



Church, Reagan win in Nebraska

By DAVE GOLDBERG Associated Press Writer

Ronald Reagan has scored another key triumph in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination...

and Ford for eight with 41 per cent. of the vote in West Virginia...

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, of Washington, who was backed by Gov. Ella Grasso and many party leaders...

This confirms my support is not a Wallace vote," he said. "Nebraska is a legitimate test in the Republican party."

Reagan's campaign manager, John Sears, said the Nebraska triumph had given the challenger's campaign a boost...

and said the President must win in his home state of Michigan next week to "prove he's viable."

his victory a miracle and predicted it would carry him to victories in upcoming primaries...



Jeff Doughten and Bill Surface walked into The News office Tuesday, a bit tired but still spirited, with a load of trophies...

It's that winning spirit that George Emerson, head of the music department at West Texas State University...

A spirit of humble pride seems to flow through the room, made possible by another who was interested and supportive of Pampa, as Emerson praised the parents, students and teachers.

The latest issue of Newsweek magazine features a picture of President Ford kissing — or being kissed by a Texas miss from Tyler Junior College.

When he came to the Pampa student, she stepped out of line to give him a kiss, the other Bells liked the idea and followed suit.

Some of the work should be done this month, according to city manager Mack Wofford. But he doesn't think the rest will be finished before September.

The park, expected to cost \$4,000 for materials, will be fenced on two sides and will include landscaping, a fountain and benches.



Awards highlight choir banquet. Irene Haesle and Andy Lee got a standing ovation from the audience at the annual choir banquet Tuesday evening...

Haesle, Lee receive top awards from choir

By JANE P. MARSHALL Pampa News Staff

Irene Haesle and Andy Lee, senior members of the Pampa High School concert choir, were given the Hugh Sanders Achievement Awards at the choir banquet Tuesday evening.

Director John Woicikowski selected the two because they represented the attitudes and abilities typified by the choir. They received plaques and their names were engraved on a permanent award at the high school.

Another surprise award went to Woicikowski and his choir from the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Boyd Taylor presented a plaque which read: "To the Pampa High School concert choir on a great year of achievement. You have brought honor to your school, your city and yourself. You are truly number one."

Dick Stowers announced new officers of the choir booster club. They are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coffee, president; Mr. and Mrs. Foster Whaley, first vice president; Norma McMullan, second vice president...

New choir officers, announced by Tammy Long and Debbie Lehnick are: Frank Stowers, president; David Fraser, vice president; Leigh Barrett, secretary; Sara Riehart, historian; and Reba Vaughn, librarian.

Don Lane was master of ceremonies for the annual event in M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. Keith Waterbury gave the invocation. Miss Haesle presented the scrapbook.

Woicikowski reviewed the years activities and honors for the high school choirs. He and assistant director Louise Richardson presented choir pictures to the seniors.

They are: Adam Akst, Cindy Allen, Randy Armstrong, Ronnie Boyd, Kelley Cogdell, Karl Collier, Stacy Douglass, Irene Haesle, John Hollar, Jamie Hood, Rodger Hoskins, Nancy Kelley, Deborah Kyle, Lady Laycock, Andy Lee.

Debbie Lehnick, Sharon Lockhart, Tammy Long, Scott Malone, Dickey McGahan, Cheryl McGahey, Patrick O'Connor, Mindy Park, Brenda Parrish, Gary Sanders, Michele Savage, Robin Scarborough, Selena Scoggins.

Mary Sidwell, Vondel Simmons, David Skoog, Scott Smith, Becky Snell, Carol Tarpley, Margaret Thompson and Keith Waterbury.

Other members of the concert choir were recognized. They are: Don Baker, Leigh Barrett, Debbie Cochran, Keith Coffee, Debbie Cook, Bill Dingus, David Fraser.

Doyle Gee, Norman Goad, Kim Harris, Elbert Hensley, Barry Hickey, Amanda Lane, Robin Lee, Amy McMullan, Regina Orr, Sara Riehart, Roady Spoonemore, Frank Stowers, Becky Thurman, Reba Vaughn and Frankie Watt.

Breazeale, Linda Busse, Locke Carter, Brent Crossman, Mike Daniel, Toni Daniels, Gary Dumas.

Doug Eubanks, Mary Gantz, Deann Gray, Frances Hair, Barry Hedrick, Anne Henderson, Sharon Hendrick, Debbie Hulce.

Stefan Hunnicutt, Melody Jabben, Dana Kent, Sherry Kimbrell, Keith Mackey, Jana Marlar, Sherill McKinney, Molly Mitchell, Sharon Moultrie, Steve Nichols, Lyn Quarles, Molly Richards, Terry Simmons, Martha Skoog.

Kirk Smith, Stacy Smith, Fran Steel, Bill Sulawick, Jana Swope, Julie Watson, Gail Wilkins and Sherie Willoughby.

Also honored were members of the sophomore girl's choir: Patti Baker, Traci Balcom, Ann Carmichael, Linda Cathy, Kim Chittenden, Carla Cogdell, Carrie Comer, Susan Cory, Kathy Cudney, Deanna Davis, Katrina Dickey, Debbie Eggleston, Lynn Esson, Rhonda Faith.

Bonnie Feese, Vonda Fellers, Lynn Ferguson, Cheryl Fleming, Jacque Gilbert, Kaye Hair, Nan Hammons, Susan Johnson, Kim Kotara, Maggie Lemons, Molly Lewis, Connie Maness, Teresa McCabe, Rhonda McKay, Susan Michael, Cheryl Miser, Kathryn Morgan, Teri Prentice, Melody Scarborough, Kim Sims, Brenda Smith, Janet Smith, Kim Smith, Carol Sparkman.

Army denies inspectors took bribes on meat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army officials today denied they knew military meat inspectors at two New England packing houses were receiving payoffs and said they were shocked by the disclosures and that steps are being taken to prevent it from happening again.

Ret. Brig. Gen. Charles Elia, who until recently headed the Army veterinary corps which is in charge of military food inspections, said: "I was deeply shocked at some of the revelations" made earlier this week before a Senate government operations subcommittee probing a multimillion-dollar military meat fraud.

"I am a veterinarian. I do not feel that I am a food inspector," said Flom, who added that he had protested his assignment to his military supervisors, but to no avail.

Flom said that morale was low among the 20 inspectors and other personnel in the Boston unit and that the office was understaffed. But he conceded that some officers there found time to play golf during working hours and that many of the servicemen assigned there spent hours playing cards.

He said he was "shocked and saddened" when he heard news accounts alleging that inspectors under him had admitted receiving gifts from a firm they were charged with inspecting. Flom denied that he himself had received any gratuities from meat packing houses.

Witnesses also told the Senate panel that the G. & G. Packing Co. of Boston and Blue Ribbon Frozen Foods of Hamden, Conn., were using ungraded and inferior cuts of beef to fill Army orders for choice steaks and roasts for the military forces. The Army was then billed for higher priced cuts, witnesses said.

IRS has good, bad news

WASHINGTON (AP) — First the bad news: The IRS is looking for a couple million Americans. Now the good news: The IRS wants to give them some money. The Internal Revenue Service says more than two million Americans might be eligible for a cash windfall from the government, but haven't applied for the money under a special tax credit available to taxpayers who earned less than \$8,000 in 1975.

The IRS had expected up to three million people to qualify for payments of up to \$400 but the service said its figures show that only about one-tenth of that number, or 300,000 individuals, have filed a tax form to receive the money. A total of \$1.5 billion was set aside to pay to those claiming the credit.

The windfall is called the earned income credit and under the provisions of this new tax break individuals could receive income tax refund checks from IRS even if they paid no 1975 federal taxes. Or the credit could be used to reduce any taxes owed.

To receive the credit, an individual must file an income tax return. "It does surprise us how few people are taking advantage of the credit," an IRS spokesman said. The IRS is trying to find potentially qualified taxpayers who haven't claimed the credit. The tax collectors said that by this year's filing deadline the agency had sent form notices to 1.8 million people advising them they might have been eligible to reduce their tax bill by using the credit.

The reasons for the low response rate aren't clear yet, but analysts in the Treasury Department and on Capitol Hill suspect the newness of the credit, a unique wrinkle in the U.S. tax law, is one factor. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer must have earned \$8,000 or less in 1975 and have at least one dependent child. If married, a joint return must be filed. The credit applies only to wages, salaries and other earned income and not, for example, to interest on savings accounts. The credit amounts to 10 per cent of earned income up to \$4,000 minus 10 per cent of earned income between \$4,000 and \$8,000.

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House gives state more funds



New general foreman

Minor Scott Langford of 1932 Wells was recently promoted to general foreman of Southwestern Public Service in Pampa, according to Melvin Kunkel, SPS district manager. Langford, a native of Stanton, graduated from Pampa High School, served two years in the U.S. Army and was employed by Southern California Edison before joining SPS in 1958. In 1961, he was nominated for outstanding trainee and in 1963 he was promoted to working foreman. He is a committee member of the Boy Scouts and is a deacon of the First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Catherine, have three sons.

By BILL CHOYKE
Pampa News' Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House May 5 increased federal funding limits for Texas outdoor recreational lands, including the Big Thicket National Preserve in East Texas.

The bill, approved overwhelmingly, doesn't automatically increase funding, though. House and Senate must still determine each year how much money they want to appropriate for recreation lands, up to the new limits.

Texas and 13 other populous states would benefit most from the bill, which alters the funding formula of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Under the House bill, which is similar to legislation passed by the Senate, 36 other states would receive less money than provided under the current formula.

According to congressional estimates, Texas could get \$2.9 million more money over a three-

year period ending in Fiscal Year 1980 under the new formula. If the current program is fully funded, the state would receive approximately \$44 million over the three years.

The House bill favors the larger states by providing for appropriated funds in excess of \$240 million to be divided according to need. Generally, it is agreed that states with more people have a greater need for recreational land.

The 84,550-acre Big Thicket National Preserve, a string of forests in East Texas, has generated the most attention to date among Texas projects. Against the advice of his budget advisors, President Ford included \$9.3 million for the preserve in his budget for FY 1977.

But, pointing to continued timber cutting and development in the preserve area, supporters of Big Thicket maintain that

twice that amount of money is needed quickly to stem the destruction. In establishing the national preserve in 1974, Congress authorized that \$63.7 million be spent on purchasing land in the preserve by 1980.

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the federal government gives states and local governmental units matching grants for land acquisition. The fund is the sole

source for purchase of land by the National Park System and a partial source of money for several other federal agencies.

Museum to screen film

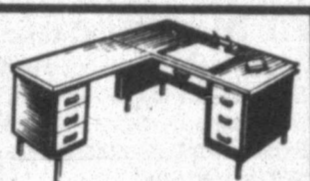
The Square House Museum in Panhandle will screen the film "God's Drum" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the War Memorial Building in Panhandle.

Te Ate, a Chickasaw Indian from Oklahoma, will offer glimpses of American Indian culture and folklore in the film.

She will be the featured speaker for the annual Museum Days in Panhandle in September and it is hoped that the film will acquaint area residents with her.

Cub scouts tour News

Eleven Den 1 Cub Scouts from Pack 418 toured The Pampa News recently. The scouts are from Baker Elementary School. They were accompanied by Marge Hulsey, den mother, and Brenda Hulsey, assistant den mother.



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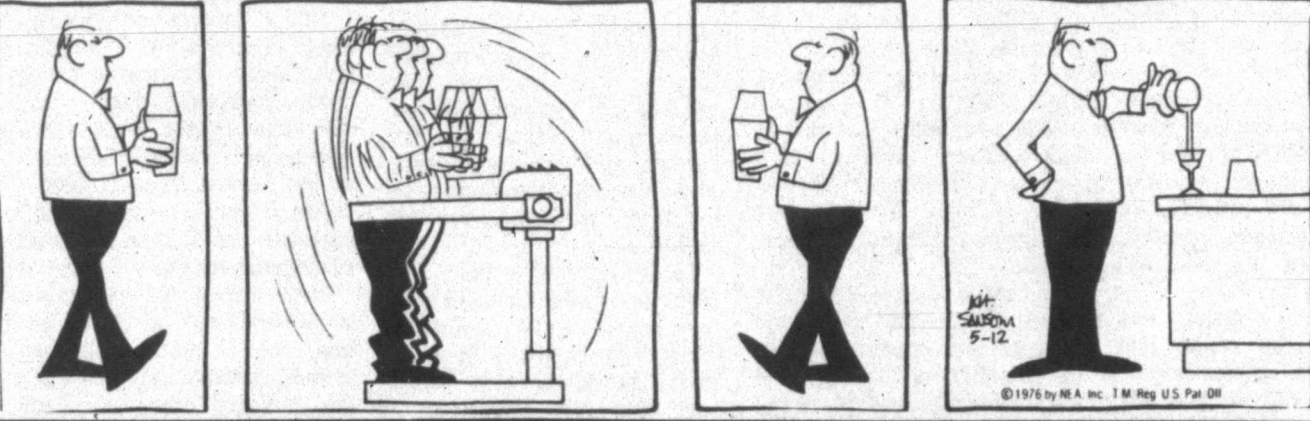
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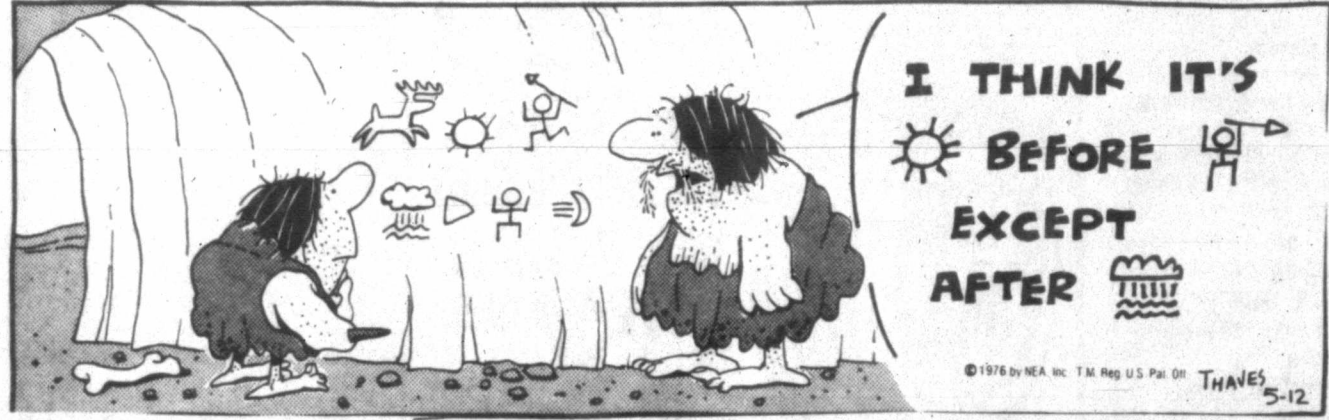
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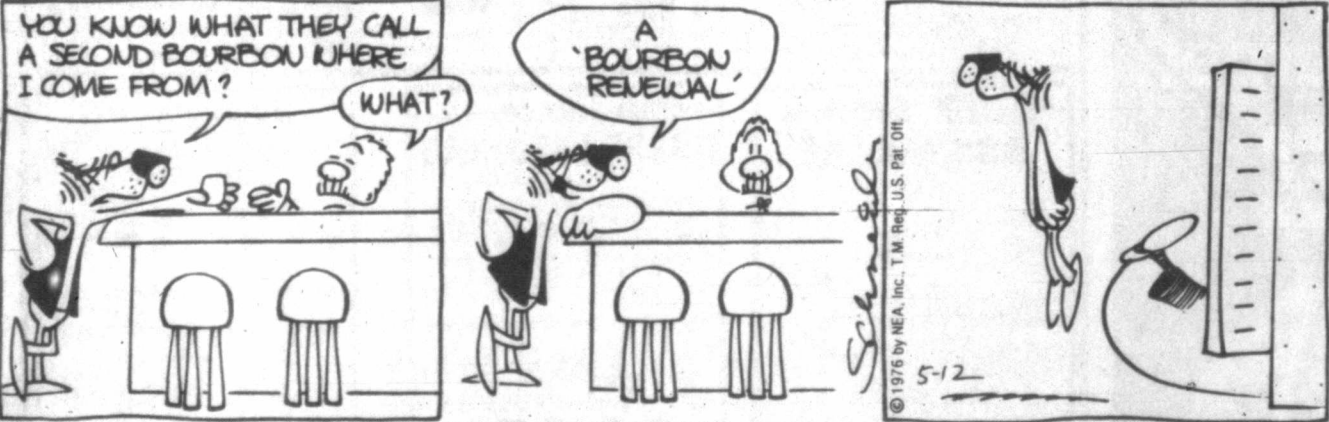
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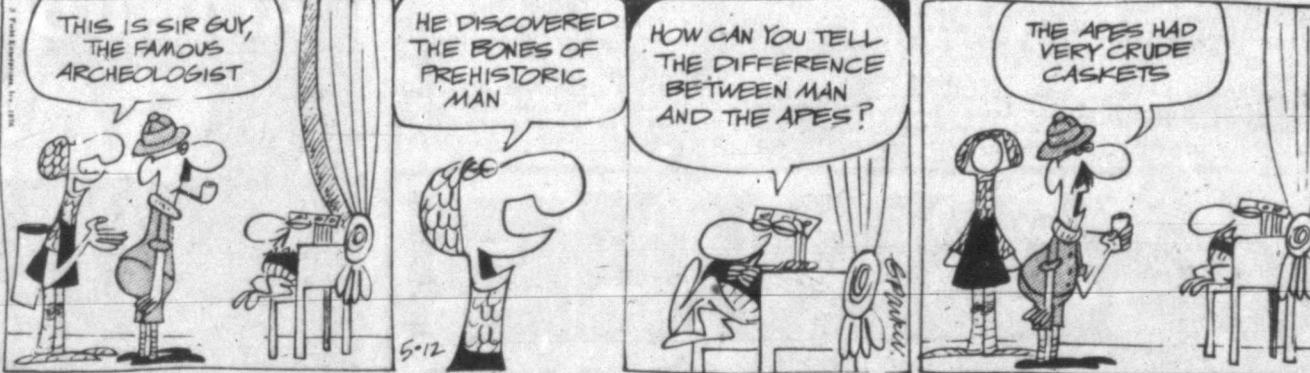
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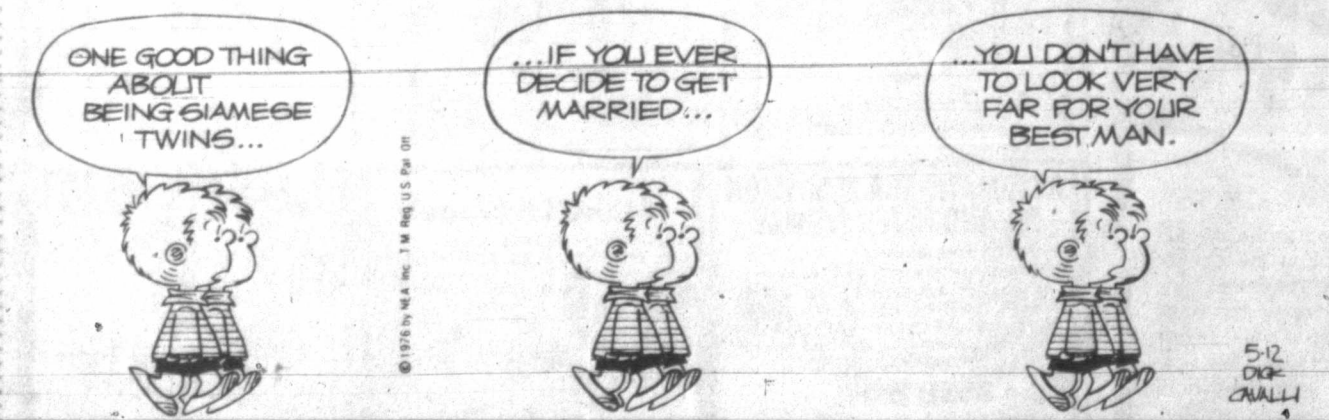
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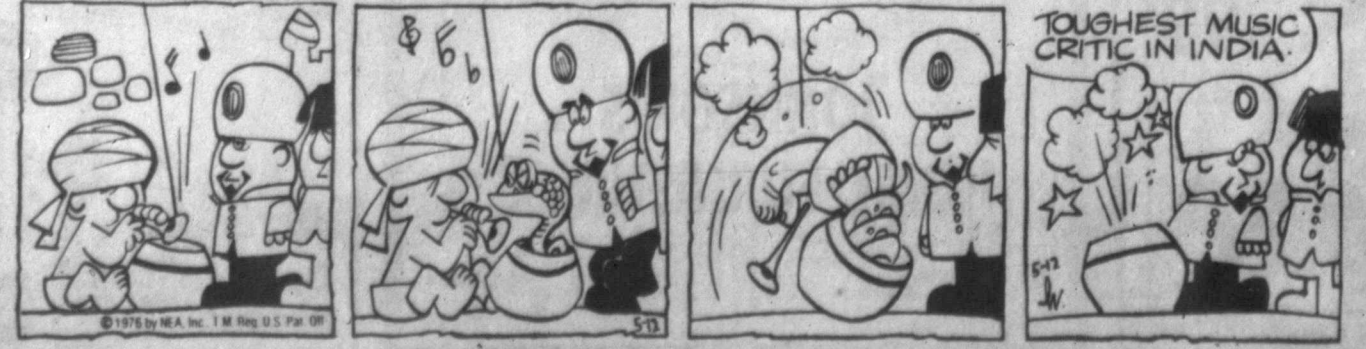


PEANUTS



SHORT RIBS

by Frank Hill



MARMADUKE

BY Brad Anderson



"A chocolate soda with FOUR straws"

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Nuggets battle into contention

DENVER (AP) — When they needed it most, the Denver Nuggets rediscovered the formula that had produced such successful results during the regular season.

With balanced scoring, a fast-break offense, pressing defense and a patented third-quarter blitz, the Nuggets fought back into contention in the American Basketball Association championship series, beating the New York Nets 118-110 Tuesday night.

The victory trimmed the Nets' advantage in the best-of-seven series to 3-2. Game Six is scheduled for Thursday night at Uniondale, N.Y. A seventh game, if necessary, would be played in Denver Sunday.

A number of Denver players, including rookie David Thompson, were convinced that a seventh game would, indeed, be required.

"I think we have a great chance of winning the next game," said Thompson, who scored nine of Denver's 42 points in the big third quarter. "If we



Watching action

Scotty Langley, above, didn't play against One Bull Tuesday but that didn't stop him from intently watching the action on the field which included teammate Mike Killgo, left, scoring a run in Gate Valve's 21-11

loss in American League baseball play. In the other American League contest, 100,000 Auto Parts edged Family Pharmacy, 4-3. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Play the Red enters Pimlico

BALTIMORE (AP) — In the week before the Kentucky Derby, Johnny Campo was touting anyone within earshot — and it's not easy to miss the talkative trainer — to watch out for his Play the Red.

But after Bold Forbes upset Honest Pleasure in the Derby, the colorful Campo uttered some profanity when someone asked if eighth-place Play the Red would be headed for the Preakness.

Now, a little over a week later, Campo has done yet another about-face, and Play the Red is scheduled to be one of six entries in Saturday's \$150,000-added Preakness at Pimlico Race Course.

Campo changed his mind and decided to give his colt the unenviable task of chasing Bold Forbes and Honest Pleasure over the 1 3/16 miles of the Preakness after Play the Red worked a mile at Belmont in 1:40.

Sports calendar

WEDNESDAY
SOFTBALL — Sign up deadline for Pampa & Industrial League; contest 7 p.m.
YOUTH CENTER — Open, beginners swim lessons, 4 p.m.; intermediate swim lessons, 5 p.m.; Dolphin workout, 6 p.m.; all ages swim, 7:30 p.m.; close, 10 p.m.
THURSDAY
OPTIMIST BASEBALL — Babe Ruth League: Popo vs. Ideal, 4 p.m.; Cree vs. Grant, 4 p.m.; National League: Duncan vs. Moose, 4 p.m.; Fairbree vs. Cabot, 4 p.m.; American League: Gibson vs. Citizens Bank, 4 p.m.; Rotary vs. Cameron, 4 p.m.
YOUTH CENTER — Open, beginners swim lessons, 4 p.m.; intermediate swim lessons, 5 p.m.; Dolphin workout, 6 p.m.; First Baptist vs. First Baptist, 6 p.m.; Malcolin Hinkle vs. Dyer's Barbecue, 6:30 p.m.; Pampa Independents vs. DeWitt mixed, 7 p.m.; all ages swim, 7:30 p.m.; Calvary vs. Citizens Bank, 8 p.m.; First Baptist vs. Medley men, 8:30 p.m.; close, 10 p.m.
FRIDAY
GOLF — Third junior high district round, Hereford.
OPTIMIST BASEBALL — Babe Ruth League: Ford vs. Hardware, 4 p.m.; Lion vs. Bank, 4 p.m.; National League: Gio Valve vs. Dixie, 4 p.m.; Celanese vs. OCAW, 4 p.m.; American League: 100,000 Parts vs. Gate Valve, 4 p.m.; Family Pharmacy vs. One Bull, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL — Pampa Men's Industrial City Softball Tournament, Lions Club Park.
YOUTH CENTER — Open, beginners swim lessons, 4 p.m.; intermediate swim lessons, 5 p.m.; Dolphin workout, 6 p.m.; gym open, 6 p.m.; all ages swim, 7:30 p.m.; close, 10 p.m.
SATURDAY
TRACK — Boys state meet, Austin.
SOFTBALL — Pampa Men's Industrial City Softball Tournament, Lions Club Park.
YOUTH CENTER — Open, all ages swim, trampoline, 1 p.m.; close, 3 p.m.; Calico Capers Square Dance, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY
SOFTBALL — Pampa Men's Industrial City Softball Tournament, Lions Club Park.
TRACK — Boys state meet, Austin.
YOUTH CENTER — Open, all ages swim, trampoline, 1 p.m.; close, 3 p.m.

Harvester MVPs named

Most Valuable Players on Pampa High's spring sports teams were announced today, according to Ed Lehnick, athletic director.

The following were named MVPs:

Ted Brown in swimming, Curtis Henry in boys tennis, Deanna Davis in girls tennis, Paul Sloan in boys track, Cindy Young in girls track, Mark Adair in baseball, Wiley McIntire in boys golf, Teresa McCabe in girls golf and Wanza Jernigan in girls volleyball.

The sports will honor the athletes in individual picnics.

NCAA gives penalties to West Texas, others

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Association lowered the probation boom on three institutions today—Midland Lutheran College of Nebraska, California Lutheran College and West Texas State University.

West Texas State was cited for violations of NCAA rules in recruiting of athletes. Midland Lutheran of Fremont, Neb., and California Lutheran of Thousand Oaks were slapped for taking part in uncertified post-season football games.

The NCAA announced the actions in detailed news releases that totaled 10 typewritten pages.

West Texas State was placed on a one-year probation with sanctions applying only to the basketball program. The basketball team is prohibited from taking part in any postseason competition following the 1976-77 season and from appearing on any NCAA-controlled television series during the period.

The NCAA said California Lutheran was put on probation for two years and that the school's football team will be prohibited from taking part in post-season football action following the 1976 season.

Midland Lutheran, "shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of one year effective April 26, 1976," the announcement said.

"During this period of probation, the College's intercollegiate football team shall end its season with the playing of its last, regularly scheduled inseason game, and it shall not be permitted to participate in any postseason football competition."

Buffaloes not allowed to play in post season

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The probation announced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association today against West Texas State University will keep the school from taking part in post-season basketball competition next year.

In addition, the Missouri Valley Conference school is limited to four new basketball scholarships for the next two years and the basketball team cannot appear on any NCAA-controlled television series during the 1976-77 season.

The statement released today by the NCAA headquarters also said the university's head basketball coach, an assistant and the athletic director were publicly reprimanded.

"The serious violations in this case related to the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete by a representative of the university's athletic interests," Arthur R. Reynolds, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, was quoted in the NCAA's news release.

Evans sweeps pigeon race

Robin Evans swept first and second place Saturday in the 300-mile Dallas to Pampa race in the weekly competition of the Top O' Texas Racing Pigeon Club.

Evans, with a dark check cock, won with an average speed of 1312.34 yards per minute and placed second with a blue check cock flying 1308.73.

Fourteen lofts from the Top O' Texas club entered 119 birds.

PIGEON RACE RESULTS
 Robin Evans, dark check cock, 1312.34
 Keith Evans, blue bar with left hen, 1282.43
 Robin Evans, blue check cock, 1282.19
 Robin Evans, red check cock, 1282.05
 Russell Wilkinson, splash hen, 1284.25
 A. J. Tipton, blue bar cock, 1272.72
 Russell Wilkinson, red check cock, 1270.58
 A. J. Tipton, dark check hen, 1270.00
 R. W. McPhillips, blue bar cock, 1268.18
 Joanne Reece, dark check cock, 1260.37
 R. W. McPhillips, blue check cock, 1252.14

Pampa Optimist baseball results

American League
 ONE BULL 353 44-21
 GATE VALVE 111 35-11

WP Charles Wuest
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Note: Brad Knutson doubled for Cameron Iron Monday.

Almost perfect Cavs stun Boston in finals

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland's young Cavaliers, back on their game of sparse mistakes, are confident they can pull even with Boston's veteran Celtics Friday night in the National Basketball Association semifinals.

"We're known for a team that doesn't turn the ball over. When we do, we're in trouble," reflected Bill Fitch after his Cavaliers committed only seven mistakes in an 83-78 verdict over the Celtics Tuesday night.

It had been an entirely different story in Cleveland's opening two losses to Boston in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference finals. The Cavaliers erred 17 times in Game One, 24 in Game Two.

Fitch also lauded his team's fluid defense that contained Boston on a 34 per cent shooting night. "We stopped their break just as good as anybody has," he said.

Boston Coach Tom Heinsohn wasn't that impressed, grumbling. "We played high school offense. We didn't make them play."

run homer run and Pat Dobson

and Stan Thomas combined to pitch a five-hitter as Cleveland extended Boston's losing string. Dobson, 3-3, gave up three runs in the first inning before settling down. With one out, Denny Doyle reached first on an error by second baseman Duane Kuiper. Fred Lynn singled and Carlton Fisk followed with his second homer of the year.

Cleveland got back one run off Boston starter Ferguson Jenkins, 1-5, in the first inning. Buddy Bell walked with two out and Rico Carty doubled him home. Jenkins nursed the 3-1 lead until the seventh when Carty doubled. George Hendrick beat out an infield hit and with two out Ashby lined a drive into the right field stands.

Tigers 4, Yankees 3
 Gary Sutherland's two-run single with two out in the ninth inning capped a three-run rally that lifted Detroit over New York. Rusty Staub opened the ninth with a double and came around on an infield out and a sacrifice fly by Aurelio Rodriguez. Pinch-hitter Dan Meyer and Tom Verzyr singled and moved up on a wild pitch by Ed Figueroa, 2-2, who had allowed

only four hits until the ninth

Sutherland then bounced his game-winning hit up the middle.

Orioles 5, Brewers 2
 Ken Singleton doubled home two first-inning runs and Lee May slapped a two-run single in the third, sparking Baltimore over Milwaukee. Mike Cuelar, 1-2, who entered the game with an 11.20 ERA, checked the Brewers on two runs and five hits through the first six innings. Wayne Garland finished up for Baltimore with three hitless innings as the Brewers lost their third game in a row and fifth in six starts.

Sandies wreck Tascosa, 14-4

AMARILLO — Amarillo High clubbed Amarillo Tascosa pitcher for 15 hits to crush the Rebels, 14-4, in a playoff for the District 3-AAAA baseball championship Tuesday at the THS field.

Amarillo, which won its first baseball title in 17 years, will meet Lubbock High a 4-2 winner of Lubbock Monterey Tuesday in the 4-AAAA playoff, in a best-of-three series for the bi-district crown.

PTC to host doubles fete

The Pampa Tennis Club will hold a mixed doubles tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Pampa High School courts.

Entry fees are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and must be paid by Thursday. Bob and Betty Blake are tournament co-chairmen.



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'Natural gas prices level off'-Hinds

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Natural gas prices are leveling off as they approach those of heating oil, the board chairman of a Houston-based gas distribution company testified Tuesday.

That, said Jackson Hinds, board chairman of Entex, Inc., is the only solution he can imagine for the rising cost of natural gas and gas-generated electricity.

Hinds testified at a joint hearing of the House committees on ways and means, state affairs and natural resources, which are trying to determine whether there would be any point in a special legislative session this summer on utility costs.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has said he would call a special session only if the leadership of the two houses can agree on legislation that could reduce costs by at least 10 per cent and could pass.

"Do you have any solutions?" Rep. Joe Hanna, D-Breckenridge, asked Hinds.

"What I think is, gas is worth as much as oil on a BTU (heat producing) basis. I have seen gas prices level off as they reach the price of oil for the same amount of BTUs," Hinds said. He added that a product, such as gas, is worth what it brings on the open market and "the least interference with that mechanism, the better."

Hinds said the high price of

gas and electricity in the areas served by Lo-Vaca Gathering Co. result from the fact that every bit of gas provided by Lo-Vaca is "new gas" since the company had no reserves acquired in the past when gas was cheap.

"Ultimately, the Houston consumer is going to find he is paying the same kind of price as the Central Texas consumers," asked Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston.

"Ultimately, yes," Hinds said. Witnesses who advocated that the state limit what producers can charge for gas quickly ran into hostile questioning from some members of the panel.

Jim Boyle of the Texas Con-

sumer Association was the first to propose state regulation of gas prices.

"Who is making the big profits?" asked Rep. Tom Schieffer, D-Fort Worth.

"The (gas) producers are making the lion's share," Boyle replied.

Schieffer said federal price regulation had reduced the availability of gas—"It's a

commodity that is not there any more"

Doyle Hines, manager of the Guadalupe Valley Electric Co-operatives, Inc., also proposed temporary state price regulation through Sept. 1, 1980.

Heins suggested the average intrastate gas price of December 1975 plus 50 per cent

as a standard. This would yield an average price of about 94 cents, compared with the current price of nearly \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas sold on the intrastate market.

Rep. Joe Wyatt, D-Bloomington, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, suggested that price regulation

would violate a Texas constitutional prohibition against state interference with contracts.

Heins got a big hand from the audience when he replied, "What about our contract that was interfered with by the railroad commission?"

The commission decided

more than two years ago to let Lo-Vaca charge more than its contract rates for natural gas, passing its gas purchase costs on to consumers.

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BACK IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE with new strength after his big Texas win, Ronald Reagan sees the large number of Democratic crossovers as proof of his contention that his appeal cuts across party lines.

School finance hearing slated

Tom C. Massey announced today a public hearing of the Special House Committee on Alternatives to Public School Financing to be in Canyon at 9 a.m. May 24, in the Activity Center Ballroom of West Texas State University.

The hearing will be the

seventh in a series of meetings throughout the state being conducted by the Special Committee. Others have been held in Houston, Edinburg, Dallas, Nacogdoches, San Angelo; hearings are also planned for Haskell, May 13; San Antonio, June 4; and Austin, June 25.

The special committee was appointed by House Speaker Bill Clayton to look into revenue sources other than the tax on real property for funding public schools. The group is seeking recommendations from school personnel, tax assessors, collectors, city and county officials, and the general citizenry on this subject. The committee requests that written copies of testimony be provided if possible.

Rep. Massey is chairman of the Special Committee. Other

members are: Rep. Fred Agnich, Dallas; Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, Austin; Rep. Roy Blake, Nacogdoches; Rep. Frank Hartung, Houston; Rep. W.S. (Bill) Healy, Paducah; Rep. Dan Kubiak, Rockdale; Rep. Camm Lary, Jr., Burnet; Rep. Ruben Torres, Brownsville.

"When we started this study, Speaker Clayton told us this inquiry was 'one of the most important in recent legislative history,' and the response brought about by these public hearings indicates that many people agree with him," Massey said.

"The local share of school funding has been increasing, and the local share is dependent totally on the tax on real property. Education costs are higher, because of inflation, necessary salary increases, and

additional programs, so the pressure has really been on local districts to increase their ad valorem levies. This is putting a squeeze on our land owners, home owners, and businesses, who are shouldering the burden of education cost that should be shared by those possessing other forms of wealth," he added.

Four officers are graduated

The Regional Police Academy in Amarillo graduated four members of the Pampa Police Department over the weekend, according to Pampa Police Chief Richard Mills.

Officers Ken Minatree, Johnnie Fontenot and Lynn Brown each had averages in the 90s and Leroy Slater's average was 95.37, Mills said.

Sgt. Denman gets degree

Sgt. Roy Denman of the Pampa Police Department received an associate degree in law enforcement from Frank Phillips College during weekend commencement exercises.

Pampa Police Chief Richard Mills said Sgt. Denman is the seventh member of the Pampa Police Department to receive a college degree.

NBC captured Emmies

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC is mighty pleased today that its troops took home nine Emmy awards for daytime TV programs, compared to six for ABC and three for CBS. Okay, but it really isn't such a big honor.

Why? Well, six of NBC's Emmys came in the category of daytime drama specials. And all 12 contenders in that category were from an NBC series of specials called "First Ladies' Diaries."

Which is sort of like proposing Pulitzer prizes for different chapters of the same book.

James Luisi, an actor in one segment of "First Ladies' Diaries," got an Emmy. But this wasn't announced on the air by award-presenter Dinah Shore during CBS' live telecast of the Emmy awards show here Tuesday.

The reason: CBS says she failed to notice there were two names on the card when she announced the winner of the best actor award in the daytime drama specials category.

The other winner, whose name she did read, was Gerald Gordon, Emmyized for his acting work in a different segment of "First Ladies' Diaries."

No doubt Miss Shore, the

kindest of women, is mortified. But one doubts this would happen in the Oscar show. It's an indication of why the Emmys are to awards-giving what Cooney's Army was to efficient soldiering.

Public TV got barely a cheer in Tuesday's Emmy show, with only the Muppets of "Sesame Street" taking home a trophy.

In children's daytime programs, NBC's "Go" series got an Emmy, as did a Danny Kaye opera special and "Happy Anniversary, Charlie Brown" on CBS. "Grammar Rock" on ABC and the syndicated "Big Blue Marble" series.

Miss Shore's syndicated "Dinah" series took home three Emmys. She got one to add to her collection, her show got one and Glen Swanson, a director of the show, got one.

In the game show department, ABC's "The \$20,000 Pyramid" got two Emmys, one for the program, one for its direction by Mike Gargiulo. And Allen Ludden of ABC's "Pas-

sword" got an Emmy as best game show host.

In the soap opera category, Larry Haines of CBS' "Search for Tomorrow" and Helen Gallagher of "Ryan's Hope" on ABC each took home Emmys for acting. NBC's "Another World" was named the best soap opera.

As Emmy shows go, Tuesday's 1½-hour effort, held at Lincoln Center here, moved along briskly and relatively painlessly, even with 10 time-outs for a total of 37 commercials.

It was far superior to last

year's night-time Emmy show, an incredibly dull two-hour binge of awarding. I figured then that about 111 persons took home Emmys for their night-time program work, receiving them at the rate of about 1.08 Emmys per minute.

ABC has the evening Emmy duty this year. It has taken steps to streamline the awarding and offer more actual entertainment when it broadcasts the night-time Emmy ceremonies next Monday from Los Angeles.

If ABC accomplishes that feat, it should get, ah, an Emmy?

VODKA SALES

NEW YORK (UPI) — Shipments of vodka hit an all-time record last year, with a volume of more than 85 million gallons going to U.S. customers. Vodka continues to be the largest selling liquor of all types, according to a recent issue of the Wine and Spirits Marketing Bulletin which is published by the advertising department of U.S. News and World Report.

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