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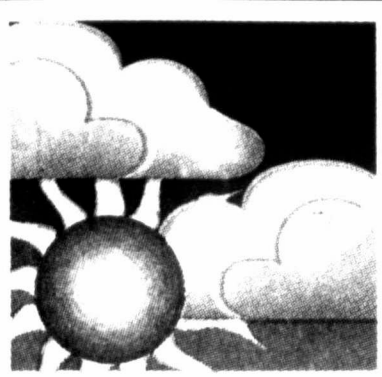
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PAMPA — Plans are being finalized for a celebratory parade for the state-champion Pampa Harvesters basketball team.

The parade route for the April 3 celebration will begin after school behind the high school field house, go south on Duncan to Harvester, then west to Russell, north to Randy Matson Avenue, west to Hobart, south to Somerville, south to Francis and east to Cuyler.

The parade will end on Cuyler in front of Heard-Jones Pharmacy. Plans call for a presentation there, as well as high school cheerleaders and band members performing.

Organizer Sherry Seabourn invites members of the last state championship teams to appear in the parade, as well as any alumni basketball team member.

For more information, contact Seabourn at 669-4800 or 669-9213.

Former team members can also contact Bill Weatherbee at 665-2589 or Ken Hinkle at 665-5322.

PAMPA — Democrats and Republicans will host county conventions Saturday for their respective parties.

Republicans will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Austin Elementary School to elect 19 delegates to the state convention.

Democrats meet at 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club, electing nine delegates.

Both parties will vote on resolutions and platform planks for their state conventions.

Registered voters from each party are invited to attend.

LEFORS — There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Lefors Civic Center.

Window decals and extra Neighborhood Watch signs will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Those who attend the meeting also will be able to sign up for the use of an engraver to mark personal items in the homes.

PAMPA — City of Pampa landfill will begin summer operating hours of on April 1.

The landfill, located on Loop 171 east of Pampa, will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It will also be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the last Sunday of each month through August.

For more information, call the Sanitation Department at 669-5840.

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Correctional officer faces felony charges at prison

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A correctional officer from the Jordan Unit in Gray County jail today facing felony charges stemming from two separate incidents at the prison.

Johnny Joe Carrasco, 22, 520 Yeager, was arrested Thursday afternoon at the prison by Michael Bowers, an internal affairs investigator with Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Carrasco is accused of bribery and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. His bond is \$10,000 on each charge.

It is alleged Carrasco accepted a \$100 bribe from an inmate to bring drugs into the prison, though no drugs were confiscated, said Warden Bob White today. "That was the payment for doing this. I'm not sure that was the total payment. That was

earnest money," he said.

The possession charge is a separate incident from the bribery charge, White said.

"It allegedly occurred prior to this incident," he said.

Besides possible criminal penalties, Carrasco faces TDCJ discipline at the unit, White said.

Disciplinary proceedings are expected to be held within the next few days and may include dismissal, the warden explained.

"He has violated our employee rules of conduct and that's what we're handling administratively. ... He's also broken the laws of the state of Texas and that's what the courts will handle," he said.

Until administrative discipline is complete, Carrasco continues to draw his pay.

The 36-year-old inmate may be transferred, White said.

"He will be dealt with administratively," he said.

Should criminal sanctions be warranted, they will be handled by internal affairs personnel, White said.

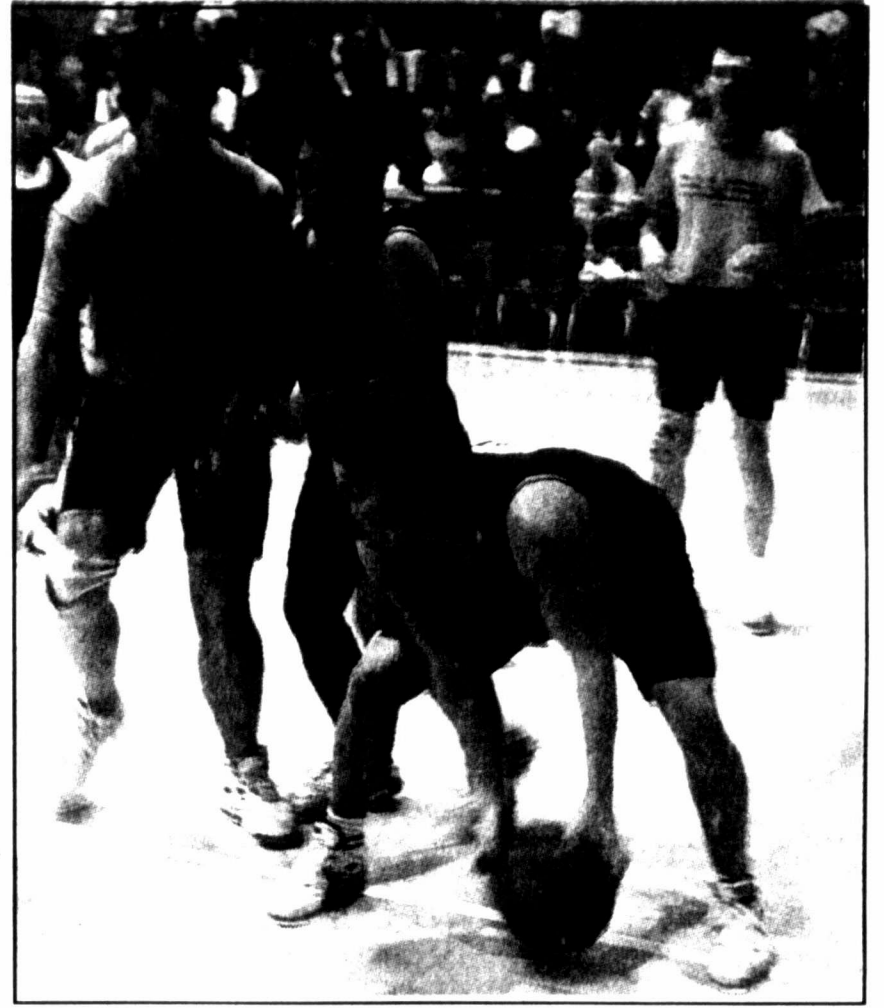
The investigation was conducted over a two-week period of time based on information. Internal affairs investigators were called to the unit by its staff, he said.

"What we were trying to do was correct a situation where an inmate and an officer were doing something illegal," White said.

White described the incident as isolated. The agency is always concerned with the introduction of contraband into a prison, he said.

"This is not any large investigation of the Jordan Unit. It happens in every unit. Frankly, we've had less problems than most," White concluded.

Carrasco was hired May 8, 1995.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Morning radio personality Ted Kelley scrambles for the ball while fellow disk jockey Hector Lopez holds off Pampa Hustlers team member Garvin Summers. A combined team of Pampa Hustlers and Amarillo Shakers Special Olympics sports partners defeated the Z-93 Z-Team Thursday, 45-39.

Basketball benefit game raises funds for Special Olympics

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Organizers raised over \$750 in a Thursday night benefit basketball game pitting Special Olympics sports partners from Pampa and Amarillo against Amarillo radio station Z-93.

The local team emerged the victors in the contest, beating the radio station 45-39.

But the game was generally considered to be all in fun, as disk jockeys harassed the volunteer referees and literally hung on to local players, desperate to draw a foul and slow the game down in the final seconds.

"We looked stronger than we have in our last four games," morning radio personality "Cisco Kidd" said. "We've improved overall, but we still need help with our shooting."

Cisco's morning partner, Ted Kelley, expressed bravado at the half, with his team down only two points.

When asked why his team wasn't squaring off against the Pampa Harvesters, Kelley jokingly said, "Because they didn't show up. You put that in the paper. The state champion Harvesters didn't show up."

The victorious local team was comprised of sports partners

from the Pampa Hustlers and the Amarillo Shakers Special Olympics teams. Both teams will compete in the state Special Olympics games in Austin. Money raised from the event will help pay for the trip.

At halftime, a combined Hustlers and Shakers team faced off in exhibition against a team of Hoechst Celanese athletes.

Also during the halftime break, District Attorney John Mann auctioned off a table full of homemade cakes, raking in \$450. Two Italian cream cakes each went for \$100, while a cake decorated by senior developmental class student Amy Steel cost \$35.

Over \$300 was taken in from ticket sales.

Volunteer referees included Richard Stowers, Mike Lopez, Michael Lopez and Jay Lamb. Cheerleaders from the Amarillo Lightning semi-professional football team rooted on the Pampa team.

The Z-93 team plays in fundraisers for non-profit organizations and school groups throughout the Panhandle. Upcoming games in the area include Groom High School Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Lefors school board and faculty April 18 at 7 p.m.

Several days of rain reduce fire hazards in parts of state

By The Associated Press

For the first time all year, enough rain has fallen across Texas that all of the state isn't considered a high fire risk.

The Texas Forest Service said Thursday that after several days of scattered rains, the eastern two-thirds of the state finally has been drenched enough to lose its highly flammable status.

Most of the state is now classified as a moderate or low fire hazard. Areas around Tarrant and Dallas counties received the heaviest rain.

Since the year began, 4,080 fires have scorched 457,059 acres in Texas. The numbers are the largest in at least 30 years, according to records kept by the Division of Emergency Management.

"Any kind of moisture is welcome," Childress fire chief Steve

Jones told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. This week, his department helped battle two fires totaling 67,000 acres in Childress, Foard and Cottle counties.

"I wouldn't care if it came in a hailstorm, as long as it melted into water," he said.

Dry conditions persist in some areas, particularly from Childress west, said Jo Schweikhard Moss, a spokeswoman for the Division of Emergency Management in Austin.

Fire crews battled 29 fires during the weekend, but rains Wednesday allowed officials to contain two pesky fires yesterday in rural Stephens County and a third in Hardeman County near Goodlet.

A lightning storm Saturday night ignited five fires in Hardeman County, testament to the dry conditions, Jones said.

Grass fire rekindles west of town

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

A four-day old grass fire rekindled Thursday afternoon, burning an additional ten acres of CRP grass along Gray County Road 4 before Pampa firefighters brought it under control.

The fire apparently started after hot spots buried under blowing dirt Sunday flared because of shifting winds, Fire Chief Claudie Phillips said.

Phillips explained sand had blown over some matted grass in the bar ditches along the county road. An ember from this weekend's fires likely blew in with the dirt, causing the grass underneath to burn.

The sand acted as an insulator, maintaining the heat for four days, until a wind shift Thursday apparently exposed the smoldering grass and caused a flare up, Phillips said.

"It's pretty unusual," Phillips said. "I've never seen anything like it."

A spark from the bar ditch probably ignited CRP grass in a field on the east side of Gray County Road 4. Last weekend's fire burned about 360 acres on the west side of the road.

The fire spread in a "V"-shaped pattern, charring 10 acres of grass and burning through a number of wooden fence posts.

Gray County and Hoechst Celanese water tankers, along with a Pampa Fire Department booster, wet down bar ditches along the road after the fire was brought under control. The fire department remained on the scene until 6:12 p.m.

Along the boundaries of Sunday's fire, mounds of dirt covered ashes of grass still warm to the touch. Spots such as these were blamed for Thursday's fire.

Contributing to the problem was the depth of the bar ditch grass and the height of the CRP grass. The fields that burned hadn't been plowed in over seven years, Phillips related.

Harvester autographs



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Danie Tatum, a Travis Elementary School fifth grader, gets her magazine autographed by #53 Lynn Brown, a member of the state champion Pampa Harvester basketball team. Championship hoopsters visited Travis Thursday to share their thoughts on success, school and life with the cheering youngsters. "You won't be able to do it by yourself," Brown told the students. A special celebratory parade for the Harvester basketball team will be held April 3 after school.

America Online to offer mutual fund trading

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mutual fund trading soon will be available on the nation's biggest computer service, American Online Inc.

The company said today it will offer shareholders in participat-

ing fund companies the ability to open new accounts, check account balances, redeem shares and transfer money within a fund family.

The Vienna, Va.-based company announced plans for the ser-

vice in late January. USA Today reported today the service could begin as early as Monday. AOL spokeswoman Tanya Mazarowski declined to say when the trading will be available but indicated it will be soon.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PROCTOR, C.W. - Graveside services, 3 p.m., Veterans Field of Honor, Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

Obituaries

C.W. PROCTOR

AMARILLO - C.W. Proctor, 80, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Veterans Field of Honor in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Davis of Olsen Park Baptist Church officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 26. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Proctor was born at Clarksville. He began working in the clothing business at Spur and moved from Spur to Amarillo in 1958. He retired from Proctor's Western Wear at Canadian in 1990. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Navy, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Proctor; a daughter, Gerry Cox of Clarkston, Wash.; a son, Mike Proctor of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2220 S. Bonham St., and requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159.

GLADYS ELIZABETH RUSSELL

SHAMROCK - Gladys Elizabeth Russell, 82, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m. today in the Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Kris Riggs, pastor of the Eleventh Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Russell was born in Cook County. She moved to Wheeler from Clarendon in 1928. She married Gaylord Russell in 1939 at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1965. She worked as a cook for restaurants and nursing homes. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include six daughters, Gail Bensef of Courtside, Ariz.; Glenda Berryman of Gainesville, Mattie Mae Clendenin of Alvin, Judy Marie Whaley of Gridley, Calif.; and Nancy Ellen Ellis of Fort Gibson, Okla.; a son, Gaylord Russell Jr. of Crane; 26 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of Dallas/Fort Worth.

ROSE MARY RUSSELL

TULSA, Okla. - Rose Mary Russell, 89, sister of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Sheridan Road Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Floral Haven Cemetery under the direction of Moore Funeral Home.

Mrs. Russell was born at Kansas City, Mo. She married Ira L. Russell in 1927; he died in 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sheridan Road Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, June Malone of Amarillo, Texas, and Coeta Lewis of Broken Arrow; three sons, Boyd Russell of Tulsa, Dean Russell of Amarillo and Errol Russell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Pauline Bell of Follett, Texas, Millie Hook of Dallas, Texas, and Opal Thornburg of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

MOBILE MEALS MENU

Mobile meals menu for Saturday, March 30, is stew, cornbread and dessert.

PANHELLENIC COKE PARTY

Pampa City Panhellenic will host its annual Coke party for high school senior women and their mothers at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at the home of Shannon Buck, 1812 Dogwood. Prospective sorority members are encouraged to attend.

RELAY FOR LIFE

A committee meeting for the American Cancer Society's upcoming Relay for Life event will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. Those wanting to be Relay for Life committee members or team captains for the fund-raising event are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Ed Copeland at 665-4568 or Terry Cox at 669-0234.

OPTIMIST CLUB

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will be holding sign-ups for the baseball and softball programs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven. Sign-ups are limited, players assigned on first-come, first-served basis. Fees: ages 6-9, \$35; ages 9-12, \$55; and ages 13-15, \$60. Parents are also needed to assist in coaching teams. For more information, call 665-4361.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	5.02	
Milo	6.63	
Corn	7.26	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation		
Nowaco	14 3/4	up 3/4
Occidental	26 3/8	dn 3/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	87 7/2	
Puritan	17 6/7	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	72 1/2	dn 1/4
Arco	118 3/4	up 1
Cabot	30 7/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	14 1/4	NC
Chevron	57 1/8	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	83 3/4	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	57 1/2	up 3/4
Diamond Sham	32 1/4	NC
Enron	38	dn 1/8
Halliburton	56 1/2	dn 3/4
Ingersoll Rand	41 1/4	dn 1/8
KNE	31 1/4	dn 1/4
Kerr McGehee	65 5/8	up 3/8
Limited	19	up 1/8
Mapco	55 3/8	NC
McDonald's	48 1/2	dn 3/4
Mobil	117 1/8	dn 5/8
New Atmos	22 7/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	23 3/8	up 1/4
Penney's	49 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips	39 1/4	dn 1/4
SLB	79 3/4	dn 1/8
SPS	33 1/4	up 1/8
Tenneco	56 1/8	dn 1/8
Texasco	86 1/8	dn 3/4
Wal-Mart	23 1/8	dn 7/8
New York Gold	395.40	
Silver	5.49	
West Texas Crude	21.45	

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Information was received by Officer Fred Courtney from Baker School, 300 E. Tuke, at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

THURSDAY, March 28

Assault - domestic violence was reported in the 400 block of Pitts by a 26-year-old woman at 2 a.m. Thursday. She received a bruise under her eye and cut on her chin.

The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, reported burglary which occurred at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. A red moving cart valued at \$100 was stolen.

A \$100 cassette player was reported stolen in the 100 block of North Russell between 8 and 10 a.m. Thursday.

Domestic violence - assault Class C was reported by a 20-year-old woman in the 1100 block of Seneca. She suffered a bloody nose.

Arrest

THURSDAY, March 28

Clinton Dean Hinds, 23, 710 N. Russell #2, was arrested at 1105 Seneca on a charge of domestic violence - assault.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, March 28

9:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and Randy Matson Avenue on a motor vehicle accident. Four patients were transported to Coronado Hospital.

11:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Duncan on a medical call. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Russell on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

11:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Russell and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to Coronado Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston on a medical call. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

10:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Hobart on a medical call. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

10:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Seneca on a medical call. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

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6:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Sumner on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

Accidents

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

THURSDAY, March 28

9:23 a.m. - A 1993 Lincoln driven by Sherryl Ann Reames, 39, Miami, was in collision with a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Glenn Edd Knight, 59, 1913 Hamilton, at the intersection of North Hobart and West Randy Matson Avenue. A passenger in the Knight pickup, Mildred J. Knight, 54, was taken by Rural/Metro to Coronado Hospital where she was treated and released.

11:29 a.m. - A 1993 Oldsmobile driven by W.J. Triplett, 78, 1004 Charles, was in collision with a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Brandon John Coffee, 16, 1828 Evergreen, at the intersection of North Russell and West Kentucky. Triplett was flown by emergency helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital. A passenger in the Triplett car, Martin Sprague, 54, was taken by ambulance to Nwth. Mrs. Triplett was treated and released at Coronado Hospital. Mr. Triplett is in critical condition at Nwth; Sprague is in serious condition.

3:55 p.m. - A 1985 Ford pickup driven by Randy Tony Mobbs, 40,337 S. Finley, was in collision with a 1993 Ford pickup driven by Mary Chesher, 44, Rt. 1 Box 39, at the intersection of Francis and Ballard.

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3:55 p.m. - A 1985 Ford pickup driven by Randy Tony Mobbs, 40,337 S. Finley, was in collision with a 1993 Ford pickup driven by Mary Chesher, 44, Rt. 1 Box 39, at the intersection of Francis and Ballard.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, March 28

9:24 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson Avenue.

11:20 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to Central Park at Georgia and Duncan on a medical assist.

11:29 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Russell as first responders on a motor vehicle accident.

12:42 p.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to Gray County Road 4 and Highway 60 on a grass fire rekindle. Mutual aid was received by Gray County water tankers and a Hoehchst Celanese booster and water tanker.

10:18 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1105 Seneca as first responders to an emergency medical call.

Correction

The name of Shaylee Richardson was omitted from a photo cutline on page 6 in Thursday's edition. The Pampa News regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Thursday morning accident



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Emergency workers pull W.J. Triplett from the wreckage of his 1993 Oldsmobile following an accident late Thursday morning at the intersection of Kentucky and Russell. Triplett was taken by ambulance to Coronado Hospital and later by emergency helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is in critical condition today. Also injured in the accident was Triplett's passenger Martin Sprague, who is in serious condition at Nwth. Triplett's wife, Marjorie Triplett, was treated and released from Coronado Hospital.

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, March 28

Agency assistance was rendered to Mason County, W.Va., sheriff's office.

Arrests

THURSDAY, March 28

Bonnie Brown Immel, 39, McLean, was arrested on a charge of theft of property by check. She was released on bond.

Christopher Lee Thomason, 20, 1214 Market, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. His bond is \$1,000.

FRIDAY, March 29

Alice Balay, 22, 410 N. West, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was released on bond.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

THURSDAY, March 28

Johnny Joe Carrasco, 22, 520 Yeager, was arrested on a charge of bribery and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. His bond is \$10,000 on each charge.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 40 and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a low in the low 30s and light and variable winds.

Thursday's high was 62; the overnight low was 40.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle (Central and Western): Tonight, partly cloudy. Breezy with lows 30 to 37. Saturday, mostly sunny with highs 65 to 72. Saturday night, clear. Lows 30 to 37. Panhandle (Eastern): Tonight, a chance of mainly evening thunderstorms northeast, with a slight chance southeast.

Otherwise mostly cloudy north, decreasing clouds south. Breezy with lows in the 30s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 60s. Saturday night, clear with lows in the 30s. South Plains: Tonight,

partly cloudy. Lows 40-45. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs 70-75. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 30s to near 40.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 50 to 58. Saturday, partly cloudy west. A chance of thunderstorms central and east then decreasing cloudiness. Highs 73 to 80.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in upper 50s, near 50 Hill Country. Saturday, fair skies. Highs in low 80s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s coast, near 60 inland. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 70 coast, near 80 inland. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in mid 60s coast

to near 60 inland. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in low 80s coast to upper 80s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy central mountains and east with lingering evening showers and thunderstorms. Winds and cloudiness decreasing from the west. Colder west. Lows in mid teens and 20s mountains and northwest with upper 20s to mid 40s elsewhere. Saturday, partly cloudy north with mostly fair skies south. Warmer west. Highs in the 50s and 60s mountains and northwest with 60s and 70s at the lower elevations east and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Lows from near 40 in northwest to low and mid 50s in the south. Saturday, partly cloudy, scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly during the morning. Highs from low 60s northern regions to low and mid 70s south.

City briefs

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REBECCA ANN'S, 1521 N. Hobart, Spring sale starts March 20. Dresses 30% off, Selected Group Dress Slacks 30%, Select Spring Groups 25% off. Adv.

G&G FENCES. Repair old/build new. Competitive, guaranteed. 665-6872, 1-800-223-0827. Adv.

JOHNSON 2-WAY radio equipment. GE and Motorola trunking equipment radios. 669-3955. Adv.

KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, Handcrafters - Huge Yarn and Fiber Sale; hundreds of pounds. Thursday 1-5 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m. 1930 Dogwood. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm. Fifth Anniversary Sale, March 28th, 29th and 30th. Adv.

SALE - CERAMIC Bisque. 945 E. Malone. Thursday 1-4. Friday-Saturday 9-5. Adv.

COTTAGE COLLECTION Booth 260 "Three Girls & A Lady" Sale items marked 50% and 20% off. Adv.

2 WYNONNA and Blackhawk tickets. 665-0241. Adv.

SUPER GARAGE Sale - Saturday only, March 30, 1401 N. Russell. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Fish Fry, Friday, March 29, 6-8 p.m. at Ward and Buckler Sts. Hall, includes catfish, hush puppies, red beans, coleslaw and beverage. "All You Can Eat" adults \$7, children (6-11) \$3. Adv.

RAGG NOOK. 60 in. wide Country and barnyard print \$3.25 per yard. Curtains, valance fabric by lb. 665-1651. Adv.

BILLIE'S BOUTIQUE - Specials throughout the store for Easter! 30%, 40%, 50% off. 2143 N. Hobart. Adv.

DANCE - SENIOR Citizen's, Friday 29th, live band. Adv.

KEVIN'S DINER - New Hours Monday thru Saturday, 10-3. Closed Sunday. Adv.

NIKE APPAREL now at Brown Shoe Fit! Adv.

SOLD OUT Harvester State Championship shirts, new shipment RSVP. T-Shirts & More, 665-3036. Adv.

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

THE HERITAGE Art Club Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at Lovett Memorial Library. Adv.

CJ'S PLUS Boutique: Soon to open. Consignment clothing for ladies-12 thru plus. Accepting clothes starting April 1, 1996. Please no bags or boxes - only on hangers. Thank you. 207 N. Cuyler, 665-2288, 10-2, Monday thru Friday. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Catfish, baked chicken and dumplings, chicken fried steak, grilled pork chops, cobbler. Friday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Plenty of parking in back and both sides. Adv.

EASTER TREATS. Spiral sliced honey glazed hams. Whole or half. Place order today. Homemade Polish sausage. Beef jerky. Smoked brisket. Special - pork spare ribs, 99¢ per pound. Clint & Sons. 115 W. 3rd, 883-7831, White Deer. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE Saturday 1-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. 2353 Chateau Rue, Chaumont Addition, Pampa, Off Loop 171. Adv.

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Tree poster winners



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Soil conservation poster blue-ribbon winners at Baker Elementary include Vicky Mangus, a fifth grader in Marlene Kyle's class; Racquel Ramirez, a fourth grader in Leslie Schaffer's class; Nicole Bryan, a third grader in Barbara Nichols' class; and Megan Coffee, a third grader in Beverly Morris' class. The students also received Eastern red cedar saplings from the contest's sponsor, the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Congress, White House inch toward deal, work to avert further shutdowns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the White House inched toward a compromise today on spending legislation that would avert a government shutdown at midnight. But a final deal remained elusive.

On Thursday, Congress resolved one longstanding fiscal dispute by sending President Clinton a bill extending the government's borrowing power through September 1997. The measure would allow the national debt to reach \$5.5 trillion, up from \$4.9 trillion.

White House aides said the president would sign it, and the Treasury Department quickly announced it would auction nearly \$50 billion in securities on Monday and Tuesday.

Along with the debt bill, Congress sent Clinton unrelated measures:

—Giving the president, starting Jan. 1, line-item veto authority to reject individual projects and programs in spending bills and narrowly targeted tax breaks.

—Permitting nearly a million Social Security recipients who work past age 65 to keep more of their benefits.

—Handing small businesses new power to challenge federal regulations in court.

Today, lawmakers were turning their full attention to the spending bill, which appropriates roughly \$160 billion for a wide range of domestic programs from education to environmental protection to veterans' health services.

Despite marathon bargaining sessions in a cramped basement conference room of the Capitol, lawmakers were unable by early today to seal a deal.

"The whales in this place ought to be talking to

the whales at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, the senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

The administration previously had been demanding an additional \$8 billion in spending. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said the administration had reduced that to \$5.1 billion, about \$1.3 billion more than provided in the Senate's higher-spending version of the legislation.

During bargaining Thursday, House Republicans moved substantially toward the Senate's bill but balked at raising spending levels beyond it.

They agreed to accept most of the \$2.7 billion in education and job training money added by the Senate, as well as much of the extra \$727 million for environmental protection.

And House and Senate Republicans came to terms on funding for the District of Columbia after House lawmakers dropped their demand for a voucher plan that would have given D.C. students money toward private school tuition.

Panetta said bargainers were making progress on overall spending levels but cautioned that Republicans still weren't meeting administration priorities in Head Start, grants helping communities hire more police officers and other programs.

And Republicans' refusal to delete provisions allowing more logging on federal land and development of wetlands and California's Mojave Desert remained significant barriers, he said.

If no deal was reached today, he said lawmakers should work into the weekend rather than go home for Easter and Passover.

Congress gives final approval to farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress gave final approval today to a historic farm bill, which would end the ingrained link between farm prices and government subsidies that has prevailed since the Depression.

"Farmers will finally plant for the market and not for the government," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole as the Senate voted 74-26 for the bill Thursday. The House passed it 318-89 early today in a post-midnight session. Speaker Newt Gingrich called it "the largest reform in the system in 60 years."

The bill went to the White House, and President Clinton has

said he would sign it despite some reservations.

The massive legislation covers a broad range of nutrition, environmental, specific crop and rural development issues.

The bill ends federal subsidies based on prices, a legacy of the Depression, and instead offers guaranteed but gradually declining "market transition payments" over seven years.

It also terminates government controls over what farmers can plant or what fields must be left idle.

Rep. E. "Kika" de la Garza, D-Texas, said the bill was not perfect, but it "addresses areas of concern to rural America and ...

the poor. It addresses human needs."

But opponents tried to portray the legislation as a massive giveaway. Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., complained it would "pay people seven years to do nothing." Added Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.: "This is the biggest welfare program we have got left."

The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said, "The important thing about this bill is the unleashing of American agriculture to make more money. Net income for American farmers will increase, generating dynamic economic renewal in rural America."

School official defends kicking mascot killers off team

EAST BERNARD, Texas (AP) — A superintendent got a call from the county judge after she kicked four players off East Bernard's defending Class 2A state championship baseball team for killing a cat.

Tensions grew in the community after Superintendent Nancy

McNeal announced her punishment against the four, who included the son of a Baptist minister and the son of a deacon.

Ms. McNeal stood by her earlier decision to remove the players from the team for the rest of the season.

The teenagers signed state-

ments admitting they killed the tabby on March 16.

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Barton releases poll on taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — This just in: A new poll suggests that Americans believe they aren't getting enough bang for their tax dollar and that they favor making it harder for Congress to raise taxes.

While the poll's findings are hardly astonishing, Texas Congressman Joe Barton used them Thursday to buttress his case for a proposed constitutional amendment making it much harder for lawmakers to increase taxes.

Nearly three-quarters of those surveyed in a poll commissioned by the conservative Americans for Tax Reform said they support making it more difficult to raise taxes. Slightly more than three-quarters said it should be harder for Congress to raise taxes than to cut spending.

Barton, R-Ennis, is pushing a constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds majority in each chamber of Congress to raise taxes. A House vote on his proposal, which has drawn 167 co-sponsors, has been scheduled for April 15 — income tax deadline day.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LEFORS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Lefors will hold a second public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on April 3, 1996, at the City Hall, 103 N. Court, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements for the City in the approximate amount of \$250,000.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review with Virginia Maples, City Secretary, during regular business hours. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Texas Editorials

San Antonio Express-News on immigration bill:

The House moved in the right direction when it stripped legal immigration from its immigration reform bill, and was right to reject the notion of a guest-worker program.

The bill, authored by U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, cleared the House Friday, 333-87, but awaits action by the Senate.

The House bill goes too far to stem illegal immigration by allowing states to deny education to the children of illegal immigrants.

Not only does it overstep constitutional boundaries - the Supreme Court ruled in 1982 that all U.S. children are entitled to a public education - such a law surely would invite discrimination of any "foreign-looking" or "foreign-sounding" children and their parents.

It would make military zones of schools, where teachers and administrators not only have to worry about teaching the three R's, but now would have to act as border guards, too. That is absurd.

Never mind that the measure unjustly threatens the littlest ones for their parents' illegal immigration status, something over which children have no control.

Gov. George W. Bush understands this, and has declared Texas would not punish the children if the measure became law.

What would Congress do about the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants? Would lawmakers create a second class of citizens?

Congressmen arguing for the proposal this week charged that illegal immigrants come to the United States looking for hand-outs. California members were among the most vociferous.

"If we have the resources to educate them, we should have the resources to deport them," said U.S. Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., who sponsored the amendment.

Gallegly and his colleagues failed to mention that, at least in their state, agricultural interests continue to drive the demand for cheap, illegal immigrant labor. But they would deny the children of these immigrants an education.

If Congress is serious about stemming illegal immigration, it would do well to take a hard look at the fields of California instead of making police states out of America's schoolhouses.

El Paso Times on educating immigrants:

Children are the building blocks that will allow the United States to continue soaring as the greatest and most powerful country in the world.

No child should be denied an education. Yet Congress is attempting to do just that with an amendment that ignores the relationship between education and a nation's progress. By denying an education to the children of undocumented immigrants, lawmakers are limiting the productivity of those children and condemning them to second-class status. ...

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'The Birdcage': Gilded nonsense



L. Brent Bozell

In The Celluloid Closet, a new documentary detailing how movies historically have portrayed homosexuals, narrator Lily Tomlin states that "Hollywood, the great maker of myths, taught straight people what to think about gay people and gay people what to think about themselves. No one escaped its influence."

Well, in any reasonable ranking of shapers of opinion concerning gays or most anything else, films (and the media in general) would wind up below family, church and peers. For argument's sake, though, let's assume Lily Tomlin is literally correct in saying that what our society believes about homosexuality is affected most powerfully by the cinema.

This brings us to the top movie box office hit of the past three weekends, The Birdcage, from director Mike Nichols and screenwriter Elaine May. What is the message imparted by the feel good comedy hit of the late winter and early spring? Unlike La Cage Aux Folles, the late-'70s French film on which it is based, it doesn't merely endorse the notion that hetero- and homosexuality are morally equivalent, and la di da.

No, The Birdcage asserts not only that the gay lifestyle is fine and dandy but that many of those who object to it are malignant, not simply mistaken. And, as you might expect, since this remake is set in contemporary America, it is also very up-to-date in its choice of villains: mostly, conservative Republicans.

In The Birdcage, Armand (played by Robin Williams) runs a nightclub in Miami's ultra-trendy South Beach section; his longtime companion, Albert (Nathan Lane), is the club's star performer, a drag queen. Soon after the film begins, Armand's college-age son (the result of an experimental het-

erosexual one-night stand) tells his father that he's engaged to the daughter of conservative Ohio Sen. Kevin Keeley (Gene Hackman). The depiction of Keeley in particular, and the conservative movement in general, makes little sense either in artistic or political terms. Keeley is presented as both a true-blue right-winger - he's the co-founder of the Coalition for Moral Order, presumably a cross between the Christian Coalition and the Moral Majority - and a craven candidate for re-election obsessed with avoiding controversy.

It's a contradiction in terms. Principled public figures, like Ronald Reagan, Jesse Helms and Pat Buchanan (and their analogues on the left), speak from the heart and often pay a steep political price for their standards. In contrast, the politicians who keep one eye on the polls at all times (President Bill Clinton, for example, spends \$2 million per year on pollsters to learn his beliefs) are notorious for their lack of principle. Thus, the character Keeley can be plausibly trashed for his ideology or his opportunism - but not both.

Far worse, twice, The Birdcage flat-out smears conservatives. First, a Southern senator, Keeley's

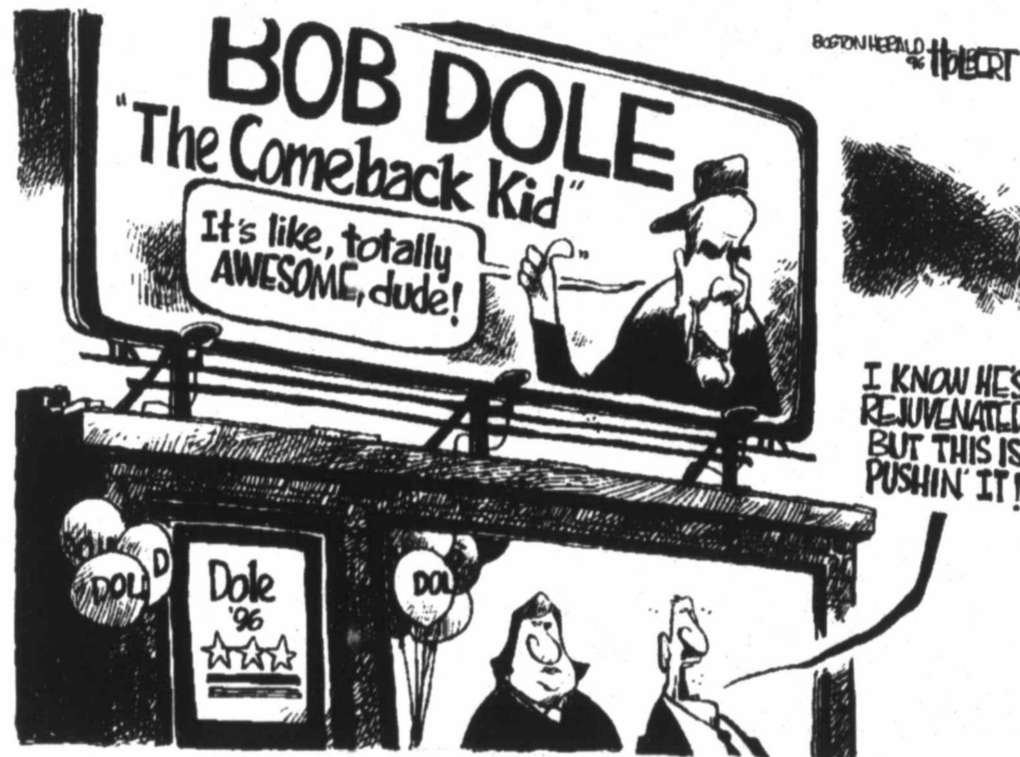
co-founder of the Coalition for Moral Order, dies during sexual intercourse with an underage black prostitute. Here, we have a typical liberal approach to conservatives: Rather than refute them intellectually, liberals make them out to be grossly hypocritical or launch another sort of ad hominem attack.

Second, Armand is Jewish, whereas his counterpart in La Cage Aux Folles was not. Why this modification? Because it facilitates the exposure of Keeley as an anti-Semite, thereby (the film makers presumably hope) delegitimizing what he stands for.

This insinuation is, again, unfair - though unsurprising given something director Nichols said in September 1992, when he addressed those gathered at a Clinton fundraising event. Alluding to Dan Quayle's Murphy Brown speech of a few months before, Nichols remarked, "We can drop the Republican code word for 'cultural elite.' Good evening, fellow Jews."

The stupidity of that utterance can be demonstrated in many ways, one of the most obvious being that the executive producer of Murphy Brown (Diane English) and its star (Candice Bergen) are not Jewish, while Quayle's chief of staff (Bill Kristol) and the writer of the speech (Lisa Schiffren) are. But the less said about Nichols' ugly on-screen and off-screen allegations, the better.

Granted, The Birdcage is more force than anti-conservative manifesto. Nonetheless, no matter how uproarious the comedy - and there are some funny moments here - it amounts to sugar-coating bitter medicine. The difference is that while medicine is ultimately good for you, the political sliminess of The Birdcage just leaves a bad taste.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 29, the 89th day of 1996. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he was mortally wounded during a masquerade party.

In 1867, the British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, meat, butter and cheese rationing began because of World War II.

Let Clinton speak clearly - for once



William Rusher

Taiwan's presidential election on March 3 has brought to a boil a whole series of developments that have been cooking away on the back burner for several years.

It has completed, just for one thing, Taiwan's transition from an authoritarian regime to a full-fledged democracy.

Combined with the achievements of Taiwan's powerful economy, it has attracted the admiring attention of the world - an attention Taiwan's leaders have seized on to promote its desire for further international recognition, including membership in the United Nations.

These various developments, in turn, have induced a humongous squalling fit in Beijing. The Chinese Communist regime is jealous of Taiwan's prosperity, frightened by the suggestive example of its democracy, and furious at any hint that Taiwan may cease to regard itself as a Chinese province and seek to go its own way as a sovereign nation of 21 million people.

Hence Beijing's recent military exercises - featuring surface-to-surface missiles with live ammunition - in the Taiwan Strait and not far from Taiwan's two main ports.

On Taiwan itself, the Kuomintang, which is the governing party, insists that it favors reunification with the mainland when China is free and democratic - i.e., after the Communists are gone. The only open support for independence comes from

the chief opposition party, which apparently is ready to risk a Communist attack. Listen to this effusion by Chen Shihmeng, a former Secretary General of that party (the Democratic Progressives), as quoted in the New York Times:

"If China uses military force, we will counterattack. We could destroy their economic zones incredibly fast. We will not win by pitching threats against military experts in the Chinese leadership, but if we use our military capacities to sow fear among the economists, we can divide that leadership to triumph."

Nonsense doesn't stop being nonsense merely because it's spoken by the Chinese. Beijing is almost certainly not ready to invade Taiwan today, but an economic blockade could ruin Taiwan's economy, and selective missile shots could devastate the island.

In those circumstances, it would be madness for any Taiwanese government to provoke Beijing by moving toward independence now. Even the demand for U.N. membership can wait, if necessary. Time is on Taiwan's side, as the aging leaders of China die off and the regime struggles to maintain itself amid the economic and political pressures this will generate. The proper course for Taiwan is watchful waiting.

And what about the United States? Unfortunately, just when it is crucial to make Beijing understand that any attack on Taiwan would provoke whatever American response was necessary to defeat it, we have a president whose lifelong habit has been to fudge every question presented to him.

No doubt there is something to be said for a bit of tactical ambiguity about the precise nature of the American response, but there is nothing whatever for leaving Beijing in the slightest doubt that attacking Taiwan would be a disaster for Communist China.

Now Bill Clinton can see how badly he blundered when he repudiated his own campaign pledge and "de-linked" our stand on China's barbarous human rights record from our readiness to trade with it. Instead of civilizing Beijing, he has simply created a greedy lobby of American traders with China who will resist any effort to tame Beijing's aggressive ways.

Interestingly, all this plays right into the hands of Bob Dole, a foreign policy expert and a longtime friend of Taiwan's.

A tale of two senators and a guest

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

Never was there a more classic case of a presidential front-runner undone than that of Edmund S. Muskie, the Democrat who looked like a sure thing - until he ran.

Ironically, while Muskie's fall is remembered in farewell salutes, a Republican who led the field as he did, and stumbled just as swiftly, stands atop his party, the White House nominee in waiting.

Sen. Bob Dole managed the feat Muskie could not, proving that there is a way back to the top, even for a politician who has been there and fallen.

Actually, Dole suffered more embarrassing early setbacks than Muskie in the initial contests of 1996. He lost outright where Muskie won the first of the primaries of 1972. But Muskie's standing slipped for lack of a majority in New Hampshire. Dole lost outright to Pat Buchanan, and it got worse - he lost two more primaries to Steve Forbes, and was front-runner no more.

But while Muskie's 1972 strength eroded, Dole's was in reserve. He changed campaign advisers, the competition moved into states where he had supporters with organizational strength and he not only came back from defeat, he swept the rest of the GOP field away.

He'd won 25 states in a row, crowned by California on Tuesday, when he declared, redundantly: "I am the Republican nominee."

In 1972, Muskie hung on until the Democratic convention before confessing the obvious, and ending his long-dormant candidacy.

A different kind of competition, differing strategies, the compressed schedule of primary elec-

tions were among the reasons Dole was able to rise again as front-runner. Muskie never could. He was an active candidate for only six weeks in 1972, dropping from primary competition although he did not withdraw outright and endorse Sen. George McGovern until the convention that summer.

Muskie, like Dole, was the pollsters' favorite, the name everybody knew and, it seemed at first, the consensus candidate. Their initial strategies were not dissimilar - compete everywhere as national candidates instead of picking target states, reap endorsements from governors, senators and party leaders, emphasize trust and proven performance.

Indeed, Muskie, senator from Maine, vaulted to national prominence as vice presidential nominee in 1968 and as a leading party spokesman in the 1970 campaign, urging voters to choose the Democrats' "politics of trust" over Republican resorts to fear.

But as a campaigner in his own cause, he tended to talk like a senator, offering lengthy, intricate discourses on the reasons for action, to the dismay of image advisors who wanted him to give a quotable summary of what he proposed to do.

And in Senate eulogies after his death at 81, the descriptions of Muskie and his style sounded not unlike things said of Dole in this campaign, at times not only of, but by, Dole.

He was called a model of what a senator should be. "He was a man who got things done," said Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., a legislator with a grasp on the intricacies of the task.

In the crowded Democratic primaries of 1972, Muskie tried to run as a man of the center - his own description - while the vote was being carved away by candidates to his left and to his right.

Dole had faced something like that with Buchanan coming from the right - now the only rival remaining although he concedes the nomination to the Kansas senator - and Forbes waging his negative television advertising barrage.

When Muskie was running, his critics said his campaign had no theme, no blueprint for the future, only a slogan, "Trust Muskie."

In the Senate tributes, there was only oblique mention of Muskie's lost campaign. "He had a temper that verged on the volcanic," said Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., "and he was capable of weeping public tears over an insult to the wife he loved."

That was a reference to a New Hampshire campaign day Muskie choked with emotion in denouncing a newspaper article critical of Mrs. Muskie. Dole has a legendary temper, too, but this campaign he's kept it in check.

In his eulogy, Dole called Muskie a patriot who made America better.

A generation ago, the Republican national chairman had denounced the Maine senator for "a sorry spectacle ... bad-mouthing the United States."

The chairman was Bob Dole.

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State briefs

Arrest warrant for Howard Stern still on books

HARLINGEN (AP) — Justice of the Peace Eloy Cano says freedom of speech is alive and well in South Texas, except when it comes to Howard Stern and slain Tejano star Selena.

That's why the arrest warrant he issued for Stern, the New York-based host of a nationally syndicated morning show, remains in force nearly a year after it was written.

Cano issued the warrant for disorderly conduct after Stern made what he considered offensive comments about the singer and Hispanic culture. He based it on a complaint filed by Laura Barboza, who happens to be his secretary.

The warrant, which means Stern can be arrested as soon as he steps foot in Texas for the Class C misdemeanor, the legal equivalent of a traffic ticket. The maximum fine is \$500.

Rescuers find fuselage, continue search for aviators

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A special team of Navy salvage divers has been deployed to the Gulf of Mexico to determine whether the bodies of three missing aviators are in the wrecked fuselage of their plane.

Divers have made a preliminary investigation of the T-44A wreckage, which is in 100 feet of choppy water about 33 miles southeast of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, the Navy said in a statement.

Until the men's fates are determined, planes will continue daylight searches for Marine Corps Capt. John C. Krafft, an instructor pilot, and two student aviators, Marine Corps 1st Lt. Ronald S. Pahl and Lt. j.g. Robert P. Roch, Robinson said.

State panel raises speed limits in three cities

AUSTIN (AP) — "Rush hour" will soon take on new meaning in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

Over the cities' objections, the Texas Transportation Commission voted unanimously Thursday to increase speed limits to as high as 70 mph on state roads within the cities.

State law gives cities the right to set the limits on state roads within their jurisdictions, but those limits must be backed by engineering studies.

City officials in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Corpus Christi had been fighting for speed limits lower than those called for by state safety studies, said Tom Newbern, head of the state traffic operations division.

State safety standards presume that the speed at which 85 percent of motorists are driving is safe.

'Sacrifice of Glory'



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanek)

Peter, portrayed by Rick Crosswhite, denies knowing Jesus to a woman (Dronda Kelsey) who recognizes him as a disciple in a re-creation of Luke 23 in the Calvary Baptist Church's production of *Sacrifice of Glory*, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at the church, 900 E. 23rd. For information on the Easter season musical drama, call the church at 665-0842.

Houston bins tested for wheat fungus

HOUSTON (AP) — Results of a test for wheat fungus in a Port of Houston grain elevator bin are expected in a few days, an official says.

A total of three Port of Houston bins were tested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the disease, which has virtually halted U.S. wheat exports.

Two bins came back negative for Karnal bunt, a disease of wheat, durum wheat and triticale, which is a hybrid of wheat and rye.

Federal farm officials ordered testing of bins containing wheat from Arizona, which had the first outbreak of the fungal disease.

Port of Houston officials down-

played the effects of Karnal bunt and government wheat testing on their operations.

"It's business as usual," said Bill Mullins, manager of bulk facilities at the Port of Houston.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman came to Houston Wednesday to try to allay fears about Karnal bunt and its effect on exports of U.S. wheat. The United States, the world's leading wheat exporter, accounts for one-third of all wheat exports, with sales last year totaling \$4.9 billion.

"While this is a serious problem, we're going to make sure this is contained," Glickman said.

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Mrs. Baird's files for Chapter 11 protection

FORT WORTH (AP) — Mrs Baird's Bakeries Inc. said it will continue to deliver bread to its customers and meet its other obligations despite seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The Fort Worth-based company, the nation's biggest family-owned bakery, said the petition was filed to protect the company from legal claims of up to \$100 million in the wake of price-fixing allegations.

Filing under Chapter 11 frees a company from the threat of creditors' lawsuits while it reorganizes its finances. The company filed in

U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Fort Worth.

Mrs Baird's was convicted last month of fixing the price of bread in small towns in East Texas for more than 15 years. The company could be fined a maximum of \$10 million when it is sentenced April 22. The company has said it will appeal the conviction.

In its petition filed Thursday in Fort Worth, the company listed assets of \$95 million and liabilities of \$14 million, said David Margulies, spokesman for a public relations company hired by Mrs Baird's.

But the company was sued in state court and federal court after the government began investigating whether Mrs Baird's had fixed bread prices across the state. The petition states that Mrs Baird's faces "undetermined amounts asserted by attorneys for the plaintiffs to exceed \$100 million," Margulies said.

According to a statement released by Mrs Baird's, the bakery filed for bankruptcy protection to "resolve potential material financial hardships resulting from pending and potential civil lawsuits against the company."



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Nation briefs

Crisis gives small town economic boost

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — These days, anyone with a spare room can name his price. An extra hundred or so FBI agents and hordes of reporters have turned this tiny town into a boom town.

The FBI is watching a compound 30 miles outside of town where a dozen or so heavily armed anti-government Freemen are holed up. The reporters are watching the FBI.

The standoff entered its fifth day today.

The agents and their dozens of vehicles and support equipment have set up headquarters at the Garfield County fairgrounds west of town, a circumstance that townspeople greeted with relief and curiosity.

"Winter is a hard time around here," said an employee pumping gas Thursday at a Main Street station. "The extra business is welcome, but it's kind of ironic to get it this way."

On Thursday, a federal judge in Billings, 150 miles southwest of here, entered innocent pleas for the two Freemen whose arrest Monday sparked the standoff.

U.S. Senator Paul Tsongas hospitalized for infection

BOSTON (AP) — Former presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Paul Tsongas has come down with an infection related to his bout with cancer and may get another bone marrow transplant.

Dr. David G. Nathan, president of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, said Thursday that the condition, called myelodysplasia, is a bone marrow disorder which makes patients susceptible to infection. He said it was common in people who had recovered from lymphoma, cancer of the lymph glands.

"The irony is that what we're dealing with here is the result of long-term survival," said the former Democratic senator from Massachusetts.

Tsongas, 55, was first diagnosed with lymphoma 12 1/2 years ago and cited his health when he chose not to run for a second Senate term in 1984. He underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatment in 1985 and received a bone marrow transplant in 1986.

In November 1992, Tsongas was again diagnosed with lymphoma. He underwent another round of radiation therapy and there has been no sign of the disease since then.

Collector dedicates museum to business cards

ERDENHEIM, Pa. (AP) — Think your business card has to be the standard black-and-white issue? Ken Erdman knows better.

His museum pays homage to the business card, often viewed in the workaday world as pragmatic. He knows better on that score, too.

"It is kind of an extension of yourself. It's a little bit of giving yourself to someone else," said Erdman.

He calls the business card one of the most effective but least exploited marketing tools, and he has collected about 156,000 examples.

"Smile, you're under arrest!" is the teasing message on the card of Geoffrey B.W. Little, who bills himself as "Sydney, Australia's smiling policeman."

Not that all cards must be on paper: Erdman, a 70-year-old marketer and collector, has some made of glass, leather, even computer mouse pads.

Salem China Co. tempts potential customers with a saucer, complete with a duck painted in the middle and the company name etched on the bottom.

Down and dirty political ads use woman's voice

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Listen to political ads on television and the voice of authority behind the images is almost always a man's.

The most notable exception is when a candidate wants to get down and dirty. Then, a woman's voice is the choice.

"If you want to present negative ads, we like them to be very reasoned," said Russ Schrieffer of the Stuart Stevens Group, a New York City firm that makes political ads. "Using a woman's voice to give a reasoned voice kind of takes some of the edge off."

Candidates also are more likely to use a female voice when they want to reach women voters on a particular issue. The Stuart Stevens agency used a woman's voice for ads touting Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's family values.

IRS raids more than twenty prostitution rings nationwide

DALLAS (AP) — A two-year, coast-to-coast investigation of call-girl rings has culminated in search warrants being served on 100 businesses operating escort services in more than 20 cities, the U.S. Justice Department has announced.

Special agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and local police served the search warrants this week, said Douglas Gastorf, chief of the IRS Criminal Investigations Division in Dallas, in a prepared statement.

According to court documents, IRS agents in the undercover sting set up and ran an undercover business known as Tejas Financial Services based in Dallas. The agents used the business to pose as money launderers willing to launder funds generated from illegal prostitution.

When prostitutes' customers used credit cards to pay for illegal sex acts, the agents would conceal the illegal income and activity from law enforcement agencies and the credit card companies and "repaint" the income as coming from a legitimate source, the Justice Department said.

Customers had to fill out Tejas Financial Services' credit verification forms listing their name, social security number, address, telephone number and date of birth.

Agents say they discovered a competitor while running Tejas. One of the businesses raided was EMS Inc. of Paramus, N.J., which

the IRS said operated a similar money laundering business.

Tejas and EMS formed a partnership when American Express, suspecting misdeeds at EMS, terminated the company's merchant account, agents said. Investigators used their access to EMS customers to locate more suspected "pimps and madams," the statement said.

"Even the oldest living profession must pay taxes," Gastorf said. "In particular, the IRS is after those money launderers who conspired to help hide this prostitution income."

Customers who used major credit cards to buy sexual favors ended up with the innocuous Tejas name on their statements, court documents said. In exchange for the credit card service, Tejas charged a fee between 12 percent and 20 percent.

The sting, dubbed "Operation Out Call," used 1,000 law enforcement officers over a 2-year-long probe in 42 states. Search and seizure warrants were executed this week simultaneously in more than two dozen cities.

"This is the largest IRS undercover operation I can remember in my 22 years in federal law enforcement," Gastorf said.

Authorities estimate EMS laundered an annual volume of \$6 million and had laundered more than \$16 million in credit card sales since 1993.

Housing order imposes one strike rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tequila Harris says her family and friends often choose to stay inside their homes in a Washington public housing facility because of the drug-related crime that occurs outside their door.

"Because of the drug problem we don't go out that often," Miss Harris, 18, says. "It's so bad some friends from our neighborhood, they're scared to come out of their own houses. They're like they're prisoners in their own houses because of the drugs."

But she opposes an order signed by President Clinton on Thursday that aims to evict families from public housing if one family member participates — just once — in drug crimes or other violent activity or admits guests who took part in those activities.

"It would be unfair," she said, looking out over a small front yard scattered with old, broken toys. A peeling "Say No To Drugs" poster hung from a door. "I would hate for a young baby to have to sleep on the street because of someone's older brother or dad."

Several of her neighbors also described the order as draconian.

"I don't think it's right," said Ashley Hines, who has lived in the public housing facility for 28 years. "The whole family shouldn't suffer. Punish the one person."

As part of Thursday's order, the Department of Housing and Urban Development must grade housing authorities on their compliance with the so-called one-strike rule. Those with low scores would be less likely to receive certain federal funds and more likely to be subject to increased federal supervision.

Patricia Williams, who has lived in the facility for eight years, said people deserve more than one chance and that the government should do more to increase economic opportunities in lower-income neighborhoods instead of evicting troublemakers.

"They should worry more about getting people jobs," Mrs. Williams said. "That will help a whole lot. Jobs, education, programs that they can get into. But we hardly got any programs for these pre-teens to go to."

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Democratic candidate Victor Morales acknowledges wife's student loan debts

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales says a disputed debt his wife owes to the federal government should not keep him from being elected. Morales said on Thursday his wife owes the federal government at least \$27,000 in unpaid student loans. He said he and his wife once sought help from U.S. Rep. John Bryant in resolving a long-standing dispute with the lending agency.

Morales faces Bryant, D-Dallas, in an April 9 runoff to take on incumbent Republican Sen. Phil Gramm in November. Morales said his wife, Dani, who is part American Indian, borrowed money from the federal government before their marriage and was to repay it after her 1982 graduation by working two years on an Indian reservation. Mrs. Morales tried for three years to

get a reservation post, but was repeatedly told there were no appropriate jobs available, Morales said. The couple married in 1985. "They would not give her a job during the Reagan cutbacks," Morales told The Associated Press. "When they wanted to give her a job, we were pregnant, had a child and a house." The 46-year-old Mesquite high school teacher has run a grass-roots campaign,

crisscrossing the state in his Nissan pickup truck. After beating Bryant, U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman and Houston lawyer John Odum in the March 12 Democratic primary, he credited his outsider status and earnestness for the surprising win. "Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, they just want someone to trust. ... That's what I provide," he said on election night. He also has refused to accept contribu-

tions from political action committees, saying he does not want to be beholden to special interests. Morales, who revealed the debt in a story in this week's edition of the Dallas Observer, said his wife filed for a hardship waiver and was told by agency officials that it would be granted. But the waiver was denied and payment demanded, Morales said.

Bill targets fee system at parks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A family visit to a national park has long been a bargain, but it may not be one much longer if a bill advancing in the House becomes law.

For one thing, grandma and grandpa might no longer get in for free, nor would the kids. And don't even think about bringing in a carload of people for \$5. That will be history.

An overhaul of the fee system for the country's more than 350 national parks and monuments moved out of the House Resources Committee by a largely party-line 24-12 vote on Thursday and is likely to be considered on the House floor in the coming months.

The bill's supporters, mostly Republicans with a scattering of Democrats, called it essential to give the U.S. Park Service the money it needs to operate and begin to address a growing backlog of repairs.

But some Democratic critics said it goes too far and will prevent millions of elderly and poor families from enjoying the beauty of some of America's greatest natural and historical treasures.

Among its provisions, the bill would:

—Scrap the Golden Age Passport, a lifetime free entrance pass for people 62 or older for a one-time fee of \$10. Senior citizens would pay regular fees.

—For the first time, charge entry fees for those 16 or younger. Visitors 12 and younger would get in at half-price.

—Establish fees on a per-person basis, instead of by carloads. The price for a family of four going to many of the parks would jump to \$20 or more, compared with \$5 per carload now. Caps on fees would be eliminated, so in some parks fees could soar.

—For the first time charge fees to go into visitor's centers, and increase fees for camping and other services.

A proposal offered by Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., would have capped fees at \$6 per person, retained the pass for senior citizens and continued to allow children into parks for free. It was defeated, 24-15.

Grand jury drops charges against school district

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Cameron County grand jury has declined to pursue criminal charges against the Harlingen school district for putting problem special education students in a closet as punishment.

The panel's action Wednesday brought a complaint from a Harlingen man, who said his daughter is afraid of the dark and can't sleep by herself as a result of the punishment.

Although the grand jury's no-billing rules out criminal charges against the Harlingen school district, the McKenna filed a civil suit last month.

In 1994, then 11-year-old Kathleen McKenna, a special education student at Treasure Hills Elementary, was locked in a small closet as punishment, her father said.

"From what we can piece together, it was at least three times for 30 minutes to one hour," McKenna said.

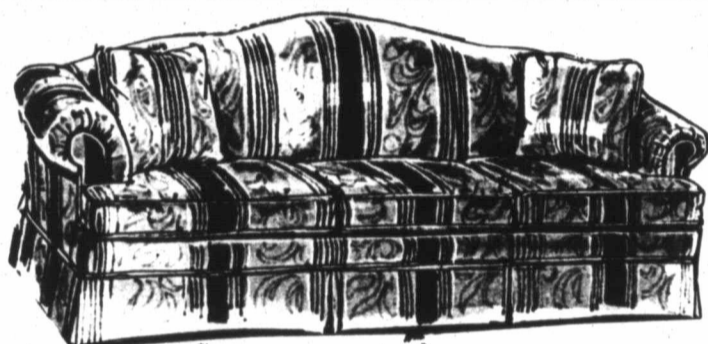
The "timeout room," a closet measuring 8 feet high and roughly 4 feet by 5 feet wide, was locked from the outside, the only view from a small wire-mesh window.

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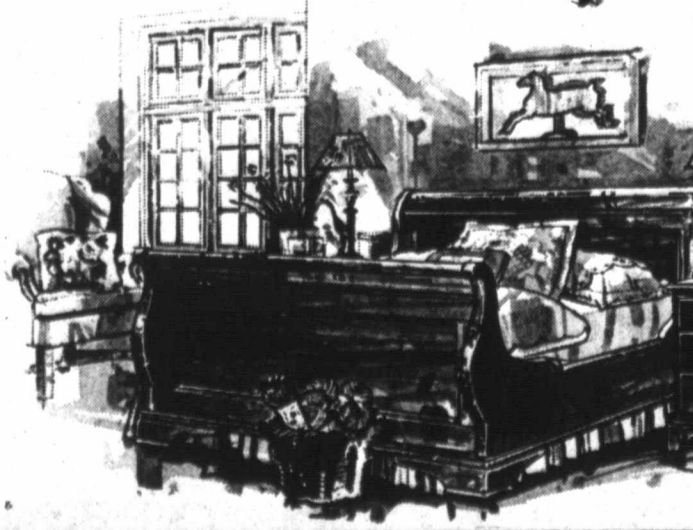
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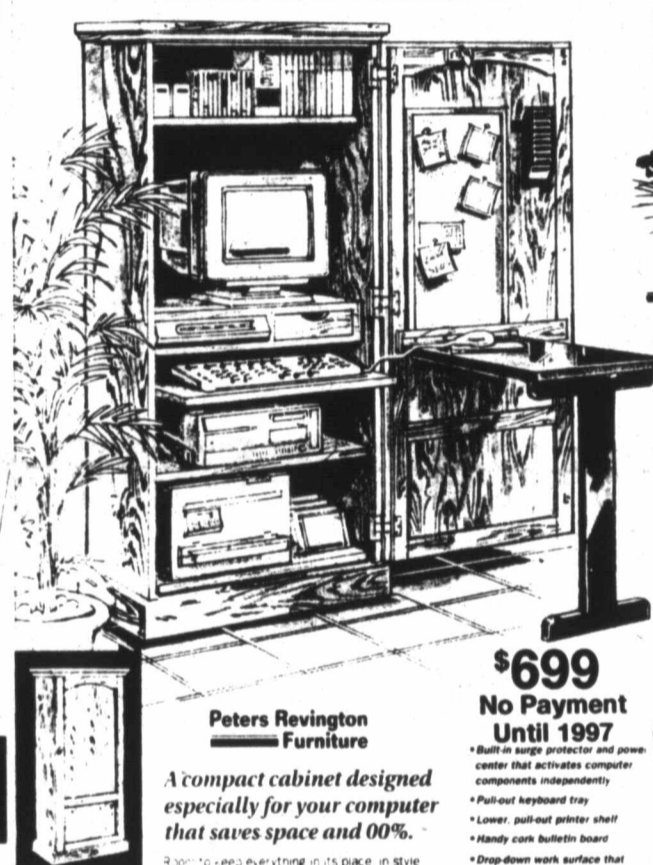


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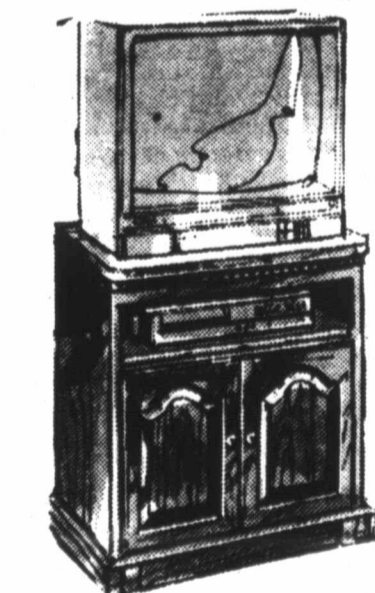


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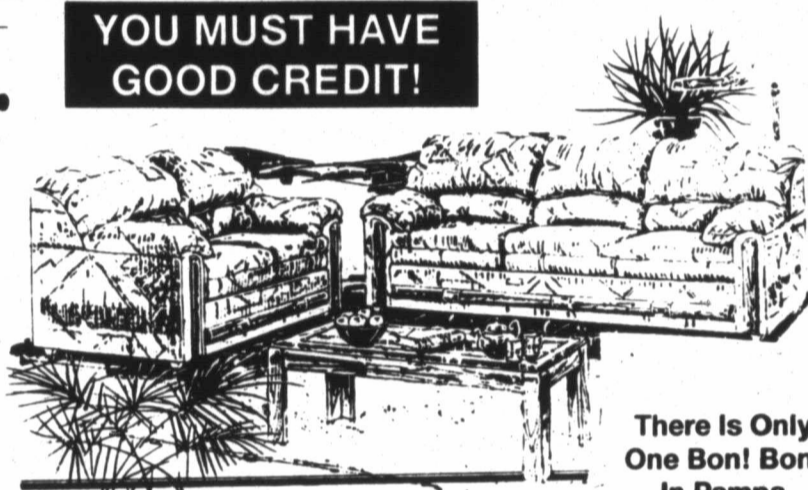
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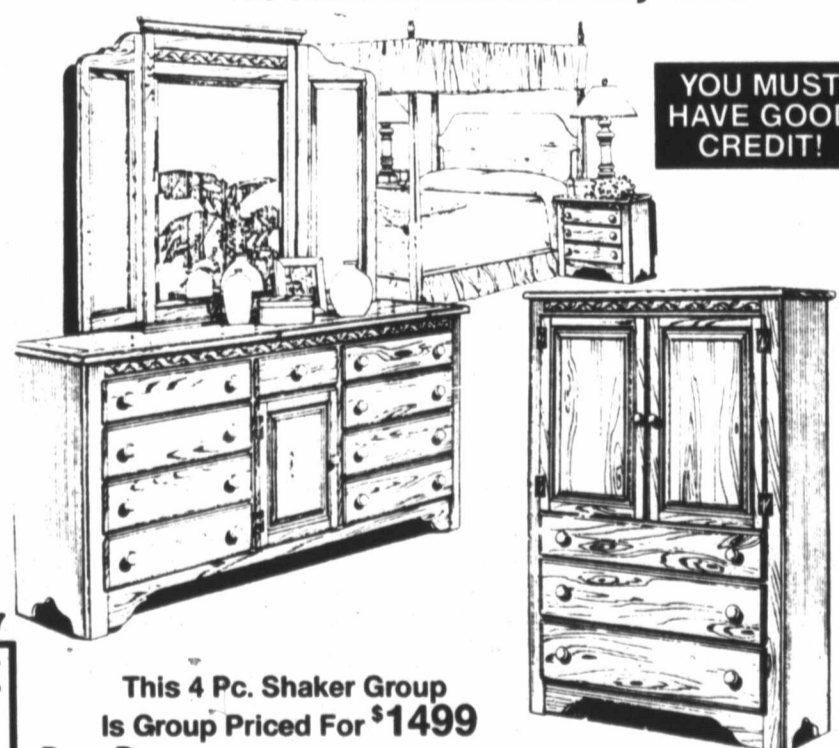


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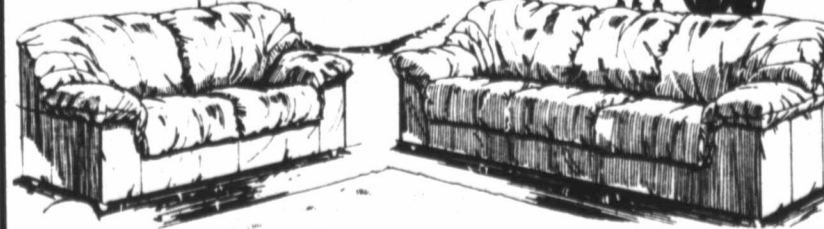


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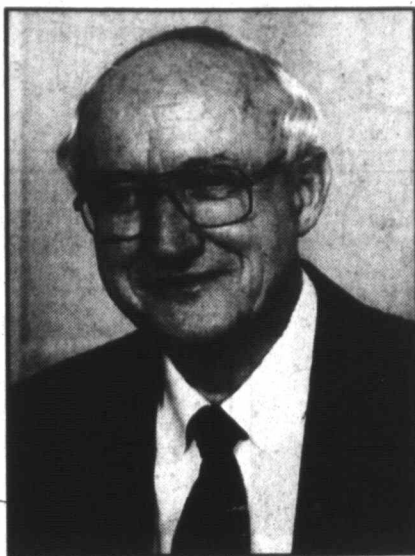
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Religion

First Assembly hosts Hutsell on Sunday

The Rev. Paul Hutsell, Assemblies of God Missions Task Force representative, will speak at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler.

Paul and Dreta Hutsell have served as missionaries to Latin America and the Caribbean since 1956. For more than 20 years the Hutsells ministered in Paraguay and Honduras. In 1977, Rev. Hutsell was appointed area director of Assemblies of God missionaries in Venezuela, Columbia, Peru and Bolivia. His area of oversight was changed to the Caribbean in 1989 where he served until 1994.



The Rev. Paul Hutsell

He is now assigned to the Missions Task Force and will minister primarily in the United States.

The task force is set up to encourage greater participation

in missions within local churches. Representatives will visit churches to help them develop a missions emphasis.



The Nelons

Nelons to sing in Borger concert

The Nelons of Atlanta, Ga. will be concert at Borger High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

The Nelons are comprised of Rex Nelon, Kelly Nelon Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Charlotte Penhollow, Stan Whitmire, Scott Daugherty and Mark Clay.

The group began when Rex Nelon began singing part time around Asheville, N.C. He joined Homeland Harmony Quartet for two years before

joining the LeFevres as a bass. He sang with the LeFevres for 20 years and handled management and booking. As the original LeFevres retired, the group became known as the Rex Nelon Singers.

The Nelons travel to over 250 concerts annually and have won five Gospel Music Association Dove Awards. Their concept video "Famine in their Land" won a bronze medal at the International Film Festival in New York.

'Lord, is it Warfare?' topic of study

Woman-to-Woman, a ministry of Trinity Fellowship Church, will begin a seven week study on spiritual warfare on April 2.

The text will be Kay Arthur's book, *Lord, Is It Warfare?*

The morning session begins at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for preschool children. The evening session begins at 7 p.m. with no nursery provided.

The church is located at 1200 S. Sumner.

Fellowship breakfast set at New Hope Baptist

The brotherhood department of New Hope Baptist Church is sponsoring a fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday. The breakfast will

be held in the annex, 912 S. Gray.

Charles King is brotherhood president and the Rev. V.C. Martin is pastor.

Religion briefs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Sagging shorts and gold earrings are the uniform of choice at a local church, where dozens of teens gather to play basketball on Friday nights.

Street League, a program offered by Pikes Peak Free Methodist Church, offers teens a place to look cool, shoot hoops and stay off the streets.

"I saw all these kids, boys especially, with nothing to do so I put up some hoops outside the church, and they began playing day and night," the Rev. Sid Huston said.

Huston started the program about a year ago. Now, at least 40 young men participate. But basketball isn't the only thing on Huston's agenda. The teens also can participate in Bible discussion and craftmaking.

"Basketball is a microcosm of life," Huston said. "You have to play by the rules, play between the lines. There are turnovers, victories, setbacks and losses."

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — A building where X-rated movies once flashed on the screen could become a coffeehouse offering Christian counseling.

Cinema Blue, one of 42 properties county commissioners turned over to nonprofit organizations recently, is now the property of New Life Lutheran Church.

Church officials hope to reno-

vate the vacant building into a ministry that reaches out to inner-city youths.

"It will be a safe, nonthreatening evangelical outreach," said Pete Meneghello, deacon of New Life Lutheran Church. "Music will be the draw to hear the Gospel."

The crumbling two-story movie theater was closed in the mid-1980s under Indiana's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations law.

Commissioners took ownership of Cinema Blue after the property was not bought during two tax sales. They can deed property to nonprofit organizations, such as churches or housing rehabilitation groups.

County spokesman Roger Rayl said back taxes are waived, and the groups receive the property free.

New Life Lutheran Church officials said they have eyed the Cinema Blue building for years, but couldn't afford to buy it.

"We wanted to use the building for awhile to help the kids in the community," Pastor Larry Merino said. "We're committed to the inner city and wherever we feel a need to help out."

The coffeehouse — called The Promise Cafe — would serve beverages and snacks, host Bible studies and feature local and national Christian bands.

NEW YORK (AP) — At a Mass

attended by hundreds of police officers, Cardinal John O'Connor repeated his personal opposition to capital punishment but said "a good Catholic can be for or against the death penalty."

In his recent homily at St.

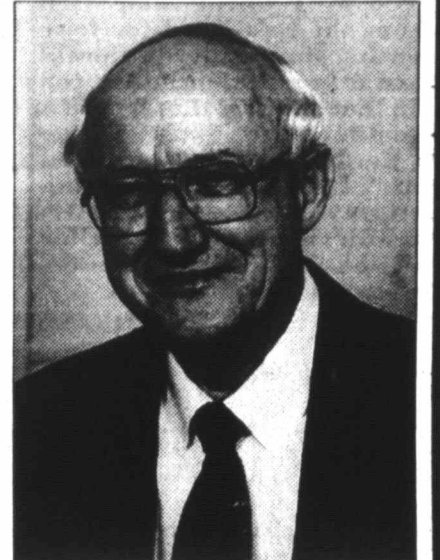
Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connor said church teaching acknowledges society's right to use the death penalty if "bloodless" means of punishment and deterring crime have proven ineffective.

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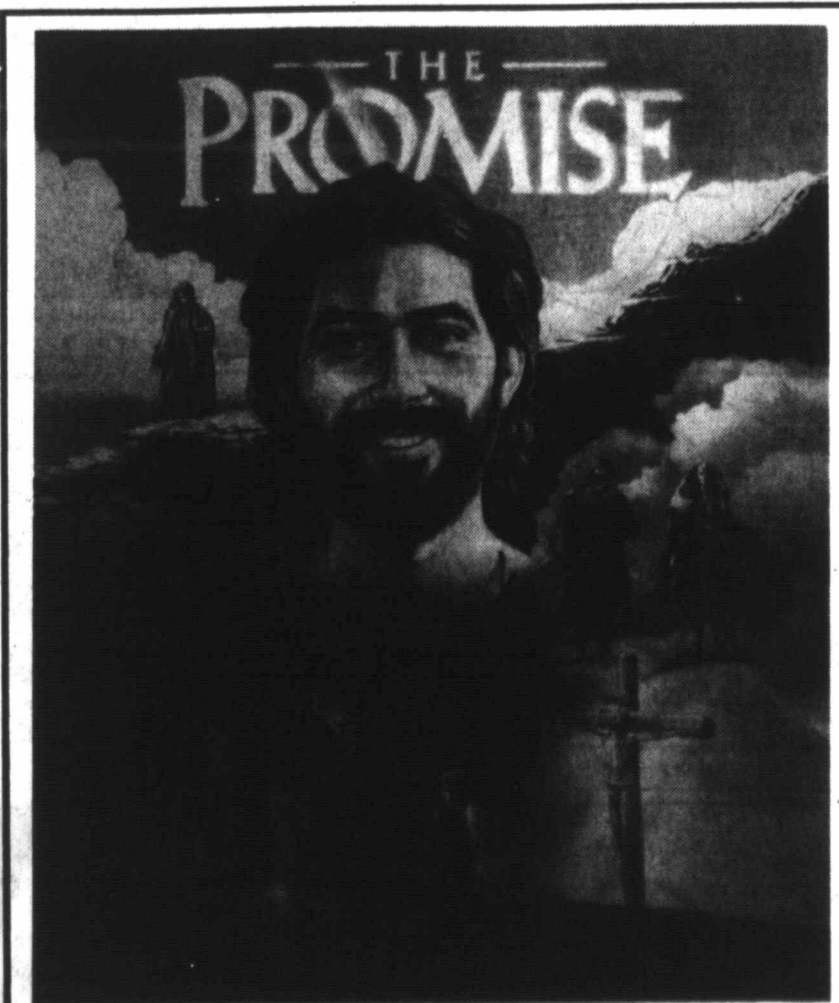
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Abusive Behavior Can Predict Mate's Potential For Violence

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I published a letter from the grandparents of a 19-year-old woman who was brutally murdered by a young man with whom she had lived for four months. Her grieving family asked if I would reprint the column that outlined the traits of a potential batterer. In her memory, here it is. It was adapted from "Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality," with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Fayetteville, Ark.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

15 REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER, WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE PERSONALITY

Something's just not right in your relationship, and you can't put your finger on it. So here's some help. If your mate is displaying a combination of these behaviors, then you may have a potential batterer on your hands.

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the woman for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUSY: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're

late) about whom you talked to, and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect woman and meet his every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble"; the abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: The boss, you — it's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of, "I am angry" or, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you." Less obvious is the claim: "You make me happy."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming that his feelings are hurt when he is really mad.

He'll rant about the injustice of things that are just part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 2-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; says he finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes you, or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits hitting women in the past, but says they made him do it or the situation brought it on.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Makes statements like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way" or "I didn't really mean it." If he has come this far, it is time to get help, or get out.

paper P O Box 1758 Murray Hill Station New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you do not give a financial matter proper attention today, the opportunity will be mismanaged and you will lose money instead of turning a profit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not ask others to do tasks you would not do yourself. Try to let your conscience dictate your behavior.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of suffering in silence today, speak out on issues you find disturbing. A mistake can't be corrected if no one knows what it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial trends will be a bit uncertain today, so don't gamble with your resources. Your luck may run out just as you enter the game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against the inclination to blame others for your mistakes today. Others may lose respect for you and take the side of the scapegoat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rely on logic

and common sense today and not on intuition. You may receive distorted signals from this area.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Strive for independence today and know that you can take care of yourself. Self-sufficiency will enhance your feelings of worth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep an open mind today when discussing sensitive issues with others on a one-to-one basis. If you fail to do so, you might never resolve your differences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Attempting to spread yourself too thin today in regard to your workload could result in a large amount of aggravation, but a small quantity of production.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be held accountable if you break something you borrowed from a friend. Use caution when handling other people's property or possessions today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Family members might be more sensitive than usual today. Do not introduce issues that could lead to anger or hurt feelings.



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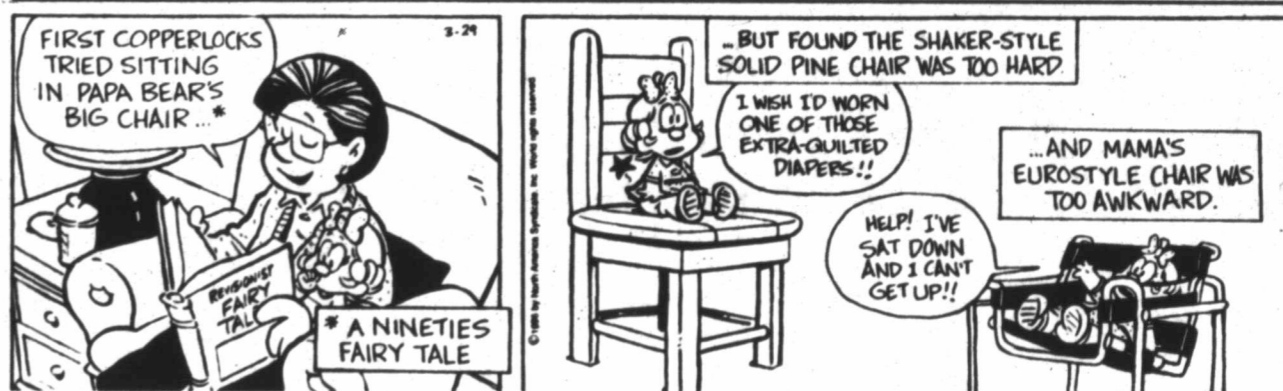
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Horoscope



Sunday, March 31, 1996

You can make constructive changes in your mode of operation during the year ahead. These alterations may have long-range effects that will please associates, as well as yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you do any mentally taxing work today, try to have someone you trust edit your work. The possibility of making a mistake will be high. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this news-

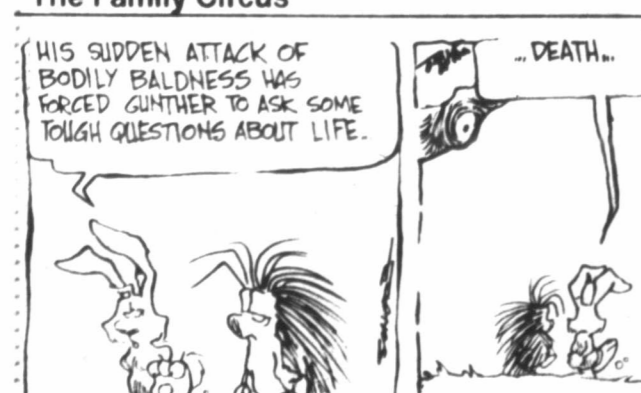


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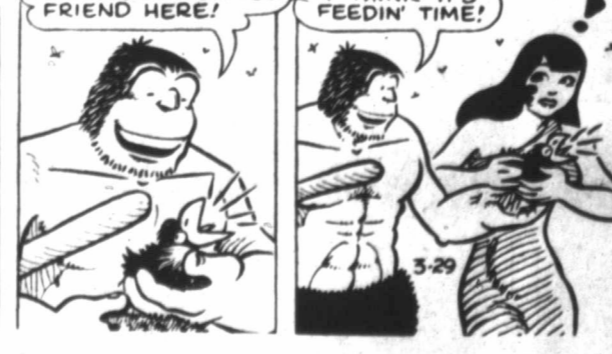
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Sports

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will hold sign-ups for its baseball and softball programs on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

Sign-ups will be limited and players will be assigned to a team on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees for ages 6, 7 and 8 baseball and 7-9 softball will be \$35; ages 9-12 baseball and 10-12 softball, \$55; and ages 13-15 baseball, \$60. Tryouts information will be available at the sign-ups.

Parents also are needed to assist in coaching teams. The Optimist Club is looking for parents who want to get involved with the youth of the community in helping to give all of the children of Pampa an opportunity to play ball this summer.

Those willing to volunteer their assistance in the baseball and softball programs may call 665-4361 or contact club members at the sign-ups on Saturday.

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Dillas have scheduled a job fair for people interested in working at Potter County Memorial Stadium during the upcoming 1996 season.

The first job fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the stadium.

David Baur, assistant general manager of operations for the Dillas, says that working at the ball park is an excellent part-time job opportunity for the summer.

"It is a great job for high school and college students on summer break or for people that would like part-time employment in the evenings," Baur said.

A wide variety of jobs are available at the ball park this summer, including ticket takers, ticket sellers, ushers, concession workers and hawkers.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old to apply. For more information, contact the Dillas office at (806) 342-3455.

OLYMPICS

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece (AP) — Bad weather at the ancient birthplace of the Olympics today clouded a rehearsal for the ceremony to light the symbolic flame that will burn at the Atlanta Games.

Heavy clouds prevented the flame from being lit by the rays of the sun in a concave mirror set amid the ruins of temples of Hera and Zeus, the main gods once honored at this ancient sanctuary.

Organizers prayed that the gods would be kinder on Saturday, during the official flame lighting ceremony. Hillary Rodham Clinton and officials from the Atlanta organizing committee were to attend.

The National Weather Service forecast clouds and sporadic rainfall.

"I can't fight the gods," said Thanassis Kritisnelis, a member of the Greek Olympic Committee who is in charge of the torch lighting.

GOLF

PAMPA — There were 35 players entered in the Seniors Long and Short Scramble held Wednesday at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows: First: Bill King, Harvey Malone, Bob Moyer and Calvin Lacy, 140.

Second: Bob Lyle, Irvin Williams and Ken Williams, 140.

Third: Leroy Morriss, Jerry South, J.B. Holt and Gene Winegeart, 141.

Fourth: Elmer Wilson, Preston Cox, Glen Downs and Louis Haydon, 142.

Closest to the pin: Carroll Pettit.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa's 1600-meter relay team of (l-r) Audrey Wilbon, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Kisha Evans and Jenny Fatheree has the area's top girls' time with a 4:16.5.

Pampa athletes atop girls' track honor roll

Pampa's 1600-meter relay team continues to hold down the top spot in this week's Girls' Track Honor Roll published by the Amarillo Globe-News.

The team of Kisha Evans, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Audrey Wilbon and Jenny Fatheree have the area's No. 1 mark of 4:16.5. The foursome has won three of the four meets they've entered this year.

Fatheree, a freshman, holds down first place in the 800 meters with a time of 2:30.4.

Canadian's Amber Rupprecht is in first place in two events, the 100 hurdles (14.9) and 300 hurdles (46.6). Teammate Denise Lee is first in the 1600 meters at 5:37.2.

Canadian's Bessie Ann Reed is tied with Dumas' Keva Glover for first in the high jump at 5-6.

Others listed among the top 10 are as follows:

100: Tasha Wilson, Pampa, 12.7.
800: Robin Williams, Pampa, 2:35.5.

1600: Jenny Fatheree, Pampa, 5:52.2.

3200: Jenny Fatheree, Pampa, 11:56.9; Denise Lee, Canadian, 12:38.8.

100 hurdles: Brooke Stevens, Wheeler, 15.2; Kim Sparkman, Pampa, 16.6.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, Pampa, 49.4; Lori Lindsey, Pampa, 50.5; Kim Sparkman, Pampa, 50.6; Brooke Stevens, Wheeler, 50.6.

400 relay: Pampa, 51.5.

800 relay: Pampa, 25.9; Canadian, 26.1.

1600 relay: Canadian, 4:19.2
Shot put: Barbara Wine, Pampa, 38-2 1/2.

Discus: Kay Case, Groom, 107-5.

Long jump: Tasha Wilson, Pampa, 16-5.

High jump: Sandie Conrad, Groom, 5-5.

Nebraska basketball team wins first national title

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nebraska football team should be proud — especially the defense.

"We played physical with them," Cornhusker guard Erick Strickland said. "We didn't let them come off picks without getting a body."

The bumping and tight defense helped power the Nebraska basketball team to the National Invitation Tournament championship Thursday night, defeating St. Joseph's 60-56 at Madison Square Garden. Where the Huskers' football team has won the last two championships, this was the basketball team's first national title in the 100 years the school has been playing the sport.

"I really thought about that when the game ended," said Strickland, who was named NIT

MVP after finishing with 13 points and six rebounds. "We won a national title.

"We know it's not nearly what the football team has done, but we are proud of it and I tell you what. I know the football players are proud of us."

At least the defense.

Nebraska (21-14) was physical. The bumping and tenacity forced the Hawks (19-13) into 32 percent shooting, including a combined 2-for-19 from the starting backcourt.

That style was just what worried St. Joseph's coach Phil Martelli.

"We were fearful of them manhandling us," he said. "They are big, strong and tough and well-coached on defense. We felt they would have the advantage there."

It wasn't just the guards, either. Junior center Mikki Moore came up big on both ends of the court in the final 5 1/2 minutes.

The 6-foot-11 Moore gave the Cornhuskers a 55-49 lead when he dunked and was fouled. He missed the free throw for the three-point play, but he grabbed the rebound, was fouled and made two free throws with 5:27 left.

Nebraska wouldn't score again until there were 40 seconds left, but Moore was there on the defensive end, blocking shots by Reggie Townsend and Rashid Bey that could have cut the margin to two points.

"Moore has been unbelievable the last three weeks," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said. "We have to get some weight on him, but we think he will be a big player for us."

The Cornhuskers led 41-28 with 16:36 to play, but the Hawks, playing in front of 30 busloads of students who made the 100-mile trip from Philadelphia, tied the game at 47.

St. Joseph's, which has never won a national title in basketball, used a 14-2 run to draw even, with reserve Terrell Myers scoring half the points. The run included an intentional foul against Nebraska's Tyrone Lue that turned into a five-point play.

"The run took a lot out of us, but we just didn't finish the game," said Townsend, who led the Hawks with 18 points. "We just didn't make the big shot we had to."

Strickland made four straight free throws in the final minute and Moore added another with 15 seconds left to seal the win.

Moore, Jaron Boone and Lue each added 11 points for the Cornhuskers, the first team from the Big Eight to win the NIT since Colorado in 1940. This is the last season for the Big Eight as it will merge with four schools from the Southwest Conference next season to form the Big 12.

The last Big Eight season ended disastrously for the Cornhuskers, who closed the regular season by losing 10 of 11 games. The NIT run salvaged some pride and already started positive talk for next season.

"This is big," Nee said. "It's something never done before in 100 years. Believe me, it's a significant step."

"This was a year with three different seasons," he said, referring to the 15-4 start, the horrible close, followed by the NIT run. "I have to give these kids credit for hanging in. This couldn't be better."

Especially because it came in New York, Nee's hometown.

"Wait until you see the party. I'm going to throw," he said.

Tulane, which lost to Nebraska in the semifinals, beat Alabama 87-76 Thursday night for third place.

Harvesters to compete in Golden Spread tilts

AMARILLO — The 26th annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo on April 5-6.

Teams of the North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers.

Coy Laury and Jason Weatherbee, members of the Pampa Harvesters Class 4A state champion basketball team, will represent Pampa High School on the East boys team. Also, the Pampa state champions will be recognized at the games for their accomplishment.

The Sudan High School two-time Class 1A girls state champions and the Sudan Class 1A boys state champions also will be honored Thursday night preceding the games. Sudan girls coach Mike Martin and Sudan boys coach Doug Boxell will be among

those in attendance to be honored.

Players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, plus Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle counties as well as the eastern New Mexico counties bordering Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, April 5, and at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

There also will be a three-point shooting and slam dunk competition. Any senior boy or girl, regardless of whether they are selected for the All-Star Games, is eligible for these competitions.

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Syracuse versus Mississippi State: The Forgotten Game

NEW YORK (AP) — They are the forgotten teams, playing the overlooked game.

With top-ranked Massachusetts and No. 2 Kentucky attracting most of the attention at the Final Four, the other two teams slipped into the city under the cloak of obscurity.

There's Syracuse, the fourth-best team in the Big East, and Mississippi State, which was eclipsed by Kentucky's large shadow in the Southeastern Conference.

"It seems to me if you look back over each year, there's kind of a surprise team that sneaks in there most of the time," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "And this year we kind of snuck in."

So did Mississippi State, which was seeded fifth in the Southeast Regional but knocked off top-seeded Connecticut and No. 2 seed Cincinnati to earn its first Final Four berth.

The Bulldogs (26-7) and Syracuse (28-8) will play the first semifinal Saturday, which is viewed as a preliminary bout to UMass vs. Kentucky in the main

event. The championship game Monday is viewed almost as an afterthought.

Sounds a lot like the 1983 Final Four, doesn't it?

That year in Albuquerque, N.M., everyone thought Houston's 94-81 victory over Louisville in the semifinals was the "real" national championship — until North Carolina State, after beating Georgia in the semis, upset the powerful Phi Slamma Jamma Cougars in a memorable final, 54-52.

Mississippi State showed it could play with the big boys in the championship game of the SEC tournament, shocking Kentucky 84-73.

"I don't think you can say Mississippi State snuck in, because of the way they played against Kentucky and Georgia in the Southeastern Conference tournament," Boeheim said.

It was hard for the Bulldogs to get noticed, however, while Kentucky was becoming the first team in 40 years to go undefeated in league play during the regular season.

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- 6 Outdoor area
- 10 Medicinal root
- 12 Baseball official
- 14 The Merchant of —
- 15 Seaport in Italy
- 16 Beast of burden
- 17 Actress Joanne —
- 19 Ayres and Wallace
- 20 Mournful cry (3 wds.)
- 23 Steam
- 26 Couple
- 27 Sweet potato
- 30 Expressions
- 32 Long-haired cat
- 34 Candle ingredient
- 35 More spacious
- 36 Soul (Fr.)
- 37 Flower necklace

DOWN

- 1 Long live!
- 2 Monkeys
- 3 Cub scout groups
- 4 Here (Fr.)
- 5 Bag
- 6 Entertainer — Sumac
- 7 Granny Smith, e.g.
- 8 Irritate
- 9 Actress — Barrymore
- 11 Surrender

Answer to Previous Puzzle

NIBS NIRO OED
YALE ONUS URI
EGOTISTIC ENE
TOWIT ANAPEST
NARK RUN
RUG LIEN GLIB
OLIVIA ONEIDA
SELECT DOTELL
AXLE ATAT RVE
ERR ELIA
TOSSOUT CLASP
HAP AGREEABLE
ARI CLAY RIOT
TSE HIDE YEW

12 Strange
13 Type of curve
18 Disen-cumber

20 Sweater material
21 Imitation gold
22 Prince Rainier's realm
23 Biography
24 Eden dweller
25 Heap
27 Exercise system
28 God of war
29 Shopping center
31 Suffer from heat
33 Sailor's drink
38 Comparative suffix
40 Irish poet
41 Flaccid
42 Actor
43 — the ground floor
44 Ballet movement
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Federal judge refuses medic's request for honorable discharge

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has refused to give an honorable discharge to an Army medic court-martialed for refusing to wear United Nations insignia during a peacekeeping mission to the former Yugoslavia.

Attorneys for Michael New, who has been handed a bad-conduct discharge, had sought to step outside the military judicial process by requesting an honorable discharge from U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman earlier this month.

In his ruling Thursday, Friedman refused to intervene in the case of the 22-year-old from Conroe, Texas. But he didn't slam the door shut on further involvement once New's appeals through the military justice system are concluded.

New is the first American serviceman court-martialed for refusing to accept foreign command on a U.N. operation.

He refused to supplement his U.S. battle dress uniform with a

U.N. patch and headgear before the start of a peacekeeping mission to Macedonia last October. In refusing the order, New said he had sworn allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, not the U.N. charter. He argued that any order requiring him to serve a foreign master was unlawful.

In their novel pleading before Friedman earlier this month, New's trio of lawyers argued that the soldier was involuntarily returned to civilian status when given an unlawful order by his commanders — thus he no longer falls under the military justice system's jurisdiction.

"Even if ultimately there is merit to the argument that the orders given to Specialist New were unlawful because they changed his responsibilities and allegiances from the U.S. to (the) U.N., the court would find it difficult to conclude that such changes transformed Specialist New's status from U.S. military to civilian," the judge wrote.

Report: Nobel prize-winner to be named premier

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A Nobel Prize-winning chemist with close ties to China will be named Taiwan's premier, a leading newspaper reported today.

Lee Yuan-tseh, the 1986 chemistry laureate, is not a politician. The United Evening News reported that President Lee Teng-hui, no relation, plans to appoint him to Taiwan's second-highest political post.

President Lee, elected to a second term on Saturday, has rejected other candidates at the urging of the opposition, which says it will accept the chemist, the paper said.

Hillary and Chelsea visit democracy's birthplace

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Touring democracy's birthplace, Hillary Rodham Clinton said today the status of women and children must improve for the ideals of ancient Athens to truly flourish. "We all have to try to perfect" democracy, she declared. On her first morning in Greece,

the first lady said governments must do more to feed and educate children. And women need better health care, schooling, jobs, credit, legal protection to "become equal partners in society," she said.

Accompanied by her teenage daughter, Chelsea, the first lady opened the sixth day of an eight-day European trip at the Acropolis, a rocky hill overlooking this cradle of democracy.

She then addressed Greek leaders, melding thoughts on democracy with her longstanding desire to promote the rights and welfare of women and children.

The bodies of five Americans to return to U.S. today

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The bodies of five Americans killed when their tour bus flipped off a treacherous road on the way to the Taj Mahal will be flown home today, a U.S. embassy spokesman said.

The bus was carrying a U.S. university tour group when it shot off the pothole-covered road in northern India Thursday and

rolled into a ditch. Four students were among the dead.

The bodies were brought to New Delhi from Agra, 125 miles east, where the 17th-century monument is located, said Steve Seche, the embassy press officer.

Three students were hospitalized in Agra with broken limbs and head injuries, said Dr. Munish Gupta of the Parekh Nursing Home. One of them is expected to be sent home on Saturday for medical treatment, Seche said.

Suspects killed in shootout after car bomb found

ROUBAIX, France (AP) — Police stormed a home and shot to death at least four suspects today after finding a car bomb outside a police station in Lille, French radio reported. Two officers were wounded.

The home, near a mosque that reportedly housed Muslim militants, caught fire during the stand-off and police and firefighters searched for other bodies after the gunbattle, France Info radio said. The booby-trapped car con-

tained three 28-pound gas canisters in the trunk. A small explosive apparently meant to set off the canisters exploded but caused little damage, police said.

The mayor of Roubaix, Rene Vandierenonck, said the four suspects killed in the shootout were linked to the car bomb and could also be tied to "a whole series of incidents" in the Lille area.

Trade office to open Vietnam investment opportunities

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The United States is preparing to open a trade office in Hanoi, delighting Americans seeking investment opportunities and Vietnamese keen on entering the U.S. market.

At Tuesday's ceremony, U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce Timothy Hauser will lead a delegation of two dozen U.S. business people from small companies looking for trade partners.

Hauser is expected to discuss trade issues with his Vietnamese counterparts, but is not expected to open another session of formal negotiations.

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