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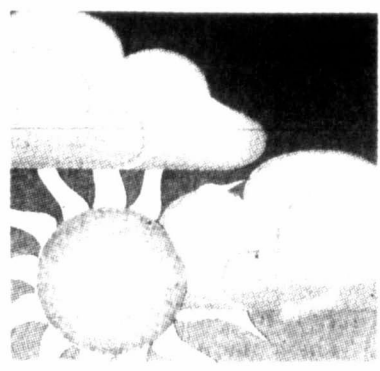
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Low tonight in upper 40s, high tomorrow in mid 80s. See Page 2 for weather details.

AREA

PAMPA — One incumbent and one new candidate are the most recent filings in the May 4 school board race.

Incumbent John Curry, 721 N. Russell, filed this morning in the office of school election coordinator Jack Bailey.

Curry, vice president of 4-R Industrial Supply, has served nine years in the Place 3 seat.

Dr. Jay Johnson, 2516 Chestnut, filed Tuesday afternoon as a candidate for the Place 2 school board seat, Bailey said.

Johnson, a local dentist, is running for the seat currently occupied by Jim Baker.

Bailey said Baker has not yet filed.

MIAMI — A Miami woman is organizing a benefit garage sale on behalf of her sister and mother who lost their home in a Searcy, Ark., fire.

The garage sale will be held at RVs and Things, 328 E. Frederic, Pampa on Saturday.

Geraldine Britton, sister of Jackie Smith and daughter of Verna Hewitt of Searcy, is hosting the sale with all proceeds given to Smith and Hewitt.

Their home was destroyed by fire Sunday.

Those who wish to donate items for the fire may contact Britton at (806) 868-2101 or the Roberts County Sheriff's Office at (806) 868-3121.

Britton says she plans to deliver household items to her family March 1.

WORLD

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The stream of Bosnian Serbs leaving Sarajevo grew heavier today, and the city's international police force accused Bosnian Serb leaders of intimidating Serbs into fleeing.

The head of a U.N. war crimes tribunal, meanwhile, announced that the court will indict its first Bosnian Muslim suspects next month. Antonio Cassese said the indictments would be handed down "in a few weeks," but did not say how many people would be charged or provide details about their alleged crimes.

On Tuesday, Serb leaders ordered the 50,000 Serbs in Sarajevo to pack up and flee before Friday, when Vogosca, the first of the city's five Serb districts is to be handed over to the Muslim-led government.

Early today, as on Tuesday, the exodus was more like a trickle, partly because snowfall blocked roads east of Sarajevo. Trucks and buses struggled through up to three feet of snow to carry more Serbs out of the city.

As the day wore on, a steady flow of vehicles packed with furniture and personal belongings moved out of Vogosca and other Serb-held suburbs.

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Buchanan takes New Hampshire GOP primary lead

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

Guerrilla politician Pat Buchanan said his dime-thin victory in New Hampshire gives him "a fighting chance to win" the Republican presidential nomination. But Bob Dole said the contest has become "a race between the mainstream and the extreme" and pictured Buchanan as intolerant.

Buchanan said he expects GOP elders to decide that he can't win an election against President Clinton and to try to anoint Dole.

"I think they will rally around Bob Dole and I think they'll make a terrible mistake," he said. "They'll all start calling me names."

"I think in panic they will behave like men in panic."

Dole picked up another endorsement today from a member in good standing of the political establishment — Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a likely boost in the Texas primary next month.

At a news conference with his wife, Elizabeth, an unsmiling Dole said New Hampshire would prove ultimately unimportant — "a bump in the road" — and stressed his differences with Buchanan.

"Twenty-eight percent is a sizable vote," he said. "We're list-

ening. We get the message."

A complete but unofficial count today showed that Buchanan won 27 percent of the vote. Dole had 26 percent and Lamar Alexander finished third with 23 percent.

Buchanan won in New Hampshire by fewer than 2,500 votes of a record 203,000 ballots cast, today's final unofficial tally showed.

Magazine publisher Steve Forbes was humbled by a distant fourth-place finish, with 12 percent. Forbes planned to press on but associates said he was reassessing his unusual candidacy.

In Tier II, Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana was fifth at 5 percent and moralist Alan Keyes had 3 percent. Illinois businessmen Morry Taylor and California Rep. Robert Dornan had little to show their efforts.

"This now is a race between the mainstream and the extreme," the dehorned front-runner said. "It is a race between hope and fear. It's about freedom and it's about intolerance, which I will not tolerate."

Asked if he was calling Buchanan intolerant, Dole said, "All I know is what Pat Buchanan has written about women... that they can't succeed, that they don't have the potential and things of that kind."

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Early voting begins for Texas primaries

From Staff and Wire Reports

Several Pampa voters have already cast their ballots for the March 12 primary today, the first day of early voting, county clerk Wanda Carter said this morning.

Ballots for both parties are available now, Carter said, and registered voters can vote from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Balloting takes place in the county courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

An elevator is available for easier access to the second floor, Carter said.

Early voting runs through March 8.

On the ballots are local races for county sheriff, district attorney, constables, county commissioners, tax assessor/collector and county attorney.

Also listed are national and state races for president, U.S. Senate, Congress, half the state senate, all 150 Texas House members, a seat on the Railroad Commission, four places on the Texas Supreme Court, three places on the Court of Criminal Appeals, and half the members of the State Board of Education.

Runoff elections are scheduled for April 9.

A record number of Texans, 9.4

million, have registered to vote, Secretary of State Tony Garza's office reported Tuesday.

"We're pleased that the registration numbers are up. The challenge now is getting those voters who are registered out to the polls," said Gene Acuna, spokesman for Garza.

"The primaries are the first step in shaping the ballot for the November general election. Regardless of one's party affiliation, I urge Texans to vote and to voice an opinion on your party's nominating process," Garza said.

Acuna said the growing popularity of early voting means that as many as one-third of the primary ballots may be cast before March 12.

He also said election officials were encouraged by the registration numbers.

"A big reason for that is the ease of registration in Texas. You can register at courthouses, where you always could, but also at high schools, when renewing your driver's license, when you apply for a state service," he said.

"But we don't really know if those voters who are signing up in these spots are going to show up on Election Day."

Acuna said the secretary of state hasn't issued a prediction on voter turnout for the primary.

Detergent spilled at launch pad

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Several dozen gallons of detergent accidentally spilled onto space shuttle Columbia's external fuel tank and a booster rocket today, but was not expected to delay Thursday's planned liftoff.

Shuttle operations director Bob Sieck said a liquid vacuum system at the launch pad overflowed and sprayed a mist-like solution on the fuel tank and left solid-fuel rocket booster. Technicians may not have been operating the unit right, he said.

NASA, meanwhile, pressed ahead toward a 3:18 p.m. Thurs-

day launch of Columbia on a complex and riskier-than-usual mission to unreel a tethered satellite.

Technicians spent the morning and early afternoon checking Columbia to make sure the detergent — mostly water and slightly caustic sodium hydroxide — did not contact anything else on the shuttle. The left wing also may have been sprayed by the overflowing vacuum tank, he said.

The solution in this vacuum system is used to neutralize leftover fuel from shuttle thrusters when they are uncovered.

Cookies for soldiers



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Hobby Shop manager Nelda Patton, right, and employee Doris Gage, left, accept cookies from Judy Hart, Avon representative and assistant manager for District 1772. Hart collected cookies baked by Avon representatives from Pampa, Wheeler, Shamrock, Childress and Amarillo to be sent overseas to American soldiers. They are also sending yellow ribbons with the names of the persons sending the cookies. Others interested in participating in the cookie project may contact Patton or Gage.

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks to speak in Amarillo on boycott anniversary tour

AMARILLO — Famed civil rights activist Rosa Parks will speak in Amarillo next week in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"A Panhandle Tribute to Rosa Parks" is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Amarillo Civic Center. Several music groups are scheduled to perform along with Al Eaton's portrayal of Martin Luther King Jr. in a one-person play.

Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger will be on hand to proclaim the

day "Rosa Parks Day" in the city and give Parks the key to the city. Tickets are \$15.50 and are available at the Civic Center box office.

Tuesday, Parks and members of the Parks Legacy will present a program at Palo Duro High School from 9 to 11 a.m. The speakers will discuss cultural diversity with historical perspectives and contemporary solutions.

Parks will speak on civil disobedience and racial diversity at West Texas A&M University

Wednesday. Drs. Peter Peterson and Walt Shelly will also speak, as will President Dr. Russell Long.

"We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Parks in our area, and the Amarillo Steering Committee has been working hard securing funding from area businesses and organizations for the various events," coordinator Claudia Stuart said in a press release.

Parks' visit in Amarillo is in conjunction with a 40-city tour for the anniversary of the bus boycott that made her famous.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

State qualifiers and Torch Award winners from Pampa High School's Business Professionals of America chapter include (front) Christina Arreola, Amanda Brown, Amanda Tracy, Melissa Coutts and Ruben Leal, and (back) Marisol Resendiz, Cassie Turner, Greg Unruh, Matthew Bell and Billy Thomas. The students will compete in Corpus Christi March 7-9 at the Texas State Leadership Conference.

Six Pampa students to compete at state for Business Professionals of America

Six Pampa High School students will compete in state level competition March 7-9 in the Business Professionals of America Texas State Leadership Conference.

Students and divisions include Matthew Bell, document formatting; Amanda Brown, office assistant; Amanda Tracy, payroll accounting; Melissa Coutts, keyboarding; Billy Thomas, international business; and Greg Unruh, management concepts.

State alternates include Amy

Wagner, keyboarding; Angelica Miranda, application/interview skills; Cristina Arreola, medical concepts; Christie Walkup, entrepreneur; Amanda Brown and Amanda Tracy, financial analyst team; and Angelica Miranda, Christi Walkup and Marisol Resendiz, small business management team.

Other regional competitors included Nikki Koehler, Ruben Leal, Carrie Caswell, Cupid Proby, Marisol Resendiz and Misty West.

Several students also received Torch Awards, given to students who show outstanding leadership in nine areas: leadership, service, friendship, love, hope, faith, knowledge, patriotism and cooperation. Each student had to complete activities in each category and present a resume for acceptance of the award.

Torch winners include Amanda Brown, Melissa Coutts, Amanda Tracy, Cassie Turner, Ruben Leal and Rhonda Gourley.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DIXON, Marvin L. — 2:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.
EDWARDS, Elfreda Murphy — 2 p.m., University Church of Christ, Abilene.
HELMS, William E. "Bill" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Sunnyside Cemetery, Vici, Okla.
KOELZER, Bernard N. — Mass, 2 p.m., St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Friona.
MASON, William E. "Dub" — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

Obituaries

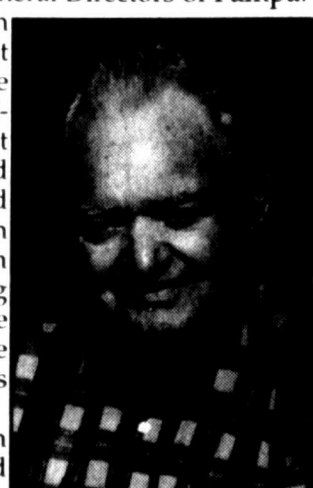
MARVIN L. DIXON
 CANADIAN - Marvin L. Dixon, 85, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996, at Wheeler. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Gruver, and the Rev. Norman Patton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Washita Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.
 Mr. Dixon was born Oct. 3, 1910, in Texas County, Okla. He moved to Texas when he was two and resided in Wheeler and Hemphill counties most of his life, moving to Borger for a short time before returning to Canadian in 1970. He served on the Hemphill County Hospital Board of Directors and as Hemphill County commissioner for eight years. As commissioner, he strongly supported the Hemphill Exhibition Center and encouraged its use by local 4-H members. He built roads, terraces and dams. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.
 He was preceded in death by a son, Audie J. Dixon, in 1981.
 Survivors include his wife, Irene, of Canadian; a daughter, Brenda May of Arlington; two sisters, Wilda Cappelletti of Davis, Calif., and Rae Pace of Hilmar, Calif.; two grandsons, Lance May and Chad May; and twin great-granddaughters, Alisha May and Jennifer May.

ELFREDA MURPHY EDWARDS
 ABILENE - Elfreda Murphy Edwards, 83, mother of a Mobeetie resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the University Church of Christ with Don Stone and Jimmy Jividen officiating. Burial will be in the Hawley Cemetery under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mrs. Edwards was born at Westbrook. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1930. She attended West Texas State Teachers College (now West Texas A&M University) at Canyon. She married Jack Weldon Edwards in 1936 at Big Spring. She lived in Big Spring for four years before moving to Olton. She resided in Olton 38 years, later moving to Clarendon, then to Abilene in 1993. She was a homemaker and a member of the University Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, of Abilene; a daughter, Welda Jo Campbell of Hawley; two sons, Don Merrill Edwards of Mobeetie and Jarrell Lynn Edwards of Abilene; a sister, Ada Chandler of Big Spring; six brothers, Frank Murphy of Graham, Verdine Phillip Murphy of Elgin, Dr. Bill Murphy and Roy Paul Murphy, both of Dimmitt, Ray Earl Murphy of Amarillo and Fawayne Murphy of New York, N.Y.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
 The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

WILLIAM E. "BILL" HELMS
 William E. "Bill" Helms, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Sunnyside Cemetery at Vici, Okla., with the Rev. Don Ross, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Leedey, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Helms was born Jan. 5, 1919, at McAlester, Okla. He married Lavinia Goodwin on April 17, 1939, at Taloga, Okla.; she died Feb. 21, 1981. He moved from Vici to Pampa in 1941. He retired from J.T. Richardson Trucking Co. 12 years ago. He was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pampa.
 He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.
 Survivors include a son, Paul Helms of Pampa; a sister, Nadine Mullins of Wilcox, Ariz.; a brother, Jerry Helms of Pampa; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.



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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	5.14	Chevron	56 1/8	up 3/8
Milo	6.39	Coca Cola	80 7/8	up 1/4
Corn	6.94	Columba/HCA	55 1/8	up 1
		Diamond Sham	31 1/2	up 3/8
		Enron	38 7/8	NC
		Halliburton	53 3/4	up 1/2
		Ingersoll Rand	41	up 1/4
		Kerr-McGee	62 1/8	NC
		Limited	17	dn 1/8
		Mapco	57	up 3/8
		McDonald's	50 1/2	up 3/4
		Mobil	112 5/8	up 3/8
		New Atmos	22 3/4	dn 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	21 7/8	dn 1/4
		Penney's	47 1/8	NC
		Phillips	34 3/4	up 5/8
		SLB	74 1/8	up 1/2
		SPS	32 5/8	NC
		Tenneco	52 5/8	up 1/4
		Texas	80 3/4	up 1/4
		Wal-Mart	21	up 1/8
		New York Gold	395.50	
		Silver	5.50	
		West Texas Crude	21.05	

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

Nowco	13 1/2	NC
Occidental	23 7/8	up 1/4

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

Magellan	86.61
Paritan	17.43

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

Amoco	70 5/8	NC
Arco	115 1/8	up 3/8
Cabot	58 7/8	up 5/8
Cabot O&G	16 1/8	NC

Obituaries

HARRY EDWARD FRANKS
 McLEAN - Harry Edward Franks, 82, of McLean, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with the Rev. James Martindale, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.
 Mr. Franks was born Jan. 6, 1914, at Memphis, Texas. He had lived most of his life in McLean. He was a retired rancher. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post of Shamrock.

There are no known survivors.
BERNARD N. KOELZER
 FRIONA - Bernard N. "Ben" Koelzer, 88, father of a Wheeler resident, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in the Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Teresa's Catholic Church with the Rev. Ed Sweeney, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery at Hereford.

Mr. Koelzer was born at Munster. He moved to Friona in 1939 and to Hereford in 1994. He married Elizabeth Jesko in 1927 at Hereford; she died in 1988. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Blankenship of Amarillo, Evelyn Blankenship of Hereford and Judith Sewell of Plainview; four sons, Bernard J. Koelzer of Chilliwick, British Columbia, Canada, Gerald F. Koelzer of Wheeler, David B. Koelzer of Satanta, Kan., and James L. Koelzer of Dalhart; two sisters, Theresa Koelzer and Marie Noggler, both of Hereford; a brother, Rev. Louis Koelzer of Graymoor, N.Y.; 24 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. "DUB" MASON
 WHEELER - William E. "Dub" Mason, 72, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church at Wheeler with the Rev. Robert Helsey, a former pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Canadian.

Mr. Mason was born in 1923 at Southmayd, Texas. He moved to Wheeler County in 1930 from Southmayd. He married Dorothy Mae Conner on July 2, 1990, at Mobeetie. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Mason of Nevada; a sister, Edna Hazel of Mustang, Okla.; two brothers, Everett Mason of Garland and Ray Mason of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

LYNN L. PYLE
 SHREVEPORT, La. - Lynn L. Pyle, 34, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Pyle was born Sept. 26, 1961, at Amarillo, Texas. He was a 1979 Pampa High School graduate and a lifelong resident of Pampa before moving to Louisiana in 1991. He was a public accountant and worked for various charitable organizations. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Brandon Orr of Shreveport; his parents, Kenneth and Earma Pyle of Pampa; two sisters, Carla Taylor and Willaina Pyle, both of Pampa; two brothers, Larry Pyle of Pampa and Doug Pyle of Amarillo; his grandmother, Ruth Pyle of Canyon, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 1726 Evergreen in Pampa and requests memorials be to the Philadelphia Center of Shreveport.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 20
Community Supervision and Corrections
 Justin Alan Long, 20, 300 Canadian, began serving the terms of a probated 90-day sentence.
Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge
 Deborah Chandler, 36, 604 N. Wells, was arrested on 11 charges of issuance of bad checks. She was released to pay later.

Calendar of events

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health office, 600 W. Kentucky, and will be open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 REUNION
 Former classmates of the Pampa High School Class of 1961 interested in helping with the 35-year reunion are invited to attend a meeting Saturday, Feb. 24, at 2228 Charles at 3 p.m. If unable to attend but still wanting to help, call 665-5532.
SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES
 Skelly-Getty-Texaco retirees club is to meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Correction

A Panhandle Regional Planning Commission assistance application workshop will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., not Saturday as stated in a headline in Tuesday's newspaper.

Buchanan

He also said Buchanan "plays on the fears of people."

Dole said some of those drawn to Buchanan are "so far out they're about to fall off the cliff." He said he could not reach such people - "They'll just have to fall."

Dole promised, "You're going to see the real Bob Dole out there from now on," but looked taken aback when a reporter asked if the public hadn't been seeing "the real Bob Dole" for some weeks.

He said, "I guess the point is we're going to have a lot of these primaries and we're not going to be taken away with Senate business. So we're going to be Bob Dole the candidate."

Alexander said it was time for Dole to step aside "and let me and Pat Buchanan debate the future of the party."

Responded Dole: "I can't believe he'd say something like that. He's broke. ... Placing third three times is not going to raise you a lot of money."

The Granite State primary

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decided nothing except that the contest will have to be settled elsewhere.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle said Dole's weakness has put the nomination "up for grabs."

From here on, Quayle said, Dole was "going to have to go and be energetic and articulate that vision and see if the Republicans will buy it."

No one but his opponents were writing off Dole. The Senate majority leader enjoys the backing of the Republican establishment and has \$48 million for the next round of primaries and caucuses; his two chief rivals are almost out of cash.

Buchanan said his New Hampshire victory, atop wins in Louisiana and Alaska and a strong second in Iowa, will broaden his appeal among rank-and-file Republicans who are saying, "I always liked the fellow, but now I think he can win."

Today in South Carolina, he picked up the endorsement of Phyllis Schlafly, a veteran anti-abortion leader.

Buchanan told supporters Tuesday night that the party reg-

ulars were frantically seeking a way to block him.

"You can hear them right now," he said. "The fax machines and the phones are buzzing in Washington, D.C." And the message, he said, was: "Somebody's got to get out and take on this guy."

Alexander portrayed himself as the mainstream-acceptable alternative to "a weakened Senator Dole" and an overly divisive Buchanan. He acknowledged, "I've got to start winning soon." In Iowa, he also finished third. Dole won there, but narrowly; Buchanan was an unexpectedly strong second.

Today, Buchanan took the fight South and to the Dakotas, where he planned to scope out Mount Rushmore, monument to the greatest of presidents.

Alexander was heading back to his native South, too, while Dole looked for solace in the Dakotas.

Dornan today denied a broadcast report that he was dropping out. "I've made that up out of whole cloth," he said. "I'm going to be campaigning in Arizona next." Dornan finished last with 518 votes, less than 1 percent.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20
 2:05 p.m. - Four personnel responded on a medical assist at Central Fire Station, 203 W. Foster.
 6:44 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to 819 E. Kingsmill on an unauthorized controlled burn.
 7:27 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to 405 N. Zimmers on a carbon monoxide test.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 20
 Theft of three magnetic Avon signs valued at \$100 was reported from the 1300 block of East Francis.
 Theft of a billfold, credit cards, keys and cash were reported stolen from the Pampa High School locker room between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Monday.
 Four reports of theft of property were made by Culligan Water Service, 314 S. Starkweather, on Tuesday.
 Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday.
 The left front fender of a 1984 Ford pickup was reported damaged in the 1100 block of South Dwight. Estimated damage is \$200.
 Assault - family violence was reported by a 35-

Train derails in Colorado

LEADVILLE, Colo. (AP) - A freight train derailed this morning in the mountains north of here, killing two crew members and spilling acid onto a highway.

Initially, Southern Pacific spokesman Mike Furtney said it appeared the three crew members were talking to rescuers. Kim Andre of the Eagle County sheriff's department said later that two fatalities were confirmed.

Hydrochloric acid from broken containers on the train was spilling down the mountainside.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20
 11:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Banks on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 1:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Francis on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

2:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Foster on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

3:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Finley on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 48 and southwest winds 10-20. Thursday, variable cloudiness and windy with a high of 85. Southwest winds 15-25 mph and areas of blowing dust likely. Tuesday's high was 76; the overnight low was 51.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Thursday, considerable cloudiness and windy. Highs from 80 to mid 80s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 50-55. Thursday, becoming windy with areas of blowing dust. Highs around 85.

North Texas - Tonight, increasing high cloudiness. Lows 55 to 60. Thursday, mostly cloudy and

continued unseasonably warm. Highs 83 to 89.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies. Lows from upper 40s Hill Country to upper 50s south central. Thursday, patchy morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy and continued hot. Highs in the 90s. Upper Coast: Tonight, fair skies with fog developing inland and dense fog along the coast. Lows from upper 60s coast, to low 60s inland. Thursday, early morning patchy fog inland and dense fog along the coast becoming partly cloudy. Highs from mid 70s coast, to upper 80s to near 90 inland. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, fair skies with areas of patchy fog along the coast. Lows from mid 60s coast to low 60s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy with areas of patchy fog along the

coast. Highs from mid 80s coast, low 90s inland, mid 90s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, mostly cloudy north with scattered showers and high mountain snow showers. Variable cloudiness south. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 40s to mid 50s lower elevations east and south. Thursday, a chance of showers and higher elevation snow showers mountains and north, otherwise partly cloudy. Windy statewide. Turning cooler all but southeast. Highs 50s to mid 60s mountains and northwest with 70s to mid 80s east and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from mid 40s to low 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy and continued warm. Highs from upper 70s to mid 80s.

City briefs

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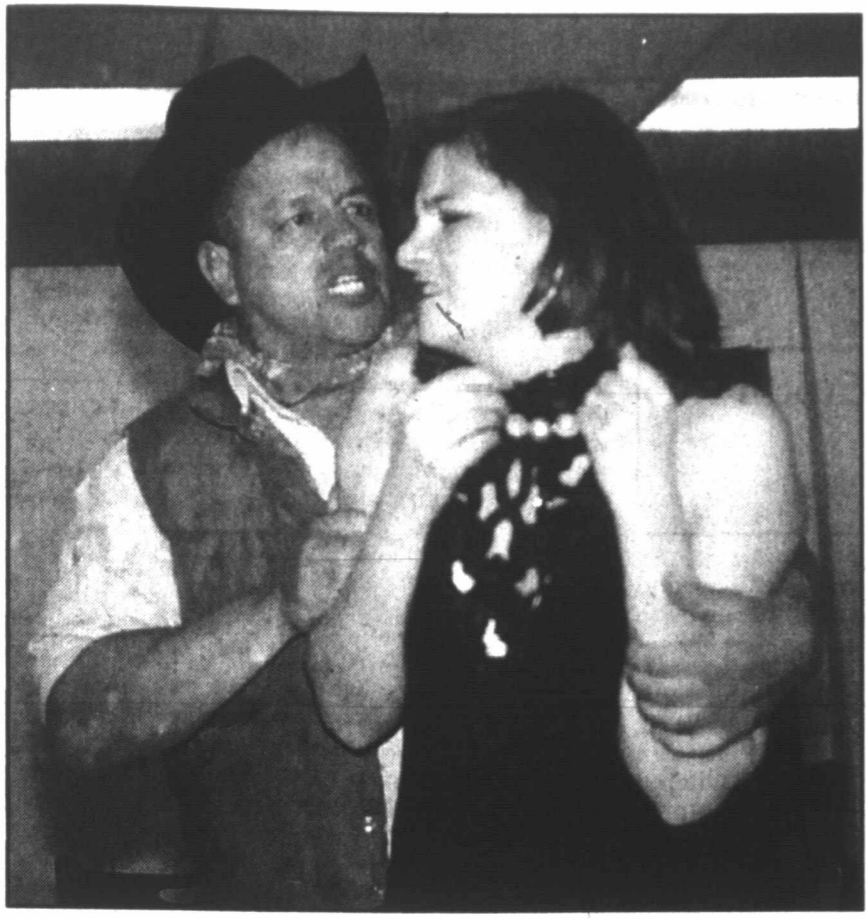
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Headstrong cowboy Bo (Ace Acevedo) tries desperately to convince Cherie (Amy Brendle) to marry him. The two are stuck in a small cafe during a blizzard in ACT I's staging of *Bus Stop*, scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

ACT I to present 'Bus Stop' performances this weekend

William Inge's classic *Bus Stop* will be staged this weekend by the ACT I acting troupe. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The play, set on the Kansas plains in the 1950s, depicts a busload of passengers caught at a small bus stop during a highway-blocking blizzard. Conflict arises from their interaction with each other and with the local people who work at the bus stop cafe. Ace Acevedo and Amy Brendle star as Bo, a brash cowboy, and Cherie, a nightclub singer Bo has kidnapped to take back to his ranch and marry. Other cast members include April Roudy as Elma, a high school waitress at the bus stop; Monty Montgomery as Dr. Lyman, a down-at-the-heels former college professor; Bill Hildebrand as Virgil, Bo's older cowboy sidekick; Jamie Greene as Grace, the bus stop cafe manager; Rick Welch as Carl, the bus driver who develops a special interest in Grace; and Paul Smith as Sheriff Will.

Kimberly Williams and Doc Welch, both Pampa High School theater students, have worked as production assistant and technical assistant, respectively. An added attraction at each performance will be appearances by several area western bands, set to perform 30 minutes before each curtain time. Friday, the Rocking Chair Cowboys (including Bill Arrington, John Mann, Frances Shelton and others) will play; Saturday and Sunday will feature Keith Roberson and the North Fork Band from the Lefors area. Students of cast member Brendle, a PHS art instructor, will display lamps and other sculptures, and cadets from the Canadian Boot Camp, where Acevedo works, will have exhibits as well. Special rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Group rates are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Single admissions are \$6. All reservations are available at the door. For reservations or more information, call 665-3710.

Attorney general opines purchase of TexPool funds by treasurer illegal

AUSTIN (AP) — A 1994 state bailout of the TexPool investment fund violated the state constitution, according to an opinion issued by the attorney general's office. Treasurer Martha Whitehead acted illegally when she used treasury money to prop up the state-run fund during a December 1994 run, according to the five-page opinion issued at the request of Rita Horwitz, executive director of the State Pension Review Board. "The state treasurer's use of funds in the state treasury in December 1994 to purchase TexPool funds at a price above market value was not authorized by law," according to the opinion, signed by Assistant Attorney General Susan L. Garrison. In mid-December 1994, the state treasury bought govern-

ment securities from TexPool in an effort to stem \$1 billion in withdrawals from the beleaguered local government investment fund for 1,300 local Texas governmental units. State attorneys said that Whitehead's office acted illegally by using state treasury funds to buy TexPool securities at prices above market value. The buys "constituted the withdrawal of funds from the state treasury without an appropriation" by the Legislature, which would violate the state constitution, the opinion stated. "Moreover, we question whether the Legislature would have had authority to appropriate funds to TexPool for the purpose of preventing losses to the investors," the opinion stated.

Ex-Oiler denies hitting his wife last summer

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Soon after Warren Moon joined the Houston Oilers, the quarterback was faced with problems as a newcomer on a struggling team. At home, his sudden riches and relocation to a new home in Houston were causing difficulties for his family and in particular, his wife Felicia. "I didn't know at the time that it would affect our relationship, but obviously it did a little bit," said Moon, 39, who took the stand Tuesday to defend himself against a misdemeanor charge that he assaulted his wife on July 18. Her frustration at just being "Mrs. Warren Moon" resulted in frequent overdraws of the couple's bank accounts and overcharges on credit cards. In 1986, violence erupted because he crossed a freshly mopped floor. "The next thing you know,

there she is, in my face, going crazy about why I walked across the floor," Moon said. Mrs. Moon hit her husband with a mop handle. The 210-pound quarterback caught it and began fighting back. "I pushed her down and went to jump on top of her," Moon said. "I punched her in her leg, her thigh." Under questioning from defense attorney Rusty Hardin, Moon then denied hitting Mrs. Moon since the 1986 argument or during the July incident for which he is on trial. Moon, a 10-year Houston Oilers quarterback who now plays for the Minnesota Vikings, faces up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine if convicted of the misdemeanor assault charge. Mrs. Moon, 39, who testified Friday, Monday and Tuesday, says her husband never hit her during the confrontation that

resulted in scratches and bruises along her neck and shoulders. She also contended he never meant to hurt her and he shouldn't have to shoulder the blame for something she started. Prosecutors rested their case Tuesday after getting Mrs. Moon to acknowledge that she passed up several chances to tell her side of the story. In earlier testimony, Mrs. Moon repeatedly characterized the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office as overzealous and not interested in her version of the incident. Under repeated questioning by prosecutor Mike Elliott, she conceded she did not try to correct the publicized version of events detailed in a four-page statement filed in an indictment against her husband. Elliott tried to have Mrs. Moon's statement submitted as evidence Tuesday. But County

Court-at-Law Judge Larry Wagenbach agreed with Hardin's contention that it was inadmissible. According to Texas law, unless the person who gave the statement refuses to acknowledge the contents, the entire written version cannot be admitted as evidence. Mrs. Moon never has denied giving the statement, but has said it is incomplete. However, portions of the statement can be read to jurors. One of the most hotly contested portions of the statement is over the words "choked" and "choked." Mrs. Moon's statement uses the word "choked" twice and "choked" once, according to portions read to jurors. She has said her husband "choked" her, explaining he wedged his hands behind her shoulders while holding her down because of her excited state during the argument.

Educated immigrants likely will migrate to other states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Well-educated immigrants with a mastery of English are less likely to remain clustered in Texas and other high-immigration states, instead fanning out into other parts of the country, a new study concludes. Less well-educated immigrants with language barriers tend to seek out other immigrants in deciding where to live, University of Florida demographer June Marie Nogle said in her study. The analysis, based on 1990 Census data, was released Tuesday in Washington by the Center for Immigration Studies. "It may be appropriate for policymakers to consider whether there is a national interest in pro-

moting more widespread settlement of immigrants, rather than encouraging concentration in a few states," the Center for Immigration Studies said. When compared to immigrants who didn't graduate from high school, foreigners with college degrees were 46 percent less likely to move to Florida; 36 percent less likely to select New York; and 22 percent less likely to pick California. Increasingly, immigrants are gathering in a handful of states and the trend is likely to continue, Nogle found. In 1970, slightly more than one of every two immigrants lived in the top four immigration states: California, New York, New Jersey and Illinois. Twenty-four

years later, nearly two out of every three immigrants were concentrated in the top four states: California, New York, Florida and Texas. Examining internal migration among immigrants who first settled in one state and then moved to another, the study found that New York and Texas lost the most immigrants to other states. New York lost 130,000 immigrants to other states between 1985 and 1990, with Texas second, with 42,000. Florida gained over 125,000 resettling immigrants and California some 61,000 during that same five-year period. Compared to immigrants who arrive in the United States and don't move around, "resettlers

are younger, better educated, more fluent in English and have higher incomes," the study found. Among the report's other findings: —Migrants to Texas, California and Illinois are the least fluent in English, while those moving to Maryland and Virginia are the most fluent. —Maryland was a magnet for the most highly educated resettling migrants, with 39 percent holding college degrees. Florida had the lowest level of college graduates, with 17 percent. —Between 1970 and 1994, the foreign-born populations of California, Texas, Virginia and Florida grew by 285 percent or more.

State briefs

Teen throws party after brutal beating of elderly couple

HOUSTON (AP) — A teenager who police say threw a party after severely beating an elderly couple during a robbery, resulting in the man's death, will be tried as an adult. Lee Andrew Taylor, 17, is charged with capital murder and aggravated robbery in the Nov. 17 attack upon John and Mildred Hampton at their Channelview home. Taylor, who was 16 at the time, used the money from the robbery to throw a party in a motel room in nearby Pasadena that night, police say. He gave a statement about the crime and showed police where he threw the wallet, detectives said. John Hampton died in a hospital two months later after spending most of that time in a coma. Mrs. Hampton required intensive reconstructive surgery on her face.

Wise county residents win suit against gas company

DECATUR (AP) — A Wise County jury exceeded plaintiffs' expectations by awarding \$204 million in damages to rural families whose water supplies were contaminated by leaky natural gas wells owned by a Houston company. "That's \$20 million more than we asked for," said Mike Simpson, a Decatur attorney who represents the 17 plaintiffs. The plaintiffs had asked for \$180 million in punitive damages, but were awarded \$200 million Tuesday in addition to \$4 million in actual damages. The penalties represent money Mitchell Energy Corp. should have paid in fines for 121 leaking wells in Wise and nearby counties. The Texas Railroad Commission had instead waived the penalties each time and given the company time to fix the leaks.

Lubbock rallies around shelter hours after fire

LUBBOCK (AP) — Citizens began sending donations to a shelter for battered women and children practically before the smoke had cleared from the fire that damaged it. A fire on Tuesday that singed the Women's Protective Services shelter displaced 54 women and children to a temporary facility. Within hours, donations piled up at the Lubbock United Way offices. "We're very fortunate," Fritzi Case, assistant director for Women's Protective Services, said. "People have definitely earned their wings in Lubbock today." Professional staff and security personnel are attending the temporary shelter, Case said. A plumber using welding equipment ignited some insulation, Case said. The blaze damaged an area with administrative offices and a playground. The shelter, which is insured, serves between 3,000 and 5,000 women and children each year with emergency food, clothing, shelter and counseling. The fire comes as the shelter has begun a fund-raising drive to construct a new building.

Militia group targets federal judges, FBI wary of threats

HOUSTON (AP) — The FBI is concerned about a possible plot by a Central Texas militia group to kidnap a federal judge, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today. An advisory issued by the U.S. Marshal's Service warned judges in the federal courts' Southern District that the plot appears to be targeting either the Austin or San Antonio areas, but suggested tighter security in Houston, the newspaper reported. "The FBI has information that a fringe militia group in Central Texas has a plot to kidnap a federal judge to be held for ransom," read a memorandum signed by Chief Judge Norman Black to Southern District judges on Feb. 8. Black and Mike Appleby, FBI spokesman in San Antonio, were unavailable for comment early today. A total of 36 federal judges — 18 district judges, six bankrupt-

cy judges and 12 magistrate judges — are on the bench in the Southern District. In addition to the Houston federal courthouse, these judges work in courthouses in Laredo, McAllen, Brownsville, Galveston, Victoria and Corpus Christi. Six militia groups are known to operate in the Central Texas area, the *Chronicle* reported. The newspaper identified the groups as Texas Light Infantry, Austin; Texas Constitutional Militia, Bexar County Unit; Freedom Fighters, Fredericksburg; United States Civil Militia Organization, Kerrville; Texas Constitutional Militia, Southern region, San Antonio; and Texas Militia Correspondence Committee, San Antonio. Security in federal buildings has been heightened since last April 19, when the bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building left 169 people dead.

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Opinion

Being generous with our money

White House press spokesman Mike McCurry has said that President Clinton would sign a bill promoted by some Republicans to have the government pay the legal expenses of former White House travel office honcho Billy Dale and others irresponsibly accused of wrongdoing in the Travelgate affair.

Well, isn't that special? It's not that it's difficult to sympathize with Mr. Dale and his former co-workers. When they were summarily fired and replaced by a distant cousin of Mr. Clinton's — apparently as part of a larger scheme to give Hollywood producer and prominent friend of Bill Harry Thomason, who also had an interest in a charter airplane business, a bigger chunk of the federal travel dollar — they were accused of financial mismanagement as cover, had the FBI investigate them and suffered substantially in a cynical effort to make the firings look like reform.

Former travel office director Billy Dale was actually accused of misappropriation of funds and acquitted by a jury almost as quickly as O.J. was. But he still owes some \$105,000 in attorneys' fees, even though a legal defense fund set up on his behalf has already paid about \$100,000. Other Travelgate victims are said to owe a total of \$200,000 in legal fees.

So it's a generous impulse, a recognition that a certain amount of unjustifiable pain and suffering was inflicted on these people, to want to pay their legal fees.

The trouble is that their lawyers will not be paid by the people who cynically inflicted that pain and suffering, but by the most innocent party of all in this matter — the long-suffering American taxpayer. When somebody says "the government" will reimburse expenses or pay compensation, what that really means is that minions of the government will extract yet more money from hard working Americans to pay for mistakes made by people in government.

Or their wives. Guess it's easy to be generous and magnanimous when you can do it with other peoples' money.

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Athletes or beauty queens?

Last year, ice-skating champion Michelle Kwan was a nervous and giggling 14-year-old, with a slight figure and a bobbing ponytail.

Her girlishness worked to her disadvantage. Skating judges told Kwan's coach and parents that she looked too young, so Kwan followed the example of the most successful figure skaters: She started experimenting with makeup.

"I learned from the Olympic champions," Kwan said about her new look. "I looked in the mirror and examined how they did their makeup. I learned from the best."

In no other sport is image and personality so critical — and are the actual athletics so ignored — as women's figure skating. Top figure skaters are not just athletes or even role models, they are also expected to be beauty queens, ice princesses.

"In an extreme way, I think figure skating represents the ideal woman — fit, athletic, little-girlish and sexual," says Joan Ryan, author of *Little Girls in Pretty Boxes: The Making and Breaking of Elite Gymnasts and Figure Skaters*.

And since the 1994 Olympic showdown between Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding, the pressure to meet this image has only increased. In the world of televised sports, figure skating now commands ratings second only to football. New ice competitions with flashy names like "Ice Wars" and "Skates of Gold" continue to pop up on network TV schedules. And the audience — 75 percent of which is comprised of women — can't get enough.

The "lesson" Michelle Kwan learned from her predecessors became clear at the National Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, Calif. A heavily made-up Kwan appeared on the ice in a costume that was as provocative as her program's music: "Salome." Kwan entered the rink wearing



Sara Eckel

a bikini-like combination of veils, sequins and that infamous fake skin. Last year's little girl was now an exotic temptress.

At any rate, it worked. If a child-like appearance held Kwan back in the past, the "maturing of Michelle Kwan," as commentators dubbed it, helped her secure a victory.

The sad part is, Kwan should have won without draping silky ropes around her waist and gluing sequins to her eyelids. Her program was flawless, and it showed a grace and artistry that had eluded the young skater's routines in the past.

And oddly enough, Kwan also seemed to garner approval for her innocence. ABC Sports commentators Peggy Fleming, Dick Button and Brian Boitano seemed to agree that she was the kind of girl "you'd want for a daughter."

"She's very uncomplicated, and I think she's a wonderful role model for our young skaters coming up," said Fleming.

This contradiction is an intrinsic element of elite figure skating. "In women's figure skating, it's better to look old than to be old," writes Christine Brennan, author of *Inside Edge*, a behind-the-scenes look at figure skating. That's because promoters want skaters to exude the sensuality of a

grown woman, but increasingly the sport demands the lightness and limberness of children, as triple jumps and combinations become standard requirements at the elite level.

Consider the results of the nationals. Twenty-four-year-old silver-medalist Tonia Kwitkowski — the country's most ignored world-class skater — was flanked by Kwan, the youngest national women's champion since 1964, and bronze-medalist Tara Lipinski, the 13-year-old, 69-pound media sensation.

(And back in the wings, a tearful Nicole Bobek, 18, nursed the sore ankle that prevented her from skating.)

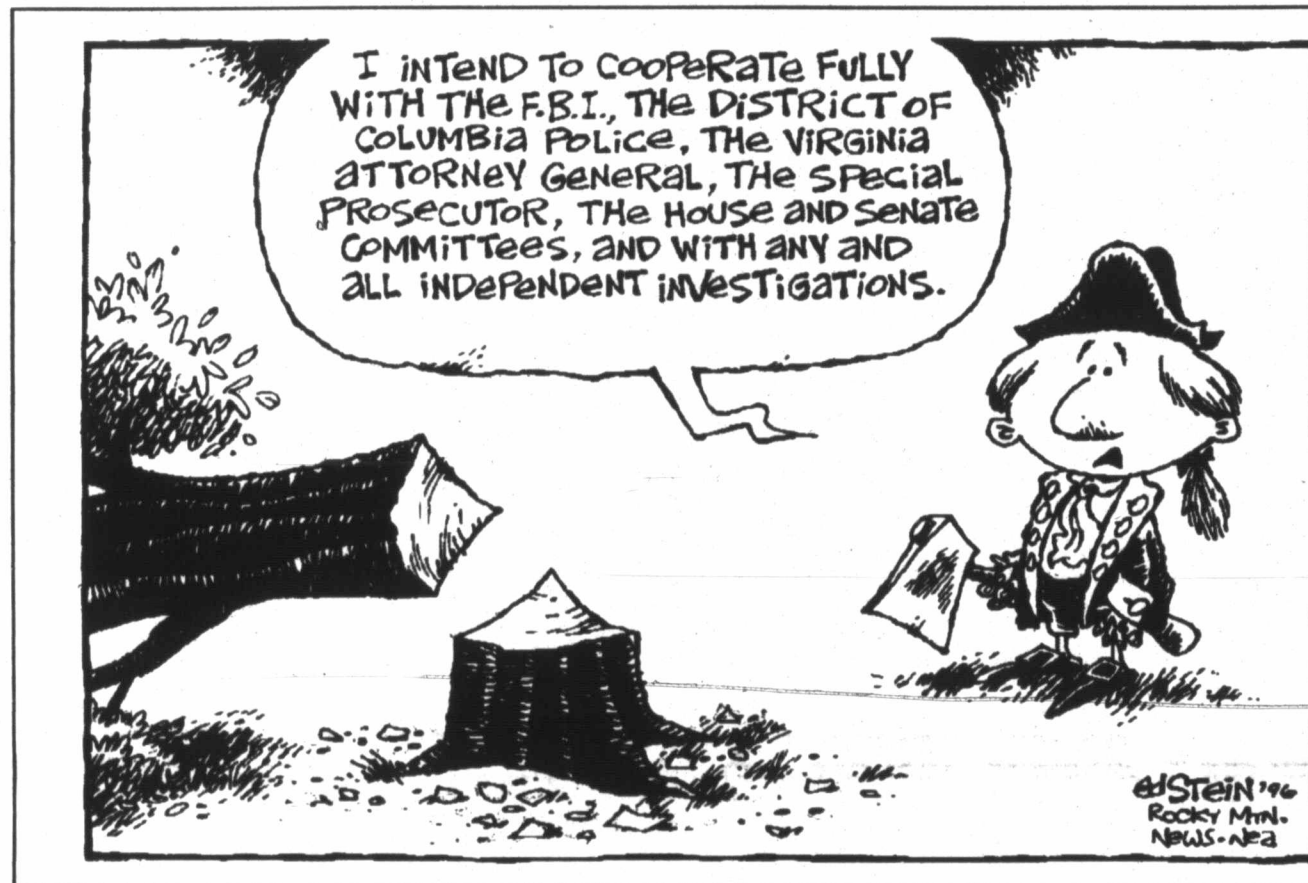
"These girls grow up so fast," says Ryan, "and we're pushing them to become that ideal woman at an even earlier age."

We hear so much talk these days about the decline of American young people, and about their sexual precociousness. Politicians decry teen pregnancy. And state and federal governments pass laws to discourage teens from exercising more adult passions.

But although we tell teenagers, especially teenage girls, that they should refrain from exploring their more sexual nature, the examples we set — in nearly every facet of society — say the exact opposite.

We can only hope the young women who are expected to fit these conflicted ideals somehow manage to preserve their own childhoods. Watching Michelle Kwan's on-ice seduction, it was hard to know who exactly was beneath all that makeup and glitter.

But when the routine was over and she broke into a childish grin, one ABC commentator spoke for a nation full of viewers when he exclaimed, "There's the 15-year-old!"



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 1996. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1846, 150 years ago, Sarah G. Bagley became the first female telegrapher as she took charge at the newly opened telegraph office in Lowell, Mass.

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

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

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

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

Score one for the United States

Once in every three or four blue moons a story comes along that makes you want to stand up, throw your hat into the air and cheer. A book being published this month tells one such story, and I predict that it is going to be a national bombshell.

Here, in essence and in chronological order, is the story. Morris Childs was born near Kiev in 1902, emigrated to Chicago with his parents, and joined the Communist Party in 1919. He caught the eye of Communist leader Earl Browder, and in 1929 was sent to the Lenin School in Moscow, where he struck up friendships with two of his instructors: Yuri Andropov, later the longtime head of the KGB, and Mikhail Suslov, who was to become the chief ideologist of the Politburo.

These connections served Childs well when he returned to Chicago: Moscow soon ordered the CPUSA to make him its Chicago head and a member of the party's governing central committee. By 1945 he was editor of the *Daily Worker*, but he was ousted from that job two years later when Browder lost control of the party. Disillusioned and seriously ill with heart trouble, Childs was sidelined for several years, though he did not resign.

It was in those years that he was recruited by the FBI, to remain in the party as one of its "assets." Just how valuable an asset became apparent in 1957 when its new general secretary, Eugene Dennis, mindful of Childs' friends in



William Rusher

Moscow, appointed him as his deputy, in charge of all dealings with foreign Communist parties, including the Russian and Chinese. In 1958, Childs' old friends invited him to Moscow.

That was the first of 52 trips that Morris Childs made to the Soviet Union and other Communist countries (including China and Cuba) in the next 23 years, on behalf of what the FBI dubbed "Operation Solo."

Just for one thing, Childs smuggled over \$28 million in U.S. currency from Moscow to its waiting stooges in the United States — after the FBI had noted the serial number on every bill.

But there was more. On almost every trip he had long private talks with Andropov and Suslov, as well as with Boris Ponomarev, head of the International Department (formerly the

Comintern). They provided him with a comfortable apartment in Moscow, questioned him on American Politics and policies, and confided to him their hopes and fears on such hot topics as China and the United States. Reports based on these talks were promptly shown by the FBI to high-level U.S. officials; but they were not allowed to keep them, and not even presidents were told their source until 1975 and thereafter.

In 1977, on the occasion of Childs' 75th birthday, Leonid Brezhnev held a secret dinner in his honor in the Kremlin, and pinned the Order of Lenin on his chest. Four years later, when domestic attacks on the FBI were causing dangerous leaks, Operation Solo was finally closed down. Childs quietly disappeared from his Chicago haunts, leaving party boss Gus Hall (who had always hailed him as "my secretary of state") to wonder where he was, when he had been "turned," and what ghostly Communist secrets he had revealed.

In 1987 President Reagan quietly conferred on Morris Childs the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the nation's highest civilian award. Childs lived on until 1991, to see and relish the fall of the Berlin Wall.

So score one — a big one — for the United States. And let's hear three cheers for the FBI, which has taken a lot of knocks in recent years. In *Operation Solo: The FBI's Man in the Kremlin*, author John Barron has put a splendid feather in its cap.

Quickie divorce's days are numbered

By little baby steps, Americans are seeking to undo the Age of Aquarius. According to *The New York Times*, Michigan, Idaho, Georgia, Iowa and Pennsylvania are considering a repeal of their "no-fault divorce" laws.

No-fault divorce was part of the '60s push for individual autonomy above all else. It did provide some adults with more freedom, but that freedom has cost children and society dearly. By removing the concept of fault — mental cruelty, desertion, adultery — 1960s lawmakers sent a powerful signal about the moral standing of marriage itself. How solemn a commitment can marriage be if it is easier to dissolve than a commercial contract?

No-fault divorce laws ensured that divorces would be granted even if one member of the couple opposed the split. The unstated assumption behind such "reform" was that marriage is an institution for adults, aimed at achieving adult happiness. If it isn't making both partners happy, why not permit divorce?

Because, as we've been reminded in the intervening decades, marriage is not just about adult happiness (though it does conduce to happiness — including sexual satisfaction) — better than any other arrangement. Marriage is also the bedrock of stable families, strong communities and a healthy society.

What happens to children when parents divorce? For decades, we told ourselves, as the saying went, that "it is better to come from a broken home than to live in one." Whereas in the 1940s and 1950s, majorities of Americans told pollsters that it was better for an unhappy couple to stay together for



Mona Charen

the sake of the children than to divorce, by the mid-1960s, that sentiment had reversed.

Now, 30 years into the experiment with easy divorce, we are seeing that the earlier consensus was right. As far as children's well-being goes, divorce is a calamity. According to "Father Facts," a publication of the National Fatherhood Initiative, children of divorce are much more likely to drop out of school, to engage in premarital sex and to become pregnant than children of intact families. The average income of women with children declines by 73 percent after divorce. The advantage of growing up with educated parents is obliterated by divorce.

Only 8.3 percent of children living with both parents exhibit significant emotional or behavioral problems, compared with 19.1 percent of those living with their mothers only and 23.6 percent of those living with their mothers and stepfathers. A study of 17,000 children, controlled for age, sex, race, maternal employment and family

income, found that children living with a parent and a step-parent or a divorced mother only were 20 percent to 30 percent more likely to suffer an accident, 40 percent to 75 percent more likely to repeat a grade at school, and 70 percent more likely to be expelled from school than were children who lived with both parents. Even ten years after a divorce, researcher Judith Wallerstein found, children felt "less protected, less cared for and less comforted" than children in intact families.

For many children of divorce, fathers simply fade away. Forty percent of children in fatherless homes report that they have not seen their fathers in at least a year. Of the other 60 percent, only one in six sees his father an average of once a week. Ten years after a divorce, more than two-thirds of children say that they haven't seen their fathers for at least a year.

All children of divorce suffer pain. Some of them visit pain on others. Seventy percent of children in state reform institutions grew up in single-parent or no-parent homes. As former Attorney General William Barr put it: "If you look at the one factor that most closely correlates with crime, it's not poverty, it's not employment, it's not education. It's the absence of the father in the family."

The depressing statistics go on and on. So, here's a cheer for the states that are working to re-reform divorce law. Waiting periods for couples with children should be mandatory. Counseling for couples considering marriage is a good idea. And most of all, revive the concept of fault — healthy marriages and a healthy society demand it.

Berry's World



"Mind if we skip the bedtime story tonight? I'm whacked out from spending the day at the computer."

Former Pampa, McLean student nominated to attend West Point

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has nominated Jamie Barker, former Pampa and McLean resident, for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Barker, currently a student at Tascosa High School in Amarillo, is the daughter of Susan and Jim Barker of 7614 Canode in Amarillo, former Pampa and McLean residents. She attended school from first through seventh grades at McLean and at Pampa Middle School. She will graduate from Tascosa in May.

She is the granddaughter of James and Pat Barker of McLean.

"I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to nominate this fine young person who represents the best and the brightest students in Texas to be a future leader in our Army," Hutchison said in a news release.

Hutchison, R-Texas, emphasized the competitive nature and the honor of such a nomination, saying there was a pool of 600 applicants from which to choose.



Jamie Barker

"Each nominee can be proud that from among a very large and highly qualified pool of applicants, only a select few are fortunate enough to receive a nomination," the senator said.

The United States Military Academy recently notified Barker that she had received an appointment, according to the release.

Indictment says Clinton received cash from shady banker

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — One of two bankers charged with misusing bank money to finance political campaigns allegedly hand-delivered \$7,000 to Bill Clinton a month after he was re-elected Arkansas governor in 1990.

The indictment Tuesday of Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M. Hill does not accuse President Clinton of wrongdoing. It is, however, the first indictment in the two-year Whitewater investigation to mention Clinton by name.

Branscum and Hill are accused of using bank funds to reimburse themselves, their relatives and bank employees for \$13,216.70 in contributions made to political campaigns between May 1990 and November 1993.

The indictment also alleges that Hill gave at least \$7,000 to then-Gov. Clinton in December 1990 to help him pay off campaign debts.

The indictment was obtained by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr from a federal grand jury.

Branscum and Hill, co-owners of Perry County Bank, are charged in the 11-count federal indictment with conspiracy, misappli-

cation of bank funds, making false entries in bank records and failing to report transactions to the Internal Revenue Service.

Neal Ainley, the former president of the bank, is not charged in the indictment but is named as a recipient of some of the money used to reimburse the donors. He pleaded guilty last year to failing to report large withdrawals from the Clinton campaign fund in 1990 and is cooperating with prosecutors.

Neither Clinton nor first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was charged, nor were any campaign workers in Clinton's 1990 bid for a fifth term. The White House said it was preparing a statement.

After the election, Branscum was named an Arkansas state highway commissioner; Hill, a former IRS agent, was appointed by Clinton to the state bank board before the 1990 race.

The only contribution linked to a politician by name in the indictment was the money delivered to Clinton. Some \$3,000 raised in October 1991 went to "a candidate for federal office" and other money went for state races in 1991 and 1993, the prosecutor said.

None of the donations exceeded the \$1,000

limit on campaign contributions. Prosecutors refused to say whether others would be charged.

Hill and Branscum allegedly got the money to reimburse themselves and the others by submitting false expense vouchers to the bank and by taking \$3,000 via a cashier's check directly from bank funds.

The count dealing with failure to report large transactions stems from the withdrawal by Clinton campaign aides of \$30,000 in May 1990 and \$22,500 in November 1990 from the campaign's account at the bank. One of the withdrawals was made by White House aide Bruce Lindsey, then a Clinton campaign worker.

Neither Branscum nor Hill could be reached for comment Tuesday. But their lawyers denied any money was misused.

"Mr. Branscum and Mr. Hill are of interest to Mr. Starr only because they have past ties to the Democratic president of the United States," lawyers Dan Guthrie and Jack Lassiter said in a statement. "Independent Counsel has spent approximately \$30 million of taxpayer money to date. The total amount involved in this indictment is \$13,216."

Nation briefs

Filming begins on first movie to dramatize riots

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A movie is in the works about the riots that followed the acquittal of four police officers in Rodney King's beating.

"Riot," a two-hour movie for the Showtime cable TV channel, is scheduled to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the riots next year and offers four stories told from different ethnic viewpoints.

The film stars father-and-son actors Melvin and Mario Van Peebles, Cicely Tyson and Luke Perry.

The acquittal of the white Los Angeles police officers in the beating of King, who is black, sparked the violence in 1992 that led to 55 deaths and an estimated \$1 billion damage.

The film's goal is to put a human face on the destruction, say the films producers, the Polone-Winer Co. and Francis Ford Coppola's American Zoetrope.

Executive producer Harry Winer said the film could help promote dialogue.

Father fatally beats child over potty accident

NEW YORK (AP) — The father of a 2-year-old boy was arrested after telling investigators he beat his son to death while trying to toilet train him, police said.

Kevin Mikell was found in his family's apartment Tuesday bruised and unconscious with a dislocated arm and cigarette burns on his body, said Capt. John Dillon. The boy died later at a hospital. His father, Anthony Mikell, 48,

was charged with murder after telling detectives that after trying to potty train Kevin, "he lost patience with the kid and he did bang the kid around," Dillon said.

The child had been under the care of the city's child protection agency but was returned to his parents within the last year, *The New York Times* reported today.

According to the *Times*, Kevin was born on Dec. 18, 1993 and was placed in the city's care 10 days later, apparently because of a positive test for drugs.

School board decides not to sanction gay club

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rather than allow gay students to form a club, the city Board of Education narrowly voted to ban all nonacademic clubs, including

chess, ski, Students Against Drunk Driving and Bible clubs.

The measure, which passed 4-3 Tuesday after a heated 4 1/2-hour public hearing, takes effect this fall.

The proposal by students at East High School to form a gay-straight student alliance had created controversy throughout Utah.

Supporters contended that children struggling with sexual identity problems needed to be able to support each other. Some opponents equated homosexuals with transvestites, alcoholics and perverts.

"I don't believe our young people should be placed in a position to deal with these kinds of issues," said board member Clifford Higbee, who made the motion to ban the alliance. "This is a moral issue."

Little Leaguer lawsuit given short shrift

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A judge has tossed out a lawsuit accusing a 9-year-old Little Leaguer of making a careless warmup throw that hit a woman in the face.

Johnny Lupoli was in school Tuesday when Judge Ronald Fraccasse dismissed the case on grounds a child cannot be sued as a sole defendant.

Carol LaRosa of Wallingford accused Johnny, then in the third grade, of making the

errant toss May 6 that hit her as she sat near the bleachers.

Her lawsuit, which sought at least \$15,000, claimed the boy was careless, failed to warn he was throwing, and "threw the baseball at a hard and dangerous speed."

LaRosa said she was cut and needed stitches. She also said she suffered permanent injuries that caused jaw and joint pain, headaches, a cyst on her cheek, anxiety and shock.

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Abby, after I received my AFDC check and paid my rent, phone and light bills, I had \$5 left each month. Food stamps cannot be used to purchase diapers, toiletries or even laundry detergent. If it hadn't been for my family sharing these items with me, I don't know what would have happened to us. Because I was so embarrassed by the disparaging looks I received, I tried to shop for groceries when the store was least busy.

Things began to turn around when my case worker phoned to tell me about a job that was available through the CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) program. My first job was clerking for the Department of Public Assistance. While I was learning skills, I was earning an income, and I have been working ever since.

Hang in there, Elizabeth, and don't give up. I know it's hard to ignore the nasty remarks and looks, but someone will give you your chance. I have owned my own business for eight years now, and I would hire you.

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DEAR WORKED OFF WELFARE



Abigail Van Buren

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FARE: I'm printing your success story for Elizabeth and others like her to see. You are a voice for people everywhere who have struggled through difficult periods and pulled through — not only intact, but improved. My hat's off to you.

For readers who are interested, the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) replaced CETA in 1983. Its purpose is to assist youths and unskilled adults enter the labor force. For more information, contact your state employment office.

DEAR ABBY: Every member of my family has two children. My husband and I have one child.

At birthday time, we invite 20 cousins to a party, yet only 10 gifts are received — and they are not doubly expensive either.

Abby, I think each child should give a gift, not just one gift from

each family. After all, throughout the year, we give 20 gifts and host 20 children at our child's birthday party.

Fair play would dictate that each child bring a gift — or at least make the "family" gift slightly more significant.

I hate to appear petty, but after five years of this inequality, I'm angry and disappointed that my relatives haven't figured this out themselves.

Is there a tactful way for me to mention it?

P.O.'D IN NEW YORK

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Horoscope



Thursday, Feb 22, 1996

Your probabilities pertaining to your earning power look encouraging for the year ahead. Try not to make a vocational change until you examine all the ramifications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A friend who borrowed money from you and neglected to repay it might request another loan from you today. Try to wiggle out of the situation somehow. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In critical

career developments today, you might behave in a pretentious manner to impress associates even though you know this behavior doesn't suit you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, guard against the temptation to discuss a confidential matter with a friend who is not involved. Your secrets could become common knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not treat an acquaintance indifferently today just because you envy his or her achievements. Jealousy will be perceived by others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Failure to take a firm position could both confuse and annoy your companions today. Strive for decisiveness and do not act in a condescending manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have to work with unfamiliar tools or materials today, seek proper instructions from experts before you start throwing switches and pushing buttons.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might have to associate with a person you know from past experience to be deceitful. Keep your guard up during this

involvement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Mind the promises you've made to your mate so that you will not forget to fulfill them today. Oversights on your behalf will be construed as thoughtlessness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless you have something complimentary to say about co-workers today, do not say anything at all. Your comments will evoke an immediate response.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Enjoy yourself in social situations today, but do not waste hard-earned money on frivolous pursuits. Strive to get a good value for your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not take on more assignments than you can manage comfortably today. If you begin things you don't finish, these endeavors may be shelved for a long time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to succeed today, you must maintain a positive attitude. Do not let doubts cause you to worry about things that may not happen anyway.

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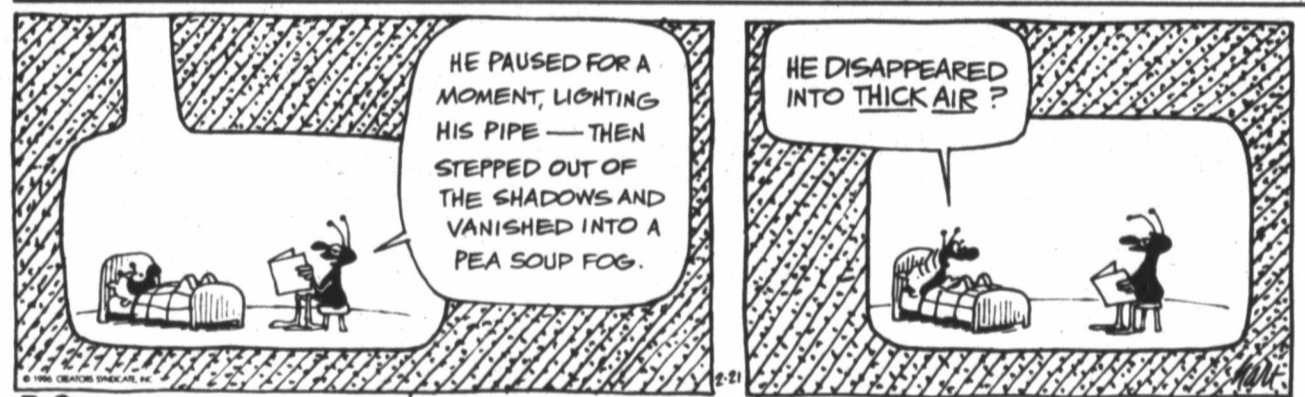
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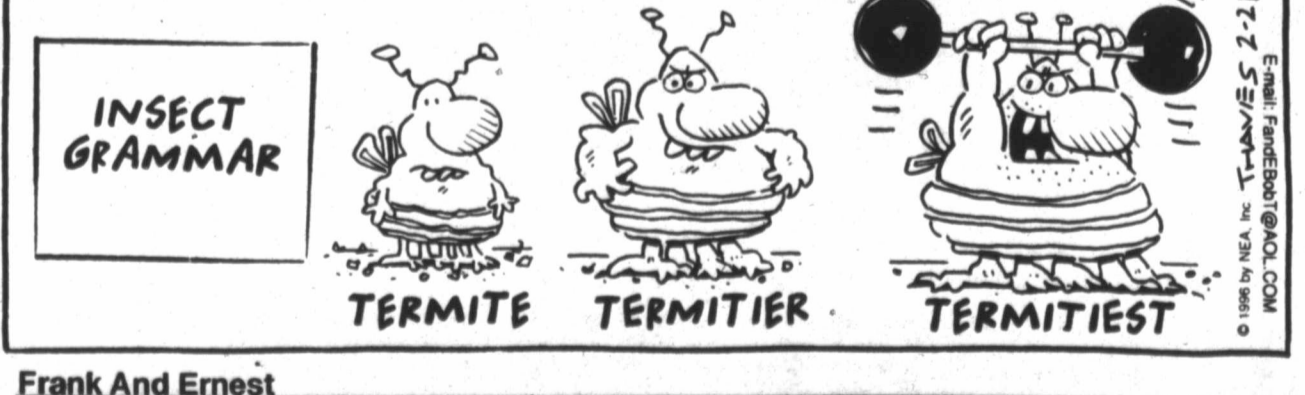
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Mallard Filmore



"We hafta do a report on an animal. Mine is about Mickey Mouse."



"Okay, Mom, take a look. I've cleaned my room and made my bed."

The Family Circus

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DO YOU THINK THEY BELIEVE US, ALLEY?



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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters will meet the El Paso Parkland Matadors at 7:30 Friday night at the Seminole High gym in the Class 4A area playoffs.

Parkland won over Monahans, 67-49, in bi-district Tuesday night. The Matadors were the District 3-4A champions and have an 18-9 record.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Shortly after John Stockton broke the NBA career steals record, he was mobbed by his teammates and given a standing ovation by the Delta Center's 20,000 fans.

The Utah Jazz guard was just thrilled to get it over with.

"I was nervous a little bit. I found myself thinking about it," Stockton said. "You're caught between not trying to hurt your team by reaching in, and just not trying."

With 8:21 left in Utah's 112-98 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night, the eight-time All-Star saw his chance to break Maurice Cheeks' record.

"Basically, I took a swipe at it and knocked it loose," Stockton said. "I didn't want to lose it at that point. I just took a chance and got it."

The play came after Boston's Rick Fox passed to Eric Williams in the post. The rookie forward then drove the baseline, and Stockton was there for steal No. 2,311.

"He was going to get it eventually," Williams said. "There's going to be another time when somebody else sneaks the record and then I'll be out of the history books."

Stockton capped the milestone by passing to Chris Morris for a 3-pointer, one of his 14 assists in the game.

"I wanted to get it over with, but I didn't want to jeopardize my teammates and the win," Stockton said. "I didn't want to run around just seeking a steal."

After Adam Keefe's layup made it 102-72 with 7:31 left, officials stopped the game and teammates and owner Larry Miller converged on Stockton at midcourt. Miller presented him with a small glass trophy during a brief ceremony.

"It could have gone on for games where you don't go for steals," Stockton said. "You can start playing selfishly if you're going for assists or points or steals — that's not how the game's supposed to be played."

Alvin Robertson of Toronto is a distant third on the steals list with 2,050, while Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan is fourth with 1,958. The NBA didn't begin counting steals as an official statistic until 1973.

It was little more than a year ago, in a Feb. 1 game with the Denver Nuggets, that Stockton surpassed Magic Johnson's record for assists — a category Stockton is leading for the ninth consecutive season with an 11.3 average.

In his 12th season, Stockton entered Tuesday night's game with 2,309 steals, one shy of the record Cheeks built in 15 seasons.

Stockton will play for the U.S. Olympic squad this summer after making the Dream Team in Barcelona four years ago.

Averaging 1.69 steals this season, Stockton tied the mark with 5:08 left in the second quarter when he slapped a pass from the hands of Eric Montross to teammate Antoine Carr.

Carr passed back to Stockton as he fell out of bounds, and the 6-foot-1 guard then whipped the ball to Greg Foster for a 20-footer and a 45-38 lead.

Red Raiders aren't looking past Longhorns

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech has already clinched at least a tie for the Southwest Conference championship, but the No. 9-ranked Red Raiders aren't looking past Saturday's showdown against Texas.

"Texas is right there at the top of the league with us," said Darvin Ham, who pulled down 11 rebounds in Tech's 75-54 victory over Southern Methodist on Tuesday. "We know they'd like to knock us off and knock us down in the polls."

Tech (23-1, 12-0) beat the Longhorns by

only a point, 79-78, in Lubbock earlier in the race. Now the Red Raiders have to play on Texas' home court. The Longhorns are second in the SWC race with a 10-2 record.

Dickey said his team must play better against Texas (17-6, 10-2), which beat Baylor, 80-72, on Tuesday.

"Texas will be tough this weekend," he said. "Coach (Tom) Penders has done a fine job of bringing along their young guys."

Jason Sasser scored 24 points to lead Tech past SMU, but the Raiders struggled throughout the first half.

"I didn't think we were as good as we could be," said Tech coach James Dickey. "I really think the last month other teams

have had their best games against us — that is not to make excuses, but it makes it hard to win."

Tech led 40-33 at the half, and the Mustangs (6-17, 2-9) pulled to within 44-40 before the Raiders made eight straight points for a 52-40 lead. SMU didn't threaten again.

"We played harder tonight," SMU coach Mike Dement said. "We fought, but we ran out of gas."

Ham said the Red Raiders played with scrappy stamina and defensive intensity.

Cory Carr scored 14 points, including three 3-pointers, and Tony Battie scored 12 points.

Jay Poerner led SMU with 19 points.

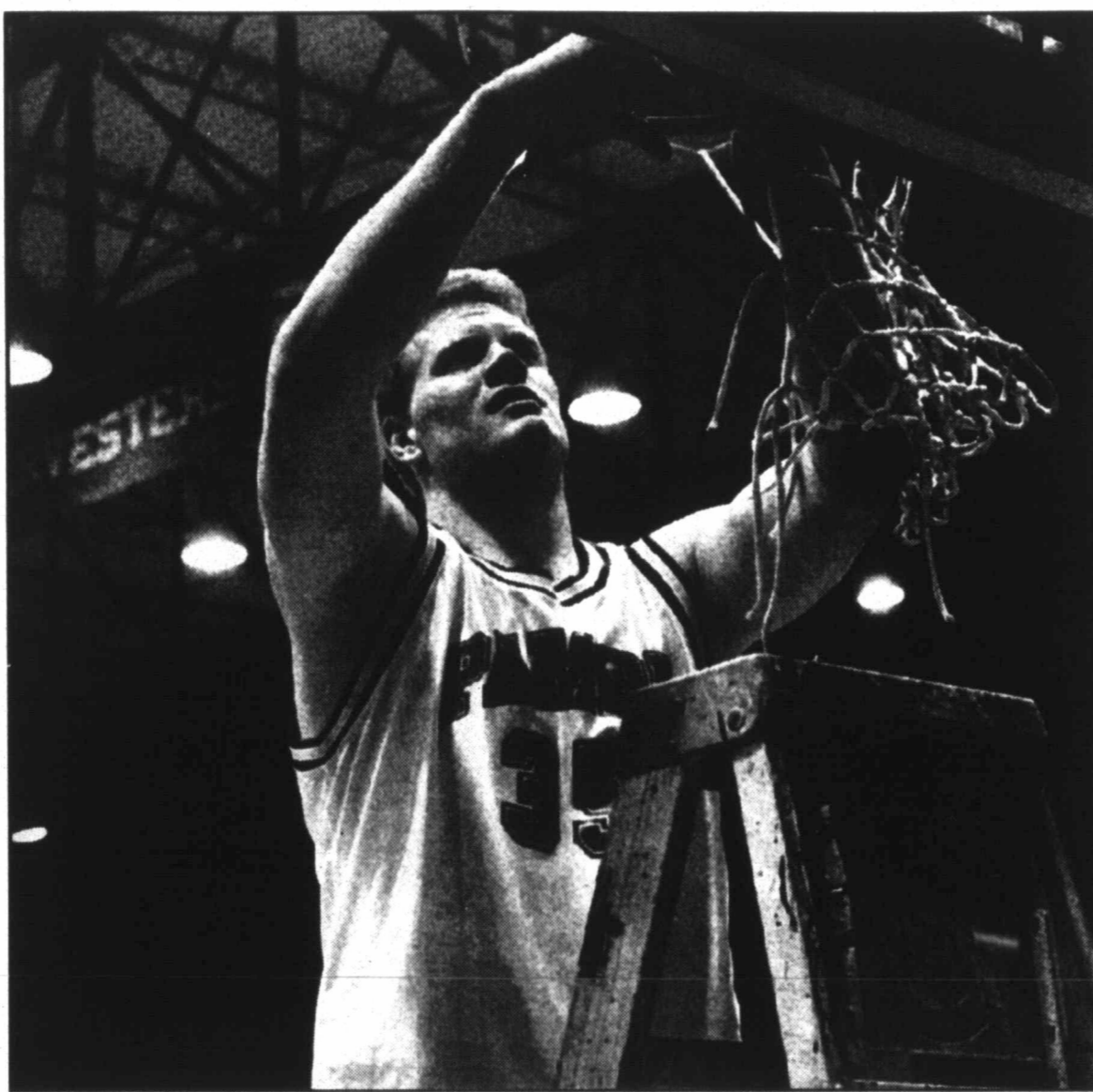
Jemeil Rich added 11 for a team that shot only 19-of-58 from the field.

SMU took an early lead and went ahead 12-8 on Poerner's jumper with 13:44 remaining. But Tech went on a 10-run, capped by Jason Martin's drive finishing off a steal.

A bucket by Mohammad Tijanni brought the Mustangs close again, to within 21-19, but five free throws and Sasser's 3-pointer pushed the Raiders ahead by 10 at 33-23 with 4:16 left in the half.

The Red Raiders out-rebounded SMU, 42-34, while beating the Mustangs for the seventh straight time and winning their 29th consecutive game in Municipal Coliseum.

Net reward



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's six-foot-six Chris Miller cuts down part of the net at McNeely Fieldhouse after the Harvesters beat Hereford last week to complete a perfect district season. The Harvesters will be looking for more nets to cut down in the playoffs as coach Robert Hale's cagers take on El Paso Parkland at 7:30 Friday night in the area round at Seminole High School. "This is the same gym we played in last year," Hale said. Parkland defeated Monahans Tuesday night in bi-district play.

Harvester tennis team looks impressive in Plainview wins

The Pampa High tennis team is on a roll.

They trounced Plainview 15-1 and downed Levelland 9-6 this past Saturday at Plainview. The boys' team won 14 of 15 matches with Brooks Gentry, Cory Griggs, Matt Rheams and Kyle Easley involved in four victories apiece.

The girls' team won 10 of 16 matches with Valerie Lee and McKinley Quarles each participating in three victories. Players for the week are Rheams, Easley and Maurey Bell. The team next plays in Amarillo this Saturday at the Caprock Quad Match. Results from this past weekend are as follows:

Pampa vs. Plainview

• Boys Singles: Kyle Easley (P) def. Josh Spake (PL) 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; Brooks Gentry (P) def. Yuri Mendoza (PL) 6-1, 6-0;

Cory Griggs (P) def. Dustin Blankenship (PL) 6-3, 6-3; Ale' Nunes (P) def. Mendoza (PL) 6-0, 6-1.

• Boys Doubles: Gentry-Griggs (P) def. Taylor-Whitfill (PL) 6-1, 6-0; Easley-Rheams (P) def. N. Parker-Whitfill (PL) 6-1, 6-0; Griggs-Russell DuBose (P) def. Spake-Taylor (PL) 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-2; Nunes-DuBose (P) def. N. Parker-Whitfill (PL) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

• Girls Singles: Cami Stone (P) def. Lindsay Mock (PL) 6-4, 3-6, 6-0; Mandy Wells (P) def. Jessica Williams (PL) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Mock (PL) def. Wells (PL) 7-5, 7-5; Maurey Bell (P) def. J. Williams (PL) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (9-7).

• Girls Doubles: McKinley Quarles-Valerie Lee (P) def. Dorrity-Vaughn (PL) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); Quarles-Jule Noles (P) def. Ebling-Goddard (PL) 6-1, 6-0; April Lopez-Lee (P) def. Dorrity-Vaughn (PL) 6-2, 6-0; Lopez-Lee (P) def. Ebling-

Goddard (PL) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Pampa vs. Levelland

• Boys Singles: Easley (P) def. William Daugherty (L) 6-0, 6-3; Gentry (P) def. Scotty Rico (L) 6-0, 6-4; Easley (P) def. Rico (L) 6-1, 6-0.

• Boys Doubles: Gentry-Rheams (P) def. Gonzales-Lawson (L) 6-4, 6-2; Griggs-Rheams (P) def. Barbee-Parker (L) 6-1, 6-0; Gonzales-Lawson (L) def. Nunes-Dubose (P) 6-4, 6-3; Rheams-DuBose (P) def. Barbee-Parker (L) 6-1, 6-0.

• Girls Singles: Mandy Moss (L) def. Stone (P) 6-0, 6-2; Bell (P) def. Alison Sweet (L) 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; Moss (L) def. Wells (P) 6-2, 6-0; Stone (P) def. Sweet (L) 7-5, 7-6 (7-1).

• Girls Doubles: Rush-Pitts (L) def. Quarles-Noles (P) 6-4, 6-4; Barbee-Polk (L) def. Lopez-Noles (P) 6-1, 6-1; Quarles-Noles (P) def. Barbee-Polk (L) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; Rush-Pitts (L) def. Lopez-Bell (P) 8-3.

Spurs outlast Trail Blazers, 108-105

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — If you're headed on a long NBA road trip these days, Portland is a great place to start.

The Rose Garden was the first stop Tuesday night for the San Antonio Spurs on their longest trip of the season — five games in 10 days — and they came away with a 108-105 victory over the Trail Blazers.

The loss was Portland's sixth in a row at home, tying a franchise record set in the team's second season, 1971-72, and tied the following year.

David Robinson had 39 points, nine rebounds and eight blocks as the Spurs won their third straight. He said the trip should give San Antonio a chance to pick up some steam in the battle with Utah and

Houston for the Midwest Division title.

The rest of the trip includes games against Golden State, Sacramento, Vancouver and the Los Angeles Clippers, not exactly the Best of the West.

"After coming off Utah, Houston, Houston, it's time to get a little winning streak going," Robinson said. "We saw some of the weaknesses we had against Utah and Houston. Now it's time to get our feet back under us."

The Blazers are 0-5 since the All-Star break. Four of the losses have been by four points or less. With the trade deadline on Thursday, some players were wondering if this was their last game for Portland.

"Maybe something needs to

be done, the way things are going," Blazers guard Rod Strickland said.

Clifford Robinson said he'd welcome a trade after he was booed soundly and often by a large portion of the home crowd while going 3-for-13 from the field.

"Tell them all to call Bob," he said, referring to Blazers president Bob Whitsitt. "It would make me happy."

Sean Elliott had 21 points, Vinny Del Negro 20 and Avery Johnson a season-high 15 assists for the Spurs, who stayed a half-game behind first-place Utah in the Midwest Division.

Gary Trent had 19 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Portland.

PHS swimmers qualify for regional competition

PAMPA — The Pampa High swim teams are preparing for regional competition, which is scheduled for March 1-2 at Texas Tech's University pool in Lubbock.

The Pampa teams competed in the District 3 swimming championships last weekend in Lubbock with the girls placing fourth and the boys placing fifth.

The top six in each event qualified for regionals.

Pampa's top qualifier was Dakota Tefertiller, who won the 100-yard breaststroke in the boys division with a time of 1:03.56. He edged out Lubbock High's Michael Nugent, who placed second in 1:03.59.

Bobby Venal captured a second-place medal in the boys 100-yard butterfly.

In the girls division, Ashlee David in the 50-yard freestyle and Stacy Huddleston in the 100-yard butterfly claimed third-place.

District 3 Swimming Championships
(at Texas Tech University pool)

Girls
Team totals: 1. Amarillo High 108, 2. Lubbock High 103, 3. Tascosa 48, 4. Pampa 35, 5. Caprock 18, 6. Coronado 11, 7. Monterey 1.

Boys
Team totals: 1. Lubbock High 115, 2. Amarillo High 64, 3. Tascosa 47, 4. Monterey 32, 5. Pampa 31, 6. Coronado 8, 7. Caprock 1.

Pampa individual results
Girls 200 medley relay: fifth place (Tanya Fritz, Jennifer Gann, Nakisha Horton and Jill Nelson), 2:53.72 (prelims).

Boys 200 medley relay: fourth place (Chris Podzemny, Dakota Tefertiller, Matt Haesle and Justin Nelson), 1:59.44.

Girls 200 intermediate: Nakisha Horton, 10th place, 3:06.79.

Boys 200 intermediate: Bobby Venal, fifth place, 2:09.86; Dakota

Tefertiller, sixth place, 2:12.86; Justin Nelson, eighth place, 2:21.48.

Girls 50 yard freestyle: Ashlee David, third place, 26.55; Peggy Williams, fifth place, 27.90; Jennifer Gann, 20th place, 40.69.

Boys 50 yard freestyle: Waylon Griffin, 12th place, 28.99.

Girls 100 yard butterfly: Stacy Huddleston, third place, 1:18.45.

Boys 100 yard butterfly: Bobby Venal, second place, 56.77; Matt Haesle, eighth place, 1:15.79.

Girls 100 yard freestyle: Ashlee David, fourth place, 58.76; Peggy Williams, seventh place, 1:02.56; Stacy Huddleston, 11th place, 1:10.07; Tanya Fritz, 13th place, 1:14.21.

Boys 100 yard freestyle: Chris Podzemny, fifth place, 54.15; Waylon Griffin, 15th place, 1:05.16.

Girls 500 yard freestyle: Shannon Schakel, fourth place, 6:05.19.

Boys 500 yard freestyle: Matt Haesle, eighth place, 5:52.33.

Girls 200 yard freestyle relay: fourth place, 1:55.28 (Peggy Williams, Shannon Schakel, Stacy Huddleston and Ashlee David).

Boys 200 freestyle relay: fifth place, 1:50.51 (Bobby Venal, Matt Brown, Waylon Griffin and Matt Haesle).

Girls 100 yard backstroke: Tanya Fritz, 13th place, 1:34.62.

Boys 100 yard backstroke: Chris Podzemny, seventh place, 1:03.21; Matt Brown, 10th place, 1:14.65.

Girls 100 yard breaststroke: Shannon Schakel, fourth place, 1:19.80; Nakisha Horton, 11th place, 1:31.67; Jennifer Gann, 14th place, 1:38.18.

Boys 100 yard breaststroke: Dakota Tefertiller, first place, 1:03.56; Justin Nelson, seventh place, 1:10.32.

Girls 400 yard freestyle relay: fourth place, 4:11.99 (Ashlee David, Stacy Huddleston, Shannon Schakel and Peggy Williams).

Boys 400 yard freestyle relay: fourth place, 3:44.41 (Chris Podzemny, Justin Nelson, Dakota Tefertiller and Bobby Venal).

Pampa sweeps Palo Duro in district soccer matches

AMARILLO — Pampa boys and girls teams swept past Palo Duro in District 3 soccer matches Tuesday.

Pampa won the boys match, 3-1, as Trey McCavit, Lucas Jaramillo and Nick Smiles each scored a goal.

"Our midfielders dominated the match. Their play made all the difference," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle. "Everybody was attacking and defending. It was great to watch."

The Harvesters are 3-3 in district

and tied with Caprock for third place.

The Lady Harvesters are also 3-3 in district after shutting out Palo Duro, 5-0.

Serenity King scored three goals for Pampa while teammates Hilary Ybarra and Valorie Johnson added one each.

Pampa hosts Amarillo High in more district action, starting at 2 p.m. AHS boys lead the district race with a 6-0 mark.

Tech's Thomas to receive Dick Risenhoover Award

AMARILLO — Texas Tech All-America linebacker Zach Thomas of Pampa will receive the 17th annual Dick Risenhoover Award

at a luncheon March 12 at the Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

The award is given each year to a person from the area who through their athletic accomplishments garners national recognition.

Last year's recipient was PGA golfer Brad Bryant.

Thomas was a consensus All-American at middle linebacker in leading the Red Raiders to a 9-3 record and a Copper Bowl vic-

tory. He was one of three finalists for the Dick Butkus Award, signifying college football's top linebacker.

The 6-foot, 230-pound Thomas established himself as arguably the top defensive player ever at Tech. The only three-time captain in school history, he made 35 consecutive starts in which he had 390 career tackles and seven interceptions. Two of those he returned for touchdowns, including a 23-yard punt return with 30 seconds left to beat Texas A&M, 14-7, last September.

Twice the Southwest Conference defensive player of the year, Thomas was named to seven different All-America teams following the season.

He recently participated in the East-West All-Star Shrine Game as well as the Hula Bowl. Thomas is expected to be taken in one of the middle rounds of the NFL drafts in April.



Zach Thomas

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	38	14	731	—	
New York	31	19	620	6	
Washington	23	28	451	14 1/2	
Miami	23	29	442	15	
New Jersey	22	29	431	15 1/2	
Boston	19	33	365	19	
Philadelphia	10	40	200	27	
Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	5	904	—	
Indiana	32	19	627	14 1/2	
Cleveland	30	21	588	16 1/2	
Atlanta	28	23	549	18 1/2	
Detroit	26	23	531	19 1/2	
Charlotte	25	25	500	21	
Milwaukee	20	30	400	26	
Toronto	14	36	280	32	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	16	686	—	
San Antonio	34	16	680	1/2	
Houston	34	19	642	2	
Denver	21	30	412	14	
Dallas	16	34	320	18 1/2	
Minnesota	14	36	280	20 1/2	
Vancouver	11	40	216	24	

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	39	12	765	—
L.A. Lakers	31	19	620	7 1/2
Sacramento	24	24	500	13 1/2
Phoenix	24	26	480	14 1/2
Golden State	24	27	471	15
Portland	24	29	453	16
L.A. Clippers	17	34	333	22

Monday's Games

New Jersey 99, Washington 81
Cleveland 73, Miami 70
Detroit 113, Minnesota 83
Golden State 112, Dallas 100

Houston 118, Sacramento 111, OT
Phoenix 98, Vancouver 94, OT
Seattle 102, Atlanta 94

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee 92, New York 87
Orlando 123, Philadelphia 104
Chicago 102, Cleveland 76
Utah 112, Boston 98
San Antonio 108, Portland 105
L.A. Lakers 121, L.A. Clippers 104

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.

BOWLING

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Team	Won	Lost
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Regional Eye Center	34	46
RBR Oil & Gas	32	48
Pampa Case Management	32	48
Albertson's	28	52

Week's High Scores

High game: Belinda Nolte 237; High series: Belinda Nolte 602; High handicap game: Freddie Dougherty 274; High handicap series: Belinda Nolte 668.

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, 3 feet low, 49 degrees, very few fishermen out.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky, 7 feet low, 52 degrees; black bass are slow, hybrid stripers are slow, white bass are fair to good on small Rat-L-Traps, crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 10 feet of water, catfish are slow.
GRANBURY: Water clear, normal level, 57 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on medium minnows fished in 6 to 9 feet of water, striped bass are good on shad fished in 30 to 40 feet of water, white bass to 2 1/2 pounds are good on jigs and spoons fished around Tin Top bridge, catfish are slow on shrimp, night crawlers and cheese bait.
OAK CREEK: Water clear, 7 feet 4 inches low, 48 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on worms, crappie are good on minnows fished in deep water at night, no report for catfish.
O.H.I.V.I.E: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries, lake level 1549.86, 44 degrees; black bass are very good, but small on spinners and crank baits fished in 20 feet of water, smallmouth are fair on small spoons fished in 30 feet of water around rocky areas; white bass are suspended in 10 to 30 feet of water and hitting spoons, crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; channel and blue catfish are slow, yellow catfish are good on live baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 3 feet low, 50 degrees; black bass are fair on jig-N-Pigs, spinners, Slug-gos and jerk baits; striped bass are fair on live bait and slabs; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs, no report for catfish.
PROCTOR: Water clear, normal level, 49 degrees; black bass are fair to good on minnows and Rat-L-Traps, crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and peanuts.
SPENCE: Water clear, 42 feet low, 52 degrees; black bass are fair to good on red shad Power Worms, spinners, crank and jerk baits; striped bass are fair by trolling; white bass are good on slabs and spoons; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs, no report for catfish.
TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, low, black bass are slow to fair on worms and spinners; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs, catfish are slow to fair on dough and cheese bait.
WHITE RIVER: Water clear, low, black bass

Nazareth downs McLean in area girls tilt

AMARILLO — Nazareth ended McLean's season with a 70-33 win Tuesday night in a 1A girls area playoff contest at Palo Duro Activity Center.

Nazareth (31-2) advances to the regional tournament at Levelland. McLean closes the season with a 20-5 record.

Nazareth, ranked No. 1 in the state, was paced in scoring by Melinda Schmucker with 31 points. Amy Pohlmeier added 10. Nazareth had eight 3-point goals, four by Schmucker.

Nazareth led at the half, 39-12. Heather Hess led the Tigerettes in scoring with 17 points. She made good on 7 of 8 free throw attempts. Shaley Stalls had 9 points and Rachel Galley 7. Stalls hit a 3-point goal for McLean.

The Tigerettes advanced to the area round by defeating Hedley, 50-36, in bi-district. Nazareth downed Lazbuddie, 77-27, in bi-district.

The All-District 5-A Girls Team

was released today. Named to the first team were Heather Hess (senior), Shaley Stalls (sophomore) and Rachel Galley (freshman) all of McLean; Lindsay Gill (junior) and Mindy McConnell (soph) both of Miami. Second team picks were Vanessa Glass (sophomore) and Lori Hefley (sophomore), both of McLean; Danita Kauk (junior) and Tomara Moore (junior), both of Miami; Karla Murray (junior) of Lefors. Players were selected by the district coaches.

Rangers' Gonzales makes early camp appearance

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — He's lighter, healthier and, apparently, happier. More importantly, Juan Gonzalez is at the Texas Rangers spring training camp.

Tuesday, the Texas Rangers' most feared power hitter arrived in training camp early for the first time in his career, giving his boss an early

dose of encouragement. "Juan looks good and he has a great attitude," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "And he walked right out to right field. He said he'll do whatever it takes to help the team. He's starting to show some leadership skills." Gonzalez hasn't played in right

since early in his minor league career, but he said he looks forward to the change of pace. "It's all right, because The Ballpark in Arlington has a big left field and center field," he said. "I prefer to play right field, because when I first started to play baseball, I played right."

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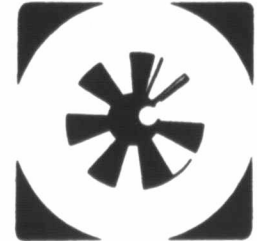
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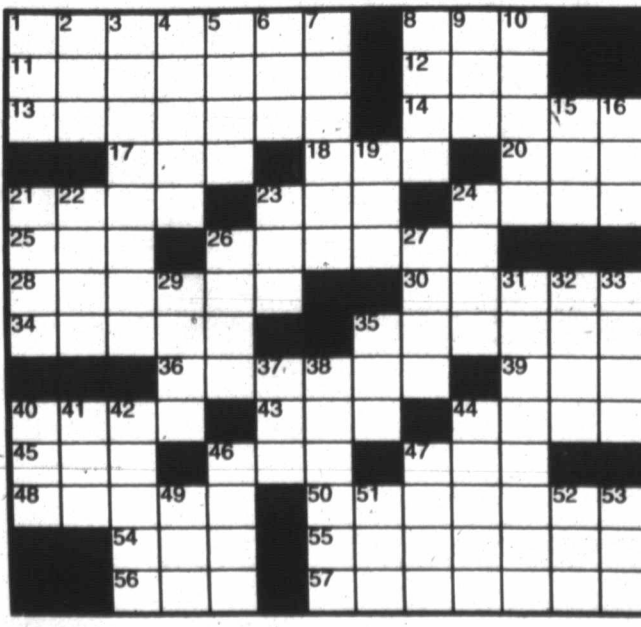
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World briefs

Conservationists angry over failed efforts to stop oil spill
ST. ANN'S HEAD, Wales (AP)— Conservationists are growing increasingly angry over failed efforts to stop a grounded supertanker from gushing oil into the sea and threatening wildlife off southwest Wales.

Coast guard officials say about 8.8 million gallons of oil have already spilled from the ruptured holds of the Sea Empress, compared with the 11 million gallons that spilled from the Exxon Valdez in Alaska in 1989.

The ship, carrying 36.7 million gallons of light North Sea crude, went aground Thursday at the mouth of Milford Haven estuary en route to a Texaco Inc. refinery.

Battered by high seas and strong winds, the ship is grounded 300 yards from shore. Nearby is one of Britain's leading havens for sea birds, seals, dolphins and porpoises.

Despite a high tide, the combined efforts of seven tugboats, salvage workers and the tanker's engines failed again Tuesday to move the vessel clear of rocks.

Salvage teams planned to spend today pumping oil into the ship's forward holds to lift the bow higher in the water. They hoped the tanker could be pulled free at high tide at about 8 p.m. (5 p.m. EST).

Aircraft sprayed chemicals Tuesday to help break up a slick about 3 1/2 miles long.

Brazilian woman claims to be world's oldest person
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)— Mario do Carmo Geronimo says she's 124 and the world's oldest person.

But while her claim landed her a starring role in Brazil's carnival parade, she hasn't made it in the world's record book.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest person in the world is Jeanne Calment of Arles, France, who today celebrates her 121st birthday.

Geronimo says she wishes her rival many happy returns. "Why don't we have wine together?" she asks.

And why not? After, all Geronimo is in Brazil's edition of the world record book, and on Tuesday, she rode in the parade that marked the end of Brazil's four-day carnival.

Recession empties Bikini Beach, the jet set playground
PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay (AP)— When cellular phones no longer ring on Bikini beach and rows of jet skis lie idle, you know something's wrong.

It's summer in the Southern Hemisphere, but South America's recession has hit even this exclusive strip of white sand, where generations of the region's richest have gone to let loose.

For years, every inch of the Bikini's 300 yards was covered with the most bronzed and beautiful bodies around. Today, even jet-setters are tightening their belts, and the beach's appeal seems to be shrinking as tourists opt for more modest resorts where it's less important what you wear or how much you spend.

Those who do come to Bikini are showing a new restraint.

Social Security recipients should check Part B plans

A number of calls have been received at Social Security Administration offices from people who have read about the annual open enrollment period for Medicare Part B and wonder if they will be subject to the premium penalty if they enroll after their first chance to do so at age 65.

The answer is generally yes, but there is an exception, according to Joe Deschaine, manager of the local Social Security office. The three-month general open enrollment period from Jan. 1 through March 31 is for people 65 or over who do not have Part B-Medicare coverage, which supplements Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance with doctor bill coverage.

"This period is to give you a second chance if you did not enroll when you were first eligible or you dropped your coverage," Deschaine said. "Most delayed enrollees pay a 10 percent surcharge for each year they could have enrolled but did not."

"However, there is a special enrollment period if you or your spouse is working," he added.

"You may be able to delay enrollment in Part B without paying a premium penalty or waiting for a general enrollment period."

People can enroll in Part B during the eight-month special enrollment period if they have group health plan coverage from that current employment ends or the month their group health plan coverage ends, whichever comes first.

Part B coverage, also called "medical insurance," helps pay for doctors' care, outpatient hospital visits and other medical services. People are offered the option of signing up for Part B at the same time they are automatically enrolled in Medicare's Part A (hospital insurance) program. The basic monthly premium is \$42.50 monthly.

People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage should call a Social Security office or the toll free number, 1-800-772-1213.

The Pampa Social Security office is located at 125 S. Gillespie, phone (806) 669-1010. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Arbor Day group offering free trees

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.— Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

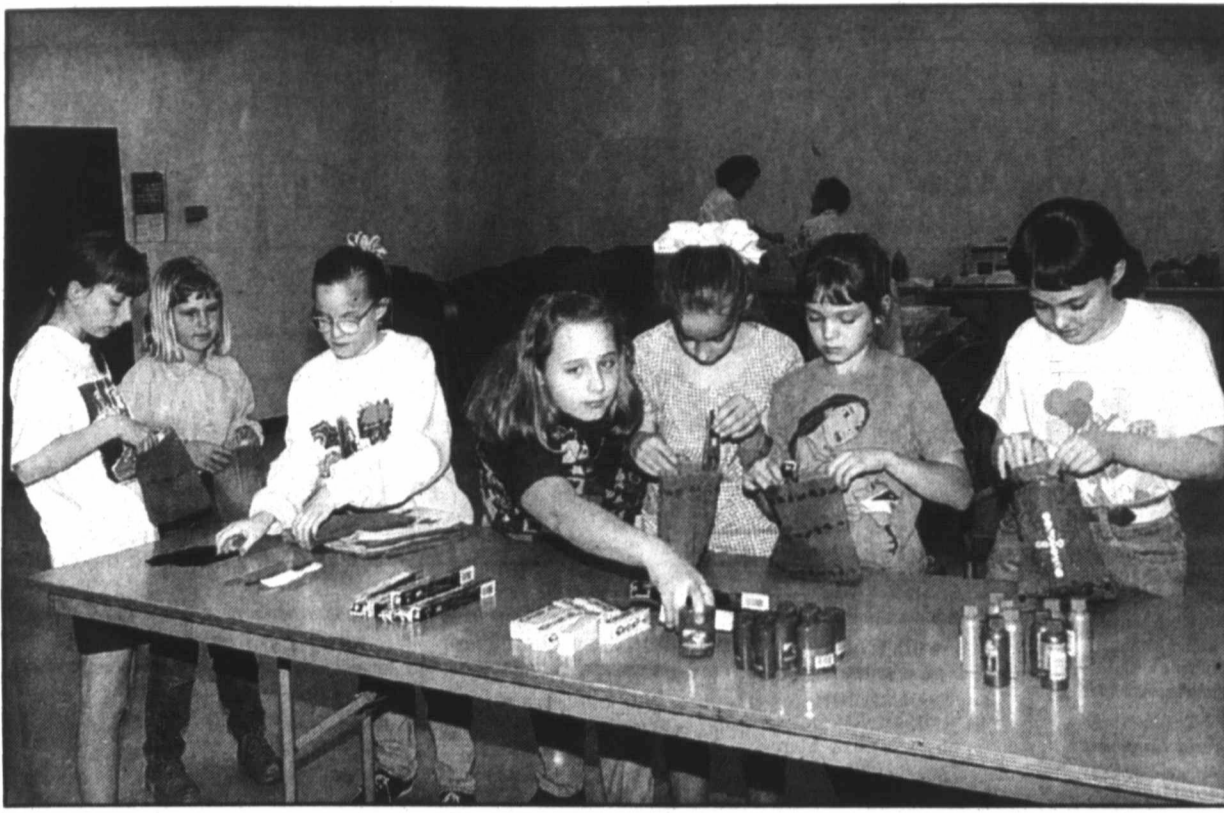
The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29.

Helping Tralee Crisis Center



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

A group of Pampa and Lefors 4-H members gather Monday evening to help denim bags made Saturday at the 4-H Fashion Olympics. From left are Stephanie Nidifor, 8, Pampa; Julie Davenport, 10, Lefors; Christine Bowman, 9, Pampa; Nikki Brown, 10, Pampa; Lindsey Price, 10, Pampa; Savannah Smith, 9, Lefors; and Sarah Schwab, 11, Pampa. The girls were stuffing the bags with hygiene care products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and shampoo to be donated to the Tralee Crisis Center.

Family restaurant breakfasts no grand slam

WASHINGTON (AP)— Start the day with a typical family-style restaurant breakfast and you could be getting nearly a day's worth of fat and more than 1,100 calories — all of them before that morning meeting, a consumer group said today.

But there was good news too. Diners can get healthier breakfasts at these restaurants by ordering cautiously and requesting substitutions, said Jayne Hurley, senior nutritionist at the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"But if you're not careful, it's easy to consume an entire day's worth of fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium, all before 10 a.m.," said Hurley, who announced the results of the group's latest restaurant survey.

Previous studies by the Washington-based consumer-

advocacy group have examined the healthfulness of restaurant-prepared Chinese and Italian foods, deli sandwiches and movie-theater popcorn.

For its newest study, the center dissected 12 popular breakfast entrees and side dishes bought at 17 locations in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Washington. The restaurants included Denny's, the International House of Pancakes and Bob's Big Boy.

The survey found two days' worth of cholesterol, 49 fat grams and more than 1,100 calories in the most popular breakfast choice — two each of eggs, sausages, bacon and pancakes — such as the Denny's "Grand Slam."

The government recommends a daily fat intake of 65 grams for adults.

"A Grand Slam-type breakfast

is a nutritional strikeout," Hurley said.

Attempts to get comment from officials at Denny's, IHOP or Bob's Big Boy by telephone Tuesday evening were not successful.

To make such meals healthier, Hurley suggested asking for egg substitute, skipping the butter or margarine and substituting fresh fruit for sausage or bacon.

But there's little hope for improving the beloved Belgian waffle.

A single waffle sans whipped cream had 17 grams of fat — the same as in two McDonald's Quarter Pounders — and 900 calories, mostly because of the eggs, butter and milk in the batter.

Pancake or French toast platters with four sausages contained about 65 grams of fat, as did the biscuit and gravy platters analyzed.

Trains ordered to slow down after stations

WASHINGTON (AP)— America's passenger trains are operating under new speed and signaling rules following a fiery head-on collision that led the government to impose a series of emergency restrictions.

The new regulations took effect at 12:01 a.m. today, five days after the crash of an Amtrak passenger train and a commuter train in Silver Spring, Md., that claimed the lives of eight riders and three crewmen.

"While the National Transportation Safety Board has not reached a final conclusion, enough questions have been answered to take actions now," Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said in announcing the new rules Tuesday. "There will be some (travel) delays, there is no question about that. We believe this is necessary for safety," he said.

Under the emergency rules: — Passenger trains that stop at a station or slow to below 10 mph will be limited to a speed of 30 mph until they reach the next all-clear signal on their route.

— When a train's engineer sees a red or yellow signal he will have to call out that signal orally, similar to the way airplane crews call out changes in control settings.

— All passenger railroads must inspect their emergency exits to make sure they operate correctly and are clearly marked. In addition, the railroads were given 45 days to come up with a review of current safety systems and technology.

That review will include such potential problem areas as work schedules, trains that place passenger cars in front of the locomotive and highway rail crossing safety.

The new rules do not include trains that have cab signals and automatic train control technology, systems that remind an engineer when he is under a caution warning and will stop the train automatically if necessary.

The requirement to check emergency exits follows reports that people trying to escape the burning Maryland Rail Commuter train were unable to kick open doors and windows of the train.

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