
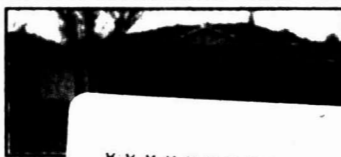
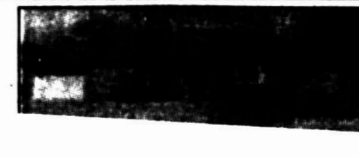


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LOCAL

Reports: KFC may reopen here soon

Kentucky Fried Chicken may soon be re-opening in Pampa, according to an Amarillo Globe-News story.

The story stated Denis Schoenhofer, president of Wichita, Kan.-based Southwest KFC, said he bought the franchise rights for Pampa and Borger and will re-open the stores in those towns soon.

He also franchises in Canyon and Dumas and recently bought the option to develop stores in Amarillo, according to the story.

Attempts to reach Schoenhofer prior to press time today were unsuccessful as he was in a meeting.

The Pampa store has been closed for several months.

Fund established for victim of fire

A fund has been set up at National Bank of Commerce, 1224 N. Hobart, for Brenda Angel whose home, clothing, and possessions were destroyed in a fire on March 9. To donate to the fund, contact any of the bank tellers, bank officials said.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 18-26-27-33-41-43.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$6 million.

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Trailers: To tax or not to tax

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Some politicians, including Gov. Rick Perry, are asking chief appraisers in Texas to seek legal counsel with an eye to not enforcing the new travel trailer property tax created by the passage of Amendment 14.

The request went out in a letter this week signed by Perry and nine lawmakers including State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa.

"I don't see anything any differently than I did before," said Pat Bagley, chief appraiser of the Gray County Appraisal District. "I don't see that the request changes our position."

Even if the travel trailer tax was the unintentional result of the amendment's enabling legislation, it's still the law, Bagley said. It was voted into effect by Texans in the last general election.

"My question is, which law do they want us to ignore next?" Bagley said. "If we ignore one law, who is to say we can't ignore others?"

Bagley said he has checked with an Amarillo law firm and one in Austin

that represent appraisal districts. He said their advice is to abide by the law.

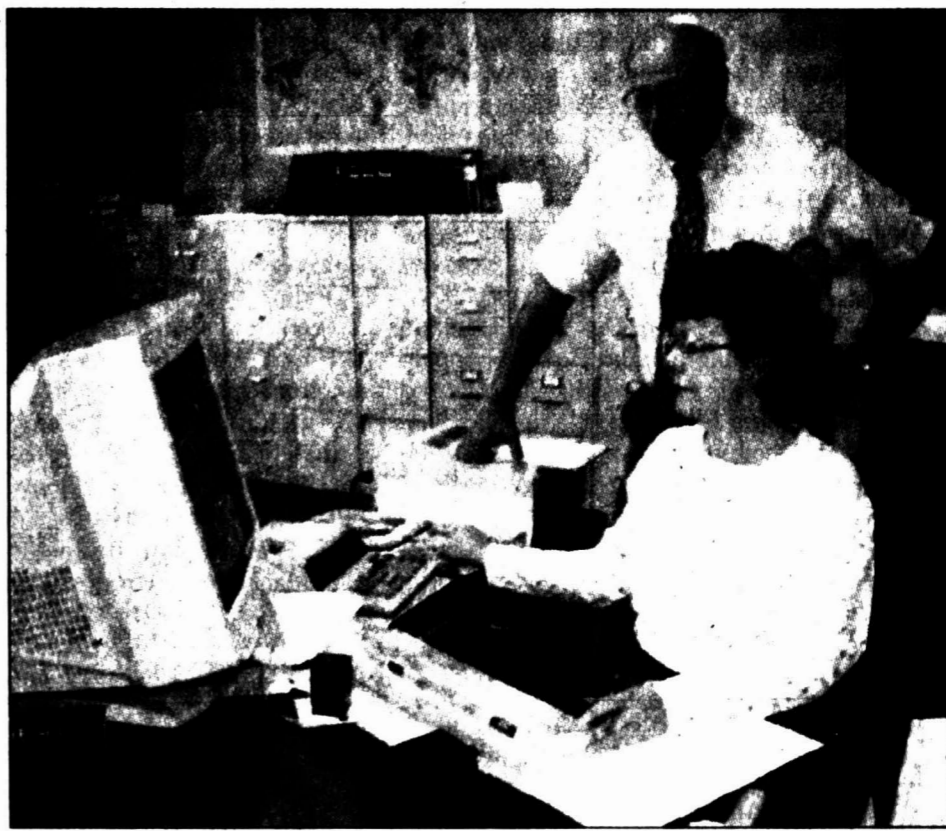
Under the law, owners of travel trailers registered in Texas must pay a school district property tax on the trailers, Bagley said. Other taxing entities, such as cities, counties and water districts may opt not to charge the tax. The tax does not apply to motor homes.

So far, Pampa, Gray County, Lefors and McLean have voted not to impose the tax, he said. The water district has yet to meet on the subject.

The school district tax is not optional, Bagley said, and to receive an exemption on the other entity taxes, a form must be filled out and filed with the appraisal district prior to April 30, he said. If no exemption form is filed, the travel trailer owner will also be charged with the other taxes even though the entities opted not to collect them.

Bagley said forms and information will be mailed next week to the approximately 650 travel trailer owners in the district. The total value of the trailers is about \$3.9 million.

(See TAX, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley watches as records clerk Debbie Hill enters travel trailer data into the computer system at the Gray County Appraisal District.

Flags and flowers



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

What a difference a day makes. Some of yesterday's buds on Bradford pear trees outside the Pampa Police Department had turned into tiny blossoms by this morning. Warm temperatures are signaling the coming arrival of spring on March 20.

Nursing center seeks 3rd follow-up survey

Hutton: Most deficiencies corrected

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa Nursing Center is working to correct building deficiencies this week in order to avoid a state-scheduled termination April 8 of its contract to receive Medicaid and Medicare funds.

The nursing home has, however, received a clean bill of health with regard to deficiencies found in a five-day inspection in January, said Rosemary Patterson, public information officer for the Long Term Care-Regulatory division of the Texas Department of Human Services.

Vicki Hutton, home administrator, said this morning that some problems, including corridor doors that weren't smoke tight and fire wall leaks had been fixed. She said all the work should be completed by Friday.

Meanwhile, the nursing home remains "on track" for the funding termination, said Patterson, because the state has conducted its two permitted follow-up visits after the deficiencies were found.

The nursing home can, and will, Hutton said, seek a special third follow-up that can be granted by the federal agency, the Center for (See SURVEY, Page 3)

Two suspects held in ammonia theft

Two Gray County men are in custody today after a deputy sheriff followed up after spying a car leave an anhydrous ammonia tank battery at county roads Gray 21 and B.

The two men had not been charged this morning but officials said charges are pending.

In addition to its use as fertilizer, anhydrous ammonia is an ingredient in making the illegal drug methamphetamine.

After seeing the car about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Deputy Cary Rushing said he stopped to check the tanks and found some hoses leaking and anhy-

drous ammonia "steaming" into the air.

Rushing said he caught up to the car and stopped it on a traffic violation after following it south on FM 748, east on Highway 152 and south to the McLean cutoff.

The deputy said it appeared (See THEFT, Page 3)

Lawsuit filed to halt killer's inheritance

Who gets drug money? Alvey to report to county officials Friday

By KATE DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A grieving father thinks it's wrong for his daughter's killer — her husband — to inherit the dead woman's estate and he's filed suit in 223rd District Court here to try and stop it.

Pampa attorney John Warner filed the suit last month on behalf of Raymond Hassell, a former Pampa man and the father of the slain Gretchen Ann Hassell Amy.

The suit is filed against Stephen Dwayne Amy who is serving a life sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections for killing Mrs. Amy. He is currently in the Robertson Unit at Abilene, the complaint said.

Also named as a defendant is Mrs. Amy's brother, Doug Hassell of Pampa.

Warner said Doug Hassell is a defendant because he is a necessary party to the suit and since he lives here it puts jurisdiction in Gray County instead of Dallas.

"Doug Hassell is a victim here, too," Warner said.

According to the suit, Amy killed Mrs. Amy on May 16, 2000. Warner said the crime occurred in Dallas.

Mrs. Amy died without a will and she had no children, the suit said. Her mother is deceased.

Unlike some states, Warner said Texas does not have a statute which would prevent Amy from inheriting his wife's estate even though he killed her.

Mrs. Amy's estate includes community property from her marriage and also property she inherited from a relative, Dollie Benzel McMasters, the suit said.

The McMasters' will was probated in Dallas County and its proceeds are ready to be distributed.

Warner declined to reveal the amount of Mrs. Amy's estate.

The suit seeks to have the court determine who the heirs are and seeks to have Amy prevented from "unjust enrichment" by virtue of any of his (See LAWSUIT, Page 3)

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

County Attorney Todd Alvey will address the Gray County Commissioners Court at their regular meeting at 9 a.m. Friday regarding where the forfeited funds from drug seizures should be deposited.

The meeting will be at the Gray County Court Room located at the old SPS Building, 315 N. Ballard.

At the March 1 commission meeting, District Attorney Rick Roach responded to comments County Treasurer Scott Hahn made at the Feb. 15 commission meeting concerning the location of the deposited funds taken in drug seizures.

Hahn told the commission the funds should be in Gray County under his control. Roach was not at the Feb. 15 meeting.

At the March 1 meeting, Roach appeared before the commission stating the funds were deposited in the Roberts County's officially-designated depository.

He explained that his office is in the

same building as the Roberts County official depository — Miami State Bank. Roach said since he is district attorney for five counties — Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts, and Wheeler — he said he believed the seized funds could go to any bank in that judicial district.

Alvey was instructed by the commission to seek an attorney general's opinion on the issue.

He said Thursday morning he has researched related opinions regarding the issue and has located two which would apply. He will present those opinions to the commission on Friday, he said, to update them.

Both opinions were made by former Attorney General Dan Morales, he said. Alvey said he didn't feel it was necessary to request another opinion as he said he feels the two previous ones address the issue. He said that Roach may request an opinion if he wants to do so.

Other items on the agenda include considering an alternate board member for Panhandle Community (See MONEY, Page 3)

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ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 13
2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West 30th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
8:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wilcox and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 13
8:28 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. The alarm was cancelled before firefighters arrived.
12:25 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 2200 block of North Dwight. Limited damage was reported to grass in a backyard and a fence. Cause of the fire is under investigation.
2:55 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. A fan motor had overheated, but there was no fire.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13
An \$18 gas drive off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart.
Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1900 block of North Coffee where a radio, camera, CDs and movies were taken. Entry was through a window.
Assault causing bodily injuries to juveniles was reported in the 700 block of North Bradley.
A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca Lane.

Thursday, March 14
Dustin Merle Whatley, 27, 1105 Jupiter, driving while license suspended.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CORSE, Georgia Gill — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Miami.

GEORGIA GILL CORSE
1908-2002

MIAMI — Georgia Gill Corse, 93, of Miami, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Dumas, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday at the First Christian Church in Miami, with Brother Jay McGaughey, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Dumas, and the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of the Hunt Memorial United Methodist Church of Dumas, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Corse was born Dec. 12, 1908, in Miami. She was the daughter of the pioneer family Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Gill. She married Kenneth Corse on July 17, 1927, at Canadian. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1984. She was a member and deaconess of the First Christian Church of Miami.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wallace Corse, in 1972.

Survivors include two sons and daughter-

in-law, Douglas Corse of Mobeetie and Earl and Carolyn Corse of Dumas; a brother, Cecil Gill of Miami; a sister, Goldie Roberts of Pampa; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be First Christian Church, 201 Tascosa, Miami, TX 79059; or the Roberts County Museum, Hwy 60, Miami, TX 79059.

The body will lie-in-state at the First Christian Church from 10 a.m. Friday until service time.



LORENA MAE FERGUSON
1929-2002

Lorena Mae Ferguson, 72, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 14, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ferguson, a lifelong Pampa resident, was born Aug. 1, 1929, at Bowers City. She married Clyde Ferguson on Oct. 20, 1972, at Pampa.

She owned the old Texaco Truck Stop Restaurant.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde, of the home; a daughter, Glenda Brownlee of Borger; a son, Grover Grimes of Houston; a sister, Edith Owen of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.35	VLO	48.00	-0.12
Milo	3.18	Halliburton	15.95	-0.80
Corn	3.40	Triad Hospitals	32.78	+0.40
Soybeans	3.72	NOI	21.75	-1.03
		KMI	48.15	+0.51
		XCEL	25.47	-0.03
		Kerr McGee	48.15	+0.51
		Limited	17.63	+0.05
		Williams	22.01	-0.29
		McDonald's	28.10	+0.20
		Exxon Mobil	43.12	NC
		Almos	23.51	+0.10
		Pioneer Nat	28.83	+0.14
		Penney's	22.08	+0.08
		SLB	57.63	-0.89
		Phillips	61.92	-0.57
		Tenneco	4.10	+0.02
		CVX	89.25	-0.17
		Wal-Mart	62.13	+0.14
		OKE	19.88	+0.07

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

Occidental	28.06	-0.32
Fidelity Magell	103.33	0.10
Puritan	18.00	-0.10

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

BP	51.92	+0.25
Celanese	20.63	+0.13
Cabot Corp.	35.05	-0.34
Cabot Oil Gas	22.80	-0.20
Coca Cola	48.19	+0.24
New York Gold	293.45	
Silver	4.53	
West Texas Crude	24.16	

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, March 13
Pamela Rae Brown, 27, Groom, arrested on a grand jury indictment for secure execution of document by deception.
Michelle Dawn Page, 36, 1503 N. Russell, arrested on a grand jury indictment for secure execution of document by deception.
Jesus Rodriguez, 22, 417 N. Faulkner, arrested on a warrant for no seat belt.

Thursday, March 14
Madrid Ray Soto, 37, 318 Hazel, no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly sunny and windy with highs near 80 and southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to near 40 mph, possibly shifting to the northwest late. Caution is advised on area lakes today through tonight. Tonight should be partly cloudy and breezy, with lows near 30 and north winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts near 35 mph, diminishing late. Friday, partly sunny and much cooler with highs 50 to 55. North winds 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast 5 to 15 mph late. Friday night, partly cloudy with lows around 30. Saturday, partly sunny with highs 60 to 65. Saturday evening, partly cloudy.

STATEWIDE

Warm temperatures were expected across wide sections of the state for the next few days as a high-pressure ridge takes hold.

Cloud cover increased overnight across South and East Texas as southerly winds pumped moisture from the Gulf of Mexico into the state's interior. Skies were partly

cloudy to cloudy over North Texas. Clear conditions prevailed west of a line from Childress to Del Rio.

A cold front stretched just north of the panhandle, extending northeasterly across Missouri and into the Northeast.

Early-morning temperatures Thursday ranged mostly from the 50s to 70s.

Extremes were 48 degrees in Marfa and 70 in Brownsville.

Other readings included 65 at Childress and Borger.

Winds averaged 10 to 20 mph, with some southerly gusts to around 30 mph at Temple and in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Gusts up to 64 mph were clocked at Guadalupe Pass.

Partly cloudy skies were expected to be the rule in North Texas with highs generally from the 60s to the 80s, with lower 90s for the Concho Valley into the Big Bend.

Lows should range from the 20s in the panhandle to 40s and 50s from the northern Permian Basin to the Big Bend.

Winds were expected to be southerly to southwesterly at 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

Economy: Broadest measure of trade shows improvement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deficit in the nation's broadest measure of trade narrowed slightly to \$417.4 billion last year, still the second highest imbalance on record, the government reported Thursday.

The Commerce Department said last year's current account trade deficit, measuring the flow of not just goods and services but also investment across the U.S. border, was down by 6.1 percent from the all-time high of \$444.7 billion set in 2000.

It marked the first time that the current account had shown an improvement since a 7 percent decline to \$109.9 billion in 1995.

In another report, the Commerce Department said that businesses rebuilt inventories by 0.2 percent in January, the first increase in inventories in a year and another encouraging sign that the country's first recession is a decade has come to an end.

Analysts see the rebuilding of inventories as a crucial development in lifting the country out of recessions. Business restocking of deplet-

ed store shelves will mean increased orders to American factories and the increase in production will translate into an expanding economy.

In a third report, the Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 3,000 last week to 377,000, a further sign of improvement in the labor market, which saw layoffs surge in the weeks following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Even with the small improvement in the trade deficit, the current account imbalance last year remained at the second highest level on record. It is expected to show only a slight further improvement this year, something that has many economists worried.

To finance this trade deficit, the United States must depend on foreigners' willingness to exchange their cars, crude oil and other products for American dollars, which return to the United States in various investments from stocks and bonds to purchases of American real estate

and factories.

However, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said in a speech Wednesday that it would unrealistic to expect foreign investment to stay at the high levels of recent years for a prolonged period.

He said the best way to shrink the current account deficit would be for Americans to increase their record-low savings rate, meaning that the money U.S. businesses could tap an increased pool of domestic savings for their investment needs rather than relying on foreigners.

The concern is that at some point foreigners will decide to pull their investments out of the United States, triggering a decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, depressing the value of American stocks and bonds, sending U.S. interest rates prices soaring.

If this turnaround were abrupt, it could be enough of a disruption, some analysts believe, that it would push the country into another recession.

However, the Bush administration and other economists insist that any change in foreigners' investment preferences is likely to be gradual enough to cushion U.S. financial markets from a sudden fall.

American manufacturers have been urging a change in the administration's support for a strong dollar, arguing that the U.S. currency is overvalued at present, opening them up to greater competition from cheaper-priced imports and making their products more expensive on foreign markets.

The current account report showed that despite the improvement for the year, the deficit for the October-December quarter actually rose a slight 0.3 percent to \$98.8 billion, up from \$98.5 billion in the third quarter.

The 0.2 percent rise in business inventories was the first increase since a similar 0.2 percent increase in January 2001. Inventories had been falling throughout most of last year as businesses, reacting to the slowing economy, tried to workoff a stockpile of unsold goods.

One in five ineligible getting lunches

WASHINGTON (AP) — A system that bases billions of dollars in education aid on the number of pupils getting free or discounted lunches is encouraging schools to inflate the figures, the Bush administration says.

One of every five children participating in the lunch program may be ineligible because the family's income is too high, a government-commissioned study found.

Some 13 million children received free meals last year, and an additional 2.6 million paid a discounted price, a maximum of 40 cents per meal.

"I don't want to decrease the number of kids that participate if they are eligible to receive it ... (or) deter eligible children from receiving these benefits," said Eric Bost, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary for food and nutrition programs.

But Bost also said millions of ineligible children reaping a benefit their families don't qualify for is a problem that demands a solution.

In Texas and California alone, about \$4 billion in federal and state education money is distributed to districts and schools based on the school lunch numbers. And teachers who work in schools with high participation in the lunch program can get college loans forgiven.

Because so much money is at stake, "this has resulted in some schools allowing ineligible students to enroll in the program," Bost said.

Schools rely upon parents to report their income properly and check the financial records of no more than 3 percent of families to verify eligibility. Some schools even provide incentives to parents, including free raffle tickets, to get them to apply for free or discounted meals for their children.

Studies for the department by Mathematica Policy Research, an independent research firm, indicates that the error rate grew rapidly in the 1990s. In 1999, the latest year for which data were available, the lunch rolls were 27 percent higher than they should have been, based on an analysis of census data. That's up from 23 percent in 1998 and just 5 percent in 1994.

The issue has divided school officials. The American School Food Service Association, which represents school nutritionists, says there's obviously a problem.

"While there is room to argue the size ... it is very likely that there may be children approved who should not be," said Marcia Smith, the group's president and school food director in Polk County, Fla.

But Bruce Hunter, associate executive director of public policy for the American Association of School Administrators, said the Bush administration is just looking for a way to cut school spending.

"For every child who is enrolled who ought not to be there is a child who is not enrolled who should be," he said.

Tests confirm notorious FBI drug suspect dead

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Blood stains from the shirt of a man killed in a shootout with police last month helped authorities confirm the death of Ramon Arellano Felix, the suspected leader of Mexico's most feared drug gang and one of the FBI's 10 most-wanted fugitives.

Assistant Attorney General Juan Jorge Campos said Mexican authorities compared blood taken from Arellano Felix's jailed brother, Benjamin, with DNA evidence collected from the shootout at the Pacific coast resort of Mazatlan on Feb. 10.

Tests showed the samples had a "genetic affinity" that proved the dead man was Benjamin Arellano Felix's brother, Campos said at a news conference Wednesday.

U.S. and Mexican officials already had said they were almost certain the dead man was the fugitive.

U.S. and Mexican officials say the two brothers ran a Tijuana-based drug ring that smuggled tons of cocaine and marijuana into the United States and killed hundreds of people over the past 15 years.

Other siblings have alleged roles in the organization, but authorities say the death of one brother and the arrest of the other may mean its demise.

The FBI posted the 37-year-old Ramon Arellano Felix, accused of being the gang's enforcer, on its 10 most-wanted list in September 1997. A 1999 DEA report attributed about 300 murders in Mexico and the United States to the gang.

U.S. and Mexican police agencies had determined that Arellano Felix came to Mazatlan on Feb. 5 with a plan to kill a rival during Carnival celebrations.

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Justice preparing to seek indictment against Andersen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department prepared to bring criminal charges against Arthur Andersen after the accounting firm spurned a government deadline to plead guilty in the Enron scandal, sources familiar with the proceedings said Thursday.

Andersen accused the Justice Department of a "gross abuse of government power" and said criminal charges would be a "death penalty" against the firm. One person familiar with the matter indicated that federal obstruction-of-justice charges would be filed in Houston as early as Thursday afternoon.

A 9 a.m. Justice deadline for Andersen to plead guilty passed without any official word from either side, but in a letter to the department, Andersen lawyers signaled strongly that there would be no guilty plea.

"We submit that there is no basis for the government to take the unprecedented step of bringing criminal felony charges against Arthur Andersen LLP, when the evidence of criminal misconduct on the part of the firm as an institution is so flimsy," one of Andersen's outside lawyers, Richard J. Favretto of the firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, said in the letter. The letter went to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, head of the department's criminal division.

Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined Thursday to respond to Andersen's accusations.

Representatives of Arthur Andersen, which has admitted massive shredding of Enron-related documents by its employees, have been repeatedly threatened with indictment by federal prosecutors over the past week to 10

days. "None of the destruction occurred with the knowledge, much less the consent, of senior firm management," said the letter. "Indeed, even as to those few people who engaged in document destruction, there appears to be a dearth of credible evidence that they acted with the willful criminal intent to obstruct a government investigation."

Andersen said in the letter that Justice Department prosecutors demanded an answer by 9 a.m. Thursday and were refusing to meet with the accounting firm. One person involved in negotiations said the sides last met face to face one week ago, with lawyers occasionally speaking by phone and sending documents back and forth.

The firm's management in Chicago has blamed the shredding on its Houston office, saying the document destruction was spearheaded by David Duncan, chief auditor on the Enron account.

"The department plans to press forward even though there are alternative ways to proceed that would achieve every single valid government objective while wholly avoiding harm to the innocent," Favretto wrote.

The accounting firm proposed that the Justice Department defer prosecution and that the government appoint a special monitor to oversee a new policy for retaining documents at Andersen along with "other reforms that would be approved by the Justice Department."

Andersen also proposed that the Securities and Exchange Commission adopt a remedy for the accounting firm's Houston office where

the document destruction took place.

Finally, Andersen proposed further discipline including immediate dismissal from the firm of all people "at whatever level — who were responsible for the document destruction or whose failures of oversight and negligence made that destruction possible."

In an unusual move, Andersen also asked in the letter for an opportunity to offer testimony to a federal grand jury before the Justice Department proceeds with criminal charges.

"If the Justice Department insists on proceeding with its present course, we urgently request that you and the Deputy Attorney General agree to meet with the principal officers of Arthur Andersen LLP before deciding whether to impose the death penalty on the firm," the letter added.

Andersen's fate hung in the balance as congressional investigators examined the role of Enron's lawyers in the collapse of the world's largest energy trading company.

The investigative panel of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has been probing the Enron catastrophe and Andersen's role, now is calling Enron's lawyers to account for their actions.

Attorneys from Enron, including former general counsel James Derrick, and Vinson & Elkins were testifying Thursday.

"We are not looking at one or two missteps here, but rather at a pattern of behavior characterized by neglect and avoidance by Enron's legal advisers," Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., the subcommittee chairman, said.

In an opening statement, Derrick said that

after allegations about accounting irregularities were raised by an Enron executive, Sherron Watkins, "We took the concerns ... very seriously" and hired Vinson & Elkins.

Joseph Dilg, Vinson & Elkins' managing partner, said in prepared testimony that the firm's report on Watkins' allegations did point out to Enron executives some significant problems, including "the aggressiveness of the accounting, conflicts of interest" and possible legal risks in the partnerships.

However, Dilg said, the report concluded no further investigation was needed because senior officials of Enron were aware of the primary concerns raised by Watkins and had already addressed some of them. Then-chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, for example, had resigned from his position with some partnerships to eliminate a potential conflict of interest and some shaky transactions were terminated.

"We are confident that Vinson & Elkins fully met its professional responsibilities in connection with our representation of Enron."

After Enron slid into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history in December and its troubles became front-page news, the company's directors hired another law firm, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, to conduct a formal investigation.

That inquiry, led by William Powers, an Enron director and dean of the University of Texas Law School, issued a scathing report in February that found that failure of oversight by top management allowed senior executives involved in the company's web of partnerships to enrich themselves improperly by tens of millions of dollars.

U.S. mediator launches new Mid-East truce mission

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A U.S. mediator launched a new truce mission Thursday during the deadliest period in nearly 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Eight Palestinians and three Israeli soldiers were killed in new violence.

As U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni arrived, Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer ordered a gradual pullback of Israeli troops from the West Bank town of Ramallah, where fighting earlier in the day killed four armed Palestinians. But Ben-Eliezer gave no details on the timing or extent of the withdrawal.

Palestinian militants detonated a powerful bomb under an Israeli Merkava-3 tank in the Gaza Strip, killing three Israeli soldiers and wounding two.

In Bethlehem, Palestinian militiamen shot dead two suspected informers, tied one of the bodies to a pickup truck, dragged the body through the streets and tried to hang the body from a

building on Manger Square, overlooking the Church of the Nativity, Jesus' traditional birthplace. Palestinian police prevented the hanging. About two dozen collaborators have been killed by Palestinian militiamen during the past 18 months of fighting.

Two Palestinian militiamen, including a bomb expert, were killed in an Israeli missile attack on their West Bank hide-out.

Israel is conducting its largest-scale military operation since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, with some 20,000 soldiers deployed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip after a string of deadly Palestinian attacks.

Israeli and Palestinian officials said they were ready to work with Zinni on forging a truce. Zinni, who arrived in the afternoon, was to meet later Thursday with Israeli

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The visit began shortly after two ultranationalist Cabinet ministers resigned from Sharon's government. Despite the resignations of Tourism Minister Benny Elon and Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman, Sharon's broad-based coalition retains control of 75 seats in the 120-member parliament.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said he remained "completely committed" to reaching a peace agreement with Israel, but accused Sharon of abandoning previous commitments.

Each side said it would continue fighting if the other did not end the violence. The Palestinians demanded that Israel withdraw its troops from Palestinian towns, while Israel said Palestinian militiamen must stop attacks on Israelis.

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one of two occupants tried to get rid of the substance because he saw a cloud of

smoke go into the air and there was a "strong odor" of anhydrous ammonia in the air.

"... But there was a little left in the plastic jug," the deputy said.

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SURVEY

Medicaid and Medicare Services. That agency was formerly known as the Health Care Finance Administration.

Patterson said homes receiving permission

for a third follow-up "isn't unheard of."

The health sanctions the home, located at 1321 W. Kentucky, received in January included unsupervised patients, inappropriate sexual behavior, lack of documentation, unpleasant food, inadequate staffing, privacy issues, and medication mistakes.

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TAX

Chisum told *The Pampa News* Wednesday he plans to write letters to Panhandle-area appraisal districts asking them not to enforce the tax and says he plans to write school districts asking them not to impose the tax.

"I think most wouldn't (enforce) the tax," Chisum said of the appraisal districts, and said, "The school boards could vote to ask the appraisal districts not to ..."

Reminded that the tax is current state law, Chisum said, "... I don't want to tell anyone to break the law but they should seriously consid-

er doing the right thing."

Legislators say the intent of the law was to restrict a taxing district's ability to tax trailers but somehow language doing just the opposite ended up being approved.

Previously, Chisum said the legislative vote took place near the end of the last session and was voted upon along with other bills which didn't have opposition.

If the tax goes uncollected, Chisum doesn't think anyone in the state will sue but he did acknowledge litigation is possible because, "you can sue

anybody for anything."

The veteran lawmaker said the situation "is a big mess" that could be corrected by a special legislative question "but that would cost millions of dollars."

That's what Bagley thinks should happen, saying the lawmakers could handle the issue quickly in order to minimize costs.

"This puts me in a strange position," Bagley said. "I have a great deal of respect for Warren Chisum and I don't want people to think I am at odds with him personally."

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MONEY

Services, bids for property at Block I, Lot 3-C, in Original Town of McLean, and agreement with the City of Pampa regarding House Bill 1551.

Also on the agenda is consideration of an agreement with Texas Association of Counties to participate in the County Information Resources Agency.

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LAWSUIT

dead wife's estate.

For Amy to benefit from any of the estate of the woman he murdered, Warner said, "is just wrong."

center, since Tuesday.

The streets of Ramallah were deserted Thursday as Israeli tanks enforced a curfew. Roving bands of gunmen exchanged sporadic fire with Israeli soldiers, and four members of the Palestinian security forces were killed.

An armored car carrying five Associated Press Television News staffers briefly came under fire from Palestinian gunmen in downtown Ramallah on Thursday, and two tires were punctured by bullets. No one was hurt.

The gunmen apologized and said they had feared the car may be carrying Israeli soldiers, even through "TV" was clearly displayed on four sides. The shooting was apparently set off when one of the gunmen fired into the air, causing the others to believe they were under attack.

Armored Israeli vehicles surrounded the Al Amari refugee camp next to Ramallah, and witnesses said tanks blocked the access roads to several hospitals in town, allowing only ambulances to get through.

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I'm getting too old for this



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

When my sons were teenagers it seemed as though I lived in emergency rooms and orthopedic doctors' offices.

Just how those boys could break so many bones, I never knew.

Both were athletic and highly competitive. They worked hard at sports and trained, but still had injuries. At times, I wondered if they were a little too competitive.

One had three knee surgeries by the time he was a senior. He also broke his hand two or three times — I can't remember for certain how many times.

The other broke his ankle and had numerous concussions. He had several other injuries, but time has dimmed the memory.

We got to know the orthopedic doctor quite well, meeting his wife and children on occasion as my youngest refused to allow any other doctor to treat him in his times of need.

My oldest broke his ankle during his junior year of high school during the second quarter of a football game, playing the remainder of the game as he said the injury wasn't serious. That weekend we (my husband, me, three teens and a pre-teen) roofed our house. He was going up and down the ladder carrying shingles when the school superintendent stopped by on Sunday to visit. Seeing my son was still limping (and being a former coach) he sat him down on the porch and examined his foot.

Turning to me he said, "I think his foot or ankle is broken." My son protested, saying it would be fine. However, on Monday he went to the doctor who sent him to the hospital for an X-ray.

Upon looking at the film, it was evident even to my untrained eye it was broken. As we were taking the film to

return to the doctor's office, he grabbed the large envelope containing the X-ray film saying he would rip it up. He was so-o-o-rational!

We returned to the doctor's office where his ankle was casted and he was told he was out of football for several weeks. This was not the news a nose-guard wants to hear, especially when district play was just beginning.

He seemed to think if he destroyed the cast he wouldn't have to wear it and could play football. His father soon explained to him that it didn't work that way — and it was in a manner that he understood.

A couple of weeks later, I was walking out the back door and simply stepped off the back porch. There was a loud pop and I screamed. Everyone came running. I had broken my foot!

In pain and feeling sorry for myself, I got no sympathy from the members of my family. It was only a few days before my very competitive teenage son soon had me in the street running races on crutches with him.

I was the one who got to drive us to the doctor though as it was my left foot and his right.

Shortly before the last game of the season, his cast was removed and he was allowed to play in the last game. He was ferocious that night. During the last quarter, a young friend of his who wasn't playing football came to me and

said, "Nancy, I think his arm is broken." I looked closely at the young player on the field with Number 72, and it looked that way to me, too. His friend said, "You've got to stop him."

Thinking of what I had experienced the previous weeks, I looked at his friend and replied, "You stop him." If it was one thing I had learned about my oldest son during the previous weeks, it was just how stubborn and competitive he was. And I was beginning to learn to pick my battles in life. On some occasions, it's better to just step back.

He is still extremely stubborn, determined and highly competitive. But at age 34, I think maturity is beginning to teach him the appropriate way to use it. My family tells me he inherited this stubbornness trait. I can't figure where he got that, can you? Dee Dee seems to be able to figure it out, and she's never even met my son!! Just me. Strange, isn't it?

This is a memory which I had pushed to the back of my mind until a few days ago when my teenage grandson was playing in a basketball game and injured his foot.

Thinking it was a sprain, I made him walk on it and gave him no sympathy. The next morning it was evident it was more serious. A trip to the doctor confirmed his foot was broken!

As it was being casted Saturday morning in a bright green cast, (we only had white to choose from when Jay and I broke our feet) he said, "At least, I'm covered for St. Patrick's Day." I suggested I draw a pink bunny on it to observe Easter, but he declined.

The family tradition is continuing. But I'm getting too old for this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use tax dollars wisely

In a recent City Commissioner's meeting our Commissioners discussed how to spend the \$200,000 plus excess tax money they have. There was no discussion of returning the money to the Taxpayer in the form of a tax reduction (which would be a good incentive to attract business and industry to Pampa).

I thought of our neighbors in Pampa who live on unpaved streets. I have heard all the "reasons" why these streets cannot be paved. However, these streets could be "temporarily" coated with asphalt to reduce the amount of blowing dirt that can be a real health hazard due to our dry, windy season, without having to go through the "redtape" and expense of building new road beds.

Our unpaved streets do not project the image of a caring community to tourists and prospective businesses. We have 34 "parks" (small parcels of land no one wants to take care of so we call them parks so the City will have to tend them at Taxpayer's expense) but they do not offset the fact that we let a good percentage of our population strangle in dirt. Space does not allow me to point out the importance of that segment of our population to our economy, but while the rest of us piously shout "Shop Pampa", on our way to Amarillo, Dallas and Oklahoma City, these people actually shop Pampa.

If the City Commission will not follow the wisdom of the Federal Government by lowering or refunding taxes, at least they could do something worthwhile, like paving some unpaved streets, with the money.

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2002. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's orchestral work "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: The Associated Press obtained the names of 22 of 24 of the worst offenders in the check overdraft scandal at the House bank; topping the list were former Rep. Tommy Robinson of Arkansas and Rep. Bob Mrazek of New York, both Democrats.

Five years ago: Surgeons at Bethesda Naval Medical Center repaired a painful torn knee tendon in President Clinton's right leg; the injury had been caused by a freak middle-of-the-night stumble at the Florida home of golfer Greg Norman.

One year ago: Inspectors tightened U.S. defenses against foot-and-mouth disease a day after a case was confirmed in France. Doug Swingley won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska for the third straight year.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 74. Singer Phil Phillips is 71. Actor Michael Caine is 69. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 69. Former astronaut Eugene Cernan is 68. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 61. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 57. Rock musician Walt Parazaider (Chicago) is 57. Actor Steve Kanaly is 56. Comedian Billy Crystal is 54. Country singer Jann Browne is 48. Actor Adrian Zmed is 48. Prince Albert of Monaco is 44. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 37. Actress Megan Follows is 34. Actor Jake Fogelneist is 23. Actor Chris Klein ("American Pie") is 23.



Thoughts about 'giving back'

How many times have we heard people being applauded for "giving back"?

People seem to believe that, if you've been successful and made a lot of money, you're somehow obliged to give back by making donations to this or that cause, program or people. Giving back is not only a nonsensical idea but a dangerous one, as well. It reflects ignorance about the sources of income and at the same time provides fuel for demagogues and charlatans.

Depending on one's vision of the sources of income, giving back not only makes good sense but is a moral imperative, as well. Suppose income was simply a huge pile of money that was meant to be distributed equally. The reason some people are rich and others are not is because greedy rich people got to the pile first and took an unfair share. Giving back would be the right thing to do.

Another vision of the sources of income might be that income is distributed. In other words, there is a dealer of dollars. In this case, the reason why some people are rich and others are not is that the dollar dealer is a racist, a sexist or a multinationalist. Those to whom the mean dealer dealt too large a share of dollars should give back some of their ill-gotten gains. If they refuse to give back, then it's the job of government to



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

confiscate their gains and return them to their rightful owners. In a word, there must be a redealing of the dollars, what some call income redistribution.

In a free society, income is neither taken nor distributed; it is earned. Income is earned by pleasing one's fellow man. The greater one's ability to please his fellow man, the greater is his claim on what his fellow man produces. This claim is represented by the size of his income.

Let's look at it. Say I mow your lawn. When I'm finished, you pay me \$20. I go to my grocer and demand, "Give me two pounds of sirloin and a six-pack of beer that my fellow man produced." The grocer asks, "Williams, what did you do to deserve a claim on what your fellow man produced?" I say, "I served him." The grocer says, "Prove it." That's when I pull out the \$20 I earned. We might think of those 20 dollars as "certificates of performance," evidence of service.

Free markets — along with peaceable,

voluntary exchange — are morally superior to other alternatives. In order to make a claim on what my fellow man produces, I must serve him. Contrast that principle to government handouts, where a person is told: "You don't have to serve your fellow man. We'll take what he produces and give it to you."

Michael Jackson is rich. So is Steve Jobs and Michael Jordan. Henry Ford was rich, and so was Jonas Salk — but not Williams. Why? I can sing. I can also play basketball. The problem is that my fellow man is not as pleased by my performance as he is with Michael Jackson and Michael Jordan. Henry Ford became rich by making it possible for the ordinary person to own a car, and Jonas Salk helped eliminate a dreaded disease. You tell me what else do they owe anyone? They've already given.

In our society, there are people who should give back. These are the thieves and social parasites who live forcibly at the expense of others. They prey on their fellow man. Some do it privately through theft, fraud and robbery. Others use the political mechanism whereby Congress enriches them at the expense of others. If giving back means anything, it should apply to thieves and social parasites, not those who became wealthy by serving us.

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Accord to name new federation

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia and Montenegro signed a historic accord Thursday to radically restructure Yugoslavia, giving the federation a new name and its republics greater autonomy to prevent the country's final breakup.

The agreement, reached under mediation by the European Union, was signed by Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic, EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and other Serbian and Montenegrin officials.

The new country, consisting of two semi-independent states, will be renamed Serbia and Montenegro, Kostunica said after the signing ceremony. Both republics will share a defense and foreign policy, but will maintain separate economies, currencies and customs services for the time being.

"This document sets the shape of completely new relations between the states of Serbia and Montenegro," Kostunica said. "This step means a break with the previous regime" of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

"Amid the threat of disintegration in the Balkans, we are moving toward integration and peace and stability in the region," he said.

Yugoslavia first was formed in 1918 as the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, and Montenegro gave up its statehood to join. The country was occupied by Nazi Germany during World War II, then tightly controlled under the communist regime of Marshal Tito for four decades after the war.

Yugoslavia began to unravel along ethnic lines during Milosevic's reign. Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina all declared their independence by 1992.

Serbia and Montenegro stayed together when the other republics started leaving Yugoslavia. But their alliance began to crumble in 1997 when Djukanovic distanced himself from Milosevic and began advocating independence for Montenegro.

Kostunica said the political accord calls for new federal elections in the autumn, and that the parliaments of both republics as well as the federal Yugoslav parliament would set to work on constitutional changes. The country's new name will not take effect until lawmakers in all three chambers ratify the accord.

Solana praised the agreement, saying Montenegro and Serbia "should have no doubt" about the EU's support.

"This is an important day and a step toward the stability in the region and in Europe," Solana said. "This is not the end of anything, but a beginning of a new chapter that will bring you closer to the European Union."

Djukanovic, who is likely to face an avalanche of criticism in Montenegro for giving up a planned independence referendum for the small republic this spring, said he expected Serbs and Montenegrins to "have a positive approach toward this agreement" and predicted it would win parliamentary approval.

The tiny Adriatic republic continued its independence drive even after Milosevic's ouster in 2000. Milosevic is now on trial before the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for atrocities his forces committed in the Balkans in the 1990s.

Montenegro's 650,000 people remain bitterly divided on whether to remain in a federation with Serbia, whose approximately 8 million people effectively determine Yugoslav affairs.

A draft of the agreement, obtained by The Associated Press, said that after three years, "the member states will be entitled to institute proceedings for a change of the state status, that is, withdrawal from the state union."

Kostunica said his office as federal president would remain and that the new country would have one seat in the United Nations, just as Yugoslavia does now, although Montenegrin and Serbian officials would rotate as envoys to U.N. headquarters in New York.

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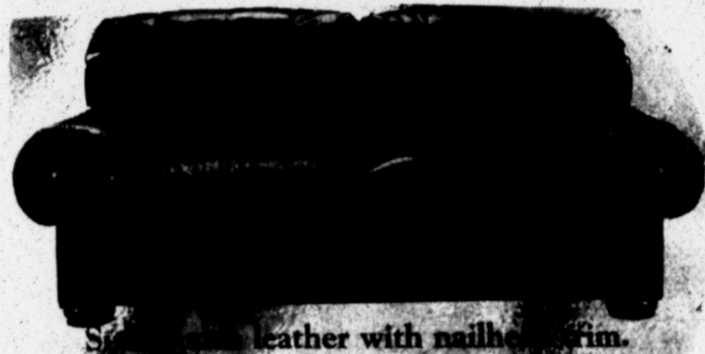
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Wal-Mart taking minority stake in Japanese retailer

TOKYO (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores is buying a minority stake in Japanese retailer Seiyu in a deal that gives the U.S. retail giant a foothold in the world's second-largest economy.

Wal-Mart will buy 6.1 percent of Seiyu stock for 6 billion yen (\$46 million) in May, the companies announced Thursday. It is the latest step in the global expansion of Wal-Mart which already is in Europe, South America and other parts of Asia.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer has the option to buy a third of Seiyu stock by the end of 2002, half of Seiyu stock by 2005 and two-thirds by December 2007, the companies said.

"We view this as a first step in a long-term partnership," Wal-Mart senior vice president Charles Holley told reporters in Tokyo. "We're very excited about the Japanese market."

Wal-Mart, with more than \$200 billion in annual sales and more than 3,000 stores in the United States, is the world's largest retailer.

But whether Wal-Mart can repeat in this notoriously difficult market the success it has won in other parts of the world remains to be seen, analysts say.

Yasuyuki Sasaki, analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in Tokyo, said Wal-Mart should not count on immediate success in Japan but could win over the public if it's patient.

"It won't be accepted immediately," he said. "But the gap between the rich and the poor is growing in Japan

and the demand for discount stores is sure to go up."

Japanese buyers tend to be finicky and have at times shunned products that are viewed as cheap or poor quality. On the plus side for Wal-Mart is that discount stores have been recently growing more popular as this nation sinks into recession.

Wal-Mart gave few details of its business plan in Japan, saying that will be announced later after more research in the months ahead on Japanese consumers' needs.

Holley refused to say when Wal-Mart was opening its first large-scale discount store here and repeatedly stressed it was too early to make predictions about Wal-Mart's potential in Japan.

But Holley was confident the Wal-Mart strategy of offering low prices would work in Japan because the strategy has done well in other ailing economies such as Mexico.

"That's why we are here," he said.

Officials said Seiyu would benefit from Wal-Mart's knowledge in cheap procurement and use of computer technology to save costs.

"Japanese retail is undergoing change, and we felt a need for a strategic partner," Seiyu president Masao Kiuchi said.

Founded in 1963, Seiyu is one of Japan's top retailers with group annual revenue of more \$7.8 billion, running supermarkets, shopping centers and department stores. It now employs about 12,500 workers.

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Senate rejects fuel-efficiency plan for automakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has rejected a plan that would have required the auto industry to spend millions to produce cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles that run 50 percent farther on a gallon of gas.

The industry and its unions lobbied hard against requiring a 36-mile-per-gallon average by 2015. Supporters of the higher standard said it would have saved millions of barrels of oil and could have been reached through current and emerging technologies.

Instead, the Senate told the Transportation Department with a 62-38 vote Wednesday to develop new fuel economy

rules over the next two years but did not require specific mileage increases.

Separately, senators voted 56-44 to exempt pickup trucks from future mileage increases.

Sen. John Kerry, the 36 mpg proposal's sponsor, said the proposal that replaced his in a broad energy bill was "an artful dodge, a great escape" from doing anything about fuel economy. "We are going backward," said Kerry, D-Mass.

Federal fuel economy rules have not changed in 15 years, noted Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who said the vote was "a missed opportunity ... to pass mean-

ingful" standards.

The House already has turned down significant increases in auto fuel economy.

Automakers now are required to meet a fleet average of 27.5 mpg for sedans and 20.7 mpg for SUVs, minivans and pickups. Kerry's proposal would have combined the two categories.

The average for all vehicles was 24 mpg in 2000, about what it was 22 years ago.

Conservationists say motor vehicles account for 40 percent of the oil used across the country, and higher mileage levels would help reduce U.S.

reliance on oil imports as well as deal with environmental problems such as climate change.

The Senate debate, however, focused on the potential fallout from the proposed mileage increase: job losses in the auto industry and the production of smaller cars, which opponents of the standards said could lead to more traffic fatalities while depriving Americans of lower-mileage but roomier minivans and SUVs.

Minority Leader Trent Lott displayed a picture of a two-seater, bubble-like subcompact — a Daimler-Chrysler that gets 70 mpg and is sold

only in Europe. "I don't want every American to have to drive this car," said Lott, R-Miss.

Kerry accused opponents of his proposal of "extraordinary, ridiculous scare tactics" prompted by the auto industry.

"No American will be forced to drive a different vehicle. The technology is available today to meet the higher standard," Kerry said. He cited a National Academy of Sciences study last year that concluded significant fuel efficiency improvements were possible without making cars smaller and lighter.

But Sen. Carl Levin, a co-sponsor of the alternative that passed, rejected claims that his approach would not improve fuel economy.

It would require federal regulators to issue new mileage rules within two years, but "in a way that does not harm the domestic manufacturing industry," said Levin, D-Mich.

Sen. Christopher Bond,

also a co-sponsor, acknowledged "it's going to be several years" before regulators could develop new computer models to make changes in the current standard if the proposal became law.

Any changes "in the short term are going to have to be very modest," said Bond, R-Mo.

Until recently, Congress has barred regulators from even studying fuel economy increases.

Both sides referred to the academy's report. It said mileage improvements — as much as 42 percent for SUVs and minivans — were feasible using current and emerging technologies, but that more people could die in accidents if automakers, forced to act too quickly, made smaller and lighter vehicles.

Kerry maintained the 13-year lead time in his legislation was enough for automakers to meet the new standard. He cited plans by the Ford Motor Co. to have an electric-gas hybrid SUV on the mar-

Report: Military seeing high gay dismissal rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people forced to leave the military last year because of their homosexuality reached the highest level since 1987, a report says. About one in six was discharged from an Army base where a soldier thought to be gay was beaten to death in 1999.

The military dismissed 1,250 people last year for homosexual conduct or for stating their homosexuality, compared with 1,241 in 2000, according to figures provided by the service branches to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, an advocacy group.

Reports of anti-gay harassment increased 23 percent, from 871 in 2000 to 1,075 last year, the organization said in its annual report on the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The policy, in effect since 1994, allows gay men and lesbians to serve as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts.

"This policy undercuts the very liberties and freedoms our military members fight to protect," the organization said. It contended the Pentagon allows an anti-gay atmosphere to pervade its ranks by failing to hold commanders accountable when harassment is reported.

A Pentagon inspector general's report in 2000 said anti-gay behavior was com-

mon. The Pentagon subsequently announced it was stepping up training to try to eliminate anti-gay harassment and educate personnel about the policy, but C. Dixon Osburn, the advocacy group's executive director, said the military has made few changes.

"When a problem continues to fester, things get worse," he said.

Cpl. Paul O'Dell was discharged from the Marine Corps in May after telling officials at Fort Meade, Md., that he was bisexual. O'Dell said he no longer could stand the harassing comments or the derogatory notes left on his door.

"I was left to cope with it by myself," O'Dell said. "It wears you down. That does not make an effective member of the military, to have something that's wearing them down."

Defense Department spokesman Lt. Col. James Cassella said the Pentagon is conducting a survey to get a better handle on anti-gay harassment. Meanwhile, he said, "We expect commanders at all levels to exercise good judgment in implementing the policy in a manner that is both fair and consistent."

The Army led all branches in discharges with 616, compared with 573 the previous year. Of those, 222 came from Fort Campbell, Ky. It was the second consecutive year in which that base

had more discharges than any other facility.

It was at that base in 1999 that Pfc. Barry Winchell, 21, was bludgeoned to death by a fellow Fort Campbell soldier who believed Winchell was gay.

The report credits Maj. Gen. Richard A. Cody, who took over Fort Campbell in June 2000, with working to eliminate anti-gay harassment. But the report said other Fort Campbell officers "perpetuate anti-gay attitudes within their units by tolerating hateful anti-gay remarks."

Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler, a Fort Campbell spokeswoman, said soldiers on the base are required to attend sensitivity classes. "I think Fort Campbell puts a special emphasis on it," Tyler said.

The Navy followed the Army in number of gay discharges last year with 314, down from 358 in 2000. The Air Force was next with 191, up from 177, and the Marine Corps totaled 115, one more than in 2000.

The Coast Guard, which is not part of the Defense Department but also abides by the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, reported 14 discharges, down from 19 the previous year.

The overall figure of 1,250 was the highest since 1987, when the military dismissed 1,380 people for homosexual-

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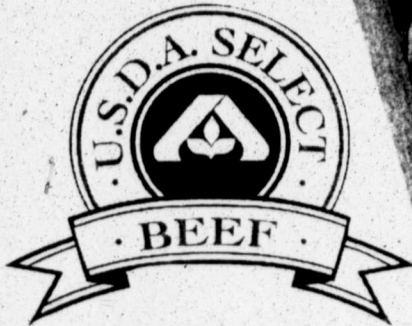
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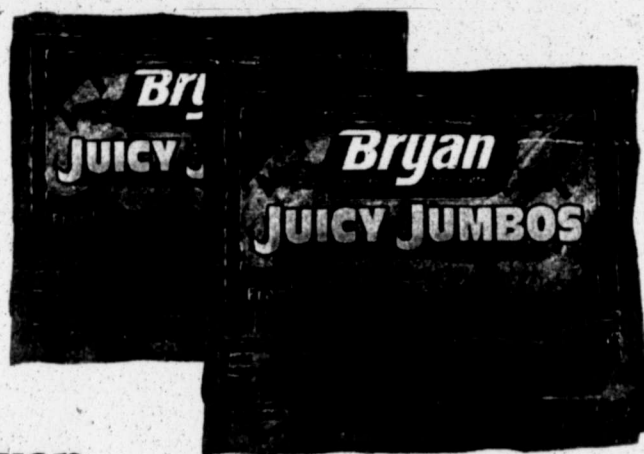
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THURSDAY, MARCH 14

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman Struggles To Cope With Teen Rape, Miscarriage

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "All Alone in Tucson, Ariz.," the 14-year-old girl who had a miscarriage and is afraid to tell her mother.

Just weeks before my 16th birthday, I was raped by a longtime friend. I found out I was pregnant when I had a miscarriage the day before Thanksgiving. That was 10 years ago. Like "All Alone," I told no one. It was the loneliest time in my life. I sought medical care, weathered the changes in my body and shouldered the painful loss all by myself.

To this day, my mother has no idea. I am now in therapy and learning to cope with what happened. It has been a slow process. I should have started 10 years ago.

I pray "All Alone" takes your advice. It can spare her years of confusion, loss and pain. Looking back, I wish I had spoken with an adult — a teacher, clergy person, a counselor — anyone who had the life experience and compassion I desperately needed.

"All Alone" should join a support group either in her community or online. Pregnancy loss, no matter what the circumstances of conception, can be devastating.

FINDING PEACE IN NEVADA

DEAR FINDING PEACE: That's true. I'm sorry you didn't call your local rape crisis hot-

line at the time of your assault. It might have saved you years of pain.

An excellent resource for parents grieving the loss of a baby through stillbirth, miscarriage or newborn death is a group called SHARE Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Inc. SHARE is a nondenominational, not-for-profit organization that provides grief resolution and healing following the death of a baby. It can be reached at SHARE, St. Joseph Health Center, 300 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301-2893; or call (800) 821-6819, or on the Internet, at www.nationalsupport.org.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 17, I experienced the same thing "All Alone" did. The difference is, I did tell my mother, and she was extremely supportive.

My mother often quotes what my grandmother used to say: "God gives you only what you can handle." Abby, I live that philosophy. What Mom didn't know, but God did, was that I was in an abusive relationship with my boyfriend. I was punched, screamed at and blamed for every bad thing that happened to him. I am now 33, married to a won-

derful man who loves me, and have two beautiful children whom I love with all my heart. My mom was right, "God gives you only what you can handle."

BEEN THERE IN INDIANA

DEAR BEEN THERE: I share that philosophy, and I'm pleased your story had a happy ending. However, no teen should remain in an abusive relationship out of fear or intimidation. I advise younger readers who may be in an abusive relationship to seek help from a trusted adult. If none is available, the National Hope Hotline for Youth Crisis and Suicide, (800) 784-2433, will listen and refer teens in trouble to local agencies.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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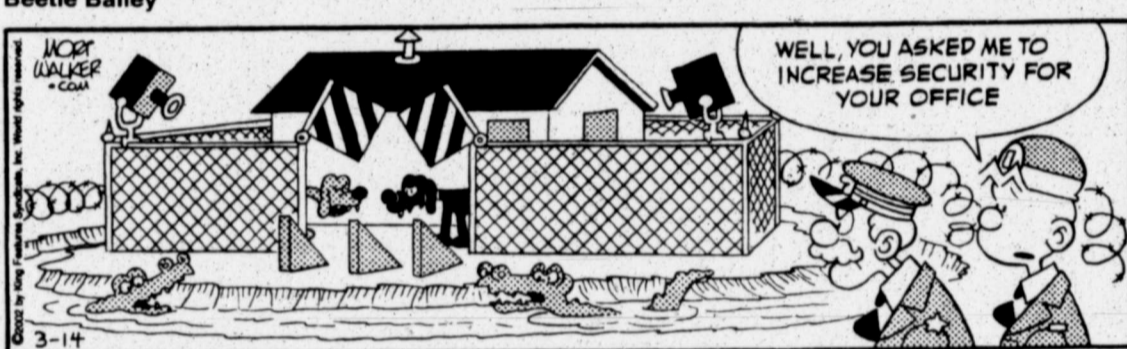
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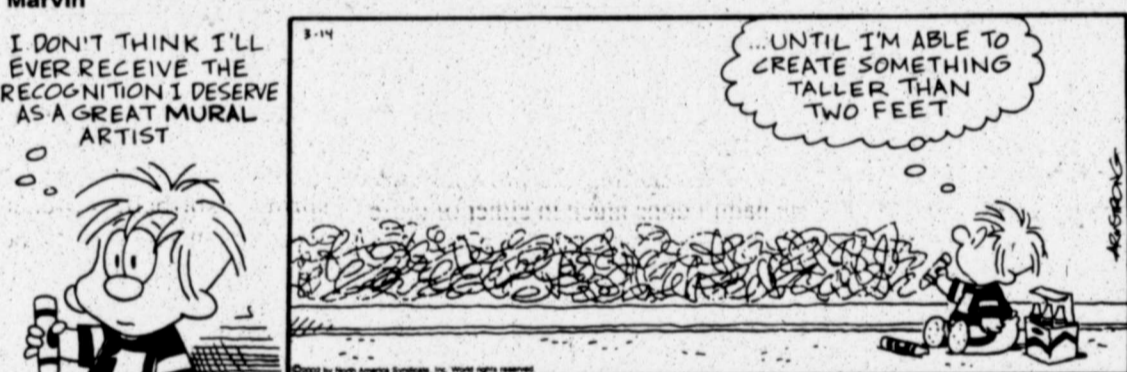
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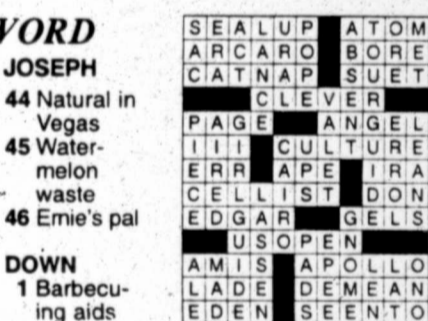
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Kansas heavily favored in NCAA opener

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Kansas Jayhawks have to prove themselves again after a nearly flawless regular season.

The Jayhawks, the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, went undefeated in the Big 12 regular season, then lost to Oklahoma in the conference tournament final. They play Thursday night in their NCAA first-round game against Holy Cross.

"We try to put that loss behind us and forget about it," guard Jeff Boschee said. "But I don't think we want to forget about the things we did wrong, and the carelessness. It's a whole new tournament and everyone is 0-0."

Kansas (29-3) became the first Big 12 team to go 16-0 in conference play, led the nation in scoring and had a school-

record 11 100-point games.

The Jayhawks had season lows in points, field-goal percentage and 3-point percentage in the loss to the Sooners, which resulted in them dropping from No. 1 in the nation after a three-week run to No. 2 behind Duke. But they've won 18 in a row in the first round of the NCAA tournament and are 28 1/2-point favorites to get past Holy Cross (18-14), the Patriot League Tournament champions who have 10 of 12.

"Their transition game is the most devastating I've seen in 10 years," Holy Cross coach Ralph Willard said. "Obviously, if we get into a shooting contest with Kansas, we'll lose."

"We have to make the whole better than the sum of the parts, because their parts are better than our parts."

Kentucky-Valparaiso was the first game in St. Louis, followed by No. 5 Marquette against Tulsa in another East

game. In the other Midwest Regional game Thursday night, No. 8 Stanford plays Western Kentucky.

Both Stanford and Western Kentucky feature 7-foot centers. Western Kentucky's 7-1 Chris Marcus is averaging 16.1 points and nine rebounds and has played well since returning in February from an injury that sidelined him for two months.

"We've never been overreliant on any one player, including Chris," Western Kentucky coach Dennis Felton said. "We played the same way with him that we did without him."

"I think you're making a grave mistake if you just try to stop him."

Stanford's 7-foot Curtis Borchardt led the Pac-10 with 11.4 rebounds per game and averaged 17 points.

Western Kentucky is the last Sun Belt Conference team to win an NCAA tournament game, in 1995. Stanford has lost

three of its last five games, but is in the tournament for the eighth straight season and is looking to make it eight straight first-round victories.

Kentucky is a shaky No. 4 seed in the East, losing four of its last nine games in what's been a tumultuous regular season. The Wildcats are less than confident heading into the Valparaiso game.

"It's been a very distracting season, and hopefully we'll learn from it," forward Tayshaun Prince said.

The lowlights for Kentucky (20-9) include the recent firing of athletic director Larry Ivy and the suspensions of guards Gerald Fitch and Adam Chiles. Fitch has been suspended three times, for trying to use fake identification to get into a nightclub, for scuffling with teammate Cory Sears and for missing curfew.

Valparaiso (25-7) is in the tournament for the sixth time in

seven years and reached the round of 16 in 1998. This season, the school set a record for victories, and coach Homer Drew said he has 22 Kentucky tapes to review in hopes of extending the record.

Marquette, making its first tournament appearance since 1997, finished second in Conference USA behind Cincinnati and has one of the stingiest defenses in the country. The Golden Eagles rely on guards Dwayne Wade (17.8 points, 6.6 rebounds) and Cordell Henry (15.1 points).

Marquette and Tulsa are both 26-6, but Tulsa is more tournament-tested, making the field for the third time in four years. That's particularly impressive considering it's playing under its third coach in three years, with John Phillips following Buzz Peterson and Bill Self. "It's an amazing tribute to the players that we continue to be successful," Phillips said.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be signups for Optimist baseball and softball, both boys and girls, from 5:30 to 7 on March 19, 20, 21 at the Optimist Club.

Tryouts will be held April 2, 3, 4, at Optimist Park.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars on Thursday recalled Jim Montgomery from their American Hockey League affiliate the Utah Grizzlies.

Montgomery, 32, had a team-leading 28 goals and 42 assists in 68 games this season.

FOOTBALL

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Bill Callahan was hired for the head coaching job he has long craved. Al Davis reasserted control over the Oakland Raiders, a team he has guided for nearly four decades.

Three weeks after the Raiders let Jon Gruden move to Tampa Bay, Oakland promoted the man who was Gruden's assistant for seven seasons.

Callahan's move from offensive coordinator to head coach, on what Callahan called "a day I've looked forward to my whole life," appeared to put Davis clearly back in charge of the team he owns.

Gruden came to the Raiders as an outsider, and his relationship with Davis was strained at times. The same applied to Mike Shanahan, who coached the Raiders for 16 games in 1988 and 1989 before being fired and moving to Denver, where he led the Broncos to two Super Bowl victories.

Shanahan and Davis have been feuding ever since his firing.

This time, Davis promoted from within the system.

As a sign of who now holds the real power on the Raiders, Davis sat on a silver and black armchair — which looked very much like a throne — during the news conference Wednesday announcing Callahan's promotion.

Callahan sat on a black and white folding chair, as did Raiders executives Bruce Allen and Amy Trask.

And while Davis' tumbler with a silver and black Raiders logo was filled with water, Callahan, Allen and Trask each got only a half-filled glass.

Callahan will be making a lot less money than his former boss is making now.

Gruden signed a five-year, \$17.5 million contract with the Buccaneers in February despite being in the final year of his deal with the Raiders. As compensation, Oakland got four draft picks and \$8 million.

Though the Raiders and Callahan's agent refused to discuss details of the contract, it is believed to be a three-year deal for \$1 million annually — among the lowest in the NFL — plus a one- or two-year club option.

Callahan said he doesn't plan to change much of the system Gruden presided over during the last four years as Raiders coach.

"Jon and I are very similar in a lot of respects — our work ethic, our intensity," said Callahan, who has never been a head coach at any level. "The system itself will not change. The day-to-day functions will not change."

Houston drops opener in NIT Tournament

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Darius Coulibaly, a 7-foot-1 center, always has been a fan favorite at Vanderbilt. He finally gave them something more than to cheer about than just entering the game.

The senior started only his third game this season Wednesday night and responded with his best game of the year. He scored seven points, played 21 minutes and blocked three shots as Vanderbilt beat Houston 59-50 in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"I'm glad I was able to give back to the fans because they are always cheering for me, even if I play 1 second," Coulibaly said.

Coulibaly missed the Commodores' last two games because of a school-related trip to Washington D.C., after starting the previous two. He hadn't done much in either of those starts with his best stat playing 11 minutes against Tennessee.

Against Houston (18-15), Coulibaly played the game of his college career to help Vanderbilt (17-14) advance to a first-round game against Louisiana Tech in Nashville on Friday night.

He scored on a jumper in the opening minutes, followed by blocking a shot at the other end. He hit a free throw at 16:11 of the game to give him more points (3) than in any other game this season, and he grabbed four rebounds as well.

"I was definitely comfortable. I can't really tell you why," Coulibaly said.

"I felt bad after the last game because I never gave those guys anything back in return. I was glad to be able to give something back today."

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings and his players loved Coulibaly's performance, which had the fans roaring their approval.

"He was the best defensive post

player on our team tonight by a wide margin. He had a good look to him," Stallings said.

Sam Howard, who led the Commodores (17-14) with 14 points off the bench, couldn't have been happier.

"All the guys on our team love Darius. As soon as he checks in, the crowd goes nuts," he said.

Pampa softball leagues to start week of April 1

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreational Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church (competitive and recreational), and Mixed League.

Entry fee or sponsor's fee for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fees are \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

Entry deadline is March 20 at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 27 at the Recreation Office.

Play begins the week of April 1.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions or more information the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Department at 669-5770 during business hours.

Jr. Olympics player



Angie Williams, Pampa, is a member of Onyx, a High Plains Volleyball Association Junior Olympics team. The team, which consists of 17-year-old players, have competed in three tournaments. Onyx defeated Kaizan of Albuquerque, New Mexico in the finals to win the Amarillo Tournament. In a tournament at Phoenix, they finished 24th out of 122 teams. In Las Vegas, the Onyx also placed 24th in a 110-team field. Williams will be a returning senior on the Lady Harvester volleyball team this fall. She is the daughter of Vic and Patti Williams.

Baseball players respond to owners, differences wide

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Baseball players and owners have their usual differences, which usually means labor talks will be lengthy and contentious.

Players showed no interest in owners' proposals for a luxury tax and vastly increased revenue sharing, offering a far different view Wednesday night of what the sport's labor contract should include.

In its first response to plans offered by management on Jan. 9 and Feb. 26, the union declined to accept the owners' luxury-tax proposal and made only a small change to its revenue-sharing system.

Instead, players proposed that teams be allowed to trade draft picks and that the richest and most successful clubs forfeit draft picks, which would be given to teams with the lowest revenue and poorest records.

"We appear to be as far apart today as we were yesterday," management negotiator Bob DuPuy said after the session in Palm Beach Gardens,

Fla.

Talks for a new collective bargaining agreement, which would replace the one that expired Nov. 7, recessed until after opening day on March 31.

"Our view is if they study it and think about it a little more, hopefully they won't view it that way," union head Donald Fehr said. "Obviously, there's a lot of negotiating which remains to be done."

On Monday, players and owners will resume the hearing of the union's contraction grievance. Players claim the attempt to fold the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos violated the expired labor contract.

Neither side has threatened a work stoppage, which would be baseball's ninth since 1972, and the negotiators have been less acrimonious in their public comments than in the past. Still, the great gulf in the positions of the sides was clear.

Owners have asked for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$98 million and also want to greatly increase the amount of

shared locally generated revenue. Last year, \$166 million was transferred from the teams with the highest revenue to the lower.

Management has proposed increasing the percentage of shared local revenue from 20 percent to 50 percent, with a \$100 million fund available to the commissioner to disperse at his discretion.

The union remained at 22.5 percent, under a different formula — a split pool rather than a straight pool in the language of the negotiators — that would give more money to the teams with the lowest revenue and take less from the teams with the highest revenue. The players' proposal on a discretionary fund increased from \$30 million to \$40 million.

Owners say their plan would transfer \$253 million, using last year's revenue figures, and that the union's would transfer \$187 million.

"We will study what they presented," DuPuy said, "but we informed them that we were disappointed that on two elements we believe to be the most critical to beginning to

restore competitive balance — additional revenue sharing and a competitive-balance tax, they chose to make marginal movement on one and no movement on the other."

Players did propose that teams for the first time be able to trade selections in both the June amateur draft and the December winter meeting draft of players not on 40-man rosters.

In addition, the teams with the best records and highest revenue would lose their first-round picks, which would be given to teams with the poorest records and lowest revenue.

The union also proposed a variant of the competitive-balance draft recommended by management's latest economic study committee. That committee said in 2000 that the teams with the eight poorest records over a three-year period should be able to selected players from the teams with the eight best records over that time.

Players are not in favor of several proposals owners made Feb. 26 that the union considers givebacks:

— withholding salary from players suspended for on-field misconduct;

— eliminating salary arbitration eligibility for about a dozen players annually, those with 2-to-3 years of major league service;

— allowing teams to release players after the annual exchange of salary arbitration figures without having to give them termination pay;

The union told owners it would agree to a variation of management's proposal to make all players in the world subject to the annual amateur draft.

Players have not yet responded to commissioner Bud Selig's decision last week to limit the amount of team debt, a topic owners say is not a mandatory subject of bargaining under federal labor law. Starting in June, Selig said, baseball will enforce its rule requiring that a team's debt be no more than 40 percent of its value.

"We have not seen the memo," Fehr said. "We got a notification in a letter dated last Friday. We've asked them some questions about it."

Ricky Williams getting a fresh start with Miami

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ricky Williams said all the right things this week. He's a better player. He's a more mature player. He's happy to be in Miami, but he's going to miss New Orleans. He's more understanding of the league and the media, and he's avoiding any talk about renegotiating his contract.

Spoken like a true veteran. Williams is getting a fresh start with the Dolphins, and he expects it to be much different than his three seasons with the Saints.

"It has been a tough road thus far," said Williams, who met his new teammates, coaches and the media Monday. "I thought I played well the last two years, but now I can really see the light. I have a chance to come into a new situation. I am more

mature. I'm a better football player.

"I just feel like this is my time. It has been set for me to step in here and do what I am supposed to do."

Williams is supposed to improve the Dolphins. He ran for 3,129 yards in three seasons with the Saints, including 1,245 last year. He also caught 60 passes for another 511 yards in 2001.

The Dolphins are eager to upgrade a ground game that has sputtered for the past three decades. Miami went 11-5 the last two years, thanks to a strong defense and kicking, but has had just three 1,000-yard rushers since 1973.

A potent running attack could make them the team to beat in the AFC.

"It's already a good team,

and I feel like I am a good player, and a good player with a good team is supposed to make a better team," Williams said.

Of course, he was expected to do the same in New Orleans when the Saints traded their entire 1999 draft to select Williams with the No. 5 pick. A short time later, he wore a wedding gown posing for a photo with coach Mike Ditka.

"They made a spectacle of me," Williams said. "And at the time I didn't understand why; I didn't think I deserved it. I was younger then. And I think now, three years into the league, I understand the game. I understand the media more, and I am happy to cooperate and I am happy to play football."

Celtics, Clippers gain ground for NBA playoff positions

By The Associated Press

The Boston Celtics are gaining ground on the New Jersey Nets. The Los Angeles Clippers are within reach of a playoff berth.

Long-suffering fans of those two franchises finally have something to be happy about these days. With only five weeks left in the regular season, the Celtics have a chance to win the Atlantic Division, and the Clippers have a chance to snap their five-year postseason drought.

"I think it's probably the biggest win for this organization in three or four years," Antoine Walker said Wednesday night after Boston defeated New Jersey 97-89.

The outcome moved the Celtics within three games of the Eastern Conference-leading Nets.

The Clippers, meanwhile, moved within one game of Utah for the eighth playoff spot in the West by defeating Washington 96-75.

In other NBA games, Sacramento edged Philadelphia 92-88, Orlando outlasted Phoenix 119-114 in overtime, Detroit nipped Cleveland 85-84, Houston beat Minnesota 96-95 and Atlanta defeated Denver 105-102.

Walker scored 30 points and Paul Pierce scored 23 of his 32 in the second half, going 6-for-8 from 3-point range. Vitaly Potapenko had 12 rebounds, and Kenny Anderson had 10 assists and a key basket for Boston after the Nets erased an eight-point deficit to tie the score at 89 with 1:53 left.

The Celtics scored the last eight points of the game, igniting a crowd that has been waiting since 1995 for the once-proud franchise to return to the playoffs.

The Celtics have now beaten Eastern Conference playoff contenders Philadelphia,

Orlando, Detroit, Washington (twice) and New Jersey during their six-game winning streak.

New Jersey lost four straight on a West Coast swing before beating Toronto on a last-second shot Tuesday night. The Nets and Celtics will meet one more time, on April 7.

"We are still the best in the East, and we're not hearing any footsteps," said Jason Kidd, who had 23 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for the Nets.

Clippers 96, Wizards 75
At Los Angeles, Michael Olowokandi had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Elton Brand recorded his 10th straight double-double.

Brand had 19 points, 15 rebounds, five assists and four blocked shots as the Clippers extended their winning streak to four games — their longest since they won four in a row nearly 13 months ago.

The Clippers shoot for their first five-game winning streak since early in the 1995-96 season Friday night against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Clippers beat the Lakers 95-90 on Jan. 23 after losing twice to the two-time defending NBA champions earlier.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points for the Wizards, who have lost five straight and seven of nine since Michael Jordan underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, and 12 of 14 overall.

Kings 92, 76ers 88
Chris Webber had 22 points and 11 rebounds despite a dislocated right index finger that could sideline him for Sacramento's next two games.

Peja Stojakovic added 21 points and Mike Bibby had 12, including a key jumper in the final minutes as the visiting Kings won their fourth straight and improved the NBA's best record to 46-17.

Webber hurt his finger at the end of the first quarter, but returned midway through the second. The injury seemed to affect his shooting. He missed

11 of 13 shots before scoring 11 points in the fourth.

Allen Iverson scored 32 points, Derrick Coleman added 20 and Dikembe Mutombo had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Sixers, who had won four in a row.

Magic 119, Suns 114, OT
At Orlando, Troy Hudson had a career-high 34 points and Tracy McGrady scored all 10 of the Magic's points in overtime.

McGrady finished with 35 points, going 4-of-6 from the field and 2-for-4 from the foul line in overtime. Overall, he was 14-of-28 and added eight rebounds, eight assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

Hudson made 14 of a career-high 23 field goal attempts and was 5-of-10 on 3-point shots. Horace Grant had 17 points, and Monty Williams added 16.

Pistons 85, Cavaliers 84
Corliss Williamson scored 11 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit overcame the absence of Jerry Stackhouse.

Trajan Langdon made a desperation shot for Cleveland with 1.1 seconds left, but his foot was on the 3-point line. After a timeout, the host Pistons were able to inbound the ball and run out the clock.

Rockets 96, Timberwolves 95
At Minneapolis, Steve Francis scored 21 points, including the game-winning free throw with 9.7 seconds left, as the Rockets sent Minnesota to its fifth straight defeat.

The Wolves held a late lead, but collapsed in the final minutes as Houston took advantage of sloppy passing and closed the game with a 19-7 run.

Hawks 105, Nuggets 102
Jason Terry scored 31 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 25 as Atlanta earned its 12th straight home win over the Nuggets.

Terry hit 11 of his last 12 shots after going 0-for-2 in the first quarter. He was 5-for-7 on 3s.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2002
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)
*** Your happy ways will take you far if you are willing to experiment and express yourself differently. Be careful how you diffuse your temper. Curb a tendency to hit the dog because you're angry at the cat. Detach from a problem, taking an overview. Tonight: Let others come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Take your time making a financial decision. What someone offers seems to be out of whack to you. You might not be able to convince an associate of the rightness of your thinking. Choose your words carefully. Deal with this person directly. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your smiling ways make you a sure winner. Others seek you out en masse. Realize that brainstorming leads to more income and certainly attention. The boss likes what he or she sees. Curb a self-destructive tendency that keeps emerging. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)
***** Your upbeat assessment of a project marks you as a leader. Others come to you to try out their suggestions. Find answers and get past a problem.

You can no longer hold yourself back. Allow humor to play a bigger role with a touchy friend. Tonight: The lead actor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Take in a different perspective. You also might not choose to share what you see with a demanding associate. You could find this person rather touchy or combative. Partners seem to be in the position to present the same ideas in a better way. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Allow others to make the first overture. Clearly someone doesn't need to agree with you. Discussions pave the way to how to approach this person. You actually want the same things. Your resourcefulness bubbles forth from deep within. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Others seek you out. Prioritize your desires, as you quickly discover that it is a fast-moving day. Think in terms of gains and a possible new direction. You can ask the right question, but taking the lead right now won't be as successful. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** All work and no play won't make you happy. You discover that others do their best to lighten you up. Go for another approach. Discussions surround a potential trip or a new venture. Open up to an associate, expressing your nurturing nature. Tonight: Relax at home with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Express your playfulness through a more upbeat and happy approach. You find that others easily respond to you. You could be on overdrive, pushing yourself way too hard. Return calls at a leisurely pace at the end of the day. Tonight: Sign up for dance lessons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Inevitably, pressure develops in your personal life as you seem ready to firm up an important business deal. You might not have as much control as you would like. Separate work from your personal life. Screen your calls if need be. Tonight: Order in a favorite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** How you approach someone could change substantially with good news. You act lighter, and you feel lighter. You get rid of a burden because of your high energy and enthusiasm. Don't antagonize someone close to you unless you want to have a difficult weekend. Tonight: Join your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** If you are not careful, you will figure out new ways of spending money. Gain insight through brainstorming with a money expert. You could have a one-time opportunity. Choose your words with care; you could irritate someone. Tonight: Your treat.

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Model Fabio (1959), musician and artist Sly Stone (1944), musician Harry James (1916)

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

OPENING ROUND

At University of Dayton Arena

Dayton, Ohio

Tuesday, March 12

Siena 81, Alcorn State 77

EAST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 14

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Kentucky (20-9) vs. Valparaiso (25-7), 12:25 p.m.

Marquette (26-6) vs. Tulsa (26-6), 30 minutes following previous game

Friday, March 15

At The MCI Center

Washington

North Carolina State (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-11), 12:15 p.m.

Connecticut (24-6) vs. Hampton (26-6), 30 minutes following previous game

Wisconsin (18-12) vs. St. John's (20-11), 7:40 p.m.

Maryland (26-4) vs. Siena (17-18), 25 minutes following previous game

At The United Center

Chicago

Texas Tech (23-8) vs. Southern Illinois (26-7), 7:50 p.m.

Georgia (21-9) vs. Murray State (19-12), 25 minutes following previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 16

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Kentucky-Valparaiso winner vs. Marquette-Tulsa winner, 5:38 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

At The MCI Center

Washington

Connecticut-Hampton winner vs. N.C. State-Michigan St. winner, 2:30 p.m.

Maryland-Siena winner vs. Wisconsin-St. John's winner, 30 minutes following previous game

At The United Center

Chicago

Georgia-Murray St. winner vs. Texas Tech-S. Illinois winner, 4:46 p.m.

At The Carrier Dome

Syracuse, N.Y.

Semifinals

Friday, March 22

Maryland-Siena—Wisconsin-St. John's winner vs. Kentucky-Valparaiso—Marquette-Tulsa winner

Georgia-Murray St.—Texas Tech-S. Illinois winner vs. Connecticut-Hampton—N.C. State-Michigan St. winner

Championship

Sunday, March 24

Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 14

At The BI-LO Center

Greenville, S.C.

Oklahoma State (23-8) vs. Kent State (27-5), 12:20 p.m.

Alabama (26-7) vs. Florida Atlantic (19-11), 30 minutes following previous game

Notre Dame (21-10) vs. Charlotte (18-11), 7:40 p.m.

Duke (29-3) vs. Wake Forest (19-11), 25 minutes following previous game

At ARCO Arena

Sacramento, Calif.

Southern California (22-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (22-9), 7:55 p.m.

Indiana (20-11) vs. Utah (21-8), 25 minutes following previous game

Friday, March 15

At Mellon Arena

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. Central Connecticut State (27-4), 12:25 p.m.

California (22-8) vs. Pennsylvania (25-6), 30 minutes following previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 16

At The BI-LO Center

Greenville, S.C.

Duke-Winthrop winner vs. Notre Dame-Charlotte winner, 1:10 or 3:36 p.m.

Alabama-Florida Atlantic winner vs. Oklahoma St.-Kent St. winner, 1:10 or 3:36 p.m.

At ARCO Arena

Sacramento, Calif.

Southern Cal-N.C.-Wilmington winner vs. Indiana-Utah winner, 5:30 or 7:56 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

At Mellon Arena

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh-Cent. Connecticut St. winner vs. California-Penn. winner, 12:10 or 2:36 p.m.

At Rupp Arena

Lexington, Ky.

Semifinals

Thursday, March 21

Duke-Winthrop—Notre Dame-Charlotte winner vs. Southern Cal-N.C.-Wilmington—Indiana-Utah winner

Alabama-Florida Atlantic—Oklahoma St.-Kent St. winner vs. Pittsburgh-Cent. Connecticut St.—Cal-Penn. winner

Championship

Saturday, March 23

Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 14

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Kansas (29-3) vs. Holy Cross (18-14), 7:50 p.m.

Stanford (19-9) vs. Western Kentucky (28-3), 25 minutes following previous game

At ARCO Arena

Sacramento, Calif.

Wake Forest (20-12) vs. Pepperdine (22-8), 2:42 p.m.

Oregon (23-8) vs. Montana (16-14), 25 minutes following previous game

Friday, March 15

At The United Center

Chicago

Florida (22-8) vs. Creighton (22-8), 12:30 p.m.

Illinois (24-8) vs. Michigan State (21-11), 30 minutes following previous game

At American Airlines Center

Dallas

Mississippi State (26-7) vs. McNeese State (21-8), 7:55 p.m.

Texas (20-11) vs. Boston College (20-11), 25 minutes following previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 16

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Kansas-Holy Cross winner vs. Stanford-W. Kentucky winner, 8:04 p.m. At ARCO Arena

Sacramento, Calif.

Oregon-Montana—Wake Forest-Pepperdine winner vs. Mississippi St.—McNeese St.—Texas-Boston College winner

Championship

Sunday, March 24

Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 14

At The Pit

Albuquerque, N.M.

Miami (24-7) vs. Missouri (21-11), 12:40 p.m.

Ohio State (23-7) vs. Davidson (21-9), 30 minutes following previous game

Gonzaga (29-3) vs. Wyoming (21-8), 7:40 p.m.

Arizona (22-9) vs. UC Santa Barbara (20-10), 25 minutes following previous game

Friday, March 15

At Mellon Arena

Pittsburgh

Cincinnati (30-3) vs. Boston University (22-9), 7:40 p.m.

UCLA (19-11) vs. Mississippi (20-10), 25 minutes following previous game

At American Airlines Center

Dallas

Oklahoma (27-4) vs. Illinois-Chicago (20-13), 12:30 p.m.

Xavier (25-5) vs. Hawaii (27-5), 30 minutes following previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 16

At The Pit

Albuquerque, N.M.

Ohio St.-Davidson winner vs. Miami-Missouri winner, 3:20 p.m.

Arizona-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Gonzaga-Wyoming winner, 30 minutes following previous game

Sunday, March 17

At Mellon Arena

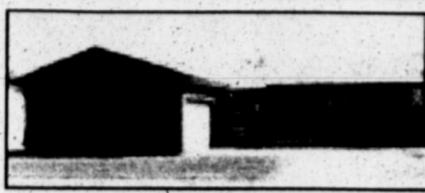
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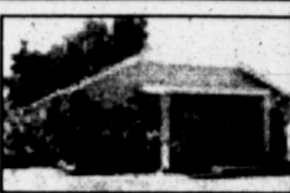
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The scope of the project includes the following: The repair and historic restoration of the exterior of the courthouse, including window refurbishment; the repair and historic restoration of public spaces, including the district courtroom; and the installation of new mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems.

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 1) Gray County Judge's Office, temporarily located in the former SPS Building, 315 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas.
 2) Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.
 3) The AGC Plan Room, 1707 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

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4) The AGC Plan Room, 11111 Stemmons Frwy., Dallas, Texas.
 5) The AGC Plan Room, 417 Fulton Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
 6) F.W. Dodge Corp., 1341 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.
 7) F.W. Dodge Corp., 1300 Summit Avenue, #740 Fort Worth, Texas.
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 Contact: Elliott Bazan, Project Architect (512)478-7520

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DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., #5 Humphreys '32', 1320' from North & 1000' from West line, Sec. 32, I.G.&M. PD 9000'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., #3A Jones Trust '24', 1000' from North & 700' from West line, Sec. 24, I.G.&M. PD 9000'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., Jones Trust '25', Sec. 25, I.G.&M. PD 9000', for the following wells:
 #3A, 2000' from South & 700' from West line of Sec.
 #4A, 1000' from South & 700' from East line of Sec.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., #3A Jones Trust '26', 750' from South & 1000' from East line, Sec. 26, I.G.&M. PD 9000'.
Applications to Plug-Back
 WHEELER (WILDCAT) Ocean Energy, Inc., #102 Lancaster Unit, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 2.H, W.H. Simpson, PD 14000'.
Amended Intention to Drill
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT) J.M. Huber Corp., #3-61 Stroud, 1942' from North & 2417' from West line, Sec. 61, M-2.H&GN, PD 5500'. Amended to change well location.
Gas Well Completions
 HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samsom Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #7073

Thorne, Sec. 73.A-2.H&GN, spud 8-14-01, drlg. compl 9-1-01, tested 11-15-01, TD 11200', PBDT 11100' —
Plugged Wells
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) Mission Resources Corp., W.G. Kinzer, Sec. 148.3.I&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Stanolind Oil & Gas, for the following wells:
 #1, spud 12-4-34, plugged 2-1-02, TD 3301' —
 #2, spud 7-22-35, plugged 12-12-01, TD 3304' —
 #3, spud 7-26-35, plugged 12-6-01, TD 3300' —
 #4, spud 7-20-35, plugged 12-14-01, TD 3300' —
 #5, spud 5-8-37, plugged 12-19-01, TD 3310' —
 #6, spud 9-17-37, plugged 12-21-01, TD 3306' —
 #8, spud 10-26-37, plugged 1-7-02, TD 3305' —
 #9, spud 12-20-37, plugged 1-9-02, TD 3312' —
 #10, spud 3-23-38, plugged 1-11-02, TD 3317' —
 #12, spud 7-29-39, plugged 1-25-02, TD 3314' —
 #14, spud 4-3-57, plugged 1-24-02, TD 3350' —
 #16, spud 6-20-57, plugged 1-19-02, TD 3350' —
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) Mission Resources Corp., W.G. Kinzer, Sec. 148.3.I&GN (disposal) — Form 1 in Stanolind Oil & Gas, for the following wells:
 #7G, spud 10-7-37, plugged 12-27-01, TD 3304' —
 #11G, spud 7-14-39, plugged 1-17-02, TD 3316' —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Cambridge Production, Inc., #202A Brainard, Sec. 1.E.H&GN, spud 1-4-01, plugged 6-11-01, TD 7539' (gas) —
 WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Looney Oil & Gas Co., Company, Sec. 12.27.H&GN (oil) — for the following wells:
 #1, spud 6-30-57, plugged 2-27-01, TD 2283' — Form 1 in Mills Oil Co.
 #3, spud 4-11-60, plugged 2-21-01, TD 2225' — Form 1 in Mills Oil Co.
 #4, spud 11-30-70, plugged 2-12-02, TD 2314' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #5, spud 11-24-70, plugged 2-13-02, TD 2316' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #6, spud 12-3-70, plugged 2-7-02, TD 2314' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #7, spud 1-42-71, plugged 2-4-02, TD 2240' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #8, spud 12-30-70, plugged 2-18-02, TD 2220' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #9, spud 1-26-71, plugged 1-25-02, TD 2220' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #10, spud 1-26-71, plugged 1-25-02, TD 2220' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #11, spud 1-8-71, plugged 1-17-02, TD 2225' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America
 #12W, spud unknown, plugged 3-1-02, TD 2250' — Form 1 in Mills Oil Co.
 #13, spud 2-4-71, plugged 1-21-02, TD 2239' — Form 1 in Mutual Oil of America

Visas foul-up may spell doom for bungling INS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Thursday that the approval of visas for two Sept. 11 hijackers offers new evidence why the Immigration and Naturalization Service should be abolished.
 "It certainly showed how incompetent the INS is," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said on CBS' "The Early Show." "It is one fiasco after the other."
 The INS action also got the attention of President Bush, who on Wednesday made clear his displeasure on learning that student visas for Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi were delivered six months after they flew hijacked jetliners into the World Trade Center.
 Bush ordered the attorney general to investigate and press the INS to do better. "They got the message and hopefully, they'll reform as quickly as possible," Bush said at a news conference.
 The president first said he was "stunned, and not happy" when he learned about the

planes. "Let me put it another way: I was plenty hot," he added.
 Bush said he was unhappy that the visas remained in the immigration pipeline even though the names on the forms were widely known. He said INS Commissioner James Ziglar was responsible for "this embarrassing disclosure," but should be given a chance to rectify the problem.
 "His responsibility is to reform the INS; let's give him time to do so. He hasn't been there that long," Bush said.
 Sensenbrenner is proposing to replace the INS with two separate agencies that would be under the control of an assistant attorney general. He said Ziglar does not have the proper managerial background to run either agency.
 "Mr. Ziglar should lead, follow or get out of the way," the congressman said.
 On Monday, six months after the attacks, Huffman Aviation in Venice, Fla., received student visa approval forms for Atta, 33, and Al-Shehhi, 23. The men were aboard separate hijacked

planes that struck the World Trade Center towers, killing thousands.
 The pair trained at Huffman in 2000 and early 2001 and sought student visas so they could attend technical schools. The visa for Atta, of Egypt, was approved in July 2001 and a visa for Al-Shehhi, of United Arab Emirates, was approved the following month, said Russ Bergeron, an immigration agency spokesman.
 Bergeron described the paperwork the flight school received as a backstop on notification the INS gave the men and the school last summer. He said the INS had no information "regarding these people and their link to terrorism" when the visas were granted.
 Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., whose district borders the flight school, said the INS can't blame a lack of funds or equipment.
 "How this wasn't discovered by even a rank-and-file worker is beyond my comprehension," Foley said. "Anything with Mohamed Atta's name on it should send alarm bells blasting."

Edward Jones model portfolio wins accolades from Wall Street Journal

For the third consecutive time, the five-year return of Edward Jones' model portfolio outperformed 14 other major brokerage firms included in the Wall Street Journal's most recent stock-picking survey.
 The 93.5 percent return for the past five years also outpaced the 66.2 percent recorded by Standard and Poor's (S&P) 500 stock index.
 In addition, the Edward Jones model portfolio came in third in percentage return in the past year in the same Wall Street Journal survey for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 2001. That rate of return was 2.8 percent. All but one of the 15 brokerage firms surveyed posted a negative rate of return in the past year, according to the survey.
 The Journal conducts the survey each quarter to show investors how well they would have fared if they selected the stocks in the model portfolios of 15 major U.S. brokerage firms. The Journal then compares the results of each model portfolio to the S&P

500. The figures include dividends earned during that period.
 In the previous quarterly survey released in November 2001, Edward Jones came in first in its model portfolio return for the five-year period that ended Sept. 30. The rate of return for that five-year period was 85.1 percent.
 Edward Jones, the only major financial-service firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves 5 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.
 The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones presently has more than 8,000 offices in the U.S. and through its affiliates in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 offices by 2003.
 The Edward Jones interactive web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

Panhandle Alliance to sponsor forum

DUMAS — At 7 p.m., Monday, March 18, Dr. Bill Weida of Grace Foundation will be the featured speaker at a public forum for area residents in the Moore County Community Center in Dumas.
 Dr. Weida is a renowned economist from Colorado Springs with experience in the area of the impact of

various industries and businesses on the economics, population, resources and lifestyle of rural communities.
 This meeting is sponsored by Panhandle Alliance, Inc., a newly formed non-profit corporation made up of area citizens who are concerned with clean air, clean water, clean land and our quality of life.
 Most of the members of Panhandle Alliance are farm-

ers and ranchers from the four counties of Moore, Sherman, Hansford and Hutchinson.
 A question and answer session will follow Weida's presentation.
 Anyone interested in clean air, clean water, clean land and quality of life is invited to come and learn more about Panhandle Alliance, Inc.
 Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served.

Livestock invitational in offing at Clarendon

CLARENDON — More than 1,600 students are expected to gather at Clarendon College (CC) for the annual CC Invitational Judging contest slated to begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 23.
 According to Jerry Hawkins, CC ag department, 4-H and FFA judging teams are expected from all over the state as well as Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado.
 Contest categories include: livestock, horse, poultry, dairy, crops, range and pasture, entomology, land, farm management, ag mechanics, cotton, meats, wool and wildlife.
 For more information about the annual invitational, contact Hawkins at (806) 874-3571.

Next installment of monthly Prairie Rivers Musical set

CANADIAN — Beginning at 7:30 p.m., March 16, Canadian Middle School, 404 S. 6th, Canadian, will once again be the location of the monthly "Prairie Rivers Musical" which features live music the whole family can enjoy.
 The musical is wrapping up its third season, having played the first show in October 1999.
 "The original hopes and desires for the show were to provide a venue of classic music heavily rooted in country, gospel, rockabilly and western swing," said Jay Godwin, director of the

show.
 Regular performers include: Frankie McWhorter of Lipscomb, Scott Campbell, Hank McPherson, Lonnie Cox, Galen Lynch, Phil Ridgway, George Briant, Godwin, Jerry and Freda Collier, Mary Lynn Schafer, Myron Merz, Bart Sherrill and vocalist Kayla Jenkins.
 Frank and Willetta Humphrey and Jimmy Burt are also expected to perform as a trio.
 The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Godwin at (806) 323-6213.

Cyanide discovery draws attention to subway

CHICAGO (AP) — Police and transit officials say they plan to tighten security in Chicago's subway system following the arrest of a man who stashed cyanide and other chemicals in an underground storage room.
 Joseph Konopka, 25, was returned to the Metropolitan Correctional Center on Wednesday after waiving his right to a bond hearing before a federal magistrate who called him "an extreme danger to the community."
 Konopka, formerly of De Pere, Wis., was arrested Saturday in a steam tunnel at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A 15-year-old also picked up in the tunnel told police about

the cyanide and other chemicals Konopka had allegedly stashed in the tunnel system.
 The teen was charged in juvenile court with criminal trespass and released to his parents' custody.
 Cmdr. Ed Gross, head of the police unit that patrols the Chicago Transit Authority, promised an immediate security clampdown. He said anyone found trespassing in the subway system will be arrested, fingerprinted and subjected to a background check.
 City officials have said Konopka's arrest exposed vulnerabilities in a rail system that handles 500,000 passengers a day.



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