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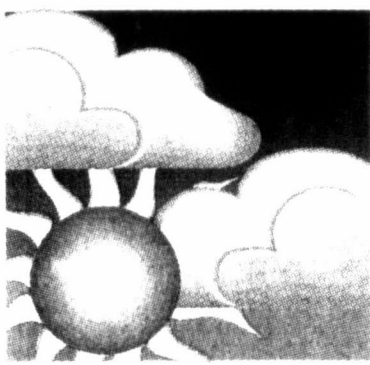
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Low tonight in mid teens, high tomorrow near 40. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — Voting machines will be tested Thursday at 2 p.m., County Clerk Wanda Carter said. The testing is required by law to prepare for next week's primary election. The public is invited to attend, Carter said. The testing will take place in room 205 of Gray County Courthouse. In other election news, early voting continues through Friday. Approximately 710 voters had cast their ballots as of Tuesday at 5 p.m., Carter said.

PAMPA — The Community Awareness and Emergency Response Committee will meet March 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. Items on the agenda include a spotter training meeting and a siren presentation by Clayton Melanson of Design Security Company. Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — The Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association, Panhandle Region, held its annual "Art for Heart" on Feb. 16 at Pampa Country Club. The event raised over \$5,000 for the fight against heart disease and stroke. The goal was \$3,000.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has banned importation of the sedative Rohypnol, saying the "date-rape" pill is a growing threat to teen-agers and young adults and has no legitimate therapeutic use. The pills are manufactured overseas and used legally in about 60 nations for insomnia. Until Tuesday, travelers to the United States could bring a three-month supply for personal use.

But Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said the Customs Service now will seize any amount of the drug brought into the country by travelers, in commercial shipments or by mail.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is taking steps to reclassify it as a Schedule 1 drug with no accepted medical use in the United States. As such, it will be grouped with heroin, methaqualone and LSD.

Rohypnol, a sedative 10 times more potent than valium, often has been associated with date rape, the Treasury said, citing numerous news reports about women claiming to have been assaulted after their drinks had been spiked.

The drug creates a drunk, then sleepy feeling that peaks after two hours and lasts about eight.

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Lefors ISD board takes no action on beard request

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Lefors students wanting to grow a beard found no help from their school board Tuesday night. No action was taken on a request by the Lefors High School Student Council to allow neatly groomed and trimmed facial hair.

Current school policy allows for mustaches and sideburns that extend no lower than the ear lobe.

Student council representative Tommy Green and sponsor Laurie Daugherty appeared before the board with the council's recommendation for amending the student code of conduct.

Green said that all classes and teachers had been polled and he heard no objection to the proposal.

Objections were voiced by some board members, though.

"Every year I've been on the board we have lax the dress code a little. ... So I kind of feel ... you only go so far and you don't go any further. ... It's just I think we have to draw a line," trustee Nora Franks said.

"If you get this, one of these days you'll come back and want something more," Clay Lock added.

But one board member sided with the student proposal.

"I'd rather see them in a beard than wearing an earring," Ron Turpen said.

Green argued that allowing beards "is not going to stop anyone from having an education."

Green's father, high school Principal Mike Green, also spoke in favor of the proposal.

"I think we're creating a better environment for our students to learn in, not getting lax. When kids are comfortable they learn better. It's not an issue of being lax, it's an issue of this is what your Student Council is saying and this is what your teachers are saying," he said.

Superintendent Norman Baxter disagreed.

"As it's written now, it would be virtually impossible to enforce. ... The thing that bothers me is that we're going to be spending more time enforcing board policy instead of educating," he said.

The proposed policy change would allow neatly groomed and trimmed facial hair, but enforcement would be left up to the discretion of teachers, Green said.

The board moved discussion of the proposal into an executive session held after other action items on the agenda.

After returning into executive session, Baxter said, the proposal was tabled but not placed on next month's agenda.

"A board member would have to request it be put on again. ... No member so far has asked [that]," Baxter said.

Also following executive session discussion, the board voted to renew the contracts of 15 of the district's teachers for the next school year.

They also accepted the resignation of special education, Spanish and art instructor Donna Ratliff.

In other action, the board voted to join the Panhandle Information Network, a regional organization hoping to network the Panhandle.

PIN members must be public entities like school districts, Baxter explained. The group was organized to take advantage of technology funds made available by House Bill 2128.

The cost is \$250 a year with an interlocal contract. The board felt that amount was a bargain if the network delivered what it promised, including possible distance learning labs.

The board also approved a bid on four tax-delinquent lots for \$500 by City Superintendent Mark Kimbley. Kimbley had bid on five lots, but Baxter said the school district did not own the fifth.

The board also heard the school quarterly finance report.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

The battle of the sexes hits Pampa High School's stage with three nights of one-act plays in "Boys vs. Girls" from the PHS drama department. Trinidee Summers and Tonya Glassey, both left, perform in 'Fine Line' Thursday night. Sammy McCullar, David Bridges and Shawn Caskey are cast in 'Skyfodder' Friday night. Those plays and two others will all be staged Saturday night. Shows begin at 7 p.m.

PHS drama students to stage four one-act plays on gender struggles

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

An all-out battle of the sexes will be staged Thursday through Saturday nights at Pampa High School Auditorium.

"Boys vs. Girls" dramatizes the ageless gender struggle with three nights of four one-act plays.

First up are the women in Thursday's two student-directed shows, *The Queen of Hearts Ain't Even Pretty* and *Fine Line*.

Senior Stacy Neal directs *Queen*, describing it as a show about the ups and downs of beauty pageants.

Tanisha Wilbon plays a veteran pageant contestant who has chosen not to compete. Candi Terry plays Wilbon's shadow, Cass. Chrissie Wells plays Sherry Lee, whom Neal describes as thinking she is "too good for everyone." Rounding out the cast is Kimberly Phillips, who plays drunken Paula.

Neal chose the play because of its humor, she said, as well as it being "something people could relate to."

First-time director Neal said

being in charge has been "kind of fun. They have to listen to you and have to do what you say."

Her compatriot Kellie Carter, though, says she has found her directorial experience "stressful, very stressful."

Carter's show, *Fine Line*, is an exploration of the relationship of two women, Dody and Zee.

Dody, played by Trinidee Summers, is trying to decide whether or not to leave her husband, but her friend Zee, played by Tonya Glassey, is too self-involved and isn't listening to Dody's problems, Carter said.

Carter, a senior, says she has found her experience a little more difficult than Neal.

"I feel sorry for [high school theater instructor Matthew] Gantz and for every other director," she said.

"The guys have the upper hand because they have Gantz as a director," Carter said.

Audiences can judge Carter's assessment Friday night, when the men have their shot with two Gantz-directed one-acts.

Skyfodder opens in the aftermath of a plane crash in a

swamp. The three passengers are all dead, but most of them don't realize that fact, cast member Sammy McCullar explains.

One man has gone crazy, one is approaching insanity, but the third takes charge, McCullar added.

"It shows ... no matter how much you try to deny it there's going to be bad things that happen ... and you need to accept it," McCullar said.

The Game, the men's second play, "shows how three characters go from being sarcastically funny to being basically evil," said McCullar, who is cast in both shows.

The story follows a doctor's experiment of giving territories to three Nazis. The experiment reflects the desire to gain more control, McCullar added.

The Game is the theater department's entry in U.I.I. one-act play competition.

McCullar fairly conceded that audiences might enjoy Saturday night's performances the best because all four plays will be staged.

Shows begin at 7 p.m. each night at the PHS Auditorium.

Dole sweeps 'Junior Tuesday' primaries; Alexander, Lugar expected to quit race

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

Pat Buchanan said today it "appears inevitable" that Sen. Bob Dole would be the Republican presidential nominee, but he intensified his criticism of the front-runner anyway. Steve Forbes, Dole's other nemesis, rolled out an endorsement from a big GOP gun while two also-rans prepared to drop out.

Two Republican sources said that former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, proponent of the supply-side economic theory that Forbes champions, was poised to give Forbes, a personal friend, an endorsement on the eve of New York's primary on Thursday. The sources said Kemp was going to New York state to campaign at Forbes' side.

Forbes had been seeking Kemp's backing but he was torn between backing a long-shot or coming out for Dole, the more likely nominee. Twice he was on the verge of making an announcement, and both times he pulled back.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar accepted the inevitable and prepared to quit the race, as party leaders have urged.

All told, Dole added 199 delegates Tuesday to the 91 that he

had won earlier, giving him 290 of the 996 needed to win the nomination.

Forbes is a distant second, with 72 delegates. Buchanan has 62.

On Thursday, New York state votes, with 93 delegates at stake, and next Tuesday offers a lode: 362 delegates.

As Dole flew to Texas to pick up the endorsement of Gov. George W. Bush — and the blessings of his father, former President Bush — two more rivals for the GOP nomination, Lamar Alexander and Dick Lugar, were making their exit announcements later today.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the nominating race is over, but declined to urge Buchanan to fold his candidacy.

"Dole is nominated," the Speaker said in a brief interview outside his Capitol office. "If Buchanan wants to stay in a non-race that's his prerogative."

Asked if Dole should consider retired Gen. Colin Powell as his running mate, Gingrich said, "I don't want to prejudge."

In Miami, Buchanan told a rally at a Cuban restaurant that he might not be the strongest candidate but he remained the strongest advocate for working people and conservative Christians. "As inadequate as I am, I

am the voice for these folks."

Buchanan promised in an interview to carry his conservative message across the country and he continued his sharp attacks on Dole.

"Bob Dole has no ideas," he said, charging that Dole won "ugly" and calling Dole's campaign "hollow, an empty vessel."

"We think we can fill that vessel up with our ideas if he is the nominee," Buchanan said, referring to the party platform.

In New York, which votes Thursday, a tracking poll conducted Sunday through Tuesday for the New York Post and Fox 5 television said Dole was gaining strength. The poll said Dole was the choice of 48 percent of 566 likely Republican voters, up almost 6 percentage points from Tuesday. Forbes was at 19 percent, while Buchanan trailed at 15 percent. The poll had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

In Texas, which votes Tuesday, a poll of likely primary voters put Dole in the lead with 45 percent to Buchanan's 20 percent.

Dole's clean sweep of all eight "Junior Tuesday" states severely wounded Buchanan and Forbes, and many party figures said that Dole had a lock on the GOP nomination.

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Brrrr, it's cold again



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Bundled up against the chilly weather that greeted Pampa area residents today, Sharon Ward comes out the Pampa Post Office building this morning. The cold front that swept into the area around 1 a.m. dropped temperatures into the low 20s by dawn with light snow flurries and gusty northwesterly winds creating a wind chill factor of zero to five below. Lows are expected to dip into the mid teens tonight.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HERRINGTON, Johnnie — 11 a.m., Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Chapel, Borger.

Obituaries

JOHNNIE HERRINGTON BORGER - Johnnie Herrington, 89, a former Borger resident, died Monday, March 4, 1996, in Abilene. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Chapel with Richard Kasko, minister of the Church of Christ at Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Mrs. Herrington was born in Marlin and moved to Borger in 1949. She married C.M. Herrington in 1930 in Falls County; he died in 1987. She taught third grade for 36 years before retiring. She moved to Abilene. She was a member of the Southern Hills Church of Christ at Abilene.

Survivors include a brother, Roy Smith of Marlin; and a sister, Lola Weems of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to Disability Resources Inc., 3601 N. Danville Drive, Abilene, TX 79603.

Stocks

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

Wheat	5.00
Milo	6.40
Corn	6.93

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

Nowco	13 1/4	NC
Occidental	23 3/4	NC

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

Magellan	88.02
Parran	17.72

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

Amoco	70 1/8	dn 1/8
Arco	112 1/8	up 1
Cabot	60 1/4	dn 3/4
Cabot O&G	14 7/8	NC

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, March 5
9:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of West 30th on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

WEDNESDAY, March 6
1:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transport to VA Hospital in Amarillo.

Court report

DISTRICT COURT Criminal

Judgment and sentence were entered sentencing Kristi Maddox to six years in prison on a charge of forgery by passing. She was first assessed two years deferred adjudication probation and \$210.92 restitution.

An order was entered modifying the probation of Brenda Sue Moore with out a hearing. Her probation was extended to Dec. 20.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of burglary of a habitation against Marty Leon Gibson because the evidence was insufficient.

An order was entered continuing Joe Roy Calloway Jr. on probation. He was ordered to Lubbock County Community Correction Facility for 30 days to 24 months beginning in instant and probation continuing after his release; assessed 320 hours community service restitution; and ordered to pay \$225 to his court-appointed attorney.

Orders were entered dismissing two charges of delivery of a controlled substance against Sandy Alvarez because the evidence was insufficient.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of delivery of a controlled substance against Tomarbysshe Lamom Embers because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered terminating the probation of Bobby Joe Dorsey.

Valerie A Hooker pleaded guilty to aggravated perjury. She was assessed five years probation, \$1,000 fine and 160 hours community service, and ordered to pay her court-appointed attorney \$450.

Leon Velasco pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance. He was assessed two years deferred adjudication probation, \$1,500 fine, \$140 restitution and 240 community service hours.

Raymond Lee Madewell pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense. He was assessed \$1,500 fine, five years probation, \$75.74 restitution, 160 community service hours, 60 days in jail and payment to his court-appointed attorney of \$450.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of delivery of a controlled substance against Larry Donell Wilson because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered discharging Billy Cleon Phillips from probation.

Henry Williams pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance. He was assessed five years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$280 restitution, 320 hours community service hours and payment to his court-appointed attorney of \$450.

Kenneth Ridenour pleaded guilty to burglary of a building. He was assessed two years deferred adjudication probation, \$308 restitution, \$500 fine and 120 community service hours.

An order was entered amending the probation of Teresa Gordzelik.

Wanda Keyes pleaded guilty to simple assault, a misdemeanor. She was assessed six months probation, \$500 fine.

Police report

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

MONDAY, March 4
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Wells at 1:40 p.m. Monday.

TUESDAY, March 5
Incidents of criminal mischief and theft over \$50 were reported at the same address in the 600 block of North Sumner. Criminal mischief occurred at 8:45 p.m. Sunday and theft occurred at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Criminal mischief to a 1985 Chevrolet pickup was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road that occurred Sunday or Monday.

Burglary of a Ford car was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra at noon Monday.

Harassment was reported on South Dwight after 8 p.m. Monday.

Arrests
TUESDAY, March 5
Daniel Ray Cobb, 26, 508 E. Foster, was arrested on US 60 at mile post 375 on a charge of speeding and failure to appear.

Travis Lynn English, 28, 509 Maple, was arrested on a Potter County warrant alleging unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. His bond has not been set.

Howard Ray Vance, 24, 1801 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a Gray County warrant alleging simple assault and a charge of resisting arrest. He was booked into Gray County jail. His bond on the assault charge is \$1,000 and bond on the resisting arrest charge is \$2,000.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, March 5
9:53 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 107 W. 30th on a medical assist.

10:11 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to the 1300 block of Coffee on a gas odor.

WEDNESDAY, March 6
5:46 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 2800 N. Crest on an alarm malfunction and were called back before arrival.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 4
8:45 a.m. - An unknown vehicle was in collision with a legally parked 1990 Chrysler owned by William R. Britton, 113 S. Dwight, in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Kelly James Teel pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was assessed \$2,500 fine, \$140 restitution, five years deferred adjudication probation, \$450 to his court-appointed attorney and 160 community service hours.

Sabra D. Baxter pleaded guilty to forgery by making. She was assessed three years deferred adjudication probation, \$1,500 fine, \$408.30 restitution and \$450 to her court-appointed attorney.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of tampering with a government record against Regonald D. Alexander. Restitution was paid in full.

Judgment nisi was entered against Regonald Dan Alexander, principal, and Robert Henry, surety. An alias capias warrant has been issued for Alexander's rearrest.

Tammy Winegeart Bennett pleaded guilty to forgery by passing. She was assessed two years probation, \$135 restitution, 160 community service hours and \$450 to his court-appointed attorney.

An order was entered continuing Vicki Hathaway on probation. She was ordered to serve 75 days in Gray County jail with credit for time served and to pay her court-appointed attorney \$225.

Civil
Bourland and Leverick Supply vs. Padre Tubulars Inc., suit on sworn account
First Lake Corp. vs. M&H Leasing, Inc., suit on note

Bonnie G. Cross et vir Maurice Cross vs. James Richardson and the estate of Lillie K. Richardson, deceased, damages auto

Boatmen's First National Bank of Amarillo vs. Ronald P. Hendrick and Shirees A. Hendrick and J.A. Martindale, suit on note

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14, Gray County vs. Tommy J. Henson and Teresa Henson, taxes

Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14, Gray County vs. Cliff Martin and Freda Martin, taxes

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, Gray County vs. Samuel D. Motley and Lula Mae Motley, taxes

Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14, Gray County vs. Tau Investments Inc., a defunct Texas corporation, taxes

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14, Gray County vs. Arcadio M. Rivera and Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (lienholder)

COUNTY COURT Marriage licenses issued

Shawn Jamison Watson and Amber Dawn Lindsey

Damon Ray Wildcat and Debra Dian Hendricks

Antonie Jara-Cabrales and Cynthia Tapia Davila

Karl Victor Vigil and Kelly Michele Schoenhals

DAR essay winners



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Luke Burton, left, and Rebekah Warner are the winners of the essay contest sponsored recently by the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Burton, son of Tonya Lewis, won the fifth-sixth grade division; he is a fifth grade student at Austin Elementary School. Warner, daughter of Mark and Cay Warner, won the seventh-eighth grade division; she is an eighth grade student at Pampa Middle School. Their essays on early explorers of America have been sent to the state DAR for judging in the state competition.

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Dole

"It's over," Republican pollster Bob Teeter said, surveying Dole's sweep. Buchanan accepted as much, with a caveat: "I still think there's a very, very long shot that Senator Dole could stumble badly."

Buchanan was coy about whether he would support Dole under all circumstances, avoiding answering the question directly.

He told one interviewer, "There's no doubt Senator Dole's nomination appears inevitable," but told another, "I still think there's a very, very long shot that Senator Dole could stumble badly."

He wavered on whether he would support a GOP ticket headed by Dole and said many of his supporters probably would not.

"They certainly would not, as of this moment, given the character of the campaign Senator Dole has conducted with the attacks and the extremist nonsense, all the rest of it," he said.

As for whether he might bolt to a third party, Buchanan hedged. "I'm not saying I'm ruling anything like that in ...," he said. "I'm not saying what I'm going to do at all. I'm going to the Republican convention. I've always supported the nominee."

Buchanan recalled recent history: Ross Perot's independent bid in 1992 which won 19 percent of the national vote, and, many observers think, assured President Clinton's election.

"There's a huge broad mass of middle America that's unrepresented ... My view is these people are not going to go unrepresented forever," he said.

Perot this year is forming a third party, but hasn't said who its nominee might be. He and Buchanan see eye-to-eye on trade issues.

With the prize seemingly within grasp at last, Dole kept his emotions in close check at a Washington rally. Still, he beamed.

"Thank you, Colorado, thank you, Connecticut," the Kansan ran through the roll call of states that had come through for him.

"Thank you Georgia, thank you Maine," he said, finishing the list - Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Republican caucuses were conducted in Minnesota and Washington state. Results trickled in slowly, but a straw vote in Minnesota looked good for Dole.

Dole did his best to make his nomination seem forgone, locked up. "We've found a leader to bring the Republican Party together," he said, directing his fire at President Clinton.

Clinton faced only minor opposition in the four states that held Democratic primaries.

Dole predicted he would pick up 90 percent of the delegates in New York.

Forbes said he hoped to do well in New York but acknowledged he only had a few days. "I don't know whether that's going to be time enough to do it."

Buchanan's persistence worried pollster Teeter, who remembered how Buchanan harassed President Bush in the primaries four years ago. "If he hangs in there and pounds at Dole, it's a problem," Teeter said.

Texas poll: Dole has lead on Clinton, GOP field

AUSTIN (AP) - Republican Sen. Bob Dole leads his closest presidential rival 2-to-1 in Texas and would easily defeat President Clinton in the Lone Star State if the election were held today, a new statewide poll shows.

In a head-to-head presidential matchup, Texans give Dole the edge over Clinton, 56 percent to 40 percent, according to the Texas Poll.

The telephone survey of 1,001 adults, conducted by the Office of

Survey Research of the University of Texas at Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. between Feb. 21 and March 1, has a margin of error of 3 percentage points. Among the 278 likely GOP primary voters, the margin of error is 5.6 percentage points.

Dole has built a comfortable lead, thanks in part to Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's early exit from the presidential race, according to the poll.

Among likely Republican primary voters, Dole leads his rivals

with a whopping 45 percent. The more-conservative choice, Pat Buchanan, followed with 20 percent.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander trailed a distant third, with 10 percent. Magazine publisher Steve Forbes came in at 9 percent, followed by talk show host Alan Keyes with 3 percent and Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar with 1 percent. Another 10 percent of primary voters are undecided and 2 percent said they didn't like any of the choices.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Decreasing cloudiness tonight, windy and cold with a low near 15. Gusty north winds 15-25 mph, gradually diminishing. Thursday, sunny and warmer with a high near 40. Northeast winds to 15 mph. Friday, sunny with highs in the 40s and lows near 20. Tuesday's high was 73; the overnight low was 25.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, a few flurries possible this evening. Otherwise, very cold with decreasing clouds. Lows 5 to 15. Thursday, mostly sunny and not as cold. Highs in upper 30s to low 40s. South Plains: Wind advisory early this evening, Tonight, clearing. Lows

10-20. Thursday, sunny. Highs 40-45. North Texas - Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy and much colder. A slight chance of rain south central. A chance of rain or thunderstorms east. Lows 22 northwest to 39 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy and cold. Windy central and east. Highs in the 40s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear, windy and cold. Lows from near 30 Hill Country to near 40 south central. Thursday, sunny, windy and cool. Highs in the 50s. Upper Coast: Tonight, scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows from the 30s inland to 40s coast. Thursday, sunny, windy and cool. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains:

Tonight, mostly cloudy, turning windy and colder. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Thursday, sunny and windy. Highs in the 50s to near 60.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, clearing and colder. Lows single digits and teens mountains and northwest, upper teens to low 30s elsewhere. Thursday, mostly fair skies. Warmer most sections. Highs upper 30s to the 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s and 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy with chances of snow ending west. Chance of light snow central and east with little or no snow accumulations. Lows single digits and teens. Thursday, decreasing clouds and cold. Highs in the 20s.

City briefs

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CAJUN-WEDNESDAY 6-9

p.m. Hamburger Station. Adv.

DIVORCE CARE

support group for those hurting from divorce. 900 E. 23rd. Wednesday 7 p.m. Adv.

NOW TAKING

applications for night manager and all shifts. Apply in person, Hardees, 2505 Perryton Pkwy. Adv.

LOST - LARGE

White Great Pyrenees dog from Chestnut area. Reward, please 665-0211. Adv.

CROSSFIRE - SUNSET

Bar, 600 S. Cuyler, Saturday, March 9. Adv.

MEALS ON

Wheels Garage Sale Collections and Sale - Mondays only, 2-5 p.m. South end of Pampa Mall, next to Mr. Gattis. 669-1007. Adv.

STEPHANIE DIETZ

and Clay Lyle - Bridal selections are at Joy's Unlimited. Adv.

TAX SERVICE,

Glenda Brownlee, 665-8074 or 274-2142, 614 Davis. Adv.

PAMPA COMMUNITY

Concert members may attend the Bach With Pluck program, 7:30 p.m. Thursday March 7, in Borger High School. Adv.

NEED BABYSITTER

6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. References needed. 669-6204. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE

Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Lots of parking in back and both sides. Adv.

Odyssey winners!



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Still building structures after winning the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition, Pampa Middle School team members celebrate their victory Monday afternoon. The team includes (top) Ryan Bradley, (middle) Nathanael Hill and Michelle Lee, and (bottom) Jared Spearman, Taylor Stellman and Sarah Frasier. The middle schoolers won their division of the Crunch competition, in which teams build balsa wood structures designed to hold weight while resisting side impacts from billiard balls. The team's structure held over 400 pounds in competition Saturday, but has been known to hold 640 pounds, said faculty sponsor Dana Ketchersid. Parent coaches are Rick Bradley and Fran Stellman. The team will compete in state competition in Plano April 13.

Senator condemns research firm as 'way over the line' with offers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A research firm's offer to pay congressional aides to give their views on a TV licensing issue their bosses will take up later this year was described by one senator as "way over the line."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is a leading proponent of making TV broadcasters pay for second licenses they'll need for higher-quality digital television — an effort strongly opposed by broadcasters.

"There's no doubt the broadcasters are pulling out all the stops," McCain said. But, he added, the arrangement to pay congressional staffers was misguided and "I just thought it was way over the line."

McCain said the Senate ethics committee advised him the research firm's plan would violate ethics rules in Congress. The plan was never carried out.

The National Association of Broadcasters said the firm, Shugoll Research Corp., would no longer be doing work for the association.

"When we heard about it, we asked that they be dropped," said NAB spokeswoman Patty McNeill.

Next week the Senate Budget Committee plans to hold a hearing on the licensing issue, which had caused Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., earlier this year to delay a final vote on a massive telecommunications bill.

The bill became law only after Dole was given assurances that federal regulators would not award the digital licenses until Congress decides whether broadcasters should have to pay for them. They are expected to do so this year.

Dole has said the licenses are worth up to \$70 billion and broadcasters should pay for them. The TV industry says stations will go out of business if they have to pay for the licenses on top of the millions of dollars each will have to spend for new digital broadcasting equipment.

NAB has a contract with New York-based KRC Research & Consulting, a national opinion research organization, which had hired Shugoll to do some work, McNeill said.

Shugoll had offered aides \$150 each to take part in a two-hour meeting, said Senate aides, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I have never seen such a thing before," McCain said.

McNeill said NAB did not know that Shugoll had been hired by KRC or that Shugoll had offered to pay House and Senate staffers to participate in the discussions.

Shugoll had contacted about nine House and Senate aides for a private discussion on "spectrum allocation" on Feb. 28, according to a letter the firm had sent to the aides. The meeting never took place.

State briefs

Passer-by tackles molester after dozens ignored attacker

DALLAS (AP) — A 38-year-old father says he was astonished that no one came to the aid of two girls when they were assaulted on a busy street during rush-hour traffic.

"I got out of my truck and just tackled him," said Stephen Ybarra. "I was just thinking that I have two daughters that age. I hit him in the ribs and hit him in the jaw and held him down until police got there."

"I couldn't believe no one would help little girls," the electrician told *The Dallas Morning News*. "That's just sickening."

The attacks occurred Monday on the streets of an area north of downtown known as "Little Mexico," not far from the southern toll booths of the Dallas North Toll Road.

Sgt. Byron Fassett of the child-exploitation unit said 21-year-old Augustine Reyes approached a 12-year-old girl about 5:40 p.m. on a sidewalk. After flirting with her, he threw her to the ground and fondled her, police said.

There was plenty of light for passers-by to see what was happening, Fassett said.

Minutes after Ybarra witnessed the attack, he chased the suspect, turning the corner to see the man molesting a 17-year-old girl.

"That's when I jumped out of my truck and tackled him," Ybarra said. "There were a lot of people out there. She was just screaming, and they didn't do nothing. They just stood there."

Jail space for juveniles in high demand across Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — So many juveniles are being processed into Texas Youth Commission facilities that some detention centers are dangerously close to capacity, a spokesman for the agency says.

"We are in trouble. If we run out of room, our only recourse is to release some kids. We certainly don't want to do that. We can either release some we already have or shut the front doors," said Jerry Dollar, spokesman for the Texas Youth Commission.

With no respite, criminal justice officials could be forced to release young offenders early or turn away new inmates, officials said.

Counties throughout the state have been sending more and more youngsters to Texas Youth Commission facilities, Dollar said.

"Business is booming," said Joe Alley, assistant chief for prevention services at the Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center. Alley said the estimate of 50 referrals is just "sort of a goal."

First Lady visits South Texas, blasts GOP

DALLAS (AP) — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, taking her husband's re-election campaign to Texas, took a swipe at the Republican Party's failure to fulfill many of the promises made in the GOP's so-called "Contract With America."

"The only contract with America is the Constitution," she told students at the Southern Methodist University law school Tuesday night.

Last year, the Republican-controlled House approved most of the GOP's "Contract with America" campaign promises, though few made it through the Senate and became law.

Mrs. Clinton also lambasted the GOP's budget-cutting proposal that would cut funding for Legal Service Corp., which provides legal help to poor people.

"The Legal Service Corp. was created by a bi-partisan Congress and signed into law by President Nixon with the idea that local legal aid programs would be funded to assist millions of Americans with their legal problems — problems that would otherwise go unaddressed," she said.

Laughlin denies charges of unethical campaign practices by primary rivals

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin's campaign denies charges from two primary rivals that he commissioned a polling firm to plant negative and often incorrect information about them.

"The charge is simply untrue," said Todd Smith, spokesman for Laughlin.

The congressman, who switched from the Democratic Party to the GOP last summer, faces three opponents in next week's primary in the sprawling district that stretches from around Austin to the Gulf Coast.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported Tuesday that two candidates — Blanco rancher Jim Deats and former congressman Ron Paul — have accused Laughlin of responsibility for what is called a "push poll."

In the telephone poll, callers ask registered voters in the district who they are supporting. When respondents say Deats, they are told he has made four unsuccessful bids for elected office and has more than \$200,000 in campaign debts.

Respondents who favor Paul are told he wants to legalize drugs, pornography and prostitution.

"It makes me mad. We've never had this kind of garbage in the party before," said Deats, who was the GOP nominee against then-Democrat Laughlin in 1994. Deats said he won two of the four offices he sought and has debts of less than \$30,000.

Michael Sullivan, an aide to Paul, said the Surfside physician believes drugs, prostitution and pornography should be controlled by states rather than the federal government.

"The things they are saying are blatantly untrue," Sullivan said. Although the polling firm identifies itself as the "National Resource Center," Sullivan told the *American-Statesman* that it is called Innovative Marketing Solutions. The Austin-based firm also has an office in College Station.

Bill Waters, a chemical equipment salesman in Port Lavaca and a Deats backer, said he was phoned by a pollster on Saturday. He said he agreed to answer the questions if the pollster told him who was paying for the poll. Waters said a supervisor said the firm had been retained by Laughlin.

Sullivan said workers from Paul's campaign also spoke to a

supervisor at the firm who said Innovative Marketing was working for Laughlin. Calls by *The Associated Press* to the company weren't immediately returned Tuesday.

None of the candidates reported payments to the company in their most recent campaign finance reports.

In other developments Tuesday:

— Democratic U.S. Senate candidate John Odam accused one of his rivals, U.S. Rep. John Bryant, of hypocrisy. Bryant has criticized the multimillion-dollar salary of the head of AT&T while the company lays off workers, but Bryant also accepted campaign donations from AT&T, Odam said.

"Everyone in Washington knows whose side Congressman Bryant was on during the recent telecommunications fight," Odam said. "Congressman Bryant takes money from AT&T and others in the long distance business, delivers the legislation they want and then attacks AT&T when he needs a campaign stunt. That ought to put him in the Hypocrite's Hall of Fame."

Union vote resolves some railroad merger issues

FORT WORTH (AP) — Merger-related issues with two unions have been resolved, according to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

That means about half its unionized workers have ratified their agreements.

The agreements combined the different sets of work rules resulting from the merger of Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe Pacific Corp.

Votes were counted Monday from members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the United Transportation Union, which were ratifying initial agreements that were tentatively reached in December.

"When we did the merger we

had different working conditions because the railroads were different," said spokesman Richard Russack. "This enables the railroad to operate as a merged railroad."

Jim Hogan, general chairman on BNSF issues for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said the agreements primarily involved conditions from the merging of yard facilities.

"There could be some loss of jobs, it won't be a major loss of jobs, but there could be some," Hogan said. "On the positive side, we expect the merger to attract more business and create more jobs."

During its consolidation, BNSF

has eliminated about 1,000 salaried positions and plans to eliminate 1,600 more jobs over the next several years.

The job eliminations are slightly more than the 2,500 job losses that the companies said they expected when the merger was announced.

The two unions join the Transportation Communications Union, the railroads' clerical employees, with ratified agreements. The clerical staff has lost the most jobs from the merger, Hogan said.

Of the company's 45,000 employees, about 90 percent are represented by unions.

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Opinion

Texas primary: Will Buchanan triumph?

The Republican Revolution that was to be led by Speaker Gingrich and his band of House disciples has been shoved aside. Make room for the Buchanan Brigade — sweeping across the Republican primary landscape and coming to Texas next month.

Gingrich and the House Republicans talked of a contract with America. Pat Buchanan makes no mention of any such contract, choosing instead to feature a peculiar but fiery blend of religious right moral views and economic protectionism borrowed from the books of liberal Democrats.

It's great entertainment to see Buchanan — a mere columnist and commentator — shock the establishment figures of his party. Buchanan is the fire and brimstone of his party — the George Wallace of the 1990s who uses a nativist campaign to raise resentments against ethnic groups and immigrants.

Pat is always on the attack. His relentless bashing of Mexico and the North American Free Trade Agreement adds a strong anti-foreigner bent, delighting a constituency which blames outside forces for many of their problems and fears.

Buchanan is on a roll. Second in Iowa and first in New Hampshire, and now the Buchanan show heads south for a barrage of primaries that includes a Texas vote on March 12.

Establishment Republicans are reeling. Their standard bearer — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole — is a listless and tired figurehead at this point, straining badly under the hot light of Buchanisms.

In Texas, Republican leaders like Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison must surely be shuddering. Both are ardent free traders and believe in NAFTA heart and soul. Bush has worked studiously to build friendly ties with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and other leaders down south.

It's not hard to see why. Mexico is hugely important to the Texas economy. This state leads the nation in exports to Mexico, and regions like the Rio Grande Valley must have robust trade with Mexico in order to survive.

The thought of Buchanan waving the Republican flag in November and in any way threatening an economic cornerstone of this state is stuff of nightmare proportions.

Hutchison quickly shifted her support to Dole after fellow Texan Phil Gramm dropped out of the presidential sweepstakes despite raising five zillion dollars. Bush has declined to endorse any Republican for president, but it's gotta be anyone but Buchanan. Is Morry Taylor still in the race?

Buchanan may score political points in New Hampshire by talking about building fences, walls, ditches and other obstructions between the United States and Mexico, but Texas isn't New Hampshire.

He may raise whoops and cheers in Manchester, N.H., by bashing trade and immigrants, but Manchester isn't San Antonio or McAllen. Even Lubbock has more ethnic diversity than the hamlets and villages of little New Hampshire.

Texas may be too big and diverse for the narrow and fiery views of Buchanan, but he is surely influencing presidential politics in 1996. Candidates in his party — and even Bill Clinton — seem to be shifting their views to become more Buchanan-like.

Lamar Alexander — the third-place Republican guy — talks of creating a new branch of the military to patrol the border and keep illegal immigrants out. Dole, always a free trader, now says he supported NAFTA not because of its economic merits, but to keep herds of illegal aliens out, which plays into Buchanan's anti-immigrant paranoia.

Clinton, meanwhile, is rushing to see how many Border Patrol agents he can put on the border before November's election so he won't be outdone by his Republican foes on the push to look tough on immigration.

It's really comforting, isn't it, for Americans along the border to see their part of the country depicted as little more than a strip of territory to be armed and fenced.

Perhaps it's all part of Buchanan's mission "to take America back."

"Who speaks for the Euro-Americans who founded the U.S.A.?" Buchanan thunders.

Ge, Pat, I guess you do. Build a fence around New Hampshire and call it home.

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Viewpoints

Leno's unjust jabs at Buchanan

Tonight Show host Jay Leno has emerged as king of the late-night talk shows not only because he's a superb stand-up comedian but also because he's perceived as a genuinely likable fellow. Lately, though, in his monologues, Leno has exhibited a mean streak, a poison-tipped presentation with the intent to vilify one man in particular: Pat Buchanan.

All but the most rabid partisans would agree that certain aspects of a candidate, whether personal or ideological, are fair game for satirists. Not long ago, Leno remarked that Buchanan is so nationalistic, he would replace the International House of Pancakes with the American House of Pancakes. That quip exaggerates Buchanan's beliefs for comedic purposes, but ... so what. That's satire, and that's OK. Now, read the following Leno "jokes" about Buchanan, and ask yourself if they fall in the same category:

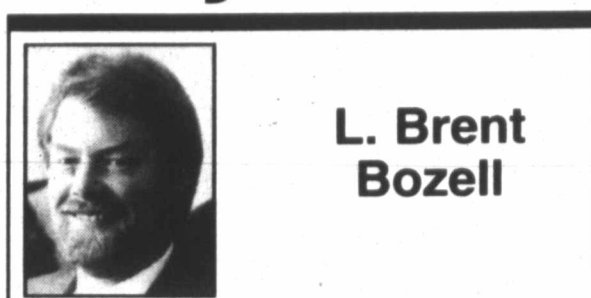
- Feb. 13: "Buchanan (finished) second (in the Iowa caucuses). Nobody expected that. Now they're talking about who he will pick as a running mate. Just when you thought you'd never hear the name Mark Fuhrman again."

- Feb. 15: "Political experts up in New Hampshire are saying Buchanan's campaign (is) generating the most heat ... mostly from burning books and crosses."

- Feb. 21: "The media ... underestimated ... how many people are behind (Buchanan). Well, you see how they could make a mistake like that. Up in New Hampshire, with those huge snowdrifts and (Buchanan's) supporters wearing white sheets ..."

- Feb. 22: "The Secret Service ... got a tip that some lone psycho nut was going to show up at a Pat Buchanan rally. Turns out it was just Pat Buchanan."

- Feb. 23: "Louis Farrakhan (is) back from his



L. Brent Bozell

trip to the Middle East, which makes Pat Buchanan only the second scariest guy in the country."

- Feb. 23: "Buchanan (says) his dream car would be a 1930s Gatsby-style convertible ... That's really his decade, the '30s. No welfare, no Social Security, none of this civil-rights nonsense, Hitler was in power ..."

Political satire is the elevation (or lowering) of serious discussion to the comedic level. It is assumed, then, that the material has a basis in fact. What is the average viewer of the *Tonight Show* to conclude? That Buchanan is either a Nazi or a Klansman, not to mention mentally ill. He is none of those things; such scurrilous charges shouldn't even have to be answered, but unanswered, they become an acceptable component of the comedic lexicon.

The same person would assume from Leno's jokes that Bob Dole is old, Lamar Alexander bland and Steve Forbes wealthy. Those descriptions are essentially true, making them a far cry from the smears directed at Buchanan.

But what about Bill Clinton? you say. To the laughter of conservatives, Leno routinely mocks him as a waffler, a draft evader and a womanizer. The jokes are biting — more than once, Leno has

elicited audible gasps from studio audience — and liberals certainly find little humor in them. Isn't it fair for Leno to be an equal-opportunity offender by triggering the same response from conservatives with his Buchanan jokes?

But the crux of the matter is that none of those terms, when applied to Clinton, is inaccurate. Waffler? Clinton's policy flip-flops are a matter of record. Draft evader? He lied when he said he didn't receive a military induction notice.

As for sex, even the media's Friends of Bill don't bother to debunk the tales of his randiness. In 1992, Hendrik Hertzberg wrote in the *New Republic* that among journalists he'd surveyed that were ideologically sympathetic to Clinton, "no one believes (Clinton's) denials" of an affair with Gennifer Flowers. And remember the establishment media's outrage over David Brock's revelations that Arkansas state troopers had procured women for then-Gov. Clinton? Brock's findings were confirmed by *Washington Post* reporter David Maraniss in his Clinton biography, *First in His Class*.

There is a different standard being used for Buchanan. As long as he remains a serious contender for the GOP nomination, he will be the target of unprecedented nastiness and distortion. Ronald Reagan and Dan Quayle were media whipping boys, but they never were attacked like this. (Of course, the besieged Reagan and Quayle had official Republican Party support of the kind Buchanan can, at this point, only dream of.)

On NBC's *Later with Bob Costas* in October 1993, Leno declared, "If it's someone like David Duke or Pat Buchanan, there's nothing mean enough you can say." Lumping Buchanan with the racist Duke is indicative of Leno's political acumen; moreover, when it comes to Pat, apparently even demonization isn't mean enough for Leno. Some nice guy.

Today in history

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 6, the 66th day of 1996. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

On this date:

In 1806, poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham, England.

In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Dred Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in a federal court.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on Berlin during World War II. (A second raid took place two days later.)

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and

Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West.

In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1987, 189 people died when water rushed through the open bow doors of the Herald of Free Enterprise, causing the British ferry to capsize off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Ten years ago: A Soviet spacecraft,

the Vega 1, came within 5,270 miles of Halley's Comet, sending back TV images of the comet, which was making a return appearance to this solar system after 76 years.

Five years ago: Following Iraq's capitulation in the Persian Gulf conflict, President Bush told a cheering joint session of Congress that "aggression is defeated. The war is over."

One year ago: The Republican-controlled House took up business-backed legislation to alter the civil legal system over White House objections that some of the proposals were too extreme (the House passed the measure the following day).

Patrick Buchanan for president?

"We are cursed." That's how a leading Reaganite writer summed up the state of conservative politics in America. Pat Buchanan's victory in New Hampshire has engendered quite as much dismay and despair among Republicans as Buchanan himself predicted — though he would perhaps be surprised to learn that some of those who are most distressed are his former colleagues and comrades in arms from the Reagan administration.

How, after the glorious victory of 1994, did the Republican Party arrive at the point where the choice for nominee comes down to a lackluster legislator, a faux conservative former governor or a neo-protectionist with more political/intellectual baggage than Imelda Staunton has shoes?

The answer is simple: the social issues. First, Phil Gramm backed away from the social issues, protesting that he was not a "preacher." His campaign never got to first base. Next, Steve Forbes, with the most Reaganite message in the field, surged in the polls. But his pollster, John McLaughlin, and campaign advisers (one of whom had a personal feud with Pat Robertson) convinced him that he could win without appealing to religious conservatives. Forbes needlessly and self-destructively attacked the Christian Coalition and saw his poll numbers sink like a stone in the days before the Iowa caucuses. Finally, Bob Dole, feeling Pat Buchanan's breath on his back in New Hampshire, decided that Buchanan's populist, anti-business message must be the silver bullet and promptly imitated it, decrying "corporate greed." He finished an ignominious second.

Alan Keyes, a virtual unknown with no organization and no money, was able, purely on the



Mona Charen

strength of his stirring speeches about the centrality of the "marriage-based, two-parent family," to get more votes than established senators and congressmen. A candidate who spoke for both economic and cultural conservatism — a blend of Forbes and Keyes — would have swept all before him. There was no such candidate in the field. Accordingly, in Iowa, with its strong representation of pro-life voters, Pat Buchanan was catapulted to the top of the pack.

In New Hampshire, with its history of economic distress, the mix was different. There, the Buchanan message of muscular nationalism and protectionism did resonate, though only 6% of voters named "foreign trade" an important reason for their vote.

Many conservatives blanch at the idea of a Buchananized Republican Party because his economic message is hardly distinguishable from David Bonior's (D-Mich.). But, in light of his strong showing, it becomes a delicate matter to express that without alienating the Buchanan voters — who are among the most energized and passionate in the Republican party. Lamar Alexander struck the right note on the morning after the primary, congratulating Buchanan on

his victory but saying that Buchanan has the wrong answers. Bob Dole did not, labeling Buchanan an "extremist." It is the Democrats who tend to substitute name-calling for argument. Vice President Al Gore never ventures out in public without denouncing every Republican in sight as an "extremist." Buchanan's rivals should spell out their reasons for rejecting protectionism and industrial planning — if they can.

Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council, hints that the rift between the religious right and the rest of the party may be serious, particularly if leading Republicans from the issue as Dole did. The religious right has nursed angry feelings about the party establishment for some time. "I sometimes think my people have been played for fools," warns Bauer.

Paul Weyrich, founder of National Empowerment Television, believes that Buchanan cannot get the Republican nomination. "The party is broadly conservative," he explains, "but Buchanan is narrowly conservative and, in some ways, not conservative at all." Even if both Lamar Alexander and Robert Dole remain in the race throughout the primaries, thus splitting the non-Buchanan vote, they could still broker an arrangement at the convention that would keep the nomination away from Buchanan.

The test for the Republican Party in the weeks and months to come is not to stop Buchanan — but to prevent Buchananism from creating a damaging rift between social and economic conservatives. If Dole wants to be the nominee, he must stop parroting Buchanan about corporate greed, start defending free trade and free markets, and bone up on Alan Keyes' speeches in his spare time.

Community-wide reform with promise

The Community Renewal Project, crafted by two Midwestern Republican congressmen, Jim Talent of Missouri and J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, has the impact of a bucket of water in the face. Thanks to the presidential campaign, we rarely hear national politicians spouting anything but sneers, slogans and sound bites.

You can applaud the Community Renewal Project, or you can treat it like a dead snake. What you have to admit is that it's an idea — something to jolt public policy off dead center.

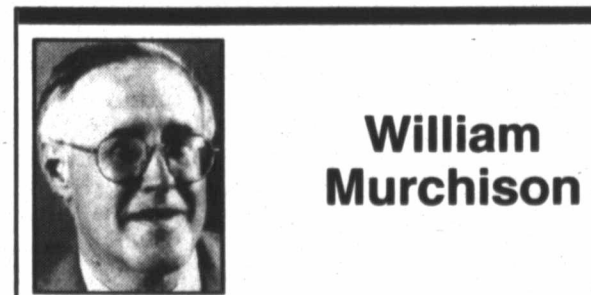
Talent and Watts see a problem — inner-city communities marked by "the total disintegration of private society, beginning with families and neighborhoods — the institutions that nurture and discipline children, reinforce private virtue, and give order and meaning to daily life."

The congressmen propose, in response, a program of community renewal.

Yawn, snore. Reform programs are a dime a carload in a city — Washington, D.C. — whose cottage industry is the identification of problems and the postulation of solutions.

We have had the Contract With America. We have had welfare reform. We had, just the other day, Bill Clinton touting school uniforms as a stimulus to pride and school spirit. What makes the Talent-Watts Act different?

"For too long," the sponsors say, "Congress has come up with ideas, with the best intentions, and told the disadvantaged what it was going to do for them. This time, we have listened to the people who live and work in America's most impoverished neighborhoods. We have



William Murchison

met with community and civic leaders and neighborhood-based organizations to learn how the federal government can re-empower these impoverished areas."

And how's that? By targeting 100 "renewal communities" with poverty rates of 20% or more and requiring the larger communities of which they are a part to reduce tax rates in these areas, by creating federal tax breaks for these areas, and by paving the way for the waiver of federal regulations that inhibit economic development.

With scholarships, poor kids could attend any public or private school in a renewal district. There would be special IRAs for the poor, with government matching funds. Neighborhood groups — including, conspicuously, churches — would take the lead in treating drug abuse.

Such are the high spots. There is more to the program, which made its debut in Washington just recently.

I myself have problems with some of the proposals. "Require" a local community to reduce

tax rates? You can't do that under our federal system. Federally matched contributions to IRAs? Would they replace welfare payments or supplement them? The devil is in such details, and his pitchfork is sharp.

On the other hand, there is some good stuff here. The emphasis is centrifugal — with power flying from the center to the periphery. The plan emphasizes religion and individual choice and the rebuilding of local entrepreneurship. Say we did all these things. The problem would remain — how then to push the federal government entirely, or mostly, out of the picture so that community responsibility might flourish in the fullest?

The sponsors quote Leroy Jones, president and founder of Freedom Cabs Inc. of Denver, one of the community leaders who helped devise the plan: "To me, it is very simple ... Give us the right, the economic liberty that we supposedly have been guaranteed. Let us fail or succeed on our own merit. Open the door, and get out of the way, and let us live. I will guarantee you that most of the problems — the divorce rate, drugs on the street as far as crimes with gang members — will go down."

Well, maybe. Could matters get worse than they are now? As rhetorical explosions light up the presidential campaign trail, it is useful to remember government's purpose, which is to serve the people. Occasionally, even people in government remember. They may not always get the details right, but when you catch them at work on the principle, you can't help but nod and smile.

Former deputy attorney to be released from jail

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — After turning back five efforts over the past year to return him to his homeland, a former Mexican deputy attorney general expects to be freed from jail on bail today.

Under the bail conditions, Mario Ruiz Massieu must remain under house arrest, wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet, under 24-hour guard. He also must post \$9 million that has been frozen in his Houston bank account.

The release order, signed Tuesday by a federal appellate judge, signaled yet another setback for the U.S. and Mexican governments.

While Ruiz Massieu is on bail, the Justice Department will attempt to persuade an appellate court to reinstate deportation proceedings against Ruiz Massieu.

They are seeking deportation on grounds that Ruiz Massieu has been deemed a threat to U.S. foreign policy by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Ruiz Massieu is accused in Mexico of obstructing the probe into the 1994 assassination of his brother, the No. 2 official of their nation's ruling party, to shield the brother of then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

"I'm delighted he's finally out of these very onerous incarceration conditions, and I expect this is the first step toward freedom," said Cathy Fleming, a lawyer for Ruiz Massieu.

Citing security reasons, she said Ruiz Massieu would not make a public appearance after

his release, but would issue a statement to be released at her office here at noon.

"He's not going to be interviewed. He's exhausted," Fleming said.

Ruiz Massieu maintains he would be killed if returned to Mexico and says he is being persecuted for criticizing the administration of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo.

Lawyers for the Justice Department had fought against bail for Ruiz Massieu, arguing he would flee or go into hiding. Fleming maintained her client has great motivation to remain in the United States: to contest the government's action to seize the \$9 million.

But after a federal judge and two appellate judges ruled Ruiz Massieu should be freed, bail conditions were hammered out Monday by U.S. Circuit Judge H. Lee Sarokin — one of the appellate judges — during a hearing with Fleming and Justice Department lawyers.

Sarokin delayed the release, though, to give the government time to decide if it wished to pursue the bail question to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Justice Department decided not to.

The deportation effort began after four extradition attempts failed. Ruiz Massieu sued, saying that Christopher's argument that he is a foreign policy threat was unconstitutionally vague.

Ruiz Massieu, 45, whose wife has said they wish to settle in New Jersey, filed in December for political asylum.

World briefs

Joblessness surpasses 11%, new postwar record
BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany's unemployment rate surpassed 11 percent last month to reach a postwar record for the number of people out of work.

Unemployment rose to 11.1 percent from 10.8 percent in January, the Labor Office said. A total of 4.27 million people — the highest number since World War II — were without jobs last month.

Economics Minister Guenter Rexrodt said the new figures are worse than he'd expected and that it is "unbearable for society" to have so many people out of work.

The Labor Office blamed the rise in joblessness on stagnant economic growth and on an unusually cold winter, which keeps construction workers away from their jobs.

The government has proposed a program that envisions cutting joblessness in half by the year 2000. Opposition politicians are balking. They argue that proposed cuts in unemployment and welfare benefits are more likely to widen the gap between rich and poor Germans than to create work.

Mr. Death gets serious: Family re-spells name

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Mr. Death was sick to ... well, you know ... of people mispronouncing his name.

Lawrence Arthur Death, who raises cows in Goodfare, about 310 miles northwest of Edmonton, has served notice to the Alberta government that he's changing the spelling of his family's name to Deeth.

"That's the way the name is pronounced, said his wife, Helen. The family has been using the "Deeth" spelling for years, she said, and now wants to make it legal to clear up any misunderstandings.

Helen said Death is a British name that once had an "e" on the end; over the years, the "e" got dropped.

"It's kind of funny actually," she said of the frequent mispronunciations, "so sometimes I correct them and sometimes I don't bother."

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Record producer arrested in Mexico

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities tracked down a Houston man charged with sexual assault, cocaine possession and child pornography by following one of his closest associates.

Mexican authorities arrested Huey Pervis Meaux, 66, a well-known record producer, at a Juarez motel on Tuesday and turned him over to the FBI in El Paso, Houston police spokesman Jack Cato said.

Meaux, who has worked with Freddie Fender and Ronnie Milsap, skipped out on his \$120,000 bond when he failed to appear at hearings Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.

He also faces a federal charge

of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Houston bail bondsman Edd Blackwood, who posted Meaux's bail, said bounty hunters and authorities spotted Meaux's friend and business associate, James Davis, in Las Vegas days ago, and followed him to Dallas, then to Juarez.

Davis, who had accompanied Meaux to all his police and court appointments, disappeared at the same time and was assumed to be traveling with him, police said.

Davis was arrested at a Juarez residence shortly before Meaux was picked up at a hotel there about 3:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind members



Horace Mann Odyssey of the Mind team members (front) Hayden Wade and Will Vise and (back) Joe Resendiz, Jake Mulanax, Zach Kidd, Amanda Dyson and Jeanie Palmateer pose with props for their winning entry in the Classics-Great Impressions competition of Odyssey of the Mind. Also shown is parent coach Brenda Dyson. The team incorporated the painting "The Card Players" by Paul Cézanne, the poem "My Shadow" by Robert Louis Stevenson and an original poem called "The Cards" into an eight-minute skit, winning their division of the contest Saturday in Amarillo. The team will compete April 13 in Plano in the state competition. Not pictured is parent coach Brenda Palmateer.

State congress passes differing same-sex bills

HONOLULU (AP) — The state Senate approved a bill allowing same-sex "domestic partnerships" while the House took the opposite tack, backing a proposal to let voters decide whether to ban gay marriages.

The state Supreme Court in 1993 decided it was unconstitutional discrimination on the basis of gender for the state to ban same-sex marriages unless it can show a compelling state interest to do so.

Legislators have been struggling to develop a response, considering whether to rewrite state

law to meet the court's objections or get a constitutional amendment that would block the ruling.

The dispute in Hawaii has attracted considerable interest in other state legislatures, with proposals being considered to bar recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states.

The Senate, in a 14-11 rollcall vote, approved and sent to the House on Tuesday a measure to create a system of domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian couples in Hawaii.

"It is the way out of the legal

minefield we now find ourselves in," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Rey Grauly.

The 51-member House approved an equally controversial proposal to put before the voters next fall a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages in Hawaii. There were 14 no votes.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Terrance Tom called domestic partnerships a "naive and misguided" approach to appease the Supreme Court.

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'Up Close and Personal' proves Redford's still hot

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - *Up Close and Personal*, starring Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer, debuted as the No. 1 film, earning \$11.1 million and surpassing the new underwater comedy *Down Periscope*.

Down Periscope made \$7.2 million, followed by *Rumble in the Bronx*, which earned \$6.8 million and lost only 31 percent of its audience from a week ago, suggesting the Jackie Chan action movie will play for a while.

Before and After and *Mary Reilly*, on the other hand, slipped sharply in their second weekends.

The John Travolta thriller *Broken Arrow* earned \$6 million for fourth place, followed by the golf comedy *Happy Gilmore*, \$4.8 million.

The overall box-office take in February was a record \$389 million. The gross came from 17 releases, up from 13 February debuts a year ago. The old record was set in 1991 at \$385.5 million.

Many of the films nominated for top Academy Awards were in the top 20, including *Dead Man Walking*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Leaving Las Vegas*.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. on Monday:

1. *Up Close and Personal*, Disney, \$11.1 million, 1,506 locations, \$7,372 per location, \$11.1 million, one week.
2. *Down Periscope*, 20th Century Fox, \$7.2 million, 2,022 locations, \$3,576 per location, \$7.2 million, one week.
3. *Rumble in the Bronx*, New Line, \$6.8 million, 1,780 locations, \$3,810 per location, \$18.9 million, two weeks.
4. *Broken Arrow*, 20th Century Fox, \$6 million, 2,277 locations, \$2,653 per location, \$53 million, four weeks.
5. *Happy Gilmore*, Universal, \$4.8 million, 2,069 locations, \$2,325 per location, \$24.6 million, three weeks.
6. *Muppet Treasure Island*, Disney, \$4.79 million, 2,068 locations, \$2,316 per location, \$24.8 million, three weeks.
7. *Mr. Holland's Opus*, Disney, \$4.2 million, 1,629 locations, \$2,582 per location, \$62.3 million, seven weeks.
8. *City Hall*, Columbia, \$2.5 million, 1,563 locations, \$1,604 per location, \$17.5 million, three weeks.
9. *Dead Man Walking*, Gramercy,

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Top weekend movies	
Weekend of March 1-3, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Up Close and Personal</i> \$11.1, one week, 1,506 screens	\$11.1
2. <i>Down Periscope</i> \$7.2, one week, 2,022 screens	\$7.2
3. <i>Rumble in the Bronx</i> \$18.9, two weeks, 1,780 screens	\$6.8
4. <i>Broken Arrow</i> \$53, four weeks, 2,277 screens	\$6
5. <i>Happy Gilmore</i> \$24.6, three weeks, 2,069 screens	\$4.81
6. <i>Muppet Treasure Island</i> \$24.8, three weeks, 2,068 screens	\$4.79
7. <i>Mr. Holland's Opus</i> \$62.3, seven weeks, 1,629 screens	\$4.2
8. <i>City Hall</i> \$17.5, three weeks, 1,563 screens	\$2.5
9. <i>Dead Man Walking</i> \$24.1, 10 weeks, 803 screens	\$2.1
10. <i>Before and After</i> \$7, two weeks, 1,318 screens	\$2

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

\$2.1 million, 803 locations, \$2,663 per location, \$24.1 million, 10 weeks.

10. *Before and After*, Disney, \$2 million, 1,318 locations, \$1,536 per location, \$7 million, two weeks.

11. *Sense and Sensibility*, Columbia, \$1.6 million, 958 locations, \$1,673 per location, \$34.6 million, 12 weeks.

12. *Mary Reilly*, TriStar, \$1.4 million, 1,470 locations, \$960 per location, \$4.9 million, two weeks.

13. *Leaving Las Vegas*, MGM, \$1.31 million, 871 locations, \$1,508 per location, \$25.2 million, 19 weeks.

14. *Mr. Wrong*, Disney, \$1.26 million, 1,292 locations, \$983 per location, \$11.6 million, three weeks.

15. *Black Sheep*, Paramount, \$1 million, 1,317 locations, \$777 per location, \$29.8 million, five weeks.

16. *Braveheart*, Paramount, \$925,000, 715 locations, \$1,294 per location, \$71.5 million, three weeks in re-release.

17. *Beautiful Girls*, Miramax, \$877,000, 492 locations, \$1,782 per location, \$9.2 million, four weeks.

18. *Father of the Bride Part II*, Disney, \$761,000, 638 locations, \$1,193 per location, \$74.5 million, 13 weeks.

19. *The Postman*, Miramax, \$760,000, 311 locations, \$2,443 per location, \$13.2 million, 38 weeks.

20. *Babe*, Universal, \$663,000, 608 locations, \$1,090 per location, \$60.9 million, 31 weeks.

Study: Divorces, illegitimate births declining nationwide

WASHINGTON (AP) - A private study suggests that Americans are adopting the family values so loudly recommended by politicians.

Divorces are down, the percentage of children born to unwed mothers is decreasing, and the number of two-parent families is up.

That picture emerges from a study by the Population Reference Bureau called "The United States at Mid-Decade." The PRB, a 66-year-old private research group, keeps tabs on population trends around the world.

California, of course, remains by far the most populous state with 31.6 million residents. Texas has assumed second place with 18.7 million, edging New York with 18.1 million. The rest of the top 10 in order last year were Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia. Wyoming is the least populated.

The country's minority population is 26 percent. The District of Columbia leads the 50 states with a 75 percent nonwhite population. Hawaii follows with 68 percent, New Mexico is 50 percent, California 47 percent, Texas 46 percent, followed by Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland, Florida and Louisiana.

Nevada had the biggest population growth by percentage between 1990 and 1995, followed by Idaho, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Washington, New Mexico, Georgia, Oregon and Texas. Connecticut, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia lost population.

In 1994, 683,000 legal immigrants and 121,000 refugees came to the United States.

"The number of illegal immigrants is, of course, unknown, but most estimates range from 1.1

million to 2.9 million per year," the report says. "Most of these unauthorized persons leave the United States either through apprehension or voluntary departure, but an estimated 300,000 remain as permanent settlers."

The United States has the highest marriage rate in the industrial world, but its divorce rate is nearly twice as high. Interestingly, most Americans who divorce get remarried eventually - nearly half of all marriages in 1990 were remarriages for one or both partners.

Some other family highlights: -An estimated 90 percent of young women are expected to marry at some point in their lifetimes; the median age for men at first marriage was 26.7 years and 24.5 years for women. But one-third of women and half of men aged 25-29 in 1994 have never been married.

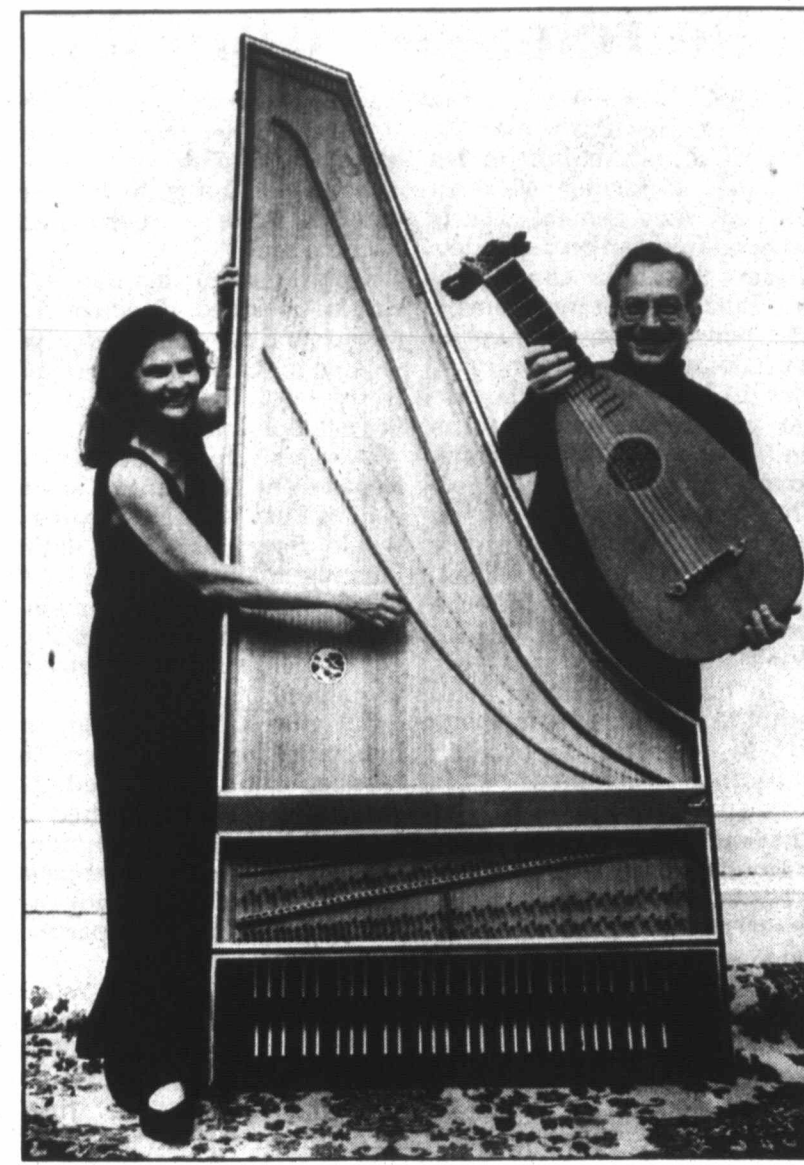
-The divorce rate was 4.6 per 1,000 people in 1994 - slightly lower than in 1990.

"Because young people today are waiting until they are somewhat older and presumably more mature before getting married, marriages may be more selective now than in the past, making the risk of divorce lower," the report said.

-Nearly one in three births - 1.2 million babies - was to an unmarried mother. After five decades of a rise in unmarried childbearing - 6 percent a year in the 1980s - the pace of increase slowed to 2 percent by the early 1990s.

"Over half of all nonmarital births in 1993 occurred to women in their twenties," the report says. "Teens accounted for roughly 30 percent of out-of-wedlock births. Two thirds of the fathers of these babies born to teenage mothers, however, were age 20 or older."

Community Concert in Borger



(Special photo)

Bach With Pluck! will be appearing at the Borger High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday under the sponsorship of the Tri-City Community Concert Association. Members of the Pampa Community Concert Association, which is conducting its annual membership drive through March 16 (call 665-0343 for information), may attend by reciprocal agreement. The group, bringing together lutenist/guitarist Jerry Willard and harpsichordist Elaine Comparone, performs music ranging from 16th century lute dances to Scarlatti's harpsichord sonatas, to duets by Bach and Boccherini to original arrangements by Willard and Comparone.

'Modern-day Bluebeard' ordered to stand trial in third wife's poisoning

DETROIT (AP) - Women in Lowell Amos' life keep dying, and the similarities in the deaths have some people calling the handsome, bespectacled businessman a modern-day Bluebeard.

His three wives and mother all died while living with him. In all four cases, Amos was the last person to see them alive, delayed reporting the deaths and cleaned up the scene before police arrived, authorities said.

"Is Mr. Amos unlucky in love?" District Judge Deborah Lewis Langston asked. "I have my own opinion."

Langston found enough evidence Tuesday to order Amos to stand trial in the cocaine death of his third wife, 37-year-old Roberta.

The judge then looked down at the three-time widower, with his slicked hair and dark suit, and told him, "May God have mercy on your soul."

Roberta Amos died Dec. 10, 1994, following a Christmas party for her husband's employment agency at a Detroit hotel.

Amos, 52, told police his wife died of an accidental cocaine overdose, but a medical examiner said he found 15 times the amount of the drug present in a typical overdose death.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) - A new drug has been approved that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain. This material has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis" and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis is an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream and is available immediately without a prescription and is guaranteed to work. Use only as directed. © 1995 Arthur Advertising Group Inc.

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Amos was arrested in November in Las Vegas after an 11-month investigation. Langston called him a "modern-day Bluebeard" - a folk character who married and murdered one wife after another - and ordered him held without bond. If convicted of first-degree murder, Amos faces life imprisonment without parole.

"This is what we have been

praying for," said Roberta Amos' mother, Marie Wagner.

Defense lawyer Cornelius Pitts had argued there was no proof that Roberta Amos was killed and that his client was at most guilty of involuntary manslaughter for supplying the drug.

"As horrible, as sordid, as unfortunate as this particular case is," Pitts said, "it is not murder."

But prosecutors attempted to show a pattern by introducing testimony about the deaths of Amos' first two wives and his mother.

It began in 1979, with the death of his first wife, Sandra Heard Amos, in Anderson, Ind. Amos told police she fell and hit her head in the bathroom. A neighbor said he later found Amos burning his wife's clothes.

Nation briefs

Magazine praises court's decision in publication fight

CINCINNATI (AP) - A publishing company said it won a victory for free press when an appeals court threw out a judge's order forbidding a magazine from publishing a secret document from a corporate lawsuit.

McGraw-Hill Cos., publisher of *Business Week* magazine, had argued that the order set a dangerous precedent for court restraint of news organizations.

"If that decision had been allowed to stand, any journalist who merely asked for documents which had been sealed by a court would have been behaving unlawfully," said Stephen Shepard, editor in chief of *Business Week*.

The appeals court said U.S. District Judge John Feikens was not justified in forbidding *Business Week* from publishing contents of a 300-page document from Procter & Gamble Co.'s lawsuit against Bankers Trust Co.

"At no time ... did the district court appear to realize that it was engaging in a practice that, under all but the most exceptional circumstances, violates the Constitution: preventing a news organization from publishing information in its possession on a matter of public concern," Judge Gilbert Merritt wrote for the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The document fell far short of being so sensitive that publication "would be so dangerous to fundamental government interests as to justify a prior restraint," Merritt wrote.

GM plants brace for impact of brake-workers strike

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - A strike by 3,000 workers who make brakes for General Motors Corp. threatened to idle or force the closing of other GM plants that need the parts.

The workers walked off the job

Tuesday at two GM Delphi Chassis System plants over safety and job security, including the production of parts by outside plants or companies.

Analysts said the dispute could hurt production at the nation's biggest automaker if it is not quickly resolved. Talks between GM and United Auto Workers Local 696 were scheduled to resume today.

The Delphi plants supply brakes to nearly all of GM's 29 assembly plants. A three-day strike at the Delphi plants two years ago idled five GM assembly plants in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Tom Klipstine, a GM spokesman in Warren, Mich., said the strike had no immediate impact on other GM operations and he would not speculate on possible shortages.

Marine kills superior then wounds other officer

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) - Marines on this sprawling base were struggling to understand what caused one of their own to walk into a lieutenant colonel's office, shoot him to death and wound another officer.

"To think a Marine would do this to another Marine really bothers us," said base spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry Broeckert.

Sgt. Jessie A. Quintanilla was arrested following Tuesday's shooting at the base's Marine Corps Air Station. The motive was unknown.

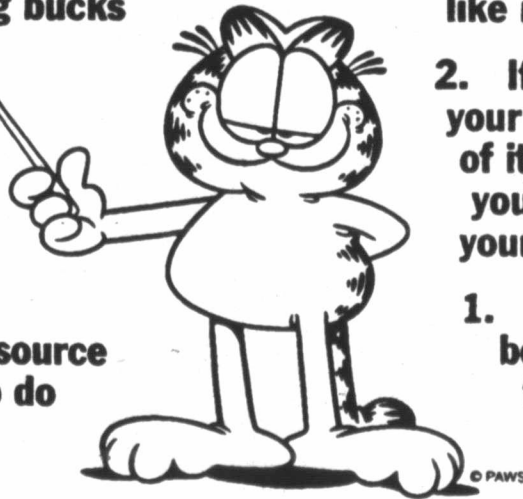
Both victims were high-ranking officers of Marine Logistics Squadron 39, where Quintanilla was assigned to the supply section.

Lt. Col. Daniel W. Kidd, 40, the squadron's executive officer, died after being shot in the chest in his office.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Heffner, 43, the squadron's commanding officer, was also shot in the chest after going to the office to investigate. He was listed in serious but stable condition.

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White House sending terrorist experts to Israel, Palestine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is sending experts in diplomatic security and counterterrorism to help Israel. They also will train Yasser Arafat's Palestinian forces.

Already, a team of FBI agents is in Israel and additional agents will follow once Israel tells the United States what kind of specialists it needs, a Justice Department official said Tuesday.

The FBI team and a legal specialist from the bureau's office in Athens, Greece, were assigned to help the Israelis after a suicide bombing in Jerusalem Feb. 25. Three deadly bombings followed, killing 61 people, including four Americans.

The head of the State Department's counterterrorism office, Philip C. Wilcox Jr., who also has run the Israeli desk at the department, probably will head the counterterrorism group, a State Department official said.

On Tuesday, at President Clinton's direction, bomb-detection equipment was flown to Israel to help intercept terrorists at border crossings.

Clinton said his aim was to "support the fight against future terrorist attacks, to bring killers to justice and to rally support for peace in the Middle East."

A senior U.S. official said Yasser Arafat's

Palestinian Authority forces would be trained to use the American devices. Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said the equipment being sent now and later was to help both Israel and the Palestinians combat a terrorist threat.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Iran was deeply involved, financing, training, perhaps even directing groups such as Hamas, the militant Islamic organization that claimed responsibility for the four bombings.

He said the United States was trying to rally European and other nations to isolate Iran, but did not want to single out Syria or any other country.

In a television broadcast to the Israeli people, Clinton expressed his "deepest sorrow and strongest outrage" over the bombings and announced his decisions to send aid. He promised "to do everything possible to bring this horror to an end and to bring those responsible to justice."

He said the bombings were aimed not only at killing scores of innocent Israelis but at ending the hope of peace in the Middle East, challenging Arafat's authority to make peace and ending the Palestinians' hopes for a better life.

At an hour-long memorial service Tuesday night at the Israeli Embassy, Clinton said: "Once again, the United States stands with

you, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart." The dead, Clinton said, were victims of zealots so fanatic that "it is almost as if they couldn't exist without someone to hate, someone to kill."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said that for Israel's protection, McCurry's disclosure of the shipment of bomb-detection equipment "probably should not have been made."

In a statement, the presidential aspirant said unless and until Arafat "does more to crack down on terrorism, I would assume ... there might be an effort by some to cut off aid to the Palestinian Authority."

Christopher said that "would be very shortsighted and self-defeating." The United States has provided \$160 million to the fledgling Palestinian administration in Gaza and most of the West Bank, with an additional \$340 million pledged over the next four years.

Christopher said the equipment was sent in response to a request from Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Asked why it was under discussion for months within the administration, Christopher told reporters negotiators had problems working out who was to pay because "the whole package was quite expensive." But he said the assistance "took on a whole new urgency" with the spate of bombings.

Baby pageant winner



(Special photo)

Meganne Fraser, center front, holds one of her three trophies she won at the March 3 Baby Miss Amarillo 1996 pageant while standing next to her mother at the Amarillo Civic Center. Meganne, 22 months old, is the daughter of Nita Day and Michael Fraser of Groom. Competing against 363 contestants, she won first in beauty and first in Dimpled Darlings and was named second runnerup for Baby Miss Amarillo. Grandparents are Randy and Vicki McClelland of Pampa; great-grandparents are Dick and Helen Kastein of Pampa. Brother and sister are Nicholas Day and Heather Day, both of Groom.

Russia will continue to import chickens from U.S., Arkansas in state of relief

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Russia will continue to import U.S. chickens after all, bringing relief to the leading poultry producing state that had worried about losing a large chunk of its business.

Russian officials said Feb. 16 that the country would stop importing U.S. chickens beginning March 19 because of health and sanitation concerns. Vice President Al Gore's office said

Tuesday that they have changed their minds.

In a statement from Washington, Gore's office said the vice president "had received assurances from Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin that U.S. poultry exports to Russia will continue without interruption."

It was not immediately clear why the Russians changed their minds. Senior U.S. officials plan

to travel to Moscow to discuss the issue, the statement said.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, on Monday urged the Clinton administration to suspend aid to Russia and cut U.S. imports of Russian aluminum and other metals until the Russians changed their minds.

The poultry industry shipped more than \$700 million worth of chickens to Russia last year, mak-

ing it the largest market for U.S. birds.

Russia's threat had prompted Tyson Foods Inc. of Springdale — the state's largest poultry producer — and Hudson Foods Inc. of Rogers to announce plans to cut production by 7 percent.

Tyson Foods spokesman Archie Schaffer said no decision had been made about reversing the cut and that company officials would meet today.

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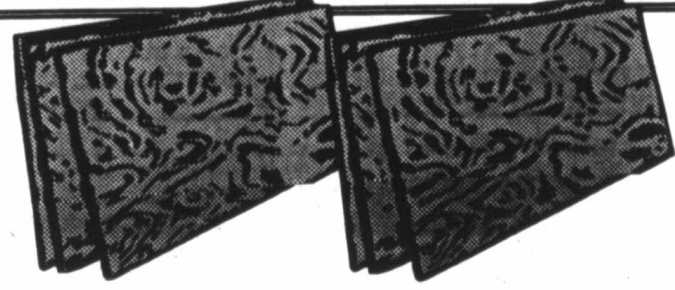
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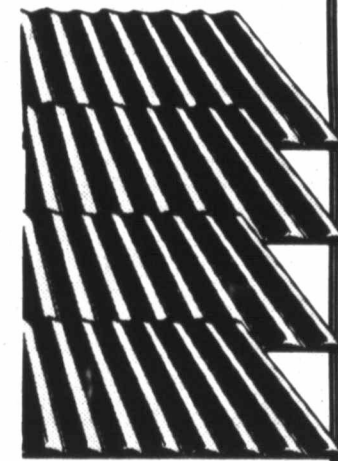
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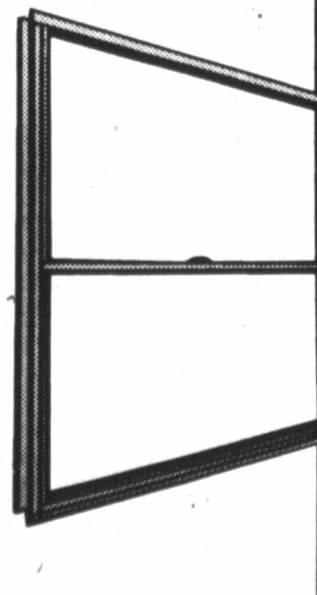
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Angry Widow Feels Betrayed By Nephew's Sneaky Behavior

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my brother, "Leonard," stayed with me while he was in the process of getting a divorce. His son, "Craig," visited him several times. On one of those visits, Craig received an invitation to dinner, and because he had not brought a tie, I loaned him one of my late husband's ties. I also loaned him one of my husband's rings.

For some reason, Craig had the ring appraised the next day, and asked to take it with him to show his girlfriend. He promised to return it on his next visit. When he came again, he claimed to have forgotten to bring it with him.

After my brother got his divorce, he found his own apartment and I never saw Craig again, although I frequently took meals to my brother and stayed with him for several days in a row when he became very ill. Craig never called or visited his sick father.

Leonard died last month. A few days later, when I went to his apartment, I found it empty — Craig had cleaned it out and didn't leave me even one memento of my beloved brother.

I called Craig to insist that he return my husband's ring. He said, "Oh, I lost that ring years ago."

Abby, I can't afford a lawyer to help me get the ring back, and even if I could afford one, Craig, a pharmacist, would probably fight me for it. I'm not so concerned about the monetary value as I am the senti-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

mental value, but if he sold it or lost it, he should pay me for it.

I want Craig to see my letter in your column and feel ashamed for taking a ring that means so much to me.

NO RING, NO BROTHER, NO FAIR

DEAR NO FAIR: To make sure Craig sees his shameful behavior in print, send him this column. But don't count on getting your ring back unless you take legal action. A judgment in small claims court may force him to return the ring or be in trouble with the law. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: Last Friday night, my 14-year-old daughter, "Amy," baby-sat for one of her regular customers. When she got home around midnight, she was visibly shaken. "Jane," the mother of the child Amy was watching, was drunk when she drove my daughter home. The drive, which should have taken 10

minutes, had taken 45 minutes because Jane kept swerving and making wrong turns that took her away from where she was supposed to be going.

I instructed my daughter to refuse to ride with any parent who had been drinking. She is to call me to come get her when she suspects a parent isn't sober.

Abby, I remember encountering that problem as a girl. It's not easy for a teen to know when an adult has been drinking and to refuse to get in the car.

Adults should be responsible enough not to take a child's life into their hands. Unfortunately, when people have been drinking, their judgment is impaired, so parents should insist that when in doubt, their children call home for a ride.

WORRIED MOTHER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED MOTHER: Every parent should insist that their children refuse to ride with anyone who has been drinking. And that goes for adults, too. While it may anger the driver, better an angry driver than a serious — or fatal — accident.

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who holds views strongly in opposition to yours might engage you in conversation today. Do not let his or her comments anger you and spoil your day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your powers of observation might be keener than usual today and you can easily spot flaws in companions. However, try to keep your criticisms to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When out with a friends today, show a willingness to pay your share of the tab. On the other hand, don't grab the check and let your pals sit on their wallets.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you buy an expensive item for your home today, make sure it's not just a fad. Purchase only things you can live with over the long haul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Tasks which are usually a snap for you might prove more difficult today. The faster you race to get them done, the more mistakes you're apt to make.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though your financial situation has improved recently, this is not the time to be wasteful or extravagant. Make every penny count.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have to contend with impulsive behavior and poor judgment today. When making an important move, try to weigh all the pros and cons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Loose lips will sink ships today. Take care not to reveal something that is supposed to be kept secret. You will not want to tip someone else's hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your guard up in social involvements today. If you don't, you might suffer some form of loss at the hands of a person who seemed to be your friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your ambition might get stuck in low gear today, so don't establish objectives that will require strenuous efforts to achieve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to make certain today that the people you help truly deserve your assistance. Screen out a sly individual who has taken advantage of others in the past.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Your social calendar may flutter with activity in the year ahead. You may meet new people who offer fresh opportunities, but you must use caution when doing financial deals with strangers.

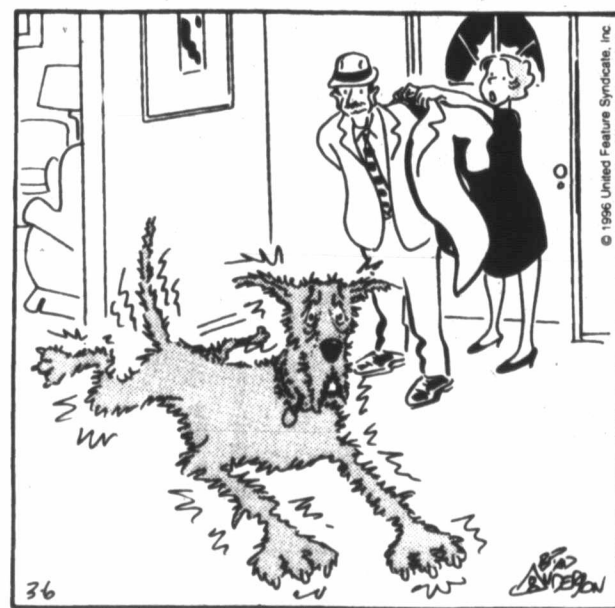
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Treat the possessions of others with the same respect you have for your own things today. You will feel guilty if you damage something cherished by a friend. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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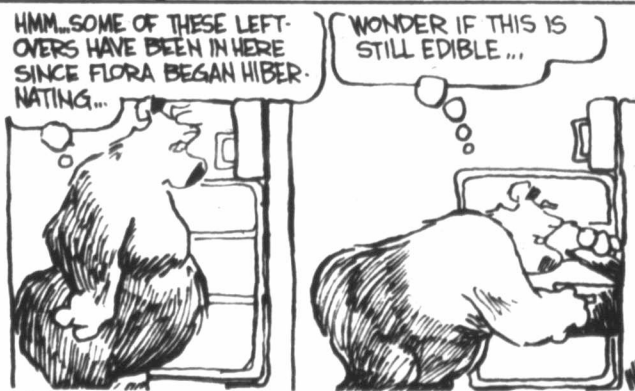


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The Family Circus



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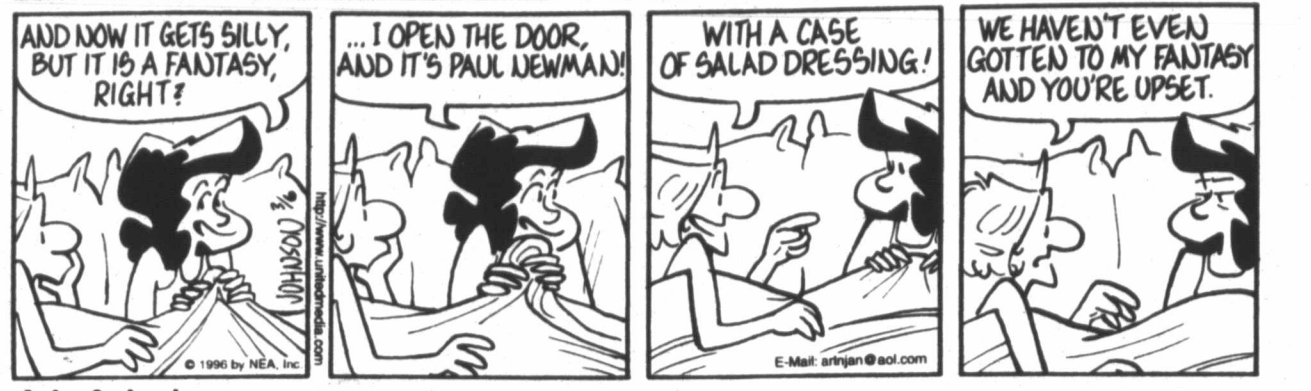
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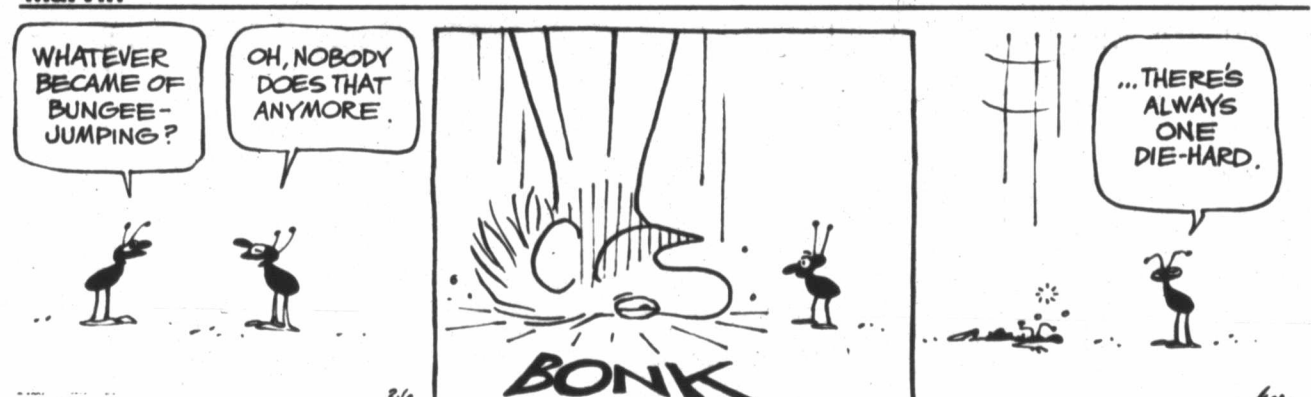
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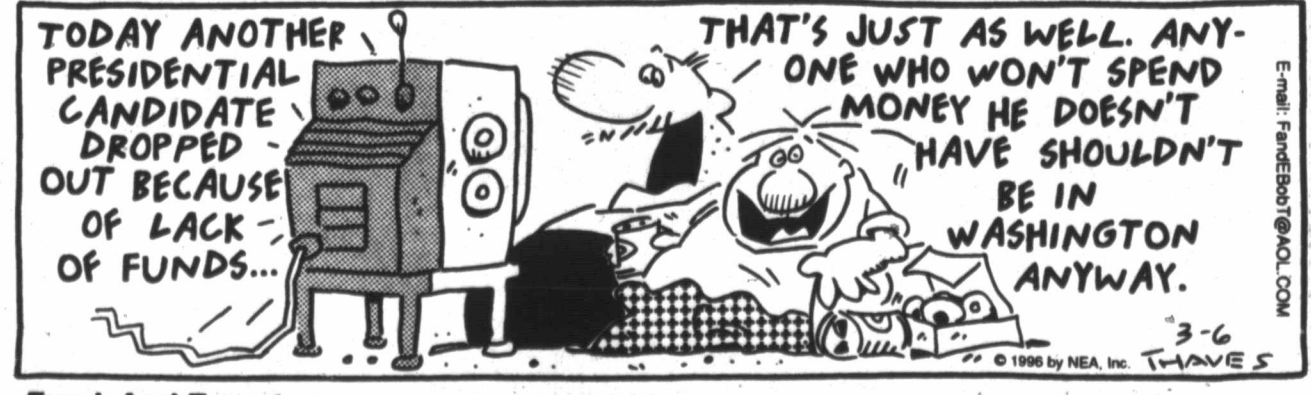
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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



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Sports

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OPTIMIST SPORTS

PAMPA — A meeting has been scheduled for all parents who will have youngsters participating in the 7-8-year Pitching Machine League this summer at Optimist Park.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Optimist Club. Parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

For questions, contact Jeff Maxwell at 665-8240.

TENNIS

BÖRGER — The Pampa High junior varsity tennis team played in the Borger varsity tournament this past weekend and finished seventh with 39 points.

In girls' singles, Mandy Wells won two of four matches in finishing sixth while Amanda Browning also won two of four matches.

The girls' doubles teams of Kristi Carter-Kimberlea McKandles and April Lopez-Katy McComas each had one victory.

In boys' singles, Juan Campos and Dustin Laycock each had two victories.

The boys' doubles team of Ty Newman-Brian Sprinkle won two matches and the duo of Brandon Coffee-Chris Harrison had one victory.

Total team points were as follows: 1. Borger 120; 2. Lubbock Coronado JV 84; 3. Dumas 70; 4. Lubbock Monterey JV 64; 5. El Paso Jefferson JV 57; 6. Amarillo High JV 52; 7. Pampa JV 39; 8. El Paso High 18.

FOOTBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams have bolstered their defense by signing former Dallas Cowboys middle linebacker Robert Jones to a five-year contract.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but reports said it was worth more than \$10 million.

"This fills what was one of our more pressing needs going into free agency," Rams coach Rich Brooks said Tuesday. "He obviously knows what it takes to win, since he has been on three Super Bowl championship teams in his first four seasons in the league."

The Rams announced the signing at a noon news conference. Jones became the third defensive free agent signed by the team. Earlier, the Rams signed cornerback Maurice Hurst and defensive end Leslie O'Neal.

St. Louis was 12th in the NFL in total defense last season, but gave up a whopping 418 points. Only Arizona (422) yielded more points.

Jones' contract includes a \$3 million signing bonus, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Jones had a career-high six tackles for losses last season, but rarely played in passing situations. He had two fumble recoveries and no interceptions in four seasons.

But he had 162 tackles in 1994 to lead the team. Last year, had 100 tackles.

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scorched Milwaukee for 21 first-quarter points, finishing with 33, and Luc Longley blocked a career-high seven shots Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls beat the Bucks 115-106.

The Bulls are 29-0 at the United Center and have won 36 straight regular-season games at home, dating back to last season.

Longley also had 14 points and seven rebounds for Chicago, now 53-6. Glenn Robinson led the Bucks with 22 points and Vin Baker added 21.

Dennis Rodman was ejected with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter after he was called for a flagrant foul against Milwaukee's Sherman Douglas. Both he and Bulls coach Phil Jackson complained vigorously.

By that time the Bulls led 73-53 following a 17-7 run capped by Rodman's jumper. Rodman finished with nine rebounds and two points.

SWC hoops were colorful, but not legendary

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — There were plenty of eulogies to mark last year's passing of Southwest Conference football. As the league dribbles into basketball oblivion, the memories are much fewer and further between.

Face it, there weren't many glory days on the men's SWC hardwoods.

Unless there's a March Madness miracle, the conference will die without ever winning an NCAA championship, the only notable sport in which a conference team didn't win it all at least once.

There were some great teams and some great names, including a fair share of current and future Hall of Famers. But by and large, SWC schools always appeared hesitant about using a ball without stitches.

The league was nothing if not colorful. Patrolling the sidelines were Guy V. Lewis and his polka-dot towels, silver-tongued Abe Lemons, jut-jawed Gerald Myers and the ageless Shelby Metcalf.

The conference boasts some impressive alumni. Akem Olajuwon (he wore his H-less first name on his jersey), Michael Young, Larry Micheaux, Rob Williams and Greg "Cadillac" Anderson are a few, and

they all played together at Houston.

They came to be known as "Phi Slama Jama, Texas' tallest fraternity." For three seasons, Lewis' high-flying Cougars ruled a conference in the midst of its basketball heyday.

Houston made the NCAA Final Four from 1982-84, and the 1983 team is considered one of the finest in college history. The Cougars were upset in the title game by a scrappy Jim Valvano-guided North Carolina State when Lorenzo Charles slammed home a last-second Derek Whittenburg airball.

"We were the better team," Olajuwon said later of the 54-52 loss. "We know that we were supposed to win. But we did not win."

The Longhorns, led by Johnny Moore, won the 1978 NIT for the league's only postseason tournament championship.

Before the '70s, the league labored mostly in anonymity, content to rest on its football laurels while the state's basketball powers existed at Texas Western (now Texas-El Paso) and Houston, which had some outstanding teams in the 1960s before joining the SWC in 1975.

The brightest spot before then came in 1956 when Jim Krebs, who at 6-8 was considered a giant, led Southern Methodist to

20 straight victories and a 26-4 record. It took Bill Russell and eventual champion San Francisco to knock off the Mustangs in the national semifinals.

The era from the mid-70s to the mid-80s is generally considered SWC basketball's finest stretch. Stars included Vinnie Johnson and Terry Teagle at Baylor; Sidney Moncrief, Joe Kleine and Alvin Robertson at Arkansas; Mike Wacker at Texas; Ricky Pierce at Rice and Jon Koncak at SMU.

The SWC couldn't sustain its basketball fever, though. Prospects like Dallas' Larry Johnson and San Antonio's Shaquille O'Neal found greener pastures outside the league. Arkansas had the SWC's last hurrah when Todd Day, Oliver Miller and Lee Mayberry took the Razorbacks to the 1991 Final Four after beating Texas in the regional finals.

It was all downhill from there. Myers left Texas Tech after 20 1/2 seasons, one year after Texas A&M's Metcalf, who was the conference's winningest coach at 438-306. It was also the final season for a whole program as Arkansas defected to the Southeastern Conference.

Metcalf was wistful about an SWC era gone by.

"The great thing was we'd go into a

game as friends, battle as hard as we could, and when the game was over we were still friends," Metcalf said. "I think that may be the big difference in coaching these days. You don't have the camaraderie anymore. Those days are gone."

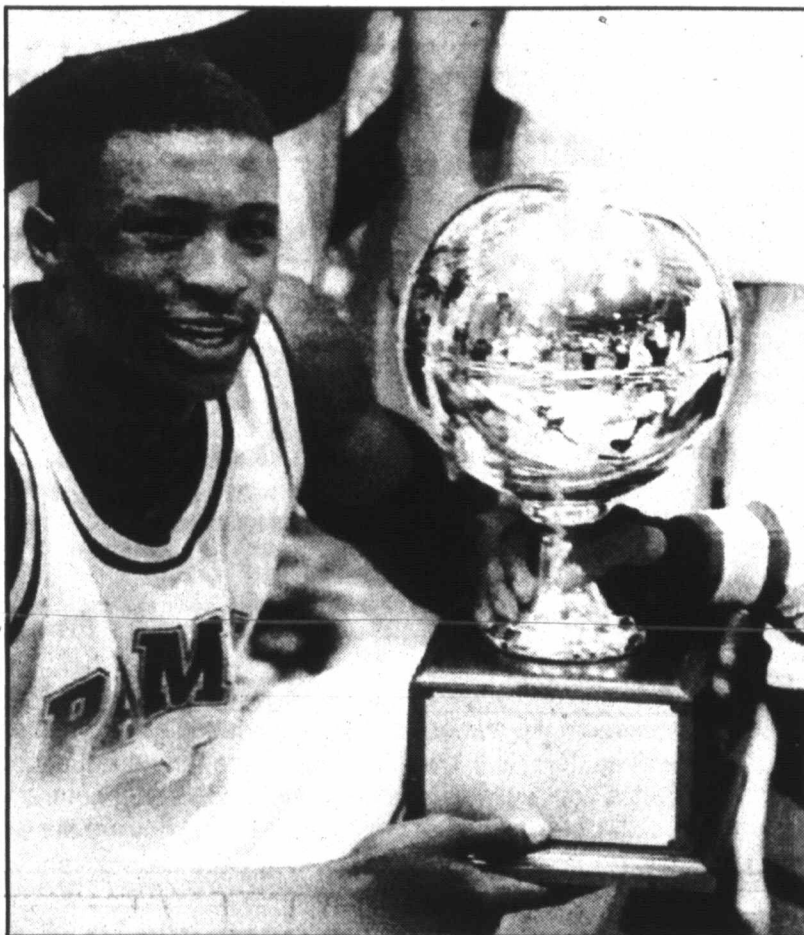
Texas A&M needed another coach a year later when Kermit Davis resigned under a cloud of NCAA violations. A similar scenario played out in Waco two years later when Darrel Johnson was fired. A federal jury later convicted three of his assistants on fraud charges involving transcript improprieties.

By 1995, the SWC received its ultimate slap in the face when the NCAA Tournament Committee bypassed co-champion Texas Tech despite the Red Raiders taking the league's postseason tournament championship into overtime.

As the conference dissolves, the schools end decidedly better leagues: the Big 12, Western Athletic Conference and the new Conference USA.

But things aren't quite over for the SWC, which begins its final league tournament Thursday, until the last league team is eliminated from the postseason — or finally wins it all.

"We still have some work to do," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said.



Junior starter J.J. Mathis and the Harvesters would like the state championship trophy to add to their collection. Mathis poses with the regional championship trophy after Pampa defeated Frenship last Saturday night

Pampa, Round Rock McNeil both play with intensity

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — High school basketball fans should be prepared for a fast-paced shootout when the Pampa Harvesters and the Round Rock McNeil Mavericks hook up at 7 Thursday night in the Class 4A state semifinals in Austin.

Both teams have that quick tenacity on defense and shooting ability from both the 3-point line and inside the lane. Pampa has standout players coming off the bench and so does McNeil. McNeil has the edge in height, but not by much.

"McNeil is a fairly new school, but they've had great success. They've won a ton of games," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "They've got quickness and they like to press."

About the only difference in the two schools is in their 'got-to' players. Pampa's leading scorer is 6-0 cat-quick guard

Rayford Young, who is averaging 24 points, 6 assists, and 5 rebounds per game. The Mavericks' main scorer is 6-5 high-jumping Aaron Page, a senior who averages 22 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists.

The Harvesters counter inside with 6-2 forward Coy Laury, who averages 14 points and 9 rebounds per game.

Jerome LeGrange, a 6-2 guard, is McNeil's outside threat, averaging 14 points and 7 assists per game.

Other McNeil starters include 6-2 Ryan Davidson, 6-3 Brent Priemel and 6-1 Tim Matthews.

"Our style is similar to Pampa's," said McNeil's Darrell Hageman, who has been McNeil's only head coach since the school opened four years ago. "We try to play a tight man to man defense and our execution on offense is about the same. Size-wise there's not much difference, so we should match up pretty good. I look for it to be an exciting game."

Both teams are also on a 17-game winning streak. Pampa is 31-3 for the season and McNeil is 31-5. Both teams were district champions — Pampa, for the eighth straight year, in 1-4A and McNeil in 25-4A.

Joining Young and Laury in Pampa's starting lineup are 6-3 Devin Lemons (7 points, 7 rebounds per game), 6-2 Jason Weatherbee (9 points, 4 rebounds) and 5-11 J.J. Mathis (6 points, 5 assists). Coming off the bench are 6-1 August Larson (8 points per game), 6-6 Chris Miller (5 points, 5 rebounds), 5-9 Lynn Brown and 6-2 Gabe Wilbon.

While Pampa has won four state championships (all in the 1950's) and has now reached the state semifinals four times (once in the '80's, three times in the '90's), McNeil is making its first trip to the final four.

"We're hoping this is the start of some good things to come," Hageman added.

Three more teams qualify for NCAA Tournament

By The Associated Press

Being the coach's son, Bryce Drew knew exactly what to do.

"I looked up and saw Western Illinois was closing in, so I knew we needed a big play," the Valparaiso sophomore said.

Drew provided that after Western Illinois closed to 39-35. His 3-pointer ignited a 27-6 Crusaders run, leading Valparaiso to a 75-52 victory, the Mid-Continent Conference title and the school's first NCAA tournament berth.

"That was a huge shot," admitted Drew, who hit all six shots he took in the second half, including five 3-pointers.

Drew finished with 23 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"Bryce just took over in the second half," said Drew's father,

Valparaiso coach Homer Drew. "He got into that zone."

Valparaiso (21-10) and two other conference champions — New Orleans and Northern Illinois — grabbed NCAA tournament berths on Tuesday.

New Orleans nipped Arkansas-Little Rock 57-56 to win the Sun Belt Conference tournament, and Northern Illinois downed Detroit 84-63 for the Midwestern Collegiate Conference crown.

"Bryce Drew is a great player, and great players step up in big games," Western Illinois coach Jim Kerwin said. "He stepped up and hit some really big threes. That's exactly what he did to us last year."

As a freshman, Drew scored 25 points to lead Valparaiso to an 88-85 victory over Western Illinois in triple overtime in the tournament

title game. But the conference didn't have an automatic NCAA tournament berth last year and the Crusaders didn't get an NCAA or NIT invitation.

It wasn't just Drew, however.

Valparaiso's defense shut down Western Illinois' all-tournament selections Clint Ford and George Milsap, who had eight and six points, respectively. The Leathernecks (17-12) had just one player score double figure: Jasen Heine with 10.

New Orleans 58, Arkansas-Little Rock 56

In Little Rock, Tyrone Garris took the inbounds pass with four seconds remaining, drove the lane and lofted the game-winning shot as time expired to put New Orleans into the NCAA tournament.

"The play was designed as a baseline shot," Garris said. "I

tried to be aggressive and get it to the rim and put it off the glass. I finger-rolled it and it went in."

Arkansas-Little Rock (23-6) led by three points with 3:04 to play. After James Douglas cut it to 56-55, Derek Fisher, who led the Trojans with 17 points, twice had chances to score on drives into the lane. But his first attempt was blocked and the second shot, from four feet, fell short.

Lewis Sims led UNO with 17 points.

"It's probably one of the most disappointing losses the kids have ever had, (that) I've ever had," Arkansas-Little Rock coach Wimp Sanderson said. "Time just ran out on us at the wrong time."

N. Illinois 84, Detroit 63

In Dayton, Ohio, Mike Hartke scored a career-high 17 points and Northern Illinois (20-9) reached

the 20-win mark for only the third time in school history. It also sends the winners to the NCAA tournament for the first time in five years.

"My whole basketball life I've dreamed about one thing — playing in the NCAA tournament," T.J. Lux said. "Now I have that opportunity."

Northern Illinois went ahead to stay by breaking a 13-all tie with a 16-4 run, sparked by Hartke's pair of baskets. A 17-1 run early in the second half gave Northern a 64-41 edge and Detroit (18-11) never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Hartke, who averages 6.7 points, scored Northern's first five points in the second half and had six during the run.

Chris Coleman scored 19 points for Northern, while Jermaine Jackson led Detroit with 21.

Bunning, Weaver in Hall at last

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jim Bunning still has to decide what cap he'll wear when he's inducted into the Hall of Fame. Earl Weaver could wear his backwards.

Bunning, a menacing side-arm pitcher, and Weaver, the fiery manager of the Baltimore Orioles known as much for his nose-to-nose confrontations with umpires as his record, became two of the four newest members of the baseball Hall of Fame Tuesday.

They were elected by the Hall's Veterans Committee, along with Negro Leagues star Bill Foster and 19th century baseball innovator Bill Hanlon.

Bunning, a 224-game winner with the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies who is now a member of the House of Representatives from Kentucky, was finally elected after several close calls.

He never received the necessary votes in 15 years on the writers' ballot, failing to impress some voters despite being the first pitcher to pitch no-hitters in both leagues. He was particularly stung by the 1988 vote in which nine writers' ballots were returned blank.

Despite uncommon support from his ballplaying peers as well as from media members who saw him win many games for bad teams, Bunning's Hall election was a campaign even the Congressman didn't think he would ever win.

"The near misses didn't bother me until 1988 when nine ballots were sent in with no name on them," Bunning said. "They were obviously trying to keep people out instead of trying to let them in. I was convinced that I was never going to get in."

Bunning spent nine seasons

with the Tigers and six with the Phillies. He said he still isn't sure which of the two caps he will don at the induction ceremonies in Cooperstown.

"I'll decide and I don't have to determine that right now," he said.

When word reached Capitol Hill that Bunning was on his way to Cooperstown, he received a standing ovation on the House floor.

Weaver was about 90 yards from the pin at the ninth hole of a Miami area golf course when his wife, Marianna, arrived on a golf cart to deliver the news of his election.

"My knees got weak and my body got weak," he said. "I ended up bogeying the hole."

Based on some of his on-the-field conduct during his 17 years as a manager with the Orioles, it would have been hard to picture Weaver walking the quiet fairways amid the civility of a country club.

Harvesters defeat River Road in baseball action

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester baseball team battled River Road on Tuesday at home and ended up with a 6-1 win.

Neither team seemed to be bothered by gusty winds throughout the game. The Harvesters came out a little nervous in the beginning, giving up a few key hits and River Road's only run.

After the first inning, though, Pampa pitcher Ryan Schumacher and the Harvesters effectively shut down River Road's offense.

Highlights for Pampa's defense were two difficult catches made by shortstop Todd Finney and left fielder

Jerren Miller.

On the defensive end, Pampa played well overall and hit consistently in the first few innings, scoring one run in the first, three runs in the second and two runs in the third on a two-run homer by Seth Haynes.

After the third inning, River Road changed pitchers and held Pampa from scoring again, but were unable to mount a strong offensive drive themselves.

Pampa's next games will be in the Dumas Tournament Thursday and Friday.

Pampa opens the tournament at 3 p.m. Thursday against Sanford-Fritch at Borger.

The Harvesters have a 4-2 record.

Scoreboard

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD Water clear, normal level. 55 degrees. Black bass are fair on minnows, spinners and worms. Crappie are slow, catfish are slow to fair on cut bait and liver.

FORT PHANTOM HILL Water murky, 77 degrees. Black bass are fair on crank baits and worms. Hybrid strippers and white bass are good on shad. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on cut and prepared bait.

GRANBURY Water off-colored, normal level. 53 degrees. Black bass to 6 pounds are good on white spinner baits and minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Striped bass to 6 pounds are fair on imitations shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. White bass are good on Roadrunners and small spoons fished in late in the day. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet of water late in the evenings and early in mornings. Catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 4 to 10 feet of water.

KIAMI Water clear, normal level. 53 degrees. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, striped bass are fair on live shad, crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

OKA CRIFEK Water clear, 77 degrees. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms fished in deep water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night in deep water. Channel catfish are good on minnows and chicken liver.

O'HIVIP Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries. Lake level 134.73. 53 degrees. Black bass are fair on crank baits, slugs and worms fished along the shorelines. Smallmouth are fair on worms and jigs fished in 15 to 30 feet of water along points and ridges. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water early in the mornings in Bull Hollow. Bluegill are good around the Concho bridge. Catfish are slow to fair on trotlines baited with shad, minnows and live bait, no walleye reported.

PUNSUM KINGDOM Water clear, 4 feet low. 52 degrees. Black bass to 7 pounds are fair with a few limits caught on Carolina raged worms and lizards and on Rapalas and Redfin. Striped and white bass are scattered on live bait. Sassy shad and jugging spoons fished on the upper end of the lake. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished around the docks. No report for catfish.

PKX TOR Water clear, normal level. 55 degrees. Black bass are fair on minnow spinners and crank baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around docks with brush. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with liver, large minnows and points.

SHINAI Water clear, low. 58 degrees. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, striped bass are fair to good on cut and live shad fished from the bank. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and cut bait.

WIX-BELTS Water clear, low. Black bass are fair on spinners and crank baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are slow to fair on prepared bait.

WHITE RIVER Water clear, low. 55 degrees. Black bass are fair to good on worms and spinners. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows, night crawlers and shrimp.

x-clinched playoff spot
Monday's Games
 Boston 105, Milwaukee 98
 Detroit 99, Atlanta 93
 Orlando 110, Philadelphia 97
 San Antonio 101, Denver 90
 Washington 96, Vancouver 81
Tuesday's Games
 Detroit 105, Toronto 84
 L.A. Clippers 105, New York 88
 Miami 113, Minnesota 72
 Seattle 107, Cleveland 101, 2OT
 Orlando 123, Charlotte 97
 Chicago 115, Milwaukee 106
 Dallas 127, New Jersey 117
 Phoenix 108, Indiana 95
 Houston 100, Portland 93
 Golden State 110, Vancouver 78
 Utah 112, Sacramento 97
Wednesday's Games
 New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 Dallas at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

BOWLING

HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Graham Furniture	52	40
DBR H20 Vending	50	42
Keyes Pharmacy	48 1/2	43 1/2
H & H Sporting	45	47
The Pampa News	41	51
Schiffman Machine	39 1/2	52 1/2

Week's High Scores
 High game: Peggy Rodriguez 199; High series: Ann O'Brien 499; High handicap game: Peggy Rodriguez 241; High handicap series: Lois Rogers 628.

HARVESTER COUPLES LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Martin Safety Lane	21	7
L & R Upgrade	20	8
Peggy's Place	17	11
Modern Woodman	13	14
Team Two	13	15
Hi Plains Printing	13	15
Easy's Inc.	12	15
Williams Appliance	12	16
Harvester Lanes	10	18
The Tallisups	4	24

Men
 High game: Jim Logan 211; High series: Steve Nolte Sr. 564; High handicap game: Roy Wellborn 243; High handicap series: Raymond Trolinger 659.

Women
 High game: Belinda Nolte 234; High series: Belinda Nolte 593; High handicap game: Belinda Nolte 263; High handicap series: Belinda Nolte 680.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tuesday's Sports In Brief
 By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL
CLEVELAND (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue asked the Cleveland City Council to approve the location of the current Cleveland Stadium as the site of a new stadium to be built for a new NFL franchise. The current stadium location alongside Lake Erie would allow the city and league to meet a deadline to return the NFL to Cleveland by 1999, Tagliabue said. The team owned by Art Modell has moved to Baltimore.

TENNIS
NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Sampras, who led the United States to the 1995 Davis Cup title, won't play in the second-round match in the Czech Republic. Sampras said that the timing of the match — April 5-7 — convinced him not to play. It comes just after major tournaments in Indian Wells, Calif., and Key Biscayne, Fla., and right before he plays a series of events in Asia. Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, also skipped last month's opening-round victory over Mexico. He said he would be available to play in the semifinals and final if the United States gets that far.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — British qualifier Tim Henman upset seventh-seeded Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (11-9) in the first round of the ABN AMRO indoor. Third-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat Guy Forget of France 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) and sixth-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands defeated Davis Cup teammate Paul Haarhuis 6-3, 7-6 (9-7). Top-seeded Pete Sampras begins play today against Spain's Tomas Carbonell.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Second-seeded Todd Martin beat Australia's Scott Draper 6-4, 6-3 to advance to a second-round match with Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the Franklin Templeton Classic.

Big-numbered Cuban shines in spring games

By The Associated Press

One of the more familiar peculiarities of spring training are the young players and retradees wearing numbers more closely resembling those of offensive linemen than baseball players.

These are the hopefuls who enter the game when the roster guys begin taking laps in the outfield. By the time they get to the clubhouse, the regulars often can be found teeing up for a late-afternoon round of golf.

So, a player wearing No. 61 doesn't figure to be around very long.

No so with Livan Hernandez, the 21-year-old Cuban defector hoping to become a local hero in Miami. He got a head start Tuesday by pitching three scoreless innings in the Florida Marlins' 9-1 loss to the Atlanta Braves.

If Hernandez can't beat out left-hander Chris Hammond or one of Florida's other veteran starters, he'll begin the season at Triple-A Charlotte.

"When you see the way he pitched today, that's going to make decisions hard," manager Rene Lachemann said.

Hernandez showed Atlanta why the Marlins signed him to a four-year contract worth up to \$6 million. He retired nine Braves in a row after allowing an infield single to Marquis Grissom leading off the game.

"I think I can pitch in the major leagues," Hernandez said through an interpreter. "Obviously it's something you need to show on the field that you can do. So far I have shown it."

Fans in South Florida — with the largest Cuban population outside the island nation itself — will get their first look at Hernandez when he pitches Sunday against Toronto at Joe Robbie Stadium.

"It's going to be my first chance to perform in front of the Cuban and Latin community," he said. "I hope they will feel good about it."

Hernandez allowed just one hit and struck out two, but Jermaine Dye hit a grand slam to help Atlanta win at Viera, Fla.

The Marlins, who split their spring training, also lost to the New York Mets 4-2, falling to 0-6. Among the 20 teams training in Florida, only the Marlins are without a victory.

In the game with the Mets, at Port St. Lucie, Jeff Kent and Kevin Roberson homered for New York.

Mets ss 4, Astros 0
 At Kissimmee, Fla., top draft pick Paul Wilson and Hector Ramirez pitched three scoreless innings apiece.

Wilson, the first pick in the 1994 amateur draft, allowed four hits and two walks, but escaped trouble in the first and third innings with double-play grounders.

Pirates 9, Phillies 8
 At Bradenton, Fla., pinch hitter Keith Osik, a replacement player last spring, singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning for Pittsburgh.

Mark Whiten went 4-for-4 for Philadelphia.

Rangers 3, Yankees 1
 At Port Charlotte, Fla., Juan Gonzalez, trying to put an injured 1995 season behind him, homered and made a fine defensive play for Texas.

Gonzalez hit his first homer of spring training, in the fourth inning, off loser Rich Monteleone.

Reds 5, Tigers 3
 At Plant City, Fla., Barry Larkin and Hal Morris had run-scoring singles in the seventh inning for Cincinnati.

Bret Boone homered in the fourth for the Reds.

Blue Jays 4, Twins 3
 At Dunedin, Fla., Joe Carter had a homer among three hits, scored twice and drove in a run as Toronto won its third straight game.

Carlos Delgado, who homered in Toronto's previous two games, added two hits and an RBI.

City softball leagues are forming

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per person with a minimum of eleven persons for Men's, Women's and Men's Church and twelve persons for mixed.

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. March 29. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. April 4 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin April 8 for Men's Open, and April 9 for Mixed, Women's Open and Men's Church.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

If you have any question or would like more information on the Fall Softball leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

PHS, Borger split district soccer matches

BORGER — Pampa shut out Borger, 5-0, in District 3 girls' soccer action Tuesday.

Serenity King scored three goals for the Lady Harvesters while Tina Dwight and Candace Ramirez had one goal each.

The Lady Harvesters with a 6-4 district record advance into the playoffs as the district's No. 3 seeded team.

In the boys' match, Borger won by a 3-1 score. Ben Padgett scored Pampa's goal.

The Pampa boys are tied for fourth place in the district standings with a 3-7 record.

The matches ended the regular season.

Rockets tame Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — They're Hakeem Olajuwon and the CBA All-Stars.

With Sam Cassell joining Houston's already long injured list, Olajuwon turned to CBA refugees Eldridge Recasner and Sam Mack as the Rockets held off the Portland Trail Blazers 100-93 on Tuesday night.

The game was supposed to mark the return of disgruntled Portland guard Rod Strickland, but he watched from the bench because of a groin pull as the Blazers lost for the 10th time in 12 games since the All-Star break.

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Cali drug cartel kingpin shot to death in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A \$2 million price on his head, one of the world's richest drug traffickers was shot to death by police two months after he slipped out of a maximum-security jail.

The killing Tuesday night of Jose Santacruz Londono, considered the No. 3 leader of the Cali drug cartel, followed a U.S. decision last week to deny Colombia some aid because of failures in the drug war.

Authorities were elated at the death of 53-year-old Santacruz, whose Chevrolet jeep was intercepted shortly after 11 p.m. by police in the northwestern city of Medellin, once home to a rival drug gang.

"It is a way of showing the world that this country is not an executioner but is rather the main victim of drug trafficking," said President Ernesto Samper, who has been

plagued by charges he won office with drug traffickers' cash.

In an interview with RCN radio, Samper said the successful manhunt was "vindication" of Colombia's efforts to dismantle drug gangs that provide most of the world's cocaine.

Last week, President Clinton decided to cut off some U.S. aid to punish Colombia for not doing enough to fight drugs, partly because of evidence of drug corruption in Samper's election campaign.

But U.S. officials were furious when Santacruz fled Bogota's La Picota prison Jan. 11 apparently with the help of corrupt prison guards, and warned his escape would also influence the decision whether to certify Colombia as an anti-drug ally.

A police patrol chased Santacruz's car after an informant tipped off authorities to his where-

abouts, said Gen. Alfredo Salgado, Medellin police commander. Santacruz's bodyguards, who were in another car, opened fire on the police and fled. A pistol was found beside Santacruz's body.

None of the police, who wore bullet-proof vests, were injured.

Colombian television ads offered a \$2 million bounty for the capture of Santacruz, who was arrested in a restaurant July 4 in the affluent northern section of the capital, Bogota.

Gen. Jose Serrano, the national police chief, hinted a reward might be paid. "Maybe someone won the lottery," he said.

Santacruz had been hiding out in Medellin for at least two weeks because he thought police would be combing Cali, the cartel home base where he owns scores of properties worth hundreds of millions of dollars, Serrano said.

"He never thought we would look for him there," he said.

Medellin, 210 miles north of Cali, was the headquarters for drug lord Pablo Escobar, whose rival cartel fought a terrorist war against the Cali gang as well as the state for years. Security forces killed Escobar in a Medellin safehouse in December 1993.

Police were able to take advantage of hostility in Medellin toward the Cali cartel to get good information on Santacruz's trail, Serrano said. He added that he believed Santacruz would never allow himself to be captured alive because he was bored in prison.

Santacruz had been linked to drug trafficking since the 1970s and had been indicted in several U.S. cities. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said he set up cocaine laboratories inside the United States.

Customers pose in KKK robes

LAURENS, S.C. (AP) — A block from the town square, with its Old South white brick courthouse surrounded by mom-and-pop shops, one storefront conjures up images of lynchings, burning crosses and men in white hoods.

Inside the town's old movie theater is The Redneck Shop, where shoppers can take pictures in Ku Klux Klan robes, gaze at photographs — including one of a black man with a KKK brand — or just talk with owner John Howard about Klan history.

While just about everything is for sale, including old hand grenades that once belonged to the Klan, robes and flags, more common sales are of T-shirts, buttons and Klan books.

Howard, who wore a Confederate-flag cap and a T-shirt with a Confederate flag that

read "Hell Yes! I'm a Redneck," says profits will pay for the South's first Klan museum in the theater. But he faces opposition from some area residents, who say the store is insulting to blacks.

"I thought I was selling part of history; I didn't know I was insulting people," said Howard, who describes himself as imperial emperor of fraternal rites for the International Knights of the KKK. "I have not tried to uplift the Klan. I'm just trying to get people to see the good, the bad and the ugly of it."

Howard, who has a sign warning people to leave if his store offends them, opened his doors Friday in this city of 10,000, about 65 miles northwest of Columbia. Since then, people have thrown rocks at his windows, spit in his doorway, insulted him and picketed his shop, he said Tuesday.

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