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Census: Schools' debt, spending up

WASHINGTON (AP) — School districts have fallen further into debt, while spending continues to rise, the Census Bureau reported today.

School district debt reached nearly \$202 billion in the 2000-2001 school year, up 13 percent from the previous year, according to the most recent data. During the same period, spending rose about 7 percent nationwide to an average of \$7,824 per pupil.

The report covers a period during which the economy slipped into a recession. Dozens of districts are struggling to find money to renovate crumbling buildings, build new schools or get updated textbooks and computers.

There is a teacher shortage, particularly in high demand areas like special education, while urban and rural districts continue to search for better ways to educate the influx of Hispanic immigrants without a good grasp of English.

Texas had the highest debt at over \$25.5 billion in 2001, up nearly 3 percent from the previous year. Texas' elementary and secondary school enrollment of over 4 million trails only California.

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PEDC discusses sale of Section 53

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Property donated to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation several years ago was again a topic of PEDC Advisory Board consideration Monday night.

Board members Gary Sutherland and Steve Phillips are to meet with two people interested in purchasing the Section 53 property donated several years ago by Celanese for economic development.

Phillips said he has received two calls from people interested in the property when the PEDC board had advertised it for sale several years ago prior to the vote to dissolve the entity.

He said he was told the EDC and prospective buyers were to the point of a

contract when the matter was dropped. He said they are still interested in the property.

"They would be interested on the same premise that if they purchased it they shared the water with the city," said Phillips.

He said the people were interested to the point that it was that they said they would have the check there in a few days. Then it stopped, he said. He said the people said they would work with the city to provide water.

Sutherland suggested he and Phillips meet with the interested buyers and get an offer and a contract. He said the board could then have an executive session and possibly get an offer the city could live with. "Maybe we can get this done," said Sutherland.

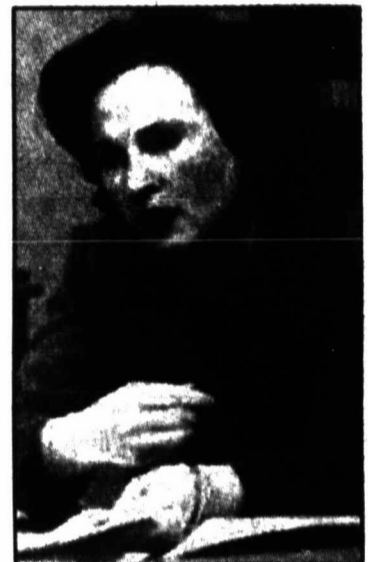
A citizen attending the meeting, Don Reed, asked the PEDC board why the property couldn't be put up for auction. Sutherland said it was because the city said they didn't want the property sold.

President Doug Locke said, "The problem is we included the property in our dissolution plan and the city pulled it out. That puts a cloud on the title of the property, and to sell it right now without the city relinquishing their claim depreciates the value of the property."

Reed asked what the purpose of the board is if the city commission is going to make the dissolution of the PEDC.

"Why are you fellows even spending your time doing this?" Reed asked. Board member Bill Allison laughingly said, "I've suggested that."

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(Pampa News photo)
 Vanessa Buzzard, PEDC attorney

Roberts Co. officials to seek AG opinion

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

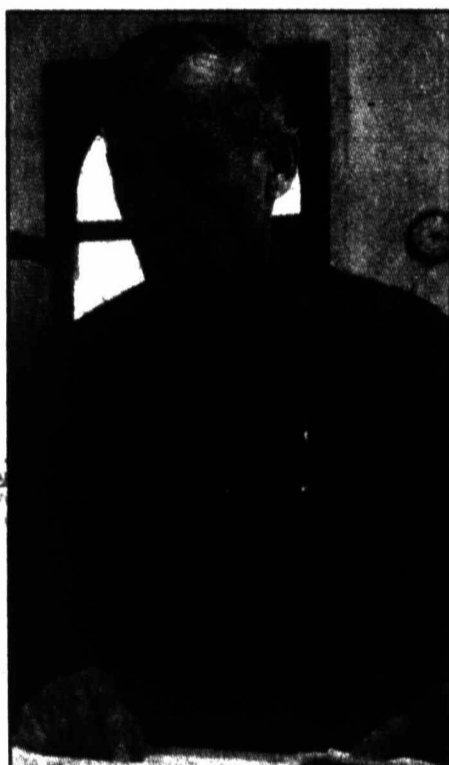
MIAMI - Any decision on establishing a fresh water supply district, whether for a small group wanting to sell their ground water to thirsty cities down state or for landowners county-wide, will have to wait until April.

The Roberts County Commission Monday afternoon accepted a takings impact assessment concerning the establishment of a countywide fresh water supply district and had a hearing on establishing a 46,000-acre fresh water supply district proposed by Mesa Water, Inc.

By law, the commissioners can't vote on establishing such a district for a minimum of 30 days after publishing notice of a hearing. Since they couldn't schedule a hearing on the countywide proposal until after a taking impact assessment was completed, the commission can't take any action on the countywide proposal until April.

On a motion by Commissioner Ken Gill, the commission tabled the Mesa proposal until their next meeting so they can get a Texas Attorney General's opinion on several legal matters.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook tentatively scheduled April 14, for hearings on both proposals.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
 Landowner Carl Kennedy speaks to Roberts County Commissioners Court.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
 Pampa attorney David Holt, representing Mesa Water, Inc., makes notes.

In November, Mesa Water, led by Dallas businessman and Roberts County Rancher T. Boone Pickens, petitioned the Roberts County Commissioners for a fresh water supply district consisting of about

46,000 acres. The move is widely seen as a way Mesa Water for build a pipeline to sell water from beneath their ranches to urban areas down state.

Such a water district would give

Mesa the ability to issue tax free revenue bonds for financing, the right of eminent domain across the state for a pipeline right of way and taxing authority within the district.

In late January, a citizens group drew up a petition that was presented to the commissioners calling for a countywide fresh water district.

The commissioners ordered takings impact assessments performed in connection with each of the two petitions. The impact assessment for Mesa's request was accepted earlier this year and a hearing was scheduled Monday on the petition.

Roberts County Commissioner Ken Gill moved to table the Mesa petition until an Attorney General's opinion could be rendered on legal questions concerning whether Mesa can waive a district's ability to tax and annex property, whether the people Mesa designated as directors of their proposed district are legally qualified and whether the district could be established and then dissolved if Mesa is unable to find a buyer for their water.

Under Mesa's high impact pumping permit, issued by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, the permit expires in five years if Mesa fails to find a buyer.

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U.S., Britain delay U.N. vote after falling short on Iraq

By EDITH M. LEDERER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Facing almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain signaled Tuesday they would extend for a short period a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm or face war.

France said it was "open to dialogue" but will not budge on the fundamentals it has championed since the start of the crisis.

While open to extending the deadline for Iraq to prove it has disarmed, Washington and London discounted a 45-day delay sought by six swing nations on the Security Council.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer insisted Tuesday that the resolution would be put to a vote this week but said a proposal being floated to push back the March 17 deadline by a month was "a non-starter."

"There is room for diplomacy here," Fleischer said. "Not much room and not

much time." Ambassador Martin Belinga-Eboutou of Cameroon said he and ambassadors from other swing countries — Mexico, Chile, Angola, Guinea and Pakistan — would suggest a deadline of 45 days. But U.S. officials shrugged off the proposal.

"It's not going anywhere; there's only one resolution on the table," one U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock said the March 17 deadline could be extended but not by much.

Britain is "prepared to look at timelines and tests together, but I'm pretty sure we're talking about action in March. Don't look beyond March," he told CNN.

Reacting to details of the latest British compromise, French diplomats said the resolution would still mean authorizing war, which France is unwilling to do.

The French Foreign Ministry in Paris indicated it

was open to new ideas.

"It's a new development and the future will tell us if it is a significant development," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Francois Rivasseau. "We've indicated we are open to dialogue."

He added that the "red line" set out by France cannot be crossed: "We want no ultimatum. We want no element of automaticity. And we've said we want what the inspectors say taken into account."

During a closed-door council meeting late Monday, diplomats said Greenstock suggested a two-phase approach to the draft resolution, which is co-sponsored by the United States, Britain and Spain. Under the proposal, Saddam would have 10 days to prove that Iraq has taken a "strategic decision" to disarm, which could be done with a series of tests or "benchmarks," council diplomats said.

If Iraq makes that decision,

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Unemployment report stokes recession fears

WASHINGTON (AP) — An alarming unemployment report that has stoked recession fears could prompt the Federal Reserve to drop a key interest rate to its lowest level since Dwight Eisenhower was president.

A growing number of private economists believe Fed policy-makers may decide at their March 18 meeting to cut rates by a quarter- to a half-point to make sure the feeble recovery from the 2001 recession doesn't collapse entirely, dumping the country into another downturn.

Concerns about a double-dip recession were heightened with a huge loss of 308,000 jobs last month, with unemployment rising to 5.8 percent from 5.7 percent in January. It was the biggest one-month job loss since November 2001, when the terrorist attacks triggered layoffs in the airline and tourism industries.

Louis Crandall, chief economist at Wrightson ICAP, a bond market research firm, said Monday that he now believed the central bank would cut rates by a quarter-point at next week's meeting.

"Prior to the unemployment report, we thought the Fed would stay on hold for some months to come, and the next move would be a rate hike, not a rate cut," Crandall said. "The unemployment report changed our view."

Some economists suggest that the Fed might even cut rates by a half-point, especially now that war jitters have caused a renewed slide on Wall Street.

Financial markets were quick to respond to the jobless report, with federal funds contracts — bets on future Fed rate moves — predicting a more than 40 percent likelihood of a March rate cut, up from 22 percent before the report was released. The futures market said a rate cut by June was 100 percent likely.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Monday, March 10

Jonathon Selvidge, 37, of Skellytown, was arrested on a violation of a protective order.

Christina Lois Ragan, 23, 404 Magnolia, was arrested on a victim's violation of a protective order. She was arrested on possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Injury to a child was reported in the 400 block of East Browning. Minor injuries were reported, according to police reports.

Theft of a bicycle was reported in the 900 block of Campbell. Estimated loss was \$89.

Theft of cash was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella. Approximately \$700 cash was reported taken from a billfold.

Burglary of a business was reported in the 2000 block of North Hobart. A window was broken out. An estimated \$60-\$80 in cash was reported.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville. Entry was reported gained through a window. Items reported taken included a VCR, satellite dish and CD stereo with an estimated loss of \$300.

Burglary was reported at a church in the 900 block of East 23rd. Estimated loss was \$70 with unknown damages. Entry was gained through a broken window.

Simple assault involving juveniles was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported.

Police are investigating a forcible fondling of a juvenile in the northeast area of Pampa.

An unattended death was reported in the 1600 block of North Williston.

Criminal mischief was reported to a church in the 200 block of North West. A sign received approximately \$250 in damage.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. Police reported the offender was identified and charges will be filed.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, March 10

9:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Lefors; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Sirroco; no patient was transported.

FIRE

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

Monday, March 10

11:22 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of Williston.

7:47 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of a child trapped in an attic in the 1100 block of Sirroco. The child was found hiding on a shelf in the closet.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.19	Kerr McGee	40.55	+0.08
Milo	3.89	Limited	11.80	+0.20
Corn	4.38	Williams	3.98	-0.02
Soybeans	4.87	McDonalds	12.58	+0.08
		Exxon Mobil	34.74	+0.39
		Atmos	21.33	+0.18
		Pioneer Nat	26.50	+0.03
		Penney's	18.71	+0.04
		COP	51.10	+0.17
		Schlumberger	38.88	-0.17
		Tenneco	2.15	+0.08
		CVX	64.38	+0.48
		Wal-Mart	47.47	+0.34
		OKE	17.90	+0.09
		NS Group	7.78	+0.02

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

VOY	30.32	+0.22
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	38.42	+0.32
Celanese	15.60	-0.96
Cabot Corp.	21.20	+0.19
Cabot Oil Gas	24.72	-0.03
Coca Cola	37.56	+0.49
VLO	41.65	+0.53
Halliburton	19.88	-0.26
Gold		354.77
Silver		4.68
West Texas Crude		37.27

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy to partly cloudy skies, a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon with a 20 percent chance of precipitation, highs in the mid 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy and warmer with a slight chance of thunderstorms, a 20 percent chance of precipitation, lows in the mid 40s and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Monday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

STATEWIDE

Patchy drizzle and fog were reported across the southern half of Texas on Tuesday, and the National Weather Service said it would be followed in the afternoon and night — as well as on Wednesday — by showers in many places.

Areas of low clouds formed by 5 a.m. over portions of West Texas, where high clouds blanketed southeastern sections. Skies were mostly clear in North Texas and Northeast Texas.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 25 at Dalhart in the northwestern corner of the Panhandle to 70 at Weslaco in deep South Texas.

High temperatures will be generally in the 70s and 80s, with lows in the 50s and 60s.

In Southeast Texas and along the upper Texas coast, skies should be cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a slight

chance of showers and lows in the 60s.

A dense fog advisory was in effect for the Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains, with a chance of rain by late afternoon, mainly in western sections. Highs should be in the 70s and lows in the 60s.

For deep South Texas, the outlook is for some patchy fog forming after midnight, but no rain expected on Wednesday. Highs should be in the 70s along the coast and in the lower 80s west. Lows will be in the middle to upper 60s.

The Panhandle could get some afternoon and evening thunderstorms, especially the eastern half. Highs through Wednesday should be in the 70s and lows ranging from 38 to 50.

Farther south, across the South Plains and Permian Basin, early fog on Tuesday

was likely to give way to sunshine by early afternoon. Maximum temperatures were likely to be in the 70s and lower 80s with lows from 41 to 53. Temperatures should be about 10 degrees higher around San Angelo and vicinity.

In far West Texas, extremes will widen, with highs in the middle 70s to lower 80s and the lows in the middle 30s and lower 40s. Skies should be mostly sunny for several days.

North Texas is likely to see cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night through Thursday, with highs in the upper 60s and lows in the middle 50s, with south winds ranging between 5 and 15 mph.

City Briefs

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OBITUARIES

BUSTER IVORY 1923-2003



Buster Ivory, 79, of Pampa, died Monday, March 10, 2003. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ivory was born Aug. 9, 1923, in Alturas, Calif. He married June Bull on July 29, 1954, in Cheyenne, Wyo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958, moving here from Denver, Colo. He was a third-generation Irish ranch-odeo family from Modoc County, Calif., entering his first rodeo at MacArthur, Calif., in 1938 at the age of 15.

He was declared the All Around Cowboy by winning \$58 for first place in the bull riding and splitting 1/2 in the steer stopping. He incorporated the Rodeo Cowboys Association, served as secretary-treasurer for four years, and negotiated and signed rodeo's first TV contract.

He was selected as the "1978 Rodeo Man of the Year." He was National Finals Livestock superintendent for the first 26 consecutive years, and served as Bucking Chute Boss for three of those years. He served as rodeo judge, arena director, technical advisor for many varied rodeo venues and produced International Rodeos around the world.

He was a two-time "Hall of Famer"; 1990 Rodeo Historical Society/National Cowboy Hall of Fame at Oklahoma City, Okla., 1991 Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame at Colorado Springs, Colo., and was selected as the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Ben Johnson Award.

He was truly a Rodeo Renaissance Man. His career highlights included: technical advisor for the Indian National Finals Rodeo; judge for the first National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals in 1949 at San Francisco, Calif.; producer general manager, livestock supervisor and/or arena director for several international rodeos, including "Worlds Fair" rodeos in Brussels, Belgium, and Montreal, Canada, and "Rodeo Far West" in three European countries; involved with Marlboro Western Promotions in foreign countries and a special Western Horse attraction for the Queen of England; manager for the San Francisco, Calif., Cow Palace Rodeo for three years; co-manager and co-producer for the Cody Nite Rodeo with Jim Ivory for four years; bucking chute boss, National Finals Rodeo for three

years; inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame/Rodeo Historical Society at Oklahoma City, Okla., 1990; inducted as a Notable into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame at Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1991; acquired and assembled information and photographs for the book publication, "100 Years of Rodeo Stock Contractors" from 1995 until 1997; and inducted into the "Teas Rodeo Hall of Fame" in 2001.

He competed in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding and team roping at major rodeos. He finished several times in the top six saddle bronc riders for World Championship honors. He retired in 1968 and finished his 30-year career as first place winner in the saddle bronc riding on Reg Kesler's "Steel Grey."

He joined the Cowboys Turtle Association, the first professional rodeo association in 1938, and had remained a member of associations of professional rodeo for 64 years. He was a Gold Card member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. The name of Buster Ivory is synonymous with rodeo.

Survivors include his wife, June Bull Ivory, of the home; three daughters, Patti Charles and Mike Ivory, both of Oakdale, Calif., and Polly Stanton Johnson of Parowan, Utah; a brother, Edward Ivory of New South Wales, Australia; two nephews, John Ivory and wife Sandy of Ouray, Colo., and Jim Ivory and wife Cathy of Cody, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The National Cowboy Hall of Fame/Rodeo Historical Society, 1700 NE 63rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73113; or the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

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Estrada battle moves to back burner as both sides consider other nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are moving aside Miguel Estrada's blocked appeals court nomination temporarily as they turn their attention to other Bush nominees, including Texas Supreme Court Judge Priscilla Owen, who was rejected last year when Democrats ran the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said Estrada's filibustered nomination for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia won't be left behind. The delay is to let the GOP-controlled Senate move to other controversial U.S. Appeals Court nominees such as Owen, Ohio appellate lawyer Jeff Sutton and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah Cook.

"I'm not going to give up on the Estrada nomination," Frist said Monday. "We're going to pursue this nomination until we get an up or down vote."

Owen, a Texas Supreme Court Justice who wants a seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, was one of two White House judicial nominees voted down by Democrats in the Senate Judiciary Committee when they controlled the Senate last year. Committee chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has planned a Thursday hearing, hoping to rehabilitate her nomination and move her on to the full Senate for confirmation with his GOP committee majority.

Democrats complained that Owen has been an anti-abortion and pro-business judicial activist whose opinions and rulings are overly influenced by her personal beliefs.

"The charge that she is a judicial activist was nothing more than a cynical trick of words from Washington special interest lobbyists," Hatch

said Monday.

The other nominee who failed to clear the committee last year was U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering of Mississippi, who also wanted a seat on the Fifth Circuit. Hatch has said Pickering also will get another hearing.

Democrats have said Owen and Pickering would face serious opposition from them, including possible filibusters. "I think Democrats have to be careful about filibustering multiple nominations, but I think they will," Hatch said.

The Republicans lost a filibuster vote on Estrada on Thursday, with only four Democrats voting with the GOP majority to give him an immediate confirmation vote. Frist said he would try another cloture vote soon, with Hatch saying he expects one perhaps as early as next week.

Frist said he also is negotiating with Democrats to try and find a way through the Estrada filibuster, "and that's part of the reason we're not doing cloture after cloture after cloture."

Cloture is the Senate procedure to stop debate on a question and requires a three-fifths majority — 60 votes — to pass.

The Estrada fight won't keep other appeals court nominations from coming up for a vote, Frist said. "I expect you'll see other judges come to the floor (for confirmation)," he said.

At least five U.S. Appeals Court judges are awaiting Senate votes: Sutton, Cook, Washington appellate lawyer John Roberts, Justice Department lawyer Jay Bybee and Timothy Tymkovich, a Republican Party activist and Colorado's former solicitor general.

New Mexico Senate paves way for land dispute

SANTA FE (AP) — Sue those wrongfully placed in Texas because of a mistake by a surveyor in 1859.

That's the instruction given to the attorney general's office in a bill unanimously approved by the Senate on Monday.

The measure directs the attorney general to sue Texas over a land dispute involving the border between the states.

Sen. Shannon Robinson, D-Albuquerque, sponsored the legislation that seeks the return of 603,485 acres that he says was

wrongly placed in Texas because of a mistake by a surveyor in 1859.

The error, Robinson said, caused the Texas-New Mexico border to be several miles too far west. The Texas towns of Farwell, Bledsoe, Bronco and Texline are within the strip of disputed land.

"There is no doubt that the people's lives in that strip would be vastly improved because they no longer would be Texans,"

Robinson explained during Senate debate.

"I can see a great uplifting of their personal self worth," he said.

Despite the Texas-bashing, Robinson assured his colleagues that he was serious in wanting a lawsuit filed against Texas. However, he acknowledged he sponsored the measure partly to carry on the quixotic fight of a friend, the late Sen. John Morrow, D-Capulin, who died last year.

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a second phase would begin with more time to verify Iraq's full disarmament, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There is a two-stage process," Greenstock said. "One is to be convinced that Iraq is cooperating, the other is to disarm Iraq completely."

Security Council ambassadors said Greenstock made clear the timeline would still be the end of March.

The Bush administration

had talked of a vote as early as Tuesday, but with France and Russia threatening to veto the current draft resolution, and without the minimum nine "yes" votes, it held up action in the council.

Instead, council members agreed to hold another open meeting on the crisis on Tuesday and Wednesday at the request of the Non-Aligned Movement, which represents about 115 mainly developing countries.

The open meeting will give nations from all parts of the

world a chance to voice their views on an issue that has polarized the Security Council. It will also give supporters and opponents of the U.S.-backed resolution more time to lobby the half dozen undecided countries on the council.

Pakistani officials said for the first time publicly that their country wouldn't support war with Iraq and would abstain from voting. And Chile, another vote which Washington is after, suggested it is not prepared to embrace the resolution without changes.

The resolution requires nine "yes" votes. Approval also requires that France, Russia and China withhold their vetoes.

France and Russia have said they would cast vetoes.

The United States is

assured the support of Britain, Spain and Bulgaria, with Cameroon leaning heavily toward the U.S. position. With Germany, Syria and now Pakistan preparing abstentions or "no" votes, Washington is left trying to canvass the support of Chile, Angola, Mexico and Guinea.

Japan has begun lobbying the undecided council members to urge support for the U.S.-backed resolution, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. In one call, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told Mexican President Vicente Fox that international divisions were putting the United Nations' authority at stake, the ministry said.

"Mexico is taking an independent position and is not leaning to either side," Fox said.

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REPORT

The Fed's last rate cut was on Nov. 6, when the central bank reduced its target for the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — by a half-point to 1.25 percent, the lowest level since the funds rate averaged 1.17 percent in July 1961.

The funds rate has not been lower than 1 percent since it averaged 0.68 percent in July 1958, when Eisenhower was president.

Before the unemployment report, most economists were expecting the Fed to leave rates unchanged, as it did in December and January.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan played down the need for further economic stimulus in testimony to Congress in February, either from rate cuts or President Bush's new round of tax cuts.

David Wyss, an economist at Standard & Poor's Co. in New York, said while the dismal job report raised the possibility of a rate cut next week, he still believed the Fed will want to preserve its limited remaining cuts until after any war with Iraq begins.

He said if that happens, the reductions could come fairly quickly, a view also held by Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

"If the war does not go well or as scripted, that could well trigger a crisis in financial markets and the Fed would have to use the interest rate cuts they have left to try to support the markets and the economy," Zandi said.

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BUYERS

tions, the city commission is the overseeing unit of the economic development corporations.

Sutherland said he has received some estimated figures on repermitting and drilling-out the disposal well on the property. He said one man told him the cost would probably be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. He questioned whether the disposal well would be of much value as a saleable item with the cost.

He also checked on the cost of drilling three test water wells. He said the cost would be approximately \$5,000-\$6,000. He said there

is something called 2D and that he has not checked into it yet. He said he has heard it advertised and will check on it.

Sutherland said the water district shows there is 220 to 240 feet saturated thickness and that the red bed is about 600 feet.

He said he could check further to find out about the amount of water which would be available out there.

Pampa City Commissioners have said they want to keep the property because of the water rights.

Phillips said the only property of the PEDC that is in dispute is the property donated by Celanese.

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OPINION

Gill says he didn't want to establish a water district today that may be used for something else in 20 years if Mesa was unable to pump and deliver water.

Pampa attorney David Holt said Mesa would waive the right to tax and the authority to annex unwilling landowners into the proposed district.

He also said that while there has been some question about whether such a district could annex water, something Holt maintains the district can't do, Mesa would also waive that right.

The Pampa attorney says that the county commissioners can condition their approval of the proposed Mesa water district concerning such things.

"If necessary," Holt says, "we'll modify and amend our petition to eliminate those provisions."

Jim Allison of the Austin law firm of Allison, Bass and Associates, hired by Roberts County, questioned whether under the law Mesa could waive the rights granted a district by statute.

Holt also told Gill he didn't think there would be a problem with supplying the City of Miami with water by means of a tap on any pipeline running out of the county.

Former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy said the Mesa landowners are surrounded by the water rights held by the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which supplies water to 11 cities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa.

While Amarillo has no plans to pump water from Roberts County for another 25 years, Kennedy said that CRMWA already pumping. Based on their permits, CRMWA can pump 42,000 acre-feet of water per year, or about 13 billion gallons of water per year. Amarillo has permits to pump 71,000 acre-feet of water per year, or about 23 billion gallons of water.

"The water is already leaving Roberts County," Kennedy said.

"They're pumping right now," Holt said. "There's a 54-inch stream of water leaving the west side of Roberts County right now. It's going to drastically affect those

landowners on the west side of the county."

Kennedy said Mesa has already tried to sell their water to CRMWA, Amarillo and Lubbock but were rebuffed. Pickens has long held that the market for Roberts County water is in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, El Paso or San Antonio.

"It is a for gone conclusion that water in western Roberts County is going to leave," Kennedy says. "The question is whether CRMWA and Amarillo going to be the only ones to take it."

He says that if landowners don't do something, they will lose their water and the value of their land will drop.

Kennedy said that as land owners they still need water for their ranches.

"Without water our land is worthless," Kennedy said. "We do not want all the water in Roberts County pumped out from under us."

Kennedy said CRMWA and Amarillo are not landowners in Roberts County. They are water owners.

"If we could sell all of our water to the City of Pampa," Kennedy said, "we would still need the right to be able to settle any dispute by statute which is provided by eminent domain. It doesn't mean we can condemn any body's water. It doesn't mean we're going to condemn their land because we don't want their land. We just want to build a pipeline. We want an easement. If someone is not willing to accept an offer, we would have the right to come to a court with an impartial judge and impartial jury and they would set what is reasonable and the project would move forward. We don't intend to tax ourselves."

He said they wouldn't have the authority to assess a tax on anyone else in Roberts County except those within the proposed district or anyone who chooses to join.

Holt says that in order to have Mesa's petition approved, they need only to show that their plan is feasible, necessary and it will benefit the owners of the land in the proposed district.

"No one has contended otherwise," Holt says.

Therefore, he says, there is no legal basis for the commissioners to deny Mesa's petition.



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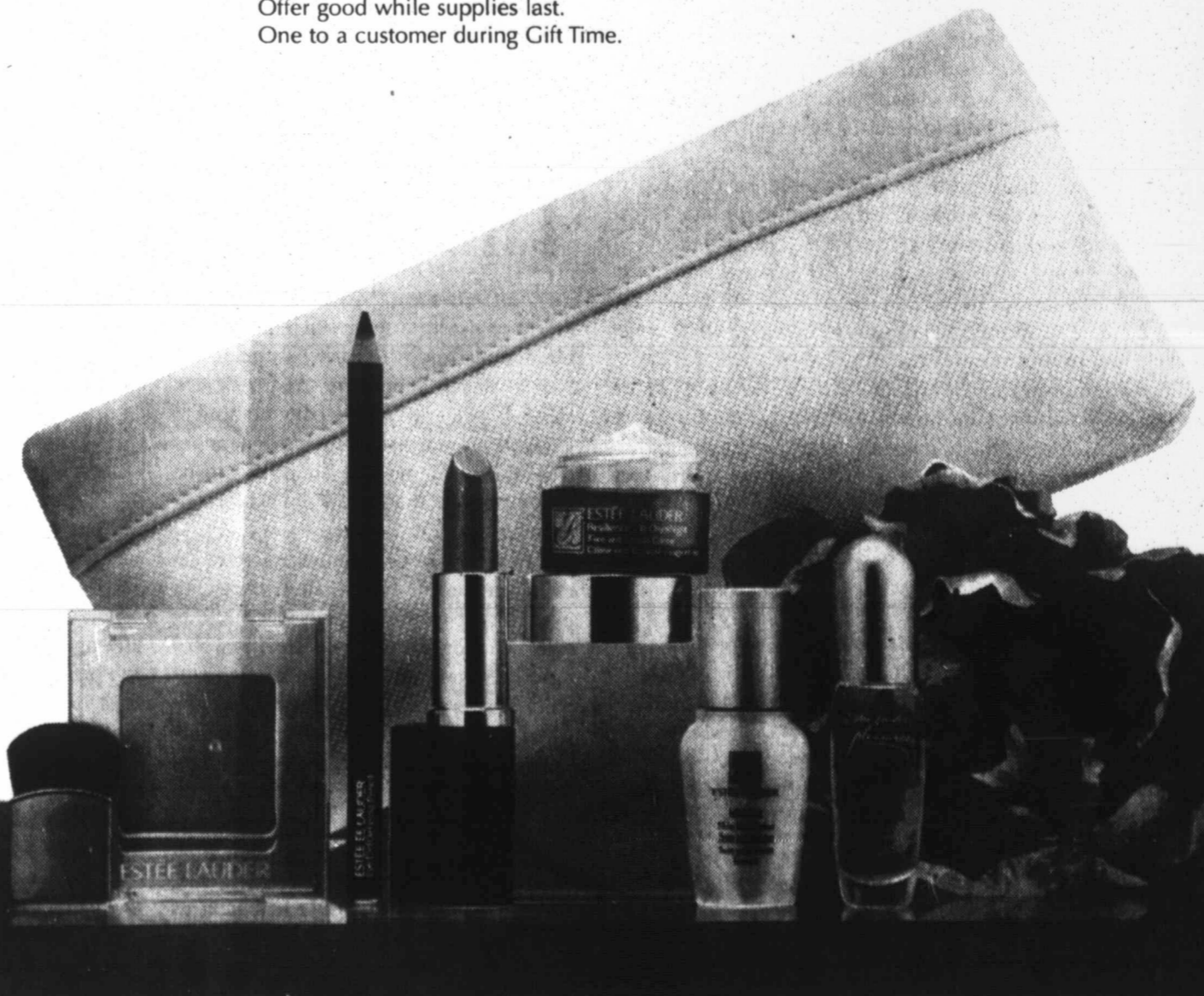
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Look for less costly solutions to state's education problems

To the editor:
 The last session of the state legislature spent 40 percent of our budget on education. Sen. Teel Bivins recently commented that it could be 50 percent of the upcoming biennial budget. Our politicians have reached the point where the only solution they can come up with is "more money."

The two states spending the least amount of money on primary and secondary education rank highest in the United States. The lowest performing school in the U.S. is the top spender. We are no longer listed in the top 100 nations of the world in education. Our universities and colleges have serious academic problems also.

In the late 1960s, we started declining and spending more money without improvements. Politicians have taken the easy out of throwing more money at the problem. Less costly solutions are out there. It will require courageous politicians with backbone to stand up and correct our education system.

An Amarillo Globe-News recent article on possible budget cuts included an official's comments on curriculum changes in education who advocated cutting funding for reading and math. These two basic subjects affect a student's future learning and livelihood. Many of the so-called social studies could be eliminated without harming a student's future.

Example: Since including sex education in our curriculums, we have become one of the top-ranking nations of the world in sexually transmitted disease and illegitimate births. A keeper?

The curriculums of the 1930s through 1960s brought us through the Great Depression, World War II, built history's greatest economy with unimaginable personal wealth, put man in space, made more medical advances than previous achieved by man. Not bad for reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic (them 3 R's), coupled with science, history, geography, personal responsibility and the realization that respect is earned, not bestowed by the Wizard of Oz.

Graduating teaching professionals should be required to pass a state exam the same as other professionals before being licensed, with continuing education requirements.

The state should set basic salaries for professional teaching staff with increases based on classroom performance and our state's cost of living index. Salary scales of other states are irrelevant in this calculation.

Excessive money spent on paper shuffling state bureaucracies achieves nothing. Close them. With accountability, give the money to local school districts based on their student populations, for infrastructure, teachers' salaries and hi-tech equipment.

James R. Braxton
 Pampa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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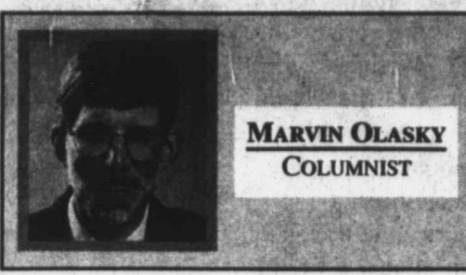
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When two Harvard undergraduates in 1697 broke through thin ice and drowned, Puritan preacher Increase Mather suggested that God sometimes lets us know what's coming but at other times mercifully does not, so that we "may with diligence and cheerfulness" attend to our duties, which we could not do if we "knew what evil times and things" are coming.

Most of us saw last month an example of such mercy: a videotape of the smiling Columbia astronauts minutes away from a death they knew was possible, but diligently and cheerfully attending to their duties, not knowing what evil times were coming. The impending U.S.-Iraq explosion will not be sudden - for 12 years Iraqi officials have done all they could to evade the agreement they desperately signed after the rout of Gulf War I - but it will bring many evil things.

Who can deliver us from evil? Some people still have faith in our contemporary mini-god, the United Nations. I met with three German journalists on March 6, and they still expressed belief that if the number of U.N. inspectors were doubled, we could be saved from war. They said the obvious parallel - U.N. today, League of Nations 70 years ago - was not being discussed in Germany, home of the beast whose aggression blew apart what had become a pitiful, helpless, champagne-drinking league.



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

At this point, we can still pray that God will provide a good way out, one that does not sacrifice the future for the present. Apart from that, it seems that we will be relying on our soldiers, trained to expect evil times and things but to stay on task. One soldier in the war on terrorism will be a University of Texas graduate student, Mark Moody, who had to drop my writing class several weeks into the current term because his National Guard special forces unit will be heading overseas.

UT is typical of big state universities in that its neo-Marxists see the Iraqi war as a great opportunity to rejuvenate the aging left. But when one professor orated about "Bush's mad rush to war," Moody, who is putting his life on the line, did not hesitate to put his academic career on the line by challenging the conventional campus wisdom. In an e-mail he distributed to fellow graduate students, Moody pointed out that the mad rush is supported by 16 U.N. resolutions; unlike the German journalists, he can see that the U.N. has become a joke.

Moody went on to acknowledge that bombing will probably kill some innocent civilians, but he pointed out the toll of life under a brutal regime with "no respect for individual liberty, human rights, or the suffering of the masses." Given that Saddam has already killed probably 2 million of his own citizens, the liberation of Iraq is likely to save many lives, Iraqi and American.

And that's what we should focus on: the toll of inaction at this point. I and many others wish we were at some other point. I wish the British and French had not constructed Iraq after World War I by artificially uniting three very different regions. I wish that Bush 41 had not stopped the Gulf War after a PR-pleasant 100 hours, that U.S. forces had not permitted Iraq's military helicopters to quash subsequent rebellions in the north and south, that Bill Clinton had not diddled while Saddam wriggled out of his promises. Sometimes I wish we did not have 250,000 troops assembled on Iraq's borders, so that any retreat now will be an enormous victory for evil.

But at this point that's all prologue. The battle against terrorism around the world must go on. Like Mark Moody, we should all now with diligence and cheerfulness attend to our duties, regardless of what evil times and things are coming.



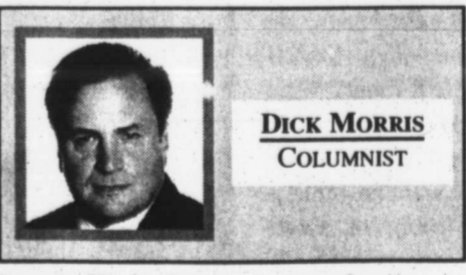
The whole (Hispanic) world watches

The Democrats are talking themselves to death in their filibuster against the nomination of Miguel Estrada to the federal bench. The more they talk, the more it is clear that they have nothing to say and no reason to block the nomination of one of the few Hispanics to be nominated to the senior levels of our judiciary.

There is no ethical problem here. No rash statements. No imputed bias. Not even any clear indication of a strong right wing or left wing political philosophy. The burden of the Democratic argument seems to be that Estrada has not ruled, in advance, on all the cases that will come before him. What many would take as a refreshing lack of prejudice and the indication of an open mind, the Democrats assume is evidence of a great conspiracy of silence.

Liberals see the Estrada filibuster as providing a precedent for a new level of disclosure for all nominees to the federal bench. Rather than nominate and confirm good people and let them decide cases, the Democrats are now asking for clear commitments on each area of judicial decision making which a new judge is likely to confront. The independence of the judiciary is at stake in this new assertion of legislative prerogative.

But the Democrats should realize that they have chosen a terrible target for their new level of scrutiny. By filibuster-



DICK MORRIS
 COLUMNIST

ing an Hispanic nominee and going to such lengths to block his confirmation, even when there is no clear reason to do so, they are asking the Hispanic voters to turn against them in droves.

For his part, Majority Leader Bill Frist is skillfully calling the Democratic bluff by requiring them to talk out the filibuster. No gentleman filibuster this time. Lengthy sessions and constant talk animate this effort to block Estrada. Frist should keep the Senate in session around the clock and on weekends to make the Democrats carry their opposition to an Hispanic judge to absurd lengths.

If Frist continues his policy of making the Democrats act out their filibusters by actually talking on the floor endlessly, he may well succeed in breaking the filibuster as a weapon. He may accomplish the ultimate goal of a Majority Leader - empower the majority and end the 60 vote requirement to pass a bill in the Senate.

How long could the South have filibustered civil rights if the talk-a-thon were covered by cable TV as this filibuster is? Frist is making the Democrats

look like anti-Hispanic bigots, all the more because they have no real basis for diss-ing Estrada.

Remember the stakes, folks. Hispanic population grew by 4.7% last year while blacks expanded by 1.5% and whites by a paltry 0.3%. Hispanics cast 6% of the vote in 1990 and 12% in 2000. If their numbers expand at the current pace, they will be up to 18% in 2010 and 24% in 2020. With one-third of Hispanics voting Republican, they are the jump ball in American politics. As this vote goes, so goes the future.

Republicans got off on the wrong foot by listening to the likes of Pat Buchanan and other Nativists. Their English only and anti-immigration initiatives stopped them from appealing to newly arrived Hispanic voters. But Bush has changed all that. Estrada symbolizes the transition. If Bush takes it the next step and embraces some of Mexican President Vicente Fox' ideas about earned amnesty for Mexican-Americans, he can truly bring Hispanics into the Republican fold for decades to come.

Estrada is no Clarence Thomas, so clearly out of step with his voters as to make his nomination suspect. And Hispanics are not blacks, so committed to the Democratic party, that it would take an act of genocide to breach their amity. Hispanics are up for grabs and each day of the filibuster drives them further toward the GOP.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Pampa Nursing Center cares about its residents

"I never thought I would put my parents in a nursing home." This is a phrase that Terri Adams, the admission coordinator hears a lot when someone places their loved one at Pampa Nursing Center.

"What we want people to realize," said Adams, "is that Pampa Nursing Center is a place of hope for family members. It allows us to love and care for someone's family member. While at the same time, they can enjoy their loved one while caring for themselves. (Something a family caregiver sometimes neglects.)"

Pampa Nursing Center offers programs such as physical, occupational and speech therapy. Twenty-four hour skilled nursing and a secured unit are also available. The nursing home contracts with both Crown of Texas Hospice and BSA Hospice programs and is available for respite care.

"Informing families regarding the financial aspect of the nursing home is part of what I can do for them and their loved one," says Business Office Manager Nancy Mears. "There are a lot of misconceptions about a resident's money and assets, like we could take their home, when that is absolutely not true."

Mears also helps families with applying for Medicaid and helps with any insurance questions they may have.

An active social life is important at Pampa Nursing Center. Kristie Fuller, the activity director has a full calendar each month with something that each resident can enjoy. She, along with the rest of the staff, tries to meet each resident's physical, social and spiritual needs. Pampa Nursing Center is dedicated to helping each resident live each day to the fullest.

There are a lot of emotions a family goes through when placing a loved one in the nursing home, according to Adams.

She said those feelings include the following: anger at yourself or another member of your family because you couldn't take care of your loved one; guilt because you placed your loved one in the nursing home; or grief.

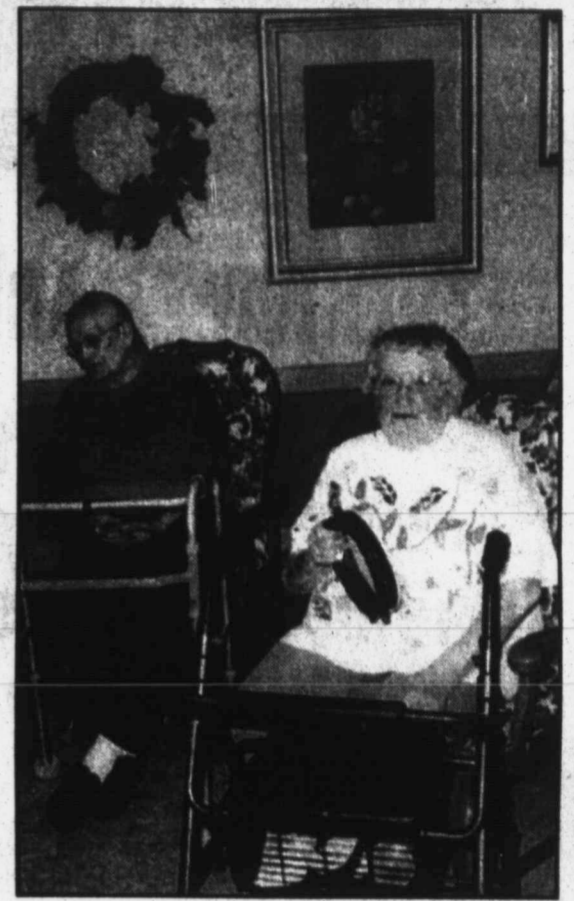
She recommends the book, "When Love Gets Tough — The Nursing Home Decision" by Doug Manning, when people have placed or are considering placing a family member in the nursing home.

"We can never replace their house, but our hearts are open and we love our residents," she said. "We care for them while they live with us and we grieve for them if they pass away, just as if they were our own family."



(Courtesy photo)

Melitta and Edward Sutherland take a swing around the dance floor as the music is being played recently at PNC.



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Pampa Nursing Center residents Mary Mason and Liz Pepper enjoy listening to music at PNC.



(Courtesy photo)

Getting into the spirit of the music at PNC are Brenda Thompson, CMA, and Geneva Butler clap along with the tunes.



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Residents Aulsie Scott and Bonnie Burgess enjoy just sitting back and listening to the music provided for them at the nursing center.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Unemployed Husband Shows Wife Who's The Boss In Bed

DEAR ABBY: "Sleep-Deprived in the Midwest" complained that she and her husband quarreled because he would wake her at 3 or 4 in the morning demanding sex, even though she had to get up for work by 7 a.m. If she refused, he would give her the silent treatment. You advised marriage counseling.

I recently divorced a man who had the same habit. I think you missed something in her letter. She mentioned that her husband is unemployed.

My ex was also unemployed for most of our marriage. She's the breadwinner, as was I. I suspect there is a connection between the two. It may be a control issue. I believe my ex's demands for sex at odd hours had a lot to do with his feeling he needed to show me that he was in control in some area of our lives.

"Sleep-Deprived" needs to get that issue addressed before her marriage is affected any further. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, AND GLAD I'M OUT IN N.Y.

DEAR B.T., D.T. AND GLAD: You may be right. However, not everyone viewed the problem as you did. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Instead of complaining, that woman should count her blessings. I have learned to accept my husband for the way he is, and not for what I think he should be. I, too, work a traditional schedule. We have an agreement that works for us. There are times when he will lie down with me until I fall asleep — then he gets up and reads or works on his hobbies until

he is ready for bed. I urge that wife to find a healthy and comfortable compromise. If she does, her marriage will be better for it.

LARK WITH AN OWL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LARK: I agree, the key is compromise.

DEAR ABBY: I'm glad you suggested counseling. I hope it works. My husband and I have been married 10 years. We were both married before to partners who

didn't think sex was important.

When one of us is in the mood, the other one doesn't just oblige, but races to the bedroom and lets the romantic one "get us in the mood." Ironically, I am usually the one who wakes my husband at 3 a.m.

A suggestion I might offer to the wife: Why not seduce him earlier in the evening, so that by 3 a.m. he's sound asleep and not waking you? D.L. IN OREGON

DEAR D.L.: I like the way you think.

DEAR ABBY: Good God, Maude! She should plan on going to bed an hour early! Fix a gourmet snack to eat in bed. Pour two drinks. Drag him into the bedroom and show him the kind of time the two of them had on their honeymoon. After he drops dead from the shock, she can sleep undisturbed forever after. BRUCE IN FLORIDA

DEAR BRUCE: Thank you for adding the male perspective.

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, my spouse also woke me on a regular basis. I adore him, but I need at least 6 1/2 hours of uninterrupted sleep a night. Since these occasions revved my metabolic rate, making sleep afterward impossible, I engaged him in recalling every detail related to President Nixon — his dog's name, Watergate, his personal habits, his lovely wife, Pat, their daughters and their weddings, etc.

My poor darling was so tired, he slept through the following night. Each time I was awakened, I made sure we talked about Nixon.

For some reason, he almost never wakes me now. It's worth a try. A SISTER IN SEATTLE

DEAR SISTER: Water torture would be kinder.

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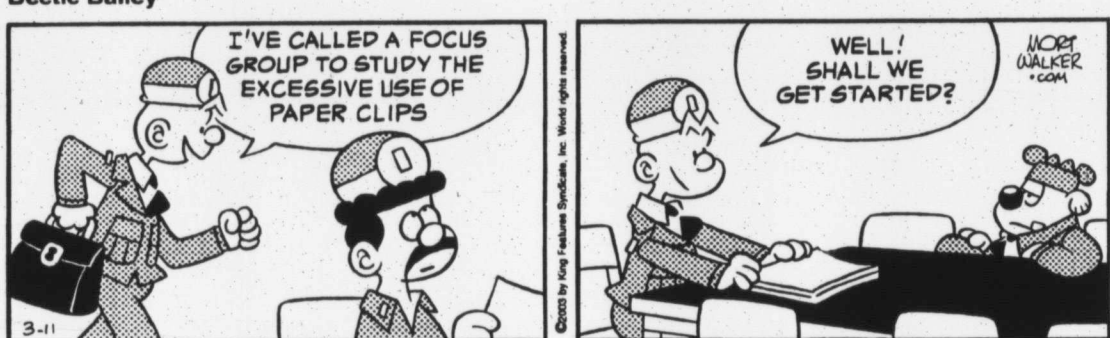
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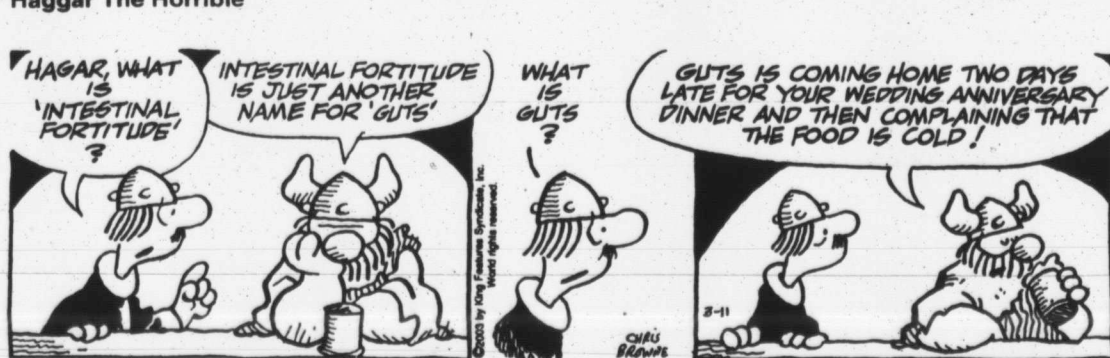
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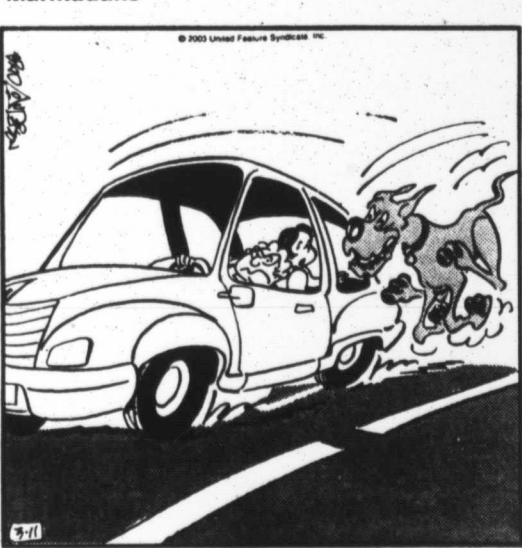
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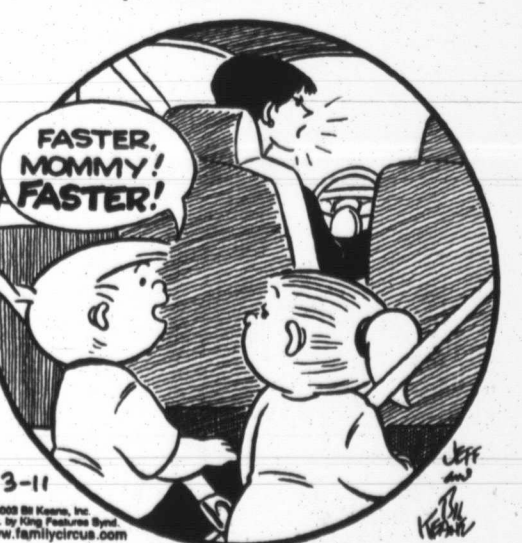
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SPORTS

Tech joins Alabama, Indiana on the bubble

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama was ranked No. 1 briefly, Indiana reached last year's national title game, and Texas Tech coach Bob Knight always has his teams ready when it matters.

It matters now. Those three schools are among 10 or so prominent programs that might not even make the NCAA tournament field unless they impress during this week's conference tourneys.

In a bit of good news for those "bubble teams," one NCAA berth suddenly opened up Monday when Georgia — ranked 21st and a lock to make the field — withdrew from the SEC and NCAA tournaments after an internal investigation uncovered academic fraud involving three players.

"I think every basketball player and coach in America is looking at the NCAA tournament and what needs to happen or how it will play out," said Alabama coach Mark Gottfried, presumably looking harder than most.

No team has failed to get an NCAA invitation after rising to No. 1 since North Carolina State in 1974-75, when only one team from each conference made the field. Now, with an expanded, 65-team field, the Southeastern Conference alone has three available teams considered locks and as many bubble teams, with Alabama trying not to fall all the way from No. 1 to the NIT.

Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Tennessee are hoping to erase doubt with strong league tournament performances this weekend in New Orleans.

Indiana can relate. So can Texas Tech and former head Hoosier Bob Knight, North Carolina State, Seton Hall,

"I don't think at this point and the way things have gone for us throughout the entire league season that the (selection) committee will even take the time to talk about us."

— Bobby Knight

Minnesota, DePaul and Oregon, among others.

Already no sure bet, the Hoosiers (18-11, 8-8 Big 10) closed the regular season with a 74-66 loss to Penn State, a team that finished 2-14 in the league.

Oops. The teams meet again Thursday in the Big 10 tournament in Chicago, and coach Mike Davis figures a win or two should convince the NCAA selection committee.

"We'd be six games over .500 if we lose Thursday," Davis said, "but I don't think we're going to lose Thursday."

Knight and Co. will need a huge run at the Big 12 tournament to make the NCAA field. It won't be the same without him: No Knight-coached team has had to play in the NIT since 1985. Three of his teams won NCAA national championships.

He said Tech (16-11, 6-10) will probably need to win the league tournament to make the NCAA field for the second straight year.

"I don't think at this point and the way things have gone for us throughout the entire league season that the (selection) committee will even take the time to talk about us," said Knight, adding that his team would accept an NIT bid if offered.

The SEC's situation is wild enough

that stress rather than excessive consumption could lead to a run on antacids in the Big Easy this weekend.

Coaches of the highly rated league have lobbied for placing seven or even eight teams in the tournament, but the SEC's never gotten more than six. Florida, Kentucky, and Mississippi State all are considered sure bets with the four hopefuls — as was Georgia.

"If the NCAA is serious about getting the best teams in the tournament — and I think that's the goal — there's no question the SEC should get seven teams," LSU's John Brady said.

Not necessarily, according to the team power ratings. Only Alabama (33) and Auburn (39) are rated in the Top 40 while LSU (41) and Tennessee (50) aren't too far behind — bubble territory for at-large berths.

Making matters tougher, the Volunteers ruled senior guard Jon Higgins ineligible Monday for failing to pass enough classes in the fall. Two bubble teams — Auburn and Tennessee — will meet after first-round byes due to Georgia's withdrawal in what could be a loser-goes-to-NIT game.

LSU was the only one to bolster its case in the stretch run, winning its last five — including victories over the league's other three bubble teams.

"I feel like we're one of the best 64

teams in country and we deserve to be in the NCAA tournament based on what our team has done," Brady said.

Auburn's Cliff Ellis thinks being the SEC West's No. 2 seeded team should count for something.

"I don't think No. 3 and No. 4 should jump ahead of No. 2," Ellis said.

Gottfried, meanwhile, said a tough nonconference schedule — including wins over Oklahoma, Ohio State and Xavier and a close loss at Utah — negates a 7-9 SEC mark.

"I don't think you can negate all that, everything that happened in November and December, because we're one game under .500," Gottfried said.

Two years ago, the Tide finished .500 in the league and won 21 regular-season games but didn't receive an NCAA invite because of a weak nonconference schedule.

Gottfried had predicted a win at LSU in the regular-season finale would have "settled everything," but the Tide lost 66-62.

Seton Hall (16-11, 10-6 Big East) also boasts solid power ratings at No. 36. The Pirates lost their final two games after winning nine straight.

No problem, said forward Marcus Toney-El.

"We'll start another streak," he said. "Our glass is always half full."

Oregon (20-9, 10-8 PAC 10) has the wins but is a modest No 53 in the power ratings and lost its final two games heading into the tournament opener with Arizona State.

"Pure and simple, we aren't in the tournament," guard James Davis said. "We're a bubble team now."

Join the crowd.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA - There will be a Optimist baseball coaches meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the Optimist Club.

Baseball signups and tryouts are scheduled for: Tuesday (March 18), 5:30-7; Wednesday (March 19), 5:30-7; Thursday (March 20), 5:30-7 at Optimist Park.

During tryouts, persons needing information can call the club at 665-4361.

Fees are \$35 for 5-6 year olds; \$35 for 7-8 year olds; \$45 for 9-10 year olds; \$45 for 11-12 year olds; \$60 for 13-15 year olds.

Practice starts on Monday, March 31.

TRACK

BORGER — The Pampa Lady Harvesters scored 58 points to take fourth place at last weekend's Borger Bulldog Relays.

Angie Cornish led the Lady Harvesters. She won the discus with a 105-6 throw and placed second in the shot put (35-9 1/2). Skye Niccum was third in the shot put (35-8).

Kendal Stokes was third in the 100 hurdles (16.68).

In the boys' division, Pampa placed sixth with 40 points.

Pampa's 400-meter relay team (Johnny Moore, Mac Smith, Greg Wiley, Mark Williams) came in first with a time of 45.01.

Greg Wiley was second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.41.

BASKETBALL

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — David Sykes had 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Southwest Texas to a 94-85 overtime win against Louisiana-Monroe in the first round of the Southland Conference tournament Monday.

Southwest Texas (17-11, 11-9 Southland) led 41-34 at halftime after going on an 18-2 run with 13:03 remaining.

Louisiana-Monroe (12-16, 10-10) responded in the second half, going on an 11-0 run with 15:56, then a 10-0 run with 2:26 to go.

Runner-up team



Lefors 3rd-4th grade girls placed second at the Mayo Tournament. Team members are (front, l-r) Monica Pairsh, Amber Shepard, Meria Vaid; (back, l-r) Kaitlynn Reeves, Taylor Overstreet, Shayna Bowman and Brooke Franks.

Mavericks defeated by Timberwolves

DALLAS (AP) — Five road games in seven days is tough for any team, even one that's playing great. Make most of those games against possible Western Conference playoff teams and, by the end, that hot team could've turned cold.

But the Minnesota Timberwolves didn't let it happen, not even after losing the first three.

Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 18 rebounds, and Wally Szczerbiak scored eight straight points during a tense part of the fourth quarter as

the Timberwolves beat the Dallas Mavericks 92-83 Monday night to return home on a two-game winning streak.

"Our road trip was difficult," Garnett said. "But we won the last two games and that made it decent."

Deadline March 19 for City Softball League sign-ups

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Church and Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is Wednesday, March 19 at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after March 19.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 26 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of March 31.

Roster forms, fact sheets

able at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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Pampa Middle School Track Results

Pampa Middle School Track meet
8th Grade Division
Third place: Pampa, 105 1/2 points

Pampa Results
400-meter relay: 1. Chris Stabel, James Coffee, Marcos Campos and Chase Harris, 49.53.
800-meter relay: 3. Chris Stabel, Michael Robinson, Oscar Figueroa and Dustin Forney, 1:50.78.
2400: 6. Matt Trusty, 9:01.94.
800: 4. Brett Ferrell, 2:26.62.
110-meter hurdles: 1. James Coffee, 11.96.
300-meter hurdles: 1. James Coffee, 45.39.
200: 4. Chase Harris, 26.34; 6. Marcos Campos, 26.67.
Shot put: 1. James Coffee, 46-10 1/2.
High jump: 3. James Coffee, 5-4.
Long jump: 1. Chase Harris, 16-5.
7th Grade Division
Third place: Pampa, 94 points

400-meter relay: 2. Ryne Malone, Kenny Hightower, Jerrod Bivins and Shavius Kelley, 52.93.
800: 1. Rusty Snider, 2:33.19.
110 hurdles: 6. Dane Howard, 23.34.
100: 2. Shavius Kelley, 12.62.
800-meter relay: 3. Tanner Dyson, Dane Howard, Josh Mulkey and Travis Marsh, 1:57.94.
300 hurdles: 3. Dane Howard, 55.82; 6. Taylor Smith, 59.41.
200: 2. Shavius Kelley, 26.65; 4. Travis Marsh, 28.55.
1600-meter relay: 6. Kenny Hightower, Josh Mulkey, Travis Marsh and Rusty Snider, 4:48.58.
High jump: 2. Jerrod Bivins, 5-0; 5. Shavius Kelley, 4-10.
Discus: 6. Kris Boyd, 79-10.
Long jump: 1. Shavius Kelley, 16-7 1/2; 4. Jerrod Bivins, 15-1 1/2.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Arizona (51)	25-2	1,779	1
2. Kentucky (21)	26-3	1,749	2
3. Texas	22-5	1,630	4
4. Kansas	24-6	1,546	6
5. Pittsburgh	23-4	1,425	7
6. Oklahoma	21-6	1,363	5
7. Florida	24-6	1,359	3
8. Marquette	23-4	1,356	8
9. Wake Forest	23-4	1,273	9
10. Xavier	24-4	1,179	11
11. Syracuse	23-4	1,131	12
12. Duke	21-6	894	10
13. Illinois	21-6	771	14
14. Maryland	19-8	747	13
15. Stanford	23-7	735	17
16. Memphis	22-5	653	18
17. Notre Dame	22-8	546	16
18. Wisconsin	22-6	545	24
19. Creighton	28-4	533	19
20. Louisville	21-6	527	15
21. Georgia	19-8	377	25
22. Dayton	21-5	349	21
23. Oklahoma St.	21-8	233	20
24. California	20-7	131	22
25. Saint Joseph's	22-5	109	—

Others receiving votes: Mississippi St. 106, S. Illinois 88, Utah 71, Butler 55, Connecticut 53, Missouri 18, Weber St. 16, Gonzaga 13, BYU 8, Kent St. 7, Penn 6, Troy St. 5, Holy Cross 3, Michigan St. 3, Colorado 2, LSU 2, Arizona St. 1, Boston College 1, Cent. Michigan 1, N.C.-Wilmington 1.

RODEO

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Men's Professional Rodeo Association By The Associated Press**Through March 9****ALL-AROUND COWBOY**

- Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas \$32,037
- Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas \$23,589
- Chad Klein, Clinton, La. \$17,505
- Cash Myers, Athens, Texas \$16,968
- Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas \$15,993
- Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. \$14,107
- J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo. \$13,611
- Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas \$13,171
- Casey Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. \$11,417
- Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas \$11,272

BAREBACK RIDING

- Tom McFarland, Morrystown, Ariz. (8) \$22,422
- James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (10) \$18,256
- Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah (7) \$16,000
- Trey Fisher, Madisonville, Texas (8) \$15,109
- Darren Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (6) \$14,278
- Chuck Logue, New Braunfels, Texas (8) \$11,760
- Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore. (4) \$11,737
- Chad Klein, Clinton, La. (10) \$11,192
- Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (11) \$10,910
- Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas (7) \$10,232
- Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D. (7) \$9,462
- Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D. (7) \$9,368
- Rowdy Buechner, Sandpoint, Idaho (9) \$9,005
- Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (11) \$8,456
- Cody Jessee, John Day, Ore. (6) \$8,245

STEER WRESTLING

- K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. (6) \$518,090
- John Diedrichs, Rapid City, S.D. (4) \$17,121
- Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (7) \$15,367
- Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J. (7) \$14,435
- Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas (6) \$14,408
- Chuck Jankowski, Simonton, Texas (7) \$14,247
- Joe Butterfield, Red Deer, Alberta (5) \$11,493
- Tom White, Hugo, Okla. (5) \$10,688
- Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla. (5) \$10,208
- Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (6) \$10,031
- Kitt Woody, Cleburne, Texas (3) \$9,552
- Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (6) \$9,269
- Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. (6) \$9,134
- Rope Myers, Van, Texas (6) \$9,017
- Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta (7) \$8,327

TEAM ROPING HEADER

- Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (5) \$519,852
- Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (6) \$18,734
- Billy Holland Jr., Oroville, Calif. (5) \$11,109
- Nick Sartin, Alva, Okla. (4) \$9,960
- Speed Williams, Amarillo, Texas (5) \$9,394
- Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. (5) \$8,980
- Tommy Edens, Cedar Hill, Texas (6) \$6,830
- Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (5) \$5,639
- Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas (6) \$5,305
- Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas (6) \$5,223
- Rowdy Rieken, Arp, Texas (4) \$5,071
- Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (6) \$5,062
- Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas (5) \$4,652
- Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga. (6) \$4,523
- Brady Wren, Kerrville, Texas (7) \$4,404

TEAM ROPING HEELER

- Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D. (5) \$19,852
- Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas (6) \$18,734
- Mike George, Oakdale, Calif. (5) \$11,109
- Shannon Frascht, Alva, Okla. (4) \$9,960
- Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (5) \$9,394
- Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. (5) \$8,980
- Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla. (5) \$5,639
- Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (6) \$5,305
- Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas (6) \$5,223
- Tom Bourne, Tecumseh, Okla. (4) \$5,071
- Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (6) \$5,062
- Chris Green, Lytle, Texas (5) \$4,652
- Zane Bruce, Eldorado, Texas (7) \$4,404
- Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas (6) \$4,350
- Shad Chadwick, San Antonio, N.M. (7) \$4,303

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

- Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (7) \$23,756

- Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (11) \$18,570
- Jeffery Willert, Belvidere, S.D. (8) \$17,833
- Charles Soileau, Stephenville, Texas (12) \$17,750
- Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas (11) \$13,908
- Branden West, Philip, S.D. (8) \$13,086
- Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz. (7) \$12,477
- Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas (9) \$11,576
- Mo Forbes, Kaycee, Wyo. (8) \$11,397
- Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla. (7) \$10,813
- Scott Miller, Waco, Texas (9) \$10,735
- Bradley Harter, Aledo, Texas (8) \$9,634
- Matt Marvel, Battle Mountain, Nev. (7) \$9,220
- Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (10) \$9,119
- Kyle Thomson, Black Diamond, Alberta (8) \$9,009

TIE-DOWN ROPING

- Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas (6) \$26,394
- Jade Conner, Iowa, La. (7) \$18,743
- Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas (6) \$16,427
- Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (6) \$16,195
- Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla. (7) \$15,422
- Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (6) \$14,764
- Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (6) \$12,686
- Brady Brock, Springtown, Texas (4) \$11,949
- Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas (6) \$11,614
- Clint Robinson, Farmington, Utah (3) \$10,439
- Ryan Brockenbush, Lexington, Texas (5) \$10,404
- Stran Smith, Tell, Texas (5) \$9,559
- Josh Crow, Levelland, Texas (4) \$9,205
- Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas (6) \$8,822
- Rick Kieckhefer, Prescott, Ariz. (6) \$8,648

WPRA BARREL RACING

- Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas \$20,262
- Kelly Kaminski, Bellville, Texas \$13,641
- Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. \$11,443
- McKenzie Miller, St. Anthony, Idaho \$10,937
- June Holeman, Arcadia, Neb. \$10,044
- Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo. \$9,590
- Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas \$9,126
- Paula Seay, Lake Butler, Fla. \$8,551
- Kelly Mahen, Spur, Texas \$8,497
- Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas \$7,924
- Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. \$6,800
- Marlene McRae, Ramah, Colo. \$6,482
- Jackie Dube, Giddings, Texas \$6,097
- Charmayne James, Athens, Texas \$6,077
- Wendy Chambers, Fort Lupton, Colo. \$6,063

STEER ROPING

- Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (2) \$12,211
- Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas (2) \$6,620
- Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (2) \$6,598
- Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla. (2) \$5,462
- Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (2) \$4,855
- Jim Folk, Lenapah, Okla. (2) \$3,279
- Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas (2) \$3,026
- Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas (3) \$2,375
- Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla. (2) \$1,931
- Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas (1) \$1,833
- Lawson Plemons, Chilton, Texas (2) \$1,828
- Scott Wilson, Mead, Wash. (3) \$1,601
- Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas (2) \$1,563
- Kenyon Burns, Lovington, N.M. (2) \$1,563
- Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas (1) \$1,519

BULL RIDING

- Terry Don West, Henryetta, Okla. (7) \$49,391
- Cory Melton, Keithville, La. (10) \$26,145
- Philip Elkins, Lipan, Texas (9) \$20,456
- Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta (9) \$19,729
- Howdy Cloud, Beaumont, Texas (12) \$18,351
- Colt Munden, Springtown, Texas (8) \$16,690
- Josh O'Byrne, Glen Rose, Texas (8) \$14,907
- Billy Burt, Missoula, Mont. (8) \$14,621
- Ryan Brown, Temecula, Calif. (9) \$14,431
- Joe Smith, Banner, Wyo. (10) \$12,876
- Case Drake, Sayre, Okla. (4) \$12,857
- Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash. (8) \$12,473
- Rusty Patrick, Bassett, Neb. (9) \$11,630
- Steven Turner, Cochrane, Alberta (8) \$11,125
- Robey Condra, Dayton, Texas (7) \$11,084

ProRodeo Tour Standings (4 of 10 winter events complete)**BAREBACK RIDING**

- Tom McFarland, Morrystown, Ariz. 73.8
- Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah 54.5
- Darren Clarke, Denton, Texas 47.1
- Trey Fisher, Madisonville, Texas 42.0
- Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore. 40.1
- Cody Jessee, John Day, Ore. 31.0
- Chad Klein, Clinton, La. 28.0
- Chuck Logue, New Braunfels, Texas 25.0
- Cody DeMers, Boulder, Mont. 24.0
- Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo. 24.0
- Jason Havens, Redmond, Ore. 22.0
- Zach Cayton, Billings, Mont. 21.5
- Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D. 21.5
- Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas 21.5
- Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan. 18.0

STEER WRESTLING

- Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta 37.5
- Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas 37.0
- Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. 36.5
- K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. 35.0
- Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. 32.0
- Curtis Cassidy, Calgary, Alberta 25.0
- Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. 25.0
- Cash Myers, Athens, Texas 24.7
- Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla. 24.0
- Kitt Woody, Cleburne, Texas 22.5
- Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla. 21.5
- Todd Suhm, Brighton, Colo. 21.2
- Joey Bell, Salem, N.J. 21.0
- Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. 20.5
- Shane Sparks, Allen, Okla. 20.5

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

- Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas 53.0
- Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. 50.5
- Tommy Edens, Cedar Hill, Texas 32.0
- Billy Holland Jr., Oroville, Calif. 30.0
- Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. 26.0
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- Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas 21.5
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- Mark Simon, San Antonio, N.M. 18.0
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- David Motes, Silt, Colo. 17.0

A bad day for basketball Scandals, firings overshadowing March Madness

By CONNOR ENNIS
AP Sports Writer

Scandals and firings are the prelude to March Madness this season, more than any hyped-up rivalry on the court in college basketball.

One day after St. Bonaventure's president was ousted, Georgia coach Jim Harrick was suspended with pay after an internal investigation showed three players took a phony class taught by his son.

Harrick was one of four coaches whose seasons ended Monday. The other three, however, were fired for a much simpler reason — losing too many games:

- Virginia Tech fired Ricky Stokes;
- Washington State fired Paul Graham;
- Columbia, with a 2-25 record, the worst in the school's 103-year basketball history, fired Armond Hill.

Stanford coach Mike Montgomery was also suspended Monday — but just for one game. The Pac-10 suspended Montgomery for his team's conference opener next season after he made contact with a referee during a Feb. 27 game against Arizona State. Montgomery said the contact was accidental.

Nothing that drastic happened in Lubbock, Texas, home of Texas Tech, but coach Bob Knight did something a little odd: He refused to accept his \$250,000 salary this year.

Knight felt neither he nor his team lived up to his standards.

Unusual as that was, the spotlight remained squarely on Harrick, whose situation was by far the murkiest.

Georgia withdrew from the SEC and NCAA tournaments and, along with the NCAA, was looking into allegations brought two weeks ago by a former player.

"The evidence and the findings presented to us indicated there was academic fraud," Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley said. "There's no evidence at all that Coach Harrick knew about what took place."

Harrick, one of only three coaches to take four schools to the NCAA tournament, has three seasons left on a \$700,000 per year contract.

Former player Tony Cole, who was kicked off the team last year, said assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr. taught a sham class on coaching. Cole said he never attended the class, but still received an A. Starters Chris Daniels and Rashad Wright were also in the class.

Harrick Jr. was fired Wednesday; Daniels and Wright have been declared ineligible.

On Sunday, St. Bonaventure president Robert Wickenheiser resigned under pressure following a tumultuous week that began with the Atlantic 10 Conference stripping the team of six league victories. It also barred the school from conference postseason play after center Jamil Terrell was ruled ineligible for violating NCAA junior transfer guidelines. Afterward, the players said they would boycott the team's final two games, including last Saturday's scheduled season-finale at home against nationally ranked Dayton.

The university's board of trustees unanimously sought Wickenheiser's resignation and put athletic director Gothard Lane and head coach Jan van Breda Kolff on administrative leave, pending a review. The board cited failed leadership as a reason.

And then there's Villanova and Fresno State.

The Wildcats suspended 12 players for allegedly making unauthorized telephone calls by using a school access code. Villanova will stagger the suspensions so it can still play Georgetown in the opening round of the Big East Conference tournament Wednesday night — but with only seven players.

Fresno State responded to claims by a former student that he wrote papers for players for payment by saying it would keep itself out of the NCAA tournament and NIT. The Western Athletic Conference then barred the Bulldogs from its tournament. In December, the school placed its basketball team and athletic department on self-protection for two years for numerous NCAA rules violations, including payments from agents to players.

NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro called it an "unusual" string of events.

"I'm not sure there's precedent for the number of institutions in this position," he said.

Asked about the spate of problems and the actions taken in each case, NCAA president Myles Brand said during a brief telephone interview: "I think we are starting to see a very important trend. I think the system is working, and I think in each of the situations ... the appropriate actions were taken."

"I think this is a definite signal that presidents need to be more involved and are becoming more involved," Brand said.

St. Bonaventure's troubles won't have a major impact on the NCAA tournament field, but Georgia's will.

Ranked 21st in Monday's AP Top 25, the Bulldogs were a lock for a third straight invitation to the tourney, which would have been the longest such streak in school history.

Georgia (19-8, 11-5 Southeastern Conference) was to play Arkansas on Thursday in the league tournament in New Orleans.

"Sports is really a very nice — usually — sideline to our main function here," Georgia president Michael Adams said. "The main issue to me ... is to ensure you deal with the academic integrity of the place. Deal with the one course where there is questionable activity, correct it, and move forward."

As for the firings, Virginia Tech released Stokes two days after the Hokies failed to qualify for the Big East Conference tournament for the third straight year. He went 45-70 in his four seasons in Blacksburg, and his teams won only 10 of 48 over three seasons in the Big East.

The Hokies finished 11-18 this season, 4-12 in the Big East.

Graham was fired after the Cougars went 7-20, won only two conference games. He was 31-79 in four seasons and had a 9-63 mark in the Pac-10.

At Columbia, Hill was fired after eight seasons as head coach. The Lions lost their final 18 games, a school record, and finished 0-14 in the Ivy League.

At Texas Tech, men's basketball spokesman Randy Farley tried to explain Knight's salary give-back this way:

"He has standards. He just didn't meet his standards, and so he said, 'I don't think I should be paid for that.'"

Tech (16-11, 6-10 Big 12) is the No. 7 seed in the Big 12 conference tournament in Dallas and plays Baylor on Thursday night.

"I'm just not at all satisfied with what transpired with our team in terms of our fundamental execution. I don't think it's anybody's fault but mine," Knight told the Dallas Morning News for its online edition.

Harvesters down Randall, 5-2

PAMPA — Pampa is headed into the playoffs as the No. 3 seed out of District 3-4A after sending Randall down to a 5-2 defeat in a boys' soccer match last weekend.

Randall grabbed a 1-0 lead, but Pampa struck back with goals from Dannie Meza and Chance Crain to take a 2-1 lead at the half.

The Harvesters scored three consecutive goals in the second half, two by Crain and one by Garza, to make the score 5-1.

Randall scored in the 80th minute. Curtis Pritchett and Garza each had an assist.

Pampa finished district with a 5-5 record. Randall, the district's No. 2 seed, had a 7-3 record.

Pampa fell to Randall 4-0 in the girls' match, but the Lady Harvesters still qualified for the playoffs.

They had a 6-4 district mark.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

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Wanna Be's	18	14	High scratch game: Nate Bailey 647; High handicap game: Nate Bailey 290; High handicap series: Jennifer Bailey 750.
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Think about and mull over ideas before you leap in one direction or another. Plenty of thought draws the type of reaction you want. If you're not comfortable making a decision, don't. Others often push you much harder than you like. Be sensitive to your many options this year. You will be unusually successful professionally through August. Your social life soars after September. If single, you're likely to meet someone special in the fall. If attached, your love life will heat up during the fall. Make the most of the moment. **CANCER** tends to be extremely loving.

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 fire energy takes you in a new direction. Be careful when dealing with someone close. You discover that many other options can occur if you open up to new ideas. Flow with the moment, staying loose and easy. You gain a lot by just being yourself. Tonight: Veg out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You might want to think before you leap. Consider your options with care about a child or loved one. Be more imaginative at work. A boss comes up with many different ideas. What you consider to be a primary option might no longer be best. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** As you see a change in the near future, you will want to make adjustments. Your financial status could be subject to startling variations because

of your career in the next few years. Start thinking about what you really want to happen. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Your vision could change considerably with your mood. When someone loses his or her temper, hold back. How you present yourself might have a lot to do with the results. Allow your magnetism to speak. Clearly, others are drawn to you. Tonight: Ask, and expect to receive.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
** Take your time with present efforts. How you feel could change considerably once you see how a co-worker expresses his or her feelings. Learn to not lose your temper. An even response will get the type of results you might desire. Observe. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Keep aiming for what you want. What might seem like a dream to you might not be for someone else. Share ideas. Brainstorm with others. You'll like what comes up. Don't allow a child's tantrum to impact you in the least. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Take off your rose-colored glasses. Think in terms of gains and growth. Don't let an associate's mood get the best of you. A stronger sense of direction helps you clear the air. Go for what you want, but be realistic. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Do your best dealing with others in your immediate circle. Your sense of direction helps you understand what might be going on with a loved one. Don't lose your temper, or you could feel a bit out of sorts. Let your imagination flow. Tonight: Reach out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Be careful about acting out and spending funds you don't really have. You might be confused about your choices within this immediate situation. If you're not sure of yourself, the best thing to do is nothing. Associates might be full of ideas. Tonight: Play along with another's wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Use your courage when you least expect it. You might be uncomfortable. Be careful about financial decisions; you could make a bad choice right now. What seems like a good idea could be less than great. Tonight: Defers to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Use your creativity. Think in terms of fun and greater acceptance in the long run, as long as you don't sabotage yourself. Suppressing anger might not be good, but neither would blowing your top. What would be the midpoint? Tonight: Work away stress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Welcome changes in the near future. A friend presses to have more of what he or she wants. Though you have many ideas and thoughts, you might not choose to share them with those around you. Follow through on what is important. Tonight: Be playful. Be fun.

BORN TODAY
Beat writer Jack Kerouac (1922), playwright Edward Albee (1928), singer, actress Liza Minnelli (1946)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.



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Pride of Pampa Band members participating in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest recently included (above, left-right) Melissa Scobee, Cody Hukill, Katie Cloud, Simona Cruz, Jessica Palmateer and Ali Mackie. Not pictured: Evelyn Sanchez.

PHS Band participates in UIL

Members of Pampa High School's "Pride of Pampa" Band recently competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble competition at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The band is under the direction of Bruce Collins and Jason Jones.

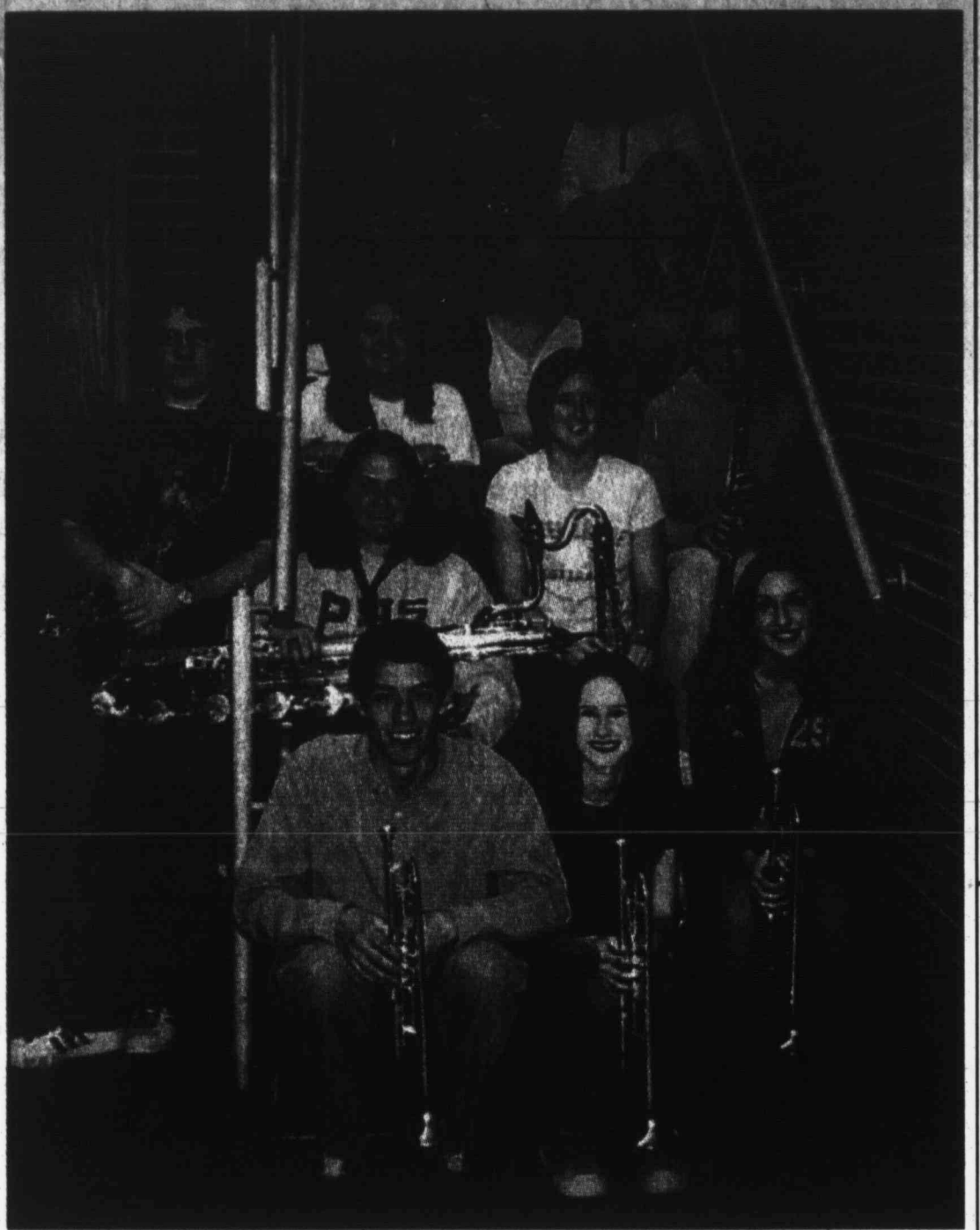
PHS band members earning first division solo ratings were: Lexi Hill, Ruth Anne Schlewitz and Rebecca Middlebrook, all flute; Evelyn Sanchez, oboe; Melissa Scobee, bass clarinet; Simona Cruz, alto saxophone; Travis Leever, tenor saxophone;

Chelsea Anderson and Jessica Palmateer, both French horn.

Ensembles earning first division ratings were: Katie Cloud, Cristina Elliott, Kandi Garrison and Gabby Lindsay, mixed clarinet quartet; Lexi Hill, Ruth Anne Schlewitz and Rebecca Middlebrook, flute trio; Price Hall, Travis Leever and Leslie McWilliams, saxophone trio; Simona Cruz, Ali Mackie and Cody Hukill, saxophone trio; Amanda Dyson, Justin Haddock and Amanda Lee, trumpet trio.

The PHS Jazz Band, under

the direction of Jason Jones, also garnered first division ratings while performing "Mambo Swing," an arrangement by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Members of the this band are Simona Cruz, Price Hall, Travis Leever, Cody Hukill, Leslie McWilliams, Amanda Dyson, Justin Haddock, Amanda Lee, Brian Schepp, Dakota Waldrop, Zach Budnick, Zach Edens, Brian Haddock, Nathanael Holmes, Jonathon Kilhoffer, Stetson Smith, Matt Jameson, Aric Luedecke, Lindsey Meyer, Justin Myers, Johnny



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Several PHS Pride of Pampa Band members recently earned first-division ratings at UIL Solo and Ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Above: (first row, left-right) Justin Haddock, Amanda Dyson, Amanda Lee; (second row, l-r) Price Hall, Leslie McWilliams, Kandi Garrison, Cristina Elliott; (third row, l-r) Gabby Lindsay, Rebecca Middlebrook, Ruth Anne Schlewitz; (fourth row, l-r) Travis Leever, Chelsea Anderson and Lexi Hill.

Oil giant, ExxonMobil Corp., considering closure of 400 employee New Orleans office

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — ExxonMobil Corp. will make a decision by the end of the year whether to eliminate its 400-employee office in New Orleans as a cost-cutting measure.

ExxonMobil spokesman Bob Davis said the company is considering the possibility.

"We have not made any decisions at this point, but the possible consolidation is under study," Davis said. "If a decision is made, it would be made later this year, but we don't have a precise timetable at this point."

Of the three major oil companies that retain administrative operations in the city, ExxonMobil is significantly

smaller than competitors Shell and ChevronTexaco, which employ 1,000 and 900 workers.

Bill Walker, head of the New Orleans investment bank Howard Weil Labouisse Friedrichs Inc., said ExxonMobil's departures would be significant, "but not catastrophic."

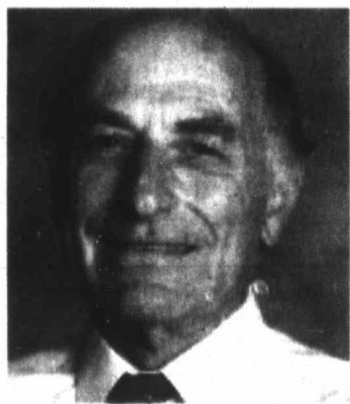
"You don't replace those jobs with

doormen at the Hilton," Walker said.

City officials are exploring whether to offer any tax incentives to ExxonMobil. Mayor Ray Nagin "is working to meet with company executives to see if there is anything the city can do to tip the scales in our favor," spokesman Patrick Evans said. Rep. David Vitter, R-Metairie, is

scheduled to speak with the manager of ExxonMobil's New Orleans office later this week.

The company retained a New Orleans office after Exxon and Mobil merged in 2000 and consolidated operations into one space. Before the merger, Exxon had 350 workers in the city, while Mobil had 260.



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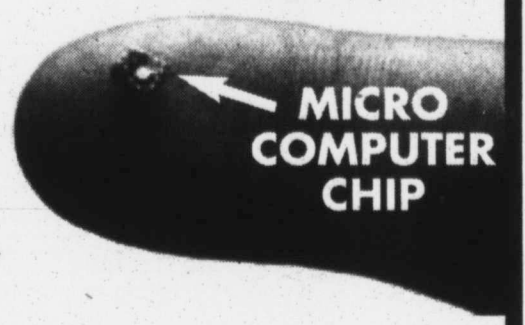
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