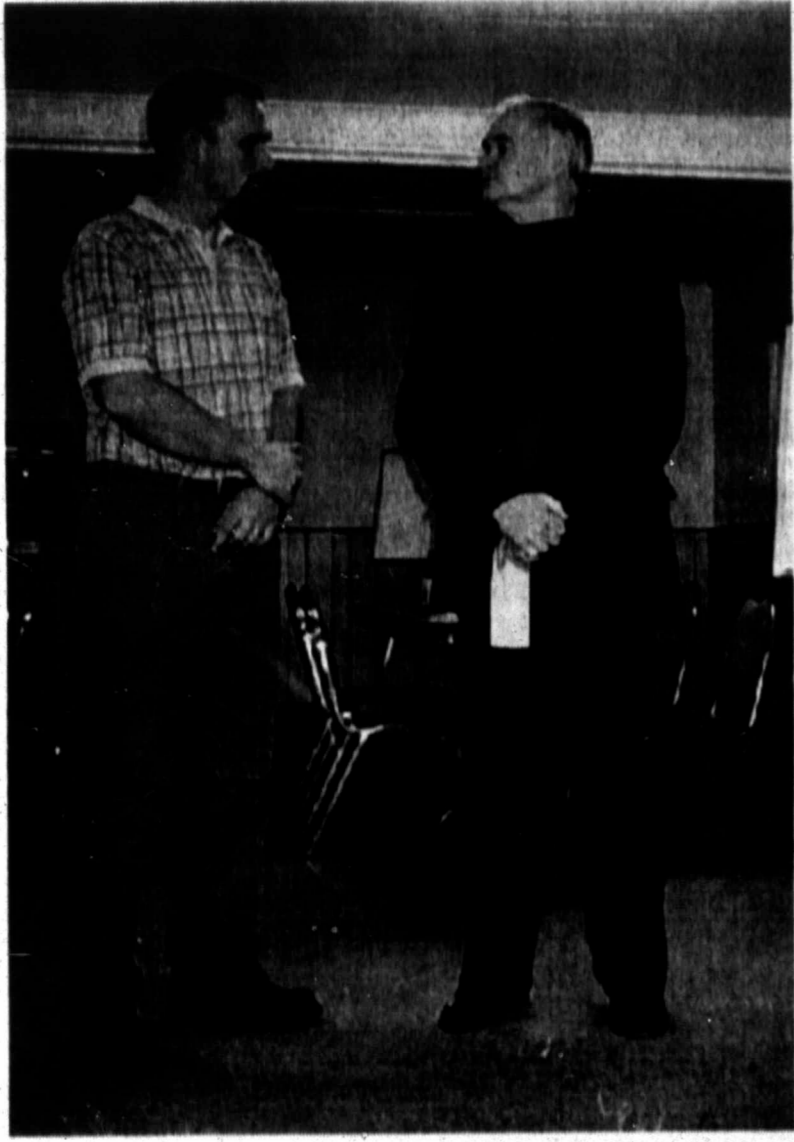
Virginia's was an open-to-all primary, but Republicans cast two-thirds of the vote and rallied overwhelmingly to Bush, as they have in earlier contests, an exit poll showed.

— In North Dakota, with all districts reporting, Bush had 6,865 votes, or 76 percent, and McCain had 1,717 votes, or 19 percent. Keyes had 481 votes, or 5 percent.

— In Washington state, with 98 percent of precincts reporting, Bush had 214,611 votes, or 58 percent, and McCain had 141,151 votes, or 38 percent. Keyes had 8,955 votes, or 2 percent.

The column that counts is delegate strength, and Bush regained the lead McCain held briefly. Bush won all 56 delegates in Virginia, and 14 in North Dakota, where McCain got four and Keyes one. He led for seven of the 12 at stake in Washington, McCain for 5. The state's other 25 delegates there will be chosen by caucus next week, as will all the Democratic delegates.

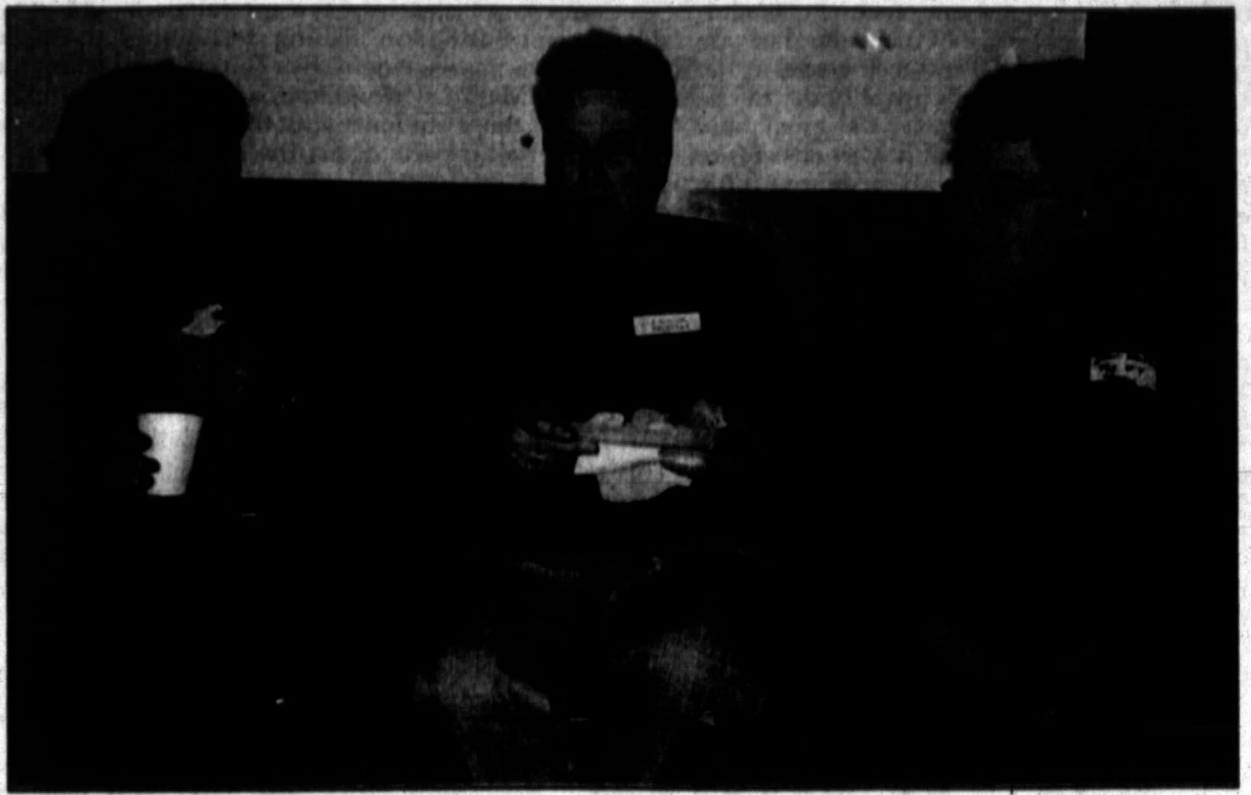
## Hobart Baptist Church donation



(Pampa News photo by Brenda Cook)

Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, recently presented a check in the amount of \$1,300 to John B. Mann of Pampa. Mann plans to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth this summer and will apply the funds towards the cost of his schooling. Mann has ministered in several churches in the panhandle and is a member of Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

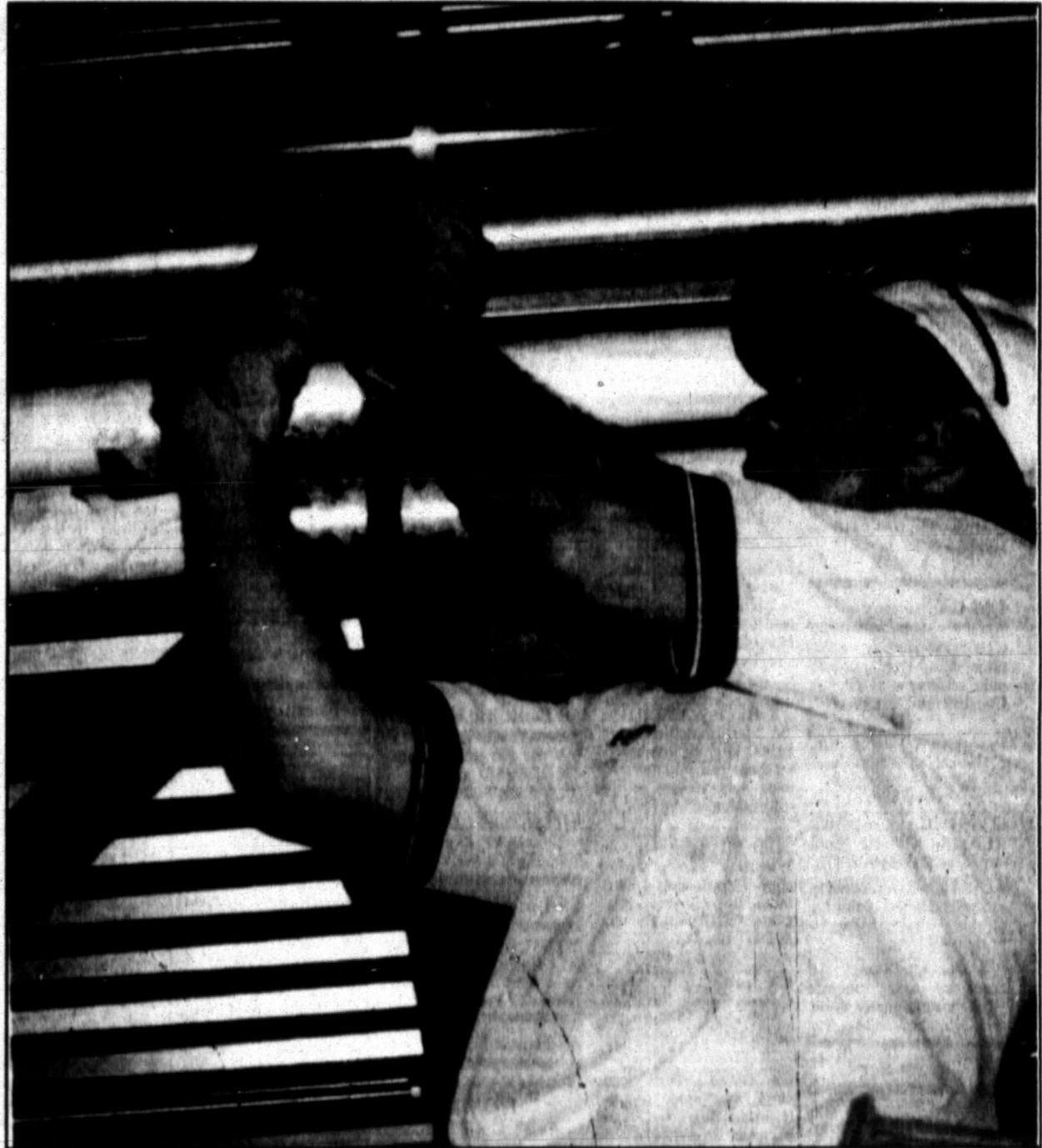
## GOP open house



(Community Camera photos)

The Gray County Republican Party recently held an open house at the Combs-Worley Building. Over 50 people attended the event which brought candidates and potential voters together at the party's headquarters in Pampa. Above: Marcia Hoover, County Clerk Sammie Morris and Precinct Chair June Hall. The primary will be held March 14. Early voting ends March 10.

## CCPC Open House



(Special photo)

Floyd Crow of Russell Electric Inc., stands on a scaffold to check electric wiring in a hall ceiling during construction of the new M.K. Brown Academic Center at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1607 W. Kentucky. Seven miles of computer and video cable have been installed by MicroAge of Lubbock for the advanced technology system at the college. A special dedication ceremony and open house are slated from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5 at CCPC.

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