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Good Evening!

AREA

DARROUZETT — Robert Duke is looking for his classmates.

The president of the Darrouzett Alumni Association is compiling a list of people who attended Darrouzett schools for the 1995 school reunion scheduled for July 1.

The reunion will coincide with the annual Deutsches Feast, said Marilyn Robins with the Darrouzett school system.

Duke's mother, Bessie Duke, said that although plans have not been completed, the reunion is generally held at the Darrouzett auditorium.

"We usually serve the meal in the gymnasium," she said, "but they just finished the floor so I don't know if they'll let us have it."

A reunion of former students is held every three years in this Lipscomb County community.

PAMPA — Boy Scouts from Pampa troops will be going door to door around Pampa Saturday asking for canned food donations.

The collected goods will be given to Good Samaritan Christian Services. Last year the Pampa Boy Scouts collected 3,000 pounds of canned goods and their goal is to beat that record this year.

WHEELER — March is 1995 Eat Right America Month, according to Wheeler County Extension agent Joan Gray.

The designation by the American and Texas Dietetic Associations is part of their Discover Nutrition, Anytime, Anywhere campaign.

Gray said county agents across the state have material that can be used in programs about nutrition.

NATIONAL

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — A Navy employee shot two co-workers and then killed himself this morning after an argument at the Naval Air Systems Command.

Shortly before 8 a.m., the employee argued with a male co-worker, then left but returned with a .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun and shot the co-worker twice at his desk, police said. The co-worker, who was critically wounded, was identified as Fred Salvesen, a civilian worker at the facility.

The gunman, whom authorities did not identify, then went to the desk of Cmdr. Harry Molyneux and shot him four times, police said. He was listed in fair condition at a Washington hospital.

The gunman then turned the gun on himself. He was pronounced dead at an Arlington hospital.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Donald Lukens pleaded innocent today to charges that he took \$27,500 from two businessmen trying to keep their trade school in a federal student loan program.

Lukens, 64, a Republican who represented Ohio in Congress and now lives in Dallas, gave up his seat in 1990 rather than endure an investigation into a complaint that he fondled a young elevator operator.

He is charged with four counts of bribery and one count of conspiracy, which together carry a maximum penalty of 65 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine.

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. (AP) — A week before James Brown was to go to court, his wife dropped a domestic violence charge and the couple has reconciled.

An Aiken County magistrate dismissed the charge Thursday at the request of Adrienne Brown.

House passes limits on damage awards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today passed far-reaching GOP legislation to limit punitive damage awards to \$250,000 in all federal and state civil lawsuits, including product liability cases.

The lawmakers voted 265-161 for the bill, the third in a trio of business-backed measures adopted this week to overhaul the civil legal system. Their future in the Senate is uncertain.

The bills are part of the House GOP's "Contract With America." Sought for years by American business, they have been strenuously opposed by the nation's trial lawyers

and by consumer advocates.

In shaping the punitive damages bill before the final vote, the Republican-controlled House gave the nation's doctors and drug companies long-sought victories.

The lawmakers voted Thursday night to limit pain and suffering damages in medical malpractice cases to \$250,000. They voted 247-171 to include the cap as part of the broader bill.

The House also approved a less controversial provision to prohibit courts from awarding punitive damages against the makers of drugs or medical devices approved by the

Food and Drug Administration. The amendment had the support of lawmakers from both parties and was approved on a voice vote.

Plaintiffs in such drug cases would still be eligible for economic damages as well as so-called non-economic damages, which cover pain and suffering.

The House today defeated, 249-175, a Democratic amendment that would have phased out the punitive damages bill's provisions after five years unless the commerce secretary certified that liability insurance rates had declined by at least 10 percent.

Final passage of the overall punitive damages bill was expected today. It is the third in a trio of business-backed bills to overhaul the civil legal system, part of the GOP's "Contract With America." The bills have been opposed by the nation's trial lawyers, who are political benefactors of Democratic candidates, as well as by consumer advocates.

One measure adopted narrowly earlier in the week would generally increase pressure on parties to settle lawsuits short of trial, or risk having to pay a portion of the other side's legal fees.

The second bill, approved over-

whelmingly on Wednesday, would make it easier for defendants to prevail in lawsuits by shareholders alleging securities fraud.

Opponents decried the malpractice measure Thursday as a further victimization of patients and their relatives already wronged.

"Medical malpractice causes incredible harm to people," Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, said after the vote. "This is going to have a major impact."

Supporters hailed the measure as a linchpin in reforming the nation's health care system and holding down increases in medical costs.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Christopher Stellman, left, took top honors in Pampa Middle School's science fair Thursday. Taking the number two spot is Paul Broome, center, and third place winner is Sarah Bruce. Stellman's project studied mouthwash; Broome looked at high fiber structure, and Bruce examined color estimation.

Chris Stellman named overall winner at Pampa Middle School Science Fair

Approximately 130 Pampa Middle School students participated in the Science Fair competition Thursday, the most ever, according to Principal Tim Powers.

Taking top spot overall was seventh grader Christopher Stellman, with his project, Which Mouthwash Works Best?

Second overall was Paul Broome, eighth grade, with his project, High Fiber Structure, while eighth grader Sarah Bruce took third overall with her project, Color Estimation.

Margaret Williams, science coordinator at the middle school, said winners of the PMS Science Fair are being encouraged to enter their projects at the High Plains Regional Science Fair in Amarillo on April 8.

"It's been a great week for us," Powers said during the awards presentation ceremony Thursday night in the middle school auditorium, adding that the science teachers too have learned a lot in the past week from the projects.

Williams said judges were very complimentary of the students' projects, saying the quality was up.

The projects are the culmination of class studies, Williams said. In addition, some have competed in previous science fairs at the elementary and middle school level and now know more what to do in preparing and presenting their projects.

Science fairs "gives the kids a chance to do some open-ended labo-

ratory studies," Williams said. The projects also help them to improve their processes of thought and the development of scientific principles.

The projects were set up in the school cafeteria for last night's judging, with the winners being able to set up their projects in the school library today for viewing by others.

Following are the results in the various categories judged at the fair:

Chemistry

First place - 8th grader, Barry Brauchi (Oxidation of Apples).

Second place - 8th grader, Michele Bickle (Hot Stuff).

Third place - 8th grader, Michelle Gandy (Acid or Base).

Honorable Mentions - 7th grader, Laurie Berzanskis (Brr - It's Cold) and 6th grader, Ashley Knipp (Gluten).

Physics

First place - 8th grader, Jennifer Howell (Steel Hardenability).

Second place - 6th grader, John Towles (Water Conductivity).

Third place - 6th grader, Reed DeFever (Viscosity, Velocity).

Honorable Mention - 6th grader, Cody Douglas (Thermoscope).

Consumer

First place - 7th grader, Dillon Hill (Can You Hear Me?).

Second place - 6th grader, Kandy Odom (Laundry Detergent).

Third place - 8th grader, Allison Piersall (What Makes Popcorn Pop?).

Honorable Mention - 6th grader,

Shannon Buck (Which Suds are Duds?)

Behavioral

First place - 7th grader, Lee Carmichael (Do You See What I See?).

Second place - 8th grader, Aubrea Ward (Hamster Mania).

Third place - 6th grader, Aaron Fernuik (ESP/Mental Telepathy).

Engineering/Botany

First place - 7th grader, Wesley Warren (Sound Insulation).

Second place - 7th grader, Lacy Plunk (Apples Anyone).

Third place - 6th grader, Jared Kochick (Paper Under Pressure).

Earth/Space/Medicine

First place - 6th grader, Lorena Baker (Recycling).

Second place - 7th grader, Marci Hansen (Glucose Roller Coaster).

Third place - 6th grader, Dori Edens (Dissolving Minerals).

Honorable Mention - 8th grader, Ashleigh McWilliams (Soil Conservation).

Serving as judges were Willie Mae Mangold, Jessie Brantwein, Janice Porter, John Jennings, Laura Kretzer, Scott Flathouse, David Day, Gerald Grusendorf, Ken Windhorst, Kelly Wallace, Nicole Wallace, Sharla Chidester, Marta Day and Darlene Hodges.

Teachers whose students provided the projects were Williams, Linda Broome, Barbara Kerbo, Paulette Noble, Larry Hannah, Elizabeth Moore, Sue Cree and Karen Skaggs.

Skinner admits drinking heavily on day of killings during taped statement

FORT WORTH (AP) — A capital murder defendant told authorities in a taped statement that he drank heavily the day his girlfriend and her two sons were slain in Pampa and doesn't remember much from that night.

On the tape played Thursday for jurors, defendant Henry Watkins Skinner said, "The next morning, it dawned on me what had been done, but it didn't dawn on me that I done it."

Skinner told authorities he spent Dec. 31, 1993, drinking vodka and taking Xanax, an anti-anxiety drug. He said he fell asleep on Twila Busby's couch in the early evening, but wasn't clear on later events.

"I remember one thing," he said on the tape. "I remember waking up on the couch, somebody standing over the top of me with a knife. I remember throwing my hands up. I remember running out of the house. That's all I for sure remember."

Skinner said several times on the tape that he didn't think he could have killed anyone.

"If the evidence proves it, what can I say?" he told Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield. "I don't think I done it, Randy. I'll stick to that until somebody

shows me different."

On New Year's Eve 1993, Twila Busby, 40, was beaten to death. Randolph Busby Jr., 20, was stabbed as was Elwin Caler, 22. Although Caler made it to a neighbor's house, he was taken to hospital where he later died.

Skinner told authorities on the tape that he got along fine with Ms. Busby's sons and couldn't imagine killing them.

"I can see me arguing with Twila," he said. "I can might even see, maybe, I might have killed her. But I can't see killing them boys."

Neighbor Andrea Reed testified that Skinner arrived at her house beating on her door.

Reed said she asked him what had happened that night but had to swear not to tell anyone.

"That's when he told me he thought he'd killed her (Ms. Busby)," Reed testified. "He said he thought he'd kicked her to death."

Under cross-examination, Reed said Skinner was obviously heavily intoxicated, occasionally called her Twila and told many stories that night, some of which she knew were untrue.

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

Lefors man denied bond on drug-related charges

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
 News Editor

AMARILLO — A Lefors man remains in Potter County jail after a federal magistrate judge denied bond on three drug-related charges Wednesday.

Danny Ray White, 34, 109 W. First, Lefors, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on three counts which allege conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute about two ounces of methamphetamine, and use of the U.S. mails to conduct drug trafficking.

White was arrested Feb. 23 outside the Lefors Post Office by representatives of the U.S. Postal Service and Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Also indicted as codefendant is James D. Burns, whose address is not listed in court records.

Lt. Jesse Wallace of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said, after the arrest in February, that

59 grams of uncut methamphetamine, a brownish-yellow powder, were discovered wrapped in plastic inside three plastic bags inside a white box otherwise filled with Styrofoam peanuts and other objects for weight. The box was seized from White by postal inspectors after White picked up the box from the post office box. The drugs are valued at \$7,000.

A tip from a confidential informant led officers to the dope-by-mail scheme, Wallace said. A postal inspector obtained a search warrant from Magistrate Judge Clinton Averitte after Czar, Dep. Paul Sublett's narcotics-sniffing dog, indicated the box contained drugs.

Officers opened the intercepted package, where they discovered the suspected methamphetamine. The powder tested positive for the drug, Wallace said.

According to the affidavit attached to the criminal complaint, the box originated from an address belonging to Custom Auto, Casa Grande, Ariz.

Administration frees \$3 billion for Mexico aid, defends U.S. policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, facing a hostile congressional review of its rescue plan for Mexico, announced today it is freeing up \$3 billion more in funds to help ease the peso crisis and warned that attacks on the plan could backfire.

"Mexico will use these funds to strengthen

and stabilize financial markets by cancelling short-term public sector debt," the Treasury Department said in a statement. "If Mexico proceeds along the path it has committed to follow, it should be able to regain stability and resume economic growth."

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin warned

members of Congress that any moves to block the aid "risk damaging market confidence in Mexico and thereby reduce the prospects this program has. This program is sound and it must be given an opportunity to work."

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, a strong supporter of the administration approach,

added, "I currently see no viable alternative to the type of program that is being pursued."

The new aid, in addition to \$3 billion the Treasury and Federal Reserve previously provided Mexico under earlier agreements, is the first installment of a \$20 billion support package the United States approved for Mexico.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

TOTTY, Frank — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.
TURVAVILLE, Andrew J. Jr. — 2 p.m., Parkview Baptist Church, Childress.

Obituaries

FRANK TOTTY

Frank Totty, 83, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 9, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Pampa with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor, and Dr. Don Turner associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whaley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Totty was born Oct. 7, 1911 in Mobeetie. He moved to Pampa in 1959. He married Pauline Black on Feb. 10, 1973, in Pampa. He was a carpenter for the Top O' Texas Builders for many years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Everyman's Bible Class, the Good Sam Club and Gideons, and was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Winkley Totty, in 1972; a son, Frank Marion Totty, in 1971; and eight sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline, of the home; a daughter, Frances Willard of Bovina; two stepdaughters, Elnora Haynes of Pampa and Charlotte Schiffman of Richland Hills; two stepsons, Grover Black of Pampa and Terry Black of Tupelo, Mo.; a sister, Alma Seitz of Wheeler; six grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren; plus several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

ANDREW J. TURVAVILLE JR.
 CHILDRESS - Andrew J. Turvaville Jr., 64, of Childress, father of two Wheeler residents, died Thursday, March 9, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Parkview Baptist Church with the Rev. Don McFarland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Quannah Cemetery at Quannah by Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Turvaville was born in Crowell and had been a longtime Childress resident. He married Faye Trulinger in 1953 at Chillicothe. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from West Texas Utilities, where he had worked as a fireman boiler. He was a member of Parkview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Glenn Turvaville and Jim Turvaville, both of Wheeler, and John Turvaville of Chillicothe; a sister, Jewel Harris of Hugo, Okla.; a brother, Lowell Turvaville of Hobart, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 411 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THE PLACE

The Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS

The Saturday menu for mobile meals is sliced ham, broccoli, squash, hot rolls, dessert.

TOWN HALL MEETING

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, will be holding a town hall meeting Sunday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Meeting Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

KNIFE AND FORK CLUB

Ventriloquist Greg Claassen will be the speaker for the Knife and Fork Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Pampa Country Club. Members may pick up their tickets at Dunlaps Department Store.

CALICO CAPERS

Calico Capers Square Dance Club will host their second Saturday dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 324 N. Naida. For more information call 665-7400 or 665-1061. Burnie Stokes, Amarillo, is to be guest caller.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

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Family violence - simple assault was reported in the 1800 block of Beech about 9 a.m. Thursday. Victim reported a bruise on the forearm.

Family violence - simple assault was reported in the 200 block of Miami. Victim reported scratches to the right arm and lower back.

Dale West of Allstar Cars and Trucks, 810 W. Foster, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Missing is a dark blue 1986 Pontiac 6000.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight at 7 p.m. Thursday. No injuries reported.

Accidents

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

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3:34 p.m. - A parked 1989 Jeep owned by Michael Price, 2131 Chestnut, jumped out of gear and was in collision with a stop sign which subsequently fell on an unattended 1991 Buick owned by Byron Douglas Beyer, 1812 Evergreen, at the intersection of Coffee and Perryton Parkway. Price was cited for failure to apply parking brakes.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions
 Pampa
 Clarice Boyd
 Mindy D. Clancy
 Lawrence J. Ebenkamp
 Kristy Sue Johnson
 Helen W. Lamb
 Henry L. Porche
 Jimmy Dale Twigg

Borger
 Norma Lee Leake

Miami
 Treva Jo Lackey

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Chad Clancy of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Pampa
 Larry Dearen
 Anne T. Dietz and baby boy
 Othal Hicks
 Cressie Hood
 Roberta Housley and baby boy
 Vernon Lewis
 William Milliron
 Flossie North
 Donna Jean Smith

Panhandle
 Groves Burum

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

There were no admissions or dismissals reported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.26	
Milo	3.94	
Corn	4.48	

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

NOVSCO	9 1/2	up 3/4
Occidental	20 3/8	dn 1/4

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

Magellan	69.62	
Puritan	15.07	

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

Amoco	60 3/4	up 1/8
Arco	112 1/4	up 5/8
Cabot	35 5/8	up 3/8
Cabot O&G	14 3/4	up 1/4

Chevron	47 1/2	NC
Coca-Cola	55 1/8	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	24 3/4	up 1/4
Enron	33 1/2	dn 1/8
Halliburton	37 7/8	dn 3/8
HealthTrust Inc.	34 1/2	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	29 3/4	dn 1/4
KNE	22 7/8	up 1/2
Kerr McGee	49 3/4	up 1/8
Limited	18 3/8	up 1/8
Mapco	54 1/2	NC
Maxus	5 3/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	33	NC
Mobil	90	up 1/4
New Atmos	17 5/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	18 7/8	up 1/4
Penney's	43	up 1/2
Phillips	35 1/2	up 1/2
SLB	56 5/8	dn 1/2
SPS	28 1/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	44 1/2	up 1/4
Texasco	64 7/8	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	24	dn 1/8
New York Gold	381.80	
Silver	4.56	
West Texas Crude	18.02	

Fires

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

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2:32 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a false alarm.

9 p.m. - Three units and six firefighters responded to a storage building fire at 1311 Rham. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Heavy damage reported.

11:04 p.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to 1111 E. Frederic on a medical assistance call.

Police: Man kills 'secret admirer' who revealed crush on talk show

ROCHESTER, Mich. (AP) - Scott Amedure surprised a heterosexual man by revealing a crush on him during a taping of the Jenny Jones talk show.

Three days later, he was shot dead, and police said the object of his affection admitted the killing.

Jonathan T. Schmitz, 24, of Orion Township was arraigned today on charges of first-degree murder and using a firearm in a felony. An innocent plea was entered on his behalf and he was ordered held without bail pending another hearing April 4.

Producers said the tape is not scheduled for broadcast.

Police said Schmitz had called them moments after Thursday's shooting and surrendered.

Sheriff's Lt. Bruce Naile said Schmitz was angry because producers of the "Secret Admirers" segment had told him his suitor was a woman.

He "came out on stage before a studio audience, and there was a

woman sitting there that he knew," Naile said. "He figured she was his secret admirer and walked up and kissed her."

"But then they told him 'Oh, no, she's not your secret admirer, this is' - and out walked Scott Amedure. The show was about men who have secret crushes on men."

The two men had been introduced several weeks earlier by Donna Riley, who lived in the suspect's apartment complex and was the woman on stage at Monday's taping, Naile said.

"He was stunned," Naile said of Schmitz. "He had agreed to do the show, so he didn't know what to do or what his rights were. So he sat there and went along with it."

Schmitz said his experience on the show had "eaten away" at him, police said, and that the final provocation was an unsigned note he found at his home Thursday that he assumed was left by Amedure, 32.

After finding the note, the suspect bought a shotgun and ammunition, went to Amedure's home, and shot him twice in the chest after a struggle in the front doorway, Naile said.

Officials at the Jenny Jones show referred questions to a publicist in California, who was on jury duty and unavailable.

Teletickets Productions released a statement saying "we are shocked and saddened" by the shooting. Sheriff John Nichols said today the company planned to give authorities a copy of the tape.

Amedure's neighbor, Gail Clinton, said her gay friend was infatuated with talk shows, especially Jones'.

"He watched all of them, but Oprah was too mild for him," she told *The Detroit News*. "He really liked the shows which revealed the intimate details of peoples' private lives. He would call me up and say: 'You won't believe what they're talking about today.'"

PHS choir students participate in UIL contest

Pampa High School Choral Department students recently competed in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University.

All vocal solos were judged by Brett Farr, choral director at Coronado High School in Lubbock. All ensembles were judged by Walter Wright, choral director at Plainview High School.

According to Pampa director Fred Mays, all UIL solo and ensemble competition is classed: Class I is a college freshman level, Class II is an average high school level and Class III is a high school freshman level.

The performances are rated from a division I to V, with I being the highest rating.

The Pampa students obtained the following results at the contest:

Making a division I on Class III solos were Lindsay Lewis, Lindsay Morgan, Suzanne Gattis, Angie Scoggin, Sara Shuman, Terry Candi, Sara Landry, Amanda Howell, Desiree Friend, Josh Blackmon and Brad Allen.

Ann Carlisle, Tiffany House, Crystal Fondren and Seth Lewis made a division II on Class III solos.

Kyle Easley, Julie Snider, Carla Wood and Angie Sims all received a division I on Class II solos.

Dave Bridges, Wes Lang, Kristi Carter, Ann Carmichael, Nicole Meason, Amanda Baldrige, Tish Hadley, Meredith Hite and Ann Geiser earned a division II on Class II solos.

Making a division I on Class I solos were Beverly Shiffman, Megan Hill, Laura Johnson, Amber Degner,

Katie McKandles, Tracy Bruton, Scotty Stribling, Dana Eskridge, Audra Shelton, Cullen Allen, Jennifer Mays, Shanda Winton, Ty Newman and Emily Follis.

Omar Pena, Erin Alexander, Amy Hayes, Summer Scott, Jeff Henderson and Crissie Wells made a division II on Class I solos.

Elizabeth Clements and Mindy Randall also participated.

Besides the solos, there were five ensembles which sang Class I songs and received a I division. Two other ensembles singing Class II and Class III songs received a II division.

Separate from the solo and ensemble events was a piano contest. Amy Hayes, playing in Class II, made a division I, and Jennifer Holland, Heather Robben and Robbie Payne participated with her.

China plays down human rights issue for visit

BEIJING (AP) - China set a conciliatory tone today ahead of a visit by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, expressing hope for better trade ties and playing down frictions over human rights.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said China was still ready to discuss human rights, even though Washington backed a vote Wednesday to censure Beijing at the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

U.S. support for the vote, "will not be conducive to the dialogue on human rights between the two countries," Qian told a news conference.

"Nevertheless, we will not stop the dialogue."

Qian's comments contrasted with the angry remarks Thursday of Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang, who accused Washington of leading the vote against China and warned that trade and relations could suffer.

China narrowly escaped U.N. criticism when the commission voted 21-20 against a resolution expressing concern about its human rights record.

Human rights issues have dogged China's relations with the United States since Beijing used tanks and troops to crush pro-democracy demonstrations

in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Last year, President Clinton stopped linking trade to human rights, a move both sides said would allow trade to develop.

Kantor was to arrive in Beijing today to sign a landmark agreement to strengthen copyright protection of American movies, music and computer software.

The agreement, reached last month after nearly two years of often acrimonious negotiations, would also make it easier for American producers to sell goods in the huge Chinese market.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Mostly clear tonight with a low near 40 and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy, with a high in the middle 70s and gusty, southwesterly winds 25-35 mph. Lake wind warnings are in effect. Thursday's high was 64; the overnight low was 33.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, mostly fair. Lows in upper 30s to low 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Patchy blowing dust over the South Plains. Highs in mid 70s to around 80. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows around 50.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 42 to 48. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs 68 to 73. Saturday night, mostly

cloudy. Lows 52 to 57.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, becoming cloudy with a chance of drizzle. Lows in the 40s Hill Country to near 50 south central. Saturday, mostly cloudy and warmer with highs near 70. Saturday night, Mostly cloudy.

Lows in the 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, becoming cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of light rain or drizzle toward morning.

Lows in the 50s inland to near 60 coast. Saturday, mostly cloudy and windy. Isolated morning rain. Highs from 70s inland to near 70 coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, fair. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, partly sunny and warmer. Highs in the 70s inland, near 70 coast. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, partly to

mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers over the northwest. Becoming partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows mid 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with mid 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Saturday and Saturday night, partly cloudy far southeast with variable cloudiness elsewhere. A chance of showers mainly over the northwest half. Turning cooler northwest Saturday. Breezy to windy statewide Saturday afternoon. Highs in upper 40s to mid 60s mountains and northwest with upper 60s to near 80 elsewhere. Lows in mid 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with mid 30s and 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs mostly upper 60s and low 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s.

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Rex Johnson, right, Miami Section superintendent for ANR Pipeline Co., presents a donation check to Sharmayne Stribling, paramedic with the Miami Emergency Medical Service.

ANR Pipeline Co. employees give donation to Miami EMS

MIAMI — ANR Pipeline Co. and its Miami Section employees have made a donation of \$1,479.09 to the Miami Emergency Medical Service. The Miami employees donated \$998.06 locally, and ANR, through its 50 percent matching funds program, donated the remaining \$499.03.

Rex Johnson, Miami Section superintendent, made the presentation on behalf of ANR Pipeline Co. and the Miami employees to the Miami EMS. Nine employees contributed to the Miami volunteer emergency service, one to the Mobeetic Volunteer Fire Department and four to the Pampa United Way.

The donation is a part of an ANR program which provides financial assistance to non-profit organizations in the communities where the company has operations and employees.

ANR Pipeline has 16 employees operating 140 miles of transportation pipeline and approximately 134 miles of gathering system, covering six counties in the Texas Panhandle.

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Lifetime accumulation of pennies

DILLONVALE, Ohio (AP) — Louis Staffilino's savings filled 40 garbage cans, weighed thousands of pounds and took four days to truck to the bank.

The 70-year-old bar owner had been saving pennies for 65 years. By the time he decided to cash them in, he had 8 million of them, or \$80,000 worth.

"I just wanted to turn in my pennies and this just got too big," Staffilino told *The Intelligencer* of Wheeling, W.Va. "Now the whole world knows about it. I just want to be done with it."

Staffilino spent four days in early December hauling the pennies in a pickup truck to the Steel Valley Bank, where they were tallied and deposited. The bank finally finished counting them last week.

He asked the bank not to disclose his name but later agreed to be interviewed on a television program.

Tempers flare over proposed preference ban

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — With tempers flaring over a proposal to make racial and gender preferences unconstitutional, a black legislator dressed in the hood and sheet of the Ku Klux Klan.

"I was rummaging around in Sen. Sibley's closet and dredged this up," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, donning Klan garb for a Thursday news conference.

Opponents said the proposal by David Sibley, R-Waco, threatens to undermine minority gains in education and jobs.

Sibley defended his constitutional amendment as something that would help make Texas "colorblind."

"It was a big deal in the '30s, '40s and '50s when privileges were afforded to people on account of their race, and certain groups in this state were shut out. I think it was

wrong then. I think it's wrong now to do the reverse," Sibley said.

"I think what we have is people whose group in the past has been discriminated against who now want to cure discrimination by discriminating. I disagree with that. I think it's wrong," he said.

Sibley's constitutional amendment would forbid the state, counties, cities and schools from discriminating against or giving preferential treatment to a person because of race, gender, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Sibley said it would apply in public employment, public education and government contracts with businesses.

Caucuses representing black and Mexican American legislators, along with other groups, called Sibley's action divisive and mean-spirited.

They predicted he would fail to muster the needed two-thirds majorities in the House and Senate to pass

his proposal and put it on a statewide ballot.

"It's appalling to me to see that after all of this time, we'd have a person that would think on such a level," said Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston, who heads the black lawmakers' caucus.

"In the end, this bill won't go anywhere because we (minorities and women) are the majority — whether they like it or not," Edwards said.

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said the proposal "has given a black eye to the entire state of Texas."

"It is a direct assault on equal employment and educational opportunities. Yesterday was a sad day for thousands of our citizens who were told that the privilege of a few should be written forever into our constitution," he said.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said Sibley's push "is not going to go anywhere."

"We have had to fight every inch

of the way to get equal opportunities in this country, and particularly in this state. The gains we have made over the years, however small they might seem, would be reversed with the passage of this," Truan said.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said Sibley threatens to tie up the Legislature in an emotional blood-bath when lawmakers are working hard on juvenile justice reform, education and other pressing issues.

"It's very unfair of him to introduce the race card in the debates of the issues that we have to deal with that are more important," West said.

One lawmaker even suggested that the amendment would permit gay marriages, something Sibley said he opposes.

Sibley's comments echo those of several Republican presidential candidates, including Texan Phil Gramm. Sibley said he hadn't talked with any of the campaigns about his proposal.

Nancy Reagan asks Congress: What about war on drugs?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nancy Reagan made an emotion-tinged return to Washington with a message for the capital's politicians: America has dropped the ball in its war on drugs.

In testimony before a House subcommittee on Thursday, the woman who in the 1980s urged the nation's children to "just say no" said a new generation of young people is falling prey without that warning.

"How could we have forgotten so quickly?" the former first lady asked.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich escorted her to the hearing room. Later, she posed for pictures with Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Bob

Dole and other Republican leaders.

She told the House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee it had taken "much soul searching" to make the trip, leaving behind her husband, the former president.

"As you can imagine, I have very pressing concerns keeping me busy in California right now, and I do not like to be away for long. So I have not come here lightly," Mrs. Reagan said before testifying about drug policy.

"I have come because my heart pulls me here and because my husband and everything he stands for calls me here."

Everywhere she went during her short visit to Capitol Hill, she was

asked about the former president, who announced in November that he is suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

"Please send our very best wishes and our prayers to President Reagan," said Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., in delivering one of a series of tributes to the Reagan era before Mrs. Reagan testified.

Mrs. Reagan said the White House should be speaking out more on drug abuse. She did not mention President Clinton by name, but her criticism of his anti-drug efforts was clear. Mrs. Reagan said the Clinton administration's focus on treating hard-core drug users was only part of the solution.

"People often ask me what I miss most about our eight years in the White House," she told the panel.

"In retrospect, I think what I miss most is the sense of common national purpose that so many of us felt as we tried to protect our children."

White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said he hoped Mrs. Reagan would also criticize the GOP for voting in the House Appropriations Committee to cut off funds for school-based drug prevention programs, including the Reagan administration's drug-free schools program.

"That's what Mrs. Reagan has been fighting for most of her life," Panetta said.

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Texas Editorials

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on new education commissioner: Lubbock's loss of Mike Moses will be Texas' gain as the Lubbock Independent School District superintendent takes his considerable academic talents and management skills to a higher level as state Commissioner of Education.

Gov. George W. Bush's formal nomination of Moses is still subject to Senate confirmation, but by all accounts his appointment is virtually assured.

Moses was overwhelmingly recommended by the State Board of Education out of a field of eight finalists seeking to succeed Lionel "Skip" Meno, whose term ended Wednesday.

By selecting Moses from a well-qualified slate of applicants, the State Board of Education and Bush are signaling their continuing commitment to educational excellence not only at the local but at the state level.

Moses deserves this prestigious promotion for many reasons, not the least of which is that his management acumen and shrewd business sense kept LISD afloat after he inherited a virtually bankrupt district in 1989.

Moses' leadership in business, education, social work and charitable endeavors has contributed significantly to the growth and vitality of our community.

Those desirable qualities and commendable characteristics, carried to new heights in his new job, now stand to serve students, teachers, administrators and taxpayers all across the state equally well.

Austin American-Statesman on concealed guns:

Make no mistake about it, Texas is about to join the majority of other states - 38 at last count - and adopt a concealed-carry handgun law. But if lawmakers are bound and determined to let Texans pack heat, they also should be bound and determined that only those thoroughly trained can obtain permits.

Soon, you will be betting your life on the mental stability and firearms training of that stranger across the restaurant from you, the one with the telltale bulge under his jacket. Should he be only minimally trained?

The version of state Sen. Jerry Patterson's concealed-carry measure that passed a Senate committee on Tuesday reduced the hours of required training that had been in the original legislation from 15 to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15.

No one seriously expects Texans to go berserk in large numbers as a result of a concealed-carry law. But state law requires that police officers have at least 40 hours of firearms proficiency training in addition to at least 24 hours of classroom instruction on laws about deadly force. Plus, police recruits must have psychological testing. And still police officers make poor judgments under the pressure of dangerous situations.

Patterson thinks somewhere between 10 and 15 hours of training is enough. His measure does not require psychological testing. ... He thinks that requiring more training could be costly.

But not as costly as a deadly mistake by an insufficiently trained citizen.

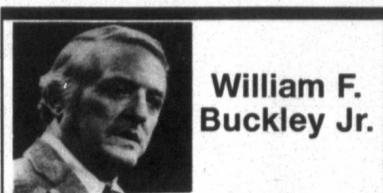
It is generally acknowledged that House Speaker Newt Gingrich has one foot in cyberspace. A few weeks ago, he wondered out loud whether it wouldn't pay to enable every schoolchild to have a computer. More recently, he warned about the polarization of the affluent and the poor, magnified by computer science.

"There's a very grave danger that the upper middle class has the resources so that their child gets a PC at 5 years of age, their children get on the Internet, their child gets virtual reality. ... We have got to think through a way of bringing the poor into the information age. If it's done right, you will dramatically expand and improve learning for the poor and you will open opportunities in an immense way."

Here are the rudiments of the situation:
• We publish about 45,000 books every year. A high percentage of these are remaindered well before the year is out. This means that major public libraries have to expand hugely, over the course of time, and spend great sums of money on books. Paradoxically, only a small percentage of these books land up on school desks of the poor. In Washington, D.C., \$500 million was spent in a recent year on schools, \$2 million on books.

• The technology is around the corner to make books available to anyone owning the correctly designed computer, at very low cost.

• The advantages of such a computer grow exponentially. Only a fortnight ago Gingrich baptized a new information service dubbed "Thomas," in honor of Thomas Jefferson, bibliophile. That service is prepared to furnish anyone with a computer and a modem the full text of all pending legislation, background material on such legislation, and the text of debates on proposed measures. Thomas is on



William F. Buckley Jr.

the Internet's worldwide web. Somewhat similar technology could be used for many purposes, including electronic books.

• Authors and publishers have got to be compensated for their work. These are the givens that author/editor David Rothman focuses on when he talks of his concept TeleRead. TeleRead would:

- Start small, under market orientation. The major manufacturers of personal computers would submit, through competition, to produce the cheapest appropriate portable computer.

- Says Rothman: "The best machine should be light, have color and sound, and a minimum storage space of at least one gigabyte - that's enough to store hundreds of books the size of *Gone with the Wind*."

- The government would enable schools and libraries to lend these computers to students. To do this would mean a small percentage of what is currently spent by government on public education. In D.C., \$10,000 per student per year is being spent, which is a pretty high price to pay for illiteracy.

- Encourage production of the same machines for the private market. We could use such machines for electronic forms to save tens of billions of dollars each year by reducing paperwork in government.

- Compensate authors and publishers by a data bank from which consumers could retrieve the books they wanted. In America, authors are not compensated for books drawn down by patrons (in England, they are). A schedule of tariffs would reflect the economies effected by computer technology. The cost of paper is one-third the cost of publishing.

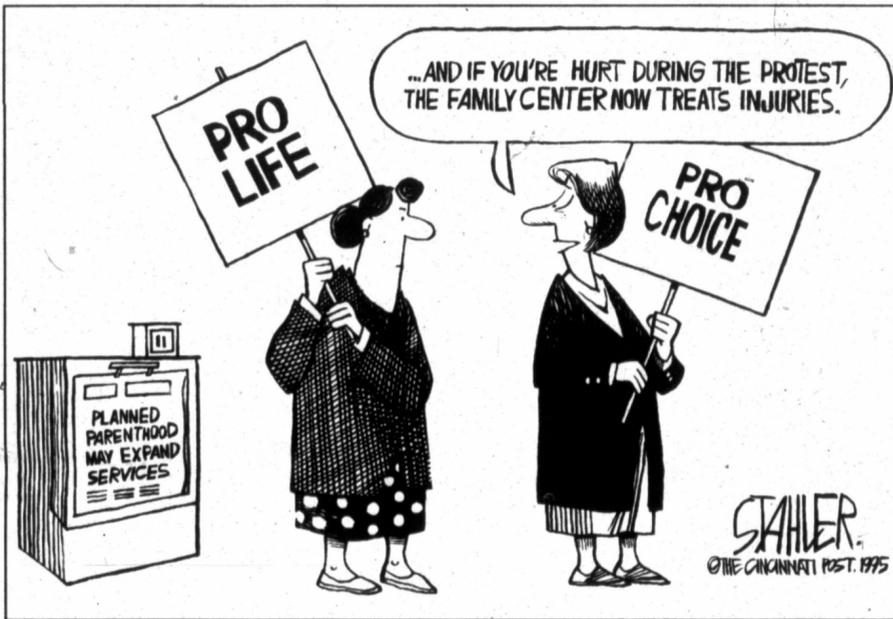
Rothman does not smile on the alternative that the Clinton administration's "green paper" proposal would offer. That proposal would deprive public libraries of the right to transmit copyrighted books over computer networks. Instead, students at home would end up making do with CD-ROMs and floppies - in the age of Internet the equivalent of requiring everyone who listens to music to buy 78 rpm shellac records.

What will the children dial in to read? The collected speeches of Vice President Al Gore? And believe it or not, there is also talk of the Postal Service getting involved in local public libraries through information kiosks.

TeleRead is an inspired idea, and Rothman is a man of practical inclination. An earlier draft of his proposal called for a small tax per TV set, but this, on reexamination, he finds unnecessary because of cost justification through electronic forms.

The big job ahead, of course, would be the scanning of millions of books, but that technology also obliges us, with scanners that will turn the pages of the books they scan, greatly reducing manual cost.

The world Rothman describes is coming, and he shrewdly points out that the fax machine and the E-mail outwitted and frustrated even the comprehensive revolutionary orders of Stalin and Mao. This side of what used to be the Iron Curtain, we should have the resources to handle our native bureaucracy.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 10, the 69th day of 1995. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made what was, in effect, the first telephone call. His assistant, in an adjoining room in Boston, heard Bell's voice over the experimental device say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:
In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

Cure requires more than medicine

Casey Melissa Macke enjoyed her Atlanta home and friends. Her early years were filled with fun, frivolity and adventure.

When she learned that her mother was ill - something about breast cancer that had spread to her bones - and that the family must move to Seattle so that mother could be treated at the University of Washington Cancer Center, little Casey was only 5.

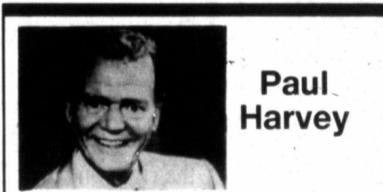
But, uncomplaining, she explained to her friends and schoolmates that her mommy was ill and she, Casey, was needed to be Mommy's nurse.

In Seattle, Mrs. Macke - before entering the hospital for her first treatments - saw to it that young Casey was enrolled in a new school, swimming lessons and organized children's activities - trusting that these activities would take the child's focus off her mother's illness.

But Casey understood more than anyone had realized, and she immediately took an active interest in her mother's care. She insisted on participating as much as possible in her mother's treatments.

Within days, the 5-year-old was adeptly assisting around the Cancer Center - drawing her mother's blood and flushing the chemotherapy catheter.

While her mother is in the chemo treatment room,



Paul Harvey

Casey is busy helping other patients - bringing them blankets, snacks, books and hugs. She reads to children undergoing treatment.

Casey is adored by the Cancer Center staff - she always has hugs for everybody.

Now and then, they'll delight to see little Casey revert - they will catch her licking the frosting from a cupcake or spinning round and round in one of the chemo center's chairs.

Casey's mother is receiving a new cancer treatment involving a stem cell transplant. It is not comfortable. But she is drawing strength from the inexhaustible reserves of a loving child.

There is a magazine for cancer patients called

Coping. Each year, that magazine selects and honors a specific individual as Caregiver of the Year. This year, it's Casey Melissa Macke, an incredible honor for a child.

At 5, Casey's vocabulary and comprehension have expanded to encompass much of the complex language used in oncology.

UCLA researchers recently evaluated 40 separate studies to confirm that "it takes more than medicine to treat cancer" and that cancer patients also need psychological support. Patients who receive counseling and relaxation instruction cope better and often live longer.

Young Casey is not unaware of the gravity of her mother's disease. One recent day, a nurse found the child in the library, sobbing softly. But the instant she was told that Mommy was coming out of the treatment room, Casey dried her tears and regained her composure.

So, her mother, Julie, continues to fight for her life, saying that with such a gallant daughter, she could not do less.

Casey's comprehension of malignancy is elementary. She says it's about good cells fighting bad cells. But then, that's about as much as anybody knows.

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Republican exile from power penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) - In the Senate, never lacking for profiles, a New Guard of zealous Republicans wants to redefine courage. They tried to punish a vote against the party position on a major issue, with exile from power as the penalty.

While they failed, the loyalty dispute, in itself, was a rebuke and an embarrassment, prompting what are supposed to be strengthened tools for the GOP leadership to enforce party discipline in the future.

There was talk, but no vote, on the idea of punishing Sen. Mark Hatfield for casting the sole Republican vote against the balanced budget amendment. Sen. Bob Dole, the majority leader, stopped it short of that point, much as he lamented the loss of "the big one" in the GOP program.

The amendment fell one vote short of the two-thirds needed for approval, and while wavering Democrats were key to the rejection, a bloc of relatively junior conservatives blamed Hatfield. They said he ought to be ousted as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senior heads prevailed. Had the Republicans voted to act against Hatfield, it would have taken a full Senate vote to change chairmen, and the Democrats would have had a political field day. President Clinton's spokesman already had talked of a Republican Party so

extreme that there's no room for moderates.

The attempt at a loyalty test is the reverse of the "Profiles in Courage" John F. Kennedy wrote of 40 years ago. The heroes in his book were members of Congress who stood against the popular or party line, to vote as they thought right, sometimes at the cost of their jobs.

Hatfield said he had voted as his conscience guided, and intends to say no when the amendment is put to another vote. Dole said he'll force one, perhaps at the height of the 1996 election campaign.

Hatfield's opposition took no one by surprise; he had declared himself well in advance, saying that the way to balance the budget is simply to do it, not to write it into the Constitution. Advocates of the amendment say that hasn't sufficed, and only constitutional discipline will.

Hatfield voted against two earlier versions, and said he regretted his one vote in favor of a balanced budget amendment in 1982. Ronald Reagan was pushing it then; when it lost in the House he said he felt a deep, burning anger. But he couldn't do anything about it.

This time, Sens. Connie Mack of Florida and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania tried to do something; they wanted Hatfield punished for his vote. Senators and House members have lost chairmanships or seniority for defecting to the opposition party in presidential campaigns, but there's no 20th century precedent for ousting a chairman for his vote on a bill.

That went too far for veteran conservative senators, many with committees of their own and possible conflicts of their own, so the dump-Hatfield move failed. But the newer conservative activists are gaining in clout, many of them graduates of the House school of aggressive Republicanism, led by Newt Gingrich before the takeover that made him speaker.

Dissenting votes in the House have not been penalized yet anyhow. The new chairman of the Judiciary Committee, for example, Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, opposes congressional term limits, one of the top 10 campaign pledges by House Republican leaders. He has voted to send it to the floor for action, saying he will vote against it there.

But unlike the balanced budget amendment, term limits is not likely to turn on one vote. And Rep. Dick Armey, the majority leader, said recently that "in the House, our guy would not be in a chairmanship position" after a vote like Hatfield's.

Lifestyles

How to prevent mishandling of food at home

Serving nutritious food that is safe for you and your family members is a real challenge. While the United States food supply is one of the safest in the world, nearly 30 million Americans suffer from some type of foodborne illness each year. Farmers, food processors, supermarkets and restaurants follow strict rules and regulations to help ensure safe and wholesome food for consumers. Government officials closely monitor them to ensure food safety practices as well. But what happens to the food once taken from the grocery cart to the car and then on to the home? Most of the reported "bad food" and foodborne illnesses are due to bacterial contamination. And nearly all the cases can be linked to improper food handling, which means they could have been avoided.

Just how can you avoid mishandling of food at home? One of the best ways is to be aware of the nine most common food safety mistakes which are as follows: 1) Countertop thawing; 2) Leftovers left out at room temperature; 3) Room-temperature marinating; 4) Barbeque blunders — same platter for raw and grilled meat; 5) Food left out for too long of time period; 6) Tasting from a stirring spoon; 7) Delay time in take-out food; 8) Same knife for trimming raw meat or chopping vegetables; and 9) Hide and eat Easter eggs.

Most foodborne illnesses can be prevented by safe food handling practices. Safe food handling practices revolve around a few key concepts — primarily time and temperature abuse and cleanliness or sanitation in handling foods. Two useful guides for safe food handling are

the 4-C's rule and the danger zone principle.

The 4-C's rule

1) Keep everything **CLEAN**. Bacteria are spread by contaminated utensils, work surfaces, dishes, dish rags, cutting boards, and other equipment, as well as by humans. Washing all "things" that come into contact with food is essential. Hands and utensils should be washed with hot, soapy water between every step of food preparation, particularly after handling raw meat, poultry, or seafood. These are prime sources for contamination. Sanitizing of cutting boards, work surfaces, and equipment is recommended.

2) **COOK** foods thoroughly. Raw foods — especially moist, protein foods — raw meats, poultry, fish, seafood, and eggs are naturally contaminated with bacteria. Cooking to proper temperature kills the bacteria. It's especially important to cook ground meats until done. Because of more handling during processing, these foods are especially susceptible. It's also important to reheat leftover foods to 165 degrees Fahrenheit before consuming; gravies and other "wet" foods should be heated to a rolling boil.

3) Keep food **CHILLED**. Refrigerator temperatures slow bacterial growth. It's important to store all perishable foods at refrigerator temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. After cooking, perishable foods should be chilled rapidly and leftovers should be stored at refrigerator temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or below or frozen at 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

4) Avoid **CROSS CONTAMINATION**. Cross

contamination occurs when bacteria from a contaminated food or item is transferred to a "safe" (uninfected) food. This is why it is important for food handlers to wash hands after handling raw foods and before handling cooked foods or those to be served fresh (as with salad ingredients). Cutting boards and utensils are a frequent source of cross-contamination. Preparation of raw foods should be kept separate from any areas where cooked or fresh food are handled.

The Danger Zone Principle

The danger zone principle has to do with the fact that bacteria grow, or multiply most rapidly between the temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. This range has been called "the danger zone." Perishable foods should never be held in this temperature range for more than two hours (in hot weather only one hour). In practice, this means keeping cold foods cold (at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below) and hot foods hot (above 140 degrees Fahrenheit). The two hour limit includes time food is prepared, served and eaten. This is why it is important to store foods from the grocery promptly and store leftovers immediately.

No better time exists than now to begin learning procedures to help prevent foodborne illness in the home. Keeping food safe to eat will help you and your family celebrate nutrition month with both nutritious and safe food. For more information on food safety, contact your Gray County Extension Office. In celebration of March — Nutrition Month, we will focus on food

Club News

The Civic Culture Club met March 7 in the home of Helene Hogan.

To open the meeting, a 285-year-old prayer by Thomas Hearn, sub-librarian of the Bodleian Library at Oxford University, was read. The committee for nomination of 1995-1996 club officers was elected.

Roll call contributors were Leny Howard, Marilyn Butler, Helene Hogan, Florence Rife and Teresa Reed.

The program, "Aloe Vera, Miracle Plant," was presented by Teresa Reed.

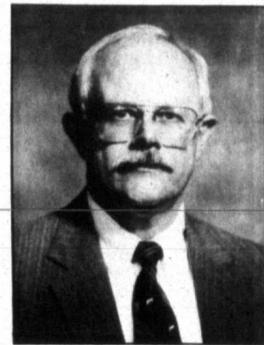
The next meeting will be with Florence Rife. Georgia Holding will give the program.

Historian to lecture on capitol restoration

An historical authority on the Texas Capitol, Dr. Bill Green of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present a slide program on the capitol and the current restoration at a program sponsored by the Gray County Historical Commission at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19 in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The program is open to the public.

Green served as capitol historian for the State Preservation Board. He has done research on the construction of the Texas Capitol building, including the 1882-1888 period.

The curator of history at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Green holds a doctorate in history from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He specializes in Texas and Southwestern history. A former high school and Texas Tech teacher, Green has served as curator of several museums, including the Witte Memorial Museum in San Antonio and the Museum of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



Dr. Bill Green

Subjects of his publications include the Alamo, Fort Concho Country, as well as the Texas Capitol. Museum exhibits he has researched and designed include Fort Richardson, cotton, history of Texas Tech, and the most current, the New Deal on the Texas Plains displayed last year at the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon.

Area Newsmakers

Marine Lance Cpl. James A. McLearn, son of Priscilla F. McLearn of Pampa is currently halfway through a six month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, and has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (22nd MEU).

McLearn is one of 2,000 Marines and 1,600 Sailors who are deployed with the three-ship USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group, which includes USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall and USS Ponce. After departing home base in North Carolina in late October, McLearn traveled to the Adriatic Sea, where the 22nd MEU was ordered off the coast of Bosnia in support of NATO forces in the area. The Marines are not only capable of conducting special operations, but also are trained in a wide range of missions including rescuing downed pilots and performing search and rescue missions.

While in the Adriatic Sea, half of the 22nd MEU traveled south with USS Gunston Hall and USS Ponce 1,000 miles to North Africa for a combined amphibious landing exercise off Morocco. After conducting training with the Royal Moroccan Marines, the U.S.

Marines and Sailors had an opportunity to visit Tangier, Morocco. So far during the deployment, the 22nd MEU has visited France, Portugal, Spain, Morocco and Albania.

The 1990 graduate of Boys Ranch High School of Boys Ranch, joined the Marine Corps in January 1992.

Senior Airman **Greg Logan** has been given a tour of duty to Incirlik Air Force Base in Turkey, about 30 miles from the Iraq border. A security specialist upgrade, Logan will be at this post for 15 months. He entered the U.S. Air Force after basic training in San Antonio in 1988. While he is stationed in Turkey, his wife, **Renita Hill-Logan**, will be finishing her master's degree in speech pathology and plans to graduate with honors from Oklahoma University in Norman, Okla., on May 12. She then will do her internship in Oklahoma City while her husband is in Turkey. She is living at Moore, Okla., during this time.

Logan and his wife both graduated from Pampa High School in 1987. He is the son of Jim and Kathy Logan, and she is the daughter of Bob and Carmenita Hill.

Virtual reality not a consumer reality

All-out virtual reality has not yet become a consumer reality but several companies are adapting the concept of a VR head-mounted display for home use.

True virtual reality, James K. Willcox wrote in an article in the current issue of Popular Mechanics, is the ability to create realistic, computer-generated three-dimensional worlds in which people and objects can interact.

This requires a significant amount of technological equipment — extremely powerful computers with vast amounts of storage and formidable graphics capabilities, next-generation software that can truly render an artificial world, and a variety of peripheral devices such as VR helmets and gloves, that enable a participant to interact in the virtual world.

Because of these technological demands, virtual reality remains almost exclusively within the province of the big-budget government agencies and giant corporations or within the boundaries of Disney theme parks. Even there,

technological hurdles remain to be cleared.

For home use, there are VR head-mounted displays, which are really personal display devices for viewing conventional program sources such as television, video and games.

By adding three-dimensional audio and video to the mix, they are creating an immersive, compelling experience that can be enjoyed at home.

At the heart of most HMDs is a pair of small — under 1 inch — color liquid-crystal displays like those in some handheld TVs, which are used to produce the picture.

Because LCD screens are comprised of extremely small dots — called pixels — that are visible to the eye, many HMDs also contain depixelization filters to improve the quality of the picture. Picture sharpness is measured by counting the number of pixels.

When used with regular source material — a video game, television show or VHS movie — the

HMD produces a conventional two-dimensional image. When filmed or created with special stereoscopic programming, however, in which a separate picture is produced for each eye, a three-dimensional image with added depth can be seen. This is the first step toward producing a virtual world.

To heighten the VR-type experience, most HMDs add head-tracking capability, using sensors to trace the head's movements and moving the on-screen perspective to react accordingly.

The better systems track on three axes — yaw or azimuth, pitch or elevation, and roll or tilt. This capability is particularly important for creating realistic programs involving flying, such as flight simulations.

Several companies are currently readying VR-type headsets for home use. Prices range from \$599 for i-glasses, which offer a sharp picture and have the added advantage of being able to be worn with prescription glasses, to the \$1,000-

price range headsets to \$2199 for a VR-type headset that includes some of the same optics and features contained in arcade and commercial applications.

Virtual reality will get another boost in April, according to Popular Mechanics, when Nintendo introduces a \$200 tabletop VR game system, whose eyepiece consists of two minilight-emitting diode displays used to view a high-resolution stereoscopic image that appears in red against a deep black background. The image, created by the LEDs and vibrating mirrors, gives users a sense of watching a TV or computer monitor screen.

Collective Art Exhibition

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Masterworks by George Caleb Bingham, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol; 11th-century American Indian ceramics; Paul Revere silver — these suggest the range of items on show in "Made in America: Ten Centuries of American

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APPLETON, Wis. — A total of \$2.9 million in fraternal assistance was provided to Texas residents in 1994 by Aid Association for Lutherans.

The funds were provided through a number of programs designed to benefit individuals, institutions and communities throughout the state.

AAL's 64,750 members in Texas are organized into 357 local volunteer groups, called branches. These AAL branches are provided with resources to support educational and helping projects and their communities.

Texas volunteers spent more than 171,000 hours organizing 3,574 activities in 1994. More than 403,000 people participated in these activities that ranged from health fairs to caring for the elderly.

In addition to fraternal programs, AAL has a unique benevolence program that supplements local fundraising by branch members. Through the program "Helping Hands: Caring Acts Through Fund Raising or Service," AAL volunteers assist individuals, congregations and communities in their areas.

In 1994, Texas members raised \$1,053,383 by sponsoring 1,007 Helping Hands projects. That amount was supplemented by the AAL home office in Appleton with an additional \$644,972 for a total of \$1,698,355 raised to benefit state residents.

Other AAL fraternal programs provide direct grant assistance to Lutheran high school, colleges, seminaries and other Lutheran organizations in Texas. In 1994, more than \$126,480 was distributed through these church-related grant programs.

AAL's Milestone program, which recognizes Lutheran churches celebrating significant anniversaries, provided \$8,500 to 13 congregations in the state.

Also during 1994, AAL sponsored 441 educational programs on topics such as balancing work and family, preventing rip-offs and personal health.

AAL provides its 1.6 members nationwide with life insurance and retirement products, as well as disability income and long term care insurance in most states. Mutual funds are offered to members by AAL's wholly-owned subsidiary, AAL Capital Management Corporation. Credit union services are available to members from the AAL Member Credit Union, an affiliate of AAL.

Revival set at Faith Christian



The Rev. Ruby Tanner

Revival services are set to begin at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and continue at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Faith Christian Center, 118 N. Cuyler.

The Rev. Ruby Tanner, Oakland, Calif., is special speaker for the services. She travels nationwide in revivals, crusades and women's conferences.

The Rev. Ed Barker, church pastor, states the ministry of this evangelist is so powerful that pastors are reporting their churches are forever changed.

Faith Christian is a Foursquare Church in existence since 1989. Barker and the staff invite the public to attend. Nursery provided.

Singing this Sunday at First Pentecostal

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, is to host its monthly singing from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday.

Singers, singing groups and musicians from several Pampa churches participate. The program is informal and includes congregational singing as well as special arrangements. Southern gospel, convention and revival songs predominate.

The Rev. Albert Maggard invites the public to attend.

Vice chancellor is role model for Catholic women

By TIM KORTE
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — When she started her religious career, Sister Nancy Kazik never intended to make a run at the male hierarchy that dominates the Roman Catholic Church.

One year ago, she was appointed vice chancellor for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, a high point in her 39-year vocation.

"I think climbing the ladder is a male image," she says. "My attitude is that whatever job there is, I will do the best I can."

Last fall, the nation's Catholic bishops voted to encourage women to enter the upper ranks of church theologians, administrators and canon lawyers. Women are being urged to pursue roles long reserved for men.

Kazik, 59, earned a master's degree in theology from Seattle University in 1971, as religious sisters began to take up academic challenges outlined in Vatican II.

A Milwaukee native, Kazik joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 1953 after high school at St. Mary's Academy. She has held teaching and administrative posts in the Midwest, California, Colorado and New Mexico.

Kazik says her philosophy remains that service to the church is paramount, for both men and women. High-ranking church jobs need good people, she says, and women should help in whatever way they feel called.

"As long as the pope has issued the directive that there will be no ordination for women, it seems senseless to pursue the issue," Kazik says. "It's better to look at what can be done, instead of worrying about what can't be done."

In their statement affirming

women in hierarchy, the bishops cited a National Pastoral Life Center study showing that women hold 85 percent of parish ministry positions open to non-clergy. Girls are active as altar servers at parishes nationwide.

Kazik says both signs are promising.

She says women should consider careers as parish administrators, faculty members at Catholic colleges and executives at Catholic hospitals. Catholic women in law school should consider working for the poor, she says.

"It's not a matter of taking a back seat to men, or of doing what the priest says I should do," she says. "Instead, if I have these gifts, I need to let the priest know about them."

Archbishop Michael Sheehan created the vice chancellor's post to address dozens of civil lawsuits filed in recent years alleging sexual abuse by former priests.

As the settlements of the sexual abuse lawsuits reach into the millions of dollars, Kazik has demonstrated an ability to get tough with lawyers and insurance executives.

Albuquerque attorney Bruce Pasternack, representing several clients alleging abuse, calls Kazik "a mean-spirited person" because she terminated medication and therapy payments last year for one of his clients.

The archdiocese had been providing funds for the plaintiff's treatment, even though the church never conceded abuse occurred. A judge ruled in that case that the statute of limitations had expired, releasing the church from liability.

Kazik says the archdiocese is trying to be "compassionate and caring" in handling the lawsuits, but says she would make similar decisions again.

"We have a policy and we follow



(AP Photo)

Archbishop Michael Sheehan of Santa Fe and Nancy Kazik, vice chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe share a laugh after an afternoon meeting Feb. 15, in Albuquerque, N.M. Sheehan created the vice chancellor's position last year in part to address lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by current and former priests.

that policy," she says. "Some people think the church has an unending source of funds, but that's not true. ... I have to be accountable and use the money for the purposes intended."

As a young nun, Kazik says she

never imagined she would work with lawyers. Inspired to join her order by the nuns who taught at her school, she wanted to become an educator.

She says she hopes to be a role model for Catholic women and girls.

She says her job involves a mission.

"I think it's important for men to understand how women think and react, especially now that the clergy ... are working together with women on many issues," she says. "Women must also know how men think."

Thriving flock led by pastor who didn't want to preach

RICHARD HORN
Ablene Reporter-News

ABILENE—Jerry Jordan climbed the pulpit to preach his first sermon six months after he shattered his leg in a near-crippling rodeo accident.

He was just off crutches. And he was only 13 years old.

The sermon was on Revelation, something about holding onto faith and God's hand, and when it was over Jordan never wanted to preach again. This was one teen-ager who, having mocked predictions he'd never again walk, was determined to play professional basketball.

"I never wanted to be a pastor," he said. "I've always been a loner, always wanted to stay off by myself."

But 37 years later he's still preaching, leading a thriving Abilene congregation in a church fashioned from a bankrupt funeral home.

The 200-plus congregation —

Faith Deliverance Community Church of God in Christ — celebrated its ninth anniversary. But it has far bigger plans for the future.

It will open a day care next month. Jordan then plans to create a school for children in kindergarten through 12th grade and a theology program for advanced education.

He also wants to continue working with young people, fighting to save dope dealers at North 13th and Ash, and trying to break down color and denominational barriers in Abilene where, as the city's first black insurance agent a quarter-century ago, he says he experienced plenty of racism and hypocrisy.

He has dreams of building charismatic congregations in area towns, including Stamford, where he already pastors Bethel Church of God in Christ.

All this from a man who never wanted to pastor.

Jordan, a 50-year-old Coleman

native with five grown children, five grandkids and immeasurable energy, said he's just keeping his part of a 1958 deal he struck with God.

He was 12 and stuck in an Abilene hospital bed. He'd broken his femur in a fall from a horse at a Coleman rodeo. Doctors warned him he'd likely be crippled for life.

Jordan had never been to church and didn't know the first thing about God. His parents weren't religious.

"But I prayed and asked the Lord if he would heal my leg," he said. "The Lord did what he told me he was going to do, so I'm trying to hold up my end of the bargain."

After being led to deliver that first sermon in Coleman, Jordan has remained tied to the Church of God in Christ, one of the fastest-growing religious groups in America.

His Abilene ministry was born in 1984 on the city's north side. That congregation then consisted of Jordan, his wife, Oretha, and their children, an assistant pastor and his

family, and one other woman.

But it quickly "outgrew" its first location, and in 1985 Jordan set his sights on a 55,000-square-foot building on Highway 277. The congregation now numbers 225 and has reached as high as 300.

Until the past year, leading this parish has been Jordan's love, not his career or source of income. The congregation now collects a bi-monthly love offering that's allowed him to finally retire from selling life insurance, a business he joined in 1968 after answering a newspaper ad.

It was tough work. He had trouble selling both to whites, not inclined to buy from a black, and to blacks who'd been brainwashed into believing a black salesman had to be inferior.

Jordan points with pride to many sales trophies he earned, but he said it took 12 years before he could be promoted. Meanwhile he had to train those chosen to be his supervisors.

As many as 25 whites have been members of Faith Deliverance, but

Jordan admits different cultural backgrounds seem to make it harder for whites to feel comfortable.

He's not surprised, though, that Church of God in Christ and similar denominations are thriving as mainstream churches struggle. People are starving for emotional acceptance, he said, and most churches are too reserved for them.

Young people, in particular, are much harder to reach through traditional approaches, he said.

"They're looking for something that has excitement and isn't mechanical," he said. "A lot of children are hurting. They're joining gangs because they're seeking something. That is the mission Christ gave us, to go out and reach. A lot of traditional churches are saying come to us."

During the past three summers, the congregation has set up a tent on North 13th Street for preaching, and Jordan said his members are better received there than when they knock on doors in more affluent neighborhoods.

Baptists form ministry to ministers

DALLAS — Texas Baptists have tapped a former state convention president and veteran pastor to tackle the problem of churches firing their ministers.

At its March 7 meeting in Dallas, the convention's executive board elected James R. (Dick) Maples, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bryan, for 16 years as coordinator of the new

Office of Minister/Church Relations.

In response to a restructuring proposal approved by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, the Texas board overwhelmingly approved a resolution supporting Woman's Missionary Union and affirming its independence as an auxiliary "free from outside coercion."

St. Mark to host fellowship breakfast

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, will host a fish fry beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The menu will include fish,

French fries and salad.

The Rev. Merle L. Houska is the pastor and the public is invited. Donations accepted. For delivery call St. Mark at 669-6743.

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Card switch in store gives credit where none is due

DEAR ABBY: My future daughter-in-law went to an all-night drugstore at 11 p.m. to fill an emergency prescription. She gave the sales clerk her major credit card to pay for it. The card was returned, and she immediately put it in her purse.

Three days later, when she attempted to pay for a purchase with her credit card, she was told that the card she was using had been canceled! The card had another person's name on it. She immediately called the credit card company, and was told that her card had been charged to its maximum limit. She canceled her card. Fortunately, the company agreed not to hold her liable for the charges she had not made.

The clerk at the drugstore had switched cards and had given her someone else's card in its place. (The credit card company said this is not uncommon.)

Abby, please advise your readers always to look at their credit cards when they are returned to ensure the card has not been switched for a stolen look-alike. You may use my name.

DAVE KINGSTON,
VENTURA, CALIF.

DEAR DAVE: Thank you for a valuable tip. It takes only a moment to check the name on your credit card after making a purchase. That extra moment could spare you the hassle of



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

replacing a stolen credit card.

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I'd be writing to you, but I have nowhere else to turn. I am 14 years old, and fear that I may be suffering from depression. I don't see any reason for this — I have a great family and some good friends. Yet sometimes I feel just horrible when I lie in bed at night.

Abby, please tell me the signs of depression, and what to do if I have it.

ANONYMOUS, U.S.A.

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Depression is a "whole body" illness. It can affect the way you eat, sleep, and the way you feel about yourself.

If you feel persistently sad, worthless, hopeless, and have withdrawn from your friends and activities, you may well be

depressed. It is not just a "blue" mood.

While it's normal to feel sad or moody once in a while, if these feelings last for more than two weeks, you may be suffering from depression.

In most cases, depression can be successfully treated with medication and counseling.

It is very important to discuss your feelings with your parents, your school nurse or counselor.

You can also call the National Mental Health Association at its toll-free number (1-800-468-1515) or your local mental health association to learn more about depression, its signs and treatment.

Please write to me again and let me know how you are. I care.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers again that some of our older folks cannot get to the telephone after only three rings. It is infuriating to get up out of a chair to answer the telephone just in time to hear the calling party hang up.

FAY MOFFETT,
JUNCTION CITY, ORE.

DEAR FAY M.: Thanks for a thoughtful reminder. Readers, I recommend letting it ring seven or eight times.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 11, 1995

Trends look promising for you in the year ahead because your ambitions and your abilities will fuse harmoniously. This is a big step towards being successful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If a considerate friend is eager to introduce you to new people today, take advantage of the opportunity. Something exciting might come of it. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use the past as your springboard today if you've been plagued with unproductive methods and procedures. Seek ways to make new beginnings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Aspirations and hopes can be realized today if you lock in on a positive attitude. If you think of yourself as fortunate, Lady Luck will do all she can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There might be a favorable shift in conditions today that benefit your career and your finances. Keep an eye out for meaningful indicators.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A situation that has been recently managed by someone else might come back under your control today. From now on, make sure the reins remain in your hands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are now in a cycle where you could benefit from things initiated by others. Prepare to jump on a few bandwagons.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you were once extremely fond of at one time may reenter your life. It doesn't look like

you'll have any trouble picking up where you left off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Set your sights a notch or two higher than usual today and dismiss all thoughts of being second best. You have what it takes to be a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) One of your best assets today will be your ability to get along with persons from all walks of life. The list includes bigshots, as well as Mr./Ms. Average.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone with whom you've previously had successful dealings might present you with a new proposal today. You shouldn't shrug it off; it could be good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Before putting your plans into action today, talk them over with a loyal friend who has always been a good sounding board. He/she might have good suggestions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Any constructive changes you make today concerning your work or career have very strong chances for success.

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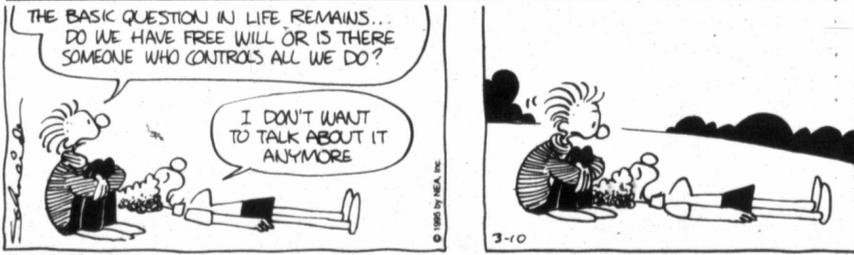
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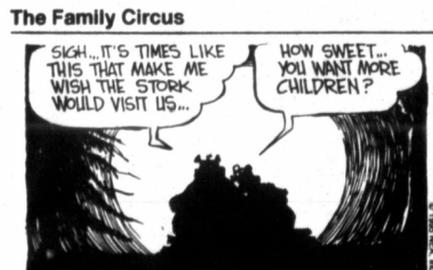


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"We can't read it 'cause we don't have grown-up eyes."



"Where has Marmaduke been that he had to wear a name tag?"



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SWIMMING

PAMPA — Five young Pampa swimmers recently competed in the West Texas "C" Championship meet on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, returning with 10 first places.

The meet, held March 4, was sanctioned under the 1995 U.S. swimming rules and regulations.

In the 13-14 years age group, Ashley Higgs gained three first places: 50 meter backstroke, 38.41 seconds; 50 meter breaststroke, 42.22 seconds; and 50 meter butterfly, 39.53 seconds.

In the 11-12 years age group, Clay David placed first in 100 meter freestyle with a time of 1:23.89; 50 meter breaststroke, 50.28 seconds; and 50 meter backstroke, 39.75 seconds, in West Texas "B" competition. He also gained second in 50 meter freestyle, 34 seconds, and fourth in 100 meter breaststroke, with 1:41.41.

In the age group 10 and under division, Megan David placed second in three events: 100 meter freestyle, 1:30.90, West Texas "B"; 50 meter freestyle, 43.03 seconds; and 100 meter, 1:54.17. In two other West Texas "B" events, she also placed fourth in 100 meter breaststroke, 2:00.47, and fifth in 100 meter backstroke, 1:45.60.

In the same division, Michelle Brown placed third in the 50 meter freestyle, 43.41; fourth in the 100 meter freestyle, 1:40.17; sixth in the 50 meter butterfly, 1:04.34; and seventh in the 50 meter breaststroke, 1:02.16.

In the age group 8 and under division, Missy Brown had four first-place finishes: 25 meter backstroke, 25.14; 25 meter breaststroke, 31.72; 50 meter freestyle, 52.48; and 25 meter butterfly, 37.14. She also placed second in 25 meter freestyle, 24.19.

BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER — White Deer seniors Duane Coffey, Willie Herring and Torey Craig have been named to All-District 2-1A Boys Team.

The Bucks compiled a 26-9 record and advanced to the regional quarterfinals.

Selected to the all-district girls' team were White Deer seniors Tiffany Day and Jennifer Stamps.

All-District 2-1A Team (selected by district coaches)

Boys

Duane Coffey, sr., White Deer; Willie Herring, sr., White Deer; Torey Craig, sr., White Deer; Dusty Walker, sr., Vega; Brandon Taylor, sr., Vega; Les Galbraith, sr., Vega; Clay Cameron, sr., Claude; Michael Pillard, soph., Claude; Josh Minkley, sr., Claude; Kelly Porter, sr., Sunray; Parker Liles, sr., Sunray; Michael Hill, soph., Sunray.

Most valuable player: Dusty Walker, Vega.
Newcomer of the year: Michael Hill, Sunray.

Girls

Tiffany Day, sr., White Deer; Jennifer Stamps, sr., White Deer; Stephanie Pratt, sr., Claude; Cenee Ollinger, jr., Claude; Laci Crowell, fresh., Claude; Cory Conrad, jr., Claude; Erin Skelton, fresh., Claude; Lori McDonald, sr., Vega; Cari Allred, sr., Vega; Britt Hightower, sr., Sunray; Cynthia Grajeda, sr., Sunray.

Most valuable player: Stephanie Pratt, Claude.

SOFTBALL

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

The entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per person with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's, Women's and Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed.

Entry deadline is March 31 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on April 5 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 10 for Men's Open and April 11 for Mixed, Women's Open and Men's Church.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

BASEBALL

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers snapped Detroit's four-game winning streak with a 4-3 win Thursday in Grapefruit League action.

Texas pitcher Jack Kimel continued to shine as he has all spring, striking out the only six batters he faced.

Kimel, who spent most of last season with the Class A Charlotte Rangers of the Florida State League, has pitched a total of 6.2 innings this spring, allowing four hits and two walks. He has struck out seven batters and allowed no runs.

Detroit scored in the first inning off Texas starter Steve Leinhard on a two-run single by John Toale.

Texas cut the lead to 2-1 in the third with Greg Ritchie's run-scoring single.

The Tigers made it 3-1 in the fifth on an RBI single by former Ranger Tommy Dunbar.

The Rangers rallied to tie the game 3-3 in the fifth inning off of Tony Chances's two-run double.

In the sixth, Osmani Estrada walked and went to third on a Daryl Knepp base hit.

Detroit then replaced pitcher Pat Miller with David Marcon, who got pinch-hitter Eric Mangham to hit into what appeared to be a perfect double-play grounder to short. Tiger second baseman Evan Pratte, however, skipped his relay throw past first base, allowing Estrada to score the winning run.

The loss ended the Tigers' four-game winning streak.

David Baine, the second of four Texas pitchers, picked up the victory. Chris Willsher got the save in his ninth-inning debut. Detroit's Pat Miller was credited with the loss.

Is Michael Jordan returning to basketball?

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan's quest to make the big leagues is about to become reality. The twist is he'll get there by returning to the game he dominated instead of the one he dabbled in, a source told The Associated Press.

"He's done with baseball," the source said. "He's going to play basketball."

Chicago White Sox minor leaguer Charles Poe is quoted in the Chicago Sun-Times today as saying Jordan said goodbye to his baseball teammates last week in Sarasota, Fla.

"I was begging him to come back," Poe said. "He said, 'I love you all, but I've got to move on.' He said he was done with baseball. I asked him if he was sure, and he said, 'Yeah, I'm not coming back.'"

Jordan practiced with the Chicago Bulls for a third straight session earlier Thursday, fueling speculation that a return to the NBA and the team he led to three consecutive champi-

onships was imminent.

"It sounds good — a guy retires for a year and a half, comes back ... it could go on and on if you win," former teammate B.J. Armstrong said. "Quite a story."

But a source close to Jordan, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said it was more than a story.

He said the three-time MVP, who retired suddenly about a month before the 1993-94 season, had not settled on an exact timetable for his return. Though his baseball career has kept him in shape, Jordan wants to improve his overall conditioning and hone his shooting touch before deciding on an exact return date.

"It won't be tonight, tomorrow or the next day," the source said. "But it will be soon. ... He's going to take a couple of weeks to tune up."

Jordan was reported to be in Phoenix today for a charity event. Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of both the Bulls and Chicago White Sox, has a home in the area.

NBA spokesman John Maroon said there would be no league obstacles to

Jordan rejoining the Bulls.

The Bulls have not addressed questions about his return and it was unclear how he would fit under the team's salary cap. Jordan has two years remaining on a contract reportedly paying him \$4 million a year. His agent, David Falk, was out of his Washington office and was not returning telephone calls.

"There are still a few pieces to fall into place," the source said.

"He won't rush back to improve the (team's) playoff position. It doesn't matter to him as much whether they play the No. 1 or 2 seed as whether he's in real good shape."

After the Bulls' two-hour practice, Jordan drove off in his Range Rover without comment. And spokesmen for the Bulls, the Chicago White Sox and Jordan's agent said no announcement was forthcoming, although ESPN also reported Thursday that Jordan was returning.

Bulls coach Phil Jackson said he and Jordan had discussed a return to basketball about the time training

camp opened last fall.

"He and I spoke about this possibility happening last September and October. It's a reality ... but it's still not a reality. So we're not pinning any hopes and we're not trying to throw up a balloon or a kite that's not ready to fly."

While several players expressed a desire to see Jordan come back, former Bulls assistant coach John Bach said he would be setting himself up for a big fall.

"I'll be very disappointed if he tries to come back," said Bach, now an assistant with the Charlotte Hornets. "He has to try to return as the greatest player in the game. He was the top scorer, he was the top player, he won three championships. What else could he do?"

Jordan, 32, led the Bulls to NBA titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993. He then shocked the sports world on Oct. 6, 1993, retiring with a 32.3-point scoring average, the best in league history. Jordan said he had "reached the pinnacle," had nothing left to prove and just wanted to "watch the grass grow."

Houston shocks TCU Frogs in SWC basketball tourney

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Strange things usually happen in the Southwest Conference basketball tournament and nothing could have been more unusual than Houston shocking the Texas Christian Horned Frogs.

The Frogs had blasted the Cougars twice during the regular season but couldn't do it when it counted Thursday.

Willie Byrd and Damon Jones hit critical free throws in the last 17 seconds and Tim Moore scored 19 pounds and hauled down 15 rebounds as the sixth-seeded Cougars rallied from a 14-point deficit to shock the third-seeded Horned Frogs 80-77.

Houston will play Texas Tech, a 92-54 winner over Southern Methodist, at 8 p.m. today.

Texas, which got a first round bye, meets Rice at 6 p.m. The Owls followed the career-high 30 points by Tommy McGhee to an 84-75 victory over Texas A&M.

Lance Hughes, who led Tech with 18 points, said the Cougars scare the Red Raiders.

"Houston matches up with us real well," Hughes said. "It should be a great game."

SMU was never in the game against Tech. SMU coach John Shumate said "they whipped us in every aspect of the game. It was embarrassing."

Three other Tech players were in double figures as the Red Raiders notched their 19th win of the year.

TCU finished the season at 16-11 while the Cougars improved to 9-18. The Frogs thrashed the Cougars 106-92 and 106-95 during the regular season.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs said he wasn't sure you could call it an upset.

"I don't know that this was an upset," he said. "Houston is good enough to win this tournament. The second half was the worst we have played in a long time. Houston made the plays. They played well in the second half and deserved to win."

Byrd made three free throws and Jones added another when TCU was trying to get back into the game.

Kurt Thomas, the nation's leading rebounder and scorer, scored 26 points and had 20 rebounds for TCU but his 9-for-19 free throw shooting hurt the Horned Frogs, who had 23 turnovers which led to 24 points.

Jesse Drain and Jones each scored 14 points for Houston while James Turner and Mike Thoele added 14 each for the favored Frogs.

Houston coach Alvin Brooks said the Cougars decided to rotate players guarding Thomas in an attempt to wear him down.

"It was our best defensive performance of the year," Brooks said. "The last time we played



(AP photo)

Texas Christian center Byron Waits, in white, and Houston forward Galen Robinson battle for a rebound during the first half of their SWC tournament game in Dallas Thursday. Houston won 80-77.

Thomas he scored 43 against us. We did a good job of pressuring the ball and clogging up the passing lanes."

He said he was happy his team didn't panic when it fell behind early.

"I just told them to relax and get the jitters out," Brooks said. "We haven't beaten TCU in awhile. But it's tough to beat a team three consecutive times in one season."

TCU coach Billy Tubbs concurred.

"It is hard to beat a team three times particularly if your offense disappears like it did for us," Tubbs said. "It was the worst second half we played in a long, long time."

Asked if he was pleased with Thomas' game, Tubbs shot back "not at all. He missed a lot of free throws."

Rice coach Willis Wilson said the Owls were going to try a different game plan against Texas which has beaten Rice twice this year, including a 108-74 loss on March 4.

"We have nothing to lose," Wilson said. "We know how good they are. This time we're going to try to take the game to them instead of them taking the game to us."

There may be a strike going on, but owners vote to add two more teams

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Major league baseball is interrupting the strike just long enough to add two expansion teams.

Baseball owners voted unanimously Thursday to add the Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays for the 1998 season. While striking major leaguers won't necessarily be back July 1, the 28 current teams will receive about \$1 million each in expansion fees on that date.

"We strongly believe the time is right," said expansion committee chairman John Harrington, also the head of the owners' negotiating committee.

Major league players walked out last Aug. 12, and the move brings some extra cash to the 28 current teams, who claim they lost in excess of \$200 million last year.

The new teams will pay \$130 million each in actual cash as franchise fees, but the payment schedule and an exclusion from national broadcasting, All-Star and postseason money for up to five years brings the actual franchise cost to about \$155 million.

Initial payments of \$32 million per team, are due July 1. The final portions are payable in November 1997.

"Today's announcement is one of those freeze-frame moments for the Tampa Bay area," said Vince Naimoli, head of the Devil Rays ownership group. "Years from now ... they'll be telling their kids and grandkids where they were when they heard the announcement that Tampa Bay is major league."

For Tampa Bay fans, the final moment was especially sweet. Seven previous efforts to land major league teams had failed. Naimoli's eyes appeared to well when acting commissioner Bud Selig made the announcement.

"We didn't wait as long as Tampa-St. Pete, but we're as excited as they are," said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, also president of the NBA's Phoenix Suns.

Owners in both the American and National leagues said they would like to see the teams added to their circuits. But owners decided to put off the decision, giving themselves a deadline of January 1997.

In the same resolution, they also approved adding two more teams in a second wave of expansion, expected to take place in 2000. Northern Virginia, which had two groups bid for a team in this round, became the

early favorite in that race.

A group headed by Bill Collins, one of the two northern Virginia bidders, said it planned to talk with current teams about relocating. If a team was willing to move to northern Virginia and a deal completed, the team would start play at RFK Stadium in Washington until a new stadium is built. The Montreal Expos are the most likely team to consider a move.

"If there are any major league organizations out there right now considering a sale, please give me a call," Collins said.

Orlando, Fla., the other bidder among the five groups, also may apply again. Baseball officials also are interested in a bid from Mexico City for the next go-round.

Owners last expanded on July 5, 1991, when they approved the Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins, who joined the NL for the 1993 season. Despite the strike, baseball owners thought they had to vote this month because Maricopa County's authority to levy a quarter-cent sales tax increase to fund the stadium would have expired April 1 if a franchise hadn't been awarded by then. The ballpark will be built near the America West Arena.

Harvesters take Perryton in tennis

The Pampa High School Harvester tennis team played at home Thursday and defeated Perryton 9-2 on the varsity level and 16-6 overall.

Billy DeWitt, David Kludt, Brooks Gentry, Matt Rheams and Meredith Hite each won two matches for the day.

Players of the week are junior Matt Rheams and sophomore Meredith Hite.

The Harvester team plays next at the Texas Wesleyan Tournament in Fort Worth on March 17-18.

Results from Thursday's match with Perryton are as follows:

Boys Double (Varsity)
1. Billy DeWitt-Brooks Gentry (Pampa) def. Glen Dutcher-Jonathan Bailey (Perryton) 6-0, 6-0.

2. David Kludt-Matt Rheams (PA) def. Austin Lamb-Cory Flaming (PE) 6-1, 6-1.

3. Kludt-Rheams (PA) def. Dutcher-Bailey (PE) 8-3.

Boys Singles (Varsity)
1. Todd Swink (PE) def. Cory Griggs (PA) 7-5, 6-4.

2. Kyle Easley (PA) def. Shae Cunningham (PE) 6-1, 6-0.

3. Gentry (PA) def. Swink (PE) 8-3.

4. DeWitt (PA) def. Cunningham (PE) 8-1.

Girls Doubles (Varsity)
1. McKinley Quarles-Julie Noles (PA) def. Lori Sam-

mons-Brenda Smith (PE) 8-1.
2. Kristi Carter-Kimberlea McKandles (PA) def. Deonne Felix-Kara Richburg (PE) 8-6.

Girls Singles (Varsity)
1. Cami Stone (PA) def. Whitney Brillhart (PE) 8-3.

2. Ashley Tregellas (PE) def. Halley Bell (PA) 8-5.

Other Matches
Boys Singles

1. Dustin Laycock (PA) def. Dustin Noe (PE) 6-3; 7-5.

2. Marty Field (PA) def. Ross White (PE) 6-1, 6-2.

3. Michael Moore (PA) def. Julio Gonzales (PE) 6-1, 6-2.

Boys Doubles
1. Juan Campos-Jason Vickery (PA) def. Chad Davis-Anthony Bleins (PE) 8-3.

2. Brandon Coffee-Chris Harrison (PA) def. Davis-Bleins (PE) 8-6.

Girls Singles
1. Meredith Hite (PA) def. Brillhart (PE) 8-7 (7-5).

2. Susan Burger (PE) def. Tami Graves (PA) 8-2.

Girls Doubles
1. Hite-April Lopez (PA) def. Burger-Farah LaMaster (PE) 8-5.

2. Sammons-Smith (PE) def. McKandles-Hite (PA) 8-4.

3. Richburg-LaMaster (PE) def. Amy Hahn-Nicole Watson (PA) 8-0.

4. Richburg-LaMaster (PE) def. Shanna Jameson-Alicia Lee (PA) 8-2.

Braves down Astros

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Doug Corbett, who last pitched in the majors in 1987, put in a strong bid in his effort to become the Atlanta Braves' closer with two scoreless innings against the Houston Astros on Thursday.

Corbett started in the Braves' 4-3 10-inning victory.

"He's got the same sinker he used to have," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said of Corbett, "and there are very few sinker ball pitchers out there. ... We are looking for four or five starters and he could easily be the closer. ... He's got the job right now."

The Astros did not get a ball out of the infield against Corbett, who walked two and struck out none.

The Braves won on David Toth's one-out, bases-loaded single through the infield. It scored Onesimo Balleo, who had opened the 10th with a

line single to center. Corbett, 42, pitched for eight years with three American League teams, with a 24-30 record and 66 saves on an ERA of 3.32. He has been the pitching coach for Jacksonville University for the past five years.

He said he isn't ready to say if he would be a replacement player this year.

"I have very strong emotions," said Corbett, who has signed a Braves minor league contract. "I'm very much in favor of what the Players Association is trying to do. I was out for 56 days in 1981 and for two days in 1985."

"I've explained to the Players Association where I stand both mentally and financially. ... It's pretty much a hand-to-mouth position at Jacksonville. I just want to be sure they are not blowing wind about what they plan to do for retired players."

Police cite WT's Chandler

AMARILLO (AP) — Police have cited West Texas A&M University Athletics Director Michael Chandler for disorderly conduct in looking in the dorm-room window of a freshman football player.

Meri Lyn Odell of the University Police Department said officers filed the case Thursday with Randall County Justice of the Peace E. Jay Hail.

The Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine up to \$500.

Chandler, after questioning by university police,

acknowledged looking into the windows of some male athletes early Tuesday to monitor their conduct.

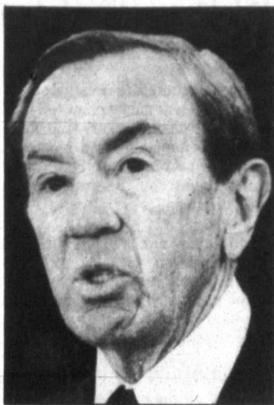
Chandler said he had good intentions but realized his behavior was a mistake.

The athletics director said he did not initially consider the action an invasion of privacy.

WT Interim President Russell Long said he asked Chandler to take vacation time beginning immediately. Long planned to meet with him after spring break to "discuss his future with the university."

Christopher rallies others to give aid to Palestinians

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer



Warren Christopher

JERUSALEM (AP) — A new agreement between Israel and the PLO injects "a new burst of energy" into the sagging Middle East peace process, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said today.

After receiving a detailed report from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who was even more ebullient, Christopher headed for Gaza to assure PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat he was rallying other nations to underwrite Palestinian economic projects.

"There is a sense of revitalization across the entire peace process," Christopher said outside Peres' office in sun-dappled Jerusalem. He hailed the foreign minister, a Nobel peace prize winner, as one of the world's great statesmen.

Peres briefly admonished reporters for a tendency toward skepticism about the agreement he concluded Thursday with Arafat being implemented smoothly.

"We are on the go again," he said confidently of the Israeli government's intention to turn over most of the West Bank to the Palestine Liberation Organization, withdraw Israeli troops and count on Arafat's latest assurances of deterring terrorism.

Israel and the PLO have set a July 1 target date for finalizing an agreement to withdraw Israeli troops from the West Bank and hold Palestinian elections.

Both sides called the agreement a breakthrough. A timetable had eluded them during months of

stalemate on how to expand Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank without endangering Israelis.

Christopher welcomed the agreement. He also said the next few months would be critical ones.

Terrorism has interrupted implementation of past accords. Attacks claimed by Muslim fundamentalists have claimed 56 Israeli lives since October.

"The only obstacle to moving ahead with the Palestinians is terrorism," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday.

He also confidently predicted Christopher would be able to reopen negotiations between Israel and Syria. On that front Israel also would withdraw and relinquish territory in exchange for Arab recognition.

Supreme court justices' wanderlust leads to controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — No strangers to perks, Supreme Court justices have long enjoyed free travel, lodging and meals courtesy of law schools, bar groups and other organizations eager to associate with legal luminaries.

But now the propriety of such high-court excursions is under examination.

At issue are trips seven justices took at the expense of West Publishing Co., a giant legal publisher that has been a Supreme Court litigant five times since 1983.

No justice has been caught red-handed in a conflict of interest, but some may be red-faced for not paying closer attention to the potential for an appearance of an ethical problem.

And "for federal judges, public perception is very important," says legal ethics expert Stephen Gillers of New York University. "Appearances count."

In a recent series of articles, the *Star Tribune* of Minneapolis questioned West's sponsorship of

a \$15,000 award made each year to an outstanding federal judge.

Federal judges are allowed to accept such cash awards under most circumstances.

But the newspaper reported that the seven Supreme Court justices traveled to various winter meetings of the award-selection committee in such balmy places as the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and Palm Beach, Fla.

Four current justices — Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, John Paul Stevens and Antonin Scalia — participated. So did three former justices — William J. Brennan, Lewis F. Powell and Harry A. Blackmun.

Kennedy made no apologies about his travels when questioned this week at a congressional hearing on the high court's budget.

"It's no different than the bar association paying for a judge to come and give a speech," he said.

And his colleague, Justice David H. Souter, told the hearing he was amazed by the suggestion

that West's sponsorship of the trips would put justices in a conflict of interest.

"There is absolutely no substance in any suggestion that West might have gotten special consideration" in cases before the Supreme Court, he said.

But changing times may have sneaked up on the nation's highest court and on a company that has long enjoyed dominance in legal publishing.

"In an earlier age, it was understandable to see West as in the same business as the courts, and to allow West greater access to federal judges than other businesses," Gillers said.

"There wasn't any competition for West back then, but the world has changed and there is greater competition in the legal publishing business today. Tens of millions of dollars are at stake," he said.

The *Star Tribune's* reporting "made us wake up and realize that the type of generosity we previously would have tolerated is no longer acceptable."

KFC grand jury will soon resume hearing further testimony

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — The son of former state Rep. James Earl Mankins reportedly has testified before the grand jury investigating the 1983 slayings of five people abducted from a Kilgore Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

Jimmy Mankins Jr., and the elder Mankins, the two-time Democratic member of the Texas Legislature, were among 20 witnesses summoned by the Rusk County grand jury to testify. Both men live in Kilgore.

Sources told Jacksonville television station KETK that the younger Mankins testified for about 20 minutes on Thursday. He was questioned by authorities shortly after the killings.

The elder Mankins says his son is

innocent and hopes to lay to rest rumors that his son was involved in the slayings, one of the most infamous multiple homicide cases in East Texas.

Meanwhile, the grand jury recessed Thursday without taking any action. It will resume hearing evidence March 21.

Conflicts in the schedules of state attorneys working with the grand jury prompted the recess, said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales in Austin.

The delay was disappointing to some relatives of the victims, who said they hoped to see indictments handed down this week.

"I'm ready for this to be over with," said Kim Miller, the daughter of Mary

Tyler, one of the slaying victims.

Morales briefed relatives of the victims Thursday in Henderson. He expressed confidence that his office would get indictments and convictions in the case.

"I am hopeful that justice will prevail in this matter," he said. "We are all hopeful that we'll see some degree of closure in the very near future."

The attorney general declined to discuss reports that a key break in the investigation involved genetic testing of a scrap of fingernail found on one of the victims. He did note, however, that his office, unlike most

small, rural police agencies, has access to the latest in modern crime-solving tools.

A little more than a year ago, Morales took over the investigation at the request of family members and Rusk County authorities.

On the night of Sept. 23, 1983, the five victims were kidnapped from the Kilgore restaurant.

They were KFC employees Tyler, 37; Opie Hughes, 39; Joey Johnson, 20; and David Maxwell, 20; and a visitor, Monte Landers, 19. He had stopped by the restaurant with Maxwell, who was off-duty.

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Gulf War veteran study leaves questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon study has found no single answer to the riddle of Gulf War syndrome, the Pentagon's chief doctor says.

"There's no clinical evidence for a new or unique agent causing illnesses among Persian Gulf veterans," Dr. Stephen Joseph, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told a House Veterans' Affairs Committee panel Thursday.

Joseph presented the latest results of a Pentagon clinical evaluation of 15,000 veterans who have complained of ailments they believe resulted from participation in the 1991 Gulf War. Doctors have been able to make clear diagnoses in most of the 2,047 cases analyzed so far, he said, but couldn't define symptoms in about one out of every six patients.

"That's the group that still represents a mystery," he said.

Joseph said the findings mirrored other studies of Gulf War syndrome that concluded that no single disease

was responsible for the ailments affecting thousands of veterans.

He repeated the Pentagon assertion that there is no evidence U.S. troops were exposed to Iraqi chemical or biological weapons. "But we are not done. It is our intention to find the answer, whatever it may be," he said.

Joseph said about 4 percent of the sick vets studied were suffering from infectious diseases, while 21 percent had psychological problems.

Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., criticized the Pentagon for poor coordination with the Veterans Affairs Department and other agencies studying the issue and for "a certain lag time in recognition and acceptance of the fact that there might be a problem."

"That's an easy shot one can always make about every government activity," Joseph replied.

He said an additional \$10 million will be spent this year on research projects into such areas as reproductive health, epidemiological compar-

isons and the effects of a pill used to protect troops from nerve agent attacks.

Joseph later said nearly completed research should answer some questions, including a comparison of the health of Gulf War veterans and soldiers stationed elsewhere at that time, and "important findings" would be released this year.

Investigators have sought clues from Gulf allies, but only uncovered still undefined reports of health problems among some British soldiers, he said. Special medical teams deployed last year with troops to Haiti and Kuwait didn't spot any unusual symptoms or illnesses, he added.

Kimo Hollingsworth, an American Legion representative, said in a statement that the Pentagon's figure for undiagnosed cases should be closer to 40 percent; in addition to the 16 percent cited by Joseph, the head of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center has stated that another 25 percent appear to have chronic fatigue syndrome.

Foster children taken from a mother witch

EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A woman whose three foster children were abruptly removed from her home says the action was motivated by religious discrimination — against witches.

Jessica Spurr, a licensed foster parent since 1991, says a case worker made an unannounced visit last week and removed the three toddlers — four days after a newspaper article detailed her induction as a high priestess in a pagan coven.

Spurr said the case worker asked her, "Why didn't you tell me you're a witch?" And she said she later found out that other case workers had been asking acquaintances whether she was a good witch or bad witch.

But the state child welfare agency says it doesn't matter whether Spurr is a good witch or a bad witch — the children were removed because she was a bad parent.

"It had absolutely, positively no relation to religion," Joanne Lehrer, Department of Children, Youth and Families chief of staff, said Thursday.

Lehrer said confidentiality laws prevented her from speaking in detail about the case. A DCYF letter said "the children were eating food off the floor," and Spurr said she was told the children were found unattended and in unsanitary conditions.

Asked whether the visit was related to the newspaper story, Lehrer said: "I can only say that there are times that there is publicity about a particular situation and

that publicity generates feedback to the agency. When the information is of a questionable nature it's the responsibility of this agency to investigate."

Spurr had cared for the children — a 2-year-old boy, 1-year-old boy and 1-year-old girl — for months. Their pictures hang in the living room of her modest first-floor apartment, and the two bedrooms they shared overflow with stuffed animals and children's books.

Spurr, a 27-year-old single mother raising a 4-year-old son, wears a pink tunic top, a white turtleneck and a pewter necklace depicting a rose and pentagram, the symbol of witchcraft.

She belongs to Our Lady of the Roses Wiccan Church, which believes in a deity with male and female attributes whose psychic energy can be tapped. The witches say they do not use the energy for destructive purposes.

"In one 10-minute visit my life is null," Spurr said, crying. "None of the good I've done matters."

Spurr has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to intervene. She expects to defend herself at a DCYF hearing within the next two weeks.

Lehrer stressed that religion is never a factor in removing children from a home, as long as the foster parents are not imposing their beliefs on the children.

"We're always in need so we don't take licensing actions lightly," she said. "But our primary concern is the safety and care of the children."

Judge orders experiments be suspended

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Harris County facilities have agreed to suspend medical experiments on involuntarily committed mental health patients until at least Sept. 1, which should give the Legislature time to address the practice.

The agreement by the Harris County Psychiatric Center and the University of Texas Health Sciences Center on Thursday was included in an order signed by state District Judge Scott Link.

The order stems from a lawsuit filed last month claiming it is inappropriate to ask such patients to consent to becoming guinea pigs. Link decided the Legislature, not the courts, should address the issue.

State lawmakers are set to consider two related bills during the legislative session this summer. However, if they fail to act on the matter by Sept. 1, Link will order a hearing for a permanent injunction, the order states.

"I don't think anyone's happy with it," said attorney Thomas R. Steinmeyer, who filed the lawsuit. "It is a short-term solution to a long-term problem."

However, he agreed that the Legislature is the best forum to decide the issue.

Steinmeyer said when his five clients were patients at the county psychiatric center they were asked to participate in research on the effects of altering medication or replacing it with a placebo. Steinmeyer said patients confined against their will are by definition unable to consent.

County psychiatric center officials have said federal guidelines permit research on involuntarily committed patients who have agreed to participate.

A person is involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital when a judge determines that he is a danger to himself or others, as in the case of a suicide attempt.

While no one ruled mentally incompetent can take part in research, a patient can be involuntarily committed without being ruled incompetent.

The research ranges from the efficacy of music therapy to the study of cocaine withdrawal symptoms. Any drug research is conducted with pharmaceuticals approved by the Federal Drug Administration, officials said.

According to the order, the county psychiatric center and UT Health Science System admit no wrongdoing.

Genealogy seminar March 25 in Amarillo

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Genealogical Society will be holding a genealogical seminar and workshop on Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Latter-Day Saints Church, 2101 N. Coulter.

Ten classes will be offered, ranging from a beginner class to students in Texas repositories. Other topics to be offered cover such material as health problems in the family tree, Cajuns, Puritans, Quakers, Huguenots, court pleas, proving Indian blood and sources relating to the Revolutionary War.

Cost for two classes in the morning and two classes in the afternoon is \$15.

Also, an all-day Personal Ancestor File (PAF) computer class is being offered. Those having their own computers are invited to bring them for "hands-on" learning. This is a limited-size class, with a cost of \$45.

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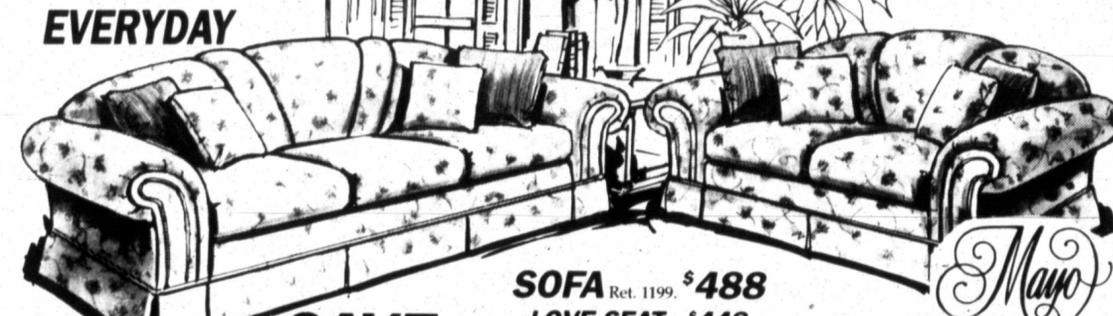
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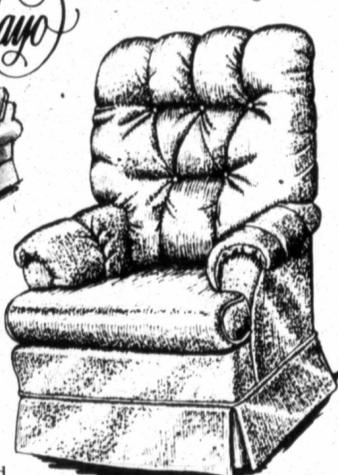
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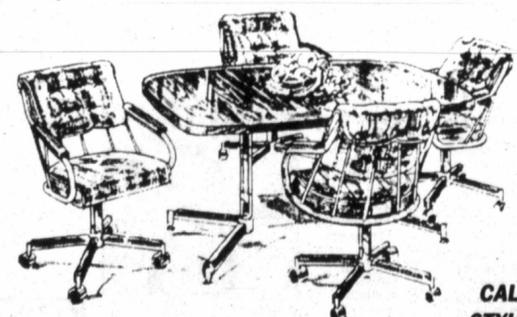
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