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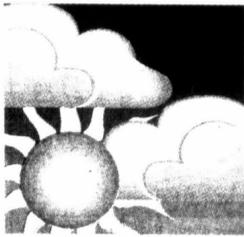
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PAMPA — Resurfacing operations are beginning on Loop 171 east of Pampa from S.H. 273 north to S.H. 70, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

This week, a seal coat is being placed on the section from U.S. 60 to Hwy. 70. The seal coating will be followed by a hox mix asphaltic concrete pavement overlay on the entire roadway surface.

TxDOT officials said motorists using the facility should be alert for lane closures, flagmen and possible traffic delays.

PAMPA — Calvary Baptist Church will stop distributing relief items to victims of the June 8 tornado Thursday.

Rev. Lyndon Glaesman says that the number of people seeking furniture, household items and clothing from his church's donation center has gone "down," prompting the closing.

If victims of the tornado still need anything, Glaesman says, they should call the church office, 665-0842, before Thursday.

PAMPA — Ken Hall, Pampa emergency management coordinator, says there will be a community critique of the response to the June 8 tornado Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

The open forum will allow the opportunity for suggestions on how emergency responders and volunteer agencies can improve their response to disasters such as the tornado.

McLEAN — The McLean City Council will meet in regular session today at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

Items on the agenda include the appointment of a health officer, the sale of the cable television franchise, the opening of bids for a motor grader, discussion on dumping roofing materials from storm damage, discussion of vandalism to city property and the paying of current bills.

The meeting was originally scheduled for June 8 but was canceled when a series of tornadoes struck the area.

Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — The Gray County Appraisal District Review Board will hold its regular meeting Friday at 9 a.m. at the appraisal district conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

On the agenda is the presentation of records for 1995.

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Salary increase raises questions for county policy

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

County commissioners rarely lack unanimity when they vote on county business. On June 1, the court was divided over a salary issue when County Judge Richard Peet asked them to approve extra compensation for his secretary.

In a three to two vote June 1, Gray County commissioners decided to add \$500 to the \$1,469.14 per month salary for Peet's secretary, Susan Winborne, in exchange for her assuming the duties of the indigent health care clerk, a vacant position budgeted to pay \$1,045.46 per month.

Peet proposed Winborne's wages be increased to \$1,969.14 per month and the clerk's position be left vacant. The judge and two commissioners — Joe Wheeley of Precinct 1 and Gerald Wright of Precinct 3 — who voted with him on the proposal said combining jobs saves the county upwards of \$8,000 a year. Voting against the pay increase were Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene and Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

Winborne declined comment on the issue.

"I looked at it strictly from a budget standpoint of saving us \$6,000 a year. I knew I would catch some resentment from some employees in the courthouse, but that's what I was elected for," Wheeley said.

Wheeley said when he voted for the proposal, he did not know Winborne's wages and did not know the new pay would raise her slightly above his monthly pay as a county commissioner, \$1,927.14.

"I thought she was making about \$1,200 a month," he said.

"We may have to look at it again. We were in a crunch for having to do something. I didn't want to add a position and I saw an overall savings for the county. That is an awful high salary. It's a Catch-22. It's a tough call," Wheeley said.

Greene said he voted against the proposal for "quite a few reasons."

"We kinda got a pay scale in the county. In other offices, their chief deputies was all drawing the same wages (\$1,469.14). Now (Winborne) is drawing \$500 more. She's been there five months and Miss Mitchell (Lodema Mitchell, former IHC clerk) did it all and Vera Barton (former judge's secretary) did it all. When Peet come in he wanted two computers to do IHC."

"The lady is still just working eight hours a day. He said she was doing two jobs. Everybody in the county is doing two jobs. Women in that same price range have been there 15 years," Greene said.

"If we was gonna give raises we could have given a whole bunch of people \$50 a month raises. But Peet said she was doing two jobs."

"In the precinct, when somebody quits, you don't replace them. People just take up the slack. Really in all the county," Greene said.

"(Winborne) is taking on some additional duties with indigent health care," said Wright.

"The judge felt like if we compensate Susan the \$500, she'd be willing to do both of them. Over the year's period of time, we'd save the county money and benefits. She's really going to be doing two separate jobs," he said.

"To me it was saving the county money not having to hire another person, plus the benefits package. So that's the reason I voted for it," Wright explained.

"To me, it's a separate deal because she's replacing another employee. I guess that's the difference... She's doing extra work for the money," he said.

First-year Commissioner Hefley, who voted against the proposal, believes raises should be across the board.

"I just feel like when you give raises they need to be across the board. I really had to think about that because it did consolidate two jobs. I just think you need to give across the board. I decided to stay with what I think, which is give raises across the board. It's certainly no reflection on the lady who got the raise," Hefley said. See COUNTY, Page 2.

Century plant in bloom



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Carrie Hughes stands next to a 10-foot blossoming Century plant a friend gave her 45 years ago. "They were little plants when I got them," said Hughes. She said this is the second time it has blossomed. Century plants grow in desert climates and can reach a height of over 100 feet.

Authorities continue search for suspects in assault case

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Panhandle law enforcement officials today continue to investigate a Thursday evening abduction and sexual assault of a Roberts County woman discovered before dawn Friday in western Wheeler County.

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said Deputy Steve Scott, lead investigator on the case, traveled to Lubbock today with Texas Ranger Alvin Schmidt to pursue information.

"They had something they were working on and I gave 'em the blessings and said go on," Adams said.

The 20-year-old woman was en route to Miami from Lubbock when she was abducted by two men at gunpoint on FM 1912 near Highland Park School and IBP, between 11 p.m. and midnight Thursday. She was discovered by a part-time Wheeler County employee near Kellerville and Pakan roads west of Shamrock about 6:50 a.m. Friday.

A composite drawing of one of the men is being circulated in hopes of finding her captors, said District Attorney John Mann.

He is described as being a 35- to 45-year-old white man with

red hair and beard, wire rim glasses, 5 foot 8 inches to 5 foot 10 inches, weighing about 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing a green and red plaid flannel shirt.

Law enforcement officials ask anyone who might have seen anything suspicious to call them. Mann may be reached at 669-8035. The Wheeler County Sheriff's Office can be contacted at 826-5537 and Pampa-Gray County Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

"We don't care where they're caught. We just want them caught," said Adams.

The men are believed to be driving a two-tone pickup, possibly a dark color over and under a lighter color. It was pulling a brown or tan 25- to 30-foot flat trailer with small side rails.

Both men are described as heavy smokers.

At least three people got a good look at the suspect, including a worker at the T&M Truck Stop at the Paken Road exit off Interstate 40, Mann said.

The men stopped at the truck-stop between 2 and 3 a.m. Friday to purchase a \$14 fan belt, and a pole used to lift a fan belt off the wall is being examined for fingerprints, Mann said.

Officials discovered the spot where the victim was discharged

by her captors and dragged through shinnery and sage brush, Mann said. The duct tape used to bind her has been recovered and is being processed for fingerprints by the Potter-Randall Special Crimes Unit, he said.

Also recovered are an empty cigarette package and a cigarette butt scheduled for DNA testing.

"I think in this day and time people have to be defensive in everything they do and every where they go. Anybody at any time can be a victim," Adams said.

"As far as a Samuel Hawkins-type (rapist), I don't think so. I'm not going to speculate whether this is a serial rapist," the sheriff said.



This is a composite drawing of one of the suspects being sought in connection with the abduction and sexual assault of a Roberts County woman last week.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Lester R. - 2 p.m. First United Methodist Church, McLear.
GATES, Joseph Winston, M.D. - 2 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Denton.
MCCAIN, Clara B. - Graveside, 2 p.m. Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
MYERS, Mary Beth - 11 a.m. Chapel of the Trout Funeral Home, Ponca City, Okla.

Obituaries

LESTER R. BAILEY
 MCLEAR - Lester R. Bailey, 71, died Monday, June 19, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. J. B. Beal as pastor. Trinity Baptist Church and the Rev. Kay Haynes, pastor of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of James F. J. Funeral Home.
 Mr. Bailey was born in McLear. He married Wanda Dean Bailey in 1944 at Pampa. He was a veteran, serving with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a retired rancher and farmer and also had been a self-employed plumber and carpenter for 33 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Mullan County Club.
 Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Donna Lynn Thompson, Canadian and Donna Leigh Walker of Wichita, Kan.; Walt Bailey of McLear; three sons, Ronnie, Bill Sutton and Dora Mae Bailey; four granddaughters, Glynis Dora McNeill, Bernadine, Thomas Bailey and Melissa; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle in Pampa.

JOSEPH WINSTON GATES, M.D.
 DENTON - Joseph Winston Gates, M.D., 70, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, June 19, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Denton with the Rev. Gary Mueller officiating, assisted by the Rev. Larry Nicholson. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton under the direction of Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home.
 Dr. Gates was born Oct. 2, 1924 in Kerens, Texas, the son of Philip H. and Bertha Gates. He married Frankie Purser on Aug. 10, 1947 in Amarillo. He was a graduate of McMurray College in Abilene and of Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He was a physician in Pampa for 21 years and was employed by the Denton State School for 16 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Denton and was also a member of the Cosmopolitan Sunday School Class and the Monday Morning Men's Bible Breakfast. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II.
 Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Wimberley of Denton; a son, Frank Gates of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Jane Bandy of Colby, Kan.; a brother, Charles R. Gates of Hereford; a granddaughter, Julia Grace Wimberley of Denton; and a grandson, Charles Joseph Wimberley of Denton.
 The family requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church of Denton's organ fund.

MARY BETH MYERS
 PONCA CITY, Okla. - Mary Beth Myers, 67, of Ponca City, a former Pampa, Texas resident, died Sunday, June 18, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Trout Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Heslip, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.
 Mrs. Myers was born Oct. 30, 1927 at Shattuck, Okla., the daughter of Everett Emerson and Martha Lorena Tuthill Worrell. She attended school at Shattuck, graduating from high school in 1945. She attended and graduated from Western Union Telegraph School in Springfield, Mo., that same year. She married Edward Nelson Myers on July 20, 1952 in Pampa.
 She worked for Western Union for ten years in Pampa, Lubbock and Cleburne in Texas and in Cushing, Okla. She worked for eight years at the Kumbro Clinic in Cleburne and ten years for the Ponca City Utility Authority. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cleburne, where she taught vacation Bible school and Mission Friends. She had also been an active P.T.A. member and a Cub Scouts den mother in Cleburne. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and her grandchildren.
 Survivors include her husband, Nelson, of the home; two sons, Thomas Everett Myers of Arlington, Texas, and Roger Nelson Myers of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two sisters, Emma Lou Kearns of Edmond, Okla., and Rennie McNeal of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Charles Worrell of Fort Worth; a half-sister, Lynda Whitmore of Woodward, Okla.; five grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews.
 The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, 6465 S. Yale, Suite 404, Tulsa, OK 74136.
 The family will be at the home, 111 Lansbrook.

JUANITA VIRGINIA STAMPS
 PANHANDLE - Juanita Virginia Stamps, 75, died Saturday, June 17, 1995 in Amarillo. Graveside services were Monday in the Groom Cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Stamps lived in Mobeetie before moving to Panhandle last year. She married Lloyd Stamps in 1939 in Pampa.
 She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald "Scooter" Stamps.
 Survivors include her husband, a son, Duane Stamps of Perryton; a daughter, Anita Herring of Amarillo; three brothers, Jim McDowell of Arizona, Bobby McDowell of South Dakota and Bill McDowell of Lafayette, La.; three sisters, Oma Schaffer of Groom, Velma Jamison of Amarillo and Claudia Clayton of Abilene; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, June 19
 Mike Reddell of Culberson-Stowers, 805 N. Hobart, reported reckless damage to the southeast glass door causing \$900 damage. The suspect suffered a six-inch laceration to the right forearm.
 Tammy Denham, 425 S. Wells, reported assault with bodily injury which occurred between 5:30 and 6 a.m. Friday. She suffered bruises to her back, side and neck.
 Kim Dalton of the Gray County Attorney's Office reported forgery on behalf of Beall's 2545 Perryton Parkway.
 Shawn McLemore of West Texas Ford, 711 W. Brown, reported unauthorized use of a 1995 Ford pickup valued at \$28,000, which occurred between 1 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Monday. The pickup was taken from the lot and is unrecovered.
 Christine Hodge reported burglary at 428 Oklahoma which occurred within the previous week. Entry was made through a window and a \$200 air conditioner was stolen.
 Curt Morris, 314 S. Gray, reported theft of a 22-caliber semi-automatic rifle, \$500, 22-caliber single action revolver, \$500, and Black and Decker Skilsaw, \$175, which occurred in the last four days.
 Assault - family violence was reported in the 400 block of Naida which occurred at 8 p.m. Friday. The victim suffered bruises to the face.

Court report

COUNTY COURT Criminal
 An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check - Class B against Deborah Chandler because court costs and restitution have been made.
 Orders were entered: discharging Michael Williams, Charles Joe Burk and Iesha Hinds Jones from probation.
 An order was entered dismissing a charge of harassment - stalking against A. Albear because the complaining witness failed to stay in touch with the county attorney.
Marriage licenses issued
 Donnie Carol Woods and Marsina Jan Parks; Raymond Del Puerto and Shannon Lee Short; Steven William Thompson and Kimberly Ann Wall.
Dale Francis Guillian and Gave Lynn Downey, DISTRICT COURT Criminal
 Boyd Scott Pilgrim pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was assessed two years probation, \$500 fine and 120 hours community service, and ordered to pay \$450 to his court appointed attorney.
 An order was entered amending the probation fees of Crystal Lynn Love Keiser, ordering her to pay \$40 per month to the state of Nebraska while she is residing there.
 An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Evelyn Caldwell Lemons aka Evelyn Jean Lemons because she is to be placed in residential treatment for drug abuse in lieu of additional court hearings.
 An order was entered discharging Mary Ballard from probation.
Civil
 Ex parte Tim Epps, habeas corpus. Judge Kent Sims entered an order reducing bond from \$15,000 to \$10,000.
 Pampa Broadcasters Inc. vs. Rick Massick dba Jarko Management Inc., suit on sworn account.
 Keith N. Black, individually and as shareholder of Pampa Medical Development Associates, Inc. vs. Robert J. Phillips, individually and as shareholder and as an officer of Pampa Medical Development Associates Inc., damages.
Divorces granted
 Rocky Lyn Stewart and Martha Alice Stewart; Alana Kay Watson and Drew Watson.

Stocks
 The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans & Co. Pampa.

Wheat	1.74	up 1/8
Mid	1.70	up 1/8
Com	1.22	up 1/8

 The following show the prices at which these securities last were traded at the time of compilation.

SPX	111.58	up 1/4
Occidental	22.14	up 1/8

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

Magellan	42.49	up 1/8
Panfund	1.14	up 1/8

 The following 90-day T-bill quotes are provided by Edward D. Jones & Co., Pampa.

Amoco	68.59	up 1/4
Arco	113.79	up 1/4
Galco	46.19	up 1/8

Cable	14.34	up 1/8
Chesapeake	48.58	up 1/4
Chesapeake Energy	43.18	up 3/8
Chesapeake Energy	43.78	up 1/8
Domino Sham	26.12	up 1/8
Enron	35.58	up 3/8
Halliburton	38.34	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	39.14	up 1/8
Kerr-McGee	22.78	up 5/8
Limited	21.78	up 1/4
Mapco	58.14	up 1/4
McDonald's	37.34	up 1/4
Mobil	99.18	up 1/2
New Amco	19.78	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	20.38	up 1/4
Phillips	34.14	up 1/8
SLB	65.34	up 1/8
SPS	46.29	up 1/8
Tennaco	46.12	up 1/4
West	67.12	up 1/4
Wal-Mart	26.58	up 1/4
New York Gold	300.80	up 1/4
Silver	5.46	up 1/4
West Texas Crude	14.22	up 1/4

Accidents
 Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
SUNDAY, June 18
 9 p.m. - A 1992 Chevrolet driven by Marcie Jean Brogdon, 20, 1900 Coffee, was in collision with a 1983 Ford Bronco driven by Jose Alfredo Miranda, 20, 1712 Montagu, in the 800 block of West Francis.

Fires
 The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, June 19
 6:21 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire at 946 S. Faulkner. The fire was contained to an air conditioner unit.

Nurses honored



From left, Margaret White, Melinda Walkup and Sara Wheeler were honored Monday as Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency's Employees of the Month for checking on all of the agency's patients after the tornado. Patients who couldn't be reached by phone were checked on by the three, who went door-to-door.

Red Cross workers honored at banquet

By CHIP CHANDLER Staff Writer
 The operation goes into a "time warp," he added, with one day becoming the equivalent of one month.
 The sense of family encompassed not only the local workers and volunteers, Wiltse said, but also the volunteers who came to Pampa from chapters across the country, from Washington to Pennsylvania.
 Dave Wiltse, Red Cross national disaster specialist for the state, spoke to an audience of 40 volunteers and board members whose minds were still focused on the June 8 tornado that struck the west side of town.
 The tornado was the central focus of the banquet. In fact, the reading of the annual report and the presentation of volunteer awards had to be postponed until operations slowed down somewhat.
 Wiltse spoke of the sense of family that develops in a disaster relief team.
 "Disaster operations are actually, in and of themselves, their own community. Within disaster operations things move their own direction," he said.
 That was the message from a national Red Cross officer for the Gray County Chapter Monday night at its annual banquet at the Coronado Inn.
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 "Disaster operations are actually, in and of themselves, their own community. Within disaster operations things move their own direction," he said.
 A representative from one of those local governmental agencies extended the city's gratitude to the Red Cross as well.
 Ken Hall, who serves as both the emergency management coordinator for the city and as the chairman of the local Red Cross board of directors, thanked those present for their "importance to our community."
 "There are no amount of words that can express to you my appreciation for what you have done in this past year and especially in the past couple of weeks," he said in his welcoming address.
 "Because of the people here and those still working, we got in there [the disaster site] and got the people out without any further injury because of the hours you put in learning your role and how to react in a disaster," Hall added.
 The local chapter's executive director, Lynda Duncan, added her "heartfelt thanks" to the volunteers and workers.
 Duncan also announced the new 1995-96 board members: Police Chief Chuck Flemings, Suzie Summers, Sam Porter, Jack Bailey, County Judge Richard Peet, Dr. Dan Powell and Terry Cox.

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County

"It's a misnomer when people say 'judge's secretary got a raise.' She's got extra compensation," said Peet.
 The secretarial salary remained the same, Peet said, but now Winborne will receive extra compensation for doing the IHC clerk's job and she will paid out of the IHC budget.
 The 1995 county budget provides funding for a secretary to the county judge and a clerk to administer indigent health care, a program mandated by state law. Duties of the IHC clerk include taking applications for payment of medical care, verification of the applications and bills. The clerk and county judge

Two men injured

Two Pampa men were hospitalized Monday with injuries sustained in a one-car rollover 23 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70.
 William Ray Hacker, 22, 1421 N. Russell, and Brandon Wood, 22, 604 E. 17th, were in Roberts County when the accident happened, according to a Department of Public Safety spokesperson.
 Hacker was driving a 1989 Ford pickup owned by Mid-America Pipeline in Skellytown at around 2:30 Monday afternoon.
 According to the DPS, the pickup drifted off the road to the right and the driver overcorrected to the left. The truck began to skid and left the road to the right again when it overturned one-and-one-half times.
 No citations were issued.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, June 19
 8:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of North Hobart and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital emergency room.
 2:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to 20 miles north on Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 3:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the Rufe Jordan Unit on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

City briefs

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LIFE CONTROL - permanent long-term weight management through diet, exercise and appetite suppression. Dr. Phillips 669-1242. Adv.
D&K GLASS - Check for Glass Specials. 665-7170. Adv.
CHANEY'S CAFE - Baked Chicken, Grilled Pork Chops, Chicken Gizzards, Chicken Fried Steak. Tuesday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster Adv.
END OF SEASON bedding plant sale, starts tomorrow at Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.
GRAY COUNTY Commodity Wednesday, National Guard Armory, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
LITTLE CEASARS Delivery, Monday thru Friday after 4 p.m. Weekend 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Hiring delivery drivers. Adv.
STRESSED - TIRED Feet. Call for Reflexology treatment. 665-1426 or 669-7212. First appointment free. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Clear tonight with a low near 68. Southeast winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday, variable cloudiness with a high of 95. South winds 10-20 mph. Monday's high was 84; the overnight low was 64.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 80s to mid 90s. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows in mid 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 90s.
 North Texas - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 67 to 70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 92 to 95.
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies. Lows from mid 60s Hill Country to low 70s south central. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs from mid 90s inland to mid 80s coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, clear. Lows in mid to upper 60s inland, mid to upper 70s at the coast. Wednesday, mostly sunny.

Highs in mid 90s inland, near 90 at the coast.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight through Wednesday, mostly fair skies west. Partly cloudy central and east with a chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with 80s and 90s at lower elevations. Lows mostly 40s and 50s mountains with 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.
 Oklahoma - Tonight, fair. Lows in upper 60s and low 70s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in low to mid 90s.

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Robert E. Yancey, Jr., NPRA Chairman of the Board, at left, presents Dwight Keith, Senior Safety Specialist, with the NPRA Award for Meritorious Safety Performance.

Hoechst Celanese Pampa plant receives safety award

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The exceptional record of safe operations of Hoechst Celanese's Pampa Plant was recently recognized by the National Petroleum Refiners Association during the trade group's 5th Annual National Safety Conference in New Orleans, La.

At the Safety Awards Banquet, Mr. Robert E. Yancey, Jr., NPRA Chairman of the Board, presented Dwight Keith, Senior Safety Specialist, with the NPRA Award for Meritorious Safety Performance 1.5, Gold Award - 25% Reduction.

This year, a record number of 380 NPRA safety awards were presented to 70 member companies recognizing the excellent safety records at 177 of their facilities, which included 88 refineries and 89 petrochemical plants.

The Award For Meritorious Safety Performance was presented to 95 facilities operated by NPRA-member companies for achieving a total recordable incidence rate of 2.0 or less for the 1994 calendar year.

Gold Award certificates were presented to 113 locations for achieving at least a 25% reduction in the total recordable incidence rate during the 1994 calendar year as compared to the average total recordable incidence rate for

the three previous calendar years.

Recipients of the Award For Safety Achievement included 98 facilities for operating one or more years without a lost workday case involving days away from work. Seventy-four facilities also received the Award for Safety Achievement for operating 1,000,000 or more employee hours without a lost workday case involving days away from work.

Vista Chemical's Hammond, Indiana Plant was the highest achiever in the "Years" category with 30 years worked without a lost workday case involving days away from work while Shell's Norco, Louisiana facility was the high achiever in the "Hours" category with 16,000,000 safe hours worked without a lost workday case involving days away from work.

The presentation of the NPRA safety awards is part of a comprehensive safety awards program which the Association's Fire and Accident Prevention Committee has developed to promote accident prevention in the petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing industries and to publicly recognize the excellent record of safety in operations which the industry has compiled.

Border schools get college via TV

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A new program established by a \$445,000 grant from the Texas Legislature will allow high school students in four counties to attend Laredo Community College through an interactive television teaching network.

A briefing at the school Monday announced the plans for advanced placement students at 15 high schools in Webb, Jim

Hogg, Zapata and Starr counties to study import-export, allied health and business courses.

The Regional Import-Export teaching center is expected to begin in September 1996, college president Roger Worsley said.

In addition to the television broadcast and reception capacity, the center will include two computer laboratories, a freight forwarding lab and a simulated loading dock.

Group says corporate America funds its own enemies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rate the Walt Disney Co. and computer chip-maker Intel as "left." Describe Dow Chemical and General Mills as "liberal." And call Eastman Kodak and Exxon "center-left."

That's the way the Capital Research Center sees the philanthropic impulses of some of America's corporate giants.

For eight years, the conservative activists at CRC have tried - to dismal failure, by their own reckoning - to get the biggest companies in the land to change their giving habits and to stop supporting groups "committed to expanding the welfare state."

Now, almost by accident, CRC's activities have come to public attention. House Majority Leader Dick Armey recently conceded that he committed "technically an infringement of a House rule" when he used his congressional letterhead to write 242 CEOs about their companies' donation patterns.

Through charitable giving, "big business is firmly behind the welfare state," Armey, R-Texas, said in the letter, which was mailed by the CRC. The letter accompanied CRC's eighth annual edition of a booklet rating the charitable habits of companies on *Forbes* magazine's list of the 250 largest corporations.

An ethics complaint against Armey was dropped after he promised the House ethics committee there would be no further

improper uses of his office stationery.

CRC President Terrence Scanlon, who was chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission under President Reagan, calls it "inexplicable" that big business gives money to organizations with an "antibusiness" tilt.

For example, he said, the Children's Defense Fund "has been promoting a Canadian style health system" but still gets money from big health insurance companies, which would cease to exist in such a system.

CRC's effort fits in with a broader "defund the left" campaign by conservatives. Many of them contend that liberal groups spend government money to campaign for even more government money.

CRC, which operates with a staff of eight and a \$1 million budget, puts charities in eight categories, from "radical left" to "conservative."

The American Cancer Society is called "liberal" because, Scanlon said, "very little of its money goes into research and lots goes into ad campaigns and (fighting) smoking, that kind of thing."

The nonprofit Center for Community Change, which says it devotes most of its money for self-help projects for the poor, is rated "left" on the grounds that it advocates bigger government and higher taxes, a charge rejected by executive director Pablo Eisenberg.

"Its very naive, very simplistic," Eisenberg

said about CRC's rating effort. Corporate executives don't need advice on how to give their money, he said. "These guys are big boys, they know what they are doing."

CRC takes into consideration only the money that companies give to "advocacy" groups, ignoring the bulk of corporate philanthropy, money for symphonies, museums and the like.

Moreover, most corporations refuse to divulge the names of recipients. As a result, CRC ratings are based on sketchy information.

Intel, the California computer component company, which corporately and through its foundation gave out \$11,158,000 in 1992, was rated "left" on the basis of a single gift to an advocacy group - \$6,000 to the NAACP.

And Wall Street's J.P. Morgan & Co., was "liberal," partly because of a \$45,000 gift to the Children's Defense Fund.

"It is not at all clear to me on what basis they make their assessments," said Hildy J. Simmons, head of community relations at J.P. Morgan. "Our support for the Children's Defense Fund is to promote immunity shots for children."

Replied Scanlon: "We're all for vaccines. But the CDF wants to turn the process over to government." He said drug companies would be put out of business if the CDF view prevailed.

Will Rogers Range Riders kick off 54th annual rodeo

AMARILLO - The 54th Annual Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo will kick off this year with four nightly performances beginning Thursday, June 29th running through Sunday, July 2nd with nightly performances at 7:30 p.m. at the Will Rogers Range Riders Arena.

"This rodeo should be the biggest and best that we have ever had," says Dave McBride, Rodeo Co-Chair for Range Riders. Prize money will be over \$70,000 with a big increase in "Added Money" over years past.

"With the size of purse and the increase in added money, we expect a huge turnout of rodeo cowboys and cowgirls from 5

states or more," says McBride. A lot of bull riders, bareback and saddle bronc riders are anticipated also!

"In fact, we are expecting so many cowboys, we have gone from a 3 night to a 4 night rodeo" says McBride.

High Country Chevy Dealers Association is sponsoring this years rodeo. Terry Funk will guest appear Saturday and Sunday night. Cowboy poet and Capital Recording Artist, Waddie Mitchell will also guest appear at the Saturday night performance.

Appearing each night will be "Pokey" the High Country Chevy Dealer Clown. He is a

favorite among the kids! High Country Chevy dealers will also have a drawing nightly for a High Country Chevy Denim jacket and folks will be able to register for the Chevy Truck Showdown culminating with a 119 Ton Chevy Silverado Extended Cab pickup to be given away at the Tri-State Fair this fall!

A big crowd pleaser to be added to this years rodeo will be a "Pony Express" race each night. This event pits six man/woman teams of riders racing against each other, handling a mail bag at full speed. The event is fast, exciting and is sure to thrill the crowd!

A dance featuring the Silverado band will follow the Friday and Saturday night rodeo performances. You can also purchase raffle tickets each night for the Sunday night giveaway of a Roping Saddle valued at over \$900! Bring the kids out to enter the nightly Calf Scramble for prizes!

Tickets are available at the gate: Adults \$6, children ages 6 through 12, \$3 and children under age 6 are admitted free. Tickets for the dance are available at the gate for \$5 per person. Contact Dave McBride at (806) 358-4283 or Terry Rich at (806) 358-7382 for additional information.

Lubbock co-valedictorian graduates face off over tuition voucher

LUBBOCK (AP) - Courtroom maneuvers have overtaken the rivalry for grades between two top students at Snyder High School.

The co-valedictorians faced off Monday in a lawsuit filed to determine who gets her college tuition waived for one year.

Holly Jones, 18, and Veana Clay, 17, both took the stand during a hearing called to help settle the dispute.

Miss Jones went through four years of high school and finished 0.0123 of a point behind Miss Clay, who graduated after just three years by taking correspondence courses through Texas Tech University.

Snyder Independent School District officials this spring named them co-valedictorians - and put No. 1 rankings on both transcripts - while designating

only Miss Clay for a tuition voucher from the Texas Education Agency.

"We felt like they were so close, such outstanding students, we wanted to honor both," high school Principal Larry Scott testified.

Robert Nebb, attorney for Miss Jones, accused the school of interpreting its rules on a whim.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings said he will rule Friday whether to grant the preliminary injunction Miss Jones is seeking. That injunction would prevent officials from submitting Miss Clay's name for the TEA scholarship awarded to each

school district's top graduate. The scholarship pays for one year tuition at a state school.

Here's the issue: Whether the school's "Tiger Tips" student handbook allows top recognition for a three-year graduate.

Miss Jones alleges that school administrators committed breach of contract by violating the handbook, which states: "At the end of four years of high school, students shall be ranked according to the total average of points earned."

But officials denied that "Tiger Tips" represented a contract. And they interpret the handbook to mean the equivalent of

four years of coursework. Superintendent Gayle Lomax testified Monday that administrators decided Miss Clay's higher grade point average makes her the sole choice for the TEA's tuition voucher.

"It's my determination that we do not have a mathematical tie, so I think it would be inappropriate to ask the TEA for a second certificate," Lomax said.

Miss Jones used a smooth and sure voice to make her case.

"I worked really hard for this," she testified. "It's in the handbook in black and white. I don't see how they can count four years as three years."

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Opinion

In memory of civil rights atrocities

This month people across the world, especially Chinese, mourn the murder of thousands of students in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in 1989. Democratic protests were crushed by the tanks of the communist government of Deng Xiaoping. Repression, torture, and executions rippled across China. Even today, an unknown number of Tiananmen dissidents remain in China's gulag prisons.

Marking the painful anniversary, Amnesty International has released a report detailing ongoing human rights abuses in China. From a summary by the Associated Press:

- "Torture, forced labor, and detention without trial underpin worsening political repression in China."
- "Christians, Tibetans, and political dissidents are the primary targets for punishment, with hundreds detained in the past 12 months."
- "Catholics who refuse abortions or sterilization to meet China's strict family planning targets were detained and tortured by officials in Lingshou County in the northeast."
- "Christians who practice outside of China's state-sanctioned churches also have been arrested and tortured."
- "Thirty to 40 Roman Catholics were rounded up in southeastern Jiangxi province around Easter in April. Many were beaten by police, and 10 lay woman, a 23-year-old nun, and six others were being held in mid-May."

Another human rights group has filed a similar report. According to Human Rights Watch/Asia, "Over the last year China has undermined the rule of law by violating its own criminal procedure code, charging political dissidents with trumped up criminal charges and changing interpretations of specific laws and regulations in order to use them against government critics."

Last year, Human Rights Watch/Asia reported that the Chinese communists routinely were executing thousands of prisoners to harvest transplant organs, especially kidneys and retinas. Is the ghost of Josef Mengele working in Beijing?

China severely persecutes women through its infamous "one child" policy of forced abortion and infanticide. This affects not only mothers, but has led to the "selection" of millions of boy babies over girl babies, many of whom are killed and others abandoned to orphanages.

Despite such blatant oppression of women, this September the United Nations will hold its Fourth World Women's Conference in Beijing. The conference location says as much about the corruption of the United Nations as it does of the Beijing regime.

Although China has promoted free markets, outside of economics it is increasing its ghoulish repression. In response, the United States should not reduce trade. Indeed, it is trade that forces open the windows of China to the winds of new ideas.

But the U.S. Congress should vote to withdraw all U.S. participation in the Women's Conference. Why should U.S. taxpayers, including women taxpayers, be forced to support an organization cooperating with the regime that so represses women?

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"Elementary, my dear Watson! He committed suicide by drinking contaminated TAP WATER."

'Improving' on the Constitution?

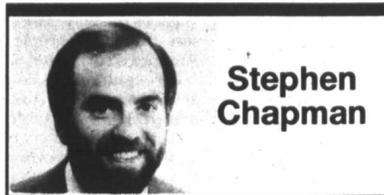
The Bill of Rights has survived a civil war, several depressions, two world wars and untold law school seminars without having so much as a comma altered. But it may not escape unscathed from the 104th Congress, which has plenty of members who presume they can improve on James Madison's work.

The House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Illinois' Henry Hyde, has two ideas for revamping the First Amendment. Recently, it approved a constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the states to outlaw desecration of the American flag. Since then it has held a hearing on a "religious equality" amendment that is supposed to restore the vanishing rights of believers. As Colorado Democrat Pat Schroeder said during the flag-burning debate, "This committee is beginning to treat the Constitution as a rough draft."

Both measures stem from old proposals that Republicans could never get passed when the Democrats controlled Congress. They think that the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and religion while banning the establishment of religion, has been willfully perverted by a liberal Supreme Court, and they are determined to undo the damage. In both cases, the real harm would come from the amendment.

The flag-burning measure is a direct response to a pair of decisions by the Supreme Court - one in 1989 striking down a Texas law protecting the flag and another the following year overturning a federal version subsequently passed by Congress. The court - in opinions joined by the most conservative justice serving at the time, Antonin Scalia - ruled that banning flag desecration was merely a way of suppressing unpopular expressions of opinion.

The court was right, of course: Burning a soiled



Stephen Chapman

flag to dispose of it, in accordance with long-standing flag etiquette, was specifically allowed by the 1989 federal law. You were free to burn a flag with respectful intent, but not with disrespectful intent.

This is the equivalent of a law saying you may express approval of the president but not contempt, which no American would tolerate for a minute. Congressional Republicans, however, are ready to amend the Constitution so they can put Americans in jail for engaging in one type of political expression.

The mystery is why so many Americans, who gamely accept all sorts of unpleasant exercises of free speech, suddenly lose all tolerance when the flag is involved. It does serve as a central symbol of national ideals, but sanctity lies with the ideals themselves, which can't be harmed by burning the flag. The proposed amendment treats the Stars and Stripes not as a symbol but as an idol.

As soon as the Judiciary Committee was done protecting the flag, it turned to asserting the claims of religious believers, some of whom think the official hands-off policy enshrined in the First Amendment is not good enough. They want the government aligned on their side. The hearing ostensibly concerned religious "liberty" and "equality," but much

of this was simply camouflage for the real purpose: a constitutional amendment sanctioning state sponsored religious activities in public schools.

It's true that the advocates can cite a few examples of administrators overreacting to manifestations of faith - like students being forbidden to wear shirts with Bible verses or to discuss God on the playground. But these instances arise from idiotic misinterpretations of the Supreme Court's decisions. The problem, to the extent it exists, can be corrected with better education of teachers and principals, which happens to be a lot easier - and fraught with less danger - than amending the Constitution to protect rights that are already protected.

For most Republicans, the new talk about religious liberty merely advances the old goal of allowing schools to do the sorts of things ruled unconstitutional by the court - leading students in prayer, setting aside daily classroom time for students to pray on their own, posting the Ten Commandments, inviting members of the clergy to give invocations at school functions and so on.

Although the committee hasn't decided on any particular amendment yet, it may settle on one version that also allows the government to engage in "ceremonial" recognition of religion, which could mean crosses on courthouses and nativity displays in City Hall. This approach allegedly would end the policy of official hostility toward religion. But what the supporters take as hostility is almost always simple neutrality.

Neutrality is the best approach for the government of a free society, whether it involves the proper uses of the American flag or the truth of religious belief. The alternative is likely to be the tyranny of the majority. The First Amendment protects us from that, but maybe not for long.



Ambiguous language hurts our nation

Charley Reese

Whenever political leaders attempt to justify the unjustifiable, they resort to ambiguous words such as "leadership," "stability" and undefined "interests."

If we are ever to return to sensible government, we must insist that all political leaders speak in plain and concrete language. If indeed, for example, we have "interests" in some part of the world, then surely the guy who says we have them, ought to be able to name them. If he can't name them, how does he know we have them? If we don't know what they are, how can we protect them?

"Leadership" has been the latest favorite excuse for doing what we ought not to do. "We must maintain American leadership," etc.

Let's talk plainly. We can't. Leadership of nations requires will, material means and money. We don't have enough of any of the three. It's stupid to deny it and no shame to admit it.

The United States carried the world and won the Cold War. But, like all victories, we paid a price. We piled up huge debts. We neglected much infrastructure in favor of defense expenditures. We diverted brainpower and money away from the civilian economy and into the military. We kept a standing army of 2 million or more strong and a large number of ships, aircraft and missiles. The cost of NATO alone was usually cited at \$128 billion a year.

Well, when the winner of a marathon crosses the finish line, he's in no shape to start another

race. He has to have time to rest and recuperate. The same is true of nations.

Winning the Cold War and avoiding a nuclear war was worth it but, nevertheless, the nation needs rest and recuperation, so to speak. The debt has to be brought under control. The infrastructure has to be rebuilt. Personnel and resources have to be transferred from unproductive (economically speaking) military efforts to productive civilian efforts.

A thermonuclear warhead does its job - creating a hellish explosion but it has no value in the civilian economy. And that's one sword that can't be beaten into a plowshare. In fact, just getting rid of it is not going to be safe or easy.

Furthermore, there is nothing going on around the globe right now that requires our leadership. In 1945, we had 70 percent of the world's production capacity; today, only about 40 percent. In 1945, we were a creditor nation. Today, we are debtor nation.

Japan provides six times more development aid to Asian countries than we do. That's not because Japan is generous and we're stingy. It's because Japan can afford it and we can't. Nevertheless, it

means Japan will provide the leadership in Asia, not us. (Credit a good Cato Institute study for those numbers.)

Europeans, likewise, do not need us, nor are they much concerned about what we do. Short of a cataclysmic war with a major nuclear power, they are well able to take care of themselves both militarily and economically.

Fatuous American politicians like to talk as if the entire globe depended on their wise decisions. Fortunately for the globe, it doesn't. Unfortunately for us, their dumb decisions usually cost us money. Frankly, we need a more mature, less prone to hogwash, less egocentric type of political leader, if such a creature still exists in this country. It is America that needs the help of the American government. American problems need our full attention, our full resources and our full energy.

Believe me, contrary to what you hear from international hot air specialists, the world will not collapse if we turn our attention to repairing our own social and economic structure.

But first, you will have to teach your favorite politician how to talk in plain language, how to define his terms, how to clearly spell out in concrete terms exactly what he proposes and what alleged benefits he claims will come from his proposal.

Treat ambiguous language like a roach - stomp on it.

Learning to read the signs of the times

The columnists back in St. Matthew's day were obviously not very good. "Ye can discern the face of the sky," wrote the Apostle, "but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

That is the columnist's speciality, discerning the signs of the times. So obviously, if St. Matthew felt compelled to pose the question, then the pundits were not doing their jobs.

We have come a long way in 2,000 years. Now it is a requirement that columnists be able to discern the signs of the times. Go ahead, ask any columnist you meet, what are the signs of the times? You will get a litany of names - Clinton, Gingrich, Dole, Helms, Bono, Robertson, Limbaugh, Huffington - all of whom, in good ways and bad, define the times.

You will get a list of events - militias mushroom, Clinton closes Pennsylvania Avenue, food police flay filberts - that also distinguish the period in which we live.

Ask yours truly, and I will dip into the files of the Spear Foundation, a spunky little think tank with which I am affiliated, and come up with my own compendium. The SF doesn't have the resources of a David Letterman, so we can manage only a Top Nine list of people and things that define the times:

1. The Call of the Wind paging service in California and Hawaii, which specializes in beeping yuppy windsurfers to alert them of important calls; and the Beauty Bus, a sumptuous vehicle that hauls Manhattan's social elite to the Hamptons and does their nails and hair as they sip Evian and make cell calls.



Joseph Spear

8. A group of students at James Monroe high school in Los Angeles who, asked by a teacher to identify their school's namesake, had no idea who he was; and a history teacher in the same school who excused their ignorance on the grounds that Monroe "wasn't exactly among our most distinguished presidents."

7. Arizona tea, the trendy Perrier of the '90s, which is marketed by a couple of Brooklyn beer distributors at a buck-and-a-half per 24-ounce pretty pastel can and is consumed by the kiloliter by Genexers and Yups who could sunbrew it themselves for approximately 19 cents a glass.

6. Larry Pressler, U.S. Senator from South Dakota, the Forrest Gump or the Bob Forehead of the Senate, depending on how charitable you wish to be. With the Republican comeback, this handsome lightweight was elevated to the chairmanship of the Commerce Committee, and the first thing he did was attack the deficit problem with a plan to wipe out public broadcasting - about .019 percent of the budget. In the finest tra-

dition of Ronald Reagan and Edwin Meese, he is a rebel without a clue.

5. The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., which, after Disney World and New York City, is the third most popular tourist attraction in the United States.

4. John Mack, the Harvard professor who believes people who claim they encountered extraterrestrial beings and wrote a book called *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*.

3. G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate wacko and jabbajab who said feds should be shot in the head and was awarded a National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts freedom of speech prize.

2. The O.J. Simpson trial.

1. Kato Kaelin, the professional house guest who captured the fancy of millions of Simpson trial fanatics. Putting this as gently as I can, I have encountered cantaloupes with more cranial capacity than Kato Kaelin seems to have. In the back of my refrigerator, there is some moldy tapoca that is more articulate than Kato Kaelin. So why the hell does this moussé-head have a fan club and a publicity agent and a media entourage and attractive women hounding him for his autograph?

One positive sign of the times: The Times-Georgian in Carrollton, Ga., recently declared it would carry no more stories about the O.J. trial until it is over. "Never in my career have I witnessed such a farce and such buffoonery," said the publisher.

These sages are print guys. Please make note of that.

The toxic tort case against Hoechst Celanese

Editor's Note: The following, part one of a series, is a reprint of an article originally published in the April 20, 1995 issue of the Houston Press

It began in the Panhandle with the promise of great riches, only to crash and burn in a Houston courtroom. The wreckage is still smoldering, and the truth is nowhere to be found.

By BRIAN WALLSTIN
The Houston Press

A few months later, even before some of his clients concluded that he had sold them out, it would be suggested that Tom Upchurch had faked a heart attack in open court.

Upchurch also would be called mentally unstable and accused of being a flat-out lousy lawyer.

And that's just what his own associates had to say about him. But in the first week of November 1993, as he prepared to go to trial in a Houston courtroom, Upchurch was still a hero, at least to his clients. There were 850 of them, and they were suing the Hoechst Celanese Corporation, the world's largest chemical company, in Harris County's 215th District Civil Court.

The so-called "toxic tort" trial began as a landmark lawsuit filed in Houston in December 1988, drawing the attention of the New York Times, CBS News and, no doubt, the boards of directors of every major chemical company in America. The mass-action suit alleged that for 35 years Celanese had been poisoning the air, water and soil around its plant in Pampa, a Panhandle town 55 miles east of Amarillo, and causing a wide range of serious illnesses, including the town's unexplained high incidence of Down syndrome.

The trial was to be the high point in the careers of three lawyers: the short, scrappy Upchurch, who had built a successful plaintiffs' practice in Amarillo on his ability to attract clients and build cases; Wayne Barfield, a talented trial attorney from Amarillo who had tried cases for Upchurch in the past; and Charles Haden, a former Fulbright & Jaworski associate who had become a plaintiffs' attorney and was nearing the end of a long career in Houston.

The three had plenty of experience suing big companies on behalf of little people. But, as they often told their clients, they had never confronted such "evil" as Celanese. They insisted that after interviewing doctors, scientists and hundreds of Pampa residents and reviewing a million pages of company documents, they could prove that the chemical giant knowingly had been killing, maiming and deforming its neighbors, and had done nothing to stop it.

By the time the trial opened in the court of Judge Eugene Chambers, the case had been pared down to three select plaintiffs who would test the facts for all 850 men, women and children who were claiming they had been, or would be, injured by toxic emissions from Celanese. There was a retired railroad worker with leukemia who had slogged through spilled chemicals at the plant, a second rail worker who had been diagnosed

with malignant lymphoma in 1982, and a third worker whose testimony had been videotaped just before he died at age 40 of a brain tumor.

The stories of the test plaintiffs promised to be compelling. But those stories were to go untold, at least inside the Houston courtroom. That's because from the very start of what was initially projected to be a months-long trial, the toxic tort case was in trouble.

One immediate problem for the plaintiffs was the testimony of a key witness, Al Baxley, a chemical engineer and former Celanese employee. Baxley's role was to explain how Celanese was aware its processing of chemicals created toxic emissions, and, therefore, was liable for damages. But the cross-examination by Celanese lawyers was tearing holes in Baxley's allegations about the level of emissions from the plant and how dangerous they were. The corporation's lawyers also were enjoying some success at portraying Baxley as a disgruntled ex-employee with an ax to grind.

"It was easy to show," one of Celanese's attorneys recalls. "And I was having a helluva good time."

The fun only lasted a short while.

One morning about two weeks into the testimony, the color drained out of Upchurch's pink, boyish face. With a quiet gasp, he slumped over onto the counsel table, his head coming to rest in his hands. Chambers ordered a recess for the day to allow Upchurch to visit a doctor.

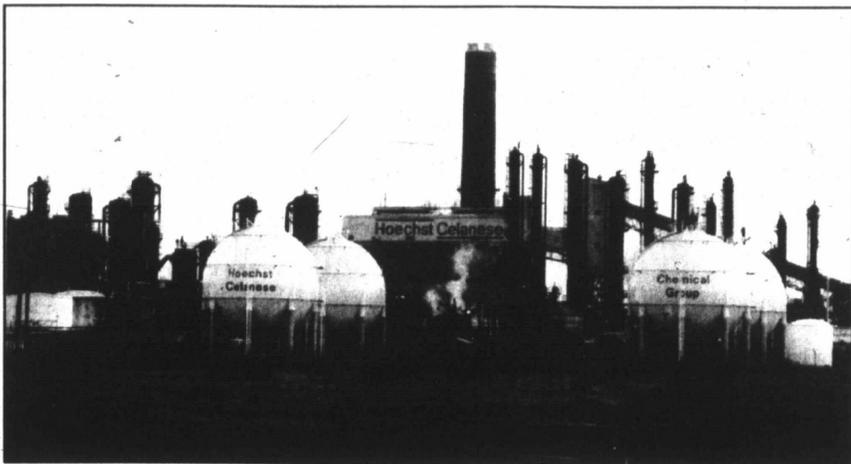
Upchurch was back in court the following morning. But after that, what little fight remained in the plaintiffs' team was used not to try the case, but to stop it. The lawyers accused Chambers of falling asleep during testimony. They charged the judge with being biased and tried to have him recused. They asked for a mistrial on a technical matter; it was denied.

Still, while everyone sensed the plaintiffs' case was foundering, no one expected what happened next: on December 1, the three attorneys filed a motion asking that the test case against Celanese be dismissed. A few weeks later, they agreed to withdraw the claims of all 850 clients — including 91 who had filed a separate action against Celanese in Sweetwater — in exchange for \$25 million from Celanese.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather," says George Butts, an Austin lawyer who was a member of the Celanese defense team. "I felt like we were just kinda getting started."

He wasn't the only person surprised by the abrupt end of a case six years in the making, one in which the plaintiffs had been told by their attorneys that they were due anywhere from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion for their pain and suffering.

Celanese attorneys and others familiar with the trial say Upchurch, Haden and Barfield realized they could never prove Celanese was responsible for the sickness and birth defects they claimed were rampant in Pampa. And even if they could point to a few compelling cases, an overwhelming majority of their clients were healthy — aside from



(Hoechst Celanese photo)

The Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's chemical facility west of Pampa.

some dermatological and respiratory ailments common to Panhandle residents.

But the real story of the toxic tort case is much more complex. And, to what likely will be the eternal regret of Upchurch, Haden and Barfield, that story has been preserved for posterity, thanks to hundreds of hours of taped conversations between the attorneys and their clients.

Like the black-box recordings of a doomed jetliner's flight, the tapes trace the case from its early promise of great riches to its crash-and-burn ending in a Houston courtroom. Made by several clients, the recordings begin in early 1989, when Upchurch orchestrated the formation of an environmental advocacy group to drum up more plaintiffs. The final recordings were made last summer, while a frustrated and angry Barfield struggled to dole out approximately \$15 million to the clients, many of whom were also very angry (the other \$10 million went toward attorneys fees).

The recordings offer a revealing, in-their-own-words glimpse of three personal-injury lawyers in action. Depending on how you read them, transcripts of the recordings can portray a trio of impassioned idealists who, as Upchurch once put it with characteristic verbal clumsiness, were delivering "a striker blow for freedom" but who, in the end, just couldn't make their case — though they did manage to put a little money in their clients' pockets.

Or, as some of their onetime clients are now alleging, the transcripts reveal the lawyers as shameless shysters who swept into a small Texas town and struck terror into the hearts of the populace with horrifying images of painful, chemically induced deaths — all in pursuit of a big payday. And then, when crunch time came and their case was about to

be exposed as a sham, they abandoned their clients and made off with millions in contingency fees.

Which interpretation is correct will be determined — where else? — in court. A handful of clients have filed fraud and malpractice suits in Harris County against their former attorneys. About 75 others are considering doing the same. And two of the three attorneys, Upchurch and Barfield, are suing them back, charging their former clients with "civil conspiracy."

But as the Houston lawyer representing the angry clients suggests, it will be difficult to add anything new to what's already on tape about the toxic tort case. "It's like true confessions," says Larry Doherty. "We've got a degree of honest candor you just can't get anywhere else."

Pampa, a predictably dusty Panhandle town with an unexpected charm, was founded at the turn of the century and grew to be the heart of the booming Gray County oil patch. By World War II, the industrious little town also had emerged as a major producer of wheat, beef and gun barrels manufactured at the Cabot Corporation plant.

As with dozens of other small Texas towns, however, the collapse of the oil economy in the 1980s brought hard times. Pampa's population, once near 30,000, has dipped to less than 20,000. Newtown, a small-town variant of urban sprawl in north-east Pampa, is a sad reminder of an errant optimism. A shopping mall stands largely vacant and the suburban-style strip centers are battling downtown merchants for survival. Even Cabot, which retrofitted after the war to produce portable drilling rigs, is nothing like it once was.

One reliable feature of the local landscape is Celanese, whose Pampa plant, built in 1952, looms west of town like a gaseous

rebuild. Politicians read speeches, school bands marched and residents waved signs in support of the chemical company, which at that point had committed to reopening only a portion of the damaged plant.

But while Pampa united, outside elements were descending that would later divide the town.

"There were some horrendous things that went on immediately after the explosion that, frankly, didn't make me proud to be a lawyer," says C. Vernon Hartline, who at the time was a partner with a Dallas law firm that defended Celanese in litigation following the explosion.

Hartline says lawyers from across the country "literally harassed" the widow of a man killed in the explosion "to the point where I went 'out and bought her an answering machine so she wouldn't have to answer the phone. It was a pretty sad commentary, from what are really good people that were not used to what we see all the time and take for granted in the big cities."

One of the first post-explosion lawsuits against Celanese was filed in December 1987 in Harris County by Charles Haden. Under Texas law, he was able to bring the suit in a county 600 miles from Pampa because his client, Bob Wilson, was a Houston resident who had been living temporarily in Pampa and working at the Celanese plant when it exploded. Haden's lawsuit immediately attracted the interest of Amarillo lawyers Tom Upchurch and Wayne Barfield, who were in the process of gathering clients in Pampa for their own action against Celanese.

The three attorneys formed a joint venture that also included Haden's Houston associates, John Palisin and Marc Linsey. In December 1988, the new partners amended Haden's negligence suit to include allegations that Celanese had been releasing toxic chemicals and by-products into the environment that had been causing cancer and birth defects in area residents since the plant opened. The suit, which asked for an unspecified amount of damages, was filed on behalf of contractors who worked in the plant, people who lived nearby and area children born with birth defects.

Hartline says there's a simple reason the case was pursued in Houston. In Pampa and Gray County, he says, "there was a huge sentiment at the time that anybody that sued the company would not get the fairest of trials. And there was also a huge sentiment at the time that Harris County juries would give away the farm."

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(AP photo)

O.J. Simpson holds his hands up to the jury during testimony last week to show the bloody gloves the prosecution says he wore when he murdered Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

Expert: Simpson's shoe size matches prints

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An FBI expert who followed a tip from Tokyo to Italy in search of clues about expensive designer shoes gave jurors his conclusion Monday: O.J. Simpson's size 12 foot matches bloody shoe prints found at the scene of a double murder.

Prosecutors, trying to recover from their flawed efforts to match Simpson's hands to a pair of bloody gloves, shifted the order of their evidence and brought on the shoe testimony instead of their planned domestic violence witnesses.

Their effort to forge the link between Simpson and the shoe prints was extraordinary — illustrated with huge charts showing how Italian designer shoes are made and how liquid picked up on shoe soles is transferred to pavement.

Special Agent William Bodziak testified that photographs of some 30 full and partial shoe prints at the murder scene could have been made only by a size 12 Bruno Magli shoe, which was manufactured in 1991 and 1992 and sold for about \$160.

The shoe identified by Bodziak was a soft leather lace-up shoe with a rubber, grid-like sole that was made in two styles. One style, the Lorenzo, was more like a boot and enclosed the ankle; the other, called the Lyon, was cut below the ankle.

As with most circumstantial evidence in the murder case, there is a missing link. Police have never found the killer's shoes and never located such a Bruno Magli shoe in Simpson's wardrobe. Bodziak said the shoes provided for comparison were Reebok athletic shoes worn by Simpson.

"For all practical purposes, (the shoes are) identical in the size and shape features," Bodziak said, holding the Italian

shoe sole against the shoe seized from Simpson's house.

Asked if a comparison of the Reeboks and the Magli shoes was sufficient to include Simpson as a candidate to have worn the crime-scene shoes, Bodziak replied, "Yes."

The expert witness told jurors about high-powered sleuthing that led around the world. He said the shoe prints found near the stabbed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were so unusual they could not be found in his FBI database, which includes prints of footwear going back to 1937.

He said he sent pictures of the prints to eight international laboratories around the globe and only one came back with a tip.

"The National Police Agency in Tokyo said they had a shoe of this design ... made in Italy," he recalled. With that information

and samples from a Bruno Magli retailer in New Jersey, Bodziak said he began to develop a theory.

The agent said he flew to Italy and visited the manufacturer, Silga Shoe Co., and picked up molds used to make the two Magli models.

Bodziak said the shoe was a European size 46, which translates to an American men's size 12. He cited studies showing that only 9 percent of the American population wears size 12 shoes and that a person with size 12 feet would be 5-foot-11 to 6-foot-5 in height. Simpson is 6-foot-2.

Back from Italy, the agent said, he visited the Brentwood murder scene to orient himself to where the prints were found. Some shoe prints were found around the bodies, and others led up a walkway to the back of Ms. Simpson's condominium, he said.



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Foster will get his moment on the floor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole concluded after meeting with Dr. Henry Foster that the full Senate should consider his nomination as surgeon general. Now all Foster has to do is find 60 senators willing to break a filibuster.

Dole, the Senate majority leader and front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, said he told Foster that "we would try to work out some procedure on the Senate floor."

Dole said he remained opposed to the nomination but would be willing to allow two attempts to cut off a filibuster vowed by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, another White House candidate. Sixty votes would be required to end a filibuster and pave the way for a vote on the nomination itself.

"We had a good meeting in terms of covering certain points that I wanted to cover," Dole said in a floor speech Monday after a 30-to-40-minute session with

Foster that he characterized as "very frank."

Senate Democrats said they anticipated a vote within the next two weeks on the fate of the obstetrician-gynecologist, best known for a program discouraging pregnancy, violence and drug abuse among inner-city teenagers in Nashville, Tenn.

Dole said he would meet today with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to work out an arrangement.

Foster's nomination has been in trouble for months as senators argued over his record of performing abortions, his role in controversial experiments and sterilizations and White House handling of the nomination.

GOP presidential politics, dominated by competition for the loyalties of social conservatives, also have been a factor. Gramm has repeatedly pledged to block a floor vote on Foster and also is trying to zero out the entire office

of surgeon general in the next federal budget.

Both sides say Foster has the 50 votes he would need to win confirmation. But it's unclear whether his supporters, mostly Democrats, will be able to find enough votes to cut off the filibuster. There are 46 Democrats in the Senate.

"It smells like President Clinton has found a way to cut a deal with Senator Dole to resuscitate the Foster nomination," Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said Monday. "Senator Gramm promised to strenuously oppose the nomination and he means to stick by his promise. The president will have to come up with 60 votes to beat Senator Gramm."

Daschle suggested several weeks ago that Democrats would hold up bills sought by Republicans if Foster's nomination remained stalled. A group of female Democratic senators made a similar threat last week.

Coalition arms against religious conservatives

AUSTIN (AP) — Several statewide groups have begun a movement to try keeping religious conservatives off winning seats on local school boards and the State Board of Education in future elections.

The plan was launched in Austin on Monday at a conference by the Texas Freedom Alliance, a statewide group formed in February to "coordinate mainstream opposition to the radical right and promote rational public policy alternatives."

"This is our initial salvo in trying to stand up to the religious

right," said Cecile Richards, daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards and executive director of the alliance.

The conference was attended by about 150 people from school districts across the state. Speakers included advisers for moderate school board candidates who beat religious conservatives in the Dallas suburbs of Plano and Richardson.

"The bottom line is that there are more of you than there are of them," said Pat Epstein, who helped moderates defeat three religious conservatives in Richardson.

Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, which has supported conservative candidates, said he was disappointed that the conference focused little on students.

"It's a shame they (the Texas Freedom Alliance) don't have a positive agenda," said Roberts, who attended the gathering despite being on the opposite side.

Dick Weinhold, state chairman of the Christian Coalition, said his organization doesn't recruit or fund candidates, although it distributes voter guides.

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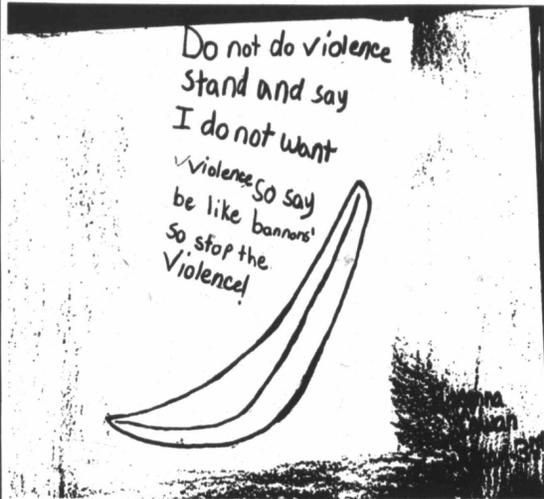
Lifestyles

El Progreso Club officers



El Progreso Club officers for the 1995-96 year are: Julia Dawkins, parliamentarian; Dot Allen, treasurer; Eloise Lane, secretary; Carolyn Smith, vice president; and Edna Hickman, president.

(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)



"Do Not Do Violence. Stand And Say, 'I Do Not Want Violence.' So Say Be Like Bananas. So Stop The Violence!" — Raeanna Cowan, Wilson Elementary School, entrant in the third grade category of the Tralee Crisis Center coloring contest, "Imagine a World Without Violence." The Tralee Crisis Center, a non-profit organization, helps victims of violent crime. To show our readers how some of the youngsters in our community envision what our world would be like without violence and to show them what hope our children hold, *The Pampa News* is running drawings entered in the contest twice a week.

"Bus Stop" comes June 28

AMARILLO — The Amarillo College Ninth Annual Summer Arts Festival begins June 28 with William Inge's romantic comedy *Bus Stop*.

The play's five weary travelers are stranded at a cheerful roadside diner in the middle of a howling snowstorm and are forced to stay through the night. "Bus Stop" continues through July 2.

Shakespeare's play of magic and the supernatural, *The Tempest*, will run July 5 and 9. Thought to be his last play, this symphony of words breathes optimism, love and hope. It is a play of magic, strange sounds and shapes, and supernatural feasts and festival.

Burning Souls, an original production by New Mexico State University student Mark L. Gould will run July 12 through 15. This production, which will be the AC Theatre Department's entry in the American College Theatre Festival this fall, looks at how the convictions of who is right and who is wrong is in everyone's soul.

Following the July 14 performance of *Burning Souls*, a panel discussion on the issue of abortion will be held. Panelists will represent both viewpoints. This will also include a question and answer period.

The Festival will make a grand slam with the musical *Damn Yankees*, which is based on the novel, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*, by Douglass Wallop.

It is written by Wallop and George Abbott. The music and lyrics are by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. It is a funny and heart warming fantasy pitting the Devil against the Washington Senators and a middle-aged baseball fanatic who trades his soul for the chance to lead the Senators out of the cellar into a pennant race with their arch rivals, the New York Yankees.

All performances are at the Concert Hall Theatre at Twenty-second and Jackson on the Amarillo College campus. Evening performances will be at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Admission for the plays is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets for the musical, *Damn Yankees*, will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Season tickets are also available at a substantial savings.

The Festival will also host a Directing/Acting Workshop with playwright Mark L. Gould. The workshop will focus on the development of a new play, *Voices From Above*, written by Gould.

Participants will play active roles in acting and technical assignments. There will also be a seminar class to discuss the directing and development of a new play. Two hours of college credit are available. The cost is \$100.

For more information about the Festival, call the box office at 371-5359.

A feast fit for the cowboy in everyone

This column is for anyone who, as a kid, ever owned a pair of silver-handled plastic six-shooters and a Holstein-patterned fringed skirt (or vest). It's for anyone who gets goosebumps upon hearing the theme from "Rawhide" or who gave their young heart to Rowdy Yates (Clint Eastwood, way before Dirty Harry). It's for anyone addicted to spaghetti Westerns and the novels of Louis L'Amour. It's for anyone who has ever thought that cowboys were the ultimate in cool.

Because now you can indulge your fantasies—and your taste-buds—with the "National Cowboy Hall of Fame Chuck Wagon Cookbook," a fabulous collection of cowboy history and lore, photographs and recipes, from B. Byron Price, executive director of the National Cowboy Hall of fame in Oklahoma City.

In this new book, Price traces the history of cowboy cookery from the mid-1800s—in the pre-chuck wagon days—through the turn of the century, concentrating mainly on the period between 1866 and 1896 when trail driving reached its zenith. You'll find out that chuck wagon cooks typically used a full sack of flour, four buckets of beans, three pounds of coffee and half a slaughtered steer each day. You'll learn that cowboys called coffee "bellywash," that "Shiverin' Liz" was a gelatin dessert and that forks and knives were called "reloading tools." Price explains how cow camp cooks (a.k.a. "pot rasslers," "grub-spoilers" and "bean-masters") were able to cook in the most primitive conditions, when even a pot was not available (such emergencies led to the creation of "son-of-a-bitch stew," cooked in a hole lined with cowhide, heated with rocks).

This book will make you want to "roll out and bite the biscuit,"

or "hit the grub pile." Come and get it.

BRISKET CHUCKWAGON STEW

- 2 Tablespoons bacon grease or vegetable oil (see note)
- 3 pounds beef brisket, trimmed well and cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 4 cups beef stock, preferably homemade, or canned low-sodium beef broth
- 2 4-ounce cans chopped mild green chiles, drained
- 2 pounds red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed well and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups fresh or thawed frozen corn kernels
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (also sold as coriander, or Chinese parsley) or fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour

In a large flameproof casserole, heat the bacon grease (or oil) over medium heat. Season the beef brisket with salt and pepper. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding, cook the brisket until browned on all sides, about 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate.

Add the onion and garlic to the casserole and cook, stirring often, until the onion is softened, about 4 minutes. Stir in the beef stock. Return the brisket to the pot and add the chiles. Bring to a simmer, skimming off any foam that forms on the surface. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until brisket is tender, about 2-1/2 hours. During last half hour of cooking, stir in the potatoes, corn and cilantro.

When done, remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Skim off any fat from the top. (It's easier to remove the fat if the stew is cooled to room temperature, covered and refrigerated over night. Remove and discard any hardened fat from surface. Reheat gently over low heat before proceeding.) Return the stew to a simmer over low heat.

In a small bowl, whisk 1 cup of the cooking liquid with the flour until smooth. Stir into the stew and simmer until sauce is thickened, about 3 minutes. Season with additional salt and pepper and serve hot.

Note: Bacon grease is really preferred in this recipe. If you are making the Layered Salad, below, save the grease from the bacon used in that dish.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

—Recipe from the "National Cowboy Hall of Fame Chuck Wagon Cookbook," by B. Byron

Price (Hearst Books, 1995). Recipe attributed to Tom Perini, Perini's Steak House, Buffalo Gap, Texas.

- #### CORN AND CORNBREAD
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 8-1/2-ounce-can cream-style corn
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 large eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 10-inch round baking pan or cast-iron skillet.

In a medium bowl, combine the corn-meal, flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Make a well in the center and pour in the cream-style corn, milk, oil and eggs. Stir just until combined; do not over mix. Transfer to the baking pan.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature, cut into wedges.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

—Recipe from the "National Cowboy Hall of Fame Chuck Wagon Cookbook," by B. Byron Price (Hearst Books, 1995).

Recipe attributed to Horace Hatfield, Rainy Valley Ranch, Baird, Texas.

Another bride item-to-do to add to the list

Here is another item for June brides to add to their list of things to do: be sure to change your name with Social Security if you change it at work.

Social Security reports that one of the most common mistakes in wage reporting occurs when brides forget to change their name. The result is that their earnings may be reported under their new name. Social Security computers may then be unable to process the earnings because the name and number are not consistent with Social Security records.

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BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired struggling pitcher Willie Banks from the Chicago Cubs for minor-league prospect Dax Winslett. Winslett was 6-4 with a 3.18 ERA at Class A Vero Beach. Banks was 0-1 with a 15.43 ERA in 10 games with the Cubs and 24-30 with a 5.18 career ERA.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Benjamin of the San Francisco Giants, who went 18-for-30 last week, was NL player of the week. Jim Edmonds, 12-for-24 for the California Angels with nine RBIs and five runs scored, was AL player.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sandy Alomar, Albert Belle and Kenny Lofton of the Cleveland Indians are among leaders in AL fan balloting for the All-Star game.

Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr., who is injured and will miss the game, continues to lead with 434,968 votes. Belle is second among AL outfielders with 325,893 and Lofton third with 299,777. Alomar has 273,427 votes at catcher.

Frank Thomas of the White Sox leads at first with 310,813, Toronto's Roberto Alomar at second with 298,511, Wade Boggs of the Yankees at third with 359,759, and Cal Ripken of Baltimore tops shortstops at 427,505.

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux's return to the sport he dominated as a four-time NHL scoring champion with the Pittsburgh Penguins will be announced in a news conference Tuesday that may detail how many games he plans to play next season.

Lemieux, 29, sat out the 1994-95 season following five years of persistent back problems, a bout with Hodgkin's disease and anemia. He laced up his skates only once all season, for a charity game in March.

PRO BASKETBALL

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat want Pat Riley as their coach, even if it means waiting a year to get him.

Riley, who resigned Thursday as coach of the Knicks, has yet to indicate whether he's interested in Miami's vacancy. With a year remaining on his contract, it's uncertain whether New York will let Riley work elsewhere in 1995-96. Executive vice president Dave Wohl would consider coaching the Heat himself for a year, then give the job to Riley.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Brian Winters, an assistant with the Atlanta Hawks and once one of the NBA's top shooters, was hired as the first coach of the expansion Vancouver Grizzlies.

Winters, 43, signed a three-year contract. He was an assistant for nine years in Cleveland and Atlanta under Lenny Wilkens, winningest coach in NBA history.

Winters was a college standout at South Carolina and two-time All-Star during his NBA career from 1974-83. Winters, who averaged 16.2 points, played one season with the Lakers and eight with the Bucks, who retired his number. He was traded to Milwaukee in the 1975 multiplayer deal for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

AUTO RACING

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Michael Waltrip, who threw a pair of punches at Lake Speed after the Miller Genuine Draft 400, was hit with a \$10,000 fine. NASCAR fined Waltrip for actions "detrimental to auto racing and for participating in a fight in the pits."

Waltrip was upset at Speed's driving tactics in Sunday's race at Michigan International Speedway.

NBA champions honored at Astrodome

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After more than a decade of waiting to be an NBA champion, Clyde Drexler is finally feeling like one. Being honored in your hometown before a soldout crowd of 51,850 fans at the Astrodome can do that to a guy.

"I'm just trying to take it all in," Houston Rockets star Clyde Drexler said Monday night. "It's something that you never envision happening, but now, I'm starting to believe it."

The packed house came three days after more than 700,000 fans honored the

Rockets with a downtown parade. Some of their loudest cheers Monday night were saved for Hakeem Olajuwon, who came onto the field to chants of "MVP, MVP."

"I had no idea anything like this could ever happen for me, it wasn't even close," Olajuwon said. "God willing, we'll do it again."

The noise was similar to Game 4 of the NBA Finals against the Orlando Magic all over again when coach Rudy Tomjanovich entered atop a convertible. He responded to their cheers with the words they wanted to hear.

"Utah had two chances to send us home but we wouldn't die," he said. "Phoenix

had three games to win one, but we wouldn't die. People are starting to realize that the heart of a champion doesn't die easy."

Some fans arrived as early as noon so they could make the run for the front row general admission seats. The dome was half full two hours before the festivities started.

The crowd cheered and chanted in front of an empty stage in the middle of the Astrodome floor until the two-hour celebration began. They went wild with introductions of each player, especially Olajuwon, Drexler and Robert Horry.

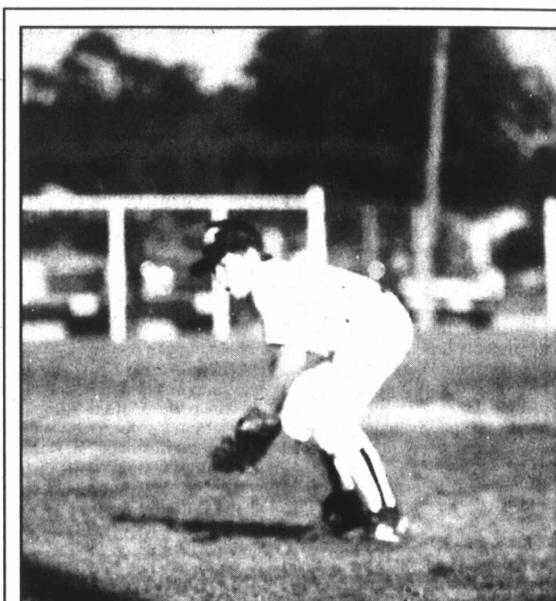
Chucky Brown and Charles Jones got a

warm reception for their playoff contributions. Neither player started the season with the Rockets but played key backup minutes.

One small fan carried a sign that said "Charles Barkley is playing golf. Chucky Brown is wearing a (championship) ring." During the Western Conference semifinals against Phoenix, Barkley teasingly asked "Who is Chucky Brown?"

Point guard Kenny Smith doesn't want the jubilation, or the championships, to end.

"We want to keep this going all through the summer and into next season," he said. "We're on a mission to get it done all over again."



(Pampa News photo)

AMT shortstop Chance Bowers fields a groundball in 9-10 year-old action Monday at Optimist Park.

AMT rallies past Thomas

PAMPA — AMT came from behind to beat Thomas Automotive, 11-10, in a recent 9-10-year old boys baseball game.

Three AMT pitchers combined for a one-hitter in five innings of play. Jordan Maxwell struck out two batters and walked eight in 1 and 1/2 innings. Dusty Lenderman came in to relieve Maxwell in the second inning, striking out two and walking four.

With two out and the bases loaded, Thomas Auto tried a sneak steal to home. Dusty Lenderman threw to home and catcher Ross Mills made the tag to retire the side with Thomas Auto leading, 8-4.

Starting the third inning, AMT pitching ace Jordan Klaus came in and over three innings struck out five and walked six. Klaus gave up one hit in the fourth inning to Zach Hucks, who had a hard-hit double into left field.

If the top of the fifth, AMT came back with five runs to go ahead, 11-10, with Klaus shutting down Thomas in the bottom of the inning to preserve the win.

AMT had eight hits during the game with Jake Albus leading the way with an inside-the-park home run and a double; Jordan Klaus had a triple and double; Dusty Lenderman, double and single; Ross Mills and Bradley Fletcher, one single each.

Thomas Auto pitchers Zach Hucks and Nick Knowles combined for nine strikeouts and 10 walks.

Glo-Valve Service continued its winning ways by pounding 10 hits in an 11-1 win over Dunlap Industrial last weekend in an Optimist Major Bambino National League game.

Shawn Strate allowed only four batters to reach base and threw just 49 pitches while winning his sixth game of the season against one setback. He allowed one unearned run, two hits and walked two. He struck out five.

Josh Baker pitched for Dunlap. He struck out five and walked only one.

Strate aided his own cause with three hits. He scored twice and had two RBIs. Randy Tice also had three hits for Glo-Valve.

Chris Lewis cracked both hits for Dunlap.

Dunlap scored first. Evan Miller led off the top of the first inning with a walk and was forced at second by Brian Klein.

Klein raced all the way home on a single by Lewis and a Glo-Valve error.

Glo-Valve took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first. Tice beat out a

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bunt, but was forced at second by Nathaneal Hill. Hill stole second and scored on a double by Strate. Strate dashed home on a Texas League single by Isaiah Manzanaras.

In the second inning for Glo-Valve, Taylor Harris doubled, took third on a passed ball and came home on a single by Tice.

Glo-Valve upped its lead to 6-1 in the third inning. Strate led off with a single and was doubled off first by Antonio Estrada, who made a leaping catch of a live drive and threw to first to nail a sliding Strate. Manzanaras was safe on an error. He stole second and came around to score on two wild pitches. Kyle Keith walked and stole second. Tanner Dyer doubled, sending Keith home. Harris drilled a single, scoring Dyer with the third run of the inning.

The game ended in the bottom of the fourth because of the 10-run rule. Tice doubled for Glo-Valve. Hill was safe on an error and made it to third when an errant throw got past the catcher. Strate scored when Matt Driscoll was safe on a two-base error. Driscoll took third on an infield out and scored on a sacrifice fly by Keith, which was dropped for a two-base error. Keith tagged up and took third on a flyball to the outfield by Dyer as Scotty Willett made a fine backhanded catch of the ball. Keith scored the final run of the ballgame as Dunlap made an unsuccessful appeal play at second base.

Dyer and Aaron Willis made the defensive plays of the game for Glo-Valve, catching flyballs in the outfield.

Glo-Valve improved its season record to 9-2 to remain in first place in the Major Bambino National League.

Hoechst Celanese beat Operating Company, 10-4, Saturday to end an Operating Company 8-game winning streak.

Adam Jones was credited with a no-hitter to pick up the win. Kyle Francis and Tanner Hucks pitched for Operating Company.

Hoechst Celanese remains close behind Glo-Valve with a season record of 6-2-1. Operating Company retained the lead in the Major Bambino American League with an overall record of 8-2.

The regular season for the Major Bambino League was originally scheduled to end next week, but it may be extended a week due to rainouts.

More records fall to 101-year-old

A birthday celebration and world record-setting performances all merged into one big weekend for Margaret White of Turpin, Okla.

Mrs. White, who earlier this year gained national attention by becoming the oldest athlete to ever enter Masters track and field competition, turned 101 last Thursday. Two days later, a throw-a-thon was held in her honor at Turpin High School.

Since Mrs. White is the only contestant in her age group, she automatically sets a world

record in every event she enters. Mrs. White competed against her 77-year-old daughter, Margaret Parmelee, and great-great grandsons Brennan, 7, and Cole 6, in three events.

In the shot, Mrs. White had a throw of 10-6 1/2; Mrs. Parmelee, 18-9; Brennan, 14-8 3/4 and Cole, 10-5.

Mrs. White tossed the discus 20-9. Mrs. Parmelee had a throw of 41-10, Brennan 21-4 and Cole 17-6.

In the 16-pound weight throw, Mrs. Parmelee set a tentative world record in her age group

with a 15-8 toss. Mrs. White's throw went 9-10 and Brennan's was 9-2.

Mrs. White is the mother of Wendell Palmer of Pampa. She appeared on The Tonight Show and Donahue after throwing the shot put in the Sooner State Games last January in Oklahoma City.

A throw-a-thon is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Pampa High School for athletes 16 years of age and up. Call Palmer at 665-1238 for more information.

Shamrock holds annual prep rodeo

SHAMROCK — Deanna Lax, daughter of Dean and Marla Lax of Shamrock, was chosen as the 1995 Queen at the Shamrock High School Rodeo last weekend.

Melissa Reynolds, daughter of Dave and Kathleen Reynolds, was first runnerup.

Shamrock High School rodeo results are listed below:

Woolie ride
Friday results
1. Brandon Nuss, Shamrock; 2. Nathan Macina, Shamrock; 3. Derek Stone, Shamrock; 4. Cade Vinyard, Shamrock; **Hard luck:** Amber Oldham, Shamrock.

Saturday results
1. Anthony Garcia, Shamrock; 2. Casey Nichols, Shamrock; 3. Allison Reynolds, Shamrock; 4. Hayden Snodgrass, Elk City; **Hard luck:** Kaitlyn Otts, Shamrock.

Buckle: Hayden Snodgrass, Elk City.

Calf ride
Friday results
1. Corey Gaitner, Shamrock; 2. Justin Ham, Wellington; 3. Steve

Bowen, Childress; 4. Justin Cook, Shamrock; **Hard luck:** Justin Cox, Erick.

Saturday results
1. Lucas Seymour, McLean; 2. Corey Gaitner, Shamrock; 3. Justin Ham, Wellington; 4. Nancy Calcote, Wheeler; **Hard luck:** Justin Cook, Shamrock.

Buckle: Corey Gaitner, Shamrock.

Steer ride
Friday results

1. Cole Otts, Shamrock; **Hard luck:** Tim Pritchard, Shamrock.

Saturday results

1. Cole Otts, Shamrock;

Buckle: Cole Otts.

Pole bending
Friday results

1. Jaicee Herren, Erick; 2. Jalynn Rogers, Erick; 3. Kelley Whaley, Miami; **Hard luck:** Melissa Reynolds.

Saturday results

1. Deanna Lax, Shamrock; 2. Melissa Reynolds, Shamrock;

Hard luck: Jennifer Reynolds;

Buckle: Deanna Lax, Shamrock.

Barrel race

Friday results

1. Jaicee Herren, Erick; 2. Andrea Whaley, Miami; 3. **Hard luck:** Jalynn Rogers, Erick.

Saturday results

1. Summer Leffew, Wheeler; 2. Nicole Williams, Wellington; 3. **Hard luck:** Melissa Reynolds; **Buckle:** Deanna Lax, Shamrock.

Bareback ride

Friday results

1. J.J. Blackshear, Wellington;

2. Cody Belote, Wheeler; **Hard luck:** Ty Ferguson, Wheeler.

Saturday results

1. Ty Ferguson, Wheeler; 2. Casey Drake, Sayre; **Hard luck:** Cody Belote, Wheeler; **Buckle:** J.J. Blackshear, Wellington.

Bull ride

Friday results

No qualified rides; **Hard luck:** Wesley Yarborough; **Buckle:** Michael Hibler, Wheeler.

Saturday results

1. Michael Hibler, Wheeler; 2. Layne McCasland, Wheeler; 3. J.J. Blackshear, Wellington; 4. Cory Watts, Wheeler; **Hard luck:** Mark Owens, Shamrock.

Rookie sparks Astros win over Expos

MONTREAL (AP) — Rookies usually need time to make an impact in the majors. Somebody forgot to tell Brian Hunter.

Hunter, playing in his seventh game with the Houston Astros, went 3-for-5 with a two-run triple and scored the tying run Monday night in Houston's 6-3 victory over the Montreal Expos.

"He's really playing well," Astros manager Terry Collins said of Hunter, who was recalled from Class AAA Tucson at the start of the nine-game road trip to replace the injured James Mouton.

The Astros have gone 5-2 with Hunter batting .294 in the lead-off spot.

"He brings a lot of foot-speed to the club," Collins said. "And he's handling the bat pretty well, too."

Darryl Kile (3-5) was wild but effective, allowing Montreal three runs on seven hits in six innings. Kile struck out six, walked two and hit three batters with off-speed curveballs, lifting his league-leading total to 10.

"Accidents happen," Kile said. "The pitches didn't break and the hitters are crowding the plate expecting the breaking ball. Everybody saw I wasn't

trying to hit anybody."

Moises Alou drove in all three Expos runs with an RBI groundout in the first and a two-run double in the third.

Hunter's two-run triple in the fifth off Jeff Fassero (7-4) cut Montreal's lead to 3-2, after Phil Nevin broke out of a 1-for-17 slump with a leadoff double and Orlando Miller reached base by striking out on a wild pitch.

Craig Biggio's sacrifice fly tied the game.

After Fassero issued a pair of one-out walks in the sixth, Miller's two-out, two-run single made it 5-3.

"He struck me out the first two times with the same pitch, a forkball," said Miller, now 9-for-27 on the road trip. "It was a good pitch this time, but I went down to get it."

Fassero, who lost his third straight start, gave up five runs on four hits in six innings. He struck out five and walked five.

"It was stupid," Fassero said of the pitch to Miller. "It was the fourth forkball I threw in a row. Any hitter who sees four in a row gets the timing right."

The left-hander said off-field matters are weighing him down.

Fassero's arbitration hearing is Friday and the sides are far apart. The club is offering \$1.5 million, while the pitcher is asking for \$2.45 million.

"I get to hear how horse-bleep I am," he said bitterly. "There's been no real serious (contract) offers, only some crappo 3-year deals."

Fassero's recent string of bad outings has Montreal manager Felipe Alou worried.

"It's like there's a decrease of his stuff," Alou said. "It's three (bad outings) in a row now and every time, it's with a high-pitch count."

The Astros made it 6-3 in the seventh off Luis Aquino on doubles by Jeff Bagwell and Derek Bell. Bagwell's hit extended his hitting streak to nine games, going 13-for-39 in that span.

Montreal mounted a ninth-inning rally against Todd Jones with two-out singles by Wil Cordero and David Segui that brought Moises Alou to the plate. But Jones struck out Alou for his third save.

"He's one of the best fastball hitters in the league," Jones said. "I can't say enough good things about him. I just threw the ball where his bat wasn't."

Powerless Rangers beat Tigers, 6-4

DETROIT (AP) — The Texas Rangers suffered manager Johnny Oates that playing with the power shut off doesn't mean being shut down.

The Rangers hit 10 singles Monday night, their third straight game without an extra-base hit. But they combined timely hitting and relief pitching to produce a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

"It's a plus that if you're not hitting home runs to still put six runs on the board, because the object of the game is still to put runs on the board, not home runs," Oates said.

Detroit rookie Pat Ahearne (0-2) suffered his second straight loss when the Rangers put together four straight two-out singles against him and reliever Joe Boever in the sixth inning to take a 5-4 lead.

"I would've liked to win this game, but there are a lot of positives coming from this," said Ahearne, who was rocked for five runs on six hits while losing his big-league debut 12-3 to New York last week.

"I didn't give up any extra base hits tonight. I'm a ground-ball pitcher and I made some good pitches."

Third baseman Mike Pagliarulo, who knocked in a run, scored one and preserved Texas' lead with an outstanding defensive play in the sixth, credited Ahearne with stifling the Rangers' power.

"The guy had a real good sinker," Pagliarulo said. "He's a good pitcher for this ballpark. We just tried to last him out and hit the ball. That's about all we could do."

Despite giving up home runs to Chad Curtis, Cecil Fielder and Bobby Higginson, Texas starter Kevin Gross won for the first time since May 17.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	32	17	65.3	—
Atlanta	29	20	59.2	3
Montreal	27	24	52.9	6
New York	19	31	38.0	13 1/2
Florida	16	32	33.3	15 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	31	18	63.3	—
Chicago	25	24	51.0	6
Houston	24	24	50.0	6 1/2
St. Louis	21	30	41.2	11
Pittsburgh	18	30	37.5	12 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	27	23	54.0	—
San Francisco	27	24	52.9	1 1/2
San Diego	25	24	51.0	1 1/2
Los Angeles	25	25	50.0	2
Sunday's Games				
Philadelphia 5, Florida 3				
San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 0				
New York 10, Houston 4				
Cincinnati 10, Montreal 7				
San Francisco 6, St. Louis 1				
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 0				
Atlanta 9, Colorado 4				
Monday's Games				
Atlanta 10, Cincinnati 0				
Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 2				
Philadelphia 6, New York 3				
Houston 6, Montreal 3				
Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2				
Florida 7, Colorado 2				
San Diego 5, Chicago 3				
Tuesday's Games				
Houston (Reynolds 2-5) at Montreal (P. Martinez 5-2) 7:35 p.m.				
Atlanta (Madoux 5-1) at Cincinnati (Nikowski 3-0) 7:35 p.m.				
San Francisco (VanLaningham 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Parks 0-0) 3:05 p.m.				
Chicago (Tachsel 2-4) at San Diego (Benes 1-5) 4:05 p.m.				
Florida (Rapp 2-3) at Colorado (Swift 1-2) 5:05 p.m.				
Houston (Swindell 3-3) at Montreal (Henry 2-4) 7:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Glavin 5-3) at Cincinnati (Smiley 5-1) 7:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia (West 1-1) at New York (Jones 4-3) 7:40 p.m.				
American League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	26	20	56.3	5 1/2
Detroit	24	27	47.1	8
Toronto	20	26	43.5	7
Baltimore	20	28	41.7	8
New York	20	28	41.7	8
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	35	13	72.9	—
Kansas City	28	20	58.3	7
Milwaukee	22	25	46.8	12 1/2
Chicago	17	29	37.0	17
Minnesota	15	35	30.0	21
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
California	30	20	60.0	—
Texas	29	21	58.0	1
Oakland	27	24	52.9	3 1/2
Seattle	25	24	51.0	4 1/2
Sunday's Games				
Boston 4, Milwaukee 2				
Detroit 10, Baltimore 8				
Toronto 7, Texas 1				
Oakland 3, Kansas City 1				
California 8, Chicago 4				
Seattle 2, Minnesota 1				
New York 9, Cleveland 5				
Monday's Games				
6 Detroit 4				
Baltimore 5, New York 4				
Cleveland 4, Boston 3, 10 innings				
Chicago 8, Toronto 3, 10 innings				
Minnesota 8, Oakland 5, 10 innings				
Kansas City 8, California 5				
Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games				
Minnesota (Mahomes 0-3) at Oakland (Ontiveros 6-2) 3:15 p.m.				
Texas (Oliver 3-2) at Detroit (Bergman 3-4) 7:05 p.m.				
Boston (Eshelman 3-0) at Cleveland (Ogea 2-				

Wednesday's Games				
New York (Hitchcock 2-4) at Baltimore (Rhodes 1-2) 7:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Roberson 2-2) at Toronto (Herzogen 4-4) 7:35 p.m.				
Seattle (Johnson 6-1) at Chicago (Alvarez 1-3) 8:05 p.m.				
Kansas City (Gubicza 4-5) at California (Anderson 0-0) 10:05 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
Boston (Hanson 6-1) at Cleveland (Hershiser 5-2) 7:05 p.m.				
Texas (Tewksbury 5-2) at Detroit (Lira 3-3) 7:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Miranda 4-2) at Toronto (Leiter 5-2) 7:35 p.m.				
New York (Pattie 1-4) at Baltimore (McDonald 2-4) 7:35 p.m.				
Seattle (Bosio 5-0) at Chicago (Keyser 0-2) 8:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Radke 3-6) at Oakland (Stottlemyre 5-1) 10:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Gordon 4-2) at California (Bielecki 3-3) 10:35 p.m.				
Monday's Major League Linescores				
By The Associated Press				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Texas 020 003 100 — 6 10 1				
Detroit 001 300 000 — 4 8 1				
Ke Gross, Burrows (6), McDowell (6), Russell (9) and I. Rodriguez, Ahearne, Boever (6), Wickander (9) and Flaherty W—Ke Gross, 2-6 L—Ahearne, 0-2 Sv—Russell (9) HRs—Detroit, Curtis (9), Fielder (16), Higginson (6)				
New York 100 002 100 — 4 7 1				
Baltimore 301 010 00x — 5 10 0				
M Perez and Stanley, Klingensbeck, Orsoco (7), Clark (8), Lee (8), D. Jones (9) and Hollis W—Klingensbeck, 2-1 L—M Perez, 4-4 Sv—D. Jones (8) HRs—New York, Stanley (6), Velarde (3)				
Boston 021 0000000 — 3 12 1				
Cleveland 001 1100001 — 4 11 0				
(10 Innings)				
Wakelfeld, Cormier (6), K. Ryan (8) and Mactarlane, Haselman (9), De Martinez, Tavarez (8), Assenmacher (10), Plunk (10) and Pena, Tucker (9) W—Plunk, 4-1 L—K. Ryan, 0-3 HRs—Boston, Jn Valentin (12), Cleveland, Belle (12), Thome (15), Ramirez (14)				
Seattle 000 050 001 — 6 10 0				
Chicago 120 200 03x — 8 15 1				
Belcher, Fleming (5), Riskey (8), Villone (8) and D. Wilson, A. Fernandez, Fortugno (7), McCaskill (8), R. Hernandez (9) and LaValliere W—McCaskill, 3-2 L—Fleming, 1-5 Sv—R. Hernandez (11) HRs—Seattle, T. Martinez (11), Chicago, Thomas (14), Devereaux (4)				
Minnesota 0001012103 — 8 10 1				
Oakland 000 0010310 — 5 11 1				
(10 Innings)				
Erickson, Stevens (8), Aguilera (8) and Merullo, Walbeck (10), Darling, Van Poppel (8), Corsi (9) and Helfand, Steinbach (10) W—Aguilera, 1-1 L—Corsi, 2-2				
Kansas City 000004040 — 8 8 0				
California 000 002 030 — 5 11 2				
Appier, Brewer (8), Montgomery (9) and Mayne, Boskie, Butcher (6), Springer (8) and Fabregas, Dalesandro (9) W—Appier, 10-2 L—Boskie, 5-1 HRs—Kansas City, Joyner (4), Grotewold (1)				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Atlanta 010 400 401 — 10 10 1				
Cincinnati 000000 000 — 0 5 1				
Smoltz and J. Lopez, Schourek, Pennington (7), Pugh (7) and Taubensee, W—Smoltz, 6-3 L—Schourek, 4-4 HRs—Atlanta, McGriff 2 (9)				
San Francisco 200 000000 — 2 8 2				
Pittsburgh 010330 10x — 8 9 1				
T. Wilson, Mintz (2), Barton (5), Hook (8) and Manwaring, Neagle, Miceli (9) and Slaughter W—Neagle, 7-3 L—Mintz, 1-2 HRs—Pittsburgh, Pegues 2 (2)				
Philadelphia 002002020 — 6 10 0				
New York 010 011 000 — 3 7 1				
Quantrell, Charlton (7), Slocumb (9) and Dauton, Mick, Minor (8), Gundersen (8) and Hundley, Stinnett (6) W—Quantrell, 6-2 L—Micki, 4-3 Sv—Slocumb (17) HRs—Philadelphia, Van Slyke (1), New York, Ty Thompson (5)				
Houston 000 032 100 — 6 8 0				
Montreal 102 000 000 — 3 10 2				
Kile, Toles (7) and Eusebio, Fassero, Aquino (7), Scott (8), Rojas (9) and Spehr, D Fletcher (9) W—Kile, 3-5 L—Fassero, 7-4 Sv—Toles (3)				

Texas-Louisiana League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
Northern Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Lubbock	19	11	63.3	—
Amarillo	18	12	60.0	1
Tyler	16	17	48.5	4 1/2
Pueblo	11	17	39.3	7
Abiene	10	19	34.5	8 1/2
Southern Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Rio Grande	20	11	64.5	—
Alexandria	18	14	56.3	2 1/2
Corpus Christi	14	15	48.3	5
Laredo	13	17	43.3	6
Mobile	12	18	40.0	7 1/2
Monday's Games				
Corpus Christi 13, Alexandria 6				
Rio Grande Valley 7, Laredo 6				
Lubbock 5, Mobile 1				
Amarillo 9, Tyler 8				
Pueblo 9, Abilene 4				
Tuesday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Wednesday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Thursday's Games				
Corpus Christi at Alexandria, 2				
Laredo at Rio Grande Valley				
Lubbock at Mobile				
Amarillo at Tyler, 2				
Abilene at Pueblo				
HOCKEY				
NHL Playoff Glance				
Day-by-Day				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
STANLEY CUP FINALS				
(Best-of-7)				
Saturday, June 17				
New Jersey 2, Detroit 1, New Jersey leads series 1-0				
Tuesday, June 20				
New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m., ESPN				
Thursday, June 22				
Detroit at New Jersey, 8 p.m., ESPN				
Saturday, June 24				
Detroit at New Jersey, 8 p.m., FOX				
Monday, June 26				
New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m., ESPN				
Wednesday, June 28				
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, if necessary				
Friday, June 30				
New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m., FOX, if necessary				
TRANSACTIONS				
AUTO RACING				
Winston Cup				
NASCAR—Fired Michael Waltrip, driver, Strickland and driving partner, Lake Speed, driver, after Sunday race at Michigan.				
DICK BROOKS RACING—Fired Greg Sacks, driver.				
BASEBALL				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled Greg Zaun, catcher, from Rochester of the International League. Waived Matt Nokes, catcher, for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.				
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Signed Brian Cooper and Jason Stockstill, pitchers. Assigned Stockstill to Mesa of the California League and Cooper to Bowie of the Northwest League.				
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated John Kruk, first baseman, from the 15-day disabled list. Sent Lyle Mouton, outfielder, to Nashville of the American Association. Signed Jason Lakman and Thomas Buckman, pitchers, and Charles Klee, shortstop.				
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Signed Tony Miranda and Adam Finstrom, outfielders, and assigned them to Spokane of the Northwest League.				

Pro teams like TCU's Thomas

DALLAS (AP) — Kurt Thomas didn't get much attention last season, even though the undersized Texas Christian center became only the third person ever to lead the NCAA in scoring and rebounding in the same season. The NBA, however, has noticed him.

Thomas' stock has risen as the draft approaches. Projections that originally had the 6-foot-9, 235-pound Thomas going in the lower first round have been erased and replaced by thoughts he could be a lottery pick.

The biggest knock on Thomas is that he's sort of a guy without a position. He played post in college, but could only be as bulky as a power forward in the NBA.

Thomas also has had to overcome talk that he's somewhat arrogant on the court. He's been known to scowl and stare down opponents.

"I don't really worry myself about that," Thomas said Monday after working out for his hometown team, the Dallas Mavericks. "I just go out and play hard. People are going to say I have an attitude, (other) people are going to love the way I play."

About a dozen teams want to find out whether they love or hate Thomas' style. The Mavericks were the ninth team he visited and he says he has two or three steps left before the June 28 draft.

His suitors range from Miami (which own picks Nos. 10 and 16) to the Mavericks, who pick 12th and 24th.

Thomas, who scored 28.9 points and averaged 14.6 rebounds for the Horned Frogs last season, began proving he was more than an above-average player in a below-average conference during a pre-draft camp in

Phoenix in late April. "I just tried to go to Phoenix and play well, come here and play well, play well for all the teams that want to bring me in," said Thomas, a third-team All-American.

Dallas has been high on Thomas all along. The feeling is mutual.

"I'd love to play here, especially since this is where I grew up," said Thomas, who grew up in Dallas before moving to Fort Worth for college. "I think I can add a person who comes in and rebounds, runs the floor pretty well, a big guy who can step out and shoot from the outside."

The only other players to lead the NCAA in scoring and rebounding in the same season were Xavier McDaniel of Wichita State and the late Hank Gathers of Loyola-Marymount.

Devils have Red Wings off-balance

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Hockey Writer+

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings are no longer breezing in the Stanley Cup playoffs. All of a sudden, they're playing catchup to a New Jersey Devils team that was a longshot to beat them in the finals.

"I think at this point, every game is pretty desperate," said Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman as he prepared for Game 2 tonight at the Joe Louis Arena. "We don't want to go into New Jersey down 2-0, so obviously it's a pivotal game."

"We want to even it up at 1-1 and we'll be comfortable with that."

So far, the Red Wings are out of the comfort zone. A team that had the best record during the regular NHL season, the Red Wings lost a total of two games in the first three rounds of the playoffs.

Certainly, they never lost the first game to either Dallas, San Jose or Chicago.

The Devils, though, have put the powerful Red Wings off-balance by winning the opener of the best-of-7 series with an in-your-face defense that didn't give Detroit room to operate in its accustomed style.

"San Jose was very similar," Red Wings defenseman Bob Rouse said. "But they don't have the offensive players that New Jersey has; (Stephane) Richer or (Claude) Lemieux can put the puck in the net."

The Sharks, wiped out in four straight by the Red Wings in the second round, don't have the all-around quickness the Devils have, either.

"The one thing I was surprised and impressed about was their speed up front," Red Wings forward Shawn Burr said of the Devils' performance in Game 1 last Saturday night. "They're a pretty dynamic and explosive team up front. I don't think we're guilty of underestimating them. I think we're guilty of not being prepared to play our game."

The emphasis thus was on execution and motivation in the last two days of practice sessions.

"We have to be sharper moving the puck," said Yzerman, whose Red Wings lost two games in a row just once during the regular season en route to a 33-11-4 record. "We've had two good days of high-tempo practices. We're going into Game 2 with a positive attitude."

Defenseman Paul Coffey gave his teammates a piece of his mind

during a locker room meeting. "Paul wasn't happy with the way the team played," Rouse said. "Paul doesn't pull any punches. A few times when we haven't played well this year, he's done the same thing."

The two days off probably was more of a plus for the Red Wings than the Devils. It gave some of their key injured players more time to recuperate, particularly Keith Primeau, literally the center of attention at Monday's practice session.

Everyone wanted to know if he would be able to play following a back injury suffered in Game 1. After practicing with the team Monday, Primeau said: "It felt good for the first 10 minutes and it began to get a little sore. Tomorrow we'll try it again in the morning and for sure we won't know until game time now."

Devils coach Jacques Lemaire was less pleased with the extra day off. "When you're winning, you want to play every day," he said. "If they have injuries, they have time to heal them."

While the Game 1 loss was the first at home for the Red Wings in nine playoff games, the Devils continued their masterful road play. Their 9-1 mark is the best in NHL playoff history.

Carr picks himself as new Celtics coach

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — M.L. Carr needed 33 days and talks with a half-dozen potential candidates to find a coach for the Boston Celtics. After all that, he chose someone who has never coached before.

Hisself.

Carr hinted Monday he may just be a caretaker for a rebuilding team that has fallen a long way from the years when it was piling up the

most titles in NBA history, 16. "If there is someone that we deem better-suited at any point during my tenure, we won't hesitate to move," said Carr, who will remain as director of basketball operations, a job he has held only one season. He received a one-year extension to the three years left on his existing contract.

Besides a lot more talent, the Celtics need an infusion of excite-

ment, good feeling and motivation. Carr was known for waving a white towel to whip up the fans in his six years as a Celtics player, and for annoying opponents with tenacious defense.

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'Batman Forever' brings opening weekend record

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Batman Forever* delivered at the box office in its opening weekend after a marketing campaign that budgeted a dollar to promote the movie for every dollar spent making it.

But the next few weeks may be the true test for the Caped Crusader's third adventure on the big screen, and for the \$60 million Warner Bros. plans to spend turning it into the "must-see" movie of the summer.

"The way pictures open these days, they burn through the audience interest quickly," Hal Vogel, an industry analyst at Cowen & Co., said Monday. "It's very deceptive: You don't know how strong strong is until you get to the second weekend."

Batman Forever sold about \$52.8 million in tickets over the weekend, breaking the 1993 *Jurassic Park* record of \$50.2 million for a debut, Warner Bros. said.

Batman Forever debuted in a record 4,300 North American movie theaters and was accompanied by Warner Bros.' most diverse marketing effort yet, the studio said.

The studio started running a sneak preview trailer in theaters in December, bought significant television advertising over the last 10 days and joined with McDonald's in a promotion that includes 30 million tray liners and a new triple-patty Super Hero Burger.

The record opening and related media attention also help, but a marketing campaign can only create an awareness. The movie must deliver when paying customers take their seats.

"I don't think it's just about (marketing) money in this case," said Mitch Goldman, head of distribution for New Line Cinema. "I thought the film was brilliantly produced."

D. Barry Reardon, Warner Bros.' president of distribution, said next weekend's receipts will show whether *Batman Forever* has positive word-of-mouth and is on a pace to match the first two *Batman* movies.

The first two made \$251.2 million and \$162.8 million, respectively.

The sternest test for the latest *Batman* flick will come June 30, when Tom Hanks' *Apollo 13* premieres.

During the last several years, marketing costs for movies have surged. Major studios spend about \$14 million in advertising an average movie, up from \$5.2 million a decade ago.

Although the average movie costs close to \$30 million to produce, many are made for about \$10 million.

The summer season is always competitive.

Disney spent more than \$1 million for its June 10 Central Park screening of *Pocahontas*. The publicity and awareness the free premiere generated was worth much more.

In its first weekend of limited release, playing in a half-dozen theaters, *Pocahontas* grossed a staggering \$448,000 per location.

The numbers tell the story: with that kind of turnout, *Pocahontas* had become what Hollywood calls "an event." It opens nationwide on Friday.

Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. and Entertainment Data Inc.:

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of June 16-18, 1995		
All dollar figures in millions		
	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>Batman Forever</i> \$52.8, one week, 2,842 screens	\$52.8
2	<i>Congo</i> \$44.5, two weeks, 2,676 screens	\$10.7
3	<i>Casper</i> \$66.3, four weeks, 2,755 screens	\$6.63
4	<i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> \$36.1, three weeks, 1,986 screens	\$6.57
5	<i>Die Hard With a Vengeance</i> \$79.1, five weeks, 2,200 screens	\$4.2
6	<i>Braveheart</i> \$41, four weeks, 2,037 screens	\$4.1
7	<i>Crimson Tide</i> \$76.2, six weeks, 1,804 screens	\$3.5
8	<i>Pocahontas</i> \$2.7, one week, six screens	\$2.7
9	<i>Forget Paris</i> \$27, five weeks, 1,380 screens	\$1.68
10	<i>While You Were Sleeping</i> \$68.3, nine weeks, 1,242 screens	\$1.67

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

1. *Batman Forever*, Warner Bros., \$52.8 million, 2,842 locations, \$18,573 per location, \$52.8 million, one week.

2. *Congo*, Paramount, \$10.7 million, 2,676 locations, \$4,000 per location, \$44.5 million, two weeks.

3. *Casper*, Universal, \$6.63 million, 2,755 locations, \$2,407 per location, \$66.3 million, four weeks.

4. *The Bridges of Madison County*, Warner Bros., \$6.57 million, 1,986 locations, \$3,310 per location, \$36.1 million, three weeks.

5. *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, Fox, \$4.2 million, 2,200 locations, \$1,917 per location, \$79.1 million, five weeks.

6. *Braveheart*, Paramount, \$4.1 million, 2,037 locations, \$2,022 per location, \$41 million, four weeks.

7. *Crimson Tide*, Disney, \$3.5 million, 1,804 locations, \$1,963 per location, \$76.2 million, six weeks.

8. *Pocahontas*, Disney, \$2.7 million, six locations, \$448,286 per location, \$2.7 million, one week.

9. *Forget Paris*, Columbia, \$1.68 million, 1,380 locations, \$1,220 per location, \$27 million, five weeks.

10. *While You Were Sleeping*, Disney, \$1.67 million, 1,242 locations, \$1,346 per location, \$68.3 million, nine weeks.

11. *French Kiss*, Fox, \$771,000, 820 locations, \$940 per location, \$34.2 million, seven weeks.

12. *Johnny Mnemonic*, TriStar, \$644,000, 900 locations, \$716 per location, \$16.7 million, four weeks.

13. *Tales from the Hood*, Savoy, \$557,000, 474 locations, \$1,176 per location, \$10.1 million, four weeks.

14. *Mad Love*, Disney, \$439,000, 712 locations, \$616 per location, \$14 million, four weeks.

15. *A Little Princess*, Warner Bros., \$358,000, 667 locations, \$537 per location, \$7.9 million, six weeks.

16. *The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain*, Miramax, \$335,000, 255 locations, \$1,314 per location, \$9.1 million, six weeks.

17. *Jury Duty*, TriStar, \$288,000, 387 locations, \$744 per location, \$16.1 million, 10 weeks.

18. *The Glass Shield*, Miramax, \$273,000, 236 locations, \$1,157 per location, \$2.5 million, three weeks.

19. *Circle of Friends*, Savoy, \$261,000, 492 locations, \$530 per location, \$22.2 million, 14 weeks.

20. *Friday*, New Line, \$253,000, 325 locations, \$777 per location, \$24.3 million, eight weeks.

German plane on open skies flight

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — With almost no public notice, an aircraft of the former East German air force became a footnote to post-Cold War history here Monday.

The plane, which was used by the late East German President Erich Honecker until his communist regime collapsed in 1989, took off from Dulles International Airport as part of a joint U.S.-German training exercise to get ready for implementation of the new Open Skies Treaty.

It marked the first time a foreign military aircraft has overflown U.S. territory on a surveillance mission, said David Rigby, head of public affairs at the On-Site Inspection Agency, a Pentagon agency that monitors treaty compliance.

To add to the irony of the moment, the pilot was a former member of the East German air force.

The Pentagon arranged for a small number of reporters to tour the German plane, a three-engine TU-154, built by the Tupolev design bureau of the former Soviet Union. It is equipped with cameras and infrared sensors for surveillance of U.S. territory as called for in the Open Skies Treaty, which was signed by 27 nations in 1992.

The treaty was negotiated between members of NATO and the former Warsaw Pact and was meant to provide better understanding of the each side's military posture as well as added confidence that no country was preparing a major offensive.

The treaty has not entered into force yet because some signatory countries have not yet ratified it. Under terms of the treaty, the United States may be overflown by treaty countries' observation aircraft as many as 42 times a year.



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