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THURSDAY

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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — A public meeting to discuss community interest in a Christmas lights project, scheduled for today, has been canceled because of the weather. Seleta Chance, co-chairman, said the meeting instead will be held next Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

The project, proposed by a group of city, business leaders and Pampa Chamber of Commerce members, would involve lighting up Pampa with string upon string of Christmas lights, similar to the Wonderland of Lights holiday attraction in Marshall.

Those interested in the project or having ideas may contact chance or co-chairman Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey prior to next week's meeting.

PAMPA — Gray County commissioners learned Wednesday that bills paid for the prosecution and defense of a Pampa man accused of capital murder total \$134,634.21, with more on the way.

Defense attorneys have been paid \$98,392.82, while fees incurred by both prosecution and defense for investigation, travel, witnesses, photographs and jury pay total \$36,241.39.

Henry Watkins Skinner is accused of killing Twila Busby and her two sons, Elwin Caler and Randolph Busby, on Jan. 31, 1993 in their Campbell Street home.

Jurors are being chosen in Fort Worth during the voir dire portion of the trial, with testimony to follow. Twelve of 14 jurors have been chosen from a jury pool of 150. The trial was moved from Pampa to Fort Worth on a defense motion for a change of venue granted by District Judge Kent Sims, who will preside.

STINNETT — The Hutchinson County extension office will offer training for pesticide licenses beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 14. Following the three and one half hour presentation, TDA personnel will administer the test, which consists of 100 questions.

The license, which costs \$50 and is good for five years, allows a producer to supervise pesticide application.

Pre-registration is required for this course, as the number attending will determine where the program is held. Hutchinson County Agent Jerry Nickerson needs to know who will attend by March 9.

Those attending should bring a calculator, Nickerson said.

For more information, call 806-878-4026.

STATE

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 4, 13, 15, 35, 39 and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$11 million.

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate budget writers have proposed cutting by half the number of drug treatment facilities for convicts, a move they say will save the state about \$22 million.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock, said Wednesday the budget-writing panel has voted to slash the program from 10,500 beds to 5,200 beds.

Cold keeps icy grip on Panhandle areas

From Staff and AP Reports

Blustery cold lingered today over cities where an arctic blast made a slippery mess out of roads, delayed dozens of flights from a major airport and threatened some crops.

Snowfall up to 3 inches was forecast for the Texas Panhandle, where several inches fell atop ice on Wednesday.

"Some of our heaviest snows tend to fall in the late winter, early spring — more moisture in the air," said National Weather Service forecaster Ed Andrade in Amarillo. "We've had a pretty quiet winter and not a lot of cold weather."

The weather service issued winter advisories that contained areas stretching from Odessa to San Angelo and Abilene.

The Department of Public Safety reported highways in the Texas Panhandle were snow-packed and slick today, although no major accidents had been reported as snow flurries filled cold grad skies for the second day this week.

Many schools across the Panhandle region delayed opening this morning, with buses running an hour or more late in such places as Lefors, McLean and Grandview-Hopkins. There were no reported school closings, however.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported 14 degrees at 7 a.m. today and fore-

cast another three to six inches of snow today and tonight.

In Pampa, snowfall was measured officially at one inch at 6 a.m. today, with 0.15 inch moisture recorded. Wednesday's high was a chilly 19, and the overnight low dipped to 13. The Pampa Police Department reported 11 accidents from Wednesday, some resulting from the slick, snow-covered roads, but none were major.

"There's snow on the ground, the roads are slick and it's starting to snow again, is what they tell me," said Jolene Campbell at the Bean Patch Restaurant in Panhandle shortly before 8 a.m. today.

Sam Pakan at the Pakan community in Wheeler County said there was about two and half inches of snow on the ground and it was 18 degrees shortly before 8 a.m. today.

"It's bad, bad," said Bobbie Simpson at Bobbie's Kountry Kitchen in Canadian. "The streets are slick."

Shirley Wilson at the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office in Canadian said it was slick and 14 degrees outside.

"It's pretty bad here," said Tricia Harkins at the Irish Inn in Shamrock.

She said there appeared to be quite a bit of traffic on Interstate 40 going west toward

Amarillo, but very little traffic eastbound toward Oklahoma City.

Meteorologists said to expect a frigid blend of sleet and light snow across much of West Texas and North Texas today.

Scores of American Airlines flights were canceled or delayed today at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport due to the bad weather.

"So far we've canceled 139 flights in and out of DFW," American spokesman Tim Kincaid said just before dawn. "American Eagle, the commuter affiliate, has canceled most all of their early to mid-morning departures because of the weather."

DFW Airport remained open, with crews overnight sanding roads in and around the facility, said airport spokeswoman Angel Biasatti.

"Getting to the airport is your biggest problem," said Ms. Biasatti.

Brownsville, meanwhile, enjoyed a 66 degree afternoon at the same time that Dalhart topped out at 18 degrees Wednesday.

Winter's late jab caused some late school openings Wednesday and flight delays at Lubbock International Airport. Various baseball games were postponed.

The South Plains Food Bank's soup kitchen fed about 60 people, twice what's normal. At

least 15 were newcomers, said Carolyn Lanier, executive director of the Lubbock agency.

"And they eat a whole lot more," Ms. Lanier said. "I guess they're cold."

It was a rude change from last weekend's 70 degree weather.

Police and state troopers worked dozens of accidents on icy roads.

"They're very slick," said Department of Public Safety spokesman Wayne Beighle in Amarillo, where the mercury struggled to reach 20 degrees. "We've been working several accidents."

Normally, Amarillo's temperature March 1 hits 57 degrees.

This arctic front could spell trouble for agriculture. Recent warm weather had induced an early maturity of the state's 6.2 million acres of wheat fields, said Texas Wheat Producers Association executive vice president Bill Nelson.

Freezing temperatures now might damage the susceptible wheat heads, Nelson said.

But "the moisture was badly needed," he said. "To the extent that we got some moisture, it gives a reprieve of a few days."

AP Lubbock Bureau writer Jean Pagel contributed the Associated Press portion of this story.

Slick roads



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

A jeep passes crosses over the bridge on Cuyler Street at Central Park during the late morning hours today as snow from an arctic cold front continued to fall. Forecasters predicted from three to six inches accumulation through tonight. Though Pampa roads were slick, no major accidents were reported.

Transportation needs study to include I-27 for NAFTA traffic plan

A transportation needs study in West Texas is being expanded by the Texas Transportation Commission to include the Texas Panhandle.

Commissioners voted to amend the study to consider transportation needs from Interstate 27 in Amarillo to the state line. The original study, approved by the commission in January, focused on the area between Lubbock and Interstate 10.

"With the increased transportation needs that will result from the North American Free Trade Agreement, we need to determine how well the current system will handle travel demands and what improvements we need to make," said Bill Burnett, TxDOT executive director.

"This is an efficient and well-timed development to my congressionally-approved I-27 expansion study that envisions the added plus of I-27 both south and north," said U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas). "I am always glad to see Texans take a good idea and run with it, especially when it benefits trade and travel."

The first phase of the study will be to evaluate corridors in West Texas and determine if a freeway is feasible.

If the study finds a freeway is feasible, the second phase of the study will prioritize necessary projects to accomplish the task.

If a freeway is not feasible, each of the corridors will be analyzed to determine what improvements are necessary to enhance rural mobility in the area and complement the Texas Trunk System.

"The Panhandle is the key to opening up routes throughout the Southwest," said State Sen. Teel Bivins. "It's appropriate this expan-

sion will be thoroughly studied. The commission showed foresight by voting to include routes north of Amarillo in its study."

The transportation commission authorized \$1.8 million for the original study. The expanded scope is expected to add about \$500,000 to the cost.

The study will be coordinated with neighboring states.

"We don't know what the results of the study will be," said Burnett. "But we want to identify all the options and then determine the best manner by which to address the needs."

In relation to the study, the TxDOT will hold meetings this month on extending Interstate 27 north from Amarillo to the Oklahoma state line.

The department is also studying freeway routes between Lubbock and Interstate 10 between Fort Stockton and Junction.

TxDOT will conduct a public meeting on the route study at 7 p.m. March 27, with public input beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Amarillo City Commission Chambers, third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th, Amarillo. TxDOT will conduct an open house at the same location from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TxDOT will have personnel available to answer questions and provide assistance, department officials said.

Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at (806)356-3256.

Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

County commissioners renew depository contract with FNB

Gray County commissioners agreed to contract with First National Bank of Pampa for depository services after bids were opened Wednesday during a regular meeting of the court. That continues the county's depository relationship with the bank, said County Judge Richard Peet today.

In other commissioners court action:

- A bid for construction on White Deer Land Museum was let to Southwest General Contractors for \$6,532.
- An agreement for collection services was approved between the

county tax assessor/collector and McLean Independent School district and city of McLean.

- Sales of four delinquent tax properties were approved.

- Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris was commended for course completion with the state Property Tax Board and Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

- The addition of a telephone line for Precinct 1 Constable James Lewis was approved.

- A lease agreement for fuel tank space at Perry Lefors Airport was approved.

Balanced budget meetings continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours before a long-awaited showdown, Senate Republicans met privately today on the balanced budget amendment. Democratic Leader Tom Daschle forecast defeat for the measure unless the GOP agreed to changes.

"Republicans have an opportunity to pass this amendment overwhelmingly," Daschle told reporters, "if indeed they do what they say they want to do, which is protect the Social Security trust funds."

Several Democrats are demanding a change along those lines as a condition for their vote. GOP leaders have refused, and Majority Leader Bob Dole said on Wednesday he'd bring the politically popular measure up for a second vote during the 1996 election campaign if it fails today.

"Let 'em try," said Daschle defi-

antly. "We'll ask the senior citizens and the people of this country whether they want to buy down the debt with a trust fund that's been there for 60 years."

Daschle also used his news conference to prod Republicans to go beyond the debate over the amendment and produce a plan of spending cuts.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, asked about the chance of actually balancing the budget without a balanced budget amendment, said today: "I don't think I've ever mentioned once the need to pass the amendment. ... As long as I'm speaker, we are going to be spending every day working on decisions to get us to a balanced budget by 2002."

Daschle's forecast that the measure would fail was in keeping with Republicans assessments.

"Most have already decided how they're going to vote and I think we are going to come up one short," Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, said today on Fox TV.

One Democrat courted by the GOP, Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, said today he still won't vote for the amendment without protection for Social Security.

"The proponents of this constitutional amendment have said in public 'we have no intention of raiding the Social Security trust funds,' but in private they've said to us, 'look, we can't balance the budget unless we take these Social Security trust fund moneys,'" Dorgan said on NBC's Today show.

"We've done all we can," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., conceded late Wednesday, a month and a day after debate began.

Daily Record

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Unknown time - An unknown vehicle struck a fire hydrant owned by the city of Pampa in the 900 block of South Faulkner. Damage is estimated at \$200.

7:45 a.m. - A 1988 Toyota truck driven by Christopher Bradle Duncan, 18, 2332 Evergreen, was in collision with a 1986 Chevrolet driven by Kenneth Neal Bailey, 19, 1336 Coffee #1, at the intersection of 23rd and Charles. Duncan was cited for unsafe speed and following too closely. Bailey was cited for having no driver's license in possession.

9:20 a.m. - A 1979 Cadillac driven by Wilbur N. Killebrew Jr., 57, 2542 Beech, was in collision with a 1995 Ford pickup driven by William Albert Reynolds, 78, 2611 Evergreen, at the intersection of Duncan and 18th. Killebrew was cited for unsafe speed.

10:15 a.m. - A 1985 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kenneth Vernoy Hinkle, 58, Box 954, Pampa, was in collision with a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Gary Lee Adams, 39, 1808 Coffee, which in turn was in collision with a 1988 Dodge pickup driven by Jerry Lloyd Simpson, 48, Lefors, in the 200 block of North Hobart. Hinkle was cited for unsafe speed.

11:10 a.m. - A 1992 Pontiac driven by Angela Rene Underwood, 17, HCR 2 Box 500, was in collision with a 1990 GMC pickup driven by Thomas Lee Tatum, 37, 1912 N. Dwight, at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester.

11:45 a.m. - A 1984 Ford pickup driven by Jerrad Lynn Reams, 19, 520 E. Francis, was in collision with a 1991 Ford pickup driven by Jeremy Wayne Elliott, 17, 1330 E. Kingsmill, in the 500 block of East Harvester. Reams was cited for unsafe speed for conditions.

11:47 a.m. - A 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jerry Edwin Carlson, 54, 2364 Chestnut, was in collision with a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Caleb Morse Headley, 20, 2336 Cherokee, at the intersection of Duncan and 23rd.

12 p.m. - A 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood driven by Kathryn Beth Riddle, 27, 701 Bradley, was in collision with a 1992 Cheyenne pickup driven by Christopher Wayne Teakell, 17, 2108 Christine, in the 300 block of North Ballard. No citations were issued.

1 p.m. - A 1993 Chevrolet C-1500 driven by Jimmie Larnce Dacus, 50, 1013 S. Somerville, was in collision with a legally parked 1985 Ford F-150, owned by Ronnie D. Martin, 1125 N. Duncan, in the 1100 block of North Duncan. Dacus was cited for unsafe speed.

4:15 p.m. - A 1974 Cheyenne pickup driven by Mickey Charles Bynum, 33, 2235 N. Nelson, was in collision with a 1993 Honda Accord driven by Maria Ancira Zamudio, 42, 1137 Sirocco, in the 1800 block of North Sumner. No citations were issued.

8:20 p.m. - A 1982 Ford F-150 driven by Jeremy W. Fitzer, 16, 1135 S. Finley, was in collision with a parked 1980 Chevrolet Luv pickup, owned by Richard Valingo Jr., 2222 N. Duncan, in the 2200 block of North Duncan. Fitzer was cited for failure to leave information at an accident scene.

Court report

COUNTY COURT

Criminal

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of driving while intoxicated against Matthew Gilbert Maul because he was convicted in another case.

An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Gene Wesley Rogers Jr.

An order was entered discharging Brandy Michelle Romans from probation.

An order was entered to dismiss a motion to revoke the probation of Candy Rayne Vermillion.

An order was entered discharging Candy Rayne Vermillion from probation.

An order was entered discharging Eduardo Javier Hernandez from probation.

Johnny Todd Preston pleaded guilty to harassment. He was assessed \$150 fine, 10 days in jail with credit for time served and \$165 court costs.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Pampa

Zetha Z. Dougherty

Cathy Annette Horton

Flossie M. North

Samuel Shackelford

Alma F. Stilwell

James Taylor

Skellytown

Joe Ray Trolinger

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry

Horton Jr. of Pampa, a

girl.

Dismissals

Pampa

Elizabeth S. Carter

Michelle Cochran and

baby boy

Martha Ann Davis

Joella Day

Thelma Ann Faggett

Canadian

Montserrat Reyes and

baby girl

Fort Worth

Opal L. Stevens

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admission

Shamrock

Ann Thomas

Dismissal

Shamrock

Noel Bowen

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.

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Officer Kyle Battin reported a hit and run in the 900 block of North Faulkner.

Richard Valingo reported a hit and run at 2222 N. Duncan at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No incidents were reported.

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Zwalyne Marcell Brown, 18, 1045 Huff Rd., was

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.23	Enron	33 1/8	NC
Milo	3.88	Halliburton	37 5/8	dn 1/4
Corn	4.42	HealthTrust Inc.	35 3/8	dn 3/8
		Ingersoll Rand	30 1/2	NC
		KNE	21 1/4	NC
		Kerr McGee	49 5/8	dn 1/4
		Limited	18 1/4	dn 1/8
		Magco	34 5/8	dn 1/8
		Maxus	5 1/2	NC
		McDonald's	33 1/4	up 1/8
		Mobil	87 3/4	up 1/8
		New Atmos	18 1/4	NC
		Parker & Parsley	18 1/4	NC
		Phillips	33 5/8	dn 1/8
		Pennsey's	42 1/2	dn 1/2
		Phillips	33 5/8	dn 1/8
		SLB	56 3/4	up 1/8
		SPS	28 1/2	dn 3/8
		Tenneco	45 3/8	up 1/8
		Texasco	63 3/4	dn 1/8
		Wal-Mart	24 5/8	up 1/4
		New York Gold	374.20	
		Silver	4.38	
		West Texas Crude	18.32	

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

NOVSCO	8 3/4	NC
Occidental	19 3/4	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	69.80	dn 3/8
Puritan	15.14	dn 1/8

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

Amoco	59 1/8	dn 3/8
Arco	109 7/8	dn 3/8
Cabot	34 1/2	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	13 1/2	NC

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
 Fire.....911
 Police (emergency).....911
 Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

Bennett, Crow, Bruce take top Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sheryl Crow had some fun as "All I Wanna Do" won record of the year and Tony Bennett championed American classics when his *MTV Unplugged* was named best album as the 37th annual Grammys spread top honors across musical generations.

Bracketed by the newcomer and the veteran crooner, rocker Bruce Springsteen won the top songwriting honor — song of the year — for "Streets of Philadelphia."

Bennett's victory Wednesday capped a career revival that began two years ago, and Crow's was a rocket to the top of the music world — a rare and sometimes risky ride.

Crow, who also won best new artist and best female pop vocal performance, was put in a position not seen at the Grammys in more than a decade.

The last time the record-of-the-year award was the winner's first Grammy was in 1983, when Toto claimed the prize for "Rosanna."

The group never won again. Kim Carnes won the year before for "Bette Davis Eyes" and won only

one other Grammy. Christopher Cross triumphed at the 1981 show with "Sailing" and never returned to the Grammy podium.

Crow, however, sounded confident as she talked backstage at the Shrine Auditorium. "I've been writing a lot this year, very prolific, so we'll see what happens," she said.

Bennett, who also repeated in the traditional pop vocal performance category he dominated the previous two years, said he wished his success would lead to an even broader revival of classic American music.

Springsteen's victory carried the night's strongest emotional weight. "Streets of Philadelphia," from the 1993 movie *Philadelphia* about a lawyer struggling with AIDS, won awards for song of the year, rock song, male rock vocal performance, and song written for a movie or television. It also earned him an Oscar last year.

The film *The Lion King* produced four winners, including Elton John's male pop vocal performance award for "Can You Feel the Love

Tonight." The movie's soundtrack also won for best musical album for children, while a "read-along" recording won for spoken-word album for children. "The Circle of Life" track claimed an instrumental arrangement Grammy.

Other top winners included Babyface, who won Grammys in rhythm and blues categories for male vocal performance for "When Can I See You?" and for writing "I'll Make Love to You," the popular hit recorded by Boyz II Men.

Boyz II Men claimed the R&B album trophy for *II* and received the award for best R&B duo or group vocal performance for "I'll Make Love to You." Toni Braxton won the female R&B vocal performance for "Breathe Again."

The best country album was *Stones in the Road* by Mary Chapin Carpenter, who also won the country female vocal performance Grammy "Shut Up and Kiss Me."

Vince Gill took the country male vocal performance award for "When Love Finds You."

Polish sausage dinner



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Preparing cole slaw out of 500 pounds of cabbage for the Knights of Columbus 43rd Annual Polish Sausage Dinner and Supper are, from left, Jim Maher, Hub Homer, Bob Jewell and Bennie Rodriguez. The dinner begins at 11 a.m. Sunday and continues until 2 p.m. and the supper starts at 4 p.m. and continues until 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Ward and Buckler Streets.

Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
 News Editor

Chemical ghosts which linger in garages and kitchen cabinets may be exorcised come April in a first ever waste disposal event designed to banish hazardous trash from top shelves, bottom shelves and from behind the doors of Top O' Texas homes.

On April 22, which is also the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, a Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled at the Community Recycling Center, behind Hobart Street Park.

Householders may bring for dis-

posal motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, solvents, gasoline/fuels, oil filters, tires, gardening products, weed killers, fertilizer, rat/ant poison, fungicides, latex paint, oil based paint, thinners, spray cans, brush cleaners, paint strippers, lacquer/varnishes, preservatives, ammonia, disinfectants, drain cleaner, bleach, mildew removers, empty aerosol cans, spot removers, degreasers, tile and oven cleaners.

Not acceptable for disposal are gunpowder, ammunition or explosives, including hand grenades, and pesticides.

City commissioners Tuesday

awarded Laidlaw Environmental Services a \$8,996 contract to handle disposal of products dropped off on Earth Day.

Over \$11,000 has been raised through donations to pay for disposal, said Bill Hallerberg, household hazardous waste committee member. A \$14,307 grant from Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission will pay for events of the day except for disposal costs.

Committee members include Hallerberg, Susan Crane, Hunter Chisum, John Kiehl, Stan Schneider, Charles Smith, Pam Greene and Rick Stone.

Latest shuttle mission to probe quasars

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Endeavour and seven astronauts took off today on the longest shuttle flight planned by NASA, a 15 1/2-day voyage to probe mysterious ultraviolet light streaming from stars and quasars near the edge of the universe.

The 4.5 million-pound spaceship remained visible in the night sky for more than 500 miles as it soared over the Atlantic Ocean. It slipped into orbit minutes after its 1:38 a.m. blastoff.

"See you back on Earth," astronaut Tamara Jernigan said before boarding.

Five hours into the flight, Jernigan moved the cluster of ultraviolet telescopes into an upright position in the shuttle cargo bay. It was expected to take the crew all day to activate and align the three telescopes, with astronomical observations beginning early Friday.

A fleeting cooling-system problem delayed the launch by one

minute. Controllers also had to overcome brief power fluctuations in Endeavour's three fuel cells.

NASA had fretted all week that bad weather would postpone the flight. As it turned out, there was a clearing in the overcast sky.

"Fortunately, the weather turned out OK, gave us a break," said launch director Jim Harrington. "We managed to find a hole and get out of here."

Just in case, NASA's deputy director of flight crew operations, Steven Hawley, pulled a brown paper bag over his head in the launch control center to disguise himself. In his astronaut days, Hawley set the record for most shuttle launch delays — 10.

It took a little persuading to get Hawley covered up.

"If Dr. Hawley doesn't have his bag on yet, will you have him put it on now," shuttle commander Stephen Oswald ordered two minutes before liftoff.

The mission is devoted almost entirely to astronomy. Jernigan and the three other astrophysicists on the crew will take turns operating three ultraviolet telescopes aboard Endeavour.

The telescopes will measure ultraviolet light emitted from stars, galaxies, quasars, the moon and Jupiter, so astronomers can better understand how the universe evolved.

Medical expenses fund established

A medical expenses fund has been established for Charles Robert "Bob" Scott, a former Pampa resident who is terminally ill with cancer.

The fund has been set up at Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Those wishing to make donations to the fund should contact Betty Helm at the bank.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with possible light snow. Low in the upper teens with easterly winds 10-15 mph. Friday, cloudy with a high near 40 and a chance of sleet. Southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 19; the overnight low was 13. Pampa received an inch of snow in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today, yielding 0.15 inch of moisture.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of freezing rain or snow. Lows near 20. Total snow accumulations of 1-3 inches northern sections with less than 1 inch expected elsewhere. Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain or snow early. Highs from near 40 northern rolling plains to low 50s South Plains.

North Texas — Tonight, cold with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain northwest half of north Texas. Lows near 30 northwest to near 40 southeast. Friday, cloudy and warmer with a chance rain with a few thunderstorms southeast. Highs Friday 42 north to 52 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows from the 30s Hill Country to the 40s south central. Friday, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend And Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows from the 40s inland to low 50s coast. Friday, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 60 to mid 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Friday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunder-

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy east with a few snow showers. Partly cloudy west with isolated early evening thunderstorms. Lows 5 to 20 mountains and northeast with mostly 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Friday, few showers or snow showers northern mountains and partly cloudy elsewhere. Warmer Friday, especially east, with highs mid 40s and 50s mountains and north to 60s south.

Oklahoma — Heavy snow warning this evening for the northwest third of Oklahoma. Snow advisory this evening for much of central and southern Oklahoma. Tonight, snow diminishing from west to east. Total accumulations generally 3 to 5 inches, except near 6 inches northwest. Lows 15 to 25. Friday, cloudy with a good chance of light snow, becoming mixed with or changing to light rain or freezing rain in the afternoon. Highs in low 30s to low 40s.

Combust details legislation to lift speed limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Congressman Larry Combust's new legislation probably would warm the heart of late-night television host David Letterman, a self-described violator of the nation's speed limits.

Combust, a Lubbock Republican, on Wednesday outlined before a House transportation subcommittee his legislation to repeal the nation's 55-mile-per-hour speed limit.

Under his bill, states would be allowed to set their own highway speeds rather than face loss of fed-

eral dollars if they don't comply with the federally-mandated limit on urban interstates.

"It is time to let the air out of the tires when it comes to the federal government's old arguments about fuel economy and 55 saving lives," Combust said.

Combust, who has introduced similar legislation in previous years, contends that the federal government should bow out of what should be a state decision.

"The federal government continues to dictate an arbitrary speed

limit, despite the facts of improved safety features, safer roadways, use of seat belts, and cars and highways built to travel safely above 55," he added. "The state of Texas should be allowed to set speed limits that meet the traveling needs of our states."

Letterman, of course, is known to millions of viewers for his run-ins with Connecticut troopers. In fact, during a memorable 1994 Winter Olympics interview, his mother, Dorothy, asked First Lady Hillary Clinton for help.

City briefs

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Somali warlord seizes airfield

By REID G. MILLER
Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The United Nations closes out its mission in Somalia today, leaving the Mogadishu airport in the hands of a warlord who once carried a \$25,000 U.N. price on his head.

The last U.N. peacekeepers were to leave today, headed back to Pakistan. After they are safely evacuated, the 1,500 American Marines and 329 Italians covering them will return to their ships, leaving Somalia to its fate.

The Horn of Africa country has been without a functional government since former dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was overthrown in January 1992. The multinational mission ended widespread starvation that, together with war and disease, had killed 350,000 people that year, but failed in its effort to restore government.

It's not known if much humanitarian relief or commercial traffic will return anytime soon to the Mogadishu airport, its seaports or even overland.

The International Red Cross in Geneva said Wednesday it is still providing emergency medical aid to three hospitals in Mogadishu and other first aid posts in Somalia and will continue as long as possible.

The Pakistanis withdrew from their posts around the airport Wednesday, with hundreds of looters — mostly young women — on their heels.

Empty wooden pallets seemed particularly in demand, perhaps as construction material in this dirt-poor country. Leftover pieces of lumber and discarded cabinets were also scooped up.

Close behind the looters, however, were the militiamen of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, who roared through the airport gates in stripped-down trucks and jeeps mounted with heavy weapons. Rifle shots rang out, most fired by militiamen as they shooed away looters.

A Marine sniper shot and killed a Somali gunman who fired a rocket-propelled grenade at Marines during a firefight between two Somali factions, said a U.S. military spokesman, Lt. Col. Jerry Broeckert. The grenade exploded over the Indian Ocean behind the Marines.

U.S. and Italian forces, watching nervously from the nearby dunes, also fired numerous warning shots to keep Somalis from trying to breach the razor wire between them.

No looters were hit by gunfire. The Americans, Italians and Pakistanis, who were evacuating three miles away to the seaport for their return home, suffered no casualties.

Aidid's action pre-empted an attempt by Somali businessmen and elders to form a multifunctional committee to operate the airport and seaport after the U.N. departure.

Youth Art Month



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Panhandle sixth-grader Laci Brookshire shares her painting with fellow student Angelica Reynoso this week as students from Panhandle, Claude, White Deer and Groom gather their artistic works for an annual show at the Square House Museum. The show will open next week, according to Square House Museum director Dr. Paul Katz. "March is Youth Art Month," Katz said.

Senate committee approves bill to retrieve Alamo flag via negotiations with Mexico

AUSTIN (AP) — Retrieving the Alamo battle flag from Mexico may be a "sensitive issue," but a state Senate committee has unanimously endorsed a bill proposing an effort to get the relic returned to Texas.

During a public hearing Wednesday, no one opposed the bill, which was sponsored by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi. The legislation would authorize the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to negotiate an agreement with the appropriate authorities in Mexico.

The proposed deal would trade or lend the Alamo flag to Texas for three Mexican flags captured by Texans at the Battle of San Jacinto. It is emblazoned with a flying eagle and the declaration "God and Liberty."

"This bill ought to be considered a bill for all Texans," Truan said.

At issue is the flag of the New Orleans Greys, which flew over the Alamo and was captured by

Mexican soldiers on March 6, 1836.

The state has been pursuing the flag since it was discovered in Mexico in the late 1960s. In 1991, the Legislature asked President Bush to make the flag's return part of the negotiations for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The flag "is a very important symbol of the struggles for Texas' independence and freedom," said Chris LaPlante, state archivist for the State Library.

The first step in negotiating an agreement would be to identify with whom they should be discussing the issue, LaPlante said.

According to *The Dallas Morning News*, Mexican officials said recently that they do not know the flag's whereabouts.

The library commission most likely would work with other Texas agencies and officers, such as the secretary of state, in the negotiations.

"I don't think we would attempt any of this on our own," LaPlante said.

Despite Wednesday's support for the bill, Truan said lawmakers and state officials must "tread lightly" on the subject.

"This has been a matter of great pride in Mexico," he said. "This is a sensitive issue, especially in Mexico."

The bill proposes that an agreement not affect title to the flags and may provide for restoration of all four banners.

One of the Mexican flags captured by Texans was restored at state expense in the 1970s and is on display at the San Jacinto Museum near Houston. The other two flags are stored in a temperature controlled, airtight vault in the basement of the State Library and Archives in Austin.

Both Truan and LaPlante said they believe relations with Mexico have improved enough to support an agreement like the one proposed.

"The climate is better now than it was in the past," LaPlante said.

Hospice of the Panhandle to offer grief seminars

Hospice of the Panhandle is sponsoring a series of free grief seminars beginning Monday, March 6.

"When people are experiencing grief, they can feel isolated in their pain," said Ellen Corcoran, hospice bereavement coordinator and seminar facilitator.

"Grief seminars can be helpful to persons who are grieving by helping them learn more about the grief process and by helping them better understand what they are going

through. They will also see that they are not alone in what they are experiencing," she said.

The seminar is scheduled for 4 to 5 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the St. Vincent Church's office building, 2300 N. Hobart.

Topics covered in the seminars include coping with stress, understanding the grief process, dealing with anger, guilt, sadness and loneliness, and helping yourself and others in grief. Presentations, videos and

handouts will be used in the discussions. Participants will also be given the opportunity to share personal experiences of their wish.

These grief seminars are free and open to the public. Corcoran recommends participants participants have not experienced a death of someone close to them within the past three months.

For more information or to sign up for the seminars, call Hospice of the Panhandle, (806) 665-6677.

Body of missing soldier found

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The body of a soldier missing from a West Texas military base since Feb. 18 was found early this morning and a suspect in her death has been taken into custody.

Goodfellow Air Force Base issued a release saying the body of Army Pvt.

Tracie McBride was discovered before dawn about 27 miles north of San Angelo in Coke County, off Route 277.

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We along with the other 6 families that suffer the loss of our children need prayer for God's guidance to carry on from day to day and let the healing of our hearts begin. So please continue to remember all of us in your prayers daily.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless each and every one of you in special ways as you all have touched and blessed our lives with your love. This is our thank you to every one - God Bless You.

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White House continues to support Foster as surgeon general nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is trying to discredit an assertion by a former colleague of Dr. Henry Foster Jr. that the surgeon general nominee knew of a government study that left syphilis untreated in black men.

White House aide John Podesta said Wednesday that Dr. Luther McRae's "recollections on a number of points ... are all inconsistent with the facts as established by the documentary evidence."

He added: "The confusion in mixing of memories after 26 years is not surprising."

McRae, of Mount Vernon, Ga., said Wednesday he would be willing to testify under oath that the surgeon general nominee found out about the U.S. Public Health Service's Tuskegee project, a 40-year experiment that studied the effects of untreated syphilis, in 1969. Foster contends he did not learn of it until it became public knowledge in 1972.

McRae was president of the Macon County (Ala.) Medical Society when a public health service doctor briefed the society on the project on May 19, 1969. Foster was not then the vice president of the society.

No records have been found of the meeting. Foster, who was on Capitol Hill visiting senators Wednesday, said he was not there.

McRae said he vividly remembers Foster's presence at the meeting.

"I recall that Dr. Foster sat two chairs away from me to my left," McRae said in a telephone interview.

He said Foster offered no comment or criticism when Dr. Bill Brown of the Public Health Service described the experiment, which had been going since 1932 and was supposed to last 40 years — until 1972.

"Dr. Foster leaned back in his chair and rocked and looked up at the ceiling and I could tell that something was going on in his mind, but he didn't say anything," said McRae.

The doctors endorsed continuation of the study by consensus, McRae said.

News of the Tuskegee experiment broke in 1972. McRae, who was president of the society until Foster took over in 1970, said he was very surprised then to read news reports in which Foster expressed great surprise and shock.

"I said to myself, 'Well gosh, Hank, you were at the meeting in 1969. Why become so outraged at it now?'" McRae said.

For his part, McRae said he "was a bit shocked" in 1969 to learn that the study had been going on so long, but felt three years more would not make a difference.

"It's like closing the gate after the horse is 37 years down the road," he said.

In his statement last Friday, Foster said, "Had I learned the facts of the study any earlier, I would have been equally outraged then, and I would have insisted on appropriate treatment, as I did in 1972."

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Opinion

The crime charade

To be sure, it's all very amusing to see Democrats carrying on about how the only sensible thing to be done about crime is to put more cops on the streets, while the Republicans support an approach that could - not by mandate but conceivably by choice - end up funding midnight basketball and possibly porky programs. It tickles the funny bone no end to see Bill Clinton swear up and down he'll veto any Republican crime bill that doesn't get 100,000 more cops out on the streets post-haste.

What makes all the uproar less than completely amusing, however, is the fact that almost everybody involved in this quintessentially inside-the-Beltway dispute is lying. The dispute is over a fraudulent approach to crime control that will spend taxpayers' money on symbolism rather than substance.

The most important thing to remember in all this is that the federal government has little real ability to fight the kind of crime that concerns most people and should have even less.

Almost all serious crimes that rightly concern people - robbery, assault, rape, murder - are handled at the local level, and only occasionally at the state level.

Congress has periodically read poll results over the years and passed "crime" bills that imposed the death penalty for things like assaulting a federal officer on federal property with an unauthorized club and passed out a bit of money. These exercises in flummery have done nothing serious to fight crime, but they have increased the influence of the national government over local law enforcement agencies to an extent undreamed of in the U.S. Constitution and increased paperwork for local officials and police agencies.

Neither the Democratic bill passed last fall after considerable administration log-rolling nor the Republican "contract" crime provisions are an exception to this rule. The best bet for ordinary citizens concerned about crime would be to reduce the federal role in crime fighting to as close to absolute zero as is feasible, eliminate all federal "crime-related" spending, and cut federal taxes to reflect those savings. Local law enforcement would see at least some increases in efficiency without any more spending simply by being liberated from federal paperwork and intrusions.

That might not happen, but getting rid of the most recent expensive crime farce would be a good start. Despite the posturing, last fall's crime bill doesn't even come close to the promise the Democrats are touting - to put 100,000 new police officers on the street. It only offers \$15,000 per year for each new position, with the federal contribution declining to zero over five years.

That amounts to pressure on local governments to spend more, on a continuing basis, for officer positions that might or might not be genuinely justified. And even if the maximum number of local jurisdictions took advantage of the incentives offered, it's likely only 20,000 new police officers would be hired.

The current GOP approach - having the federal government squeeze taxpayers and then send the money to local governments for law enforcement purposes, even as "block grants" - makes no sense. There's always a federal "carrying charge" in such a transaction; California, for example, gets back about \$1 for every \$1.25 the feds extort from California taxpayers. And those federal dollars always bring federal control eventually.

The bipartisan capital crime charade has its amusing aspects but the plot is built on too much self-deception to be credible outside politics, and the ticket price for taxpayers is exorbitant. This turkey should have closed in Poughkeepsie.

Thought for today

"I think one's feelings waste themselves in words. They ought all to be distilled into actions, and into actions which bring results."

Florence Nightingale, nurse
1951

Berry's World



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Is marriage linked to familial decline?

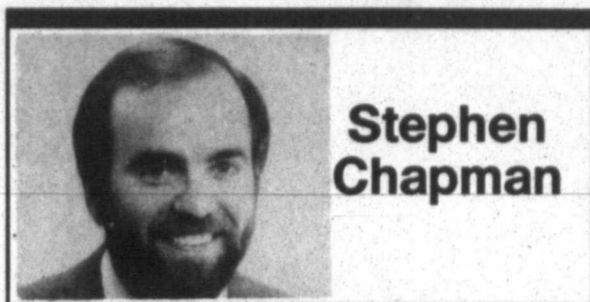
A group of Washington state legislators thinks American women face a grave danger: marriage. They want to change the wording on marriage licenses to inform those contemplating this hazardous step that neither spouse becomes the property of the other and that married partners have the right to live "free from violence and abuse." These facts presumably will come as a revelation to the women of Washington state.

State Sen. Margarita Prentice - who says that "the origin of the wedding ring represents part of a chain binding the wife to her master" - believes the measure would help educate women about the perils of domestic violence, besides discouraging them from ill considered unions. "I would say, simply, beware," she says.

Sen. Prentice must be pleased to know that marriage has been on the decline in America for some decades now. Divorce has grown common, and out-of-wedlock births are climbing steadily. If marriage is the source of domestic violence, says David Blankenhorn in his new book, *Fatherless America*, we might expect domestic violence to also be on the decline.

Wrong. "The weakening of marriage has not made the home a safer place for women," he writes. "As more women are living apart from husbands and fathers, more women are being battered by men." One recent government study, widely reported in the press, found that 6 percent of all pregnant women are beaten by their husbands or boyfriends. But the authors failed to publicize that unmarried women are four times more likely to be battered than married women.

In fact, says Blankenhorn, "marital status, is the strongest predictor of abuse in this study - stronger than race, age, educational attainment, housing conditions or access to prenatal care." Only 9 percent of



Stephen Chapman

the incidents of domestic violence against women are committed by husbands. Sixty-five percent are committed by boyfriends and ex-husbands.

The truth, then, is the opposite of what Sen. Prentice and her co-sponsors suggest: Marriage does not so much expose women to abuse as protect them from it. Maybe it's unmarried women who need a warning.

But the Washington lawmakers are not alone in their misunderstanding. Men and women alike have gotten used to the idea that marriage isn't necessarily healthy for women or their kids. Dan Quayle criticized a TV show for the lead character's decision to have a child out of wedlock - and found Americans siding with Murphy Brown.

Actress Michelle Pfeiffer, when asked why she had decided to raise a child on her own, expressed a view that once would have been shocking but today is uncontroversial: "I don't want some guy in my life forever who's going to be driving me nuts." Most Americans now agree that single mothers can raise children as well as married couples and reject the view that children are generally better off in intact, two-parent homes.

In general, says Blankenhorn, "fatherhood has been devalued. Within the home, fathers have been

losing authority; within the wider society, fatherhood has been losing esteem. Many influential people in today's-public debate argue that, when all is said and done, fathers are simply not very important."

Americans no longer hold strong and universal convictions about the solemn duties of men to their children - or to the children's mother. The cultural pressures that once pushed men into accepting lifelong family obligations have grown weak. Far too many men have abandoned the responsibilities their own fathers and grandfathers took for granted.

As a result, our society has been able to compile mountains of human rubble proving that fathers are very important after all. Homes headed by a single mother suffer more poverty than any other kind, and boys who grow up in such households are especially prone to crime. Most of the worst social problems of our time - poverty, violence, drug abuse, welfare dependency, sexual irresponsibility - can be traced to the crumbling of the family.

Many Americans look askance at the fathers of the 1950s, who are generally viewed as distant authoritarians who did little for their families but come home for dinner at night and provide for material comfort. This feeling of superiority is odd, notes Blankenhorn, considering how many modern fathers, divorced or never married, fail to do either - or anything else.

To an extent generally unnoticed, Americans have responded to the collapse of the family by pretending, as Sen. Prentice and her colleagues do, that it's not necessarily a bad development. In fact, it has proven to be a terribly destructive development, particularly for women and children. Few social needs are more vital than rebuilding the family. The first step is recognizing the indispensability of fathers.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 2, the 61st day of 1995. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote and was just one electoral vote shy of victory. (A special commission awarded 20 disputed electoral votes to Hayes, making him the winner.)

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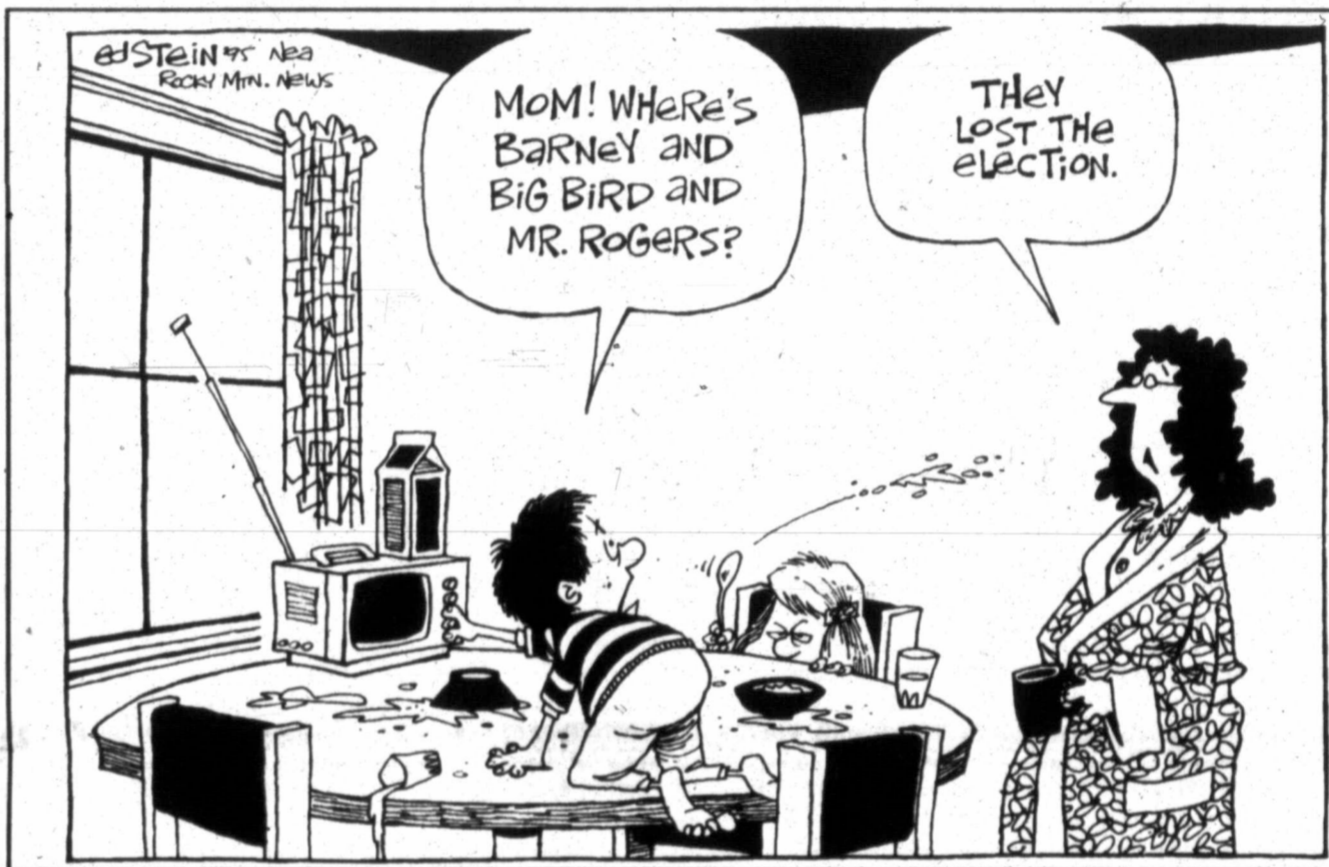
In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1930, author D. H. Lawrence died in Vence, France.



Let us define the welfare state

Charley Reese

The welfare state is dead. Nobody with any sense believes it works or is workable. Its defenders are just those who make money off it or who make political hay out of it.

Let's do what most defenders of the welfare state refuse to do - define what we are talking about. Social Security and Medicare are not welfare. Unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation insurance are not welfare. Workers and employers pay for all those programs.

The first two are services to the elderly after their productive years are over. Unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation insurance are just that - insurance against emergency or short-term problems not caused by the recipient.

You might call those four programs a safety net, paid for by themselves and their employers, for working men and women and their families.

Let's also look at public education. It isn't welfare, but, for the poor who pay little or no taxes, it is a gift from the taxpayers - and an expensive one. But I think every American is proud that children, no matter how poor their parents are, can receive a secondary education.

Therefore, there is really no excuse for anyone in America to lack an education. There are also public libraries in just about every town and county where anyone with energy and discipline can receive, for no cost at all, the equivalent of a

graduate education in virtually any field.

Still, that's not all America offers its citizens. There are also public vocational and technical schools where people can learn a job-worthy skill, trade or craft at virtually no out-of-pocket costs to themselves.

I point to these public benefits - available for decades - so that you will understand that when people present themselves, uneducated and therefore unemployed, with their hands out for welfare, there is no escaping that the fault for their problem is theirs. They rejected the available opportunities.

These are people who deliberately chose not to take advantage of free public education, virtually free public vocational or technical education and the public libraries. If they are ignorant, they are willfully ignorant. If they are unqualified for gainful employment, they are willfully unqualified. And the fact is that most of them in this category are lazy, undisciplined and self-indulgent. They created themselves, sorry as that is.

And so I ask you, on what basis do they present a claim to others who are responsible for a lifetime subsidy? Why should a single woman who has a child and no means of supporting it claim that

everyone else owes her a monthly cash reward? Why should an able bodied person, having rejected the opportunities offered by schools and libraries, claim the right to housing, medical care and food at somebody else's expense?

Furnishing food, housing, cash and medical care to the healthy, young, able bodied people who decline to work is welfare.

Most Americans, conservatives included, do not strongly object to assistance for people who have been struck down by fate, either disease or accident, and are thus rendered involuntarily dependent and have no private source of assistance. This category of people, however, is small.

What Americans are asking liberal elitists is, if we studied, worked and sacrificed to provide for our families, why should you, at the point of an IRS gun, force us to subsidize those who refuse to study, work and sacrifice? Where is the justice? And don't prattle about compassion, because that's a word that applies only to the private sector. Government coerced redistributionist schemes have nothing to do with compassion.

When people present a claim on your labor, they are in effect claiming the right to enslave you. Americans have grown tired of being enslaved by politicians in order to buy the votes of parasites. I would not only cut off the welfare given to those parasites, I'd take their voter registration card away from them, too. They don't deserve either.

When a young hero makes a mistake

When I arrived at work one morning recently an elderly woman was waiting for me. She handed me a neatly typed letter addressed to "Anne Voigt, Justice Department, Washington, D.C."

"They said you wrote the editorial about Mychael Ramsey and I wanted to show you the letter I'm sending in his behalf," she told me. "I've never heard of such an awful thing! I think everyone who feels the same way ought to write a letter for him."

Mychael Ramsey was only 15 years old in December 1993, when he and his friends in Kansas City, Mo., were driving to a grocery store and spotted a house on fire. The boys stopped the car. Mychael tried to get in the front door of the house but was driven back by smoke.

Going around the house, Mychael heard someone rapping on a window. He broke the window with his hand and helped an 83-year-old woman and her 67-year-old brother to safety. He then went back into the house and led out the woman's mentally impaired daughter. He was taken to a hospital and treated several hours for smoke inhalation.

For his bravery, Mychael was chosen as a recipient of a 1993 Young American Medal for Bravery. He was scheduled to go to Washington and have lunch with President Clinton, but the Justice Department announced last month that it is reconsidering giving Mychael his medal. In the year since Mychael saved three people from burning to death, he was arrested on a



Sarah Overstreet

misdeemeanor charge of possessing marijuana. Possessing marijuana is not a heroic act, but risking a death by fire to save three strangers certainly is. Those fire victims didn't care whether Mychael was president of his church youth group of fresh from a Bloods and Crips rumble, as long as he was willing to dash inside the scorcharium and lead them to safety. He was. At 15 years old with a whole life ahead of him, he risked it all to save people who most probably don't have that many more years to live.

I assume the folks at the Justice Department who are thinking of revoking Mychael's medal have had no elderly or disabled family members burned to death in fires. Yet I have hope that surely common sense will overtake some of them. Perhaps on a slow day at the office they'll flip on C-SPAN. As their gazes fall over our president and legislators, they can't help but be reminded that even people we count among our highest heroes are not without flaw.

Maybe they'll realize that if we can forgive national leaders all their warts and blemishes of character, so too we can give a young boy another chance.

If they don't, they will send a message to American youth such as Mychael that it doesn't matter how brave you are when it counts most; screw up once and it negates everything that came before. Don't take a risk for anyone else, because you can never do anything wonderful enough that one slip-up won't ruin it.

Mychael says he doesn't care if he gets the award or not, although he is pretty excited about meeting the president and the chance that he might also meet Jesse Jackson. "If I don't, I don't," he told The Associated Press. "It's not like I'm going to go back home and cry or something. I just be thankful for all the other awards I got."

But when Mychael is old enough to realize how much those in power get away with and how easily the award he earned was stripped from him, it will be a much more powerful message than whatever it is the Justice Department is trying to say.

Mychael will pay whatever price the local justice system assesses for possessing marijuana. That has nothing to do with what he did for three doomed people in December 1993. If you feel the same way, write the Justice Department, care of Anne Voigt, who is acting as the department's spokeswoman on Mychael's case. Her address is Justice Department, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20530.

Lifestyles

Pampa's Lovett Library grew from Ladies' Literary Club in 1907

The beginning of a library for Pampa occurred in January 1907, when a group of literary-minded women met to organize "The Ladies' Library Club." Mrs. W.R. Beydler was elected president of the organization, which included Mmes. W.R. Beydler, J.H. Boge, C.P. Buckler, J.E. Chapman, J.T. Clagett, J.T. Crawford, Oscar Cousins, Edna Davis, Lettie Davis, T.D. Hobart, A.A. Holland, T. H. Lane, Claude Ledrick, C.H. Mullin, E.A. Shackleton, Harley Talley, J.W. Talley, G.W. Tinsley, H.M. Thomas, Georgia Vincent, Katie Vincent, W.T. Wilks, J.S. Wynne and Miss Bessie Warren (Mrs. B.E. Finley).

Mmes. Hobart, Wilks, Cole and Katie Vincent served on the committee to draft the first by-laws for the library group.

The club met in the basement of the First National Bank building and also in the homes of members. On one occasion when Katie Vincent was hostess, her husband Wiley went to the fields and returned with several watermelons so that the women could have a watermelon feast on the lawn in front of the Vincent home (the pioneer cottage which at that time was in the 501 block of East Browning). Not only did Wiley provide for possibly the first lawn party held in Pampa, but he also baby-sat with the Vincent children while the club meeting was in session.

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



The club members gave ice cream socials, spelling bees and engaged in other activities, such as giving plays and cantatas, to buy books for the library. Sometimes the women obtained permission from merchants to have the entertainments on sidewalks in front of stores.

A library, established on the second floor of the bank building, was open two afternoons a week. Since the club could not afford a regular librarian, the women took turns acting as librarians with Beryl Wynne (Mrs. De Lea Vicars) being the second librarian.

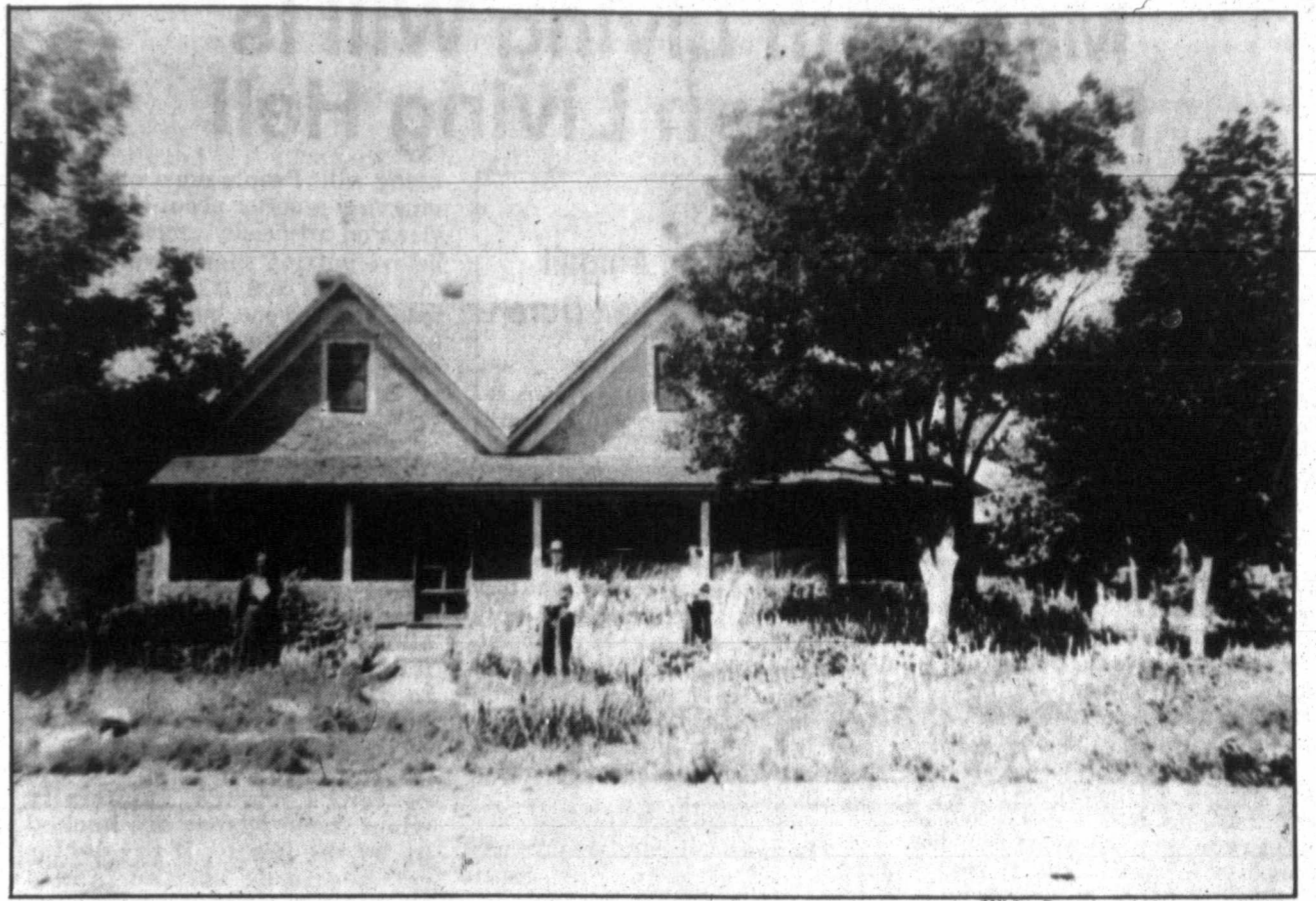
The club was the center of social activities until schools and churches were organized and began to grow. The club then divided the approximate 700 books among the churches and schools.

The last entertainment given by the club was a book-play in which

each member of the cast represented a book. Lottie Sills (Mrs. Alex Schneider Jr.), who represented Black Beauty, rubbed black chalk on her face and almost ruined her "schoolgirl complexion." She was unable to remove the black chalk for more than a week.

As early as 1910, at the suggestion of T.D. Hobart, funds were donated to the "library at Pampa" by the London proprietors of the White Deer Land Company. On Feb. 18, 1928, civic-minded women of various clubs and organizations met at the home of Mrs. James Todd Jr. to begin a library association.

The association established a library which occupied one shelf in one room of the First Methodist Church. On Jan. 8, 1932, the Pampa Library Association transferred the title of all library equipment to the City of Pampa for a consideration



(White Deer Land Museum photo)

Fannie and Henry Lovett, niece Mattie Velma Brown and Betty Locke Arrington stand in front of the Lovett home at 111 N. Houston, present location of the Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

sufficient to pay off the incurred debts of the association.

Five days later, the first meeting of the Pampa Public Library Board was held in the city hall. The board established a library on the second floor of the city hall and later moved it to the southeast corner of the basement, where it expanded to include the entire south half of that floor. For some time, Mrs. Todd, wife of the minister of the First Christian Church, was the librarian.

On Jan. 18, 1955, dedication ceremonies were held for the Lovett Memorial Library building erected

at the present location, 111 North Houston. The structure, a gift to Gray County and the City of Pampa, was funded through the estate, left in trust, of pioneers Henry and Fannie Lovett, whose home was at the location. Dr. Godfrey L. Cabot, head of the Cabot companies, gave the library a \$60,000 endowment for book purchases.

Since its opening, the Lovett Memorial Library has continued to provide an increasing number of

opportunities for cultural growth, research and continuing education.

Across the alley west of the Lovett Memorial Library is the remaining part of the only water well in Pampa when "The Ladies' Library Club" was organized in 1907. The story of E.F. and Dulcie Young, who came to Pampa that year, relates that there were only 75 buildings in Pampa and that there were no lights, no plumbing, no water and no fences.



(White Deer Land Museum photo)

In 1907, Pampans got their water from the community well located across the alley west of what is now the Lovett Memorial Library.

Splish, splash — ornamental ponds become big attraction for gardens

By GEORGE BRIA

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Water is the rage in gardening these days. From simple containers to ornate ponds, people are having a romp with growing water lilies and lotuses and nurturing goldfish.

Not least of the attractions is sound — the soothing murmur of running water and the dreamy splash of fountains and miniature waterfalls.

"When we garden with water we can indulge our fantasies," says author James Van Sweden in a new book on the subject. "Water can play a role in any garden, no matter the budget, no matter the garden's size."

The 205-page book, *Gardening with Water*, is published by Random House, New York, hard cover, \$40.

"All you need are a faucet and a hose," says another writer, Hayden McKaskle, describing the usual source of the water.

McKaskle, publisher of *The Lily Pad*, a bimonthly newsletter devoted to the pastime, enjoys three variegated ornamental ponds which he created himself at his place in Nashville, Tenn.

In a telephone interview, McKaskle said the water fad took off in the last five years as containers, equipment, plants and fish became easy to find. *The Lily Pad* (\$15 yearly, P.O. Box 3309, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024) now has subscribers in 29 states and also abroad, McKaskle said. Hobbyists formed clubs, usually known as koi clubs — from the

Japanese carp, and these have mushroomed.

Say you've just got a small yard but want to start something.

"A great thing to do is a container water garden," McKaskle said. "These have become very popular, and they're great for decks, patios. You can get something 36 inches in diameter, a polyethylene pot. There are also some terra cotta (pots), in color.

"And you can grow water lilies, dwarf lotuses and even have one or two goldfish. I've seen a lot of people do that. And that's a great start. You can even put a small pump in there and get the sound of water."

McKaskle said most of the pots now "are sealed or they have a plug. So no liner is necessary for a container that's made to be a water garden."

He emphasized that you need four to six hours of direct sunlight if you want water plants to bloom. Another thing to consider is "entertainment." "If you have a deck or a patio and spend a lot of time out there with company, you need to locate your water garden as close to that area as possible," he said. "You'll enjoy it a whole lot more than if you put it 50 feet away."

Moving up from containers to small ornamental ponds, McKaskle said he has seen hundreds in the last few years with typical dimensions of 6-by-8 or 8-by-10 feet and a depth of 18 inches to three feet.

Once you dig the hole and take out

all rocks, roots and other abrasives, it's a good idea to line it first with something like old carpeting to cushion and protect the liner you're going to put in, McKaskle said.

This liner — rubberized or plastic — can be bought cut to size from water gardening retail facilities, McKaskle said.

Experts say one of the best on the market is the EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer) liner. Buyers are warned, however, to make certain they obtain a fish-grade liner instead of an EPDM roofing liner whose chemicals may leach out and kill aquatic life. The liners are expected to last at least 20 years.

After you've filled your pond and started your first plants, you may want to graduate to a fountain pump, a filter for cleaning the water, an automatic refill valve, a pool de-icer and lighting.

These pieces of equipment and their workings are excellently illustrated and explained in the new book by James van Sweden. Since all the equipment is electrically operated, van Sweden warns that it must be connected to a ground-fault circuit interrupter to prevent against shock.

The book has gorgeous color photographs and cultivation instructions for floating leaf aquatics, like the water hawthorn, and for lilies and lotuses. There also are sections on submerged plants and on fish and other wildlife suitable for the ponds. Van Sweden also deals with plants thriving in marshes and wetlands.

Young women's conference set at Clarendon

CLARENDON — Clarendon College is sponsoring a career conference for young women Wednesday, March 15, at the main campus in Clarendon.

The conference, titled "Expanding Your Horizons," will give young ladies between sixth and eighth grade in the college's eight-county service area the opportunity to explore career opportunities in mathematics, science, and technology.

The one-day event is designed to increase interest and foster awareness of career opportunities for women in the fields mentioned, according to conference organizers.

The highlight of the conference will be a guest speaker from the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA). In addition to the guest speaker, there will be three hands-on workshops for the young ladies to attend.

A creative writing contest will also

be a part of this year's event. The student who turns in the winning essay will receive a \$100 savings bond. There will also be two \$50 savings bonds awarded.

Anyone wanting additional information about the conference or the creative writing contest should contact Pat Archuleta at 806-874-2475 or Carol Farris at 806-874-3571, Ext. 43. Pre-registration is essential as registration will be limited to the first 120 students.

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Man With Living Will Is Put Through Living Hell

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to inform anyone with a living will that it is sometimes overpowered by the doctor's "will to decide" for the patient.

My husband passed away last April, but if his doctor had had his way, my husband (I'll call him "Bill") would still be here on life support. Bill had a living will that clearly stated what he had decided. But my family and I had to fight with the doctor to have Bill's wishes obeyed.

It all began when Bill was diagnosed with cancer. The doctor believed he would be able to remove all of it, but when they operated, they found the cancer had spread to Bill's heart. We knew then that he had only a few days to live.

You would think the doctor would have tried to make Bill's last few days as comfortable as possible, but that's not how it was. I had to struggle to keep Bill off artificial life support. He wasn't afraid to die; he knew he would be in a better place — with God.

On his second day in the hospital, the doctor ordered the nurses to put him on life support. Bill wouldn't have it. He struggled so hard they tied his wrists and ankles to the bed like an animal! At that moment, I happened to walk into the room. My husband was very upset. He said, "You promised! You promised you wouldn't let them do this!"



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Well, I had promised him, and I did everything I knew to keep my word. I called our daughter, who flew here immediately. She also had to argue with the doctor. At one point, the doctor asked her if she wanted to be responsible for her father's death! Knowing that her dad wanted nothing to do with life support, she replied, "Yes!" She wanted her dad to pass on peacefully.

The next day, my sons arrived from out of state. The doctor informed them that he wanted to hook their father to life support and they also said, "No, it is against Father's wishes!"

On the seventh day, my husband finally passed on — without having been hooked up to life support.

Abby, please tell your readers that not all doctors will honor the

living will. People must carefully interview a doctor about his or her views on artificially prolonging life before putting themselves under that doctor's care. It is hard enough to lose a loved one, but it is 10 times harder when you are fighting for that loved one's right to die!

GRIEVING WIDOW, EDGEWATER, FLA.

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your husband. At a time when you should have been gathered around your husband, allowing him to pass on peacefully, you and your children had to direct your energy toward fighting a physician who wanted to impose his own wishes. A doctor should respect the patient's wishes, especially when those wishes are backed up by the family. If the doctor refuses to do so, the family should file a formal complaint with the medical licensing board in their state.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "36-24-36" in Montgomery, Ala.: If he promises you diamond earrings, don't pierce your ears until you get the earrings.

Horoscope

Friday, March 3, 1995

In the year ahead you can make important changes to dislodge impediments that have slowed your progress in the past. Your potential for success increases with each obstacle you remove.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You mustn't underestimate the value of your services today. However, resist the urge to overestimate your worth to your employer. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not hesitate to take greater risks today on a project that seems to be moving in the right direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Remain in the background today; if someone else is promoting you and your self-interests. Let this individual say what you can't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A situation requiring teamwork can work out well today with a little instruction. Each party should be fully apprised of its potential benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to introduce procedures today that could upgrade your performance at work. Quality is a catalyst for rewards and recognition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things should work out well for you today in situations involving your affections. Someone who loves you could be in an equally receptive mode.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Shifting conditions will work to your ultimate advantage today, even though early developments might signal otherwise. The end results are the ones that matter.

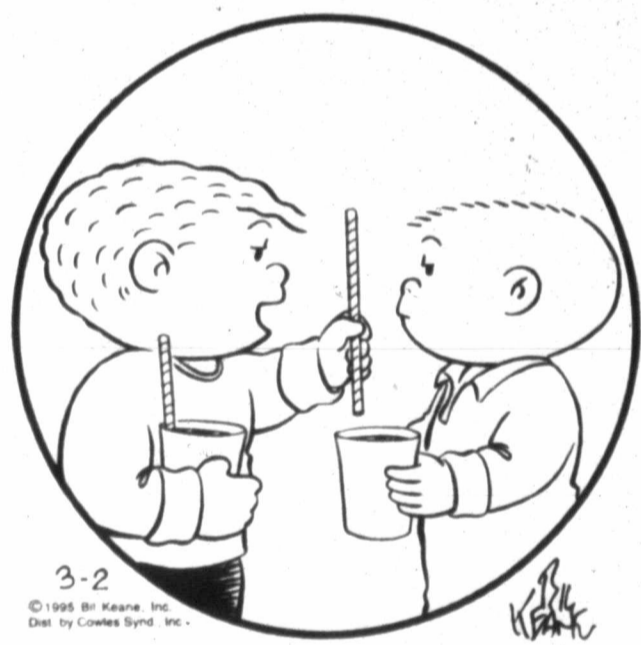
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Alliances established today for a particular purpose have a good chance of producing mutual benefits. Unions double your strength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you could be unusually lucky in arrangements that add to your income and enhance your material security.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A business meeting will go more smoothly today if it is conducted in a convivial atmosphere. Get away from the ringing phones and noisy buzz of the office.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Before establishing new objectives today, focus all your efforts and energies on an old one that is near fruition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Although you won't please everyone today, you can still score points with the people most important to your present needs.



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"You just hafta breathe it in through your mouth."



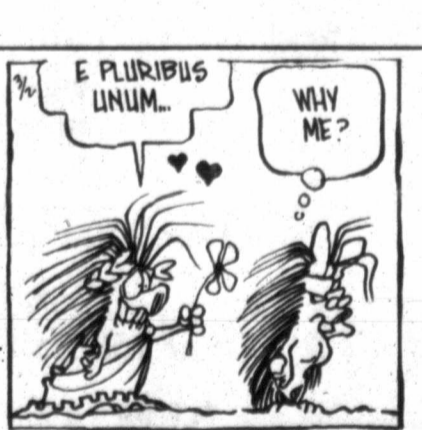
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"We're going to need some industrial-strength air freshener!"

The Family Circus



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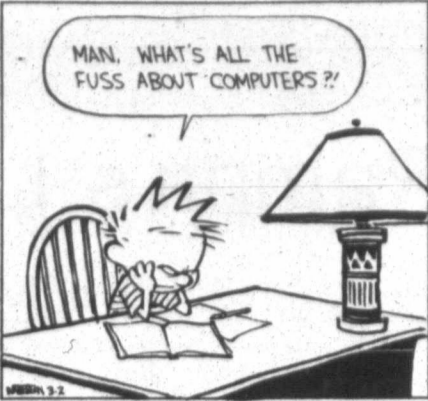
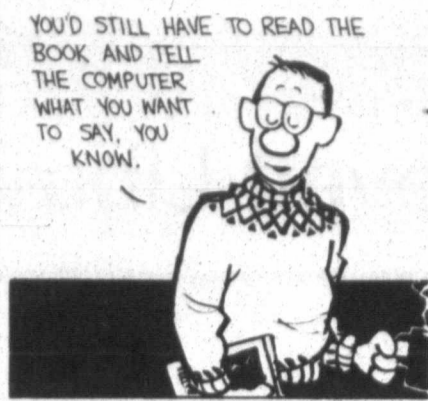
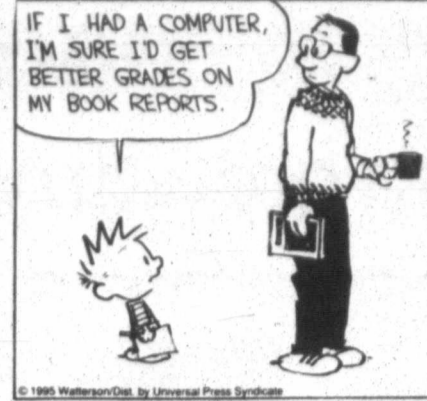
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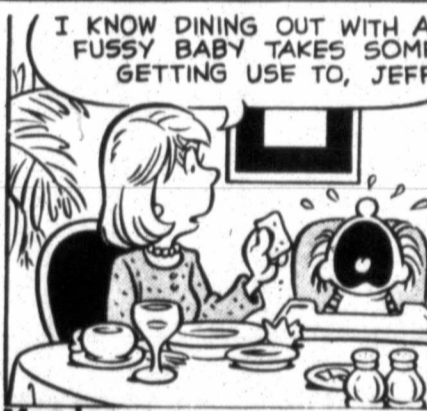
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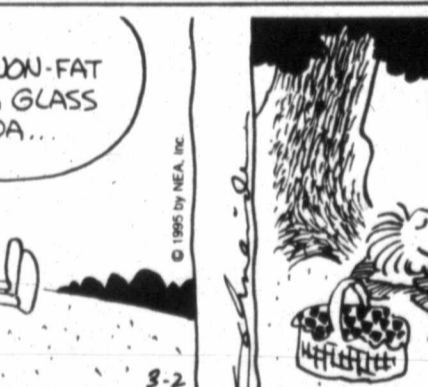
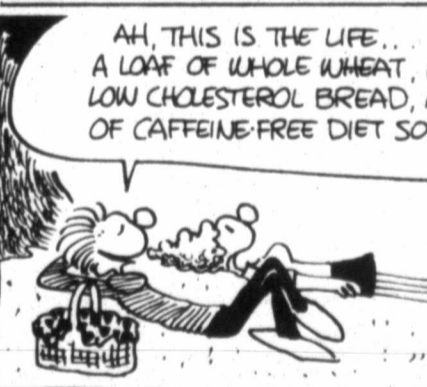
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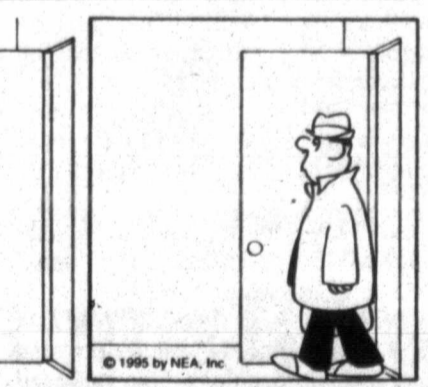
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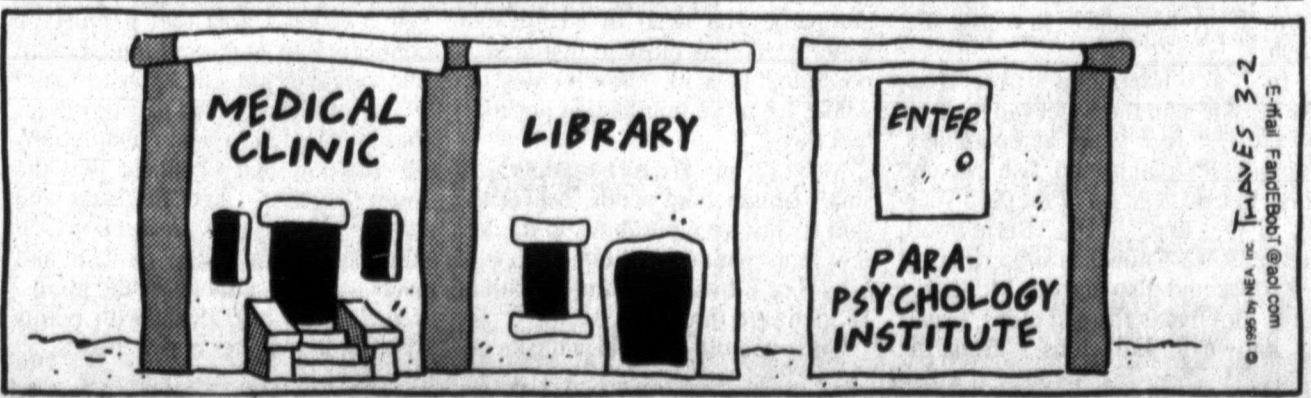
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Sports

Notebook

PRO FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Phil Simms might be heading out of the television studio and back behind center.

Simms, who worked for ESPN last season after he was cut by the New York Giants, has met with the Cleveland Browns on a possible return as a player.

Simms told the New York Daily News late Wednesday night that he would be signed by today "at the latest" and ESPN, citing a source close to the Browns, said he would join the team as a backup to Vinny Testaverde.

"I'm extremely excited," Simms told the Daily News. "I have no second thoughts about doing this at all. I feel I'm doing the right thing. I think it's the perfect situation."

"It was a quick decision and I made it. It's something I have to do."

Art Modell, Browns owner and president, said Wednesday night the team is interested in Simms, but has not decided on signing him. Modell confirmed Simms would meet with Browns officials today.

New York Newsday said in today's editions that Simms, Browns coach Bill Belichick and director of player personnel Mike Lombardi had preliminary discussions earlier in the week.

"I know I might come across as really wishy-washy, but you never know," Simms said. "I don't know. I'm trying to be honest, but it's tough for me to say yes or no."

Asked to characterize Simms' reactions, Lombardi said, "I think he's in a thinking mode. He's got his thinking cap on."

Testaverde's backup last season was veteran Mark Rypien, who is a free agent and isn't likely to return to Cleveland.

Belichick was the defensive coordinator for the Giants when Simms helped them win the 1990 NFL title.

Simms, 39, spent 15 seasons with the Giants, passing for 33,462 yards and 199 touchdowns. He was the most valuable player of the 1987 Super Bowl, hitting 22 of 25 passes for 268 yards and three touchdowns.

"He'll come in and look us over and we'll take it from there," Modell said. "Nothing is definite yet. We're going to meet with him and see where we stand. He'll see what we have to offer, and we'll see where he stands."

Simms blamed the salary cap after being cut by Giants coach Dan Reeves last June. When he retired, Simms was coming off one of his best seasons in 1993, leading the Giants to an 11-5 record and a playoff berth.

"Right from the get-go, I never liked the salary cap. I knew that was another bomb on the players' heads. I knew it spelled trouble for me, unless you played well to warrant your salary," said Simms.

"I was coming off a Pro Bowl year, I had a great season, but I had a high salary and then I was let go suddenly. How can you say that it had nothing to do with the salary cap when it had everything to do with it?"

He also had offseason shoulder surgery, which Reeves cited as a major reason for releasing him. Simms was to make \$2.05 million in 1994.

Simms did negotiate with the Arizona Cardinals in September, but couldn't reach a financial agreement. So he stayed with ESPN, working in the studio and on highlights and analyses shows.

PRO BASEBALL

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A market study says if the city builds a baseball stadium, a Class AAA team could draw nearly a half-million fans and bring millions of dollars to the local economy.

The research work of the consulting firm Coopers & Lybrand was released Wednesday as the city continues trying to find a way to lure professional baseball back to town after an absence of several decades.

"Austin's prime for baseball — it's so prime," councilman Ronney Reynolds said.

The latest pitch is with the Phoenix Firebirds, the Class AAA affiliate of the San Francisco Giants affiliate to Austin. The sides have been negotiating since last year.

The team and the city of Austin have discussed splitting the cost of building an estimated \$18 million stadium that also would serve as a concert venue.

Reynolds said the city must tell the team its plans by April 15, then there's a June 30 deadline to get financing to build a stadium. City officials have not determined how to finance their portion of the stadium.

"We're laying all our groundwork so when the city says it's time, we're ready to go," said Larry Yount, the Firebirds' president.

The study, which cost the city \$25,000, estimates an annual draw of 350,000 to 450,000 fans per year based on the attendance of similar cities with Class AAA baseball and Austin's demographics.

As many as 200,000 more people would likely attend college and high school tournaments and music concerts at the proposed stadium, according to the study.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Mike Modano quickly turned his attention to Dallas' 1-6-1 home record, even suggesting that the Stars switch to their black road jerseys when they return to Reunion Arena.

"We play a lot different when we're on the road. We're really patient and we don't try to be fancy," said Modano, who scored his seventh and eighth goals Wednesday night as Dallas beat Edmonton 5-3 to improve to 5-4-2 on the road.

"At home, we try to take the initiative, but we force plays and get ourselves caught out of position. It's been a tough place to play lately, for some reason."

Peter Zedel, playing his second game after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, gave the Stars a 4-2 with 3:34 left in the second period.

Red Raiders rally past Oral Roberts

By The Associated Press

Texas Tech may have kept alive its hope for an invitation to the NCAA Tournament, but the Red Raiders' showing against Oral Roberts didn't exactly prove that they are among the country's best 64 teams.

Tech turned around an eight-point halftime deficit and got big second halves from Lance Hughes and Jason Sasser to roll to an 84-71 victory Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders (18-7) already have at least a share of the Southwest Conference regular-season title and the rest of the league is rounding out its season while tuning up for next

weekend's postseason tournament.

There were no surprises in the other two SWC games Wednesday night as Rice beat Baylor 80-68 and Texas A&M handled Southern Methodist 67-64.

If Tech doesn't win the postseason tournament, the Red Raiders may be hard pressed to be invited to the NCAA event. They need quality victories the rest of the way to make a good enough impression to earn an invitation.

That's why it was so important they look good against the lowly Golden Eagles (10-17).

Instead, they fell behind 40-32 at halftime but were bailed out as Hughes scored 16 of his

23 points in the second half and Sasser had 18 of his 20 after halftime.

The Golden Eagles were led by Rocky Walls with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Tim Gill scored 17.

Texas A&M also had a close call. The Aggies' victory wasn't sure until a 3-pointer by SMU's Jameil Rich clanked away as time expired.

"This was not a pretty game, but it was a win," A&M coach Tony Barone said. "We set out to win our last three, and now we've won (the first) two."

Joe Wilbert led the Aggies (13-15, 6-7) with 26 points. Damon Johnson and Tony McGinnis had 12 points apiece and freshman Kyle Kessel,

who missed a last-second free throw that would've sealed the victory, had eight assists, nine rebounds and seven points.

A&M trailed 32-31 at halftime, then took a 47-45 lead with 9:30 to play. The Aggies never led by more than six and were ahead by as little as one at 52-51.

Their lead was up to 64-58 with 21 seconds left, then it was cut to 66-64 on a 3-pointer by Jameil Rich and Troy Matthews. Rich missed a 3-pointer as time expired that would've forced overtime.

The Mustangs (6-19, 2-11) got 14 points from Matt Timme and Rich had 11.

Rice also struggled to pull away from Baylor, but the

Owls eventually gave themselves a cushion down the stretch.

Jesse Cravens paved the way by scoring 19 of his 23 points in the second half.

He had six points during a 10-4 run that gave the Owls (14-11, 8-5) a 51-50 lead they never relinquished and he had six more after the Bears (9-18, 3-10) got within 63-62 with 5:59 left.

Other top scorers for Rice included Adam Peakes with 20 points, Shaun Igo with 19 and J.J. Polk with 11.

Rodrick Miller led Baylor with 16 points, followed by Doug Brandt and Aundre Branch with 15 each. David Hamilton scored 10.



Pampa's Jason Weatherbee (31) and J.J. Mathis (25) watch the ball go out of bounds against Burk Burnett in Tuesday night's regional semifinals in Frenship.

Harvesters enjoy another successful basketball season

PAMPA — Even though the season ended at the regional semifinals, the 1994-95 basketball campaign was far from being a dismal one for the Pampa Harvesters.

The Harvesters won their seventh consecutive district title and advanced to the regional semifinals and further for the sixth year in a row. Pampa was ranked No. 10 in the state in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll and finished the year with an outstanding 26-8 record. All of these things were accomplished by a team that didn't have much height and was hampered by a rash of injuries throughout the season.

"When you start three players under six foot, that's pretty short for this district," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "But it's the performance and not the size that counts, and these guys performed well."

Had junior swingman Coy Laury,

the team's leading rebounder and second leading scorer, not gone down with an ankle injury in the first quarter of the regional semifinal game against Burk Burnett, the final score could easily have been reversed. Laury, who had four points when he got hurt, never returned and Burk Burnett rallied in the fourth quarter to win, 51-47, Tuesday night in the Frenship High School gym.

"When you lose a good player like Coy, it makes it pretty tough because he's a big part of what we do. We still had our chances to win. Victory was within our grasp and we let it get away," Hale added.

The Harvesters led by nine (31-22) at halftime and by seven (43-36) after three quarters. However, Burk Burnett came out strong and outscored Pampa, 15-4 in the final eight minutes.

Junior guard Rayford Young, who led the Harvesters in scoring

throughout the season, finished with 16 points. Duane Nickelberry had 12 points, J.J. Mathis 11, Laury four, Robert Bremerman and Devin Lemons, two points each.

The bigger Bulldogs outrebounded the Harvesters, 28-23, but Nickelberry, a senior, had a game-high 10 rebounds. Pampa's offense handled the ball well committing only seven turnovers. Burk Burnett finished with 18 turnovers.

Even though Burk Burnett advances on, it will take some doing for the Bulldogs to ever measure up to Pampa's strong basketball tradition. Burk Burnett has never advanced this far in the playoffs before. The Harvesters have been to the state tournament's final four twice in the last five years.

"We're very proud of our success. We accomplished a lot of things this season and we're really going to miss our seniors. They were a big part of our success," added Hale.

Officials meet to discuss Big 12 issues

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tens of millions of dollars will begin flowing into Big 12 coffers as soon as the new super conference opens for business in 1996.

Who gets the money? What share of gate receipts will Nebraska and Texas keep from football stadiums? What percentage will they share with the likes of Baylor and Iowa State?

What about basketball powers such as Kansas? How much basketball money will the Jayhawks be willing to share with, say, Texas A&M?

At the end of two days of discussion Wednesday, Big 12 athletic directors and primary women's administrators felt much better about the most sensitive issue they face.

"I don't think it will be as much of a problem as I thought it would be before this meeting," said Bob Bockrath of Texas Tech, chairman of a special subcommittee studying revenue distribution. "It has the potential to be very divisive when you start talking about sharing people's money."

Subcommittees studying a host of issues submitted their reports, most without making any final recommendations. The Big 12, which begins competition in 1996-97, hopes to reach final decisions on most issues at a lengthy

meeting in May.

"At this point in time, I feel reasonably certain we can do that," Bockrath said. "We had a very good meeting here."

From the time the 12 schools first started talking about pooling their resources, they fretted over getting everybody to agree on how to split up their money.

"We developed some different revenue-sharing models," Bockrath said. "It would be fair to say some models were accepted better than others. But at the same time, it helped define a little bit better what we need to do in terms of coming to a final proposal."

It's impossible to predict exactly how much the Big 12 will reap through gate and television receipts in football and basketball, the NCAA and conference basketball tournaments and football bowl games.

If the Big 12 gets two teams into the first tier of bowl games, it means at least \$16 million. In addition, the first year of the Big 12's new football television plan, 1996, will produce \$18,300,300, then increase \$500,000 per year.

Complicating the issue is the presence of "haves" and "have-nots" in the new league. In football earning potential, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M tower over the others.

The most consistent money-makers in basketball, on the other hand, include Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma State.

Bockrath said his committee is aiming at the middle.

"I wouldn't characterize it as being directed toward the haves or the have-nots, but somewhere in-between. That in-between ground is where we are now, trying to find out where that space is," he said.

"There will have to be compromise on both ends. It's going to be some people on the low end who perhaps had great expectations of income increase who are going to have to concede that maybe they're not going to get as much as they originally thought."

"And on the high end, some of those individuals will perhaps have to be willing to spread the wealth more than they have in the past."

On another matter, it was decided that the Big 12 schools would supply teams for the second tier of bowl games — the Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Copper and Aloha bowls — in the 1995 season, a year earlier than the actual formation of the new league. The Big Eight had already agreed to supply teams, but now the pool will include the four newcomers from the Southwest Conference.

The remaining SWC teams, TCU, SMU and Rice, will participate in the second bowl tier through the Western

No progress reported in baseball strike

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Three days of bargaining between players and owners is leading to pleasantries rather than progress.

The sides aren't calling each other names anymore. But with the exhibition season getting into swing today, they aren't approaching a deal.

"I don't know if there's been any significant change in positions," acting commissioner Bud Selig said after 6 1/2 hours of talks. "But I think a greater degree of understanding could lead to that. I think there is increased understanding each day."

Since specific rates of a payroll tax previously have inflamed the discussions, the sides have avoided numbers thus far this week. Negotiators spend their time talking about the relationship between a luxury tax, free agency, salary arbitration and revenue sharing.

"We got to the heart of the matter on a number of subjects," Selig said.

Despite the lack of apparent progress, the sides said they will remain at the bargaining table. Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris and management lawyer Rob Manfred met Wednesday night with union lawyers Lauren Rich and Michael Weiner, but no breakthroughs occurred.

"The next two, three days, maybe through the weekend ... may be the best opportunity to make a deal," Toronto's Paul Molitor said.

Meanwhile, the exhibition season — and replacement ball — opened with the California Angels beating Arizona State 13-5 in Tempe. Only 350 fans were in the stands at gametime, and about 1,300 showed up in all.

"This is my first replacement game," said Mark Werner, 30, of Ahwatukee, Ariz. "I've been associated with some bad teams, but I've never worn a bag before."

Owners vowed to stage the replacement games despite the difficulties.

"I suppose they'll go ahead with it no matter how silly it is," union head Donald Fehr said.

Union officials met with minor leaguers for the third straight day, this time in Phoenix. The union's executive board also decided to pay the way home for any minor leaguers kicked out of camp for refusing to play exhibition games.

"They're in a hot spot, and it's not of their own action or their own doing," Fehr said.

The strike wiped out its first games of 1995, with the American and National leagues formally canceling 26 exhibition games. Twelve involved Baltimore, which refuses to use replacements or play against strikebreakers.

"We have made it perfectly clear that we are willing to play games with only minor leaguers," Orioles owners Peter Angelos said. "We know what we are doing is right and proper."

Montreal, meanwhile, received permission from the Canadian government to use replacements at Olympic Stadium.

In Ottawa, the Canadian Immigration Department reversed course and said it wouldn't enforce a regulation barring replacement workers from obtain visas to enter Canada.

"The original intent of this regulation was to protect Canadian workers involved in a labor dispute against replacement by foreign workers," Immigration spokeswoman Pam Cullum said. "We were finding in this situation that it was protecting foreign workers from replacement by other foreign workers."

Toronto is barred from using replacements by Ontario provincial law, and the Blue Jays have not asked for special consideration. Toronto has asked the American League for permission to play regular-season home games in Dunedin, Fla., where it has a 6,218-seat stadium for spring training games.

"We'll have a decision by the end of the week," AL president Gene Budig said.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST

Buffalo 90, Valparaiso 85
Georgetown 96, Seton Hall 92
Mo.-Kansas City 74, Conn. Connecticut
St. 68

SOUTH

Alabama 69, Mississippi 70
Auburn 76, Mississippi St. 69
Clemson 62, N. Carolina St. 45
Kentucky 97, Georgia 74
Maryland 94, Duke 92

MIDWEST

Illinois 87, Youngstown St. 81
Kansas St. 75, Nebraska 73
Kent 92, Ball St. 75
Miami, Ohio 63, Bowling Green 36

SOUTHWEST

Michigan 81, Northwestern 64
Ohio U. 75, E. Michigan 60
Oklahoma 71, Iowa St. 68
Purdue 92, Iowa 85
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FAR WEST

Colorado 81, Missouri 76
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HOCKEY

NHL Glimpse
By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	8	3	23	56	49
N.Y. Islanders	8	3	19	48	55
Philadelphia	8	8	2	18	54
Tampa Bay	8	10	2	18	50
New Jersey	7	7	4	18	44
Florida	7	11	2	16	48
Washington	3	10	5	11	37

Northwest Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh 14	3	2	30	81	58
Quebec 14	4	2	30	80	50
Boston 10	6	2	22	50	42
Montreal	7	8	4	18	46
Buffalo	7	7	3	17	36
Hartford	7	10	3	17	51
Ottawa	2	12	3	7	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago 12	5	1	25	71	41
Detroit 12	5	1	25	68	39
St. Louis 12	5	1	25	69	51
Toronto	9	9	3	21	59
Winnipeg	6	10	3	15	55
Dallas	5	10	3	13	47

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary 10	3	2	23	63	45
San Jose	8	9	2	18	42
Edmonton	7	10	2	16	48
Vancouver	5	7	6	16	57
Los Angeles	5	9	4	14	54
Anaheim	5	11	1	11	38

Wedge Games Not Included

N.Y. Rangers 5, Hartford 2
Quebec 8, Tampa Bay 2
Dallas at Edmonton, (n)
Chicago at Anaheim, (n)

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Pampa High School individual varsity tennis records as of Feb. 26 are as follows:

Boys

Name	Class	Singles	Doubles
J. Campos	Jr. 2-3	3-0	
B. Coffee	Fr. 0-0	0-3	
B. DeWitt	Sr. 0-6	20-6	
K. Eastley	Soph. 10-6	4-3	
M. Field	Fr. 0-0	0-3	
B. Gentry	Jr. 9-3	16-4	
C. Griggs	Jr. 9-10	12-7	
J. Hancock	Soph. 8-3	9-8	
F. Juan	Soph. 0-0	1-0	
D. Klueber	Sr. 4-4	4-4	
M. Rheams	Jr. 8-5	11-10	

Girls

Name	Class	Singles	Doubles
H. Bell	Fr. 9-10	3-6	
K. Carter	Soph. 4-11	1-13	
M. Grabato	Sr. 1-11	1-16	
M. Hite	Soph. 1-1	1-4	
A. Lee	Fr. 0-0	0-3	
A. Lopez	Fr. 0-0	0-3	
K. McKandless	Fr. 1-3	7-13	
J. Notes	Jr. 2-0	3-8	
N. Quafaris	Fr. 3-10	5-9	
C. Stone	Fr. 16-4	5-8	
N. Watson	Fr. 0-0	0-3	
S. Wright	Soph. 3-9	2-8	

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed Brett Boretti, catcher, to a minor-league contract.
National League
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Released Pat Fety, pitcher.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed Ennis Whalley, guard, to a 10-day contract.
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed James Blackwell, guard, to a 10-day contract.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed Randolph Keys, forward, to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed Chris Zorich, defensive tackle, to a three-year contract.
LOS ANGELES RAIDERS—Named Bishop Harris running backs coach.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed Bobby Abrams, linebacker, to a multiyear contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Re-signed Kirk Borkin, tight end, Tyrone Johnson, wide receiver, and Alan Kline, tackle, to one-year contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Re-signed Derek Loville, running back.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled Steve Larouche, center, from Prince Edward Island of the American Hockey League.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled Mike Greenley, goaltender, from Hershey of the

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.
x-Baltimore	0	0.000
Boston	0	0.000
California	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0.000
Cleveland	0	0.000
Detroit	0	0.000
Kansas City	0	0.000
Milwaukee	0	0.000
Minnesota	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Oakland	0	0.000
Seattle	0	0.000
Texas	0	0.000
Toronto	0	0.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0.000
Cincinnati	0	0.000
Colorado	0	0.000
Florida	0	0.000
Houston	0	0.000
Los Angeles	0	0.000
Montreal	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Philadelphia	0	0.000
Pittsburgh	0	0.000
St. Louis	0	0.000
San Diego	0	0.000
San Francisco	0	0.000

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.
x-Baltimore	0	0.000
Boston	0	0.000
California	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0.000
Cleveland	0	0.000
Detroit	0	0.000
Kansas City	0	0.000
Milwaukee	0	0.000
Minnesota	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Oakland	0	0.000
Seattle	0	0.000
Texas	0	0.000
Toronto	0	0.000

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Montreal	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Philadelphia	0	0.000
Pittsburgh	0	0.000
St. Louis	0	0.000
San Diego	0	0.000
San Francisco	0	0.000

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White Deer goes against Nazareth in 1A regionals

WHITE DEER — White Deer's next stop on the Class 1A playoff route will be at the Texan Dome in Levelland where the Bucks meet tradition-rich Nazareth at 3 p.m. Friday in the regional quarterfinals.

For the Bucks, it will be their first regional playoff berth since 1962. The Swifts are in the regional tournament for the sixth consecutive season.

"Nazareth is a big, physical team," said White Deer coach Tom Johnson. "We're going to be quicker, but they're going to be bigger." White Deer rolled past Fort

Elliott, 64-45, Tuesday night in the area round at Canadian to advance into regionals.

"Our old kids came out and played their best defensive game of the season," Johnson said. "They also shot 55 or 60 percent."

The Bucks had four players in double figures, led by Duane Coffey's 21 points.

Torrey Craig followed with 12 points while Willie Herring and J.W. Lanham added 10 points each.

Fort Elliott, which finished the season with a respectable 24-8 record, could shoot only 22 percent against the Bucks.

"We were a little intimidated by White Deer. I have to give them a lot of credit. They took us out of our game plan," said Cougars' coach Curtis Smith.

Nazareth, White Deer's next opponent, downed Samnorwood, 73-53, in the area game.

"Nazareth's strength is their defense," Johnson said. "They play a tough man to man and the key for us is to not let them take us out of what we want to do."

The Swifts (21-7) were led by Colby Pohlmeier's 14 points and Alston Farris' 13 points against Samnorwood.

Coronado edges Pampa in District 4 soccer match

PAMPA — Weather permitting, the Pampa High boys soccer team will play its last home match of the season Friday, starting at 4:30 p.m. against Amarillo Tascosa.

The Harvesters are scheduled to close out the season next Tuesday at Caprock.

The Harvesters dropped a 3-2 squeaker to Lubbock Coronado Tuesday. The Harvesters scored first at the seven minute mark on a

goal by Ville Hanni with an assist by Randal Odom.

Pampa led 1-0 at halftime and Coronado came back to tie the score at the 43rd minute on a goal by Eric Andrew. Jason Weems had the assist. Coronado went ahead at the 45th minute on a goal by John Hendricks.

The score was knotted again on a penalty kick by Salvador Del Fierro at the 58th minute.

Chris Moreno scored Coronado's third goal in the 79th minute, which turned out to be the game-winner.

Pampa's record is now 8-6 for the season and 7-6 in District 4 play.

Pampa's Luke Long will be honored March 9 by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He was selected as the soccer player of the month (Feb.) by the chamber's sports committee.

Bullets beat Celtics in overtime thriller

By The Associated Press

The Washington Bullets were counted out again and again. Then they knocked out the Boston Celtics.

In one of the season's crazier games, the Bullets edged the Celtics 125-124 when Scott Skiles put in a leaver with 2.3 seconds left in the second overtime Wednesday night.

"We were on the ropes five, six, seven times," Washington coach Jim Lynam said. "But we hung. Obviously, it was a wild game."

Wild and with lots of heroes and goals.

For instance, Boston's Dee Brown, who led all scorers with 30 points, dribbled the ball off his foot with 16 seconds left in the second OT. That dropped him from the hero's role — his fallaway jumper while tripping over an out-of-bounds cameraman gave the Celtics a three-point lead with just 10 seconds left in regulation.

Juwan Howard, who scored 26, got the ball to Skiles for the winning shot.

"Coach called it for Juwan to go straight to the basket," Skiles said. "But Sherman Douglas turned his head just a little bit and Juwan found me."

Another Bullets star was Calbert Cheaney, who had 28 points. After

NBA ROUNDUP

Brown's acrobatic shot made it 104-101, Cheaney tried to shoot a 3-pointer, but lost the handle on the ball. He pulled it back down, took another 3-pointer and swished it with 4.8 seconds left, producing the first overtime.

"I was going to wring Dee's neck when he hit that shot," Cheaney said. "... Dee was hitting some big shots out there. I was just trying to retaliate."

Washington, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and the Clippers, among the league's worst teams, have won at Boston this season.

"We turned the ball over and we missed free throws," Celtics forward Xavier McDaniel said. "These are things that cause you to lose."

Elsewhere, it was Phoenix 101, the Los Angeles Lakers 93; Utah 98, Golden State 85; Minnesota 98, Sacramento 87; Chicago 111, Miami 85; and Detroit 92, Indiana 79.

Suns 101, Lakers 93
Even without Charles Barkley, Phoenix had too much for Los Angeles.

It took a couple of free throws from reserve A.C. Green with 4:15 left and two straight baskets from Kevin Johnson, just back from the

injury list, to put the host Lakers away.

Los Angeles lost reserve guard Sedale Threatt before the game with bursitis in his right foot. Already out for lengthy stays were starters Cedric Ceballos and Eddie Jones, along with Sam Bowie and George Lynch.

Jazz 98, Warriors 85
At Oakland, Utah outscored Golden State 34-14 in the third period. Jeff Hornacek fueled the surge, scoring 17 of his 25 points in the quarter.

Karl Malone's 31 points led the Jazz.

The Warriors made only 23 percent of their shots in the second quarter, scoring 11 points, and then missed their last nine field-goal attempts in the third.

Timberwolves 98, Kings 87
At Sacramento, Sean Rooks scored a career-high 28 points and grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds as Minnesota handed the Kings their sixth straight loss.

Christian Laettner and Isaiah Rider each added 19 points for Minnesota. Mitch Richmond scored 21 points for the Kings.

Bulls 111, Heat 85
Scottie Pippen had 27 points and 10 rebounds for Chicago, which has won five in a row and are 5-0 at home.

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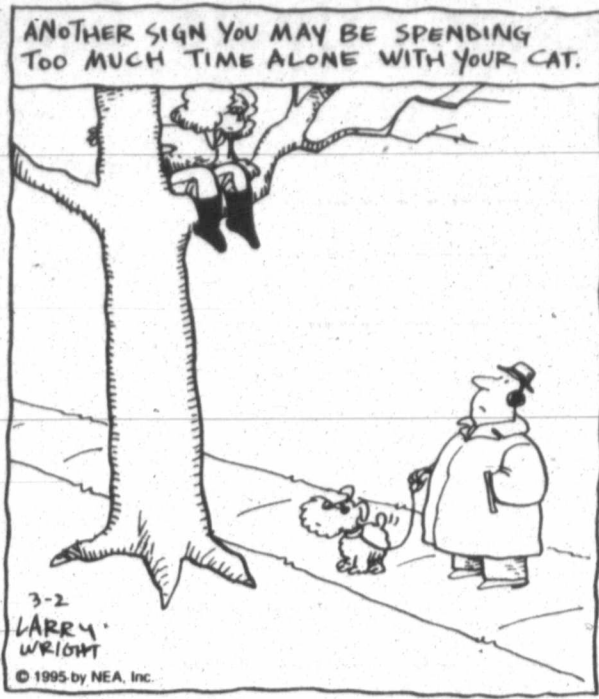
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Ranching demonstration



(Special photo by Darlene Holmes)

James Hinkley, Carson County Square House Museum educator, gives a demonstration of ranching to Doretta Gerber's first grade class Wednesday at Horace Mann Elementary School. As other students observe, Hinkley shows the rowels on a set of spurs to Michael Grajeda, left, "the first monk," and Jami Rollins, "the cowgirl."

New AIDS treatment rebuilds damaged immune system

BOSTON (AP) — A drug that prods the body to speed up production of blood cells killed by the AIDS virus may give doctors a powerful new weapon against this relentless killer.

The treatment, if it works, may help the body stay ahead of the virus by pumping out these critical blood cells faster than they can be destroyed.

The drug is interleukin 2, or IL-2, a natural protein that regulates the immune system. Doctors said it appears to work only on people who are infected with HIV but have not yet developed AIDS.

Some patients have been taking it for up to 3 1/2 years with no sign of waning effectiveness — something no other medicine has accomplished.

"This is the first time I truly in my gut feel excited" about an AIDS treatment, said Dr. H. Clifford Lane, who pioneered the new approach.

Lane, a researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, reported his findings in today's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The AIDS virus typically takes 10 years to kill a person. During this time, the virus tirelessly destroys a variety of disease-fighting white blood cells called helper T cells. IL-2 sharply increases the body's supply of these cells.

Several important questions remain, however. Side effects mimic a severe case of flu, and researchers have not tested the treatment long enough to be able to prove that it actually helps patients stay healthy longer.

"While extremely provocative, it remains to be shown that this will translate into resistance to opportunistic infections or prolongation of life," said Dr. William Paul, head of federal AIDS research.

The treatment is the first that rebuilds the damaged immune system. Others, such as the drug AZT, attack the virus directly. Although

this approach may temporarily spare T cells from destruction and allow them to rebound modestly, the drugs quickly lose their punch and white-cell levels fall again.

A key to the new treatment appears to be its intermittent use. Once every two months, doctors give patients a five-day continuous dose of IL-2, which requires them to be attached to an infusion pump.

Healthy people have between 800 and 1,200 helper T cells per cubic millimeter of blood. These levels fall during the course of an AIDS infection.

The study found that IL-2 can drive T cells back up again, but only if people still have at least 400 cells per cubic millimeter to start with. Among 10 patients described in the study, six responded to the treatment with at least 50 percent increases in their helper cells. One patient's levels rose from 554 to 1,998.

In all, the doctors have treated about 100 patients, and the results look consistently good in people whose T cells had not already been depleted.

"You stimulate the cells, let them rest, and they grow," Lane said. However, among people with very low levels of helper T cells, especially under 200, the treatment might actually be dangerous since it triggers an initial burst of virus production but fails to boost the immune system.

IL-2 has already been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of kidney cancer.

Dr. Robert Schooley of the University of Colorado noted that some doctors are routinely using it for AIDS without understanding the hazards for people with very low cell counts.

"I'd be the last one to say you should wait until the FDA puts its seal of approval on every therapy before you use it," he said. "But on the other hand, if you go ahead with this, you'd better know what the data are."

Football star involved in toddler's death

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A high school football star and three other teenagers have been arrested for being involved in a gang related shootout that killed a 2-year-old boy.

Wesley Burton, an 18-year-old linebacker from Fort Worth Wyatt High; classmate Damon Townsend, 18; and Alfordrick Clark, 19, were in Tarrant County Jail early today on \$100,000 bond.

Those three and a 16-year-old boy have been charged with capital murder in the death of Desmond Baldwin. The toddler died late Tuesday night, a day after being shot once in the front of the head while sitting in the back seat of his mother's car.

In Texas, the slaying of children younger than age 6 is considered a capital offense. Prosecutors could seek the death penalty against all three adults, as well as the juvenile if he is prosecuted as an adult. Police said all four suspects have acknowledged being gang members.

Burton was a 5-foot-9, 180-pound, all district linebacker for Wyatt. His moth-

er said he was a good son and a solid student who fell in with a bad crowd.

One witness told police that a gunman "looked like a guy who played football at Wyatt," homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said. "We got a yearbook from Wyatt and he identified Wesley Burton."

Police said Desmond and his mother, Tammy Allen, were bystanders in the shooting, apparently orchestrated to avenge a previous, gang related shooting.

"One suspect had had his house shot up in a drive-by the previous night in Forest Hill (a nearby suburb). He had gotten his friends together, looking for rival gang members, when the shooting occurred," said Lt. Pat Kneblick, police spokeswoman.

Family members said Desmond was an intelligent, inquisitive child. Police said his curiosity might have, in this case, put him in danger.

"It appears when the shooting started, he (the child) probably stood up and looked out the back window to see what the popping noise was," said Homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz.

Gingrich launches private 'Earn to Learn' program

By SALLY STREFF BUZBEE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich won at least one convert with his promise to pay kids \$2 to read a book.

"I'll try it," said sixth-grader Erick Turner. "Sure I will." Normally, the 11-year-old doesn't read much outside school, he acknowledged with a grin. But now, he said, "I want the money."

Democrats weren't quite so easy to persuade Wednesday when Gingrich launched the private "Earn to Learn" program at an inner-city Washington school so poor its leaky roof often damages the few books in the library.

Handing out hundreds of new books donated by a private charity, Gingrich told Erick and other kids at Moten Elementary he wants them "to grow up and make a good living, so you can come back and do good things for this school."

"But to do that, you have to be able to read,"

Gingrich told the rows of small children who clapped at his words. Between now and May 15, each student at the school will get \$2 for each book the child reads.

Hoping to steal the speaker's thunder, several Democratic House members went to Moten just hours before Gingrich arrived to eat lunch with students.

The Democrats oppose House Republicans' proposals to change the nation's school-lunch program and cut back federal education money targeted to fight drugs and poverty.

"I'm all in favor of raising money from the private sector to get children to read," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "But that does not relieve us from our obligation to feed hungry children."

Education Secretary Richard Riley said this week that although he, too, supports Gingrich's reading program, private charity should only "supplement" the money the government sends to schools, not replace it.

But teachers at Moten — in a neighborhood so crime-ridden students fear walking to the local library — cheered Gingrich's book-payment idea.

"You've got to get the kids motivated, that's the thing," said teacher Carolyn Dallas. Any money is welcome to teachers who sometimes feel "we're the first ones to get our money cut."

Librarian Carol Asomani agreed, saying such programs "connect the value of learning to money for students, like we all do in the real world." But Asomani stressed that her school needs public tax support, too.

At her wits' end last year to scrounge up books for another reading program, Asomani finally turned to the school's Chapter I money — provided by the federal government to help the nation's poorest students, and now targeted for cuts by House Republicans.

"That would be a shame" if Chapter I gets cut, Asomani said. "That money did us a world of good."

Gun battle erupts in Harvard Square as bank heist fails

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — He saw it happen, even heard the gunshots, but A. H. Lawrence still could barely believe it.

"I was astonished," Lawrence said. "I thought, 'Who's crazy enough to pull off a bank robbery at 12 noon in Harvard Square?'"

Two men were waiting in the foyer of a Bank of Boston branch Wednesday when a Brinks guard entered pushing a dolly piled with bags of money and boxes of coins.

Witnesses said the men forced the guard to the floor, grabbed a money bag and ran for a getaway car.

The guard gave chase and a gun battle erupted in the crowded square, a bustling commercial area near Harvard University.

As the wounded suspects jumped into the car, the guard walked right up to the rear window and fired away, pausing once to replace the clip in his semiauto-

matic pistol, witnesses and police said.

After the driver and a man in the rear seat were hit, the car rolled forward and smashed into a parked car. The third suspect bolted from the front passenger seat and escaped, peeling off a wig, fake beard and bullet-pierced jacket as he ran down the street.

"Everything about it was like a movie," said Michael LaRoche, who watched from a coffee shop.

"It's cliché, but everyone ran into the back and crouched down."

The guard, who was not identified, was unhurt, as were the hundreds of people who were in the square at the height of lunch hour. Police recovered the bag of money and several guns.

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