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THURSDAY

THE PAMPA NEWS

PAMPA, TEXAS

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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — Two local agencies are set to meet back-to-back today.

At 3 p.m., Gray County Appraisal Review Board will conduct a special meeting at its office, 815 N. Sumner.

Items subject to action are approval of minutes from the Dec. 6, 1994 meeting, election of officers and consideration of changes to appraisal rolls.

The panel will hear the Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley's report.

At 4 p.m., Pampa Economic Development Corp. will meet in its headquarters at 301 N. Ballard.

The group will hear a presentation by Gary Stevens on the future of Pampa, a report from Jack Ippel, director of economic development, and a project report.

The directors will discuss capitalization policy, recruiting and trade shows, association meetings and legislative days. A proposal for accounting and tax services will be presented.

STATE

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A jury deliberated only 20 minutes before acquitting a woman who has spent five months in jail awaiting trial on charges that she sexually assaulted a 14-year-old boy.

Anita Hendricks, a 48-year-old registered nurse, was exonerated Wednesday of assault and indecency with a minor charges.

"All I know is that I'm not guilty," she said. "I do want to thank the jury, and Jesus," she said.

Ms. Hendricks was arrested after the boy's mother claimed she caught the nurse and her child having sex in a jacuzzi at their apartment complex.

Defense attorney Jackie Church attacked the prosecution's lack of physical evidence. She noted that investigators failed to check Ms. Hendricks or the boy for abrasions from the rough jacuzzi surface.

By The Associated Press

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 11, 14, 30, 31 and 44.

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

NATION

GREENBRAE, Calif. (AP)

— They told Julie Christine her brain-damaged son would die after life support systems were removed. Instead, the 21-year-old man came out of his coma, squeezed her hand and mouthed "I love you."

"It was the most fantastic feeling ever," Christine said.

Her son, John Martin, was in stable condition Wednesday, said Marin General Hospital spokeswoman Paula Avirett. He had been comatose since being hit by a car Feb. 2 and undergoing two brain surgeries.

He woke up early Monday, hours after being taken off life support.

"He reached for me, and squeezed my hand," Christine said. "I was crying. I told him I loved him. He mouthed, 'I love you.'"

Christine said the doctors were "shocked."

"It's just a miracle," Christine said. "Yesterday I was planning a funeral. Today, it's rehabilitation."

County agrees to settle overtime lawsuit

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County commissioners Wednesday unanimously agreed to settle a federal lawsuit filed by a former deputy who sued for damages because commissioners denied him overtime pay in December 1992 after he was notified he no longer had a job with the newly elected sheriff.

Commissioners agreed to pay William J. Brainard of Holgate, Ohio, \$8,800 in back pay and damages. In December, 1994, the court authorized then County Judge Carl Kennedy to negotiate the settlement.

Brainard filed suit in October in U.S. District Court in Amarillo alleging the county

willfully violated the Fair Labor Standards Act when commissioners voted unanimously Dec. 15, 1992, not to pay him \$8,331.11 in overtime wages accrued. At that time, Brainard had been informed by newly-elected Sheriff Randy Stubblefield that he would not be kept on with the office after Stubblefield took office Jan. 1, 1993. Brainard worked as a deputy, then lieutenant for former Sheriff Jimmy Free, who held office from 1988 to 1992. Brainard's dates of service, the suit says, are Dec. 12, 1991 to Nov. 30, 1992.

Commissioners maintained at that time Brainard was a salaried employee not entitled to overtime.

The settlement will be paid with funds car-

ried over from the 1994 budget, said County Judge Richard Peet. There is no insurance for the expense.

Commissioners learned that bills in prosecution and defense of Henry Watkins Skinner total \$123,707.04. Skinner is accused of killing Twila Busby and her two sons on New Year's Eve, 1993. He is about to stand trial for capital murder in Fort Worth.

In other court action, a surplus computer printer, tower and terminal were sold for \$451 dollars to area governmental agencies. The group agreed to use vending machine commissions to establish a courthouse flower fund to be administered by a committee composed of employees of the county clerk's office, court-

house annex and county judge's office.

They approved purchase of a \$100 storage cabinet for County Clerk Wanda Carter's office and installation of additional telephone equipment there also.

An additional bank account for Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris's office was approved.

Peet was approved to begin advertising for bids on depository contracts for the county. The court also approved spending up to \$5,500 on computer upgrades for his office.

No action was taken following an executive session to discuss the status of Lynn Brown vs. Gray County, which is currently on appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court, New Orleans.

GOP presses ahead on peacekeeping bill after defense setback

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders reasserted party discipline today after an embarrassing defeat on a plan to revive a national missile system and pressed ahead with legislation to cut back on U.N. peacekeeping and push for early expansion of NATO.

"We were a little surprised," conceded House Speaker Newt Gingrich, when asked about the vote against missile defense, a key goal of the GOP "Contract With America."

But today was a new day and the votes on key provisions of the National Security Revitalization Act followed party lines with few exceptions.

One of the most prominent GOP dissenters was Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, who sought to delete a provision cutting back the U.S. contribution to U.N. peacekeeping.

Leach said the question was whether "there's going to be a retreat from U.S. leadership in international affairs."

But only six other Republicans joined him when the House voted 267 to 158 to reject his amendment. During a debate that lasted until nearly midnight Wednesday, the House gave President Clinton at least a temporary victory by rejecting an effort to direct the administration to come up with a plan for deployment of a system to defend against intercontinental ballistic missiles.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry today called the vote "a measure of progress" because the House voted "not to drop billions of dollars on Star Wars, which is an idea from the 1980s, when we need to start thinking of 21st century defense."

It may prove a short-term victory for the president. The majority leadership was leaning hard on the 24 Republicans who joined Democrats on the critical 218-212 vote.

There were signs the pressure was working. One of the defectors was Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee, who said as the session ended Wednesday night that he had "misunderstood" the motion that gave the Democrats their victory.

"I made a mistake," he said.

The most controversial foreign policy section of the GOP bill would

require that U.S. contributions toward U.N. peacekeeping operations be deducted from the regular dues the United States pays for such operations.

Republicans argue that the United States pays a disproportionate share of the cost of peacekeeping, more than double what any other nation contributes.

Another provision would keep U.S. troops engaged in a U.N. operation from being placed under foreign command.

Clinton has criticized both proposals as unwise restrictions on presidential authority and as certain to cripple U.N. peacekeeping.

Defense Secretary William Perry sharply criticized the GOP proposal today, arguing it makes allied warfare impossible.

Perry, in a breakfast speech to two defense associations, said U.S. Army Gen. Gary Luck is the four-star commander in Korea, and has an allied Korean general under him who has operational control troops of the Army's 2nd Infantry.

That same general, during the Persian Gulf War, had a French division under his command and he put an American brigade in the field with the French, Perry said. "He didn't ask the secretary of defense, he didn't ask Congress, he just did it because that's what's done in coalition warfare," Perry said of Luck.

Republicans defeated on a vote of 211-207 a Democratic attempt to drop a plan to create a commission to "conduct a comprehensive review of the long-term national security needs of the United States."

Under the bill, the president would appoint four members, the House speaker four and the president pro tem of the Senate another four.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich told a news conference that "having watched this administration, we disagree deeply with the way they would risk American lives around the planet."

Gingrich singled out what he called the administration's "willingness to rely on the United Nations instead of the United States."

The Republicans also want to pressure the administration to establish an accelerated timetable for granting Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia full membership in NATO.

Tots-n-Training



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Shawna Salazar, 4, a frequent Tots-n-Training program user, picks up her free material from Evalyn Adams, Tots-n-Training sponsor at Frank's Food Store on Brown Street. 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.

AG office OKs school construction bonds

AUSTIN (AP) — The state attorney general's office has resumed approving school construction bonds after the Texas Supreme Court clarified its latest decision on public education funding.

"The court's corrected ruling clears the way for my office to continue the bond-approval process," Attorney General Dan Morales said Wednesday. "Now schools can go about the business of upgrading facilities to aid in the education of our youth."

School districts must obtain the attorney general's approval before issuing bonds.

Morales' office stopped granting such approval while awaiting a clarification from the Supreme Court on part of its ruling upholding the school funding law.

According to his office, a portion

of the ruling had appeared to require voter approval any time a school district wants to exceed a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation.

State practice has allowed school districts to go over that \$1.50 legal cap without having an election in two instances: to pay off bonds issued before 1992, or to pay off new debt if they have had a loss in their tax base, such as industry moving out.

Those exemptions will continue under the clarification issued by the court, according to Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale.

In other school finance action, school districts that challenged the share-the-wealth funding law have asked the Supreme Court to reconsider its Jan. 30 decision upholding the system.

The law, which relies mainly on a

combination of state aid and local property taxes, requires the school districts with the most property wealth to share with the rest of the system.

Wealthy school districts, among other arguments, have again asked the Supreme Court to rule that the law creates an unconstitutional statewide property tax.

Property poor school districts represented by lawyer Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund say the court in the latest ruling changed the standard it used to judge the system.

The court had three times previously overturned school funding laws, beginning in 1989 when it ordered lawmakers to even out funding available to school districts with different levels of property wealth.

Four people killed as pre-dawn tornado hits Alabama towns

ARAB, Ala. (AP) — A pre-dawn tornado ripped across north Alabama today, killing at least four people and injuring more than 100, authorities said.

The dead, all in Arab, included a young child, Marshall County Coroner Dempsey Hibbs said.

At least one resident reported hearing no warning siren before the storm hit shortly after 5 a.m. Less than an hour before that, lightning struck the office of the National Weather Service in nearby Huntsville, forcing its evacuation.

But a warning was issued shortly before the storm hit by the service's office in Birmingham.

Karen Berry of Arab said "this roar woke me up," trees were flying through the air and the power went out.

"Normally they give us a siren warning, but they didn't this morning," she said. "There was nothing."

Officials at Guntersville-Arab Medical Center said 66 people were treated, with 13 admitted and four transferred to Huntsville for additional care. They said they knew of 40 other people taken to two other hospitals.

Farm buildings collapsed, metal buildings peeled open, trailers and homes were torn apart and toys and furniture were strewn amid the rubble in the tornado's wake. Pink insulation was left hanging from trees.

Authorities said the tornado apparently hit a subdivision in the rural community of Joppa, where about a dozen injuries were reported, and then hit Arab, some three miles to the east.

A roof blew off a section of an apartment complex in Arab, but authorities who searched the rubble found no injured people there.

Robert Reynolds of the Arab Fire Department said there were other happy surprises amid the destruction.

"We found a 1-year-old baby under two trailers," he said. "He was sitting there, not making a sound."

The storm lifted a wooden A-frame home from its cement foundation and carried it about 40 feet before dropping it — with the residents still in their bed. Both Ricky and Dianne Fortenberry escaped serious harm.

"They had to dig us out," she said, standing atop the splintered wreck-

age and pointing to the mattress where they had been sleeping. As she spoke, a little neighbor girl sat in a nearby car and cried.

Reynolds said the dead were the child of 5 or 6 killed in a house, a man about 50 killed in a house, an elderly woman killed in a house, and a man in his 30s killed in a trailer.

Gary Petti, meteorologist in charge of the Birmingham office, said his office had taken over weather monitoring responsibility for Marshall County after the 4:20 a.m. lightning strike at the Huntsville office.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Mark W. - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
DeLEON, Savas Jimenez - 2 p.m., Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Rocksprings.
DOBBS, Betty - Graveside, 2:30 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
LEEK, Lee - 2 p.m., Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories, Clarendon.
POTTER, William H. "Papa" - 2 p.m., Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Longview.
ROEGER, Hermann W. - 3 p.m., St. Mark Lutheran Church, Bridge City.
THOMPSON, Robert Lee "Nine Fingers Robert" - Graveside, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
WALLIN, Walter Olen - Graveside, 2 p.m., Hansford Cemetery, Spearman.

Obituaries

MORGAN WILLARD EDWARDS
 Morgan Willard Edwards, 69, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Stephen Edwards, pastor of the Church of God in Christ of Wichita, Kan., officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Edwards was born May 13, 1925 in Joplin, Mo. He was a race car driver in Joplin before moving to Pampa in 1951. He worked for the City of Pampa from 1951 until his retirement in 1986. While working for the city, he was manager of the Pampa Municipal Pool until 1972, when he took over as manager of the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. He was a member of the Pampa Wheels Car Club.

Survivors include a son, the Rev. Stephen Edwards of Wichita, Kan.; three daughters, Loretta Wright of Pampa, Dee Ann Boatman of Amarillo and Nettie Baumgartner of Sherman; a sister, Margarette Broadbent of Amarillo, a half brother, Jackie Edwards of Pampa, and two stepdaughters, Misty Welch of Pampa and Cindy Applegate.

The family requests memorials be to the Shriner Travel Fund.

R.C. HAWK

SHAMROCK, R.C. Hawk, 74, of Shamrock died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Church of Christ at Shamrock with Shirley Curry of Lubbock and Paul Owen, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hawk was a farmer, rancher and businessman in Shamrock. He married Geraldine Martin in 1942 in Dallas. He had served Wheeler County as tax assessor and collector and as a member of the ASC Committee. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, of Shamrock; a son, Robert E. Hawk of Yuma, Ariz.; and three grandsons.

ARLIE WILSON JACKSON

GROOM - Arlie Wilson Jackson, 82, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1995. Services were at 1 p.m. today in the Washington Street Baptist Church at Hobart, Okla. Burial was in the Hobart Rose Cemetery by Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home of Lone Wolf, Okla.

Mr. Jackson was born near Delhi, Okla. He married Bernice Carlton in 1936. He lived in Hobart until 1949, when he moved to the Texas Panhandle. He was a farmer and rancher for many years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Kay. Survivors include his wife, Bernice; two sons, Aubrey Ray Jackson of Clovis, N.M., and Danny Jackson of Independence, Mo.; five daughters, Wanda Hiller and Naomi Abrams, both of Buckner, Mo.; Judy Priz of Amarillo, Sharon Pulliam of Independence and Beverly Miller of Tupelo, Okla.; a sister, Phoebe Noah of Leede, Okla.; 24 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

LEE LEEK

CLARENDON - Lee Leek, 82, a former Clarendon resident and father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories with Don Stone, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery.

Mr. Leek was born in Ambrose and had lived in the Dennison area of Grayson County for several years. He had lived in Clarendon for 64 years before moving to Pottsboro four years ago. He married Reda W. Lane in 1931 at Hollis, Okla.; she died in 1947. He had worked as a butcher at Clifford Grocery for many years until his retirement. He received the Clarendon Lions Club award for Employee of the Year in 1965-66. He was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Emma Pearl Sanders of Pottsboro; a son, Tommie Lee Leek of Pampa; three sisters, Lorene Cline and Gladys Hill, both of Dennison, and Betty Sandridge of Tulsa, Okla.; four brothers, Cecil Shelton of Beaumont, Derl Tucker of Sherman, Bose Thornton of Turlock, Calif., and Don Thornton of Tyler; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM H. 'PAPA' POTTER

LONGVIEW - William H. "Papa" Potter, 85, of Rosston, Ark., a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995 in Arkansas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Longview with Elder Thomas G. Garner officiating. Arrangements are by Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

Mr. Potter was born Oct. 24, 1909 in Pampa. He had lived in Rosston for about four years, moving from Longview, where he had lived for 12 years. He was a retired oil field truck mechanic and had worked in Civil Service as a military mechanic at the Pampa Army Air Field during World War II.

Survivors include two sons, William L. Potter of Kilgore and Ira Wayne Potter of Pampa; a daughter, Annette Bradley of Rosston, Ark.; a brother, Ira Potter of Pampa; three sisters, Mae Carden of Pampa and Betty McMahon and Rose Ricaido, both of California; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

HERMANN W. ROEGER

BRIDGE CITY - Hermann W. Roeper, 82, of Bridge City, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995 in Bridge City. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in St. Mark Lutheran Church with the Rev. Erbey Gonzalez of the church officiating. Rev. Gonzalez will be at Haven of Rest Crematory at Beaumont. Arrangements are by Claybar Funeral Home of Orange.

Mr. Roeper was born Jan. 19, 1913 at Hamburg, Germany. He had resided in Bridge City for three years. He was a former longtime resident of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Herta Roeper, of Bridge City; two daughters, Gisela Houseman of Bridge City and Margrit Adams of Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren, Debi Means of Plano, Julie Glover of Dallas, and Theresa Benus and Jeffrey Adams, both of Kansas City, Mo.; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

RAY V. RODGERS

YUKON, Okla. - Ray V. Rodgers, 81, of Yukon, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995 in Oklahoma City. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rodgers was born Sept. 26, 1913 in Osage, Okla. He was a resident of Pampa from 1940 until 1989. While in Pampa, he worked for American National Life Insurance Co. for many years and was later a salesman for KPBN Radio until 1979. He moved to Amarillo, Texas, in 1989 and lived there until he moved to Yukon in 1994. From 1979 to the present, he was chairman of the board of Mid-Con Gas Corp. He married Frankie Wilson on April 21, 1939 at Hutchinson, Kan.; she died on Oct. 21, 1988. He was a member of the Mustang United Methodist Church in Mustang, Okla. He was a member of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Survivors include a son, Ray Rodgers Jr., of Oklahoma City, a brother, Frank Rodgers of McLean, Texas, three sisters, Mildred Nation of Amarillo, Helen Hoskins of Arvada, Colo., and Inez Williams of Oklahoma City, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT LEE THOMPSON

Robert Lee "Nine Fingers Robert" Thompson, 69, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Vurn C. Martin, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Thompson was born in 1926 and was a longtime resident of Pampa.

Survivors include a sister, Tommie Gene McGill of Wichita Falls, a brother, Clifton Shepard of Wichita Falls, and a brother-in-law, Joel Eastland of Pampa.

WALTER OLEN WALLIN

GRUVER - Walter Olen Wallin, 73, a former Gruver resident and brother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995 in Chickasha, Okla. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Wallin was born in Gruver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Wallin.

Survivors include three daughters, Glenna Walder of Lindsay, Okla., Terry Wallin of Guymon, Okla., and Michelle Wallin of Dallas; a brother, Merl Wallin of Grapevine; three sisters, Ollie Buchanan of Pampa, Harley Jean Stanfield of Guymon and Bett Shurm-Anderson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; three grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

AMARILLO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Amarillo Symphony Orchestra will be in concert at 8 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. A special art exhibit and music before and after the concert will be presented. Miss Amarillo Soña Solano will sing at the reception. Tickets will be available at the door.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	White Deer
Admissions	Josephine Arellano (rehabilitation unit)
Discharge	Laura G. Huckins
Admissions	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Discharge	Shamrock
Admissions	Roy Conner
Discharge	Joe Richardson
Pamela	Cindy Staggs
Helen G. Griffin	There were no discharges reported.

Stocks

Symbol	Price	Change
Chevron	47	NC
Coca-Cola	52 7/8	NC
Diamond Sham	24 1/2	up 1/2
Enron	31 3/4	dn 1/4
Halliburton	35 5/8	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	34 7/8	NC
Ingersoll Rand	31 7/8	dn 3/8
KNE	21 7/8	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	48 1/8	dn 3/8
Limited	18 1/8	dn 1/8
Mappco	55 1/8	up 1/8
Maxus	3 1/2	dn 1/8
McDonald's	33 1/8	dn 3/8
Mobil	86 5/8	dn 1/8
New Atmos	18 1/4	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	17 1/2	up 1/2
Penney's	42 7/8	NC
Phillips	33	NC
SLB	55 3/8	up 1/8
SPS	29	up 1/4
Tenneco	45 1/4	up 1/8
Texasco	61 1/4	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	23 7/8	NC
West Texas Crude	376.70	NC
West Texas Crude	4.72	NC

Clarification

Teri Armstrong of White Deer is not the same Teri Armstrong of Pampa indicted on a charge of delivery of marijuana alleged to have occurred Sept. 3, 1994.

Court report

DISTRICT COURT

Civil
 A judgment nisi was entered against Donald Ray Buckley, principal and surety.
 A judgment nisi was entered against Monty Joe Kuykendall, principal, and Ferguson Bail Bonding, surety.
 McLean Independent School District vs. Liona Watkins Sitter, et al., taxes.

Criminal
 An order was entered terminating the probation of James Jackie Brown.
 An order was entered revoking the probation of Vereanki Roynell Roland.
 An order was entered continuing Matthew Gilbert Maul on probation.
 An order was entered continuing Robert Lee Meeks on deferred adjudication probation.

Russell Seely pleaded guilty to theft \$750 to \$20,000. He was assessed two years deferred adjudication probation, \$2,575 restitution, \$750 fine and 160 hours community service.

Betty Jacklyn Weatherwax Lee pleaded guilty to arson. She was assessed five years probation, \$2,500 restitution and 240 hours community service.

Betty Weatherwax Lee pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. She was assessed five years probation and \$335.64 restitution.

Gary Wayne Jernigan pleaded guilty to burglary of building. He was assessed 10 years probation, \$1,085.04 restitution and 240 hours community service.
 An order was entered discharging James Robert Fricks from probation.

COUNTY COURT

Marriage licenses issued
 Brian Scott Beck and Tina Renae Ferguson
 Al Brady Burns and Barbara Louise Kidd

Government claims control of rebel land

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) - After a five-day military thrust, the government says it has regained control of the remote jungle region in southern Mexico that Indian rebels have held for the past year.

Leaders of the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army remain at large, however, along with rebel soldiers and thousands of Indian peasant supporters. Uncertainty over the situation in Chiapas state contributed to a sharp drop in Mexico's stock market and currency on Wednesday.

"Five days after the start of the operation, order and legality has been re-established in the region," Interior Secretary Esteban Moctezuma said Wednesday night.

"Today, there is no Mexican territory supposedly controlled by a force other than those legitimately recognized in the nation," he said.

The Zapatistas rose up on Jan. 1, 1994 to demand better living conditions for Indian peasants in Chiapas, Mexico's

Criminal

An order was entered to issue a warrant for Brian Wayne Noack because his bond was surrendered.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of hindering secured creditors against Donnie Ray Dodd because he is unapprehended.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$200 to \$750 against Ronald Lee Ellis because he is unapprehended.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$20 to \$200 against Juan Antonio Venegas because he is unapprehended.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$200 to \$750 against Patricia Rocio because she is unapprehended.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Kenneth Warren May because court costs and restitution have been paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check - Class B against Joe Albert Murphee because court costs and restitution are paid.

An order was entered issuing a warrant for the arrest of Walter Franklin Miller so a hearing may be held on his probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of violation of protective order against Tony Elliot Sargent because the evidence is insufficient.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15

Rusty Stevens, 911 E. Twiford, reported burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred between 7 and 7:40 p.m. Wednesday. Burglarized at 403 S. Cuyler was a 1994 brown and black Suburban. Taken were a tan ostrich billfold, credit cards, \$500 cash.

Bob D. Davis, 1065 Huff Rd., reported burglary. Taken was a 20-inch gold chain valued at \$40. The burglary occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 9:10 p.m. Wednesday. Entry was through a south window.

Bill Hite of Heard and Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler, reported theft under \$20 which occurred at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Suspected sexual abuse to a teenage girl was reported by Department of Human Services.

Domestic violence - assault was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. No injuries were reported.

THURSDAY, Feb. 16

Domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. The victim reported a split lip.

Arrest

THURSDAY, Feb. 16
 Threshia Proctor, 1157 Varnon Dr., was arrested at the residence on four warrants.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Variable cloudiness tonight and Friday, with variable winds 5-15 mph. Tonight's low will be near 20. High Friday will be in the middle 60s. Wednesday's high was 40; the overnight low was 24.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows around 20. Friday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs upper 50s to low 60s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. A chance of showers southern rolling plains. Lows in the 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60.
North Texas: Tonight, decreasing cloudiness late in the west, otherwise cloudy with rain and a few thunderstorms likely. Lows 28

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly

poorest state, and fair elections. At least 145 people died before a Jan. 42 cease-fire last year halted fighting.

Troops today were in dozens of remote villages that had been held by the rebels since their uprising began.

Many villages in the region were virtual ghost towns Wednesday.

Even pro-government peasants who remained were often wary, despite military efforts to win them over with offers of aid.

In the former rebel stronghold of Patihuiz, a soldier in a Humvee, speaking over a loudspeaker in the region's Tzeltal Indian tongue, offered handouts of food, medicine and medical care.

But despite their poverty, only a few of the villagers emerged from hiding to pluck up one of the plastic bags of food the troops had set before the vehicle.

Mexicans at the other end of the economic scale were cautious as well.

Mexico's main stock market index fell by 6.41 percent on Wednesday, the sharpest drop since Jan. 9. Traders said uncertainty over Chiapas, combined with bad news and rumors on the economic front, was to blame.

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.

TUESDAY, Feb. 14

Leon Schafer, 20 miles south of Pampa, reported larceny theft \$200 to \$1,500.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15
 Wanda Faye Jones, 55, 833 Bradley, was arrested on probation violation.

THURSDAY, Feb. 16

Diego Vasquez, 19, 807 Craven, was arrested because his bond was surrendered.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15

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northwest to 42 southeast. Friday, decreasing cloudiness west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of rain. Highs 51 to 58.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Friday, cloudy skies with rain ending. Highs near 60. Coastal Bend: Tonight, cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms. Lows from the 40s inland to 50s coast. Friday, cloudy with scattered showers. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. Friday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly clear. Mostly cloudy in southeast Oklahoma with a chance of rain before midnight, clearing late. Lows from 20 in the northwest to 30 in the southeast. Friday, mostly clear. Highs in upper 50s to low 60s.

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Government to appeal in Microsoft case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno announced today the Justice Department will appeal a federal judge's rejection of the government's antitrust settlement with Microsoft.

"We believe we did the right thing," Reno told her weekly news conference.

Any delay in resolving the case would be "so injurious" to the public and government's antitrust enforcement program that the government will ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to hear the case on an expedited basis, Reno said.

"If this ruling stands, it will harm the public by deterring the department and antitrust defendants from entering into consent decrees," said Assistant Attorney General Anne Bingaman, head of the antitrust division. "Expedited review is necessary to ensure that the division's enforcement program does not suffer immediate and irreparable harm."

The case against the giant computer software maker was thrown into disarray Tuesday when U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin rejected a settlement agreed upon by the government and the company.

Rejections of such deals by judges are almost unheard of, but Sporkin concluded the proposed consent decree was too narrow to break Microsoft's near monopoly on the software that operates computers or to remedy its past "anticompetitive practices."

Sporkin cited alleged violations brought to his attention by Microsoft competitors but which were not included in the government's case.

"What the judge did is look at other practices not alleged in the complaint," Reno said. "For the judge to intrude into the prosecutor's work crosses over the line between the judicial and the executive branch."

She said he should confine himself to deciding whether the settlement "remedies the illegal conduct."

Sporkin also complained the settlement would only curb future Microsoft practices. The judge said it should undo the company's unfair advantage gained by past violations, but he did not say how.

Microsoft said Wednesday it would abide by the rejected agreement while reviewing its legal options.

Antitrust lawyers of all political stripes had anticipated that the Justice Department would appeal. They predicted an appeals court would rein in Sporkin.

"What the government ought to do and what it will do are probably the same: Appeal," said Charles F. Rule, who headed Justice's antitrust division during the Reagan administration. "The judge just has overstepped his bounds. This is a blatant example of a judge trying to act as an executive branch official."

"I have every confidence the government will prevail" on appeal, said John Shenefield, antitrust chief during the last Democratic administration under President Carter.

Stanford law professor William F. Baxter, who also headed antitrust for President Reagan, agreed: "Their chances are very good."

Rule noted that appellate courts here and in California have overruled district judges who have rejected antitrust settlements.

"There's an excellent chance he'll be reversed on appeal, and it's very important for private businesses that the Justice Department stick to its guns," said Arthur Golden, a lawyer at Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York who has spent 25 years defending companies in antitrust cases.

Noting that Sporkin cited additional allegations raised after the settlement by Microsoft competitors, Golden said the ruling could make private companies unwilling to negotiate settlements with the government. "This invites third parties to create chaos whenever they disagree with a settlement. This is a very inexpensive way for them to cause trouble."

Criminal executed in school cafeteria slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — An 11-time loser who spent most of his adult life behind bars was put to death early today for killing a Dallas-area school cafeteria worker during a robbery nearly 12 years ago.

Billy Conn Gardner, 51, expressed love for his family and asked for God's blessings on them as family members stood about six feet away and watched as he received lethal injection.

"I forgive all of you and I hope God forgives all of you all," Gardner said in a brief final statement.

"I've never been more proud of you than I am now," his mother, Nettie Gardner, told him.

As the drugs began taking effect, he coughed three times and let out a loud groan. He was declared dead at 12:30 a.m. CST, eight minutes after the

drugs began flowing into his arms. Emotional family members, including his mother, a sister and a niece and nephew, hugged and sobbed. One of them cried out: "Murderers. You're all murderers."

They refused any assistance offered by prison officers. "My brother was convicted of a crime he did not commit," an angry sister, Betsy Gray, said afterward.

"Tonight, once again, the state of Texas has committed cold-blooded murder. They are mass murdering people here almost as bad as if we're in a war."

Gardner became the sixth condemned murderer to be executed in Texas this year and the 91st since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982. The totals are the highest in the nation.

"Billy's an individual who has no

conscience," said Ken Carden, a prosecutor who convinced a Dallas County jury that Gardner should be put to death. "If he was on the street, he would commit other crimes. No question he's a dangerous individual and sociopath of the first order."

Thelma "Katie" Row, 64, a cafeteria supervisor at Lake Highlands High School in the Richardson school district north of Dallas, was counting the day's receipts on May 16, 1983 in a cafeteria back room. A man armed with a .357-caliber handgun entered, threw a grocery sack on a desk and demanded she fill it with money.

Before she could finish, he leaped over to grab the bag and shot the woman in the chest at close range. The robber fled with about \$1,600. Mrs. Row died 11 days later.

The husband of another cafeteria

worker subsequently acknowledged involvement and fingered Gardner as the gunman. Gardner also was linked to the murder weapon when he tried to sell it.

Gardner had a long criminal history that included 11 felony convictions.

Unlike most inmates approaching execution, Gardner had no appeals filed in the courts in the final days.

"The kinds of legal challenges that were being made in these last-minute appeals for the last year and half or two years are being sort of resolutely ruled out by the Supreme Court," attorney Rob Owen said.

Owen filed requests for a 30-day reprieve with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and new Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Both were denied.

Senators propose term limits for state officeholders

AUSTIN (AP) — One senator proposing term limits for state officeholders says he has some concerns about the idea.

"I don't know if, in fact, we are going to end up turning over the whole deal to the bureaucrats," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said Wednesday. "We hire some of the finest, smartest people to work in these (state government) agencies, and they work every day ... trying to get more and more and more power."

Armbrister also said term limits rely heavily on the "personal integrity" of an officeholder serving his or her final term.

"(If) I'm elected for my last four years, why should I do anything for anybody except feather my nest for four years? That's a major concern with a lot of people," he said.

But Armbrister, who has served in the Senate since 1987 and was a House member before that, said



Gov. George W. Bush

he's sponsoring term limits because polls show that's what people favor. "We deal very rarely with reality.

We only deal with perception of reality. And the perceptions are out there that the longer you stay in, you become manipulative or controlled or whatever," he said.

Armbrister and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said there's enough support in the Texas Senate to send voters a constitutional amendment to limit state officeholders' terms to 12 years.

A group backing the idea, Texans for Term Limitations, said the proposal also has a good chance of passing the House.

A constitutional amendment requires two-thirds approval by both chambers and voter ratification in a statewide election to take effect.

"I am convinced that 1995 represents the best shot we have ever had to pass term limitations in Texas," said Rob Mosbacher, an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1990 and founder of Texans

for Term Limitations.

He said the group will raise about \$150,000 to "let people know around the state where their representatives stand" on the question.

Gov. George W. Bush said at a news conference with Mosbacher and Armbrister that he believes term limits are "the will of the Texas people."

The measure by Bivins that he is co-sponsoring would put a 12-year limit on the governor, lieutenant governor, state senators, state House members, treasurer, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, attorney general, railroad commissioners and State Board of Education members. It would apply beginning Jan. 1, 1997.

Armbrister heads the Senate State Affairs Committee, which he said will hear the proposal Monday and send it to the full Senate for debate.

Vaccine airdrop begins in attempt to halt the spread of rabies

PLEASANTON, Texas (AP) — A massive air drop aimed at stopping the northward spread of rabies has begun in South Texas, where planes are dropping thousands of coyote vaccine baits in rural areas.

"Our goal is to create a barrier to stop the northward advance of this virus that has already claimed two human lives," said Texas Commissioner of Health Dr. David R. Smith.

After a day filled with weather delays, two airplanes took off from the Pleasanton Municipal Airport about 4:15 p.m. Wednesday and began the airdrops, which are to continue for about two weeks.

A total of 850,000 coyote baits will be distributed. The small baits contain dog food and an oral-coyote vaccine.

"The planes drop one bait per sec-

ond," said Robin Porter, spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Agriculture Department is working with the Texas Department of Health and other agencies on the project. It covers a 14,400-square-mile area from Maverick County on the Mexico border to Calhoun County on the Gulf Coast.

Health officials are trying to prevent a canine rabies strain known as Mexican Urban Rabies from spreading farther north. They hope to push the disease farther south each year and back to the Rio Grande by 2001.

"It is an especially dangerous strain of the rabies virus because it is readily spread from coyotes to domestic animals — family pets that have close

contact with people," Smith said.

There have been 532 confirmed cases of canine rabies in dogs, coyotes and other animals across 18 South Texas counties since September 1988.

Rabies usually is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal. It is fatal in humans unless it is diagnosed in time. Its progression can be stopped with a series of shots.

In addition to Maverick and Calhoun counties, the airdrop also covers portions of Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Karnes, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Medina, Refugio, San Patricio, Uvalde, Wilson and Zavala counties.

Authorities nab world's most notorious computer hacker

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — He was a notorious computer vandal, a fugitive described by one official as "the most wanted hacker in the world."

In more than two years on the run, Kevin D. Mitnick allegedly pilfered thousands of data files and at least 20,000 credit card numbers, worming his way into even the most sophisticated systems.

But Mitnick, who once broke into a top-secret military defense system as a teenage prank, apparently infiltrated one computer too many.

One of his latest victims, a computer security expert, was so angered that he made it his crusade to track Mitnick down. With his help, the FBI traced Mitnick to a Raleigh apartment and arrested him Wednesday.

Mitnick, 31, was charged with computer fraud, punishable by 20 years in prison, and illegal use of a telephone access device, which carries a maximum 15-year sentence. Both crimes also are punishable by \$250,000 fines.

He already was wanted in California for violating probation on a previous hacking conviction. A hearing was scheduled for Friday.

"He was clearly the most wanted computer hacker in the world," Kent Walker, an assistant U.S. attorney in San Francisco who

helped coordinate the investigation, told *The New York Times*.

Mitnick had been on the run since 1992. Authorities say he broke into many of the nation's telephone networks, and most recently he had become a suspect in a rash of break-ins on the global Internet computer network.

Mitnick's downfall began Christmas Day, when he broke into the home computer of Tsutomu Shimomura of the San Diego Supercomputer Center and stole security programs he had written.

Incensed, Shimomura canceled a ski vacation and assembled a team of computer experts to hunt down the intruder. They traced Mitnick to Netcom, a nationwide Internet access provider, and with the help of federally subpoenaed phone records determined that he was placing calls from a cellular phone near Raleigh-Durham International Airport, the *Times* said.

Early Monday morning, Shimomura drove around Raleigh with a telephone company technician. They used a cellular frequency direction-finding antenna hooked to a laptop to narrow the search to an apartment complex.

The FBI arrested Mitnick after a 24-hour stakeout.

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Opinion

Internal Revenue Service fails as a friendly neighbor

By now, most of us have received our New Year's gift from the Internal Revenue Service: the 1040 tax forms for 1994. IRS agents are so thoughtful.

The 1040 explanatory booklet uses the IRS's favorite Orwellian euphemism, "voluntary compliance." If you don't pay, the IRS comes to seize your property. You can resist or "voluntarily comply" with the seizure plus a heavy fine, a long jail term, or both.

This year's favored euphemism seems to be "customer service." IRS Director Margaret Milner Richardson is proud to announce that Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review "recognized the Internal Revenue Service as a leader among government agencies in customer service."

If the IRS is a "leader" in "customer service," then what possibly could be a "failing" department? The Agency of Dungeons and Torture, perhaps?

She goes on: "Improving customer service is central to the job of reinventing government to make it work better and cost less... Our plans for customer service are a major step toward making customer service a reality..."

Isn't there something fundamentally screwy here? Haven't we passed through the looking glass when we are asked to consider ourselves "customers" of the IRS? The agency, after all, enforces tax laws, which, not to put too fine a point on it, forcibly strips us of a large measure of our legitimate earnings each year. That would make us, in our dictionary, victims of the IRS, not customers.

The dark side of the force shows through on the page after Richardson's warm-fuzzy letter:

"If you do not file a return, do not give the information asked for, or give false information" - all as defined by the labyrinthine regulations and edicts of IRS persecutors - "you may be charged penalties and you may be subject to criminal prosecution."

Hey, what happened to "customer service"?

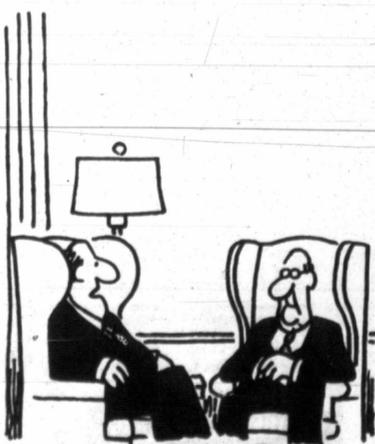
In the wake of the November election, some people are speaking of a "revolution" in politics in this country.

But a real revolution won't occur until the IRS and its tyrannies have been abolished.

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"Mother tells me you've been sticking pins in an Alan Greenspan doll."

The House isn't a homeless shelter

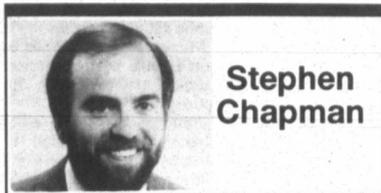
Suppose when you came to work every morning, you found one of your co-workers - or, if you're a manager, one of your employees - clad in pajamas, wrapped in a blanket and snoring away on an air mattress in his office. You would probably think the guy was mentally unbalanced and had no business working in your building, much less sleeping there.

Well, I have bad news for you. Some of your very own employees are sleeping in their offices every night. They are members of Congress. And they plan to keep doing it.

This is not the case of dedicated public servants occasionally conking out at their desks after a long and grueling day safeguarding the people's interests. No, it is a case of affluent grown men hauling in coats and sleeping bags and generally behaving as if they were at the local KOA campground. To put it succinctly, they live in their offices. Not only are some members of Congress odd enough to do it, they are crazy enough to regard this weird practice as a badge of virtue.

Roll Call, the Capital Hill newspaper reports that freshman Rep. Mark Sanford, a millionaire Republican from South Carolina, sleeps on a futon and showers in the House gym. Most people would regard this routine as a particularly brazen form of freeloading, but a spokesman for Sanford insists it is a deliberately spartan existence designed to keep him in tune with the folks who sent him: "The more he can stay uncomfortable and not part of the Washington scene, the more he's going to want to get back home to Charleston."

Another member who resides in one of the House buildings is Michigan Republican Peter Hoekstra, who portrays his eccentricity as a form of fiscal conservatism. "He thought it was kind of a waste of time and money to have an apartment," says his press secretary. South Carolina Republican Bob Inglis likes the practice because he can work late and avoid a commute.



Stephen Chapman

Now just imagine if you used excuses like these in asking permission to turn your daytime workplace into your nighttime bedroom. You hate to waste money on an apartment? You don't want to commute? You think it would help you do your job better? Your boss would probably pick up the phone and say, "Hello, security..."

But in this instance, the boss doesn't object. When he was speaker, Tip O'Neill forced Texas Republican Dick Army, now the majority leader, to move out. But Newt Gingrich told Roll Call that he doesn't mind lawmakers setting up housekeeping in their offices "unless it becomes a health hazard."

These members of Congress make \$133,600 a year, which should be sufficient to foot the bill for their own quarters even if they didn't get a special tax deduction of \$3,000 for living expenses in the capital. There are plenty of lowly congressional aides - not to mention janitors, cops and short-order cooks - who somehow manage to pay to keep a roof over their heads, endure the indignity of a daily commute and do their jobs despite the demands of working on Capitol Hill. But life's normal obligations are too much to ask of men (apparently no women are this nutty) elected to the most important legislative body in the world.

The habit seems to be peculiar to Republicans - possibly because many of them, like Mark Sanford, fear contamination by exposure to "the Washington scene." Apparently, they see no difference between hobnobbing with Pamela Harriman or Ben Bradlee at embassy dinner parties and coming into contact with run-of-the-mill Washingtonians on the subway, at the hardware store or over the back fence. All of Washington is an insidious trap.

This is a strange attitude, given that Washington was the creation of the nation's founders - who didn't intend for the seat of democracy to be treated like a leper colony by the people who govern the country. It might surprise Sanford and company to learn that the District of Columbia is inhabited by actual fellow citizens of the United States of America. Many of them are virtuous folks who work in the private sector. Some of them vote Republican.

Living alongside them - or even among suburbanites in Virginia or Maryland - might not prove fatally corrupting to the average Republican congressman. In fact, it could even help keep power from going to his head.

Republicans have long attacked Democrats in Congress for refusing to subject themselves to the same rules as ordinary Americans and for losing touch with the middle class. But those charges perfectly describe what some GOP members are doing in claiming a right to live for free in government facilities that were never intended for residential use, where they can keep a comfortable distance from the little people.

Here is a chance for Gingrich to restore one federal institution to its original, limited purpose - work, not slumber. The House office buildings don't provide shelter to homeless street people, and they shouldn't provide it to homeless congressmen.

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1995. There are 318 days left in the year.

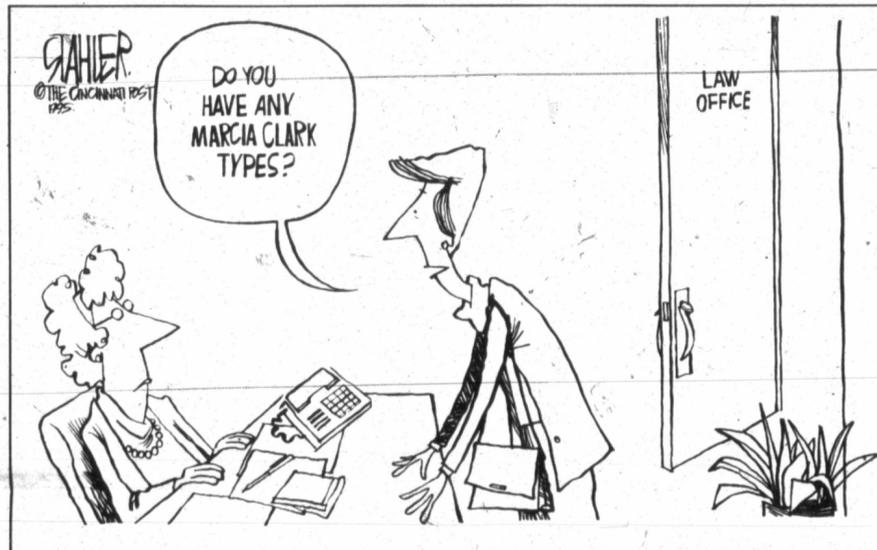
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Fifty years ago, on Feb. 16, 1945, American troops, arriving by air and sea, landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

On this date:
In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1862, during the Civil War, about 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (General Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname, "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.



Seek neither angel nor devil

In this business, I've learned you not only have to say what you say, but also say what you are not saying.

Twice recently I've written columns about House Speaker Newt Gingrich. In both, I said he was smarter than his enemies and that his liberal critics were grossly underestimating his political skills.

What I have not said is that I completely agree with the direction in which he wishes to take this country, because I'm not sure exactly where he wants to go. I certainly agree with the elements of the Republican contract: term limits, balanced budget, welfare reform and ending unfunded mandates. But I go even further. I want no mandates from the federal government, funded or otherwise. I want to rechain the government to the Constitution.

But my guess is that if you listen carefully to Gingrich what he is ultimately saying is that Republicans can run a powerful central government more efficiently and for less cost than the Democrats.

As a genuine conservative, I do not want a powerful central government, and least of all I don't want one that is efficient. In other words, my goal would be to dismantle and to disempower the federal government, not make it more efficient in its meddling in our lives. That's because my concern is for liberty, not federal benefits, all of which must of necessity come at the expense of liberty.

Sometimes that's what Gingrich seems to be saying, too, but sometimes it isn't. I've learned the hard

Charley Reese

way that to know people you must look at what they do, not at what they say.

I strongly disagree with Gingrich on the issue of America versus internationalism. Gingrich is clearly an internationalist. He saved Bill Clinton's bacon on the GATT and NAFTA treaties, both of which I view as 100 percent pure disaster for Americans. He is backing the Mexican bailout, which is pure swindle of the American taxpayers to benefit not Mexico but Treasury Secretary Daniel Rubin's Wall Street cronies and corporations.

You will not hear Gingrich criticize the Federal Reserve, an independent central bank that is at the root of many of the nation's economic problems. Without a reform of the monetary system, which was designed and is owned by private bankers, talk about economic reforms amounts to little more than hogwash.

I've gotten letters from people who say, "Don't write anything positive about Gingrich because he supported NAFTA and GATT." But I don't buy the angel-or-devil syndrome that afflicts some Americans. They are always in search of a political angel who will agree with them on every one of a hundred points; those who disagree on a few points are devils.

That's a futile attitude because there are no angels in American politics, and there never will be. If I were better at math, I could probably show that it is statistically impossible for more than two people in a country as large as ours to agree on more than a handful of issues.

The secret of American politics is coalitions - all of which are temporary. You work with people you agree with on issues you agree on. When you disagree, you part company and find a new coalition of like minded folks.

Rep. David Bonior, a liberal Democrat from Michigan, led the fight against NAFTA. On that issue, I supported him and opposed Gingrich. On welfare reform, I'll probably prefer Gingrich's proposals to Bonior's. Americans ought to stop looking for angels, messiahs and saviors on white horses. To put it bluntly, such a fruitless search indicates a peasant mentality.

We are all citizens, equally responsible for our own destiny. We are blessed with a political system that, despite its flaws, allows real change without bloodshed. But it is our responsibility to learn the ins and outs of this system and to use it in a practical and effective manner.

The easiest and most irresponsible thing to do is sit on the sidelines, call people devils and whistle the tune of "No hope. No hope."

Better to enter the fray and wrestle with the real people over the real problems in search of real solutions.

Don't be a party to the 'cocooning' trend

In an article in the *Journal of Democracy*, Harvard professor Robert Putnam discusses how membership in organizations such as the American Red Cross the Boy Scouts is plummeting. As we become less and less intertwined with each other's lives even bowling leagues are declining, yet people still come into the alleys to bowl a few frames, alone.

The trend of "cocooning," as predicted by sociologists a few years back, proceeds: In response to too much stimulation in society, we increasingly go home after work and pull our "cocoon" around us.

This reluctance to become involved with each other has become almost a sub-theme to President Clinton lately. As he sounds more and more Republican in social philosophy, he continues to hold up his Americorps as a symbol that we must continue to be involved with each other. As he repeats campaign promises to wield a hatchet to government waste, he always admonishes us to stay aware of and linked with those who have legitimate needs and struggles.

Nowhere was this "bowling alone" theme brought home to me better than in the 14-inch snowstorm that hit southwest Missouri in mid January. My friend Katherine Lederer, a university professor in her early 60s who suffers from recurrent knee problems and is recovering from a torn tendon in her arm, couldn't find a college kid to shovel her drive and walkways.



Sarah Overstreet

She's lived in the same area near the university for over 25 years, and this was the first big snowstorm where at least one enterprising young college student hadn't yelled out, "Hey, lady, can I shovel your walk?" to make a few extra bucks. Luckily, a laid off construction worker saw her struggling with her shopping cart in a supermarket parking lot, followed her home, shoveled everything in sight and charged her only \$12.

She was one of the lucky ones. Thousands of other area elderly and otherwise ailing folks weren't so fortunate. After considerable searching, and even calling her church to no avail, 78-year-old Verna Litton finally answered a newspaper ad for snow removal. A man came, and after shoveling her short driveway and walk, charged her \$50.

Not only were we caught off guard by our 14-inch snow, we were caught with our pants down as regards our elderly and infirm. Many agencies serv-

ing that population operate when the weather cooperates, but this time those services were as snow-bound as the people they serve. When ice and snow blocked even the path to safety for these people, our shovel blade fell right off its handle.

Without friends or a service for which drivers have been screened, the elderly and infirm are in no better predicament if they have to travel outside their homes. Answering an ad doesn't assure them of a driver's credibility, trustworthiness or fair pricing.

We can do better than this and should be good and ashamed, from churches, to agencies that serve this population, right down to those of us who didn't even bother to call our neighbors who may have needed us.

While the weather is good, agencies serving the elderly and infirm can easily compile lists of people willing to run errands, shovel snow and help that population in many ways.

Compiling these lists ahead of the storm allows time to contact groups of likely workers, such as church youth groups, fraternities and scout troops. It also advertises for adults willing to work, and allows time to check credentials.

The rest of us who are still fleet enough of foot to negotiate icy pathways should make lists of folks we know who may need our help the next time a storm hems them in. If we start now, by the time we're elderly, we'll have a great network already in place.

Lifestyles



Symphony exhibit

The Lovett Memorial Library window holds an exhibit for the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra Concert which is set for 8 p.m. this Friday evening at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults and will be available at the door. They may also be purchased at Tarpley Music Co., and the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce office. Symphony season tickets will be honored at the door.

(Courtesy photo)

MS Society announces 1995 walk and walk kickoff breakfast

Officials from the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society announced that the National MS Walk will return to Amarillo on Saturday, April 1, for the sixth consecutive year. The theme for the 1995 MS Walks will be a 2-for-1, or two new walkers for every man and woman who has MS living in this chapter's area. These walkers will be silent partners for the 500 MS patients who cannot walk for themselves.

For the first time, the chapter will also sponsor a walk in Borger. The Borger walk will be held at the same time and date as the Amarillo walk, coinciding with over 250 walks nationwide. The Borger walk will be spearheaded by Borger's Byron Nesbitt and Sandra Black.

The announcement came at a kickoff breakfast held at the Olive Garden Restaurant. Bank One president Pat Dunne was the keynote speaker at the breakfast. Dunne announced Bank One's sponsorship, which will be spearheaded by Bank One marketing director Millie Bingham. Joining forces will be National Home Health Care, which will be a major sponsor for the fourth year.

"Bank One sponsors the MS Walks throughout Texas and the Panhandle chapter is one of the best. We are privileged to participate in it."

As in past years, the Walk route will take walkers past numerous historic homes in the Oliver Eakle and Wolflin neighborhoods. The route will be ten kilometers or 6.2 miles. The Borger route will be the same distance.

Walkers will be awarded prizes based on the amount of funds raised. "The walk should be our biggest fundraiser, so it is important that we reward those walkers who raise the money that keeps our chapter going," noted chapter Executive Director Lucia Gray. "Besides, we want the walk to be fun for all involved, so no one will leave empty handed." According to Gray, the grand prize is two round-trip tickets from American Airlines to any continental U.S. destination or Mexico.

"Amarillo is only one of six Texas cities supporting its own MS Society Chapter, and our local staff of three is larger than the staff serving the entire state of New Mexico," said local Board Chairman Edward Heshner. "Basically, the walk keeps our doors open." Local services funded by the Walk include counseling, home and hospital visitation, self-help support groups, equipment loan, advocacy, and education.

Among the major sponsors are National Home Health Care and the Olive Garden, which will once again serve lunch to all walkers and volunteers.

Other sponsors include: American Airlines, Pepsi Cola, KFDA News Channel 10, KMML Radio, KGNC FM98 Radio, Amarillo-Canyon Apartment Guide, the Water Barrel, United Supermarkets, Honeycrust Hams, Bluebell Ice Cream, Keebler Cookies, Quaker Fat Free Oat Cakes, Host Ice, Ironkids Bread, American Red Cross-Borger, H.B. Zachry Company, and Maron Orthopedic Center.

Good health, sex go together for older people

By DR. MICHAEL FREEDMAN

NEW YORK (AP) — The evidence keeps piling up: Many older people are sexually active.

One study, in fact, found that among more than 2,600 adults, 81 percent of women in their 60s and 65 percent of women 70 and older were still sexually active; among men, 91 percent were still having sex in their 60s, and 79 percent after age 69.

One thing most of these people had in common, however, was that they rated their health as good to excellent.

The picture changes, though, among less uniformly healthy older adults; sexual activity continues for half to two-thirds of those in their 60s, dropping to a fourth or less after age 75.

But even for the sexually active, frequency tends to decline with passing years — although there are wide variations. On average, someone who made love twice a week during the first years of marriage may drop to twice a month after age 65.

And desire may outlast activity. A Duke University study found that half of seniors in their 80s and 90s are still interested in having sex, although they may not physically be able to.

The idea that older people are asexual persists in part because so little is known about erotic activity late in life.

Donation made to area Literacy Council



The organization Hispanos Unidos recently made a donation in the amount of \$300 to the Pampa Area Adult Literacy Council. Chris Perez, (far right) president of Hispanos Unidos, presents Vera Plunk of the Pampa Area Adult Literacy Council with the check. With them are Estella Shorter (left) parliamentarian of Hispanos Unidos; Vicki Davis, vice president of Hispanos Unidos; and Dovie Massie who is with the Adult Literacy Council.

(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Organization offers insight into funding college costs

Each year individuals preparing to go to college or graduate school face the dilemma of how to pay for tuition, room and board, textbooks, lab fees and other expenses. That's because college costs have skyrocketed and continue to increase yearly, putting extra strain on family budgets and assets.

Yet there are over 375,000 funding sources available to assist these students. Contrary to popular belief, over 80 percent of the funds available to students do not depend on family need or high grades. Many are based on factors such as the student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, ethnic background or parent's work or military service.

Remarkably, over \$6.6 billion of this funding goes uncollected each year simply because people do not ask for it, according to a report by the National Commission on Student Financial Aid. Now a new academic funding publication, updated for 1995, is available to help steer students through the process and to outline their options and identify sources for assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships, send a No. 10 self-addressed, double stamped envelope plus \$2 to cover handling to the National Academic Funding Administration, 815 Middle Street, Suite 1300, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

Retiree creates fisherman's hand cart

By GARRY MITCHELL
Associated Press Writer

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Johnnie V. Womberly, a self-described workaholic, turned an observation about fishing habits into a handy creation.

Since retiring to Mobile four years ago, he's been going down to the pier. "I noticed the older people always brought along a younger person to run back and forth to the car to pick up fishing gear," he said.

That's when he thought about building a fishing cart to make the fishing life easier. He developed a hand truck for fishing equipment and got a patent on it last August after an eight-month wait.

Now the fisherman, who often sits for lengthy periods without much exertion anyway, can get to his favorite fishing spot with even less sweat.

"Let me show you this," Womberly said during a demonstration at his west Mobile home. The handy hand truck has a place for four rods, the always vital cooler, tackle box and bait bucket. Metal tubes attached to the sides of the hand truck hold the rods.

The hand truck also serves as a back rest by removing the tackle box and using the ice chest as a seat. You lean back on the frame once you have found the fishing spot where

you want to try your luck. Womberly hopes to market the equipment for less than \$50 each.

Hearing that her first cousin was tinkering again came as no surprise to 74-year-old Arclia Patterson.

"I've known him all his life," she said. "He's always been at things in the back of his mind. He came up with something even as a child."

They both left Birmingham in the 1940s. She came to Mobile when he ventured to Detroit, one of the thousands of workers at the end of World War II on the move in search of jobs.

Womberly, 74, spent 31 years toiling in a Ford Motor plant in Detroit, then another 15 years as his own boss.

"When I first got to Detroit, you couldn't get any meat. We had 15-bean sandwiches — and they counted every bean," said Womberly. "I was making 98 cents an hour when I first went to Detroit."

Womberly retired from the Detroit Industrial Engine plant in April 1976. Then he went into business for

himself as an electrician in Detroit. He ended that business because he said workers were unreliable.

He lived briefly in California before moving to Mobile four years ago "for the sunshine."

Womberly now is seeking assistance from the Small Business Administration to manufacture his fishing invention. "I'm going for broke on this one," Womberly said.

He's also attending classes held by the University of South Alabama. Cheryl Coleman, who directs the classes, said the workshop for people learning how to start a business is their most popular.

"Nothing turns us on like getting a bank loan," she said.

She wasn't familiar with Womberly's new product because he had just begun the workshop. Womberly said he may have to attend 14 seminars to obtain an SBA loan to start his next business.

But, patent in his pocket, he's ready to go to work.

Ballet of Oklahoma prepares to dance into Roger Mills County

CHEYENNE, OKLA. — Elaine Adams, president of the Red Hills Theater Guild, announced that Red Gills Theater, in cooperation with the Great Plains Resource Conservation and Development Association, has received a grant to assist in bringing Ballet of Oklahoma to Roger Mills County this spring.

The State Arts Council of Oklahoma as part of their Oklahoma Touring Program Presenters, is making this event possible. Additional funding is being provided by Security State Bank of Cheyenne.

Fractured Fairy Tales and Sweet Dreams are the two ballet performances that will be presented when Ballet of Oklahoma comes to the Cheyenne Schools Fine Arts

Auditorium April 13. Students in the seventh through twelfth grades from Cheyenne, Sweetwater, Reydon and Hammon will have the opportunity to see a matinee performance. General admission for the public will be that evening at 7:30.

This is the first time Ballet of Oklahoma will perform in Western Oklahoma. Adams said the goal is "to bring fine entertainment as seasonal events to Western Oklahoma and the East Texas Panhandle; and since there are no resources of ballet among our membership, this is one of the fine arts we have to import."

To date the Red Hills Theater

has brought theater, opera, melodrama and cowboy poetry to Roger Mills County for Western Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle residents.

Tickets will be on sale at the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce office beginning March 1. For further information contact Elaine Adams at 405-983-2489 or Linda Kahoa, Marketing Director, at 405-928-2795.

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Girlfriend feels neglected by daughter-doting dad

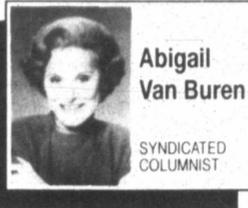
DEAR ABBY: You may think it's a mistake for a woman to compete with her boyfriend's 6-year-old daughter, but that's what I feel like I'm doing. My boyfriend takes his daughter out to eat, to movies and to baseball and football games. When he doesn't have her and we are alone, he never takes me anywhere because he can't afford it. He says he's spending "quality time" with her and that he's not taking her on "dates" like I say he is.

I lived in a regular two-parent home, so I never got this kind of attention from my father. I thought when I grew up I'd get a boyfriend who would dote on me and take me out, but now I'm the one who stays home and the child goes out with the parent. We all went out to a family restaurant for Valentine's Day last year.

My boyfriend thinks he's the world's greatest father and I should be proud of him, but I feel it's at my expense. I wish I had a "Sugar Daddy" like his daughter has. I have been putting up with this for more than five years and I still can't deal with it.

NEGLECTED GIRLFRIEND IN ARIZONA

DEAR NEGLECTED GIRLFRIEND: If the unfortunate situation you describe has been going on for five years, your boyfriend is not likely to change his behavior.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

As I see it, you have two choices: Adopt a different attitude about your boyfriend's definition of "quality time." (Others might define it as time spent one-on-one with their children where they communicate their ideas and feelings, and not necessarily with movies, restaurants and ballgames.) Or, find a boyfriend who will not leave you feeling as emotionally impoverished as this one does.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional woman in my 40s, twice divorced. I have been platonic friends with a certain man (also divorced) for many years. About a year and a half ago, he became seriously ill and lost his business — which caused him to lose his home, car, etc. Since he had no family to care for him, I invited him to stay in my guest

room until he recovered. (He then got an apartment and began rebuilding his life.)

Shortly after that, I sprained my ankle playing tennis. He helped me out, even cleaning my house. I am now facing surgery on my ankle. Again, he has volunteered to help me while I recuperate.

Our likes and dislikes are similar. He has taken me out, and has allowed me to take him out. He isn't hung up on sexual stereotypes, and he treats me better than any man I have ever known.

I have fallen in love with him, Abby. But I'm afraid if I tell him how I feel, I may lose his friendship. Should I tell him or just leave things as they are and enjoy a wonderful, comfortable, platonic friendship?

CONFUSED IN FLUSHING, N.Y.

DEAR CONFUSED: You are both adults, and I think you should be honest in your feelings. If you can't be lovers, there's no reason you shouldn't be friends.

Abby shares more 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.)

for the virtues in your companions instead of their faults. No one likes being under a microscope.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before making any purchases today, carefully examine the merchandise. Make sure that the price you pay doesn't exceed the value of the item.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The trends are in your favor today, and you're capable of considerable accomplishments if you pace yourself. Allow adequate time for your endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When negotiating a significant matter today, play hard to get. Let them come to you for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When conversing with friends today, try to keep the conversation light and pleasant. Avoid shop talk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is very probable that you will achieve an important objective today, even if your initial efforts don't succeed. Regroup and try again.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday Feb. 17, 1995

In the year ahead, you might find more profitable uses for your creative, artistic and inventive talents than you have in the past. Do not impose limits on your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might associate with someone who has a caustic tongue today. This individual can be won over by responding tactfully, not angrily. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph—6/e this newspaper.

P.O. Box 4465 New York NY 10163 Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It will ultimately be to your benefit if you think in terms of what is best for the greatest number of people instead of just focusing on your own interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid jumping to conclusions today. Your decisions will be more effective if you take time to analyze all of the pertinent information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can be surprisingly productive today if you don't rush through your assignments. For best results, strive for consistency rather than speed.

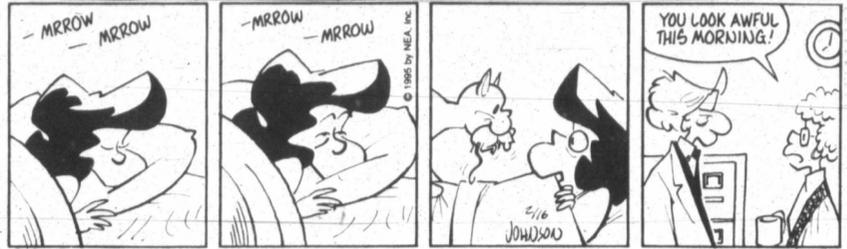
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if you are in the company of someone who could help you out financially today, resist the urge to make a pitch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to be especially patient with your family and in-laws today, even if they are exasperating. You will thank yourself for keeping quiet when they leave smiling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could be a pleasant day if you make it a point to look



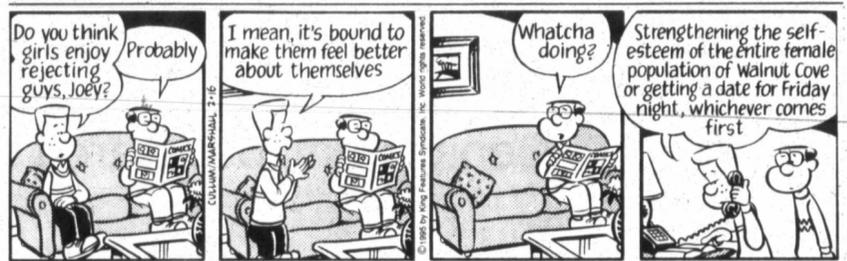
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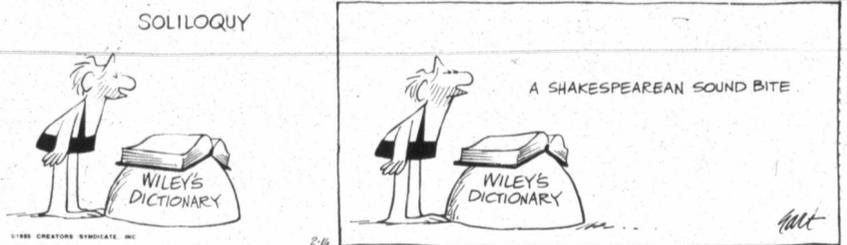
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"I warmed up the oven and forgot that's where I'd hidden the chocolates!"



"Hold it! He'd just love to have you chase him with that salami."

The Family Circus

Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



The Born Loser



Frank and Ernest



Mallard Filmore

Sports

Notebook

SOCCER

AMARILLO — In the opening game of the Amarillo Indoor Soccer Winter League, Pampa defeated the Borger Blasters, 12-6, in an under 10A boys match.

Scoring for Pampa were Eddie Palma, Mitchell Carrol, Adam Etchison, Ryan Barnes, Dustin Lenderman and newcomer Curtis Pritchard, all with two goals apiece.

The game seasawed back and forth until halftime with Pampa leading, 5-4.

As the second half of play started, Pampa goalie Stewart Curry and sweeper Drew Jennings totally stopped the Borger offense as Pampa moved ahead for good.

The Pampa team next plays the Amarillo Dynamos, who were the undefeated champions in the fall season.

The Pampa team is sponsored by Albertson and Beaver Express.

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Palo Duro at 2 p.m. Saturday in District 4 soccer action at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters played Lubbock Monterey on Tuesday and lost a 1-0 shootout.

No yellow or red cards were issued. "We played in a tough wind Tuesday, but we were able to take it to a shootout," said PHS coach Daniel Barker. "We just weren't able to capitalize. It just hasn't been our year for shootouts. Last year we couldn't lose one. This year we can't win one."

Pampa's record is now 5-4 for the season and 4-5 in the district standings. Monterey has a 7-2 record.

In other district matches Tuesday, Tascosa blanked Amarillo High, 1-0; Lubbock High shut out Palo Duro, 6-0, and Caprock defeated Borger, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

PANHANDLE — The fourth annual mixed volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, is scheduled March 10-11 at the Panhandle basketball gym.

There will be a \$50 entry fee and proceeds will go to the Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department.

To sign up, call James Whitt at 806-537-5403 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or Mark Clancy at 806-537-3975.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for spring league softball in the City Commission Room in City Hall at 6 p.m. Feb. 23.

Coaches or managers are urged to attend this meeting to obtain pertinent information concerning the upcoming season. Also, any players who are not currently on a team are welcome to come and find a team to play on or to organize new teams.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws will be available at the meeting. If anyone is unable to attend, but would like to participate, please contact the Recreation Department at 669-5770.

The Pampa Softball Players Association will have a general meeting immediately following the organization meeting. All softball players are invited to attend.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Groom Tigerettes will try and make the most of their superior height advantage against the Fort Elliott Lady Cougars in a Class 1A bi-district game, starting at 7 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"We're going inside and try and take them low. If we can't do that, we could be in trouble," said Groom coach Mitchell Davis. "Fort Elliott shoots the ball pretty well and they go about six or seven deep."

Not many teams can match up with the Tigerettes in the paint. Kay Case, a 6-1 junior post, averages 17 points per game. Joining her inside is 5-11 senior Melanie Friemel, 14 ppg. Misty Homen, a 5-8 guard, leads the team in scoring at 19 ppg.

Groom, the District 3-1A champion, comes into tonight's game with an impressive 28-1 record. Fort Elliott (21-7) is led by senior guard Andrea Dukas at 15 points a game.

GOLF

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Ian Garbutt and Peter Teravainen shot 5-under-par rounds of 68 today to share the first round lead in the Australian Masters.

Garbutt, a former English amateur champion, and Teravainen, a Singapore-based American, are one stroke ahead of a group that includes five-time British Open champion Tom Watson of the United States, Australian Open champion Robert Allenby and former title holder Peter Senior.

John Daly, the 1991 PGA champion, was three shots off the lead after a first-round 71.

Daly dropped shots at the 16th and 18th holes, which sent him tumbling from 4-under to 2-under-par around the tight, tree-lined par-73, 7,000-yard course.

Teravainen, a 38-year-old native of Plymouth, Mass., has enjoyed his greatest golfing triumphs in Singapore, where he has twice won the local PGA title. He has been a regular on the Australasian PGA Tour since 1991.

Garbutt came to Australia in December after losing his European PGA Tour card.

"Since I've been here I've been hitting my irons pretty well. I've been playing steadily for a few weeks," Garbutt said.

Allenby, a rising star at just 23 and one of the tournament favorites in the absence of six-time champion Greg Norman, said he was confident on a Huntingdale course he has played countless times.

Spring training brings uncertainty

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — For baseball fans, today's opening of spring training would usually mark the end of winter and a renewal of the sport they love so much.

This year, however, the arrival of pitchers and catchers in camp brings only uncertainty — and mainly unknown players.

It begins today at Fort Lauderdale Stadium, where the New York Yankees will be the only major league team to have players in uniform. The Yankees said they would put at least 27 pitchers and catchers on the field, although less than half are expected to be replacement players.

The others are mostly low-level minor leaguers who are finding themselves in the un-

expected role of choosing sides. The union doesn't want them to play with strikebreakers; the teams are telling them it's OK.

In St. Petersburg, pitchers and catchers for the St. Louis Cardinals were to report today, but will not dress. Seattle's camp is open for returning major leaguers, but none were expected to show up. Other teams will open camps between today and Monday.

Using replacement players is the latest tactical move by management in the six-month strike. Some contend the owners are hoping to coax some striking players into crossing the picket line — a move that would damage the players' union's bargaining power when negotiations continue.

How good the players will be is anybody's guess.

"We're going to bring in the best players we can. We're

hopeful that the caliber will be good enough. We don't know exactly what it is because it's new territory, but we are going to have baseball," New York general manager Gene Michael said.

A sneak preview of the replacements was available Wednesday.

At the Yankees' camp, a hodgepodge of replacement players, minor leaguers and non-roster invitees milled about the locker room, many of them asking more questions than they answered.

The team held an orientation session in the morning, and players then underwent physicals, received uniforms and got a feel for the spring training complex.

The Yankees issued a roster with 27 players' names, but the team made no differentiation between the 14 minor leaguers

who are going about business as usual and the 13 replacements and non-roster invitees.

"We told them our policy, and I hope you get this correct, that they are not replacement players until April 3. We're not calling them major leaguers. We're not calling them minor leaguers. We're calling it Yankees' spring training, and if they make the team they'll become major leaguers and play the games," Michael said.

When the baseball strike began Aug. 12, the 763 players who were on major league rosters stopped working. Since then, the Players' Association has asked all players on 40-man rosters (major leaguers and top minor league prospects) to stay out of camp. That has pushed the total of potential strikers to nearly 1,100.

In addition, the union has asked minor leaguers to boycott

games involving replacements.

The message didn't reach some of the players who showed up a day early.

"I was expecting maybe a couple other guys from my Triple-A staff to be here and they're not, so it's making me think that maybe I'm doing something wrong," said right-hander Mike Carper, 28, who pitched at Class AAA Columbus last season.

Mike deJean, 24, pitched in the Single-A and Double-A levels of the Yankees system last season. He vowed not to play in games with replacement players.

"I'll have no part of the games' or replacement things. It's not going to be major league baseball. They're just that — replacements — they're only here until the big guys get back. I'm just here to work out," he said.



White Deer's Willie Herring (23) had 12 points and 9 rebounds against Vega in the Bucks' district playoff win.

White Deer draws Hartley in boys' bi-district contest

WHITE DEER — The White Deer Bucks will meet the Hartley Tigers at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in a Class 1A bi-district game at the Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

Vega meets Texline before the White Deer-Hartley clash in another bi-district game at Caprock.

White Deer slipped by Vega, 61-60, in overtime Tuesday night in a playoff game at Highland Park to determined the No. 1 seed

out of District 2-1A. J.W. Lanham's inside basket on Willie Herring's assist with three seconds left in overtime won the game.

Justin Brown, a 5-9 junior, sparked White Deer with 20 points. He was five for 11 from 3-point range.

"Justin doesn't shoot very much, but they were leaving him open and he was hitting his shots," said Bucks' coach Tom Johnson. "The game was a real barnburner.

Everybody contributed for us."

Duane Coffey added 14 points and five steals for the Bucks. Herring had 12 points, Lanham 10, Torey Craig 4, and Kory Tice 1. Herring led the Bucks on the boards with 9 rebounds while Brown had 5.

The Bucks enter post-season play with a 23-7 record. Hartley has a 15-11 mark. The Tigers were runners-up to Texline in District 1-1A.

This is the Bucks' first trip to the playoffs in five years.

Miami girls go against Silverton

MIAMI — Miami meets Silverton at 6:30 Friday night in a Class 1A girls' bi-district game in the Clarendon College Fieldhouse in Clarendon.

Miami defeated McLean, 61-53, Tuesday night in a District 5-1A playoff game to determine the No. 1 seed.

Freshman Mindy McConnell came off the bench to score 19 points for the Warriorettes. Lindsay Gill chipped in 14 points.

"Mindy came in and did a super job for us and the rest of the cast did their part. We're tickled to death to get a win. We could play McLean 10 times and probably come away with a split. I have to give coach (Cherry) Eldredge and his girls a lot of credit," said Warriorettes' head coach Dwight Rice. "They played well against us."

Miami led by two (25-23) at halftime. Heather Hess led McLean in scoring with 27 points, followed by Shaley Stalls, 17.

"Heather Hess played well against us. We had a hard time trying to stop her," Rice added.

Miami's record is 11-16 for the season while McLean is 13-13.

Rice said he was proud of the way his squad responded this season after losing Nancy Gill, the lone returning starter. Gill, a 5-9 senior, was injured in a pre-season scrimmage.

Wake Forest logs big win

By The Associated Press

Think Wake Forest and you think Randolph Childress and Tim Duncan, one of the best outside-inside combinations in college basketball.

Coach Dave Odom doesn't look at his 14th-ranked Demon Deacons the same way, and he was proved right Wednesday night in a 63-54 victory over No. 7 Maryland. "That's been the story all year long," Odom said of Wake Forest's revolving hero success, which hasn't been all Childress and Duncan. "When we've had a big win like that, we've had guys who ... stepped forward."

"It's one of those things. You don't know going in who it's going to be. You just search and say, 'Well, it's him tonight.'"

The latest "him" is freshman Tony Rutland, who came up with a big second half as Wake Forest (16-5, 7-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) kept the Terrapins (19-5, 9-3) from taking over first place in the ACC.

Rutland was inserted as the Demon Deacons' point guard so Childress could roam on the perimeter.

"We started Tony in the second half because I wanted Randolph away from the press," Odom said. "I felt he was bothered by the press and thought Tony would be better able to handle the press."

Rutland responded by scoring all 14 of his points in the second half, 12 in a six-minute span where Wake Forest took a 53-41 lead with 8:41 to play.

"My role today was just to come off the bench, play point guard most of the time and have Randolph on the wing so he can rest his legs," said Rutland, who came in averaging 5.2 points per game. "They just kept dropping off on Randolph, and Randolph kept on finding me and I was knocking down the jumper."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was No. 8 Michigan State 68, Illinois 58; No. 10 Arkansas 86, No. 18 Alabama 80; No. 16 Virginia 64, Duke 58; No. 17 Stanford 83, California 70; No. 20 Georgia Tech 85, North Carolina A&T 81; No. 22 Oklahoma State 71, No. 21 Iowa State 69; Iowa 74, No. 24 Minnesota 70; and No. 25 Purdue 71, Penn State 51.

Maryland did close within 58-54 with 3:36 left, but the Terrapins didn't score again.

"The last 2 1/2 minutes of the game was anybody's game," Maryland guard Duane Simpkins said. "We got the ball a few times and we just didn't put the ball in the basket. We missed a couple of chip shots."

The loss kept Maryland from reaching the 20-win mark for the first time since 1984-85.

"We let them decide the tempo. We didn't play defense, we didn't execute on offense," said Maryland center Joe Smith, who had 17 points. "We played their game."

Childress was scoreless in the first half and finished with eight points on 2-for-8 shooting against Maryland's constant man-to-man pressure, while Duncan, saddled with foul trouble in the first half, had seven points on for 2-for-9 shooting and grabbed 11 rebounds.

No. 8 Michigan State 68, Illinois 58

Shawn Respert had eight 3-pointers among his 35 points as the Spartans (18-3, 10-2 Big Ten) held first place in the conference. Respert, the Big Ten's leading scorer, had 24 points in the second half in his sixth game this season with 30 or more points. Michigan State led by 17 at halftime and Illinois was able to get within nine points only once. Freshman Jerry Gee led the visiting Illini (16-8, 7-5) with 11 points.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
At A Glance
By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Orlando	38	11	776	—
New York	30	17	638	7
Boston	20	28	417	17 1/2
New Jersey	20	31	392	19
Miami	18	29	383	19
Philadelphia	14	35	286	24
Washington	12	35	255	25

Central Division

Charlotte	31	18	633	—
Cleveland	29	19	604	1 1/2
Indiana	28	20	583	2 1/2
Chicago	24	25	490	7
Atlanta	23	26	469	8
Milwaukee	19	30	398	12
Detroit	18	30	375	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Utah	35	14	714	—
San Antonio	31	15	674	2 1/2
Houston	30	17	638	4
Denver	20	27	426	14
Dallas	19	29	404	15
Minnesota	12	37	245	23

Pacific Division

Phoenix	39	10	796	—
Seattle	34	13	723	4
L.A. Lakers	30	18	652	7 1/2
Sacramento	28	20	585	11 1/2
Portland	25	22	532	13
Golden State	14	33	298	24
L.A. Clippers	8	41	163	31

Wednesday's Games*

Minnesota 101, Philadelphia 97
Cleveland 100, Orlando 99, OT
Indiana 114, Detroit 88
Chicago 107, Washington 92
Phoenix 120, Portland 113, OT
L.A. Lakers 102, Seattle 96
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Denver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

AUTO RACING
Daytona 500 Qualifying

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The lineup for Saturday's Goody's 300 NASCAR Busch Grand National stock car race at Daytona International Speedway, with residence, make of car and speed in mph:

1. Michael Waltrip, Davidson, N.C., Pontiac, 185.326.
2. Dale Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Ford, 185.303.
3. Jeff Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 185.136.
4. Mike McLaughlin, Waterloo, N.Y., Chevrolet, 185.082.
5. Jeff Purvis, Clarksville, Tenn., Chevrolet, 185.060.
6. Elton Sawyer, Greensboro, N.C., Ford, 184.445.
7. Derrick Cope, Huntersville, N.C., Ford, 184.294.
8. Jason Keller, Greenville, S.C., Chevrolet, 183.985.
9. Mike Wallace, Concord, N.C., Ford, 183.872.
10. Larry Pearson, Spartanburg, S.C., Chevrolet, 183.797.
11. Rodney Combs, Lost Creek, W.Va., Pontiac, 183.790.
12. Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Pontiac, 183.685.
13. Dennis Setzer, Newton, N.C., Ford, 183.430.
14. Joe Bessey, Scarborough, Maine, Chevrolet, 183.423.
15. Bobbitt 0324 — BC-CAR — Daytona Twin 25L 02-16 0774

Daytona Twin 125s Lineup

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The lineup for Thursday's Daytona Twin 125-mile qualifying race which will determine positions 3-30 for Sunday's Daytona 500, with residence, make of car and speed in mph:

First Race

1. Dale Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Ford

Thunderbird, 193.494.
2. Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 193.349.
3. Terry Labonte, Archdale, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 193.872.
4. Michael Waltrip, Davidson, N.C., Pontiac Grand Prix, 192.52.
5. Darrell Waltrip, Franklin, Tenn., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 191.947.
6. Kyle Petty, High Point, N.C., Pontiac Grand Prix, 191.755.
7. Davy Jones, Atlanta, Ford Thunderbird, 191.546.
8. Rusty Wallace, Charlotte, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 191.388.
9. Jeff Purvis, Clarksville, Tenn., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 191.156.
10. Ken Schrader, Concord, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 190.994.
11. Steve Grissom, Liberty, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 190.589.
12. Mike Wallace, Concord, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 190.335.
13. Dick Trickle, Iron Station, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 190.335.
14. Dave Marcis, Avery's Creek, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 190.078.
15. Bobby Hill Jr., Harnsburg, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 189.966.
16. Ritchie Petty, Randleman, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 189.805.
17. Geoff Bodine, Julian, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 189.310.
18. Jeremy Mayfield, Goodlettsville, Tenn., Ford Thunderbird, 188.953.
19. Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Pontiac Grand Prix, 188.450.
20. Kenny Wallace, Concord, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 187.891.
21. Steve Kinser, Bloomington, Ind., Ford Thunderbird, 187.688.
22. Shawn Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa, Ford Thunderbird, 187.453.
23. Kerry Teague, Concord, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 186.994.
24. Gary Bradberry, Chelsea, Ala., Ford Thunderbird, 186.699.
25. Ken Boward, Fitchburg, Mass., Ford Thunderbird, 179.608.
26. Joe Nemechok, Mooresville, N.C., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 189.422.
27. Ward Burton, Scotsburg, Va., Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 186.612.
28. Joe Ruttman, Franklin, Tenn., Ford Thunderbird, 187.359.
29. Brett Bodine, Harrisburg, N.C., Ford Thunderbird, 186.792.
30. Doug Haveron, Liverpool, N.Y., Ford Thunderbird, 183.490.
31. Delms Cowart, Savannah, Ga., Ford Thunderbird, 181.375.
32. Bob Strai, Moksens, Ill., Ford Thunderbird, no speed.

Leading human rights advocate arrested by Palestinian police

By DONNA ABU-NASR
Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)— The knock on the door, in the middle of the night, came for Raji Sourani just two days after he criticized PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Sourani, a human rights activist, said he was asleep in his villa at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday when the plainclothes policeman arrived and told him to come to the city jail. "It's an order from the leadership," the officer said, according to Sourani's wife Amal.

On Monday, Sourani had publicly denounced Arafat for ordering the establishment of special military courts that will try Islamic militant opponents of PLO rule.

The incident raised new questions about how the PLO chief deals with dissent and came amid fresh reports of beatings and humiliation of detainees in Gaza's police lockups.

Over the weekend, the New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report that Arafat's government often acted in a "repressive fashion." It complained of arbitrary arrests, jailhouse beatings and the lack of due process.

Palestinian officials acknowledged Wednesday that there have been some transgressions by the security

forces but denied there was a policy of systematic abuse. "No one is more concerned about safeguarding Palestinian human rights than we are," the chief Palestinian prosecutor, Khaled Kidreh, told The Associated Press.

"Human rights organizations should deal with us as a sovereign, democratic state and not as our custodians," Arafat has been under growing pressure from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to arrest and try Islamic militants involved in a rash of deadly attacks on Israelis. Rabin told Arafat last week that he would not negotiate a troop withdrawal from the West Bank until he complied.

Israel has complained that previous arrest sweeps in which security forces rounded up scores of militants were ineffective because detainees were usually released after a few days.

The sweeps have created an atmosphere of paranoia and tension in Gaza.

This is compounded by a growing number of secret service agents who belong to eight different agencies created by Arafat. The agents lack a clear mandate and often cause resentment because of what many Gazans perceive as a high-handed attitude.

Recently, a reporter saw a secret service agent spit at a taxi driver in Gaza City. The agent cursed the driver

because he didn't make way quickly enough for the speeding secret service van.

Many Palestinian hesitate to file complaints against the security forces, fearing retribution.

Nassar Fallett, a teacher in the town of Deir Balah, recalled an incident two months ago when he was driving a car he had just bought that day. He was stopped by seven policemen at gunpoint who forced him to get out and hand over the keys.

Fallett, 47, said he has tried to see Arafat six times to get his car back, but was roughly turned away from the PLO chief's headquarters. He said his lawyer refused to take the case to court for fear of reprisals.

"There are no laws to protect us," Fallett said. "All the officers I went to for help sided with vice and injustice."

As a last resort, Fallett took out space in a newspaper pleading with Arafat to help him get back the car.

There have also been reports of beatings and humiliation in police lockups.

Dressmaker Hind Hathat, 39, said she was detained in November and told by police that her brother Allam had confessed in detention that she was a collaborator and prostitute.

When she pleaded with the warden at the Gaza City jail to have a doctor examine her to prove she was a vir-

gin and thus lessen the charges, none was provided.

Instead, a female officer did the examination herself, pronounced her a "whore" and beat her, Miss Hathat said.

Miss Hathat and her brother were released after 30 days and no charges were filed. Five days after getting out of jail, her brother was found strangled. His killers have not been found.

Sourani, the human rights activist, was released Wednesday evening. The 41-year-old lawyer said he was questioned by Kidreh about a report in which his Gaza Center for Rights and Law criticized the new military courts and warned they would undermine the independence of the judiciary.

Sourani said he was treated well during his 16 hours in detention.

Earlier Wednesday, Kidreh had complained that Sourani was inciting against Arafat's government. "Are we Jews that he would incite people against us? He wants to provoke a revolution," Kidreh said.

Sourani monitored human rights abuses under Israeli occupation and defended Palestinian security detainees. He is a recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Human Rights and his center is an affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva.

Court upholds sentence for 'condom rapist'

AUSTIN (AP)— The 40-year sentence of a man convicted of raping a woman who asked him to wear a condom was upheld Wednesday by an appeals court.

Attorneys for Joel Rene Valdez wanted a new trial for the so-called "condom rapist," alleging jury misconduct in his trial in May 1993.

After losing at the Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals, they said they will take the case to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Valdez was found guilty of repeatedly raping an Austin woman at knife-point after she asked him to wear a condom. Valdez testified that he agreed to wear the condom and that the woman's request meant she wanted to have sex.

The woman tearfully testified that her request was a desperate attempt to protect herself from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The case gained national attention when a grand jury initially declined to indict Valdez. That sparked community outrage and protests from women's groups.

Valdez's attorney, Malcolm Nettles, said the attention the case received may have affected the 3rd Court of Appeals' ruling.

"I think they searched for a result to uphold the conviction, at least in part, based on the notoriety of the case," he said.

Valdez's appeal was based on the comments of two jurors, who said after the trial they wanted to give him a lighter sentence but were manipulated by the jury foreman.

Nettles argued that the jury foreman, Terry Glenn Morris, was giving incorrect legal advice to other jurors on how parole would affect the length of Valdez's sentence.

Jurors Sharyle Solis and Petra Padilla alleged in sworn statements that Morris unduly influenced them by saying that Valdez would serve only seven years before becoming eligible for parole due to time off for good behavior.

State law requires that Valdez serve 10 years before becoming eligible for parole, Nettles said.

The appeals court said attorneys for Valdez needed to show that Morris professed to know the law and then misstated it, causing the jurors to rely upon his statement in changing their vote for a harsher punishment.

The trial court had rejected Valdez's argument based on the testimony of two other jurors who testified that they didn't perceive Morris's statements to be asserted as fact.



Morgan Freeman, left, and Tim Robbins appear in a scene in the Castle Rock film *The Shawshank Redemption*. Freeman has been nominated for best actor and the film has been nominated for best picture in the Academy Awards race.

Oscars go for 'art' movies this year

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Oscar nominations of 1994 reflect an unusual trend: The voters seemed to aim toward putting the Art back in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

They passed up heavily promoted, big-ticket items like *True Lies*, *Interview With the Vampire*, *Legends of the Fall* and *Speed*, giving those films only nine minor nominations total.

Instead, the members searched out films that received minimal exposure: *The Madness of King George*, *Red*, *Tom and Viv* and *Blue Sky*. The first three were restricted to art houses; *Blue Sky* was in and out of theaters fast.

The big winner was no surprise, though: *Forrest Gump* dominated the nominations for the 67th Academy Awards, collecting 13 — the most since 1968's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

Quiz Show, *The Shawshank Redemption* and *Pulp Fiction* also were nominated for best picture. And the electorate seems to have discovered a sense of humor after years of slighting comedy makers: The delightful *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was nominated for both best picture and screenplay.

Oscar statuettes will be presented

March 27 at the Shrine Auditorium in a ceremony hosted by David Letterman.

Other observations: — The Documentary Committee stunned observers by failing to nominate *Hoop Dreams*, the five-year project that followed two inner-city basketball players through high school and into college. Some critics chose *Hoop Dreams* in their lists of the 10 best films of 1994.

"The sad thing is this has been going on for a long time and it never changes," said director Peter Gilbert, citing other acclaimed documentaries that have been denied a nomination: *Roger & Me*, *The Thin Blue Line* and *Brother's Keeper*.

— Disney had hoped that its biggest hit, *The Lion King*, would repeat the feat of *Beauty and the Beast* and win a nomination as best picture. But the voters decided to stick to live actors. *The Lion King* did collect three nominations for best song and one for original score.

— The distinction between lead and supporting performers remains muddy. John Travolta was named as best actor for *Pulp Fiction* and Samuel L. Jackson as supporting actor, yet their parts seemed equal. Jackson had decided to be considered in the supporting category. Actually, Bruce Willis had the best role in the movie, but he was overlooked.

— A movie industry in Macedonia? Maybe so. *Before the Rain* won the small country's first nomination as foreign language picture. Also, a first for Cuba: *Strawberry and Chocolate*, a surprising, frank depiction of life under Fidel Castro, with homosexuality as a theme.

— The Foreign Language Committee aroused a small controversy by disqualifying the Swiss entry *Red*, claiming it wasn't Swiss enough in origin.

But voters were not dissuaded from honoring the last of Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy that included *Blue and White*. They nominated him as director and co-writer, and nominated Piotr Sobocinski for cinematography.

"I am all the more glad for the fact that it is extremely difficult for a non-American film to get a nomination, not to mention the award," said Kieslowski.

— Will Tom Hanks be penalized because he won as best actor last year for *Philadelphia*? If not, he will join a small club of back-to-back acting winners: Luise Rainer, *The Great Ziegfeld*, 1936-37; Spencer Tracy, *Captains Courageous*, *Boys Town*, 1937-38; Katharine Hepburn, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *The Lion in Winter*, 1967-68; and Jason Robards, *All the President's Men*, *Julia*, (1976-77).

Oscar nominees

By The Associated Press

This year's Academy Award nominees:

1. PICTURE: *Forrest Gump*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Quiz Show*, *The Shawshank Redemption*.

2. ACTOR: Morgan Freeman, *The Shawshank Redemption*; Tom Hanks, *Forrest Gump*; Nigel Hawthorne, *The Madness of King George*; Paul Newman, *Nobody's Fool*; John Travolta, *Pulp Fiction*.

3. ACTRESS: Jodie Foster, *Nell*; Jessica Lange, *Blue Sky*; Miranda Richardson, *Tom & Viv*; Winona Ryder, *Little Women*; Susan Sarandon, *The Client*.

4. SUPPORTING ACTOR: Samuel L. Jackson, *Pulp Fiction*; Martin Landau, *Ed Wood*; Chazz Palminteri, *Bullets Over Broadway*; Paul Scofield, *Quiz Show*; Gary Sinise, *Forrest Gump*.

5. SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Rosemary Harris, *Tom & Viv*; Helen Mirren, *The Madness of King George*; Uma Thurman, *Pulp Fiction*; Jennifer Tilly, *Bullets Over Broadway*; Dianne Wiest, *Bullets Over Broadway*.

6. DIRECTOR: Woody Allen, *Bullets Over Broadway*; Robert Zemeckis, *Forrest Gump*; Quentin Tarantino, *Pulp Fiction*; Robert Redford, *Quiz Show*; Krzysztof Kieslowski, *Red*.

7. ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY: Woody Allen and Douglas McGrath, *Bullets Over Broadway*; Richard Curtis, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*; Frances Walsh and Peter Jackson, *Heavenly Creatures*; Quentin Tarantino and Roger Avary, *Pulp Fiction*; Krzysztof Kieslowski and Krzysztof Kieslowski, *Red*.

8. ADAPTED SCREENPLAY: Eric Roth, *Forrest Gump*; Alan Bennett, *The Madness of King George*; Robert Benton, *Nobody's Fool*; Paul Attanasio, *Quiz Show*; Frank Darabont, *The Shawshank Redemption*.

9. FOREIGN FILM: *Before the Rain*, Macedonia; *Burnt by the Sun*, Russia; *Eat Drink Man Woman*, Taiwan; *Farinelli: Il Castrato*, Belgium; *Strawberry and Chocolate*, Cuba.

10. ART DIRECTION: *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Forrest Gump*,

Interview with the Vampire, *Legends of the Fall*, *The Madness of King George*.

11. CINEMATOGRAPHY: *Forrest Gump*, *Legends of the Fall*, *Red*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Wyatt Earp*.

12. COSTUME DESIGN: *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*; *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Little Women*, *Maverick*, *Queen Margot*.

13. DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*, *D-Day Remembered*, *Freedom on My Mind*, *A Great Day in Harlem*, *Maya Lin: A Strong Vision*.

14. DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT: *Blues Highway*, *89MM OD Europe* (89MM From Europe), *School of the Americas Assassins*, *Straight From the Heart*, *A Time for Justice*.

15. FILM EDITING: *Forrest Gump*, *Hoop Dreams*, *Pulp Fiction*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Speed*.

16. MAKEUP: *Ed Wood*, *Forrest Gump*, *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*.

17. MUSIC ORIGINAL SCORE: Alan Silvestri, *Forrest Gump*; Elliot Goldenthal, *Interview with the Vampire*; Hans Zimmer, *The Lion King*; Thomas Newman, *Little Women*; Thomas Newman, *The Shawshank Redemption*.

18. MUSIC ORIGINAL SONG: "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" *The Lion King*; "Circle of Life," *The Lion King*; "Hakuna Matata," *The Lion King*; "Look What Love Has Done," *Junior*; "Make Up Your Mind," *The Paper*.

19. ANIMATED SHORT FILM: *The Big Story*, *Bob's Birthday*, *The Janitor*, *The Monk and the Fish*, *Triangle*.

20. LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM: *Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life*, *Kangaroo Court*, *On Hope*, *Syrup*, *Trevor*.

21. SOUND: *Clear and Present Danger*, *Forrest Gump*, *Legends of the Fall*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Speed*.

22. SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: *Clear and Present Danger*, *Forrest Gump*, *Speed*.

23. VISUAL EFFECTS: *Forrest Gump*, *The Mask*, *True Lies*.

Gov. Bush to participate in writing of state budget

AUSTIN (AP)— Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he is taking lawmakers up on their offer to let his aides sit in on legislative budget-writing sessions, rather than submitting his own spending plan.

As work on a \$77.7 billion budget continues, Bush again applauded legislative leaders for promising not to raise taxes.

The governor, who took office a month ago, told lawmakers his spending priorities include more state money to public schools, more money for juvenile detention facilities and limiting how many new employees state agencies may hire. "I appreciate this unprecedented opportunity to have direct daily input with legislative finance committees as they craft the state's next budget," Bush said.

Bush said the approach "will provide an opportunity for my position to be voiced on the budget priorities" and "give me a greater understanding of legislative decisions on various funding issues."

The governor said three aides — fiscal policy chief Mike Weiss, budget director Albert Hawkins and budget adviser Jim Oliver — immediately would sit in with the Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee as those panels continue budget work.

Bush said he decided on this approach rather than proposing his

own spending plan because lawmakers already were deeply involved in budget-drafting when he took office Jan. 17.

"The process had got pretty far down the road by the time I got sworn in," Bush said. "I want my budget team to be taken seriously."

Previous governors generally have submitted their own spending plans to lawmakers. Bush declined to say whether he thinks those budgets got serious legislative attention, but added, "I want to be a budget player."

In a letter to legislators, Bush said his key campaign promises — decontrolling schools, toughening juvenile crime laws and reforming welfare — dictate his spending priorities.

"First, we must begin now to steadily increase the state's share of funding for our public schools," Bush wrote.

State funds make up about 45 percent of the \$16.5 billion spent annually on schools. Local property taxes make up much of the rest.

Bush said he wanted money to build more facilities to house juvenile criminals, convert some prison beds now set aside for adults, and spend money on community-based detention and intervention programs.

Those steps, he said, "will help us keep violent juveniles off the streets and give juveniles who can demonstrate actual rehabilitation the opportunity for a second chance."

January inflation up 0.3 percent, production booming

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— Increases for everything from airline fares to postage stamps sent prices rising in January with the underlying inflation rate climbing at the fastest pace in more than two years. Wall Street reacted by pushing stock prices to an all-time high.

The government also reported Wednesday that America's factories, mines and utilities operated at 85.5 percent of capacity last month — highest in more than 15 years.

While both reports would normally raise inflation concerns, investors viewed the January price spike as an aberration and not the signal of rising inflationary pressures. Investors also took encouragement from a slowdown in industrial output shown in the factory report.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 27.92 points to close at an all-time high of 3,986.17, beating the old mark set on Jan. 31, 1994. Wall Street read the latest figures as further evidence that the string of Federal Reserve interest rate increases may be drawing to a close.

The big rally came on a day when the Labor Department reported that the Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent in January, its biggest increase in five months, and the so-called core rate of inflation jumped 0.4 percent, its biggest spike since October 1992.

Economists, however, blamed the increases on an unfortunate combination of one-time price increases and not a signal that inflation was getting out of control.

While they still looked for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates one more time, possibly in May, many analysts predicted that could be the last tightening move as the Fed's previous seven rate increases begin to slow economic growth to a more sustainable pace.

"On balance what we are seeing is that the U.S. economy is slowing down and inflation remains in check," said Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

While the capacity utilization rate was up, the 0.1 percentage point increase was much smaller than the gains in previous months. Industrial output, which had risen 1 percent in both November and December, advanced only 0.3 percent in January.

In its report, the Federal Reserve noted that factory output "slowed noticeably" in January, with the slowdown widespread across a number of industries from paper to autos.

These comments helped to fuel a perception among investors that the central bank, which has boosted short-term interest rates seven times over the past 12 months, is about ready to declare victory.

In Honolulu, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told a banking conference that while the evidence was still mixed, a number of reports

suggest the economy is slowing from its torrid pace in late 1994.

Such a slowdown, Greenspan said, "would be welcome. A moderation is necessary if we are to avoid an intensification of inflation pressures that ultimately would threaten the expansion."

Despite last year's strong growth, consumer prices rose just 2.7 percent for all of 1994, the third straight year inflation has come in under 3 percent, a fact that Greenspan noted in his speech.

He said given the tendency of the CPI to overstate inflation, such a performance meant the Fed had "gotten close to achieving effective price stability, though we're not there yet."

The 0.3 percent rise in the overall CPI in January followed a string of modest gains of 0.2 percent in December and 0.1 percent in October and November.

While energy prices climbed 0.3 percent in January, led by a 0.4 percent jump in gasoline prices, food costs were actually down 0.2 percent, reflecting falling prices for fruit and vegetables.

The core rate of inflation — which excludes the volatile food and energy sectors — jumped 0.4 percent, compared to a tiny 0.1 percent rise in December.

This advance was led by a 10.3 percent increase in postage costs as the price of a first-class stamp went from 29 cents to 32 cents. Air fares, which had fallen by 10.8 percent in the last four months of 1994, climbed 2.2 percent in January.

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Simpson's alibi witness goes home to El Salvador

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of O.J. Simpson's most important alibi witnesses has fled the country.

The defense told the judge Wednesday that a maid who lived next door to Simpson apparently has gone home to El Salvador, perhaps for good, to escape harassment from the media and others.

Rosa Lopez had told defense attorneys that she saw Simpson's Bronco in the street outside his estate at the time of the killings. She also said she heard loud voices at his estate long after he left for Chicago.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said he may ask the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador to help contact Lopez. The defense said that if she doesn't return to the United States, attorneys from both sides will have to fly to El Salvador to take videotaped testimony.

"We've got to find her," defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said outside court. "If she left the country, we're going where she is. She is important."

Another potential defense witness, Mary Anne

Gerhas, who says she saw four men fleeing the area of the killings, has been arrested twice recently on fraud charges.

The disappearing witness revelation came as prosecutors unveiled yet another piece of potentially damaging forensic evidence: DNA tests showing Simpson's blood on a gate at the crime scene.

The defense said the blood was collected nearly three weeks after the killings and is unreliable.

The gate is in an alley behind Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium, where she and Ronald Goldman were killed June 12. Prosecutors already have said drops of Simpson's blood were found on a walkway at the condo. Prosecutors contend Simpson cut his finger during the slayings and dripped blood as he fled through the gate.

Defense lawyers have said that Simpson could have cut himself and left blood at his ex-wife's condo while visiting his children long before the slayings.

Hoping to demolish defense claims that police planted blood to frame Simpson, prosecutors won approval Wednesday to retest blood from his home and the crime

scene for traces of a laboratory preservative.

Prosecutors contend that if police planted blood that had been drawn from Simpson or Ms. Simpson's corpse, it would have contained a commonly used lab preservative called EDTA.

If tests find no EDTA, the police will be exonerated, prosecutor Rockne Harmon said during a hearing held with the jury out of the courtroom.

The FBI will conduct the tests Monday on the blood on the alley gate, a bloody sock found in Simpson's bedroom, blood from the black dress Ms. Simpson was wearing when she was killed, and other swatches of her blood.

Legal analysts said the testing for EDTA may be unprecedented and ultimately less than definitive. Harmon, in fact, acknowledged that EDTA is also present in laundry detergent and many foods, and might be on Simpson's sock.

"My reaction is I'm not sure this testing will show much of anything," said Michael Pasano, a Miami defense attorney and former federal prosecutor. "EDTA is in a zillion things, from what I understand. Unfortunately, it may confuse the jury, may

sound like more than it is."

After the hearing, testimony resumed and the defense continued to push its contention that police bungled the investigation and mishandled evidence.

Sgt. David Rossi, who was worked over Tuesday by defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, returned to the stand and insisted he was careful not to obliterate any other evidence. "I didn't jeopardize the crime scene by walking on it," he said.

Later, Detective Ron Phillips explained how police went to Simpson's estate without a warrant the morning after the murders and scaled a wall to get on his property, about two miles from the murder scene.

Phillips said he and three other detectives wanted to keep Simpson away from the bloody crime scene and take him to the police station to pick up his children.

"I was going to offer Mr. Simpson my services, my police vehicle, until he got some support and his children back to him," Phillips said.

The defense has contended police went to the Simpson estate only to nab a big-name suspect, and that they illegally entered his estate.



(AP photo/Avalanche-Journal, Jim Watkins)

Volunteer emergency medical technicians, from left, Larry Lyde, Jesse Nave and Gary Collins check ambulance supplies in Petersburg.

Rural emergency crews often find that trauma can hit close to home

By CATHY FRYE
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK (AP) — The eerie wail of an ambulance siren often carries ominous messages to those who hear it.

But in rural West Texas towns, where everyone knows everyone, that shrill sound of alarm takes on an entirely different meaning, especially for those who drive the emergency vehicles.

"We're always dealing with people we know," said Jim Walters, an Olton paramedic.

Sometimes emergency medical technicians arrive at a wreck only to discover that family members have been involved. Or maybe the farmer who lives next door has injured himself while operating machinery. Then again, it could be the local pastor, who has suffered a heart attack.

"In a big city, the person you treat — well, odds are you'll never see him again. But in a small town, it's always someone you know, and sometimes it's a relative," Petersburg EMT Larry Lyde explained.

In fact, it's not uncommon for residents of rural towns to stop EMS volunteers on the sidewalk and casually mention: "By the way, I just found out that I'm allergic to penicillin, so I want you to remember that the next time you pick me up," said Paul McIntosh, a Floydada paramedic.

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Walters agreed, saying: "Our ambulance service is more or less the medical field in the rural area. We're what the people depend on."

Small-town residents also rely on their EMS volunteers to get them to hospitals — usually in a bigger city —

as quickly as possible. In a large city, this can be done in minutes. But when the person in need of medical help lives on a farm that is at least an hour away from the nearest hospital, it means that EMTs must be able to administer emergency care for longer periods of time.

And in farming towns where unpaid volunteers are responsible for operating the ambulance service, it's not always possible to track down the necessary number of EMTs.

Take Petersburg, for example, where four men — who all have full-time jobs and families — operate the city's emergency medical service with one ambulance. Sometimes, only one or two EMTs arrive at the scene, which means local residents must be called in order to find someone to drive the ambulance, said City Manager Jesse Nave, who also is a paramedic. The four volunteers carry pagers, and when emergencies occur, the Hale County Sheriff's Office contacts them. Problem is, in some rural areas, the pagers don't always pick up the sheriff's signals, said Rex McLaurin, another Petersburg paramedic.

But when they do work correctly, there's absolutely no telling what the four volunteers will be doing at the time, they said. Mechanic Gary Collins is known at Lubbock hospitals for his greasy hands and clothes, he admitted ruefully. And Nave once left an unfinished cement project to harden when he rushed off to answer a call.

But the current setup is a huge improvement over the older methods, Nave said. Several years ago, Petersburg residents in need of medical attention were placed on a cot and driven to the hospital in a Suburban, he explained. That was before the money was raised to buy an ambulance. But even now,

Petersburg volunteers must sometimes call on neighboring towns for help if more than one emergency arises during a given time period, Nave added.

This arrangement is common in small towns, Walters said, adding that Olton often provides ambulance services for cities such as Earth and Hart. Olton has 54 volunteers — the younger ones answer calls while senior citizens serve as dispatchers in their homes.

This city has two ambulances, as well as a four-wheel-drive vehicle, which is needed for out-of-the-way areas during bad weather. If a quicker response is needed, rural volunteers depend on Aerocare, a medical helicopter service.

"The helicopter is very very vital to rural areas," he said. "Our nearest emergency medical facility is 30 miles away in Plainview."

But for many rural ambulance services, the biggest problem faced is a lack of money, volunteers from all three towns said.

Petersburg collects about 35 percent of what it bills. Olton collects 40 percent, Floydada 35. Medicaid often will not pay because ambulances must sometimes bypass the closest rural hospital when EMTs realize that only Lubbock facilities can adequately meet certain patients' needs, Walters said.

"Medicaid is not familiar with the distances that West Texas has to deal with," he explained.

For example, Floydada's ambulance service is the only one equipped with advanced life support in 990 square miles, McIntosh said. Out of 243 runs in the past year, 144 went to the nearest hospital, which is in Lockney. The rest went to Lubbock, or sometimes Plainview, he said.

Is threat a real dispute or a bargaining chip?

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's threat to scrap a nuclear accord with Washington rather than accept nuclear reactors from South Korea may not be the all-or-nothing stance it seems, officials and analysts said today.

The North's declared willingness to let South Korea "provide some subsidiary facilities and ordinary construction" may leave an opening for the use of a U.S. or European company as an intermediary.

Japan's *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* newspaper reported today that San Francisco-based Bechtel Group Inc., Westinghouse Electric Corp. of Pittsburgh and other firms already have applied for the position.

Jeung Young-tai, an analyst at the Research Institute for National Unification, a South Korean government think tank, said that concept might work.

"In case North Korea should accept South Korean reactors, they would

demand that the South Korean label be taken off," he said. "They also might want Russia and Germany to play major roles along with South Korea so that the reactors could no longer be called of a South Korean type."

Under the Oct. 21 accord, the North agreed to dismantle its nuclear power program, suspected of also developing bombs. In exchange, it is to receive improved ties with Washington, two modern reactors that produce far less weapons-grade plutonium, and fuel oil to burn for power in the meantime.

Although not specified in the agreement, U.S. officials say it was made clear during negotiations that the reactors would come from South Korea — the only country willing to foot most of the \$4 billion cost.

In Washington, State Department acting spokeswoman Christine Shelly suggested North Korea's threat on Wednesday to walk away

from the deal may be a bargaining position in preparation for the resumption of talks in March.

She said the statement was not inconsistent with others the North Koreans have made.

"Our position still is the South Korean model represents the only viable option," Shelly said. "The North Koreans know that."

The South Korean Foreign Ministry today called the North Korean statement "nothing more than a routine negotiating tactic of brinkmanship."

Jeung said the North is trying to take advantage of Western worries.

"North Korea believes that if it sticks to brinkmanship diplomacy, it can extract more concessions from the United States," Jeung said.

"North Korea leaders know the weak point of the United States and South Korea — that they do not want this nuclear deal scuttled, that they do not want to engage in confrontation with the North again."

U.S. and Mexico agree to beef up border officers

EL PASO (AP) — More law enforcement officers will be added along the 2,000-mile, U.S.-Mexico border to crack down on crime and violence, representatives of the two countries have announced.

The two nations agreed to "expand the scope of the two countries' law-enforcement efforts directed against crime and violence along the border," according to an eight-page joint communique issued Wednesday night after a meeting of the Working Group on Migration and Consular Affairs.

"These actions by Mexico represent significant progress in our efforts to ensure a border that is safe and functional," said U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner in a prepared statement. Ms. Meissner headed the U.S. delegation at the two-day meeting, set up to discuss immigration issues, in the central Mexican state of Zacatecas.

The non-binding communique promises a variety of stepped-up efforts by both countries.

While the United States didn't specify any additional security measures, President Clinton's proposed budget calls for adding 700 U.S. Border Patrol agents along the border, as well additional customs and immigration inspectors.

Mexico agreed to expand Grupo Beta, an elite border force that protects undocumented immigrants from bandits and gang members in the Mexican cities of Tijuana and Nogales.

Both nations pledged to deploy "sufficient personnel and equipment" to deter port-runners, motorists who speed through inspection stations at international crossings without stopping.

U.S. officials promised to streamline the process for obtaining a border crossing card, long a source of complaints by Mexican border residents who believe

the complex, time-consuming process encourages many people to attempt to enter the United States illegally.

Obtaining a card allows Mexican border residents to enter the United States for up to three days to shop or visit relatives. The communique says the government may relax the current restriction that lets card holders travel only 25 miles into the U.S. interior.

Mexico promised to create Grupo Beta units in two other border cities, but won't name the locations until this spring. Officials in Juarez expect they'll get a unit and aren't pleased.

"The mayor does not want the group in Juarez," Jaime Torres, spokesman for the city of Juarez, is quoted as saying in today's editions of the *El Paso Times*. "They are not needed on this border because there's little violence in the area. It's not the same as in Tijuana, where there is a lot of crime on both sides of the border."

New speed limit on rural highways proposed

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A North Texas lawmaker has introduced a resolution that would ask Congress to increase the speed limit to 65 mph on rural Texas highways.

Rep. Charles Fennell, D-Holliday, filed the resolution this week and asked other lawmakers for support. The measure was sent to the state House Transportation Committee Wednesday for consideration.

In the resolution, Fennell says that the change would be good for rural Texans who suffer under the 55 mph speed limit because they must drive long distances for work, shopping, medical care and other necessities.

"Higher speed limits are essential for promoting rapid ground travel in rural areas of Texas, many of which are not served by rail, air or any other mode of transportation," the resolution reads.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said the DPS will not take sides on the issue.

"Enforcement-wise, we would abide by whatever the Legislature passes," Cox told *The Corpus Christi Caller-Times* on Wednesday.

"Historically, data shows that the faster a vehicle is traveling, the more likely the occupants are to be killed in a collision," Cox added.

"But that is a law of physics, not a law of man."

In 1991 Congress established a 65 mph speed limit on rural sections of interstate highways.

"That doesn't do a lot of good for people in my 12-plus counties," Fennell said, "where there is not one inch of interstate highway."

"We've got the best highways in the nation, and they were built to accommodate speeds in excess of 55 mph," he said. "I feel the demographics of Northwest Texas and South Texas and West Texas certainly cause an urgent need for change in speed limits."

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