

THURSDAY

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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — And the count is three.

Bob Neslage, 50, a Chaumont resident, filed his intention to run for mayor Wednesday afternoon.

Now a three-way race, Neslage will vie for the city's top elected spot against incumbent Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews, accountant for Bourland-Leverich, and Norman Howard, Texas Department of Criminal Justice corrections officer. Neslage lists his occupation as investments, according to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

In a drawing for ballot position today, Howard's name will be listed first, Neslage's second and Andrew's third, under the section for mayoral candidates.

On the ballot, under candidates for commissioner Ward 1, Bill Willingham will be listed first and incumbent commissioner Jeff McCormick will be listed second.

Incumbent Ward 3 Commissioner Robert W. Dixon is unopposed for re-election.

The deadline for filing for city and school positions passed at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

PAMPA — Filings for upcoming trustee elections of the Pampa Independent School District ended Wednesday with both places having two candidates.

For Place 6, incumbent Chris Perez, Cabot Corp. employee, will face David H. Smith, certified public accountant in the oil and gas business.

For Place 6, R.W. "Bill" Jones, former school principal, will face Nancy Poole, part-owner and corporate secretary of V.E. Wagner Well Serving. Incumbent Sherry McCavit did not file for re-election.

Early voting by early appearance will begin April 17 at Carver Center and end on May 2. Trustee election day is May 6 at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

PAMPA — The Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will meet Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Recreation Park east of Pampa.

The newly formed organization provides opportunity for fun, fellowship and music. Regular meetings will be held the fourth Saturday of each month.

For more information, contact President John Stokes at 665-7896 or Vice President Jim Greene at 665-8067.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket purchased in Baytown has correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said today. The jackpot was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 7, 9, 19, 22, 24 and 39.

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

Lottery officials said 193 tickets matching five of the six winning numbers Wednesday are each worth \$945.

Also, 9,381 tickets sold with four of six numbers are each redeemable for \$70. Another 157,216 tickets sold with three of six numbers were each worth an automatic \$3, lottery officials in Austin said.

GOP adds more money for child care

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans added more money for child care in response to concerns their welfare bill would make parents work without helping care for their children. Democrats said the additional money still would leave thousands of children home alone.

The amendment by Rep. Nancy Johnson, D-Conn., to add \$160 million per year for child care through the year 2000 passed the House on a voice vote. It still leaves the yearly allocation for child care just below current levels.

But Republicans say their plan, which will consolidate seven federal child care programs into one lump-sum payment to the states, will eliminate much waste in the current overlapping federal system.

"A great deal is lost in the confusion among the various programs," said Rep. Jan Meyer, R-Kan.

Democrats, who planned to offer two substitute bills to the GOP proposal, said Johnson's amendment was commendable but simply not good enough.

Quoting former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said: "You can put lipstick on a sow and call it Monique but it's still a pig." She said the welfare bill eliminates child care for 400,000 children, while the amendment still eliminates it for 300,000 children.

The Republican bill — called the Personal Responsibility Act — would dismantle 45 social programs developed over six decades and send money and the responsibility of dealing with the programs directly to the states. More than 2 million legal immigrants could be barred from key programs.

Republicans say their approach will be

more efficient as states find innovative reforms, saving more than \$66 billion over five years. Democrats say the states are getting money with few strings attached, while poor people are losing the guarantee that they will be taken care of when in need.

Debate on amendments to the welfare overhaul were continuing today. But the Republican leaders' determination to meet their promise to vote on the provisions of their "Contract With America" within the first 100 days of this Congress already had its price Wednesday, when they squelched a break in their own ranks.

Anti-abortion Republicans and infuriated Democrats nearly blocked the welfare bill, as a vote to begin debate squeaked by, 217-211.

That was only the beginning of a very nasty day, which reached an angry crescendo by early afternoon when Republicans included an abortion amendment in a package of 11 amendments, declared there would be a single vote on the package, and cut off debate after an hour.

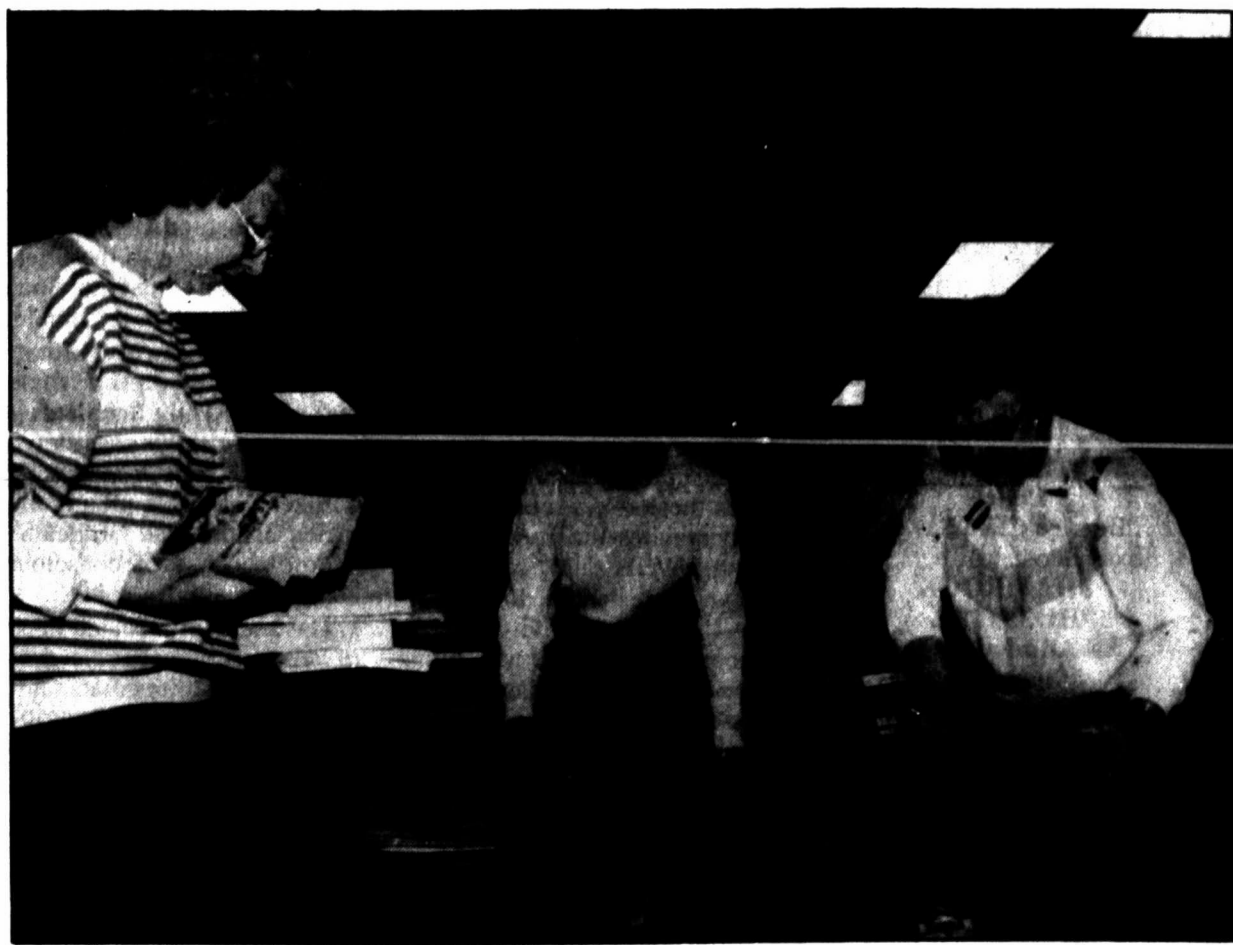
"Will you get these highly paid members to sit down and shut up? You all sit down and shut up. Sit down and shut up," Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., roared at the presiding officer.

Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., interrupted, asking, "Is petulance a proper form of behavior for a member of Congress?"

"I will be as petulant as I want to be," a red-faced Gibbons shouted back, before complaining that the bill was meant to children. The remark prompted Republican boos.

"Boo if you want to, make asses out of yourselves if you want to. . . . Let 'em boo, Mr. Speaker," said Gibbons.

Books, books and more books



(Special photo by Darlene Holmes)

Friends of the Library sort through books as they prepare for the group's annual used book sale to benefit the library. From left are Mary Jo Fiveash, treasurer, and volunteers Becky Roberts, Alice Warner and Dovey Massie. The book sale, in the library's auditorium, will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Friday is for Friends members and the handicapped.

Scores left homeless after grass fires sweep across Panhandle area

AMARILLO (AP) — Scores of people are homeless today, while workers were expected to return to their jobs at a nuclear weapons plant, one day after wind-swept grass fires scorched the Texas Panhandle.

The fires consumed several homes, gutted a Canyon apartment complex Wednesday and sent workers at the Pantex plant home early.

At least one firefighter was treated for burns, while three others received minor injuries or suffered breathing problems.

Officials said at least two fires burned near the nuclear weapons plant, but were on adjacent land owned by Texas Tech University.

About 2,500 workers were sent home early so officials could shut down the plant's ventilation system. However, several hundred essential personnel and security were left at the nation's primary disassembly site for nuclear bombs, said Tom Walton, a Department of Energy spokesman at the plant.

"Basically the only thing we did was curtail our weapons work to shut down the ventilation system

so we wouldn't be pumping smoke into the areas," he said.

The plant was expected to open as usual today, Walton said.

Pantex — a 10,000-acre site about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo — also stores plutonium from dismantled warheads.

"There was no fire at the plant site itself," Walton said. "While this is not a normal thing, it's not totally unusual either. We have had other fires race through grass lands that adjoin us in the past."

The cause of the blaze, which started in mid-afternoon and was fanned by strong winds, may have been a discarded cigarette, said Ricky Hamilton, chief of the Panhandle Fire Department. Panhandle is about 11 miles from the plant.

"A cigarette was probably thrown out on the road because it started right near the road," he said.

Pantex plant fire units that were assisting Potter County at another grass fire were recalled to the plant.

Six structures were damaged. Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

Jurors begin deliberations on punishment for Henry Watkins Skinner

FORT WORTH — Jurors began deliberations at 10:55 a.m. today in the punishment phase of a capital murder trial to consider whether a Pampa man should receive the death penalty for killing three Pampa family members on New Year's Eve, 1993.

Final arguments by prosecution

and defense attorneys were delivered this morning before jurors retired to consider whether Henry Watkins Skinner, 32, should face death by lethal injection or a life sentence.

He was convicted Saturday of killing his girlfriend, Twila Busby, 42, and her two sons Elwin Caler,

22, and Randolph Busby Jr., 20.

Bailiff Wayne Carter said jurors were expected to have lunch from noon to 1 p.m., when they will resume deliberations.

Police found Skinner splattered with blood and hiding in a friend's bedroom closet shortly after the murders.

"It appears this individual does not have a conscience which prevents him from doing these acts of violence," psychiatrist Richard Coons testified Tuesday for the prosecution.

But the defense painted another picture.

"He was always polite to me,

always a gentleman," testified Gray County jailer Marquetta Wampler.

Skinner declined to take the stand Wednesday after Judge Kent Sims denied a motion to limit the prosecution's cross-examination.

The trial was moved to Fort Worth on a venue change.

Pampa students warned of dangers of using inhalants

Pampa elementary students are being warned about the dangers of inhalants and poisons this week as part of their drug prevention curriculum.

Lesley Koetting, coordinator of the Student Assistance Program, said the teaching about the dangers of inhalant abuse and poisons is being conducted as part of Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, being observed nationwide March 19-25.

The purpose of the week-long observance is to get the facts out to as many people as possible, Koetting said.

A 1994 Texas school survey indicates that one in five seventh graders has sniffed or "huffed" a legal product to get high. National statistics indicate inhalants to be the third most popular "drug of choice" for middle school kids after alcohol and tobacco. A 1994 national survey of eighth graders

indicates that 19.9 percent have used inhalants, compared to 16.7 percent who have used marijuana.

"In a survey we did in 1993, 21 percent of Pampa High School students stated they had used inhalants at least once in their life, so this is a problem we face in Pampa as well as other areas of Texas and across the U.S.," Koetting said.

"It's a problem we see with the middle-school age students more often than with the older students," she added.

Part of the reason for aiming instruction about the dangers of inhalant abuse at elementary age students is to lessen and prevent the use of inhalants at later ages, she noted.

In addition, information is being provided to all school employees on inhalants to raise awareness of its abuse among the school staff, Koetting said.

Parents also should be very aware of the dangers posed by children using inhalants, many of which are found among common household products, she said. More than 1,000 common household products, everything from cleaning fluids to spray paint, can be misused by intentionally inhaling concentrated fumes.

Inhalants are chemicals that when purposely inhaled (breathed in) make a person feel intoxicated, a feeling of being drunk or "high." Inhalants fall into three major groups: (1) solvents, (2) aerosols and (3) anesthetics.

Solvents include model airplane glue, lighter and cleaning fluids, nail polish remover and gasoline. Aerosols include paints, cooking sprays, hair sprays and other spray products. Halothane and nitrous oxide (laughing gas) are both types of anesthetics that can be inhaled.

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Signs of Inhalant Abuse

SIGNS OF INHALANT ABUSE:

- red or runny eyes or nose
- spots or sores around the mouth
- chemical breath odor
- drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance
- nausea, loss of appetite
- anxiety, excitability, irritability
- paint or stains on body or clothing

ABUSE MAY ALSO SHOW THESE SIGNS OF WITHDRAWAL:

- hand tremors
- chronic headaches
- nervousness
- excessive sweating

Texas Prevention Partnership

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

STRAWN, Danny Leon — 2 p.m., Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa

Obituaries

JODIE R. COOK

Jodie R. Cook, 66, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 22, 1995 in Amarillo. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Shugart, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Arrangements are with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cook was born Aug. 29, 1928 in Bloomer, Ark. He married Mary L. Smith on Feb. 12, 1951 at Tatum, N.M. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. He worked for Gulf for 33 1/2 years, retiring as a plant supervisor in 1984. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a son, Jodie M. Cook of Venice, Italy; a daughter, Charon Bradford of Canadian; a sister, Imogene Wilson of Rolando, Okla.; and two brothers, Jack Cook and Buster Cook both of Fort Smith, Ark.

LLOYD DEE LEEPER

CLARENDON — Lloyd Dee Leeper, 63, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, March 22, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with Mike Suiter, minister of Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors Inc.

Mr. Leeper was born in Carey, Childress County. He lived in Pampa until moving to Clarendon over 35 years ago. He married Theola Jean Noble in 1953 at Clovis, N.M. He worked at Wallace Monument for 19 years and then at Ivan Dement Construction Co. for six years before his retirement in 1980.

He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Clarendon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7782 and also volunteered for several years with Clarendon Emergency Medical Services.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Nita Ellis of Clarendon; two sons, Bobby Leeper of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mike Leeper of Morrison, Colo.; his mother, Eunice Leeper of Clarendon; a sister, Lafern Gibson of Long Island, N.Y.; four brothers, Jack Leeper of Clarendon, Wilbur Leeper of Quitaque, Benny Leeper of Temple and Verrell Dean Leeper of Kansas; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

HERMAN N. SANCHEZ

Herman N. Sanchez, 76, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 19, 1995. No services are planned. The body will not be available for viewing. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sanchez was born in Green Gap, N.M. He had worked in the oil fields of the Texas Panhandle and had lived in Pampa for 65 years. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include four sisters, Margie Silva of Springerville, Ariz., Charalotte Henderson and Mary Hart, both of Magdalena, N.M., and Angie Wanhola of Boron, Calif.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa:

Wheat	3.26	
Milo	3.95	
Corn	4.49	

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

NOVSCO	9 1/8	NC
Occidental	20 3/4	up 1/4

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

Magellan	71.06	
Puritan	15.10	

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

Amoco	61 1/4	up 1/8
Arco	113 1/4	dn 5/8
Cable	36 3/8	up 1/8
Cable O&G	14 7/8	up 1/8

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Officer Kyle Battin reported found property at 2831 Perryton Parkway.

Brad Lee Clay reported hit and run at Tip Top Used Cars, 848 W. Brown.

Jessica Bencomo Walker, 629 N. Cuyler, reported theft between 12:03 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Marilyn Burk of Gas-n-Stuff, 225 W. Brown, reported theft at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Jason Dewey Kysar, 1209 N. Duncan, reported theft of a 14 carat gold belt buckle valued at \$350.

Kim McGill of Coronado Hospital reported found property.

Mary Arellano of Gas-n-Stuff, 225 W. Brown, reported theft.

Lt. Tommy Pickering reported recovery of a stolen vehicle at 1200 N. Hobart.

Rebecca Ann Sampson, 1133 Willow, reported criminal trespass between 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. Entry was made through a back gate.

Dennis Steve Cochran, Amarillo, reported information.

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Larry Dean of Fairview Cemetery reported burglary of a building. Taken within the last week were a floor jack valued at \$50, battery charger valued at \$60 and arc welder valued at \$385.

Capt. Kelly Randall of Pampa Fire Department reported attempted burglary at the south fire station on South Barnes which occurred between March 16 and March 22. A northeast corner window was broken out. Damage estimated at \$25.

Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Doyle Smith reported burglary of a motor vehicle at 1822 Charles.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a driving while intoxicated incident in the 200 block of South Price Road.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Shannon Ray Hunter, 23, Phoenix, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Johnny Edward Lee, 66, Groom, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Pampa
Lloyd R. Harvey
Elizabeth Heiskell
Billie Fern Holman
Velma J. Hughes
Borger
Toni Lynn Hubbs
Canadian
Velma Lee Munson
McLean
Helen Webb Black
Birth

Pampa Admissions

Carmen Bernal
Tonia Esteen Porche
Lefors
Bernice Clara Sawyer (extended care)
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Shamrock
Brady Risinger
Erick, Okla.
Shirley Holcomb
Dismissals
Ada, Okla.
Jessica Bender
Robin Wall
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Heather Hodge

To Mr. and Mrs. Devin Wesley of Pampa, a girl.

Dismissals

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Unknown - An unknown vehicle was in collision with an unattended 1988 Chevrolet pickup owned by Tip Top Used Cars, 848 Brown. Also damaged was a street sign, owned by the state of Texas, valued at \$50.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

1:55 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 1311 Rham.

Gingrich wants pressure put on tax-cutters

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich is asking business people to lobby recalcitrant Republicans resisting his effort to pass "Contract With America" tax reductions intact.

"We need your help in calling your member of Congress to let them know ... we ought to keep our word on the contract," he told a U.S. Chamber of Commerce town meeting beamed via satellite to 3,700 sites nationwide on Wednesday.

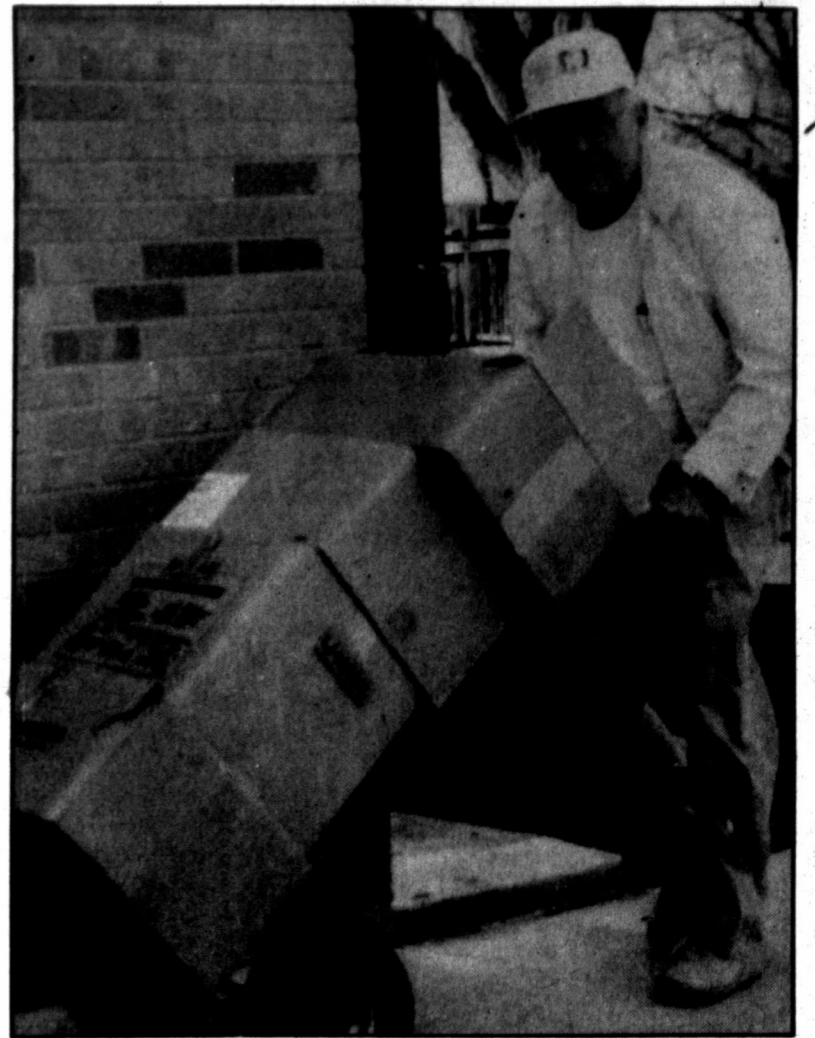
Gingrich raised the specter of George Bush, who lost the White House after renegeing on his "read-my-lips" pledge not to raise taxes.

"I was there when people told President Bush it was OK to raise taxes. It destroyed his presidency," Gingrich said.

His exhortation came a day after 102 rebellious Republicans, nearly half the party's 230-member caucus, signed a letter asking for a chance to scale back the centerpiece of the GOP tax cuts, a \$500-per-child credit.

As approved by the House Ways and Means Committee last week, the bill allows the full credit for households with incomes up to \$200,000, and phases out the credit for households earning between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Bringing in the books



(Special photo by Darlene Holmes)

Walt Bailey brings in another load of books in preparation for the annual Pampa Friends of the Library used book sale scheduled Friday through Monday at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

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Inhalants

Among the many household products that can be used as inhalants are such items as charcoal starter fluid, window cleaner, stain removers, tire sealant, shoe shine spray or shoe polish, wood and furniture stains, varnish, brake fluid, transmission fluid, windshield de-icers and art supplies.

"Younger kids try inhalants because they are legal, inexpensive, easy to get," said Harvey Weiss, executive director of the Texas Prevention Partnership, which is one of the founding members of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

"Reported sudden sniffing death syndrome can occur when the user inhales these toxic substances and within minutes the heart can stop beating," Weiss said. "Inhalant use also can cause damage to the brain, lungs, liver and other vital organs."

According to Weiss, who founded the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, inhalant abuse has

been a "silent epidemic" which only recently has gained the attention of the media at the national level. A statewide prevention campaign developed by the Texas Prevention Partnership in 1990 has become a model in the fight against inhalant abuse.

The misuse of many common household products can be the same as taking poison. Chronic inhalant users can suffer severe and permanent brain damage, loss of consciousness and/or irreversible damage to the liver, kidneys and bone marrow. Some die the first time they try inhalants.

As with all drug use, taking more than one drug at a time multiplies the risks. Using inhalants while taking other drugs that slow down the body's functions, such as tranquilizers, sleeping pills or alcohol, increases the risk of death from overdose. Loss of consciousness, coma or death can result.

The heavy or repeated inhalation of solvents or aerosols can have many serious immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate effects include headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, loss of self control and unconsciousness.

Serious long-term effects include weight loss, fatigue and permanent damage to the central nervous system.

Studies have indicated that inhalant abuse may also result in the loss of motor skills, short and long term memory loss, and the destruction of brain cells. Finally, death can result from accidental suffocation, heart failure or respiratory failure.

Koetting suggested that parents become aware of the dangers of inhalant abuse and then teach their children about this abuse. If parents suspect inhalant abuse by their children, they should consult a school counselor or drug counseling center.

She said education should start at a young age because inhalant abuse often starts at the elementary school level, either out of curiosity or from the accidental inhaling of household products.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Clear tonight, with increasing cloudiness after midnight. Low in the lower 50s with southeasterly winds 10-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the middle 80s and southerly winds 20-30 mph and gusty. Wednesday's high was 81; the overnight low was 41.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 50-55. Friday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs from low to mid 80s.

North Texas - Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows 55 to 62. Highs 81 to 89.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from mid 60s inland to near 70 coast. Friday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs from near 90 inland to near 80 coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with morning fog. Lows in mid to upper 60s. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 80s inland, upper 70s coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, subsiding winds. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and mountain

snows northwest third. Partly cloudy east and south. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains and northwest, upper 40s to mid 50s southeast plains, mid 30s to 40s elsewhere. Friday, cooler with brisk winds. Mostly cloudy with scattered mainly mountain snow showers northwest third. Partly cloudy east and south. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, upper 70s to mid 80s southeast plains, 60s to low 70s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows mainly in the 50s. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs from mid 70s northern Oklahoma to mid 80s Red River valley.

City briefs

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

Judge sides with Willie Nelson on drug charge

AUSTIN (AP) — Less than a year after paying the bulk of a \$9 million tax debt to the IRS, singer Willie Nelson appears to have beaten a misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession.

A smiling Nelson praised a Waco judge during a news conference in Austin Wednesday for suppressing evidence in his case, which began last May when Hewitt police officers found Nelson sleeping in his gray

Mercedes along Interstate 35 after a long night of poker with friends. Hewitt is just south of Waco.

Officers contended that along with Nelson, they found less than an ounce of marijuana in the car.

Instead, Nelson said, authorities wanted to give him six months probation, a fine and take his driver's license away.

On Monday, McLennan County Court-At-Law Judge Michael

Gassaway granted a motion by Nelson's lawyers to suppress evidence in the case, including the marijuana found in the car and any statements made by Nelson after the search. Gassaway ruled the state failed to establish probable cause for the search.

McLennan County prosecutor Alan Bennett said he disagreed with the judge's ruling and was considering an appeal.

Munday named V.P. for cattle raisers association

SAN ANTONIO — A former Panhandle area resident was named new executive vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers this week.

Steve Munday, a graduate of West Texas State University and former official with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was

named to replace Don King, retiring head of the cattle raisers association. Munday will assume the duties as the top staff person with primary responsibility for day-to-day management of the Fort Worth-based association on April 1.

Munday, a native of Haskell,

graduated from WTSU in 1970. He joined Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers after a brief stint with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo, agricultural editor of the Abilene newspaper and editor of the Simmental Cattle Magazine. King will retire April 1 after 10 years with the association.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.

ST. MATTHEW'S Day School Annual Rummage Sale and Bake Sale. Saturday, March 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 727 W. Browning. Don't miss this one! Adv.

WHEN IT'S hot on the outside, keep cool on the inside with a new air conditioning system! Call Malcolm Hinkle, 665-1841 for a free estimate. Adv.

MACHINE EMBROIDERY Class. Monday, March 27th. Morning or evening. Register at Sand's Fabrics. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE Chicken and dumplings, fried pork chops, barbecue polish, chicken fried steak, banana pudding. Thursday 5-8 p.m. Call-ins welcome. 665-2454. Adv.

RIDING MOWER for big or small jobs. Rototilling, weedcut, fertilizing. Reasonable rates. 665-7150. Adv.

GROOM MOTOR Route (newspaper delivery) available April 1st. Apply now, at Pampa News. Adv.

SALE ON all winter merchandise. Great prices! We're having a 3-Man Scramble, April 1st. Entry fee \$90 Team. Call Hidden Hills, 669-5866. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Mary Jane and Mary McBee. 1040EZ \$15 and 1040A \$25. 669-9910. Adv.

"PETER PAN," March 24-25, M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$4, students \$3. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS - 1, 2, 3 bedroom, unfurnished, references required. 669-7682. Adv.

REASONABLE RATES for Lawnmowing and Edging, etc. for the Spring and Summer. Call and make an offer. 665-7339. Adv.

AVON SALE - Discounts! 1301 E. Francis, Friday, Saturday. Adv.

TAN AT King's Row \$25 per month, 1312 N. Hobart, 665-8181. Adv.

SIDEWALK/GARAGE Sale. March 25, 10-5:30. Old/new stuff. The Cottage Collection. 2121 N. Hobart. Adv.

GRAND OPENING - Come in and register for give away fashions. Sale rack-selected Spring. Billie's Boutique, 2143 N. Hobart. Adv.

GARAGE SALE - 2549 Aspen. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Adv.

FROM POPCORN machines, to prep tables, to ice machines, we can give you the best deals on all your restaurant equipment and parts needs. Call Heidi at Malcolm Hinkle - 665-1841. Adv.

PLEASE DONATE to the Meals on Wheels Garage Sale, Monday afternoons 2-5 p.m. North end of Pampa Mall. 669-1007. Adv.

HAVE YOU been the victim of a casualty or theft? Find out about the income tax consequences from H&R Block. 1301 N. Hobart, 665-2161. Adv.

PROM DRESSES, party dress, worn once, size 7-8, matching shoes, 1-cancan. Call 669-9968 for appointment. Adv.

Community Calendar

March

23 — SENIOR PROM Planning Session, Pampa High School Library at 7 p.m. All senior parents are encouraged to attend.
 24-27 — FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE, Library Auditorium, Lovett Memorial Library.
 24 — MEN'S POWER LUNCH, sponsored by Pampa Area Jay Strack Crusade, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, Heritage Room. Tickets are \$7 and are available at 203 N. West or from Randy Watson at the First National Bank. Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 22.
 25 — COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE, TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD BUILDING, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. National Guard Family Support Group will have a Lunch and Bake Sale.
 25 — AMERICA MARCH OF DIMES WALK, 9 a.m., CENTRAL PARK (weather permitting). For more information, contact Lisa Mitchell at 665-3721, Ext. 100, or 665-6346.
 28 — PANHANDLE DAY in AUSTIN.
 28 — FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLUBS OF GRAY COUNTY will sponsor a SEW FAIR from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building. Cost is \$5 for either or both sessions. Open to the public.

April

1 — March of Dimes Annual "WALK AMERICA" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Kim Bates for more information at (806) 374-5783.
 1 — GREAT TEXAS TRASH OFF. For more information contact Pam Green at 665-2514.
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Cheerleader mom may be headed back for new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — The woman dubbed Cheerleader Mom in an alleged murder-for-hire plot may soon be headed back to court for a new trial.

The Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday declined to look at the request of Wanda Holloway's attorneys, who asked that the case against their client be thrown out for lack of evidence.

Prosecutors maintain that Ms. Holloway wanted to boost the chances of her daughter making a Channelview cheerleading squad by killing Verna Heath, the mother of her daughter's chief rival. They said Ms. Holloway believed Amber Heath would be so grief-stricken that she would drop out of the competition.

Already, Ms. Holloway's 1991 murder-for-hire conviction, which resulted in a 15-year sentence, has been thrown out. That came after the judge learned a juror was under indictment when he heard the case.

State law bans convicted felons or people who are under indictment or a felony accusation from serving as jurors.

The state appealed the decision, but lost when the higher court upheld the trial court judge's decision. At the time, Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said his office would stop all appeals and that Ms. Holloway would be tried again as soon as possible on a charge of soliciting capital murder.

After Wednesday's decision, Harris County prosecutor Mike Anderson said he expects to retry the case by this summer.

But defense attorney Troy McKinney said not to bet on it.

"Just because they decided not to hear it doesn't mean that we are not right," he said.

'Peter Pan' cast members



(Special photo by Frank Anderson)

Dressed up in their costumes for the Pampa Elementary Chorus musical production of *Peter Pan* are, front row from left, Amy Robbins, Wendy; Nathanael Hill, Peter Pan; Hayden Wade, Michael; and Cory Bigham, John; and back row, Mary Alice Warner, Second Twin; Josh Herr, Curly; Jordan Roberts, Tootles; Michael Eskridge, Slightly; Kelly Tripplehorn, Nibs; and Abby Cavalier, First Twin. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.

Judge sentences repeat offender to read books

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Repeat misdemeanor offender Jeffery Nelson knows about being booked. Now he's going to start reading books.

Nelson pleaded guilty Tuesday to driving with a suspended license. County Court at Law Judge Joe Martin sentenced him to a \$100 fine, 180 days probation and court costs.

He also required the 29-year-old Huntington man, who has appeared

before him previously for misdemeanor offenses, to visit the library every morning for 180 days and begin reading the classics. Nelson must submit a report of at least 250 words on each book.

Martin said Wednesday that Nelson was a repeat driving while intoxicated offender who was not rehabilitated by his numerous visits to jail.

"I've got a reputation as a hanging judge ... I've thrown the book at him before."

"Maybe if he reads these books, something will click in him. That's kind of the hope I have," he said. "He sat and read for two hours this morning. I'm not saying that I'm a great influence or anything. But it can't hurt him to hang around me two hours a day."

Senate bill outlaws 'canned hunts'

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has approved a bill to outlaw so-called canned hunts, in which wild animals are killed in captivity. But the measure doesn't protect mountain lions because of ranchers' concerns over livestock.

The measure by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, was passed 30-0 Wednesday and goes to the House for consideration.

"It's now known as the 'canned kill' bill, because shooting an animal at pointblank range when it has no place to run or hide obviously is not a hunt," Moncrief said. He called the practice "cowardly (and) barbaric."

Under his bill, the ban would apply to lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, bears, elephants, wolves and rhinos.

Moncrief said mountain lions weren't included because of concerns from ranchers who want to protect their livestock from predators. He said he didn't want to endanger passage of the bill.

The bill is supported by Lee Bass, chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, who said in a letter to Moncrief, "I agree with you that such practices are contrary to the ethics of true sportsmanship and have no place in the rich hunting traditions of Texas."

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Opinion

The crime fight results in spats

It's unfortunate that the debate over the nation's crime fight has come down to a tiff between House Republicans and the president over how to shovel federal tax dollars at states and cities. Those are tax dollars, of course, that came from those states and cities in the first place.

As most Americans know by now, the president champions a "crime bill" from last year's Democratic Congress that in part earmarked \$8.8 billion to hire additional law officers in local jurisdictions around the country. Meanwhile, the new GOP controlled House recently passed another "crime bill" that changes assorted provisions from last year's effort, including the funding for more cops. The new version passed instead would reserve fully \$10 billion for more flexible "block grants" to states and municipalities; to spend on the crime fight as they see fit - whether on manpower or hardware, fighting crime of preventing it, etc. Yet both essentially take the same tack.

The dueling crime bills both rely on federal funding for other provisions as well, like state prison construction, with the GOP's substitute bill tinkering a bit with 1994's formula.

Either approach in principle misses the point. Fighting the kinds of crime most Americans are familiar with and worry about in their daily lives is simply not a federal concern to begin with. It's by and large a local matter. Local citizens and the law enforcers they hire are the most familiar with their communities' needs, including where public safety is concerned.

At the same time, locals are the ones who lightly should shoulder the costs of those basic needs. Why should citizens of Clovis have to bear the burden of combating common criminals in Chicago or Los Angeles?

Which raises the question: Why not leave that extra federal funding that Newt and Bill are feuding over with the states and localities to begin with? Sure, once something as grandiose as a federal "crime bill" passes - calling for more cops on the street, no less - it's hard for the political opposition to undo. After all, who wants to go on record fighting the crime fight? So the new congressional majority instead riddles with the formula at least to secure more flexibility in funding for the states. Yet the entire effort remains misplaced.

Which is not to say the GOP's revised crime bill doesn't have its merits; the federal government does have a legitimate role in the crime fight. There is an entire penal code that deals with federal crimes, and to the extent that the GOP bill tries to tighten that code to secure justice, it's justifiable. Examples are the bill's provisions to loosen the restrictions on federal prosecutors' use of evidence and to limit the time inmates on death row have to file appeals in federal court. Such moves are within the federal government's purview.

But the appropriation of citizens' money to fight their own local crime amounts to little more than an unnecessary detour of tax dollars. If only our lawmakers in Washington could ever resist the urge to appear magnanimous with our own money, attempting to fund ever more matters that were never intended by the founders of our republic to be the concern of central government at all.

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The obstacle of affirmative action

In theory, affirmative action furthers a colorblind society by letting minorities rise to the level they would anyway in the absence of discrimination. But the idealistic case for racial preferences has little to do with the practice, which is on unflattering display in the dispute over the Chicago Police Department's lieutenant exam.

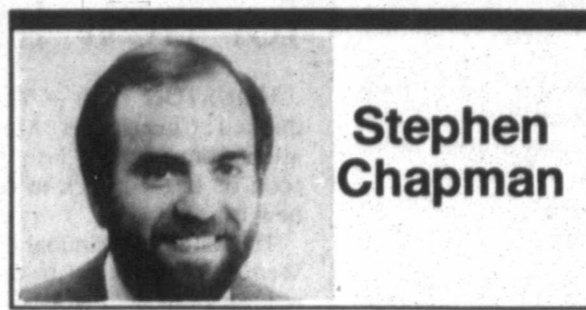
Chicago has a long history of controversy over advancements in the Police Department. In recent decades, every round of promotions has been the occasion for a round of lawsuits over the method by which they were made - with one group or another claiming it was the victim of a biased selection procedure.

In an effort to eliminate factors like racial bias and political connections, the city commissioned the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen to prepare and administer a new set of promotional tests. But of the 114 officers promoted as a result of last summer's sergeant exam, only five were minorities. When critics complained about the scores of minority applicants, Mayor Daley replied that they should "study harder."

The lieutenant exam, which was also supposed to be the sole basis for selections, generated similar results. Of the 54 top scorers, 51 were white, and three were black. But by then, Daley, who saw Jane Byrne evicted from City Hall in 1983 because she inflamed black voters against her, was in the middle of an election campaign against a black opponent and didn't want to follow her into exile.

So to assure "fairness," Daley announced he would promote another 13 sergeants to lieutenant. Job performance was supposed to be the key criterion. But to no one's surprise, the complexion of those chosen perfectly matched the mayor's political needs.

Of the 13, five were black, and three were Hispanic. Those promoted on the basis of the test

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were 95 percent white. Those picked on the basis of, um, other factors were only 38 percent white. Adding insult to injury to the sergeants who did well on the test, the extra promotions - which were plainly made to get the racial numbers right - were referred to by the most Orwellian of terms: "merit" promotions.

Job performance may be a sound criterion for choosing lieutenants. But the mayor didn't appreciate its importance until he needed an excuse to promote blacks and Hispanics who would not have been promoted under the system the city had chosen. He had no explanation for why top-performing blacks and Hispanics, unlike top-performing whites, did poorly on a test of facts that lieutenants ought to know.

Racial diversity is undeniably an asset to a big-city police department. An all white force would be at a disadvantage in a city where blacks and Hispanics constitute a majority. But there is no danger of the Chicago Police Department or its command structure becoming all-white.

The force is now 25 percent black and 8 percent Hispanic. Among the highest ranking officers, the figures are almost identical. That is diverse by any standard - except the standard of rigid proportional-

ity to the city's population, which is 39 percent black and 20 percent Hispanic.

Critics may insist that Chicago police can't do a good job unless they mirror the racial makeup of the community. Does that mean a city whose population is 98 percent white should limit black cops to no more than 2 percent of the force?

But making sure the police can do a good job has nothing to do with this episode. What is at work is a system of racial spoils. Daley has made a transparent effort to appease certain politically powerful groups by handing out jobs on the basis of skin color.

If that comes at the expense of white sergeants who played by the rules they were given - only to see the rules changed afterward to alter the outcome - too bad. If it exacts a price in public safety, tough luck. If it produces more racial friction rather than less, so what?

Jews, Mormons and other religious minorities have been discriminated against in this country at some time or another. But religious prejudice has subsided to the point that no one worries whether the Chicago Police Department or any other large institution is sufficiently "diverse" in the religion of its employees. The transformation occurred because our laws and values conditioned us to think of religion as irrelevant in choosing employees.

When it comes to race, on the other hand, affirmative action has taught the lesson that race should be a major consideration in hiring and promoting people - so that someday, race will not have to be a major consideration in such decisions.

Defenders of racial preferences might ponder whether religious minorities would be better off today if they had been the "beneficiaries" of religious quotas. If affirmative action is leading us toward colorblindness, it is taking a mysterious route.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 23, the 82nd day of 1995. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, in a speech to the Virginia Provincial Convention, Patrick Henry made his famous plea for American independence from Britain, saying, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:

In A.D. 752, Pope Stephen II was elected to succeed Pope Zacharias; however, Stephen died only two days later.

In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere.

In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

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Responsible people don't parrot propaganda

Years ago Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) wrote a brilliant article about how journalists and even the targets of terrorism pick up and accept as legitimate the propaganda terms the terrorist uses.

His point: Responsible people don't parrot propaganda.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a short supply of responsible people these days. For example, House Republicans want to eliminate several categorical grant programs, including school lunch programs, and lump all the money into block grants for states to use as they see fit within broad categories.

Democrats, of course, rather than argue the issue - categorical versus block grants to accomplish social goals - resort to propaganda: "The Republicans are cutting out school lunch programs."

Journalists could help stamp out this kind of partisan demagoguery just by calling the people who use it. I saw one responsible journalist do that, and Rep. David Bonior (D-Mich.) had to hop, skip and dance to explain himself.

Bonior's convoluted explanation went like this: Well, no, they are not proposing to cut out school lunches, but the effect is the same because when the money gets to the states there wouldn't be anybody lobbying for the children's share, and the states would therefore spend it on other programs.

That might be true if there were a state with nothing

Charley Reese

but orphans, but all 50 states happened to have children with at least one parent (and in most cases two).

Bonior's argument, if you can call it that, seems also to rest on the assumption that only liberal Democrats in Congress have any concern whatsoever about poor children, whereas the legislators of all 50 states, presumably including liberal Democrats in the State Houses, are all flint-hearted Scrooges who will abandon hungry children as soon as the federal government frees them from restraint.

Bonior knows better than that. I'm disappointed to see him driven to demagoguery by the sting of defeat and perhaps his personal dislike of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He ought to get over it. He's a better man than that.

But whereas Bonior has the excuse of the shock of his party losing power and perhaps personal animosity, what excuse do those journalists have who just picked up the demagoguery and are now claiming as "fact" that Republicans will be cutting out school lunch programs?

No excuse. They know better. They are just playing partisan politics.

Yet many of these high-priced partisan journalists look down their noses at Rush Limbaugh. He's not a journalist, they say. He's partisan, they say. Well, Limbaugh is a heck of a lot more intellectually honest than most of the Beltway journalists. Limbaugh openly proclaims his partisan allegiance. He doesn't pretend to be neutral while moving the marker for one team.

John McLaughlin, who used to be a priest, ought to give those on the "McLaughlin Group" absolution after each show. Some of his panel members are quick to parrot the propaganda.

But there you have it in a nutshell, folks, the reason for the decline of public discourse in America. Nobody cares. The politicians don't care. Most journalists don't care. Most editors and publishers and network executives don't care. As long as what is said is "attributable to somebody" or "technically true" and legally defensible, then who cares if it's substantively true or not?

Nobody should care more than journalists and politicians. Without honest public discourse, a free society is already on the gurney and rolling toward the morgue. Dictators need farmers, artisans, workers, doctors and so forth. The two groups they don't need are journalists and politicians.

The rest of you out there maybe watching America's politicians and journalists joining in a suicide pact.

Unfounded litigation has become a public nuisance

President Bill Clinton may be the first American to go broke underestimating the intelligence of the American people. The cynic Mencken supposedly said, "No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence or taste of the American people." Well, here comes Boy Clinton, the smartest young rascal ever to honeyfogle the gals and galoots of Hot Springs. His future solvency is in doubt.

Just the other day at his press conference, he whined about how deplorably vulnerable his administration is to prosecution in the litigious atmosphere of Washington. Sure: He, his lovely wife Bruno and a dozen or so of his appointees are being circled by a growing number of prosecutors, independent counsels and other law enforcement agents. But the entire country has become litigious, not just Washington. "We live in a time now where the first thing people call for is a special counsel," said our leader midst a bewilderingly incoherent answer to a reporters question as to why he is in so much legal hot water. Yes, Mr. President, but you and your liberal friends have been the champions of the office of special counsels and of the poisonous atmosphere of litigiousness that engulfs us.

Just three days after Clinton whined about the litigation he faces, his administration announced its campaign against the Republicans' efforts at tort reform. The GOP has promised to reduce the land mines of litigation that are concealed all around us, owing to the lawyers' hunger for perfect justice, out-of-court settlements and gaudy contingency fees. The fees and settlements have made trial lawyers fat and happy, at least until they get hit by a bad day in court. More and more Americans are

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

suing and getting sued on flimsier and flimsier grounds every year. The courts are choked with frivolous suits triggered by some malcontent's fanciful complaint or by some lawyers scheme to get rich. Both prosper on the misery of others, and the misery need not be all that serious. Remember the lady who sued McDonald's because she spilled its hot coffee on her fibula, or perhaps tibia, whilst riding in a car and holding the coffee between her thighs? A jury awarded her nearly \$3 million for that, and her lawyer moved on to the next lunthead, or, perhaps, he retired.

The Republicans want the losers in frivolous or nuisance suits to pay the legal costs they have imposed on their opponents - or, shall we say, their victims. The Republicans want punitive damages to be brought back to Earth, and they want to keep scientific frauds out of the courtroom. They want to return the courts to the dignified constitutional tribunals that they were rather than the gambling casinos that trial lawyers have turned them into. The lawyers gamble with the law, and we all pick up the tab. Tort costs as a percentage of Gross National Product amount to less than 0.5 percent in Japan and about 0.5 percent in Germany and the United Kingdom. They have soared to over 2.5 percent of the American GNP. Everyone pays significantly higher insurance rates because of it. Plants that cannot keep up with skyrocketing insurance rates or are

hit with exorbitant punitive damages are closed, and jobs are lost. Yet, the crafty trial lawyers prosper.

Clinton (Yale Law School '73, husband of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Yale Law School '73) says the Republicans' reforms are a menace to "the average middle-class consumer" and a boon to the hellish "corporations," as though the "corporations" do not pass their costs of litigation, product liability insurance and government regulation on to "the middle-class consumer." From his chair as White House Counsel, the Hon. Abner Mikva (University of Chicago Law School '51) laments that "basically, this is an anti-consumer set of bills." Apparently, Mikva is not aware that consumers also carry insurance, work in the business community and live today with a fear of legal harassment that they never had to live with a generation ago.

Since the 1960s, America has lived through an exponential growth in litigation expense. In California, the largest punitive damage awards affirmed on appeal were only \$10,000 until the 1960s. In the 1960s, the figure climbed to \$250,000. It hit \$750,000 in the 1970s. In the 1980s - hold on to your toupee, Mr. Mikva - it soared to \$15,000,000! Now, there is justice for you. The cost of litigation is climbing at 12 percent annually, higher than the cost of health care that the White House was so exercised about last year. Yet, Americans cannot avoid health care. They ought to be able to avoid rapacious lawyers and idiots who do not know that hot coffee should not be placed between the legs. They also ought to be able to avoid presidents who complain about a litigious society one day and encourage it a few days later.

Lifestyles

Being drug free



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Betty Scarbrough of Coronado Community Hospital, hands Stacy Gross, a Pampa High School senior who is a member of the PHS D-FY-IT chapter, a specimen bottle and information sheet during random drug and alcohol screenings conducted for 21 students who are members of the organization. Over 200 students belong to the organization which strives to keep students drug and alcohol free. D-FY-IT conducted the screenings in conjunction with "Drug Free for Texas." Coronado Hospital tested the specimens.

TOT recognizes National Ag Day

The Top O' Texas Cattlewomen joined in the observance of National Agriculture Week, March 14-20.

The Panhandle-area organization sponsored a promotion on Pampa Radio Station KOMX in which area 4-H members presented some of their views toward the importance of agriculture and related fields in brief spots aired on the station.

National Ag Day, March 20, concluded the observance nationwide.

"National Ag Day helps bridge the gap between consumers and producers through two-way communication," said Diana Pate of Shamrock, Ag Day chairman for the Top O' Texas Cattlewomen.

"By listening and responding to consumers' needs, agriculture will continue to improve," Pate said. "New uses are a direct response to consumers' environmental and economic concerns."

With less than two percent of Americans living on farms these days, National Agriculture Day reminds people of the important role American food and agriculture play in daily life.

"American agriculture deserves special recognition for its incredible achievements in feeding, clothing and sheltering our country," said Elroy Webster, chairman of the Agriculture Council of America.

"We in the agriculture industry are constantly changing to meet the changing needs of our ultimate customers — American consumers," Webster said.

Webster noted that corn, wheat, soybeans and other crops are more than just food and fiber; they have become staples for consumer products like biodegradable plastic, cosmetics and ink. In many instances, agricultural products directly replace non-renewable resources and are much more environment-friendly.

"The economic and environmental benefits of these new uses for agricultural products are astounding and provide promise for developing rural communities," said Bob J. Nash, USDA undersecretary for rural development. "Now many crops can be produced and processed all in the same community, and that means jobs."

Students and host families sought for student exchange program

The American International Youth Student Exchange Program is a non-profit high school foreign exchange program in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world. AIYSEP believes a greater international understanding is accomplished among people and countries through cultural and home stay programs. It offers qualified students a chance to spend a summer, semester or school year with a host family in America or abroad.

At present, American host families are being sought for 25 students from high schools in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year. Students will arrive in the United States in late August, attend the local school and return home in late June next year. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home country and will receive medical insurance and spending money.

Host families are also being sought for 25 European and foreign students, ages 16 and 17, for a duration of

four to six weeks in the upcoming summer. American families with small children are welcome to participate in both programs. All families hosting a student for the summer, semester and year can deduct \$50.00 a month for income tax purposes.

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What's new on the button front

By KAROL STONGER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If not loathe, some men are at least slow to change the clothes they wear.

A big step might be to buy pants with a flat front instead of pleats. Or to buy a jacket with three buttons instead of two, or with two buttons instead of one.

Be sure that the menswear industry is on to these guys. While designers' hearts say go for the cutting edge, their accountants say go for what sells. So to keep the creative juices flowing, designers are likely to push even their most conservative clothes a few threads ahead each season.

The "stance," or button place-

ment on a jacket, is one place where a designer can fudge a bit. Jhane Barnes, at her recent showing of menswear for fall '95, said if she sews the buttons closer together, it makes her customers feel more at ease in switching, say from a two-button to a three:

"What I've done with my button stance this season is, I still have a lingering one-button, which I don't love, I have to be honest.

"I have three, and four and five. There's no two at all because it's not necessary ...

"My three-button is really two-and-a-half, so any guy who is really still stuck on his two-button can feel very comfortable in my three-button. And then if he's a little advanced, he

can wear my four-button, which is actually a three-and-a-half.

"And then my new five-button is really for the high-fashion customer.

"Most of the stores are saying they're retailing the four- and five-button well, which is great."

All of which, she says, adds up to this:

"If I had to cheat to get it to sell, then I feel like I'm successful."



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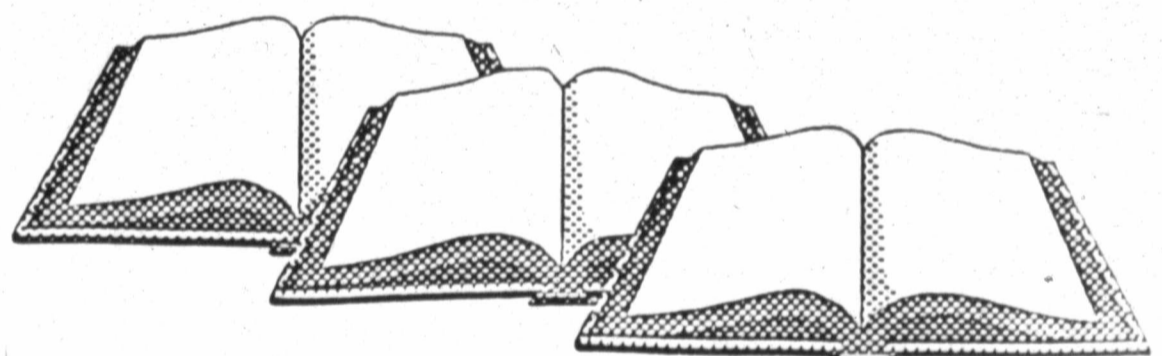
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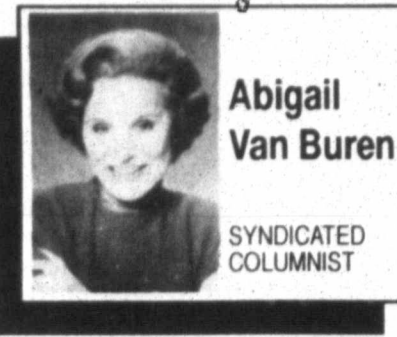
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Grieving Mother Warns Others To Keep Babies Off Waterbeds

DEAR ABBY: I just buried my beautiful 5-month-old son. He was perfectly healthy and normal in every way, but the baby sitter found him face down on our waterbed. It was not her fault, she is a wonderful, caring person — like a second mother to my baby. I felt as bad for her as I did for myself.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I'm writing because a nurse at our local children's hospital said she read something in your column about eight or nine years ago warning people about the danger of putting an infant on a waterbed, because the baby might roll over on its face and suffocate.

lift himself to breathe, the child was asphyxiated.

Abby, I beg of you to print that letter again. I am crying as I write this. I miss my baby so much.

I hope everyone who has an infant, or knows someone who has, will never lay the child on a waterbed, especially if it is wearing a heavy garment that restricts natural movement.

DEAR MOTHER: My heart goes out to you in your sorrow. Here's the letter — published May 17, 1987:

And to mothers who nap with an infant on a waterbed: Don't do this, I beg of you.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to ask you to print this as a warning to parents of infants.

Grandpa, I grieve for your loss as if it were my own. It very well could have been. Please know that I am sending copies of that Dear Abby column to my friends who own waterbeds and to parenting magazines I read frequently. Be assured there will be one hanging in my pediatrician's office. I pray that you and your family will learn to live with your loss. Thank you for preventing mine.

The last day of February, my son and daughter-in-law laid their 4-month-old son on their waterbed with his bunting suit on. The baby was asleep, so they chose not to remove his bunting for fear of waking him. Within an hour, my little grandson was dead! He was found face down against the waterbed, which had folded around his face. Being unable to free his arms and

SAFER IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR GRANDPA: How incredibly generous you are to warn others of this freakish trap while mourning the loss of your precious grandchild. Pity you will never know how many babies will be spared because you cared enough to write. God bless you.

DEAR READERS: After "Grandpa's" letter appeared in my column, I was inundated

with letters from parents, such as this:

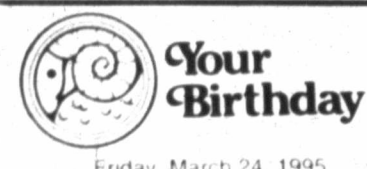
DEAR ABBY: I just read your letter from "Brokenhearted Grandpa in Kansas," and am moved to write to you. You see, I also have a 4-month-old baby whom I frequently lay on my waterbed for his naps. Although my husband had questioned the wisdom of this practice, I saw no harm.

I consider myself a conscientious mother who would never put her child in danger. I read every article on child rearing, and diligently follow all safety precautions. Never have I read a warning to waterbed owners. In fact, I have seen cribs on the market with waterbed mattresses.

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Horoscope



Friday, March 24, 1995

The past year might not have been kind to you, but it did teach you some valuable lessons. In the year ahead, you'll know how to use this knowledge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might prove a late bloomer today, so don't be disappointed if your initial efforts appear futile. Their positive effects will be visible later. 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 a 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) Just because something difficult comes easily for you today, don't think you aren't entitled to this benefit. Accept what you receive with gratitude. Not doubt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An important objective can be achieved today, but prepare to find alternate routes and tactics. Your original plan might not cut it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can get more accomplished through partnership arrangements today than you can acting as an independent agent. Seek strong, competent allies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take charge of your life and circumstances today and make an effort to change what needs changing. Do not let outside influences determine your actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Practicing moderation in your activities today could significantly enhance your chances for success. Play it down the middle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might be imbued with an abundance of good ideas, but you may waste time

putting them into action. If you think something will work, put it to the test.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you help somebody today, don't do it in the hopes of getting something in return right away. Accounts will be balanced, but at a much later date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Watch for material opportunities today and don't turn your nose up at anything. What may seem unimpressive could be just the tip of the iceberg.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your hunches as to how to advance your interests may be superior to the suggestions offered by friends today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to handle difficult developments will not go unnoticed today. It won't be necessary for you to tout your own horn; others will do it for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) One of your nobler qualities is your loyalty to friends who find themselves in trying situations. Today a pal will know who to come to if he/she has a problem.

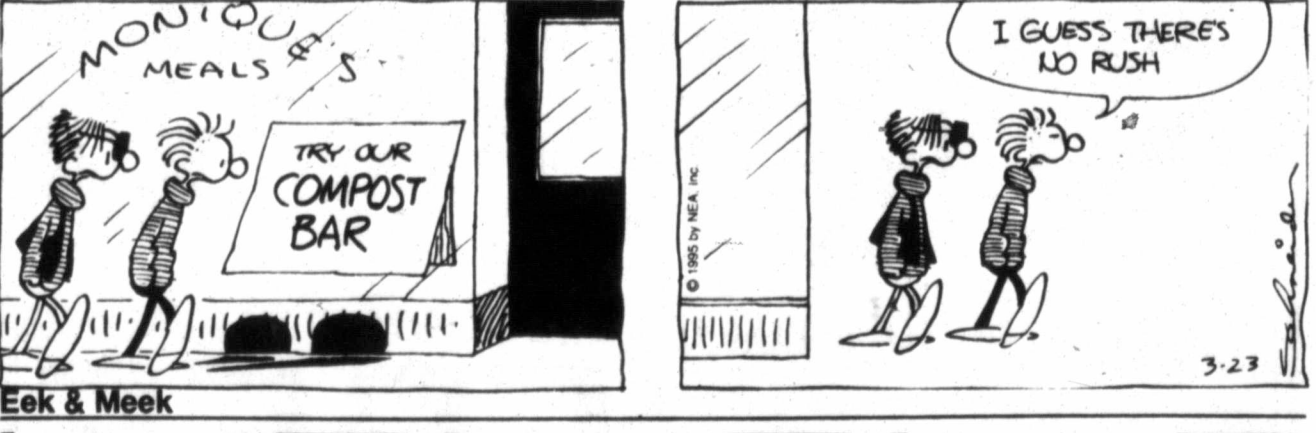
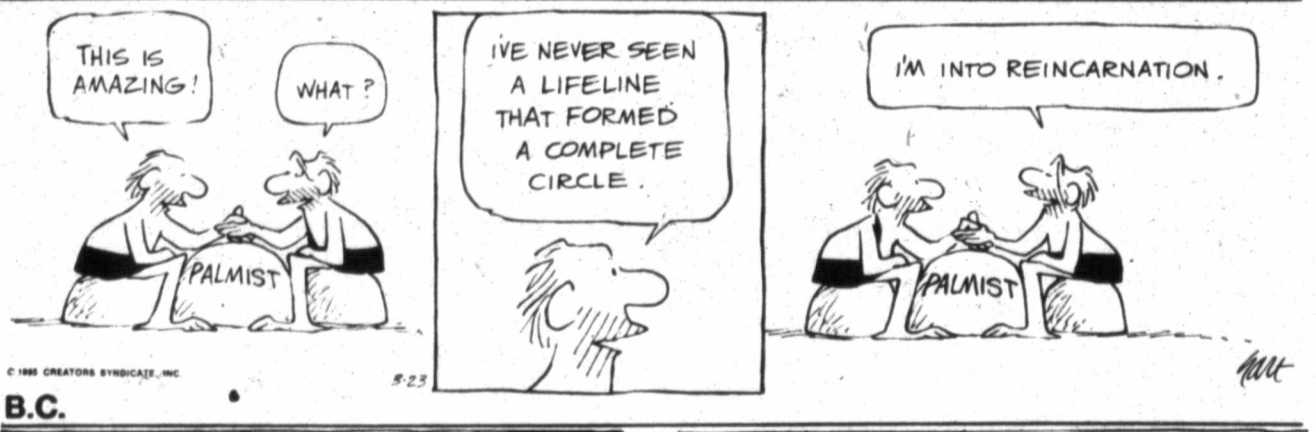
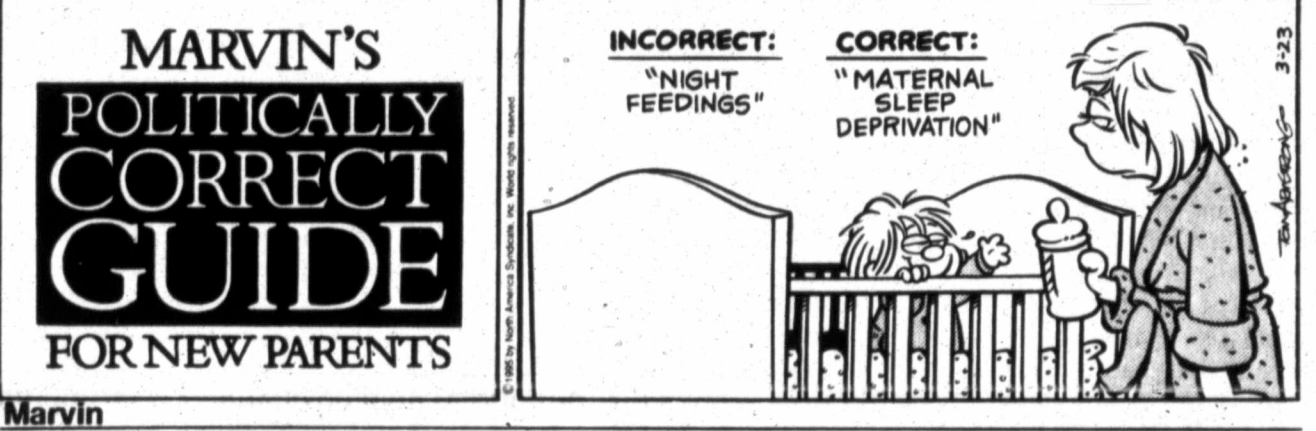
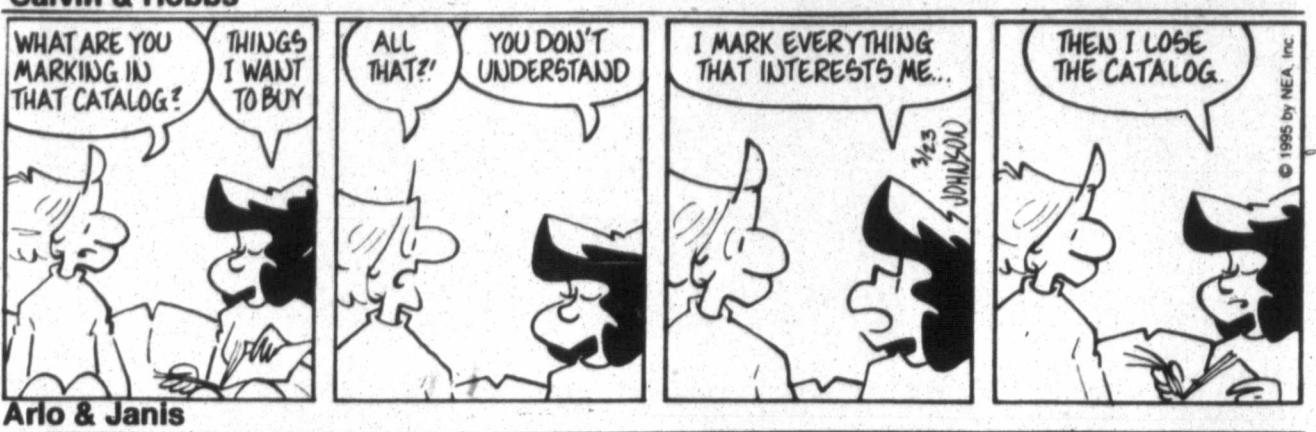
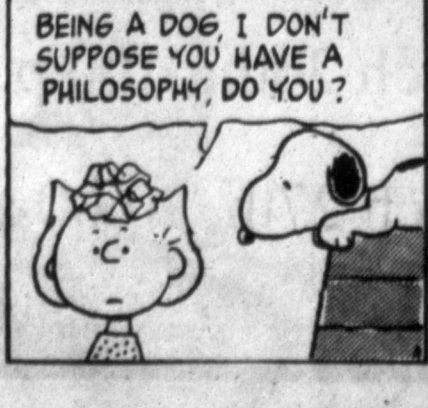
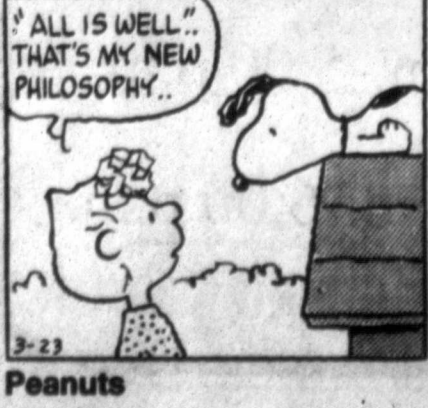
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"If this screwdriver is Phillip's, whose is this one?"



"How can you pick an argument with an ironing board?"



Sports

Notebook

OPTIMIST BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimists Boys Club is sponsoring a Mid-America's All Star Baseball School at Pampa on April 7-9.

Instructors will be the Oklahoma State Baseball School staff. Age limit is 8 to 18.

Check-in will be at 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Pampa Optimists Boys Club, with the first session being from 7-9 p.m. the same day. Sessions on Saturday, April 8, will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. On Sunday, April 9, sessions will be from 1-3 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Attendees may bring their own lunch or purchase at club facilities.

Registration fee includes a chance at a drawing for an Oklahoma State hat and Gary Ward's 125 drills videotape for each 10 students in attendance. A minimum of 25 students is needed for the school to be held. An advance deposit will be required. Applications may be picked up at Hoagies, Pampa Office Supply and Warner Horton.

For costs and other information, contact Jon Aven, 1-800-950-2267 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or Mike Schale at 665-4007 after 6 p.m. or at 665-5555 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvester junior varsity tennis team defeated Caprock junior varsity, 15-1, Tuesday.

Winning two matches for Pampa were Kimberlea McKandles, April Lopez, Amy Hahn, Nicole Watson, Alicia Lee, Dustin Laycock, Marty Field and Chris Harrison. Other winners included Meredith Hite, Ty Newman, Jason Vickery and Shanna Jameson.

The Pampa varsity competes in the Hereford Tournament Friday and Saturday.

PRO BASEBALL

LUBBOCK — The Texas-Louisiana League announced Wednesday that the franchise recently awarded to Lubbock would be known as the Lubbock Crickets and that the team colors would be black, green and gold.

Cliff Docherman, General Manager of the Amarillo Dillas, feels that the Lubbock Crickets will become a strong rival of the Dillas because of the close proximity of the two towns.

"We are excited about playing the Crickets this season and know it will become a great rivalry in the Northern Division for years to come," Docherman said.

The Dillas homestands against the Crickets at Memorial Stadium will be from June 26 through June 29 and July 4 through July 6.

PRO BASKETBALL

BOSTON (AP) — Members of the Northeastern University basketball squad used marijuana and cocaine, but Reggie Lewis never joined in, according to a former teammate who now lives in California.

Ken Giavara is one of several friends of Lewis who have stepped forward to denounce reports that the late Boston Celtics star did drugs. Meanwhile, an unnamed medical source said Lewis regularly used cocaine to improve his game.

"The team was an extremely hard-partying team," Giavara, who played backup point guard at Northeastern in 1986-87 and now runs a dry cleaning company in San Diego, told The Associated Press. "I've been in a room with four or five people doing cocaine or four or five people smoking marijuana and never once did Reggie Lewis take part in any of it."

The story jibed with comments from other members of the team, who have admitted doing drugs themselves, but not with Lewis.

Giavara said: "The program was completely out of control. We were tested before the NCAA (tournament) and tested positive. Nothing happened. Doctor said, 'Don't worry about it. Just clean it up in time for the tournament.'"

Like at least two other members of the team, he admitted he smoked marijuana and said he tested positive for drugs.

Lewis, who went on to play for the Celtics, collapsed during a playoff game with the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, 1993. He later collapsed and died on July 27, 1993, while shooting baskets with friends at Brandeis University.

The Boston Herald on Wednesday quoted an unnamed medical source as saying Lewis admitted to a doctor that he used cocaine before every home game as a "performance enhancer." The source said Lewis would not or could not stop, even after he was warned that the continued use of cocaine might kill him.

Jan Volk, Celtics executive vice president and general manager, said the Herald account was "an incredibly bold statement to be made under the cloak of an unnamed source and an obvious violation of medical ethics. I have absolutely no knowledge of the conduct suggested."

Amid the controversy, Lewis' accomplishments on the basketball court were highlighted Wednesday night at Boston Garden, where his number was retired at halftime of the Celtics-Chicago Bulls game.

His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read her own poem entitled "Believe What Your Own Eyes See."

"Though rumors now surround his death, he cared too much for basketball to risk his health. Character is one thing that never dies. Let's not believe these harmful lies," she read.

Only one of his college or pro teammates has said publicly that he witnessed Lewis using drugs. Derrick Lewis, a former Northeastern player and no relation, told The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal that he used cocaine with Lewis just days before Lewis collapsed during the Hornets game. Derrick Lewis later recanted his story Tuesday night, though the Globe said a taped interview backed up its reporting.

Huskies, Terrapins loom as top matchup

By The Associated Press

NCAA TOURNAMENT

In an NCAA tournament already filled with overtimes, buzzer-beaters and big upsets, tonight's game between Connecticut and Maryland could be the best of all.

Connecticut, ranked No. 1 earlier this season, boasts one of the most-balanced starting fives in the country. Maryland, a top five power this year, brings All-American center Joe Smith into the semifinals of the West Regional.

"Joe Smith, in my opinion, is the best player in the United States at this point," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday. "He has a terrific supporting cast, but he is a special, special player."

The Huskies (27-4) and Maryland (26-7) will play in Oakland, Calif., following the semifinal between current No. 1 UCLA (27-2) and Mississippi State (22-7).

In the Southeast Regional tonight in Birmingham, Ala., it will be North Carolina (26-5) against Georgetown (21-9), followed by Kentucky (27-4) against Arizona State (24-8).

The East and Midwest regionals resume Friday. Wake Forest (26-5) plays Oklahoma State (25-9) and Tulsa (24-7) meets Massachusetts (28-4) at East Rutherford, N.J., and Memphis (24-9) plays Arkansas (29-6) and Kansas (25-5) faces Virginia (24-8) at Kansas City, Mo.

While the Terrapins count on Smith, the 6-foot-10, sophomore says he does not plan on hogging the ball. He had 31 points and 21 rebounds and blocked seven shots in Maryland's last game, a victory over Texas.

"I'm not going to go out at crunch time and try to take over the game," he said.

The Huskies' go-to guy is Donny Marshall, a power forward who scores from inside and outside. His brother Donyell is in the NBA, and Donny figures to join him someday, along with Smith and some others.

"In a way, it's too bad we have to play each other so early," Marshall said. "We're both real good teams. There are a lot of future pros on both teams. This won't be the last time a lot of us will be playing each other."

Mississippi State hopes its big man in the middle, 6-11 center Erick Dampier, can offset UCLA's front line of brothers Ed and Charles O'Bannon and center George Zidek.

Dampier had 21 points, 10 rebounds and a career-high eight blocks in his last game against Utah. Only Shaquille O'Neal (11), Shawn Bradley (10) and David

Robinson (9) had more blocks in an NCAA tournament game.

The 7-foot Zidek said he prefers to play against taller opponents, rather than quicker, smaller players who can get him in foul trouble.

"He's probably going to be the best center I've played this year — so far. He's an extremely physical guy and has a lot of reach," Zidek said. "I think I'm pretty physical, too. My hook shot is pretty tough to block."

Georgetown and North Carolina may be best remembered for their meeting for the 1982 national championship, won by the Tar Heels. Michael Jordan made the go-ahead basket and the Hoyas lost their last chance when Fred Brown handed the ball to North Carolina's James Worthy.

Coaches Dean Smith of North Carolina and John Thompson of Georgetown have been friends for a long time, but speak little about

that night in New Orleans.

"We talk so much and in one or two instances that game has come up and we talked about the last play or something one of us did in the game, but it never lasts more than five minutes," Smith said.

Kentucky, like North Carolina and Georgetown, often advances this far in the tournament. Arizona State, meanwhile, is making its first appearance in the round of 16 since 1975.

Kentucky has nine players averaging at least 12 minutes per game. Arizona State, however, usually goes only two deep on its bench.

"We have little bit more depth than Arizona State, certainly," Wildcats coach Rick Pitino said.

"But depth is only a concern when the other team is in foul trouble. Television timeouts are such that nobody gets tired anymore because of basketball. The timeouts are such that you can get a bite to eat."

Gunnin' for Grand Finals



(Special photo)

The Young Guns, an under 10 indoor soccer team from Pampa, have qualified for the North American Indoor Soccer Championship Grand Finals April 14-16 in Lansing, Michigan. The Young Guns (pictured above) qualified for the national tournament by winning the Challengers Cup held this year in Amarillo. However, donations are needed to help pay expenses for the trip. A Young Guns fund has been established at First National Bank for persons wishing to make a donation. "This may be the only chance these kids get to go to a national tournament. They work well together and they deserve to go," said Benny Silva, one of the team's coaches. Silva can be contacted at 665-3895 if more information is needed.

Baseball strike talks to center on injunction, new proposal

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Both the National Labor Relations Board and the owners' negotiating committee have key meetings today that could affect the baseball strike talks.

The NLRB board deliberates in Washington on whether to give agency officials the go-ahead to seek a preliminary injunction against owners.

Management's negotiating committee meets in Chicago and, according to one management official, will consider whether to offer players a new proposal.

Mediator W.J. Usery was talking to both sides Wednesday, trying to get them to resume negotiations, which broke down March 4.

"We hope to be able to announce a meeting in the next 24 hours," Usery said. "I've talked to a lot of people on both sides."

It's too late for a deal to get striking major leaguers back on the field by the scheduled start of the season on April 2, but some people on both sides of the table say that if a deal is agreed to before opening day, the start of the season could be pushed back three weeks to allow the regular players to get in shape.

Owners wouldn't disclose the purpose of their negotiating committee meeting or the site, which was confirmed by a source.

"They've got to change their position and either get to where we can make an agreement or decide we can't," Usery said.

Union head Donald Fehr and acting commissioner Bud Selig, who met Monday and Tuesday in the Washington area, didn't speak to each other Wednesday.

"Bud said he will call me when he knew something," Fehr said.

"We'll see what happens tomorrow," said Selig, who will not attend the negotiating committee meeting because of a previously scheduled speech in Tallahassee, Fla.

Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris said he wouldn't be able to attend the meeting of the negotiating committee. But he is prepared to go to negotiations if the sides resume bargaining.

It was hard for him to be hopeful. No progress was reported from the meeting between Selig and Fehr.

"I didn't get anything out of our calls last night that was a building block," McMorris said from Tucson, Ariz.

When the owners' committee met March 13, it decided not to come up with a plan after learning that NLRB general counsel Fred Feinstein would issue a decision the following day on the union's unfair labor practice charge.

The NLRB's five-person board today considers Feinstein's request to seek a preliminary injunction against owners that would restore salary arbitration, free-agent bidding and anti-collusion rules. Players say they would end the strike if a federal judge issues an injunction.

"I don't know what it will produce at this particular point," NLRB chairman William Gould said of the meeting. "It need not necessarily lead to a decision. There are too many imponderables right now."

There were rumblings of a possible power shift on the owners' side of the table. Robert Ballou, the headline lawyer aligned with Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, was said by several management officials to be increasing his influence at the expense of Chuck O'Connor, the owners' chief labor lawyer since November 1989.

O'Connor did not return a telephone call Wednesday seeking comment on the negotiations.

According to several people who had been briefed by union officials, Selig said during the two days of talks in the Washington area this week that a luxury tax wouldn't be meaningful unless the rate was at least 65 percent.

Management's last proposal, made March 4, called for a 50 percent tax on the portions of payrolls above the average, a plan that would have caused 15 teams to pay a tax last season.

Players proposed a 25 percent tax on the portions above 133 percent of the average, a level reached by just one team in 1994: the Detroit Tigers.

Fehr declined comment on the meetings. Selig late Tuesday night denied that owners had backtracked.

Hereford meet is next for PHS girls

PAMPA — Things are starting to fall into place for the Pampa Lady Harvesters track team.

Injuries have hampered the PHS girls since the track season first started, but the Lady Harvesters will be healthy for the Hereford Invitational this Saturday, reported head coach Mike Lopez.

"It's looking positive," Lopez said. "I think we're fixing to have a track team now."

The Lady Harvesters went unbeaten during the regular part of the 1994 season and won both district and regional championships. Injuries have spoiled Pampa's chances of going unbeaten this year. In two meets, the Lady Harvesters have finished second and fifth.

"You're going to have those good years, but you're also going to have those mediocre years. You just have to be patient and keep working hard," Lopez said.

The Lady Harvesters are led by senior hurdler Mechelle Abbott, who qualified for the state meet in both 300 and 100-meter hurdles. The 1600-meter relay team, which returns Abbott, Renee Johnson and Candi Atwood, also qualified for state. Alisha Tollerson returns to the state-qualifying 800-meter relay team.

Abbott has won the 300 hurdles twice and the 100 hurdles once in Pampa's two meets. Her 15.4 time in the 100 hurdles has her listed at the top of the area girls track honor roll, which is compiled each week by the Amarillo Daily News.

Pampa's 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams are listed near

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the top of the honor roll. Their 400 relayers (Regina Holt, Alisha Tollerson, Jamie Hutcherson and Tashia Wilson) are fourth with a 51.8, but they have been clocked at 50.4 in a preliminary this season. The 800-relay team (same as the 400) is second with a 1:50.

Pampa's Tashia Wilson is second in the 100 and Jamie Hutcherson is second in the long jump. In the 200, Regina Holt is listed fourth and Hutcherson, seventh. Abbott is fifth in the high jump.

Several Canadian athletes have cracked the honor roll.

Denise Lee is number one in the 3200 with a time of 12:18. Bessie Ann Reed is sixth in the high jump and Julia Franks is eighth in the 100. Both the 400 and 1600-meter relay teams are in third place while the 800 team is fourth.

Lee, just a sophomore, finished second in the state cross-country meet.

"Denise had some real good success in cross-country and the distance she's running in track is about the same. She also runs on the mile relay team," said Canadian coach Dave Drinnon. "She's a good one."

At last count there were 24 schools entered in the Miami Invitational this weekend.

The meet begins at 9 a.m. on Friday and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Divisions include six-man, Class A-2A and junior high.

Tyson scheduled to be released from prison

By LISA SHAPIRO
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson's friends and boxing associates say they believe the former heavyweight will head straight for his Ohio home when he gets out of prison Saturday.

But Muhammad Siddeeq, Tyson's spiritual adviser, says Tyson wants to recite Islamic prayers before leaving the Indiana Youth Center, where he has been serving a sentence for rape since 1992.

Siddeeq said he is planning an outdoor Islamic prayer service near the prison with several high-profile Muslims immediately after Tyson is released.

"Mike just said he wants to say his prayer before he leaves," Siddeeq said Wednesday.

Siddeeq said he is expecting boxing great Muhammad Ali and W.D. Mohammed, the son of Elijah Muhammad, who led the Nation of Islam for 40 years until his death in 1975. Mohammed is believed to have 100,000 to 200,000 followers.

Also expected to attend are former Pittsburgh Steelers star Mel Blount and former boxing champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Qawi Dwight Braxton.

But like the details surrounding just about every other aspect of Tyson's release, the specifics of the service have not been determined.

Neither has the exact time of his release, nor exactly where he will go once he is out.

On Monday, Siddeeq said Tyson's first stop after his release would be the nearby Islamic Society of North America mosque

to offer a prayer of "thanksgiving and hope." But those plans were scuttled, Siddeeq said Wednesday, and new plans were being made. Siddeeq planned to announce them a news conference at 3 p.m. today.

Siddeeq initially wanted to hold a service inside and outside of the prison. But Department of Correction commissioner H. Christian DeBruyn rejected that request, saying it would give Tyson something unavailable to other offenders.

Siddeeq said one option would be to hold the prayer at a cornfield near the prison.

"We're going to have it, no matter what," Siddeeq said. "If we have to, we'll have it on the street."

The Rev. Charles Williams, president of the Indiana Black Expo, said Wednesday that after he is released, Tyson will be driven to Indianapolis International Airport and will fly home to Ohio.

"He's going to get in a car, get on a plane and go home," Williams said. "At this point, he's going home without any stops."

Phil Slavens, assistant superintendent of the Indiana Youth Center, said Tyson will be released between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. He said the prison was trying to keep the release as routine as possible.

But normalcy is unlikely. An estimated 100 to 150 media personnel are expected for Tyson's release. Reporters from across the country and from Japan, Italy, France, Germany and England have sought credentials, a prison spokeswoman said.

It is expected that Tyson's former managers Rory Holloway and John Horne and promoter Don King will pick Tyson up at the prison.

Scoreboard

TENNIS

Pampa High School individual tennis records at the varsity level as of March 19 are as follows:

Name	Class	Singles	Doubles
Hayley Bell	Fr.	16-13	3-6
Krist Carter	Soph.	5-13	5-14
Marianna Grabato Sr.		3-12	1-16
Meredith Hite Soph.		3-2	3-6
Alicia Lee	Fr.	0-0	0-3
April Lopez	Fr.	0-0	9-6
Kimberlee McKandless Fr.		1-3	14-15
Julie Niles	Fr.	2-0	8-10
McKinley Quarles Fr.		3-10	10-11
Cami Stone	Soph.	23-6	5-8
Nicole Watson	Fr.	0-0	0-3
Sondra Wright Soph.		3-9	2-8

Name	Class	Singles	Doubles
Juan Campos	Fr.	6-5	3-0
Brandon Coffee	Fr.	0-0	0-3
Billy DeWitt	Sr.	12-7	27-7
Kyle Easley	Soph.	15-6	4-3
Cory Griggs	Jr.	12-11	18-7
Jamison Hancock Soph.		8-3	11-10
Francis Juan	Soph.	0-0	1-0
David Kludt	Sr.	7-5	6-4
Dustin Laycock	Fr.	0-0	2-2
Matt Rheams	Jr.	8-5	19-12
Jason Vickery	Fr.	0-0	2-2

BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament At A Glance By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL

Second Round

At Baltimore Arena

Baltimore

Saturday, March 18

Oklahoma State 66, Alabama 52

Wake Forest 64, Saint Louis 59

At Knickerbocker Arena

Albany, N.Y.

Sunday, March 19

Massachusetts 75, Stanford 53

Tulsa 64, Old Dominion 52

Regional Semifinals

At The Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J. Friday, March 24
Wake Forest (26-5) vs. Oklahoma State (25-9), 7:40 p.m.
Tulsa (24-7) vs. Massachusetts (28-4), 30 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
At The Meadowlands
East Rutherford, N.J.
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Second Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Saturday, March 18

Arizona State 64, Manhattan 54

Kentucky 82, Tulane 60

At Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

Tallahassee, Fla.

Sunday, March 19

Georgetown 53, Weber State 51

North Carolina 73, Iowa State 51

Regional Semifinals

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Thursday, March 23

Georgetown (21-9) vs. North Carolina (26-5), 7:45 p.m.

Kentucky (27-4) vs. Arizona State (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Championship

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Saturday, March 25

Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Second Round

At University of Dayton Arena

Dayton, Ohio

Saturday, March 18

Virginia 60, Miami, Ohio 54, OT

Kansas 75, Western Kentucky 70

At The Frank Erwin Special Events Center

Austin, Texas

Sunday, March 19

Memphis 75, Purdue 73

Arkansas 96, Syracuse 94, OT

Regional Semifinals

At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo. Friday, March 24
Memphis (24-9) vs. Arkansas (29-6), 8 p.m.
Kansas (25-5) vs. Virginia (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo. Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL

Second Round

At The Jon M. Huntsman Center

Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 18

Connecticut 96, Cincinnati 91

Maryland 82, Texas 68

At BSU Pavilion

Boise, Idaho

Sunday, March 19

Mississippi State 78, Utah 64

UCLA 75, Missouri 74

Regional Semifinals

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum

Oakland

Thursday, March 23

UCLA (27-2) vs. Mississippi State (22-7), 8:05 p.m.

Maryland (26-7) vs. Connecticut (27-4), 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Championship

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum

Oakland

Saturday, March 25

Semifinal winners, 3:40 p.m.

FINAL FOUR

At The Kingdom

Seattle

National Semifinals

Saturday, April 1

East champion vs. West champion

Southeast champion vs. Midwest champion

National Championship

Monday, April 3

Semifinal winners

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

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Atlantic Division

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x-New York

Miami

New Jersey

Boston

Washington

Philadelphia

Central Division

Charlotte

Indiana

Cleveland

Chicago

Atlanta

Milwaukee

Detroit

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

x-Utah

San Antonio

Houston

Denver

Dallas

Minnesota

Pacific Division

x-Phoenix

Seattle

L.A. Lakers

Portland

Sacramento

Golden State

L.A. Clippers

x-clinched playoff berth.

Virginia Tech nips New Mexico State in NIT quarterfinals

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Coach Bill Foster tried to keep a straight face when taking some credit for Virginia Tech's winning field goal with 1.9 seconds remaining against New Mexico State in the National Invitation Tournament.

"That was nice strategy we had at the end ... right," Foster said, breaking into a sly smile.

Right. The game-winner was an unlikely 3-pointer from the corner by 6-foot-8 center Travis Jackson, who would have been on the bench in the final minutes if a starter had not fouled out.

Jackson made just one shot in the second half, but it was the one that lifted the Hokies (23-10) to a 64-61 victory Wednesday night in the NIT quarterfinals.

In another quarterfinal battle, Marquette edged South Florida 57-50 in overtime.

Ace Custis, Virginia Tech's leading

scorer, drew a crowd when he drove toward the basket in the final seconds. He pitched the ball out to Jackson and moved in for a possible stick-back.

The Aggies (25-10) didn't suspect that Jackson was in his favorite spot. "I'm three-for-three from the corner," Jackson said. "That's a shot I like to take."

"If Travis had his druthers," Foster said, "he'd live outside the 3-point line."

"You'd like to think we planned that last shot," said Foster, who decided against calling a timeout after Troy Brewer's driving basket in the paint with 13 seconds to play had tied the score at 61.

Virginia Tech, 7-0 in NIT games at home and 14-1 in Cassell Coliseum this season, now goes to New York City for the semifinals Monday against the winner of tonight's Washington State-Canisius game.

Spurs down Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Avery Johnson isn't worried about the San Antonio Spurs' ability to win without Dennis Rodman.

Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder with a 17.4 average, separated his right shoulder in a motorcycle accident Sunday and could be sidelined at least two more weeks.

"This is a talented, mature group of guys who really want to win," Johnson said after the Spurs beat New Jersey 102-85 on Wednesday night despite being outbounded 62-41. "Tonight we got killed on the boards but we played real good defense and that was the difference."

"The guys on this team really want to win a championship. We know what it takes and when Dennis comes back we feel we will have a rotation that matches up with anybody in the league."

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 - 14 Actress Gordon
 - 15 Resembling a cubicle
 - 16 Freshwater fish
 - 17 Tropical nut language
 - 20 Excavated
 - 23 Devastate
 - 24 Put forward
 - 28 Growing out
 - 31 A Stodge
 - 32 Kind of collar
 - 34 Chew upon
 - 35 Epochs
 - 37 Old name for Thailand
 - 39 After Mon.
 - 40 Nerve networks
 - 42 Pushes
 - 44 Actress - Lamarr
 - 46 Snake
- DOWN**
- 1 Jeer
 - 2 Butter substitute
 - 3 Pickling spice
 - 4 Liquid meas.
 - 5 Jackie's 2nd husband
 - 6 Sticky (sl.)
 - 7 Pronoun (act now!)
 - 8 Rating
 - 9 Cud-chewing animals
 - 10 Singer Redding
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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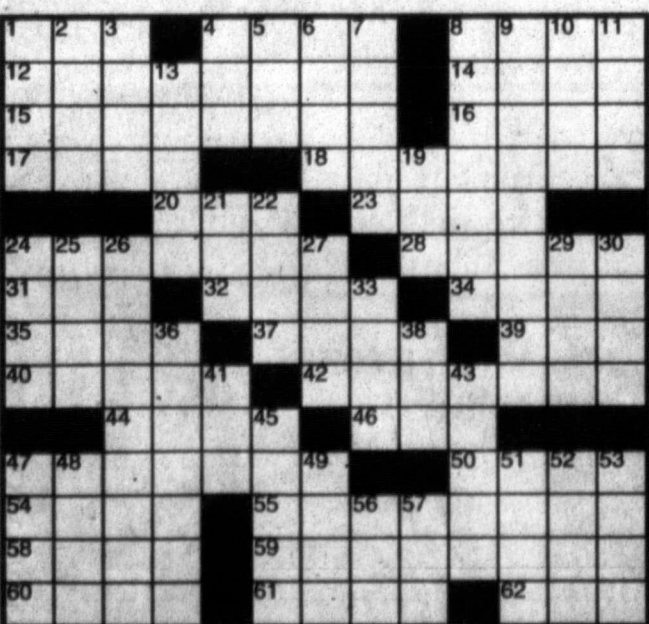
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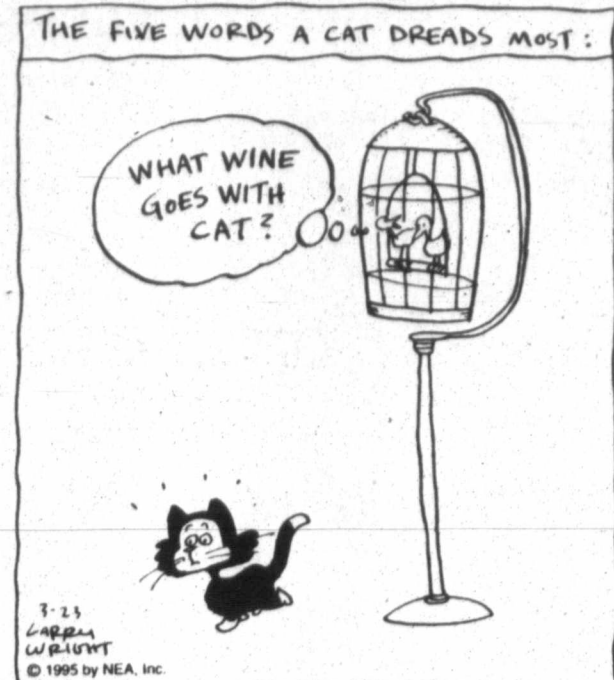
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Pepsi plans to offer new cola choice

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Pepsi-Cola plans to offer a new choice for its new generation: A cola with half the sugar and calories of its flagship brand.

The nation's second biggest soft drink marketer said Wednesday it is calling the new drink Pepsi XL — the X is supposed to connote excellent taste and the L stands for less sugar.

Pepsi XL will be tested in five Florida markets starting next month. It's Pepsi's third try at marketing a cola domestically that delivers fewer calories than its best-selling Pepsi brand but more than calorie-free Diet Pepsi.

Pepsi Light enjoyed some popularity in the late 1970s but was phased out by the mid-1980s. Jake's soda was tested in late 1986 but was discontinued the next year without getting out of the test-market phase.

Pepsi officials say they hope to have more success with Pepsi XL by marketing it to regular cola drinkers who want a tasty cola with less sugar and calories.

Pepsi Light and Jake's had been marketed as an alternative to diet colas, a strategy that won't be followed with Pepsi XL.

"The key to this product is that it has to taste terrific," said Brian Swette, executive vice president of Pepsi-Cola Co. in Somers, N.Y.

Pepsi XL will be available April 1 in stores, restaurants and vending machines in Miami, Tampa, Fort Myers, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

It will be sweetened with a combination of sugar and aspartame, the sweetener used in many diet drinks, and will contain 70 calories per 12-ounce serving, compared with 150 for regular Pepsi.

Visit with the congressman



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Foy Gibson, right, vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Association, visits with U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, right, and congressional aid Pat McCowell of Shamrock, during a congressional task force meeting earlier this week in Boerne. Thornberry was attending a hearing concerning the impact of the Endangered Species Act.

Ex-cop indicted for allegedly stealing almost \$30,000

CONROE (AP) — A Montgomery County grand jury has indicted a former Conroe police officer on a felony theft charge for allegedly taking almost \$30,000 from a store while serving as an off-duty security guard.

The indictment against former narcotics investigator Randy Frisina

was handed down Wednesday. Frisina was suspended indefinitely without pay from the Conroe Police Department on Tuesday.

The indictment accuses Frisina of stealing almost \$30,000 in cash and checks from a Wal-Mart store in May 1993.

If convicted, Frisina faces a maxi-

mum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Frisina, a 6 1/2 year veteran of the force, was released from his post for failing to give a statement on the matter to police during an internal investigation, Conroe Police Chief John Lindon said in a statement.

Suspect in forest shootings surrenders to Oklahoma police

IDABEL, Okla. (AP) — A suspect in a double murder was behind bars this morning in the McCurtain County Jail.

The sheriff's office said Joseph R. Adcock, 41, of Haworth, surrendered about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in Eagletown.

A friend of Adcock's called the sheriff's department to arrange the surrender, authorities said.

Adcock was expected to be arraigned this afternoon on two first-degree murder charges and one count of shooting with intent to kill.

An arrest warrant issued by District Judge Willard Driesel ordered Adcock held without bond until his arraignment.

He is accused of shooting three men Tuesday night in a forest clearing near Idabel.

The bodies of Ernest Nichols, who would have been 29 today, and Eddie Keaton, 36, were found on a rural road in the Ouachita National Forest near Moon.

Both men, Haworth residents, had been shot multiple times with a high-powered assault rifle, said Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Andy Leroy McGough, 50, of Haworth was wounded in the shooting but was able to drive away and get help from the Little River County (Ark.) sheriff's department, Ms. Koch said.

McGough was taken to a hospital in Texarkana, Texas, where he was listed in critical condition.

Dozens of law officers scoured southeastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas all day Wednesday for Adcock.

About 30 officers from the McCurtain County sheriff's office, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Idabel Police Department, the Arkansas' Little River County Sheriff's Department and the OSBI participated in the search, using dogs and an airplane.

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