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THE PAMPA NEWS

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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — Gray County residents are invited to attend an open forum tonight to discuss the direction of health care in the area.

Chief focus of the forum will be the development of a non-profit coop to help ensure that Gray County citizens have access to a continuum of health care services. The group also is seeking a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to help in financing the effort.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. today in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Arlington correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot is worth \$28 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 22, 28, 32, 45, 47 and 48.

There were 207 tickets that matched five of six numbers to win a \$1,831 prize and 11,748 tickets that matched four of six numbers, with each winning \$116. And there were 222,578 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

DALLAS (AP) — A Senate committee has narrowly rejected legislation that could save utilities in Texas billions of dollars, a move considered a defeat for big power companies.

The surprise 6-5 vote by the Senate State Affairs Committee was celebrated as a victory by consumer groups, the *Houston Chronicle* and *The Dallas Morning News* reported Wednesday.

The committee refused language that would have let electric companies keep certain big-tax savings, or so-called "phantom taxes," instead of passing the savings on to customers.

The electric companies, led by Dallas-based Texas Utilities Co. and Houston Lighting & Power Co., said they will continue to fight to include the provision in an electric-utility bill pending before the Legislature.

DALLAS (AP) — Officials for the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport want to step up construction plans so a new east-side runway can be opened as soon as September 1996.

"We're definitely looking at ways to accelerate our schedule," D/FW executive director Jeff Fegan said Wednesday. "All you have to do is come out here during one of our several busy periods each day to see that we don't have enough concrete to do the job."

Construction began on the 8,500-foot runway in Irving in December 1993. It was supposed to be finished by this December for \$320 million, although officials now say it could be ready several months earlier.

Officials also say they're looking into plans to start building a second runway in Grapevine almost immediately after the first runway opens late next year.

Officials dedicate new prison unit

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

The walls are the same prison gray, the floor is concrete and the look is purely functional, but the mission is different.

Dedicated Wednesday before a host of state and local officials, the intermediate sanction facility, an addition to the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit, will begin accepting its first inmates next week.

Over 400 men being returned to prison custody because of technical parole violations will be housed in the unit east of Pampa. The ISF, the first of its kind to be owned and operated by the state of Texas, will operate as a 90-day to one-year lock-up for technical parole violators as a diversion from general population prisons.

John Gilbert, Texas Department of Criminal Justice director of Region V, told the crowd at the Pampa Community Building that as a young corrections officer he never thought he'd see prisons expand as they have in Texas. When his career began, Gilbert said, Texas had about 24,000 prison beds. Now there are over 100,000 beds with another 60,000 scheduled, he said.

The 30,000 square foot building with 80 rooms is expected to receive its first inmates next week. It is to be supervised by Capt. Terry Tucker, Lt. Kevin Andis and Maj. Robert Chance.

Tucker explained the unit with its nine dormitories will house men who are returning to custody because they have violated some condition of parole, not

because they have been arrested on a new offense. The residents, as they are called, will stay 90 days to one year with good behavior. Tucker said the prospect of quick release is an incentive for men to behave well.

The unit is housed inside a metal building purchased from Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Plant for \$100 and renovated for the use of TDCJ. The nine dormitory areas each have bunkbeds for 44 to 48 men. Picnic-style tables are in each dorm for meals. The facility shares kitchen, laundry and safety and chaplain services with the Rufe Jordan Unit.

"We're almost a small unit," Tucker said. Tucker said creation of ISF units is a way to keep prison beds available for violators

with long sentences, not 90-day turn-arounds on a parole violation. A man might be sent to ISF because he failed to report to his parole officer or left the county to which he was paroled without permission.

Parole officers will be part of the staff. Residents will work in community service, agriculture projects, maintenance, house-keeping, kitchen, or may go to school. They will come primarily from central and west Texas.

Lunch was served inmate-style to touring residents, and officials of the Rufe Jordan Unit, Board of Pardons and Paroles, city of Pampa, Gray County, Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Easter tradition



Nicaraguan Abelardo Siqueira portrays Jesus Christ after the first fall along the stations of the cross during pre-Easter activities in Managua on Wednesday. Acting out the stations of the cross and the crucifixion of Christ is a strong Catholic tradition in Nicaragua during Holy Week. Easter Sunday is April 16.

Senate considers welfare reforms for food stamps

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican governors are working with the Senate to draft welfare reform legislation that would dismantle the \$27 billion food stamp program and send the money back to the states as a block grant.

House Republicans proposed a food stamp block grant in their "Contract With America" campaign manifesto, but abandoned the idea under pressure from farm state lawmakers as they drafted a far-reaching plan to reform the nation's welfare system.

Republicans were taking food from children. The bill would create block grants for child care, cash assistance to poor families, and foster care.

Santorum said the national news media "completely misrepresented the school lunch issue and is primed and ready to do it again in the Senate, and we may want to avoid it."

Whitburn said the state officials were asking the Senate to end the individual entitlement to food stamps — the government's promise to provide a monthly benefit to anyone whose income and resources meet federal guidelines. The money would be divided among the states instead.

The idea of a block grant is being revived in the Senate, where the debate over welfare reform is just starting to pick up. Early supporters include Republican Sens. Phil Gramm of Texas and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

"The more flexibility we give the states, the better," Gramm said.

Whitburn and Miller said a food stamp block grant was an essential part of their efforts to convert welfare into a system that encourages work.

"The discussions are early, but we're encouraged," Miller said.

Parents on welfare now receive three major sources of assistance: Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps and Medicaid. Miller argued that true reform will involve handing off all three programs to the states.

But a key voice on the issue, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., has not decided whether to endorse the idea, spokeswoman Minda Markle said.

Two state welfare directors, Gerald Miller of Michigan and Gerald Whitburn of Massachusetts, said Wednesday they were pressing the Senate to turn the food stamp program into a "food assistance block grant."

"What we're about is trying to change the face of welfare as we know it. If we don't have control of all three of those (programs) it's very difficult, if not next to impossible, to change behavior," he said.

"It's an important piece of addressing welfare reform," Whitburn said. "And as we move toward introducing more of the real world of work values into our efforts with those that are on the AFDC caseload, food stamps are a very important part of the mix."

They are not, however, seeking control of the National School Lunch Program and the supplemental feeding program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC.

The House welfare reform legislation, which passed last month, would send both programs back to the states and set spending at fixed levels, igniting Democratic charges that Repub-

Just over 27 million Americans receive food stamps, and the federal government spends whatever is necessary to finance the program when it grows in times of recession or rising poverty.

U.S. prepares punitive tariffs for Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is drawing up a list of Japanese imports worth billions of dollars that could be subject to punitive tariffs if the current negotiations over opening Japan's auto market don't succeed, officials say.

U.S. officials of late have expressed a new sense of urgency about the so-called framework talks, which, despite nearly two years of on-again, off-again negotiations, have shown little progress.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said today the administration has been looking for a way to give the talks more impetus, saying "progress has been very measured so far." He said talks on the auto and auto parts market had been "the most resistant to forward movement."

Negotiators have given priority to autos and auto parts, which accounted for 60 percent of the

record \$66 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan last year.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor has said the United States was "not going to wait forever" for a resolution.

The administration has refused to say publicly what kind of deadline it planned or what action it would take if no agreement was reached.

McCurry confirmed that the status of the Japanese auto negotiations was discussed at a meeting of the president's National Economic Council on Wednesday morning.

One source said the administration has begun drawing up a list of Japanese imports worth billions of dollars which could be subject to punitive tariffs if the current negotiations fail.

Under U.S. trade law, the administration must wait 30 days after such a list is published

before actually imposing the 100 percent tariffs.

The New York Times reported in today's editions the administration has decided to publish the list in early May.

The 30-day period that would follow would allow for comments by affected U.S. industries who can try to get items stricken from the list. It also allows for intensified negotiations aimed at getting an agreement.

Such pressure has worked in the past. Earlier this year, the administration threatened to publish a list of sanctions against Chinese imports in a dispute over theft of U.S. copyrights and patents. The tariffs never went into effect because a deal was reached at the last minute.

The Japanese, however, have repeatedly said they will not negotiate under the threat of sanctions.

Panel votes to place alcohol, drug abuse agency into conservatorship

AUSTIN (AP) — A special legislative committee has voted to give control of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to a governor-appointed panel, citing fiscal mismanagement at the agency.

Members of the House and Senate investigating committees voted 9-0 Wednesday to recommend the conservatorship after a report from Col. James R. Wilson, head of the Department of Public Safety.

The Texas Rangers are leading a task force investigating allegations of fiscal mismanagement and misuse of public funds within the commission's system.

The commission, which has 271 employees and a budget of about \$180 million, funds drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs across the state.

In a letter to Gov. George W. Bush, Wilson said the results of the task force's examination, while not complete, "indicated an environment ... pervaded by an absence of fiscal and management controls."

"There is ample evidence to support a finding of gross fiscal mismanagement," said Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, who chairs the Senate General Investigation Committee.

"We want a neutral and

detached component coming in from the outside to look at this thing. The allegations are voluminous. This is not idle talk," Montford said.

A conservatorship would strip the board of its authority and place a three-member committee appointed by the governor in control of the agency.

The recommendation must be approved by the Legislative Audit Committee, comprising Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and key legislative committee chairmen — and then forwarded to Gov. George W. Bush. The committee is to meet Tuesday.

The commission's board members say they have done nothing wrong.

The DPS task force audited 23 agencies across the state that use TCADA funds. Wilson's letter said "nearly all ... of the providers examined (22 of the 23) have had some level of noncompliance with their TCADA contracts."

Noncompliance included potential fraud and criminal acts, misuse of funds, questionable expenditures, conflicts of interest and internal control weaknesses, according to a summary of the task force audit obtained by The Associated Press.

Wilson's letter said billings to the commission for services have been overstated and that providers have double-billed TCADA and other sources, such as Medicaid, for the same services.

In addition, the letter said, "Net income earned from TCADA-related programs has been retained by the providers, in some cases with TCADA's knowledge and permission."

"The agency simply has not, after repeated warnings, I believe, put the necessary audit follow-ups in place to make sure" money is getting to those who need it, Montford said.

Daily Record

Obituaries

ESSIE MARY TURNER

Essie Mary Turner, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 12, 1995. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Goodwell Cemetery at Goodwell, Okla., with the Rev. Joe Peterson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goodwell, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Turner was born Sept. 19, 1913 at Soper, Okla. She married Francis Wesley Turner on Nov. 11, 1931 at Hollis, Okla.; he died April 28, 1977. She had been a resident of Goodwell for 27 years before moving to Pampa 14 years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Goodwell and a member of the Pampa Moose Lodge.

Survivors include four sons, Tom Turner of Pampa, Bob Turner of Leoti, Kan., J.D. Turner of Homedale, Idaho and Clarence Turner of Carlton, Texas; two daughters, Mary Francis Heath of Amarillo and VeLoyce Doak of Dumas; two brothers, Jimmy D. Dobbs of Amarillo and Jack Dobbs of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, April 12

Sgt. Katie Gerhardt reported someone evading arrest and possession of marijuana in the 1100 block of Neel Road, at 10:23 p.m. Wednesday. Half a marijuana cigarette was discovered.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of South Reid.

City employee Jim Shuck reported criminal mischief at Hobart Street Park which occurred between 8 a.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Jasso Cruz, 2138 N. Sumner, reported criminal mischief to a 1990 Mercury Sable station wagon which occurred at unknown location between 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sonia Danielle Hulsey, 1500 Hamilton, reported theft \$50 to \$500 which occurred at 2545 Perryton Parkway between 10 p.m. Tuesday and 5:50 a.m. Wednesday.

Isaac Silva of Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported theft under \$20.

Lois Ann Hudson, 2600 Hobart #B1, reported information.

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Robert Charles Jones, 1012 S. Christy, reported burglary of a 1970 Ford XL which occurred in the 900 block of Scott between 10:30 and 10:40 p.m. Wednesday.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.26	up 1/2
Milo	4.03	up 1/2
Corn	4.57	up 1/2

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.

NOWSCO	10 11/16	NC
Occidental	23	up 1/4

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

Magellan	73.57	up 1/4
Puritan	15.53	up 1/4

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

Amerco	61 7/8	dn 1/8
Arco	114 1/2	NC
Cabot	39 5/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	NC

Chevron	44 7/8	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	58 1/4	dn 1/8
Diamond Sham	26 5/8	up 1/8
Enron	34 1/2	up 1/2
Halliburton	36 7/8	NC
HealthTrust Inc.	36	NC
Ingersoll Rand	33 5/8	up 5/8
KNE	25 1/2	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	50 3/8	dn 1/8
Limited	21 7/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	54 7/8	dn 1/8
Marx	5 3/8	NC
McDonald's	34 7/8	up 3/8
Mobil	89 3/4	up 1/4
New Atmos	17 3/4	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	21 1/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	43 5/8	up 1/4
Phillips	34 1/2	dn 1/4
SIB	58 7/8	dn 1/8
SPS	28 1/2	NC
Tenneco	47	up 1/4
Texasco	65 3/8	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	25	up 1/8
New York Gold	388.90	
Silver	5.29	
West Texas Crude	19.55	

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, April 12

8:56 a.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire at 717 Deane Dr. Moderate smoke and fire damage was reported throughout the structure.

3:09 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 616 N. Russell.

5:19 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a hazardous materials spill in the 100 block of West Brown.

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, April 12

9:23 p.m. — A 1962 or 1973 Dodge pickup driven by Leo Thomas Samuel, 415 Elm, was in collision with a legally parked 1976 Chevrolet pickup owned by Evaristo Gonzalez, Lefors, in the 1100 block of Neel Road. Charges are pending.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Pampa

Pedro Martinez

Betty J. Tackett

Borger

Toni L. Hubbs

White Deer

Eva M. Walker

Dismissals

Pampa

Kenneth J. Humphrey

Ruth N. Lard

L. A. Meathenia

Borger

Toni L. Hubbs

Lefors

Floyd J. McDowell

Miami

Elizabeth W. Carr

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

McLean

Pansy Mounce

Covina, Calif.

Dismissals

Shamrock

Phillip Marshall

Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, April 12

2:11 p.m. — A patient was transported from Coronado Hospital to a local nursing home.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a residence in the 600 block of North Russell. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital's emergency room.

7:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 16 miles north of Pampa on Hwy. 70. A patient was transferred to Medivac for transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

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Randall W. Anderson, 19, 744 E. Scott, was arrested on a warrant alleging unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Basic Aid Training certificates



(Pampa News photo by Skyia Bryant)

Girl Scout Troop 72 received Basic Aid Training certificates from the Red Cross recently. Part of their training included a visit with Pampa Police Officer Fred Courtney, new school resource officer. Troop members are, front row from left, Shawntyl Baker, Terry Chapman, Tiffani Neef, Shay Chapman and Lisa Mayhugh; and back row, Amber Mayhugh, Crystal Gatlin, Lorena Baker, SRO Courtney and Lori Lockridge. The scouts received their certificates Wednesday afternoon at the Gray County Red Cross office.

Artillery rounds rock Sarajevo front lines

By AIDA CERKEZ
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Gunfire and artillery rounds rocked Sarajevo's front lines this morning, and the military leader of the rebel Serbs warned that threats of NATO airstrikes could cripple relations between his troops and U.N. peacekeepers.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic predicted an escalation in fighting after a mortar attack wounded seven civilians in a Sarajevo market and other U.N.-designated safe areas were shelled.

"There was no real truce and there is still no political solution, so we can expect more fighting," Izetbegovic said after Wednesday's attacks, according to the state news agency BH Press.

U.N. spokesman Yuri Shishaev said several explosions and fire-fights were reported before dawn near Sarajevo airport, southwest of the city center.

The airport, which borders government and Serb front lines, has been closed since Saturday, when gunfire hit the cockpit

windshield of a U.S. aid plane.

Ten artillery rounds also hit just north of Sarajevo today, in an area where heavy weapons are banned, Shishaev said. U.N. officials said the fire came from near-Serb positions.

The exclusion zone was created in February 1994 under the threat of NATO airstrikes after a mortar attack on Sarajevo's central market killed 68 people.

Though NATO air power has not been used since last November, alliance warplanes have buzzed overhead in the last week as Sarajevo and several other U.N. "safe areas" have come under renewed Serb attack. Again today, a Serb mortar shell hit the Gorazde "safe area" south of Sarajevo, U.N. officials said.

The Bosnian Serb military leader, Gen. Ratko Mladic, denied responsibility for recent shelling in a letter to the U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Rupert Smith.

Such accusations are "extremely dangerous for mutual confidence and the overall peace process," said the letter, carried by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.

"I must warn you that the threat of NATO strikes represents your partiality and can force us to reconsider our relations" with the peacekeeping force, Mladic added.

The threat of Serb retaliation against the United Nations has severely limited the use of NATO air power in Bosnia.

Fighting is increasing as the May 1 expiration of a nationwide cease-fire nears.

Both rebel Serb and Bosnian government leaders have said the truce, already in tatters, will not be extended.

At least nine people were wounded Wednesday in shelling and sniping in Sarajevo. Hours later, Serbs directed heavy machine-gun fire at the only civilian route out of Sarajevo, which crosses strategic Mount Igman, southwest of the city. Several explosions and gunfire also rocked the city's northeastern front line Wednesday night, U.N. officials said.

An estimated 200,000 people are believed dead or missing since Bosnia's war began in April 1992 with a Serb military revolt against secession from Yugoslavia.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a low in the middle 50s and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high near 90. Wednesday's high was 69; the overnight low was 47.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, increasing cloudiness in the north, fair in the south. Lows in low to mid 50s. Friday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs in middle to upper 80s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows from near 50 east to 58 west. Friday, mostly sunny,

windy west and central. Highs 80 to 85.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the 50s Hill Country to near 60 south central. Friday, partly sunny. Highs in low to mid 80s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly fair with areas of fog coastal bend, and low clouds Rio Grande plains developing toward morning. Lows in low to mid 60s. Friday, partly cloudy and becoming windy. Highs from the 70s coast to near 90 Rio Grande plains, 80s coastal bend. Upper Coast: Tonight, clear. Lows in mid to upper 50s inland, low to mid 60s at the coast. Friday, sunny. Highs in low 80s

inland, upper 70s at the coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy. Widely scattered showers north central mountains and northwest. Lows 30s to low 40s mountains and northwest, upper 30s to low 50s elsewhere. Friday, breezy to windy. Variable clouds with widely scattered showers north central mountains and northwest. Partly cloudy east and south. Cooler northwest. Highs 50s to mid 60s mountains and northwest, upper 60s to low 80s elsewhere except mid 80s to near 90 southeast corner.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s to mid 80s.

House approves medical malpractice bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has given final approval to a bill aimed at cutting down on frivolous lawsuits filed against doctors and other health care providers.

The measure, passed with a voice vote Wednesday, now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The bill is part of a package of civil justice reforms moving through the Legislature under the emergency priority of Gov. George W. Bush.

Arduously agreed to by groups representing the state's doctors and trial lawyers, the measure would increase the amount of money a plaintiff would have to put up as bond to file a medical malpractice lawsuit.

The bill also would require a plaintiff to file with the court a report containing testimony from a medical expert verifying that the claim is valid.

"What you are going to see is a strong push to reduce medical malpractice claims in the state of Texas," said Rep. Todd Hunter,

D-Corpus Christi, the bill's author. "The expert reports are really tightened up so that to file a medical malpractice you really have to have justification."

The bill was criticized during floor debate by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-De Soto.

Ms. Giddings said raising the bond paid by a plaintiff filing a malpractice lawsuit from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per defendant would discriminate against fledgling law firms.

"I, like everybody else, want to cut down on frivolous lawsuits, but I am concerned that we are doing things to impede or retard the law firms that are not necessarily as well established," she said.

The bill has the support of the Texas Medical Association, Texas Hospital Association and Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

Under the measure, a plaintiff would be required within 90 days of filing a lawsuit to either post \$5,000 bond or file an expert medical report for each defen-

dant named in the case. If the claim is deemed valid by the court, the money is returned to the plaintiff.

If those requirements weren't met, the plaintiff would have to pay a \$7,500 bond to continue the lawsuit.

Within 180 days of filing the lawsuit, the plaintiff would have to file an expert medical report certifying the lawsuit and supply the defendant with information regarding the expert who created the report.

If the plaintiff failed to file the expert report by the 181st day, the defendant could seek sanctions against the plaintiff, including attorney's fees and forfeiture of any bonds.

Supporters of the bill say medical malpractice claims are driving up health care costs and that the measure will help reverse that trend.

Opponents say it could limit the right of people who have valid claims to bring them to court.

Court rules GTE may collect 'phantom taxes'

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court today ruled that GTE Southwest Inc. can collect "phantom taxes," federal income taxes that are collected from customers but never actually paid.

The ruling is a change from previous decisions in which the Supreme Court declared it illegal for utilities to collect phantom taxes and could affect pending legislation regarding Texas telephone and electric companies.

The decision comes on an administrative appeal from an order of the Texas Public Utility Commission concerning rate-making proceedings over GTE.

With six justices ruling in favor, the court concluded that the Public Utility Commission was not required to include losses of unregulated affiliated companies when determining GTE's "fair share" of a reduction in its federal income tax liability.

The court also ruled that the PUC was not required to include the income tax deductions taken for expenses that were disallowed from inclusion in rate base.

"I disagree with the majority's holdings that allow utilities to unjustly charge consumers for 'phantom taxes,'" Spector wrote.

"By overturning this exercise of discretion, the majority allows GTE to retain a windfall of some \$140 million in overcharges."

Gonzalez said the court's ruling "misconstrues ... our precedent."

"To charge ratepayers for a tax expense that may be more than GTE actually ever will pay is not just and reasonable," he wrote.

"By contrast, allocating a fair share of tax savings to GTE and recognizing GTE's tax deductions would benefit consumers in the form of lower rates without reducing the net return for GTE or its investors."

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

CITY BRIEFS Deadline for Tuesday ads will now be Mondays at 5 p.m. The Pampa News.

FOR COMMERCIAL or residential heating and air estimates, call Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. at 665-1841. Adv.

FREE FILTER change with a residential air conditioning service call, April 10th thru 17th. Call Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. at 665-1841. Adv.

BETA SIGMA Phi Spring Style Show/Brunch April 15, M.K. Brown, \$10 per person at door. To benefit High School Scholarship Fund. Adv.

REGISTER NOW for Easter basket give away at Hardee's. Adv.

JANITOR NEEDED. 8 hours a week, experienced preferred. Apply in person, Dunlaps. Adv.

DRS. SIMMONS & Simmons will be closed Friday, April 14. We will open Monday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. Happy Easter! Adv.

SUNTROL 3M Auto Tint, now 1 piece rear installation, no ugly lines or seams, auto glass repair and replacement. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

THE EASTER Bunny will be at Celebrations Friday and Saturday to deliver Easter baskets, stuffed balloons, or bunny balloon bouquets to your child, call in your orders or come on out to Celebrations, 665-3100, next to Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE, Chicken and dumplings, fried pork chops, barbeque polish sausage, chicken fried steak. Thursday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster, call-ins welcome. Adv.

OUTLAW BLUES Duree and Friends tonight. No cover! City Limits. Adv.

SCHOOL BOARD Candidates Forum - Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m. Pampa Middle School Library. Sponsored by Pampa Classroom Teachers Association. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop, Marlboro cigarettes all brands - \$14.99 carton. Mr. Pibb or Sprite, case priced \$5. Private Stock brand cigarettes \$1.29 pack. Adv.

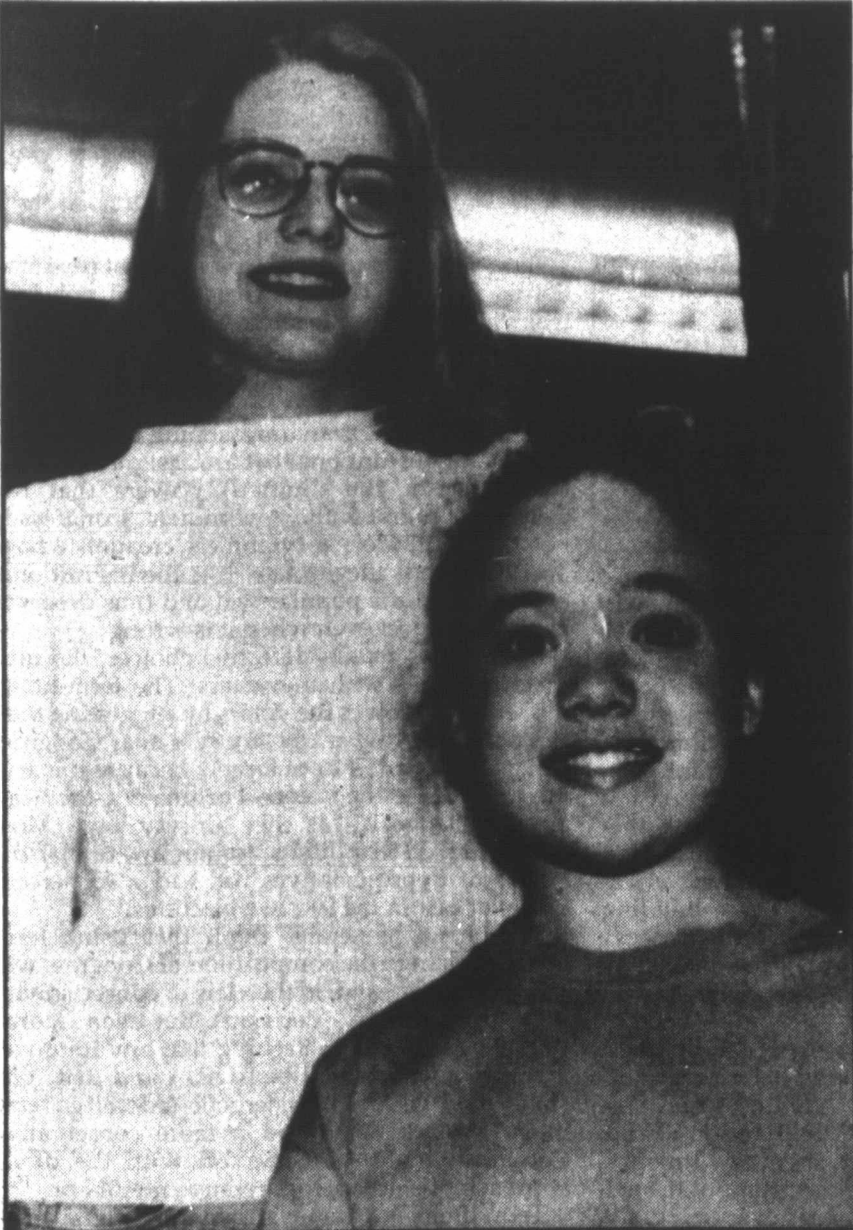
"TO KNOW Him By Name" a beautiful new book by Kay Arthur. The Gift Box Christian Bookstore, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

LIVE IN one state, work in another? Find out about the income tax consequences from H&R Block. 1301 N. Hobart, 665-2161. Adv.

PLEASE DONATE to Meals On Wheels garage sale. Collecting and selling Monday afternoons, 2-5 p.m. north end of Pampa Mall, 669-1007. Adv.

LIKE NEW Lift Chair. See Key's Pharmacy. Call 669-1202. Adv.

A LUNCH Affair - Kevin's in the Mall, open Monday thru Friday 11-1:30 p.m. offering various menu selections including quiche, sandwiches, salads, cheesecake. 669-1670. Adv.



(Pampa News photo by Skylla Bryant)

Pampa High School students who participated in the Regional Science Fair at Amarillo College were Rebekka Studtmann, left, who placed second with an Environmental Science project, and Edith Osborne, who placed first with a Behavioral and Social Sciences project. Studtmann will be attending the State Science Fair in Austin on April 24-26.

Area students take honors at Regional Science Fair

Nine Pampa students and seven White Deer students earned top honors in their categories during the High Plains Regional Science Fair.

In the Senior Division of the fair, held at Amarillo College on April 8, Pampa High School student Edith Osborne was named top winner in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category.

Osborne also received a certificate, briefcase and graphing calculator from the United States Army and another graphing calculator from the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

PHS student Rebekka Studtmann placed second overall in the Environmental Sciences category, receiving a first place medal and a \$50 U.S. savings bond from the United States Air Force for her project and a certificate. Studtmann plans to attend the State Science Fair in Austin on April 24-26.

In the Junior Group Division, three groups from White Deer

were named overall winners in their categories.

Kacey Knocke and Suni Petty took honors in Chemistry, Trey Dittberner and Shelton Watson placed in Earth and Space Science, and Lynsey Barrett and Tess Musick earned the Environmental Sciences award.

In the Junior Individual Division, Johnathan Warminski of White Deer was named the top winner in the Biochemistry category.

Pampa Middle School students placing top in their categories were Cody Douglas, Chemistry, and Wesley Warren, Engineering.

In the Elementary Individual Division, Pampa students gaining top honors in their categories were Daniel E. Heuston, Travis, Behavioral and Social Sciences; Doug Warren, Austin, Biochemistry; Nathanael Hill, Travis, Chemistry; Ryan Bradley, Austin, Environmental Sciences; and Tiffani Neef, Horace Mann, Zoology.

Property rights bill passes state Senate

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans would have new power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property under a bill that has won state Senate approval.

Wednesday's 26-5 vote for the bill sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, came after the measure was softened to require the Legislature to give its approval for a property owner to sue the state.

Such approval already is required for other lawsuits against state government. The bill contains no similar hurdle for lawsuits against local governments.

Despite that amendment, opponents of the measure said it carries a potentially huge future cost. That includes possible court awards; the requirement for analyses to assess the impact of proposed government action; and a chilling effect on efforts to protect public health and the environment.

"I still would characterize this bill as a land speculators' dream and a taxpayers' nightmare," said Ken Kramer, state director of the Sierra Club.

Bivins defended his measure as an effort to protect property owners against potentially "over-reaching actions" by government. It now goes to the House for consideration.

Opposing senators said they support property rights but think Bivins is going about protecting them the wrong way.

"This bill is going to cost the taxpayers of this state a lot of money. Where is this money going to come from? Are we going to have to raise the sales tax again? Are we going to have to have an income tax?" asked Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso,

said the bill is going after the wrong governmental bodies: Texas property owners have been upset over federal Environmental Protection Agency action they see as harsh, but only Congress can control that agency, she said.

"I truly believe this bill is an emperor with no clothes," she said.

"It going to make good headlines, it makes good soundbites, but it does not address the problem that is really making everybody in the state so angry," she said. "And the problem ... is out-of-control, overreaching federal agencies."

Bivins said, "We can't impact the federal government with this legislation, but we can create rules for our governmental entities to abide by."

As for the potential cost, he said, "If the state agencies behave, that's a phony argument."

Asked whether it could mean big awards against local governments, Bivins said, "It would open the door to big losses for cities and counties that don't behave in a responsible manner."

The bill would create a legal cause of action against state or local government for action that restricts a person's use of private property and reduces the market value of the property by at least 20 percent.

It would require state agencies and local governments to assess whether potential action would reduce property values and require compensation.

There would be actions that the bill would not apply to, including a city's actions within city limits and necessary, significant action to address a substantial threat to public health or safety.

If a lawsuit is successful, the property owner either would receive compensation, or the government would forgo the action.

St. Vincent Honor Roll

St. Vincent de Paul School has announced its Honor Roll for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 1994-95 school year.

A Honor Roll
Jordan Albracht, Jackie Gerber, Monica Johnson, Jamie Juan, Angela Watson, Ashley Zimmer,

Natalie McVay, Wendy Arreola, Justin Juan and Jay Gerber.

A-B Honor Roll
Ross Andreen, Kevin Brown, Sebastian Engemann, Ben Ponce, Holly Rummerfield, Sara Albracht, Demetrio Martinez, Eddie Palma and Heather Ponce.

Iran denies nuclear reactor's capabilities to make weapons

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The head of Iran's atomic energy agency today dismissed U.S. allegations that a nuclear reactor under construction with Russian help could allow Tehran to develop nuclear weapons.

"The power plant will never be capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium," Reza Amrollahi told state-run Tehran Radio in an interview.

"Its function will be purely to produce electrical power," Amrollahi said on the broadcast, monitored in Cyprus.

In January, Russia signed an \$800 million agreement to complete work on two 1,200 megawatt reactors at the Bushehr nuclear plant in southern Iran. Washington, which consider Iran a rogue state, has been leaning on the Russians to abandon the reactor deal, but with little success. The project was started by

Germany's Kraftwerk Union in the early 1970s but abandoned after the 1979 Islamic revolution, which overthrew the pro-Western monarch, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

U.S. and Israeli officials predict Iran could have an atom bomb within seven to 15 years. They say it could be sooner if the Russians go ahead with the reactor deal.

Amrollahi, who also is an adviser to President Hashemi Rafsanjani, questioned the validity of those arguments.

"I have a question for the Americans: How is it that they just remembered these things about the power plant? How come 25 years ago, in the days of the Shah, they raised no such objections?" Amrollahi asked.

Before the late Shah was toppled, he had embarked on an uncelebrated plan to build 20 nuclear reactors for power generation.

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Opinion

Pete Wilson evokes shades of Clinton

Are millions of Americans demanding that Gov. Pete Wilson run for president? The silence echoes across the land. But at a news conference in Sacramento he announced, referring to his 1994 campaign vow to fulfill his four-year term as governor: "When I said it, I meant it and was not in any way expecting that I would be standing here talking to you about running for president."

Why should anyone believe his Clintonesque excuse? "Washington is a city filled with people who are paid to flatter, so I am prepared to take with considerable salt some of the flattering comments that I hear and discount them. But when they offer to raise money for you, and you know that they are serious about it, you know, that puts a different light on it."

In reality, these special interests know that Gov. Wilson just might become president, so why not buy him now when the purchase price is low? A few bucks spent on the potential President Wilson could save a lot later by earning exemptions from the record tax increases he would be bound to bring, just as he did in California.

According to Gov. Wilson, "I found people coming to me and saying, 'We think you have a better opportunity (than other GOP candidates) of defeating Bill Clinton ... largely on the basis of the (gubernatorial) campaign last fall.'" But in that race, the governor faced the worst-run Democratic campaign, if not the weakest candidate, in recent California history.

If nominated by the Republican Party, Gov. Wilson would face President Clinton who, despite many defects - including his own massive tax increase - has in fact won the presidency once. In 1992, Mr. Clinton defeated a Republican tax increaser, George Bush. One never knows, but in 1996 a race against another Republican tax increaser, Pete Wilson, could be just the ticket for Mr. Clinton to cover up his own tax increase tracks and slide back into the Oval Office.

A Wilson nomination also probably would spark a third-party drive, just as Mr. Bush's nomination did in 1992, allowing Mr. Clinton to win with just 43 percent of the vote. Many Republicans would bolt in reaction against Gov. Wilson's high-tax and pro-abortion positions.

The governor insists that, despite his pledge not to run, he still has Californians' best interests at heart: "They will decide whether it is more important (to California) for me to serve two more years as governor, or to serve four years, or possibly eight years, as president."

Ah - there's an idea that might catch on in California. Just as San Diego voters got rid of him as mayor by helping send him to the U.S. Senate in 1982, so Californians might get rid of him as governor by sending him to the White House. After all, why shouldn't the suffering of 32 million Californians be shared with all 260 million Americans?

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A closer look at term limits logic

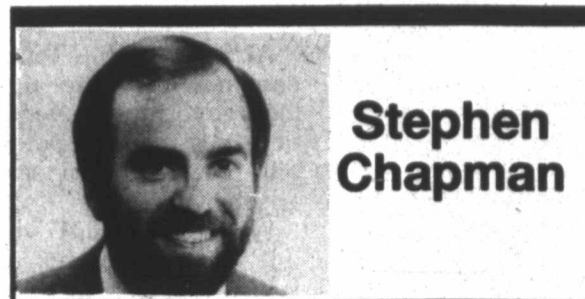
Barry Goldwater, who was first elected to the Senate in 1952, didn't leave Capitol Hill for good until 1987. Robert A. Taft, the Barry Goldwater of his generation, was elected to three straight terms in the United States Senate. Newt Gingrich, the architect of the ongoing revolution in Washington, has been learning his craft in the House of Representatives since 1979.

Thanks to the House's defeat of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms, Gingrich is free to try to persuade the voters to let him stay for many years to advance conservative ideas. Yet conservatives are nearly unanimous in agreeing that long congressional terms are a positive evil that must be eradicated.

I doubt anyone believes that Goldwater was a better senator in 1954 than in 1974 or that Gingrich did more good as a freshman than as a nine-term veteran. Even columnist George Will, an ardent advocate of term limits, admits that in Congress, "not all long careers are great but all great careers are long." If term limits had been part of the original Constitution, though, a long list of conservative leaders would have been sent packing from Congress in their prime.

Why do conservatives, not to mention plenty of other people, uniformly insist that "citizen legislators" would be an improvement on the current version? Certainly not because novices would know more: I have seen plenty of state and local politicians aspiring to national office whose confusion on national issues was painful to witness.

In most professions, death of experience and knowledge are treated as virtues, imparting a wisdom and judgment that mere brainpower and books cannot provide. But the ideology of term limits suggests that the most valuable quality in a member of Congress is an innocence of Congress. Term-limits advocates take the romantic view



Stephen Chapman

that a national legislature composed of hobbyist lawmakers, taking a few years off from their "real" jobs as entrepreneurs, farmers and electricians, would do a better job setting public policy than men and women who have spent their lives in the political arena. It's hard to follow this logic. Plenty of 22-year-olds in new jobs think they know everything they need to know, but very few 44-year-olds in the same profession think they knew everything they needed to know at 22.

The assumption is that making laws, unlike running a factory or wiring an office building, requires no skills beyond what everyone possesses. That superstition grows out of the democratic premise that each citizen has the ability to take part in running the country.

But the ability to help choose a representative is not the same thing as the ability to be a representative. I may know an ugly building when I see one, but that doesn't mean I could design a handsome one. Anyone who has spent any time trying to become conversant in the details of the federal budget - to say nothing of everything else Washington has to deal with - knows the task takes years, not months. Stocking Congress exclusively with short-timers would greatly increase the supply of ignorance on Capitol Hill.

Term limits also rest on the promise that participation in Congress corrodes character and principle, making it imperative to remove members before the rot gets too deep. This idea grows out of a longstanding and generally healthy distrust of federal power.

But it also reflects an unreasoning contempt for democratic institutions that are assigned to exercise some of the (limited) powers that the Constitution grants the government. Congress is not the Politburo - a tyrannical creation whose every nation is illegitimate. It is the institutional expression of the popular will and thus deserves a certain respect even when it is wrong.

If Congress makes defective choices, the ultimate fault lies with the voters. The term-limits movement absolves the voters by suggesting they are powerless, when the truth is that Congress behaves the way it does largely because it is trying to appease the voters. Fortunately, they can always change it - as they already have. Most supporters of term limits are not aware that the House of Representatives has had a 45 percent turnover just in the last two elections.

Proponents generally think that using term limits to change the composition of Congress will produce better - and, in the view of conservatives, more conservative - decisions. But even George Will rejects this view, arguing that any improvement in outcomes will be trivial - and that "one result may be a more energetic federal government." Voters who want a more conservative Congress would be better off with the direct approach of electing conservative members.

Term limits is a vague answer to a vague problem - Congress' inability to satisfy all of our conflicting wants at the same time. The conviction that they will make our lives better owes little to serious analysis and much to wishful thinking.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, April 13, the 103rd day of 1995. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Twenty-five years ago, on April 13, 1970, the crew aboard Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, radioed Mission Control: "We've got a problem here." A tank containing liquid oxygen had burst, crippling the spacecraft. The astronauts circled around the moon and headed back to Earth, where they splashed down safely.

On this date:
In 1742, George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" was performed publicly for the first time, in Dublin, Ireland.

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Another form of orphanage: Day care

So liberals are against orphanages. Well, what do you think day care centers are if not orphanages on the installment plan?

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If you want to stop crime, at least one parent has to stay home with the children. And, it has to be a parent with a sense of right and wrong and a willingness to teach that to the child, as Charles Colson, the prison ministry guy, recently pointed out. Otherwise, you are very likely to produce a psychopath: a warped creature in human form with no conscience and no ability to relate to another human being - the kind of creature who can kill casually with no remorse.

Once the damage is done in childhood, there's no cure and no chance to rehabilitate the psychopath. You might just as well put a bullet in their heads or lock them up and throw away the key. They will never, ever be able to function as a normal human being. They will always be a danger to others as long as they live.

Psychopaths, of course, can be produced by wealthy two-parent families. It isn't income - it's love and affection or the absence thereof that is the determining factor so far as science knows at the present.

Charley Reese

Nor am I suggesting that putting a child in day care will produce a psychopath. Life is never that simple. But a child who spends most of his or her preschool years in day care institutions is not going to turn out the same way as if they had been home with the full-time attention of a parent.

Sure, I know some parents have to work. That's the rotten thing about economic hard times. It forces us to do things we wouldn't do if we had a choice. But not all mothers who work do so out of necessity. I've noticed some young couples want it all from the git-go - nice house, two cars, vacations, the whole bit. So they start out in life together with a big debt burden, and it takes two paychecks to meet the monthly payments.

In those cases, it's a matter of what you value most - material possessions or time with your children. Possessions can't make up for the absence of a parent. To a child the equation is simple: time equals love. People well off enough to be free to choose tell you what they love by how they spend their time. Children know this.

As for a career, if that's what you want don't

have children. Or put it off until your children are well into their school years. Childhood doesn't last very long, and there's always plenty of time for nonessential stuff.

Of course, if you think playing corporate politics or competitively accumulating adult toys is more important than rearing children, then God help your barren soul. I hope you don't get laid off before you get your cheap watch. I hope your stockbroker, accountant and attorney attend your funeral, though I doubt they will, as the only people who can make money off a corpse are undertakers and cemetery-lot salesmen.

But as you think about the subject, remember this: Work is repetitive, but childhood and life aren't. Your child will take his first step, only once; speak his first words, only once; experience new delights for the first time, only once. If you miss those great moments, you miss them forever. The time not spent with your children is gone forever, and there's no undoing it, no making up for it.

On the other hand, the work you do in an office or in your community will be the same this year or next year or 20 years from now. If you are skeptical, spend an hour in a library reading newspapers from 50 years ago. You'll see that nothing essentially has changed. Same-old, same-old.

Just remember, more day care is not a worthy public policy goal; creating an economy which allows mothers to stay home is.

Gambling is an unhealthy, extremely grim business

My travels have taken me through much of the industrialized world. I have even visited parts of the Third World. For instance, I covered a presidential inauguration in Mexico City a few years back, and I live right across the river from Washington, D.C. - talk about Third World! Yet, in all my travels, I have never been to a more horrible city than this. Perhaps Chernobyl is a less-healthy place than Las Vegas, and I suppose back in the days of Idi Amin there were cities in Uganda more horrible (if there are cities in Uganda), but this is the most horrible city I have ever been in.

I was invited here to speak, and soon I shall be invited to leave. I believe addicts belong in clinics where they can be treated. This whole city has been created for addicts to indulge their addiction. Of course, I speak of the gambling addict. There are addicts that are more ghastly and insalubrious, heroin and crack to name but two. Yet, gambling is no mere recreation. It has always been considered a vice, and the desperation of the thousands of gamblers swarming these streets in casinos is a sobering reminder that until recently, Americans tried to limit this vice.

Unaddicted Americans visiting Las Vegas for whatever reasons will recognize that they are in a weird place the minute they step out of the jet-way. It is then that the traveler hears the first ping of a ping-ping noise that is hard to escape in this dreadful city. This is the sound of slot machines. They are there at the airport just as you deplane. A third of the unfortunates on my flight swarmed to these idiot contraptions first thing. They stand in fluorescent rows in all the hotels I have been in.

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

The annoying ping-ping sounds from dawn until the far reaches of the night. The addicts drop coins into them and stare blankly into their windows.

With all the alarm about the health of the average American, I am surprised that neither consumerists nor environmentalists have sounded the alarm about gambling. Tobacco, alcohol, red meat and chocolate may not be health foods, but I know that they are not as harmful as gambling. In the lobby of Caesar's Palace during one brisk five-minute reconnoiter, I saw not one healthy-looking American - except for a few sober-faced dealers. I saw obesity that amazed, haggard features that no jogger or vegetarian would claim as healthy, a woman on crutches, a woebegone man with an oxygen tank. All were intently feeding their slot machines or working the craps tables. There was a mother carrying a week-old baby through the field of slot machines. Wheelchairs were out in force. My deduction is that gambling does not comport with fitness.

Gambling, like pornography, is grim business. No addict I saw seemed to be amused or to be taking much pleasure while indulging the vice - and both sexes seemed to be beset by the bug. I suppose I can understand the grimness. All are losing money. Some are headed toward bankruptcy. Most have loved ones who are going to fare badly as a consequence of their profligacy. If

gambling were a lucrative pastime, these tawdry casinos would not be so lavishly appointed and so numerous. They stand as testimonials to their clients' delusions. Here in the lap of the desert, there is a huge and stupendously ugly riverboat casino. This is a Treasure Island monstrosity. There are evocations of the exotic Orient. Perhaps the gaudiest and most imbecilic is Caesar's Palace. It is meant to evoke thoughts of the Caesar who conquered Gaul. Its ornate columns and cheap statues would sicken Mussolini.

Like all vices, gambling preys on the weak. The hordes of people rolling dice and playing keno and blackjack do not look like particularly self-reliant, dignified or even prosperous people. Many look notably dissolute. After visiting this most horrible of American cities, I am moved to wonder why mayors and states legislators throughout the country want to liberalize gambling. They see it as a means of increasing government revenue, but what about their concern about the citizenry? Given more opportunities to gamble, more foolish people will gamble, and who doubts that gambling is a passion that becomes more compulsive for people until bankruptcy cools them off?

As a libertarian conservative, I would not think of shutting down the gambling dens of faraway Las Vegas. People should be free to realize their greatest potential as well as bring themselves to ruin. But elected officials need not expedite that ruin. State lotteries encourage a get-rich-quick mentality that corrupts a whole series of virtues necessary for a healthy democracy. Casino towns such as Las Vegas belong far out in the desert.

Lifestyles

From our mailbag

Editor's note: *The Pampa News* received this postcard from a fifth-grader in Payette, Idaho, who is interested in learning about Texas. The Idaho native, Chelsea Balmer, would like your input. If you are interested in helping Chelsea learn more about our state and particularly our part of Texas, you may write her at:

Chelsea Balmer
C/O Westside School
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My name is Chelsea Balmer I'm a fifth grader at Westside school payette, Idaho. I love birds and to ride horses but I'm not too fond of washing dishes. Our class is writing letters to the editors of newspapers all across our country. We are asking that our letter be printed in your paper. We would like your readers to send us picture postcards showing your beautiful state. We think this is a cool way to learn about other parts of America and the people who live there. I chose Texas to learn about.



Chelsea Balmer



Some bunny's nose...

Left: Kaylee Willis, a daycare student at St. Matthew's Day School, uses the cut-out eyes of her bunny mask for that sense of smell. She and other students of the day school presented an Easter program Wednesday morning at the school for parents and the public.

Below: Four-year-olds Garnett Schaffer (right) and Chelsea Cain, two of Brenda Lyles' students, prepare for the show.

(Pampa News photos by Melinda Martinez)



New rule expands ban on benefits received by prisoners

The ban on Social Security benefits to prisoners has been expanded.

As of February 1995, benefits stop for people who are convicted of a criminal offense punishable by more than one year's imprisonment (regardless of the actual sentence imposed).

Benefits are not paid for months a person is imprisoned for a criminal conviction, but any family members who are eligible may continue to receive benefits.

The rule also prohibits benefits to individuals confined by court order in an institution at public expense who have been found: guilty but insane, or not guilty by reason of insanity, or incompetent to stand trial, or a similar finding based on similar factors such as mental disease,

mental defect, or mental incompetence).

If someone getting Social Security is convicted for a criminal offense or confined in a public institution under the conditions described above, you should notify Social Security immediately.

A determination will be made if, by law the offense is punishable by more than one year and if the ban applies.

Failure to report could result in overpayments and the suspension of future benefits that may be due.

For more information about the ban on benefits to prisoners call the nearest Social Security office.

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Dangers in the home

Inadequate electrical systems are the most common and most dangerous problems found in inspecting older homes for resale, according to HouseMaster, a home inspection chain.

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Program on diet concludes April 24

Concluding a two-part program "Living Light" will be presented Mondays, April 10 and April 24, from 6-7 p.m. at the Lovett Library meeting room in McLean. Donna Brauchi, Gray County Extension Agent, will present the program.

The purpose of the program series is to teach participants dietary modification including food selection, preparation, and serving.

Topics to be included are: A New Style For Old Staples; Is It True what They Say About Vegetables; The Upbeat on Fruit; Calcium: The Lighter Way; The Skinny on Meat; and Recipe Modification.

The programs will also include recipes and a food tasting. For more information, contact the Gray County Extension Office.

Interesting facts to note...

* A dust storm has visibility limited to one-half mile or less due to dust, with wind speeds of 30 mph or more.

* A flash flood is a sudden, violent flood. It typically occurs after a heavy rain or the melting of a heavy snow.

* A flash flood warning warns that flash flooding is imminent or in progress. Persons in the affected area should take necessary precautions immediately.

* The terms freezing drizzle and freezing rain are synonyms for ice storm.



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Beard grows to be irritant between husband and wife

DEAR ABBY: My problem may not seem important, but I assure you it could end my marriage.

My husband started to grow a beard shortly after we were married 18 years ago. He has always known that I hate it. He looks like a bum. It wasn't nearly so bad when he first started to grow it — but now that he is older, his beard is white, and it makes him look like an old man. I hate kissing him because his beard irritates my face.

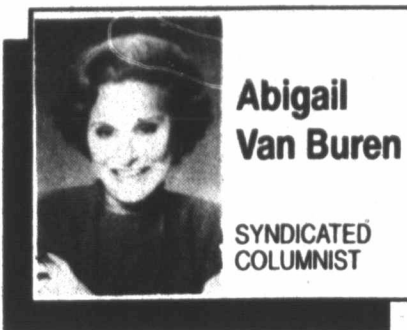
Of course, I no longer find him physically attractive. If he had had a beard when we first met, I would not have even considered dating him.

Abby, I might be able to tolerate a short, neatly trimmed beard, but his is scraggly and not nicely shaped. I suggested letting a barber trim it, but he said, "No way."

Even though I am no longer attracted to my husband, I would have no problem being attracted to other men. I am intelligent, well-educated, and I am the same weight I was when we got married. Please don't suggest counseling. My husband would never go. I wish other women would write in and let you know how they feel about beards.

ST. PAUL WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I'm glad you asked. I am an expert on beards. Some of the most famous men in the world had beards: Jesus, Sigmund Freud, Abraham Lin-



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

coln, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, and the Smith Brothers — who coughed up a fortune. My husband has a beautiful beard. But he keeps his neatly trimmed and immaculate — and I love it!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Kim," is graduating from high school this year. I have already made arrangements for her graduation party. (I rented a park grove, arranged for use of the swimming pool, food, etc.) Kim is an only child. Her father and I have been divorced since she was 4 and we are both remarried. Her father and stepmother have just adopted a newborn; my husband and I have no other children. Both households are above average in income.

Money has always been an issue between Kim's father and me, and I am always the one who winds up paying. Therefore, I am now faced with the following problem: Kim wants to invite her dad and all of the relatives from his side to her graduation party. From past experience, I am very hesitant to ask her dad to split the costs for the party, as he has never been fair with me in the past, and I end up paying for everything. Her father has already told her that since I am throwing a graduation party, he's not having one for her. I can understand her wanting everyone to be there for this event, but I'm afraid that I'll feel resentful toward these people because of her dad not wanting to be involved financially.

GRADUATION GLITCH IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR GRADUATION GLITCH: Much depends on how many relatives from her father's side Kim wants to invite — and whether they have maintained a relationship with you since the divorce. If they are numerous but distant, it wouldn't be out of line to ask him to split the bill.

Ask him in the presence of your daughter. And if he refuses, shelve the resentment for one afternoon and give Kim the graduation party she deserves.

Horoscope

Friday, April 14, 1995

Although you might have been tagged as a bit cautious or conservative in this past year, this might change in the months ahead. Your courageous instincts may be aroused and you could turn into a trail blazer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although the opposing party might want you to believe otherwise, you're the one who has the upper hand in negotiating a critical agreement today. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good time to implement changes to improve your career. Dare to be bold or different if circumstances warrant it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will have the ability today to bring together unrelated factions for a common purpose. Use this skill wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Completing distasteful assignments that you've been avoiding could give you a solid sense of achievement today. Once begun, it might even prove pleasurable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a good day for you to take care of any outstanding social obligations. Almost anything you plan should turn out to be fun for all involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Financial currents could turn in your favor as of today. Wait until you have the cash in the bank, however, before going on a spending spree.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your warmth and enthusiasm will be your greatest assets today. You can inspire hope in the hearts of those you love. You will make a

winning duo with anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This could be one of those days when friends might assist you without your having to ask. Just remember to repay their favors at a later date.

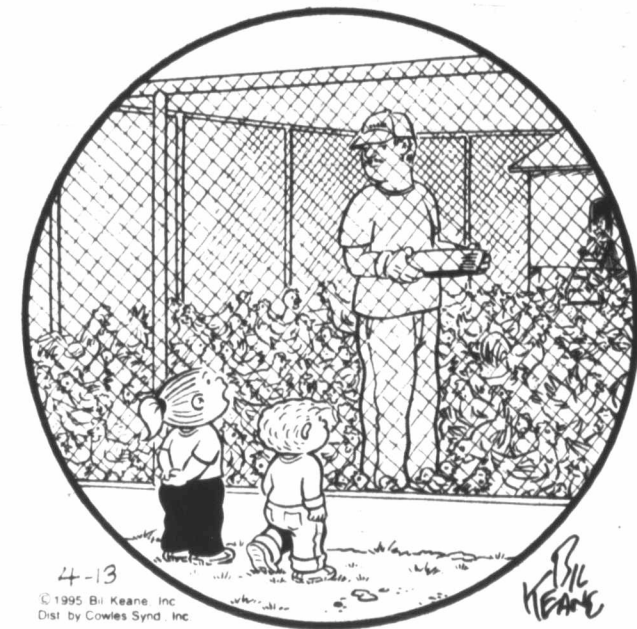
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are now in a favorable cycle for dealings with persons who could help advance your immediate plans. Temporarily shelve the older stuff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There will be a good chance that Lady Luck might work behind the scenes on your behalf today. A financial situation you recently goofed up may turn out OK.

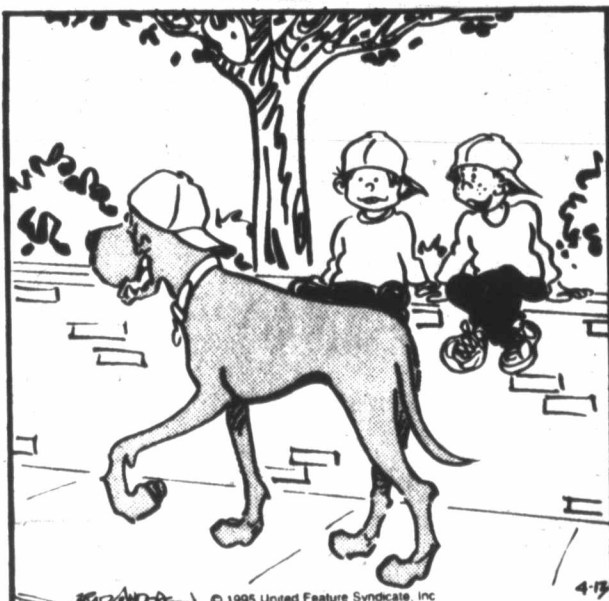
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your hopes have a good chance of being fulfilled today. Concentrate on matters that are the most meaningful to you and your partners.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You mustn't be intimidated by competitive developments today. You actually have more luck and reserve to draw upon than your adversaries have.

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"What are their names?"



"Cool."

The Family Circus



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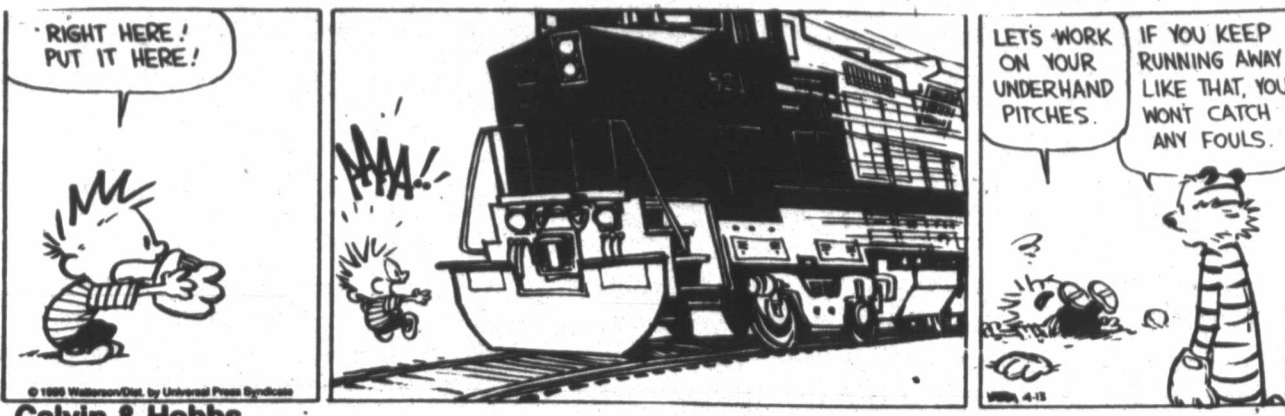
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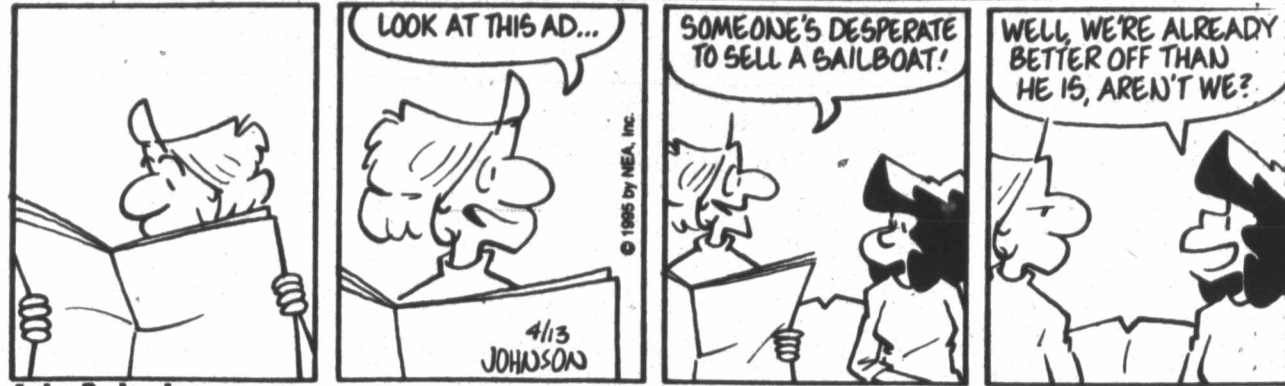
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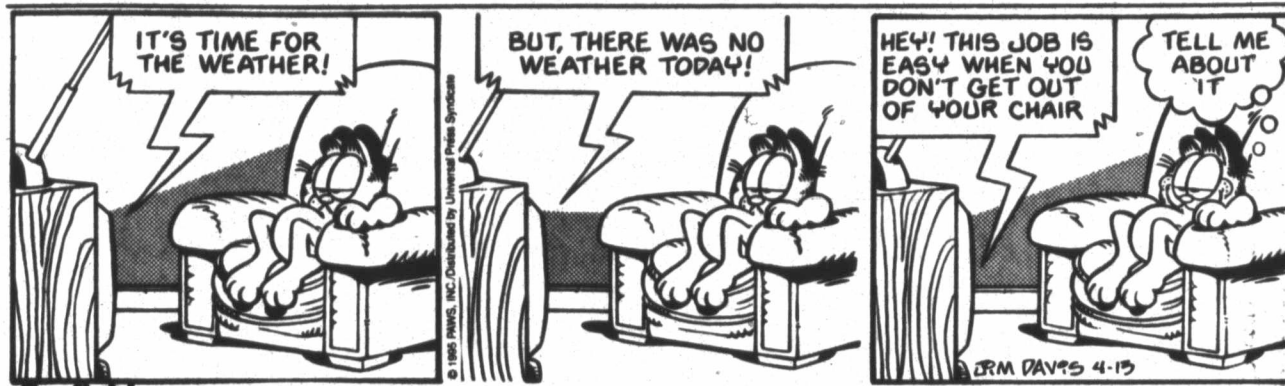
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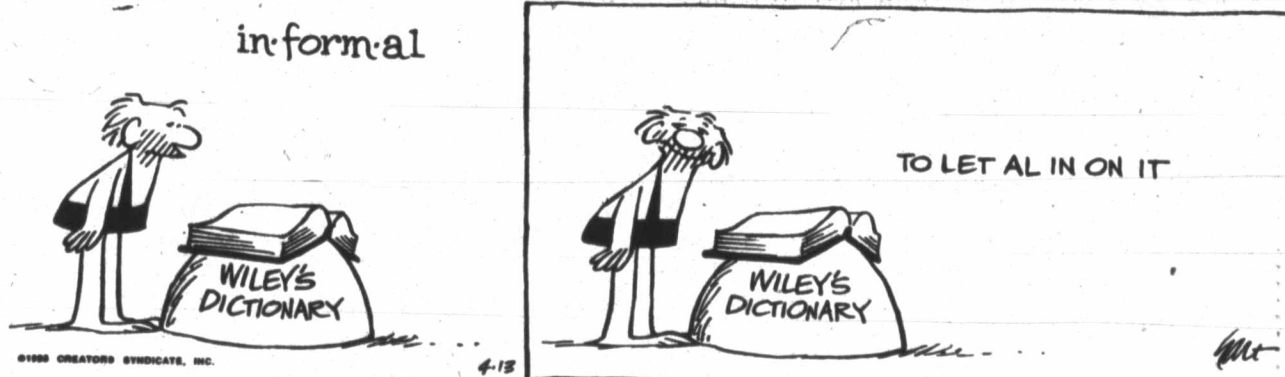
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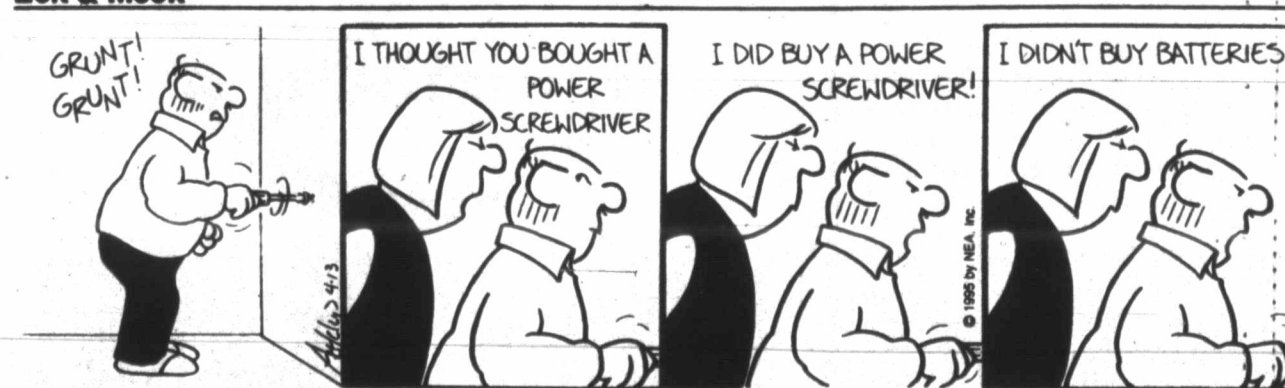
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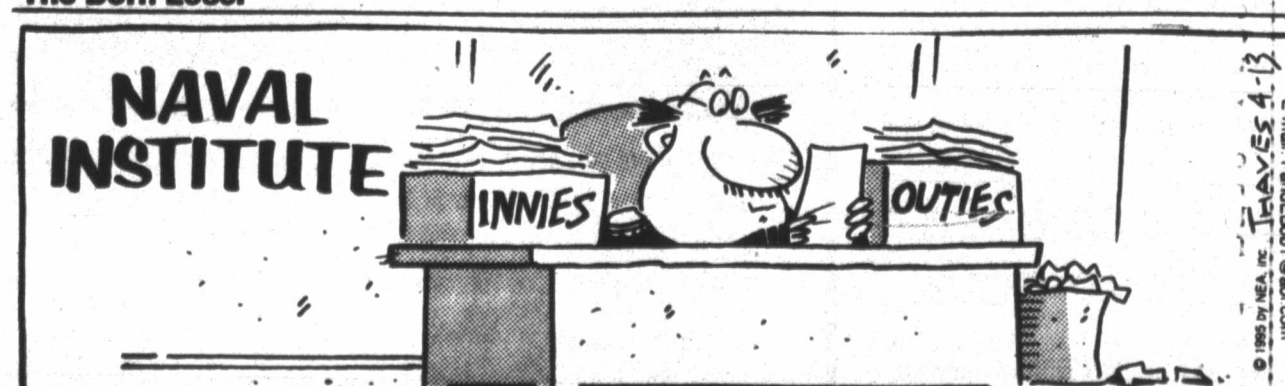
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The Born Loser



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Sports

Notebook

TENNIS

HOUSTON (AP) — Steffi Graf has met with little resistance on the women's tennis tour this year, going 15-0 in matches and 30-0 in sets played in 14 tournaments.

This week, she's looking for a challenge — the clay courts at Westside Tennis Club.

Playing in her first tournament of the year on the surface, Graf defeated Maria Strandlund of Sweden 6-2, 6-1 Wednesday in a second-round match at the Houston Women's Tennis Championships.

"It's a little difficult to get started on clay," said Graf, the world's top-ranked player and the tournament's No. 1 seed. "It's hard for me to be patient, but I felt pretty good. I just needed a few games to get started."

She needed only 59 minutes to defeat Strandlund, ranked 122nd in the world.

"Clay is not my favorite surface, but I enjoy playing on it because it's such a challenge," Graf said. "I look at it as a chance to improve."

Graf started and finished strong, using a strong forehand to wilt Strandlund, who won only five points in the first three games of the match.

Strandlund's only challenge came in the fifth game of the first set when she broke Graf for the only time in the match and then held her own serve after four deuces in the sixth game.

"I had fun out there," Strandlund said. "I'd like to set up my game more, but it was a good workout because she's so fast."

Graf returned to the attack, breaking Strandlund in the eighth game to finish off the first set.

After Graf broke Strandlund in the fourth game of the second set, the fading challenger won only three points the rest of the match.

Graf won it on the first match point by tapping a crosscourt volley out of Strandlund's reach.

BASKETBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns were down, not out.

After losing five of seven games and dropping to fourth in the race for Western Conference playoff position, Phoenix has done an about-face.

The Suns proved it emphatically Wednesday night, winning their fourth straight, 115-111 over the San Antonio Spurs, who have the NBA's best record.

"So far, we're doing very well since we were buried," coach Paul Westphal said after his team responded to the absence of Charles Barkley with a rally in the final four minutes.

Reserve Wayman Tisdale scored 16 points, including a follow shot with 24 seconds left, giving the Suns a 110-106 lead.

The Suns closed with a rush in each of the first three quarters. They led 29-28 after one and tied San Antonio 61-61 and 85-85 after the next two. And they came back from a 96-90 deficit in the fourth.

"They made some runs on us, but we came back and hit some big shots, and they missed some big shots, and I thought we capitalized," Tisdale said.

The win pulled the Suns within 1 1/2 games of the conference-leading Spurs, whose 15-game winning streak ended the previous night with a loss to Portland, while the Suns were beating Seattle in Tacoma, Wash.

Wesley Person, who finished with 19 points, hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 3:37 left, lifting the Suns to a 104-102 edge.

Barkley had 24 points and 18 rebounds before he fouled out with 4:10 left.

David Robinson had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, and Elliott scored 23.

"They got up for us," said Robinson, who had three fouls in the first quarter. "You have to give them a lot of credit. I got into foul trouble, but down the stretch they got the offensive rebounds and their big guys came up big."

Barkley, No. 28 on the NBA's career scoring list, got his 19,000th point with a free throw 50 seconds into the final quarter. He is only the 12th player to reach that level and get at least 9,000 rebounds.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — What a difference a month, a lot more money and the threat of legal action made for the St. Louis Rams.

In March, NFL owners gave the thumbs-down to the Rams' move from Anaheim, Calif., to St. Louis by a 21-3 count. On Wednesday, there was an abrupt about-face, with owners voting 23-6 in favor.

The owners also approved the sale of 30 percent of the team to Columbia, Mo., businessman Stan Kroenke, who paid \$60 million to become minority owner of a team that has had five consecutive losing seasons.

"Isn't this spectacular?" Kroenke said. "It's unbelievable."

It was a decision governed by dollar signs.

Between the owners' March meeting and Wednesday's special session, the Rams increased their financial settlement offer from \$25.5 million to as much as \$71 million, depending on certain conditions. The NFL, starting at lawsuits from the Rams, St. Louis interests and the Missouri attorney general if it voted against the move anyway, decided not to risk another losing battle in court.

"I really never doubted it," Kroenke said. "I wasn't sure how we'd do it, but I felt like the situation was too good in St. Louis to be passed up by the league. It just made too much sense."

The agreement makes the Rams the first NFL team to leave the West Coast and ends a 49-year stay in Southern California.

Major League exhibition season begins

Two hundred and forty-five days after they walked off the field last summer, major league baseball players finally resume playing games today.

They struck last Aug. 12 to preserve free agency and salary arbitration, and the walkout went on for 232 days before a court order allowed them to return under the old work rules. After just eight days of practice, a 14-day exhibition schedule begins.

"Not to take anything away from the replacement players, but the difference in velocity from today to the replacement games is unbelievable," Chicago White Sox manager Gene Lamont said after Wednesday's workout.

Players and owners will start to find out today how the fans feel. Ten games are scheduled in Florida and four more in Arizona as teams prepare for Arizona openers April 25 and 26. Nearly forgotten

are the replacement exhibition games, dominated by Houston (20-7) and Texas (19-7).

"I'm sure there will be some mixed (fan) reaction ... I mean, what else can you expect?" Pittsburgh Pirates manager Jim Leyland said Wednesday. "We haven't done a good enough job of marketing, and we've got to market it in the right way."

The games will be umpired by replacements. The regular

umps were locked out by owners in a contract dispute.

Minnesota Twins manager Tom Kelly said his players are practicing harder than they have in a long time.

"They seem to have a sense of urgency to get it down right," he said. "There hasn't been any nonsense this spring."

Teams kept scrambling to sign players Wednesday. Shortstop Jeff Blauser got the big deal, a \$10 million, three-

year contract with Atlanta that gives him the chance to earn \$420,000 a season more in performance bonuses.

"I'm happy to get going," Blauser said. "I want to put all this behind me and do what I do best and play."

Catcher-designated hitter Mickey Tettleton and the Texas Rangers agreed to a one-year deal worth \$550,000, a cut of \$950,000. He can make another \$500,000 in performance bonuses.

Winning long jump



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa 8th grader Lavonne Evans was the long jump winner at the recent Pampa Middle School girls' track meet at Randy Matson Field. Evans also won the 200 and was a member of the winning 400 and 800-meter relay teams. Both Pampa 8th and 7th grade teams are favored to win the District meet to be held April 22 in Hereford.

PHS tennis team draws 7 seeds in district meet

PAMPA — The Pampa High School varsity tennis team received a district leading seven seeds for the District 1-4A Tournament today and Saturday at West Texas A & M in Canyon.

Borger, Dumas and Hereford each had five seeds while Canyon had two. The Pampa duo of Billy DeWitt and Brooks Gentry were the No. 2 seed in boys doubles.

DeWitt and Gentry teamed up to win their second consecutive doubles title last weekend at the Amarillo Relays. They have a 33-5 record on the year. DeWitt is a senior and Gentry a junior.

David Kludt and Kyle Easley were seeded No. 3 and No. 4 respectively in boys singles. Kludt has a 15-8 record while Easley is 22-10.

Easley and Kludt placed second and third respectively at the Amarillo Relays.

Cami Stone was the No. 4 seed in girls singles with a 29-11 record. Stone's sixth place was the highest finish among the Pampa girls at the Amarillo Relays.

Julie Noles and McKinley Quarles were the No. 4 seed in girls doubles with a 12-9 record.

The top two finishers in each division qualify for the Region 1-4A Tournament in San Angelo April 24-25.

Oklahoma State finds shooters to replace Rutherford

By The Associated Press

Graham said Wednesday. "We need some perimeter people."

Marlon Dorsey of Southeastern Junior College in Iowa and Martin Lewis of Seward County, Kan., signed national letters of intent with the Cowboys on the Wednesday.

Both are shooting guards.

"Marlon is a very good offensive player," Graham said. "He is a good jump shooter and is just what we need to replace Randy Rutherford."

Meanwhile, Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said the Sooners signed Bobby Joe Evans, a 6-foot-9 post player

from McKinney, Texas.

"Evans is a blue chip recruit with an unlimited ceiling as how far he can go," Sampson said. "With hard work, he will have a chance to develop into one of the top players in the Big Eight."

Dorsey, 6-4, averaged 15.1 points and 6.3 rebounds per

game for Southeastern last year. He hit 44 percent of his field goal attempts, including 37 percent from three-point range. Dorsey had 3.8 assists per game and shot 79 percent from the free throw line.

Dorsey was a freshman at Mississippi State before transferring to Southeastern.

Middle school boys track meet to be held at Dumas

PAMPA — THE Pampa 7th and 8 grade boys teams close out the track season April 22 with the district track meet at Dumas.

Field events start at 9 a.m., followed by running events at 10 a.m.

In recent meets, the middle school teams finished fifth at Hereford.

In the 7th grade division at Hereford, Javier Cruz of Pampa placed first in both the 1600 and 2400. Justin Roark was a double winner for Pampa in the 8th grade division, winning the 1600 and 2400.

In a Borger meet, the 8th grade placed fifth and the 7th grade finished sixth.

Pampa results are listed below:
Hereford track meet
7th grade

400 relay: Pampa, fifth place.
800: Ryan Mills, fourth place.
400: Matt Heasley, sixth place.
800 relay: Pampa, fourth place.
110 hurdles: Justin Trollinger, first place, 19.8.
1600: Javier Cruz, first place, 5:52.57.
1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place.
2400: Javier Cruz, first place, 8:50.56; Ryan Mills, fourth place; Richard Leger, sixth place.
Discus: Cody Shepard, third place.
Long jump: Nathan Arm, second place.

8th grade
400 relay: Pampa, fifth place.
800: Narciso Solis, second place; Johnny Salazar, fifth place; Juan Saldierna, sixth place.
400: Jared White, fourth place.
800 relay: Pampa, fifth place.
1600: Justin Roark, first place, 5:32.1; Andres Vasquez, fourth place.
1600 relay: Pampa, fourth place.
2400: Justin Roark, first place, 8:42; Andres Vasquez, second place.
High jump: Justin Roark, fourth place; Adam Murtishaw, sixth place.
Discus: Jared White, first place, 121-7 one half; Jeremy Miller, fourth place.
Shot: Jeremy Miller, third place.

Borger track meet
7th grade
2400: Javier Cruz, first place, 9:07.10; Ryan Mills, fourth place.
400 relay: Pampa, sixth place.
110 hurdles: Justin Trollinger, fourth place.
800 relay: Pampa, sixth place.

8th grade
2400: Justin Roark, first place, 8:44.1; Narciso Solis, sixth place.
400 relay: Pampa, sixth place.
400: Jared White, second place.
800 relay: Pampa, fifth place.
1600 relay: Justin Roark, second place; Andres Vasquez, third place.

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BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Warner Horton Supply	41	11
Derrick Club	36	16
Cox Enterprise	31	21
Graham Furniture	30 1/2	21 1/2
Harbison Fischer	23 1/2	28 1/2
Harvester Lanes	23 1/2	28 1/2
McA Doodles	22 1/2	29 1/2
Don's Pro Shop	22	30
Carter's Automotive	16 1/2	38 1/2
Scribner Welding	13 1/2	38 1/2

Weekly highlights
 Preston Wiley 211; Randy Radzloff 203; O'Neil Anderson 181; Andy Anderson 213; Larry Thompson 201; Warren Dahn 209-223; Mark Nolte 202-200; Kerrick Horton 182; Benny Horton 223-247-246-716; Judy Anderson 183; Donna Nunamaker 205-181; Sue Batcher 191; Larry Crow 203.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with Tony Covington, safety, on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League—Sent Jamie Langenbrunner, right wing, to Kalamazoo of the IHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned Tim Watters, defenseman, to Phoenix of the IHL.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Mario Robeige, left wing, from Frederickton of the AHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Sent Philippe DeRouville, goaltender, and Jeff Christian, left wing, to Cleveland of the IHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled Pat Fokee, center, from Portland of the AHL.

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-San Antonio	56	19	.747	—
x-Utah	54	22	.711	2 1/2
x-Houston	44	32	.579	12 1/2
Denver	36	39	.480	20
Dallas	34	41	.453	22
Minnesota	20	55	.267	36

FISHING REPORT

4 pounds are good on minnows; crappie are good on minnows fished in 18 feet of water; catfish to 4 pounds are good on minnows, shrimp and night crawlers.

GRANBURY Water clear; normal level; 60 degrees; black bass to 3 pounds are fair on spinner baits fished in 10 to 10 feet of water; striped bass are good on chautreaux jigs fished in 28 feet of water; white bass are good on Castmasters; crappie are fair on small minnows and chautreaux jigs fished in 12 feet of water; catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 20 feet of water.

GREENBELT Water clear; normal level; 55 degrees; black bass are good on minnows, spinner baits and Rat-L-Traps fished along the edge of the bank; white bass are fair on slabs; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 8 feet of water; catfish to 15 pounds are good on minnows, shrimp, night crawlers and cheese bait; walleye are good on minnows, slabs and lures fished along the bank.

KEMP Water murky; 1 foot low; white bass are good on live bait and slabs; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished over brush; all other fishing is slow.

MEREDITH Water clear; normal level; 50 degrees; smallmouth are good on crawfish and Thundersicks fished along the rocks; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 18 feet of water; catfish are good on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water; walleye are finishing up the spawn and are good on jigs with a minnow fished along the bank at night and some are caught on minnows during the day.

OAK CREEK Water clear; 8 1/2 feet low; 52 degrees; black bass up to 8 1/2 pounds are good on purple worms fished late in the evening in shallow water; white bass are good with stringers of up to 40 fish caught by trolling white and shad colored Model A Bombers; crappie are spotty with a few caught on minnows; catfish to 10 pounds are good on minnows and chicken liver.

OLHIVE Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries.

POSSUM KINGDOM Water clear; 2 feet low; 65 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on Rapalas, Bass Assassins and Slug-gos fished in less than 10 feet of water; striped bass to 14 pounds are good on live bait and by trolling Rat-L-Traps; white bass are good by trolling Rat-L-Traps in the Cedar and Rock Creek areas; crappie are good on minnows fished in the brush on the shallow end of the lake; catfish to 7 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and cut bait.

PROCTOR Water clear; 3 foot high; very few fishermen out due to weather conditions.

SPENCE Water muddy; 33 feet low; 62 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on Power Worms, Rat-L-Traps and crank baits fished in 1 to 7 feet of water; white bass are slow with some fish caught on slabs fished in 18 to 20 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 12 to 15 feet of water; catfish up to 42 pounds are good on minnows, worms and perch.

THEO Water stained; low; black bass are fair; carp are good on dough bait.

TWIN BUTTES Water fairly clear; rising; 67 degrees; black bass are good on worms fished in 6 to 7 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are slow.

WHITE RIVER Water clear; extremely low; black bass up to 6 pounds are fair; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in deep water; walleye are fair to good on live bait.

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	20	13	44	121	106
New Jersey	17	14	7	41	106
Washington	16	14	7	39	96
N.Y. Rangers	15	19	3	33	98
Tampa Bay	15	20	3	33	98
Florida	14	17	5	33	88
N.Y. Islanders	11	21	5	27	93

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with Alejandro Pena, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Luis Raven, infielder, on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with Joe Hesketh, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with Mike Gallego, infielder, on a minor-league contract. Designated Kerwin Moore and Scott Lydy, outfielders, for assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with John Cummings, Tim Harikiala and Jim Meetz, pitchers; Chris Widger and Dan Wilson, catchers; and Anqueter Pozo and Des Relaford, infielders, on one-year contracts. Announced that Chris Howard, catcher, has accepted an assignment to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League but will stay on the temporary inactive list so he can use him in spring training.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Mickey Tettleton, designated hitter, on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Mike Timlin and Edwin Hurtado, pitchers, and Felipe Crespo and Tomas Perez, infielders, on one-year contracts.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with Jeff Blauser, shortstop, on a three-year contract, and with Dwight Smith, outfielder; Mike Stanton and Pedro Borbon, pitchers; and Mike Mordcael, infielders, on one-year contracts.

CHICAGO CUBS—Claimed Steve Dixon, pitcher, off waivers from the Cleveland Indians.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with Jeff Conine, Greg Colburn, and Darrell Whitmore, outfielders; Charles Johnson, catcher; Ryan Bowen, Vic Darenburg, Kurt Miller, Yorkis Perez, Rich Scheid, and Dave Weathers, pitchers; and Eddie Zosky, infielder, on one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of Pat Rapp and John Johnstone, pitchers, and Kurt Abbott, shortstop. **LOS ANGELES DODGERS**—Agreed to terms with Billy Ashley, outfielder; Omar Daal and Greg Hansell, pitchers; and Rafael Bourmigal, shortstop, on one-year contracts. Renewed the contract of Felix Rodriguez, pitcher.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Brook Fordyce, catcher, on a one-year contract. Sent Juan Castillo, pitcher, to the Houston Astros to complete the trade for pitcher Pete Harnisch.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with Ricky Botalico and Mike Mims, pitchers, on one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of Mike Munoz, Jeff Juden, Toby Borland, Heathcliff Slocumb, and Mike Williams, pitchers, and Rob Butler and Tony Longmire, outfielders.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with Jamie Brewington, Dan Carlson, Bobby Gamez, Andy Heckman, Chris Hook, Stephen Mintz, Lou Pote, Joe Rosselli and Steve Whitaker, pitchers; Eric Christopherson and Marcus Jensen, catchers; and Dax Jones, outfielder, on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with Bo Orlando, safety, on a two-year contract.

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W	L	Pct.	GB	
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x-New York	50	25	.667	4 1/2
Boston	32	44	.421	23
Miami	29	47	.382	26
New Jersey	28	47	.373	26 1/2
Philadelphia	21	55	.276	34
Washington	18	57	.240	36 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Indiana	49	28	.636	—
x-Charlotte	46	29	.613	2
x-Chicago	42	34	.553	6 1/2
x-Cleveland	40	36	.526	8 1/2
x-Atlanta	38	38	.500	10 1/2
Milwaukee	31	45	.408	17 1/2
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SCOREBOARD

Midwest Division

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x-San Antonio	56	19	.747	—
x-Utah	54	22	.711	2 1/2
x-Houston	44	32	.579	12 1/2
Denver	36	39	.480	20
Dallas	34	41	.453	22
Minnesota	20	55	.267	36

Canadian's Hiemstra overcomes injury to win district singles title

MEMPHIS — The Canadian girls doubles team of Tisha Carr and Hilary Brown was expected to win the District 2-2A Tennis Tournament this season. It was another matter in boys singles where Canadian's Joe Hiemstra under difficult circumstances pulled off a big upset.

Hiemstra, who suffered a foot injury early in the match, rallied to beat No. 1 seed Brandon Reyes of Panhandle, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, in the finals.

"Joe's foot was swelling up on him, but he hung in there," said Canadian tennis coach John Hiemstra, who is also Joe's dad. "Reyes loves to rush the net and Joe's lobs started working on him. Rios is a good athlete, he played on Panhandle's basketball team, but he started wearing down running back and forth. It was a long match, about two and a half hours, so it was an exciting victory for Joe."

Hiemstra, who advances to the regional tournament April 26-27 in Abilene, boosted his singles record to 21-2. Last year as a sophomore, Hiemstra didn't qualify for regionals in singles, but he did make it in doubles with partner Jeremy Harper.

Carr, a junior, and Brown, a sophomore, were the favorites in girls doubles and they more than lived up to their No. 1 seed. They dispatched Mandy Edwards and Amanda Godfrey of Memphis, 6-4, 6-1, in the finals. In district play, Carr and Brown won 37 games and lost only seven.

They dominated the tournament and they should be one of the favorites at regionals," added Hiemstra.

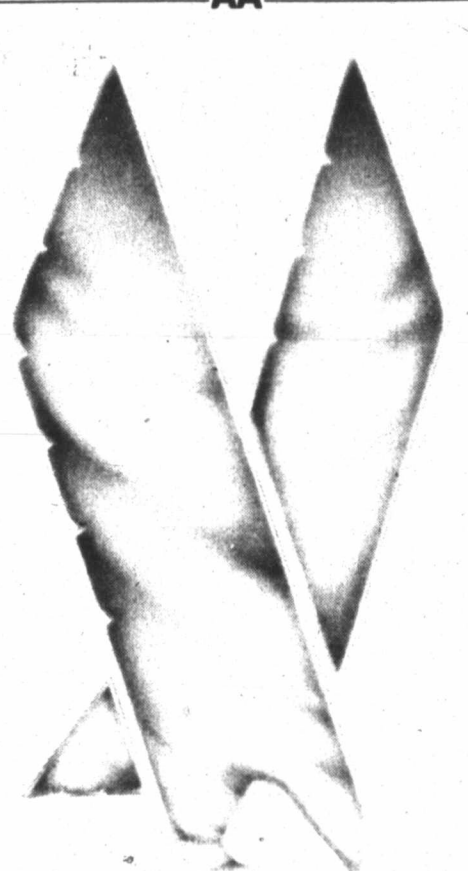
Carr and Brown enter the regional tournament with a 25-2 record in doubles. Their only losses were in the semi-finals of the Pampa Tournament and the semi-finals of the Amarillo Relays.

Hiemstra's win wasn't the only upset of the tournament. Jason Fowler and Roy Perryman of Memphis weren't seeded No. 1 in boys doubles, but they surprised Brian Hughs- and Zach Helton, also of Memphis, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5, in the finals.

"We're in a strong district," Hiemstra said. "There's good competition all the way through."

In other matches Tuesday at Memphis, Tatum Rankin and Allison Lusby of Canadian placed third in girls doubles. In girls singles, Marcella Morehead of Canadian finished third.

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Retail sales rise moderate 0.2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales rebounded from their biggest decline in more than a year and rose a moderate 0.2 percent in March in the latest sign of slower economic growth.

The Commerce Department also said today that sales fell more sharply in February than previously estimated. They were off a full 1 percent then, revised from an earlier reported 0.4 percent decline.

Analysts expected a modest recovery for sales last month and said their slower pace this year signals an overall slowdown in the economy.

Bolstering that assessment, the Labor Department reported today that the number of new claims for jobless benefits fell by 4,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 338,000.

The Commerce Department said sales in the first quarter of 1995 were 5.9 percent higher than in the same period a year earlier.

The February drop in sales had been the first since they fell 0.2 percent last May and was the largest decline since a 1 percent drop in January 1994.

Auto sales were unchanged last month after dropping 1.3 percent in February. Excluding car sales retail sales rose 0.2 percent in March after falling 1 percent the previous month.

Analysts said seven increases in interest rates by the Federal Reserve since February 1994 are slowing economic growth and have not yet had their full impact. The most recent boost, a half-percent point, was on Feb. 1.

The Commerce Department said sales totaled a seasonally adjusted \$191.7 billion, up from \$191.3 billion in February.

Sales of durable goods were up 0.4 percent in March after sliding 1.2 percent the previous month.

Building materials led the increase, jumping 1.4 percent in March. Furniture sales were up 1 percent.

Purchases of durable goods in March increased 5.2 percent over a year earlier and were up 8.1 percent for the first quarter compared to the same period in 1994.



Nondurable goods, which fell 0.9 percent in February, were unchanged last month. Department store sales climbed 0.5 percent, but purchases at food stores slipped 0.4 percent.

Gasoline purchases fell 0.2 percent in March and sales at drug stores were off 0.4 percent. Sales at restaurants and bars rose 0.8 percent.

Sales of nondurable goods were up 3 percent last month from a year ago and were 4.6 percent for the first three months of 1995 compared to the same period the previous year.

Million dollar scholarships program planned

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Over the next few years, 100 high school graduates who would have trouble paying for a college education will be able to attend St. Mary's University for free.

A \$1 million scholarship program targeting financially strapped students was unveiled Wednesday by the school and the Rotary Club of San Antonio.

Students must qualify for the federal Pell Grant aimed at the needy

and they must be graduates of the Rotary Club's Diploma Plus high school dropout prevention program.

"These are the kinds of kids we want to work with and we want to be part of the larger process of making their lives a success," said the Rev. John Moder, president of St. Mary's.

Diploma Plus began in 1991 with \$500 scholarships in \$50-a-month stipends to 20 high school seniors. The idea was to give stu-

dents enough money to keep them from dropping out of high school.

In the years since, the program has awarded 650 scholarships and it boasts a 92 percent graduation success rate.

High school counselors nominate needy students for the scholarship during their junior year. As seniors, they must maintain a "C" grade average and a 95 percent attendance rate to keep getting the \$50 stipend.

Cheating scam unravels in Windy City

CHICAGO (AP) — They were the best and the brightest, flashing broad victory grins as they posed for cameras after winning the Illinois Academic Decathlon.

One month later, team members have shed tears of humiliation in the principal's office and others have spoken of suicide. One teacher has resigned under fire and two more are being questioned. There even is talk of criminal charges over the cheating scandal at Steinmetz High School.

"I didn't cheat, I won my medal fair and square," Eric Krysiak, a 17-year-old member of the Academic Decathlon team, insisted Wednesday.

"I feel very violated," said Krysiak, a senior who wants to be a genetic researcher. "This has been going down for a month, so of course it brings me down But life goes on. In six months, no one will remember my name."

Authorities say a student stole the test a week before the competition, and confessions from several students leave no doubt

that cheating by the Steinmetz team was widespread. They say one student even posed as a judge and gave top marks to a schoolmate.

The scandal has riveted Chicago for a month. In a radio interview Wednesday, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin called it "a sign that integrity is not given all that high a priority today, personal and collective integrity."

Steinmetz won the March 11 Illinois Academic Decathlon, a day-long series of oral and written exams that tests students' knowledge in 10 areas, from math and science to the fine arts. About 5,000 students competed in similar competitions nationwide.

The trouble began two days after the competition, when a Steinmetz student gave his English teacher an essay titled "Confession."

It said: "The following story is true. The names have been somewhat changed to protect the innocent — heck, the names have been changed to protect me."

The essay told of cheating during the March 11 competition, encouraged by a teacher whose name resembled that of Steinmetz coach Gerard Plecki. The next day, after meeting with Steinmetz Principal Constantine Kiamos, the student said his essay was fiction. Kiamos called it "a tall tale."

On March 16, Decathlon officials told the team it would have to take a "validation test." Steinmetz scored 49,500 of a possible 60,000 points in the championship round — 9,400 points more than it had scored in the regionals. Officials also said that of the 12 students nationwide who scored more than 900 on the math test, six were from Steinmetz — and four of those were B or C students.

On March 22, the team refused to take the second test and was stripped of its title. The same day, Steinmetz graduate Angela Lam said the team cheated in 1994. Two days later, Plecki admitted giving test answers to students in 1994 but denied cheating in 1995.

Eight arrested in connection with vat murder

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — For 21 1/2 years, many people here suspected that Thomas Monfils was beaten to death at a paper mill because he tipped police about a union brother's theft of an extension cord.

Monfils' body was found at the bottom of a two-story pulp vat at the mill, a 40-pound weight tied around his neck. Authorities said they had trouble putting together a case because the union intimidated many of Monfils' co-workers into silence.

But on Wednesday morning, police cars began arriving at the James River Corp. mill and a SWAT team converged on the plant. Six of Monfils' co-workers were arrested on charges of murdering him, and two others —

including the plant's union president — were arrested on a lesser charge related to attempts to kick him out of the union.

District Attorney John Zakowski hoped the arrests would encourage other people to come forward with additional information. "Having people removed from their jobs might jog a few memories and ease a few fears," he said.

According to the criminal complaints, it all began Nov. 10, 1992, when Monfils placed an anonymous call to police saying that Keith M. Kutska was going to steal an extension cord from the mill.

Kutska was suspended five days without pay for refusing to let a security guard check his bag.

He later convinced police to turn over a copy of the tape of the phone tip — even though Monfils had told police he feared for his life if Kutska found out who made the call.

"He stated he was worried that he would disappear some night and not show up at home," the complaint said.

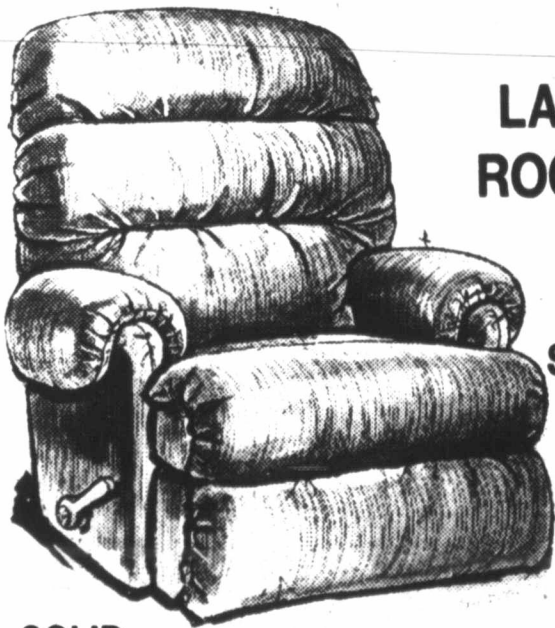
But Kutska convinced police that he had been cleared and was just trying to find out who framed him, so that union action — such as a fine or ejection — could be ordered.

The morning after obtaining the tape, Kutska played it for Monfils and several other union members. Some taunted and threatened Monfils for informing on a fellow union member.

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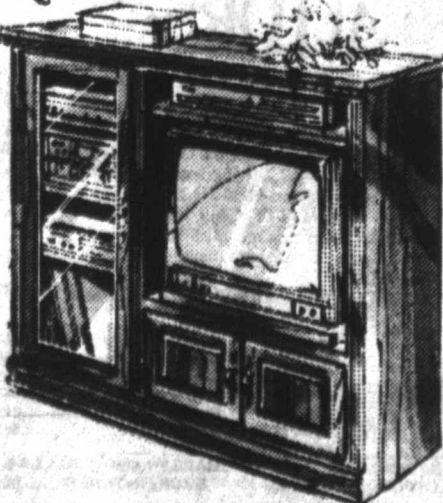
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