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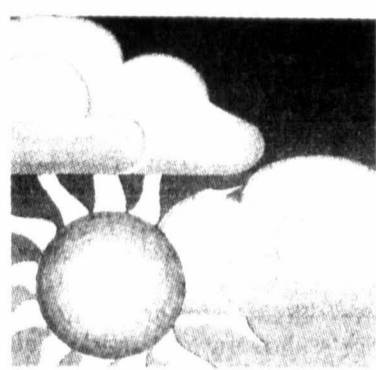
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details.

MAGIC CITY —
Circumstances surrounding
the Sunday death of a
Shamrock man are under
investigation as homicide,
according to District
Attorney John Mann.

Wesley Welch, 32, died
Sunday at Northwest Texas
Hospital in Amarillo of massive
head trauma suffered
when he either fell or was
thrown from a moving car
last week, Mann said.

"The district attorney's
office is investigating it as a
possible homicide," Mann
said today.

Potter County Justice of
the Peace Haven Dysart
ordered an autopsy, which
was performed Monday in
Lubbock.

A preliminary autopsy
report issued by Dr. Sparks
Veasey says Welch suffered a
massive skull fracture, Mann
said.

Further tests are planned
before the final ruling on
cause of death, Mann
explained.

The incident occurred
about 4 p.m. Thursday on a
dirt road about 10 miles north
of Interstate 40 on what is
known as Magic City Road.

Mann said he has received
conflicting versions of how
Welch was injured.

PAMPA — An early
Sunday burglary left Pizza
Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill, a veritable
mess.

Burglars left the restaurant
in shambles after throwing
food, trashing the juke box
and squirting fire extinguisher
foam over the premises.

"It looked like a food fight
to me," said Det. Bracie King,
who investigated the mess.

"The food had been uncovered
and had fire extinguisher
residue on it," she said.

Over \$200 cash and four
kegs of beer were stolen, a
video machine was damaged,
\$500 worth of food was
destroyed.

Total loss and damage
exceeds \$4,000, according to
police reports.

The burglars entered Pizza
Hut through a west side door
between 1:30 and 8 a.m.
Sunday.

PAMPA — Pampa Learning
Center and Bright
Beginnings Child Care Center
will host an open house
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday.

Student hosts and hostesses
will conduct tours,
answer questions and serve
refreshments for the open
house.

PLC, Pampa's alternative
high school, is located at 212
W. Cook. Bright Beginnings,
1011 N. Frost, serves as the
day care center for teen parents
in the Pampa school district.

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Lefors city councilmen review dog law, buy gas leak locator

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Too many dogs are wandering
the streets and alleys of Lefors,
City Marshal Rocky Stewart told
city council members Monday
night.

An ordinance currently on the
books requires that no dog be at
large, but so many of the wandering
animals are untagged, he
said, it is difficult to tell which
animals are pets and which are
strays.

Stewart suggested to the council
in his regular marshal's report
that they update animal ordinances
and require all residents to
have their pet tagged, as well
as inform them that their animals
should be penned or leashed.

The city provides free rabies
shots once a year for pets, and
Stewart suggested using that
occasion for tagging animals.

Stewart related stories of dog
fights and dogs threatening
humans, saying he has received
numerous complaints from residents
about the situation.

The council could take no
action on Stewart's suggestions
because they were not on the
agenda.

In action items, the council
split a vote to buy a gas leak locator
specifically required by Texas
Railroad Commission inspectors

after a visit in November.

Eleven violations of minimum
gas pipeline safety standards
were leveled against City
Superintendent Mark Kimbley
because of that inspection.

The RRC inspectors told
Kimbley the city needed a leak
locator and gave a deadline of
Jan. 26. Kimbley did apply for
and was granted an extension of
30 days to buy the locator.

He described a compact locator
with a flexible probe that
would allow for easier inspection
behind appliances. That
locator was priced at \$1,140.

Council members Jimmy
Hennon and Benny Watson
asked if Kimbley had searched
for a lower priced model and if
he had received any detailed
locator specifications from the
RRC. Kimbley indicated that he
had not done either.

Hennon expressed concern
that the council might spend a
great deal of money on a locator
that would not meet the RRC's
qualifications.

Following about 20 minutes of
discussion, council members J.C.
Callaway and Danny Gilbert
voted to buy the locator
described by Kimbley. Hennon
and Watson voted against the
motion, but Mayor Derl Boyd
broke the tie in favor of buying
the equipment.

Council member Velda
Chadwick was absent from the
meeting.

In other action, the council
voted to adopt a \$10 returned
check policy, tabled discussion
on hiring a new city attorney
until it could find a lawyer interested
in taking the job and voted
to apply for an unspecified
Panhandle Regional Planning
Commission grant.

The council members also
declared that no tree limbs,
leaves, cut grass, dead animals
or large appliances could be collected
by city garbage workers in
response to a number of questions
asked to City Secretary
Virginia Maples.

The council also said that barrel
liners provided by the city were
not to be used as garbage bags
and that any trash deposited in
the barrels should be bagged.

During Boyd's mayor's report,
the council tabled purchasing a
replacement door for the south
entrance to City Hall, despite the
fact the discussion was not listed
as an action item and no official
vote could be taken.

The council spent about 40
minutes discussing ways to
repair the city sewage plant, but
came to no decisions.

They also discussed employee
matters in a near hour-long executive
session.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Tanner Winkler hopes to make a trip to Wyoming for
national high school rodeo competition.

Pampa High School junior enjoys rodeo competition

Rodeo, specifically steer wrestling,
is on the mind of Pampa High
School junior Tanner Winkler.

Winkler competed in the Tri-
State Finals as a freshman, and
the International Youth Rodeo in
Shawnee, Okla., as a sophomore,
and has loftier goals for this year.

"Hopefully, I'll make it to
Wyoming," he said.

Wyoming is home to the high
school national competition — a
rodeo in which only the top two
competitors from each state are
eligible to compete.

Though he's grown up in a
rural atmosphere (his family
owns five horses and a number of
cattle), Winkler has only competed
in rodeo since eighth grade.

"I watched some guy bulldogging
and it looked interesting, so
I asked him to show me," he said.

After high school, Winkler
plans to continue rodeoing in

college, but he hasn't decided
yet where to go.

He said he hopes to major in
wildlife management and
become a game warden, mainly
because he enjoys the outdoors
and animals, he said.

Besides rodeo, Winkler lists
Future Farmers of America, varsity
football and varsity wrestling
as his major activities.

He was on the Pampa
Harvester football team that this
year advanced to the second
round of playoffs, something he
is obviously proud of. He listed
the football program as the best
thing about PHS on a questionnaire
distributed at the school.

He has been a member of the
varsity wrestling team since his
freshman year, as well.

Favorite subjects at school
include math, metal trades and
agriculture.

Jury rejects medical claim damages from auto accident

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A Gray County jury took just
40 minutes today to decide a
Fritch man would not have to
pay medical claim damages to a
Pampa woman who sued him
following a 1993 car wreck.

Misty Minyard, 22, sued
Clinton Johnson, 22, Fritch, to
recover medical expenses for
treating injuries to her back and
jaw which she said were caused
by a June 21, 1993 collision in the
800 block of West Francis.

Minyard said she was cruising
the drag on West Francis when
the collision occurred.

Testimony showed the pair col-
lided when Minyard turned left
from the westbound lane of
Francis to answer her friend's call
from the parking lot of Johnson's
Home Furnishings about 12:20
a.m. Pictures show Minyard's
gray Ford Tempo crumpled in
the rear driver's side door.

Johnson testified Minyard
passed his 1993 Chevrolet pick-
up on the right as he and another
vehicle drove side by side
westbound on Francis Street. He
said she passed them at about
the intersection of Purviance
and Francis then turned sudden-
ly to the left where he could not
avoid striking her car.

Minyard claims she passed —
albeit to the right — further east,

closer to Pampa Senior Citizens
Center, 500 W. Francis. She claims
no recollection of the collision.

"I just remember turning in
the parking lot," she testified.

Pampa Police Department
Officer Jimmy Lake told the
seven-man, five-woman jury he
did not file driving while intoxicated
charges against Minyard
because he did not feel they were
necessary. Lake said skid marks
were left by Johnson's pickup on
the West Francis roadway.

Minyard told the jury she has
worked periodically since the
accident and is now employed
as a baby sitter. Johnson is a
machinery operator.

Minyard had asked for com-
pensation for physical pain and
mental anguish, for past and
future medical expenses and for
physical impairment she may
experience in the future.

The jury was asked to decide
whether either party negligently
caused the occurrence, the percent-
age of responsibility of each party
and how much money would be
necessary to compensate Minyard
for her injuries if any.

The jury answered both parties
shared responsibility for causing
the accident, that Johnson was 20 percent
responsible and Minyard 80 percent
responsible. They said no money
was required to compensate
Minyard for her injuries.

Meals on Wheels garage sale



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Elsie Floyd and Lucille Merilatt, volunteers from the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority,
sort and put up clothes Monday afternoon for the Pampa Meals on Wheel garage
sale at the Pampa Mall. The garage sale, with proceeds benefiting Meals on
Wheels, will be held on Mondays from 2-5 p.m. at the south end of the mall through
the end of March. Those wanting to donate items for the sale may do so during the
hours of operation on Mondays.

Pampa votes to join water project

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Pampa city commissioners did
their part to turn on the taps in
Roberts County when they
unanimously voted to join a
multi-million dollar water pro-
ject to pump ground water from
the neighboring county for use
by 11 west Texas cities.

The purpose of the project is to
provide abundant, good tasting
water to members of the
Canadian River Municipal Water
Authority, of which Pampa is a
member.

The panel voted to authorize
the contract which will bind
Pampa to a 3.6 percent participa-
tion in the well field develop-
ment project expected to go
online in late 1999 or early 2000.

According to information from
CRMWA, the price for water
rights on 42,765 acres, which lie
primarily in Roberts County, is
\$14.5 million. Investigation and

consultant fees have added
another \$500,000 to the price, for
a total of \$15 million.

The initial well field is estimat-
ed to cost \$24,740,000 and the
construction cost of the new
aqueduct is estimated at
\$40,714,000. Both figures have
been updated to include estimat-
ed inflation over the two-year
period CRMWA has been wait-
ing to proceed with the project.
A possible 16-well expansion of
the field is expected to cost
another \$8,850,000 at 1996 prices.

The total estimated cost of
acquisition of the rights and con-
struction of the field is
\$89,306,000.

However, when costs for
financing are figured, the total
comes to \$102 million for entire
project.

Bonds are to be issued by
CRMWA in two parts — the first
part for the water rights and
phase one construction
(\$91,791,000) and later for the 16-

well expansion (\$10,209,000).

Debt service payments will
amortize the bonds over 20 years
with the final payments from a
reserve fund established at bond
issuance (part of the \$102 million).

Each bond issue includes
issuance costs, the final payment
on debt service and net proceeds
from the issue.

Pampa's portion, 3.6 percent of
the project, totals \$3.3 million.
Pampans will repay their portion
of the bonds through their
water bills.

CRMWA's general manager
John Williams told commissioners
Monday the agency is per-
mitted by Panhandle Ground
Water Conservation District No.
3 to add 16 wells not originally
considered in the \$76.5 million
price tag. The permit also
requires member cities to maxi-
mize usage of Lake Meredith
water and minimize use of the
Roberts County groundwater, he
said.

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Nation briefs

Boxer featured in 'Rocky V' tests positive for AIDS

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Boxer Tommy Morrison, who went from screen sparring partner to Sylvester Stallone in 'Rocky V' to the highest ranks as a real-life heavyweight, now faces his toughest bout of all: AIDS.

Morrison's promoter confirmed Monday that the 27-year-old fighter tested positive for the deadly virus just before he was to fight last weekend in Las Vegas.

"I understand that there are several people concerned about me. I am fine," Morrison said in a statement read by his promoter, Tony Holden. "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me."

Morrison, who was in seclusion at his home in northeastern Oklahoma, held out hope that more tests would prove the original test wrong, the promoter said.

"If it is true, I don't see us ever fighting again or ever wanting to," Holden said. "But right now we're not concerned about that."

Morrison has already discussed getting involved in AIDS awareness efforts.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's trial delayed by appeal

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian's trial on charges that he violated a ban on assisted suicide has been delayed until a court decides whether potential jurors can be asked about their opinions on the law.

The case was assigned to a three-judge appeals court on Monday, the same day Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper reversed a previous decision and told lawyers not to ask jurors about the now-expired state law or their religious beliefs.

She also told lawyers that neither side would be able to ask jurors to fill out a questionnaire.

Earlier this month, Cooper had approved a defense questionnaire containing questions such as, "Does your religion forbid suicide?" and "Do you tithe or contribute a portion of your income to your place of worship?"

Kevorkian's lawyer Geoffrey Fieger had argued that he had a right to know if potential jurors were biased by religious beliefs.

Prosecutors appealed Cooper's initial decision, arguing that the defense questions would invade jurors' privacy and bias jury selection against the prosecution.

Super Shoot-Out winners



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Winners in Saturday's Lamar Elementary Super Shooter Shoot-Out competition include: First row — Ashley Parker, Austin, third place, second/third grade girls; Jennie Rogers, Travis, first place, second/third grade girls; Payton Baird, Austin, second place, second/third grade girls; Heath Miller, Austin, consolation prize, second/third grade boys; Michael Crain, Wilson, third place, fourth/fifth grade boys; and Tyler Doughty, Austin, first place, second/third grade boys. Second row — Stefani Goldsmith, Travis, third place, fourth/fifth grade girls; Valerie Velez, Austin, second place, fourth/fifth grade girls; Sarah Porter, Austin, first place, fourth/fifth grade girls; Ryan Zemanek, Travis, second place, fourth/fifth grade boys; and Clarke Hale, Austin, first place, fourth/fifth grade boys. Not pictured are Jacob Stillwagon, Travis, second place, second/third grade boys, and Braydon Barker, Travis, third place, second/third grade boys.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Harvester Band member Heather Fernuik, Pampa High School junior, will be auditioning in San Antonio for All-State placement.

Harvester Band student to audition for All-State

High school junior Heather Fernuik will audition for placement in All-State band or orchestra after arriving at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio on Wednesday.

Fernuik advanced from area-level competition in January as second chair bassoon.

This is Fernuik's third year to be chosen as a member of All State organizations. As a freshman, she was a member of the All State Concert Band on baritone saxophone, and as a sophomore she was a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra on bassoon.

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Fernuik is the junior drum major of the Pride of Pampa marching band, and was a featured soloist with the band on baritone.

She also recently competed at solo/ensemble contest, scoring first division ratings on both a class 1 bassoon solo and a class 1 timpani solo.

The All State band and orchestra perform Saturday, at the close of the TMEA convention.

School administrators reinstate student who penned violent poem

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston has reinstated a doctoral candidate whose poem two years ago depicted the murders of five professors at the school by a disgruntled student resembling himself.

The university's history department two months ago dismissed Fabian Vaksman because he had not made sufficient progress toward his dissertation, the original work required for a doctorate.

However, school administrators restored Vaksman's academic standing last week against the history department's wishes, giving him a \$10,000 assistantship and two more years to finish his studies.

The new deadline gives Vaksman a total of nine years to finish his degree, four more than doctoral students typically are allowed.

"Our decision doesn't reflect any feelings about the history department or Vaksman," Art Vailas, vice provost for research and graduate studies, told the *Houston Chronicle*. "It has to do with the spirit of fairness and the performance of a contract that spells out exactly what's required."

tions they simply were working to ward off further lawsuits by the Soviet immigrant who has battled the school since arriving in 1982.

Vailas said the situation has calmed since 1993, when the student's poem caused the school to hire a private detective and station an armed police officer outside the history department.

The 50,000-word poem, titled "RRacist," depicts a student resembling Vaksman who shoots and kills five history professors modeled on ones he fought with at the university.

"He dropped the bag on the floor while pulling out the gun, and fired," read an excerpt. Other excerpts named the professors and graphically detailed their deaths. Vaksman said the poem was purely fictional.

The tome was penned in the 1 1/2 years after a 1992 state court order that reinstated Vaksman at the university, six years after he was first dismissed for not making enough progress. The judge agreed with Vaksman, a defender of apartheid, that he actually was kicked out because of his views.

Farmer admits swindling government

McALLEN (AP) — A farmer who received nearly \$30,000 from the federal government for a failed corn crop four years ago now admits that he sold some of the corn he had reported as a loss.

Robert Skloss admitted in federal court last week that he swindled the federal government out of crop insurance money by selling his corn under fake names.

"I don't know why I did it, but I did. I shouldn't have done it," said Skloss, who indicated that he plans to pay back the money.

Skloss is one of five large-scale farmers in Hidalgo and Starr counties who have been accused in the past two years of doctoring their harvest numbers to receive federal insurance and disaster payments. *The (McAllen) Monitor* reported Monday.

"It's pretty common," said J.J. Crowley, assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of

Inspector General in Temple. "There's a lot of money out there. When there's a lot of money, people take advantage of it."

In 1994, the federal government paid \$592 million in crop insurance nationwide. And while official figures are unavailable, agriculture officials estimate fraud can cost taxpayers as much as \$30 million a year.

Crop losses are common in the Rio Grande Valley because farm production often is plagued by drought, freezes, flooding and insects.

In 1991, the federal government paid \$9.2 million in disaster

losses to 908 farmers in Hidalgo County, according to the U.S. Farm Service Agency. The following year, \$7.8 million was paid out to 445 county farmers.

But officials noted that tighter controls and more on-site inspections have lowered insurance payments. In 1994, payments dropped to \$1.9 million to 440 farmers.

In previous years, farmers qualified for payments if they had been adversely affected by bad weather. They would be compensated for everything after a 35 percent loss of their crop up to a \$50,000 limit.

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Opinion

Charting our workforce's progress

One of the major issues of the 1996 campaign will be the decline in workers' incomes. The Jan. 22 issue of US News & World Report just ran a front-page article titled: "Is the American Worker Getting Shafted? The Assault on the Middle Class." Is all this true? Yes, but with qualifications.

The answer is provided on two graphs on page 51 of the magazine, charting "real median family income" and "real weekly earnings in manufacturing," both adjusted for inflation. The magazine should have placed these graphs on the front page. Instead, they are so small one almost needs a magnifying glass to read them.

But if one squints, the graphs clearly show that incomes dropped in the late 1970s, under the tax-increase, high-regulation "malaise" of Jimmy Carter. Incomes actually rose under Ronald Reagan's tax cuts in the 1980s. Then incomes began dropping again in the 1990s under the increases in government and taxes of Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton.

In its narrative, US News notes some of the problems of the economy of the 1970s and the 1990s, then ignores the vast increases in taxes and government bureaucracy of both those periods. But the magazine nearsightedly skips over the 1980s boom, including its tax cuts. Like Rodney Dangerfield, Reaganomics still don't get no respect. Even though this narrative runs from page 50 to page 51, right under the very graph that demonstrates the '80s boom, the magazine ignores eight years of solid economic growth, including rising incomes.

Laments the magazine: "As corporations use fewer and fewer workers to produce the revenues, labor productivity has finally been revived. Unfortunately, however, the robust wage growth of the 1950s and '60s has not returned as a result." That's because it's being taxed away.

Chief Economist Stephen Roach of Morgan Stanley explains, "Economic theory tells us that ultimately workers are being paid their just reward. In the '90s, that has not been the case." That's because record high taxes are grabbing the money from workers before they even see it. So, immutable economic laws haven't been mysteriously repealed after all. Government confiscation of income puts a brake on the economy.

It's a sad day when the facts - in the form of a graph right in the middle of a story - are in front of everybody, but few seem to see what's happening.

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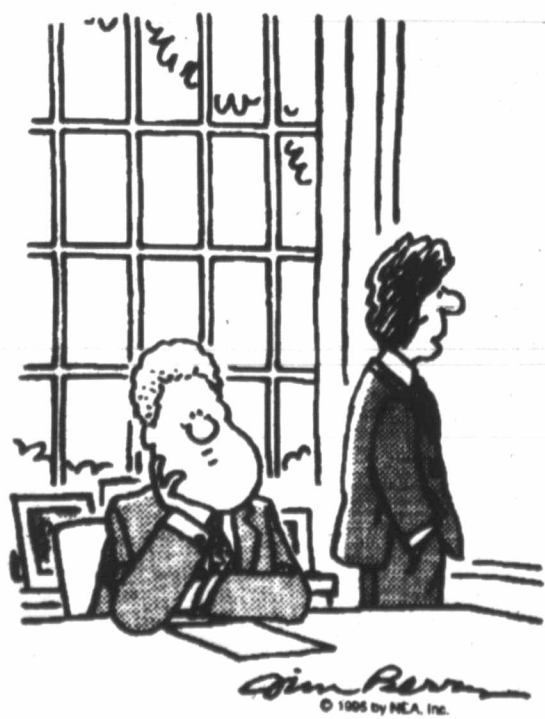
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Cleaning up the federal farm mess

Our federal farm programs outlived Soviet communism, but if the Berlin Wall can come down, anything is possible. Washington has operated a command-and-control system of agriculture since the Great Depression. But congressional Republicans are making a tentative push to finally bring farming into the modern economy.



Stephen Chapman

For some 60 years, the government has tried to do two major things in agriculture: hold prices up and keep output down. Imagine the Transportation Department telling Ford Motor Co. to cut back its production of cars out of fear that they will sell too cheaply, and you have a rough approximation of how our farm policy works.

The Freedom to Farm Act, sponsored by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas, would replace this system with a very different one. Over the next seven years, farmers who now grow wheat, corn, rice and cotton would get far greater latitude in deciding what to plant while losing much of their protection against falling prices. Instead, they'd get predetermined payments that would decline each year regardless of market conditions.

The hope of free-market advocates is that at the end of the seven years, the programs will vanish entirely. They see this measure as providing a golden parachute for farmers so they can be removed from the dole.

If the bill ends up achieving the goal of phasing out our wasteful and pointless system of farm subsidies, it will be a great accomplishment. They have endured largely because of the belief that they preserve that old American favorite, the family farm. Why we should save family farms and not family dry cleaners or family grocery stores or family

insurance agencies has never been answered satisfactorily. But it happens that the family farm as a species has never been endangered.

Small, inefficient ones, granted, have trouble making money and staying in business. The number of people living on farms is steadily declining: Rural America is emptying out.

But this is no grounds for grief. Almost all of the many farms that survive and prosper are owned by families, not rapacious Fortune 500 corporations. And the number of farmers is declining today for the same reason it has been declining for 75 years: because technological progress makes it possible for fewer and fewer people to produce all the food we need. In 1920, 30% of Americans lived on farms. Today, it's only 2%.

In a growing modern economy, the demand for other goods, from computers to hiking boots, inevitably expands faster than the demand for food. So, as jobs proliferate elsewhere, people are drawn off the farms and into cities and suburbs. What advocates of farm subsidies portray as a crisis is actually a symptom of economic changes that we would never want to reverse.

Federal agriculture programs have tried to stand in the way of this progress, with limited success and at great expense. They generally guarantee farmers a minimum price for what they grow, requiring them to limit the amount they plant in order to qualify. This is supposed to keep farmers in business regardless of whether or not they could compete in a normal market - rather like setting minimum prices in discount stores to keep Kmart out of bankruptcy.

We pay for these programs two ways: once in higher taxes to fund direct government handouts and once in higher prices at the grocery store. The government currently spends about \$10 billion a year in aid to dependent farmers. The inflated price of sugar, to cite just one example, costs the average American family about \$30 a year. Federal policies also raise the prices of a variety of foods, from bread to milk to peanut butter.

Do all these subsidies serve to keep struggling small farms afloat? In your dreams. Two-thirds of the federal payments go to the largest 15% of American farmers. Only 5% goes to the bottom half.

By raising the price of farmland, our policies make it hard for young farmers to get any land at all. By limiting our agricultural output, they also make it hard for American farmers, the most productive in the world, to compete with overseas producers.

The Freedom to Farm Act can be faulted for taking a leisurely seven years to phase out subsidies and for providing no guarantee that they will really end. But it's a start. Congressional Republicans say they believe in cutting back excessive government regulation and eliminating wasteful spending. There's plenty of both in agriculture, where it is time for the GOP to stop preaching and start practicing.

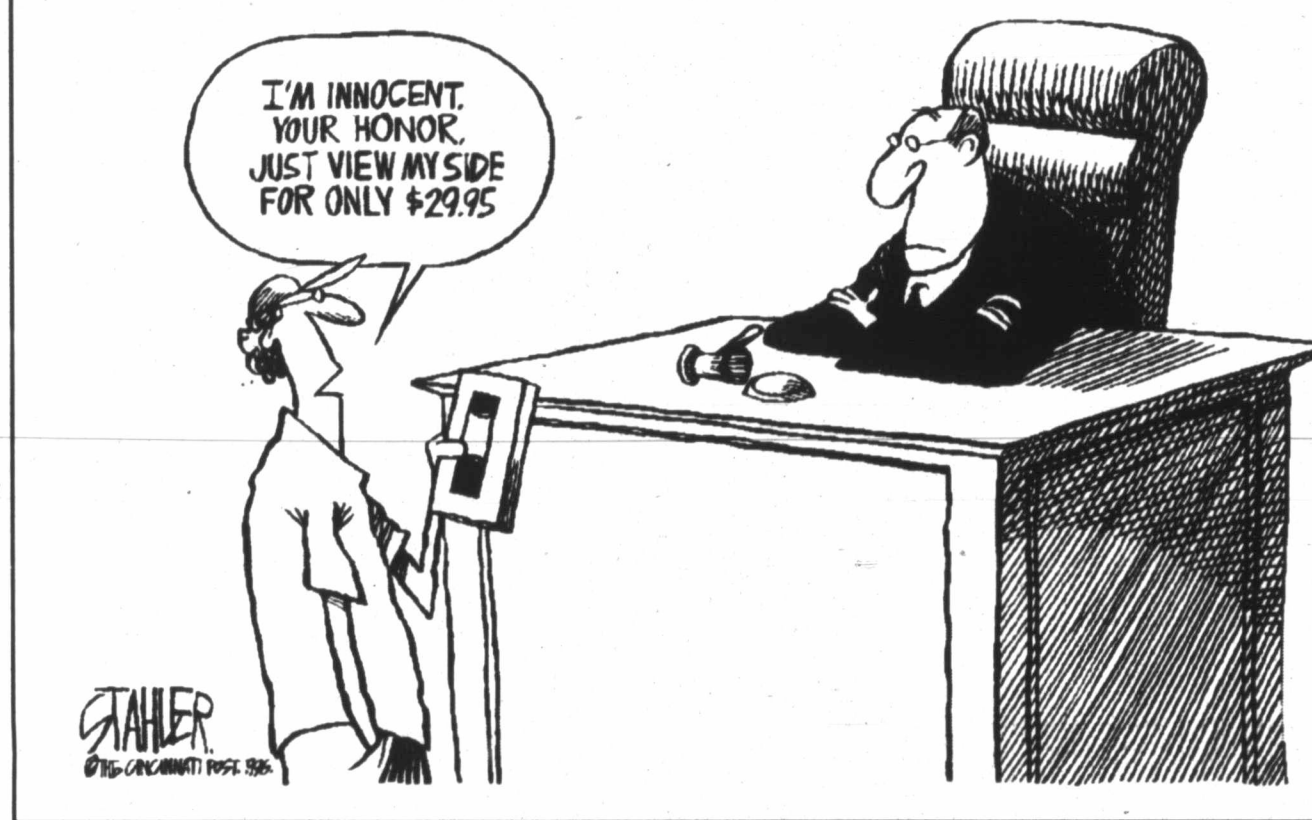
Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 1996. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed.

On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition. In 1635, the oldest public school in the United States, the Boston Public Latin School, was founded. In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. Titled The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies, it lasted three issues.



Ignorance isn't a slave of freedom

Charley Reese

Here is a message to grumps. If you are dissatisfied with the performance of public officials, now is the time to begin working to throw them out of office in November.

Americans have the power, if they wish to exercise it, to stage a peaceful political revolution every two years. This year, for example, they could remove a president, vice president, 435 members of the House and a third of the Senate, as well as hundreds of miscellaneous state and local officials.

Power, naturally, is of no value if you don't use it. And it is quite pointless to complain about public affairs while at the same time refusing to work actively in the political process to correct what you don't like.

Since the rule in politics is that you can't beat something with nothing, your first task may be to rustle up a candidate to oppose the man or woman whose performance in office displeases you. If you can't find one, oppose the incumbent yourself.

Personally, I think the real problem is us, not them. As I've just pointed out, getting rid of "them" is fairly simple, but prying the motives out of our own eyes is much more difficult.

Many Americans, I fear, are ignorant of the nature of government, ignorant of their own country's history, ignorant of the political process and, worst of all, flat don't care.

despite our best efforts, will sometimes produce mistakes.

The practical disadvantage of ignorance is that it makes it easier for other people to fool us and thus manipulate us to serve their ends, often at the cost of our own welfare. Anybody who has bought a lemon of a car knows what I mean.

The more we know, the harder it is for someone to fool us or to lie undetected. Therefore, the more we know, the better able we are to act in our own interests. The more we know, the better able we are to evaluate what even honest people propose.

You don't have to be "a brain" or become a scholar or even go to college. Practically every community has a public library. And, yes, if you are computer literate, there is a pile of information on the Internet.

The real trick is to decide which subjects we will choose to be ignorant of and which ones we won't. We only have a 24-hour day. There is far more information about far more subjects than any human being can absorb.

If we spend our spare time trying to keep up with Princess Di, the local sports team, the sitcoms and the movie industry, then we will be pretty ignorant about history and public affairs.

Self-government is a never-ending responsibility, and education is a never-ending task. In the past, ignorance may have been bliss; today, it's fatal to liberty.

Why shouldn't Forbes run for president?

Ben Wattenberg

A Washington ritual helps explain what is happening to Steve Forbes' campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Normally, hundreds of politicians would like to be president. Only one makes it - by dint of hard work, shrewdness, intelligence, endurance, luck and sometimes wisdom. But many of the former wannabe candidates and the press put out the word about the poor man: "What a jerk!" (So what does that make all the other people who wanted to be president?)

In the Forbes case, there were platoons of Republicans who considered running for the nomination. Nine actually announced, including Forbes, who was airily dismissed as a "popululist" and "Richie Rich." Now he is the hottest political property in America, on the cover of Time, Newsweek and Fortune. And what is the line now about Forbes? We are often told that he is a "nerd," a "geek" and "awkward." (What does that make the others? Send them some nerd pills.) We are told that he is both "inexperienced" and "zealous." That he is "programmed" and "buying" the election. That his flat-tax plan is "nutty," and that "the numbers don't add up." No wonder. After all, he is a "supply-sider," which, we are told, is a radical economic voodoo philosophy that has been "discredited."

True? The charge that Forbes' flat-tax proposal is nutty comes from that distinguished macroeconomist Lamar Alexander. The commentators and economists, who blithely say that supply-side is discredited radical voodoo and that the numbers don't add up, discredit themselves.

Glenn Hubbard, professor of economics at Columbia University and a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, explains the conceptual framework of supply-side this way:



"Incentives matter." Does that sound so radical? If taxes are cut, say the supply-siders, there will be more economic activity, bringing in more tax money. How much more? No one knows for sure. A few far-out supply-siders once said tax cuts would pay for themselves, but most only said the cuts would have some important pro-growth effect. The models that are trotted out to show that the Forbes flat-tax won't add up are typically static models, assuming no change generated by tax cuts. That is silly scholarship.

Nor is supply-side discredited. The charge relates to the idea that the budget deficit soared in the 1980s after the Reagan tax cut. But that ignores some relevant facts. The original Reagan tax-cut proposal was decorated "Christmas tree" style by lawmakers of both parties seeking their own cuts. The legislators then conveniently forgot to make the promised spending reductions.

Forbes thinks that cutting and simplifying taxation, and cutting regulations can lead to an economic boom. For this he is called a zealot, and worse, an optimist. It is, however, a view that deserves serious consideration.

Is Forbes "buying" the election? Money helps. But many rich candidates have crashed, like John Connally in 1980 and that other rich businessman in the GOP field now, Morry Taylor. Moreover, many poorly financed candidates have done well if they have an appealing message. Jesse Jackson proved that and so did Pat Buchanan and Jerry Brown.

(I don't like everything about the Forbes campaign. Some of his commercials have been too tough. I don't support term limits. I wish he, and the other Republicans, would put less emphasis on the green eyeshade stuff of taxes and deficits, and give stress to the major failings of liberalism: crime, welfare, education and preference, to name a few. I assume all that will emerge unless the whole field is crazy.)

Is Forbes programmed? With the possible exception of Phil Gramm, who has a Ph.D. in economics, Forbes is likely the most economically literate of the bunch. He has edited, published and written for a significant business magazine for many years and has won many awards. (His flat-tax proposal, by the way, is roughly similar to one that was originally promoted by Republican Majority Leader Dick Armey, who also has a Ph.D. in economics.)

I've known Forbes for a decade and never thought of him as a nerd, a geek or awkward. It is true that Forbes has never held elected office. So what? Unlike many Americans, I rather admire most of our elected officials, including some others in the current Republican presidential field. But I also like it when non-politicians run for office and peddle their wares, be they athletes, actors, businessmen, journalists, clergymen - whatever. Even very rich people have that right.

World briefs

North Korean leader's wife seeking asylum

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — An estranged wife of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il apparently has gone underground to seek asylum in South Korea, a newspaper said today.

Sung Hae Rim, 59, disappeared this month from the Swiss villa that she occasionally visited during the near-exile in Moscow that followed her split with Kim, the Chosun Ilbo newspaper said.

Kim, 54, who has led North Korea since the 1994 death of his father, longtime ruler Kim Il Sung, is believed to have married at least two more times after breaking with Sung.

South Korea's spy agency confirmed today that Sung has disappeared with her sister Sung Hae Ryang and her sister's daughter. It also disclosed the defection to Seoul of the sister's son, Lee Han Young.

"We are afraid the premature newspaper report may endanger the sisters," the Agency for National Security Planning said.

The newspaper said Sung and her two female relatives left Switzerland and went to another country to pursue asylum. It did not name the country.

Haitians impatient with premier selection

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — It's been nearly a week since Rene Preval became president, and no one is running his government. Investors and members of the governing party that helped elect him are growing impatient.

Preval won international backing by saying he would pursue economic austerity measures to secure millions of dollars in foreign aid and promote investment in impoverished Haiti. All plans are on hold, however, while he negotiates with Parliament over a new premier.

Local investors with projects involving millions of dollars are waiting for Preval to define his economic policy, a prominent banker told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

About half of a \$1.2 billion foreign aid package also depends on austerity measures that would cut thousands of jobs from the state payroll.

Preval was elected Dec. 17 with the support of the Lavalas Platform of political parties that embraced his predecessor, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. He began his five-year term on Feb. 7.

Divisions within Lavalas — which holds 80 percent of 110 seats in Parliament — have drawn out the process of selecting a premier. Lawmakers must confirm the appointment.

Platform leaders had suggested that Preval pick either Pierre-Charles or former Public Works Minister Frantz Verella, currently a World Bank employee.

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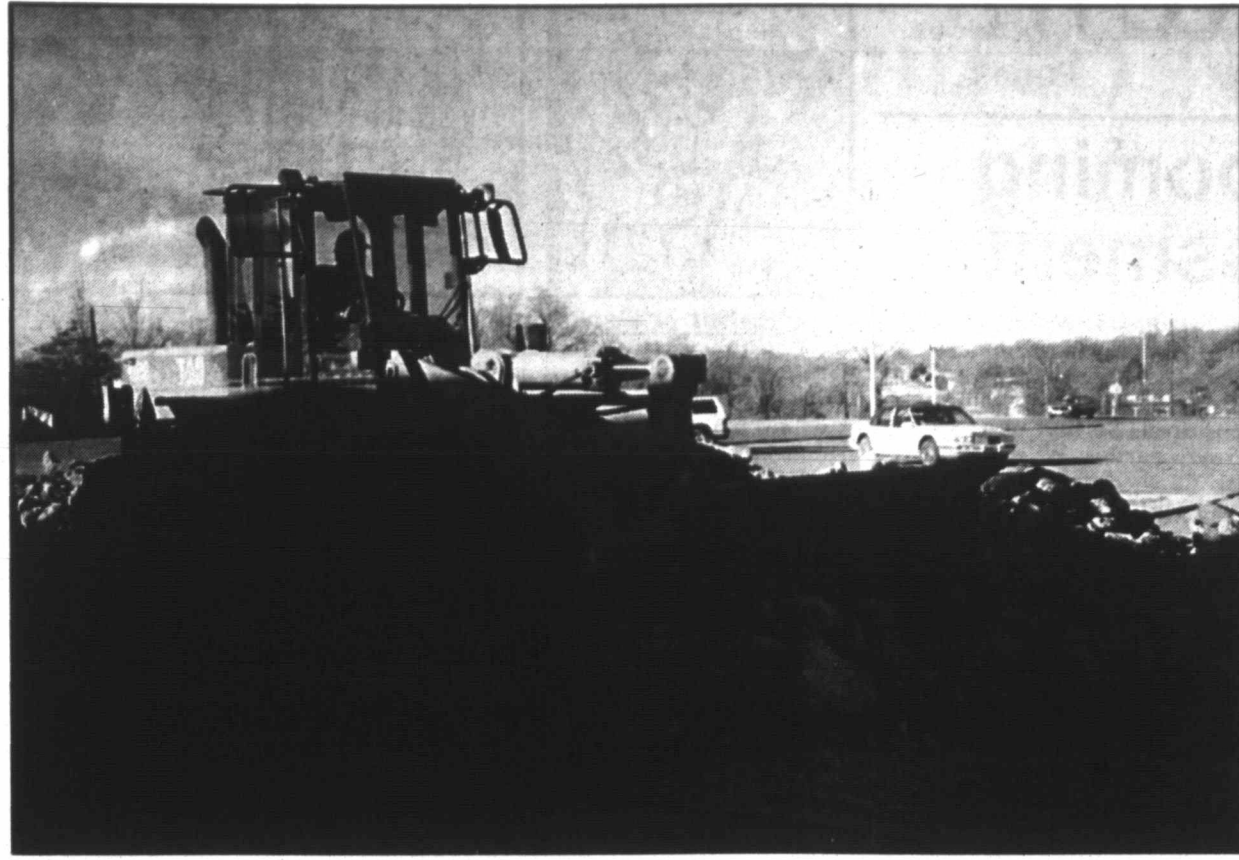
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With this winter seeing long spells of mild and warm weather between short cold and snowy periods, workers have been able to continue working on the city street renovation project. Above, a front-end loader scrapes up materials in the 100 block of East Francis. Contractor for the project is E.D. Baker Corp. of Borger.

Gay meeting at University of Alabama under fire

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — It was planned as just another conference for gays. Except this one would bring its talks on AIDS, safe sex, sadomasochism and bondage to the University of Alabama, in the heart of the Bible Belt.

That transformed it from a conference to a cause, pitting free-speech rights and gay activism against the state's conservative values, all with a touch of election-year politics thrown in.

"I never anticipated any of this. I have just been amazed," said Cathy Wessell, who organized the two-day Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference of the Southeastern United States.

It is set to begin Friday with the theme "Voices of Diversity: Living Out in the South."

Opponents from the governor on down say such a meeting has no place at a taxpayer-funded university. The attorney general is trying to block the conference through the courts.

"This time it is a conference. Next time it may be something else. It could be one of those gay-rights

parades, which are repulsive," said GOP state Sen. Bill Armistead.

Members of the school's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance, the sponsor of the event, say the meeting is a way for gays to share common concerns and meet new people in an academic setting.

"We're trying to encourage tolerance and discourage bigotry," said David Donaldson, another organizer. "The way you do that is through education."

For its part, the university has stood behind the alliance, describing it as a recognized student group with a constitutional right to meet on campus.

"The university has a duty to err on the side of the First Amendment," said Culppepper Clark, an aide to university President Roger Sayers.

That argument doesn't sway some parents who fear too much liberalism is creeping on campus. Christie Wilson of nearby Northport said because of the conference, her son Benji, a high school junior, would no longer consider attending Alabama.

"We are Christians," she said. "We take a stand against sin."

Meantime, all the controversy may have actually helped boost those planning to attend the conference — from about 120 to as many as 300.

The agenda features workshops on everything from progress in developing an AIDS vaccine, to social activism to a workshop called "Out on the Fringes," which contains discussions of sadomasochism, bondage and fetishes.

Republican Gov. Fob James has condemned the conference, and GOP Attorney General Jeff Sessions is trying to block the meeting after initially refusing to do so.

Sessions, considering a bid for U.S. Senate, reversed himself after other GOP Senate hopefuls criticized his reluctance to fight the meeting.

Sessions has asked a federal judge to reverse his recent decision that overturned a 1992 state law banning taxpayer assistance for gay groups. Sessions wants to use the law to stop the conference.

Studios gamble millions in all out bid for Oscars

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Las Vegas isn't just the setting for one of this year's Academy Award contenders. High-stakes gambling is also the theme for the nominations, with some studios spending as much as \$1.5 million on their Oscar campaigns.

Some of the nominees for the 68th Academy Awards are:

1. BEST PICTURE: *Apollo 13*, *Babe*, *Braveheart*, *The Postman* (II Postino), *Sense and Sensibility*.

2. ACTOR: Nicolas Cage, *Leaving Las Vegas*; Richard Dreyfuss, *Mr. Holland's Opus*; Anthony Hopkins, *Nixon*; Sean Penn, *Dead Man Walking*; Massimo Troisi, *The Postman* (II Postino).

3. ACTRESS: Susan Sarandon, *Dead Man Walking*; Elisabeth Shue, *Leaving Las Vegas*; Sharon Stone, *Casino*; Meryl Streep, *The Bridges of Madison County*; Emma Thompson, *Sense and Sensibility*.

4. SUPPORTING ACTOR: James Cromwell, *Babe*; Ed Harris, *Apollo 13*; Brad Pitt, *12 Monkeys*; Tim Roth, *Rob Roy*; Kevin Spacey, *The Usual Suspects*.

5. SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Joan Allen, *Nixon*; Kathleen Quinlan, *Apollo 13*; Mira Sorvino, *Mighty Aphrodite*; Mare Winningham, *Georgia*; Kate Winslet, *Sense and Sensibility*.

6. DIRECTOR: Chris Noonan, *Babe*; Mel Gibson, *Braveheart*; Tim Robbins, *Dead Man Walking*; Mike Figgis, *Leaving Las Vegas*; Michael Radford, *The Postman* (II Postino).

7. FOREIGN FILM: *All Things Fair*, Sweden; *Antonia's Line*, The Netherlands; *Dust of Life*, Algeria; *O Quatrilho*, Brazil; *The Star Maker*, Italy.

8. SCREENPLAY (written directly for the screen): Randall Wallace, *Braveheart*; Woody Allen, *Mighty Aphrodite*; Stephen J. Rivele, Christopher Wilkinson and Oliver Stone, *Nixon*; Joss Whedon, Andrew Stanton, Joel Cohen and Alec Sokolow, story

by John Lasseter, Peter Docter, Andrew Stanton and Joe Ranft, *Toy Story*; Christopher McQuarrie, *The Usual Suspects*.

9. SCREENPLAY (based on material previously produced or published): William Broyles Jr. and Al Reinert, *Apollo 13*; George Miller and Chris Noonan, *Babe*; Mike Figgis, *Leaving Las Vegas*; Anna Pavignano, Michael Radford, Furio Scarpelli, Giacomo Scarpelli and Massimo Troisi, *The Postman* (II Postino); Emma Thompson, *Sense and Sensibility*.

10. ART DIRECTION: *Apollo 13*, *Babe*, *A Little Princess*, *Restoration*, *Richard III*.

11. CINEMATOGRAPHY: *Batman Forever*, *Braveheart*, *A Little Princess*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Shanghai Triad*.

The selections cap weeks of expensive jockeying for the coveted nominations.

Small "art" films embraced by the 5,043 eligible members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences stand to gain the most from Oscar nominations, and a best picture selection can double a film's box-office gross.

Miramax Films spent a reported \$1.5 million campaigning for its movie *The Postman*, and MGM has spent several hundred thousand dollars promoting *Leaving Las Vegas*. Even though critics have raved about both films, neither has taken in more than \$16 million at movie theaters.

A best picture nomination, much like a favorable writeup in *Consumer Reports*, gives movies a persuasive stamp of approval — a seal that historically translates into ticket sales.

Leaving Las Vegas and *The Postman* are the two films that would benefit the most from a best picture nomination. *Sense and Sensibility* is already playing strongly but would be boosted by an Oscar pick.

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Good Friend's Bad Grooming Is Source Of Embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: I have a profound sense of guilt writing this letter, because the friend I describe is a marvelous mother, a devoted grandmother, and a smart, generous and thoroughly delightful woman. The problem? Her appearance and personal grooming are her lowest priorities. When we are together (especially in public), I find myself being silently critical and embarrassed.

She lives out of town and visits me twice a year for two or three weeks. On her last visit, she brought clothes I've seen her wear for 20 years: torn skirts, stained blouses, and scuffed and worn shoes. When she entered my home, she kicked off her shoes. Barefoot, her feet were dirty, including her toenails, and she seemed oblivious to anything but her own comfort.

This has nothing to do with money. She is well-fixed financially, travels extensively, has exquisite jewelry, etc. When I offer to take her shopping, she replies, "What for? I have plenty of everything I need."

I love her dearly and wouldn't hurt her feelings for the world. Abby, have you — or any of your wise readers — any suggestions on how to deal with this? Frankly, I don't think she'll ever change, and I question if I can change my discomfort with her appearance.

UP A TREE DOWN SOUTH
DEAR UP A TREE: If you want the situation to change, hinting isn't going to do it. Your



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

friend needs to be told to clean up her act, buy a few new duds, and get a pedicure before she goes shoeless in public.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the question raised by Polly Schrock regarding the longevity of persons celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary and each living to an age of more than 100 years: There's such a couple in my family.

My grandfather's younger brother, William Wonder Wellman, was born on Feb. 3, 1873. Elsa Casebier was born on April 9, 1877. They married on Dec. 31, 1899, and had five children who grew to adulthood. William and Elsa had been married 76 years at the time of his death on Jan. 9, 1976 — one month short of his 103rd birthday. Elsa died in August of 1979 at the age of 102.

I visited the Wellmans in 1971. At that time, they were living in

their own home. William was 98, and he was growing tomatoes and still mowing his own lawn (with a push mower). At the insistence of his children, he had quit driving five years earlier. When I arrived, he had finished painting his neighbors' garage — a task he'd sought to keep himself busy.

What a blessing to have health of mind and body.
RICHARD WELLMAN,
SEAFORD, DEL.

DEAR RICHARD: I agree. And what a blessing to have readers like you to share such uplifting stories.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you wrote: "Fortunately, nature designed the human anatomy in such a way as to make it impossible for us to kick ourselves." Well, I must contradict you because I have been kicking myself for years. However, I can do it only with my left leg by kicking it back up to my left "cheek." I usually do this after saying something I regret.
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Horoscope



Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1996

In the year ahead your life will be much more active socially than it was last year. This shift could help to produce a healthier balance in your affairs.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Things might go your way at the beginning of the day, but don't use this as an excuse to throw in the towel! Tenacity will help you to realize your expectations. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758.

Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may finally have an opportunity to talk to a person who is essential to your present plans. Do not hesitate to utilize this opening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your personality will have pizzazz today, and others will find you very appealing. Hope you like crowds, because you may draw one today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Concentrate on your major objective today. Conditions will be ripe, and things will work out to your advantage if you act now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A good old-fashioned, unrestricted discussion with a few friends could lighten your spirits today and perhaps even alleviate some burdens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have the power to change a significant aspect of your life, but thus far, you have been reluctant to do anything. Remove the spur from under your saddle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It will be advantageous to work with others today.

Individually, you might only offer a little, but collectively, your impact could be impressive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make sure to take the commitments you make at this time seriously because others will certainly keep their promises to you. Do not be the weak link in the chain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It looks like this might be a very active midweek for you. Your popularity will rise and others will want to make sure to include you in their plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you need something material or financial, the place to start could be with your family. They will be the first to come through for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your probabilities for success will be enhanced today if you discuss your ideas and concepts with equally enthusiastic people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something nice you did for a close friend recently might be reciprocated today. Your pal will make certain his or her response is equal to yours.
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"Wow! I better learn to read real soon if I'm ever gonna get through all these!"



"How can I tell my boss I've been hijacked by a dog?"

The Family Circus

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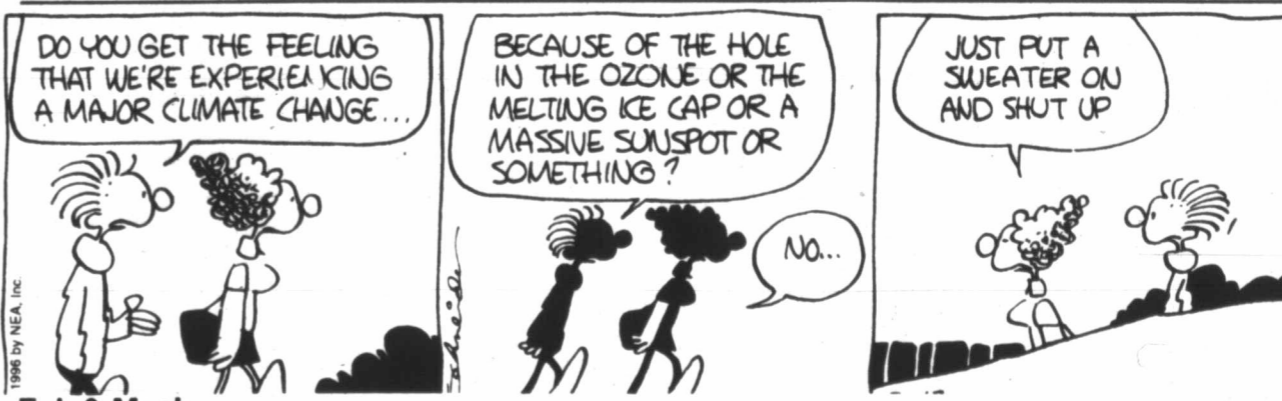
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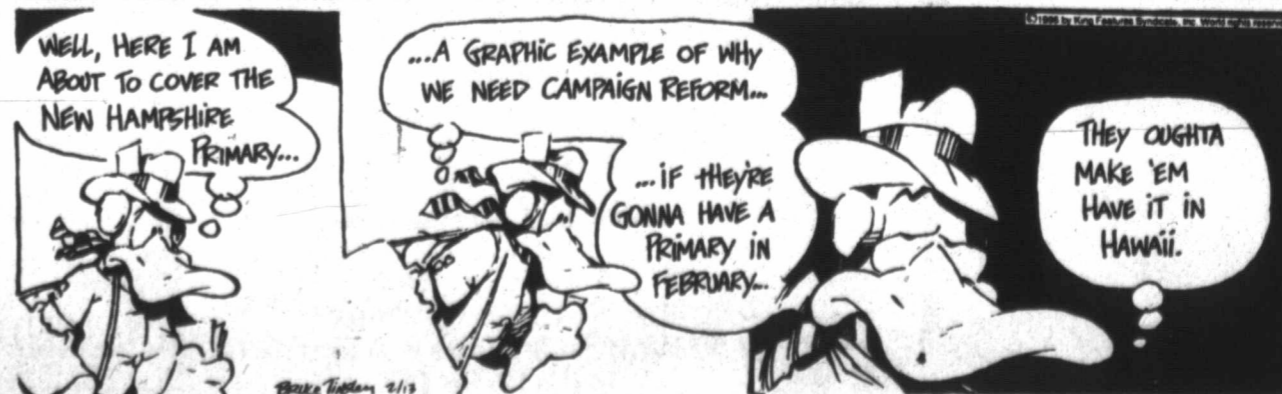
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Sports

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SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association will hold spring sign-ups one day only. Sign-ups will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Pampa Mall.

New players must be at least 4-years-old by Jan. 1. Please bring a copy of their birth certificate and registration fee is \$30. The spring season will begin March 2 and end April 27, barring any weather complications.

Players who sign up in the spring will first be added to any existing teams that have vacancies, and then new teams will be formed if there are sufficient players.

If you played on a team in the fall, you do NOT need to sign up. You are still on that team, and you should contact your coach if you have not already been contacted.

For more information, please call 669-1273 and leave your name and number.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Caprock defeated Pampa, 58-57, in overtime in junior varsity boys action last weekend.

Darby Schale was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points, followed by Jared Knipp and Shannon Reed with 9 points each.

The Pampa JV's are 13-11 overall and 8-3 in district play.

BOXING

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Boxer Tommy Morrison's setbacks have been great, but he always managed to work his way back.

Morrison's up-and-down career, however, reached bottom Monday with promoter Tony Holden's announcement that the powerful heavyweight has tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Morrison, who did not attend the news conference, was undergoing further tests to confirm the results of an HIV test administered in Las Vegas last week.

"If it is true, I don't see us ever fighting again or ever wanting to," Holden said. "But right now we're not concerned about that."

Holden and Morrison's trainers broke the news to the 27-year-old fighter before Saturday's scheduled bout against Arthur Weathers in Las Vegas.

"It was very, very short and quick. I just wanted it out," Holden said.

The boxer expressed shock but did not break down, Holden said. Morrison held out hope Monday that re-tests would prove the original test wrong, but already discussed getting involved in AIDS awareness efforts.

"He's taken it like a champ," Holden said. "He knows he's had a promiscuous lifestyle in the past. He's taking it better than his team (of handlers)."

The results of the latest tests were expected within 48 hours, Holden said. Morrison had shown no signs of the illness.

The Jay, Okla., native's fondness for nightlife brought criticism over the years for his performance in the ring. But in a June 1995 interview, Morrison insisted his days of chasing women and finding trouble were behind him.

He remained in isolation at his home in northeastern Oklahoma but issued a statement Monday asking people to pray for children affected by the disease because "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me."

"I understand that there are people concerned about me," he said in the statement. "I am fine."

Basketball star Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers, who also is infected with the AIDS virus, told ESPN he plans to call Morrison.

"Tommy's done a wonderful job in boxing, and now he can do a wonderful job in helping people educate themselves about HIV and AIDS. I hope he joins into that fight,"

Red Raiders climb to No. 12 in rankings

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech men's basketball coach James Dickey seems more inclined to talk about shooting accuracy than about the Red Raiders' unprecedented perch in the national rankings.

Tech climbed one spot to No. 12 Monday and kept a lead of two games over second-place Texas in the Southwest Conference race.

Dickey, whose only loss this season came Dec. 27 to Eastern Michigan, said that questions about the postseason are

irrelevant at this point.

"It's certainly a nice compliment to your program to be ranked high," Dickey said. "But you'd better remember how you got there, and if you want to stay there, you've got to win games."

Tech (9-0 SWC) plays Baylor (7-13, 2-6) Wednesday night at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, where the Red Raiders have won 27 straight — a record for Tech and the nation's third-longest home winning streak.

"We're just gelling. We're playing great," said sophomore guard Cory Carr, who averages 15.7 points per game off the bench.

"It's a satisfying feeling to know we're

getting the recognition we were hoping to get and we're doing as good as we were hoping to do," said freshman guard Stanley Bonewitz, whose 25-of-52 3-point shooting leads the SWC.

Tech beat the Bears 75-69 earlier this season in Waco.

Dickey said his players must improve their 46.4 percent field-goal shooting and expect trick defenses by opponents. He said defense and rebounds will be pivotal to beating Baylor.

"We seem to be standing around at times," Dickey said. "We need to be more aggressive and have more movement to work against the different defenses we could possibly see."

Tech held off Texas A&M 66-63 on Saturday without the aid of sophomore Tony Battie, a 6-11 center who sprained his left ankle last week. Dickey said junior Gionet Cooper most likely would start while Battie heals.

But Dickey expressed confidence in a program that never before this season was ranked higher than 16th.

"I expected us to be very successful and I expected this team to be very good," Dickey said, "and I'm thankful that we're in the position that we're in."

Other games around the conference Wednesday feature Houston at Texas Christian, Rice at Southern Methodist and Texas A&M at Texas.

Outlaws win title



(Special photo)

The Pampa Outlaws defeated the Amarillo Mustangs, 8-7, to claim the Under 10 Boys' B Division championship this year in the Amarillo High Plains Indoor Soccer program. Outlaws' team members are (front row, l-r) Drew Jennings, Dusty Lenderman, Tyler Dubose, Zach Hucks and Chris Moody; Second row, l-r, Megan David, Mitchell Carroll, Stewart Curry and Cody Jenkins; In the back row are coaches Roger David, Janet Lenderman and Pete Carroll.

Pampa sweeps Canyon in middle school basketball play

CANYON — Pampa slipped by Canyon, 39-38, Monday night in 8th grade boys basketball action.

Jesse Francis scored 18 points and Russell Robben had 12 to lead Pampa in scoring.

The Pampa 8th grade A team finished the season at 9-6 overall and 5-4 in district.

Pampa also won the 8th grade B game, 36-28. The 8th grade B team finished with a 9-6 record for the season and 7-2 in district.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa beat Canyon, 47-31, last night.

Gary Alexander was Pampa's leading scorer with

15 points, followed by J.J. Roark with 7.

The Pampa 7th grade A team finished at 11-4 overall and 6-3 in district.

In the B game, Pampa also won, 32-29.

Jake Woodruff led Pampa in scoring with 8 points, followed by Ryan Black and Adam Wright, 7 points each.

The Pampa B team closed the season at 4-10 overall and 3-6 in district.

Pampa fell in triple overtime to Hereford, 60-55, in the finals of the 8th Grade District Boys Tournament last weekend.

Jeremy Silva had 15 points and Russell Robben 14 to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa reached the finals by defeating Valley View, 46-37.

Jesse Francis led Pampa with 20 points and Silva had 11.

In other tournament results, Pampa defeated Canyon, 44-38, in the B team division.

Jason Kogler had 13 points and Justin Trollering 9 to lead Pampa scoring.

Pampa B lost to Hereford B, 37-36, in the finals.

High scorers for Pampa were Kogler with 14 points and Jonathan Brockington with 6.

Harvesters look to go 12-0 in district action

PAMPA — The Pampa boys' basketball team has got the post-season play-offs made. But before going any further, the third-ranked Harvesters would like to wrap up some unfinished business, like completing District 1-4A with a perfect 12-0 mark.

The Harvesters are favored to accomplish that task against Hereford tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. Hereford is 8-2 in district play, 18-9 overall, and very much alive for a playoff shot.

"It's a great feeling to make the playoffs, but at the same time we don't want to overlook Hereford. They're going to come over here fighting and I know they're going to bring a great crowd with them," said Pampa head coach Robert

Hale. "It's going to be the biggest game of the year for them."

Hereford is still in a battle with Randall, also 8-2, for the runnerup playoff spot. These two teams meet Friday night in Hereford with a playoff spot hanging in the balance.

The last time Pampa and Hereford met, the Harvesters jumped out to an early lead and never trailed in posting a 72-63 win. That 9-point margin has been the closest any district opponent has come to the Harvesters.

Jonathan Keenan, a 5-11 junior, had 15 points and Isaac Walker, a 6-0 junior, had 14 against Pampa.

Rayford Young, a 6-0 senior, had 28 points, Coy Laury, a 6-2 senior, had 12 points and August Larson, a 6-2 junior, had

11 points, to lead Pampa.

The Harvesters have put on an offensive show of force in their last three games, scoring 100 points or better against Caprock (103-64), Dumas (111-42) and Borger (100-63).

"We have been scoring a lot of points, but it's our defense that has created most of those scoring opportunities," Hale said.

Three boys' games are on tap tonight, starting with the sophomore game at 4:50, the junior varsity game around 6 and the varsity game around 7:45.

Only third-ranked Pampa (26-3) and fourth-ranked Andrews (27-2) have clinched playoff spots out of Region One.

"This is an exciting time of year for the players, coaches and fans," Hale added. "We're anticipating a fun time."

Infante, Tobin plan more talks as Colts search for new coach

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Speculation is strong that Lindy Infante will be named the next coach of the Indianapolis Colts within a few days.

"I think what's been said is the truth at this point," Infante said Monday, confirming that he plans to meet with director of football operations Bill Tobin to discuss the position later this week.

"We've had two or three meetings," said Infante, who like Tobin has been busy at the NFL scouting combine which ended Monday.

It was announced Friday that Ted Marchbroda would not be re-hired.

Tobin did not respond to phone messages left at the team's headquarters.

"We're waiting until the combine is completed and hopefully we can get together later this week," Infante said. "Nothing has been finalized."

Several players who were contacted by phone declined to comment on the decision to not give former Marchbroda a new contract or the hiring of his replacement. Whoever is hired, the team will be in need of some quick public relations efforts.

Reaction to the unloading of Marchbroda, who helped bring the Colts to within one play of reaching the Super Bowl last season, showed strong disapproval. A telephone poll conducted by Indianapolis newspapers drew more than 4,700 participants, of whom 4,346 callers responded that Marchbroda was not treated fairly.

Both Infante and Tobin said Sunday that they had met twice during the weekend and planned to meet later this week for further discussions.

"At this time, I don't think there is a need to talk with anyone else," Tobin said. "There are no hangups. We're both busy with the combine and we'll get together when it is over for more talks. I imagine we'll have a public announcement to make within a few days."

"I'm interested in the job," Infante said. "I didn't sense any problems in my talks with Bill. I hope he didn't see any."

If Infante is hired, he would be the fifth person to open the season as the head coach of the Colts since the franchise arrived in 1984. There have also been two interim coaches

— Hal Hunter for one game in 1984 after Frank Kush resigned and Rick Venturi for 11 games after Ron Meyer was fired in 1991.

Infante, 55, was out of coaching for three years before he was hired last season as the Colts' offensive coordinator. He began coaching as an assistant on the staff of Miami High School in 1965, and the Colts are the fifth NFL team he has worked for.

As coach of the Green Bay Packers from 1988-91, Infante put together a lengthy list of accomplishments for offensive success. He was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach with the Cleveland Browns when the club set eight league and 15 club offensive playoff records as it reached the AFC title game in 1986.

In his first season with the Colts, the team averaged 307.4 yards per game and scored 331 points. The average was the team's highest since 1987, a season in which replacement players were used during a strike for three games, and the point total was the highest since the 1988 squad scored 354 points.

Baylor drops lawsuit against ex-coach

WACO, Texas (AP) — Less than three months after filing a lawsuit against former men's basketball coach Darrel Johnson that could've reaped around \$750,000, Baylor has backed out.

The school dropped its breach of contract lawsuit Monday and Johnson apologized for a scandal that occurred during his tenure.

Baylor filed the lawsuit in November to defend a clause in Johnson's contract that ensured that while he was coach, the program would comply with NCAA, Southwest Conference and university rules.

However, the school said in a news release that it "believes the purpose of its suit has been fulfilled and feels that no additional

purpose would be served by continuing to pursue its claims."

In the same statement, Baylor president Robert B. Sloan Jr. said, "Baylor filed the lawsuit to establish a principle that contracts between coaches and universities create enforceable obligations owed by coaches to their university. Too often, these contracts are mistakenly viewed as one-way streets binding only the university."

Johnson, who was fired by the university and later acquitted of federal fraud charges stemming from the scandal, also released a statement through the university Monday.

In it, he admitted being responsible for the scandal because it occurred during his tenure, but he repeated

that he wasn't involved in the scheme.

"As I have always maintained, I have never knowingly, willfully or intentionally participated in or condoned violations of NCAA rules," Johnson said.

"As the program's head coach, however, I must certainly accept the responsibility that these improprieties occurred during my tenure. I deeply regret that the violations took place and apologize that I was unable to prevent them."

Johnson was acquitted of federal fraud charges last April, but three of his assistants were convicted after they were accused of rigging test scores from correspondence-course exams to help basketball recruits.

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MONT BELVIEU, Texas (AP) — A State University doctoral student, on charges of attempted capital murder and injury to a child. The indictment was returned Friday in connection with a Jan. 24 incident. Liu remained Monday in Harris County Jail under a \$75,000 bond after undergoing a second round of psychological testing. Passers-by said Liu was slamming his 10-month-old daughter, Karen, against a door jamb "like a baseball bat" when they rescued her. The daughter was flown to Hermann Hospital in critical condition on Jan. 24. Doctors said the child suffered a spinal cord injury that has at least temporarily paralyzed her lower extremities.

She was transferred last week to The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in Houston. No word on her condition was available Monday, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today. When Liu was first arrested, Mont Belvieu Police Chief Jerry Whitman refused to release his name. City Attorney Firmin Hickey of Houston said the case was complicated by a language barrier and a Chinese cultural belief that "the father reigns supreme and the life of a female child may be expendable."

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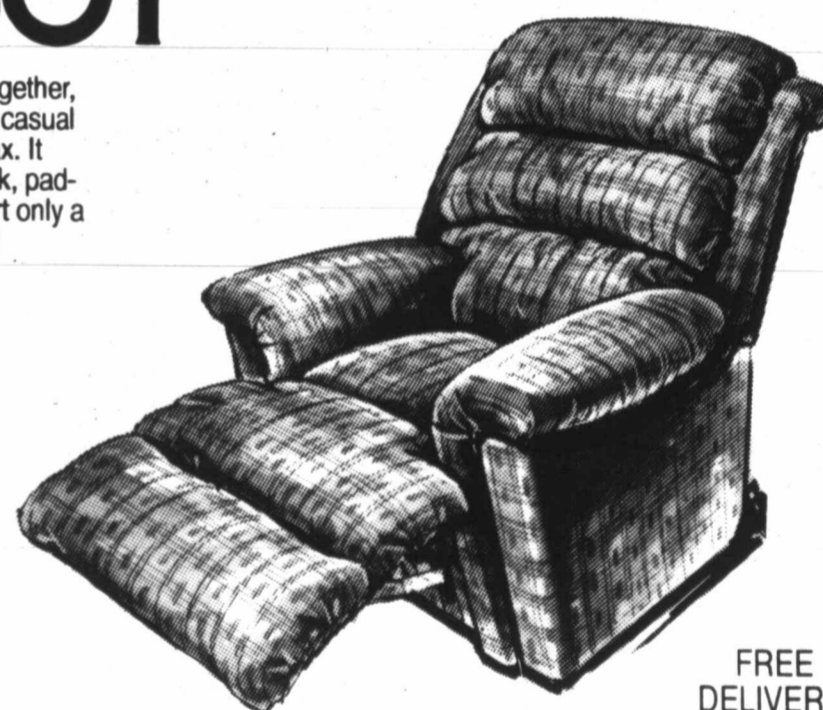
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