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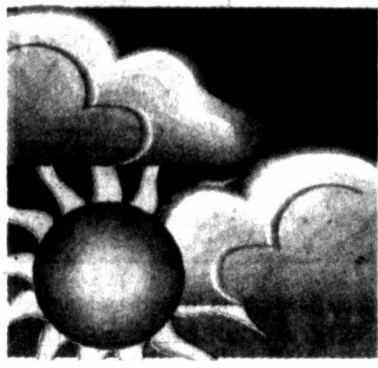
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PAMPA — Pampa Economic Development Board of Directors is to meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Items for consideration are election of board secretary, a request by Celebration of Lights, the final report by Pathfinders Inc., joining the Pampa Board of Realtors, further consulting services, a prospect request, the executive directors report and a budget amendment.

An executive session is planned to discuss personnel matters.

The board will receive the final skills and wage, salary and benefit survey report.

The meeting is open to the public and will convene in PEDC board room, 301 N. Ballard.

PAMPA — Six newspaper vending machines with their cash contents were ripped off from two convenience stores sometime between Sunday afternoon and early Monday.

Vending machines belonging to *The Pampa News* and *Amarillo Daily News* were reported stolen from 2101 N. Hobart and three machines belonging to the *Amarillo Daily News* and one belonging to the *Daily Oklahoman* were reported stolen from 600 E. Frederic.

MIAMI — Three Miami seniors ranked high in statewide competition over the weekend.

Julie Sullivan placed second in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Hugh Baxter placed second in literary criticism and Jonathan Lockman placed seventh overall in science in state UIL literary competition in Austin.

The three will graduate at the top of their class May 24.

This was Baxter's and Lockman's third trip to the state contest and Baxter's second.

PAMPA — A local woman is still in critical condition today in a Lubbock hospital following a gasoline fire Saturday night.

Alecia Casanova, 42, is in University Medical Center's burn unit with second- and third-degree burns to her face and upper torso following the weekend accident.

The Associated Press quoted a neighbor, who said the accident happened as a family member was attempting to put gasoline in a 1959 Chevrolet parked in front of the house.

It was dark at the time, so someone flicked a cigarette lighter so the gas tank could be seen, neighbor Jamie Cruz said.

Casanova's teenage son, Arthur Botello, received burns to his legs and was treated and released from Coronado Hospital.

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Study shows new disposal plan needed

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — It's back to the drawing board for Lake Meredith.

Officials responsible for maintaining the quality of one of West Texas' largest water sources are searching for new ways to desalinate the Panhandle lake after a report confirmed current brine disposal plans won't work.

Re-Spec Inc., a Rapid City, S.D., contractor, reported to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Monday that the granite basement it hit after drilling about 3,200 feet ruined plans to divert naturally occurring saltwater into a deeper well.

The brine, located in a massive aquifer, has flowed into the lake via the Canadian River for generations, possibly centuries. Lake Meredith, about 35 miles north of Amarillo, is the primary source of drinking water for 450,000 residents of 11 West Texas cities, including Lubbock, Amarillo and Pampa.

The projected cost for the injection project, based near Logan, N.M., was about \$11.5 million, said John Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. But the rock barrier makes the planned, mile-deep injection wells impossible.

"There were no surprises or different conclusions from what we thought they would be," said Williams, adding he hadn't had a chance to read the draft report thoroughly. "We'll need to step back and take a close look at all the alternatives and see."

Even if the plan had proceeded as expected, Williams said no salt reduction was expected for 10-12 years after injection began.

Project consultant Lee Wilson, based in Santa Fe, N.M., believes a reduced injection pro-

gram coupled with other brine disposal methods could prevent saltwater from seeping into the river, and the cost could be less.

But he added that the margin of error in a scaled back-program would be narrower as well.

Shirley Shaddix, project director for the Bureau of Reclamation, said officials would explore all possible options, but Williams and the authority cities have the final say in the matter.

"(The report) is very poor as far as injection wells," said Ms. Shaddix, whose agency is charged with the design and construction management of the salt removal efforts. "It's definitely doable, but it would take more money."

Williams said about \$2 million of mostly federal money has been spent so far. The federal government is responsible for design and construction management of a saltwater removal facility, while local authorities must pay for construction.

The state has agreed to spend \$3 million, with the rest coming from the authority and its member cities. Unless the state approves more project money in the next Legislature, West Texans will have to share most of the load if construction costs increase.

Deep injection was considered the most cost-effective way to solve saltwater contamination, which has worsened in recent years.

A larger-scale project to mix Roberts County groundwater into Lake Meredith is slated for completion in 1999. That will increase water quality and quantity, but Williams said that Lake Meredith's salt levels will continue to rise if nothing is done.

The lake water by itself currently is potable but too salty to pass federal safety guidelines.

Senate faces showdown over minimum wage hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats skirmished again today over proposals to raise the minimum wage, setting the stage for a possible Senate showdown.

In their latest maneuver to force the Republican hand, Democrats said they would filibuster a bill to help fired White House travel office employees unless it was combined with a minimum wage vote.

Without that, Democrats say they will defeat an attempt today to end debate and bring the travel office bill to a final vote. Sixty votes are needed to cut off debate in the Senate.

Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who has seen his legislative agenda obstructed by the minimum wage issue, said he would meet with Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota today to offer a proposal on the timing and conditions of a minimum wage vote.

Resolution of the minimum wage issue was needed, he said, "so that we might proceed with the business of the Senate and not have to file cloture on every bill."

House Majority Leader Richard Arney said today the minimum wage issue will be on the House floor in the next few weeks, when the House debates GOP legislation to save billions from welfare and perhaps Medicaid.

A Republican lawmaker will be permitted to offer an amendment that would raise the minimum wage, he said. Arney made it clear he remains opposed to the increase, but declined to rule out voting for a measure that combines welfare, Medicaid and a minimum wage hike.

It was not clear whether the approach Arney outlined would satisfy GOP moderates who have been pushing the leadership to permit a minimum wage vote.

Democrats, who are asking for a 90-cent raise over two years in the \$4.25 minimum wage, have sought to score political points in this election year by portraying Republicans as opposing help for the working poor. Republicans say a raise in the wage would cost hundreds of thousands of entry-level jobs, but have agreed to eventually take up the issue if it is linked to measures supported by Republicans.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., predicted Sunday that a minimum wage vote would take place in a month to five weeks. He suggested it could be part of a welfare or Medicare overhaul bill.

Senate Democrats in recent weeks have tried unsuccessfully to attach minimum wage amendments to immigration, term limits and national parks bills.

Triplets — and more triplets



(Pampa News photos by Darlene Holmes)

Adelaido and Ignacia Amador received double surprises this weekend at their place on West McCullough — or, rather, triplet surprises: triplet calves born Saturday and then triplet kids born on Sunday. Above, Mr. Amador checks out the triplet calves, all males and all identical, while the mother cow looks on. The cow is six years old and has had four previous calves each born a year apart, but never three at one time. At right, their granddaughter, Kendra Hefner, holds the baby goats, one male and two females. The nanny goat is named Baby, appropriate for her new brood.



GOP has votes to repeal gas tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats concede they can't block an election-year push by Republicans to temporarily cut the federal gasoline tax. But they said today they can slow it down.

"They're in the majority. They have the votes," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Monday.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, had said he wanted to vote on the tax cut today and would discuss the timing of the vote with Daschle as well as the possibility of voting on the minimum-wage increase long sought by Democrats.

But Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said today Dole wasn't likely to obtain the unanimous consent necessary to bring the bill up on short notice unless he agreed to consider Democratic amendments.

"We are going to insist that you give us the opportunity to offer an amendment that guarantees that drivers and the taxpayers in this country, not the oil industry, get the benefit of the reduction of the gas tax," he said.

And GOP leaders were still trying to agree on a plan to pay for the tax cut.

Speaking at a breakfast meeting of Republican women, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said today the drive to cut gas taxes highlighted the basic philosophical difference between Republicans and Democrats.

He brandished a newspaper

bearing the headline "Gas Tax Cut Inevitable" and said that "the last time the Democrats were in charge of the Congress this headline would have read, 'Gas tax increase inevitable.'"

While under heavy political pressure on the minimum wage, Dole, R-Kan., proposed on April 26 to repeal a 4.3 cent surcharge added to the gas tax by President Clinton and Congress, without a single GOP vote, in 1993.

His call came amid increasing annoyance from motorists over gasoline prices, which have jumped around 20 cents a gallon since February. Republicans have sought relentlessly to exploit the issue politically, putting Democrats on the defensive.

Republicans had hoped to coordinate action on the gas tax with Tax Freedom Day, also

today. As calculated by the business-financed Tax Foundation, Tax Freedom Day is the date the average taxpayer has earned enough to pay federal, state and local taxes for the year.

A rival group, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, calculates the cut would shave less than half a day from Tax Freedom Day. But Dole said Tax Freedom Day was "a great day to send a message ... that relieves at least some of their burden."

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton wanted the tax cut considered as part of a balanced budget. But he said, "If it comes to us separately, we'll look at it separately."

The measure being prepared by Republicans, according to aides who spoke on condition of anonymity, would start the repeal in mid-May or June 1 and end it on Dec. 31. Republicans said they would make it permanent in the 1997 budget due to be sent to Clinton in September.

A leading proposal in both the House and Senate to pay for the temporary cut would bolster the government fund insuring savings and loan deposits. But bankers were lobbying furiously against the plan and GOP leaders were considering other options, including an across-the-board reduction in the administration's travel budget.

The S&I plan requires a one-time premium payment from S&Ls and, under budget rules, the money can be used to offset the \$2.8 billion cost of the tax cut through December.

Gas gouging?

Cost per 100 miles for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline, based on a 25 miles-per-gallon average:

Year	Regular	Unleaded
1996	\$4.85	\$5.15
1995	4.52	4.80
1994	4.38	4.68
1993	4.48	4.82
1992	4.32	4.58
1991	4.48	4.88

Source: AAA

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Cinco de Mayo fun



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Andy Santacruz strains for the finish line in a Saturday afternoon sack race during the Cinco de Mayo celebration at Lions Club Park. Hispanos Unidos sponsored the community party, held Saturday and Sunday, honoring the Mexican Independence Day. Other activities included a softball tournament, train rides, music and food booths.

Civil trial against Biosphere operators to start Wednesday

By The Associated Press

Jurors in the civil trial of Biosphere 2 operators will hear key evidence in the form of conversations secretly gathered by a tape recorder carried in a project engineer's underwear.

Abigail Alling and Mark Van Thillo lived and worked inside Biosphere 2 for two years until September 1993. Then, for several months, they were among senior officials with the project before being fired.

They filed a civil lawsuit alleging that a management shakeup subjected them to breach of contract, defamation and other abuses.

The trial begins Wednesday in Florence.

A Pinal County judge ruled last Tuesday that jurors may hear tapes of 1994 conversations with top replacement officials. They were captured on a mini-cassette recorder by the project's former chief engineer, William Dempster.

Lawyers for Alling and Van Thillo contend that the tapes will show those officials lied about events on April 1, 1994, when the \$150 million sealed ecological mini-world was taken over.

The tapes, made over the course of more than two months, also allegedly include then-acting chief executive officer Steve Bannon calling Alling a "bimbo" and include his vow to make her pay for comments she made at a 1994 news conference.

Among potential witnesses: the project's financial backer, Edward Bass of Fort Worth, Texas, former

chief executive officer Margret Augustine and John Allen, who is credited with the concept for the glass-and-steel domed complex with an atmosphere independent of the outside world's.

On April 4, 1994, three days after the original management team was ousted by a federal judge's order, Alling told Van Thillo to open sealed doors to Biosphere 2, which had another crew inside.

She has said she wanted to abort the mission because she feared for its safety, contending that new managers did not know how to operate its equipment safely.

At a news conference a few days after the incident, Alling said she wanted to avoid a disaster comparable to that of the space shuttle Challenger's explosion.

Off-duty officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety arrested Alling and Van Thillo. Their attorneys have contended that the two had agreed to turn themselves in.

Alling maintains she had not been fired at the time of the alleged break-in and was acting in an official capacity.

She faces trial this summer on a felony criminal damage charge.

Judge William O'Neil ruled last week allowing Dempster's tapes.

"The tapes are the most accurate recollection of what occurred at certain times," O'Neil wrote. "Their value is far greater to a jury than any individual recollection.... There is a far better photograph of the truth contained on the tapes than in any of the parties' recollections."

Capitol Hill townhouses new focus of lobbyists

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not talked about openly, but at least a dozen special interests maintain getaways in the shadow of the Capitol where they can entertain and lobby members of Congress while raising thousands of dollars in campaign contributions for them.

Companies like United Parcel Service and prominent lobbyists like Tommy Boggs increase their clout by maintaining private townhouses where they can conveniently and discreetly host fund-raisers, and lobby lawmakers away from office distractions.

"It reinforces the fact that you're helping the incumbent, and other lobbyists come," said one well-known lobbyist, who discussed the subject only on condition of anonymity. "It increases the perception of being more of a player."

The list includes UPS, whose political action committee doled out \$3.5 million to federal candidates over the past three years — more than any other. UPS hosts two or three events a week at its gray, two-story brick townhouse three blocks from the Capitol.

Others are Beneficial Finance;

the lobbying and law firm of Williams & Jensen; sporting-goods manufacturer Nike; Boggs and the state of Florida. Florida's yellow Victorian house is also used by corporate sponsors such as AT&T and CSX, and by lobbying firms such as the Jefferson Group.

The American Trucking Association uses the conference room in its Capitol Hill headquarters frequently for events. The lobbying firm Dutko and Associates has a rooftop deck that can be used for fund raising. And the lobbying firm of former Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, hosts events in its offices just across the street from those of his former colleagues.

"It's our way to have a more personal chance to spend time with the member," said UPS spokeswoman Gina Ellrich. Sometimes UPS invites only its own lobbying staff to meet with a lawmaker; other times it brings in lobbyists for industry allies, or its big corporate customers.

"It allows a chance to talk about our business with a member, and for them to get a chance to understand it in a different set-

ting," Ellrich said. "It's convenient."

"The deal is not giving the thousand dollars," said one prominent lobbyist, who didn't want to be identified for fear of alienating colleagues. "The deal is how much you get credit for" by hosting a fund-raiser. "If you have the space, a member can just walk over for breakfast or whatever. They are nice little quiet getaways, they're not going to be seen by anybody."

Such events are likely to become more common, lobbyists say, in light of stricter gift rules that prevent another form of schmoozing: the lobbyist-paid lunch or golf outing.

If lobbyists want an away-from-the-office audience now, they must do it in the context of a political fund-raiser.

"More and more, if you want members to come to your reception, you'd better have it up there (near the Capitol), because they're too busy to come downtown," said Timothy May, managing partner of the lobbying firm Patton Boggs.

Beneficial spokesman Gary Perkinson said the fund-raising

arrangements are appreciated by lawmakers. "At some point they say, 'This is nice of Beneficial to let us use this.' It's part of doing business, and it's a pure convenience for everybody."

Rep. Paul Gillmor, R-Ohio, went to the UPS town house on March 5 for a fund-raising breakfast. "We discussed things of interest to their industry. You make small talk, get to know somebody. ... They made a contribution," he said.

The company's PAC gave Gillmor, who sits on the House Commerce Committee, a \$4,000 donation. His committee handles many issues vital to UPS, including vehicle and driver safety standards and interstate commerce.

At about the same time, UPS also remembered Gillmor's wife, Karen, donating \$4,000 in February to her re-election campaign for the Ohio state Senate.

The company also gave to other state legislative candidates in Ohio, but Karen Gillmor stood apart — her contribution was more than 10 times the average.

Mexico briefs Phone companies want boost in monthly rates

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal agents seized more than three tons of marijuana and 300 pounds of cocaine in several busts across the country reported Monday by the Attorney General's Office.

Agents arrested eight people suspected of smuggling cocaine at roadblocks in the Pacific coast states Sinaloa and Oaxaca and the Gulf state Tamaulipas.

Three were women, caught as they tried to hide packets of the drug with babies in their arms.

Meanwhile, 19 people were arrested in seven states on suspicion of trafficking in marijuana. In one operation in the state Baja California Sur, agents found 1933 pounds (879 kg) in a secret compartment in a tractor trailer.

ACAPULCO (AP) — Women will dive from the high cliffs of this famed Pacific resort for the first time in 62 years of international competition, promoters said Monday.

The government news agency Notimex reported that women will debut in the World Tournament of High Diving from Nov. 13 to 18.

Divers will compete at heights ranging from 115 feet (35 meters) to 83 feet (25 meters). Olympic platform divers compete at 10 meters.

The Acapulco event will draw divers from Germany, Australia, Canada, China, Italy, Russia, Mexico and the United States, said organizer Samuel Hernandez. Winners will receive \$10,000 in prize money.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — While the peso weakened Monday, Mexican stocks rebounded to close slightly up after falling for most of the day.

The market's key IPC index closed up 6.68 points, or a slim 0.2 percent, to 3,152.68 points. At the end of 1995, the IPC stood at 2,778.47.

On April 19, it set a record close of 3,284.48 points.

universal telephone service) onto the local Bell and make it more expensive to get local phone service," said Bradley Stillman, telecommunications director for the consumer federation.

The rate increase proposals have drawn some initial opposition at the FCC. Today's editions of *The Washington Post* quoted the agency's chairman, Reed Hundt, as saying, "I'm totally focused on the need to keep the local phone bill affordable."

Nationwide, the cost of basic service averages about \$18 a month, according to industry officials.

The phone company documents were filed as part of a proceeding to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The FCC, at Congress' behest, is looking into revamping the current system used to pay for and make telephone service affordable to rural and other high-cost areas and to low-income customers.

Proponents of the Telecommunications Act had argued that provisions of the new law designed to foster competition would exert pressure on phone companies to keep prices down.

Opponents said the possibility of mega-mergers in the telecommunications industry would tend to drive prices up.

Dr Pepper to remain based in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Executives of Dr Pepper/Cadbury North America Inc. say they will consolidate their headquarters in Dallas, moving nearly 200 jobs from Stamford, Conn.

The move for the nation's third-largest soft drink maker will be made during the first quarter of 1997, said Gary Rollins, manager of corporate communications.

The two offices have been in operation since the acquisition of Dr Pepper/Seven Up Com-

panies, Inc., by London-based Cadbury Schweppes PLC.

Cadbury took control of Dr Pepper in 1995 by bidding \$1.71 billion for the 74.1 percent stake it did not already own, ending a chilly 18-month courtship of the Dallas-based company. Cadbury also agreed to take on \$828.4 million in Dr Pepper debt.

Chief Executive Officer John F. Brock said moving the workforce to one site is moving the business development.

REGULAR OIL CHANGE CAN EXTEND LIFE

Changing oil is one of the most basic services people can do to help their vehicle run better, whether it be an automobile, pickup truck, van, camper or recreational vehicle. And it's a quick, easy way to lengthen the life of the engine.

Two systems control excessive heat: the cooling system and the lubrication system. Both must be inspected periodically to ensure engine protection from heat buildup.

The lubrication system is one system in the car that should not be neglected. Although the lubricating qualities of oil aren't used up by engine use, the contaminants such as dirt, metal particles and byproducts of the combustion process make changing the oil regularly a necessity for continued good engine operation.

It should also be noted how old the engine is. A new engine might only need an oil change every 3,000 miles, while the older a car gets, the smaller the amount of miles between oil changes.

Before the oil change, remember to check out the correct motor oil viscosity that your vehicle needs to run at peak performance. This should be indicated in the owners manual with the vehicle. If the owners manual is not available, or if you are uncertain what grade of oil to use for your travel and general use conditions, check with a reputable service station, lube facility or auto mechanic shop.

Indicators suggesting a problem or a needed oil change include a sudden change in the engine's normal operating temperature or if the oil-pressure light goes on.

LUBE SYSTEM SERVICE - In preparation for the oil change, run the engine for about 10 minutes to warm up the oil. Jack up the front of the vehicle and support the front end on stands. Don't forget to check the rear wheels to make certain the vehicle is not likely to roll back.

-Drain oil. Change oil every four to six months for normal driving conditions. For city driving or severe conditions, change oil every three months. Remember to replace the drain plug after draining the oil.

-Inspect oil pan and gasket. If your oil pan has any punctures or holes in it, replace it immediately. If the gasket has deteriorated enough to cause an oil leak, replace that as well.

-Remove and replace oil filter. Be certain to obtain the correct filter replacement.

-Replace oil. If uncertain of the procedure or unable to do it yourself, choose a qualified oil change facility that is familiar with your vehicle's oil and lubricant needs.



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Opinion

U.S.-Mexico border needs more attention

The war on illegal drugs may not be as visible as it once was, but the problem hasn't gone away - and American society is suffering as a result.

Illicit narcotics pour into the United States, spawning dependency, irresponsibility and despair.

One of the easiest places to bring illegal drugs into the United States is the 2,000-mile border with Mexico - an area that demands a highly coordinated joint response by both countries.

Recently, it has begun to look as though that matter is receiving the attention it deserves.

First, the nature of the threat must be understood. Consider, for example, Mexico's role. Mexico-bashers find it convenient to vilify Mexican officials for the problem, but that's only part of the picture.

Mexico, of course, isn't innocent. It has problems with corruption of certain police and government officials, and that helps out drug traffickers. Mexico also produces a lot of certain narcotics, such as marijuana. Most of the marijuana used by Americans, though, is grown in the United States.

A bigger problem, though, comes from the cocaine that traffickers ship through Mexico - as much as 70% of that drug. The key challenge is controlling South America's production of coca, which is refined into cocaine.

Other efforts - such as interdiction and crackdowns on traffickers - also are critical.

Mexico has been accused of failing to live up to its commitments in the war on drugs.

That's an exaggeration. President Clinton was right to certify recently that Mexico was complying.

Still, though, there's clearly room for improvement.

Fortunately, the Mexican side seems to feel the same way. President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon has launched a sincere campaign to root out corruption and otherwise has been more aggressive against illegal drugs - despite the problems posed by Mexico's economic crisis.

What does Zedillo have to show for his efforts?

Plenty. Mexican authorities nabbed several drug traffickers last year. And in January, Mexico arrested and extradited to the United States drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego.

On the U.S. side, the emphasis includes a newly formed task force headed by President Clinton's drug czar. Intelligence-sharing and other cooperative efforts are planned.

That's the kind of commitment that this problem of mutual concern deserves.

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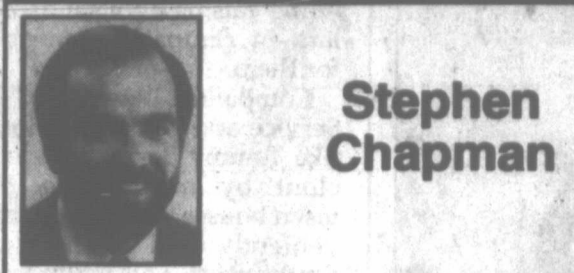
If you're one of the 260 million Americans who like hamburgers, you have a choice to make: Would you rather die of food poisoning or cancer?

Thanks to the 1993 Jack-in-the-Box deaths, we all know that eating your burgers even the slightest bit undercooked is an act of recklessness on the order of motorcycle racing without a helmet. A nasty form of the E. coli bacteria that causes intestinal hemorrhaging has found its way into the nation's meat supply, posing particular dangers for fans of ground beef.

Every year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control, some 20,000 people suffer food poisoning from this type of E. coli, which kills about 200 of them. Related strains are responsible for additional illness and death, and they apparently are growing in both incidence and virulence. So we all know to cook our hamburgers well-done, which may not make them edible but does make them safe.

Or so we thought. Now we learn that whatever you do, you shouldn't eat your meat well-done because high temperatures create carcinogens. A study of beefsteers presented at a recent meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research found that people who prefer their meat medium, medium-well or well-done are three times as likely to get stomach cancer as those who eat it rare or medium-rare. Bon appetit!

It turns out that there is a perfect way to eliminate the bacteria that cause food poisoning in hamburgers without making them resemble hockey pucks or generating a bumper crop of carcinogens in the process. But the federal government doesn't permit it, and it's not clear that there would be a market for it even if it were allowed. Fear of imaginary dangers has served to make us



Stephen Chapman

more vulnerable to genuine, deadly hazards.

The method is irradiation, which involves exposing raw ground beef to low doses of radiation, something like an X-ray. Contrary to popular impression, it doesn't make the meat radioactive, any more than a dental X-ray makes your teeth radioactive.

Nor does it produce any meaningful changes in the meat, despite the hysterical claims of a few environmental alarmists. The effects are no greater than with pasteurization of milk, according to microbiologist Michael Doyle, director of the Center for Food Safety at the University of Georgia. All the technique does is zap dangerous bacteria and thus prevent them from infecting and killing people; which should be popular with everyone except bacteria.

Among scientists, there is virtually no dispute about the safety and effectiveness of irradiation. When New York was considering whether to maintain its prohibition on the sale of irradiated food, the Institute of Food Technologists said unequivocally that it was "not justified on any scientific basis." Irradiation has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for a variety of

other purposes, and it has long had the endorsement of the World Health Organization, which says it presents no risk to consumers.

Unfortunately, the FDA has been maddeningly slow to act on radiation of beef. It was asked to approve it nearly two years ago, but the agency has done nothing so far, despite the broad expert consensus in favor of the process and despite the unremitting toll from serious food poisoning. The illness and death from various microbes could be greatly reduced at low cost. But the FDA acts as though the real danger is irradiation. That's like banning smoke detectors for fear they cause cancer - leaving homes and their inhabitants at the mercy of fire.

But the FDA is not the only problem. Another is the tendency of consumers to prefer the devil they know to the angel they don't. Irradiation of poultry could protect us from salmonella, which is present in one out of every four broilers. But even though the federal government has approved it, irradiated chicken is nearly impossible to find, since none of the major producers has tried to market it.

A spokesman for the National Broiler Council says politely, "We haven't perceived a demand." That is another way of saying that Americans are leery of irradiated food, even though they have no good reason to be. Poultry producers and grocery stores apparently fear mass consumer rejection, possibly fueled by organized boycotts, if they venture into this forbidden field.

As we know from one bogus scare after another - Alar, Agent Orange, breast implants, electromagnetic fields - it is far easier to induce unwarranted fear and panic in Americans than to dispel it. But in this case, we are not just running away from a ghost; we are running into the arms of a bear.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, May 7, the 128th day of 1996. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

On this date:
In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington.

In 1812, poet Robert Browning was born in London.

In 1825, Italian composer Antonio Salieri died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in the Ural region of Russia.

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the coast of Ireland.



Chowing down at the Georgia 'Pig'

Charley Reese

It is now a tradition - almost a ritual - in our family that whenever we traverse Interstate 95 through south Georgia we stop at the Pig.

The Pig is the Georgia Pig. If you like barbecue (and if you are from the South, it's unpatriotic not to like barbecue), I highly recommend the Georgia Pig. I have no idea who owns it. I tell you about it only as a service to lovers of good barbecue and eccentric places.

The Pig is definitely eccentric. The first time I saw it, I thought there must be some mistake. Back on the Interstate, there had been a big, modern billboard. But when I followed the directions, what was there was a dilapidated, very old wooden house with a porch, shingled roof and a yard full of weeds. No sign of life. I thought the place had gone out of business or else someone was playing an expensive joke. Surely a big modern billboard would not be advertising this place, I thought.

Inside, there is one room with open rafters, not very well lit, with wooden picnic tables. Behind the counter is a big fireplace and usually a man or sometimes a woman. The menu is primitive and limited. The conversation is brief. But the barbecue well, man alive, that is good eating.

You place your order and pay for it and then sit down. You watch because you have to get up and get your food when it's ready. They just put it on

the counter. As I did, the people behind the counter, while not unfriendly, are not on the talkative side. On the tables are little handwritten signs that say, "Clean up your own mess."

Now, if you are in to modernized, homogenized, McDonaldized America, you will shrink in horror from the Pig, but if you like original food in a definitely nonconformist setting, then you'll love the Pig. If we happened to be going by Exit 6 near Brunswick, Ga., we always stop for barbecue even if we aren't hungry.

It's so good you can eat it on a full stomach.

I hope success doesn't go to the head of whoever owns the place. The last time I was there somebody had cut the weeds and hung a spinner made out of a soft drink can from the porch ceiling. There is a pole lying in the grass to designate the parking area. I hope this is not a sign that more renovation is on the way. I like the Pig the way it is.

Barbecue is not an American, much less a Southern, invention. But the South did perfect the art. Next to grits, proper Southern barbecue is one of the great culinary delights of the solar system.

It comes in a variety of styles with a variety of sauces - making it an endless adventure. The Pig uses a red sauce and hand chops it with a cleaver. About the only sounds you hear in the Pig are people going chomp, chomp, chomp and the cleaver going thunk, thunk, thunk.

Delicious barbecue and a minimum of conversation are a country boy's heaven. The utter absence of chrome and stainless steel and chatty waitresses make the Georgia Pig pretty near a perfect establishment in my book.

I am not by any stretch an anti technology person. I've gotten used to computers. I once even bought a semiautomatic pistol. I have a car, instead of a horse, and one of those electric screwdrivers.

But if I drive through too many more towns and find nothing but those doggone franchised restaurants all serving the same bland mass-produced food in the same bland mass-designed settings, I may seriously consider joining the cause of the Unabomber.

Technology is OK but conformity isn't. That's why I love the Pig. It is an oasis of individuality in a desert of franchised conformity.

Of course, you never find barbecue in a health food store, but I prefer a short life with good barbecue to a long life and tofu. It's not how you end up, it's how much fun you have on the way that matters.

GOP: Big highs precipitate deep lows

Any armchair shrink will tell you the worst thing about big highs is that they tend to precipitate deep lows.

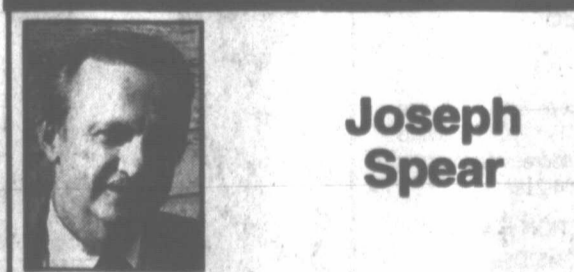
The principle applies to politics as well as real life.

Take the Republican Party. In November 1994, they were the giddiest bunch of chest-thumping revolutionaries you ever saw. Newt Gingrich was not just a new speaker; he was the new Roosevelt. They were launching not just a new Congress; it was a bright new era, the conservative equivalent of the New Deal.

Now they are wallowing in a New Funk. Their legislative package is floundering. They can't agree on the minimum wage. Their presidential nominee is running 20 points behind an incumbent who was once viewed as a sucker waiting to be punched. The nominee is being criticized by his own camp as colorless, lacking in vision and given to legislative idiom at a time when the party is in acute need of inspirational rhetoric.

When the editor of the conservative *Weekly Standard*, William Kristol, wrote that Robert Dole was not articulate enough to prevail over Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich responded: "Dole is at least as articulate as Dwight Eisenhower."

As glib as rambling Ike. Thanks, Newt. Whatever the merits of their agenda, the Republicans are inept image polishers. They seem always to be reacting to something - organizing a cigars-and-champagne blast called the "Dark Ages Weekend," for example, in response to the liberals' touchy-feely "Renaissance Weekend." Or petulantly



Joseph Spear

attempting to portray the alleged Unabomber as a left-wing eco-freak because the presumed Oklahoma bomber, Timothy McVeigh, was said to be motivated by right-wing anti-government rhetoric.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, an exceptionally popular pitchman for the American business community, goes down in a tragic plane crash and no Republican leaders show up at the funeral and only a few bother to send perfunctory condolences.

Bob Dole appoints former Bush campaign operative Mary Matalin, a colorful and spirited woman, to his campaign team and the blue suits go nuts. She married that Clinton yahoo James Carville, for Pete's sake! Conservative columnist Tony Snow put it as well as anybody could: "No sooner had Mary Matalin announced her intention to work for Bob Dole than a band of GOP snipers emerged from their primordial ooze. ... The episode offers a ripe example of Republicans' penchant for self-destruction."

It is far too early in the political season to make

predictions, but barring international disaster and economic recession, the next few months don't appear to hold much promise for the Republicans. What will their issues be?

Whitewater? It looks more like Backwatergate every day.

Values? Bill Clinton's storied love life? Aside from the fact that it's yesterday's news, it wouldn't take much imagination on the Democrats' part to remind everyone that Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich are working on their second marriages and Chelsea is, after all, being raised in a two-parent household.

Military service? Bill Clinton's draft-dodging youth? Really, now, would the GOP dare bring that one up again? Yes, Bob Dole is a war hero, but Clinton is in fact serving his fourth year as the commander in chief. The Republican ranks, moreover, are littered with able bodied males - Gingrich, Gramm, Buchanan, Cheney - who somehow managed to stay out of uniform.

Now two rising stars have been added to the list. Michigan governor John Engler, a vice presidential prospect, got out of the draft reportedly because he poked up to avoid induction. Massachusetts governor William Weld, a Senate candidate, had one of those ubiquitous bum knees.

First ladies? Yes, Hillary made a bundle on commodities. But Elizabeth Dole has megabucks stashed in municipal bonds. And don't forget, the Democrats might say, Hillary responded to the values crisis by writing a book on raising children. Liddy sold her Disney stock.

Texas drought



Juan Vargas digs out irrigation channels in a corn field near Hondo, a town located west of San Antonio. Many farmers in the area have had to rely on irrigation this year, as there has been little rain.

State briefs

Number of Texas gun dealers declines

AUSTIN (AP) — Fewer Texans have the required permits to sell firearms, according to a published report.

The *Austin American-Statesman* today reported the number of Texas gun dealers fell to 11,500 last year. That was down 40 percent from two years ago, when the federal government raised the fee and tightened the application process for getting a license to deal guns.

In 1993, there were 19,145 Texans who could legally sell firearms.

According to the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau, every state saw a decline after the license fee increased from \$30 to \$200 for a three-year permit. Renewals also increased from \$30 to \$90 for three years.

Most of the gun dealers who did not renew their licenses bought only one or two guns each year, the ATF said.

Despite the decreases, Texas continued to have one of the highest rates of licensed gun dealers, trailing only Michigan.

There were 6.1 dealers for every 10,000 Texans compared to 7.1 for every 10,000 Michigan residents, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Houston's Alley Theatre receives Tony

HOUSTON (AP) — Created with a schoolteacher's last \$2 a half-century ago, the Alley Theatre will receive a special Tony Award next month for its consistent artistic achievement as one of the finest American stages for drama.

"I thought it was a crank call," said Gregory Boyd, the Alley's artistic director, recollecting Monday the call he received from the Tony committee in New York.

"We're very proud, pleased, very happy," Boyd said.

The recognition of the Alley came on a recommendation by the American Theatre Critics Association to the Tony Awards administration committee. In addition to the honor, RCA Victor/Bertelsmann Entertainment group will make a \$25,000 grant to the theater.

Boyd was notified Friday of the award, but was sworn to secrecy until the Tony committee made the announcement Monday.

Bosnian Serb bar owner's trial gets underway today

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Bosnian Serb bar owner went on trial today on murder and torture charges in the first international war crimes trial since World War II.

Dusan Tadic, 40, has pleaded innocent to crimes against humanity, claiming he is a victim of mistaken identity. He faces a maximum penalty of life in prison if convicted.

Through this trial we will embark on an examination of offenses of unspeakable horror," the chief prosecutor, Grant Niemann of Australia, said in an opening statement detailing Tadic's alleged crimes.

Niemann accused Tadic of killing more than 30 detainees and torturing more than a dozen female inmates in and around Serb-run prison camps in northwestern Bosnia.

The prosecutor said Tadic participated in several gang rapes and described one incident in which the defendant allegedly helped beat prisoners to death with karate kicks.

Looking pale and drawn after 14 months in custody, Tadic sat impassively in the prisoner's dock, listening to a translation of the prosecutor's words over a headset. Occasionally he took notes.

At one point, Tadic waved to a spectator. He, the judges and the lawyers are separated from the rest of the courtroom by bullet-proof glass.

Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald of Texas and two colleagues will rule on the case, which is expected to last up to

four months and hear as many as 150 witnesses.

"This trial has certain historic dimensions," Kirk McDonald told the court. "Nevertheless, we should all remember first and foremost that this is a criminal trial of an accused who ... pleaded not guilty. He is entitled to a fair trial and to ensure he receives one is our paramount purpose for being here."

After World War II, the Nuremberg and Tokyo war crimes courts became the first to recognize crimes against humanity. But in the half-century since, those laws have never been tested in an international forum.

Crimes against humanity are the primary charge against Tadic, who prosecutors say killed and tortured Muslims in and around the notorious Serb-run Omarska prison camp in northwestern Bosnia in 1992.

Tadic allegedly acted as a roving thug at three camps in Bosnia's northwestern Prijedor region from May through December 1992. He also is accused of rounding up Muslims and Croats in the region, killing or assaulting some, and driving others into the camps.

In one incident, Tadic allegedly forced a prisoner to castrate another using his teeth.

Prosecutors will provide witnesses who claim to have survived beatings at the hands of Tadic. Some of the witnesses are so terrified of being in the same room as the defendant that they will be allowed to testify from outside the courtroom via a video link.

Perot Jr. seeks permission to build development near DFW airport that may include sports arena

FORT WORTH (AP) — Officials in a community 10 miles northwest of DFW Airport have confirmed that Ross Perot Jr. is seeking their OK for a development that could possibly contain a sports arena.

Perot is the new majority owner of the Dallas Mavericks basketball franchise and has expressed interest in ownership of the Dallas Stars hockey team as well.

Discussions have been going on with the City of Dallas for a new arena in the downtown area, but both the Mavericks and the Stars have admitted they would consider an arena in a DFW suburb.

The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported today that it obtained documents revealing Perot's plans for a massive rezoning of the 2,000-acre Circle T Ranch along Texas 114 in Westlake.

The development also could contain more than 10,000 apartments, hundreds of homes and a large shopping district.

If approved, the plans would dramatically change the face of

Westlake, which has a population of about 200.

Perot's Hillwood-Willowbend Limited Partnership, which controls the Circle T Ranch, is pushing for about \$96 million in infrastructure improvements through a tax increment financing district, Westlake officials confirmed Monday.

Perot representatives have met informally with Westlake officials during the past few weeks to discuss their ideas, and they are lobbying hard for quick rezoning to higher-density development, town officials said.

The zoning proposals are unusually broad and bold, said Westlake planning consultant Dennis Wilson, who said he sat in on recent talks with Perot.

"I could say I have never seen a rezoning request this complex. Or one that requested so many changes from the town's standards," Wilson said.

Less than two weeks ago — during the time that Perot was finalizing his purchase of the Mavericks — Perot officials told

Westlake planners that they wanted to add sports arena zoning to their blueprints, Wilson said.

"We hadn't discussed that in meetings until about a week and a half ago," Wilson said. "The sports arena was a notable change. Theoretically, they could put one in there."

Perot and his representatives declined to comment Monday on the proposals, saying they prefer to wait until the plans are on file with the town.

At a news conference after his investment group took over the Mavericks, Perot revealed that the new owners plan to build a 20,000-seat arena, with luxury boxes, that could be the centerpiece for a multibillion-dollar surrounding development.

The group, which is led by Perot and auto dealer David McDavid, will exhaust all efforts to keep the basketball team in downtown Dallas, Perot said. But he opened the door to other sites in the Metroplex if negotiations with Dallas fail.

Rates on short-term T-bills increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction to the highest level in a month.

The Treasury Department sold \$13.7 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.02 percent, up from 5 percent last week. Another \$13.5 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.14 percent, up from 5.08 percent.

The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 5.03 percent on April 8. The six-month bill rate was the highest since they averaged 5.19 percent, also on April 8.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 5.16 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,873.10 and 5.35 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,740.10.

Residents evacuate as blaze threatens ski resort

By TIM KORTE
Associated Press Writer

QUESTA, N.M. (AP) — Airplanes bombarded a raging wildfire with water and fire retardant, slowing the march of a blaze that headed toward a ski resort after charring at least 27 buildings and forcing hundreds of residents to flee.

The fire, which has burned across more than 7,500 acres of tinder-dry ponderosa pine in northern New Mexico's steep mountains and canyons, was also slowed Monday by light winds.

"In some areas it's kind of creeping," said Carson National Forest spokesman Gary Schiff. The fire was about seven miles southwest of Red River, which sits at the base of a ski area at an elevation of nearly 8,700 feet. Most of the 450 residents packed up and fled the approaching fire.

"You could see the ashes coming down on the road — it looked like snow," said campground owner Harold Young, one of the 50 residents who defied the order to leave.

Earlier evacuations were credited with sparing lives in La Lama, a New Age spiritual community where the fire on Sunday burned 27 buildings, including a half dozen homes. No injuries were reported, but 18 of the village's families lost their homes. Four structures survived because of a strategic hit by a water-dropping airplane.

"Some buildings were saved by the grace of God," said resi-

dent Aurora Durkee. "It was devastating. I'm still in a state of shock."

The blaze was ignited Sunday by a trash fire in San Cristobal, then raced northward through the Carson National Forest, high alpine country that is very popular with hikers and horseback riders.

"The entire problem with this fire is a lack of access and extremely steep terrain," said incident commander Larry Humphrey. "This isn't going to be a three-day fire."

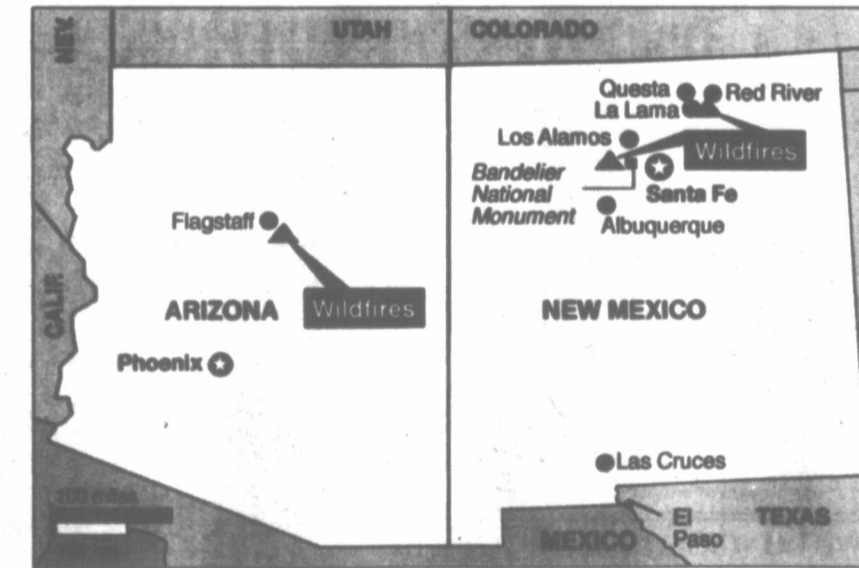
Because of the rugged conditions, much of the fire fighting was done from above. A constant relay of firefighter planes dropped water and fire-retardant slurry.

About 500 firefighters were assigned to the blaze, and many concentrated on building fire lines in nearby canyons to prevent the blaze from spreading northward toward Red River and the nearby town of Questa, where some residents also evacuated.

Gov. Gary Johnson declared a state of emergency Monday throughout fire-plagued New Mexico, where firefighters just finished containing the 16,683-acre blaze outside Los Alamos National Laboratory last week.

"Any sort of activity that might start a fire has got to be stopped," Johnson said.

Shortly after his announcement, a separate fire west of Santa Rosa in east-central New Mexico — about 120 miles southeast of here — burned across 2,000 acres of grass and brush. The fire,



which did not immediately threaten buildings, was believed to have been started by a spark from a passing train.

Drought, dry winds and thick forests that accumulated

through a century without a major forest fire are credited with fueling the explosion of wildfires in New Mexico and Arizona weeks before the normal fire season.

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Community Calendar

- May**
- AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.
- CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.
- 9 - **VFW POST #1657** sponsoring a free blood pressure and blood sugar clinic from 10-11 a.m. at 105 S. Cuyler, conducted by Quality LifeStyles. For more information, contact Cindy Ellis at 665-0886.
- 10 - **TOP O' TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE ASSOCIATION** regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., at 1507 W. Kentucky. For more information, contact George Clark at 665-1917.
- 11 - **44TH ANNUAL PANHANDLE CHAPTER OF API SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT** to be held at the Pampa Country Club. Those interested in attending or assisting may contact Bob Hogan at 665-0711.
- 11 - **TOP O' TEXAS KIWANIS CLUB** to present Children's Miracle Network Mini-Carnival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the corner of 23rd and Hobart (near Wal-Mart). For more information, contact Barbara Slater at 665-4354.
- 11 - **"BROADWAY OR BUST,"** 48th annual recital, Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 7:30 p.m., M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. For information, contact Willingham at 669-6361.
- 12 - **FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**, 1700 Alcock, hosts "Singing," from 2-4 p.m., with the public invited. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.
- 13 - **CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK** to hold its monthly meeting at the Lovett Memorial Library conference room at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tomoko I. Mechler at 665-3002, Kelly Ebel at 665-2825 or Grant Johnson at 669-9887.
- 13-18 - **AMARILLO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PAMPA BRANCH** to hold Open House to celebrate its new move to 900 N. Hobart. Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Charlene Morris.
- 15 - **NATIONAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY.** Gray County Extension program has a list of fun activities/ideas to plan for this day, including lunch ideas, for a fun day of health and fitness. For more information, contact Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033 or chairman Jerry Lane at 665-8801.
- 16 - **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY** will hold a meeting at the Coronado Inn, second floor in the Club Biarritz, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Connie Brown at 669-6799.
- 16 - **PAMPA CANCER AREA SUPPORT GROUP** regular meeting, 7-8 p.m., Coronado Hospital Medical Building (NOT in the hospital). For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.
- 17 - **HEAD START** application and enrollment at Lamar or Baker Elementary Schools. For those who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 1996. On a first-come, first-serve basis.
- 17-18 - **PAMPA RELAY FOR LIFE**, a team event to fight cancer, from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Pampa High School stadium. Local entertainment, games and fun for the entire family will be held throughout the event. For more information, contact Ed Copeland at 665-4568 or Terry Cox at 669-0234.
- 18-19 - **PAMPA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT** to be held at both Hidden Hills Golf Course and Pampa Country Club. For more information, contact David's Golf Shop, 669-5866, or Piersall's Golf Shop, 665-8431.
- 21 - **PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LUNCHEON**, 11:45 a.m., hosted by the City of Pampa in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on May 20 at 669-3241.
- 21 - **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BOARD MEETING**, 4 p.m., at the Senior Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call Mary Wilson at 669-0515.
- Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

World briefs

Six brutally killed after Chiapas election

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Two people were hacked to death and four others were shot dead when supporters of rival political parties clashed after a local election in troubled Chiapas state.

More than 250 state police were deployed to Chilon County, 35 miles northeast of San Cristobal de las Casas, after the weekend unrest.

The violence broke out Saturday after the left-of-center Democratic Revolution Party beat the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, in a local election in the village of Bachajon.

As voters headed home, PRI supporters reportedly blocked an intersection and fired shots at hundreds of people, human rights attorney Federico Anya said Monday.

In retaliation, at least 300 members of the opposition PRD on Sunday attacked two leaders of a PRI-aligned youth group. Both were hacked to death in their homes, the Chiapas government said.

Boat sinks off Sierra Leone, at least 84 drown

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — An overloaded passenger boat sank off the coast of Sierra Leone, drowning at least 84 people, aid workers said Monday.

Bodies washed ashore after the Confidence went down in rough seas off the coast of West Africa on Sunday night, carrying merchants on its weekly trip from the capital of Freetown to neighboring Guinea.

The boat was not carrying Liberian refugees, many of whom have fled the fighting in their nearby homeland by sea.

Red Cross worker Habib

Kamara said the boat sank with about 210 people aboard as it tried to pull back into the dock.

At least 56 people were pulled from the sea. Rescue workers searched Monday for other survivors.

Survivors told Red Cross workers that the boat was overloaded with commercial goods and that they had pleaded with the captain to turn back.

Russia tells Britain nine diplomats to be expelled

MOSCOW (AP) — In what would be one of the biggest East-West espionage cases since the Cold War ended, Russian intelligence officials reportedly gave Britain a list today of nine diplomats to be expelled.

Russia's Foreign Ministry, which tried to downplay the incident after Britain threatened to retaliate, did not immediately comment on the report by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The British, American and German ambassadors huddled in Britain's embassy today in a meeting presumed to have focused on a Western response to Moscow's allegations.

The spy flap surfaced on Monday, when Russia's counter-intelligence agency, the Federal Security Service, said its agents had arrested a government employee who had confessed to passing secret information of "a political, defense and strategic nature" to British agents.

The FSB, the main successor to the KGB, said the man would be charged with treason, which is punishable by death.

Today, Russia's counter-intelligence service presented the British ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, with a list and detailed explanation of the alleged espionage contacts, according to ITAR-Tass.

Rock musical rules 1996 Tony award nominations

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — *Rent*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning rock musical whose young creator died hours after the final dress rehearsal, captured 10 Tony nominations Monday, more than any other show.

Rent will get its stiffest competition for Broadway's highest honors from *Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*, Savion Glover's examination of musical beat as seen through the eyes of black Americans. It received nine nominations.

Seven Guitars, August Wilson's murder tale set in Pittsburgh in 1948, received eight nominations, more than any other nonmusical.

Victor/Victoria, which brought Julie Andrews back to Broadway after an absence of nearly 35 years, was shut out of the coveted best-musical category.

But Andrews, who has never won a Tony, was nominated for best actress in a musical for playing the title role — a woman pretending to be a man, pretending to be a woman. She played the same role in the 1982 movie version.

Rent, a celebration of the down-and-out artists of New York's East Village, picked up two nominations — book and score — for its author, 35-year-old Jonathan Larson, who was found dead in his apartment on Jan. 25 of an aortic aneurysm.

Rent, which won the Pulitzer for drama last month, was also nominated in eight other categories, including best musical.

George C. Scott, who left the cast of *Inherit the Wind* on Friday for medical tests the same week he was hit with a sexual harass-

50th annual Tony Award nominations

Winners will be announced June 2

BEST PLAY

"Buried Child" by Sam Shepard
"Master Class" by Terrence McNally
"Racing Demons" by David Harb
"Seven Guitars" by August Wilson

BEST MUSICAL

"Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk"
"Chronicle of a Death Foretold"
"Rent"
"Swinging on a Star"

BEST LEADING ACTOR

In a play
Phillip Bosco "Moon over Buffalo"
George Grizzard "A Delicate Balance"
George C. Scott "Inherit the Wind"
Martin Shaw "An Ideal Husband"

BEST LEADING ACTRESS

In a musical
Savion Glover "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk"
Nathan Lane "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"
Adam Pascal "Rent"
Lou Diamond Phillips "The King and I"

BEST LEADING ACTRESS

In a play
Carol Burnett "Moon over Buffalo"
Zoe Caldwell "Master Class"
Rosemary Harris "A Delicate Balance"
Elnora Stritch "A Delicate Balance"

BEST LEADING ACTRESS

In a musical
Julie Andrews "Victor/Victoria"
Crista Moore "Big"
Donna Murphy "The King and I"
Daphne Rubin-Vega "Rent"

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ment suit, was nominated for best actor in a play.

Among those nominated in the category of best actress-play were Zoe Caldwell, who portrays the diva Maria Callas in *Master Class*, and Carol Burnett for her performance in the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo*.

Judge dismisses four charges each against Tucker and Susan McDougal

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A judge threw out four charges each against Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and Susan McDougal in the Whitewater trial, saying prosecutors had not produced enough evidence.

The third defendant, Jim McDougal, still faces all 19 charges against him.

Tucker and the McDougals, who were President and Hillary Rodham Clinton's former part-

ners in the Whitewater land development, were indicted last August on fraud and conspiracy charges for allegedly misusing \$3 million in federally backed loans obtained before Tucker became governor in 1992.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. on Monday let stand seven felony counts against Tucker alleging wire fraud, falsifying loan documents and misapplying a \$100,000 loan.

But the judge said Tucker could not be held accountable for four charges regarding a \$65,000 loan made to a business associate who lied about how the money was spent on loan documents.

Howard also cleared Mrs. McDougal of the conspiracy charge, saying a reasonable jury would not be able to convict her

on it. He also rejected two wire-fraud charges against her and another one that said she lied to the Small Business Administration about a loan with which Tucker bought a sewer-and-water utility.

Mrs. McDougal still faces four felony charges, including misuse of a \$300,000 loan.

Exxon, insurers battle in court over Valdez clean-up costs

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawyer for Exxon Corp.'s insurers has accused the company in court of hiding behind a subsidiary to try to maximize the amount of money it recoups in connection with the 1989 Valdez oil spill.

Irving-based Exxon is suing Lloyd's of London and about 250 other underwriters for \$250 million — 10 cents for each dollar the company says it spent cleaning up the nation's worst manmade environmental disaster.

Harry Reasoner, an attorney representing the insurers, told a jury Monday that Exxon already has collected \$400 million under a different policy. He said the company wants to double dip by distinguishing itself from a subsidiary.

Reasoner says Exxon deserves nothing because, as owner of the ship, it received millions of dollars from an International Tanker and Indemnity Association policy.

But Exxon attorney J. Donald Bowen told the panel that subsidiary Exxon Shipping Co. was the owner of the supertanker.

The parent company, as owner of the cargo, should be able to get some money back, he said.

Reasoner said, "We believe that Exxon Shipping Co. is not really an independent company, and we believe Exxon Corp. is the real owner of the Exxon Valdez."

The two sides made their remarks in opening statements in a trial before state District Judge Carolyn Marks Johnson that is expected to last 2 1/2 months.

Johnson issued a partial summary judgement in Exxon's favor last month, ruling that the company indeed held the coverage it claims.

The Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound on March 24, 1989. Its cargo tanks ruptured and spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil.

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'Broadway or Bust' revue to feature local dance talent

The Beaux Arts Dance Studio, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, will present its 48th annual revue, "Broadway or Bust," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Featured in the performance will be seven graduating seniors: Amy Bradley, Misty Ferrell, Laura Johnson, Laura Miller, Julie Noles, Stacy Sandlin and Kimberly Sparkman.

Also to be honored is Jennie Rapstine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rapstine of White Deer, who will receive her certificate for 10 years of the study of dance.

The 1996 Special Dance Award will not be announced until showtime.

The program will include ballet, tap, acrobatic and jazz dances, Willingham said. In addition, the Pampa Civic Ballet will perform excerpts from the ballet *Paquita*, with music by Minkus and choreography after the original by Petipa.

Awards for perfect attendance will also be presented at the revue. Receiving the attendance awards are Rachel Heuston, one year; Katie Shaffer, two years; Maegan Wheeler and Ashley Wheeler, three years; and Kristen Stephens, eight years.

Seventy-nine dancers will be performing for the revue. They are:

— Carrie Angel, Mollie Baker, Shawntyl Baker, Maurey Bell, Claire-Elizabeth Boyd, Abby Bradley, Amy Bradley, Kirby Broadus, Helen Brooks, Beth Buzzard, Nichole Cagle, Kenzie Clendennen.

Tara Coffee, Brooke Colton, Megan David, Gracie Dudley, Casey Dunham, Teri Beth Dunham, Cara East, Deborah Ferrell, Misty Ferrell, Glennette Goode, Sophia Gruszecki, Kristen Hagerman, Michelle Hampton, Meredith Hendricks-Young, Rachel Heuston, Jennifer Hinds,

Krissy Holman, Tish Holman, Kailee Intermann, Amanda Jacobs, Candice Jameson, Anna Johnson, Laura Johnson.

Emily Keeton, Stephanie Kelly, Britany Kempf, Brandy Kempf, Monica Kohler, Jessica Leos, Riki Mauricio, Deanna McGill, Laura Miller, Jennifer Muns, Julie Noles, Hailey Phillips, Janice Piersall, Gabby Powell.

Talitha Pope, Jennie Rapstine, Britney Reagans, Laura Reynolds, Eleya Richards, Courtney Ritchey, Heather Robben, Brianna Roberts, Shawna Salazar, Stacy Sandlin, Anna Schafer, Lindzi Schaibel, Katie Shaffer.

Shannon Smith, Kimberly Sparkman, Sarah Spaulding, Kristen Stephens, Rita Stephens, Robyn Stover, Eliza-beth Thomas, Hilary Thomas, Lindsey Tidwell, Kayla Todd, Alyce Urice, Chelsea Dawn Waldrop, Abby Weaver, Ashley Wheeler, Maegan Wheeler, Morgan White, Carla Wood.

**Beaux Arts Dance Studio
48th Annual Revue
M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium
Saturday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.**



Performing in 'Flower Festival' are, front row from left, Helen Brooks, Anna Johnson, Katie Shaffer, Riki Mauricio and Elizabeth Thomas, and back row, Brianna Roberts, Maegan Wheeler, Mollie Baker, Tara Coffee and Courtney Ritchey.



Pampa Civic Ballet members to present selections from 'Paquita' for the revue are, front row from left, Carla Wood, Deanna McGill and Candice Jameson; and back row, Meredith Hendricks-Young, Jennie Rapstine, Amanda Jacobs and Kristen Stephens. Not pictured is Glennette Goode.

Gov. Bush proclaims Home Education Week

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush is encouraging Texans to see home schooling as an important part of the education picture in proclaiming this to be "Home Education Week."

"Home schooling provides many children the opportunity to learn within the framework of family beliefs and values. Parents know what kind of educational program best suits their children," Bush said in an official memorandum.

"Texans are encouraged to recognize the importance of the home school sector of education in Texas."

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Program

Part I: On The Town

- Overture
1. On The Town — Seniors, in order of appearance, Misty Ferrell, Amy Bradley, Laura Miller, Julie Noles, Laura Johnson, Stacy Sandlin, Kimberly Sparkman
2. Fame — Maurey Bell, Misty Ferrell, Michelle Hampton, Tish Holman, Brandy Kempf and The Showcase Dancers
3. The Show Biz Kids — Carrie Angel, Kirby Broadus, Rachel Heuston, Emily Keeton, Hailey Phillips, Shannon Smith, Ashley Wheeler
4. Something's Gotta Give — Laura Reynolds
5. Perdido — Sophia Gruszecki
6. Sisters — Amy Bradley and Abby Bradley
7. Side By Side — Laura Johnson, Anna Johnson
8. Me And My Shadow — Misty Ferrell, Deborah Ferrell
9. Tribute To Cole Porter — Kristen Stephens, Rita Stephens
10. Sit Out And Feel It — Julie Noles
11. Ain't She Sweet — Abby Bradley, Megan David, Krissy Holman, Jessica Leos, Riki Mauricio, Anna Johnson, Katie Shaffer, Maegan Wheeler, Morgan White

Part II: Manhattan Kids

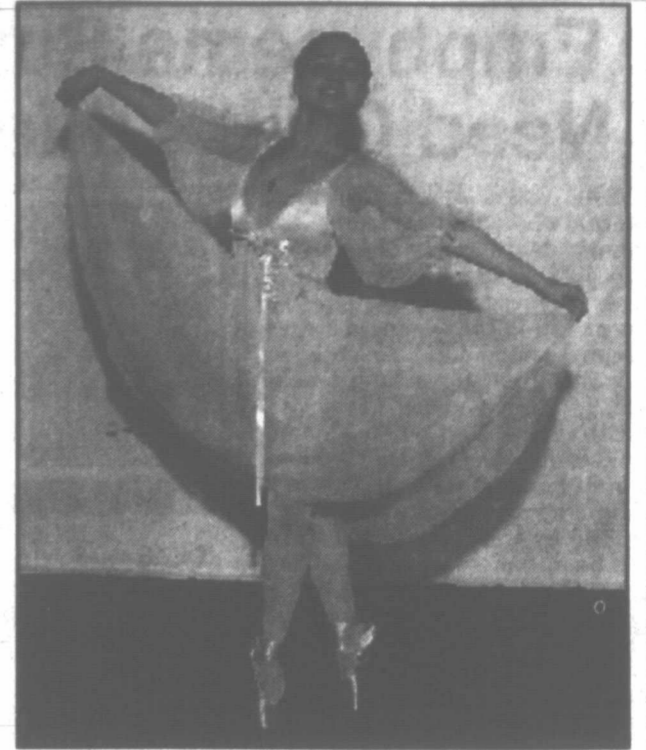
1. Happy Days Are Here Again — Teri Beth Dunham, Rachel Heuston, Shawna Salazar, Chelsea Dawn Waldrop, Gabby Powell
2. Playmates — Carrie Angel, Kristen Hagerman, Britney Reagans, Lindzi Schaibel, Alyce Urice, Abby Weaver
3. The Bare Necessities — Shawntyl Baker, Casey Dunham
4. In The Mood — Nicole Cagle, Cara East, Misty Ferrell, Heather Robben
5. Zip-A-Dee-Do-Do — Gracie Dudley, Emily Keeton
6. Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf — Casey Dunham, Krissy Holman, Jessica Leos, Brianna Roberts, Katie Shaffer, Anna Johnson

Part III: The Garden Party

1. Ballet En Rose (Gounod) — Group 1: Beth Buzzard, Meredith Hendricks-Young, Jennifer Muns, Kristen Stephens, Lindsey Tidwell, Mollie Baker. Group 2: Misty Ferrell, Glennette Goode, Amanda Jacobs, Candice Jameson, Laura Johnson, Deanna McGill, Jennie Rapstine, Kristen Stephens, Carla Wood.
2. Rosebuds (Glazunov) — Group 1 (Pink): Kailee Intermann, Monica Kohler, Eleya Richards, Sarah Spaulding, Hilary Thomas, Kayla Todd. Group 2 (Mint): Claire-Elizabeth Boyd, Kenzie Clendennen, Brooke Colton, Anna Shafer, Ashley Wheeler.
3. Flower Festival (Hested) — Group 1: Nicole Cagle, Meredith Hendricks-Young, Candice Jameson, Laura Miller, Talitha Pope, Jennie Rapstine, Laura Reynolds. Group 2: Mollie Baker, Helen Brooks, Tara Coffee, Anna Johnson, Riki Mauricio, Brianna Roberts, Courtney Ritchey, Katie Shaffer, Elizabeth Thomas, Maegan Wheeler.

Part IV: Variations from 'Paquita'

- Pampa Civic Ballet
Music: Minkus. Choreography: After the original by Petipa



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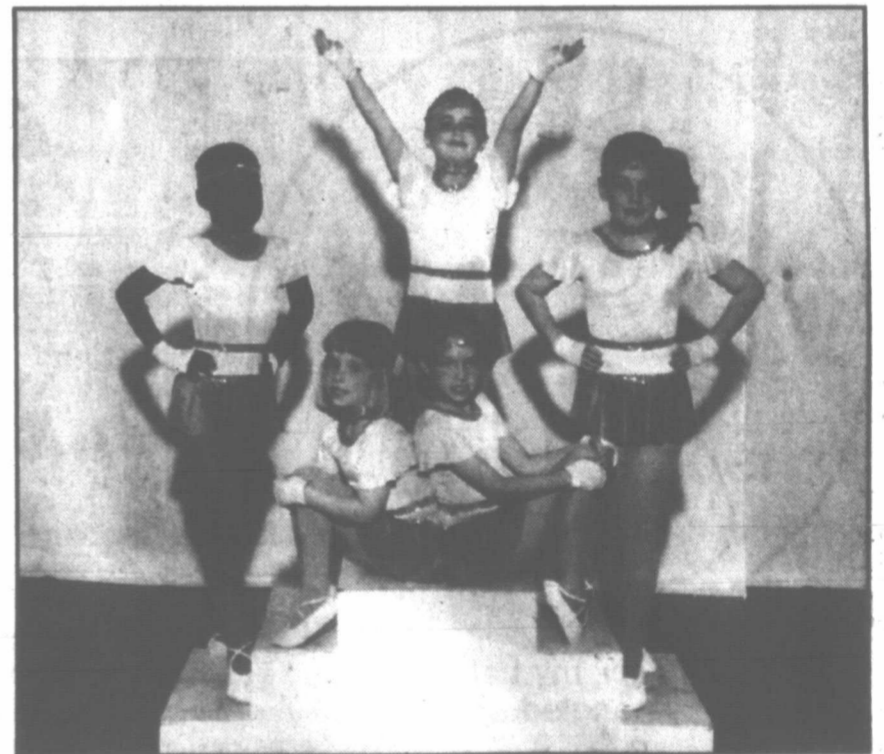
Glennette Goode, Amanda Jacobs, Candice Jameson, Deanna McGill, Jennie Rapstine, Kristen Stephens, Carla Wood, Meredith Hendricks-Young

Intermission (10 minutes)

Part V: Lullaby Of Broadway

1. Melancholism (Music by Hindemith, choreography by George Balanchine) — Glennette Goode, Amanda Jacobs, Stephanie Kelly, Deanna McGill, Janice Piersall, Robyn Stover, Carla Wood, Talitha Pope.
2. On Wings Of Song (Mendelssohn) — Jennie Rapstine
3. Just One Of Those Things — Stacy Sandlin, Kimberly Sparkman
4. Phantom Of The Opera — Amanda Jacobs
5. All I Ask Of You — Laura Miller
6. Anything Goes — Laura Johnson, Julie Noles
7. Canon In D Major (Pachelbel) — Amy Bradley
8. Stawberry 23 — Nicole Cagle, Cara East
9. Somewhere In Time — Carla Wood
10. Brian's Song — Candice Jameson
11. Legends Of The Fall — Misty Ferrell
12. We Go Together (Choreography by Deanna McGill) — Meredith Hendricks-Young, Britany Kempf, Courtney Ritchey
13. Lullaby Of Broadway — Beth Buzzard, Sophia Gruszecki, Jennifer Hinds, Kristen Stephens
14. Now's The Time (Hallelujah Baby) Finale — Cast
15. Senior Presentation — Seniors escorted by their fathers: Stacy Sandlin, Julie Noles, Misty Ferrell, Kimberly Sparkman, Amy Bradley, Laura Miller, Laura Johnson
Flower Girls: Carrie Angel, Kirby Broadus, Rachel Heuston, Emily Keeton, Hailey Phillips, Shannon Smith, Ashley Wheeler

Young performers in an acrobatic dance titled 'Playmates' are, in photo at right, sitting, Kristen Hagerman and Abby Weaver, and standing, Britney Reagans, Carrie Angel and Lindzi Schaibel. (Not pictured is Alyce Urice, who will also be a member of the dance group.)



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Emphysema Sufferer Doesn't Need Guilt Added To Her Pain

DEAR ABBY: My heart went out to Patty, who wrote regarding her mother's death from lung cancer and people questioning whether her mother had been a smoker.

I am now in the advanced stages of emphysema and am currently on the waiting list for a lung transplant. I, too, have been tormented with that question when anyone learns of my disease. Believe me, the guilt I had to work through was enough without having it compounded by that question. I have often been tempted to ask, "What difference does it make?" But I know in my heart they are ignorant of the pain they are causing.

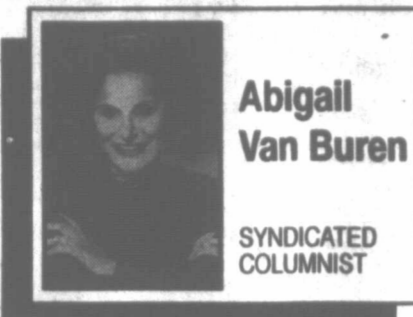
I'm sure the same people wouldn't think of asking those suffering with heart disease if they ate bacon and eggs every morning — yet smokers are made to feel that they deserve their suffering.

Abby, your response to Patty's letter was so heartening. Now maybe others will be a little less judgmental to those of us who are living with smoking's legacy. A simple "I'm sorry" is so much kinder.

Thank you for all you have done over the years to put such issues before the public. You may use my name.

JOAN K. TURSO, SEQUIM, WASH.

DEAR JOAN: No need to thank me. That's what I'm here for. Good luck with your surgery when a transplant is available.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our early 60s, and we like to travel a lot. My problem is I can't get my wife to set foot on an airplane. Consequently, we travel by car. We were in Florida last October; we just returned from Hilton Head, S.C., and we have a trip to Florida planned for July. I keep telling my wife that these long (10 to 12 hours a day) drives are tiring. I'm still working, so I can't afford to take off more time to allow for more travel time.

My wife suggested I wear pantyhose. She said she remembers reading in your column some years ago that pantyhose massage the pores and thus reduce fatigue. Is there any truth to this, or is she just trying to shut me up? If the answer is yes, I will give them a try. Is there a specific style that should be worn? I know this is a strange request, but if it works, who cares?

FRED IN
SOUTHBOROUGH, MASS.

DEAR FRED: Your wife didn't see that item in my column — but I'm for anything that works! However, since pantyhose don't keep women from getting tired, why would they do that for men?

DEAR ABBY: I will get right to the point. I have fallen in love with my first cousin. His mother and my mother are sisters, but I grew up in New York and he was raised in California, so we didn't see each other very often. However, we both felt a definite physical attraction to each other whenever we met.

We would like to be married. We do not intend to have any children (I have had a hysterectomy), but we need to know in which states first cousins can marry.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

KISSING COUSINS

DEAR COUSINS: First cousins may marry in Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the District of Columbia and Virginia. And in Wisconsin, first cousins may marry if the woman is 55 years or older.

Good luck, and may you forever be kissin' cousins.

to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your popularity will rise today because you will have a remarkable ability to make each person you meet feel significant and interesting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your problem-solving abilities could be much keener than usual today. If you focus your mind on a dilemma that seems confusing, you can find the solution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Partnership arrangements or situations that require a collective effort should be your cup of tea today. You are an excellent team player.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Major changes in the workplace could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Give the new situation a chance to develop before you complain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Schedule errands early in the day so that you will have some free time later to enjoy yourself. An organized agenda will enable you to make time for work and play.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you will have the ability to make negative developments constructive and profitable.

Even small transactions might provide tremendous benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is someone you've met recently and you would like to get to know them better, this will be a good day to strengthen bonds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Developments that affect your material well-being could take a turn for the better this afternoon. You may receive something you never thought you'd get.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The secret to your success today is to be properly motivated. If there is something you desire, keep telling yourself that you can do it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your modus operandi will win you the admiration of others today. They will be impressed by the way you handle multiple responsibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you will be the strong, independent pillar on which friends can lean. You will offer your help so compassionately that they will not feel obligated.

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Horoscope



Wednesday, May 8, 1996

In the year ahead you can achieve your goals because you will not look for easy outs. You will expect large rewards, but you will also be prepared to earn them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, proper use of your intelligence and determination might enable you to accomplish a feat that associates thought was impossible. Taurus, 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 newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure



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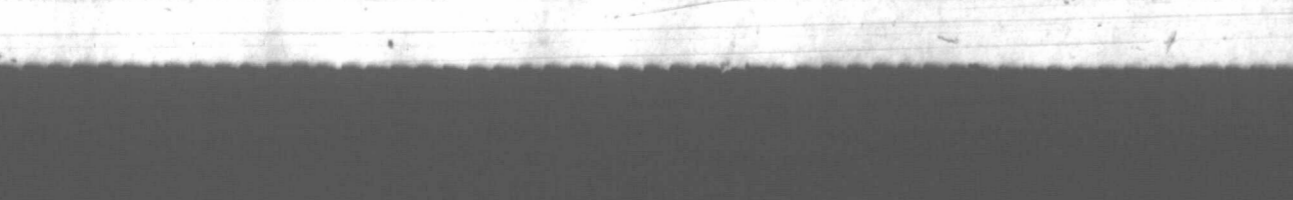
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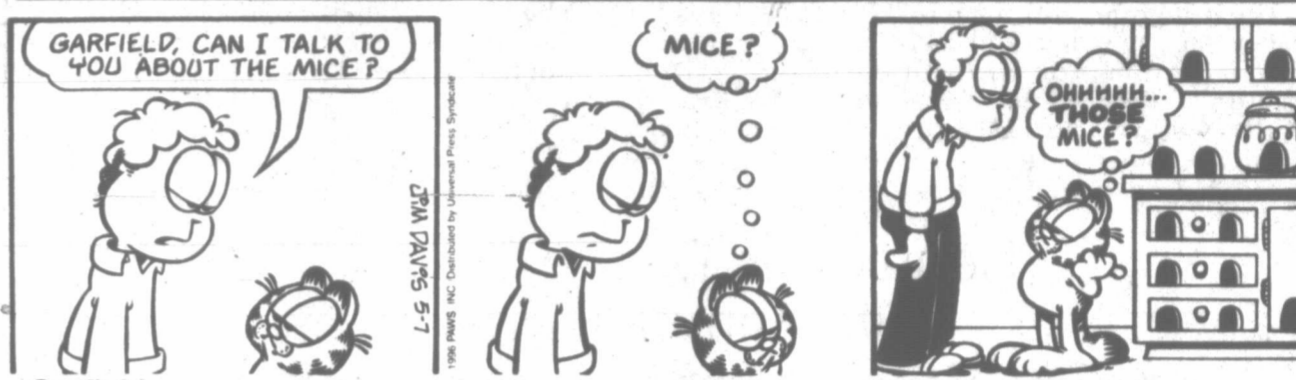
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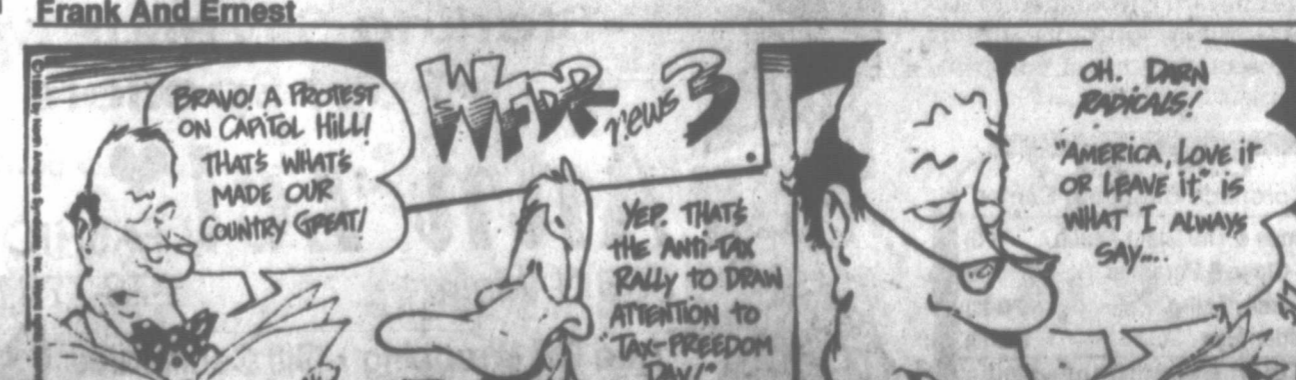
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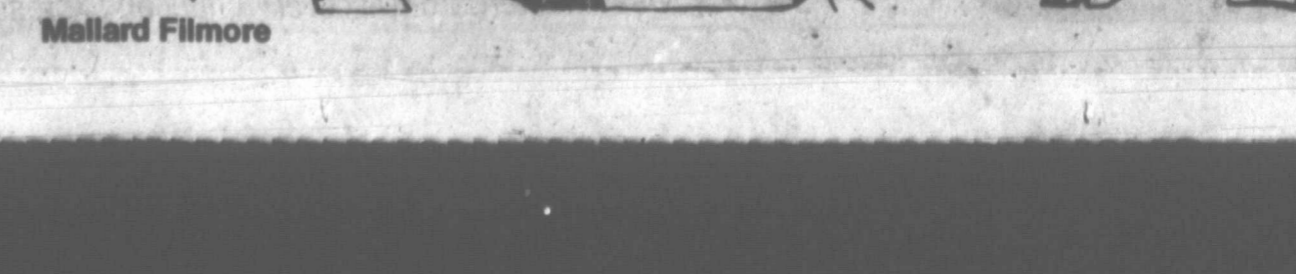
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters baseball banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 in the Starlight Room Coronado Inn.

Tickets go on sale from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school athletic building.

TRACK & FIELD

LIBERAL, Kan. — Wendell Palmer of Pampa swept three events at the first Senior Games held in Liberal.

Competing in the 60-64 age division, Palmer won the 1-kilo discus (171-8), the 5-kilo shot (43-2 1/2) and the javelin (116-5) last weekend.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Team One defeated Team Four, 16-4, in Lady Harvester softball action last week at Hobart Park.

Team One reached the .500 mark with a 3-3 record.

Patti Montoya was the winning pitcher with Cara East coming in for relief in the last inning. She gave four runs on 10 hits while striking out three and walking six.

Montoya had two hits while Hillary Ybarra, Christi Walkup and Peggy Anderson had one hit each.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The deadline for Lady Harvester Basketball Camp sign-up is Wednesday, May 15.

Session I, which runs from June 17-21, is for girls who have completed third, fourth and fifth grades.

Session II, which runs from June 24-28, is for girls who have completed sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Camp forms may be picked up from P.E. teachers or by calling Coach Jones at 669-4830 or 665-5377. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily and costs \$70. Each session is limited to 60 girls. You must register by May 15.

GOLF

PAMPA — On Sunday, 80-year-old Bill Hawkins had a hole-in-one on the No. 6 hole at Hidden Hills. Hawkins used a 7-wood.

His playing partner was Dale Hawkins.

Hidden Hills Seniors played a tournament last Wednesday. Results are as follows:

First place: Larry Schneider, Ralph Ridgeway, Jerry South and J.D. Brown, 143.

Second place: Carl Warner, Earnest Barnett, Carol Pettit and Jim Maher, 144.

Third place: Jack Mitchell, Bill Washington, Preston Cox and Mike Porter, 144.

Fourth place: Leroy Morris, Ken Williams, Doug Dubose and Troy Bennett, 147.

OLYMPICS

ATLANTA (AP) — A lawyer for Atlanta Olympic organizers told a judge today that games officials had absolutely no knowledge that a light tower at the Olympic stadium was in danger of collapsing before a construction worker was killed last year.

In the strongest public statement yet to disassociate the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games from the death of ironworker Jack Falls, attorney John Hinchey said ACOG has no responsibility for the accident.

Hinchey acknowledged to Fulton County State Court Judge Jerry Baxter that there was some correspondence between the stadium designers and ACOG about the structure.

He said "ACOG had no supervisory responsibility of the construction of the stadium."

The statement came in a hearing on a suit filed by the survivors of Falls against ACOG and the Atlanta Stadium Design Team, a joint venture that designed the \$235 million centerpiece stadium of the games.

Sonics bomb Rockets to take 2-0 series lead

SEATTLE (AP) — It was bombs away for the Seattle SuperSonics, and the Houston Rockets' chances of an NBA three-peat took a broadside hit.

With a sizzling 74 percent playoff-record 3-point shooting barrage, Seattle now has the two-time defending champions going back to Texas wondering if their title run is over.

After their 105-101 victory over Houston on a Monday night when they were better from the 3-point line than they were the free throw line, the Sonics hold a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

"Nothing surprises me any more with this team," Seattle's Hersey Hawkins said. "Not our 64 wins during the regular season, not our 3-point shooting in this game. Nothing."

The Sonics, through the first round of the playoffs for the first time in three years, sank 20 of 27 3-point tries, including 13 in a row.

That broke the Rockets' playoff record of 19 3s set last season in the opening round against Utah. It didn't do anything good for Houston's spirits, either.

"Hopefully, Seattle won't keep shooting like this," Houston's Mario Elie said. "But if they do ..."

Nate McMillan ended the first quarter Monday night with a 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds to go. The Sonics sank seven more in the second period to tie a playoff record and had five more in the third quarter.

Detlef Schrempf finally missed a 3-point try at the start of the fourth quarter.

"Everybody was in a groove," said Hawkins, his team's leading regular-season 3-point shooter. "All year long we've been taking the 3-point shots when they've been there. Everybody was just feeling it in this game."

During the regular season, the Sonics shot 36 percent from 3-point range. Their best 3-point game was a 12-for-20 performance (60 percent) against Orlando on March 13.

The Sonics missed five of 16 free throws (68 percent) against the Rockets in Game 2. How do you explain it? Coach George Karl couldn't.

"We shot the ball unbelievably," he said. "My gut feeling is we took a hell of a shot from the Houston Rockets and we're still standing."

Houston wasn't bad from beyond the 3-point arc itself. The Rockets were 13-for-27, giving the Sonics and Houston a playoff record for combined 3-pointers in a game (33).

McMillan continued his dazzling perimeter playoff shooting by hitting all five of his 3s, tying an NBA record.

"The shots are there and my legs feel pretty good," McMillan said.

In his first 10 seasons in Seattle, he shot 21 percent (16 of 74) in 69 playoff games. In six games against Sacramento and Houston, he's 14 for 19 (74 percent).

"I've always felt I could shoot the ball," McMillan said.

Karl has had his players shooting extra 3s after practices. They must make 30 3s in order to go home. McMillan said he's benefited from the extra work.

"For a month or so, my shot has been falling," he said.

By beating Houston for the 11th consecutive time since March 10, 1994, including six this season, the Sonics are in a position to sweep the Rockets. Games 3 and 4 will be played in Houston on Friday night and Sunday.

The Rockets reminded everyone that

they overcame 0-2 deficits the past two seasons against Phoenix in the conference semifinals.

"They don't give out medals for winning two games," Houston's Kenny Smith said. "You get medals for winning four games."

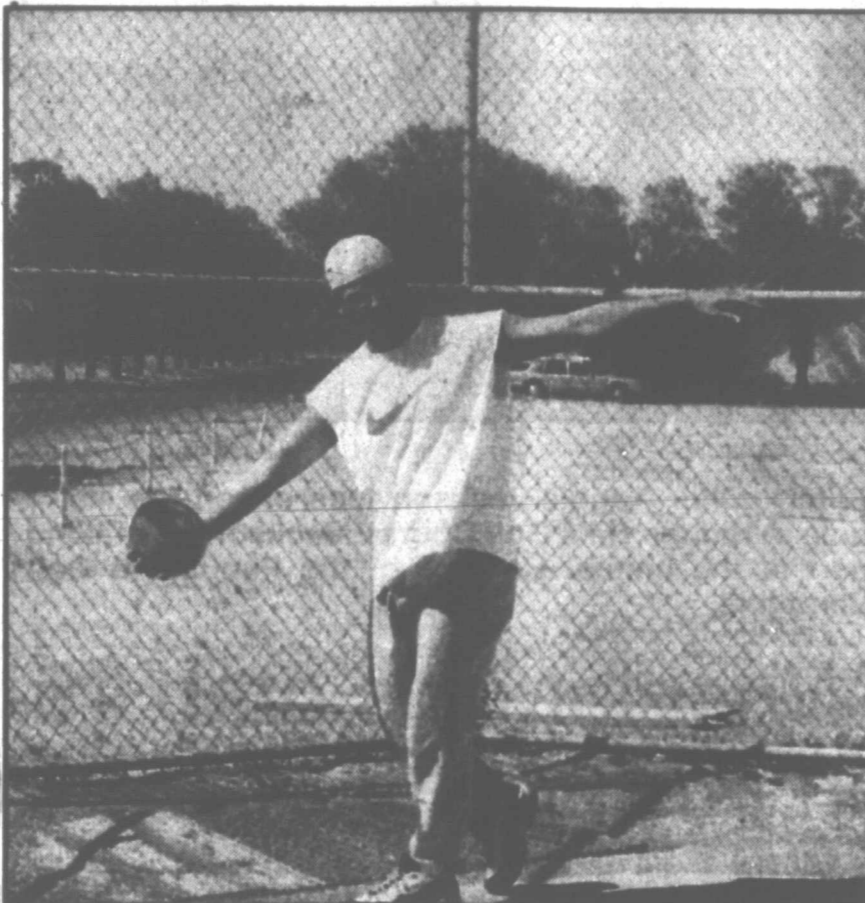
Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich was encouraged. Despite Seattle's record-breaking 3-point blitz, Houston was in the game until the final 22.3 seconds, when Elie missed a 3-point attempt with Seattle leading by two.

"To take a barrage like that was amazing," Tomjanovich said. "If we played any other team in the league, I'm sure we'd win the game and it probably wouldn't even be a close game."

"This one could have gone either way," the Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon said.

Schrempf led the Sonics with 21 points and Gary Payton, selected the league's Defensive Player of the Year earlier in the day, had 18 points and made a key steal from Olajuwon in the closing seconds.

Clyde Drexler scored 19 points for Houston. Olajuwon, held to six points in Seattle's 33-point victory in Game 1, had 17 points and 16 rebounds, but was only 8-for-21 from the field.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Harvester discus thrower Floyd White gets in some practice for the state track meet. White placed second in the discus at regionals to qualify for the state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday in Austin.

PHS athletes move closer to Class 4A UIL track meet date

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys track team started slow, but is peaking fast. Just in time for the Class 4A UIL state meet.

After placing second in the District 1-4A meet, the Harvesters put everything together to win the regional title two weeks ago in San Angelo.

"We got off to a slow start because of the basketball team's success, but they've improved every week. Our 400-relay team has dropped their time every meet," said Pampa coach Tad Smith.

Pampa's 400-relayers, made up of Derahian Evans, Coy Laury, J.J. Mathis and Jimmy Reed, posted a 42.05 time at regionals to take first-place honors. Laury, a senior, and Mathis, a junior, were both members of Pampa's state championship basketball team, making them late for track workouts.

The 400-relay team is ranked fourth among state qualifiers, giving them an excellent chance to medal. They were clocked at 41.89 in regional prelims and a hand-held stop watch had them at 41.50 in the finals.

"We were ranked 8th or 9th going into regionals, but I felt like we had a good shot at winning it, especially after winning a regional qualifiers meet the week before at Tascosa. It put us among the top times," Smith said.

Laury is also entered in the 200 at state after placing second at regionals. Junior Tim Fields in the 300 hurdles and senior Floyd White in the discus are also head for state after taking second at regionals.

"We'd like to score at least 25 points at state. That's my goal. And I'm being a little conservative," Smith added.

In the girls' division, freshman distance runner Jenny Fatheree will be representing

Pampa at Austin's Memorial Stadium on Friday and Saturday. Fatheree, who is just 14 and competing in her first regional meet, won the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:26.11 and placed second in the 3200 with a time of 11:36.27, qualifying her for state in both events at San Angelo. Just a few hours before the races, she had been battling a stomach virus.

"She was throwing up before she ran, and she threw up afterwards. She really came through and ran two good races," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

Running long distance races seems to come natural for Fatheree, whose mother, Sue Fatheree, set the Lady Harvesters' school record in the 800 (2:15.5) in 1977.

This spring, Fatheree had the top times in both the 1600 and 3200 on the Amarillo Globe-News honor roll. She also competed in cross country and finished 10th at the state meet in the fall.

Drabek hurls five-hitter as Astros down Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Doug Drabek finally has something positive to show for his first six starts.

The right-hander, who had watched Houston lose his five previous outings, allowed three hits and one earned run in the Astros' 11-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

"It's nice to pitch in a game that we won," said Drabek (1-2), who had nine strikeouts and walked four. "Every game I've pitched in we've lost. It's nice to feel that I finally contributed."

"I had a real good sinker and my curve ball was working well. I really felt good when we came up with those big innings early."

The only earned run he allowed was Todd Zeile's fourth-inning homer.

"Doug Drabek was really sharp tonight," Astros manager Terry Collins said. "That's the

best breaking ball he's had all season. He moved the ball around and he kept the hitters off balance."

Phillies starter Rich Hunter (1-2) had little control early, allowing Houston to score four runs in the second inning. The Astros added four more in the fifth on two-run homers by Jeff Bagwell and James Mouton.

Mouton, the newly installed regular left fielder, also had a two-run double in the seventh and tied his career high with four RBIs.

"It's nice to be out there everyday," said Mouton, who previously had been platooned with Derrick May. "But this is just one ballgame. I've got to go out and do this on a consistent basis."

Hunter, the National League's youngest pitcher, lasted only four innings, allowing seven runs on five hits, a wild pitch, and walking five batters.

"I can't fall behind people." Hunter said "I didn't have a very good breaking ball and I struggled with my control. I still have confidence in what I can do. I just have to work out the problems."

The Phillies scored three runs in the eighth off reliever Jim

Dougherty on RBI singles by Mike Benjamin and Kevin Stocker and a sacrifice fly by Kevin Jordan.

"That wasn't a pretty game," Phillies manager Jim Fregosi said. "Our young pitcher struggled with his control. I'd rather

get beat like this, though, than lose a 2-1 game."

Notes: Fregosi and right fielder Mark Whiten were ejected by plate umpire Jerry Crawford in the fifth inning after Whiten was called out on strikes. ... It is the third time in Mouton's career

Report: Irvin's attorney to serve subpoenas

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Irvin's attorney said he would try again to subpoena videotapes in a television report showing the Dallas Cowboys' star receiver purportedly discussing his use of cocaine.

Kevin Clancy said he has obtained subpoenas for all tapes made for reports that aired Sunday and Monday nights on Fort Worth television station KXAS.

Monday night, the station showed excerpts for the second straight night from secretly recorded tape filmed by a camera hidden

in the back seat of the vehicle in which Irvin was riding.

As Irvin and a former confidant turned informer drove away from an apartment complex after making what the driver told KXAS was a cocaine buy, Irvin was heard to say:

"Here, you want some? ... A couple lines will help you."

The driver, identified on the tape as "Dennis," declined, saying, "It stunts your growth."

Irvin laughed and said: "I already been stunted, then. If that's the case, I should have been stunted a long time ago."

They drove on, with Irvin talking about steps he would take to keep his fingerprints from turning up on the bag with the cocaine in it.

"Before I give this to anybody, I'm gonna rip this off. Bam! There you go!"

Irvin has insisted he doesn't have a drug problem, and Dennis told KXAS he never saw Irvin use the cocaine he bought while with him. Once, he said, Irvin gave what he bought to two women.

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Milk may really do a body good

DALLAS (AP) — A new study suggests that middle-age men who drink milk may be less vulnerable to the most common type of stroke than their non-milk-drinking brethren.

The study does not make clear, however, whether the stroke risk was minimized by the milk or the lifestyles of those who drank it.

The results of the 22-year study, which traced the medical histories of 3,150 Honolulu-area men of Japanese ancestry from middle age to old age, were published in the May issue of the American Heart Association journal *Stroke*.

Men who didn't drink milk were twice as likely to have a thromboembolic stroke as men who drank at least 16 ounces a day. Thromboembolic strokes account for 70 percent to 80 percent of all strokes.

The study suggested that the difference wasn't due to the calcium in milk.

Also, it was not clear which was the more important factor: the milk itself or the lifestyles of the men who drank it, said Robert Abbott, lead author on the study.

"These factors are difficult to identify, but milk drinkers tended to be leaner and more physically active and to consume foods that were more likely to be healthy," said Abbott, a biostatistician at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Nation briefs

Pepsi to widen test market for new drink

NEW YORK (AP) — While many Brazilians consider the guarana berry to be a sexual stimulant, Pepsico is making no such claims about its new soft drink made with the exotic Amazon fruit.

"Let's just say people are drawn to guarana by its powerful image and mystery," said Brad Shaw, a spokesman for Pepsi at its headquarters in Somers, N.Y.

Pepsico said Monday it is expanding the test-marketing of Josta, a carbonated beverage made with guarana, which contains caffeine.

The No. 2 soft-drink maker behind Coca-Cola said Josta sales in Phoenix, where Pepsi has been testing the product since late December, have been successful and warrant test-marketing in a wider area.

Rapper may avoid jail sentence if on good behavior

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tupac Shakur can avoid another jail sentence if he stays out of trouble for four months and organizes a benefit concert for underprivileged children.

The 24-year-old rapper promised to do both Monday as he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of illegal weapons possession. The judge delayed sentencing until Sept. 12, when he could send Shakur to prison for 16 months.

Shakur and a friend were stopped for speeding in Hollywood in 1994 and a handgun was found in the car.

Civic leaders raise \$400,000 to avert Dahmer auction

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Disgusted at the prospect of an auction of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's "instruments of death," business leaders Monday said they had raised \$400,000 to keep the grisly items from public sale.

A judge last month ordered Dahmer's assets to be liquidated and proceeds distributed to the victims' families. Lawyer Thomas Jacobson, who represents eight families, had planned an auction.

The items had an estimated value of \$100,000, but Jacobson asked for \$1 million when a downtown business group, Westtown Association Inc., expressed a desire to buy the whole lot and destroy it.

Real estate magnate Joseph J. Zilber said Monday he personally has pledged \$100,000. The group also has raised another \$300,000.

Zilber called for public contributions so that the items could "be destroyed permanently and forever removed from the public consciousness."

Dahmer killed 17 young men and boys, some of whom he mutilated and cannibalized. He was beaten to death in prison in 1994.

The items include hammers, drill bits and handcuffs, as well as the refrigerator where Dahmer stored some of his victim's body parts.

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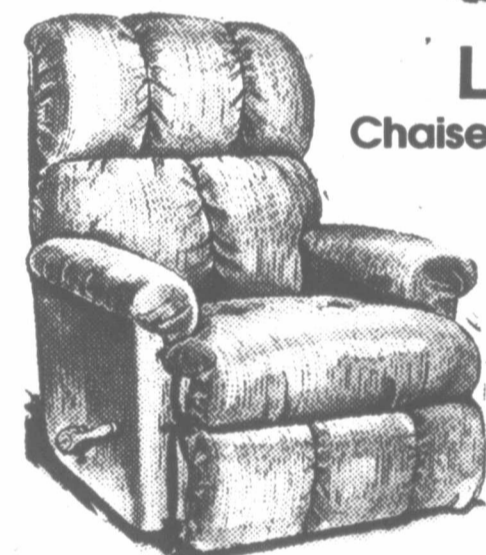
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