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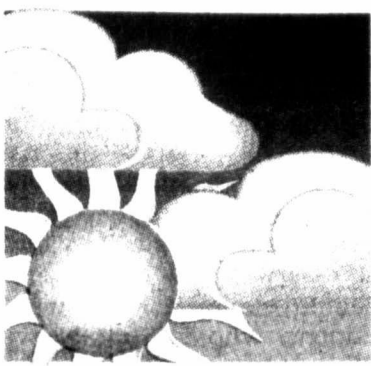
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GROOM — The Groom Independent School District Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the school administrative offices. Items on the agenda include consideration of the following: computer equipment purchase; 1996-97 school calendar; personnel resignations, assignments or reassignments; employment of professional instructional staff for 1996-97; election of Region XVI officers; 1996 "senior day" plans; school transportation vehicles; and district bus routes. Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School will have a pre-enrollment orientation for fifth grade students at 7 p.m. today in the middle school auditorium. Parents of fifth grade students are urged to attend.

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 6, 9, 12, 14, 35 and 39.

There were 104 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,505. There were 5,754 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$99. And there were 109,812 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$8 million.

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Negotiators worked through the weekend and into this morning to try to end a strike at two General Motors Corp. brake plants that has shut down GM production across North America.

The latest round of negotiations began at about 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

GM spokesman Jim Hagedorn confirmed talks were still under way this morning but wouldn't comment further. During a break in the talks, negotiators for striking United Auto Workers Local 696 also refused to comment.

It was the longest sustained bargaining since 2,700 workers walked out March 5 at two plants in Dayton. The two sides also met for 10 hours Friday and 12 hours more Saturday.

The 14-day-old strike has caused a parts shortage that forced GM to idle 126,000 workers in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

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Court to review buffer zone size to shield clinics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to review the size of buffer zones communities may create to shield abortion clinics and other health facilities from protesters.

The justices said they will hear a spirited attack against limits on anti-abortion demonstrations in the Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., areas. The court will decide whether most demonstrators at health facilities where abortions are performed can be kept 15 feet away from the entrance, driveway, any patient or staff member.

The 15-foot buffer zone is being challenged as a violation of demonstrators' free-speech rights.

The court's eventual decision, expected sometime in 1997, could provide important new guidelines for anti-abortion demonstrations across the nation.

In other cases, the court: — Agreed to clarify the rules for deporting immigrants convicted of drug-trafficking while in the United States. The Clinton administration is defending an immigration judge's order to deport an Egyptian man convicted of selling \$100 worth of hashish.

— Agreed to clarify a key rule for determining which of the nation's half-million small businesses are covered by a federal law banning on-the-job discrimination.

— Refused to second-guess the U.S. Postal Service's authority to offer individually negotiated rates to large-volume users of international mail.

— Left intact former HUD official Deborah Gore Dean's convictions in the Reagan administration's housing influence-peddling scandal.

— Rejected an attempt by Arkansas officials to deny Medicaid-funded abortions for women impregnated by rape or incest.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1994 that judges can bar even peaceful demonstrations from getting too close to abortion clinics, and upheld a 36-foot demonstration-free buffer zone around a Florida clinic.

Since then, the court consistently has refused to review challenges to similar limits on anti-abortion demonstrations.

U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara imposed the buffer zone in the New York case. Another provision of his 1992 order allows two "sidewalk counselors" to penetrate the zone to talk to patients, but they must "stop and desist" and retreat to outside the buffer zone if a patient expresses a desire to be left alone.

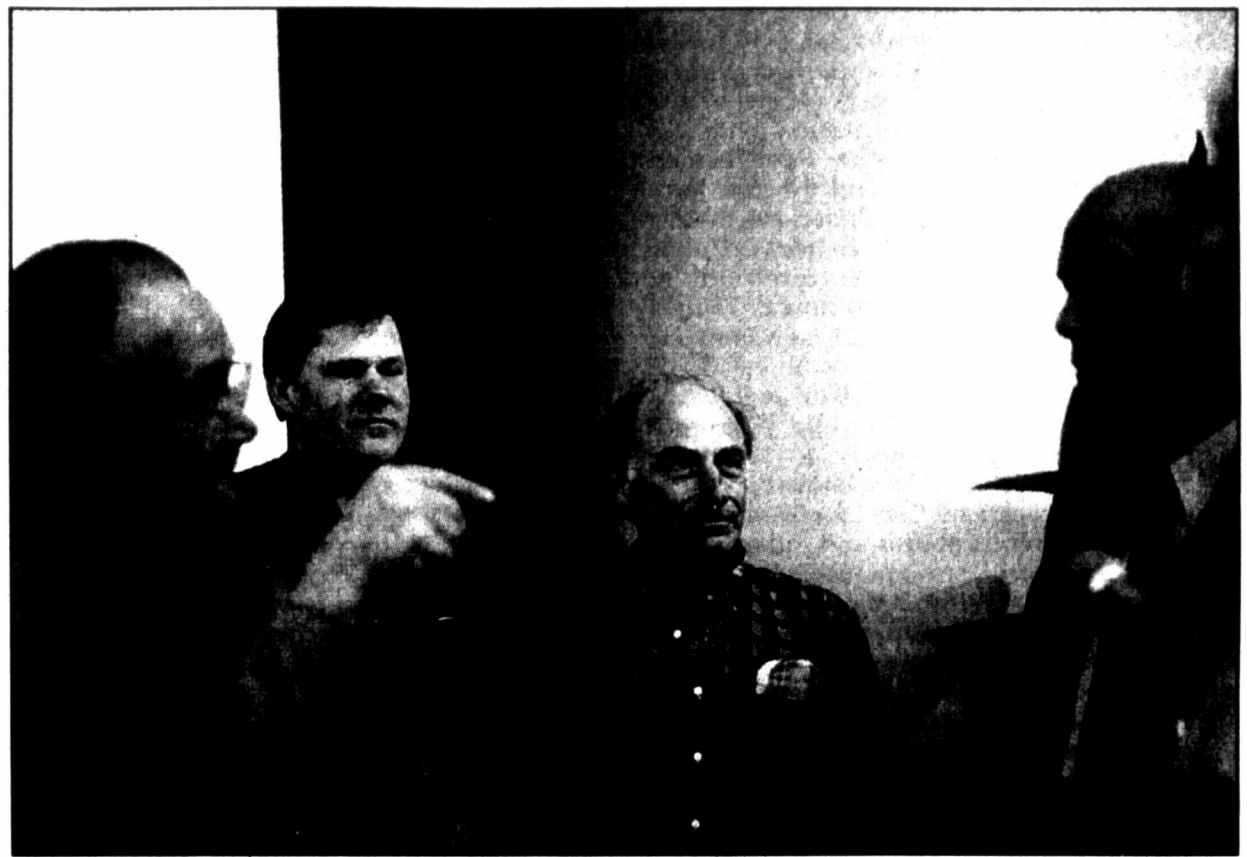
Arcara's order was issued after abortion providers sought to head off planned demonstrations by various anti-abortion groups.

The judge compared such demonstrations to "blockades" at which anti-abortion activists "yell at patients, patient escorts and medical staff entering and leaving the health care facilities."

He said demonstrators "also crowd around people trying to enter the facilities in an intimidating and obstructing manner, and grab, push and shove the patients, patient escorts and staff."

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the buffer zone and sidewalk-counselor provision as free-speech violations. But the entire appeals court voted 13-2 last September to reverse the panel's ruling.

Museum lecture



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Alvin Lynn, right, of Dumas, guest lecturer Sunday at the Square House Museum in Panhandle, visits with, from left, Dale Worley of Amarillo, Hutchinson County Museum curator Ed Benz and artist and former television weatherman Len Slesick of Amarillo. Lynn, retired science/history teacher and avocational archaeologist, lectured on "From Comanchero to Cattle Trails," the second in the museum's humanities lecture series. Worley, retired railroad conductor, railroad historian and author, will conclude the lecture series at 3 p.m. next Sunday at the museum with "From Cattle Trails to Steel Rails." Admission is free. In addition to the lecture series, the museum is exhibiting "Xing the Panhandle," photographs by Amarillo photographer Jim Jordan.

Red Cross to have open house

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be having an open house Tuesday in observance of Red Cross Month, with the public invited to drop by the office.

The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

Among the items on display for the open house will be photographs, financial records and ledgers, board minutes, uniforms and other materials showing the operations and services of the Red Cross in Gray County from its early days to the present. Some of the financial ledgers and minutes date back to 1918.

Also to be shown will be a videotape of the June 8, 1995, tornado, along with photographs.

Present for the open house will be Margaret James, Southwest regional director of the American Red Cross.

James also will be talking on Red Cross activities for the monthly Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon beginning at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday.

Sponsored by the Red Cross, the luncheon will be held in the M.K. Brown Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Reservations will be taken until 9 a.m. Tuesday by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241.

Gray County Red Cross Director Lynda Duncan said the success of the local Red Cross has been due to the service provided by many volunteers over the years, whether in large scale

disaster situations such as last year's tornado or in small scale situations such as a single family fire.

In addition to disaster relief services, the Red Cross offers first aid, CPR, lifesaving and water safety classes. The Red Cross also delivers messages from family to servicemen stationed overseas and provides financial aid for servicemen in cases of emergency.

The Red Cross in Pampa also conducts blood pressure and blood sugar screening exams every Friday at 11:30 a.m.

In an effort to meet the needs for more services and operations, along with class instruction, the Gray County Red Cross will be expanding its offices, taking over space from the adjacent building to the north.

Two men injured in area accidents

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

A Pampa man is listed in serious condition today at an Amarillo hospital following a one-car rollover early Sunday.

Glen Baggett, 24, Pampa, was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by emergency helicopter.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday, he lost control of his 1988 Ford F-150 pickup about eight miles north of McLean on TX 273.

Amarillo DPS Trooper L.B. Snider said Baggett "went off the road to the [east], went into a broadside skid back across the roadway and rolled over."

Baggett was ejected from his vehicle and landed in a ditch on the west side of the road. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, Snider said.

He was taken by ambulance to Coronado Hospital and by Medivac to Northwest.

"Alcohol is a possible factor," said Snider, who described Baggett's injuries as "possibly life threatening."

Trooper Ronnie Shank of McLean told Snider that Baggett was in "pretty bad shape" following the accident.

Also Sunday, Randall Haynes, 28, was injured in a one-car rollover near Miami.

Haynes was released today

from Coronado Hospital. Snider said Haynes apparently dozed off while driving on US 60 two miles east of Miami around 4:30 Sunday morning.

Haynes' 1994 Chevrolet Camaro went off the road to the left, drove up an embankment and went airborne, Snider said.

The car rolled over four times and Haynes was ejected. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. Trooper David Smith of Canadian, who worked the accident, told Snider that if Haynes had worn a seatbelt, his injuries may have been minimal, Snider said.

Haynes was taken to Coronado Hospital by a passing motorist.

City, school election filing deadline nears

Filing deadline for area city council and school board elections is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Over 30 positions are up for grabs in Pampa, Lefors, McLean, Miami, Grandview-Hopkins school district, Fort Elliott school district, White Deer and Groom.

Positions open and the current officeholders include:

- Pampa — City commission: Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry. Both have filed for re-election. School board: Jim Baker, John Curry and Pat Kennedy. Kennedy and Curry have filed.
- Lefors — Mayor: Derl Boyd. He has filed for reelection. City council: Jimmy Hannon and Velda Chadwick. Chadwick has

filed. School board: Roger Davenport and Nora Franks. Lefors will hold a drawing for candidate ballot positions Thursday at 9 a.m.

- McLean — City council: Wayne Bybee, Mary Dwyer and Sid Lands. All three have filed for re-election. School board: Jake Hess and Gene Galley. Galley has filed, and Hess has indicated he will not file.
- Miami — School board: Tom Henderson and Charles Byrum. Neither has filed yet.

- Grandview-Hopkins — School board: Melvin Wills and one vacant position. Wills has filed for re-election.
- Fort Elliott — School board:

Wanda Hefley, Royce Zybach and Wayne Zybach for full terms, Greg Estes and Dennis Hefley for one-year unexpired terms. Wayne Zybach has filed for re-election.

- White Deer — Mayor: Tom Stamp. He has filed for re-election. City council: Gary Kotara and Joel Smith. Kotara has filed. School board: Terry Lewis and Jerry Urbanczyk. Urbanczyk has filed.
- Groom — City council: Howard Britten, R.E. Cornett and Martin Hermesmeyer. School board: Gary Davis and Tony Treadwell.

The non-partisan elections are set for May 5.

Paddy the Laddie



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Melissa Ward, 8, left, and Michelle Ward, 12 of Waxahachie, draw the winning name for the leprechaun made by Pampa Friends of the Library for Lovett Memorial Library. The winning name is Paddy the Laddie, submitted by Hope Baker. The Ward girls are the granddaughters of Kenneth and Viola Ward and Vera Plunk, all of Pampa. Melissa volunteers half a day at the Waxahachie Public Library. The drawing was held Friday afternoon at the library.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HEARE, Leroy Clayton — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
KOCH, Alfred G. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., St. John's Cemetery, Lipscomb.
MOORE, Jack — 10 a.m., Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, Lubbock.
STEPHENSON, Betty — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Perryton.

Obituaries

LEROY CLAYTON HEARE
 MIAMI - Leroy Clayton Heare, 72, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, at Pampa. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel at Pampa with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Gruver, and the Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Miami, officiating. Burial will be in the Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Heare was born June 6, 1923, at Miami. He married Frances Earle Trammell on Sept. 9, 1947. He attended West Texas State University, A.V. College in Lancaster, Calif., and Southern Methodist University. He moved to Lancaster, Calif., in the early 1960s, where he was a technical engineer for Lockheed Corp. for 18 years. He invented the wiring for radios and radars in the U-2 reconnaissance spy plane, the SR-71 Blackbird, the F-104, F-105, F-106 and the stealth bomber. He returned to Miami in 1986 after retiring from Lockheed.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of the home; a daughter, Connie Heare of El Segundo, Calif.; a son, Rannie Heare of Moore, Okla.; a sister, Verla Faye Holland of Miami; three brothers, Frank Heare of Miami, Gerald Heare of Panhandle and Bernie Heare of San Rafael, Calif.; two granddaughters, Michelle Mayfield of Fritch and Holley Lesley of Panhandle; a great-granddaughter, Lauren Mayfield of Fritch; a great-grandson, Andrew Mayfield of Fritch; an uncle, Groves Burum of Panhandle; 12 nieces; and three nephews.

ALFRED G. KOCH
 LIPSCOMB - Alfred G. Koch, 50, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, at Dallas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. John's Cemetery at Lipscomb with Dee Phelps, chaplain of the Kevin A. Stout American Legion Post #509 in Higgins, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors in Canadian.

Mr. Koch was born Jan. 14, 1947, at Perryton, to Gus and Elsie Koch. He was raised at Lipscomb and graduated from Higgins High School at Higgins. He was a current resident of Dallas. He was a truck driver and a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Panama.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon May Koch of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Alfred Koch Jr. of Phoenix; two sisters, Virginia Mound of Panama City, Fla., and Sharon Bull of Wichita Falls; three brothers, Norman Koch of Albuquerque, N.M., and John Koch and J.C. Koch, both of Newberry, S.C.; and five grandchildren.

WARREN VERLON MAYFIELD
 SHAMROCK - Warren Verlon Mayfield, 71, died Friday, March 15, 1996. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. Floyd Haddock and the Rev. Charlie Floyd officiating. Burial was in the Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Mayfield had been a Shamrock resident since 1925. He farmed and ranched and worked in the oil field most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Prenatt of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Eddie Mayfield of Erick, Okla., and Jeff Mayfield of Pampa; a stepson, Larry Dupree of Eagle Butte, S.D.; four sisters, Doris Sanders, Lowell Talley and Hazel Perkins, all of Shamrock, and Odell Mayfield; and seven grandchildren.

JACK MOORE
 LUBBOCK - Jack Moore, 81, died Saturday, March 16, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with Randy Harris, minister of the Seminole Church of Christ, and Herman Hinson, of South Plains Church of Christ, officiating. Entombment will be in Resthaven Mausoleum under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Moore was born Sept. 1, 1914, in Hall County, Texas, to William and Cora Moore. He married Hazel Marie Pruitt on Sept. 24, 1938, in Hall County. He farmed near Petersburg, retiring in 1983 and moving to Lubbock. He was a member of the South Plains Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Hazel; a son, Jim Moore of College Station; and two grandsons, Derek Moore and Darren Moore, both of College Station.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to the Children's Home of Lubbock or to a favorite charity.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
 Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-7402.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
 Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 The Community Christian School Committee will be hosting a feasibility and information meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Lovett Library auditorium. The public is invited.

Obituaries

BETTY STEPHENSON
 PERRYTON - Betty Stephenson, 69, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 17, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Roy King officiating. Burial will be in the Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mrs. Stephenson was born July 12, 1926, at Amarillo. She had been a Perryton-area resident since 1959, moving from Pampa. She married Frank Stephenson on July 25, 1944, at Panhandle; he died in 1984. She was a receptionist and bookkeeper for All County Supply in Perryton. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dottie McKnight, and by a brother, Ira Calvin Broadway. Survivors include a daughter, Maxine Cook of Perryton; a sister, Ida Stephenson of Chandler; a brother, Howard Broadway of Grand Prairie; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church of Perryton or to the Ochiltree Hospice, 2402 S. Main, Perryton, TX 79070.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 16
 Burglary of a 1984 GMC pickup was reported between 12:40 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Sunday in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Burglary of a 1987 Mercury was reported in the 700 block of East Albert between 2 and 6 p.m. Wednesday. A child safety seat valued at \$50 was stolen.

Taco Time, 508 N. Hobart, reported theft between noon and 2:24 p.m. Saturday. \$159.94 cash was taken.

Officer Neal Sandlin reported a minor in possession and possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1000 block of North Hobart at 5:59 p.m. Saturday. A 16-year-old boy was taken into custody.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of Browning at 1:42 p.m. Saturday. A \$350 air conditioner was reported stolen.

SUNDAY, March 17
 Forgery was reported in the 600 block of North Ward at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Arrests
SATURDAY, March 16
 James Carlos Tucker, 42, was arrested at 617 W. Browning on a charge of public intoxication.

Christopher Louis Smith, 17, 711 E. Browning, was arrested in the 700 block of East Francis on a charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was released on bond.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 16
 9:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

11:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a one patient transfer to a local residence.

SUNDAY, March 17
 4:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Henry and Highway 60 on a trauma call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

7:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Perry on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

1:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Lefors on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

2:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Lefors and Harvester on a bicycle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a fall and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

MONDAY, March 18
 3:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of East Francis on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Stocks

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

Chevron	55 1/8	up 1/4
Coca-Cola	81 7/8	up 1
Columbia/HCA	54	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	31	dn 1/8
Enron	35 1/8	up 1/4
Halliburton	58	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	41 7/8	up 5/8
KNE	31 1/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	62 7/8	NC
Limited	19 7/8	up 3/8
Mapco	55	dn 1/4
McDonald's	52 1/8	up 7/8
Mobil	111 5/8	dn 3/8
SPS	32 1/4	up 3/4
New Atmos	22 1/4	NC
Parker & Parsley	20 1/4	up 1/4
Phillips	39 3/8	up 3/8
SLB	77 7/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	55 3/4	up 1/4
Texasco	82 3/4	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	24 1/4	up 1/2
New York Gold	394.20	up 1/2
Silver	5.50	up 1/8
West Texas Crude	21.99	up 1/8

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

Nowaco	13 1/2	NC
Occidental	25 1/2	NC
Wheat	4.80	
Milo	6.45	
Corn	6.99	

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

Amoco	70 7/8	up 5/8
Arco	113 1/4	up 3/4
Cabot O&G	14 3/8	NC

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

Amoco	70 7/8	up 5/8
Arco	113 1/4	up 3/4
Cabot O&G	14 3/8	NC

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

China holds maneuvers near Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Chinese ships and planes held maneuvers southwest of Taiwan today, but there was no sign of new war games closer to the island. Troops on outlying Taiwanese islands reportedly took up positions to fight off any beach assault by mainland forces.

Bad weather may have delayed the start of exercises expected just 11 miles from some Taiwanese islets, the Defense Ministry said. The exercises area expected to last through presidential elections Saturday.

The maneuvers were to overlap with a set of live-fire games that began last week. The war games, and a round of ballistic missile tests that ended Friday, are part of China's campaign to scare voters away from the leading Taiwanese presidential candidate, incumbent President Lee Teng-hui, whom it accuses of dropping their shared goal of reunification.

The exercises planned for today were to occur in the Taiwan Strait, a 90-mile-wide channel that separates mainland China from Taiwan.

As part of the first round of war games due to end Wednesday, "a small number" of ships and planes held maneuvers southwest of Taiwan, the Defense Ministry said. It gave no details.

The ministry refused to comment on a report by Taiwan's *China Times* that troops in combat gear have taken up positions on the beaches of Wuchiu, one of the islands closest to the planned exercises.

In Taipei, leftist protesters burned American flags and a model of an aircraft carrier to protest U.S. involvement in the



Taiwanese troops take defensive positions

region. The aircraft carrier USS Independence is patrolling near Taiwan and the USS Nimitz is en route to the area.

"We want a peaceful solution to that situation," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said, adding that China's actions were "reckless and frankly provocative."

Taiwan's military heightened its alert on the Chu Islands, 11 miles north of the exercises, the *China Times* said. Officials said some 200 islanders conducted an air raid drill today.

About 300 Chu islanders arrived aboard a crowded ship in Taiwan's northern port of Keelung late Sunday. About 100 who couldn't fit aboard stayed behind, and another 100 chose to stay, officials said.

The evacuees said it was too risky to stay. Officials in Taiwan's northern port of Keelung said hundreds of boats turned back after radio

broadcasts repeatedly warned against entering the exercise area.

Reporters were invited to watch troops repelling mock beach attacks at Huko Army Base on Taiwan's northern coast.

Under a heavy downpour, about 50 soldiers playing Chinese troops stormed ashore from landing craft, while another 50 fought back using artillery and anti-tank missiles without warheads.

"If provoked, we will safeguard our nation, even though we have to sacrifice our lives. No matter where the enemies land, we can quickly mobilize and defeat them," said Gen. Kao An-kuo.

During the weekend, China denied U.S. claims it had promised not to invade Taiwan, which it regards as a renegade province to be reclaimed by force if necessary.

Beijing claims that Taiwan's president, who is sure to win another term in voting Saturday, has dropped their shared goal of reunification. Lee's ruling Nationalist Party fled the mainland in 1949 after losing a civil war to the Communists on China's mainland.

Beijing said it thinks the intimidation is working.

"People on the island realize even more that Lee Teng-hui himself created the tensions in the Taiwan Strait," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

In Beijing, Chinese Premier Li Peng accused the United States of fanning tensions by sending warships to the area.

"If somebody attempts a show of force in the Taiwan Strait, his efforts will be not only futile, but can merely complicate matters," Li said Sunday.

National Agriculture Week being observed

The continuing legacy of the American farmer will be celebrated during National Agriculture Week, March 17-23, and National Agriculture Day on Wednesday, March 20.

"The relationship between family, food and farming is the focus of this year's National Agriculture Week," said Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau President Joe VanZandt.

"Through the theme 'Growing Better Everyday, Generation to Generation,' the agriculture industry is building on a proud past, while growing and changing to meet consumer demands now and in the future."

American agriculture has come a long way from the days when mules were used to till the land, VanZandt said.

American farmers today provide families worldwide with an

abundant supply of safe and nutritious food. Farmers and ranchers have also learned to adapt to new technologies - just like their consumer counterparts - to feed each new generation, he noted.

"As a result, one American farmer now produces enough to feed 129 people in the U.S. and abroad, compared to the 1930s, when that number was 24," VanZandt said.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrest in the 40-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, March 15
 Theft - Class B was reported in the justice of the peace office in McLean.

SATURDAY, March 16
 Criminal trespass was reported on East Sixth Street in McLean.

SUNDAY, March 17
 Accidental shooting was reported at Gray

Road 11 and Texas 287. Ernie Cruz was reported to have accidentally shot himself in the leg. He was taken to Coronado Hospital by private car.

Arrest
FRIDAY, March 15
 Malcome Bryan Nichols, 34, Trinidad, Colo., was arrested on violation of probation on three driving while intoxicated charges. He was also arrested on two Department of Public Safety traffic charges.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, March 17
 1:32 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 1147 S. Clark on an alarm malfunction.
 3:42 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to Coronado Hospital on a Medivac standby.

1:31 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 821 Lefors on a medical assist.
 7:56 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 105 S. Wynne on a fire alarm.

MONDAY, March 18
 5:43 a.m. - An alarm malfunction was reported at 2800 North Crest. Units were told to disregard before they left the station.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a low near 25 and northwest winds to 15 mph. Tuesday, sunny with a high near 55 and north winds to 20 mph. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with a high near 65. Pampa received a trace of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today. Sunday's high was 54; the overnight low was 29.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in low to mid 20s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 50 to mid

50s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 25-30. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 60.

North Texas - Tonight, clear west, clearing early central and after midnight east. A few sprinkles northeast. Windy early. Lows 30 to 35. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Windy northeast. Highs 48 northeast to 62 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear and colder, lows in the 30s south central, upper 20s Hill Country. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the 60s.

Upper Coast: Tonight, clear and colder. Lows in the 40s, coast to 30s inland. Tuesday, sunny.

Highs in the 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, clear and colder. Lows in the 40s. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight through Tuesday, fair skies. Cool nights with lows 5 to 25 mountains and north, 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Little warmer Tuesday with highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and north, 60s to low 70s south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 40s to mid 50s.

City briefs

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As Dole ponders running mate, Colin Powell dominates debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, it would be an "electrifying choice" with the potential to dramatically strengthen the Republican Party. To conservative activist Gary Bauer, it would be a "terrible mistake," one that cost the GOP votes by the droves.

Colin Powell, for his part, says this is a moot discussion — that he has no interest in being the GOP's vice presidential choice, a point he reiterated over the weekend.

But that hasn't stopped a fierce debate, one certain to carry over until all-but-certain presidential nominee Bob Dole decides on his running mate — or flatly rules Powell out.

Neither is likely to happen soon. Dole doesn't plan to make his vice presidential pick until the Republican convention in August, and he is clearly intrigued with the idea of filling the ticket with Powell, the black retired general whose enormous popularity crosses party and racial lines.

So the debate over picking Powell appears certain to carry on through the end of the primary season, if for no other reason than Dole rival Pat Buchanan has vowed to lead a convention revolt if Dole turned to Powell.

In objecting, Buchanan cites Powell's support for abortion

rights and his warnings that Republicans risk looking intolerant if they rush too quickly to end affirmative action programs and crack down on immigration.

Buchanan, however, may have little leverage: He has but 77 convention delegates — there will be roughly 2,000 total — and his prospects for gaining large numbers in the remaining primaries do not look good.

Still, the conservative commentator is hardly alone in opposing Powell.

"I think Powell would be a great secretary of state, but to put him on as vice president would guarantee that the first six weeks

after the convention would be spent trying to get the party's conservative base back in line," said Bauer, a conservative social activist who heads the Family Research Council.

The Christian Coalition, the most politically active group in the GOP-leaning Christian right, has also sent public signals, and stronger private signals, that it views Powell as an unacceptable choice.

"He should choose a running mate that will not be irreconcilable to the Republican Party's winning majority of 1994," said Ralph Reed, the organization's executive director.

While Dole speaks glowingly of Powell, most of his senior political aides are wary of the idea, concerned about a conservative backlash.

Others also worry that the Kansas senator would look weak if it were viewed that he picked Powell because he believed it was the only way to defeat President Clinton. And some fear that Dole would be overshadowed by his running mate because putting a black person on the ticket would be historic.

Still, those within the Dole camp who are torn on the Powell question said the general's actions over the spring will deter-

mine whether he is interested and acceptable.

Powell's boosters in the Dole campaign have told the general's associates that he would need to burnish his conservative credentials before the convention, and perhaps more clearly articulate views on abortion that make him less objectionable to religious conservatives.

"They need to figure out how they either move this forward or shut it down," said Republican pollster Ed Goetz. "It is dangerous in terms of propping him up as Dole's only hope. But Dole is the nominee; he should be able to pick whoever he wants."

Peacocks at rest



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

With this winter having seen many warm, sunny days, these peacocks on East McCullough in southeast Pampa find time to perch on a fence and get some shade. With spring arriving Wednesday, they may spending more time out of the sun as warmer weather arrives.

State briefs

Doc's book argues destruction of human element

DALLAS (AP) — Being a physician is different these days, says Dr. Jeffrey Thurston. So is being a patient.

"So-called managed care, as it is already evolving even without government intervention, is severely altering the doctor-patient relationship, transforming what can be a very special personal interaction into a business transaction."

That's the thesis of Thurston's *Death of Compassion: The Endangered Doctor-Patient Relationship*, a 190-page meditation on what historically has constituted the relationship and what it is rapidly becoming under the influence of the insurance industry, government and legal system.

The issue was crystallized for Thurston, a Dallas obstetrician and gynecologist, one night in late 1993 at a lecture conducted by an insurance company.

"Essentially, it was that there was no such thing as a physician anymore, just health-care providers, and patients were customers," Thurston said in an interview at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, where he is an associate clinical professor.

"And he said, word for word, 'The customers are people that are made to stand in line,' and that we have to concentrate on the fee payer, the insurer, not the patient," he said.

Thurston could hardly believe his ears. Practically speaking, the final decisions that had always rested solely with the doctor and the patient have now, in many cases, been taken over by insurers.

Thousands line-up for chance to portray Selena

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Had Selena been alive, the group of girls dressed in shirts knotted above the navel, knee-length boots and leather pants might have passed for fans at one of the singer's concerts.

But the thousands who gathered Sunday at Union Station wanted to be Selena — or at least to portray the slain singer in an upcoming biographical film.

"What I liked about her most was her personality," said 16-year-old Surray Marfin of Ontario. "She was a very open, very happy person. She was very talented.... I cried when she died."

Marfin was among those who converged with their families at the train station for a national casting call. Similar events in San Antonio, Miami and Chicago are aimed at finding two girls to portray Selena in the movie.

The popular Tejano singer was shot to death March 31, 1995, at a Corpus Christi, Texas, motel by Yolanda Saldivar, her former fan club president. Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

"We're looking for somebody that has the charisma that Selena had," said Gregory Nava, who will direct the \$20 million film for Warner Bros. "It's in the smile, in the eyes."

Republicans defend proposal to grant states authority over child foster care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Republican congressional leaders want to give states authority to run their own child-protective services, but their Democratic counterparts say the federal government still should set the standards.

Under a Republican proposal to turn federal money for foster care and other welfare programs into block grants to states, "They (the states) will get the money and the decision-making ability," Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I think they can do that," Lott said.

But Democrats said some federal standards, and more money from Washington, needed to ensure the most vulnerable Americans are treated well.

"We've got to have federal standards, but you also have resources," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said on NBC. "You can't do something with nothing."

Twenty-one states are under court supervision for failing to properly care for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

In many of those states, child

welfare officials say they are so busy they can barely investigate reports of child abuse or neglect.

According to lawsuits brought against them, many states routinely place children in overcrowded foster homes or fail to provide adequate medical care.

In addition, many states fail to aggressively search for adoptive parents for children in foster care, according to legal settlements with states.

The federal government distributes \$4 billion a year to states for child-protection services. States add money to that.

The National Governors' Association wants Congress to instead give each state its share of the federal money in a lump sum, or block grant, with much more leeway on how to spend it.

Democrats agree that states should receive more flexibility in running social-welfare programs, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said on "Meet the Press."

But the Clinton administration says it would be wrong to end most federal child-protection oversight at a time when so many states apparently fail to provide adequate care.

Lott called the problem of foster

care and abused children "a particularly tough one." The government should consider tax credits for people who adopt, he said.

"We need to give incentives and encouragements for people to be able to adopt children and get them out of these facilities where they are overcrowded and maybe not treated right," Lott said.

But House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, questioned whether some of the legal judgments against state agencies are bogus.

"I don't have all that much confidence in the federal judiciary that I'm going to be all excited to indict a state just because some federal judge is standing out there on his own, flying solo," Armey said.

The number of children abused or neglected each year has more than doubled in the last decade to 2.9 million, the Department of Health and Human Services says, and the number who are seriously injured by abuse has quadrupled to 572,000 annually.

In some states, social workers must juggle 50 to 70 cases each, the Child Welfare League of America estimates. The group recommends no more than 15 cases per social worker.

Review of prison construction contracts raise more questions

HOUSTON (AP) — A review of Texas prison construction contracts has raised questions about links between two companies and a former Department of Criminal Justice official, according to a newspaper report.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday that it reviewed contracts awarded in 1994-95 for the \$1.5 billion prison construction program. Over two years, 75,000 beds were added to the state prison system on time, within budget and at rates far below what federal and other state governments paid.

At the same time, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice relinquished control over construction projects to one board member and one prison official, the *Chronicle* reported.

The newspaper said its review raised questions about relation-

ships between two companies and J.B. Cole, former head of the prison construction program for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Two companies, 3D/International and Gilbane Building Co., tried to hire Cole as a consultant after he retired in December. The two companies were among seven Cole selected for the construction projects from among some two dozen applicants.

Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott sent Gilbane a letter saying it would be a violation of state policy for Cole to work for the company on Texas prison projects.

The newspaper also said higher-than-average wages were paid to several companies for prison work, and some contractors billed the state for personal needs.

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Researchers: Sugar doesn't deserve bad rap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sugar has a reputation as an evil food that causes diabetes, obesity, mood swings and other bad health effects. But Duke University researchers say that is all a myth.

It's fat — not sugar — that is the bad guy, says Richard Surwit, research director of the Stedman Nutrition Center at Duke. Sugar got its unsavory reputation, he said, from associating with fat.

Surwit said that research using laboratory mice and human beings with controlled diets shows that sugar has no more effect on weight gain than any other form of carbohydrate calories and that it does not trigger diabetes, nor affect the personality.

Nor does sugar cause depression, hyperactivity, anxiety, or affect the ability to concentrate, he said.

The digestive system, Surwit said, breaks down carbohydrate elements in grains, pasta, bread and cereals into forms of sugar. Pure, white sucrose found in the ordinary sugar bowl is the same thing, so far as the body is concerned, he says.

"Sugar is just a carbohydrate like all others," he said. "It is healthful and should be regarded like all other carbohydrates. There's no difference metabolically."

Once sugar is in the digestive tract, said Surwit, enzymes break it down "in the same manner as they break down complex carbohydrates, such as pasta and grains."

Other experts, however, said it is too early to accept the sweeping conclusions proposed by Surwit.

"Sugar has been known as a bad food and it may not be as bad as we thought it was," said Sachiko St. Jeor, director of nutrition studies at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. "But it needs further research."

She said Surwit's studies were too limited to extrapolate to the general public.

"These findings have yet to be confirmed," she said. Studies that last longer and involve more people are needed.

In the studies presented Saturday at the 4th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Surwit and his colleagues reported on testing of sugar diets on both laboratory mice and on people.

Surwit said in their first experiment, colonies of mice were fed a fatty, sweet diet that was essentially cookie dough.

"The animals all got fat and diabetic," he said.

Two more patients, for total of five, die at VA hospital

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — Two more patients at the Olin E. Teague Veterans Center have died, bringing the total number of deaths believed to be linked to contaminated oxygen to five, a hospital spokeswoman says.

Spokeswoman Liz Crossan Sunday confirmed the latest deaths, but would not identify the patients. The earlier patients have also not been identified.

One of the patients died late Saturday and the other early Sunday, she said.

"Of the original 89 patients on the central oxygen system, five have died," she said. "All of our patients (who are on oxygen support) have been on bottled oxygen since Wednesday and will remain so until we purge the system and recertify it as safe."

Ms. Crossan said purging the system has presented problems for the center's staff.

"Something like this has never happened before," she said. "So far, our efforts to purge the system have failed, so we will have to bring in outside consultants."

"I want to emphasize that we still don't know if any of these deaths were related to the oxygen contamination," Ms. Crossan said. "We are still waiting" for autopsy results.

Ms. Crossan said the bodies of three patients who died last Wednesday in the medical intensive care unit have been sent to Dallas for autopsies and toxicology reports. The bodies of the latest two will be held at the hospital pending the results of the first three, which are expected early this week.

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Opinion

Something good is overlooked

For years, would-be electoral reformers have fantasized about free television time for political candidates as a way around the high cost of 30-second spots and the corrupting influence of money in politics.

People in Congress have agonized. Do we have the nerve to mandate such a thing - to require the TV moguls to make time available without charge so that every qualified candidate will have an equal shot in at least some forum?

Now Rupert Murdoch, probably the least favorite TV mogul with the chattering and reforming classes, has pledged that he will go ahead and do it - provide free time on his Fox network, including a full hour on Election Eve without a mandate. Do you hear the hosannas ringing? Perhaps you missed them.

Mostly, we hear grumbling. "It's purely a scheme by Rupert Murdoch to get free digital spectrum," says Jeff Chester of something called the Center for Media Education. One of the things left undone in the telecommunications bill was how broadcasters will get the extra channels they need to transmit higher resolution pictures, and whether they'll have to pay tribute to the government for them.

Mr. Murdoch denies there's any link, saying he's just doing this because he believes in it, and he wants to be a good citizen.

But what if there is a link? Or what if Mr. Murdoch has some other deep dark reason, such as gaining a competitive advantage or bragging rights over his competitors?

So what? If he does provide that time, even if his motives are less than pure, won't the reformers be pleased?

Or are we not hearing too many congratulations because what some of the reformers really wanted was the mandate - the ability for the political class to dictate to the television industry how many hours of politicians will be placed on the air - rather than the air time itself.

Is reform without coercion considered less than satisfying? Just wondering.

Thought for today

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Viewpoints

The pot calling the kettle black

The pundits are right. This is the worst year of negative campaigning I've ever seen. The Republican candidates have been torn apart at the seams. Just sample some of the invective that has been thrown at them on television:

1. Before the campaign really got going, Phil Gramm was being smeared with a negative TV ad featuring a *New Republic* headline labeling Gramm "The Porn Broker" for 18 seconds. When the *New Republic's* source for the allegation that Gramm had funded a "soft-porn" film in the 1970s repudiated the story, saying "there was no pornography at all," there were no apologies.

2. Steve Forbes saw his flat-tax plan attacked in one campaign commercial as likely to produce "hideous deficits." The ad concluded: "The fact remains the flat tax is a giant, untested theory. One economist suggested before we put it in, we should test it out someplace - like Albania."

3. The most vicious negative attacks have been aired against Pat Buchanan. One underlined his endorsement by Russian nationalist kook Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. Another one charged: "It's not that Pat Buchanan today is associated with overtly anti-Semitic or racist acts or statements, but rather that he has created an image of someone who might be sympathetic to such acts or statements by others." Yet another stooped to attacks on his family, charging his father listened to the anti-Semitic radio show of Father Coughlin, and that his little brothers beat up Jewish kids - "Christ-killers," they were allegedly called - in the 1950s.

Yet another ad against Buchanan showed racist nut David Duke at a Buchanan rally, and featured an endorsement from Ku Klux Klanman Daniel Carver. The ad concluded, "A man who says what he means and means what he says and now



L. Brent Bozell

must fight the embrace of people who think they know exactly what he's talking about."

As you may already have figured out, these aren't really commercials made by the Republican presidential candidates. Anyone who watches politics knows that were candidates to say these things in their commercials they would be universally scorned - especially by the press - for doing so. They are, instead, what the networks themselves have offered us in this campaign. ABC smeared Phil Gramm. CBS bombed the Forbes flat tax. ABC's Ted Koppel and CBS's Bob McNamara hurled bigoted attacks at Buchanan. If we would hound candidates off the hustings for these kinds of attacks, why do we tolerate them from reporters?

These are the same networks who shake their heads and decry the corrosive negativity of politics. After the South Carolina debate, in which the candidates were required to respond to each other's negative ads, the networks all ducked at how unappetizing the prospect was. One wonders if they have considered how unappetizing watching their own programs can be. If they still wish to be the black pot lecturing the kettles on negative campaigning throughout this election year, I have

four words for them: Sit down. Shut up.

Koppel, for his part, couldn't even leave his attacks at the low level of questioning the ancient antics of the Buchanan children. (This, from the man who said of Bill Clinton's draft-dodging thank-you letter: "If we were electing that 23-year-old man, what he said and thought and felt at that time would be germane.") Koppel had help from *Time* essayist Lance Morrow, who in his magazine likened Buchanan to Joe McCarthy - "the driving, urgent undershadow of menace." For *Nightline*, Morrow added that Buchanan's upbringing at the Blessed Sacrament Church and Gonzaga High School was marked by a "reflexive" anti-Semitism of the "they killed Christ" variety. But others who attended high school with Buchanan flatly deny this outrageous charge. You guessed it: *Nightline* ignored them.

Liberal *Boston Globe* columnist Tom Oliphant has charged the liberal media to account on these charges of bigotry against Buchanan, often employing guilt by association. "For liberals to be silent simply because this filth is being directed at a creature of the Right who happens to be on a political roll is intolerable," he writes.

Already, the media are preparing this story line for the 1996 general election campaign. Bill Clinton, the Great Triangulator, is trying to give the country a better tomorrow, while the Republicans, devoid of vision, have nothing to offer but cheap negative attacks.

It's important to declare that negativity has a place in any campaign in defining why one candidate deserves to be elected over his opponent. But let the candidates do that. Decency is also important. It's time the national media attempt to rise to the level of civility these Republican candidates have shown each other.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 18, the 78th day of 1996. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

In 1909, Einar Dessau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a ham operator.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini held a meeting at the Brenner Pass during which the Italian dictator agreed to join in Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill.

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels agreed to a truce.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule

and remained outside the spacecraft for 20 minutes, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

Ten years ago: President Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney agreed during a two-day summit in Washington on action to combat acid rain. Author Bernard Malamud died in New York at age 71.

Five years ago: Results from a non-binding Soviet referendum showed overwhelming support for preserving the union, a victory for President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. However, in a boost for Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, voters in his republic also endorsed electing the federation president by direct ballot.

One year ago: The United States Catholic Conference's administrative board criticized a Republican welfare reform plan, saying it would hurt poor children and could push women to have abortions. Spain's Princess Elena married a banker, Jaime de Marichalar y Saenz de Tejada, in Seville; it was Spain's first royal wedding in 89 years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Graves is 70. Author George Plimpton is 69. Composer John Kander is 69. Author John Updike is 64. The deputy president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk, is 60. Actor Kevin Dobson is 53. Singer Irene Cara is 37. Singer Vanessa Williams is 33. Olympic gold medal speed-skater Bonnie Blair is 32.

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Parents can empower themselves

An industry-initiated system for rating television? Never mind what the television industry announced at the recent White House meeting. That's not how TV programs deserve to be rated.

Here's how TV programs deserve to be rated:

"Mom, I'm going to the den to watch 'Let It All Hang Out.'"

"You're going to watch what?"

"Let It All Hang Out.' It's cool. All my friends watch it."

"Your friends aren't members of this family. I don't care for that kind of program. My goodness, if you're going to waste your time watching television, let's watch something fit to be watched."

"But Mom..."

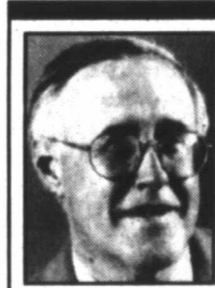
"But nothing!"

Blatant censorship - that's what we need. By parents.

Yes, I know. All together now: "THIS ISN'T THE '50S ANY MORE!"

There are no mothers wearing pearls and high heels as they sweep the floor. Robert Young and Jane Wyatt are dethroned as our parental role models.

This is in part a function of divorce and family breakup. It is in still larger measure a function of the broad decline of standards throughout the whole of society. The old no-nos, the traditional concepts of right and wrong no longer win the unreserved admiration of our authority figures - such as they are. Network presidents, in the old days, would have been lynched for some of the fare that today raises scarcely an eyebrow. No, this isn't the '50s anymore.



William Murchison

But one thing is the same: Parents still are parents - givers of life, nurturers of norms. The fact that a parent doesn't want such a job is no reason to excuse him from it. That's what parents do - teach standards, their standards. They teach what *this* family - not Joe's or Susie's family, but this one - does.

Of the TV industry figures who pledged at the White House to develop a voluntary ratings system, President Bill Clinton said: "They're handing the TV remote control back to American parents."

Horse feathers! America's parents hold the remote control already. They just don't always choose to use it with vigor and authority.

That's a sympathetic statement, by the way. These are tough times for parents - as I should know, being the father of two high school students. The parental voice, in these fallen times, no longer rings through the house with magisterial authority. When it tries to, back comes the righteous rejoinder: "Oh, come on, Dad, get real."

Which is just for starters.

On television-watching, there have been pallid compromises at the Murchison household - some giving here, some giving there - in the interest of arrangements that work more or less to the benefit of all. The children watch the sometimes subversive but always clever program *The Simpsons*, and on other occasions, the set goes off when language or situations become too graphic.

It's not the bald, unapologetic censorship our parents would have exercised in the '50s, but then, need I say it again, this isn't the '50s. You do what you can and hope for the best.

The point is that there are no adequate substitutes for families, working together in love and mutual concern. Not the benevolent world of commercial television. Not even the White House.

How do we really, truly, convincingly reform television? The means are at hand. I am not talking about the power button on the remote control. The minute - the split second - the families of America decide that we deserve the guidance and scrutiny of abiding moral norms, the TV problem will take care of itself.

Why does television push the envelope? Because a society receptive to illegitimacy, abortion-on-demand, drug-taking and moral laziness of every description has been pushing the envelope. Popular entertainment doesn't exist in a vacuum: It reflects as well as creates. What it reflects isn't very edifying, but whose fault is that if not our own? When we're ready for something radically different, you can go to the bank on our getting it.

A liberal's look at fatherhood, family

David Blankenhorn has traveled an interesting road. He was a few years too late for the heyday of the New Left - and thus missed out on the fun of occupying deans' offices and such. Nevertheless, when he finished college in 1977, he was imbued with enough passion to join Citizen Action, a left-wing group, and spend the next ten years as a "community organizer."

But a funny thing happened on the way to organization. Blankenhorn discovered that there was very little community left. He spent days and weeks picketing the offices of the local public utility in an attempt to get lower rates and badgering the sanitation department to improve trash collection. But as time went by, he found that there was something far more important missing from the lives of the poor than his band of single, childless "activists" was inclined to recognize. What most concerned the lives of the poor was not trash collection or utility bills, it was family life.

Blankenhorn began to rethink some of his liberal assumptions - especially regarding culture. Together with similarly reflective colleagues, he founded the Institute for American Values, a think tank on the family. Though the name sounds suspiciously conservative, Blankenhorn is quick to point out that if the board of directors (himself included) had had its way, Michael Dukakis would have been elected president in 1988.

Blankenhorn's current ruminations concern the role of fathers in our culture. In a sweeping essay titled "The Good Family Man," he surveys the fatherhood horizon, from the inner city to the blue-collar worker to the elite Volvo driver,



Mona Charen

and delivers a stinging indictment of the post-feminist world.

By attempting to create a creature called the "new father," a nurturing, empathic, gentle parent, feminists and other social revolutionaries have systematically devalued the traditional roles of fatherhood, Blankenhorn argues. It's hard to think of any aspect of the traditional father that does not now meet with ridicule. Good provider? Passe. Final authority? Hah. Teacher of manly virtues like courage and honor? Who says those are manly?

There's just one problem with the movement toward androgyny in "parenting." It robs the father of his role. That's a dangerous thing, Blankenhorn told me, because unlike motherhood, fatherhood is not a tight biological bond. The mother/child tie is so strong that almost nothing (crack cocaine) can break it. Divorce doesn't weaken it. Nor does the absence of matrimony. Motherhood doesn't need culture to reinforce it.

For fathers, it's a different matter. Look at the number of divorced fathers who scarcely see, far less support, their offspring. Look at the

indifference of many unmarried fathers to the children they've sired.

Fathers need to be encouraged and appreciated by the culture. How do you do that? Well, one way not to do it is to insist that the "new father" - a pale imitation of mother - is the best. There is a distinct role that fathers must and do play in the lives of their children, particularly their sons. Even in the age of the two-earner couple, Blankenhorn argues, some of the traditional male roles continue to be relevant. Most women with very young children still prefer, when possible, to stay at home with their babies. The male role as provider for his family is accordingly still relevant.

Fathers also protect their families. The feminist movement has not yet been able to obliterate the physical strength of men. When a prowler breaks into the house, Blankenhorn asks, who goes downstairs?

But without fancy elaboration, the most important role of the father may well be to stick around. The social statistics are groaning under the weight of disasters caused by absent fathers. Crime is one. Statistically, fatherlessness is more closely associated with crime than either race or poverty, i.e., intact poor families are unlikely to produce criminals, but well-off broken families may well.

Blankenhorn's plea is more than a cultural corrective. It is also a very personal credo about the nature of human happiness, which, he argues, grows out of family life and family responsibility. Here is a modern liberal who is not afraid to finish his essay with an approving quote from St. Paul: "Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Changing campaign time means shifting the gears for Buchanan

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — Pat Buchanan and his mini-entourage leisurely munched their burgers for 45 minutes in the fast-food parking lot, while across town about 800 backers cooled their heels. Something about a scheduling glitch.

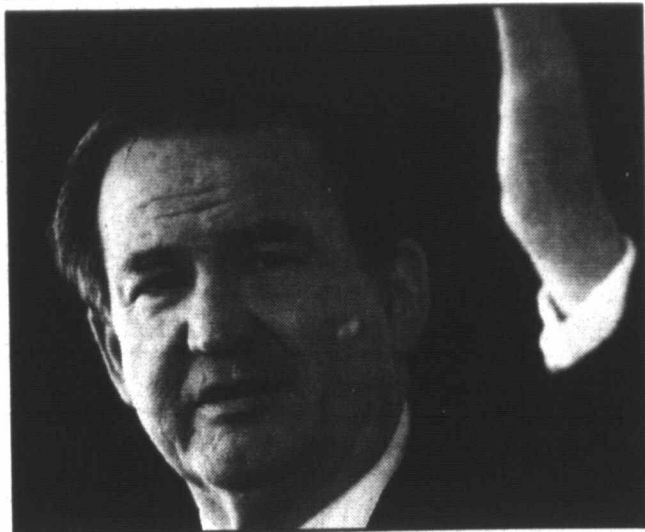
"We got our signals crossed," a sheepish Buchanan told his backers when he arrived.

The problem was quickly solved. Within minutes the conservative commentator, prowling the stage like a restless tiger, had the crowd roaring and shouting in approval.

But with the Republican presidential campaign having ground to its current all-but-inevitable stage, the Buchanan Brigade has just as clearly shifted to a different gear.

No more dashing from event to event, from state to state and venue to venue. Instead, Buchanan ventures into public a couple of times a day and spends the bulk of his time in search of a television camera or radio microphone willing to put him on the air for free.

Buchanan has always run a low-budget campaign, depending heavily on "earned" media exposure instead of paid commercials, but now the bal-



Pat Buchanan

ance has shifted almost entirely.

While his stump speeches are just as fiery — if less frequent — there's little serious talk within the campaign about winning in the Midwestern round of primaries Tuesday in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Aides spend their time arguing about the influ-

ence Buchanan will have on the shape of the campaign to come.

Even in his stump speeches, Buchanan spends a bit of time preparing backers for the inevitable in the midst of all the fire and brimstone.

"I know the odds and all the rest of it," he told the crowd in Bay City. "I know we're losing in the delegate count."

Buchanan argues that his new approach to the campaign is less a reflection of his standing than an inevitable bow to the changing character of the presidential race.

Gone are the days of retail politicking in hopes of winning voters over a few at a time, he said. There are just too many voters by this point. Lacking front-runner Bob Dole's money and the Senate majority leader's organizational muscle and ties to the GOP establishment, Buchanan does the best he can.

"It is dictated by the size and area you've got to cover," Buchanan said. "You've got to use the media."

And his shift in tactic works more often than not, at least in getting his image and voice on the airwaves. On Friday, he found himself with a dozen interviews on major broadcast outlets in Illinois and Michigan.

Only Buchanan remains in the race against Dole, and though the race is mainly settled, big primaries are ahead. After next week's round comes California's giant prize.

With Dole starting to focus on his congressional responsibilities, Buchanan is often the only story for reporters and photographers to cover. A veteran columnist and host of CNN's "Crossfire," he understands the media well.

Low poll standings and a string of primary losses have demonstrated, however, that simply getting the candidate on the air doesn't translate into electoral success.

Not only that, but Dole is increasingly dominating the national news, with Buchanan forced to race from television market to television market in a contest that now encompasses vast numbers of markets.

But his message has attracted a core of committed backers. On the campaign trail he continues to draw large and enthusiastic crowds, supporters who seem almost to grow more committed as the odds grow longer.

"Kick some butt, Pat," shouted one fervent backer in Bay City.

"Are you an extremist?" a broadly grinning Buchanan shot back.

Study: Hundreds die trying to cross into Texas

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Bodies of illegal aliens that routinely surface in the Rio Grande along the thousand-mile Texas-Mexico border are known to local authorities as "floaters." Many never are identified.

And for the families who never find their loved ones killed while making the increasingly treacherous unlawful journey across the river to the United States, they become known simply as "desaparecidos" — the disappeared.

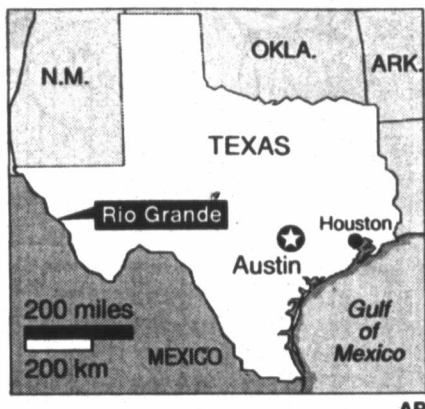
A first-of-its-kind study released last week by researchers from the University of Houston estimates more than 300 illegal immigrants die each year trying to enter the United States from Mexico to Texas, most of them by drowning.

In addition, researchers said disposal of the bodies is haphazard, with officials in the seven border counties of Texas too busy with other duties and the counties themselves too poor to conduct adequate and in some cases legally required investigations of the deaths.

"Some of these counties just feel overwhelmed," said Nestor Rodriguez, one of the directors of the study of 10 years of migrant deaths along the Texas-Mexico border.

"I just wish we could develop some logical system to document. I know these counties have very little money. It would be enormously unfair to them."

The eight-month study was financed partially by a \$10,000 grant from the American Friends



Service Committee, a Quaker group. Researchers said they were planning similar studies of the border in other states.

The study found state figures for migrant deaths, as counted through death certificates, were much lower than the numbers reported by police or fire departments who actually retrieved the bodies from the river or the riverbanks.

"During our study, we were stunned to learn that almost two-thirds of the bodies somehow disappeared without a death certificate ever being issued," Rodriguez said.

About 40 percent of the estimated 3,200 bodies accounted for in the study found their way into the Texas vital records system, researchers said.

"Officers are decent people," Rodriguez said, denying any intentional wrongdoing by authorities. "They see a body, they call it a floater, it sets in motion a process. It's how we have come to perceive migrants."

Elected justices of the peace, who in Texas may rule on cause of death, often decide drowning

as the reason for a person's death even though they may have little medical skills to make such a judgment, the researchers said.

Along the border, only El Paso County has a full-time certified medical examiner and other counties in the populous Rio Grande Valley are reluctant to ship the bodies of "floaters" hundreds of miles to San Antonio, where the medical examiner's office there will charge the county \$500 for an autopsy.

Instead, the counties will pay \$70 to local morticians for a "quickie" funeral, held frequently within 24 hours, limiting attempts at notification of next of kin.

The problem is complicated because the body already has started to decompose when it surfaces and the odor from a decaying body is offensive. Also, the body often is unclothed and carries no identification. Authorities say people wading or swimming across the muddy and often swift river put their clothes in a plastic bag to keep them from getting wet and the bag and the body become separated.

They wind up in pauper's graves, a handpainted description on a wooden cross often lists only the date the body was found, the gender of the person and a case number. The writing may last six months in the scorching South Texas sun.

While drowning is the most common cause of death, others fall from trains, become victims of violent crime or die in traffic accidents.

"No one agency has a complete list," Rodriguez said. "The infor-

mation is kept by different agencies."

"This is inadequate for a family looking for a body after a few months," said Stan Bailey of the university's Center for Immigration Research.

Andrea Delgado, 49, of Houston, has been looking for her brother since 1988, when he last was seen trying to get across the river from Matamoros, Mexico to Brownsville.

"The authorities, such as the police, told me that my problem was a Mexican one, not American. That my brother was a wetback," she said. "I've never found my brother's body."

"It's become a tragedy for families of those who disappeared," Rodriguez said. "Families are working against terrible or impossible odds. If there's no documentation, families won't find their loved ones."

Researchers said the situation is somewhat better on the Mexican side of the border, where records are centralized. Still, their study found while some fatalities were registered as Mexicans, they may have come from elsewhere in Latin America, like Guatemala, Honduras or even South America.

They also warned that stepped-up border control efforts will lead to even more deaths as illegal aliens are forced to try riskier and more isolated crossing points.

Rodriguez said he was not advocating elimination of border controls but said immigrations authorities must consider the human cost.

"These people are so desperate," he said.

Houston high school may go with standardized dress code

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — The cobblest in campus couture may yield to drabber duds this fall if officials at one Houston high school have their way.

The issue of tighter dress restrictions is a hot topic around the country and among many Pasadena school district officials and parents, who are considering whether their campuses should adopt stricter dress codes.

The final decision is up to each principal in the district, and their decisions are expected by the end of the month after they have seen the results of a parents' survey.

"I am comfortable and confident that parents are supportive," said Doris Barnes, principal at South Houston High School.

The new dress code being considered by the suburban Houston district was included in a districtwide security package approved by the school board in 1993. The measure

allows each campus to decide whether to use a uniform or standardized dress if parents support the idea.

South Houston students modeled the proposed clothing combinations — khaki or blue pants, skirts and shorts with white or pastel blue, pink and yellow cotton button-down shirts — during an open house for parents last week.

"I want you to look at these kids. They look great," Ms. Barnes told the estimated 250 parents. "They do not look like clones. They do not look like clowns. They are first class."

Ms. Barnes said her school opted to consider standardized dress instead of uniforms because of cost and size availability.

But some students say that dress codes aren't fair. Samantha Perkins, a 16-year-old junior, says it would feel like punishment if a

tougher dress code were adopted, since some at the 2,590-student campus are not made to obey the current dress code.

"Most students comply with the dress code," she said. "They should deal with those that don't comply."

The current code forbids excessively baggy pants, oversized T-shirts and button-down shirts worn with the tails out.

Freshman Rachel Snow said she and her friends would abide by the new dress code, if it is adopted, but she also said she would feel penalized.

Ms. Barnes said she has received two letters opposing the change. One parent said the dress code would violate a student's freedom of choice, the other said the light-colored shirts stain too easily.

Some parents who met with Ms. Barnes late last week were split.

Gender gap improving throughout state according to report

HOUSTON (AP) — The gender gap has closed somewhat among the ranks of Texas college administrators, but men continue to command most top jobs and nearly all the highest salaries, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

Female administrators at public-supported Texas schools occupy only three of the 50 highest-paid jobs and earn an average annual salary of \$82,609, far below the average salary of \$102,604 earned by men, the newspaper found.

Those salary averages were skewed by the fact that no woman holds the position of chancellor

within Texas' college districts and university systems. Few women have been named vice chancellors. Chancellors and vice chancellors, while few in number, are among the highest paid.

All 12 Texas university and college chancellors are men. Of the 120 individual community colleges and state universities, only 13 have female presidents.

"We used to say you could fit us all in a phone booth," said Ruth Person, vice president for academic affairs at Angelo State University. "But I think there are a few more of us than that now."

Actually, there are 105 women working as top administrators, but that's still only 20 percent of all jobs in the institutions studied.

The *Chronicle*, using data obtained under the Texas Public Information Act, examined the salaries of 525 administrators with the rank of at least vice president or administrative dean at 130 public colleges, universities, college districts and university systems in Texas.

Except for the chief academic officer, academic deans were not included. Only tax-supported schools, not including private

colleges and universities, were studied.

Many university officials believe men hold most of the top jobs because there are more qualified men than women available when a position comes open.

But James Harding, interim chancellor of the Houston Community College System, expressed skepticism at that reasoning.

"Much of that is just philosophical rhetoric," Harding said. "If you look, and you look hard enough, you can find what you need."

Discovery Center to have special Astronomy Day on April 20

AMARILLO — The Don Harrington Discovery Center and the Amarillo Astronomy Club will be hosting Astronomy Day April 20 at the Discovery Center. This event is free to the public and offers activities for all ages.

Astronomy Day is being sponsored by Battelle, KAMR and KMML.

The afternoon's activities, which will be held from 1-5 p.m., will consist of the following: Telescope workshop, water rock-

et demonstrations, model rocket demonstrations, exhibits, constellation viewing in the portable planetarium, astronomy exploration on the computer raffle and several activities for the children.

The highlight of the days activities will be a lecture presented by Rob Landis of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which operates the Hubble Space Telescope. He will be speaking at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Landis has worked for the

Space Telescope Science Institute since 1983 and is currently the coordinator for the Space Telescope Re-engineering Project. In this position, he is responsible for the development, implementation and flight preparation of observing programs. He has been heavily involved with relaying discoveries made by the Hubble Space Telescope to planetariums worldwide.

An observing session will also be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Discovery Center's parking lot.

Telescopes will be set up by the Amarillo Astronomy Club for viewing planets, nebulae and galaxies.

A special showing of "Through the Eyes of Hubble" may be viewed at 8 p.m. in the Discovery Center's planetarium. The show was co-written by Landis. Tickets are \$2 per person, and Discovery Center members will be admitted free.

For further information, contact Christine Brunello at (806) 355-9548, Ext. 13.

Nation briefs

Fire at rest home forces evacuation, kills eight

LAURINBURG, N.C. (AP) — A fire that sent smoke billowing through a rest home killed eight residents and forced dozens more — 70 to 90 years old — to be evacuated.

Sunday night's fire at the Scotch Meadow Rest Home was contained to an all-male west wing. Sheriff Wayne Bryant said the one-story brick structure was left with "not a lot of fire damage, but a tremendous amount of smoke damage. ... I have no idea what might have caused it."

Ron Danella, owner of the 60-bed home, said the State Bureau of Investigation told him the fire was electrical in origin. He did not elaborate.

Two of the home's 40 surviving residents were treated for smoke inhalation. Most were taken to a nearby motel and six went to a nursing home.

Hospital officials said eight men were dead on arrival and their bodies would be examined by state pathologists. Their names were not immediately released.

Korean-Americans still trying to adapt after riots

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jae Yul Kim welcomes customers to his South Central market with a smile and an ethnically correct greeting.

Almost four years after the devastating 1992 riots, Kim and other Korean-Americans in South Central have rebuilt their stores, but are still struggling to rebuild fragile relationships with their customers.

Korean businesses suffered some of the worst looting and fire

damage in the three days of rioting sparked by the acquittal of four white police officers charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney King. Fifty-five people were killed. Property damage was estimated at \$1 billion.

That Korean businesses targeted reflected years of tension between shopkeepers and black customers.

Observers traced that tension to resentment poor blacks felt, thinking another immigrant group was passing them by on the way up the economic ladder, as well as to cultural traits that, both sides misinterpreted as rude or insulting.

First installment of serialized novel due out

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — The first installment of Stephen King's serialized novel *The Green Mile* is due out in stores this month.

Every month, a new installment will follow. King has said he won't have the story finished when the first installment, *The Two Dead Girls*, reaches store shelves.

"The feeling was that Stephen King was probably the only author who could pull this kind of thing off," said spokesman Larry Hughes of Penguin USA, parent company of publisher Signet. "When the idea was presented to him, he jumped at it."

The thriller is set in a Southern prison in the 1930s and involves a guard, a prisoner convicted of killing two young girls, and a mouse that may have supernatural powers.

King reportedly will receive \$1 million for each installment.

Newsmakers

GEORGETOWN - Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, has announced 153 students were honored during Parents' and Grandparents' Weekend at Southwestern University Honors Convocation last month.

Honors were awarded by various academic departments,

scholarship programs, and academic and honor societies.

Students recognized for academic achievement include Anne Elizabeth Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glenn Bingham of Pampa. Bingham earned a place on the Distinction List.

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Food Bank Charity Scores Big In Souper Bowl Fund-Raiser

DEAR ABBY: Bless you! Your column highlighting the "Souper Bowl" helped generate more than \$1.2 million for hungry and hurting people around the country — and calls are still coming in.

More than 4,000 churches, synagogues, schools and businesses welcomed \$1 donations, sent the funds directly to a soup kitchen, food bank or other helping agency, and then phoned 1-800-358-SOUP on Super Bowl Sunday to report their totals.

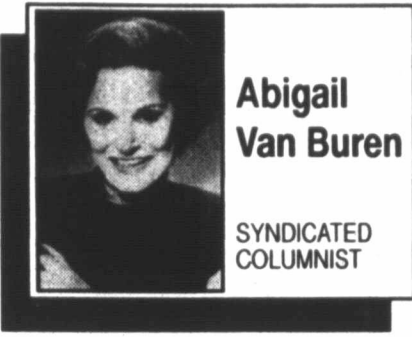
In 1990, 22 congregations participated in the first Souper Bowl. The explosive growth since then illustrates both the power of working in partnership with others and the exciting results of "loving God and loving our neighbors" in even the simplest ways. We hope more folks will call 1-800-358-SOUP to join in next year's effort.

Abby, again, thank you for your partnership.

THE REV. BRAD SMITH,
SOUPER BOWL COORDINATOR,
COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR MR. SMITH: It was a pleasure to inform my readers of such a worthwhile effort. The numbers are impressive. Your effort beautifully illustrates the power of working together.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter titled "The 10 Worst Things to Say to an Infertile Couple," I



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

have a message for the woman who couldn't conceive a child. She said: "Every time the results come up negative, my sister-in-law says she goes through the same grieving as someone who had lost a child."

Never, never make that remark to anyone who has lost a child. It is an insult to those grieving parents who know what it is to lose a child.

The woman who couldn't get pregnant has no idea what it is like to lose a child in death, and she is doing a very poor job of imagining. Her comparison belittles our grief and our loss, and infuriates those of us who have experienced that tragedy.

BEREAVED IN
FAIRFIELD, OHIO

DEAR BEREAVED: Anyone who reads this will verify that losing a child in death is the most heartbreaking experience a parent must endure.

DEAR ABBY: The Lake Elsinore, Calif., parents who donated little Patricia Ann's organs helped three other families. Patricia, a 5-month-old baby, died Jan. 10, about 13 hours after she and her mother were struck by a car.

Patricia's heart went to a 2-month-old boy in Alberta, Canada. A 16-month-old boy in San Francisco received Patricia's liver. The mother of two sons in Pennsylvania received Patricia's kidneys.

What an admirable and humanitarian thing to do. It would be wonderful if more people gave much-needed organs to an organ procurement center. Knowing that some good came from their tragedy would help families cope with their loss.

Abby, please publish this message so that more people will consider organ donations.

VIRGINIA IN ESCONDIDO, CALIF.
DEAR VIRGINIA: Patricia's parents are to be commended for their generosity in giving three people the gift of life in the midst of their own overwhelming grief.

I can think of no finer tribute to the memory of a loved one.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Tuesday, March 19, 1996

You can engineer several important directional changes in the year ahead. As a result, you may enter areas which offer larger-than-usual rewards.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be very lucky at this time in regard to original enterprises. Do as much as you can independently and do not rely on input from others. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you have gone out of your way to help someone recently, he or she has not forgotten your generosity. He or she might reciprocate today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you've felt that your friends have taken you for granted lately, this condition could change soon. You might become the center of your social circle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Objectives you thought were too tough to tackle will no longer seem as intimidating. Some of your achievements may even surprise you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today will mark the beginning of a hopeful cycle for you. Something you've wished for might soon become a reality. Do not lose sight of your objective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something advantageous might develop for you today. However, you must be a visionary to recognize the full value of this opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An ally whose cooperation you will need still has not decided whether or not he or she will step into the ring. You can make this person

into a supporter today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might become involved in a sideline that will have excellent marketing possibilities. If you feel prepared, this will be a good day to get things under way.

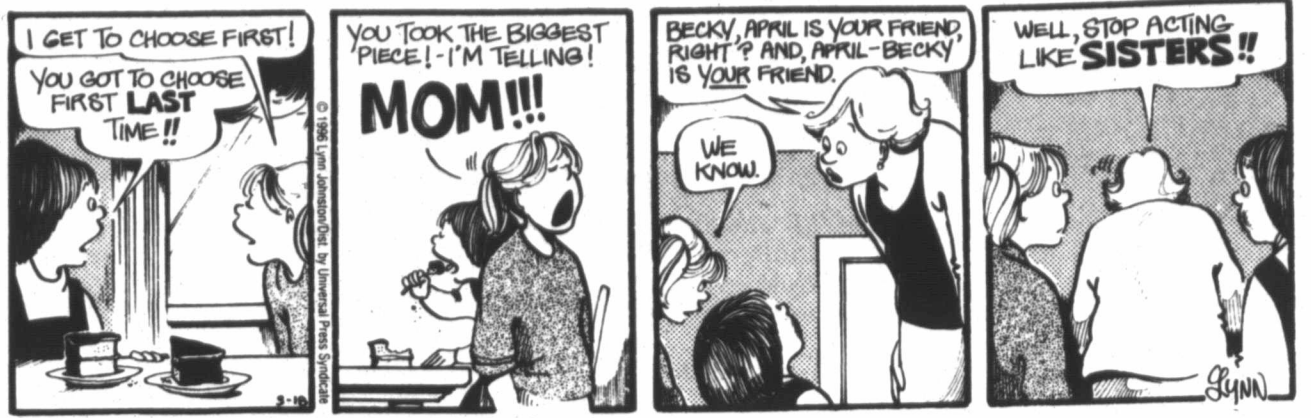
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you make a significant change in regard to your social life, it can become both rewarding and exciting. This change could be precipitated by a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Get out and check all of your sources today if you've contemplated changing your residence. You will have an excellent chance of finding what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Plans and concepts formulated today will have excellent possibilities of coming out the way you envision them. Try to remain patient and give them time to jell.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you will enter a favorable new material cycle. Before it is over, you will find yourself in good shape in regard to your financial security.

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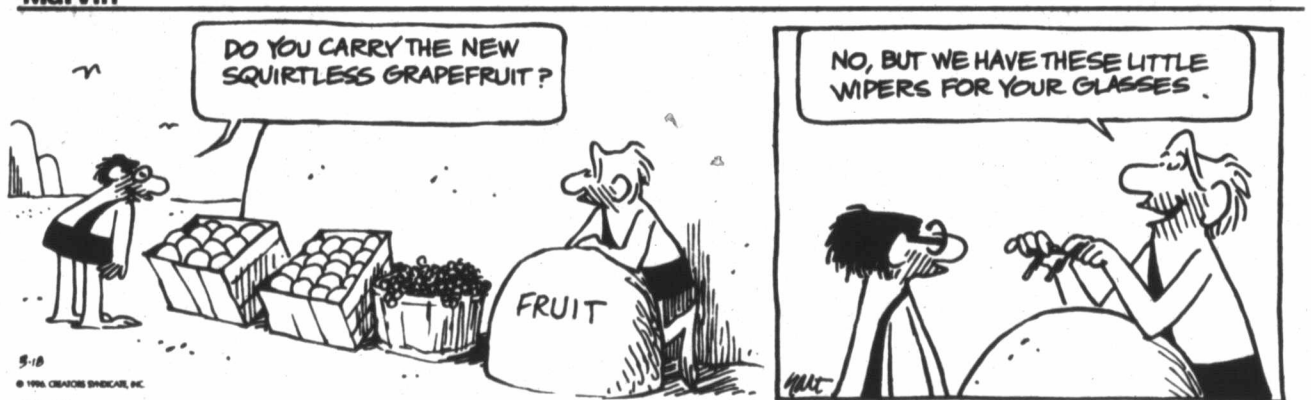
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa goes on the road to open the District 1-4A baseball season.

The Harvesters are at Canyon Tuesday afternoon with the game scheduled to start at 4:30.

Pampa has a regular-season record of 10-4 and Canyon is 4-9. The Harvesters defeated Perryton, 12-1, Saturday for the consolation championship of the Canyon Independent School District Classic.

FOOTBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco has withdrawn its request to host the 1999 Super Bowl, hoping that a new stadium for the 49ers will be available in time for the 2001 game, the NFL said today.

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and 49ers president Carmen Policy met with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

"It was agreed upon that the city and the 49ers would rather have a game (Super Bowl) in a new state-of-the-art facility, hopefully as early as January 2001, so they withdrew their request to host the game in January 1999," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said.

The league will meet in October to discuss the 2000 game; a replacement site for the 1999 game will be added to the agenda, the NFL said.

Browne said the finalists for those games were Atlanta, Tampa Bay, South Florida, Arizona and Los Angeles.

Candlestick Park, at 36 the second-oldest stadium in the league, also is home to the San Francisco Giants. A measure on the city's March 26 ballot would, if approved, pave the way for a new downtown ballpark for the Giants.

The NFL granted the city the 1999 game with the proviso that \$26 million be spent on upgrades. But those present at Sunday's meeting agreed the money would be better spent on a new park than on fixing up Candlestick.

BASKETBALL

CANYON — West Texas A&M University junior wing Lori DeShields (Fritch, Texas) has been named to the 1995-96 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Second-Team for the women's basketball college division (non-NCAA Division I schools) through a vote of college sports information directors nationwide.

DeShields has a cumulative 3.96 grade point average major in international business at WTAMU. She entered this spring with enough credits to qualify as a senior.

"This award is a tremendous honor for myself because of its prestige and the fact it is voted upon at a national level," DeShields said. "I appreciate GTE for sponsoring such an award and acknowledging the hard work done by student-athletes in the classroom."

DeShields, who was tabbed to the Academic All-America Third-Team, was nominated for the award for the second year in a row by WTAMU Sports Information Director Bill Kauffman.

As a junior this year, DeShields was selected to the All-Lone Star Conference Second-Team in helping the Lady Buffs to a 28-3 record and a berth into the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament Championship game, or Sweet 16 of the national tournament. She has tallied 1,117 career points in three seasons at WTAMU to rank ninth all-time in school history.

DeShields, who was named to the All-South Central Regional Tournament Championship game on March 7-9, scored 25 points against then nationally top-ranked Abilene Christian in the LSC season finale to pace WTAMU to a share of the LSC regular season championship.

Red Raiders' win streak now at 23 games

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Respect is no longer an issue for Texas Tech.

Now that they've erased all doubts about the validity of their 30-1 record, the Red Raiders can focus all their attention on defeating Georgetown in the NCAA East Region semifinals Thursday.

Texas Tech stretched its winning streak to 23 games, longest in the nation, by beating North Carolina 92-73 Sunday. Despite owning the best record in the tournament and the No. 3 seed, the Red Raiders were underdogs against the tradition-rich Tar Heels.

Getting 27 points from Jason Sasser and a devastating, backboard-breaking dunk by Darvin Ham, Texas Tech blew away North Carolina and quieted those critics who claimed the Red Raiders hadn't really proved anything by beating up on weak Southwest Conference foes and the likes of Southwest Missouri State.

"Like I've been saying all season, this

team is very deep and talented," Sasser said. "But we don't want to stop now and assess our season, we just want to concentrate on beating Georgetown."

Ham tore down the rim with an emphatic follow-shot with 7:54 elapsed, tying the score at 16. After a 26-minute delay to remove the glass and replace the basket, Texas Tech took the lead for good with a 10-0 run.

"That was a spectacular play," North Carolina's Shammond Williams said of the dunk. "They used it as a motivational tool. They were all excited about it and thought they were better-than-average humans after that."

Actually, the Red Raiders would be happy if everyone just considered them a better-than-average basketball team.

"Anytime you beat a program like North Carolina that has a coach as great as Dean Smith is, it's a special win, no question about it," said coach James Dickey, who improved his career record to 100-48.

"I didn't want a particular game to define this basketball team, but I knew

how successful we were in March would follow this team forever," he added. "I'm happy we beat a good basketball team, but it also puts us in the Sweet 16, and that's more important."

It's the first time in school history that the Red Raiders have won two NCAA tournament games in the same year.

Sasser and Corey Carr each made four of Texas Tech's 12 3-pointers, and the Red Raiders shot 59 percent (30-for-51) overall.

The biggest basket, without a doubt, was Ham's monster jam.

"I was kind of mad because a foul had been called on me at the other end," Ham said. "I really didn't realize what I did until I turned around and looked at the rim."

After the delay, Sasser and Carr hit successive 3-pointers, Carr followed with a layup and Tony Battie scored from the baseline. By the time Ademola Okulaja made two free throws — ending a four-minute drought following Ham's dunk — North Carolina was stuck in the catchup mode.

North Carolina (21-11) failed to reach the round of 16 for only the second time in the last 16 years. The Tar Heels made it to the Final Four last season before losing to Arkansas in the semifinals.

"They played harder after the incident," North Carolina's Vince Carter said. "They took advantage of their shots and we struggled."

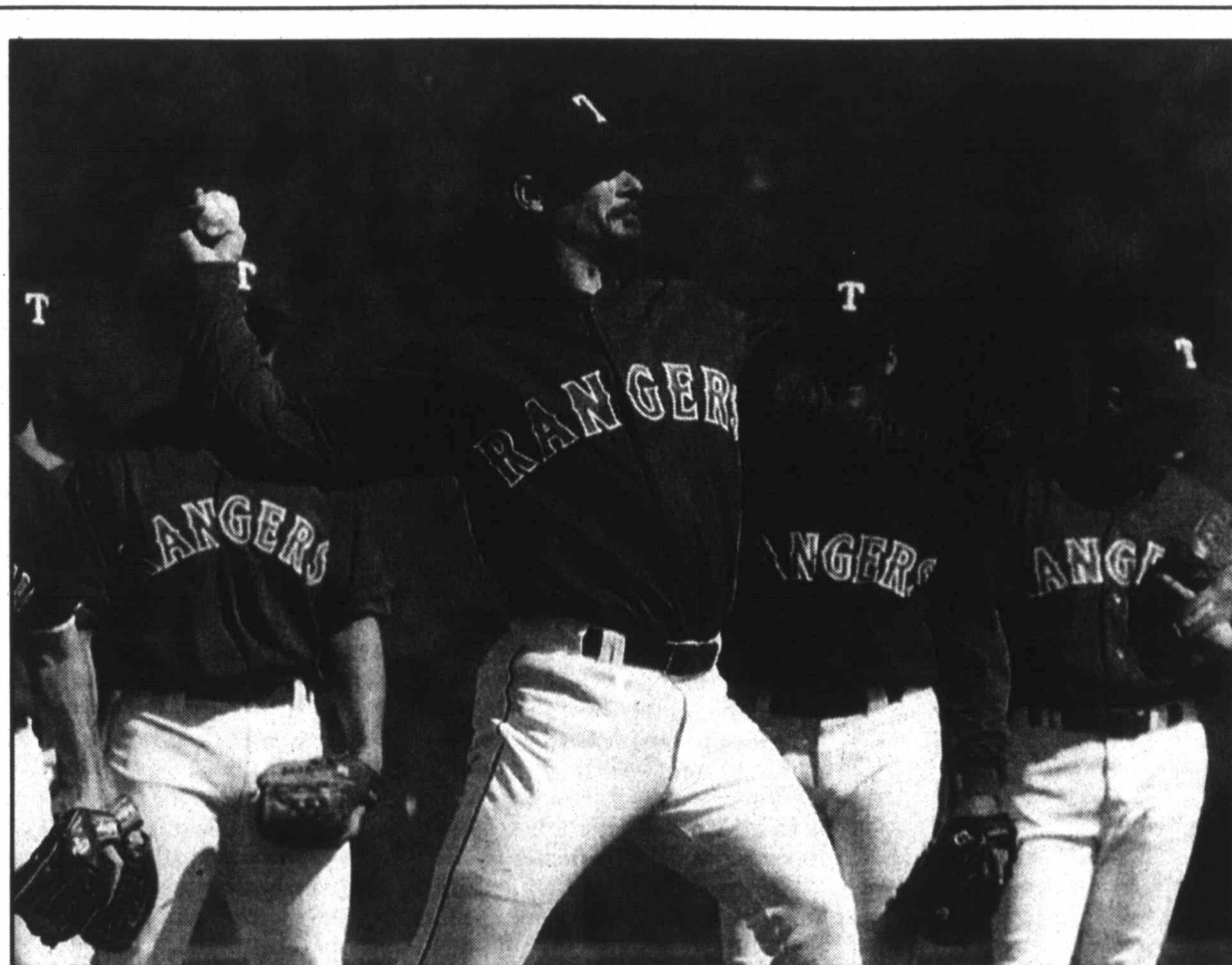
Jeff McInnis led the Tar Heels with 19 points and Antawn Jamison had 16.

North Carolina rebounded from the 10-point deficit to close to 29-27, but Carr had three 3-pointers in a 15-5 run that gave the Red Raiders a 44-32 halftime lead.

Texas Tech erased any doubt early in the first half, using a 10-0 spree to go up 56-34 with 15:19 left. Moments later, a four-point play by Koy Smith made it 60-36.

Carr finished with 19, Smith 16 and Ham 14. Someone asked Ham whether the victory finally got Texas Tech the respect it deserved.

"It's huge for you guys in the media, but we already knew we were a quality ball club," he said.



(AP photo)

Texas Rangers' pitcher Kevin Gross warms up before a recent spring training game in Florida. The Rangers have an 11-7 record in exhibition contests.

Pirates' Neagle not out to change image of left-handed pitchers

By The Associated Press

Denny Neagle has done nothing to dispel the long-held notion that left-handed pitchers have a tendency to be a bit flaky.

Nor does he plan to make any changes. "When I go back home, the best compliment I get is when one of my parents' friends say, 'I just saw little Denny — yes, they still call me little Denny — and he's still a goofy, wacky kid,'" Neagle says. "Anyway, my mom would slap me if I ever changed."

But it was that persona that led many to question if Neagle ever would be a consistent winner in the major leagues. Even the Pittsburgh Pirates wondered if Neagle was too flighty — even too off-the-wall — to reach the success long predicted for him.

Then he finally learned to relax and to rely on a changeup that might not be Greg Maddux-caliber but still is one of the best in the National League.

"I found out it was true what they told me all those years," Neagle said. "This game can be easy if you relax, if you throw strikes and if you go out there with some kind of purpose."

Neagle's statistics last season weren't show-stopping — 13-9, 3.34 ERA, only four victories after the All-Star game — but for a pitcher who had never before finished above .500, it was a breakthrough year.

"I thought he was one of the best pitchers in the league," says manager Jim Leyland. "But the worst thing for him would be to think he's got it made."

So far, that hasn't happened. Pitching on the fourth anniversary of the 1992 trade for John Smiley that sent him to Pittsburgh, Neagle gave up one run on three hits over five innings Sunday in the Pirates' 5-1 exhibition victory over the Phillies at Clearwater, Fla.

Backed by Mark Johnson's two-run homer, Neagle became the first Pittsburgh starter this spring to last five innings.

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"It was a lesson for me, because I went out there without my good stuff and still pitched well," Neagle said. "I didn't have good control and I didn't have my real good changeup, but I had a good sinker."

"After a while, I felt maybe I was fooling people, but Ray (Miller, the pitching coach) pulled me aside and said, 'Put this one in the memory bank.' I will, too. Someday I'll be struggling in St. Louis or Philly, and I'll remember how I got people out in spring training even when I didn't have my best stuff."

Braves 12, Dodgers 2

At Vero Beach, Fla., Atlanta hit five home runs — including a grand slam by backup catcher Aldo Pecorilli — and Greg Maddux held the Dodgers to one run on three hits in six innings. The four-time Cy Young award winner struck out seven — Mike Piazza three times — and walked none.

Orioles 9, Mets 6

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., left-hander David Wells gave up four home runs in six innings, but still won in his first appearance since March 8 for Baltimore. Bobby Bonilla had four of Baltimore's 15 hits, including a homer and three RBIs. Wells had missed his last scheduled start after being hospitalized for a rapid heartbeat earlier this week. He allowed five runs on 10 hits.

Yankees 7, White Sox 4

At Sarasota, Fla., a two-run double in the seventh by Mariano Duncan began the recovery in which New York scored six runs over the last three innings. The rally bailed out starter David Cone, who gave up four runs on eight hits in five innings.

Tigers (ss) 8, Blue Jays (ss) 7, 10
At Lakeland, Fla., Tony Clark had two homers and three RBIs as Detroit pounded out 18 hits. Mark Lewis went 3-for-5, including the one-out single which drove in Jeff Tackett with the winning run off Tony Castillo in

the 10th.

Tigers (ss) 9, Indians (ss) 6
At Winter Haven, Fla., designated hitter Eddie Williams hit two of Detroit's five home runs, and the rest of the Tigers beat a Cleveland split squad.

Blue Jays (ss) 1, Cardinals 0, 10

At Dunedin, Fla., Erik Hanson gave up just one hit in seven innings and the rest of the Blue Jays beat St. Louis in 10 innings.

Rangers 4, Twins (ss) 2

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Warren Newson's two-run homer in the seventh inning proved decisive as Texas beat a Minnesota split squad.

Expos 6, Red Sox (ss) 3

At West Palm Beach, Fla., newly acquired outfielder Sherman Obando had three hits to lead Montreal over a Boston split squad.

Twins (ss) 8, Red Sox (ss) 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Chuck Knoblauch doubled twice and Rich Robertson allowed four hits in five innings as the rest of the Minnesota players beat the remainder of the Red Sox.

Marlins (ss) 7, Royals (ss) 3

At Haines City, Fla., Dave Berg's two-out grand slam in the eighth inning off Dave Fleming lifted Florida over a Kansas City split-squad.

Astros 7, Reds 2

At Plant City, Fla., Jerry Goff hit two of Houston's four solo homers and added a two-run double.

Indians (ss) 4, Marlins (ss) 3

At Ponce, Puerto Rico, Julio Franco's two-run double highlighted Cleveland's four-run third inning that lifted the rest of the Indians over the other Florida squad.

Cubs 8, Mariners 5

At Peoria, Ariz., Jaime Navarro pitched five strong innings and Scott Bultlett had three hits for Chicago.

Giants (ss) 5, Padres (ss) 4

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Marcus Jensen hit a home run off Paul Abbott in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving San Francisco a victory in the split-squad game.

Wilbon came close to WT scoring mark

PAMPA — Cederick Wilbon was a record-breaker when he played basketball at Pampa High School.

As a junior in 1990-91, Wilbon set a single-season school mark for most points scored (828) in helping to lead the Harvesters to a 33-3 record and the state semifinals. Wilbon's school scoring record held up until Rayford Young broke it this season.

Wilbon, now a senior guard at West Texas A&M in Canyon, came close to another record when he scored 21 points in the Buffs' season-ending loss to Texas A&M-Kingsville, 94-84, earlier this month. He needed just five more points to break the scoring record set by Simmie Hill during the 1968-69 season. Wilbon would probably have easily broken Sims' record if he hadn't fouled out with 8:58 to go.

Wilbon finished with 612 points, the second-best individual total in school history.

Wilbon also earned first-team Lone Star Conference honors, leading the Buffs in scoring at 22.1 points per game. He was the conference's second leading scoring behind Tyrone Hopkins

(23.5 ppg) for University of Central Oklahoma.

Joining Wilbon on the first team were Hopkins, DeRon Rutledge of Texas A & M Kingsville, Jason Hall of East Texas State University, Troy Anderson of Eastern New Mexico University and Chris Givens of Tarleton State University. Hopkins, Rutledge and Hall were named the conference's co-MVP's.

Two of Wilbon's teammates, Martin Lattibeaudiere and Joe Thompson, earned second-team all-conference honors. Other second-team selections were Broderick Bobb of Abilene Christian University, Charles Ward of Eastern New Mexico University, Stephen Hamrick of Eastern New Mexico University and Johnny Estelle of Texas A&M-Kingsville.

WT's DaShawn Harris was named to the honorable mention team. ACU's Charles Jackson was named the LSC's freshman of the year, while Texas A&M-Kingsville's Chris Walker shared the league's defensive player of the year award with Thompson. ETSU's Paul Peak earned the LSC coach of the year honor.

Wheeler's Stevens wins hurdles at Stinnett meet

STINNETT — Wheeler freshman Brooke Stevens won the 100 hurdles with a time of 15:81 at last weekend's Comanche Relays.

Stevens also placed second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 50:58. Teammate Kristen Marion was second in the 400 with a time of 67:98.

Wheeler placed sixth in the team standings. Wheeler junior Jason Porton grabbed two bronze medals in the boys division.

Porton was third in the 110 hurdles (15:49) and 300 hurdles (42:85). Wheeler's Travis Stevens placed third in the pole vault at 13-6.

Wheeler placed eighth in the team standings.

The Wheeler teams are entered

AREA TRACK

in the White Deer meet Friday and Saturday.

SPRINGLAKE-EARTH — Jennifer Bonell of Miami placed second in the discus with a throw of 86-8 in last weekend's Wolverine Relays.

Danita Kauk was third in the triple jump for Miami at 30-9 1/2.

Miami placed 12th in the girls team standings. In the boys' division, Mike May of Miami was third in the high jump with a leap of 5-8.

Miami finished fifth in the boys team standings.

Springlake-Earth won the boys title while Hart captured the captured the girls crown.

Tyson a champion again

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson paused on the ring apron and, nearly bursting with pride, gestured with both hands at the green WBC heavyweight title belt around his waist.

Six tumultuous years since he last held the heavyweight title and just 356 days after his release from an Indiana prison, the most feared fighter of his time was a champion once again.

Thrashing Frank Bruno may have been easier for Tyson than sorting out the emotions from the latest climb on his roller-coaster run through life.

"Less than a year ago I was in the cell," Tyson said. "It was harsh treatment. It's really difficult for me to explain it. Give me a few days, a week or two, then maybe I can explain it."

Tyson captured the title Saturday night in his familiar style of wild, all-out aggression, never letting Bruno get into the fight before finally stopping the British champion 50 seconds into

the third round. It was impressive enough for a fighter who had gone only four rounds since his release from prison, but not enough to satisfy Tyson's toughest critic.

"I'm never satisfied with my performance," he said Sunday. "I just want to do better. I'm always searching for perfection."

With Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan among the 16,783 packed into the MGM Grand Hotel arena to watch his bid for his first title since being released from prison, Tyson fell to his hands and knees after stopping Bruno.

"I was just giving praise to Allah for putting me in position to be a champion again," said Tyson, who converted to Islam while in prison.

Tyson greeted Farrakhan with a raised fist at a press conference Sunday, where he and promoter Don King kept reporters waiting for 2 hours, 10 minutes before showing up to talk about Tyson's future plans.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL NCAA Basketball Tournament

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Providence Civic Center
Providence, R.I.

Thursday, March 14

Stanford 66, Bradley 58

Massachusetts 92, Central Florida 70

Arkansas 86, Penn State 80

Marquette 68, Monmouth, N.J. 44

At Richmond Coliseum

Richmond, Va.

Friday, March 15

Georgetown 93, Mississippi Valley State 56

New Mexico 69, Kansas State 48

Texas Tech 74, Northern Illinois 73

North Carolina 83, New Orleans 62

Second Round

At The Providence Civic Center

Providence, R.I.

Saturday, March 16

Massachusetts 79, Stanford 74

Arkansas 65, Marquette 56

At Richmond Coliseum

Richmond, Va.

Sunday, March 17

Georgetown 73, New Mexico 62

Texas Tech 92, North Carolina 73

Regional Semifinals

At The Georgia Dome

Atlanta

Thursday, March 21

Massachusetts (33-1) vs. Arkansas (20-12)

Georgetown (28-7) vs. Texas Tech (30-1)

Regional Championship

At The Georgia Dome

Atlanta

Saturday, March 23

Semifinal winners

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

First Round

At The RCA Dome

Indianapolis

Thursday, March 14

Connecticut 68, Colgate 59

Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60

Mississippi State 58, Virginia Commonwealth 51

Princeton 43, UCLA 41

At Orlando Arena

Orlando, Fla.

Friday, March 15

Temple 61, Oklahoma 43

Cincinnati 66, North Carolina-Greensboro 61

Boston College 64, Indiana 51

Georgia Tech 90, Austin Peay 79

Second Round

At The RCA Dome

Indianapolis

Saturday, March 16

Connecticut 95, Eastern Michigan 81

Mississippi State 63, Princeton 41

At Orlando Arena

Orlando, Fla.

Sunday, March 17

Cincinnati 78, Temple 65

Georgia Tech 103, Boston College 89

Regional Semifinals

At Rupp Arena

Lexington, Ky.

Friday, March 22

Connecticut (32-2) vs. Mississippi State (24-7)

Cincinnati (27-4) vs. Georgia Tech (24-11)

Regional Championship

At Rupp Arena

Lexington, Ky.

Sunday, March 24

Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

At Reunion Arena

Dallas

Thursday, March 14

Kentucky 110, San Jose State 72

Virginia Tech 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48

Iowa State 74, California 64

Utah 72, Canisius 43

At The Bradley Center

Milwaukee

Friday, March 15

Louisville 82, Tulsa 80, OT

Villanova 92, Portland 58

Wake Forest 62, Northeast Louisiana 50

Texas 80, Michigan 76

Second Round

At Reunion Arena

Dallas

Saturday, March 16

Utah 73, Iowa State 67

Kentucky 84, Virginia Tech 60

At The Bradley Center

Milwaukee

Third Round

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Wednesday, March 20

Tulane-Minnesota winner vs. Wisconsin-Illinois St. winner

South Carolina-Vanderbilt winner vs. Alabama-Missouri winner

Thursday, March 21

Rhode Island-Coll. of Charleston winner vs. St. Joseph's-Providence winner

Friday, March 22

Fresno St.-Michigan St. winner vs. Nebraska-Washington St. winner

Saturday, March 23

Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Pit

Albuquerque, N.M.

Thursday, March 14

Syracuse 88, Montana State 55

Drexel 75, Memphis 63

Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71

Georgia 81, Clemson 74

At The University Activity Center

Tempe, Ariz.

Friday, March 15

Santa Clara 91, Maryland 79

Kansas 92, South Carolina State 54

Iowa 81, George Washington 79

Arizona 90, Valparaiso 51

At The Pit

Albuquerque, N.M.

Saturday, March 16

Georgia 76, Purdue 69

Syracuse 69, Drexel 58

At The University Activity Center

Tempe, Ariz. Sunday, March 17

Arizona 87, Iowa 73

Kansas 76, Santa Clara 51

Regional Semifinals

At McNichols Arena

Denver

Friday, March 22

Georgia (21-9) vs. Syracuse (26-8)

Kansas (28-4) vs. Arizona (26-6)

Regional Championship

At McNichols Arena

Denver

Sunday, March 24

Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR

At Continental Airlines Arena

East Rutherford, N.J.

National Semifinals

Saturday, March 30

East champion vs. Midwest champion

Southeast champion vs. West champion

National Championship

Monday, April 1

Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament

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First Round

Wednesday, March 13

Rhode Island 82, Marist 77

College of Charleston 55, Tennessee 49

South Carolina 10, Davidson 73

Michigan St. 64, Washington 50

Minnesota 68, Saint Louis 52

Missouri 89, Murray St. 85

Illinois St. 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 49

Wisconsin 55, Manhattan 42

Tulane 87, Auburn 73, OT

Vanderbilt 86, Arkansas-Little Rock 80

Alabama 72, Illinois 69

Fresno St. 58, Miami, Ohio 57

Thursday, March 14

St. Joseph's 82, Iona 78

Nebraska 91, Colorado St. 83

Washington St. 92, Gonzaga 73

Friday, March 15

At New Haven Coliseum

New Haven, Conn.

Providence 91, Fairfield 79

Second Round

Monday, March 18

Vanderbilt (18-13) at South Carolina (18-11), 7:30 p.m.

Tulane (19-9) at Minnesota (19-12), 7:30 p.m.

Illinois State (21-11) at Wisconsin (17-14), 8 p.m.

Missouri (18-14) at Alabama (17-11), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph's (16-12) vs. Providence (18-11) at the Providence Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

Washington State (17-11) at Nebraska (17-14), 7:30 p.m.

Michigan State (16-15) at Fresno State (21-10), 9:30 p.m.

College of Charleston (25-3) vs. Rhode Island (19-13) at the Providence Civic Center, 9:45 p.m.

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

Orlando 49 17 742 —

New York 37 26 587 10 1/2

Miami 32 33 492 16 1/2

Washington 30 35 462 18 1/2

New Jersey 25 39 391 23

Boston 25 40 385 23 1/2

Philadelphia 13 51 203 35

Central Division

57 7 891 —

x-Chicago 40 24 625 17

Indiana 37 27 578 20

Detroit 37 27 578 20

Cleveland 36 28 563 21

Atlanta 35 29 547 22

Charlotte 32 31 508 24 1/2

Milwaukee 21 42 333 35 1/2

Toronto 16 47 254 40 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

San Antonio 45 18 714 —

Utah 44 20 688 1 1/2

Houston 42 23 646 4

Denver 27 37 422 18 1/2

Minnesota 21 43 328 24 1/2

Dallas 21 44 323 25

Vancouver 11 51 177 33 1/2

Pacific Division

x-Seattle 49 14 778 —

L.A. Lakers 40 23 635 9

Phoenix 32 33 492 18

Portland 31 34 477 19

Golden State 29 36 446 21

Sacramento 28 35 444 21

L.A. Clippers 23 41 359 26 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

New York 94, Philadelphia 88

Chicago 97, New Jersey 93

Washington 120, Utah 115, OT

Miami 121, Houston 97

San Antonio 119, Atlanta 92

Golden State 99, Milwaukee 94.

Sunday's Games

Charlotte 103, Phoenix 102

Detroit 91, Denver 81

Cleveland 115, Sacramento 84

Indiana 105, Toronto 96

Minnesota 90, Vancouver 85

Boston 107, New Jersey 106, 2OT

Portland 112, Dallas 86

Orlando 98, L.A. Lakers 97

Monday's Games

Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Vancouver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.

Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

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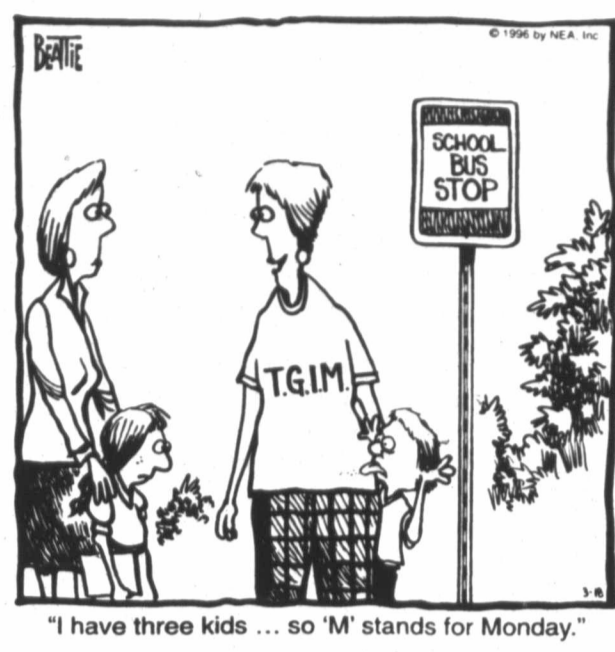
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- 1 Rip
- 5 Unit of mass
- 8 Astronaut - Stayton
- 12 Anger
- 13 Own (Scott)
- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Words of understanding
- 16 Agile performers
- 18 Actress Oberon
- 20 Young goat
- 21 Tennis-court divider
- 22 1973 Woody Allen movie
- 25 Doctors' grp.
- 28 Actor Danny -
- 29 Outer layer
- 33 Dancer Rogers
- 35 Actor Danny De -
- 36 Parcel out
- 37 Child
- 39 Blue dye
- 40 Sailor's

DOWN

- 1 Decorate
- 2 Lighten
- 3 Maturing agent
- 4 Spoils
- 5 Motorists' org.
- 6 - Mouse
- 7 Not ready
- 8 Society gal
- 9 Verve
- 10 High-flying

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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toy 38 Amorous
11 Sunrise look
direction 40 Species
17 Elaborate groups
poem 41 Type of
19 Actress - 44 Grease
Sommer 45 Somewhat
23 Part of a 46 dark
corn plant 47 Walk in the
24 invitation 48 Give off
inits. 49 (light)
25 Phonetic 51 Genus of
symbol 52 Genus of
26 Appearance 53 Addict
27 Against 54 Grain
30 Bundles of 55 Annapolis
hides 56 Sault -
31 Roman 53 grad
highway 55 Marie
32 - bene
34 Money (sl.)
37 Cow sound

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PTA of today shuns 'cookie-baking' image

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to shed its image as a cookie-baking women's group, the National Parent Teacher Association is putting less emphasis on fundraising to become a noisier advocate for children and education.

"We've tried to get away from the image of the PTA as an organization of little old ladies who wear tennis shoes," said PTA President-elect Lois Jean White of Knoxville, Tenn.

During the past 30 years, the nation's 26,000-plus local PTAs have been active fundraisers for schools, forced into that role partly because of dwindling tax money for education.

"But fundraising was never the original mission," White said at the group's legislative conference last week. "I think parents can look forward to seeing a different PTA in the future — if they are involved."

As it approaches its 100th birthday next year, the PTA, which has shrunk to half its peak size of 12 million members in the 1960s, wants to see fewer parents organizing carnivals and more tackling issues affecting schools and children.

The PTA has always been political, but its leaders are reaching deeper into their ranks to lobby and shore up their clout nationwide.

For the second year, advocacy training was offered to the 120 PTA leaders who attended the conference.

They went home to teach the 6.7 million members — which include rising numbers of men and minorities — how to lobby for immunizations, school lunches, child labor laws, bus safety and anti-violence programs.

"With all the budget cutting at the federal and local governments, we just have to hang up our aprons and be activists," said Alieze Stallworth, education chairwoman for the District of Columbia PTA Congress.

Keith Geiger, president of the National Education Association, the largest teacher union, said the PTA is speaking up partly in response to rising attacks on public schools and education spending. Also, he said, the proportion of adults with children in public schools has dropped to 25 percent,

making education spending a tougher sell.

Laura Anthony, co-president of the PTA at Alice Deal Junior High School in Washington, testified against school budget cuts earlier this month before the city council and school board. She has been a vocal school supporter for 10 years, and thinks PTA members nationwide will rise to defend public education.

"If they're satisfied, they'll go ahead and do the bake sales. If they get mad enough, then I think somebody in Utah will speak up just as much as someone in D.C.," Anthony said. "They won't have to be told. Public education is so key to the way our society is going to turn out. The vast majority of citizens go to public schools, not private ones."

Ironically, the PTA's activist role is getting a boost from an issue that some say threatens to dismantle public education — vouchers, tax-backed coupons that parents can use to send their children to private schools.

Being so vigilant in its opposition to vouchers has given the PTA more credibility, said regional PTA director Sandy Zelno of North Huntingdon, Pa.

World briefs

Pope easing into Easter activities

VATICAN CITY (AP) — After canceling several engagements due to illness, Pope John Paul II made his first public appearance in a week to the applause of churchgoers.

The pope slowly made his way to the altar in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday for a beatification ceremony for two Italians who founded missionary orders — Daniele Comboni and Guido Maria Conforti. Beatification is the final step in the process that leads to sainthood.

The pope read for the ceremony but did not preside over the Mass. He left after about 30 minutes.

John Paul appeared to be cutting back on his activities to regain energy for Easter week, which begins March 31 and culminates on Easter, April 7.

Russia is the largest export market for American chickens, with shipments worth \$500 million last year. Chicken legs, unpopular in the United States but in demand among Russian consumers, make up the bulk of the shipments.

In response to the ban — as well as rising feed costs and domestic oversupply — Tyson Foods Inc., the largest U.S. poultry producer, is cutting production by 7 percent.

Salmonella bacteria shows up in 25 percent of the country's processed poultry, the U.S. Agriculture Department says. The agency is due to announce a major overhaul in poultry and meat inspections in a few weeks.

Grieving Dunblane to begin burying its slain children

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — Emma Crozier and Joanna Ross, both 5, were once best friends at Dunblane Primary School. Today, they become the first of 16 slain schoolchildren this grieving town will bury.

Following their joint funeral at an Episcopal church southwest of Dunblane, two separate funerals will be held today for Abigail McLennan, 5, and Kevin Hassell, 5, at a Presbyterian church.

Funerals for another six children are planned for Tuesday, four Wednesday, and three Thursday including the 17th fatality in Britain's worst mass murder in modern history: the kindergartners' teacher, 45-year-old Gwenne Mayor.

Mandelas ignore each other during divorce proceedings

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela and his estranged wife Winnie ignored each other today at the start of their divorce proceedings.

Avoiding news media and spectators outside the courthouse, the Mandelas arrived in separate Mercedes through a basement parking entrance. Police with bomb-sniffing dogs searched the courthouse.

The divorce ends one of the world's most prominent marriages, which survived Mandela's 27 years in prison and the most fiery years of the anti-

apartheid struggle only to fall apart after Mandela was freed and rose to power.

Mandela, 77, initiated the divorce. Weekend press reports said Mrs. Mandela, 60, would seek \$5 million, which she says is half of Mandela's worth.

Mandela's salary as president is \$142,000 a year. He also has income from an autobiography, but most of those funds go to charity.

Mrs. Mandela has stalled a settlement, claiming the 38-year marriage has not irrevocably collapsed and demanding her husband call a tribal and family

elders to help mend it. The judge today rejected her request for a postponement to give reconciliation a chance.

The South African Press Association reported that Mrs. Mandela traveled to her husband's home in rural eastern South Africa over the weekend to discuss the divorce with his relatives.


Wim Trengove, arguing for the president, said reports of Mrs. Mandela's alleged "brazen infidelity" had never been explained and had caused Mandela great embarrassment. He was apparently referring to never-proven

rumors that Mrs. Mandela took a much younger man as a lover.

The Mandelas separated in 1992 after Mrs. Mandela was convicted and fined in the kidnapping of four youths by her bodyguards. One of the youths was beaten to death.

The couple wed in 1958 after Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, divorced his first wife. The marriage quickly came under strain as Mandela was arrested in 1962 and imprisoned until 1990, when he was freed to negotiate an end to apartheid.

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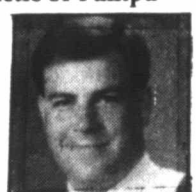
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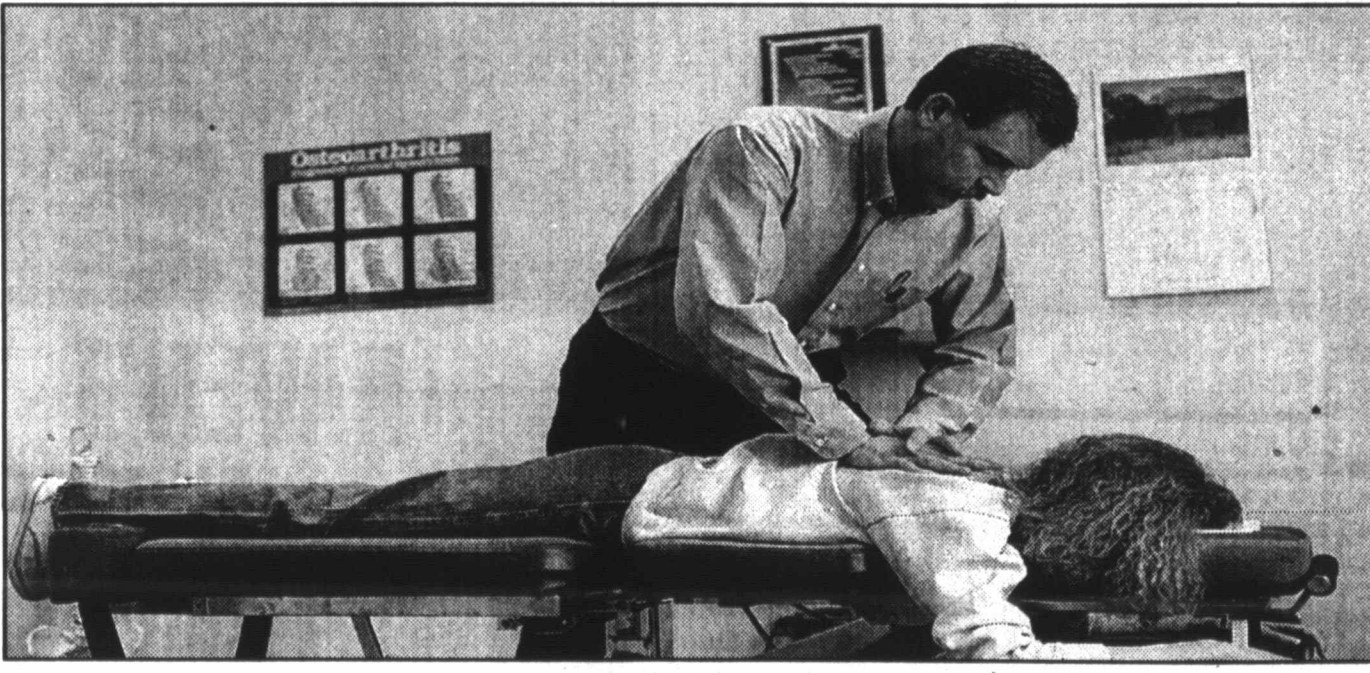


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