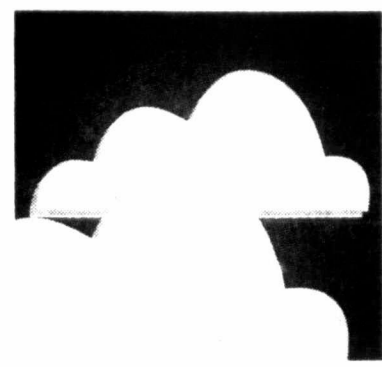


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**PAMPA** — Lovett Memorial Library could soon get a facelift.

Members of the library advisory board's planning committee are currently drawing up personal information forms to send to library consultants.

The forms should be finalized at the board's next meeting, head librarian Dan Snider said.

Snider said the forms would be used to select a consultant to advise how to reorganize the library, bring it up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards and "give it a new look."

The library advisory board meets monthly.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors will meet today at 5 p.m. at the PEDCO office.

Items on the agenda include consideration of Pathfinder's Quick-Strike marketing program, consideration of prospect request, Executive Director Jack Ippel's report, filing of Texas non-profit corporation report and consideration of renewal of 3M property lease.

**CHILDRESS** (AP) — A grass fire continued to spread Thursday in the Panhandle near Childress, but no homes had been damaged and no evacuations were planned, officials said.

The North Texas Response Team of the state Department of Public Safety used graders to establish a wide fire line to try to contain the so-called Buckle L Ranch blaze. No one was injured.

Officials had estimated the blaze was as big as 50,000 acres, but by Thursday morning the estimate was 17,000 acres, said Caroline Guckian, a spokeswoman with the Division of Emergency Management of the DPS. Emergency medical personnel were coming from Austin as a preparedness measure, she said.

Firefighters from Memphis, Paducah, Childress, Estelline, Quanah and other area departments helped fight the blaze. Police dispatcher Donna Hernandez said the fire began Tuesday afternoon southeast of Childress.

**AUSTIN** (AP) — Four tickets bought in La Porte, San Antonio, Wichita Falls and Bellville correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$25 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 9, 19, 24, 38, and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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## Clinton vows stronger fight against terror

**JERUSALEM** (AP) — Standing with Israel in the face of terror, President Clinton today pledged at least \$100 million to combat terrorists and promised stronger security ties with the Jewish state. "Fear must be conquered, security must be restored and peace must be pursued," he said.

Wrapping up a two-day trip of summitry and solace, Clinton told Israeli citizens, "Only you can convince others to lay down their fears."

He warned that open societies are open to violence; the ballyhooed anti-terrorism summit can't wipe out terrorism.

"Can we create a risk-free world here in Israel? No," Clinton said in a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. "Can we reduce the risks and do much better? Yes."

Clinton and Peres met a day after they joined other world leaders in an unprecedented Red Sea summit against terrorism. "Yesterday the foundation was laid down ... to go ahead with peace and reject terror," Peres said.

Clinton expressed sympathy with Israeli victims of violent extremists.

Wearing a black yarmulke, the president followed a Jewish tradition and gently placed a stone at the gravesite of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was slain Nov. 4 by a Jewish militant opposed to peace.

Clinton had brought the stone from the South Lawn, where Rabin shook hands with Yasser Arafat to seal a historic Middle East peace pact with the Palestinians. Rabin's widow, Leah, locked hands with Clinton as they stood facing the grave.

And he stopped by Beit

Hinuch, a Jerusalem high school that lost three graduates in the four suicide bombings that rocked Israel since Feb. 25. Outside, he told reporters: "If you want to be free and safe, you have to stand against terror. It doesn't matter whether you're Israelis or Palestinians."

Clinton pledged \$100 million over two years to pay for anti-terrorism initiatives, including training, bomb-detection scanners, X-ray systems and robotics for handling suspect packages.

White House officials said half of the money will come out of funds approved by Congress for other Pentagon uses. The other \$50 million would require a new spending bill. Clinton said he sent his request to Congress Wednesday night.

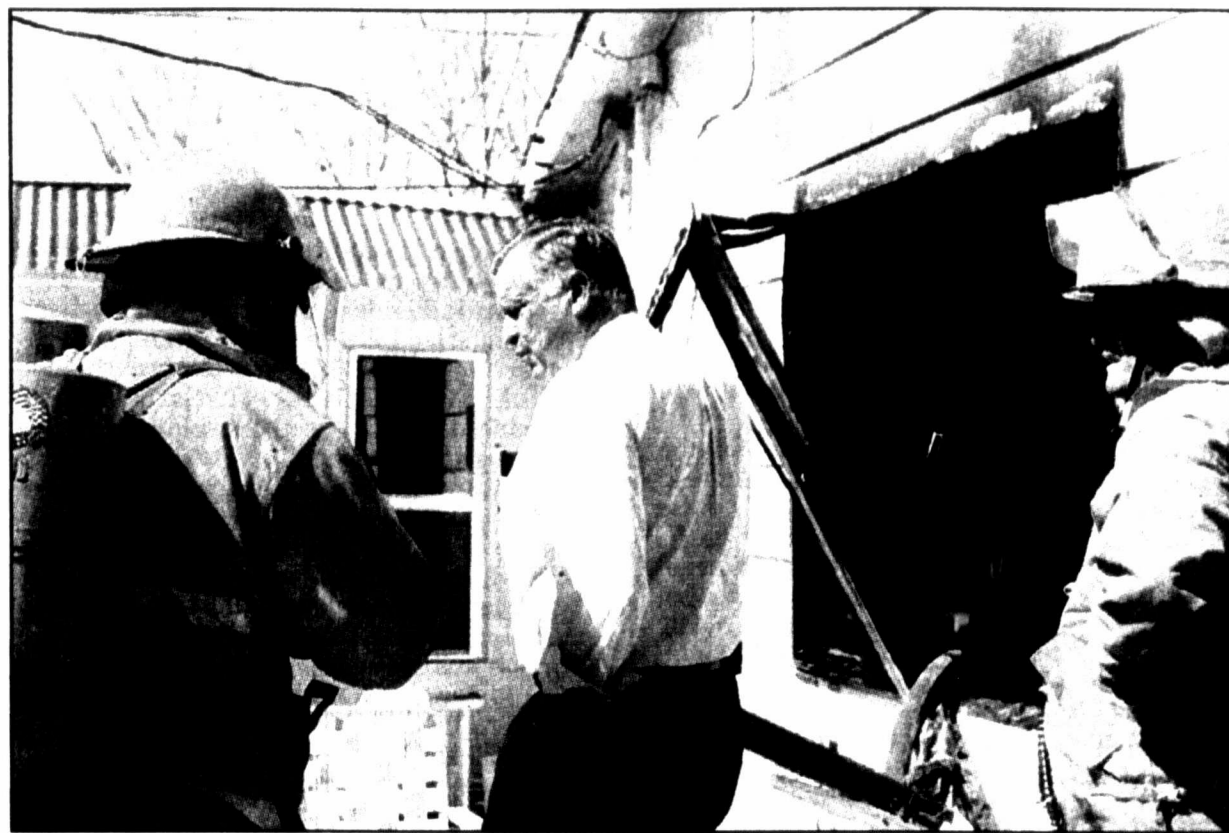
He left Israel for home late today, but CIA Director John Deutch and Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman were staying in Jerusalem to work on a counter-terrorism accord. It could result in increased cooperation between American and Israeli intelligence operations in going after terrorists, officials said privately.

The administration is working with Israel on a defense agreement, hoping to conclude it before Peres visits Washington at the end of April. The deal would provide for closer military ties between the nations.

Clinton said in Tel Aviv that terrorism has its roots in "the grip of that ancient fear that life can only be lived if you're looking down on someone else."

"We know your pain is unimaginable, and in some extent unsharable, but America grieves with you," he said at a Tel Aviv performing arts center, his last scheduled stop of the two-day Middle East trip.

## House fire



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips prepares to investigate the cause of a fire that caused about \$20,000 damage to a home at 856 Locust. Pampa firefighters quickly got the blaze under control, but not before a bedroom and hallway suffered severe damage while the rest of the small home received smoke and heat damage. The rest of the small house, owned by William Robinson, received heat and smoke damage. The cause has not yet been determined. Robinson and his wife were not home when the fire began.

## Shamrock ready for its 50th St. Patrick's Day celebration

**SHAMROCK** — For the 50th time, the Irish will turn out for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Irish City of Shamrock, with this year's celebration promising to be one of the best ones yet, according to organizers.

The St. Patrick's celebration will open officially with the kick-off banquet on Friday night, though activities will be going on during the day and continuing through Sunday.

Also scheduled are an arts and crafts show, a chuck wagon cook-off, a group fly-in, a carnival, food booths, a team roping event, an old settlers reunion, a donegal beard contest, a large parade (with more than 100 entries so far), a bull buck-out rodeo event, the Route 66 car show, the Lad and Lassies Contest, the Miss Irish Rose Beauty Pageant, a gospel singing, a golf scramble, and teen and adult dances.

In addition, the duly appointed Chief Fuzzer and his assistants will be on the look-out to "arrest" those male citizens not sporting the required donegal beard or not purchasing an official shaving permit. The look-out began this morning and will continue through Saturday, with

violators facing being placed in the Bare Face Jail.

Friday the Shamrock Post Office will be having a special 1996 cancellation stamp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Arts and Crafts Show will be at the J.C. Gym on North Main Street from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Food booths will be set up on East First Street in the downtown area. The carnival, located near the water tower in the downtown area, will begin at 4 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m., the 50th St. Patrick's Celebration Kick-Off Banquet will begin in the Shamrock Area Community Center on South Main, featuring humorist Max Brown. Concluding Friday's activities will be the Chuck Wagon Cook-Off welcome party in the 600 block of North Main.

On Saturday, activities get underway with an invitational welcome breakfast, hosted by El Paso Natural Gas, at 6:30 a.m. at the Irish Inn Convention Center. The carnival will open at 9 a.m. and continue all day.

Other activities beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday include the Colleen's Coffee, hosted by Southwestern Bell Telephone, in the Church of Christ Fellowship

Hall, 107 W. Laville; the Bud Brashears Memorial Team Roping Event at the roping arena north of I-40 behind the Irish Inn Motel; the old settlers' reunion registration at the Shamrock Volunteer Fire Department on North Main; the Arts and Crafts Show; and the Shamrock Airport Group Fly-in, with a hamburger lunch later in the day.

At 9:30 a.m. the Welcome to Shamrock will be held at the parade reviewing stand at 302 N. Main. The Donegal Beard Contest will begin at 10 a.m. at the parade reviewing stand, with the old settlers' plaque presentation being held at the same time at the fire department hall.

The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m., featuring the 77th Army Band from Fort Sill, Okla., and with Bill Howe as parade marshal.

At 12 noon, the Chuck Wagon Cook-Off meeting will be held in the 600 block of North Main, the Colleen's Luncheon will be hosted by the ladies of the Church of Christ at the church and a luncheon will be held for parade entrants and parade award presentations at the Shamrock School Cafeteria, 100 S. Illinois. See SHAMROCK, Page 2

## Art club show



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Mary Cook, right, gives a one-day painting workshop recently for Heritage Art Club members as they prepare for their upcoming show. Cook has been painting for seven years and now gives painting classes. The Heritage Art Club Show, featuring works by the club members, will be held March 30-31 at the Lovett Memorial Library. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, contact Betty McCracken at 665-1597.

## Scottish town grieves for slain children

**DUNBLANE**, Scotland (AP) — The sweet smiles of 28 youngsters posing for their first school picture shone out across newspaper front-pages today. The effect was more heart-wrenching than any report on the evening news that 16 of them had been slain.

This small town in Scotland was grieving today for the 16 kindergarten students and their teacher, gunned down by a local man who burst into their school gym and shot them to death before killing himself.

Wednesday's shooting was the worst in modern British history. Twelve other children were wounded in the massacre, several badly, including a 5-year-old boy who was shot three times. Only one student in the room was not shot.

"There were little bodies in piles dotted around the room and items of children's clothing like shoes ... around the floor," said the first ambulance man to reach Dunblane Primary School.

"The strange thing ... was the virtual silence that we encountered as we walked in. Children were just sitting there in total shock with bul-

let wounds to their limbs and bodies, unable to cry out or speak," John McEwen was quoted as telling *The Sun* newspaper.

Residents of this close-knit, bucolic town at the edge of the Scottish Highlands placed flowers, cards, teddy bears and other toys on the sidewalk outside the school, where frightened parents had waited Wednesday to find out if their children were among the dead.

"Everyone knows at least one family who's involved," said Moira Pope. Five-year-old John Petrie, who lived next door, was among the dead.

A doctor treating the wounded at Stirling Royal Infirmary learned that one of her own children was among the dead, said Dr. Jack Beattie. He declined to identify the woman.

Authorities said the 700-pupil school would be closed until Monday.

Police said disgruntled former youth worker Thomas Hamilton walked through the school's front entrance just after 9:30 a.m., armed with four handguns. He headed through the dining room, past the

assembly hall and into the gym.

There, he opened fire and killed 11 girls and five boys, all aged 5 and 6, and their teacher Gwenne Mayor, 45.

The ambulance man said Mayor looked as though she had been trying to shield the children from the bullets.

"She was directly in front of a group of children who were all beyond hope," McEwen said, who called the scene a "medieval vision of hell."

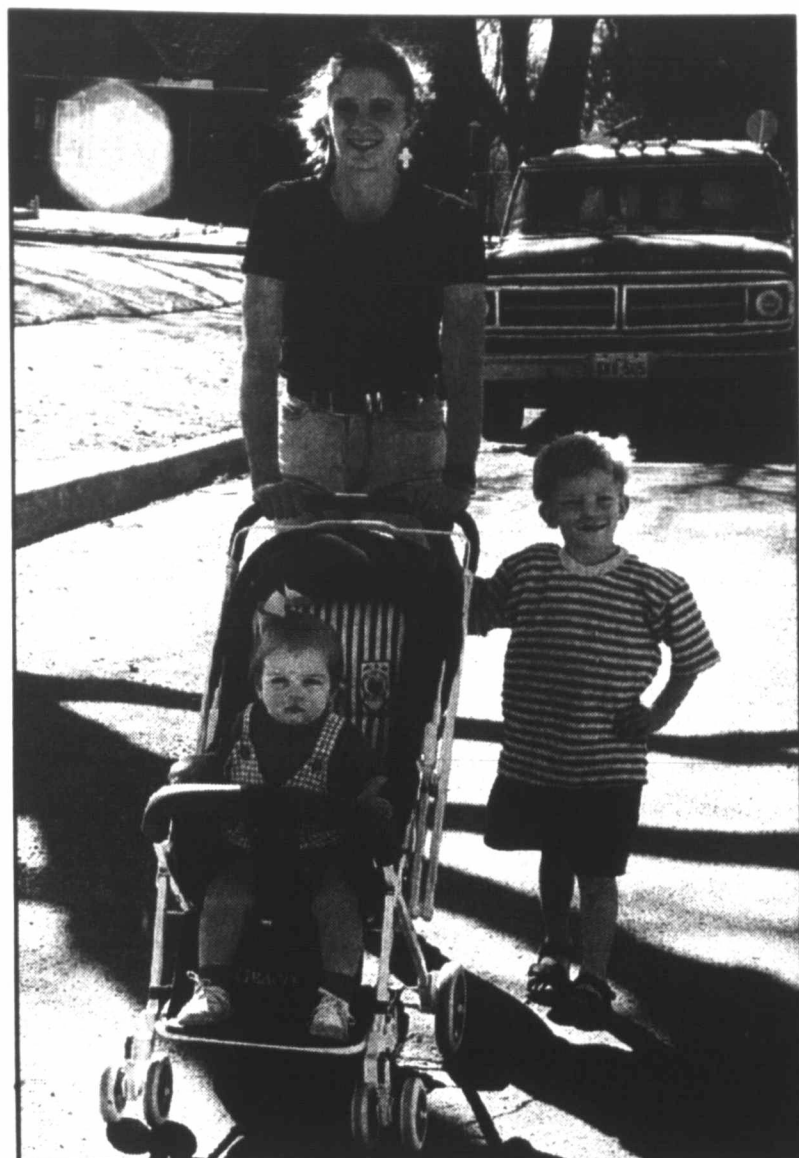
Two other women teachers were hospitalized with gunshot wounds in their limbs. *The Times* of London said they were believed to have been hit when Hamilton opened fire as made his way to the gym.

Police had no motive for the attack in the town 40 miles northwest of Edinburgh.

Hamilton, 43, a man with a festering grievance about his ouster as a Boy Scout leader, was a gun enthusiast. He had run boys' athletics groups while demanding reinstatement as a local Scout leader after being expelled in 1974 for "unstable and possibly improper behavior."



## Taking a walk



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Taking advantage of the warm springlike weather this week, Kristi Fatheree takes a walk with her children, Garrett, 4, and Madison, 1, in the 900 block of Christine. They were out visiting friends and enjoying the weather. Though springlike weather has brightened many a day this winter, spring officially arrives next Wednesday.

## State briefs

### Ex-Mexican official must prove \$9 million is drug-free

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A former Mexican government official must persuade a U.S. federal judge that \$9 million in a Houston bank did not come from drug dealers before the judge will consider his plea for political asylum. Mario Ruiz Massieu, once the deputy attorney general of Mexico, insists the money was a gift from relatives increasingly worried by Mexico's domestic turmoil.

Ruiz Massieu, who fled Mexico a year ago amid suspicion of corruption, had hoped to enjoy a life of luxury in the United States, thanks mostly to the money deposited in Texas Commerce Bank in 1994 and early 1995.

But the account was frozen a year ago after his arrest in New Jersey on a minor currency violation. The U.S. government contends the cache was protection money paid to the former prosecutor by drug dealers.

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

### Taint of troubles takes toll in primaries

**HARLINGEN (AP)** — The taint of legal and ethical troubles took its toll on several South Texas politicians in primary elections, including two incumbent state representatives who lost tight races.

One political analyst said the

results might be a sign that times are changing in the Rio Grande Valley, where political corruption is rife.

A number of candidates faced various allegations heading into Tuesday's primaries, ranging from criminal charges to accusations of failing to pay child support. Four were incumbents, and all but one lost. The other was forced into a runoff.

### Jurors convict woman in shooting death of husband

**CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)** — A Nueces County jury has convicted a woman whose first murder trial in the shooting death of her attorney husband ended in a mistrial.

Kimberly Dixon, who had testified that her marriage to William Cockrell, 49, became troubled because of what she described as his bizarre sexual behavior, faces from five to 99 years or life in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Jurors had deliberated more than 16 hours over three days before returning the verdict Wednesday. Several times they had sent notes to Judge Hilda Tagle to say they were deadlocked 10-1 in favor of convicting Ms. Dixon.

The case was heard by 11 jurors after a juror was excused because of a health problem.

Ms. Dixon testified last week that she fired two shots into the dark stairway where her husband seemed to swing at her in anger after she told him he needed counseling for bizarre sexual behavior.

## Truckers band together, decry NAFTA provision

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Union and independent truck drivers, historical foes, vowed to fight together against a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement they contend would lead to massive job losses, environmental ruin and unsafe highways.

Currently, Mexican truck drivers are only allowed to haul within a 20-mile commercial border zone. Under the NAFTA trucking provision, Mexican trucks would be allowed free travel throughout Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. By 2000, Mexican trucks would be allowed throughout the United States and Canada.

Teamsters Union President Ron Carey and representatives of union and independent drivers in the United States, Mexico and Canada planned a massive campaign against the NAFTA trucking provision in newspapers and truck stops, and over the Internet and CB airwaves in all three countries.

"The trucking provision of NAFTA allows big corporations to destroy jobs, cut wages and threaten the environment in the U.S., Canada and Mexico," Carey said Wednesday. NAFTA negotiators "need to go back to the drawing board."

Critics contend most Mexican trucks do not

meet American safety and insurance standards and that Mexican drivers are not trained to handle hazardous cargo. Also, American truckers said they fear they would lose their jobs to Mexican drivers who earn as little as \$8 a day.

The provision was not implemented as planned in December. U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said more talks between the United States and Mexico were needed and delayed the regulations temporarily.

Federal transportation officials said Wednesday the delay would remain in effect indefinitely.

NAFTA supporters contend the grievances are unfounded. They point out the growing Mexican market could be a huge source of income for American truckers.

Currently, American and Canadian trucks are allowed to haul anywhere in either country.

Jim Johnston, president of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, on Wednesday said American border agents are not properly equipped to inspect the heavy volume of truck traffic that would cross the U.S.-Mexico border if the provision was implemented.

Richard Sparks, a former U.S. Customs

agent injured in a chemical spill during an inspection of a Mexican truck in Laredo, Texas, said border guards are unable to inspect even the current amount of rigs that enter the United States.

Consequently, he said, toxic chemicals or drugs often slip by undetected on uninsured trucks with shoddy brakes or bald tires.

"The conditions are frightening," Sparks said. "Road-worthy trucks are the exception."

Few Mexican drivers earn enough to afford to properly maintain their trucks, Carey said.

Reyes Soberanis Moreno, secretary general of Sindicato Nacional del Transporte, a Mexican truckers union, said a low percentage of Mexican rigs meet international standards. He called for the Mexican government to enact and enforce laws to keep American companies from abusing the vacuum of regulations south of the border.

The one-day meeting was billed as the first between union and independent truckers.

"Usually there's a divide because we're union and they're independent, and we're pulling together," Carey said. "I think people are having the foresight to see the problems down the road."

## Shell employees accuse company of sustaining 'glass ceiling'

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Shell Oil Co. is denying accusations in a \$100 million discrimination lawsuit alleging a "glass ceiling" that keeps black employees out of high-paying jobs in its Retail Marketing Division.

The lawsuit, filed last month in U.S. District Court in Houston, is nearly identical to a 1995 San Francisco case involving 10 black employees in the division. That case, which also seeks \$100 million in damages, is pending.

The recently filed case involves five low-level managers in the same division. Jacques Choute, Larry Gaither, Jimmy Hunter, O.J. Sampson and Willie Brown

claim white employees have repeatedly leaptfrogged them in the management ranks despite being less experienced or less competent.

According to the lawsuit, no African-American has ever been promoted to senior or executive management or to the company's top pay grades in the division, which oversees the operation of Shell gas stations.

"It's an obvious glass ceiling," Houston attorney Gregg Rosenberg, who represents the five, said Wednesday. "There are people who have been qualified and nothing happens."

Shell spokeswoman Kitty Borah said the Houston-based

company has not yet seen the lawsuit but denied the charges it contains.

"We can say that these allegations are not true. The facts will show that Shell values diversity and there is no system of discrimination in Shell against African-Americans or any other minority group," she said. "In light of the potential litigation, we feel it would be best to reserve

further comment at this time."

Rosenberg said the case was filed Feb. 16 and will be delivered to Shell next week.

Among the five plaintiffs, Brown has worked the longest for Shell — 27 years — without reaching executive pay level. The lawsuit says several white colleagues with less experience than Brown reached that level long ago.

## Confusion over child protective order results in two-year-old's tragic death

**FORT WORTH (AP)** — Officials say a "tragic misunderstanding" of a child protective order may have led to the death of a 2-year-old boy, allegedly at the hands of his father.

Child Protective Services officials say Marquis Dorsey's mother apparently thought an agreement she signed — preventing her husband from having unsupervised visits with the child — was nullified when the CPS closed an investigation of suspected child abuse in January.

"Our closing the case doesn't convey at all that the safety plan is not still in effect," said Rose Benham, a project manager for CPS. "That's a tragic misunderstanding."

Daphne Dorsey, the child's 25-year-old mother, signed a voluntary agreement with CPS workers in the summer agreeing to allow only supervised visits with the boy's father, Patrick N. Barnes, 24, who was arraigned Monday on suspicion of capital murder.

Barnes, who had been keeping Marquis for just over a week in an apartment he shared with a relative, is suspected of beating his son to death Sunday for urinating on the floor.

"That's what triggered the

beating," homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said. "He's characterizing it as a spanking. Obviously, we don't believe that."

Ms. Benham said the agreement, which was part of an investigation into suspected child abuse by Barnes, was never to have been broken, even after CPS closed the case in January. But Ms. Dorsey understood it differently.

Ms. Dorsey said she was told in January that the agreement wasn't necessary anymore and that the visits between Marquis and Barnes could resume.

"I did what I was supposed to do," she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I know what she told me. If they would have told me that, Marquis would never have left my house."

Ms. Benham said part of the reason CPS closed the case was because they believed that Ms. Dorsey would uphold the agreement and not put Marquis in danger with Barnes.

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Opinion

In Bosnia's best interests ...

The long, sad trail of Bosnian Serbs leaving the Sarajevo suburb of Vogosca, heading (many on foot, carrying scant possessions) toward the Serbian stronghold of Pale - or somewhere not under Muslim control - is heartbreaking strictly on a human level. Will it cause many people to wonder anew whether attempts by international diplomats to solve local problems and hostilities might be better left undone?

Under the peace accords hammered out thousands of miles away from Sarajevo under United States auspices in Dayton, Ohio, last fall, this neighborhood in Sarajevo is scheduled to come under the control of the Bosnian government. That government is dominated by Muslims, who have been fighting with the Bosnian Serbs for several years. The Serbs in Vogosca seem convinced that the Bosnian Muslim authorities will take revenge on them for the years of damage done to Sarajevo by Serbian forces.

The Serbs might well be wrong in this assessment. It does seem to be the case that their fears have been stirred up beyond reason by stubborn Bosnian Serb elements who still oppose the peace accord. Perhaps, if the Bosnian Serbs had stayed in their homes and given the government a chance to prove its good will and competence, they would have discovered they had little or nothing to fear.

But the flight from Vogosca highlights a tragic naivete at the heart of the Dayton agreements. Working in isolation at a U.S. Air Force base, the professional diplomats, prodded by U.S. and U.N. leaders, came up with a joint Muslim-Croat-Serb Bosnian "federation" to occupy the territory of Bosnia. These three groups, who had been fighting viciously for years, nursing grudges and recriminations, were to rule jointly, through the kind of enormously complex governmental structure that only an international diplomat could imagine was workable.

Since the peace agreement and the arrival in Bosnia of U.S. and other "peacekeeping" troops, we have been hearing numerous stories of continued hostility and resentment. Serbs interviewed by journalists claim the Croats hate the Muslims even more than the Serbs do, and some evidence of that hostility has emerged. U.S. troops are now on special alert because the revanchist Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic is said to have issued an order to kidnap American soldiers and other NATO troops. International diplomats meet almost daily, in a crisis atmosphere, to try to keep the peace process cobbled together.

Perhaps they will do so long enough for the United States to declare the operation a success and get out without significant casualties. And any decent person must hope, despite the discouraging evidence to the contrary, that when the American troops leave, most people in Bosnia will be too war-weary to resume the civil war.

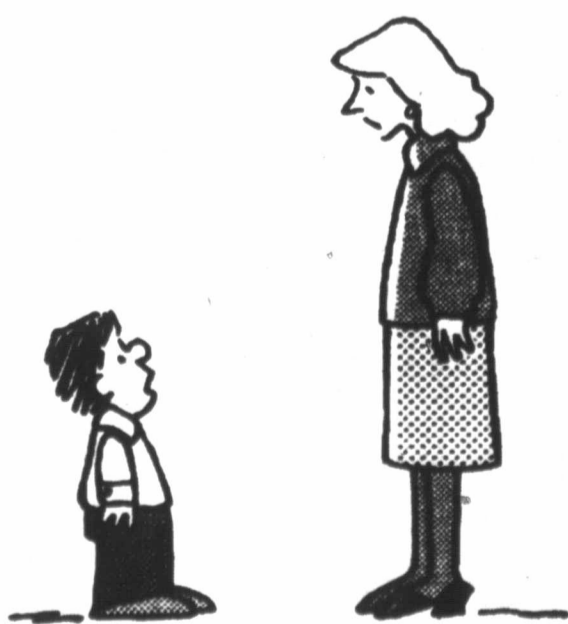
Has that possibility been increased by international intervention - intervention American leaders have assured us was essential to continuing American leadership in the post-Cold War world? Or has the intervention, however well intentioned, created more problems than it has solved?

Thought for today

"Where is the man who owes nothing to the land in which he lives? Whatever that land may be, he owes to it the most precious thing possessed by man, the morality of his actions and the love of virtue."

Jean Jacques Rousseau,  
*Émile, or Education. Book I*

Berry's World



"As the political pundits might say, your message of 'going to bed' does not resonate with me."

At odds with NAFTA and reality

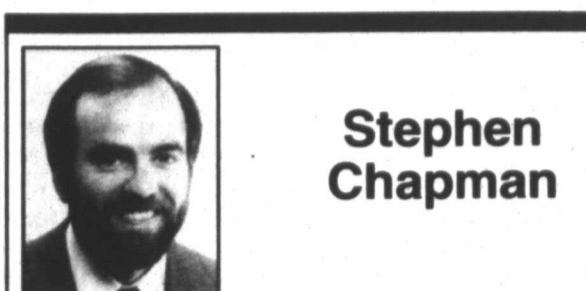
For an issue that was resolved more than two years ago, the North American Free Trade Agreement retains a strange capacity to inspire anger and resentment. Pat Buchanan and Ross Perot have profited from exploiting the bizarre conviction that it was the worst betrayal since Benedict Arnold's. If the two should join together in a third-party effort this fall, which looks more likely all the time, repealing NAFTA will be the first plank in their platform.

When Buchanan and Perot denounce the accord, however, they sound a bit like Capt. Queeg in *The Caine Mutiny*, muttering about the theft of his strawberries. They have blown a benign commercial agreement into a huge and devastating conspiracy against American prosperity. Like the deranged naval commander, they have become slaves to their own delusions.

Both of them blame NAFTA for the 1994 collapse of the peso, which is like blaming a drought on excessive rain. If the predictions of the anti NAFTA crowd had come true, the peso crisis would never have occurred. We were told that the accord was a bad deal for the United States because the Mexicans wouldn't buy our goods and because American corporations would all flee to Mexico to take advantage of its cheap labor.

If they'd been right, the peso wouldn't have collapsed - it would have climbed. In fact, Mexico's growing demand for U.S. goods was one reason its currency came under intense pressure for devaluation. A surge of American investment would have boosted the peso - but, contrary to warnings, it didn't happen.

From listening to the critics, you would think the accord was a gullible act of altruism on our part. But the United States didn't actually give up much - our tariffs on Mexican imports were



Stephen Chapman

already very low. The big duties were on the goods we shipped southward. We agreed to scrap our low tariffs if they would eliminate their high ones. How on Earth could that be a losing deal?

Perot and Buchanan make much of the fact that we are now running a trade deficit with Mexico. That change, however, has nothing to do with the accord. An economy that has been growing at a solid rate, like ours, is bound to absorb more imports than an economy that is suffering through a full-fledged depression. Mexicans haven't been buying a lot of U.S. goods for the same reason they haven't been buying a lot of Mexican goods - a shortage of money. Repealing NAFTA wouldn't help the problem.

What the opponents overlook is how the treaty has greatly cushioned the impact of the downturn on American companies. One of the first things Mexico did to address the peso crisis was increase import tariffs on many of its trading partners. But thanks to the commitments made in NAFTA, it couldn't use that weapon against us.

During Mexico's last economic crisis, in 1982, the government slapped 100% duties on foreign products, cutting U.S. sales by nearly half. This time, the decline was much smaller. In fact, our

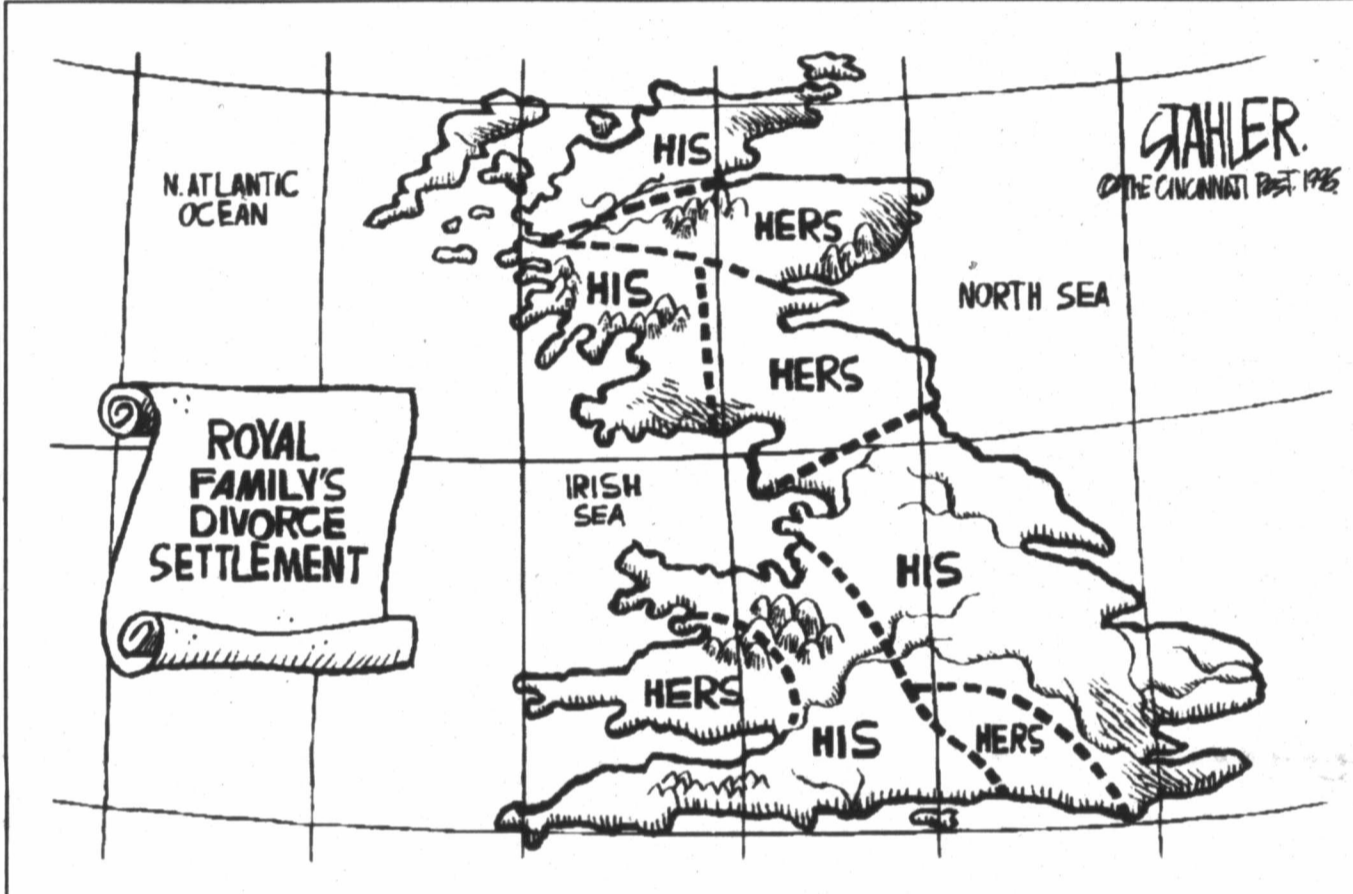
sales in Mexico were 11% higher last year than they were in 1993, before NAFTA took effect. Our share of Mexico's total imports, meanwhile, increased from less than 70% to nearly 75%.

Plenty of U.S. industrifives have taken advantage of the opening. Our auto shipments went from 9,500 in 1993 to 60,000 in 1994 and, despite the depression, 21,000 in 1995. Detroit's share of the total Mexican auto market rose even more dramatically, going from one-half of 1% in 1992 to 10% last year. When the Mexican economy recovers from its current doldrums, the change will mean an enormous increase in sales from U.S. plants.

When the Republican candidates were arguing about protectionism in South Carolina, they didn't notice how much the agreement has done for the state's textile industry. Total textile exports to Mexico rose by 18% in the accord's first two years, while apparel shipments expanded by nearly two-thirds. Our textile and apparel sales in Canada - you may have forgotten that Canada is a party to NAFTA - have more than tripled since we inaugurated free trade with our northern neighbor back in 1989.

The tales of jobs destroyed by NAFTA are mostly fictional. In the last two years, fewer than 60,000 American workers have been certified for the special unemployment benefits provided to victims of Mexican and Canadian competition. During that same period, the U.S. economy has been creating 200,000 new jobs every month.

None of this matters to Buchanan and Perot. They are too entranced by their own paranoid fantasies to be persuaded by facts or logic. But for anyone still connected to reality, NAFTA remains what it was at the beginning: a good deal for Mexico and a better deal for us.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 14, the 74th day of 1996. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:

In 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

Big business promotes foreign staff

Want an example of big business's disregard for American workers?

A new ad hoc group of lobbyists calling itself American Business for Legal Immigration is trying to squash efforts to reform America's lousy immigration policies.

Now take note of this statement: "In the technical industries, the high-tech industries particularly, there aren't enough technically trained people to do all the work that we have to do in the U.S.," says Phillip E. Wilson, senior vice president of Oracle Corp., a software developer.

I don't know what kind of software Oracle produces, but I will never buy it. That statement is 100% baloney.

Do you really believe that in a nation of 260 million people that industry cannot find enough technically trained people?

Do you really believe, when unemployment is running 5% to 6%, that industry is so short of American job applicants that it has to import 140,000 foreigners a year?

Do you really believe, after laying off more than 3 million Americans in the last few years, that big business is now so starved for job applicants that it has to go overseas, recruit foreigners and bring them in on special employment visas?

No, no sensible person would believe that. But

Charley Reese

that is the message that well-heeled representatives of big business, the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are spreading in the halls of Congress.

But there is another reason to oppose these lobbyists.

Present law allows 140,000 employment visas. A Senate bill would cut that to 90,000. That is the cut they are opposing. Of course, what Americans should insist Congress do is eliminate all 140,000 employment visas as well as reduce legal immigration to no more than 200,000, if not to zero.

But the Federation of American Immigration Reform looked at the record and found the obvious: There's no shortage of technically trained Americans; they just like to hire immigrants because they will work cheaper in order to get into the United States.

According to FAIR, out of a total 123,291 employment visas in 1994, 21,297 visas were given to Chinese students; 10,406 went to special immigrants - religious workers, U.S. government employees based abroad, juvenile court depen-

dents, etc.

So, did American business use the remaining 91,000 employment visas to recruit foreign geniuses whose work no American could hope to match? No, according to FAIR, most of the visas went to librarians, administrators, sales people, foresters, nurses, repairmen, lawyers (as if we were short of American lawyers), clerical workers and even people in service occupations.

In the meantime, there are literally thousands of college-trained Americans working in fast-food joints, clerking, delivering pizzas and driving cabs.

This is a clear example of the callous indifference that many in big business show regarding the welfare of Americans. You may call these people the cheap-labor lobby. That's the intent, to keep driving down American wages so they can exercise their stock options and make their short-term fortunes before the American economy, bled of substance, collapses.

As a chief economist at one Fortune 500 outfit put it, "What in the Bible says we (Americans) should have a better living standard than others?" Well, where in the Bible does it say that the American people have to put up with financier-capitalists dictating their immigration and trade policies? Big business does not have a good record of doing anything except promoting its own short-term interests.

Kemp's endorsement shows courage

"Jack Kemp," said Newt Gingrich during a speech last fall, "is the only national Republican leader who had the guts to get out there and do it." He was referring to Jack Kemp's outreach to the black community and his insistence "that conservatives engage, legitimately and directly, the needs of every American." But Gingrich might as well have been referring to Kemp's courage in taking a stand for principle more recently.

Except this time, the speaker was solidly on the side of the Republican establishment, one of many urging Kemp to toe the line and endorse Bob Dole. He went as far as to tell him that he was "finished" in the Republican Party if he backed Steve Forbes.

The pressure on Kemp to endorse the majority leader was unremitting. Dole's campaign manager Scott Reed served as Kemp's chief of staff at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and was even his campaign manager in 1988. So there was a lot of talk and plenty of offers on the table - the latest being for Kemp to head the economic platform at the convention. In standing up for what he believed - despite the promises, the threats, and the ridicule - Kemp demonstrated what is most conspicuously lacking in the current political battle: courage.

It is the quality most badly needed and most heavily penalized by the political spoils system. "Don't stick your neck out" and "don't rock the boat" have become the two most sacred commandments of this Republican primary season. All is to be sacrificed for party unity.

Adrianna Huffington

How did a legitimate concern with unity become an obsession with unanimity?

When Kemp quoted Lincoln during the Forbes press conference - "I serve my party by serving the Union" - he underscored the importance of putting the country's interests above the narrow interest of superficial party unity.

Kemp's solitary endorsement carries so much moral weight because there is not an ounce of self-interest in it - only conviction. While calculation and positioning are oozing out of the establishment's support for the majority leader, it is refreshing to have an endorsement that leaves pundits grasping for explanations and the politicos just plain gasping.

After Dole's overwhelming eight-state sweep, the conventional wisdom was that the primary season was over, the nominee anointed, and the party united.

Then Kemp took a plane to Albany, and like the little boy in Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale who cried out that the emperor wore no clothes, he pointed out what the Republican establishment has refused to acknowledge: The problems plaguing the Republican Party did not magically disappear because Bob Dole regained his aura of inevitability on "junior Tuesday." The

problems just went underground.

After creating a historic electoral coalition against President Clinton and the Democrats in 1994, Republicans have been unable to follow up with a governing majority based on fundamental reform. Sounding like accountants, they have failed miserably to communicate what they are fighting for and to build the public support they needed.

The consequences are everywhere to see. In the latest polls, Clinton defeats Dole by double digits; the Republican legislative agenda is missing in action; and 40% of those who voted for Dole wished there were someone else they could have voted for.

Kemp's endorsement of Forbes may not reap a vast political harvest, but it should have profound impact on the debate within the party. To face Clinton in November, Republicans must articulate, at every level, a compelling vision of expanding opportunities, empowering communities and renewing institutions.

If the GOP truly wants to create a new governing coalition, they should be celebrating, not castigating, the kind of healthy debate that Kemp is once again promoting with his bold endorsement of Forbes. Otherwise, the Republican Party will crumble into nothing more than a collection of special interests kept together by backroom deals, party favors and a high premium on group think. This is just the kind of insider politics the public would love to repudiate in November, given half a chance.

# Fourteen-year-old challenges ban on backpacks

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Fourteen-year-old Elyse Meredith is on a mission, fighting for liberty, the Constitution — and backpacks.

The eighth-grader says she has been inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. and writer Henry David Thoreau in her court battle to end her school's ban on the packs.

The William Annin Middle School in Bernards Township banned them from hallways, classrooms and the cafeteria on Jan. 2, calling them a fire and safety hazard. Pupils are only allowed to carry the packs to their lockers.

One teacher got hurt tripping over an overstuffed pack that didn't fit under a desk and another teacher got hit in the face when a pack-wearing pupil turned quickly in the hall, administrators said.

Elyse, however, sees the ban as a violation of her rights. She has logged 10 days of in-school suspensions for wearing her maroon backpack to class.

"I believe it's a constitutional right when it does not materially and substantially inter-

fere with the educational process," she testified Wednesday on the last day of a two-hearing before Administrative Law Judge Solomon A. Metzger.

Other pupils were also angered by the rule, saying it makes it difficult for them to lug books and personal items around school.

"Because of all the books, everybody keeps dropping them and tripping over them," said Sheila Maddali, a 13-year-old seventh grader, who was not at the hearing.

Elyse's father, Charles Meredith, a food product salesman, represented his daughter, encountering difficulty both days during the testimony of teachers, the principal and others.

Les Aron, the school board's lawyer, repeatedly requested that Meredith question witnesses, not make comments. The judge agreed.

"I know he's struggling a little bit in there," Meredith's wife, Lynda, a high school math teacher, said during a break. "But it costs so much money for a lawyer."

During Aron's brief but heated cross-examination of Elyse, the lawyer questioned her about the time a guidance counselor tripped on her backpack at the school, about 20 miles from Newark.

"But she didn't fall, she stumbled," said Elyse, who wore navy-and-green kilt and sandals on the stand.

Metzger's ruling, expected in about two weeks, amounts to a recommendation, which can be accepted or rejected by state Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz.

Klagholz's decision can be appealed to the state appellate courts, and the family has vowed to appeal if the ban is upheld.

Last month, Klagholz defended the ban, saying "chaos" would result if other pupils followed Elyse's lead.

Metzger, in a preliminary ruling, refused to order Elyse to stop defying the ban and scoffed at Klagholz's suggestion. The judge said the school board had failed to prove backpacks were a safety issue or that Elyse's refusal to obey the ban "threatens a broader breakdown of discipline."

# Whitewater prosecution witness tells of call by Tucker, Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — James McDougal took nearly two dozen phone calls from Bill Clinton, Jim Guy Tucker and financier David Hale in the 10 months before a series of fraudulent business deals, prosecutors say.

Clinton, Tucker and Hale were on a short list of people whose calls were put directly through to McDougal, then the owner of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, McDougal's former secretary testified Wednesday.

Sue Strayhorn verified records of calls she logged showing 23 mes-

sages to McDougal from Hale, Clinton — governor at the time — and Tucker, who was the lieutenant governor. The calls were made between April 16, 1985, and Feb. 3, 1986.

Prosecutors say the calls may have helped lay the groundwork for the fraudulent business deals.

Mrs. Strayhorn was due back on the stand today to answer more questions in the fraud and conspiracy trial of McDougal, his ex-wife, Susan, and Tucker, Clinton's successor as governor.

The three are charged with fraud and conspiracy in a 21-count feder-

al indictment involving \$3 million in federally backed loans they received between 1985 and 1987 from Madison and Hale's small business investment company.

The McDougals were partners with President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater land development in northern

Arkansas between 1978 and 1992.

Hale has pleaded guilty to fraud and is cooperating with the Whitewater investigation. He has told prosecutors that Tucker pressured him to make bad loans and that Clinton specifically pressed him to make a \$300,000 business loan to Mrs. McDougal.

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# Fish farmer in hot water, sells out

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A catfish farmer under fire for his water use has sold his fish and shut off his well to avoid another lawsuit threatened by the Edwards Underground Water District.

"Once again, I think I was picked on," said Ronnie Pucek. "I think they were trying to make credibility with the public at my expense."

Pucek shut down his Living Waters Artesian Springs catfish farm in 1991 as part of a settlement of a legal battle. At that time, the farm was using up to 45 million gallons of Edwards Aquifer water a day.

Pucek recently reopened his well and the farm, intending to raise catfish and Japanese koi. The Edwards district had other ideas.

Rick Illgner, water district general manager, said Pucek met a 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline to shut off the well or face a court hearing.

Pucek said he lost money by selling 16,500 fingerlings before they were ready for market.

"I took a financial bath on it," he said, "but it wasn't as bad as having to fight a legal fight."

Water district officials contend Pucek's reopening of his well last month — at a flow rate of 720,000 gallons a day — violated settlement terms of the previous lawsuit.

Pucek contends he has a legal right to open the well. He said his recent fish farming should not be considered the same as his previous fish business.

"It wasn't the same operation as 1991. It was a completely different deal," he said in Wednesday's *San Antonio Express-News*.

Illgner said the district's lawyers hope to meet with attorneys for the fish farm to work out compliance issues.

The Edwards district wants Pucek to register the well, turn over production reports for the times the well has been opened and reveal whether he performed state-required tests of the aquifer before starting operations.

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DEAR ABBY: You wrote that you know of no one who actually enjoys transacting business with a computer.

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I realize that not everyone can adapt to this type of technological leap, but I appreciate getting lots of information without saying a word. However, I think businesses need to accommodate customers who prefer to talk with a real person. Sign this ... PRESS 5 TO REPEAT

DEAR PRESS 5: Perhaps it's generational, but I confess that I am among those who become confused when I hear prerecorded instructions. However, more people wrote favoring automated systems than knocking them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a couple of thoughts after reading "Frustrated Fran"'s letter about automated answering systems. Automated systems are, admittedly, far more economical than employing a slew of live operators full time. There are two ways companies



Abigail Van Buren

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can relieve the frustration of voice mail. The first is used by many firms who offer the caller the opportunity to speak to a live operator by pressing "0" if he/she cannot figure out how to get a satisfactory result from the menu options.

The second solution is one I have encountered less often, but is a real help. The recording gives an estimate of how long it will be before callers get through to the party or extension they seek. This provides the option of hanging up and calling again if the wait is longer than desired.

By utilizing either of these options, a company can markedly reduce the frustration that sometimes results from an encounter with a computer. I hope that corporate America will take this to heart.

DEAR BURKE: At the risk of appearing cynical, let's not hold our breath until corporate Amer-

ica feels it deeply enough in the pocketbook to take it to heart.

DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter from an older woman who still regretted her long-lost romance, and correctly signed it "Stupid in California."

She should have been advised: "Things usually turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

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## Horoscope

Friday, March 15, 1996

Generally speaking, your material prospects look encouraging for the year ahead. If you feel you have something valuable to offer, make your talents available to the market.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A new endeavor which has captured your interest could be a winner. However, you'll have to do more than just think about it. You must take action. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Penny-ante

goals will not have any significance today. Do your best to aim high, so even if you fall short, you'll be better off than you are now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It will work to your advantage today to socialize with people who can help your career. Do not hesitate to talk shop whenever possible.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You can remodel someone else's incomplete ideas today and transform them into something worthwhile for everyone involved. Utilize this asset.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** When associating with trusted companions today, candor will be essential. If you are up-front with them, they will be honest with you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Take pride in your work today, regardless of the size or significance of the tasks you perform. Doing things well could provide you with a strong base.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to devote some quality time today to people and activities you enjoy. Let go and have fun, even if it is expensive. Your money will

be well-spent.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Set a good example for family members today by unselfishly assisting anyone who needs your help. Your actions will convey an important message.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Do not let the size or scope of endeavors intimidate you today. As a matter of fact, you will excel in situations where the stakes are much higher than usual.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your luck will focus on material areas today. Remaining alert will help you to recognize opportunities that could increase your assets significantly.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will see evidence of the benefits of positive thinking today if you focus your mind accordingly. Negative words must disappear from your thoughts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Try to listen attentively today if someone who has your best interest at heart feels he or she has to tell you something. You can benefit from this advice.

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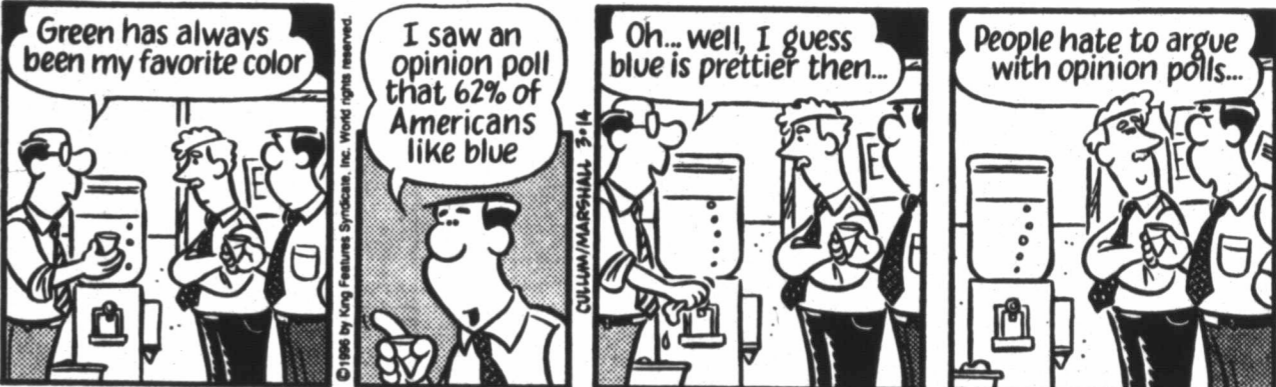
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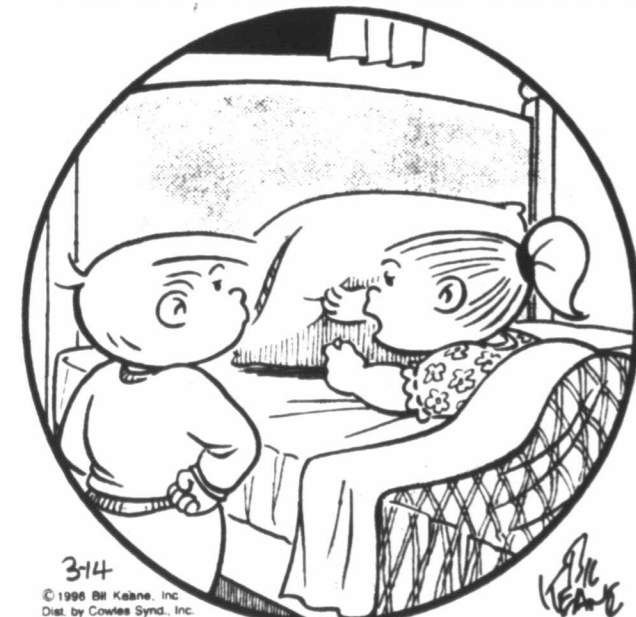
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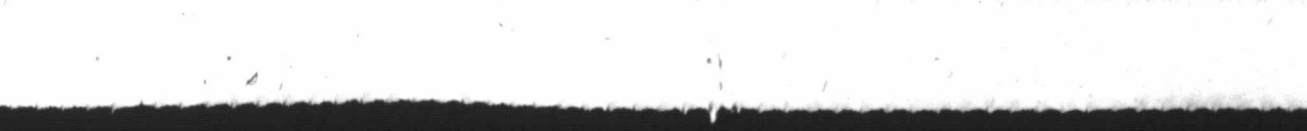
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## Sports

## Notebook

## GOLF

PAMPA — The team of Larry Schneider, Harvey Malone, John McGuire and Gene Winegeart took the Seniors 4-Man Scramble at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course on Wednesday.

The team was first with a 65 score in "The Big Dutchman Special."

Coming in second was the team of Oscar Sargent, Bob Lyle, Herb Harvey and Bill Harwood, also with a 65.

Third place went to Bill King, Carl Warner, Bob Brandon, J.B. Holt and Butch Sheppard, with a team score of 66.

Fourth went to the team of Elmer Wilson, Carroll Pettit, Everett Butler and Paul Buchanan, with 66, while fifth place fell to Dale Haynes, Bob Moyer, Gene Gates and Dick Abbott, with a team score of 67.

Ties for team scores were settled with playoff holes.

Forty-five players participated in Wednesday's golf scramble.

Tee time for next week's seniors play will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

## FOOTBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have offered Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Dale Hellestrae a contract, his agent says.

Steve Endicott of Dallas told The Arizona Republic on Wednesday the Hellestrae wanted more than the one-year, minimum \$275,000 salary the Cowboys offered.

Cardinals officials said they were unaware of any offer.

Hellestrae, who has 11 years in the NFL, has been backup center, deep snapper and guard for the Cowboys since 1990.

## ICE HOCKEY

KANATA, Ontario (AP) — The Dallas Stars' playoff hopes have begun to fade in Eastern Canada.

The Stars dropped their second straight 4-1 decision Wednesday night, an ugly loss at the hands of the lowly Ottawa Senators.

"From this game tonight we're either going to go one way or another," said Stars coach Ken Hitchcock, whose team is two games into a six-game road string. "We're hoping we go up, but it's in the players hands right now. They have to want to go to the next level."

The Stars lost an emotional game Monday night in the finale at the Montreal Forum. At the new Corel Centre, they showed little life.

Tom Chorske, Dave Archibald and Daniel Alfredsson gave the Senators a rare 3-0 first-period lead as Ottawa ended a seven-game losing skid. Alexei Yashin added a goal midway through the third period.

## BASEBALL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Kile did his thinking in the off-season. Now he just wants to pitch.

Kile has known the heights and depths of pitching for the Houston Astros, from a no-hitter and All-Star selection in 1993 to a demotion to the minors last season after a horrible run of bad pitching.

The book on Kile was that he was trying too hard, agonizing over the impact of each pitch to the point that he was thinking more than pitching.

If he fails this season, Kile vows it won't be because he's done too much analyzing.

"This winter, I went through everything I could possibly do to get better," Kile said. "I tried to think about what it feels like when I'm throwing well and when I'm not throwing well."

"Then, I just tried to repeat the same things over and over about when I'm throwing good."

## No. 1 Kentucky takes on San Jose State

By OWEN CANFIELD  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In the NCAA Midwest Regional, there is Kentucky and then there are 15 other teams. Or so it would seem.

The top-seeded Wildcats open NCAA tournament play today as the clear favorite to reach the Final Four from the Midwest. After all, isn't this the team that made mincemeat out of the Southeastern Conference and won 27 straight before losing to Mississippi State in the finals of the SEC tournament?

Isn't this the team considered by many to be the deepest and most talented in the country, the team that wore opponents out with its press and then bom-

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barded them relentlessly at the offensive end?

For the Wildcats (28-2), would anything less than a national championship this year be a disappointment?

Not according to coach Rick Pitino, who tried Wednesday to waylay some of the this-is-THE-year expectations.

"At Kentucky now we've had five NCAA appearances since I've been there and we're going to have a lot more, so there's no rush," he said. "We certainly want to win it. We wanted to win it last year. We wanted to win it the year prior to that."

"We have a better chance of winning it this year because we have more answers offensively than we have in the past. But it just doesn't work that way. We found

out with the Mississippi State game, if you run into a hot player, they execute and you're not hot, you go home and you plan your strategy for next year."

The first round of the tournament hasn't even started and Pitino already seems weary of the questions. Someone asked him to gauge how great an upset it would be if San Jose State were to beat his team Thursday.

"That's the most fascinating question I've had as a coach," he shot back. "Thanks for that astute question."

For their part, the Kentucky players said all the right things in talking about San Jose State, which at 13-16 is one of just two teams in the tournament with a losing record.

"We understand we're playing a very good team," center Mark Pope said. "We've worked so hard to get to this

point, we don't want to overlook anyone," said guard Tony Delk.

Pitino and his players believe the loss to Mississippi State will serve them well in the tournament because it exposed a few cracks, most notably a slight breakdown on defense.

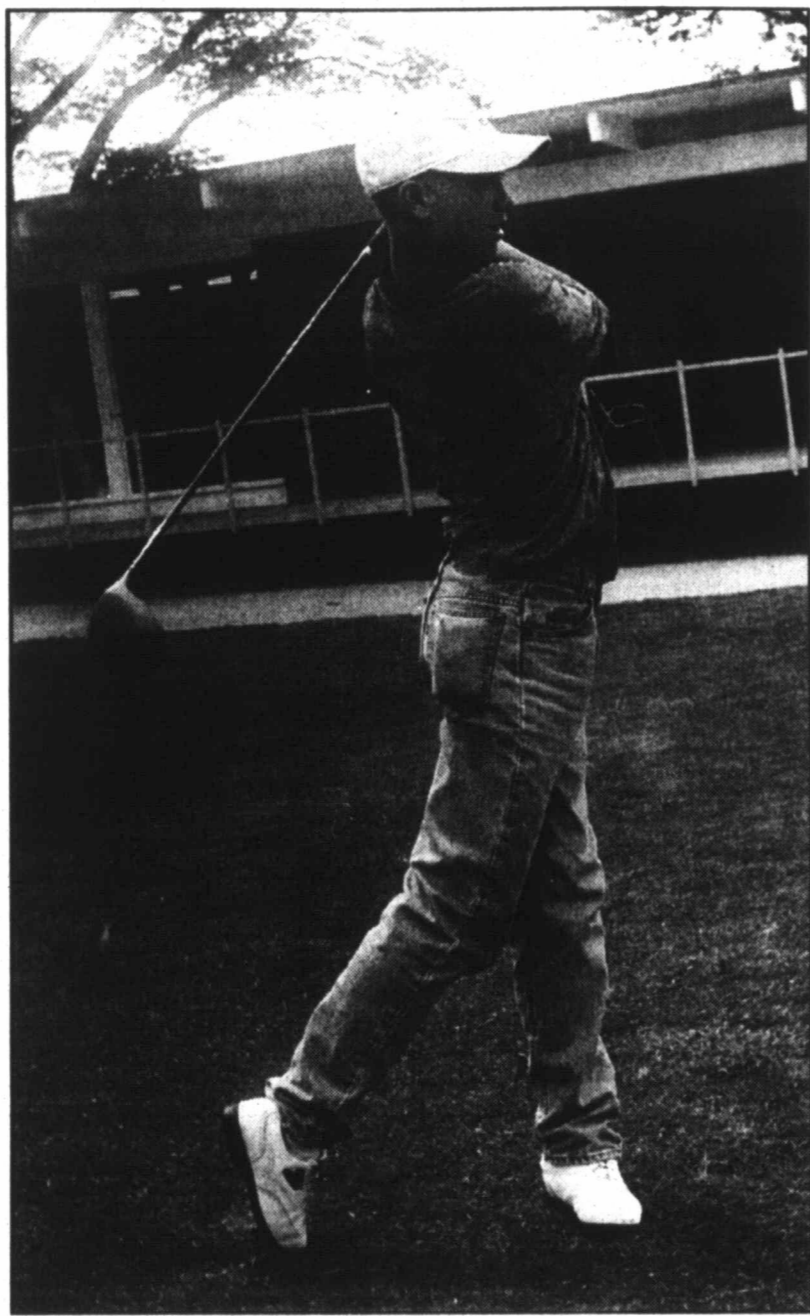
"We were getting away from some of the little things we had been effective at," Pope said. "Whether it's a positive or not, that's up to us."

And if the result is not a national title? Life will go on, Pitino said.

"We're going to do everything we can to win a championship," he said. "We did the same thing last year, the same thing the year before and we're going to do the same thing next year."

"The effort is going to be there. We're going to try our best. But we cannot guarantee something like that."

## Golf leader



(Pampa News photo)

Phil Everson led the Pampa boys' golf team with a two-round total of 154 in the San Angelo Classic last weekend. Both the Pampa boys' and girls' teams are entered a tournament at Hereford this weekend before opening District 1-4A play at the Canyon Country Club course.

## Connecticut, Louisiana Tech lead All-America selections

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
AP Sports Writer

There's a reason Connecticut and Louisiana Tech are two of the best women's basketball teams in the country.

They have players. Good players.

Second-ranked Connecticut had two first-team choices, while No. 1 Louisiana Tech had a first-teamer and a second-teamer among The Associated Press All-America selections announced Wednesday.

Center Kara Wolters and feisty guard Jennifer Rizzotti of Connecticut both made the first team. Louisiana Tech landed versatile Vickie Johnson on the first team and guard Debra Williams on the second.

Those were the only schools with more one player on the three teams, chosen by a national media panel. Also on the first team were Georgia guard Saudia Roundtree, the leading vote-getter, and forward Latasha Byears of DePaul.

Wolters and Rizzotti have kept Connecticut playing at a high level following the departure of all-everything Rebecca Lobo. The Huskies (30-3) repeated as Big East champions and are seeded No. 1 in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

"Think of it this way," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "We lost the national player of the year who scored 2,000 points and had a thousand rebounds, yet we go 30-3 with all the pressures that come with being the defending champions."

"The one kid (Wolters) shoots 65 percent and our point guard is

just the greatest leader ever to play women's college basketball."

The 6-foot-7 Wolters averaged 18.9 points and 7.9 rebounds and shot 63.7 percent. She also was a presence on defense, blocking 91 shots.

"She's a phenomenal player," Auriemma said. "I'm prejudiced, obviously, but I think she's the most dominant player at her position in the country."

Rizzotti's scoring is down slightly this season, 10.8 points a game, but her value lies in other areas — running the team, passing, playing defense and diving for loose balls. The 5-5 senior averaged 5.7 assists, 3.1 steals and untold floor burns.

Though only 5-9, Johnson is a fierce rebounder and defender. She averaged 15.3 points and 6.3 rebounds, shot 52 percent and teamed with Williams to give Tech perhaps the best perimeter combination in the nation.

Williams led Tech in scoring with an 18-point average and made 41 percent of her 3-point shots.

"Vickie is the total package," Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "She rebounds, she defends the other team's best player if she's not 6-4, she's our team captain, she does everything."

"Debra is not what Vickie is on the defensive end, but she is so explosive on the offensive end. She had 13 points in three minutes one time this year."

Roundtree dominated the All-America voting after some spectacular play in leading fifth-ranked Georgia to a 23-4 record and a No. 2 seeding in the Midwest Regional.

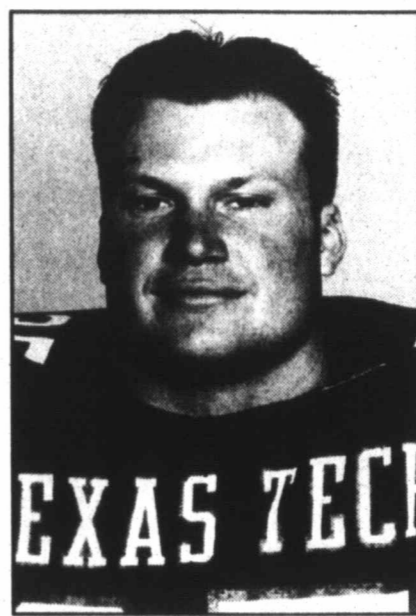
## Risenhoover Award goes to Thomas

AMARILLO — Texas Texas All-American middle linebacker Zach Thomas of Pampa was the recipient of the Dick Risenhoover Award, presented each year by the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club.

The award is presented to a person from the Texas panhandle who gains national recognition through their athletic endeavors. The Risenhoover plaque was presented during a Tuesday luncheon to Thomas' parents, Steve and Bobby Thomas. Zach was meeting with a National Football League club in Lubbock and was unable to attend the luncheon, which was held at the Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Thomas is expected to be a middle round pick in April's NFL draft after a solid performance at an NFL combine earlier this year in Indianapolis. Among the clubs interested in Thomas are Miami, Dallas, Carolina, Kansas City, Arizona, Pittsburgh and Seattle.

Thomas, a two-time Southwest Conference defensive player of the year, was named to seven different All-America teams following last season. Thomas helped guide the Red Raiders to a 9-3 record and a Copper Bowl win



Zach Thomas

over Air Force. He also competed in the East-West All-Star Shrine Game and Hula Bowl following the regular season.

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

The 6-0, 230-pound Thomas established himself as one of the top defenders ever to play at Texas Tech. Thomas, the only three-time

captain in school history, made 35 consecutive starts in which he had 390 career tackles and seven interceptions. He returned two interceptions for touchdowns, including a 23-yard return with 30 seconds left to beat Texas A & M, 14-7, in October.

Thomas was a high school star at Pampa and White Deer. Thomas was a freshman middle linebacker and his brother, Bart, was the senior quarterback when White Deer went unbeaten to win the Class 1A state title in 1988. He was the team's leading tackler.

Thomas transferred to Pampa and helped lead the Harvester to the 1991 Class 4A quarterfinals. He was named to the all-state team after being selected as District 1-4A's player of the year. He was an all-district pick on both offense and defense.

The Risenhoover Award is named for the ex-Texas Rangers baseball play-by-play announcer. A native of Childress, Risenhoover started his broadcasting career in Amarillo. He did play-by-play for the Rangers from 1972, when the club moved to Arlington from Washington, D.C., through 1977. Risenhoover died of cancer in 1978.

## Anthem arguments put aside for 48 minutes

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

Everybody stood for the national anthem, then they played basketball.

On the court, at least, it was a normal night in the NBA.

The league was abuzz Wednesday with talk of Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's suspension from the Denver Nuggets for refusing to stand during the national anthem. But when it was time to do what they get paid for, the players did just that.

The night's best game was at Seattle, where the SuperSonics scored the final seven points of the game and defeated the Orlando Magic 100-99 in a matchup of division leaders.

With the victory, Seattle became the first Western Conference team to clinch a playoff spot.

Elsewhere, Chicago defeated Washington 103-86, Detroit beat Phoenix 118-115, Charlotte topped Utah 91-85, New York beat Minnesota 106-82, Sacramento defeated Milwaukee 104-95 and Boston downed Philadelphia 110-100.

The Sonics made their comeback without floor leader Gary Payton, who was ejected with 8:46 left in the game for head-butting Joe Wolf after the two collided and went face-to-face in the lane.

Shaquille O'Neal's putback gave the Magic a 99-93 lead with 49.4 seconds left. Sam Perkins made a 3-pointer with 43.8 seconds left, making it 99-96.

After Nick Anderson's inbounds pass was stolen by Perkins, Hersey Hawkins made a layup with 34.9 seconds left. Dennis Scott missed a running shot from the lane and Eric Snow fed Detlef Schrempf for a 17-footer with 14.7 seconds left. Anderson then missed a jumper from the corner as time expired.

Payton led the Sonics with 23 points and Schrempf added 20.

Anfernee Hardaway had 22 points and O'Neal added 20 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando, which lost for the second straight night on its four-game Western road trip that concludes with games Friday at

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Vancouver and Sunday against the Lakers.

The Magic, 32-0 at home, are 15-17 on the road. Seattle improved to 27-3 at home and avoided its first two-game home losing streak of the season.

## Bulls 103, Bullets 86

The bad news for the Bulls came before the game when they learned that Scottie Pippen will miss 10-14 days with a variety of injuries.

Toni Kukoc replaced him in the starting lineup, and the Bulls didn't miss a beat, improving to 31-0 at home. They can tie Orlando's mark Friday against the Nuggets, one of the seven teams to beat them this season.

Michael Jordan scored 37 points and Kukoc and Luc Longley each had 16. Chicago broke open the game in the third quarter as Jordan had 18 points and the Bulls outscored the Bullets 34-22 to take an 18-point lead.

"We know they are still tough, with or without Scottie. It goes to show why they are on their way to a championship," Washington's Juwan Howard said.

"We wanted to be the first team to come in and break the streak, but it didn't happen."

## Pistons 118, Suns 115

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Grant Hill had 18 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists and Detroit overcame a season-high 45 points from Charles Barkley.

Detroit, which has won seven of eight, stayed one game behind New York in the race for the Eastern Conference's fourth playoff seeding. Phoenix, which has lost four of five, dropped a game below .500.

The Pistons also got 23 points from Otis Thorpe and 24 from Dumars, 13 in the fourth. Kevin Johnson had 25 points and 12 assists for Phoenix and Michael Finley had 21 points. Phoenix played without Danny Manning, who sprained his ankle in Tuesday's win over New Jersey.

## Hornets 91, Jazz 85

Charlotte knocked Utah out of a first-place tie in the Midwest Division, sending the

Jazz to their second loss in as many nights and dropping them a half-game behind San Antonio in the standings.

The Hornets blew a 14-point lead, missed 16 of their 31 free throws and went through an extended field-goal slump in the fourth quarter — yet still got the victory.

"We got some breaks," said Dell Curry, who made several key plays in the closing minutes to help the Hornets to their first victory this season in 13 games against teams that have won at least 60 percent of their games.

## Knicks 106, Timberwolves 82

At Minneapolis, the Knicks won their second in a row under new coach Jeff Van Gundy.

Patrick Ewing scored 11 of his 21 points in the first five minutes of the second half when the Knicks broke the game open.

Anthony Mason had a career-high 20 rebounds and 18 points and John Starks added 20 points off the bench.

"Holding (the Wolves) to 35 points in the second half was a good sign," New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We played a good 48 minutes tonight."

## Kings 104, Bucks 95

At Sacramento, Mitch Richmond scored 25 points, Brian Grant had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Tyus Edney had 19 points off the bench and reserve Michael Smith contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Kings won their third in a row after losing 17 of 18. The loss was the fifth straight and 10th in the last 11 games for Milwaukee.

"Three wins in a row as we head out on this (four-game) road trip, that's real positive for this team," Kings coach Garry St. Jean said. "It's got to do something for our psyche in a positive fashion."

## Celtics 110, 76ers 100

At Boston, Todd Day scored 23 points, Rick Fox 21 and David Wesley 20, and the Celtics scored 14 of the game's final 17 points.







## Nation briefs

**White brothers accused of forcing black man to jump**  
**SPRINGBORO, Pa. (AP)** — Two white brothers are charged with abducting a black man from a tavern parking lot and then forcing him to strip and jump off an 18-foot bridge into a frigid stream.

The tavern owner found the victim walking along a deserted road, still naked and his legs cut from the jump. Both feet were frostbitten, police said.

"He was cold, shivering, in shock and disoriented," said Don Mugridge, owner of Muggsy's North Star Tavern in Spring Township, where Carl Morton was abducted. "What has happened has disgraced our entire community."

Morton, 25, took three days to report the Thursday night incident.

Tom Nochese, an FBI spokesman in Pittsburgh, said the agency was investigating for possible civil rights violations.

Police accuse Timothy Braden, 29, of Kingsville, Ohio, and Bradley Braden, 35, of Springboro, of trying to kill Morton. A police report said their actions showed "extreme indifference to the value of human life."

**Family discovers fingertip in deli ham**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — David Dean was at home making a sandwich when he spotted it — part of a finger lying among the slices of deli ham, which his wife had bought at their neighborhood supermarket.

The Deans filed a lawsuit Wednesday against Publix Supermarkets, claiming they have suffered from the fear of contracting hepatitis or AIDS from the female employee who cut off her fingertip while slicing the ham.

The employee has tested negative for the AIDS virus and hepatitis, Mrs. Dean said. The Deans said they have not been tested.

The ham was bought in July and it was not immediately clear why the couple waited so long to file the suit, which seeks damages in excess of \$15,000.

The Deans said they, their 7-year-old daughter and two other couples ate the ham during the four days before the fingertip was discovered.

Mrs. Dean said she and her husband returned the fingertip to the supermarket, where the manager apologized, refunded her money and offered the couple a \$25 gift certificate.

**Fisherman first to sell-out under plan to help fisheries**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Donald Lowe Jr. has pulled in his last haul as a New England fisherman.

He was the first of 11 Massachusetts and New Hampshire boat owners to get a check under a \$2 million pilot program that pays fishermen to turn in their permits and scrap their vessels.

The federal plan aims to restore depleted Atlantic Ocean fisheries.

For more than two decades, Lowe fished off Gloucester for haddock, cod and yellowtail flounder — the main species known as groundfish — that made New England waters famous.

As stocks of groundfish fell to historic lows in recent years, Lowe's share of the catch fell off, too.

Lowe will get another \$47,500 once he scraps the Anne Rowe, his 77-foot boat.

**Animal Crackers recalled due to label omission**

**MCCOMB, Ohio (AP)** — A company is recalling its animal crackers from stores across the country because an ingredient that can cause life-threatening allergic reactions was not listed on labels.

Consolidated Biscuit Co. announced the recall late Wednesday of products baked at its St. Louis plant and distributed nationally to warehouses and stores.

The McComb-based company did not list on labels that egg whites were used in the crackers. Some people are allergic to albumen, a naturally occurring substance found in egg whites. The allergic reaction is often severe and can be life-threatening.

The 79,000 cases of crackers were distributed beginning last August.

The recall involves 11-ounce boxes of Royal Crest, Funimals and Jungle Jammers brand animal crackers, and 15-pound boxes of the Danish Delight brand. One-ounce bags of Animal Grahams were also recalled.

## Settlement reached in Japanese HIV lawsuit involving government, drug companies

**TOKYO (AP)** — The government and five drug companies have agreed to a court-proposed settlement of lawsuits by Japanese who contracted the AIDS virus from contaminated blood products, officials said today.

The lawsuits were filed in 1989 by about 400 HIV-infected hemo-

philiacs who sought compensation and payment for medical bills. They claimed the government continued to allow use of unheated blood products in Japan after it already knew that heat-treating killed the AIDS virus.

Health Minister Naoto Kan acknowledged government

responsibility for the infection of Japanese hemophiliacs for the first time last month. Many were youngsters who used tainted blood products between 1983 and 1985.

A Health Ministry official, speaking today on condition of anonymity, said details of the settlement

would be announced Friday.

However, some details emerged from the companies involved.

The Deerfield, Ill.-based Baxter International announced late Wednesday in the United States that it had accepted the terms of the settlement. German giant

Bayer AG's Japanese subsidiary, Bayer Yakuin Ltd., made a similar announcement today.

Three Japanese companies are also involved — Green Cross Corp., the Chemo Sero Therapeutic Research Institute, and Nippon Zoki Pharmaceutical Co.

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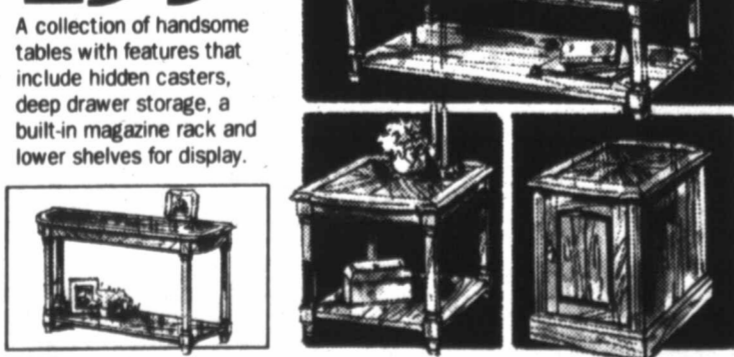
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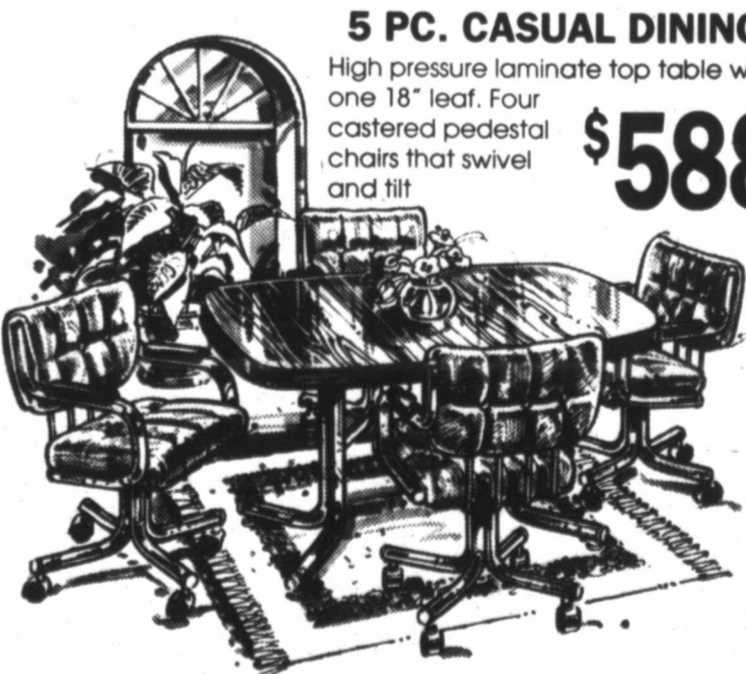


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