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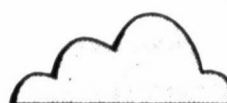
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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — Those planning to attend the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday night have until 5 p.m. Wednesday to make reservations at the Chamber office.

The banquet will feature the naming of the 1994 Citizen of the Year as its highlight. Providing entertainment will be Soña Solano, Miss Amarillo Area and a Pampa High School graduate, who will be singing.

The banquet will be held in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. The prime rib dinner, catered by Dyer's Bar-B-Que, will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 a person. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241, or dropping by the office at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

PAMPA — Chris Perez, incumbent for Place 6 on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees, filed for re-election Monday afternoon.

Perez, employee of Cabot Corporation, is the second candidate to file for the upcoming May 6 school board elections. R.W. "Bill" Jones filed Monday morning for the Place 7 post, currently held by Sherry McAvit.

Filings for the school board Place 6 and Place 7 positions continue through March 22 at Carver Center.

PAMPA — The Juvenile Probation Board is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the second floor courtroom of Gray County courthouse.

The board, comprised of County Judge Richard Peet and District Judges Lee Waters and Kent Sims, will consider an agreement with Reeves County for detention services. Purchase of computer equipment with money from probation fees will be discussed and training monies allocated.

PAMPA — City of Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in city commission chambers, third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Items for consideration include the long range plan, multi use facility, disc golf course and board appointments. The board will hear a staff report from Recreation Director Shane Stokes and Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick.

FORT WORTH — Juror number 11 has been chosen in the capital murder trial of Pampan Henry Watkins Skinner. Ninety prospective jurors have been interviewed during the voir dire portion of the trial which began Jan. 19 in Tarrant County's Criminal District Court No. 3.

Henry Watkins Skinner, 32, is accused of bludgeoning to death Twila Busby, 40, and stabbing her two sons Elwin Caler, 22, and Randolph Busby Jr., 20, in their Campbell Street home on Dec. 31, 1993.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee says a 12-year limit on terms for legislators and statewide officials appears to have the most support among lawmakers.

A State Affairs subcommittee is considering a half dozen proposed constitutional amendments that would limit terms.

Committee chairman Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said the 12-year proposal by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is the favorite over plans calling for eight-year limits.

White House promises to support labor

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — The White House is promising organized labor a presidential order prohibiting government agencies from doing business with major companies that hire replacements for striking employees.

Offering organized labor a wall of defense against the new Republican Congress, the White House is also threatening a presidential veto of three GOP bills opposed by unions, according to labor and administration officials.

That good news was delivered Monday to a winter meeting of AFL-CIO leaders by Vice President Al Gore, who met privately with the labor officials to discuss the Democratic debacle in last fall's elections and to plot strategy for the

new Congress and the 1996 elections, officials said.

Labor's efforts to draft a plan to deal with the new political environment are complicated by a controversy over the 13.3 million-member federation's own political leadership. Several major union presidents want AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland to step aside when his term ends in October, arguing the movement needs a younger face to represent its views.

Kirkland, 72, scoffed at such talk Monday and defended his 15-year stewardship of the labor movement. But he would not say whether he would seek re-election, a decision that could be affected by a special executive session Kirkland called for today for a confrontation with his critics.

Defending his record, Kirkland said he had fought to get women and

minorities named to the executive council, to create a program through which union members get cut rate deals on credit cards, insurance and other services and the strengthen the federation's powers to referee fights between member unions.

As for declining or stagnant union membership, he said organizing was the responsibility of the federation's 83 individual unions.

"This movement has not been standing still," Kirkland said. "It has not been ignoring the problems and needs."

At his meeting with reporters, Kirkland offered a broad, pointed indictment of Republican policy priorities, from proposals to weaken the federal hand in environmental and workplace safety enforcement to a balanced budget amendment he said "would eviscerate the capacity of our government to

respond to both national and international needs."

Of particular concern to labor are Republican efforts to repeal two laws that guarantee prevailing local wages to workers on federal projects: the Davis-Bacon Act and the Service Contract Act. Davis-Bacon deals with federal construction projects; the second law with contracts for janitorial and other services.

A third major concern to labor is the so-called TEAM Act, which would amend labor laws to make it easier for companies to establish in-house employee associations. Labor officials complain companies use these associations to try to persuade workers they don't need a union to bargain for wages and benefits.

In his 45 minute, closed session with the labor council, Gore promised Clinton would veto those

three measures if they cleared Congress, the AFL-CIO and Labor Department officials said.

Gore was said to have offered no timetable on issuing the executive order barring federal contractors from hiring workers to replace strikers, saying legal language was still being drafted.

But the gesture is significant because many labor leaders do not believe Clinton pressed hard enough in 1994 to win support for legislation that would prohibit employers from hiring permanent replacements. The measure passed the House but failed in the Senate, where both Democrats from Clinton's home state of Arkansas opposed it.

Officials said a replacement worker ban effectively would affect most Fortune 500 companies involved in strikes, as well as many other corporations.

Travis School Science Fair



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Travis Elementary third grade students Megan Broadbent and Tina Munsey, both participants in the Travis Elementary Science Fair, look over a telegraph exhibit which was made by another participant in the fair. The fair was conducted Monday afternoon. More than 200 students participated, with everything from demonstration exhibits to plants being included in the fair displays.

Travel agents fighting major airlines to stop cap on commissions

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Travel agents are taking their case to the courts, as well as the court of public opinion, in a fight to get the airlines to remove a \$50 cap they placed on ticket commissions earlier this month.

The American Society of Travel Agents announced a strategy today that will include legal action, legislative efforts and a public ad campaign.

Virtually every major U.S. airline announced last week that in order to cut costs they are capping commissions to agents on domestic ticket sales. The airlines will now pay agents up to \$25 for one-way tickets and \$50 for round trips, instead of a 10 percent commission on each ticket.

"We are filing an antitrust, class action lawsuit against the major carriers alleging price-fixing," said Jeanne Epping, ASTA president and chief executive officer.

At a news conference at ASTA's headquarters in Alexandria, Va., the group said it would seek a restraining order to stop the airlines' cuts, and would ask its members to meet with their congressmen to press their case.

ASTA officials said they have not yet determined when and where the lawsuit will be filed. But a national advertising campaign touting the services of travel agents is to kick off

Friday with ads in the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*, Epping said.

After the airlines' announcement, some large travel agencies decided to start charging customers a fee for booking. But smaller agencies fear if they impose fees customers will bypass them and book their flights directly with the airlines or through on-line computer services.

At least one lawsuit has been filed so far, and in the past week some 2,000 angry travel agents met in New York City and about 500 more gathered at a hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., before protesting on nearby Wilshire Boulevard.

In Torrance, Calif., a new group called Coalition for the Traveling Public says it has enlisted about 2,000 agencies in Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and New York to fight the cap.

The Association of Retail Travel Agents is organizing a trip to Washington to lobby Congress and the White House on Thursday.

New Jersey travel agents are asking consumers to sign a petition addressed to U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and members of Congress, saying travelers don't want to have to pay fees or make their own bookings, said Debbie Donofrio, who organized a meeting of 250 irate travel agents in Newark on Feb. 13.

Combest fights minnow's endangered listing

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock congressman has authored an amendment that he hopes will keep a 2-inch minnow from being labeled an endangered species.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest believes granting the Arkansas River Shiner a protected status would pose a serious threat to the region's water supply because it could limit the amount of water cities and farmers could use.

"The federal government could be controlling and preventing what we can do with our own water supply," Combest, R-Lubbock, said Monday at

Lubbock's Water Reclamation Plant.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials say the minnow has been wiped out of 80 percent of its historic habitat, which includes the Canadian River in the Panhandle and streams in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

To fight the possible listing, Combest has authored an amendment to a Republican regulatory reform measure that would put a moratorium on listing species as endangered or threatened until the end of this year.

Combest's amendment could be

discussed as early as Friday.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, who is on a subcommittee of the House Committee on Resources charged with rewriting the act, supports Combest.

Fish and wildlife officials have said the majority of the shiner's population decrease has occurred in states other than Texas.

But, Robert Lee, special agent with the Fish and Wildlife office in Lubbock, said that doesn't mean the problems with the shiner's ecological system couldn't spread to the Panhandle.

Hearing ordered for O.J. witness

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A critical O.J. Simpson defense witness who has threatened to flee the country was ordered today to appear later this week for a session to determine how her testimony should be handled.

Rosa Lopez, held up by the defense as a possible alibi witness for Simpson in his murder trial, was ordered by Superior Court Judge Lance Ito to appear Friday morning.

In an affidavit, Lopez has threatened to leave the United States for

her native El Salvador because she has grown weary of what the defense called harassment by the news media.

Her attorney, Carl Jones, met with Lopez on Friday and said her patience was wearing thin.

"She reluctantly agreed to remain another week," Jones said.

On Monday night, when a TV crew was spotted outside a house where she was staying, she told her attorney she was thinking of leaving even sooner.

Bush, Hutchison welcome new party switchers to GOP

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says the nearly two dozen former Democrats who switched parties know which way the political winds are blowing.

"We're beginning to make the conservative philosophy in Texas become synonymous with being in the Republican Party," Bush said in welcoming the new Republicans on Monday.

The governor said he expects success in recruiting more local Democratic officeholders because the GOP message echoes what most Texans believe.

"The political revolution that seized Washington, D.C., and that's in the process of seizing Austin ... that political revolution is now seizing grassroots politics all across our state of Texas," Bush said.

Democrats disagreed.

"Today's announcement that several local elected officials are switching parties does not herald a sea change in Texas politics. The vast majority of local offices in Texas are still held by Democrats," said State Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle.

The GOP listed 23 former Democrats among those switching Monday. The roster was headed by several judges, plus a district attorney, county commissioners, justices of the peace, a constable and two former Democratic precinct chairmen.

Slagle branded the conversions political expediency.

"Many of the party switchers are defeated Democratic primary candidates, which spells

political opportunism loud and clear," he said, adding that some "care more about staying on the public payroll than they care about the integrity of their political beliefs."

But state GOP Chairman Tom Pauken said the changes are significant because they are occurring in many smaller counties "which traditionally have voted Republican for the top of the ticket while re-electing Democrats to local office."

"What we are seeing is a fundamental realignment here in Texas," Pauken said.

Bush and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said statewide candidates understand the importance of local politics.

"When you run statewide in Texas, there's nothing better than to walk into counties all

across our state and have a receptive courthouse," Bush said.

"I can't tell you the number of times I've gone through a courthouse and the county commissioner or the district judge would pull me aside and say, 'Oh, I really am a Republican and I vote Republican in November, but ... I have to run as a Democrat,'" Mrs. Hutchison added.

Since her Senate election in 1993 and Bush's victory in 1994, Mrs. Hutchison said, things have changed.

"People saw that the Republican Party did speak for the mainstream of Texas and they were willing to step up and say I am going to run on the party that represents my real views."

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALSTEAD, Majorie Evelyn — Graveside, 2 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.
HUNNICUTT, Addie B. — Graveside, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
RASCO, Vera Louise — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MARJORIE EVELYN ALSTEAD
MENTOR, Ohio — Marjorie Evelyn Alstead, 43, sister of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas, with Dr. David Evans, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Miss Alstead was born in Amarillo. She graduated from Caprock High School in 1970. She moved 20 years ago to Mentor, where she was a buyer for Allen Bradley Electronics and Keithly Instruments.

Survivors include a brother, Paul E. Alstead of Amarillo; and three sisters, Virginia Walker and Dorothy Trevathan, both of Amarillo, and Marion Mears of Pampa.

The family will be at 112 Tanglewood in Amarillo. The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

MAXINE BRYAN BAKER

CANADIAN — Maxine Bryan Baker, 69, of Canadian, died Monday, Feb. 20, 1995. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Christian Church with Mike Williams, pastor, and Darren Dye, associate pastor of Canyon Christian Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stuckley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Baker was born Jan. 16, 1926 at Canadian and was a lifelong resident of Canadian. She graduated from Canadian High School in 1943. She married Wayne Baker on July 7, 1945. She owned and operated Canadian Insurance Agency for many years. She was a community volunteer for several agencies, including Meals on Wheels and the Canadian River Valley Museum. She was active in church, teaching Sunday School and being a volunteer secretary. She served as elected judge for several entities in Hemphill County for several years. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Baker; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Sims of Canyon; three sisters, Geraldine Hopkins and Juanita Beaty, both of Canadian, and Lorene Derbyshire of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; a brother, Bernard Bryan of Breckenridge; and three grandchildren, Bryan, Beth and Britt Sims of Canyon.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice.

Calendar of events

TOTS-N-TRAINING

The Tots-n-Training program for preschool children ages 3-5 who will be future students of Horace Mann, Wilson, Lamar and Baker elementary schools is continuing for the second semester of the school year. Parents and guardians may pick up newsletters and free materials each Wednesday at the following locations and times: Albertson's Food Store, 1233 N. Hobart, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Franks Food Store, 401 N. Ballard, 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Food Store, 300 E. Brown, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Step Ahead Day Camp, 500 W. Crawford, 1-2 p.m.; Texas Department of Health, 408 W. Kingsmill, 10-11 a.m.; and Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, 5-6 p.m. The program, sponsored by the Pampa Independent School District, Chapter 1, continues through mid-May.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Tom Mechler, Gray County Republican Party chairman, will be the speaker for the Republican Women's Club meeting Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 11:45 a.m. at the Strloin Stockade. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis at 669-7290.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.39	dn 1/8
Milo	3.76	dn 1/8
Corn	4.34	dn 1/8

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

NOWSCO	9 1/2	NC
Occidental	19 1/8	up 1/8

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

Magellan	69.41	up 1/4
Puritan	15.09	up 1/8

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

Amoco	58 7/8	NC
Arco	107 3/8	up 3/4
Cabot	34 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	13	dn 1/8

Police report

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

MONDAY, Feb. 20

Strat Nathan Friel, 1116 N. Russell, reported burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred at 2401 Charles between 8:45 and 10 p.m. Monday. Reported missing were a Bell radar detector valued at \$120, check book, \$100 cash, wallet valued at \$20, and credit cards. Damage to the 1987 Ford Mustang estimated at \$250. Entry was made through a passenger side window.

Melissa Darlene Jones reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle which occurred Feb. 2.

City of Pampa Parks Department employee Larry Eugene Shuck reported damage to a pair of gate stops at Recreation Park which occurred between 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday. Damage estimated at \$50.

John Leland reported theft at Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway, which occurred at 10 a.m. Monday. M.L. Clark, South Osborne, reported burglary of a habitation at 736 E. Scott. A 19-inch RCA color television valued at \$200 was taken between 5:30 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday. Entry was through a west window and exit through an east door.

Domestic disturbance was reported at 8 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of West Browning. No injuries reported.

TUESDAY, Feb. 21

Michael F. Boland, 843 E. Campbell, reported burglary of a habitation which occurred between midnight Monday and 1:30 a.m. Tuesday. Nothing was reported taken. Entry was through a bathroom window and exit through the front door.

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 20

Christopher Thomason, 21, 801 N. Gray, was arrested at 2545 Perryton Parkway on two warrants.

Connie Smith, 32, 424 N. Sumner, was arrested at 2545 Perryton Parkway on a charge of theft. She was taken to Gray County jail, where she was released on cash bond.

Monty Kuykendall, 27, 401 Hill, was arrested at 218 N. Russell on four warrants. He was released per authority of Municipal Judge Phil Vanderpool.

Dale Murray, 31, Monroe, N.C., was arrested at 321 E. Brown on a warrant.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, Feb. 20

Vernon Camp, 205 Tignor, reported criminal mischief.

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 20

Johnny Jay Isbell, 49, 2300 Price Rd., Box 1593, was arrested on charges of having no driver's license, no liability insurance, fictitious inspection sticker, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. He paid fines and was released.

Christine Elizabeth O'Brien, 29, Ft. Wayne, Ind., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Fires

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

MONDAY, Feb. 20

5:11 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a good intent call at 640 N. Christy.

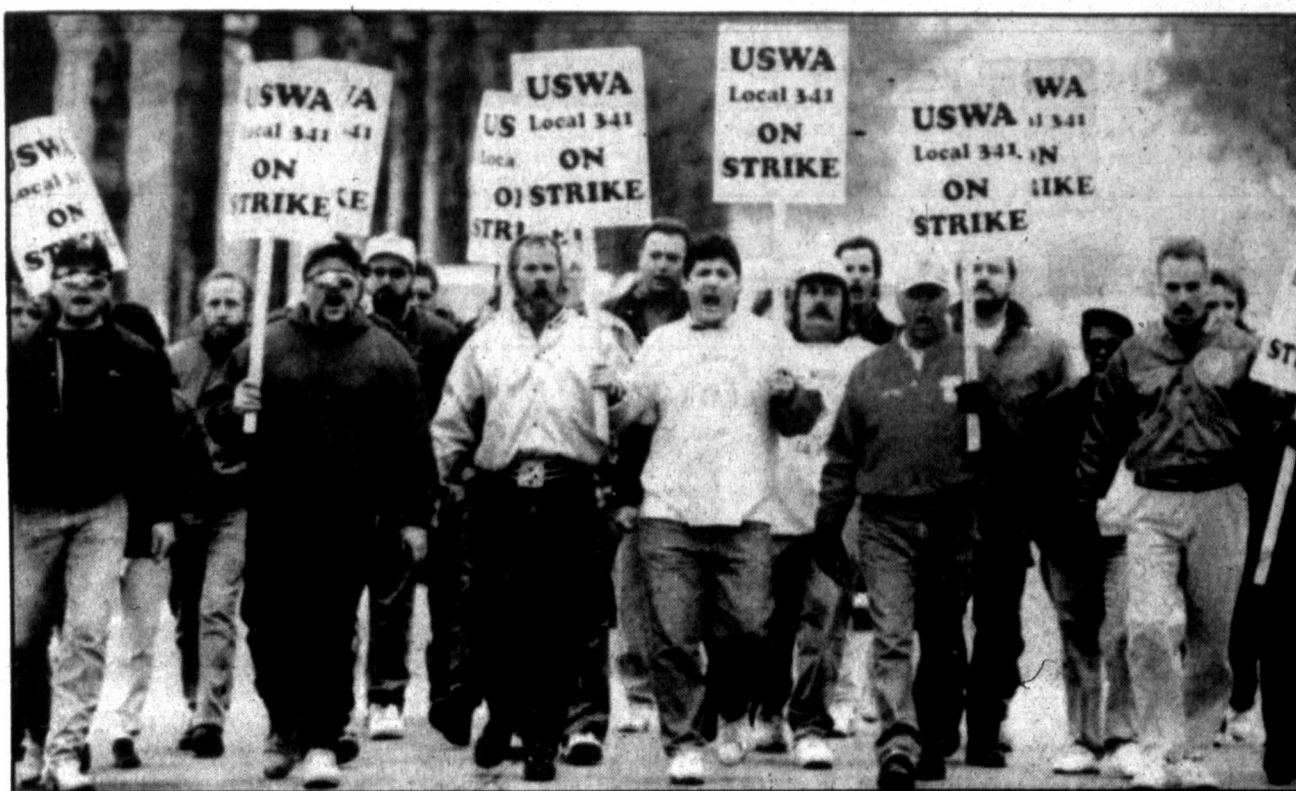
7:03 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to a controlled burn at 800 Gordon.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa	VanZandt of Pampa, a girl.
Travis M. Hunter	Dismissals Pampa
Claudia T. Nees	Peggy Ann Hawley
John C. Whitson	Ive Mallard
Beaver, Okla.	Teba A. Pfeil
Rickie M. Romick	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions Shamrock
Hollis, Okla.	Robert Horne
Grace G. Cleveland	Clara Reneau
Births	Dismissals
To Mr. and Mrs. Manual Recendiz of Pampa, a girl.	There were no dismissals reported.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bryant	

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830



(AP photo/The Newark Advocate)

Kaiser Aluminum employees in Heath, Ohio, march near the plant's main entrance as United Steelworkers members start their strike Monday.

Steelworkers strike Kaiser Aluminum plants

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — About 3,000 steelworkers walked off the job at Kaiser Aluminum Corp.'s five plants around the country Monday.

Management braced to keep operations going.

"We are prepared to operate our facilities indefinitely — if not fully, partially," Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe said. "We are using our management workforce."

A spokesman at Kaiser headquarters in Houston, Robert W. Irean, said there were no plans to hire replacement workers.

More than 2,000 workers at Kaiser's two Spokane-area plants struck along with United Steelworkers at a Tacoma smelter

and plants in Heath, Ohio, and Gramercy, La. — each with about 300 hourly workers.

"This is the first time this ever happened to me in 22 years," Louisiana striker Rudolph Mitchell said. "I feel kind of jittery to see that we're going on strike."

The union vote, tallied Friday, rejected Kaiser's final contract offer, 1,448 to 1,211. The old contract expired Oct. 31.

Kaiser offered a raise of just over \$1 an hour over the 47-month life of the contract, Steelworkers' spokesman Fred Garipey said. The average union worker makes \$13 an hour.

Union leaders said they could not

support the company's call to establish new rules for job descriptions and job merging. Kaiser officials say they need the flexibility to combine jobs in order to cut costs and improve efficiency.

As picketers hit the streets, Jim Pepton, spokesman for Local 5702 in Gramercy, La., was optimistic.

"We don't think it will be too long before the top people on both sides are going to be getting back together. Hopefully after a couple of sessions, we can get this thing ironed out, get another vote and get back to work," Pepton said.

Officials with the union and with Kaiser didn't know of any talks being scheduled.

Police: Daytime curfew cuts into burglaries

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A daytime curfew is working because the arrests of juveniles for daytime burglaries have dropped by 50 percent since the measure was imposed last November, police say.

Police Chief Henry Garrett said Monday police statistics prove that the curfew is working.

"I've always felt that the large number of our daytime burglaries were directly related to kids skipping school," he said. "When they skip school, these kids wind up on the street and get involved in things that kids shouldn't be getting involved in."

"Now, they know that we've got this extra tool to crack down on tru-

ancy. I think the figures show it's having an impact."

During the 90-day period that ended Jan. 31, 20 juveniles were charged with burglary, Garrett said. During the 90 days just prior to the curfew, 40 juveniles were arrested for burglaries.

"In talking with police chiefs of other cities like Houston, San Antonio and Austin that have daytime curfews, they're seeing similar decreases," he said.

The curfew is in effect from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year. It is not in effect during school vacations and on holidays.

Any student under age 17 found on city streets or in other public places while classes are in session can be picked up by a police officer and taken to the Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center or the Truant Reduction Impact Program (TRIP) at the downtown YMCA. They have to wait for parents or guardians to pick them up.

Since the curfew went into effect, 28 citations have been issued to students found skipping school. Citations require offenders and their parents to appear before a municipal court judge to explain why the students were not in school. Violators could face a fine of as much as \$500 or be sentenced to community service.

Bills would expand notification to victims of crime

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has passed two bills designed to increase information provided to crime victims.

Voting 30-0 Tuesday, senators passed one bill that would require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

to "make a reasonable attempt" to notify victims or their families when an offender escapes from prison.

The second bill, also passed without opposition, calls for notification when a criminal defendant is placed on community supervision, the con-

ditions of that supervision and time and location of a hearing regarding supervision.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, described both of her bills as "victims' rights" measures. They now go to the House for consideration.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a low in the middle 40s and southwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy west, partly cloudy central and east. Highs 62 to 78.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 40s and 50s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in upper 40s to near 50 inland, 50s coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 70s.

Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s inland to near 60 coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs near 80 inland to the 70s coast.

North Texas — Tonight, some high cloudiness west and central. Mostly clear east. Lows 38 to east to 48 west, partly cloudy central and east. Highs 62 to 78.

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 35-45. Wednesday, becoming cloudy and not as warm. Highs from low 60s to around 70. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 40-45. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs in mid 60s to near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms central and southwest and increasing cloudiness northeast. Lows upper 20s to around 40 mountains with 40s lower elevations. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms, most numerous over the mountains. Cooler with high 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s lower elevations east and south. Lows 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in low to mid 40s. Wednesday, increasing high cloudiness northwest Oklahoma, otherwise mostly sunny with highs in the 70s.

City briefs

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Police detain suspect in shooting, dismemberment

EL PASO (AP) — Police today investigated the shooting of a New Mexico woman whose body was dismembered, painted and distributed to various sites in two states.

Officers detained a man at a residence late this morning, according to El Paso television station KVIA. But police would not immediately confirm the arrest in the slaying of Suzy Hahn Bradley, 34.

"We have some suspects in the case," said police Sgt. Pete Osegueda of the homicide division. He declined to elaborate on the investigation.

Ms. Bradley of Las Cruces, N.M., had been living in El Paso for about two years, said Osegueda.

Police surrounded one residence in the city's central section this morning. Officers emerging from the house did not immediately com-

ment on the investigation. Ms. Bradley's head, torso and other body parts were found in cardboard boxes at four West Texas and New Mexico sites near El Paso since Friday, law officers said.

Osegueda said the body had also sustained six wounds from a .22-caliber weapon in the chest and upper torso.

Bright gold paint and duller shades of grey and baby blue were found on some body parts and boxes, placed by the killer in plain view of motorists and residents in two suburban areas and one desert location, police say.

A preliminary autopsy report from the El Paso County medical examiner's office showed Ms. Bradley died of the gunshot wounds before her dismemberment.

"It's a bizarre case here in El Paso.

We have had nothing like this in three or four years and that person (responsible) is in prison," El Paso police Lt. Paul Saucedo said earlier. "This is very out of the ordinary."

He said the woman's torso was found Sunday morning in a cardboard box in the desert just off War Road in southern New Mexico, 3 1/2 miles north of the Texas state line.

Police were summoned later Sunday by residents to the Lower Valley in eastern El Paso, outside an apartment complex where an off-duty firefighter had found a cardboard box with a small amount of human tissue.

Ms. Bradley's head and other body parts were found in a box Saturday in the Burnham area.

The residential areas where boxes were found were within about a mile of each other, said Saucedo.



(Special photo)

Discussing the bid openings for hazardous waste disposal contractors during a recent meeting of the Top O' Texas Household Hazardous Waste Committee are, from left, Rick Stone, city sanitation superintendent; Susan Crane, city purchasing agent; Loretta Watie, buyer; Lynn Thornton, deputy city secretary; Hunter Chisum, Hoechst Celanese; and Charles Smith, Evergreen Consulting Company.

Household Hazardous Waste Day planned

Plans are being finalized for Pampa's first Household Hazardous Waste Day, on which residents can get rid of a lot of the hazardous waste materials piled up in their homes, garages, basements and workrooms.

The Top O' Texas Household Hazardous Waste Committee has set April 22 for the day to provide citizens with an alternative disposal source for the materials that are now classified as "hazardous" by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to Pam Green, executive coordinator for Clean Pampa Inc.

The committee set the first Household Hazardous Waste Day in conjunction with Earth Day, a day observed to make people more aware of environmental hazards and the need to work together to help clean up the earth.

Although the day is nearly two

months away, Green said residents can begin checking their homes for hazardous materials that need to be discarded and that no longer can be accepted at the city landfill because of EPA regulations.

Those preparing for spring house cleaning, getting ready to move or having to go through the estate items of a deceased loved one can begin getting hazardous materials together for disposal on Saturday, April 22, at the Community Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park, she explained.

Materials that will be accepted for disposal on that date will be divided into the following categories:

Automotive: Motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, solvents, gasoline and similar fuels, oil filters and tires.

Gardening Products: Sprays or dusts (except no pesticides can be accepted), weed killers, fertilizers, rat/ant poison and fungicides.

Paint: Latex paint, oil-based paint, thinners, solvents, spray cans, brush cleaners, paint strippers, lacquer/varnishes and preservatives.

Cleaning Products: Ammonia, disinfectants, drain cleaners, solvents, bleach, mildew removers, empty aerosol cans, spot removers, degreasers, tile cleaners and oven cleaners.

Miscellaneous: Household batteries. Materials that cannot be accepted, in addition to pesticides, include gunpowder, ammunition and explosives (including hand grenades).

Contractors are being obtained through bidding processes to take care of the proper disposal of the household hazardous waste materials.

More information will be disseminated to the public in coming weeks as the Household Hazardous Waste Day nears, Green said.

State lawmakers are trying to push no smoking legislation through this session

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. Mike Moncrief fumes when he thinks of smokers grinding out cigarette butts on the new floor of the Capitol, which just got a \$187 million facelift and extension.

Moncrief also has noticed hallway ashtrays jammed with snuffed out butts and, along with his wife, recently used water to douse a smoking trash can in the Capitol Extension.

"All the experts tell us smoking does damage to the woodwork, that it damages the historic paintings and archives, the carpet, the wall coverings and the paint," said the Fort Worth Democrat.

So, Moncrief is sponsoring a bill that would put an end to smoking in all state buildings and state vehicles.

While similar bills passed the Senate in 1991 and 1993, they were snuffed out in the House State Affairs Committee, a fate one lawmaker attributes to a special interest.

"The tobacco lobby, of course," said Rep. John Hirschi, D-Wichita Falls, co-chairman of the House anti-smoking coalition. "Obviously, it's a lot easier for the tobacco industry to concentrate its money in a very few

places, behind the scenes, to kill legislation rather than on the floor where everyone has a chance to debate the issues."

This session, Moncrief and the coalition of more than 60 House members pushing an array of anti-smoking legislation hope they'll prevail.

The chairman of the State Affairs Committee since 1993, Rep. Curtis Seidlits Jr., D-Sherman, predicts one or more of the anti-smoking bills will pass the committee.

And he says it's unfair to link his campaign contributions with the death of previous smoking legislation.

"I would highly dispute that and really am offended by the suggestions," Seidlits said.

The lone smoking bill that got the committee's attention last session would have restricted minors' access to tobacco products, Seidlits said, adding the bill was hamstrung by confusion over federal requirements.

He said he doesn't recall why the bill banning smoking in state buildings died in his committee.

Seidlits received \$1,500 last year from a political action committee formed by tobacco giant Philip

Morris, according to campaign finance statements filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

His largest donation, \$2,500, was from lobbyists Robert and Gordon Johnson, who represent the R.J. Reynolds tobacco company.

Seidlits said the Johnsons represent a dozen other clients uninvolved with tobacco interests and that Philip Morris owns an Oscar Meyer factory in his district.

State senators received \$14,000 of the \$39,000 the Philip Morris PAC donated to Texas politicians in the past 18 months. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, received \$10,000.

Hirschi amended his earlier statements, saying past troubles may have been because the tobacco lobby was the only one talking. But this session, the coalition, which Hirschi hopes will soon include more than half the House, could help balance the debate.

"I honestly believe that we will get fair hearings on these bills in State Affairs because there's a lot of pressure from the other side now," Hirschi said. "That did not exist in the past."

Secret talks reported between Israel and Iran

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Germany has been mediating years of secret talks between Israel and Iran to win the release of an Israeli airman, a German newspaper reported today. Israel denied the report.

The airman, navigator Ron Arad, has been missing since his plane was shot down in southern Lebanon in October 1986. Israel believes Arad is being held in Iran.

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine* reported that talks on Arad's release have reached a decisive phase and that a breakthrough was imminent.

German journalist Udo Ulfkotte said today he had known about the secret talks for six months but only wrote the story after an official involved in the negotiations told him last week that publication would not endanger Arad.

"He (the official) said they are very close to the release of Ron Arad," Ulfkotte told Israel radio.

Ulfkotte's story said the meetings were held at irregular intervals in Bonn, with the Iranians in one room, the Israelis in another and the Germans shuttling back and forth.

During the negotiations, the Iranians handed over a videotape from Arad, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* said, quoting officials in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Arad's wife, Tami, also received a letter from Arad, it said.

The story didn't say when the alleged videotape of Arad was made or when it was handed to the Israelis.

In Israel, the spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denied the report.

"We don't know about a video-

tape. We don't know about a letter. We don't know about negotiations," spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said on Israel radio.

"As far as we know, he was alive and healthy when he was captured. ... We have good reason to believe this hasn't changed," he said.

Dieter Vogel, Kohl's chief spokesman, said: "I won't deny there have been such contacts (with Iran). But I don't know of any details. The job of secret services is to be secret."

Israeli officials have said Arad was held more than two years by Mustafa Dirani, the former intelligence chief of the Shiite Muslim militia Amal in Lebanon. Israel said Dirani then sold Arad for \$300,000 to Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon.

Principal rises to the occasion to catch vandal

AUSTIN (AP) — Canyon Vista Middle School Principal Don Dalton has gone to great lengths — or heights — to catch students who were urinating on toilet paper in school restrooms.

Dalton last week ascended to the ceiling of one of the restrooms to catch a culprit. He said a rash of soakings led to the unusual measure after steps such as placing a hall monitor near the restrooms didn't help.

"We will take any measures we need to stop the culprits from perpetrating this crime again," Dalton told the *Austin American-Statesman* in Tuesday editions.

By hoisting himself onto a beam over the restroom and

moving a ceiling tile about three-quarters of an inch, Dalton said, he was able to look down into one of the stalls. About 45 seconds into the stakeout, Dalton caught one student.

"I wonder if I'll get on David Letterman for this," he said.

Some parents at the school questioned the principal's tactic. "From talking with other parents, a lot of us feel the situation could have been solved by maybe having a monitor in the restroom rather than hanging from the rafters," said Anna Mitchell, a parent of a Canyon Vista eighth grader who wasn't involved in the incident.

"Everyone likes Mr. Dalton a lot. They just thought it was strange," she said.

Back child support extracted by IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government collected a record \$703 million in delinquent child support by yanking the money out of the income tax refunds of parents who weren't paying, the Department of Health and Human Services reported today.

Nearly 1 million families benefited under what is known as the tax-offset program in 1993, HHS said. The year's collections were 13.6 percent higher than in 1992.

"When absent parents are not paying child support, we need to take every appropriate step — including seizing the tax refund, which the delinquent parent would otherwise receive," HHS

Secretary Donna Shalala said. Under the tax offset program, state child support enforcement agencies report the names of parents who owe child support and the overdue amount to the federal Administration for Children and Families.

The parents who owe child support are notified that their tax refunds will be withheld, but have the right to contest the action.

Parents whose children receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children and whose unpaid child support totals \$150 or more may have their federal income tax refunds withheld. Refunds were withheld for more than 721,000 AFDC families in 1993.

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Wayland Thomas
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Opinion

Feds should leave baseball strike alone

We enjoy hot dogs and three run homers as much as the next fan, but the threat of another disrupted baseball season doesn't qualify as a national crisis.

Apparently, politicians in Washington think it does. President Clinton spent 45 minutes on a Sunday meeting with his secretary of labor and federal negotiator to plot strategy to bring an end to the 178 day baseball players strike. Clinton has made ending the strike top priority of his administration.

As negotiations drag on, threatening the start of the 1995 season, the Clinton administration stepped up to bat to bring the two sides together. The president summoned both sides to the White House Tuesday in an attempt to force an agreement. When that failed, the hot potato was tossed in the direction of Congress.

Congress could ram through legislation that would impose a settlement. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, promised to support the White House in getting any required legislation through Congress, although he has backed off that stance somewhat. Other lawmakers have indicated that they want no part of a private labor dispute. If anything, the governmental meddling may have driven the two sides farther away from any middle ground. What all the hue and cry in Washington has been able to accomplish seems minimal at best and counterproductive at worst. There's a lesson in all this.

Since when did the game of baseball become a federal case? If the president, as a baseball fan, wants to exert a bit of moral influence to spur negotiations, so be it. We could think of worse things he could do with his time. But the federal government should not be in the business of dictating labor settlements for any industry, least of all a sports and entertainment business with no connection to national security.

Major League Baseball, shorn of all its romantic trappings, is just another business. Its owners hire workers who provide entertainment for paying customers. How much those workers are paid, and the conditions of their employment, should be set by mutual agreement in the free market, not be settlements imposed by law.

As frustrating as it may be for baseball fans, negotiations should be allowed to run their course without heavy handed meddling by Washington. Players and owners should be free to come to their own agreement, as long as no violence or other extra legal tactics are used. In the long run, an agreement reached mutually by both sides would probably have a better chance of enduring than one imposed by government.

Instead of being our "national pastime," federal intervention would make baseball our "nationalized pastime."

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Drug war policy is stupidity

Jack Kemp complained recently that Republicans seem to want nothing but "little government and big prisons." Most of them have yet to learn that we can't necessarily have both. The desire to cut taxes and spending conflicts with the goal of locking up hordes of lawbreakers, which is enormously expensive.

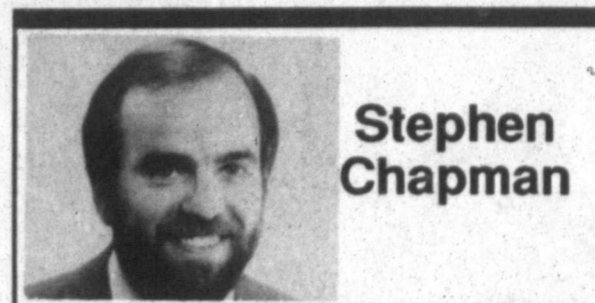
For two decades, New York has imposed some of the nation's stiffest drug sentences, the proud legacy of Nelson Rockefeller. As a result, 60 percent of the tenants in its prisons are serving time for non-violent crimes, and 44 percent of the new felons arriving each year are in for drug offenses.

One newly elected Republican, Gov. George Pataki of New York, has decided that he has to choose between fighting violent crime and fighting the drug war, and he has opted for the former. His predecessor, Mario Cuomo, was labeled soft on crime for proposing to reduce the long mandatory sentences inflicted on small time drug offenders. But Pataki realizes that if he wants to be tough on violence, he can't waste money and prison beds on the drug trade's bit players. And Republicans in the legislature have suddenly seen the light.

Handing out long mandatory sentences to every penny-ante drug merchant is not cheap. Since 1982, New York has had to triple its prison capacity, and it now spends more per capita on corrections than any state in the country. Pataki's idea is to use different methods - drug rehabilitation, community service, electronic monitoring and the like - on many dealers.

That would free up at least 3,000 beds each year for muggers, rapists and other truly dangerous criminals, who would no longer be eligible for parole. Greater leniency for those who are not dangerous would allow sterner treatment of those who are.

New York's problem is merely an exaggerated



Stephen Chapman

version of a national phenomenon: A criminal justice system that squanders far too many of its resources on non-violent crime. In 1982, prisoners in on drug convictions made up 22 percent of the federal inmate population. Today - thanks to routine mandatory sentences of five and 10 years - they constitute 70 percent.

Nearly a third of them are non-violent, low level offenders with no criminal record. Drug inmates now typically serve longer federal sentences than colleagues convicted of sex offenses or manslaughter.

In Illinois, where mandatory minimums have also been the fashion, the number of drug offenders in prison has risen five times as fast over the past decade as the number of violent offenders. Florida has had to release violent criminals to make room for drug inmates. Across the country, the drug war has filled penitentiaries to overflowing.

But Pataki's brand of realism hasn't caught on outside New York. In fact, the mood among Republicans elsewhere is to build more and more prisons to lock up more and more petty crooks for longer and longer periods - never mind the cost.

Virginia Gov. George Allen wants to impose a 10 year mandatory sentence on anyone who brings

illicit drugs over the state line. A bill to relax Michigan's life-without-parole sentences for non-violent drug crimes recently died in the legislature, which is under GOP control. A spokesman for Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar says the idea of alternative punishment for low level drug offenders is not under consideration.

On Capitol Hill, the mood is equally shortsighted. Last year, in a rare moment of prudence, Congress voted to create a modest "safety valve" that lets judges reduce the sentences of some small time, non-violent drug violators. But the new Senate crime bill contains a provision to junk it in favor of a far more restrictive version. It also creates new mandatory minimum sentences for various drug offenses.

The House would extend this boneheaded approach to guns as well. Its crime bill has a provision making a federal case out of virtually every crime committed by someone who even carries a gun. This measure would pull in more non-violent offenders. Someone who buys cocaine while sitting in a car that has a licensed, unloaded pistol in the glove compartment would get a minimum of 10 years in federal prison.

The organization Families Against Mandatory Minimums says the change would "swamp the federal courts with an estimated 60,000 additional cases, increase the federal prison population by 384 percent over nine years and cost taxpayers approximately \$8 billion per year."

Tough sentencing may sound like the only way to stem the drug trade, or any other crime problem. But it has been tried, and drugs are as available as ever. Gov. Pataki understands that toughness for its own sake is stupidity. How long will it take other Republicans to figure that out?



I'M JUST NOT READY, DAD. I WANNA SURF THE INTERNET FOR A FEW YEARS WHILE I'M STILL YOUNG. THEN MAYBE I'LL GO TO COLLEGE.

Ed Stein '95
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News-Media

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 1995. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Feb. 21, 1965, former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was shot to death by assassins identified as Black Muslims as he was about to address a rally in New York; he was 39.

On this date:

In 1866, Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

In 1878, the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Co. of New Haven, Conn.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France.

In 1925, The New Yorker magazine made its debut.

In 1947, Edwin H. Land first demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds.

Blame inflation on Congress

There's a big con game going on. The con is that politicians in both parties and the bankers talk about problems caused by inflation without mentioning that they caused it.

To hear the central bank talk about it, you'd think inflation is caused by people getting jobs. Uh, oh, the central bankers are saying, too many Americans have jobs and so we'd better hike the rates of usury to keep inflation under control.

In a country with so many millions of people unemployed and underemployed, it is impossible for people to cause inflation by getting a job. Even if we had 100 percent employment, it would cause little, if any, inflation.

There are, to keep it simple, two kinds of inflation. One is called cost-push inflation and the other, monetary inflation. Politicians and the money lenders would like you to believe that cost-push inflation is the only kind that exists.

Not so. An example of cost-push would be a situation in which there was a great drought in the Midwest followed by a plague of locusts, severely reducing the grain crop. Since there would be insufficient grain to meet the demand, people would bid up the price in an effort to get what was available. That's cost-push, a rise in prices produced by an increased demand for a commodity or product.

Monetary inflation, however, is when the mone-

Charley Reese

tary authorities put so much money into the system that the value of each unit declines. Demand and working people have nothing to do with it. That type of inflation is entirely in the hands of the government and the central bank.

That's really what Mexico's peso crisis is all about. As it always does, the Mexican ruling party turned on the printing presses and greatly boosted the money supply during the election campaign. When this happens, the monetary unit will eventually decline in value.

As the value of the monetary unit declines, people are forced to raise prices just to maintain their same level of income. Because of continued deficits and the profligate policies of the Federal Reserve, the U.S. dollar has lost its value.

Money is not wealth. What one buys with money is wealth - houses, clothes, tools, services, etc. How much a given unit of money can buy is called purchasing power. Well, the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar, thanks entirely to the U.S. Congress and the Federal Reserve, has declined so much that if you made \$10,000 in 1967, you would have to make \$40,000 in 1995 just to be where you were 28 years

ago. To put it another way, it takes \$4 today to buy what \$1 would buy in 1967.

But the key point to understand is that this is the fault of the U.S. Congress, not the fault of the private sector. Back in the 1960s, Congress gave up any effort to maintain a stable money system and indexed - those famous cost of living allowances - most federal programs. Congress did that to take the sting out of inflation, which it was consciously pursuing. Inflation is temporarily more politically palatable than bringing the federal budget into balance and reining in the central bank.

But, of course, if you aren't on the federal teat, your income didn't get indexed to inflation. Inflation never affects people uniformly. Some can prosper, some can stay even and most will fall behind.

What outrages me is to hear bankers and politicians talk about the real misery their inflationary policies have caused while pretending that it's not their fault but someone else's, either greedy consumers spending too much or some unexplained, uncontrollable mysterious "thing."

It's them. It's the 100 senators and the 435 members of the House. It's the Federal Reserve System, which Congress created and which Congress could, if it had the sense and the guts, seriously reform or abolish. They caused the economic misery. Now they are blaming the victims.

The master of vitriol gets Newted

Newt doesn't like being Newted.

I don't know this for sure, as I have no sources on House Speaker Gingrich's staff and no magical means of divining his thoughts. I am just piecing together this judgment about his attitude on being Newted (a variation of "naked," pronounced "NEW-ted") from what he has said publicly about the experience.

As most alert citizens know by now, Newt negotiated a \$4.5 million contract to record his ramblings and recurring eruptions of technobabble, which would then be assembled and marketed as a book. Actually there would be two books, one the volume of Newt's meditations, the other an anthology he would edit. The problem is that he was dealing with HarperCollins, a publishing house owned by Rupert Murdoch, the Australian born media mogul who owns the Fox television network and who often has business before the U.S. Congress, half of which is overseen by the old scribbler himself, Mr. Newt, thus giving rise to potential conflicts of interest.

The opposition pointed out that this looked suspiciously like Newt was selling his office for personal gain. Corporate tycoons, movie stars, professional athletes and bigtime drug dealers make that kind of money, but it is unseemly for public servants to cash in while they are still on the public payroll.

OK, Newt fumed, he would forego the big advance and take only royalties. The opposition pointed out that this could make him even more eager to make Murdoch happy, as Newt's rewards would be linked



Joseph Spear

directly to the publishers promotional efforts.

Then came that stunning news that while Newt's deal was in negotiation, he had actually met with Murdoch and one of his hotshot lobbyists. Newt's spokesman said the three had "only passed the time of day." Murdoch's prolocutor said the speaker, the magnate and the lobbyist had spent a few moments discussing "broad national issues." The opposition was skeptical.

The deal "doesn't pass the smell test," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the new general chairman of the Democratic Party. It was just "one more chapter in the continuing saga of Newt Gingrich's ethical problems," said Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich. "The perception of impropriety, not to mention the potential conflict of interest... cannot be ignored," said Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., from the House floor.

That's when Newt decided he didn't like being Newted. Let's pause here to get a better idea of what Newting is all about. It is the practice of demon-

ing the opposition by saying the meanest, nastiest, most despicable, squalid, vile and vulgar things you can about them. Newting was invented by Newt Gingrich himself during his backbench days of the 1980s. The Democrats were not worthy adversaries. They were "weird," "bizarre," "socialist." Speakers Carl Albert, Tip O'Neill and Jim Wright were a "trio of muggers." Wright (who deserved censure but not malicious assault) had a "Mussolini-like ego" and was "the most corrupt speaker in the 20th century."

Newt even compiled a vocabulary that Newtoids could use to Newt the enemy: "Decay, failure, shallow, traitors, pathetic, corrupt, incompetent, sick."

But it is one thing to Newt; it is another to be Newted. So Newt, taking umbrage at the outrageous attacks on his worthy efforts to make himself rich, reverted to his old Newting days. "I am a genuine revolutionary," he shouted to the audience at a Republican luncheon. "They are genuine reactionaries."

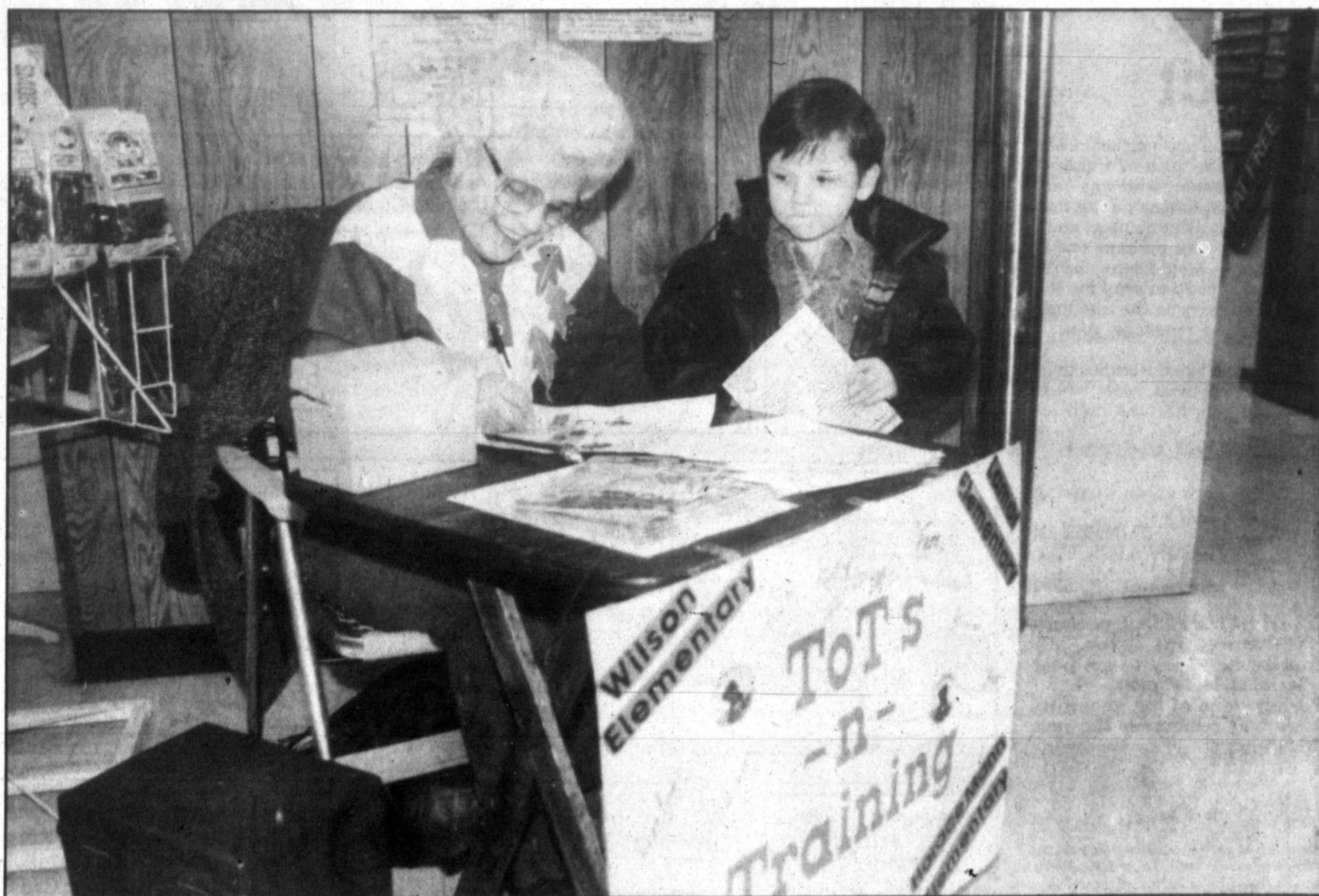
The Democrats were guilty of distortion and dishonesty. They would "bitterly, ferociously raise the pain level of any progress we try to make, to create so much chaos and so much destruction... that they can bring us to a halt."

The irony was stunning. Newt was offering up a perfect description of himself. The tactics he was condemning were the tactics that brought him fame and perhaps fortune.

Newt is being Newted, and by damn it is an enjoyable show.

Lifestyles

Teaching tots



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Evalyn Adams, Tots-n-Training sponsor at Frank's Food Store on Brown Street, provides reading material to frequent Tots-n-Training user Andrew Dunn, 5. The Tots-n-Training program is for preschool children ages 3-5 who will be future students of Wilson, Lamar and Baker Elementary schools. Parents and guardians may pick up free newsletters and free materials each Wednesday at the following locations: Albertson's Food Store, 1233 N. Hobart, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Food Store, 401 N. Ballard, 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Food Store, 300 E. Brown, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Step Ahead Day Camp, 500 W. Crawford, 1-2 p.m.; Texas Department of Health, 408 W. Kingsmill, 10-11 a.m.; and Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, 5-6 p.m. The program, sponsored by the Pampa Independent School District, Chapter I, continues through mid May.

Shepherds Helping Hands recently concluded fundraiser for the organization's programs

Shepherds Helping Hands of Pampa, a non-profit organization to help the indigent in the community, recently concluded a February fundraiser to raise funds for the organization's programs.

Jane Higden of Amarillo was the winner of a Valentine Weekend Trip in Amarillo. She received a Valentine Basket of "goodies," which included dinner for two at the Outback Restaurant, a suite for two for one night at the Ramada Inn and two theater tickets.

More than 500 tickets were sold for the chance to win the special weekend package in the fund-raising event.

Board member Gail Pierce said Shepherds Helping Hands would like to thank those businesses that participated in selling tickets: Builders Plumbing Supply, The Med Shoppe and Pampa Office Supply.

To all those who participated in the fundraiser, "Thank you for helping us lend a helping hand to those in need in our community," Pierce said.

The primary purpose of Shepherds Helping Hands is to help provide medications for those who are unable to pay.

Pierce said the founders of the organization saw there was a real need with some of the elderly "who are falling through the cracks," with many having to make a decision whether to buy life-sustaining medications or pay the utility bills.

Club News

P.E.O.

On Valentine's Day, P.E.O. met in the home of Hilda Duncan. President Cinda Lafferty conducted the business meeting. Of special interest was the notification that P.E.O.'s Star Oaks Retirement Home in San Antonio had been sold to a firm which would use it as a place for families to stay when their loved ones were in the hospital with critical illnesses. It is a program similar to Ronald McDonald Houses.

Reports were also given concerning the P.E.O. Convention in Dallas. President Cinda Lafferty gave her yearly report of Chapter CS to the group. Following the business meeting and report the group adjourned for lunch at the Sunflower on Francis Street. The next meeting will be in the home of Cinda Lafferty on Feb. 28.

In previous meetings:

- Vice President Carolyn Miller conducted the business meeting in the absence of our president Cinda Lafferty. The usual reports of committees were given. The program was presented by Milene Paulus on *Women of Influence in the Bible*. Luncheon was served by the hostess Donna Turner and co-hostess Lois Strong.

- P.E.O. met in the home of Judy Sutton, due to the death of Ruth Richart's mother. Cinda Lafferty, our president, conducted the business meeting. Members were invited to attend a meeting in the home of former member Dolores Cross in her new home in Amarillo.

Each member contributed to the program by giving experiences concerning their knowledge of P.E.O. founders. The group dismissed for a Dutch treat at Danny's Market.

- P.E.O. met for a Christmas salad supper in the home of Carol Fields. Each member brought a salad and cookies for a cookie exchange. Our president Cinda Lafferty conducted the business meeting. After roll call, a report was given by Judy Sutton concerning the Christmas greens.

A program was then presented by Jan Ragsdale on the many paintings of the Madonna and child. The various styles of the artists were discussed and pictures were shown to illustrate the styles. The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 10, in the home of Ruth Richart.

HIGHLAND HOBBY CLUB

Highland Hobby Club recently held their monthly meeting in the home of Johnnee Rhode. The meeting was called to order by Gloria Narris, president. Mairlyn Kirkwood, secretary and treasurer, gave the minutes of the last meeting. Old business: Bird feeders were made by the members at the last meeting from pine cones. Also a pot holder was brought to the hostess by each member. New business: voted to bring each hostess a kitchen item for the next year. Jewel Homes won the door prize. Refreshments were served to five members, then games were enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be in March.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club met in the home of JoAnn Shackelford recently. Mary Nelson spoke on a book titled *Bus 9 to Paradise* by Leo Buscaglia. Paradise is a very individual thing — we each have our own idea of what it would be. Nelson also read a tribute to another club member, Dorothy Neslage, honoring her for her many years of philanthropic work in the Panhandle. The hostess was JoAnn Shackelford. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, at 2000 Charles.

Area Newsmakers

Navy Fireman Recruit **Alejandro De La Cruz**, son of Jose P. and Maria R. De La Cruz of Olton recently returned to San Diego after completing a six month deployment to the Western Pacific with the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

De La Cruz was one of 5,000 Sailors and Marines who completed the 31,000 mile voyage which included military exercises with Korea, Japan and Australia. De La Cruz also participated in Operation Tandem Thrust, an exercise involving 15 ships and 14,000 people from all the services as well as the Australian Navy.

De La Cruz's ship led a nine ship battle group which included guided missile cruisers equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Overall, De La Cruz and his shipmates spent 133 days at sea, conducting more than 8,300 carrier takeoffs and landings. With more than 70 tactical aircraft aboard, the aircraft carrier and its accompanying ships provided a formidable forward presence capable of moving more than 700 miles a day.

While deployed, De La Cruz visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and South Korea. The 1992 graduate of Olton High School

of Olton joined the Navy in September 1993.

Cadet Richie Thompson was selected to the Commandant's Honor Roll in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A & M University at College Station for the fall semester of 1994. Ritchie is a junior and a member of C-2 Company. This honor is bestowed upon a cadet who carried a class load of 12 hours or more and had a 3.58 grade point average while carrying out the obligations and demands of the Corps. His name is posted on the honor roll board in the Corps of Cadets Center building at the university.

Birkes selected as Golden Nail area representative

Darlene Birkes of Pampa has been selected as an area representative by the 1995 Golden Nail Awards Committee.

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 17-city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 1994.

Recipients of the Golden Nail Awards include individuals, businesses and foundations which will be honored at the ceremonies held on Friday, April 21 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to

honor those whose financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations. Nomination forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk in Amarillo, or from Birkes, phone 665-2913. The deadline for the nominations is Feb. 27.

The Golden Nail Award categories include the Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation and Distinguished Volunteer. Each year, the Summit Award goes to an individual for lifelong support to the arts. Special awards are pre-

sented when warranted. Golden Touch Awards are also presented for innovative ideas in the arts events and area activities.

Individual winners of 1994 included the Hazel Kelley Wilson Family; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Oeschger, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kelley, and Mrs. Jim Morgan; A.C. Moore, Marianne Wooldridge Rutherford, Margaret Formby, Pat Chandler, Betty Arrington, American Airlines, Credit Bureau of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle, Irwin Greenhouses, Amarillo Area Foundation, and the Waite and Genevieve Phillips Foundation. Additionally, three Golden Touch

Awards were given: "Breaking the Code," produced by Terral Lewis of the Amarillo College Theatre Arts Department; Terry Cook and Company, produced by Mila Gibson of the Amarillo Opera; and the Canadian Fall Foliage Festival and Georgia King.


Golden Nail Committee members are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fancher, co-chairmen; Mrs. Terry Caviness, Patilou Dawkins, Mrs. Richard C. Farrell, Mrs. Capres Hatchett, Mrs. Richard M. High, Dr. Jim Kemp, Eddie Melin, O.C. Renfro, Mrs. Jerry Shackelford, Mrs. Joe Street and Mrs. E.O. Stroup. Kris Miller serves as Civic Center liaison and Becky Zenor serves as Chamber of Commerce liaison.

Montana retirees lobby for improved pensions

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Swarms of retired state and local government employees turned out for a recent legislative hearing wearing yellow badges sporting the slogan "GABA, GABA, Do."

The slogan stands for Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment. The retirees told the legislators they like the idea and support legislation that would guarantee annual cost-of-living adjustments for pensioners enrolled in eight state plans.

The lone opponent was a representative of the Montana School Boards Association, who said the retirees deserve a benefit adjustment but that the higher costs might force school districts to raise property taxes.



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Old-fashioned manners enjoy newfound respect

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from John Jay Hanlon of Naples, Fla., I had to respond. (He's the gentleman who was appalled at the obvious absence of manners seen in adults these days.)

Leaving work one evening, I stepped onto the elevator, joining an older gentleman who was riding alone. We greeted each other with a smile, then he removed his hat. He did not replace it until we exited the elevator — and he held the door open for me. I told him to have a nice evening, he responded in kind, and we went our separate ways.

Abby, I am 30 years old, and never before has a man removed his hat in an elevator on my behalf. I went from puzzled to impressed.

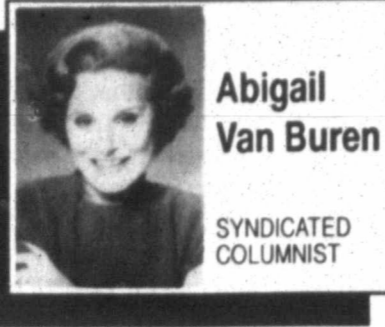
I agree with Mr. Hanlon about the absence of manners these days. Teaching children good manners is probably the best way to teach them to show respect; they go hand in hand.

Hats off to you, Mr. Hanlon. You are welcome to hold the door open for me any day, and the only look you will get from me will be a smile that says, "Thank you."

MARIA R. BELLUCCI, CHESAPEAKE, VA.

DEAR MARIA BELLUCCI: Apparently, Mr. Hanlon is not the only gentleman. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

John Jay Hanlon of Naples, Fla., prompted me to write.

My boyfriend, Timothy, has never failed to open a door for me in the eight months we have been dating.

When we go to a restaurant, he always pulls out my chair for me, and he stands up when I leave or return to the table.

He is not an older man — he is 20 years old. When people call him "old-fashioned," he says, "I'm not 'old-fashioned,' I just choose to respect women."

WENDY BERTRAM, BELLEVILLE, ILL.

DEAR WENDY: Timothy sounds like a choice boyfriend. Take my advice: Treat him nice, and never, never let him go!

DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old daughter still wants me to sing to her before she goes to sleep. I enjoy

this too, as it won't be long before she outgrows our little "tuck-in" routine.

My grandmother, who was very dear to me, used to sing a song that I can only partially remember, and I wonder if you — or perhaps one of your readers — would recognize it, and be kind enough to send me the lyrics so I can carry on the tradition. The part I can remember goes:

"Let's all sing like the birdies sing, 'Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet.' 'Let's all sing like the nightingales, 'La, la, la, la, la.'"

I'd really appreciate knowing how the rest of it goes.

STUMPED IN CLEARWATER, FLA.

DEAR STUMPED: I remember the song, but I, too, am stumped when I try to get past the "la, la, la, la, la" part. Perhaps one of my generous readers will remember the rest of this song.

Abby shares one of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1995

Through creative and meticulous planning in the year ahead, you can make substantial gains from sparse beginnings. This is the year of the thinker.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is the right time to modify old, unproductive procedures. Better ways can be found if you try Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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) Today you might have to deal with some unexpected changes. Their initial impact may be intense, but don't despair. These conditions will stabilize with time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It would be a good idea to try a change in your routine with your mate today. Make plans to do something different, independent of one another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you think you're getting a bum deal today, don't take it lying down. But, don't expect rewards you haven't earned and to which you're not entitled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can avoid a number of domestic expenses at this time by carefully managing your resources. Try to stretch your dollars further.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not grumble about a responsibility you might be asked to take on today. In the end, you may have to comply anyway, so don't make a big fuss about it up front.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use your brains to formulate a sensible game plan

today, and stick with it. Victory comes through consistency.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not gauge your self-worth today by what you have as compared to your friends. In the final analysis, character counts more than what you have in the bank.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be better off today if you stick to your plans instead of allowing others to lay out your itinerary. Be your own person and lead your own life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take care of today's responsibilities before focusing on frivolous endeavors. You won't have as much fun if you're feeling guilty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If a friend of yours doesn't want to divulge the full details about a secret, try not to press him/her or to act unduly curious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Focus on working out the answers to large problems today instead of arguing. Thinking together is more constructive than combat.

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"Grandma said when she was little 'pogs' came on their milk bottles for free."



"Is it my imagination, or do these walks get longer as the weather gets worse?"

The Family Circus



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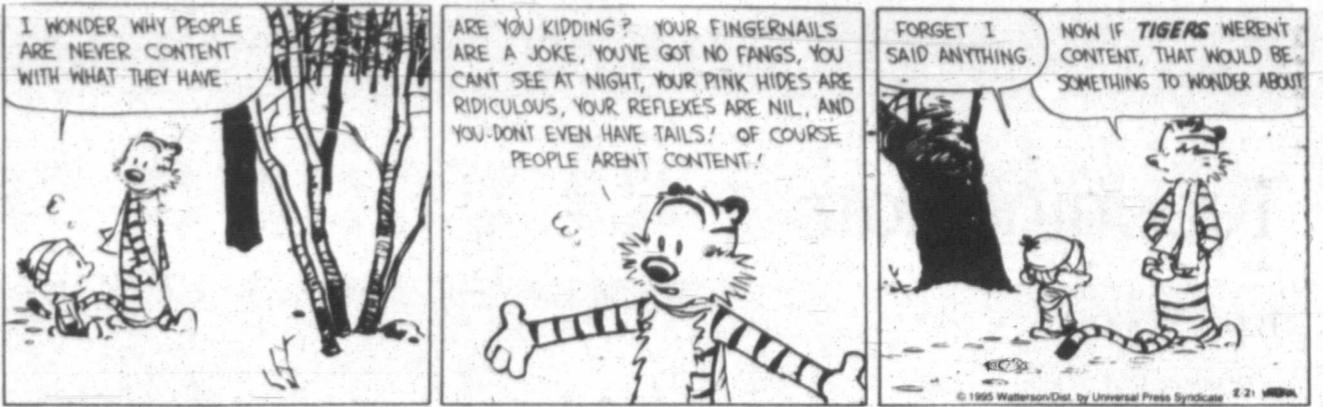
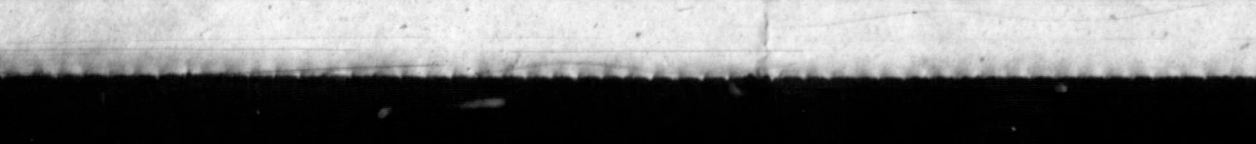
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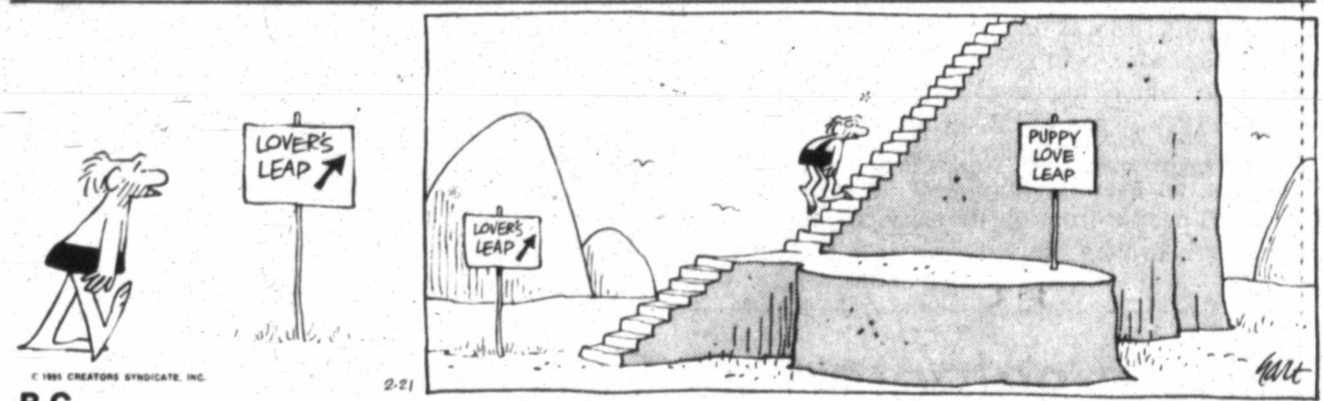
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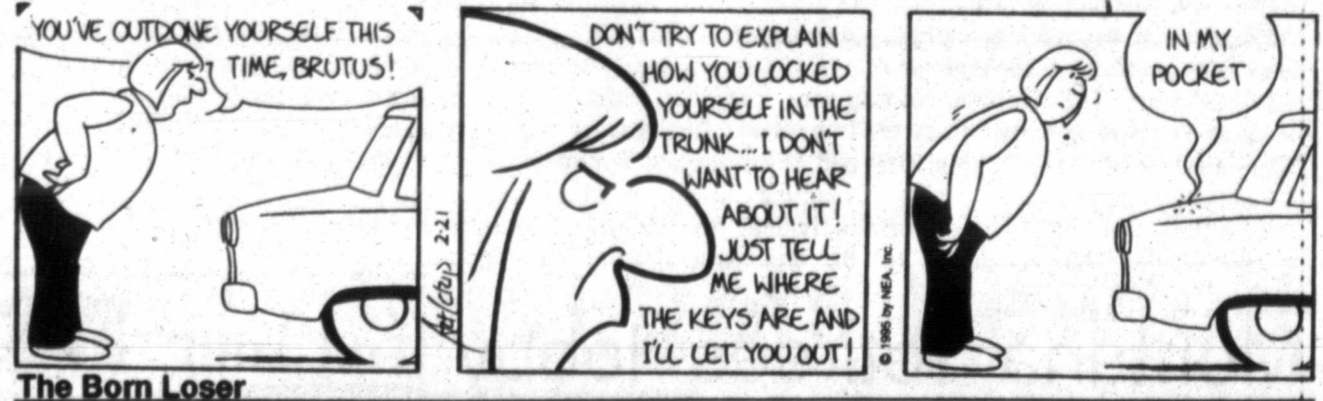
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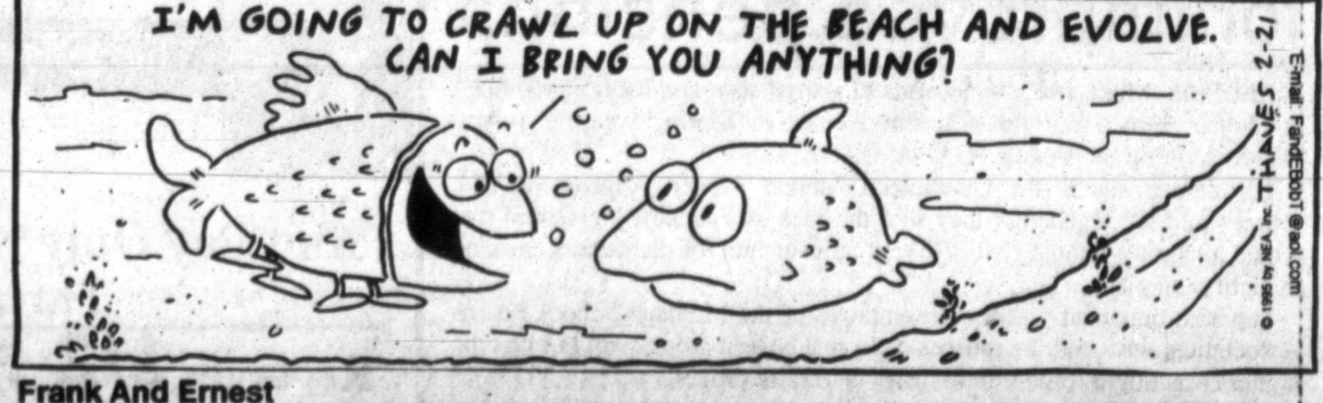
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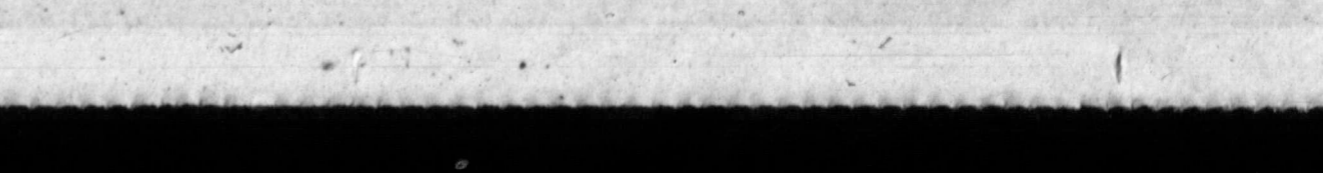
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



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Sports

Notebook

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

WHEELER — With a pair of warmup wins to their credit, the Wheeler Mustangs are all set to meet Fort Elliott in a Class 1A bi-district clash.

The Mustangs turned back Lefors, 71-64, Friday, then beat Higgins, 70-53, Saturday.

"Those two games really did us some good. We got to work on a couple of things we plan on using against Fort Elliott," said Wheeler coach Shawn Read.

Phil Wiggins was high scorer against Higgins with 16 points, followed by Jarrod Ledbetter with 14.

Jared Booker led Higgins with 26 points.

The Mustangs improved their overall record at 13-12.

The Wheeler-Fort Elliott game tips off at 8 Thursday night in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

PAMPA — There will be a meeting for parents of Pampa High School wrestlers at 7 tonight at Paris In General, 2538 West Kentucky.

Purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the wrestling banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

AMARILLO — The Pampa girls picked up their second win of the season, defeating Palo Duro, 2-1, last weekend in a District 4 soccer match.

Pampa's Pavi Niskanen scored the first goal at the 10-minute mark. Heather Garner collected the assist.

The score stood 1-0 at halftime when Serenity King scored Pampa's second goal on a breakaway at the 50-minute mark.

Palo Duro's Onanona Sithivong made it 2-1 on a penalty kick.

Pampa's record is now 2-8 overall and 2-7 in district.

BOXING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Confusion surrounds Mike Tyson's status as his release date from prison nears.

A Department of Correction spokeswoman, Pam Pattison, said the former heavyweight champion has a sentence modification hearing Wednesday before Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford.

But, Lori McKinney, assistant chief Superior Court clerk, said she was unaware of a hearing.

"Nothing is scheduled for tomorrow," she said this morning.

Equally confusion was exactly when Tyson will leave prison.

The New York Times reported in today's editions that promoter Don King said he would be in Plainfield on Wednesday in case Tyson was released from the Indiana Youth Center.

King told columnist Dave Anderson that a Tyson release this week from the prison about 15 miles of Indianapolis was "a possibility, a very good one." "Everything is in order. Mike has signed his release papers. Something might happen Wednesday," the Times quoted King as saying.

With time off for good behavior, Tyson is due to complete a six-year term for a rape conviction on March 25.

Lawyer Alan Dershowitz told The Associated Press Monday night that he had heard nothing about an early release.

"That's news to me. This is the first I've heard of it," Dershowitz said.

Asked if he would know if his client was going to be released, he said, "I'd like to say yes, but I can't necessarily say that."

Gifford, who sentenced Tyson, refused a request to reduce the boxer's sentence on Feb. 10.

Bill Carr, a Department of Correction spokesman, said Monday night he also had not heard that Tyson would be released. He said the prison had not received the court order required for an inmate to be released early.

Tyson was convicted in 1992 of raping a teen-age Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant. Like most Indiana prison inmates, he has received one day's credit for every day served for good conduct behind bars.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Georgetown freshman Allen Iverson said he got more than his usual case of pre-game butterflies when he heard the school's No. 1 alum, President Clinton, was in the stands.

"I was kind of nervous. I'm nervous before every game, but when I heard the president was here, I got even more nervous," Iverson said.

He plainly was not rattled, scoring 26 points, and Georgetown (16-7, 9-6 Big East) beat No. 9 Villanova 77-52, stopping the Wildcats' 11-game winning streak that included an upset of then-No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday.

The sometimes out-of-control Iverson played his most consistent game and his teammates followed suit shooting 49 percent from the field, while holding Villanova (19-6, 12-3) to 32 percent.

"It's one loss, that's all it is," Villanova coach Steve Lappas said. "I told them, 'Guys you won 11 straight, you're on a path to having a record-breaking season. I'm not going to belabor the point, you played a very good team that played very, very hard tonight.' We just beat No. 1 in the country Saturday. These guys are giving their all."

Georgetown coach John Thompson said it was as good as he'd seen his team play.

"This was our best game of the season, offensively and defensively," he said.

Jerome Williams added 14 points and 11 rebounds for Georgetown, which took an 11-0 lead; while Othella Harrington had 12 points.

"That's what we wanted to do, we wanted to jump on them right from the beginning and build our confidence up and take away their will to win," Iverson said. "Eventually, that's what we did."

Baseball negotiators to try again

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball negotiators agreed to resume talks Tuesday in Milwaukee as executives and managers assailed the union's decision to consider anyone playing exhibition games a strikebreaker.

"You put some 20-year-old kid from Georgia into an exhibition game and he's a scab? That's ridiculous," said Montreal manager Felipe Alou, who hasn't decided yet if he will run the team in those games.

Cincinnati Reds general manager Jim Bowden is threatening to send minor leaguers home if they balk at playing in exhibitions.

"The question is, who are you going to make happy?" said Reds pitcher Travis Buckley, who doesn't want to be a strikebreaker. "Do you want to make your own organization happy or do you want to make the union happy?"

"It's going to be up in the air. It's going to be kind of a flip of the coin for a lot of us: Who do

you want to make more mad?"

On the 193rd day of the strike, mediator W.J. Utery called for both sides to get back together for the first time since Feb. 7. The talks, which will involve small groups, were not expected to lead to major developments.

"I think it's more process-type stuff," management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said. "Where are we, what are we doing, where are we going to do."

Joining acting commissioner Bud Selig and O'Connor will be Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris and Rob Manfred, another lawyer. Fehr will be joined by Lauren Rich, the union's No. 3 official, and perhaps others.

"I think in a smaller setting maybe we can begin to accomplish some things," said Selig, the Milwaukee Brewers owner. Selig hoped the two-day meeting would produce "some meaningful dialogue."

In another matter, owners inserted a new clause into contracts they offered to players last Friday, giving them the right to unilaterally set salaries. The union already has asked the National Labor Relations Board to seek a court order restoring the old rules.

"By accepting this tender," says the new language, "the player expressly acknowledges that the club may renew this contract at any figure of its own choosing subject only to the minimum salary provisions."

The contract also states: "The player acknowledges that neither he nor the club shall have any right whatsoever to submit the issue of a player's salary to arbitration."

Meanwhile, both sides seemed to realize the battle will escalate March 1, when the California Angels play Arizona State in the first exhibition game. Management's operations committee planned a conference call Tuesday.

"I really didn't think it would be a big deal," Houston manager Terry Collins said. "I didn't think there would be any problem with them playing in exhibition games. If some of them decide not to play, that's their decision."

One general manager, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said a suggestion might be made to declare all exhibition games minor leaguers games. However, even the general manager acknowledged the idea probably wouldn't have much support.

Even Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, management's most outspoken opponent of replacement players, said his team would use minor leaguers in spring games.

"It's not as if they're pretending to be major leaguers," Angelos said. "All they plan to do is what they always do at this time of year — improve and hone their skills for the upcoming minor league season."

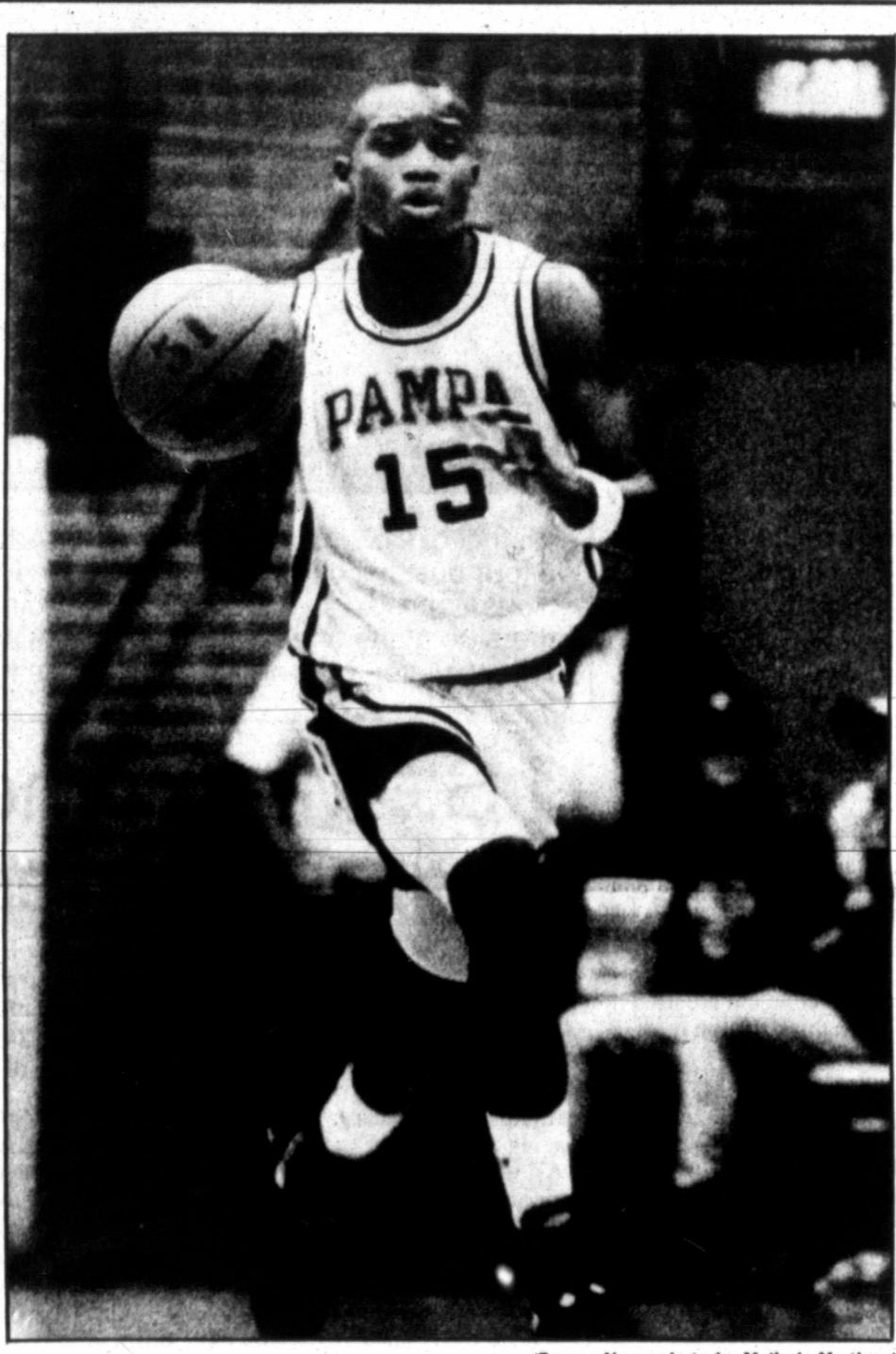
Union head Donald Fehr said striking major leaguers would consider a player to be a strikebreaker if he appeared in a game at a major league site or one for which admission was charged.

It appeared most top prospects will abide with the union's wishes.

"If the Cardinals get mad at me, I'm sorry, but I'd ask them to understand the position I'm in," said Frank Cimorelli, a 26-year-old right-hander in the St. Louis organization.

Mike DeJean, a 24-year-old right-hander in the New York Yankees organization, said he's been uncomfortable since his arrival a week ago and plans to leave camp so he won't be mistaken for a strikebreaker.

"For me, the worst thing I could do would be to lose the respect of my teammates," he said. "I've definitely got to stand behind the players now so when I get there they will stand behind me."



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Pampa junior Coy Laury scored 19 points as the Harvesters defeated Seminole, 77-60, Monday night in a warmup game.

Harvesters stop Seminole

PLAINVIEW — Pampa goes into post-season play with a big win over a tough Class 3A club.

The Harvesters went on a fourth-quarter scoring spree to defeat Seminole, 77-60, Monday night in a warmup game.

Pampa, ranked 10th in the Class 4A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, meets the El Paso Parkland-Big Spring winner in the area round of the playoffs this weekend. Seminole, ranked No. 5 in Class 3A, had a 28-3 record going into the game.

The score was close until the fourth quarter when Pampa outscored Seminole, 21-6. The Harvesters put the finishing touches on the contest by scoring the last 10 points to extend their record to 25-7.

Junior guard Rayford Young led Pampa in scoring with 24 points, followed by Coy Laury with 19 and Duane Nickelberry, 17.

The score was tied at 32-all at halftime and Pampa took a 56-54 lead into the fourth quarter. When Nickelberry sank a pair of free throws with 5:33 to go, Pampa had its biggest lead of the night so far at seven points (63-56).

Clancy Hall, a 6-10 senior, led Seminole with 21 points. Chris Cherry added 12.

Pampa hit 20 of 26 free throw attempts. Seminole was 10 of 16.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were J.J. Mathis with six points, Devin Lemons four, Jeremy King four and Jimmy Reed two.

Pampa bowling roundup

HITS & MRS. COUPLES

Team	Won	Lost
Rug Doctor	20	8
Danny's Market	20	8
Clemens Home Repair	19	9
Safety International	15	13
National Bank of Commerce	15	13
Dale's Automotive	14	14
Sammy B's Grill	13	15
Pizza Hut	12	16
Coca-Cola	10	18

Week's High Scores

Men
High game: Billy Wortham, 193; High series: David Wortham, 608; High handicap game: William Kidd, 209; High handicap series: Clayton Lee, 621.

Women

High game: Rita Stedum, 199; High series: Nancy Looper, 575; High handicap game: Sherryl Reames, 229; High handicap series: Rita Stephens, 619.

CAPROCK MEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Chris' Pro Shop	19	5
Stephens Welding	18	6
Easy's Pop Shop	17 1/2	6 1/2
Byrum Farms	17	7
Team 15	16	8
Pin Movers	16	8
Graham Furniture	14 1/2	9 1/2
D & M Motorsports	14	10
Ogden & Son	13 1/2	10 1/2
Pizza Hut	9	15
Schiffman Machine	9	15
Frito-Lay	8	16
Scotty's	7 1/2	16 1/2
Clemens Home Improvement	7	17
Sadie Hawkins	6	18

Week's High Scores

High game: Russell Eakin, 252; High series: Noel Clemens, 680; High handicap game: Justin Cross, 266; High handicap series: Noel Clemens, 728.

Pampa wins baseball opener against Dons

PAMPA — Pampa finished off Palo Duro in a hurry in a high school baseball opener Monday at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters shut out the visiting Dons, 10-0, as the game was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Pampa scored four runs in both the first and third innings and added two more in the fourth. Palo Duro pitching walked six batters with five of them scoring.

Todd Finney pitched a four-inning no-hitter and also swung a hot bat for the Harvesters, who had five hits as a team. Finney had a double and triple in three times at bat while knocking in a run. Ryan Cook knocked in two runs with a hit.

Finney struck out eight and walked one before he was lifted after four innings. Senior hurler Hank Gindorf finished off the Dons, striking out four in the final inning.

"We're starting to come around a little bit. We hit the ball pretty good as I expected we would. We put the ball in play," said Pampa assistant coach Rod Davis. "We didn't get a chance to play much defense because our pitching was so good."

Outfielder Danny Frye made an outstanding play, taking an extra-base away from Palo Duro, Davis added.

Pampa is scheduled to play Perryton at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Field.

Magic conjures up record blowout against Bucks

By MIKE FLAM
Associated Press Writer

Eight Orlando Magic players scored in double figures to contribute to a record blowout.

The Chicago Bulls lost their game because, as a team, they couldn't score double figures in one quarter.

Orlando led the Milwaukee Bucks by 18 points after one quarter, by 28 after two and 50 after three on the way to a 152-104 victory Monday night.

The 48-point margin surpassed the 129-83 beating Orlando put on Philadelphia last Friday. The 152 points was three shy of the team record set in a 39-point victory over Utah on Dec. 30, 1990.

At Charlotte, N.C., the Bulls led by 19 points early in the third quarter and ended up losing 115-104 to the Hornets. How?

The Hornets held Chicago to a franchise-low nine points in the third quarter and outscored the Bulls 35-9. As Chicago hit 4 of 14 shots and committed 14 turnovers, Charlotte shot 10-for-16 and outbounced the Bulls 15-3.

In other NBA games, Miami beat Cleveland 103-96, Detroit beat Sacramento 99-93, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Seattle 108-105 and Golden State topped Philadelphia 98-85.

Orlando's victory came one day after losing to Minnesota in a game in which the Magic led by 12 in the third quarter.

"It was a case of them catching us coming off a very embarrassing and disappointing loss," Orlando coach Brian Hill said. "I think our guys wanted to atone for it."

Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and Anfernee Hardaway had 25 as the Bucks tied a club record for largest margin of defeat that was set in a 144-96 loss to the Jazz on Jan. 27, 1990.

"It wasn't that we were so bad on defense, but that they were that good on offense," Bucks center Eric Mobley said.

Led by Hardaway's 10-for-13 shooting, the Magic were 60-for-102 (59 percent) from the field.

At Charlotte, coach Allan Bristow learned something about his Hornets.

"It was our first game of the season that we needed to come back from such a large deficit," Bristow said. "I have been asking myself if this team was able to come back from such a deficit and we answered that tonight."

Chicago's previous worst-scoring quarter was the 10 it got in games against Milwaukee in 1990 and Portland in 1976.

PHS tennis team beats Estacado, ties Caprock

AMARILLO — The Harvester tennis team traveled to Amarillo this past Saturday, defeating Lubbock Estacado, 5-3, tying Caprock, 4-4, and losing to Dumas, 5-3.

Despite having several regulars missing, other team members stepped up and performed well in playing higher positions than normal.

Sophomore Kyle Easley stepped in at No. 1 boys singles and won all three of his matches in straight sets.

In addition to a doubles win against Borger last Wednesday, Easley's victories last Saturday helped earn him player of the week.

The team plays next Saturday in Amarillo against Palo Duro, Clovis and Caprock.

Results from this past Saturday are as follows:

Varsity boys singles
Kyle Easley: def. Bo Ames, Dumas, 6-0, 6-0; def. Jascha Barbosa, Caprock, 6-0, 6-4; def. Alex Olivares, Estacado, 6-4, 6-0.

Juan Campos: def. Gabe Brisenno, Dumas, 6-1, 6-1; lost to Jeff Nabors, Caprock, 6-4, 6-0; def. Juan Benavides, Estacado, 6-1, 6-4.

Varsity girls singles
Sondra Wright: lost to Rachel Pendergrass (D), 6-2, 6-3; lost to Amanda Veahman (C), 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; def. Hope King (E), 6-0, 6-0.

Kristi Carter: lost to April Morton (D), 4-

6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-1; def. Heather Gossett (C), 6-0, 7-5; def. Stephanie Prieto (E), 6-4, 6-0.

Varsity boys doubles

Billy DeWitt-Cory Griggs: def. Ellibe-Holland (D), 6-1, 6-1; lost to Jones-Jones (D), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; def. Medina-Mendez (C), 6-0, 6-2; def. Hernandez-G. Guzman (E), 6-2, 6-1.

Marty Field-Brandon Coffee: lost to Jones-Jones (D), 6-1, 6-0; lost to Fogelson-Purdy (C), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; lost to Garcia-Saucedo (E), 6-3, 6-4.

Varsity Girls Doubles

Halley Bell-April Lopez: lost to Pool-Smith (D), 6-1, 6-3; lost to Leavitt-Martindale (D), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; def. Bates-Moore (C), 6-3, 7-6 (9-7); lost to Paguyon-Nunez (E), 7-5, 6-1.

Nicole Watson-Alicia Lee: lost to Leavitt-Martindale (D), 6-3, 6-1; lost to Gardea-Hand (C), 6-4, 6-4; lost to Gardea-Orto (E), 6-4, 6-2.

Extra matches

Boys singles

Juan Campos (P) def. Brian Harlan (C), 8-0.

Cory Griggs (P) def. Juan Guzman (E), 8-3.

Girls singles

Heather Brown (D) def. Shanna Jameson, 6-0, 6-0.

Jan Littlejohn (C) def. Jameson, 8-0.

Littlejohn (C) def. Tami Graves, 6-0.

Jameson (P) def. Melissa Maxwell (E), 8-3.

Hope King (E) def. Grava (P), 8-5.

Murders of three children in burning van upset coastal community

By JULIANNE BASINGER
Associated Press Writer

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AP) - Residents left flowers and notes on the blacked spot of pavement where the bodies of three murdered children were found in a burning van. Their father committed suicide nearby.

Even Police Chief James Gradeless, a 20-year law enforcement veteran who also served with Special Forces in Vietnam, was shaken by what he saw this weekend.

"It's not a Kill Devils Hill story," Gradeless said Monday. "It's an American story. It bothers all of our consciences because somewhere, some place, society has failed to prevent this kind of thing from happening."

Douglas J. Mont, 35, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the woods about 150 feet from the First Flight

airport parking lot where the van was found early Sunday.

The children's mother, Nancy Mont, had reported them missing from their home in Seaford, Del., after they did not return from visiting their father. Cpl. Preston Lewis, spokesman for the Delaware State Police, confirmed the identities of the children as Katrina J. Mont, 9; Daniel Preston Mont, 6; and Teresa Lynn Mont, 4.

On Monday morning, a green basket of silk flowers had been placed at the scene of the fire with a sign saying "three little angels from Alex, Sam and Ray." The van and the bodies had been removed.

Later, Sheila Scheck, who lives near the airport in Collington, visited the scene and returned with flowers. "May God Bless These Children," her arrangement said. The father "deserved a lot worse than he did to himself. I know that for sure," she said. "It was so close here and I've got a child of my own. I guess that's

why it bothered me so much."

Temperatures were so high in the van that metal melted in places. Even the license plate was destroyed. Only the frame remains in the police garage where it's being stored. "It's just sad," Gradeless said, choking up with tears. "I tell you, when this is all over, I'm going to need some debriefing myself."

Almost as sad were the calls the police department received from people across the country whose children are missing.

"These things are always tragedies," said Dr. Page Hudson, state medical examiner in Greenville. "I see parents destroy themselves and their children when things like this happen. Children and custody of children are always at the center of things like this."

Ms. Mont reported the children missing Saturday evening, after they did not return from a regular visitation with their father, a bank employee. The couple has

been separated since August.

Ms. Mont told authorities her husband "always picked them up on time and dropped them off on time," Lewis said. "That's why she was so concerned."

The fire in the Ford Aerostar was spotted about 1:30 a.m. Sunday by a passer-by living in a subdivision near the airport, said Dare County spokesman Charlie Hartig. Firefighters did not discover the children inside until after they had extinguished the flames.

The children's father apparently shot himself with a pistol after he was approached by two law enforcement officers in the woods, Greenville television station WNCT reported.

The last murder in Kill Devil Hills, a drug-related arson death, occurred in 1978, Gradeless said. The town, a short distance from Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers made aviation history, has a population of 4,200.

Ex-meat cutter turned rapist executed for 1977 stabbing death of a Texas Panhandle woman

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Convicted killer and rapist Samuel Hawkins quietly was executed early today nearly 18 years after hacking to death a pregnant woman at her home in the Texas Panhandle.

Hawkins, 51, became the seventh convicted murderer to receive lethal injection in the state this year and the 92nd since Texas resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982. The figures are the highest in the nation.

Hawkins had no final statement. Strapped to the death chamber gurney, he never acknowledged the presence of a son and sister standing just a few feet away.

He was pronounced dead at 12:21 a.m. CST, seven minutes after the lethal drugs began entering his arms.

Hawkins, a former meat cutter, was put to death for fatally slashing Abbe Hamilton May 3, 1977 at her home in Borger. He was convicted and sentenced to die for a second murder - the 1976 rape and bludgeoning of a 12-year-old Amarillo girl, Rhonda Keys, abducted from her home while she slept.

"I'm trying to make myself believe it's finally over," Sandra Rodgers, whose daughter, Abbe, was among Hawkins' victims. "Maybe now we can settle down and have some peace. All we ever wanted was justice for Abbe. Now that we have it, we can get on with our lives."

Hawkins confessed to using a hunting knife to kill Mrs. Hamilton, 19, who was six months pregnant at the time of her slaying. She was stabbed nearly 20 times and the wounds were so extensive she nearly was decapitated.

Hawkins said he was looking to rape someone and began checking doors of houses in Borger until he found one that was open.

He also was linked to as many as 40 rapes in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas, offenses that earned him the nickname "the traveling rapist."

"I don't remember anyone being more richly deserving than him," said Tom Curtis, who prosecuted Hawkins for the Keys slaying. "I'm astonished it's taken this long. It's really amazing."

"Thank you Jesus," Rhonda Keys' mother, Patsy, said when told the execution had taken place. "It's all over. He's dead. It sets my mind at ease."

Hawkins represented himself in a number of his appeals, and his case languished while questions were raised about both his legal and mental competence.

Psychiatrists who interviewed Hawkins testified at his trial that Hawkins, who was black, had been instructed by his father that the best way to get back at whites was to attack white women. Hawkins said his childhood was marked by "abuse, violence, prejudice."

"I don't like what I did," Hawkins said in a recent interview. "You can't change yesterday. You can't do anything about it."

In a last-day appeal, his attorneys asked the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the execution, contending Hawkins talked to a state-appointed psychiatrist before his trial but wasn't warned that his conversations could be used against him. The high court rejected the appeal.

He spent nearly 18 years on death row in Texas, more time than any of the 92 Texas inmates executed by the state.

He also received a life sentence for the 1976 rape and beating of a 21-year-old Hereford housewife and served prison time in Colorado for rape and Oklahoma for burglary.

Burned tour bus



District of Columbia fire investigator Adam Young searches through the remains of a tour bus that caught fire Monday on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the White House and Old Executive Office Building. Witnesses said the orange bus pulled to the side of the street, apparently leaking transmission fluid, then caught fire a few minutes later. No one apparently was hurt.

Al Gore meets with organized labor factions

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) - Offering organized labor a wall of defense against the new Republican Congress, the White House is promising a presidential ban on major companies hiring replacement workers and a veto of three GOP bills opposed by unions, labor and administration officials say.

That good news was delivered Monday to a winter meeting of AFL-CIO leaders by Vice President Al Gore, who met privately with the labor officials to discuss the Democratic debacle in last fall's elections and to plot strategy for the new Congress and the 1996 elections, officials said.

Labor's efforts to draft a plan to deal with the new political environment are complicated by a controversy over the 13.3 million member federation's own political leadership. Several major union presidents want AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland to step aside when his term ends in October, arguing the movement needs a younger face to represent its views.

Kirkland, 72, scoffed at such talk Monday and defended his 15 year stewardship of the labor movement. But he would not say whether he would seek re-election, a decision that could be affected by a special executive session Kirkland scheduled Wednesday for a confrontation with his critics.

Defending his record, Kirkland said he had fought to get women and minorities named to the executive council, to create a program through which union members get cut rate deals on credit cards, insurance and other services and to strengthen the federation's powers to referee fights between member unions.

As for declining or stagnant union membership, he said organizing was the responsibility of the federation's 83 individual unions.

"This movement has not been standing still," Kirkland said. "It has not been ignoring the problems and needs."

At his meeting with reporters, Kirkland offered a broad, pointed indictment of Republican policy priorities, from proposals to weaken the federal hand in environmental and workplace safety enforcement to a balanced budget amendment he said "would eviscerate the capacity of our government to respond to both national and international needs."

Of particular concern to labor are Republican efforts to repeal two laws that guarantee prevailing local wages to workers on federal projects: the Davis-Bacon Act and the Service Contract Act. Davis-Bacon deals with federal construction projects; the second law with contracts for janitorial and other services.

A third major concern to labor is the so-called TEAM Act, which would amend labor laws to make it easier for companies to establish in-house employee associations to bargain for wages and benefits. Labor officials say these associations rarely have much clout but are used by companies to thwart union organizing efforts.

In his 45 minute, closed session with the labor council, Gore promised Clinton would veto those three measures if they cleared Congress, the AFL-CIO and Labor Department officials said.

Gore was said to have offered no timetable on issuing the executive order barring federal contractors from hiring workers to replace strikers, saying legal language was still being drafted.

But the gesture is significant because many labor leaders do not believe Clinton pressed hard enough in 1994 to win support for legislation that would prohibit employers from hiring permanent replacements. The measure passed the House but failed in the Senate, where both Democrats from Clinton's home state of Arkansas opposed it.

Officials said a replacement worker ban effectively would affect most Fortune 500 companies involved in strikes, as well as many other corporations.

U.S., Mexico negotiators report progress in peso rescue talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Top finance officials from the United States and Mexico reported progress Monday on a \$20 billion U.S. rescue package as the Bank of Mexico boosted interest rates to bolster the sagging peso.

As negotiations at the Treasury Department here dragged into a fifth day, Mexico's central bank responded to the demands of U.S. negotiators and raised interest rates nearly 10 percentage points.

Among the demands U.S. officials have said they were seeking were guarantees that Mexico sharply restrain the growth of its money supply, a move certain to translate into rising interest rates.

The peso reacted favorably, closing at 5.53 per dollar Monday compared to 5.725 on Friday. Rates soared in secondary money markets as the Bank of Mexico offered to buy three-day treasury bills at 49.75 percent interest.

"The idea is to kill inflationary expectations," said a spokesman for the bank who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who is heading the U.S. negotiating effort, has also assured nervous members of Congress that the administration will demand ironclad guarantees that the United States will

receive oil revenues from Mexico if Mexico defaults. Control of the country's oil resources is a particularly sensitive political issue in Mexico.

Officials Monday refused to disclose what issues have kept negotiators at the table for the last five days, but they insisted that progress was being made. There were indications a final deal could be announced as early as Tuesday.

"The United States and Mexican officials have been making progress toward finalizing the economic support package," presidential press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters at the White House.

The United States is offering Mexico \$20 billion in loans and loan guarantees from a Treasury fund originally created to support the U.S. dollar. President Clinton chose this approach after a larger package of \$40 billion in loan guarantees ran into heavy opposition in Congress.

The current negotiations began last Thursday when Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz arrived for discussions with Rubin.

During lengthy testimony before Congress in recent weeks, Rubin and other U.S. officials have stressed that they would seek constraints on Mexico's money supply as a way of

halting the steep slide in the peso, which has lost nearly 40 percent of its value since Dec. 20.

Rubin also sought to reassure lawmakers about the risk to U.S. funds by stipulating that a portion of Mexico's earnings on oil exports would be deposited in an account at the New York Federal Reserve Bank in the event of a default on the U.S. loans.

Administration officials have insisted that severe fiscal controls in Mexico are needed to stop foreign investors from pulling money out of the country. But Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo still faces the risk of a political backlash from voters who already are complaining that their government has given the United States too much control over Mexican economic policy.

Interest rates, for instance, are already running above 40 percent; maintaining or increasing them could touch off a recession and social unrest, private economists have warned.

In addition to the \$20 billion in support being offered by the United States, the International Monetary Fund has pledged to come up with as much as \$17.8 billion, and an additional \$10 billion has been offered by the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland.

Are antibodies losing their effectiveness?

ATLANTA (AP) - As antibiotics lose their punch, doctors may soon turn to bacteria-killing viruses and other kinds of germ-to-germ warfare to keep common microbes in check.

Humans have had the upper hand against bacteria since the 1940s, when penicillin and other antibiotics came into use.

Nowadays, the bugs are winning. They have become harder to kill by developing resistance to the most powerful drugs, and super germs are evolving faster than scientists can create new medicines. Experts now routinely speak of the coming post-antibiotic era, when bacteria will be once again be unstoppable.

"New strategies will be needed to halt the spread of these pathogens," warned Dr. Robert Tauxe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Tauxe and others discussed new tactics Monday at a conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Bruce Levin of Emory University proposed reviving several once promising ideas that were abandoned after the discovery of antibiotics.

Levin isolated two phages from the Atlanta sewer system and found one to be "awesomely effective" against bacterial infection in mice.

Another approach is microbial interference, or purposely exposing people to harmless bacteria that will crowd out the bad ones. This is already being tried in people whose natural bacteria have been disrupted by antibiotic use.

Still another idea from pre-antibiotic times is serum therapy: The use of antibodies taken from the blood of people, or possibly animals, to boost the body's own defenses against microbes. This technique was once used, to treat infections with Pneumococcus pneumonia before it was replaced with sulfa drugs and penicillin.

"I have no doubt that with a concerted effort, effective alternatives to traditional antibiotics

could be developed," said Levin.

None of these approaches is likely to be as convenient as antibiotics, since each treatment will have to be tailored against a specific microbe. Indeed, part of antibiotics' downfall has been their ease of use.

When doctors see patients with sore throats, urinary infections and other common woes, they frequently don't know what germ is responsible. So they prescribe a broad spectrum antibiotic that kills off virtually everything.

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Poll: Most state residents support sex education, but want contents regulated

AUSTIN (AP) — Most state residents support grade-school sex education as a way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases but say that the government should regulate contents of such courses, according to The Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

In the random telephone survey of more than 1,000 adults, 63 per-

cent said they favor providing more education in public schools on means to avoid AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, including the use of condoms.

But 32 percent said that kind of sex education does more harm than good, with another 5 percent undecided on the issue, according to the *Corpus Christi Caller-*

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Results of The Texas Poll were released Monday as a divided State Board of Education tried to decide on a state policy for health education and health services in public schools.

Last month, board members voted 11-4 to devise a policy despite objections from religious

and conservative groups, many of whom complained that it would lead to mandatory sex education and health clinics in all schools.

The poll was conducted Feb. 2-11 for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. by the University of Texas Office of Survey Research. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. That

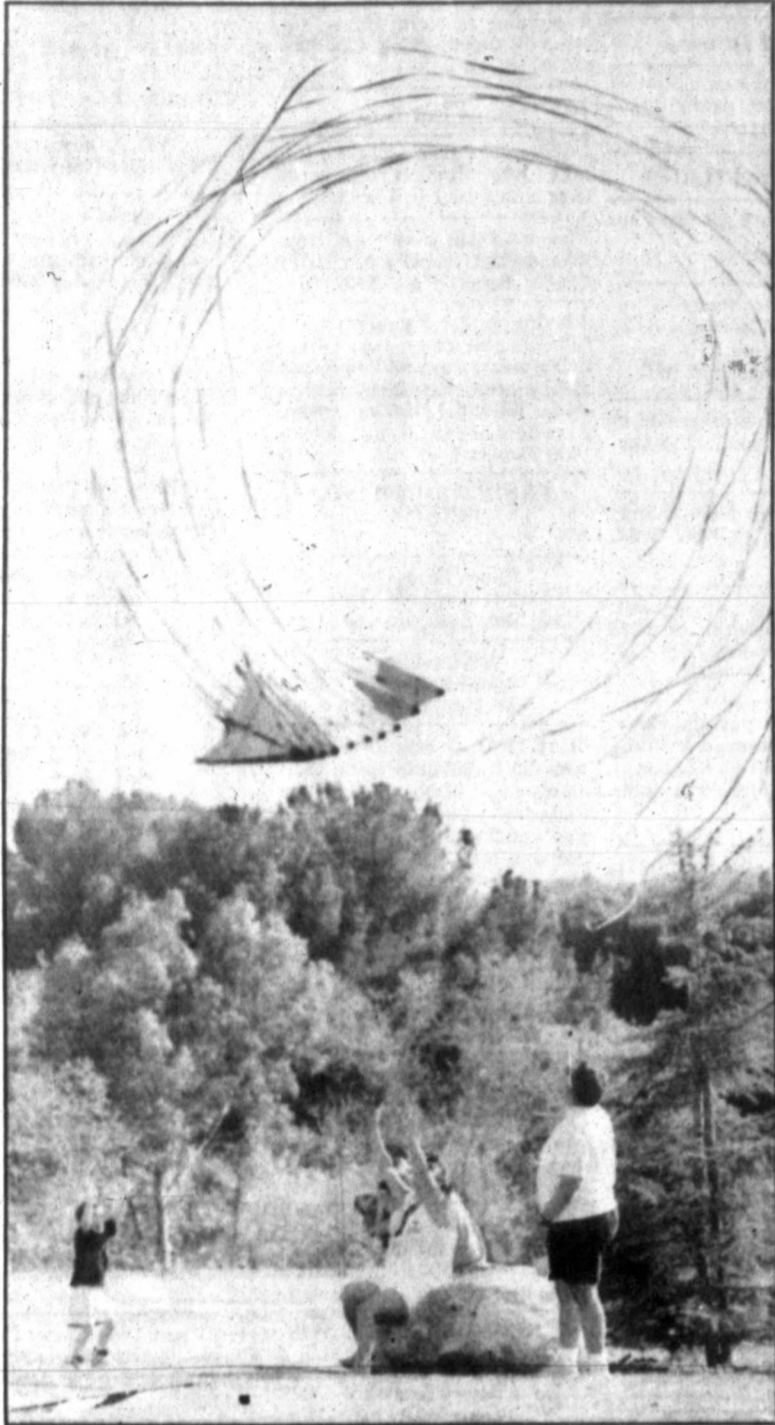
means the percentage for each response can vary by that much in either direction.

Texans in the late 1980s might have been more preoccupied with AIDS education because the issue was beginning to take center stage, said Candace Windel, director of The Texas Poll.

"During those years, the media

discovered the AIDS issue. As soon as it started happening, we had a spate of news coverage that was unbelievable," said Ms. Windel. "Once a topic is hot, everybody wants to talk about it. Like with all issues, people got tired of it. The statistics have become increasingly grim, but the media coverage has leveled off."

Hot in L.A.



(AP photo/Los Angeles Daily News)

Alex Resnick, 4, left, reaches for a swirling kite at Lake Balboa in Van Nuys, a district of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, on Monday afternoon. Los Angeles set a record high of 94 degrees Monday, seven degrees above the previous record set on Feb. 20, 1982, of 87 degrees.

Two giant apparel unions merge

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — Their ranks thinned by cheap overseas labor, two clothing workers unions that were once powerhouses of the American labor movement have agreed to merge.

The International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers' Union are joining to form UNITE, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Both unions have seen their memberships shrink by at least half. But the combined union, with 355,000 members, is expected to retain significant clout, particularly in the New York area and the Southeast.

The agreement was announced Monday by the unions' presidents, Jack Sheinkman of the Amalgamated and Jay Mazur of the International, at a news conference in Bal Harbour, where the AFL-CIO Executive Council is meeting.

Sheinkman said each union was strong enough to go it alone, but "we now face a Republican Congress that seeks to replace 60 years of social gains with a future in which corporations call the shots and workers are pushed back."

"That's why now is the moment to come together under one banner to fight for a more just society," Sheinkman said.

UNITE will be launched with a \$10 million organizing drive against "the re-emergence of sweatshops

and the unbridled union-busting of countless employers, large and small, in recent years," Mazur said.

Mazur will become president of UNITE; Sheinkman is retiring from the union but will continue as chairman of the \$1.8 billion Amalgamated Bank of New York, the nation's only wholly union owned bank.

The unions share a heritage of social activism. But they rose to their influence under the leadership of two men who couldn't stand each other: David Dubinsky and Sidney Hillman, immigrants from czarist Russia who got their starts in America as cutters in garment factories.

Hillman founded the Amalgamated in 1914 and was its president until his death in 1946. Amalgamated's membership of about 200,000, down from a high of 400,000 in 1976, is primarily in men's clothing and textiles. It also represents some workers in auto parts and auto supply, shoes, laundry and tanning, as well as all 7,000 Xerox manufacturing workers in the United States and Canada.

The International, champion of shopping for union label clothing, organized women's and children's apparel workers in 1900. It grew to 457,000 members in 1968, but now has 155,000. Dubinsky, who died in 1982, was its leader from 1932 to 1966.

Police capture escaped inmates

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A routine traffic stop led to the capture Monday of two inmates who cut through fences to escape the Caddo Parish Detention Center.

Shreveport police happened upon the two escapees when they tried to stop a truck for a traffic violation, said Caddo Parish Sheriff Don Hathaway. The inmates sped away from the officer, wrecking the stolen vehicle before running away.

The officer was able to capture one escapee Jason Johnson, 26, of Garland, Texas, right away. The other escapee, Christopher Bailey, 23, of Shreveport got away. However, he was found Monday afternoon at a house in the same area. A suspicious neighbor had tipped police to his whereabouts.

Officials were not sure what the inmates used to cut their way out late Sunday.

Johnson was sentenced last July to 10 years' hard labor on two convictions of burglary to run concurrently. Bailey was sentenced Dec. 8 to four years' hard labor for simple burglary.

Officials said such an escape would be almost impossible at the new Caddo Parish jail.

Prisoners are being moved into the new \$26 million, 1,070-bed jail in north Shreveport this month, said Gregg Trusty, a sheriff's spokesman.

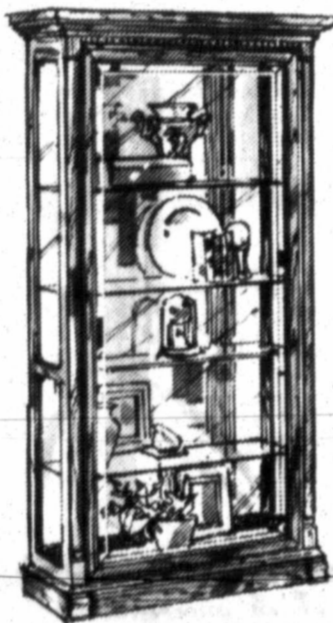
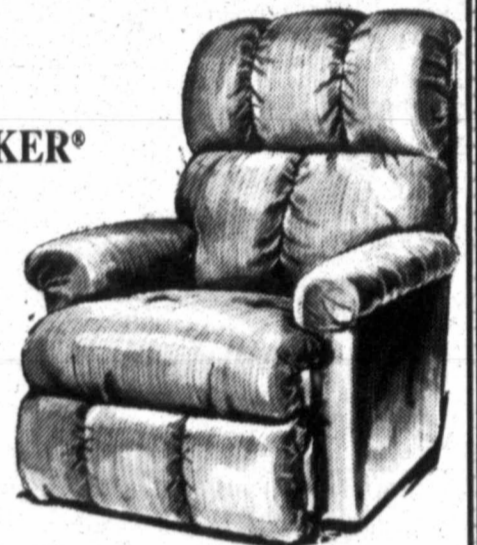
"The chances of this kind of thing happening the way this happened are slim and none," Trusty said. "As far as an escapee from a housing unit at the new jail, forget it."

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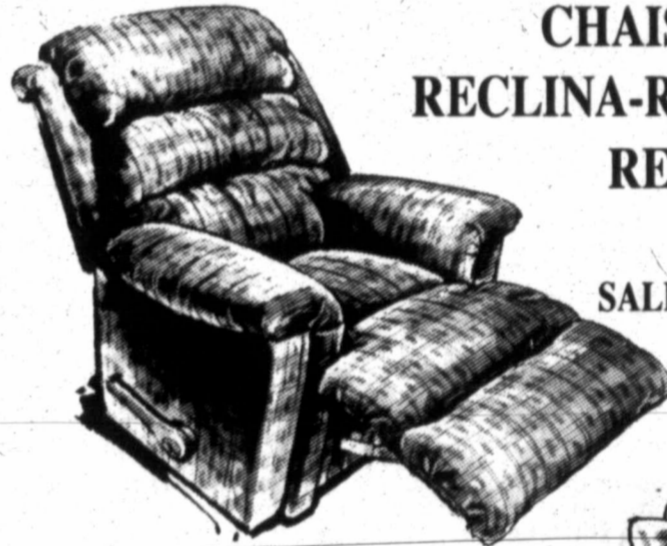


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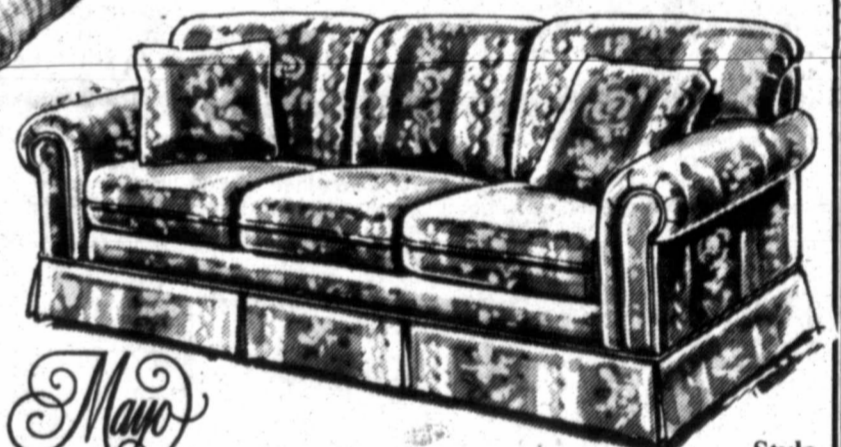
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