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Monday, May 13, 1996

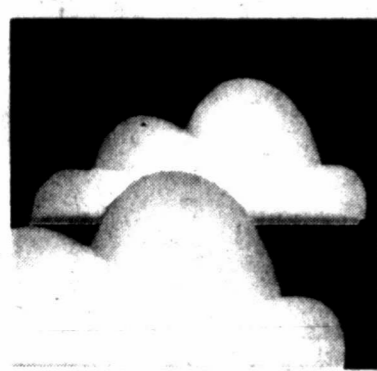
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Low tonight near 60,
high tomorrow in low
90s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

PAMPA - Pre-applications
for Head Start will be taken
Friday at Lamar and Baker
Elementary schools.

Application times at both
schools will be 8:30 to 11 a.m.
and noon to 3 p.m.

To qualify, prospective students
must be four years old
on or before Sept. 1.

Other qualifications include
family meeting income
guidelines, family on public
assistance, child with documented
disability and/or a
foster child.

Children are enrolled based
on need, not a first-come,
first-serve basis.

Parents should bring a
copy of the child's birth
certificate, income verification
(check stubs, income tax
forms), immunization record,
Social Security numbers, documentation
of disability (if available) and proof of public
assistance (food stamp card,
AFDC benefits, Medicaid,
WIC, SSI, HUD).

Applicants will be notified
of their child's enrollment
status before the first day of
school.

Children who qualify for
Head Start but were not
enrolled will be placed on a
waiting list and enrolled as
slots become available.

McLEAN - McLean High
School was recently recognized
for the high ACT scores
scored by students from low-
income households.

Three students reported
household incomes of less
than \$18,000 and scored an
average 23.3 composite score
on the exam. A total of 10
students from MHS took the
test.

The average score of the
low-income students was
higher than the state average
of 20.1.

Other requirements for the
recognition included at least
10 graduating seniors taking
the exam and at least 23 percent
of those students reporting
an annual household
income less than \$18,000.

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets
correctly matched all six
numbers drawn Saturday
night for the twice-weekly
Lotto Texas game, state lottery
officials said. The jackpot
was worth \$8 million.

The numbers drawn from a
field of 50 were: 7, 8, 16, 19, 32
and 35.

There were 107 tickets sold
with five numerical matches,
making each ticket worth
\$1,670. There were 6,454 tickets
that matched four of the
six numbers, each ticket winning
\$100. And there were
124,738 tickets sold with
three matches, each ticket
worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the
jackpot for Wednesday night's
game will be \$12 million.

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Storms bring welcome rain to Pampa area

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff writer

Gray countians today
breathed a sigh of relief as the
skies finally opened and
dropped their life-giving liquid
on the plains parched by
drought.

Nearly a half hour of thunder
and lightning accompanied by
rain and a small amount of hail
fell between 3 and 3:30 a.m.
today across the northern
portion of the county, yielding an
official 0.30 inch of rain for
Pampa.

But moisture reports varied
around the city, with lesser totals
in some west and southwest
areas, with some rainfall of just
over an inch in the east section of
Pampa.

Officials measured an inch
and a half of rain north of Pampa
early today.

However, an official with the
National Weather Service said
the welcome showers did not
signal an end to the drought
which has plagued the area since
October.

The National Weather Service
forecast includes a 40 percent
chance of thunderstorms in the
northeastern part of the
Panhandle this evening, and 30
percent chance for thunder-
storms in the eastern region,
including Pampa. The storms
could be severe in some parts
into the night, he said.

Tambra Rogers, whose family
ranches in southern Roberts
County, was delighted with the
rainfall which is expected to turn
pastureland from tan and yellow
to green.

"It's looking better. Always
before, it dries up so quickly. ...
It's still muddy. ... We're thankful
for anything we get," she
said today.

Her husband, J.T. Rogers,

reported 0.65 inch of rain and
marble size hail from the passing
storm. No damage to wheat is
visible today, he said.

An employee of Taylor Food
Mart in Lefors earlier today
reported 0.125 inch of rain
recorded at 3 a.m. The fog had
lifted by 9:20 a.m. in town, she
said.

However, the storm which
traveled southeast skipped the
Grandview-Hopkins and Lake
McClellan area.

The rain, said Gray County
Commissioner Gerald Wright,
"seemed to shut off" four to five
miles south of Pampa on Texas
70.

"We didn't get any rain this
morning when Pampa got
theirs," Wright said.

However, the area was blanketed
in fog and mist through
mid-morning.

Wright reported 0.40 inch of
rain at his Nelson Street home.

"It's been so long since people
got any moisture, it was something
to look at," he said.

Ken Schneider, lead forecaster
for the weather service, said
"drought" is used primarily in
agriculture to refer to crop damage
due to water supply shortages.

According to Associated Press
reports, a tornado touched down
in open country north of
Perryton Sunday night along the
northern edge of the Panhandle,
but no injuries or damage was
reported.

The National Weather Service
issued a thunderstorm watch for
parts of the Panhandle Sunday
night into Monday morning.

Today, skies were mixed
across Texas. A stationary front
extended across the Panhandle
and into Southeast Texas and the
Gulf of Mexico.

News Editor Cheryl Berzan-
skis contributed to this report.

Pampa Middle School art show



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Seventh graders Casey Coleman, Amy Newhouse and Derek Conner stand with one of the masterpieces on display in the Pampa Middle School art show, scheduled for Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. This year's theme is "Dance to the Beat of Your Imagination," and the show will include three pieces of artwork from each student. The public is invited to the event, to be held in the halls of the middle school.

Former PHS graduate to be guest speaker for senior honors banquet

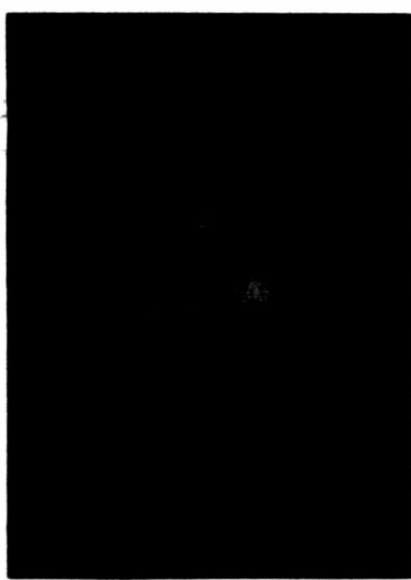
Dr. Jodi Taylor, the former
Carletta Johnson, will be guest
speaker for the 1996 Pampa
High School senior honors banquet
Tuesday night.

Twenty-five honor graduates
will be recognized at the event,
beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the
Pampa Country Club.

Honor graduates include valedictorian
Shaylee Richardson, salutatorian
Edith Osborne, Katie McKandles,
Jennifer Fischer, Megan Hill, Garrett
Craddock, Janet Dancel, Serenity
King, Laura Johnson, Brian
Phelps, James Reeves, Misty
Adams, Amy Bradley, Joy
Bowers, Julie Noles, Trey
McCavit, Misty Ferrell, Jeremiah
Nolte, Laura Miller, Stacy
Sandlin, Amanda Kludt, Matilde
Resendiz, Shannon Schakel,
Brooks Gentry and Jane Brown.

Superintendent's scholars
include Osborne, McKandles,
Fischer and Shaun B. Hurst.

Taylor, a 1965 PHS graduate
and daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
H.J. Johnson, is the director of
the Center for Creative
Leadership's Colorado Springs



Dr. Jodi Taylor

branch. She helped found the
Colorado branch in 1983 and has
been director since 1987.

In addition to managing the
branch, she is lead instructor for
Leadership at the Peak, trains in
custom programs, does research
on executive selection, helped
create the Peak Selection
Simulation and is currently

developing a new leadership
instrument.

Taylor's speciality is designing
and implementing tailored
contract programs for organizations,
particularly top executives.

Her specific areas of interest
include executive assessment
and development, changing the
organizational climate, feedback
and communication, building
effective teams, executive
selection and coaching, leadership
development within the organization
and tying leadership
behaviors to business results.
She incorporates these themes
into a contract program.

Prior to joining the center,
Taylor worked as a clinical and
consulting psychologist in both
public community health settings
and private practice, as
well as serving as a consultant to
a number of business organizations.

She obtained her doctorate's
degree from the University of
Texas at Austin in counseling
psychology and is past chair of
the Colorado State Board of
Psychological Examiners.

Court: States can't ban liquor price ads

WASHINGTON (AP) - The
Supreme Court, in a decision
that could undermine President
Clinton's effort to limit cigarette
advertising, ruled today that
states may not ban all advertising
that refers to liquor prices.

The court struck down a
Rhode Island law aimed at promoting
sobriety. The justices
ruled unanimously that the ban
violates free-speech rights.

The full impact of today's ruling,
reached by splintered voting
and four separate opinions, may
not be known until lower courts
begin interpreting it. But it
appeared that the court significantly
added to the protection
afforded commercial speech.

In other action, the court:
- Rejected a bid by Unabomber
suspect Theodore Kaczynski to
speed up consideration of his
attempt to avoid prosecution
because of news leaks.

- Agreed to use the case of a
Mississippi widow whose husband's
death was partially caused by
asbestos exposure to resolve a
key issue over maritime-
industry benefits.

- Agreed to use an Arizona
case to decide whether parents
may sue their state governments
for not doing enough to help them
collect child-support payments.

- Refused to let an Oklahoma
city display a Christian cross on
its official seal.

- Rejected an appeal by
Florida aimed at forcing the
federal government to improve
immigration enforcement or
repay the state's cost of social
services to illegal aliens.

- Rejected the appeal of an
artist barred by Amtrak from
putting a political advertisement
on a billboard in New York's
Penn Station.

- Turned down an appeal
seeking disability and death
benefits for Vietnam veterans
who suffer from cancer blamed
on exposure to the defoliant
Agent Orange.

- Refused to let police at
prisons detain prospective visitors
for a "canine sniff" of their cars
if they object and seek to leave
without entering the prison.

In the liquor ad case, the justices
had been told many states have
laws that ban or in some way limit
liquor-price advertising. Listed as
examples were Arkansas, Connecticut,
Georgia, Kansas, Minnesota,
Missouri, New Hampshire, North
Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and
South Carolina.

Although the Rhode Island
controversy focused solely on
advertising that referred to the

prices of alcoholic beverages, the
court's decision seemingly
applies to government efforts to
regulate other potentially harmful
products or activities.

Writing the court's main opinion,
Justice John Paul Stevens
said Rhode Island "has failed to
carry its heavy burden of justifying
its complete ban on price
advertising."

Clinton and the federal Food
and Drug Administration have
proposed rules, opposed by the
tobacco industry, that would
ban cigarette brand advertising
at sports events and on T-shirts
and other goods.

Proposed rules would ban
tobacco billboards within 1,000
feet of schools and playgrounds
and limit the use of pictures and
colors in cigarette ads.

Rhode Island law allows
advertising for alcoholic beverages
but since 1956 has required
publishers and broadcasters to
exclude any mention of prices,
or even the word "sale."

When the case was argued
before the Supreme Court last
November, Rhode Island's lawyer,
Rebecca Partington, said the state
expected its ad ban to keep prices
higher than if price advertising
were allowed. The goal, she said, is
"promotion of temperance."

Mother's Day tea



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Ryne Hutcherson reads mother Karen a letter in honor of
Mother's Day during a special tea in kindergarten classes
at Wilson Elementary School last week. The students held
the event while studying a unit on oceans, treating their
mothers to edible palm trees, ponds and fish. The walls
and ceiling were covered with jelly fish, octopi and fish.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRYAN, Orvel Bailey — 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Stanton.

Obituaries

ORVEL BAILEY BRYAN

STANTON - Orvel Bailey Bryan, 89, of Dallas, father of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, May 12, 1996, in the Baylor Hospital at Dallas. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church at Stanton with the Rev. Curtis Cadenhead officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mr. Bryan was born Feb. 9, 1907, in Grayson County. He married Johnnie Bess Richards on June 20, 1931, at Lubbock; she died March 5, 1996. He moved to Stanton in 1933. He managed Caprock Electric Cooperative at Stanton until his retirement in 1973. He served in scouting as a member of the council's executive board, the council service center's development committee and the unit committee and was chairman of the local finance committee as well as co-chairman at district level. His other service was involvement in youth work in church and Sunday School, Future Farmers of America, 4-H clubs, Boy's Ranch at San Angelo plus many other youth organizations.

He had served as past president of the Lions Club, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the county school board and past president of the county Red Cross. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Odd Fellows, the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. He was also a member of the First United Church, where he had been past chairman of the official board and chairman of the church finance committee in addition to being an official board member of the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco.

Survivors include two daughters, Eva Kay Harvey of Pampa and Linda Bess Angel of Dallas; a son, Orvel Bobby Bryan of Stanton; a brother, Carl Bryan of Whitesboro; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JEWEL L. SHIPP

Jewel L. Shipp, 78, of Pampa, died Monday, May 13, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Shipp was born Jan. 26, 1918, at Altus, Okla. She married Kenneth Covalt in 1936 at Woodward, Okla.; he died in 1961. She moved from Altus to Pampa in 1948. She later married Harmon Shipp on July 11, 1969, at Pampa. She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Harmon, of the home; two daughters, Paula Hood of Rangely, Colo., and Patricia Green of Alba, Texas; a son, Tom Covalt of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two stepsons, Clovis Shipp of Brownwood and Don Shipp of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Winnie Lee Estes of Altus and Vinita Ferris of Headrick, Okla.; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

DAPHNA L. BAER WALKER

DENTON - Daphna L. Baer Walker, 86, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, May 11, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker was born Oct. 15, 1909, at Chickasha, Okla. She graduated from high school at Chickasha. She married Harold Chris Baer on Aug. 4, 1933, at Panhandle; he died June 17, 1971. The couple were longtime Pampa residents and she was active in both the community at large and in the First United Methodist Church. She later married J. Fred Walker on Sept. 2, 1980, at Pampa. They moved to Whittier, Calif., where they lived until 1994, when the couple moved to the Good Samaritan Lake Forrest Retirement Center at Denton.

Survivors include her husband, J. Fred Walker, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Buck Beasley of Richmond; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Marvin L. and Pam Baer of Baltimore, Md.; a stepdaughter, Sharon Dewey of Greenville; a grandson, Jon Chris Baer of Anchorage, Ala.; a granddaughter, Judy Rae Baer of Key West, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Stocks

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

Wheat	6.55	
Milo	8.16	
Corn	8.90	

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

Nowaco	23 1/2	NC
Occidental	25 3/4	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	74 1/2	
Puritan	17.52	

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

Amoco	72 1/8	up 1/2
Arco	117 3/4	up 1/8
Cabot	26 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	17 1/4	dn 1/8

Chevron	58	up 7/8
Coca-Cola	41 7/8	NC
Columbia/HCA	53 1/4	NC
Diamond Sham	33 5/8	dn 1/8
Enron	39 7/8	NC
Halliburton	53 7/8	up 3/4
Ingersoll Rand	40 3/8	up 3/8
KNE	32 3/8	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	61 3/4	up 1/4
Limited	20 1/4	NC
Mapco	57	NC
McDonald's	47 3/8	NC
Mobil	113 1/2	up 5/8
New Atmos	24 1/2	dn 1/4
Parker & Parsley	25 1/4	NC
Penney's	51 1/4	up 1/4
Phillips	39	up 1/4
SLB	87 3/8	up 3/8
SPS	31 5/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	55	dn 1/4
Texaco	81 3/8	up 7/8
Wal-Mart	24 1/4	up 1/2
New York Gold	390.60	
Silver	5.33	
West Texas Crude	21.01	

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

Police report

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

SATURDAY, May 11

Suspected violation of narcotics drug laws was reported at Banks and Hobart at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. Two ounces of marijuana was confiscated.

Information on criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Zimmers which occurred about two weeks ago.

A 12-year-old boy reported theft at 1005 W. Harvester which occurred at 4:40 p.m. Saturday. A \$300 bicycle was reported stolen.

Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft under \$50 which occurred at 6:35 p.m. Saturday.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of East Kingsmill.

SUNDAY, May 12

A 35-year-old woman reported assault with injury in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive at midnight Saturday. She suffered blunt trauma to the face and head. She was taken to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Arrests

FRIDAY, May 10

Michael Shane McGavock, 30, was arrested at Faulkner and Buckler on Gray County and Randall County warrants.

SATURDAY, May 11

Derek E. Ehnert, 20, 1025 S. Wells, was arrested at Pampa Police Department on two warrants. He was released on bond.

MONDAY, May 13

Carter Richard Young, 42, 118 W. Albert, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Banks on three capias pro fine warrants and two instanter charges of having no valid Texas driver's license and expired registration.

Carlos Jose Ramirez, 31, 310 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 600 block of North Carr on a charge of public intoxication.

Fires

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

SUNDAY, May 12

12:39 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to Genesis House, 600 W. Browning, on an alarm malfunction.

4:19 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 400 W. Brown on a motor vehicle accident with one injury.

7:09 a.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to 1524 N. Hobart on a gas spill.

6:18 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the intersection of Alcock and Dwight on a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

7:54 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to the alley behind 533 Oklahoma on a small grass fire. The fire is under investigation.

MONDAY, May 13

12:30 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to Genesis House, 600 W. Browning, on an alarm malfunction.

3:20 a.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to 2200 Dogwood on an alarm malfunction.

Ambulance

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

SATURDAY, May 11

8:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Integrated Health Services in Amarillo for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

7:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

7:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transport to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

9:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Sierra on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

SUNDAY, May 12

4:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of West Brown on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

6:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Alcock on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

6:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Alcock on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Coronado Hospital.

11:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Nelson on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Sheriff's Office

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

SUNDAY, May 12

Allsup's, Price and Texas 152, reported theft under \$20.

A runaway from Yukon, Okla., was discovered in McLean.

A pursuit was reported to have ended at Kellerville Road. Gray County deputies assisted Wheeler County in the pursuit of a stolen vehicle driven by a teenage boy. Tires were spiked and the vehicle was recovered.

Two minors in possession were reported by Deputy Steve Lewis on Farm-to-Market 1474, two miles north of Texas 273.

St. Matthew's Day School honors teachers



St. Matthew's Support Group President Lora Baggerman presents teacher Brenda Lyles with a plaque honoring all teachers who have taught five or more years at the day school. Instructors dating back to 1954 were recognized.

Court tightens racial bias requirements in trials

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court today made it harder for criminal defendants to make federal prosecutors respond to accusations that they are prosecuting someone because of their race.

Ruling 8-1 in a California crack-cocaine case involving five black men, the court said defendants who want to pursue selective-prosecution claims must show that people of other races were not prosecuted for the same crime.

The five California men did not make such a showing, and as a result the Supreme Court said prosecutors need not answer the allegation that the men were chosen for federal prosecution because they were black.

Lower courts had dismissed charges against the five men after prosecutors refused to rebut the selective-prosecution claim. Today's decision allows the charges to be reinstated.

"To establish a discriminatory effect in a race case, the claimant must show that similarly situated individuals of a different race were not prosecuted," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

"If the claim of selective prosecution were well founded, it should not have been an insuperable task to prove that persons of other races were being treated differently," the chief justice said.

The lone dissenter, Justice John Paul Stevens, said "the need for judicial vigilance over certain types of drug prosecutions" is underscored by wide differences in punishment for crimes involving crack versus powder cocaine, as well as disparities in punishment under federal and state laws.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, crack cocaine defendants are punished much more harshly than those convicted of crimes involving powder cocaine.

Crack defendants are overwhelmingly black, while powder cocaine defendants tend to be white.

The California case involved a decision to prosecute a crack case under federal law instead of state law, which allowed a shorter prison sentence.

The Clinton administration was seeking to reinstate federal drug-trafficking charges against Christopher Armstrong, Aaron Hampton, Freddie Mack, Shelton Martin and Robert Rozelle.

The 1992 charges stemmed from a joint investigation by Inglewood, Calif., police and federal drug agents.

The men were charged under federal law, which requires a sentence of 10 years to life for people convicted of selling more than 50 grams of crack. If they had been charged under California law, they would have faced a possible sentence of three to five years in prison.

Gunmen kill Jewish seminary student, wound another

BEIT EL, West Bank (AP) - Drive-by gunmen opened fire today at Jewish settlers on a bus and at a West Bank bus stop, killing one teenage seminary student and seriously wounding another.

There was no claim of responsibility for the shooting near the Jewish settlement of Beit El, but Israeli security forces have warned that Islamic militants opposed to Mideast peacemaking would try to attack Israelis ahead of Israel's May 29 elections.

The attackers first shot at an armored bus carrying Jewish settlers, but the shots did not penetrate. Nicks on the windshield showed where about a dozen bullets had hit. Two passengers were slightly hurt when the driver slammed on the brakes after the shooting, said a spokesman for the Magen David Adom emergency medical services.

The gunmen's second target was a bus stop a mile away. David Reuven Baum, 17, was killed by a bullet that struck his head, and Yair Greenberg, also 17, was seriously wounded by a bullet in the chest.

Reuven's mother, Frieda Freigel, told Israel radio her family moved to Israel 11 years ago.

"This is not a country with security, this is not a country with peace," she said. "If boys can't leave the yeshiva (seminary) ... I don't know what kind of peace this is," Freigel told Associated Press Television, speaking in Hebrew with a strong American accent.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a low near 60 and southeast winds to 20 mph. A 40 percent chance of showers. Tuesday, partly sunny and warmer with a high near 92. Sunday's high was 84; the overnight low was 53. Pampa received 0.30 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe. Lows in upper 50s to around 60. Tuesday, partly sunny and warm. Highs in upper 80s to low 90s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. A chance of showers or thunderstorms over low rolling plains and northeast South Plains. Some storms could become

severe. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in mid to upper 90s.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows 63 northeast to 69 south-central. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and warmer with a high near 92. Morning cloudiness, then partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs 86 northeast to 93 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Tuesday, cloudy morning becoming partly cloudy and breezy in the afternoon. Highs near 90. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 70s inland to upper 70s coast. Tuesday, cloudy morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs near 90 inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 70s coast to near 70 inland.

Tuesday, cloudy morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in mid 80s coast to near 90 inland, upper 90s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy with early evening thunderstorms southwest mountains and east. Variable high cloudiness elsewhere. Lows in mid 30s to near 50 mountains with 50s to mid 60s lower elevations. Tuesday, variable mainly high cloudiness. Warmer northeast. Highs in mid 70s to near 90 mountains with upper 80s to 100 lower elevations.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly central and north regions. Lows mid and upper 60s. Tuesday, decreasing cloudiness. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Highs in the 80s.

City briefs

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SIGN-UP FOR the Junior Volunteer Program at Coronado Hospital will be Thursday, May 16 from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria. All junior volunteers must be 13 years of age or older and have parent's written consent. If you cannot make this time, you may come by the information desk at Coronado Hospital and pick-up an application. Junior volunteer orientation will be June 5 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The program will run through last day of summer vacation. Adv.

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Perot supporters rally to get Texan on ballot

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — There's little doubt that supporters will gather enough signatures to get Ross Perot on Texas' November ballot as an independent candidate. The real question is whether residents of his native state will support him.

Recent polls this spring have shown Perot's popularity has declined in Texas since he captured 22 percent of the state vote in his first bid for the presidency.

Among Texans who signed Perot's 1992 petition to get on the state ballot as an independent candidate, 28 percent currently hold a favorable view of the Dallas billionaire, and 44 percent hold an unfavorable view, according to two polls done by Mason-Dixon Media-Political Research for the *Houston Chronicle* and KPRC-TV in Houston.

An earlier poll conducted by Louis Harris and Associates indicated 22 percent of voters were "core supporters" of a new party, down from 26 percent in May 1992. Those who were angry at both parties stood at 46 percent, down 10 percentage points, and those saying a new party is needed was steady at 47 percent.

A separate Harris poll done in April also suggested that Perot's support had recently diminished, dropping to 12 percent of respondents from 16 percent three weeks earlier.

Earl Black, a political scientist at Rice University in Houston, said it is to be expected that sup-

port for Perot could wane this time around.

"I would think that his failure in 1992 to win any electoral votes despite his getting about a fifth of the popular vote, really underscores the difficulty of running as an independent candidate," Black said. "That Ross Perot was a wasted vote was confirmed by the outcome. It would be more difficult for him to improve on his performance and support would likely be much weaker."

Perot won 19 percent of the popular vote nationwide in 1992 and did not get any electoral votes.

Perot has stressed continually that this time around is not about him — it's about creating a third party. His spokeswoman, Sharon Holman, said comparing the two elections is like comparing apples to oranges.

"In 1992 we had an independent candidate, but now what we're doing is selling the concept of the Reform Party. Ross Perot has been very clear that he is the stand-in political candidate for insurance or because in some states there is no method to form a new political party," Ms. Holman said.

Perot has said he will run if nominated by the Reform Party at its Labor Day convention, and the question on the street is whether that will happen.

Babs Warren, a longtime volunteer in the Austin area, said numerous petition signers have asked if Perot will be the candidate.

"If we ask him to run it's because we will want to vote him in," Mrs. Warren said.

A special gift



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Lensey Mixon, 7, and Ashley Mixon, 4, granddaughters of Ann Turner of Pampa, play in a surrey she recently refurbished. The surrey was purchased in 1956 for Weldon and Eldon Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., when Eldon was a newborn baby and Weldon was 4. They are nephews of Eva Dennis of Pampa. Turner refurbished the surrey awning back to the original look, including the fringe on the top, after it had been in storage for 36 years. The surrey will be delivered to Statelyn and Shannon Johnson, granddaughters of Weldon Johnson. Shannon underwent heart surgery at age 8 months. Turner said the surrey will be a special gift for a special child.

U.S. climber air lifted from Mount Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — An American climber believed to have died in a fierce blizzard on Mount Everest descended to a 20,000-foot pass today, where a helicopter swooped him up and carried him to safety.

A fading radio carried a sadder message to another climber's pregnant wife, a friend said today: Crippled with frostbite, New Zealander Rob Hall had a last conversation with his wife before perishing alone near the mountain's peak, Geoff Gabites said.

Hall was one of eight climbers who remained missing and were presumed killed by the harsh conditions on the 29,028-foot mountain, which has claimed more than 100 people since it was first conquered 44 years ago.

Thirty mountaineers were on Everest when the storm hit Friday, bringing temperatures of 40 below zero and whipping winds. Twenty-two climbers were treated on the mountain for frostbite and other injuries, and were continuing their descent, said Jeff Herr of Outside Online, a magazine published on the Internet that has monitored one of the trapped expeditions.

One of the survivors was 49-year-old Seaborne B. Weathers of Dallas, who was rescued today by a Nepalese army helicopter chartered by the U.S. Embassy.

"I am OK, I'm better now," Weathers said after he was flown to the Nepalese capital, Katmandu.

Weathers, who was part of a Swedish expedition, suffered facial burns from high winds and severe frostbite on both hands.

The storm hit as Weathers was just 400 feet below Everest's peak. It was too dark to continue, so he squatted on a rocky ledge with-

out oxygen or anything to drink. "When I was climbing Mount Everest on Friday, I had trouble in my eyes, suffering from visual difficulties," he told The Associated Press. "From the top, I came down separated from the climbing group."

On Saturday, Weathers made it down to South Col, a 26,400-foot pass that is the final staging ground before the last leg to the peak. More than 20 others had taken shelter there overnight.

Weathers walked down to Camp II on Sunday, about 5,000 feet below South Col, and climbed down 1,000 more feet today to Camp I, just below the ice fall where the Nepalese helicopter picked him up.

At Katmandu airport, Weathers walked to an ambulance with the help of David Schensted, an official of the U.S. Embassy.

In Christchurch, New Zealand, Gabites, chief executive of the Adventure Tourism Council, said it was the highest helicopter rescue on record.

The missing climbers were presumed to be above 28,000 feet, "and it's just not possible to have a helicopter operating at that area," he said. At that altitude, the atmosphere is too thin for helicopter rotors to function.

Nepal has no rescue procedures for climbers in danger, and requires each expedition to take responsibility for its own safety.

American Scott Fischer, who led one of the 11 expeditions caught on the mountain, was left behind Saturday by Nepalese sherpa guides who rescued another climber but could not save both men. The 40-year-old Seattle resident was clipped to a rope and bundled up with oxygen, but was close to death. He has not been seen again.

Crew of ValuJet involved in Everglades crash based in Texas

BEDFORD, Texas (AP) — A red-edged yellow rose was taped Sunday to the apartment door of ValuJet pilot Candalyn Kubeck, remembered by a neighbor as "a fantastic individual."

Relatives of flight attendant Jennifer Stearns, who wasn't supposed to be aboard Flight 592, said they talked her out of becoming a police officer because of the perceived danger.

Such were the remembrances of victims of Saturday's crash, which nose-dived into the Florida Everglades as it attempted to turn back from a flight to Atlanta on Saturday, killing all 109 people aboard.

Besides Capt. Kubeck and Ms. Stearns, the other three crew members of the DC-9 also were based at Dallas-Fort Worth

International Airport. They were identified as first officer Richard Hazen, 52, of Mineola, and flight attendants Mandy Leigh Summers, 22, of Irving; and Lori Cushing of Austin.

Ms. Stearns, 21, of Farmers Branch was asked at the last minute by another ValuJet flight attendant to take her place aboard the flight. Jill Stearns said her sister hoped to return to Dallas in time for Mother's Day.

Airline officials said Mrs. Kubeck had nearly 9,000 total hours of flight time, including 2,073 hours with ValuJet and 1,697 as a captain with the airline.

"Very experienced, very well-trained, very competent," ValuJet President Lewis Jordan said of the pilot. "There's certainly no

indication it was any responsibility of the flight crew."

Hazen, a retired Air Force pilot, had 6,146 total flight hours, Jordan said. He was survived by his wife and three children.

Mrs. Kubeck and her husband, America West Airlines pilot Roger Kubeck, lived in Phoenix, but she kept an apartment near her DFW International base to use for layovers, neighbors said.

"She was a fantastic individual," said Ken Peery, who lived in the unit diagonally across from Mrs. Kubeck's.

Richard Shelton, 45, was a downstairs neighbor.

"She'd been here about a year, it seems like. She lived alone," Shelton said. "She'd spend two or three nights a week here, I think."

"I didn't know her well. I knew her name was Candi, is all. I would say 'hi' to her in the parking lot," Shelton said.

In Arizona, the Kubecks lived next door to Louis Giardano in a middle-class Phoenix neighborhood.

"They've lived here as long as we have, for three years," Giardano said. "They're very nice people. We're really going to miss her. She was about as good a neighbor as you could hope for."

Giardano added: "I wouldn't say we were best friends. It was pretty much a 'howdy neighbor' type thing. You know how it is."

Attorney plans to ask about suspected tracking device

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney for Houston Port Commissioner Betti Maldonado plans to ask the FBI today about what he believes is a federal electronic tracking device found on the commissioner's vehicle.

"I'm going to inquire of the FBI (today) if it belongs to them and if so if they had any authority to place it on the vehicle," said attorney Dick DeGuerin, who represents Ms. Maldonado, a central figure in the FBI's probe into possible bribery of city officials.

The objects were found Sunday after Ms. Maldonado noticed a wire dangling from underneath her vehicle, DeGuerin told the *Houston Chronicle*.

The FBI refused to comment on the device, described as a metal encased black box with a wire running to what appears to be either an antenna or microphone.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the League of United Latin American Citizens said the group plans to request a congressional or Justice Department probe into possible violations of constitutional rights.

"We certainly do not want to interfere in a legitimate FBI investigation, but we have problems with it if it was entrapment or if it solely targeted minorities," said local LULAC director Johnny Mata.

The FBI has refused to discuss

the investigation, which was revealed last week after agents interviewed city council members to determine whether any had accepted bribes in connection with a plan to develop the \$155 million hotel near the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Ms. Maldonado has said she made cash campaign contributions to Councilmen John Castillo and Felix Fraga on behalf of two undercover FBI agents when she believed they were investors.

In return, DeGuerin said, the council members were expected to support the inclusion of clauses the investors wanted in the hotel development contract.

The two agents had initially approached former City Councilman Ben Reyes. Reyes' attorney, Michael Ramsey, said a Hispanic activist introduced the two agents to his client. The two told Reyes they wanted to invest money in projects benefiting the Hispanic community, he said.

Their interest soon narrowed to participation in the convention center hotel deal, Ramsey said.

DeGuerin said Maldonado balked at continuing her role in the probe even after the investors revealed themselves as FBI agents. He said the agents threatened to file charges against her if she didn't continue cooperating in their investigation and then rented her a hotel room to keep her under surveillance.

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Opinion

Congressional machinations

When the government disrupts the marketplace, it takes more than politically driven tinkering to make things right again. The health care reform bill that passed the Senate unanimously last month aptly illustrates this point.

The most vexing problems with our nation's health care system - escalating medical costs and lack of portability - are the result of a third-party payment system. Since few Americans directly pay their own medical bills, there are few incentives to reduce health costs.

This state of affairs was largely caused by government wage and price controls during World War II. Because employers were scrambling to find wartime workers, and federal controls limited the salaries they could pay, they began offering attractive benefits in lieu of wages, economist Milton Friedman explains in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Health insurance became enshrined as an employee benefit. In contrast to private medical expenses, employer-provided health plans were, and remain, exempt from federal withholding tax. That tax loophole sowed the seeds for our current crisis by encouraging more and more companies to provide health insurance to employees.

Enter the Kassebaum-Kennedy health reform act. Its goal is to painfully solve the problems created by the nation's move away from free-market health care without implementing the type of Clintonesque plan that would put the government in control of private medical decisions.

The bill includes some good provisions, notably the establishment of tax-sheltered medical savings accounts and malpractice reform.

But the bill would force insurance companies to offer health coverage to those who are considered bad health risks. Like many big government approaches, this mandate would surely have the opposite effect. Insurers would have to raise their rates substantially to cover the costs of their new policyholders.

Prices would go up, so more healthy people would drop coverage, making prices go up as the remaining pool shrinks.

Rather than try useless, moderate tinkering or a big government takeover of America's health care system, Congress should enact free-market reforms.

Economist Friedman suggests eliminating the tax exemption for employer-provided plans or extension of the exemption to all medical expenses. Either measure would make it lucrative for many individuals to handle their own health expenses.

A typical approach would be to purchase a catastrophic insurance policy with high deductibles to cover accidents or major illnesses. Money saved in the lower-priced insurance policy could be deposited in a tax-free medical savings account. Money would be drawn from that account to cover most medical procedures. Because Americans would be paying for most procedures from their own accounts, they would have cost-cutting incentives.

That won't fix America's complex health care problems. But it will move our system in the right direction.

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"Let's not talk about gasoline prices — OK!"

Brett Butler's graceless politics

The entertainment industry played a decisive role in President Bill Clinton's 1992 victory as legions of celebrities burst forth with piles of cash and nonstop media appearances touting their hero. But when Clinton's post-health-care ratings went into the tank, those same supporters left dust in their tracks as they headed for the tall grass. Now that he's relatively popular again, expect the faithful to climb back onto the bandwagon.

One celebrity who distanced herself from Clinton was comedian Brett Butler. As a panelist on Comedy Central's coverage of the 1995 State of the Union address, she stated that Clinton had been "stepping closer and closer to (Republicanism) every day, starting with firing (Surgeon General) Joycelyn Elders. He can just become a Republican, and I think that's what he'll do tonight. I have no faith at all in anything he's gonna say."

Butler describes herself as a "socialist with a gold card," and it is from that leftist perspective that she criticized Clinton; of course, she's about as likely to vote for Sen. Bob Dole as is Clinton himself. And it is from this same socialist perspective that she uses her ABC sitcom *Grace Under Fire*, along with the celebrity status it brings, to launch some of the most vicious personal smear campaigns I've ever seen.

In 1993-1994, the first season of *Grace*, there was a liberal slant to the show but a mild one. As Butler later told *Entertainment Tonight*, she used to be "worried about people going, 'Well, you know, she really has an opinion,' (but) the show's doing good, and, you know, screw 'em."

High Nielsen ratings may have emboldened Butler to move *Grace* to the left, and the '94 Republican landslide no doubt incensed her. Butler



L. Brent Bozell

responded with political venom. In a memorable January 1995 episode, *Grace* remarked that Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich had passed legislation mandating an all-Hitler channel on cable television.

Grace Under Fire has continued the conservative-bashing, asserting last November that taking "pleasure in the misfortune of others" was part of the Contract With America. Even Ronald Reagan has been targeted more than once this season. In a January installment, *Grace* addressed a neighbor suffering from long-term depression with this: "My depressions generally don't last that long ... except for the Reagan years, and then, hell, who didn't want to die?" It's not enough for celebrities like Butler to attack conservatives through character assassination. It is equally important to advance the Cause - whatever the liberal issue du jour might be - on the show. If the entertainment industry is advancing the moral-equivalence argument with homosexuality, you can bet *Grace Under Fire* will, too.

In November '94, Butler boasted that *Grace* is "kind of a thumb in the eye to anyone who thinks family values have to be this certain picture of a family." It took only one sentence in one scene on

one episode of *Grace* for Butler to succeed: *Grace* and her boyfriend accidentally entered a gay bar. The boyfriend was "uncomfortable" about being there, to which *Grace* responded, "These guys here are human beings trying to connect with other human beings, and that should make you happy and not uncomfortable."

So now, Butler's a star, a socialist star, on a mission. In a November 1994 *Tonight Show* interview, she commented, "Newt ... is a Georgia word meaning 'redneck who has a blow dryer.'" During the aforementioned '95 Comedy Central State of the Union coverage, Butler, referring to a shot of a Hispanic and a black person in the audience, declared, "Two people who will not be here when Newt is president ... They might be showing people to their seats. That's what Newt would have 'em do." Later, she said, "Newt Gingrich is what we got for wishing Larry McDonald (a conservative Georgia congressman killed in the 1983 KAL shoot-down) was gone."

Imagine for a second the reaction if Rush Limbaugh were to say something similar about Ron Brown. You can bet Butler would be first in line to show her wrath. During the 1994 HBO telecast of *Comic Relief VI*, Butler "joked" that "people say (Rush Limbaugh is) not such a bad guy. Yeah, and Hitler was a street mime with an attitude. (Limbaugh's) not really reactionary. Bulls—t! I was at *Schindler's List*, and he started the wave."

Presumably, Butler was referring to Limbaugh when she told *USA Weekend* magazine that conservatives' "social agenda rules out everyone who doesn't fit their image. It's a God-goyim-sexist-racist thing that's going to eat us alive." Remember all this the next time a liberal calls you "intolerant" or "mean-spirited" or "hate-filled."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, May 13, the 134th day of 1996. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

On this date:
In 1607, the English colony at Jamestown, Va., was settled.

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico.

In 1914, boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Ala.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported see-

ing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1954, the musical play *The Pajama Game*, a lighthearted look at labor-management relations featuring the romantic song "Hey There,"

opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz criticized former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, saying the deposed leader was using his safe haven in Hawaii to cause trouble for the new government of Corazon Aquino.

Five years ago: South African

black activist Winnie Mandela and two co-defendants were convicted of abducting four young black men and keeping them at her Soweto home. After an appeal, Mrs. Mandela was ordered to pay a fine.

One year ago: Army Capt. Lawrence Rockwood was convicted at his court-martial in Fort Drum, N.Y., of conducting an unauthorized investigation of reported human rights abuses at a Haitian prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Beatrice Arthur is 70. Critic Clive Barnes is 69. Director-choreographer Herbert Ross is 69. Actor Harvey Keitel is 57. Singer Stevie Wonder is 46. Actress Julianne Phillips is 34. Country singer Lari White is 31.

Of rape and Christian forgiveness

The victim didn't damn the rapist. What? Didn't want him sliced, diced and hung out to dry? From a modern standpoint, it was worse than that. She forgave him.

Why would she do such a thing? This is the really unmodern part. The victim, a young Dallas housewife, read from a Bible she held in her lap: "Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not, let your heart rejoice."

The jury that had found three men guilty of kidnapping the woman and her husband and of raping her in a field while he watched had sentenced the trio to multiple life terms.

"Honestly," said the woman whose soul as well as body they assaulted, "I can't say we're happy because it is not a happy thing for someone to be sentenced to life. But I know God's will has been done."

The Word of God supported the couple not only in the courtroom but in their moment of keenest danger. Abducted in their garage, they were bound and bundled into the trunk of their car. They prayed and repeated some words of Jesus Christ: "These things I have spoken unto you that in me you might have peace. In the world, you will have tribulations. But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Could there ever be a more handsome testimony to the transformative power of religious faith? One might like to think that a non-religious couple, in the same circumstances, could have sustained themselves through an act of sheer will and courage. Other Christians, it is logical to spec-



William Murchison

ulate, might have flown into a panic.

None of this is the point. The pair did not panic. That is the point. The Lord was their shepherd; he prepared a table before them in the presence of their enemies. He anointed their heads with oil; their cup ran over.

No age in history was ever more studiously secular than our own - dismissive of "pious superstitions" and inclined to view the religious, and especially their leaders, as charlatans and fools. God is hunted out of state-supported schools and squares, and those who suggest some public acknowledgment of his influence draw the jeers of stuffy editorial writers.

Then, a woman who has gone through "the fate worse than death" (as a different kind of society than ours used to call it) takes the witness stand and extends to her enemies - love. And forgiveness. And the sight stops conversation, making the onlooker choke up. Here is something new and - at the same time - extremely old.

Is the woman nuts? There must be many who

suspect so. Nothing in any of the secular creeds supports disinterested, self-sacrificing love of enemies - for the sake of a man believed to be God Himself.

There is no room in the secular creeds for a man making such a claim or a God supporting it. So, in secular circles, there is no transformative love. There is sentimental pity, perhaps, and identification with sorrow and hunger. There is the experience of feeling another's pain. None of this is bad - and none of it is transformative love.

The founding fathers understood that religion underlies not only civility but everything else as well. The understanding - once basic to Western society - is lost or imperfectly grasped. Religion today is one of those "options" open to all in a pluralistic society: nice if you want it, but, hey ...

Cynics will ask: What is the purpose here, cutting prison costs by encouraging victims to live and let live? Cynics conventionally miss whatever point is at hand. The point here is that where love reigns, social renewal commences: the restoration of families, the healing of broken lives, the stifling of criminal impulses. Whom we love, we honor and defend.

A young couple in Dallas have undergone torture, but not (as is often the case) without purpose. Their lives and their faith are a shining, shimmering sermon, a soaring hymn to the God Who made them.

And we don't even know their names! Not so large a thing, perhaps. The God Who made them knows.

Much farther left than thou and Dole

As if Bob Dole and the Republicans didn't have enough problems, comes now a startling poll about political journalism.

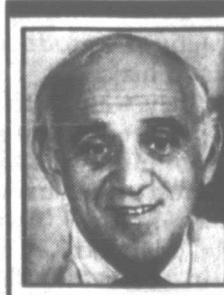
A good headline for the survey might be "Much Letter Than Thou." It shows that Washington reporters are far more liberal and Democratic than the American electorate. Thus, 50 percent of the reporters say they are Democrats. Only 4 percent say they are Republicans. Moreover, 61 percent of the reporters put themselves on the liberal side of the political divide. Only 9 percent say they are on the conservative side.

This is astonishing data. In the real world of voters, Democrats do not outnumber Republicans by 12 to one. The split between Republicans and Democrats is about even. Nor, in the real world, do liberals outnumber conservatives by seven to one. Conservatives outnumber liberals by about two to one.

Now, there have been other surveys of the political and ideological beliefs of journalists. All have shown a liberal imbalance. But none have shown magnitudes of this sort. Moreover, this is no quick-and-dirty poll. The data comes from an extensive survey taken by the distinguished Roper Center. It was commissioned as part of a year long study about the Congress and the media by the Freedom Forum, a journalistic foundation of liberal-to-moderate mien, which is backed by stock of the Gannett Company, publishers of the moderate-to-liberal *USA Today*. No way that the data is the fruit of right-wing press-bashers.

But does partisan and ideological identification by reporters tend to color their reporting? Is there a liberal bias?

Heavens, no, says journalist Elaine Povich, who authored *Partners and Adversaries: the Contentions*



Ben Wattenberg

Connection Between Congress and the Media, the serious and interesting Freedom Forum study that included the poll. "One of the things about being a professional is that you attempt to leave your personal feelings aside as you do your work," Povich told the *Washington Times*. "More people who are of a liberal persuasion go into reporting because they believe in the ethics and the ideals ... a lot of conservatives go into the private sector, go into Wall Street, go into banking. You find people who are idealistic tending toward the reporting end."

Right. These ethical, idealistic journalists left their personal feelings aside to this extent: When queried whether the 1994 Contract With America was an "election year campaign ploy" rather than "a serious reform proposal," 59 percent said "ploy" and only 3 percent said "serious." (The Contract proposed welfare and crime reform, tax and regulatory change, term limits, a balanced-budget amendment and a line-item veto, all of which have subsequently passed at least one house of Congress, most of which have been foiled by Senate Democrats or President Clinton.)

The survey further shows that 89 percent of the Washington journalists voted for Bill Clinton in

1992. How many voted for George Bush? Just 7 percent.

So Dole and the Republicans have a problem. Recent polls show Dole trailing Clinton by about 15 to 20 percentage points, and voters giving about a 7 percentage-point advantage to Democrats in a "generic" election for the House of Representatives.

Of course, the election is more than six months away; that can be an eternity in politics. Polls at this time are often near-meaningless. Some of the Clinton-Democratic lead stems from as-yet-unanswered Democratic television advertising. Still, it's better to be ahead than behind.

The only way Republicans can win the election is by making the case that Clinton and the Democrats (no matter what they say now) have demonstrated that they are too liberal and that a Dole-Republican government would only be moderate-conservative. It's the content, stupid.

Yet that L-word message to the voters must be carried in part by Washington journalists, while Dole shows his wares as Senate majority leader. The reporters who cover him in that role believe that they are professionals who leave their personal feelings aside (as Povich says), but that is not easy if they also believe that liberals are typically idealistic and ethical, while conservatives are typically Wall Street bankers (as Povich also indicates).

There are ways Republicans can get around this journalistic situation: talk radio, paid advertising, direct mail, phone banks and a direct challenge to the press. Most important, they need a disciplined, non-demagogic L-word policy offensive that is hard to misinterpret, even by the seven out of eight journalists who self-identify as Ls.

Court report

COUNTY COURT Criminal

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Rhonda Dee Bailey. Restitution has been paid.

An order was entered accepting a waiver of arraignment on behalf of Brian Moseley.

An order was entered granting a motion for continuance on behalf of Frederick Russell Johnson.

An order was entered dismissing a nisi judgment against Travis Lynn English.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check - Class B against Sue Ann Gray. Restitution has been made.

An order was entered extending the probation and time to pay fines and court costs to Aug. 8 on behalf of Esperanza Rodriguez.

An order was entered issuing a capias warrant for the arrest of Misty Minyard to answer for violations of terms and conditions of probation.

Orders were entered granting motions to dismiss motions to revoke the probations of the following because they are unapprehended: Martin C. Rodriguez, Tony Lee Koloff, Willie Lee Carter, Jerry Ray Greenwell, Jimmy Don Bryant, Jeffrey Wade Werner, Ronald Dean Abbot, Jose Miguel Ortega Avila, Javier Banda Aguirre, Hector Manuel Mendez, Ross Clayton Bennett, Jack Vance Glick Jr., Glen Dale Ferguson, Charles Ebberlee Johnson, Ted Lee Williams, Ervin Dale Craddock and William H. Ebbing II.

An order was entered dismissing Curtis Ferrel Heard from misdemeanor probation.

An order was entered granting a motion to dis-

miss a motion to revoke the probation of Richard Erik Vogel.

DISTRICT COURT

An order was entered dismissing a motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt against Henry Williams. He will attend Allen Treatment Center.

An order was entered discharging Rosa Arzola from deferred adjudication probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of escape against Christopher Allen Cannady because he was convicted in another case.

An order was entered extending the term of probation and fees of Lisa Ann Gilbreth to May 18, 1997.

An order was entered suspending further execution of sentence and placing Paul Andre Brown on probation. He is to pay \$490 fine, work 240 community service hours, pay his court-appointed attorney \$225 and pay \$220 to a prior court-appointed attorney.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$750 to \$20,000 against Larry Eugene Smith because the complaining witness has requested dismissal.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle against Donald Ray Young because restitution has been made.

Civil

Leonard Warren et ux Sandy Warren vs. Magic Circle Drilling Co., personal injury
Divorces granted

George Milton Burrow and Nancy Sue Burrow
Joshua David Campbell and Lori Dawn Campbell

Jose Jacinto Cabrales and Rosa Maria Cabrales

Prison officials in controversy over explicit videotape of mass murderer Richard Speck

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — In the videotape secretly recorded in a maximum-security prison, mass murderer Richard Speck strips off his jumpsuit to reveal women's blue underwear.

Along with another inmate, he snorts a white powder that appears to be cocaine, engages in sex acts and tells the camera how he's had the time of his life behind bars.

"If they only knew how much fun I was having in here, they would turn me loose," Speck says.

The videotape, portions of which began airing last week on Chicago's WBBM-TV, shows no contrition from the man who murdered eight student nurses nearly 30 years ago. Speck died of a heart attack in 1991, one day shy of his 50th birthday.

The tape has proved to be a major embarrassment for Illinois corrections officials, who beginning Wednesday will be called before a state legislative panel to answer questions about how closely they watched one of the nation's most notorious serial killers.

"To use cocaine, to smoke marijuana, to have explicit sexual

contact with who knows how many people, that's a disaster," said Republican Rep. Peter Roskam. "And if that's happening, it doesn't matter what watch it's happening on, that's not what the taxpayers of Illinois are bargaining for."

While lawmakers do not have the power to prosecute, they can investigate and recommend charges.

How Speck and two other inmates at Stateville Correctional Center got into an area with video equipment reserved for staff training is something that corrections spokesman Nic Howell called the "\$60 million question."

The two-hour tape surfaced last summer when an attorney approached WBBM anchor Bill Kurtis. The tape appeared to have been made over two days and one inmate is heard saying it is 1988, Kurtis said.

"It was a pornographic tape," Kurtis said. "They have anal and oral sex for the camera."

Those portions were not aired. "We don't know why it was made, what they were going to get out of it," he said.

Speck, a companion and a third

man who did the taping did not appear to be fearful of being caught. Speck, asked how many lovers he has had in prison, responded that he can't count that high.

Speck admitted he committed the killings — breaking for the first time his claim of drug-induced amnesia.

"It vindicates our view that his conduct was not drug induced and was not done in amnesiac state, but it is little solace to the victims' families at this point or anybody else," said former chief prosecutor William J. Martin.

Speck had been sentenced to die for the July 14, 1966, murders, but he escaped the electric chair after the U.S. Supreme Court decided in 1972 that the death penalty constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

His sentence was commuted to eight consecutive terms of 50 to 150 years each. He was denied parole seven times.

Corrections officials learned the tape existed about a month ago, Howell said. Corrections Director Odie Washington has ordered that all video equipment be removed from the prison's education area.

Clubs invited to attend networking session

Saturday, June 1, is a time for the civic organizations, service agencies and other non-profit groups of Pampa to set aside some time to meet each other.

The M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board, an official City of Pampa Board, is inviting representatives from as many of these organizations as they have addresses for, to attend this half-day session.

Mailings have already been sent, but there is the possibility that some organizations might have been missed. Any organiza-

tion which has not received such an invitation is urged to contact Seleta Chance at the M.K. Brown Auditorium (669-5790) for more information.

No organization has been intentionally omitted. All such organizations are encouraged to attend, Chance said.

The meeting is called "Mutual Aid Networking Session" and is designed to give these organizations a chance to get acquainted with each other, discover what kinds of services each provides, how several groups might coop-

erate in working together on projects and find out if there is some area of community service that no group is providing.

The cost is minimal: \$1. This covers the travel of facilitators coming from Clarendon and Vega.

The dress is casual. An optional luncheon (\$6) is to be provided, and reservations need to be made for ordering of food.

The time is 8:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, June 1.

Every civic organization needs to send at least one person.

Crime of the Week

Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a robbery which occurred Thursday, April 18, in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

A black man forced his way into a home, knocked the 73-year-old resident to the floor and left him unconscious; he

remained on the floor through the night due to his injuries.

Stolen were power tools, a vacuum cleaner, vacuum broom and clothing.

Crime Stoppers wants any information which leads to the arrest and indictment of the

person or persons responsible for this crime or any other felony crime or narcotics trafficking.

Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible to collect up to a \$1,000 reward by calling 669-2222.

Implant looked upon as alternative heart

HOUSTON (AP) — For more than a year, doctors have used an experimental pump implanted in Albert Williams' stomach to keep the 43-year-old heart patient alive until a new heart could be found for transplant.

But donated hearts for a 6-foot-4 man aren't easy to come by, officials say.

Although Williams says he's anxious to obtain a heart, he manages to live a fairly normal life with the one he has, helped by a device known as the "HeartMate."

With the battery-powered pump in place, Williams chafes at being restricted from leaving

town, going swimming or visiting the beach. But he is alive, and he says he's grown accustomed now to the muted thud of the pump circulating blood through his large frame.

The first recipients of the still-experimental pump had to stay at the hospital, but relaxed rules have allowed Williams to spend the last 11 months at home.

Dr. O.H. Frazier, chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation at the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Hospital, decided on May 3, 1995, to put the electrically controlled heart in Williams' abdomen. He had little choice.

In 1992, Williams had been

diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a weakened heart muscle, probably resulting from an undiagnosed viral infection.

On Dec. 4, 1994, he was hospitalized with congestive heart failure. His large, flabby heart muscle could barely pump enough blood to keep him alive. By March, he could barely walk across the room.

And still no donor heart could be found. Frazier suggested that Williams consider a HeartMate. The device is properly known as a left ventricular assist device because it assists the left ventricle, or largest pumping chamber in the heart.

Ten-year-old held in beating death of infant

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy was being held in the fatal beating of an 18-month-old girl he apparently was babysitting, police said.

"He is the suspect," police official Chris Olson said Sunday. "We have no other suspects."

Olson said the girl appeared to have been beaten to death with a blunt instrument, but would not elaborate. An autopsy was planned today.

Police were called Saturday evening to the boy's house in a working-class section of this south Denver suburb. When officers arrived, they found the girl with "significant traumatic injuries on her entire body," Olson said.

The girl was taken to a hospital where she died early Sunday.

Olson said a 19-year-old man, believed to be the 10-year-old's brother, was sleeping in the house while the younger boy apparently was babysitting the little girl.

The girl's parents were not in the home at the time and investigators do not believe the two children were related, Olson said.



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Simply Acts Of Kindness Can Lighten Our Load

DEAR ABBY: I am a funeral director in Minneapolis and take part in many processions to cemeteries. It seems that most people are not too concerned about funeral processions. They dart in and out of cars and join the mourners in order to run through red lights.

This letter, however, is to show my appreciation to a couple of individuals who remain fixed in my mind. To the man who pulled over, stopped his car and took off his hat, placing it on his chest — thank you! You didn't know the family or the young man who had died. You didn't know the 3-year-old daughter who didn't understand all that was going on around her, but you gave her, and other family and friends, a moment of your time.

Thank you, too, to the teen-ager who was hanging out with his friends on the corner as we passed. When you removed your cap and bowed your head, you showed respect and consideration.

Simple acts of kindness like these don't go unnoticed, and they mean so much.

Funeral processions shouldn't be regarded as nuisances that make you late. Take that moment and reflect on your own life, and give that family the same respect you would want for yours.

DANIEL C. ANDERSON,
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DEAR MR. ANDERSON:
Thank you for a wonderful let-

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ter. But taking a moment to be considerate should not be limited to special circumstances. Simple courtesies extended to neighbors, co-workers and strangers improve the quality of life for everyone.

DEAR ABBY: I have saved this "Dear Abby" letter since 1979. Please run it one more time for people who insist that "a piece of paper" doesn't mean anything. I am a longtime reader from ...

BUFFALO, N.Y.

DEAR LONGTIME READER:
I agree. It's worth a second time around:

DEAR ABBY: Many couples who live together without marriage say: "We don't need a piece of paper to make our commitment to each other binding. A piece of paper doesn't mean a thing!"

Wrong! May I point out that

when a person buys an automobile, he had better have that "piece of paper" or he could be in a lot of trouble.

Also, a driver's license may be "just a piece of paper," but you'd better not be caught driving without it.

When a person buys a home or any other piece of property, he makes sure he has that "piece of paper."

And when a person graduates from high school, college or trade school, that "piece of paper" can make the difference between getting a job or not getting one.

We live our lives with pieces of paper, beginning with a birth certificate and ending with a death certificate. And let's not forget the will — another very important piece of paper.

So when I hear people say, "A piece of paper doesn't mean a thing," I'm reminded of the classic adage, "Ignorance is bliss."

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CONFIDENTIAL TO NOTHING TO LIVE FOR IN ATLANTA: Live one day at a time. No one ever collapsed under the burdens of a single day; it's when the burdens of tomorrow are added to it that it becomes unbearable.



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Horoscope

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Your financial prospects look encouraging for the year ahead, but it might take time to get a proper growth pattern started. Patience and persistence will enhance the probability of success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Guard against the inclination to get angry with the wrong people today, especially if you're trying to blame them for something you did. Try to be honest with yourself. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The best way

to pursue your interests today will be to avoid selfishness when dealing with others. If you look out for them, they will look out for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to be disciplined in your financial affairs today. Otherwise, you might shell out too much money to have a good time, or buy things you'll never use.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In competitive career developments today, do not tip your hand prematurely. Before you take out your big guns, try to see what your competition has.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can discuss a delicate issue today with a friend you know you can trust. However, don't make the mistake of talking to an acquaintance who has a motor mouth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You can achieve an important objective today provided you don't waste time with an idler who is not part of your game plan. Stick to business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Important domestic decisions should not be made without consulting your mate first today.

He or she might have a much better way of doing things than you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Avoid testing shortcuts at work today. You might have to retrace your steps if you take off without your propeller. Do not try to race against the clock.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can perform better than usual today in situations that have an element of chance. However, you should not take risks if the odds are unfavorable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, do not waste time negotiating an agreement if you think it is unbalanced. Harboring ill feelings could put a damper on the deal before it starts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, try to think without trying too hard to find a solution. Your good ideas will not count much if they are all sizzle and no substance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to maintain a middle-of-the-road policy today in regard to your expenditures. You should be neither too stingy nor too extravagant.

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"Some people have foreign accents — until they laugh."



"I should never have wondered out loud if this sweater would show dog hair."



Grizzwells



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Sports

Notebook

SuperSonics end Rockets' championship ride

TRACK

AUSTIN — Canadian girls medaled in four of five events to take second in the Class 2A state track meet last weekend.

Canadian scored 38 points to finish second behind Alto's 66 points. University City Randolph was third with 37 points and Clarendon was fourth with 30.

Canadian's Amber Rupperecht placed second in the 300 hurdles (42.50) and third in the 100 hurdles (15.17). Teammate Denise Lee was third in both the 3200 (12:14.90) and 1600 (5:38.44). Bessie Reed was eighth in the 400 (1:00.36).

TENNIS

PAMPA — The Pampa Spring Tennis Open will be held May 18-19 at the high school courts.

The tournament will have both singles and doubles divisions. Call 665-6028 to sign up.

PAMPA — A tennis camp for all levels will be held June 3-7 at the Pampa High School courts.

Signup deadline is May 25. Call Chuck Quarles at 665-6028.

RODEO

SAYRE, Okla. — Andy Taylor of Sayre is the vice-president of the Northwest Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association and has announced NWOJR rodeo dates for this year.

Taylor said that the NWOJR was founded in 1990 with these goals in mind: Develop youth in the sport of rodeo; Provide a family atmosphere; and to encourage friendly competition in rodeo events.

The rodeos schedule for 1996 include: May 11 in Seiling; May 18 in Fairview; May 25 in Weatherford; June 15 in Woodward; June 22 in Arnett; June 29 in Vici; July 6 in Butler; July 13 in Beaver; July 27 in Leedy; August 3 in Sayre; August 10 in Cherokee; and August 17 in Cheyenne.

The finals rodeo will be in September.

Taylor said the NWOJR membership in 1995 was 350 members with contestants from three states; Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

He said that \$35,000 in prizes were awarded in the 1995 finals rodeo.

The age groups in the NWOJR are 5 & under, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-19, and each age group has events for boys and girls.

Those events include the most standard rodeo events like bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, ribbon roping, team roping, barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, flag race, steer riding (9-11), calf riding (6-8), stick horse barrel racing and goat tail undecorating (5 & under). Taylor also announced the 1996 NWOJR board of directors. President, Del Henricks of Beaver; secretary, David Craig of Okarche; and treasurer, Joe Merrick of Sayre. Members include Boyd Hughes, Neal Day, Stormy Johnson all of Woodward; Ronda Harrison from Nash; Daryle Perry of Elk City and Lynn Easterwood of Ft. Supply.

Taylor said anyone who would like more information on the Northwest Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association should contact:

David Craig
P.O. Box 70
Okarche, OK 73762
Or call Craig at (405) 263-4969 (H) or (405) 263-7491 (W).

BASEBALL

MONTREAL (AP) — Houston catcher Jerry Goff, playing in his first game this year, tied a modern major-league record with six passed balls Sunday in the Astros' game against the Montreal Expos.

Goff had two passed balls in the first inning before homering in his first at-bat of the season in the second. He then had passed balls on consecutive pitches in both the third and fourth innings.

The six passed balls came while catching three different pitchers.

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — It wasn't about heart. It was about matchups.

The Seattle SuperSonics simply overmatched Houston to end the Rockets' two-year ride as NBA champions and glide into the Western Conference finals.

"Strengths and weaknesses mean a lot and they took away our strengths," Houston's Clyde Drexler said Sunday after Seattle downed Houston 114-107 in overtime to complete a four-game sweep of their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals.

A stifling defense that continually harassed Houston's big offensive weapon, Hakeem Olajuwon, and some deadly accurate shooting marked the series for the Sonics, who stretched their win streak over Houston to 13 games with Sunday's victory.

"It was a matchup problem," Olajuwon said. "They created problems we weren't able to solve. Their whole team was working hard and playing as a team. They are trying to get where we've been."

The Rockets, whose back-to-back championship runs were marked by eight victories where they faced possible elimination, did not go down easily. They erased a 20-point second-half deficit and tied the game at 101 on a 3-pointer by Sam Cassell with 4.1 seconds to go.

Seattle regrouped, however, then used a 9-0 run in overtime to put away the Rockets.

"They haven't won championships by giving up," said Shawn Kemp, who led Seattle with 32 points and 15 rebounds. "They held their composure and fought back."

"It got a little scary at the end. Fortunately, we regained our composure in the overtime."

"I kept wondering: Why don't you guys just die?" added Gary Payton, who had 24 points and 11 assists for the Sonics. "I just couldn't believe it. They were like a vampire, when you stab them 18 times and they just won't die."

The Rockets, who were miserable over the first three periods, never had a lead until overtime when Drexler opened the scoring by hitting one of two free throws. Then Mario Elie's shot went in off the glass

with 3:18 to go to give Houston a 104-101 advantage.

But Sam Perkins hit a pair of free throws, Hersey Hawkins had a layup, Kemp was fouled as his shot went in and converted for a 3-point play, then Hawkins made another pair of free throws to put Seattle ahead to stay.

"The way they came back, it is more relief than excitement after this game," Seattle coach George Karl said.

"I always wondered how I would feel when we would have to give up the title," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "It's not a pleasant feeling. I believe our heart was there but we ran into a team who really got it going. I'm not ashamed. I'm not ashamed of how we played."

The Rockets came to life during a 33-13 run over much of the fourth period by hitting 7 of 10 from 3-point range, including five by Robert Horry, two of them coming in the final minute.

"That last quarter was like the seventh game of a series," Karl said.

Seattle's swarming defense, a problem for the Rockets throughout the series, held Houston to 38 percent shooting, including

10 of 34 from 3-point range. Heading into the final quarter, though, the Rockets were just 2-of-22 from behind the arc.

Houston was led by Olajuwon's 26 points. Horry added 20, including 15 in the final period, before fouling out in overtime.

The Sonics, who also got 18 points from Detlef Schrempf and 17 from Hawkins, will take on the winner of the San Antonio-Utah series. It will mark Seattle's first appearance in the Western Conference finals since 1993, when they lost in seven games to Phoenix.

It's the first time the Rockets have lost a playoff series since the Sonics beat them in 1993 with an overtime victory in the seventh game of that Western Conference semifinal.

Kemp scored the first Seattle basket with a spinning dunk and then accounted for 16 of the Sonics' first 20 points with an assortment of slams, layups and jumpers.

"I wanted to come out and be aggressive early and take the ball at Hakeem and make him work defensively," Kemp said.

"I'd like to play them again," Olajuwon said. "It would be the same result, but I'd still like to play them."

Wheeler's Keathley ties for all-around cowgirl honors at Memphis Tri-State Rodeo

MEMPHIS — Leann Keathley of Wheeler and Sequin Downey of Randall tied for all-around cowgirl honors at the Tri-State High School Rodeo in Memphis.

The Tri-State finals are scheduled for May 31-June 2 in Dalhart.

Tri-State Rodeo at Memphis

Saddle broncs: 1. Brian Whately, Stratford, 61; 2. Clint Talcutt, Gruver, 55.

Bareback: 1. Casey Drake, Wheeler, 71; 2. Matthew Burrow, Boys Ranch, 68; 3. Shad Chaloupek, Canadian, 66.

Calf roping: 1. Rusty Slavin, Canadian, 13.051; 2. Blair Johnson, Randall, 13.602; 3. Brandon McAffrey, Canadian, 13.732.

Ribbon roping: 1. Daryl Elliott, Dumas, 10.668; 2. Travis Hill, Canadian, 11.115; 3. Kyle Zybach, Wheeler, 11.203.

Bull riding: 1. Curtis Atwood, Pampa, 68; 2. Bobby Hendricks, Pampa, 65; 3. Scottie Davis, Claude, 62.

Steer wrestling: 1. Matt Reeves, Canadian, 5.494; 2. Rusty Slavin, Canadian, 6.058; 3. Tanner Winkler, Pampa, 13.822.

Team roping: 1. Jace Crabb-Garrison Nippert, 8.319; 2. Shandon Stalls-Curt Cornett, 6.846; 3. Monty Lewis-Daryl Elliott, 9.276.

Breakaway roping: 1. Manchie Light, Randall, 4.840; 2. Remick Haley, Wheeler, 5.660; 3. Brandi Brown, Dumas, 5.670.

Barrel racing: 1. Jacey Richardson, Wheeler, 16.495; 2. Sanja Hext, Canadian, 16.534; 3. Jennifer Riemer, Gruver, 16.633.

Pole bending: 1. Leann Keathley, Wheeler, 21.478; 2. Sequin Downey, Randall, 21.727; 3. Cabey Adreen, Pampa, 22.160.

Goat tying: 1. Shay Henderson, Hereford, 9.377; 2. Sequin Downey, Randall, 10.614; 3. Jacey Richardson, Wheeler, 10.629.

All-around girl: Leann Keathley, Wheeler, Sequin Downey, Randall, 15 points.
All-around boy: 1. Daryl Elliott, Dumas, 14 points.

Spurs close to elimination

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Since October 1995, the Jazz had been waiting for Chris Morris to justify the gamble they took in signing him as a free agent.

Sunday night, the former New Jersey Net paid off with a jackpot: 25 points on 11-of-14 shooting that gave Utah a 101-86 victory and pushed San Antonio to the brink of Western Conference semifinal elimination.

"Once I got into a good rhythm, they were getting it to me," said Morris, who had averaged just 5.1 points in the first three games. "I felt I couldn't be stopped."

Meanwhile, Utah's double- and triple-teaming of David Robinson gave him his second straight miserable outing. Robinson scored just 11 points — the same as in the Spurs' 105-75 loss on Saturday.

The San Antonio star had averaged 26.5 points in the playoffs before coming to the Delta Center.

"The game speaks for itself. I have no other comment," said a somber Robinson, who fouled out with 4:15 to play after attempting only three shots, hitting two. Foul trouble limited him to just 24 minutes on the court.

But San Antonio coach Bob Hill, who now must try to stave off an exit from the best-of-7 matchup by beating the Jazz on Tuesday in the Alamodome, had plenty to say.

"I don't have any comment on the fouls on David — except for about four of them," Hill said. "He didn't get the benefit of the doubt on the calls tonight, as normally a player of his magnitude gets."

"Now we have our backs to the wall. We have to go home and win, come back and win, and go home and win again," Hill added. "Utah is playing great basketball."

Indeed, the Jazz have blown out the Spurs in all three of their wins in the series — by 20, 30 and 15 points.

On Sunday, it was Morris' time to shine. The 6-foot-8, eight-year pro — who got his start in the

series by replacing an injured David Benoit — hit 3-of-4 from 3-point territory, pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots.

"This is what you talk about at camp and all through the season," Morris said. "It's a dream game."

Karl Malone, who had 22 points, agreed.

"When we got Chris Morris, tonight is what we had visions of. He came up big tonight," he said.

Added Utah coach Jerry Sloan: "Chris got on a roll.... That's what the playoffs are about, if you keep yourself ready to play."

Sean Elliott led San Antonio with 22 points. Chuck Person had 17 and Avery Johnson 14. John Stockton added 13 points and 10 assists for Utah.

The Jazz outshot the Spurs 53 percent to 46 percent, including 8-of-11 on 3-pointers. San Antonio connected on 4-of-9 treys.

After trailing by nine as the final period began, Johnson's back-to-back layups cut the Spurs' deficit to 83-78. San Antonio got no closer.

With Malone scoring twice inside and Stockton hitting two jumpers, Utah answered with a 16-2 run and took its biggest lead, 99-80, on Bryon Russell's driving layup with 3:22 left.

San Antonio was down by 11 at halftime and the Spurs' fortunes got worse 24 seconds into the third quarter when Robinson was whistled for his fourth foul. While he was out, the Jazz went on a 9-4 run to go up 62-46.

Robinson returned with 5:01 left in the quarter, but was benched again less than two minutes later after collecting his fifth foul. Robinson would not play again until midway through the fourth quarter, and then fouled out when he collided with Stockton on a rebound.

Howard Eisley's 3-pointer gave the Jazz an 80-61 lead, but the Spurs — even without Robinson — countered with a 13-3 run. Charles Smith's tip-in just before the horn made it 83-74 entering the fourth quarter.

State golf champs



The Wheeler golf team poses with the championship trophy after winning their second consecutive Class 1A girls state crown last week in Austin. From left to right are head coach Cecil Thomas, Rachel Smith, Kasey McCasland, Angie Thomas, Mika Goad and Ashley Ware. Wheeler had a two-round total of 760 to win the championship by 36 strokes. McCasland was the Class A medalist with a 169.

Rangers stumble against Tigers, 5-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With earned run averages soaring and losses piling up at an alarming rate, the Detroit Tigers stumbled onto a winning combination in Felipe Lira, Randy Veres and Mike Myers.

Lira gave the Tigers one of their few quality starts of the season and Veres and Myers combined for 2 2-3 innings of hitless relief Sunday in a 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"Felipe always keeps us in the game," Tigers manager Buddy Bell said. "We didn't give up a walk. It was a real relief for our pitching, especially what we got out of Myers and Veres."

The Tigers entered the game last in the AL in pitching and hitting and next-to-last in defense. John Flaherty got the offense going with a three-run double in the second and the Tigers played error-free defense.

Detroit had lost 20 of its previous 23 games.

Lira (3-3) gave up three runs and five hits over 6 1-3 innings for a staff that started the day with a 7.19 ERA.

"Sometimes when we hit good we don't pitch so good and sometimes when we pitch we don't hit but today we did some

of both," Lira said. "I'm not blaming anybody. That's just the game. I know everybody's been trying hard."

He was perfect over the first three innings before Mark McLemore's one-out bunt single in the fourth.

"(Lira) had a good off-speed pitch that he throws for strikes and he keeps the ball down," said Dean Palmer, who hit a two-run homer for the Rangers. "You can't sit on one particular pitch."

Myers got the final four outs for his second save and the Tigers' fifth this season. Veres, expected to share the closer role with Myers now that Brian Williams has moved into the rotation, worked a perfect 1 1-3 innings.

Myers has helped his career by going to a sidearm delivery, a pitch Myers calls a "frisbee."

"I was looking for something funky," Myers said. "I don't know if it's a curve or a slider so we started calling it the 'frisbee.' ... If they want me to be the closer, I'll gladly accept it. But I wouldn't call myself the closer. It will depend on the situation."

Flaherty's second-inning double off Darren Oliver (2-1) helped

the Tigers win just their sixth road game all season. Detroit won for just the second time in its last 15 games away from Tiger Stadium.

Lira gave up one run and three hits over the first six innings before Mickey Tetletton led off the seventh with a single and Palmer hit a two-run homer, his ninth. Palmer's 429-foot shot snapped an 0-for-21 slump.

Texas, which entered the game leading the AL West by five games, lost for just the third time in 11 games. The Rangers took two games of the three-game series from the Tigers, but manager Johnny Oates wanted more.

"We come to the ballpark every day with a goal to win and I'm disappointed when we don't," Oates said. "Overall we just didn't get the offense going today."

Notes: Before Sunday, Rangers starters had pitched at least five innings in each of their previous nine games. ... Lira is 2-0 against Texas this season. ... Will Clark's streak of reaching base by hit or walk ended at 45 games over two seasons, one short of Julio Franco's club record. ... Texas is off to its best start ever (24-13), surpassing 23-14 in 1991.

Mickelson wins Nelson Classic championship

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Despite a rousing victory in the Byron Nelson Classic, young southpaw Phil Mickelson doesn't want to compare his accomplishments to those of Jack Nicklaus.

"Comparing me to Jack is a compliment," he said. "There is only one Jack Nicklaus. And there will never be another one."

Maybe so. But at age 25 Mickelson has compiled a record that would turn anyone but Nicklaus green with envy.

He rode a dramatic eagle on the par-5 16th hole to a closing 4-under-par 66 Sunday to nip Australian Craig Parry and earn him a third PGA Tour title this

year. It was his eighth triumph in only his fourth year on the pro circuit, and the \$270,000 paycheck propelled him past Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara to the top of the PGA money-winning list with \$1,072,145.

Mickelson's 72-hole total of 265 was 15-under par for four trips around the Tournament Players Course at the Four Seasons Club and two strokes better than Parry.

Parry fired a 65 for 267 and \$162,000 of the \$1.5 million purse. Another stroke back was David Duval, who overcame a horrendous double bogey on the first hole to shoot a 65. Nick Price and

Jeff Sluman had 67s to share fourth place at 269.

Reigning U.S. Open Champion Corey Pavin matched 70 and was tied for sixth at 270 with Mark Brooks (66), Gil Morgan (65) and Mark Wiebe (70).

This one could have been scripted in Hollywood.

Unable to reject a personal invitation from golfing legend Byron Nelson, Mickelson came to town for a "fun week" and found himself late Sunday tied for the lead with three holes to play and desperately needing a birdie at the 554-yard 16th hole.

Instead, he chipped in from 30 feet for the eagle.

Scoreboard

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East Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include Montreal, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Florida, New York, Houston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis.

West Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado.

Saturday's Games

New York 7, Chicago 6; Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 2; Cincinnati 8, San Diego 6, comp. of susp-game.

Sunday's Games

Chicago 3, New York 0; Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 0; San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 2.

Monday's Games

St. Louis (Andy Barnes 1-5) at Florida (Burket 1-5), 7:05 p.m.; San Francisco (Gardner 3-1) at Philadelphia (Fernandez 2-2), 7:35 p.m.

Baltimore (Wells 2-3) at Oakland (Johns 3-3), 10:05 p.m.

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Tuesday's Games

California (Finley 4-2) at Boston (Sele 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Sodowsky 1-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 5-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Hitchcock 3-1) at New York (Gooden 1-3), 7:35 p.m.

Chicago (Alvarez 2-3) at Milwaukee (Bones 2-5), 8:05 p.m.

Toronto (Hanson 3-5) at Minnesota (Robertson 0-5), 8:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Gubicza 3-4) at Texas (Hill 4-3), 8:35 p.m.

Baltimore (Mussina 5-2) at Oakland (Reyes 3-5), 10:05 p.m.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—TGWynn, San Diego, .383; Bagwell, Houston, .365; McGriff, Atlanta, .361; Grudzielanek, Montreal, .360; Joyner, San Diego, .355; Grace, Chicago, .350; Rodriguez, Montreal, .349.

RUNS—Grudzielanek, Montreal, 40; Bonds, San Francisco, 39; Bagwell, Houston, 33; Sheffield, Florida, 32; Lansing, Montreal, 31; MaWilliams, San Francisco, 30; Biggio, Houston, 29.

RBIs—HRodriguez, Montreal, 46; Bonds, San Francisco, 46; Bagwell, Houston, 35; DeBell, Houston, 33; McGriff, Atlanta, 32; Gilkey, New York, 31; MaWilliams, San Francisco, 31.

HITS—Grudzielanek, Montreal, 62; McGriff, Atlanta, 52; Bagwell, Houston, 50; Grace, Chicago, 50; Piazza, Los Angeles, 49; DBell, Houston, 49; Lansing, Montreal, 48.

DOUBLES—Lansing, Montreal, 16; Joyner, San Diego, 15; Barry, Houston, 13; Caminiti, San Diego, 13; DBell, Houston, 12; HRodriguez, Montreal, 11; Alica, St. Louis, 11.

TRIPLES—Johnson, New York, 7; Morandini, Philadelphia, 4; DeShields, Los Angeles, 4; RWWhite, Montreal, 3; Vizcaino, New York, 3; Dykstra, Philadelphia, 3; 13 are tied with 2.

HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 17; HRodriguez, Montreal, 15; Klecko, Atlanta, 12; Bagwell, Houston, 12; Sheffield, Florida, 12; Sosa, Chicago, 11; Galaraga, Colorado, 10.

STOLEN BASES—McRae, Chicago, 16; DeShields, Los Angeles, 11; Clayton, St. Louis, 10; Morandini, Philadelphia, 10; Whiten, Philadelphia, 10; Bonds, San Francisco, 10; Coleman, Cincinnati, 10.

PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Grace, Philadelphia, 6-0, 1.000, 2.34; Smoltz, Atlanta, 7-1, .875, 2.28; Reynolds, Houston, 5-1, .833, 3.25; Twigg, San Diego, 5-1, .833, 4.89; PJMartinez, Montreal, 4-1, .800, 3.42; Neagle, Pittsburgh, 4-1, .800, 3.00; Schourek, Cincinnati, 4-1, .800, 4.21.

STRIKEOUTS—Smoltz, Atlanta, 67; GMaddux, Atlanta, 55; PJMartinez, Montreal, 54; Wagner, Pittsburgh, 53; Nomo, Los Angeles, 52; ALeiter, Florida, 52; Fassero, Montreal, 47; Avery, Atlanta, 47.

SAVES—Bottalico, Philadelphia, 11; JBrantley, Cincinnati, 9; Nen, Florida, 8; Beck, San Francisco, 8; TDWorrell, Los Angeles, 8; Eckersley, St. Louis, 8; 5 are tied with 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—O'Neill, New York, .377; RAlomar, Baltimore, .370; Giambi, Oakland, .355; Brosius, Oakland, .351; FThomas, Chicago, .343; Belle, Cleveland, .343; Molitor, Minnesota, .343.

RUNS—ElMartinez, Seattle, 34; Belle, Cleveland, 32; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 31; Thome, Cleveland, 30; GVaughn, Milwaukee, 29; Hamilton, Texas, 29; 5 are tied with 28.

RBIs—MVaughn, Boston, 37; Carter, Toronto, 37; Belle, Cleveland, 34; FThomas, Chicago, 33; GVaughn, Milwaukee, 32; CDelgado, Toronto, 31; Edmonds, California, 31; Buhner, Seattle, 31.

HITS—RAlomar, Baltimore, 54; Giambi, Oakland, 49; MLeWiss, Detroit, 49; Hamilton, Texas, 49; O'Neill, New York, 49; Molitor, Minnesota, 49; Lofton, Cleveland, 48.

DOUBLES—ElMartinez, Seattle, 18; Giambi, Oakland, 12; ARodriguez, Seattle, 12; IRodriguez, Texas, 12; GMyers, Minnesota, 12; Baerga, Cleveland, 11; Steinbach, Oakland, 11; O'Neill, New York, 11; CRipken, Baltimore, 11.

TRIPLES—Vina, Milwaukee, 4; Durham, Chicago, 3; Meares, Minnesota, 3; JValentin, Milwaukee, 3; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 3; Carter, Toronto, 3; 15 are tied with 2.

HOME RUNS—ByAnderson, Baltimore, 15; Belle, Cleveland, 14; Edmonds, California, 13; MVaughn, Boston, 12; Fielder, Detroit, 12; 6 are tied with 10.

STOLEN BASES—Lofton, Cleveland, 26; TGoodwin, Kansas City, 21; Listach, Milwaukee, 13; Vizquel, Cleveland, 10; Nixon, Toronto, 10; Battle, Oakland, 9; JValentin, Milwaukee, 7; BeWilliams, New York, 7.

Gymnastic practice



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Gymnasts practice on the uneven bars in preparation for the Gymnastics Recital and Competition to be held Sunday at the Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center. The event starts at 1:30 and the public is invited to attend.

Brayton has pole; Luyendyk has record in rookie-laden Indianapolis 500 race

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Arie Luyendyk's only consolation was the track record and a huge dose of satisfaction that it came at the expense of his former race team. Luyendyk shattered Scott Brayton's day-old qualifying records on Sunday, but because of an inadvertent violation, Luyendyk will start the rookie-laden Indianapolis 500 from the seventh row on May 26. Twelve of the 26 qualifiers on Saturday and Sunday were first-year drivers, guaranteeing the largest rookie class at Indy since 1932. And at least seven other rookies hope to join the 33-car lineup this coming weekend. Once Brayton beat out Luyendyk for the pole position for the second year in a row, all that was left for the 1990 Indy winner was to go full throttle for speed. "I just said to the guys, 'Let's try to get a record. We know the car can do it,'" said Luyendyk, whose departure from Team Menard last year wasn't entirely amicable. "It didn't take much to get the car up to speed, and we didn't want to fiddle with it."

Brayton, who also beat Luyendyk for the pole last year, earned his second inside front-row start after a gutsy decision to withdraw his primary car, which he had qualified sixth-fastest on Saturday. Then, in his backup, he turned a four-lap

average of 233.718 mph with a top lap of 233.851, breaking records set earlier by Davy Jones, rookie Menard teammate Tony Stewart and then Luyendyk. But the U.S. Auto Club discovered Luyendyk's qualified car was seven pounds too light, so that run was disallowed. No matter, it turned out, because that was his backup car anyway, the one he reluctantly drove after his primary car had engine problems. With one night to rectify the situation, Luyendyk's new Treadway-Burd team had his preferred car ready to go, and as soon as qualifications opened on Sunday, Luyendyk ripped off consecutive laps of 236.239 mph, 236.948, 237.260 and 237.498. His four-lap average was 236.986. "It wasn't a pretty run, my lines were different on each lap, but the car was comfortable and probably had more in it ... but not today," Luyendyk said. "That's really where we should have been yesterday, but we never got a chance to run it because we had the two engines go. "As long as we've got the record ... at least we achieved one of our goals this weekend," Luyendyk said. Brayton never expected his records would hold up. The previous records set by Roberto Guerrero lasted four years, and when Brayton was asked before

Sunday's qualifications how long he thought the new records would hold up, he replied, "About 15 minutes."

"Records are made to be broken. I've held the track record here before and it was broken. It's thrilling to get them, it's sad to see them go, but it's what makes this business go," said Brayton, who also held one- and four-lap records in 1985.

Luyendyk, who started from the pole in 1993, easily was the fastest among the four qualifiers on Sunday. Also joining the tentative lineup were veterans Marco Greco at 228.840 mph and Scott Sharp at 231.201, both driving for the A.J. Foyt team, and rookies Robbie Buhl at 226.217, Paul Durant at 225.404 and Racin Gardner at 224.453.

Another Foyt driver, rookie Davey Hamilton, was among 20 qualifiers on Saturday.

"We didn't run that much and hadn't really tried to run hard, so we knew we could run a little faster," Foyt said. "It's like playing poker — you don't show everything you got because sometimes it's hard to back it up."

On Saturday, Greco lost one engine in practice and Sharp blew two engines, one in practice and one on the third lap of a qualification attempt.

"We had to change a lot of things, and I said, 'Hell, let's just get in the race,'" Foyt said.

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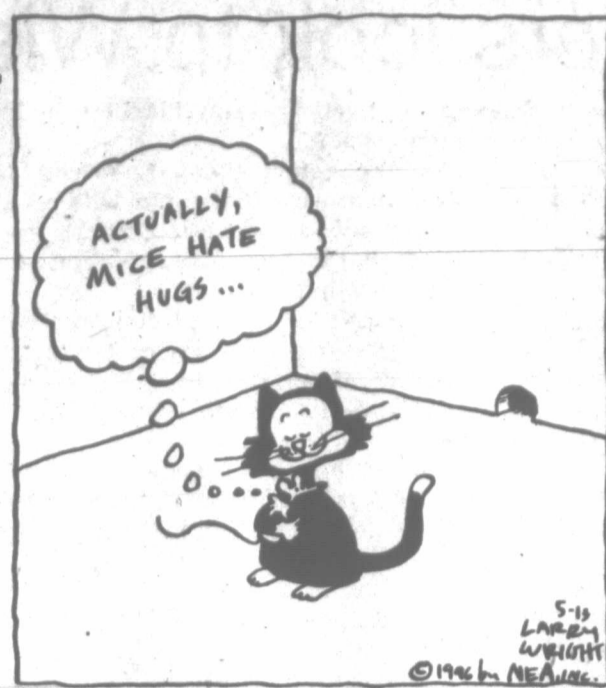
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ACROSS	38 Rabbits' relatives
1 Post	40 - de
5 Fair grade	41 France
8 Jest	42 Canvas bed
12 Concerning (2 wds.)	43 minded
13 Bernstein, for short	44 Need for immediate action
14 Pronto (abbr.)	49 Cat on --
15 Remainder	50 Tin Roof
16 Stale	51 Actor
17 Wedding	52 Gulegar
18 Proverbs	51 Distinctive
19 Speak	52 Take the bus
20 eloquently	53 Summa -- laude
21 Cricket positions	54 Smack
22 - Got a Secret	55 Active one
23 Not a soul (2 wds.)	56 City vehicle
26 Doing a stevedore's job	57 Shade trees
30 Same (comb. form)	DOWN
11 Soup holder	1 Ruins
12 AFL --	2 On the briny
13 Baret	3 -- bitay
14 Gossip columnist	4 Post-shower
15 Ancient times	5 Heavy shoes
16 Author -- Caldwell	6 Skinny fishes
	7 Conclusion

Answer to Previous Puzzle

CEASE GUITAR
MUTTER ULTIMO
ATHOME SNAPPY
LEONE STAL
ERSE MAY TIDLE
SCOT OCEAN
HAT ABACA RID
LINA BOBO NICO
CECILE LOBE
ONTO PEP KMAS
LIAS CHIMP
GEMINI GLORIA
CELYON PARTLY
RODENT ONTHE

8 Jotted

9 Largest continent

10 Treaty

11 Fencing sword

19 Compass pt.

20 Racetrack shape

22 Hawkeye

23 Pleasant State

24 Gravel ridges

25 How clumsy!

26 Sole

27 Cooler

28 Chopatra's river

29 Deltas

31 Skeletal part

34 Vex

37 Out of -- (disordered)

38 Pig

39 Army command (2 wds.)

41 Tiny moral

42 Ointment

43 Toledo's state

44 Be an omen of

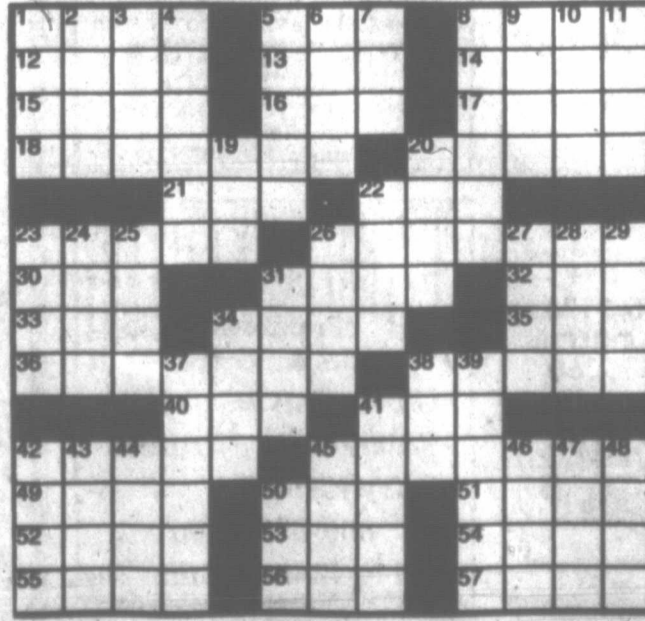
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(Special photo) Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats Charles Buzzard, left, and Mike Keagy, right, welcome Gregory T. Kelly, DDS, at his office. Kelly, who also recently became a Chamber member, is practicing family dentistry at 1835 N. Hobart, office of John W. Sparkman, DDS.

Texas farmers look to Wisconsin for help

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Francis Goodman thinks farmers need to stick together, especially when Mother Nature pulls a fast one. That's one of the reasons the Sauk County dairyman put his name on a list of Wisconsin hay producers willing to sell reserves to their drought-stricken, fellow farmers in Texas, who also face sky-high feed prices.

With Wisconsin's growing season off to a late start and prospects for the late June hay harvest uncertain, Goodman knows there's money to be made closer to home. He may even need the hay for his 45 cows.

But after reading about the Texas farmers' plight, the Waukegan man decided to take his chances.

"Farmers all over the country shouldn't be competing with each other. They should be cooperating — not only when there's a problem like a feed shortage, but to work together to raise farm prices," Goodman said.

Wisconsin Agriculture Secretary Alan Tracy last week asked state farmers to join a Texas haylist.

Farmers interested in joining the Texas hay list may call the Texas Department of Agriculture at (800) 687-7564.

Their names will be put on the list, which

will be given to Texas ranchers or farmers who request it.

Hay prices are negotiated between farmers. Goodman was among four who responded as of Friday, said Beverly Boyd of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Nationwide, 168 farmers replied.

Sellers call in and get listed on a database that buyers can use. Prices are negotiated farmer to farmer, she said.

It's bone-dry in some parts of Texas, Boyd said.

"Earlier this spring some folks had gone out on Texas high plains and they said there's nothing green," she said. "One guy said his cattle are standing on dirt."

Texas had 570,000 tons of hay stocks as of May 1, compared with 1.6 million at the same time last year, said Tony Dorn, a statistician with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

Wisconsin, meanwhile, had the second-biggest hay stocks in the nation after South Dakota, Dorn said.

As of May 1, Wisconsin farms had about 1.5 million tons of hay stocked, compared with 1.4 million tons at the same time last year, he said.

Hilda Sommerfeld and her husband, Albert, of Spooner, offered to sell hay to Texas despite mixed feelings about haylists.

Mrs. Sommerfeld said their farm has also seen its share of hard times, particularly the drought of 1988, when truckloads of hay were sent to Wisconsin from Southern states.

Some of the hay was poor quality, and the Sommerfelds borrowed money to buy an expensive semi-load from Canada, she said.

"Sometimes people will think they're doing a big thing, and sure, they're giving you hay, but if it's poor quality, then it isn't any help either," Mrs. Sommerfeld said. "Sometimes you have to go your own way on it."

The Sommerfelds, who in semi-retirement grow crops rather than milk cows, plan to charge \$56 for a ton of first-crop hay and \$78 for a ton of second-crop hay.

Goodman plans to charge \$90 to \$95 a ton. Hay of that quality could go for \$120 to \$130 a ton, Goodman said, but he's compensating for transportation costs.

Some Texas farmers are paying hundreds of dollars just to get a single truckload of hay from another state.

Grotesque puppets throw temper tantrums, scream, lie — in imitation of Israel's campaign politics

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — They hit each other with ashtrays, lie, scream and could use some grooming. But unlike Israel's real-life, sometimes pompous politicians, they're not too concerned with saving face.

They are the "Hartsufim," the sometimes grotesque but hilariously accurate puppet likenesses of Israel's leaders whose three-month-old TV satire has become a highlight of the current election campaign.

With candidates banished by law from TV and radio programs in the weeks before the May 29 balloting, the puppets have the screen pretty much to themselves, and no side of Israel's dead-serious political divide is safe from ridicule.

In one sketch, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whose vision of Mideast harmony is seen by many Israelis as unrealistic, dons a virtual reality helmet. As bombs burst and flames rage in the background, Peres enjoys placid scenes

from a tropical island and sings a Hebrew rendition of Louis Armstrong's "It's a Wonderful World."

In another, right-wing challenger Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been trying to woo key centrist voters with moderate, pro-peace rhetoric, is embarrassed by less calculating colleagues who insist on revealing their plans to invade Lebanon.

"Oh, how I love joking with these guys!" hoots the Netanyahu puppet, squeezing shut the lips of one associate while knock-

ing the likeness of Ariel Sharon, the former defense minister and mastermind of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, out of the screen with a left hook.

Last week, the Hartsufim — whose name combines the Hebrew words "hatsuf," or cheeky, with "partsuf," or face — offended many Israelis by lampooning Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated six months ago by a nationalist Jew opposed to his peace policies.

"Yitzhak, Yitzhak, come, you must

appear in (Peres') campaign broadcasts," an angel implores the ex-prime minister. "Tell them that just once I want to see them winning without me," sighs the Rabin puppet, tapping cigarette ash onto the cloud.

The sketch sparked outrage. Rabin's daughter, Dalya Peelosof, termed it "the height of bad taste," and the Yediot Ahronot daily reported on the sketch in an article headlined "Scandal."

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