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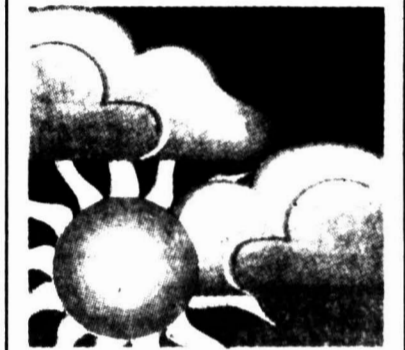
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**Grant application special meet topic**  
 MIAMI — Miami Independent School District board of education is to meet in special session at 8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 23, in the school library to consider an application for a TIF grant.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the Lotto Texas game. The numbers drawn were: 5-7-22-26-36-43.

- Bettany Cisneros, 50, services pending.
- Della Mae Crump, 91, homemaker, former PISD employee.
- Ruby Z. Jones, 83, registered nurse.
- Mary Cox Taylor, 72, homemaker.
- Earl Tucker, 83, farmer.
- Dr. Samuel C. 'Sam' Waters, 53, former Pampa resident.

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## Health care, tax cuts highlight meet

### U.S. Rep. Thornberry hosts Town Meeting

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Health care reform dominated the myriad issues discussed during a town hall meeting with U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry Wednesday evening. Approximately 60 citizens met at the Knights of Columbus Hall to hear Thornberry and share

opinions on topics of highest concern to them. "We're in a time of amazing changes in health care and that's true for all sorts of things," Thornberry said in opening the meeting. "Technology has brought wonderful things, but these wonderful things cost money. The question is, 'What is the

role of the federal government in health care today?" he said. "I say the federal government has quite a lot to say about health care." Now in his fourth term representing the 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, Thornberry said he believes coverage of prescription drug costs by Medicare will be a priority among legislators this year. Increasing prescription drug costs and the effect on the country's health care system has become "more and more important," he said.

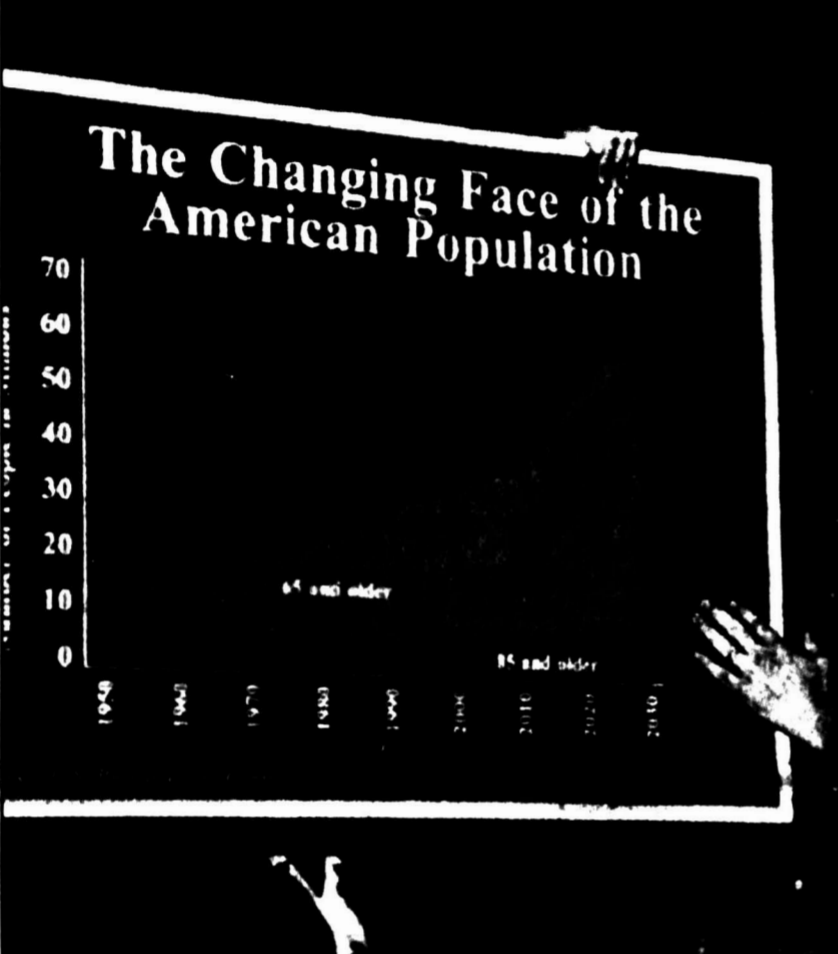
These costs are expected to double over the next 10 years, he explained, from \$112 billion to \$243 billion at the same time that the so-called Baby Boomers reach retirement age. "When the Baby Boomers retire, the Medicare trust fund will be in trouble," Thornberry said, and added, "How we deal with this problem is going to be tricky, but we probably will deal with it this year in some way." Ethical problems to be addressed by Congress include human cloning, genetic testing, stem cell research and the human genome project.



**Pampa resident Natalie Reeve expresses her concern about Medicare requirements limiting the ability of homebound persons to go into the community and still qualify for home health care.**

Should employers use DNA to screen job applicants? he wondered aloud. Should there be laws restricting cloning of humans. Should Congress set limits on stem cell research? "I know that these things are 'out there,'" Thornberry said. "Here, a lot of what we face is how to keep doctors and a hospital in rural Texas.

But we'll be opting on some of these things." (See MEETING, Page 5)



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry uses a chart to illustrate changes in the nation's Medicare system at a town meeting here Wednesday.

## Burglary ring charges nixed due to statute of limitations

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

A misunderstanding regarding the statute of limitations has resulted in charges being dropped against three people indicted for organized criminal activity in connection with a multi-state burglary ring. A Wheeler County grand jury issued three sealed indictments last January for charges of engaging in organized criminal activity. Two of the persons, Trella Renee Moon Shaw and John Williams Shaw, a husband and wife pair named in the indictments, were arrested in Houston County

in east Texas. The third person, listed as John Doe in the indictment, was later identified as John Lee Hinson, an inmate in a state jail facility in Palestine. The indictments stemmed from a video-taped burglary of coin-operated machines at a Shamrock laundromat. District Attorney Rick Roach said the charges against the trio were dropped after it was learned that the statute of limitation for the base charge of burglary of coin-operated machinery, a class A misdemeanor, had expired after two years. The indictments had been issued on the belief that a

(See CHARGES, Page 5)

## Neslage files for mayoral re-election

Mayor Bob Neslage has filed for reelection as mayor of Pampa, according to City Secretary Phyllis letters. Filing opened Monday, Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick has also filed for reelection. Bob Dixon's term is also expiring, but he has not filed. All three terms are two-year terms. In the Pampa Independent School District election, incumbent trustee Joe Martinez has filed for

reelection. The term of Bill Jones is also expiring. He has not indicated if he will seek reelection. Both terms on the school board are three-year terms. Filing for the school trustee race is in Dr. Dawson Orr's office at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. City candidates may file in the City Secretary's office, Room 205, at City Hall. Deadline to file in both the school and city race is March 21.

(See RE-ELECTION, Page 5)

## Mesa water pumping permit vote may come today

By PAM EASTON  
 Associated Press Writer

(AP) — A former corporate raider's plan to sell Panhandle groundwater to other Texas cities is under review by a conservation group which has asked the oilman to provide more information. T. Boone Pickens must provide data on how his Mesa Water Inc. would use, transport and conserve water before it will allow the transfers from the Ogallala Aquifer downstate. The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is scheduled to vote in White Deer today whether to grant Pickens and eight other Roberts County landowners requests for transportation permits. But it was whether the vote will take place as scheduled.

"I can't imagine that they could give us ranchers anything different than what they've already given to CRMWA or Amarillo. We have always been told that everyone would be treated the same."

— T. Boone Pickens  
 Mesa Water Inc.

says the district will "issue a permit for 1/2-acre foot per acre per year or a greater amount when the Mesa Group can demonstrate that the additional amount requested will not violate the district's management standard." The rule of capture traditionally applies under Texas law for groundwater, allowing a landowner to withdraw unlimited amounts from beneath the property. But the district requires that at least 50 percent of the Ogallala aquifer's volume from 1998 remain in place in 2050. In December, Alan Dutton, a research scientist with the University of Texas' Bureau of Economic Geology, presented data that said having three water projects

(See WATER, Page 5)

## Outlet overload likely fire cause

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

A fire that broke out in the bedroom of a Pampa woman who died in the blaze has been attributed to electrical problems, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said today. Bettany Rochelle Morgan Cisneros, 50, was pronounced dead in her home at 429 Carr early Wednesday morning. Services are pending at Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Powell said there were numerous electrical devices in the bedroom, including lamps, extension cords, and power strips. She said it was possible the cause was an electrical overload. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns said today a preliminary autopsy report revealed the cause of death as smoke inhalation with carbon monoxide poisoning. Muns pronounced Cisneros dead shortly after 6 a.m. Wednesday and ordered an autopsy by the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office. The fire was reported by cell phone to emergency personnel by an unidentified man passing by the residence at 4:31 a.m., according to Powell.

(See FIRE, Page 5)

## PEDC extends funds to American Energy

New jobs, renovations on tap

By KATE B. DICKSON  
 Associate Publisher

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will extend up to \$70,000 for renovations to American Energy Services in Pampa contingent upon seven jobs being created within six months after the work is completed. They are very, very successful," PEDC Executive Director Susan Triplehorn said of the well-servicing company. "They see nothing but an increase in their business in the next five years." During Tuesday's board meeting, Triplehorn said American Energy Services is housed in a PEDC-owned building at 1133 Price Road. Originally, the PEDC agreed to make renovations to the building in exchange for "extra rent."

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

CRUMP, Della Mae — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
 TAYLOR, Mary Cox — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa.  
 TUCKER, Earl — 2 p.m., Buffalo Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Okla.  
 WATERS, Dr. Samuel C. "Sam" — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Wichita Falls.

## Obituaries

### BETTANY CISNEROS

Services are pending for Bettany Cisneros, 50, of Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

### DELLA MAE CRUMP

Della Mae Crump, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Crump was born Nov. 26, 1909, in Fannin County, Texas. She married Herbert Harlan Crump on Oct. 5, 1929, at Haskell, Texas; he preceded her in death. She had been a Pampa resident since 1937. She was a homemaker and had worked for Pampa Independent School District for 11 years at Baker Elementary School. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Bernice White, Iva Patton, Ella Gurley and Pearl Crump; and by her brothers, Wylie Keel and Joe R. Keel.

Survivors include a brother, Sam Keel of Amarillo; six nieces, Pat Young of Pampa, Francis Stamps of Panhandle, Monta Hinkle of Pampa, Jeanette Lyon of Silt, Colo., Gloria Pridemore of Lewisville and Juanita Kitchens of Borger; and eight nephews, Max Patton of Silt, Charles Gurley of Pampa, Kenneth Keel of Amarillo, Donald Keel of Mesquite, Don Crump of Fort Worth, Leon Crump of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lyndall Keel and J.D. Keel, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis St., Pampa, TX 79065; or to American Cancer Society.

### RUBY Z. JONES

Ruby Z. Jones, 83, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jones was born June 25, 1917, at Liberal, Kan. She married I.L. Jones on Sept. 4, 1939, at Kingfisher, Okla.; he died in 1986. She had been a Pampa resident since 1983, moving from Dalhart. She was a registered nurse and belonged to First Christian Church of Dalhart and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Gene Jones of Pampa and William B. Jones of Fort Worth; a brother, Vern Christy of Henderson; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

### MARY COX TAYLOR

Mary Cox Taylor, 72, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Nachigall, pastor, officiating. The body has been donated to Texas Tech University School of Medicine and will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Taylor was born March 30, 1928, at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married Nathan "Pat" Cox in 1947 at Pampa; he died in 1990. She later married Eugene Taylor in 1999 at Pampa.

She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Nan Cox, in 1951; and by a great-grandson, Sean Austin Seemann, in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, of the home; three daughters, Carolyn Seemann, Linda Standish and Patricia Garrison, all of Amarillo; three stepsons, Steve Taylor, Keith Taylor and Kevin Taylor, all of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Janet O'Neill of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

### EARL TUCKER

SWEETWATER, Okla. — Earl Tucker, 83, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at Mercy Health Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Buffalo Baptist Church with Larry Parvin officiating. Burial will be in Dempsey Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mr. Tucker was born and raised on the farm he operated until his death. He attended Sunny Point School until it closed and graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1935. He also attended Oklahoma State University for a year.

He married LaVerne Cox of Wheeler, Texas, on Dec. 15, 1945, at the Methodist Parsonage in Sayre.

He was veteran of World War II, enlisting on Feb. 17, 1940, and serving with the Blue Devils of the 88th Infantry until being discharged as staff sergeant on Nov. 2, 1945. He fought in Italy and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Five Battle Stars, Legion of Merit, Italian Medal of Valor, Outstanding Soldier Citation and a citation from a city in Italy he helped liberate.

He was a director for Upper Washita Soil Conservation District, SWODA, and Federal Land Bank. This year was to mark his 50th year as a Mason. In addition, he was a deacon of Buffalo Baptist Church for more than 50 years and was a member of American Legion.

He was instrumental in establishing the Sunny Point School Reunion held several years on Memorial Day weekend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant twin sisters, Margie and Margaret; five sisters, Alice Johnson, Bea Binion, Lizzie Holbrook, Mary Lee Dobbins and Francis Hunt; and a brother, Horace Tucker.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, LaVerne; a daughter, Earlene Rose of Bullo, Okla.; two sons, Tommy Tucker of Sweetwater, Okla., and Danny Tucker of Pampa; two brothers, Billy Tucker of Stillwater, Okla., and Moody Tucker of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### DR. SAMUEL C. 'SAM' WATERS

WICHITA FALLS — Dr. Samuel C. "Sam" Waters, 53, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at Dallas. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Wichita Falls with the Rev. Robert Landback, rector, officiating.

Dr. Waters was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Pampa, Texas, to the late S.E. and Helen Lucille Kirkland Waters. He was also preceded in death by his brother Ronald Wayne Waters.

A 1966 graduate of Pampa High School, he completed his bachelor's degree and medical school at Tulane University. After serving his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas, he completed his fellowship at the Cardiovascular Institute, the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Methodist Hospital of Dallas, Parkland Memorial Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital of Dallas, finishing in 1979. Just after moving to Wichita Falls, he helped to establish the open heart surgery program at Bethania Regional Health Care Center.

Dr. Waters had served as the Chief of Cardiology at Bethania, was the first director of the W. Erle White Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Bethania, and a member of the Texas Medical Association Committee on Cardiovascular Disease. He had served as an alternate delegate and delegate of the Wichita County Medical Association to the Texas Medical Association. He was the vice chairman of the District XIII TexPAC from 1989 to 1994, chairman from 1994 to the present, and on the Candidate Evaluation Committee.

In 1997, he was elected president of the Wichita County Medical Society. As clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, he mentored the residents of the Wichita Falls Family Practice Program. He was also a member of the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Internal Medicine, the Texas Society of Internal Medicine, and the Texas Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. He was currently serving as president of the North Texas Medical Foundation, and on the Board of Governors of Texas Medical Liability Trust for four years as secretary for two years and currently serving as vice president.

An involved member of his community, Dr. Waters was a founding member and served on the Board of Directors of the North Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse from 1994-1995, and was co-chairman of the Wichita Falls Texans for Tort Reform in 1996. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow Chief Lone Wolf Lodge. An avid supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, he was Cub Master of Pack 33 from 1995-1998 and was currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Texas Council, was vice president for Health and Safety, and was a Heritage Society member. As a member of the Mavericks, he helped corral friends for Wichita Falls. Dr. Waters was a member and lecturer at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the Men of Good Shepherd.

On Feb. 19, 1977, he married Linda J. Walters in Houston, Texas, and they shared 24 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, George Peter of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Heather Helen and Elizabeth Ivy, both of Wichita Falls; an uncle, M.H. Kirkland of Pampa; an aunt, Lois Faye Bridges of Odessa; his first cousins, Frances Duncan of Mission, Texas, Ann Welborn and Barbara Micheli of Pueblo, Colo.; Helen Faye Phelps and Nina Beth Daniels, both of Odessa, and Kendall Bridges of Crane, Texas; also several nieces and nephews.

For those desiring, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Scholarship Fund at the Episcopal School, 3801 Louis J. Rodriguez Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76308; the Northwest Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 3604 Maplewood, Wichita Falls, Texas; the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1007 Burnt St., Wichita Falls, TX 76309; or to the charity of your choice.



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# Sen. Clinton campaign treasurer, brother helped to win pardons

WASHINGTON (AP) — In addition to her brother's efforts to secure clemency for clients, Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign treasurer helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons from former President Clinton, lawyers told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The treasurer, New York attorney William Cunningham III, is the law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes and said Ickes referred the two Arkansas men, both Republicans, to him about a week before Clinton left office.

"Harold does not do this kind of work, and we are partners so Harold contacted me and asked if I would speak with them," Cunningham told AP in an interview. "I told them I would be happy to review the paperwork and submit the applications."

Cunningham said his and Ickes' firm was paid just \$4,000 for the work of preparing and sending the applications to the Justice Department. He said neither contacted the White House nor discussed the pardons with Hillary Clinton or the former president.

Cunningham said he did not believe his role as Mrs. Clinton's treasurer during her Senate campaign in New York last year had any effect on the president's decision.

"My connection is really with Senator Clinton, and not the president," Cunningham said. "These applications really cried out on the merits that these are the folks who should be pardoned, and the fact that their request was assembled by me really operates independently," he said.

Ickes said he did not talk to either Clinton or the two men — Robert Clinton Fain and James Lowell Manning — who were convicted in the 1980s on tax charges.

"He (Cunningham) acted as a lawyer. He never consulted her (Hillary) in any way shape or form, nor did I," said Ickes, who served as deputy White House chief of staff to the former president and later as a key adviser to Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

The revelation comes one day after Mrs. Clinton's brother returned nearly \$400,000 he collected for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two other clients.

At the request of the Clintons, Hugh Rodham refunded the payments Wednesday. A congressional investigative committee immediately demanded documents and answers.

The Clintons said they were unaware of the arrangements with Rodham and were "deeply disturbed" by what had happened.

Rodham contacted Clinton's closest adviser in the White House, Bruce Lindsey, at least once in connection with one of the cases, which involved a major political contributor's son convicted on drug charges, legal sources said.

Rodham "acceded to his family's request that he return legal fees earned in connection with pardon requests," his attorney Nancy Luque said.

"Their request, presumably made because of the appearance of impropriety, is one he cannot ignore," Luque said. "There was, however, no impropriety in these matters."

Legal sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

## Stocks

Wheat	2.59	Columbia/HCA	38.10	up 0.39
Milo	3.22	Enron	73.73	up 0.64
Corn	3.54	Halliburton	41.56	up 0.06
Soybeans	3.73	KMI	57.05	up 0.38
		Kerr McGee	64.80	up 0.54
		Limited	18.53	up 0.18
		McDonald's	29.95	up 0.27
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		New Atmos.	23.41	dn 0.51
		NOI	39.71	up 0.27
		OKE	44.49	up 0.48
		Penny's	13.85	up 0.20
		Phillips	55.61	up 0.11
		Pioneer Nat.	17.24	dn 0.11
		SLB	63.70	up 0.40
		Tenneco	3.15	up 0.01
		Stock	64.87	up 0.65
		Ultramar	35.46	up 0.10
		Wal-Mart	49.39	dn 0.82
		Williams	41.60	dn 0.05
		New York Gold	258.65	
		Silver	4.42	
		West Texas Crude	28.72	

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, February 21  
 Robert Lee Leger, 18, 513 Ward, was arrested on a warrant from the Texas Youth Commission.

## Correction

Due to an editing error in the "Sunday Snapshot" on Feb. 18, Nakisha Horton was incorrectly identified as having a wife and three children as her family. She does not. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

ty, said Rodham, who is a lawyer, was paid for months of work on the prison commutation request of Carlos Vignali and received a "success fee" for helping win the pardon of Almon Glenn Braswell.

The money included \$200,000 after the Braswell pardon was granted and the rest paid over a period time as Rodham worked on the Vignali commutation, the sources said. They declined to provide an exact amount but said it totaled just below \$400,000. The money was returned to Braswell and Vignali's family, the sources said.

"Yesterday I became aware of press inquiries that Hugh Rodham received a contingency fee in connection with a pardon application for Glenn Braswell and a fee for work on Carlos Vignali's commutation application," the former president said in a statement. "Neither Hillary nor I had any knowledge of such payments. We are deeply disturbed by these reports and have insisted that Hugh return any monies received."

Mrs. Clinton added, "I was very disturbed to learn that my brother ... received fees in connection with two clemency applications. Hugh did not speak with me about these applications."

A source close to the former president, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lindsey had been contacted by Rodham and was aware of Rodham's involvement with the Vignali request. The source said Lindsey did not know about the presidential relative's involvement in the Braswell matter.

The source said Clinton didn't know Rodham was working on behalf of the two pardon applicants and the decisions on both men were made on the merits of their situations. The Braswell pardon generated controversy because after it was granted on Jan. 20 it was disclosed that the businessman was under investigation on new allegations.

## Fires

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

Wednesday, February 21  
 4:52 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of East Frederic on a carbon monoxide check.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending today.

Wednesday, February 21  
 Vandalism totaling \$6,200 was reported in the 300 block of Gillespie was reported. Twenty windows were reported broken, two doors damaged and numerous holes were reported in sheet rock. A theft of several household items with a value of \$530 was reported in the 1500 block of North Coffee. Items reported taken included carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector, mirrors, a microwave, vases, shower curtain and rod, and garage door remote. Cash totaling \$70 was reported missing.

Criminal trespass in the 1100 block of North Somerville was reported. No items were reported missing.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Craven. No injuries were reported. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. No arrests were made.

A terroristic threat was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles. A student was reported to be "mouthing" off to a teacher. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile probation office.

Theft of three video tapes was reported in a burglary of a motor vehicle at Lamar Elementary, 1234 S. Nelson.

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, low clouds and fog in the morning becoming mostly sunny. Highs 50 to 55. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight cloudy with patchy fog possible. A 50 percent chance of showers possibly a thunderstorm. Lows 40 to 45. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, cloudy and breezy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 60. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

**STATEWIDE** — An advancing cold front combined with abundant Gulf moisture Thursday to bring fog and drizzle to South Texas and coastal areas.

Patchy fog shrouded the Del Rio area through San Antonio to the middle and upper Coastal Plains, reducing visibilities to

one-quarter mile at some points. Fog also was reported from the Panhandle into the Concho Valley.

Drizzle and light rain fell from the San Antonio area across to the east.

The front stretched from Del Rio through San Antonio to Brenham and Livingston.

The National Weather Service posted a dense fog advisory for the Permian Basin and upper Trans-Pecos.

Early-morning lows ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle behind the front to the 60s and 70s ahead of the system.

Extremes ranged from 30 degrees at Wichita Falls to 70 at Laredo and McAllen.

Other readings were 37 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 45 at Waco, 43 at Texarkana and 46 at Burnet and

Georgetown. Winds were mostly northerly through most of North and South Texas from 5 to 15 mph, with southerly conditions in the deep south.

Skies were mostly cloudy in North Texas.

A chance of rain was expected by early Friday in North Texas, with some storms possibly severe later in the day through Saturday. Fog and showers were predicted for the south and west, where some thunderstorms were also expected.

The front should reach the middle and upper coasts later Thursday, then stall and move back north as a warm front.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 80s in the deep south and along the Rio Grande. Lows overnight were expected in the 30s to 60s.

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# Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL.**  
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP**  
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

**OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**  
Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

**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 Sharon Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

**MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING**  
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

**PHS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

**GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

**CCS BANQUET**  
Community Christian School of Pampa will stage a fund-raiser banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Bob Cornuke, president of Bible Archaeology Search and Exploration Institute. Cost of the catered meal will be \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased from a CCS family, at the school office at 220 N. Ballard or by sending \$15 per ticket along with a SASE to: Community Christian School, P.O. Box 51, Pampa, TX 79066. Tickets are also available at the following businesses: Clifton Supply, Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance, First Bank Southwest, Fototime, Frank's Hardware, The Gift Box and the office of Dr. Greg Kelly, DDS.

**DIABETIC EYE SCREENING**  
Dr. Beverley A. Clark will offer a free diabetic eye screening on March 16 in Amarillo. The clinic is open to all patients diagnosed with diabetes. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (806) 358-3440. The caseload will be limited to the first 35 callers.

**SHAMROCK ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION**  
The city of Shamrock will host its 55th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18. Activities will include: Annual Kick-off Banquet; Miss Irish Rose Pageant; Lad n' Lassie Pageant; parade; dance; Bull Buckout and bull fight and more. This year also marks the 75th anniversary of Route 66 and the community will honor the historic highway with the sounds of the Motif's. For more information, call (806) 256-2501 or e-mail spat@shamrocktx.net.

**AMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Throughout February, the Amarillo Public Library system will be offering storytimes, after school films, puppet shows and crafts as well as an African-American Local History Round Table Discussion and Film Presentation, an Internet Training, a College Preparation workshop and much more. For more information, call the Central Branch at (806) 378-3089.

**ACT DEADLINE**  
College-bound high schoolers may currently register to take the next nationwide ACT Assessment test slated April 7. Registration postmark deadline is March 2. Late registration postmark deadline is March 16 and involves an additional fee. The test fee prior to March 2 is \$23. For more information, contact your local high school guidance counselor or visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) on the World Wide Web.

**ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CAMP**  
Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp is currently accepting applications for its summer basketball camp. Boys ages 8-19 and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players are accepted by invitation only. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form, call (704) 568-6801. The deadline to apply is April 1.

**3D PROGRAM**  
Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

**TRAIL RIDE OF THE MILLENNIUM**  
"The Journey" will celebrate the first Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Run in 138 years with the "Historic Trail Ride of the Millennium!" The trip will begin March 24, 2001, in Springfield, Mo., and will conclude May 25 in Tombstone, Ariz. The event will raise money for Special Olympics, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, both by the sale of tickets and by corporate sponsorship. For more information, contact "The Journey" at (417) 255-2390 or visit [www.thestagecoachjourney.com](http://www.thestagecoachjourney.com) on the Internet.

**CGC GRANT FUND**  
Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit [www.ConsumerGuidance.org](http://www.ConsumerGuidance.org) on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

**MRS. TEXAS AMERICA**  
Mrs. Texas America Pageant officials are seeking participants for the Mrs. Texas America 2001 Pageant slated July 6-8 at the Doubletree Post Oak Hilton in Houston. Contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. The winner will go on to compete in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in September in Honolulu. For more information, contact Bonnie Productions at (480) 563-4216 or visit [www.mrstexasamerica.net](http://www.mrstexasamerica.net) on the World Wide Web.

**MISS TEXAS TEEN**  
Miss 2001 Texas Teen pageant officials are seeking participants for the contest to be held April 6-8 at Crown Plaza Hotel in Houston. The winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and will represent the state

at the Miss 2001 United States Teen pageant slated July 12-21 in Orlando, Fla. For more information or to obtain an application, call (832) 721-4USA; fax (281) 370-8944; e-mail [Bikini-Usa@pdq.net](mailto:Bikini-Usa@pdq.net); or visit [www.missunitedstatesteen.com](http://www.missunitedstatesteen.com) on the Internet. Deadline for application is March 6.

**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**  
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at des-

ignated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 7 and 21, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Feb. 5, McLean Clinic, McLean; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 8, Shamrock School Clinic, Shamrock; 9-11 a.m., Feb. 16, Groom School, Groom; 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 26, Miami School, Miami.

**HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER**  
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 9, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Feb. 19 and March 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, both in Pampa; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 22, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Feb. 12, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. 15, Family Care Center, Shamrock; Feb. 16, United Methodist Church, Miami; Feb. 20, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; Feb. 28, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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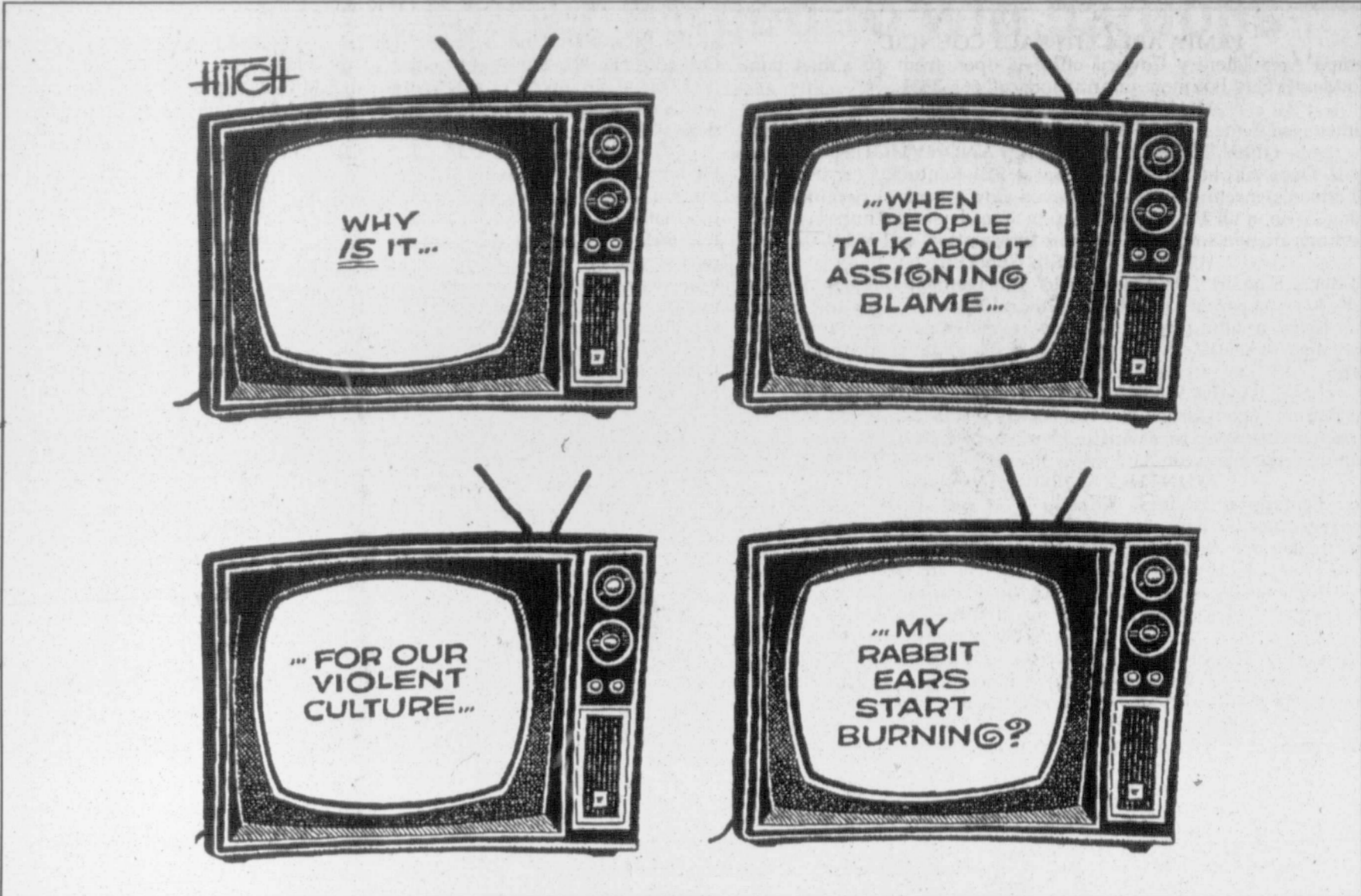
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## Push for mandatory school calendar ...

It was a Sunday in August in Plano, Texas. Most of the young people in town were beset by a mixture of emotions — excitement and dread. What could have caused this phenomenon in the middle of a hot Texas summer? School was set to start the next day, Monday, Aug. 3.

A lot of people in Texas — students, parents and some lawmakers — are not happy with the fact that the school year in various districts around the state seems to be starting earlier each year. The Texas Education Code delegates to the board of trustees of independent school districts the power to determine when their school year should start. As a staunch supporter of local control, I believe this is the proper policy for the state to follow. An increasing number of my colleagues, however, as well as Gov. Rick Perry, believe that Texas schools should not start so early in August.

There are a number of reasons why the school start date has inched up from the traditional day after Labor Day that many of us old guys remember. The state is partially responsible. In 1969, the Legislature added five days of mandatory attendance to the school year. Then in 1984, with the passage of House Bill 72, the Legislature added another five days of mandatory attendance bringing the number of school days for students up to 180. Meanwhile, many school districts bought into the idea of a week-long spring vacation in addition to the traditional two days surrounding Easter. Many other school districts also adopted policies granting a full week off at Thanksgiving and some even added a fall break.

The state-imposed mandatory attendance days, combined with new holidays adopted by local boards of trustees, inevitably put pressure on the traditional school calendar that once ran from the beginning of September until the end of May. For reasons that are not entirely clear to me, most districts have chosen to start their school year earlier in August as opposed to ending the year later in June.

In the beginning, those seeking a legislative solution to the early start date were mostly businesses engaged in the tourist industry in and along the Texas Gulf Coast as well as major entertainment operators like Six Flags Over Texas and those who run summer camps. Now some people argue that an August school start date is detrimental to the air quality in major metropolitan areas (the scientific data is so far inconclusive). But, with the passage of time and the ever-earlier school start date, more and more frustrated parents are looking to the Legislature to mandate a school start date no earlier than the first of September.

For the past two sessions, State Sen. Eddie Lucio (D-Brownville) has sponsored legislation prohibiting local school districts from beginning classes before Sept. 1. He has filed similar legislation this session. While his bills have not passed the legislature and been signed into law, I can tell you that there is increasing political support to abandon the principle of local control in favor of a state mandate.

I have warned groups such as the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Association of School Superintendents, and many teacher organizations of this growing dissatisfaction with the current decision-making process. Although I strongly support local control (and the ability to end the first semester before the Christmas break), the burden is beginning to shift to these groups to defend the principles of local control.

School board trustees, superintendents and those who sit on local school calendar committees need to convince my legislative colleagues that they are sensitive to the complaints from parents and others about a summer vacation window that continues to shrink. If not, I'm afraid that their arguments and mine to let each community determine its own school calendar will not be compelling enough to withstand the movement toward a mandated school start date as determined by the state.

## Are we agrarians or globalists?

What we must all decide, and fairly soon, is if we are agrarians or globalists.

I'm not suggesting we must all choose between being dirt farmers or traders of international currencies. The two terms mean much more than farming or trade.

In the first place, there is nothing new under the sun about world trade. It's as old as the world itself. People have always traded because it's a natural act. The only thing that has changed has been improvements in navigation and transportation. If you want to buy Colombian coffee, you can still do so. You just don't have to send a sailing ship to pick it up.

Globalism actually means an end to sovereignty of nations in favor of a world plantation run by elites who have loyalty to nowhere but control everywhere. The globalists are pursuing their goal in small but steady steps.

This philosophy, although certainly doable, is unnatural. Human beings are, by nature, attached to a particular place. That's where agrarianism comes in. It is a philosophy of particulars and community — a community of like-minded people living in and nurturing a particular place.

It strikes me as the most likely to produce happiness, or at least as much happiness as humans can reasonably expect. Agrarianism measures success by healthy families, good friends, good food, beauty and the security



**Charley Reese**

Syndicated columnist

that comes from everyone knowing that if they need help, everybody else will be there for them.

The globalist is stuck with one criterion for happiness and one measure for success — money. Unfortunately, globalism, with all its power and money, is winning. There are few local communities left that are really local. More often than not, one finds that the newspaper and broadcast stations, the major retail businesses and even the restaurants are all owned by out-of-town national corporations whose only interest in the local community is — their public relations campaigns notwithstanding — sucking money out of it.

People living in such "company" towns get a uniform diet of food, merchandise (much of it foreign made) and news. Other than being customers and worker bees, most of the local population has been cut out of any meaning-

ful participation in the town. They are like serfs on a vast estate owned by some distant figure they never see.

The agrarian movement, an offshoot of the Southern movement, seeks to reverse that. It's a multifaceted task that involves every aspect of life, but it's certainly worth considering and discussing. The only sensible way, for example, to preserve the environment is to have owners who live on it and love it.

Agrarians do not buy the false choice that there is only capitalism or socialism, only libertarianism or collectivism. There is, agrarians believe, a third-way that will produce a humane economy and genuine community.

If you're interested, you can find the Agrarian Foundation at [www.n-i.com/agrarian](http://www.n-i.com/agrarian). It offers, among other things, an excellent list of authors and books about agrarianism as well as many interesting links. You can also reach the foundation through [www.tarheel.com](http://www.tarheel.com), which is the excellent North Carolina site for the League of the South.

Agrarianism and true patriotism (love of land and people) is the Southern heritage we are trying to preserve and promote, though demagogues always want to talk about slavery (a thank-God dead issue) and racism, which does not concern us. Those who harp on racism are, in my opinion, in it for the money or the politics and are evil.

### Today in history

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2001. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 22, 1732, George Washington, the first president of the United States, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony.

On this date: In 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution abolishing slavery.

In 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, N.Y.

In 1889, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union.

In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde, was first performed at London's St. James's Theater.

In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

In 1934, the romantic comedy "It Happened One Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In 1973, the United States and Communist China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, New York, 4-3. The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol

died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

Ten years ago: President George Bush and America's Gulf War allies gave Iraq 24 hours to begin withdrawing from Kuwait, or face a final all-out attack. Iraq denounced the "shameful" U.S. ultimatum, aligning itself with a Soviet peace plan the United States had rejected.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Columbia blasted into orbit on a mission to unreel a satellite on the end of a 12.8 mile cord. President Clinton announced he would nominate Alan Greenspan to a third term as chairman of the Federal Reserve. Russia and the head of the International Monetary Fund reached a deal for a loan of more than \$10 billion dol-

lars to back up free-market reforms.

One year ago: John McCain won Republican primaries in Michigan and his home state of Arizona.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Mills is 93. Announcer Don Pardo is 83. Actor Paul Dooley is 73. "Ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 71. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is 69. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 57. Actor John Ashton is 53. Actress Ellen Greene is 51. Actress Miou-Miou is 51. Actress Julie Walters is 51. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 51. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 42. Actress Jeri Ryan ("Star Trek: Voyager") is 33. Actress-singer Lea Saionga is 30. Actor Jose Solano ("Baywatch") is 30. Tennis player Michael Chang is 29. Actress Drew Barrymore is 26.

## TDCJ matures war on recidivism

### A.M. Mac Stringfellow Guest columnist

Recent independent studies have shown that Texas prison rehabilitation programs are working. In short, the programs are credited with significantly lowering the percentage of offenders who commit new crimes after being released from prison.

This success is a modern-day phenomenon for Texas. It marks a maturing of programs and policies which effectively started only with the completion of the huge prison expansion six years ago.

In those few years, the programs have been fine-tuned in a constant evolutionary process as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice sought to make good on legislative mandates to do something better than simply insuring public safety by warehousing convicted felons.

The results of the rehabilitation efforts are measured by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, an independent agency answerable to the Legislature for analysis of the justice system.

In the latest measure of rehabilitation success, the Policy Council told the Legislature that TDCJ's treatment programs are — in the words of the Associated Press — helping more convicted sex offenders and drug abusers change their ways and stay out of prison.

In one example, the Policy Council tracked offenders who completed TDCJ's therapeutic treatment for substance abusers and found that only 13 percent of them re-offended within two years after release, compared to 21 percent in a comparison group who had not been treated.

The Policy Council identified similar positive impacts on recidivism from TDCJ's sex offender treatment program, finding that 13 percent of the program graduates were arrested for new offenses within two years compared to 24 percent in a comparison group who were not treated.

Last fall the Council reported on prison education and literacy programs after tracking 25,000 released inmates for two years and concluding that teaching non-readers to read reduced recidivism by 37 percent among high-risk young offenders.

The Council also identifies needed fine-tuning and better targeting. It suggested that more education resources be concentrated on high-

risk young offenders and that post-release job placement services be strengthened. In substance abuse treatment, the Council pointed out that two relatively new programs could be improved by refining inmate selection criteria and better staffing.

The programs don't succeed in a vacuum. TDCJ's linkage to the Board of Pardons and Paroles is critical. The track records of the various rehabilitation programs have given the Parole Board new confidence to grant parole to an increasing number of prisoners who successfully complete rehabilitation and treatment programs.

The TDCJ-Parole linkage has also matured greatly in the past five years. Parole makes its case-by-case decisions a year or more in advance to insure that TDCJ's resources can put the out-going offenders through treatment before they leave prison. Many of the programs require from nine- to 18-months to complete. The two agencies also work in sync in selecting parole candidates who have a high potential of benefit from the programs, a recognition that parole incentives have a positive impact on treatment effectiveness.

—A.M. Mac Stringfellow is chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

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### MEETING

Bill Philpott of Miami suggested that the federal government provide funding for medical education that can be paid back by serving in an area needing medical professionals for a certain time. "I feel like the government is throwing dollars at a problem when there are more innovative and creative ways to solve problems without throwing money at them," he said. "I am surprised at how much we pay for their education," Thornberry replied. "Thirty-five percent!" a doctor in the audience interjected. Philpott also said he felt drug companies should receive patents that are decreased in proportion to the amount of government funding the company received for the research involved. "I know that some companies are getting the benefit from taxpayers' money to develop a drug, have a protected period from the patent, and then make out like bandits," Thornberry said. Dr. Joe Lowry, a Pampa pathologist, warned against "cutting the throats" of pharmaceutical companies by cutting research and development funding. "It's not a good idea," he said. "Drug companies' research and development is what has brought us all the things we have," Thornberry agreed. "We don't want to mess that up. But if a company can make a profit selling a pill for one dollar in Mexico, it ought to be able to sell it for that in the United States."

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### FIRE

Flames had erupted through the roof of the two-story frame home igniting the limbs of trees hanging over the house when firefighters arrived on the scene, said Deputy Chief Randy Dunham.

The intensity of the fire hampered rescue efforts. Fire personnel found the woman in a room in the back of the house after the blaze was brought under control. Two dogs also died in the fire. A representative of the State Fire Marshal's office assisted in the probe of the fire along with Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens.

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### CHARGES

three-year statute of limitations applied to the enhanced organized crime charge, a state jail felony, he said. "We thought it would fit in the 'all other felonies' category with a three year limit," Roach explained. "As soon as we found the two year limitation applied, we dismissed the cases. We're try-

ing to do the job, but every now and then we make a boo-boo. There was certainly no malice involved." The district attorney said that as a result of the publicity surrounding the arrests, he has been contacted by authorities in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Louisiana on cases that may involve the trio, "so maybe some good will come out of it." He said the DA's office is "looking at other avenues at this point and time," regarding the case.

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### PEDC

At the time, the PEDC made \$112,000 available to the company which only used about \$60,000, she said. Left over was \$52,800 which, with interest, has grown to \$63,884 meaning the PEDC will need to add \$6,316 to make the renovations possible. The \$6,316 will be a grant and the other funds are being paid back under the rent agreement.

company's note if it does not bring payments up to date and keep them current. In other business, Triplehorn reported: • United Medicorp now has an employee count of 57 and plans to add three more workers soon. • The night of the ice storm, 65 people attended the recent corrections officer information and testing session at the Rufe Jordan Unit. Of that number, 38 passed the initial test. They will be interviewed and their background checked before they can be admitted to the next correctional officer school which will be held at the prison starting sometime in early March. The PEDC will pay the \$292 tuition for as many as 50 students who agree to work at the local prison for at least one year. • Briefly discussed was continued funding for the PEDC because most of its half-cent sales tax revenue is pledged on deals already done. It was reported that the board is still awaiting taxable and non-taxable note refinancing information that should be forthcoming in a week to 10 days. • The board took no action after three executive session items — personnel, project development and legal — were discussed.

The motion to extend the funds was made by Riley Kothmann and seconded by Lee Porter. The vote was unanimous. With regard to another PEDC supported business, Crall Products, Inc., Triplehorn reported the filtration manufacturing firm is one payment behind and has another payment due Thursday, Feb. 22. She said the company has been behind before on the note which has been refinanced once. "What are we going to do about the note [payment] always being late?" Kothmann asked, saying it is the "fiduciary responsibility" of the PEDC to keep payments up to date. The board discussed the possibility of calling the

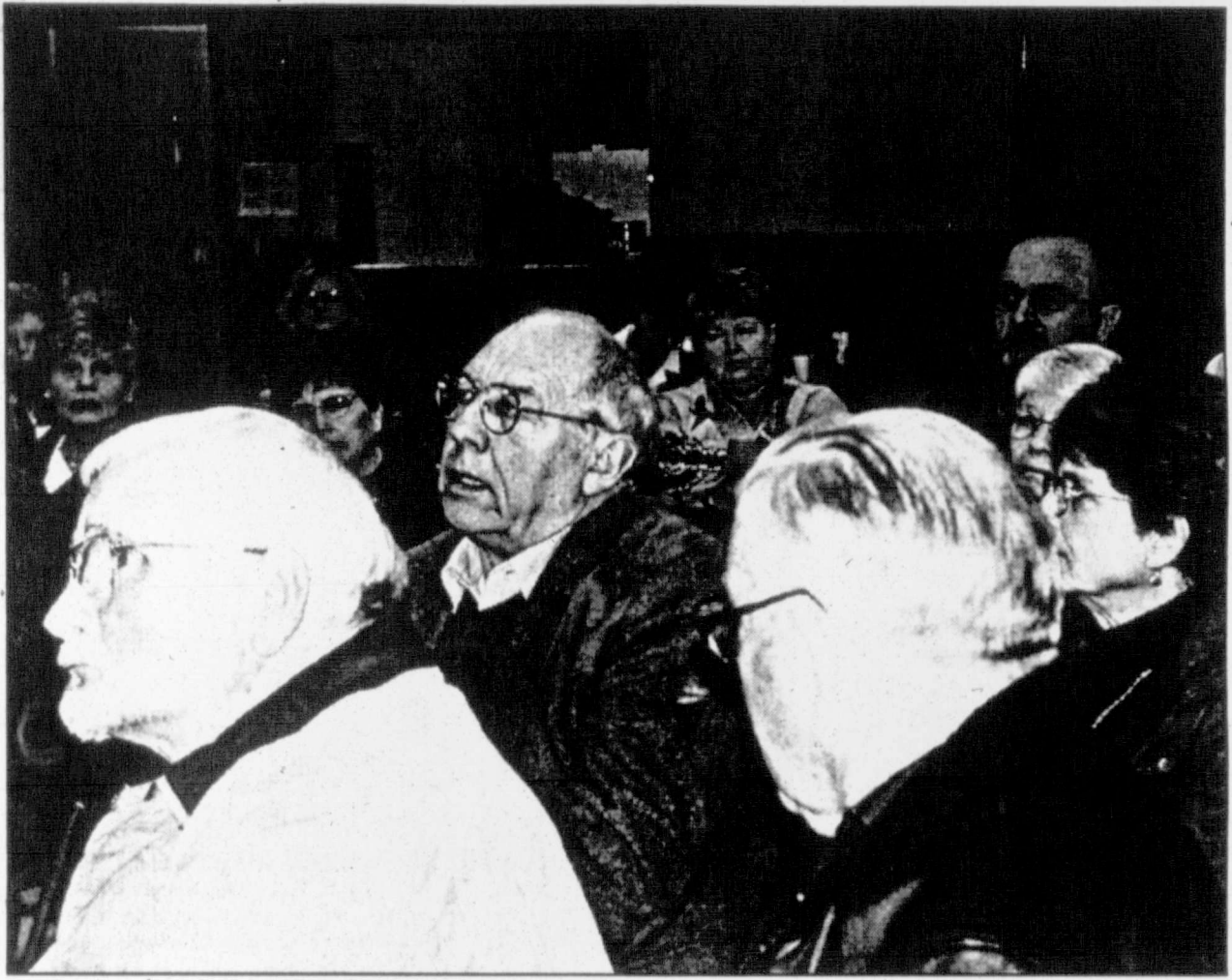
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### WATER

in place simultaneously would put the aquifer on a fast track to depletion unless pumping is monitored and kept below half an acre-foot per acre per year. The district granted transportation permits to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the city of Amarillo five years ago. Pickens' Mesa Water would become the third project.

"I can't imagine that they could give us ranchers anything different than what they've already given to CRMWA or Amarillo," the oilman said. "We have always been told that everyone would be treated the same." Pickens and fellow landowners applied for the permits in September, afraid that if they didn't begin transporting their water out of Roberts County, it would be pulled from underneath their

land by CRMWA and Amarillo. CRMWA and Amarillo are supposed to begin pumping and transporting their water in May. The water will go to 11 West Texas cities, including Pampa, Amarillo and Lubbock. "We want nothing more, nothing less," Pickens said at a December hearing. "We, the left-out landowners, cannot afford to wait. If we do, we will be drained."



Bill Philpott, center, shares his views with Congressman Mac Thornberry at a town meeting Wednesday night. (Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

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# Dad Urged to Take the Offense In Blocking Ex-Wife's Boyfriend



**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**alarmed readers. Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** I work with an attorney who handles the legalities when children are removed and detained by child protective services. We have a number of cases where children were removed from one parent because of socialization with sex offenders.

"Dad" should research this person's criminal background. If he can't get the full history, he needs to get the local law enforcement or child protective services agency involved.

A WORD TO THE WISE,  
CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.

**DEAR WISE: A helpful suggestion.**  
**DEAR ABBY:** You were right telling "Dad" not to let his daughters visit his ex-wife. No sex offender should have such easy access. Even though the mother might be present in the house, sex offenders need only a moment to satisfy their twisted urges.

"Dad" would be wise to notify the court that issued the custody award for the daughters of the changed

circumstances and to seek an immediate modification of the visitation. (This is in case the ex-wife wants to exercise her visitation rights despite the obvious risks.) A modification of the decree would prevent such a problem.

If "Dad" can't afford a lawyer to get the change made, most state bar associations have a list of attorneys who will work "pro bono" (for free), and many attorneys, once aware of the circumstances, will help because they are parents also.

AN ATTORNEY WHO CARES

**DEAR ATTORNEY:** I am sure your advice about "pro bono" legal services will be of interest to many people. Thank you for it. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I know what can be lost if "Dad's" daughters end up in the clutches of this registered sex offender who was convicted of aggravated assault on a 10-year-old.

The fact is, the ex-wife's new boyfriend is a danger to "Dad's" girls. He should insist that his ex sign a legally binding document that visitations never occur in the company of her boyfriend. Period. If she refuses, he should take it to court. "Dad's" daughters must be protected from their mother's bad choices.

STILL SURVIVING IN L.A.

**DEAR SURVIVING:** How true.

**DEAR POLICE OFFICER:** Thanks for adding your expert opinion to my original advice. "Dad in a Dilemma's" letter generated a flood of mail from

POLICE OFFICER  
IN COLORADO

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2001

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)

Even a fiery sign like yours needs time off from activity. Slow down some to relax, reflect and think. You might want to ask questions and seek opinions. Resolutions you make today could be long-term. Tonight: Do your thing.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Join friends. You know what is important to you. A meeting or get-together helps you focus. Commitments made now are likely to last for the long term. People you meet today could also have a strong effect. Smile as you reach a goal. Tonight: Start the weekend with your friends.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take a stand professionally if you must. You might be looking at a new beginning at work or with someone you put on a pedestal. Some of you might think about changing your look. Be more conscious of your image and whether it fits with your goals. Tonight: Others look to you for ideas.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

If you can leave the office early, do. Otherwise, think about a change of scenery in the near future. Consider a class, seminar or weekend

retreat. Given a different environment, you develop a new perspective. Make calls and schedule a project for next week. Tonight: "Escape" needs to be the theme.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You smile and others respond. You verge on a new beginning with a key relationship. You might not be totally aware of the implications here. Listen to this person more often. Work toward greater financial freedom. Build rather than change. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

If you are willing to slow down and listen, you'll gain another perspective. New realizations come your way. Review recent decisions and get others' opinions. Someone makes overtures. Listen, and think about what is being put on your plate. You just might want to say yes. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

Evaluate an important financial decision. You might not be sure about which way to go. A new beginning becomes possible with greater commitment. Accept an opportunity that might involve more learning or education. Someone expresses his support. Tonight: Clear out your "must-do" list.

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

You have answers when others don't. You cannot put a lid on your ingenuity and creativity. Add more sparkle to different areas of your life. A loved one or friend chimes in and joins your playfulness. Tonight: Be a flirt.

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

If you have been eyeing doing something differently at home or have

been considering a mini-reorganization, now is the time to start the project. Your commitments to yourself should be put on hold. Family becomes an even higher priority in the next few weeks. Express who you are. Tonight: Hang out close to home.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Speak your mind. What you think and have to say do make a difference. Many of you who are into growth opt for something new to help you, be it a seminar or a new computer. Express your willingness to learn more and to try something different. Tonight: Follow another's suggestion.

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

Judge for yourself. Examine your finances and see what you would like to change. Creativity mounts. You can find another way around a problem. Use your self-discipline and do what only you can. Talk to an expert if need be. Tonight: Pay bills first.

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

Remain optimistic and positive about what is happening within a relationship. You might not be absolutely sure of yourself. Do something to build your confidence. Simply decide what that is. Never underestimate your potential. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

### BORN TODAY

Entrepreneur Michael Dell (1965), composer George Frideric Handel (1685), actor Peter Fonda (1940)

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Russian coin	1 Farm father
6 Stockpile	2 Can. neighbor
11 Eastern drama	3 Fool
12 Lover of bad time	4 Dolly material
13 Singer for Caesar	5 August
14 Singer Bonnie	6 Directional sign
15 Exactly correct	7 Pained sound
17 Ball girl	8 French friend
19 At this moment	9 Go down
20 Hobo	10 Tippler
23 Singer Caruso	16 "Welcome" site
25 Penalty	17 Malcolm's little brother
26 Finches' cousins	18 First month in Madrid
28 Historic canal	
29 "American Beauty" director Sam	
30 That over there	
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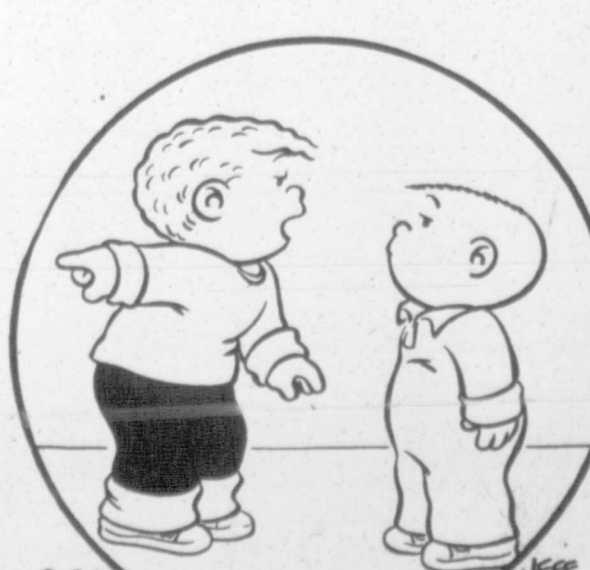
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### Marmaduke



"You don't expect me to believe the dog catcher gave you his hat, do you?"

### The Family Circus



"Once you're potty-trained you hafta go to preschool."

### For Better or For Worse



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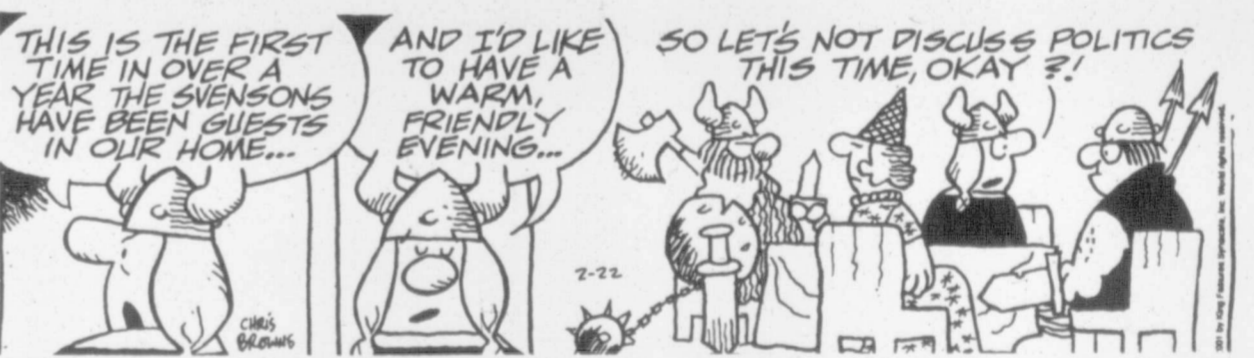
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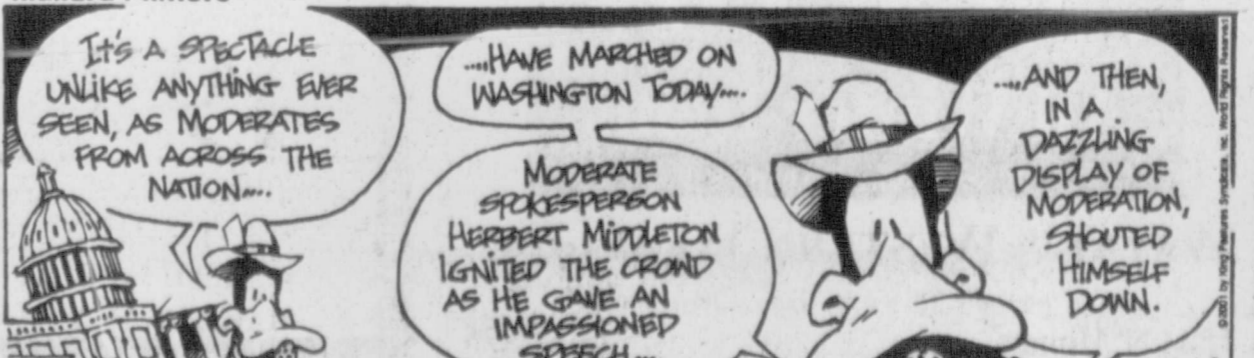
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## BASKETBALL

**DUMAS** — Gruver slipped by White Deer for a 51-49 overtime win in a Class 1A boys' bi-district game Tuesday night.

Cory Schneider led Gruver in scoring with 17 points. Jason Shoulders added 12.

Kirk Kelp had 12 points and Dustin Harper 10 to lead White Deer scoring.

Gruver outscored White Deer 3-1 in OT as both teams stalled the ball for much of the overtime period.

Other White Deer players in the scoring column were Jerry Evans 9, Nick Ball 7, Brian Knocke 6 and Matt Henderson 5.

The Bucks end their season with a 19-7 record.

Gruver (14-9) advances to the section tournament in Levelland.

## BASEBALL

**PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.** (AP) — Alex Rodriguez isn't concerned about the pressure that goes along with being baseball's highest-paid player.

The All-Star shortstop reported to spring training with the Texas Rangers on Wednesday and said his 10-year, \$252 million contract won't be a burden.

"Pressure to me is when you have to pay the rent at the end of the month and you don't know where the next dollar's going to come from. I've been there," Rodriguez said after joining his new teammates for a workout at Charlotte County Stadium.

He recalled staying up late as a youngster to count tips his mother earned to help keep him in private school and pay his siblings' way through college. He said the memories made him that much more appreciative of what he has now.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Chris Snyder went 3-for-4, including five RBIs on a three-run homer and a two-run single, to pace Houston to a 14-5 victory over crosstown rival Rice on Wednesday.

Houston used Snyder's three-run home run in the first inning to give the Cougars a lead it would not relinquish.

The Cougars, who finished with 17 hits, then added seven runs in the next two innings to take a 10-1 lead.

The win helped Houston snap a five-game losing streak. Keith Whitley (1-0) picked up his first career win, giving up five hits in five innings on the mound. Whitley also finished with four strikeouts.

Jeff Nichols (0-1) was the losing pitcher.

## GENERAL

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Bush pledged Wednesday to stay out of negotiations should a strike threaten major league baseball next year.

He said intervening would "provide false hope" in a sticky labor situation.

Baseball's labor contract expires Oct. 31, and tensions over player salaries could plunge baseball into its ninth work stoppage since 1972. In an interview with HBO's "On the Record with Bob Costas," Bush — managing partner of the Texas Rangers from 1989-1994 — said he would not get involved like President Clinton did in 1994.

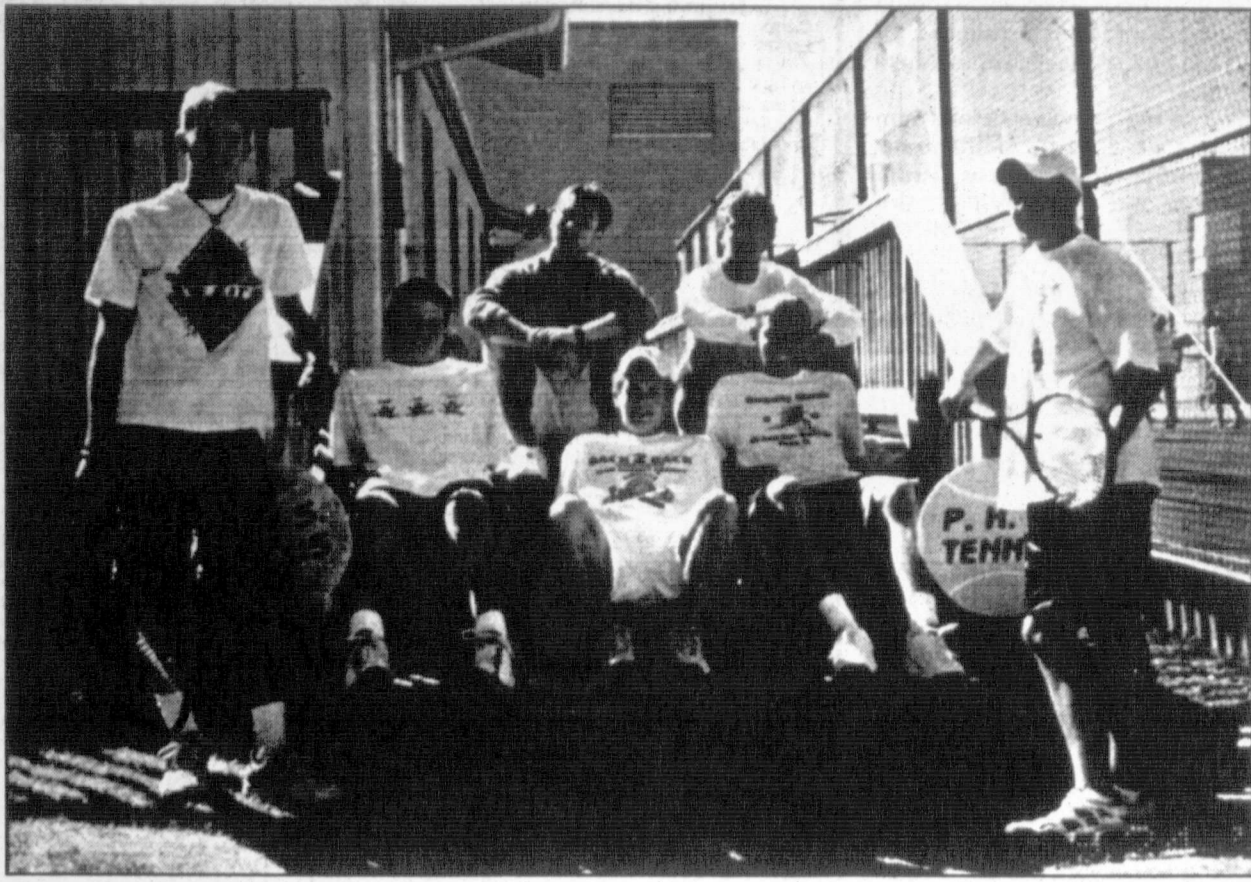
"I would be concerned, like I was then, that the White House would provide false hope for the mediation of a tough labor issue," Bush said.

He said he would prefer to leave the matter to be resolved between team owners and Don Fehr, head of the players association.

"The sooner that happens, the better for baseball," Bush said. "And the president should, in no way, shape or form, delay that process."

Bush also said he would not pardon Pete Rose, even though he is "in awe" of Rose's accomplishments.

"He was a great baseball player. But it is very important for baseball to exorcise gambling forever," Bush said. "I



(Special photo)

Pampa High School boys' tennis team members are: (front, from left) Jared Spearman, David Thacker, A.J. Smith, Jay Gerber and Britton White; (back, from left) Michael Cornelison and Bryce Jordan.

## Harvesters capture Vernon Tennis Tournament crown

**VERNON** — The tennis trio of Bryce Jordan, Michael Cornelison and A.J. Smith helped lead Pampa to the Vernon Tournament title last weekend.

Jordan and Cornelison, both seniors, won boys' doubles and Smith, a junior came in second in boys' singles.

Cornelison and Jordan never lost a set in the tournament, dominating all four opponents. Smith easily advanced to the finals where he lost to a tough Wes Lehman of Vernon.

Jared Spearman, a junior, won three of four matches and placed fifth in singles. Sophomores Jay Gerber and David Thacker also won three of four matches, losing only to Crouch-Bozak of Dumas 6-4 in the third set of the second round.

In mixed doubles, freshman Britton White and sophomore Ashley Willis advanced to the finals, taking second in the tournament.

"The girls team placed fifth as a team, but had some outstanding individual effort. I am very pleased with these girls. They are young, but working hard to improve each week, which is our goal," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles.

Juniors Ashley Jordan and Michelle Lee finished fourth with their two losses coming against two tough opponents (Rider and Vernon) in hard-fought matches. Freshman Tara Jordan placed eighth in the tournament, playing the ultimate winner, Angela

Porter of Canyon, in a first-round match.

Brittany Kindle, a junior, finished ninth and sophomores Helen Brooks and Abby Bradley won two of four matches to place 10th.

Pampa captured the second-place team trophy with 122 points behind Vernon with 133. Vernon's girls' teams and boys' teams finished second to combine and give them the first-place team title.

Pampa junior varsity hosts a 3A and Under Small School Varsity and 4A-5A JV Tournament Friday and Saturday.

**Vernon Tournament Pampa Results**

**Girls Singles**

**Brittany Kindle** def. Greenwood, Burkburnett, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Bond, Vernon, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Hodges, Iowa Park, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; lost to Telentina, Rider, 6-4, 6-0.

**Tara Jordan** lost to Angela Porter, Canyon, 7-6, 6-1; Nguyen, Hirshi, 6-0, 6-1; def. Cochran, Dumas, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; def. Nepper, Canyon, 6-1, 7-6.

**Boys Singles**

**A.J. Smith** def. Morris, Burkburnett, 6-2, 6-1; def. Maloney, Iowa Park, 6-0, 6-4; def. Roy Lehman, Vernon, 6-3, 6-1; lost to Weslehman, Vernon, 6-2, 6-3.

**Jared Spearman** def. Smith, Hirshi, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Lehman, Vernon, 6-3, 7-5; def. Minium,

Canyon, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0; def. Dillard, Rider, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

**Girls Doubles**

**Ashlei Jordan-Michelle Lee** def. Perez-Martin, Dumas, 6-2, 6-3; def. Rector-Tyndale, Rider, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Petross-Harding, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Leak-O'Connor, Rider, 6-4, 6-3.

**Abby Bradley-Helen Brooks** lost to Leak-O'Connor, Rider, 6-1, 6-1; def. Key-Garcia, IP, 6-2, 6-1; def. Bottoms-Resnik, Dumas, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; lost to Yircek-Hicks, Canyon, 7-5, 6-2.

**Boys Doubles**

**Michael Cornelison-Bryce Jordan** def. Fiore-Crimm, Hirschi, 6-0, 6-0; def. Leavitt-Clifton, Vernon, 6-0, 6-0; def. Ward-Bonner, Dumas, 6-0, 6-2; def. Kozack-Crouch, Dumas, 6-1, 6-4.

**Jay Gerber-David Thacker** def. Reid-Lewis, Canyon, 6-3, 6-3; lost to Crouch-Kozak, Dumas, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; def. Lytle-Moore, Vernon, 6-1, 6-1; def. Levitt-Clifton, Vernon, 6-1, 6-2.

**Mixed Doubles**

**Britton White-Ashley Willis** def. Ammons-Hambright, IP, 6-0, 6-0; def. Ishou-LaPointe, Burkburnett, 6-4, 6-3; def. Basora-Teague, Vernon, 6-3, 6-2; lost to Pennartz-Leach, Rider, 6-1, 6-3.

**Zach Hucks-Liz West** def. Miller-Suarez, IP, 6-0, 6-2; lost to Pennartz-Leach, Rider, 6-2, 6-1; def. Chase-Sheppard, Canyon, 6-2, 6-2; def. Ishou-LaPointe, Burkburnett, 9-7.

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## Red Raiders edge Nebraska, 65-64

By PAM EASTON  
Associated Press Writer

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — The celebration didn't last long after Texas Tech's 65-64 victory over Nebraska Wednesday night, which ended the Red Raiders' seven-game losing streak.

Andy Ellis and Andre Emmett did a high five at center court after Ellis sank a basket with just over four seconds left to clinch the win for the Red Raiders. That was about it.

"We haven't had a lot of positives this month," Tech coach James Dickey said. "We are going to try and build on this. We're just going to enjoy this very briefly. There was not a lot of jumping around because we have to go on."

Tech's last victory came when the Red Raiders upset No. 21 Oklahoma, 60-59, at home. After the celebrations died down Jan. 16, the Red Raiders went on a seven-game losing streak.

"We had a little bit more emotion tonight," Ellis said. "We finished the game. We put ourselves in the position to win it, and we went out and won it." That hasn't happened for Tech in a while.

It did on Wednesday when Ellis sank the basket with just over four seconds to go. Nebraska had led 64-63 with just under a minute to play.

The Cornhuskers had trailed for most of the game, but moved ahead of Tech on four Cookie Belcher free throws.

With 11.5 seconds to go, Tech's Jamal Brown missed a layup and

the ball was knocked out of bounds. Rodney Fields tried to inbound the ball for Nebraska, but Tech's Brown slid in front and scooped up the pass. The Red Raiders were then able to get the ball to Ellis, who put it up and in.

"That's what conference games come down to: one or two plays," Dickey said. "Those are the types of plays we've been in the position to make and we haven't made them."

Ellis finished with 14 points. Tech led throughout most of the second half, increasing its 38-36 halftime lead to 48-41 before Nebraska (13-12, 6-6) went on a 17-11 run allowing the Cornhuskers to take a one-point advantage, 60-59.

Tech battled back to a 63-60 lead on an Ellis free throw and an Emmett 3-point shot with 3:31 to go.

But the Red Raiders didn't capitalize on Ellis' next visit to the free-throw line and Brown missed another 3-point shot before Belcher was fouled twice. Cliff Owens added another 12 for Tech and Emmett 10. The Red Raiders scored 24 points off of Nebraska's 17 turnovers, compared to the Cornhuskers' 14 points off of 13 turnovers.

"We are who we are and we're consistently inconsistent," Nebraska coach Barry Collier said. "I think we got outplayed. There wasn't enough fire in our guys."

Nebraska was led by Kimani Ffriend's 14 points and Steffon Bradford's 12.

Nebraska holds a 9-7 advantage in the series.

## Redskins begin cutting payroll

By The Associated Press

The Washington Redskins are wasting no time trimming the NFL's highest payroll.

With just a few days remaining before the free-agent signing period begins on March 2, the Redskins said they were cutting four veteran players.

Washington, which had the league's highest payroll at \$92.4 million, will cut guards Tre Johnson and Keith Sims, receiver Irving Fryar and tackle Derek G. Smith. Johnson, Sims and Smith all failed physicals this week and will receive injury settlements.

On Thursday, teams must designate franchise and transition players for the free-agent signing period.

The St. Louis Rams said they would not re-sign 2000 Super Bowl hero Mike Jones and released three other players.

The others to go were include tackles D'Marco Farr and Ray Agnew, teammates of Jones on the St. Louis defense that turned porous one year after winning the Super Bowl.

"Releasing them obviously is a very difficult thing to do. But it's something we needed to do to create some cap room," Rams coach Mike Martz told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "But it's something that we needed to do to create some cap room."

The Rams saved nearly \$4.8 million in cap money with their three cuts: \$2.1 million for Agnew, about \$1.5 million for Farr and \$1.16 million for backup center Steve Everitt, who also was released.

Jones, a free agent, is the best known because of one play —

tackling Tennessee's Kevin Dyson a yard short of the goal line on the final play of the Rams' 23-16 Super Bowl win.

Elsewhere, linebacker Bryan Cox was one of five New York Jets let go by the team's new administration, and Ray Buchanan, who was slated to be the top cornerback on the market, re-signed with the Atlanta Falcons.

The agent for Ted Washington, Buffalo's 350-pound nose tackle, said the team planned to release him because he refused to take a pay cut for the second straight season.

None of the moves are necessarily permanent — teams often re-sign players after cutting them. But they seem to be permanent in the case of the three Rams defenders. Jones' production slipped this year; Farr had knee problems that limited him to 10 games, and Agnew is 33.

Most of all, the team allowed 471 points after giving up just 242 in 1999; lost the NFC West to New Orleans; and was eliminated by the Saints in its first playoff game.

St. Louis may also designate another defensive disappointment, Kevin Carter, as its franchise player. That could allow the Rams to get first-round draft picks by trading the defensive end, who slipped from 17 sacks to 10.5 last season after failing to reach agreement with the team on a new contract.

Along with Cox, the Jets released linebackers Dwayne Gordon and Roman Phifer. Also cut were defensive tackle Ernie Logan and running back Bernie Parmalee.

The Jets saved about \$11 million in salary cap money with their moves.

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## Earnhardt's legacy remains

By MIKE HARRIS  
AP Motorsports Writer

"Dale, with us always."  
That sign outside Daytona International Speedway speaks of the continuing love affair stock car racing has with Dale Earnhardt. He was killed Sunday, one fateful corner away from another great afternoon at his favorite racetrack, dying from head injuries in a wreck on the last turn of the last lap of the Daytona 500. The Intimidator won 34 times on Daytona's 2 1/2-mile oval, although it wasn't always easy. For the first 19 years that he came to the sprawling track built by NASCAR founder Bill France Sr., he won nearly everything — the July Winston Cup race, qualifying races, Busch and IROC races.

Everything but the Daytona 500 — losing once when he blew a tire after dominating the race for 499 miles.

That finally changed in 1998, when Earnhardt gleefully took the checkered flag in NASCAR's Super Bowl — punching his left fist out the window of his famed black No. 3 Chevrolet in triumph and spinning through the grass in a personal victory celebration.

As he drove slowly down pit lane toward Victory Circle, his smile gleaming beneath his bushy mustache, rival crews lined his path, slapping his palm and giving him thumbs up for what might have been the most awaited victory in NASCAR history.

Afterward, he showed a soft

side that few knew he possessed. "This one meant the world to me," Earnhardt said, his eyes shining. "People may think I'm tough and I don't care — and I am tough — but I'm human, too. I want to win every time I go out there, but there's some races that mean more than others. This is one of them."

Fans were rarely ambivalent about Earnhardt. Millions loved the dashing, cowboylike figure. Millions more vilified "The Man in Black."  
Even more than his record-tying seven Winston Cup championships and his 76 victories — sixth all-time and the most among current drivers — Earnhardt's legacy is the role he played in NASCAR's rise to the mainstream of American culture.

His father, Ralph, was a rough and tumble stock car pioneer, never afraid of a fight — on or off the track.

The elder Earnhardt died of a heart attack while working on a race car in the garage of his North Carolina home. The 1956 NASCAR Sportsman division champion was 45.

Dale, 22 at the time, desperately wanted to follow his father into racing but had few resources. With only a ninth-grade education, he was working in a textile factory and twice divorced with three children by the age of 25.

What he had in abundance was an aggressive confidence that eventually translated to rides and racing victories.

Once he reached the top level of

NASCAR for good, Earnhardt was an instant success, winning the Rookie of the Year title in 1979 and the first of his championships in 1980.

His racing prowess earned him millions of dollars on the track and many millions more from souvenir and memorabilia sales that dwarf those of his racing rivals.

"Image is everything," said Don Hawk, Earnhardt's former business manager. "People perceived Dale Earnhardt in different ways, good and bad. But they are always aware of him and care what he does, and they want a piece of him."

The success brought Earnhardt a lush, if hectic, lifestyle. He flew to races, personal appearances and hunting and fishing trips in a private jet, occasionally relaxed aboard a 100-foot yacht, aptly christened "Sunday Money," and loved working around his 400-acre North Carolina farm, keeping an eye on the black Angus cattle, commercial chicken houses and quarter-horses when he had the chance.

He married Teresa Hunter in 1982, and added daughter Taylor to a family that already included daughter Kelly and sons Kerry and Dale Jr. from his previous marriages.

"He wasn't around a whole lot when I was growing up because he was off racing most of the time," Dale Jr. said. "But I always knew he cared about me and the other kids. He let 'us know in his way."

## Scoreboard

BOWLING		SOUTH		MILWAUKEE	
<b>HARVESTER LANES League Individual Results</b>					
<b>Carton Network League</b>					
Ladies high scratch game:	Belinda Notté 212;	Ladies high scratch series:	Belinda Notté 572;	Men's high scratch game:	Carlton Cates 245;
Men's high scratch series:	Carlton Cates 619;	<b>Celanese Mixed League</b>			
Ladies high scratch game:	JoAnn Craftman 229;	Ladies high scratch series:	JoAnn Craftman 577;	Men's high scratch game:	Tim Hill 237;
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Ladies high scratch game:	Belinda Notté 244;	Ladies high scratch series:	Peggy Smith 658;	Men's high scratch game:	Eric Nord 247;
Men's high scratch series:	Carlton Cates 646;	<b>Wednesday Night Mixed League</b>			
Ladies high scratch game:	Shella Winton 190;	Ladies high scratch series:	Judy Anderson 541;	Men's high scratch game:	Dan Anderson 248;
Men's high scratch series:	Peggy Smith 621;	<b>Harvester Women's League</b>			
Ladies high scratch game:	Peggy Smith 241;	Ladies high scratch series:	Peggy Smith 692;	<b>Church League</b>	
Ladies high scratch game:	Carla Schiffman 213;	Ladies high scratch series:	Carla Schiffman 598;	<b>Harvester Couples League</b>	
Ladies high scratch game:	Peggy Smith 232;	Ladies high scratch series:	Peggy Smith 621;	Men's high scratch game:	Jesse Cannon 221;
Men's high scratch series:	Mike Robbins 596;	<b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>			
<b>Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores</b>					
<b>By The Associated Press</b>					
<b>EAST</b>					
Bucknell 82, Lafayette 78, OT	Clemson 88, Arizona State 62	Florida 75, Mississippi 55	Georgia 88, Tennessee 76	Illinois 68, Michigan State 51	Iowa 62, Kansas 77
Kentucky 84, LSU 61	North Carolina 77, Wake Forest 79	Wisconsin 64, Minnesota 54	Arizona 88, Arizona State 64	California 94, Oregon 80	Georgia Tech 54, Wake Forest 79
<b>CENTRAL</b>					
Alabama 89, Auburn 77	Arkansas 82, Missouri 78	Colorado 79, Kansas State 51	Florida State 77, North Carolina State 61	Michigan State 63, Ohio State 63	Purdue 72, Tennessee 76
<b>WEST</b>					
California 94, Oregon 80	Colorado State 62, Utah 77	Montana State 77, Washington State 63	Arizona State 64, New Mexico 61	Washington State 63, Oregon State 63	Utah State 63, Wyoming 63
<b>PRO BASKETBALL</b>					
<b>National Basketball Association</b>					
<b>By The Associated Press</b>					
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## BRIEFS

### Eminem stirs controversy at the Grammys, but Steely Dan steals show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite the hype over whether Eminem's "The Marshall Mathers LP" would take home album of the year honors, the rapper lost out to a pair of aging rockers — Steely Dan, who up until Wednesday night had never won a Grammy. The duo snagged the album of the year win for "Two Against Nature," their first album in nearly two decades. They also won best pop album and best pop performance by a duo or group for "Cousin Dupree." Also taking

home three trophies apiece were Irish rockers U2 and crossover country singer Faith Hill. Eminem also won three awards, all in the rap categories. Outside the ceremony, about 100 people from women's and gay-rights groups demonstrated against Eminem. Elton John, one of music's most famous gay celebrities, also weathered criticism for joining the rapper onstage. Their performance of "Stan," Eminem's darkly gripping song about a deranged fan, also tested CBS censors. At least three curse words could be heard during the performance.

### Scores die in brutal ethnic fighting in Indonesian province

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Gangs carried the severed heads of their victims through a Borneo island town where more than 100 people have died in brutal ethnic violence this week. Security forces on Thursday patrolled Sampit in Central Kalimantan province — the Indonesian part of Borneo island — where clashes between indigenous Dayaks and migrants from other parts of the country first erupted Sunday. The violence highlights the breakdown of law and order

in Indonesia as the archipelago emerges from more than three decades of authoritarian rule and old ethnic hatreds erupt into bloodshed. President Abdurrahman Wahid left for a two-week trip Thursday to the Middle East and Africa saying he was not worried about leaving Indonesia mired in a political crisis and ethnic violence.

### Clinton brother-in-law returns money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

investigation into former President Clinton's last-minute pardons is widening amid revelations that his wife's brother collected nearly \$400,000 for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two clients. At the request of the first family, Hugh Rodham refunded the payments Wednesday. A congressional investigative committee immediately demanded documents and answers. Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham

Clinton, D-N.Y., said they were unaware of the arrangements with Rodham and were "deeply disturbed" by what had happened.

### Submarine commander faces uncertain future

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the Navy needed to strut its stuff, it could count on Cmdr. Scott Waddle to get the job done, those who know the beleaguered submarine commander say. "He's the one that's chosen when they want to send a submarine to show off on Armed Forces Day in some major port in California," said his friend John Peters, a retired Navy submarine captain. Waddle, 41, now keeps quiet, pending investigation into his submarine's collision with a Japanese fishing and training vessel. Two civilians were at control positions in Waddle's submarine when the accident occurred. The Navy relieved Waddle as commander of the USS Greenville after the Feb. 9 accident that sank the Ehime Maru, which was on a one-month training cruise with Japanese high school students. Twenty-six people were rescued, but nine others — including four students — are missing.

### Forestry officials fear fire danger after ice storm

IDABEL, Okla. (AP) — Devastating winter ice storms that pummeled three states and left thousands of mangled trees littered across the region could be the source of yet another disaster: wildfires.

Forestry officials in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas fear a potential summertime inferno on hundreds of thousands of acres where trees were snapped and shredded by the storm.

"I don't think it's a question of if. That fuel's on the ground. We'll have a hot, dry summer, if not this year, the next," said Pat McDowell, assistant director of the forestry division at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

The nation is coming off its worst fire season in a half century. Wildfires blackened about 7 million acres in the United States last year, with the majority of damage occurring in the West.

Ice that fell Christmas Day damaged trees in the rolling timber country of southeast Oklahoma, northeast Texas and a large swath of Arkansas.

In Oklahoma, more than 500,000 acres are scattered with a tinderbox of destroyed trees, often surrounding tiny communities tucked away in the pines with little or no fire protection. The state sustained \$200 million in damage to the timber crop, according to preliminary estimates.

Texas estimates \$46 million in timber damage in three counties where 80,000 acres of pine forests have increased risk for wildfires.

In Arkansas, timber on more than 200,000 acres was destroyed or heavily damaged, causing more than \$50 million in losses. Additionally, timber companies report \$154 million in heavy damage and losses on 445,000 acres, said George Rheinhardt with the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

"There's a tremendous amount of fuel on the ground out there and if it turns dry we have the potential for catastrophic fires," Rheinhardt said.

The three states are bracing for summer blazes by seeking money for more bulldozers, aircraft and workers.

Outdated, undersized equipment could add to any fire damage in Oklahoma. State forestry bulldozers, bought in the 1980s, are too small to move massive logs and debris in order to build a fire line during a blaze, McDowell said.

Firefighters might instead have to rely on roads and natural breaks such as rivers and creeks to contain blazes that would burn themselves out.

Officials are seeking \$3.5 million for 17 new, bigger bulldozers. They also want \$6 million for contracts for standby services from larger helicopters capable of hauling big buckets of water to help cool the flames while workers build fire lines.

"This is not standard equipment replacement," he said. "The stuff we've got is not big enough anymore."

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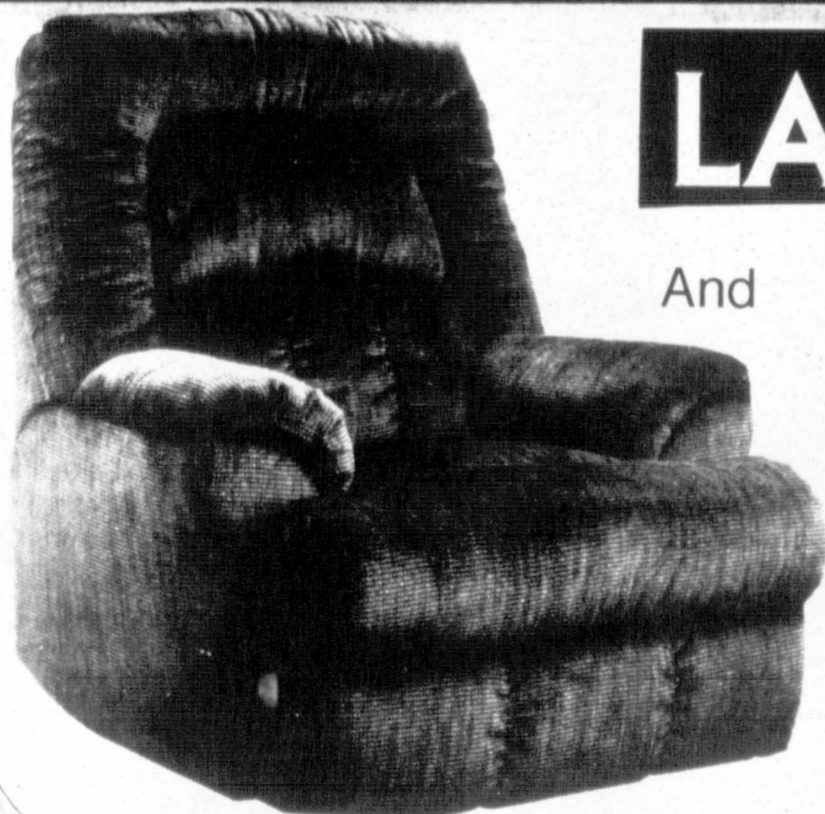
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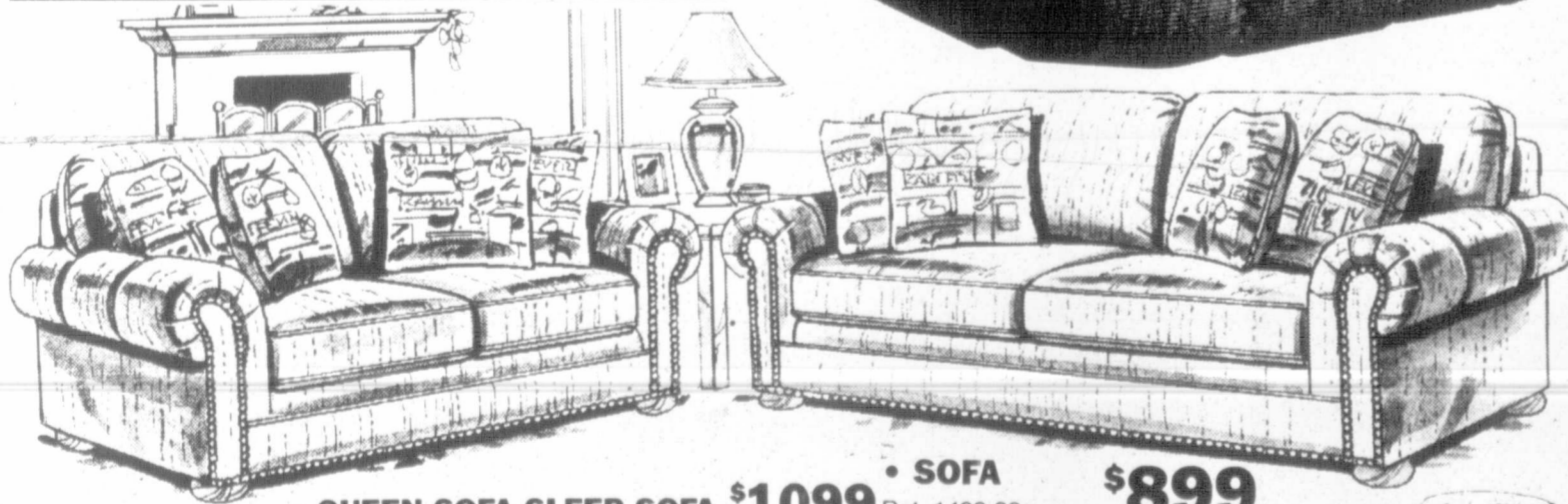
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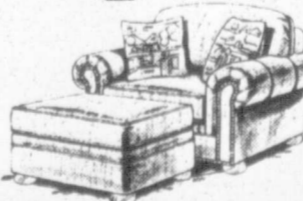


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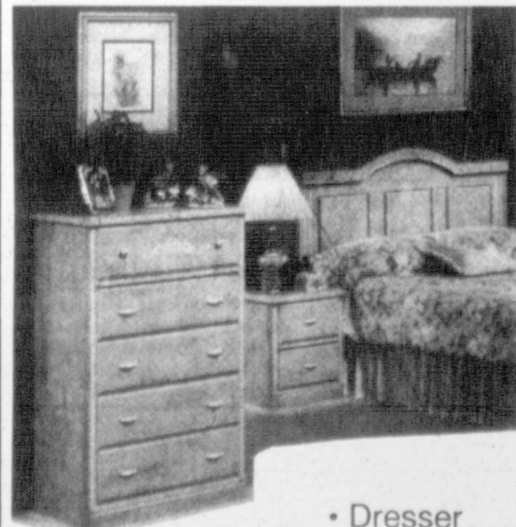


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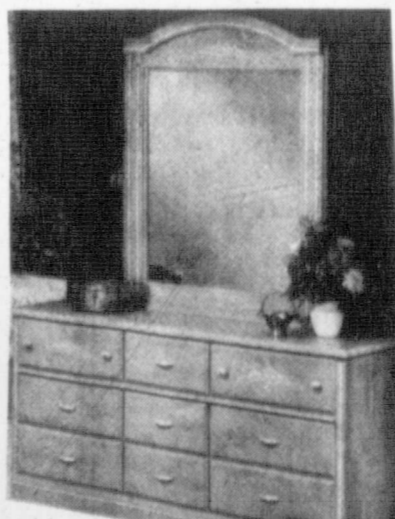
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