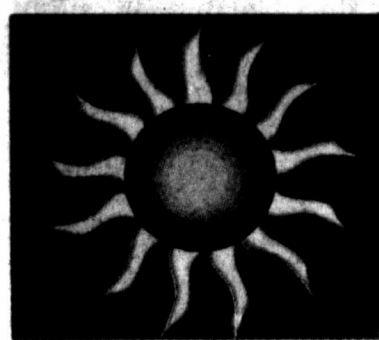


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PAMPA — Bucking at least five years of bad luck, Pampa High School seniors will graduate outdoors this year.

Commencement exercises are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in Harvester Stadium.

Valedictorian Shaylee Richardson and salutatorian Edith Osborne will lead a class of 237 seniors.

Diplomas will be presented by school board President James Frugé, Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, Senior Class sponsor Stephen Porter and Principal John Kendall.

In the event of developing inclement weather, the ceremonies will be moved to McNeely Fieldhouse.

PAMPA — The GoldWing Road Riders of America, Texas Region H, Chapter "H," will be sponsoring the annual Top O' Texas Night Owl Poker Run and Rally for area motorcyclists on Saturday, June 1, at Recreation Park east of Pampa.

Activities will include field events and games, a bike show, a parade, the Poker Run and Rally, a midnight breakfast and awards presentation.

Motorcyclists (all cycles must be street legal) may register for the rally from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10.

The public is invited to drop by and view the motorcycles at no charge.

For more information, call Chapter Director Jack and Marlene Shaw at 669-7187 or Assistant Chapter Director Jim and Sharon Braddock at 665-0235.

PAMPA — With Memorial Day being observed Monday, city, county, state and federal offices will be closed with the exception of emergency services such as police and fire.

Banks and other financial institutions also will be observing an official business holiday.

While many stores will be closed for the holiday, others will be open for special sales.

The Pampa News business and advertising offices will be closed, with regular hours resuming on Tuesday morning. The newspaper will be published Monday morning.

PAMPA — The Pastoral Counseling Center, in association with Hospice of the Panhandle, has scheduled bereavement support groups for children age 6 and above and adults.

The groups will meet concurrently on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for six weeks. The meetings will run from June 17-July 22 and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray.

For further information please call Sister Ellen Corcoran at Hospice of the Panhandle, 665-6677, or Carla Landwerth at the Pastoral Counseling Center, 669-0344.

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House approves minimum wage increase legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a striking triumph for President Clinton and the Democrats, the House approved election-year legislation Thursday to raise the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour.

The 281-144 vote came after a sharply divided House rejected a proposal by Republican leaders to exempt millions of workers from federal wage and overtime laws.

"The House worked its will and America will get a raise," exulted Rep. Jack Quinn of New York, the most outspoken in a group of moderate Republicans who defied their leaders in supporting the increase.

House approval of the measure sets the stage for Senate action after lawmakers return from next week's Memorial Day break.

Clinton, on a visit to Milwaukee, challenged Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to bring the issue to a Senate vote before he leaves office next month to focus on the presidential election. "That is the way to honor our values of work, family, opportunity and responsibility," Clinton said.

The legislation provides for a 50-cent-an-hour increase in the current \$4.25-an-hour minimum wage, effective on July 1. A second, 40-cent increase would take effect a year later. The bill also includes a series of small business tax breaks that Republicans crafted to offset the impact of the higher wage on employers.

In debate that spilled over two days in a deeply polarized House, Democrats and moderate Republicans said a minimum

wage increase was simple fairness.

"The people who cook our meals and sweep our floors and work in our child care centers in this country deserve a raise," said Rep. Robert Andrews, D-N.J. "If you want Mom off welfare, make the job worth going to," added Democratic Rep. Pat Williams of Montana.

But many Republicans said raising the minimum wage would cost jobs, particularly for disadvantaged workers who tend to hold low-paying positions.

"There's a hate passion from the (Democrats) in relationship to business and a tremendous hate passion in relationship to small businesses," said Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa. "Well it is those small businesses that are going to create the jobs in this country."

Last walk at Austin



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Garrett Rhine leads his fifth grade classmates in their last walk through the halls of Austin Elementary School on Thursday afternoon. Younger students and parents lined the hallways with congratulatory signs and flashing cameras, as well as a number of tears for the graduating class.

Bodies fall from planes

MIAMI (AP) — A grease-covered, mangled body found in a suburban street after neighbors heard a "thump" probably fell out of a plane, police said.

And police in New York said Thursday they believe a man's body found in waters off Kennedy Airport fell out of an American Airlines jet coming in from the Dominican Republic.

Both men were believed to be stowaways hiding in the wheelwells of the aircraft, authorities said.

A teenager on his way to school just after 6 a.m. Thursday stumbled upon the body about 10 miles west of Miami International Airport. Police ruled out a hit-and-run.

"The working theory is that he fell from an aircraft," Metro-Dade police Detective Mike McDonald said.

McDonald said several neighbors reported hearing a loud "thump" outside their homes.

The victim might have been a stowaway, police said, since the body was covered with grease stains indicating someone who may have been hiding in a plane's wheelwell. Detectives contacted local airports and airlines but developed no quick leads.

In New York, police say the man found in the Reynolds Channel on Wednesday was likely trying to sneak his way into the country by hiding in the wheelwell of the jet from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

School picnic



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Carrie Angel and Heather Addington, Horace Mann Elementary School kindergartners, celebrate the last day of school by hanging out in Highland Park. Mann kindergarten classes picnicked for two hours in the park Thursday, blowing bubbles, tossing frisbees, swinging and sliding with their friends.

Passengers get extended vacation on stranded ship

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two weeks of free food, free show tunes, free bingo, free tickets to see the Reds. Maybe cruise boats should get stranded more often.

Stuck between two bridges since May 6 because of the Ohio River was too high, the American Queen left Thursday after the falling water levels allowed it to glide under bridges that would have lopped off its top deck a week ago.

While the nation's largest overnight steamboat was docked in Cincinnati, some 380 passengers had the time of their lives.

"Anybody who's bored, it's their own fault," said David Hein, 64, a retired veterinarian from Lenexa, Kan. "There's so much action."

The boat's owner, the Delta Queen Steamboat Co., kept the shows, bingo games and the food rolling. The passengers also got free trips to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, the Cincinnati Zoo, and a Cincinnati Reds game.

The 418-foot-long, 3,707-ton steamer was on its way to St. Louis on May 6, on a four-day cruise that included stops in Pittsburgh and Louisville, Ky.

New leaders guide reorganization of Pampa's Salvation Army

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

The local Salvation Army is the new home for a pair of officers who plan to reorganize church activities with renewed inspiration.

Lt. Delores Camarillo and Sgt. Tinsey Harrison have been involved with Salvation Army activities in the Pampa post since beginning their assignment here three months ago.

There is renewed inspiration, and "whether an activity is based on new ideas, or whether it is an old program, we are expecting great success," said Camarillo, who transferred from Dallas, where she was an assistant.

"One of the programs recently started again is 'The Golden Agers,' which was discontinued sometime in 1995," Camarillo said.

Reorganization of the monthly luncheon in March was made possible with monthly contributions of \$150 each. Several local individuals and businesses have given financial assistance for the program, Camarillo said.

"The interest of the older person is very apparent and we are gradually getting new members to join in the activities. The program is open to all senior citizens, 55 or over, and includes activities for handicapped individuals," she said.

Camarillo's goal is to increase membership this summer. "There are approximately 50 members now, and we are trying to build the membership to 100 or more, which is what it had been prior to the disruption of the program," she said.

"We have a beneficial program unique for Salvation Army services," she said. "A missing persons division is now available for service to anyone, although it operates out of our Dallas location."

Recently the service was introduced to a local woman whose son had been missing six years.

"She had no clue whatsoever where he was when the directors in Dallas took the case, and after some investigating, we were able to locate the woman's son," she said. "For the mother, it was a great sense of relief, and this is a fabulous testimony."

Camarillo said approximately 20 children ranging in ages from



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Lt. Delores Camarillo and Sgt. Tinsey Harrison are now serving as commanders for The Salvation Army in Pampa.

six to teens are in one or another youth group.

Salvation Army Sunbeams include little ones from first grade through the fifth grade; Girl Guards serve sixth through twelfth grade; Adventure Corps is for boys from first through twelfth grade, Camarillo explained.

"We are working on camp appeals for the youth, and it is

exciting," said Camarillo.

"Camp Hoblitzells is in Midlothian, Texas, in a beautiful setting, where the children may ride horses, swim, camp out, and are engaged in many learning activities," Camarillo said.

"They are served three meals a day," she said, "and the cost to attend this youth camp is \$145 for each child, for one week."

Sponsors are being sought for Pampa children to attend, she said.

Harrison relocated is serving her first appointment in Pampa. She comes here from Waco.

"I have worked for the Salvation Army for many years, as this is my church home," Harrison said.

While serving in the Waco church, she taught band members and conducted the children's choir. In Waco she taught students how to use timbrels.

"In Pampa we now have the band, and we will organize the timbrels in the fall," Harrison said.

Seven local students attended the Army's spring band camp in March, according to Camarillo.

"Derrick Williams was one of Pampa's Salvation Army young band members at the spring band camp. He received an award for outstanding band student for the week, and we are all very proud of him," Camarillo said.

Members of the youth band meet every Tuesday evening, said Harrison, and she encourages more student members to join.

Officials investigate Perot Party signatures

By MICHELLE ROBERTS
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona elections officials are scrutinizing signatures collected by Ross Perot's Reform Party in an effort to win a spot on the November ballot after discovering more than a dozen that were apparently forged.

Karen Osborne, Maricopa County elections director, said a random sample of 220 names turned up 15 "questionable" signatures after a caller reported the alleged forgeries.

A man saw two people at a Phoenix library Saturday copying names and addresses from the telephone directory onto petition forms, Osborne said.

She said the man approached them, asking them what petitions were for, then signed one while trying to memorize some of the names.

The man called her office on Monday, and her staff was able to locate the petition the

man signed and identify who circulated it, Osborne said.

Members of the Reform Party turned 21,000 signatures in for verification on Saturday. Only 15,062 valid petition signatures are needed to qualify the party for the Arizona ballot.

Her office doesn't normally verify petition signatures. But because of the questioned petitions, employees will spend several days comparing the signatures against those on file at the county recorder's office, Osborne said.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is not the Reform Party. The Reform Party is the victim in this," she said.

Sharon Holman, spokeswoman for the party based in Dallas, said the party supports the county's review of the petition signatures.

"Our response is to give absolute, complete, full support to the elections bureau. They have our complete support, because

not only were they defrauded, but we were defrauded too," she said.

Lisa Daniel, the state director of elections, said she has sent letters to all Arizona counties asking them to verify signatures, but she said she didn't know if there was a statewide problem.

"It's too early to tell. I haven't heard from other counties yet," Daniel said.

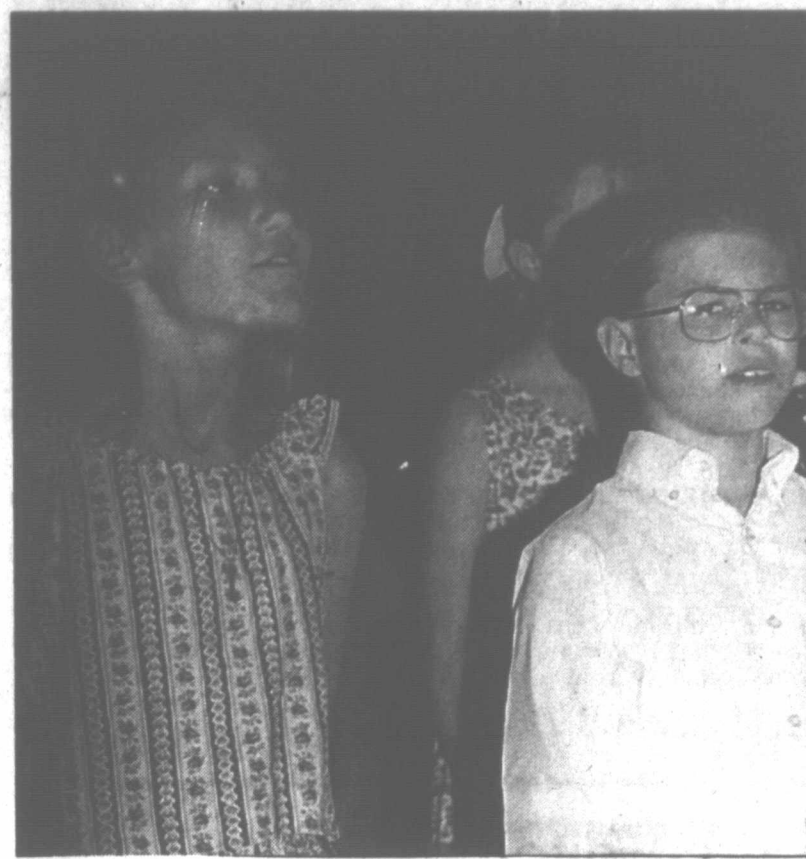
Karie Dozer, a spokesman for the state Attorney General's Office, said no decision has been made on a possible criminal investigation.

Perot paid a Phoenix company, Lee Petition Management, to help gather the needed signatures. Holman said the majority of signatures collected for the party were gathered by volunteers, but that the allegedly fraudulent signatures were on pages collected by the company.

Telephone calls seeking comment from the company were not returned.

In 1992, Perot won 24 percent of Arizona's votes, running as an independent.

Fifth grade graduation



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Graduating fifth graders Erika Hill and Joshua Cook sing to a crowd of parents and teachers at Woodrow Wilson Elementary's commencement exercises Wednesday afternoon. Each student wrote down three goals for themselves, read by teachers Mark Mertz and Pam Lash as the student received his or her diploma. "I want to live a normal life, and I don't care if I'm not rich," Hill wrote.

Booster Club president honored



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Travis Elementary School Booster Club President Robin Nelson receives an ivy as a token of Principal Doug Rapstine's appreciation, bestowing a hug on the principal in turn. Nelson was cited by the principal for her hard work and dedication during the school's awards assembly Wednesday morning. Among those honored at the assembly were 28 fifth grade winners of the Presidential Academic Fitness award for maintaining a 90 average and ranking in the 85th percentile on either the TAAS reading or math test.

Mexico briefs

Cement giant faces possible sanctions under U.S. law

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Cement giant Cementos Mexicanos said Thursday it has decided not to comment on the possibility of being slapped with sanctions under the U.S. Helms-Burton law.

Earlier, spokesmen for the Monterrey-based cement producer had said company executives were preparing an official response to news reports it would run foul of the U.S. law.

Mexico City newspapers reported Thursday that the company, known as Cemex for short, could face sanctions under the Helms-Burton law, which includes provisions that would prohibit entry of its directors, executives and important shareholders to the U.S. if it fails to cease its Cuban operations.

Cemex, the world's fourth-largest cement company, has a technical agreement with the Cuban government to operate a cement plant. It has no direct investment in the country.

A Cemex spokesman said the company was studying the implications the Helms-Burton bill would have on its operations, but refused any other comment.

Mexican stocks take dive for first time in four days

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican stocks slipped Thursday for the first time in four days as investors took profits off recent rallies.

The key IPC index closed down 36.84 points or 1.1 percent to 3,316.04 points. On Wednesday it set a new record close of 3,352.88 points after four days of rallies.

At the end of 1995, the IPC stood at 2,778.47.

Volume totaled a strong 2.13 billion pesos on 197 million shares traded. There were 23 gainers, 61 losers and 31 issues unchanged.

Shares of cement giant Cemex were battered by reports that the U.S. State Department was to send letters giving companies 45 days to cease their operations in Cuba or they would face sanctions under the Helms-Burton law. Cemex holds a technical assistance contract to operate a Cuban cement company.

The U.S. Helms-Burton law provides for sanctions against companies and company officials involved in any investments or trade in Cuba.

Dole's departure opens majority leadership scramble; Sen. Hutchison in thick of things

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a pebble hurled into a pond, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's decision to leave Capitol Hill and focus full bore on his presidential campaign is causing ripples throughout Senate GOP ranks.

While Dole's surprise announcement changes the dynamics of the presidential race and is sending tremors through Kansas political circles, it also has sparked a scramble among senators eager to move up the Republican leadership ladder.

His departure, expected in the next few weeks, also frees up a plum spot on the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

Intricate maneuvering is taking place as Republicans position themselves for advancement. But the picture is complicated by the fact that many hoped-for gains are contingent on as yet others.

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is involved in the del-

icate political dance, where ambition is publicly muted by lawmakers' desire not to appear too eager to climb the rungs — or to have their names attached to an unsuccessful leadership bid.

She is one of three Republicans mentioned to take the helm of the GOP Steering Committee, which has input on committee assignments and helps shape GOP policy.

For Steering to open up, however, its current chairman, Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, must win a three-man race for chairmanship of the Republican Policy Committee. The current Policy chairman, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, is expected to become majority whip when the current whip, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, likely claims Dole's majority leader mantle.

Mrs. Hutchison, who was elected in mid-1993, is the most senior of those mentioned for Steering.

The others are freshmen Sens. Spence Abraham of Michigan and Jon Kyl of Arizona.

None of the three have publicly voiced their intent to campaign for Steering — saying they're waiting to see what Craig does. All, however, have canvassed colleagues to determine their support.

"She is still looking at it," Hutchison spokeswoman Missi Tessier said Wednesday. "Sen. Craig may or may not vacate the Steering seat depending on the outcome of the Policy race."

Echoed Abraham spokesman Joe McMonigle: "It's totally dependent on what Craig does."

Kyl's spokeswoman had no comment.

Balloting for majority leader, whip, Republican Conference chairman, Conference secretary and Policy chairman is expected within the next few weeks. The Steering decision is likely to be made separately.

Apart from Steering, Dole's departure may give Mrs. Hutchison a shot at the Appropriations Committee, which ladles out money. Appropriations member Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is considering replacing Dole on Finance.

If McConnell moves, Mrs. Hutchison is expected to be one of the first senators offered Appropriations. The decision would put her in a tough spot since she would have to relinquish her Armed Services Committee assignment to take Appropriations.

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Texas Editorials

San Antonio Express-News on fighting crime and rhetoric:

If anything has become clear over the years about crime, it's that stricter laws and prisons alone are not enough to curb it. Tough talk, such as that recently lobbed by President Clinton and U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, won't cut it either.

But because it is politically expedient to play to American voters' fears of crime and violence, we probably haven't heard the last of it. Nor have we seen substantive ideas that are more than just quick fixes.

As law enforcement agents on the front lines of fighting crime well know — and no doubt the politicians know it, too — that's a sorry and irresponsible approach.

Time and again, police, especially those who deal with drug and gang enforcement, sweep up the streets only to watch new thugs fill the void — legal interdiction apparently not a deterrent.

Some observers rightly point to the need for more prevention programs, particularly for juveniles, in the war against crime.

Such programs should not be limited to the criminal justice system. Indeed, young delinquents often are shaped by social factors, such as poverty and abuse, that are beyond their control.

The National Criminal Justice Commission notes that children born into a low-income household have a greater risk of becoming violent. It is no coincidence that the United States, which has the highest rate of child poverty among industrialized countries, also is facing a boom in juvenile violence.

That's a gaping wound that will take more than a Band-Aid to heal.

Austin American-Statesman on giving newborns 48 hours:

While it has never been easy to be a mom, a recent trend to cut the length of hospital stays for new moms and babies has made it harder. In Congress and in the Texas Legislature, lawmakers are introducing legislation to require that health insurance companies cover the cost of a 48-hour hospital stay after a normal delivery. Congress should pass such a law.

As the triad of health care — medical practitioners, hospitals and insurance companies — struggles to lower cost without harming the quality of care, some trial and error is necessary. It should not occur, however, with maternity patients and fragile infants.

Legislation that gives doctors and mothers more authority to decide on the length of a hospital stay would be far safer. It would also indicate that lawmakers' concern for the nation's children goes beyond rhetoric and into law.

How to break a church apart

A strange shoal, homosexuality, on which to crack up a whole church. But the 20th century is a strange time. You never can tell.

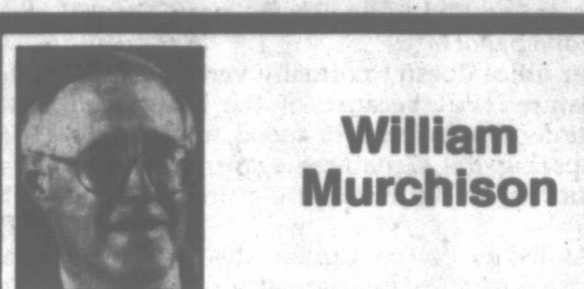
Disapproved in Scripture and disallowed in Christian moral teaching, homosexuality is accumulating power within the major Protestant denominations. The clearest evidence of that power is the recent judgment by an Episcopal court that sodomy constitutes no barrier to priestly ordination.

The court, in other words, finds homosexuality no different in substance than heterosexuality: six of one, half a dozen of the other, you say po-tay-to, I say po-tah-to.

The court, whose members are bishops, had been asked by 76 brother bishops to find that another of their number — Walter C. Righter — had transcended doctrine and good order when he ordained a practicing homosexual. The request, issued in the form of a "presentment" against Righter, galvanized and titillated not just the Episcopal Church, but American Christianity.

One could call it the last stand of orthodoxy — moral and theological — within the church. If Episcopalians couldn't figure out that homosexual practice ran counter to 2000 years of Christian teaching, then what precisely could they figure out?

The bishop-judges came down squarely on the side of "what's-the-big deal?" This they did while claiming they were not passing judgment on the rightness or wrongness of homosexuality. Of course, that is exactly what they were doing: judging the moral irrelevance of a man's, or a woman's, bed part-



William Murchison

ner. The judges said, in essence: If it feels good, do it.

The next logical step is a formal vote — which will likely take place at the church's General Convention next year — to declare sexuality a morally neutral undertaking. The vote, when it comes, will split the church and cause moral traditionalists to take their patronage elsewhere while turning the Episcopal Church, once a vital and not-unpopular institution, into a kooky backwater — albeit a backwater with classy buildings and great music.

What is it about sex? How did it get to be a wedge issue in religion? If Christians fall to fighting among themselves, you might suppose it would be over key doctrines that abut the question of salvation. Ah, but maybe that's what we're rubbing up against here in this matter of sex. Sex, to the 20th century, is salvation: salvation here, salvation now. The relationship with the human body, visible and pleasure-giving, rather than the relationship with God, unseen and formidable, is at the center of modern concerns. Salvation, in reli-

gious terms, is down the road. In worldly terms, you have only to reach your hand across the bed. Sexual preoccupation is the logical hallmark of a society that, if it hasn't entirely forgotten God, seems to have forgotten what He wants — which makes the churches' collaboration in these amnesiac proceedings altogether baffling.

The bishop-judges of the Episcopal Church, rather than interpose a religious standard against worldly preferences, adopt the world's preferences as their own. Thereby they raise a question: What is the point of a church that doesn't think like a church or talk like a church? Is it doing anything a Washington, D.C.-based agitation committee couldn't accomplish with, very likely, greater expertise and professionalism?

The sad thing about the Episcopal Church is that it used to attend to religion with quiet dignity and a certain pizzazz that influenced other believing bodies. It doesn't do that now. It throws itself, with gusto into secular battles, generally taking the side you would think a church would walk miles to avoid taking.

That's just it: The Episcopal Church is a new kind of church, with — evidently — a new mission in religious circles, that mission being to reshape the whole Christian understanding along more tolerant and broad-minded lines.

As an Episcopalian, I should know. I watch this stuff with pain and anxiety. Nowadays, when someone asks me, "Are you still an Episcopalian?" I have a ready answer.

"Yes, very still."



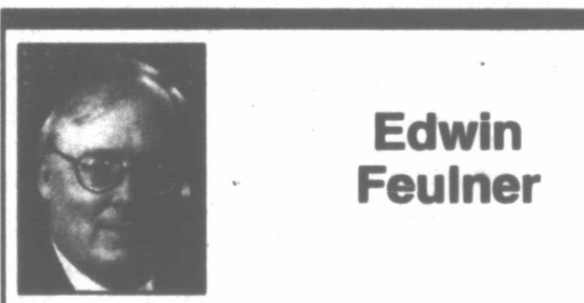
Mackinac Center has a good idea

Once in a while, someone comes up with an idea everyone can agree on. Michigan's Mackinac Center for Public Policy has come up with a way for all Americans to know exactly how much their employers have to pay the government — and for what — in order to keep them on the payroll. It's called "The Right To Know Payroll Form."

If your employer adopted this form, your pay stub would show every bit of money the government takes from your pocket each payday. And why shouldn't you have this information? You're a taxpayer and the government is supposed to serve you, not the other way around. These costs affect you directly. Who can object to your knowing?

The "Right To Know" pay stub would tell you how much your employer paid: 1) to administer federal, state and local taxes; 2) to comply with mandatory programs like the Americans With Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Equal Employment Opportunity Act, etc.; 3) for unemployment insurance; 4) for workers' compensation; 5) for the employer's share of Medicare; and 6) for the employer's share of Social Security.

Did you know all that was coming out of your paycheck? Well, we're not through, of course. We haven't mentioned the rest of the items that would appear on your pay stub: 1) withholding for federal income tax; 2) withholding for state



Edwin Feulner

income tax; 3) the employee's share of the Social Security tax; 4) the employee's share of the Medicare tax; 5) withholding for local income tax. After all that is deducted from your earnings, you get to keep what's left. Just so you have some idea how your pay stub would look moneywise, take the example provided by the Mackinac Center, based on current tax rates. John Doe's two-week pay stub starts with an amount of \$1,026.59, which represents the total amount his employer must put up to pay all the costs we mentioned, plus pay John Doe.

After the first group of costs listed above are taken out — in other words, the "hidden" money that vanishes before Mr. Doe sees a single penny, even on paper — John is left with a gross of \$916.67.

Now, take special note: The way John Doe's pay stub now reads, he has the impression that

\$916.67 is his total cost to his employer. Yet, the "Right To Know" payroll stub tells a different story: that his employer already has paid \$109.92 to the government just to employ Mr. Doe. Every two weeks. And the same is true for every employee.

Then, all the rest is taken out — Social Security, income tax, etc. And what is John Doe left with out of a total \$1,026.59? Just \$686.67. Another way to put it: Before John could be paid \$686.67, the government had to be paid \$339.92.

Well, now. Doesn't that seem like a lot? It does to me. Don't you think that if all Americans could see in this kind of detail exactly how much of their money is being diverted to the government — much of it before they even know about it — they might have a few more questions about why the government needs that much money and what is being done with it? I do. In fact, I think every employer should give this sort of accounting to every employee.

I suppose this kind of "better-informed citizenry" would make a few people in liberal, big-government circles just a wee bit uncomfortable. After all, people suddenly would see the hand of big government dipping into their wallets every couple of weeks, whereas before it was done on the sly. But liberal discomfort has never bothered me before.

And it doesn't bother me now.

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"BAD DOG!"

Is humpty-dumpty being rebuilt?

The idea behind the breakup of the colossal Bell System was to create competition. Twelve years later, with two proposals to merge four of the seven Bell phone companies, some wonder: Is Humpty Dumpty being put together again?

It's an issue squarely before the Justice Department as it reviews the proposed joining of the Pacific Telesis and Southwestern Bell systems, and of Bell Atlantic and Nynex.

They are the first mergers of their kind among the Baby Bells since divestiture, and among the biggest takeovers in the country's history. And watching very closely are a host of businesses waiting to see what the Justice Department will do.

The aggressiveness of antitrust enforcers has always ebbed and flowed depending upon who is in the White House.

The Clinton administration has generally taken a harder line on antitrust matters than Presidents Reagan and Bush.

But some say the Clinton administration is still not tough enough. "Antitrust is very much in an eclipse," said Lee Preston, a University of Maryland professor of business and public policy.

In the cases of the Bells, few attorneys familiar with the issues — both those who think the mergers would be anti-competitive, and those who favor them — believe the Justice Department will actually block the transactions.

Some experts do think minor modifications could be made.

The issues around the Bell mergers are tied up in the changing nature of the telecommunications

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

business and its exploding technology.

Opponents say the mergers would make it harder for new competitors to provide local phone service in these companies' markets, and also could set a dangerous precedent, leading to even more Bell mergers.

That, they argue, could be the first step toward unraveling a competitive structure that has served the country well — and could lead to higher or steady prices, rather than falling ones.

Since the breakup of the Bell system, the industry has become increasingly dynamic, the merger opponents note.

"There is lots of signs of competition. To take the danger of losing that, going down from seven to three or two companies would be a terrible thing," Preston said. "And yet it may be true that case by case, it would be hard to prohibit the mergers."

Even if regulators feared the mergers would lead to less competition down the road, it is extremely rare for regulators to block a particular merger because it might create a trend. The legal case is hard to make.

And supporters counter that the firms need the mergers to take on all the competition about to be

unleashed by a new law that frees local, long-distance and cable companies to enter each other's businesses. They foresee lower prices.

"I don't see why the merger would make it any more difficult for a new competitor to come in. I've always taken the view that absolute size is absolutely irrelevant," said James Rill, an antitrust attorney who headed the Justice Department's Antitrust Division under President Bush.

Regulators will closely examine whether the mergers would create entities so powerful they would discourage new competitors in the local phone business and hurt existing ones.

On the other hand, regulators will look at whether the mergers could create greater efficiencies to speed delivery of new services to local customers, lower prices and create greater competition overall.

"There are a lot of scale economies in the products that these firms produce. It might be cheaper and more efficient for them to provide long-distance jointly than if they are required to make contracts with one another, or other people," said Steven Salop, a Georgetown University economics and law professor.

In the case of Bell Atlantic-Nynex, the two companies' local phone territories are adjacent, and, if combined, would run from Maine to Virginia.

Salop says regulators will be looking at whether these companies could have been potential competitors, as some consumer groups had hoped.

"Since they are so close, each one could have been the others' worst nightmare," he said.

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Story writing winner



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Lindsay Jennings, a fourth grader at Travis Elementary School, recently was named winner of a national story writing contest sponsored by Weekly Reader. Jennings' story, entitled "The Funniest Thing That Ever Happened to Me," told of the time she lied to her mother, telling her that a pair of ski boots Lindsay tried on actually fit. The young writer took a humorous tumble down the slopes of Red River and learned her lesson about lying. Jennings won the CD-ROM Wiggins in Storyland for the use of her entire class.

State briefs

City asked to repay \$1.9 million; contract canceled
FORT WORTH (AP) — The city's housing department has been asked to pay back more than \$1.9 million that was supposed to help poor families buy homes and canceled the city's contract for the federal program, according to the agency that monitors the funds.

The Tarrant County Housing Partnership on Thursday also said it will hire an auditor to review city-operated HOPE 3, the federal program that provided the \$1.9 million. That figure includes money not yet distributed to families, as well as money the agency says the city may have spent but failed to justify adequately.

The cancellation and demand for repayment were contained in a letter from the Housing Partnership's executive director, Regina Keith-Scott, to Fort Worth officials.

City Manager Bob Terrell said he plans to ask the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to settle the issue.

"I don't think the city owes the Housing Partnership \$1.9 million, and I have no intention of paying them \$1.9 million," Terrell said.

School district official suspended, traced to Peavy tapes
DALLAS (AP) — An assistant superintendent of the Dallas public schools system has been suspended after he was identified in a lawsuit as a participant in a secretly taped, vulgarly-laced telephone call with former school trustee Dan Peavy.

Joel Pittman was suspended Thursday after Peavy's attorneys identified him in a court affidavit as the other voice heard in the telephone conversation, in which Peavy is heard using vulgarity and racist, sexist and anti-gay characterizations.

The tape reveals racial epithets along with sexist and other derogatory terms that refer to colleagues, parents and school employees. The voice alleged to be Pittman's is heard agreeing with Peavy's derisive comments about other trustees.

Regarding Bill Keever, who was recently elected board president, the voice alleged to be Pittman's says: "He's just a ——— kid."

Speaking of board member Yvonne Ewell, the voice says: "I don't know what she is. She's an ———, I know that. ... I can't stand her."

Lamar kindergartner graduation



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Lamar Elementary School kindergartners Edgar Castillo, Michael Renteria, Chance Reames and Christina Perez wait for the last of the fifth grade graduates to enter before graduation exercises Tuesday night. Twenty-three fifth graders and 36 kindergartners graduated from their respective grades during the ceremony.

Dog chooses lottery numbers, picks 4 out of 6 to win \$116

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Choosing lottery numbers is just one of 2-year-old Teddy's many talents, but it could become the one the fox terrier's owner values the most.

Teddy's picks — currently selected by lapping up specially marked peanuts — correctly matched four of six winning numbers on Saturday for \$116.

"I didn't think I'd ever win that," said Marilyn Elliott, waving a hand at the ticket with the four winning numbers underlined.

"Teddy does anything. He's the wierdest dog I ever had," she said. "I never taught him anything. He does this by himself."

About six months ago, Ms. Elliott let the dog choose numbers for his own lottery ticket. She played them for

him five or six times before they won.

Pumpkin seeds are among the items that have been used in the selection process.

"I switched to peanuts today because last night he swallowed three of the pumpkin seeds," Ms. Elliott said Thursday.

"We may have to switch to something else," she said later, noting the dog was cracking the peanuts. "He knows there are peanuts inside."

Ms. Elliott isn't sure what she'll do with the \$116, but she has some idea what she'll do if Teddy hits the jackpot.

"I'd probably buy a big place with a lot of land," she said. "He'd have his own yard away from the other dogs where he won't have to fight for his own space."

Survey: Insurance regulators misinform public

WASHINGTON (AP) — State insurance regulators are likely to be giving wrong information to consumers who have questions about health or automobile insurance, a survey says.

A national study by the Center for Insurance Research indicated Thursday that state insurance regulators provided correct answers to basic questions about health insurance between 43 percent and 65 percent of the time.

For auto insurance, questions were answered correctly between 26 percent and 90 percent of the time, said the center, a Cambridge, Mass.-based group that represents consumers' interests.

Many state insurance regulators "are apparently dropping the ball either because of a lack of resources or because they do not make consumer services a priority," said Robert Schneider, an attorney for the Consumers Union office in Texas.

Jason Adkins, executive director of the insurance center, said the results are disturbing considering the help consumers need in sorting through a confusing array of policies.

"The marketplace is in incredible turbulence, insurance products are incredibly complicated, and so insurance departments need to stay on the front line"

and protect consumers, he said.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which represents state regulators, didn't immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

A spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute, the industry's information clearinghouse, said he wasn't surprised by the findings.

"We are the public relations arm of the industry and we have had difficulty sometimes getting information from the states," said Steven Goldstein, Insurance Information Institute spokesman. "While most of time it is correct, with some states it is hit or miss."

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Religion

Photo exhibit reveals black worshipers

By DAVID BRIGGS
AP Religion Writer

At an outdoor revival service in one of New York's most dangerous neighborhoods, 10 large black men in paramilitary gear taunted members of a black Christian church.

Into the middle of this black-on-black standoff over whether Christianity is a "white man's religion" walked a white photographer in his 40s.

Attempting to be a peacemaker, Thomas Roma was immediately surrounded by the men, who threatened to not only kill him but to harm his family.

Roma, a Catholic who was motivated to begin a photographic odyssey of black churches by the killing of a black youth in a white section of Brooklyn, could only think of the words of a Sicilian labor organizer when he was threatened with death: "One thing you have to remember is, if you kill me, you kill Jesus Christ."

The men finally walked away, and Roma survived what he now calls a defining moment of faith.

"How many times in your life do you have a chance to live your beliefs?" he asked.

The incident was one part of an extraordinary four-year journey that led to a current exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art and a new book of photographs entitled "Come Sunday."

For the approximately 80 pictures in the exhibit, he attended some 150 services at 52 churches from 1991 to 1994. He visited Nigerian churches, Caribbean churches, Pentecostal churches, Baptist churches and even a black Catholic church.

The two- or three-hour services were the short ones. Often he would stay for five or six hours, and once attended a 12-hour service.

And when members of the congregation were anointed, he was anointed. When they received Communion, he received Communion.

"I'm just not walking in and taking pictures, and saying that's interesting to me. I'm giving myself to it," Roma said during an interview at the exhibition, which is on display through June 18.

What the photos show is the power of faith in the black church. There are images of grandmothers lost in prayer with their arm around a sleeping child, women and men with arms raised and eyes seemingly transfixed on God, men holding onto and praying over a kneeling boy, and a woman filled with joy

grasping both sides of her chair and looking upward with eyes closed from the back of a simple church.

In an introductory essay to Roma's book, Henry Louis Gates Jr., a professor of humanities at Harvard, said the photographer has captured the signal elements of "the black dance of religion," from gesture and movement to commitment and hope.

"If it is true that God is in the details, then Roma has shown us God's many guises — from Jeri, curled or corn-rowed hair textures and the subtlest renderings of the vast array of 'black' skin tones, to the myriad ways that human eyes record the stages of the transformation in the ritual process, in which God becomes Spirit embodying," Gates writes.

In the world of contemporary art, any exhibit on religious themes is unusual.

"Roma's photographs, remarkable for their skill, are still more extraordinary for the unapologetic candor with which they embrace spiritual passion," said Peter Galassi, chief curator of the photography department at the Museum of Modern Art.

In the art world, Roma said, "People are content with the idea of long dead white guys in robes and beards as religious things."

What he wanted to do was to create religious pictures for modern times.

"This work is not for the people who go to church. They don't need a less beautiful version of what they see with their own eyes. This is for the people who have never been to church," he said.

The idea for the exhibit goes back to the 1989 racially motivated slaying of a black youth in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. After Yusuf Hawkins was killed, Roma spoke at a rally for racial harmony and found himself

shunned in his own neighborhood.

His small step toward creating a world where people would be free to go into one another's neighborhoods was to expand a project photographing the outskirts of churches around the city to the predominantly black neighborhoods of north Brooklyn. One pastor invited him in, telling him that "God's work is not the building itself but what goes on inside."

From there, he would visit a different church each Sunday, returning to a familiar church when he was turned down. Some 150 churches would not let him photograph their services, but he kept going back before deciding

to stop at 52 churches.

"That's a real pilgrimage. That's a real thing," he said. For Roma, an irregular churchgoer, it was a powerful spiritual experience.

As he listened to the testimonies of church members, Roma said he realized despite a frugal lifestyle, "I'm a Rockefeller compared to these people."

Yet in their faces and actions he could see people "hanging on for dear life, literally hanging on to the powerful word of God."

"I am not the person I was at all. I am not what I ought to be, but I'm better than I used to be," Roma said. "I don't have the words for how changed I am."



The Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Barr

New church opens in Pampa

Church of the Good Shepherd, a new church, has opened its doors at 407 W. Foster and is to be led by the Rev. Ronald Barr who has moved here from San Diego.

The non denominational church is to hold Sunday school at 10 a.m. with the worship service at 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday choir practice at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday pastor's Bible study at 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday Christian women's fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

Barr was born in Wellington and served in Vietnam. He is a former deacon at St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ, San

Diego; assistant pastor at Antioch Baptist Church, San Jose; and associate pastor at Joy Missionary Baptist Church in San Diego.

Barr studied two years at San Jose Bible College and attended seminary at Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

"God has impressed on my heart there was a need for this ministry and a need for a good pastor for this area," he said.

Barr and his wife Brenda, a Bastrop native, are the parents of eight grown children and 13 grandchildren.

Religion briefs

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. (AP) — Does God exist?

Yes, says a retired surgeon from Detroit Lakes, who operated on a 10-year-old girl with a cancerous tumor that extended from her shoulder, through her upper chest and around some vital structures in her neck.

Charles Eginton, 82, said he had a mysterious compulsion beyond his own will to undertake the surgery even though he knew the girl probably would die.

Eight years later, that patient was a college student and had been runner-up in the Miss Minnesota pageant.

"I am unalterably convinced that that happy result was God's will; that he had a further purpose for that person's life on Earth," said Eginton, one of

four finalists in the Great American Think-Off, an annual essay contest and debate sponsored by the New York Mills Arts Retreat and Regional Cultural Center.

Eginton joins finalists Vernon Findley, 73, a retired forklift operator who for 42 years has had a ministry at the Rock Island (Ill.) County jail; Sally Morem, 43, of Hopkins, a professional reader for a newspaper clipping service and a literary agency; and Jeremy Jacobs, 25, of Birmingham, Ala., a member of the alternative rock band Mr. Neutron.

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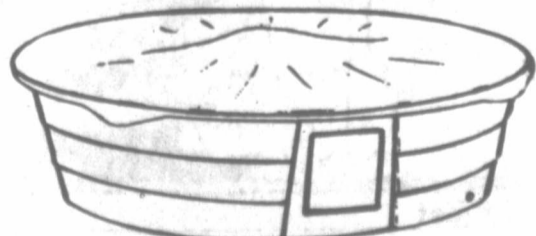
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DEAR ABBY: Family vacation season is almost upon us, and I'd like to share an experience that my husband and I will never forget. Several years ago, my husband's family gathered for a reunion at a resort in the Midwest. When we arrived, we found our rented condos well-maintained and spotlessly clean.

While my husband and adventurous 5-year-old son explored the grounds, I put our 14-month-old daughter to bed for a nap and started unpacking.

Next to the Bible in the bedside table drawer — within easy reach of inquisitive children — I discovered a handgun. I called the security office and demanded they remove it immediately.

Several hours later, I received a call from Housekeeping indicating there was a problem with our accommodations and that someone would be right over to take care of it. I informed them that I had already found the "problem" and it had been removed by Security. The housekeeper apologized profusely and admitted that the maid had reported the handgun, but Housekeeping had forgotten to remove it. It wasn't until they saw on the hotel registration that young children were also occupying our unit that someone remembered.

Abby, please remind your readers that just because accommodations are clean doesn't mean they are safe. My 5-year-old could just as easily have discovered that weapon.

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

(But the danger could have been something else — a syringe, a condom or prescription medication.)

I'm happy to say that we had a wonderful vacation and returned home healthy and in one piece. I hope this letter will help others do the same.

MARION W. ATHEARN,
FALL RIVER, MASS.

DEAR MARION: Thank you for a valuable reminder that travelers (especially parents) should make it a top priority to thoroughly check their accommodations (drawers, closets, cupboards) before they unpack.

DEAR ABBY: Our parents are getting a divorce after a long and unhappy marriage.

Soon after Dad filed for divorce, he met and started dating a woman who is a few years younger. She seems very nice. The problem is,

Dad made us promise not to tell Mom that he was dating. We agreed not to talk about it, but Mom found out from someone else, and now she's angry at us for having kept it from her. Our grandmother sides with Mom. Both say we were disloyal for not telling her.

We don't think it was our duty to share such information, especially since we were pretty sure Mom would be upset to hear the news. Were we wrong?
TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS: No. Your parents have put you in the middle of what appears to be a bitter divorce, and it's unfair of them to put you in a compromising situation, or heap guilt on you.

You should not be forced to take sides. What your parents do should be their own business, and children should not be forced to withhold information or be stool pigeons.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

to state your zodiac sign.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Agreements you nail down today will have a good chance of being permanent and bountiful, especially if a well-respected friend is involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to exude friendliness if you meet someone involved in a similar line of work today. A significant opportunity might develop from one of these contacts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pleasant developments could be in store for you today if you don't take yourself too seriously. Any development could work out for the best in the long run.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may not have good fortune until you absolutely need it today. Your assets will grow as you approach the finish line.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You can derive personal benefits today from two unrelated developments. Both situations will involve people who are close allies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial conditions look encouraging for you today. This good fortune will also spill

over into your career area.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Competitive involvements could be your strong suit today. You might emerge victorious in either the sports or business arenas. Have your lance ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to have patience today because your opportunities might not come in the early innings. However, everything should work out for the best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Put your less-meaningful involvements on the back burner today. You will handle the major assignments better than the smaller ones.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you discover any promising leads pertaining to your career, make these your top priority today and tomorrow. You will have good luck on both days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not delegate authority today, because under your personal direction situations will be resolved favorably. A surrogate will not do a good job.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 26, 1996

In the year ahead, you might become involved in a collective endeavor that has good potential. However, instead of receiving help from colleagues, you might end up handing it on your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A shaky financial situation might make a positive surge today. As a result, you can augment your finances if you handle matters properly. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure



"At least PJ noticed Mommy's new hairdo."



"I'm sorry, Marmaduke. Calling you fatty was a slip of the tongue."

The Family Circus



MAYBE YOU COULD HELP ME OUT... IF I TELL MY BOSS TO SHOOT YOU IN THE BODY, IT'S GONNA LEAVE AN UNSIGHTLY HOLE IN HIS BEAR-SKIN RUGS... BUT IF I TELL HIM TO SHOOT YOU IN THE HEAD, THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH LEFT TO MOUNT ON THE WALL...

Marmaduke



HEY, WOULD IT KILL YOU TO AT LEAST FAKE A LITTLE INTEREST IN MY CAREER PROBLEMS?
ZIP!

Grizzwells



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Sports

Notebook

TRACK & FIELD

PAMPA — A throwing clinic in the discus and shot put will be held May 28-30 at 3:30 p.m. at the Borger High School track.

Discus and shots will be provided, but athletes can bring their own equipment, if they choose, said Wendell Palmer, one of the clinic organizers.

Another clinic is scheduled June 4-6 in Pampa at the Harvester practice field.

A "throw-a-thon" for middle school through college age athletes will also be held June 8 at the Harvester practice field.

Palmer can be contacted at 665-1238 if more information is needed.

"You can just show up for either of these clinics or the throw-a-thon," Palmer said. "You don't have to sign up in advance."

GENERAL

AMARILLO — The first Top-O-Texas Five-State Area Coaching Clinic will be held today, Saturday and Sunday at the Radisson Inn, Interstate 40 East and Lakeside Drive.

Pampa's Dennis Cavalier and McLean's Jerry Miller will be among the head football coaches on the speaker agenda. Other speakers, including coaches, doctors and trainers, will be here from the five-state area of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Talks and break-out sessions will cover three major areas: 11-man football, six and eight-man football, and baseball.

Cavalier led the Harvesters to the District 1-4A championship and an overall record of 10-2 last season.

Miller is Texas football's all-time winningest coach in the six-man ranks.

For more information, call Bill Harle at (806) 267-2734 or (806) 267-2944 (fax).

PHYSICALS

PAMPA — The Pampa Athletic Department would like to thank Dr. Mark Cook, Dr. Megan Walsh, Dr. Craig Shaffer, Jerry Wilson P.A., Carin Cance R.N.P., Betty Scarbrough, Cathy Land, R.N. and the Columbia Medical Center nursing staff for taking their morning off to give free physical examinations to more than 240 sixth and eighth grade boys and girls.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan has ruled out playing for the New York Knicks next season, citing the team's decision to re-sign Jeff Van Gundy instead of pursuing Chicago coach Phil Jackson.

"Van Gundy has already been signed to the coaching job," the Bulls star told The New York Times for today's editions. "If Phil's not my coach, then I don't think so."

Told that he would break a lot of hearts in New York, Jordan replied, "I've done that quite a few times."

Jordan will be a free agent after this season. On Monday, the Chicago Tribune quoted him as saying he wanted at least \$36 million to play two more seasons for the Bulls.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampa Lions Club will have a day-night golf scramble Saturday, June 8 at Hidden Hills.

It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 6 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. There will be only one player per team with 10 or less handicap.

Proceeds will go to the eye glass program in the Pampa schools.

There will be a \$36 entry fee, which includes cart, green fees and glow ball.

Contact David at Hidden Hills, 806-669-5866.

PYACC honors longtime civic leader

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Since coming to Pampa near the end of World War Two, longtime civic leader Fred Neslage became involved in one successful fund-raising project after another. One project, however, stands out among the others as the most fulfilling.

"Outside of my family, the Pampa Youth and Community Center is the thing I'm most proud of because of all the kids who have had the opportunity to use it," said Neslage, who has been battling health problems for the past five years. "And we've never used any tax dollars, local, county, state or federal, to keep it going. We've always been able to stand on our own two feet. Now, how much longer we can do that, I don't know. Things are getting more expensive."

Neslage is the only remaining member from the Center's first board of directors, and he was honored for his accomplishments with an appreciation plaque and a large portrait of himself at a recent board meeting. Neslage has been a board member for the past 36 years.

Joining Neslage as members of the first PYCC board in 1960 were Dr. Joe Donaldson, Bill Waters, Floyd Watson, Inez Carter, Richard Crews, Joe Fisher, John Gikas, H.C. Grady Jr., W. Eugene Hollar, Sheriff Rufe Jordan, Aaron Sturgeon, Joe Tooley, J.B. Veale Jr. and E.O. Wedgeworth. The 15-member board was selected by the public in a vote conducted by The Pampa News.

"The Optimist Club came up with the idea of having a youth center, but they had only a few thousand dollars to work with, so it was decided to turn the project over to a board of directors to get things started," Neslage recalled.

During a board meeting to determine the course of action for a fund-raising drive, Neslage's suggestion to change the Pampa Youth Center's name to Pampa Youth and Community Center turned out to be self-fulfilling.

"I suggested we call it the Pampa Youth and Community Center so we could get



(Photo by Lee Garcia)

Fred Neslage (right) was honored for his longtime commitment to the Pampa Youth and Community Center at the Center's last board meeting. PYACC president Ladin Moore holds a portrait of Neslage, who is the only remaining member of the original board of directors.

the support of the elderly. Now, as it turns out, I'm one of the elderly," laughed Neslage.

The 81-year-old Neslage is undergoing water therapy one hour daily at the Center's swimming pool to help ease an arthritic condition that developed several years ago. Neslage had to have a steel rod inserted on one side of his body after suf-

fering a broken hip and back discs in a fall at his home. He's also had both knees replaced with artificial joints.

"I'm not complaining," Neslage says. "For 77 years I was never sick, didn't take any pills, never had to go to the hospital, wasn't even born in one. I've had an active life, a fine family, and I thank the good Lord for that."

Gymnastics of Pampa students hold annual Invitational

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa students recently participated in their annual Tumbling and Trampoline Invitational.

Students were divided by age and ability, and competed in tumbling or trampoline. Awards were given to the gymnasts based on proper form, continuous movement and difficulty level.

Results from the Invitational are as follows:

Tumbling

Level A: Three-Four year olds — Garrett Fatheree, first place; Tanner Bradshaw, second place; Megan Gragg, third place; **Five-Six year olds** — Kourtney Hermesmyer, first place;

Level B: Three-Four year olds — Kylee Wariner, first place; Mikala Ferguson, second place; **Five-Six year olds** — Drew Brown, first place; Emily Jackson, second place.

Level C: Five-Six year olds — Brittney Warminski, first place; Katherine Gray, second place; Beth Guymon, third place; Stacey Woodlridge, fourth place; **Seven-Eight year olds** — Erin Watson, first place; Jessica Palmateer, second place; Julia Solis, third place; **Nine-Ten year olds** — Therese Haiduk, first place; Jessica Kaczyk, second place; Lindsey Jennings, third place; Deadre Henderson, fourth place; Krissy Holman, fifth place; **11-12**

year olds — Brandy Shackle, first place.

Level D: Ten year olds — Amber Asher, first place; **Eleven year olds** — Jennifer Coats, first place.

Level E: Seven-Eight year olds — Rebecca Middlebrook, first place; Chandon Wilson, second place; Taylor Fatheree, third place; **Nine year olds** — Kendall Stokes, first place.

Level F: All Ages — Vanessa Orr, first place; Nakayla Courter, second place.

Trampoline

Level A: Three-Four year olds — Kade Wilson, first place tie; Tanner Bradshaw, first place tie; Meagan Gragg, second place tie; Garrett

Fatheree, second place tie.

Level B: Three-Four year olds — Mikala Ferguson, first place; Kylie Wariner, second place; **Five-Six year olds** — Emily Jackson, first place; Stacey Woodlridge, second place tie; Kourtney Hermesmyer, second place tie.

Level C: Five-Six year olds — Katherine Gray, first place; Drew Brown, second place; Beth Guzman, third place; **Seven-Eight year olds** — Julia Solis, first place; Jessica Palmateer, second place; **Nine year olds** — Jessica Kaczyk, first place tie; Deadre Henderson, first place tie.

Level D: Seven-Eight year olds — Erin Watson, first place tie; Taylor

Fatheree, first place tie.

Level E: Seven-Eight year olds — Natayla Courter, first place; Rebecca Middlebrook, second place; Chandon Wilson, third place; **Nine year olds** — Kendall Stokes, first place tie; Krissy Holman, first place tie; Lindsey Jennings, second place tie; **Eleven year olds** — Vanessa Orr, first place; Jennifer Coats, second place.

Gymnastics of Pampa students will be presenting their "Olympic Festival" Recital on May 31-June 1 with a special appearance by 1996 Kristi Hughes-Fatheree. The public is invited to attend the recital at no charge.

Luyendyk happy to be Indianapolis 500 favorite

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Arie Luyendyk holds nearly every record for speed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and he's delighted being considered the favorite to win Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

"It's good to be in this situation. It's a situation that I wanted to be in when I signed up with Treadway Racing. We wanted to win the Indianapolis 500 this year," he said Thursday.

Luyendyk's winning speed of 185.981 mph in 1990 remains the fastest of the 79 previous Indy 500s. This month, he drove the fastest unofficial lap of 239.260 mph in practice and then set official one- and four-lap qualifying records of 237.498 and 236.984.

The Netherlands-born driver, who now resides in Scottsdale, Ariz., has recorded the day's fastest speed on eight of the 13 days of practice this month.

"It's nice to be the fastest every day. It gives the team a lot of confidence. It gives me a lot of confidence," said Luyendyk, whose only disappointment this month came on the opening day of time trials when he had to switch to a backup car because of engine problems and apparently qualified for the middle of the front row.

That run was then disallowed when Luyendyk's car came up seven pounds underweight in a technical inspection. As a result, he had to requalify the next day and will be starting in the middle of the seventh row.

The only thing Luyendyk gained by have to requalify was that he was able to climb back into the car he preferred and was able to set the qualifying records.

"I guess we are the favorites. It's a nice place to be," Luyendyk

said. "Still we have to stay on things and not get complacent and make mistakes like we did on pole day."

And the disappointment of that day could wind up being an asset.

"It kind of brought the team together more and made them a stronger team," he said.

Coming to Indy fresh from a victory in the second Indy Racing League event at Phoenix provided momentum heading into May. "Winning Indy, that's our goal. Along the way it was great to win Phoenix, but our main goal has been to win the Indianapolis 500. So far, I think we're ready for it."

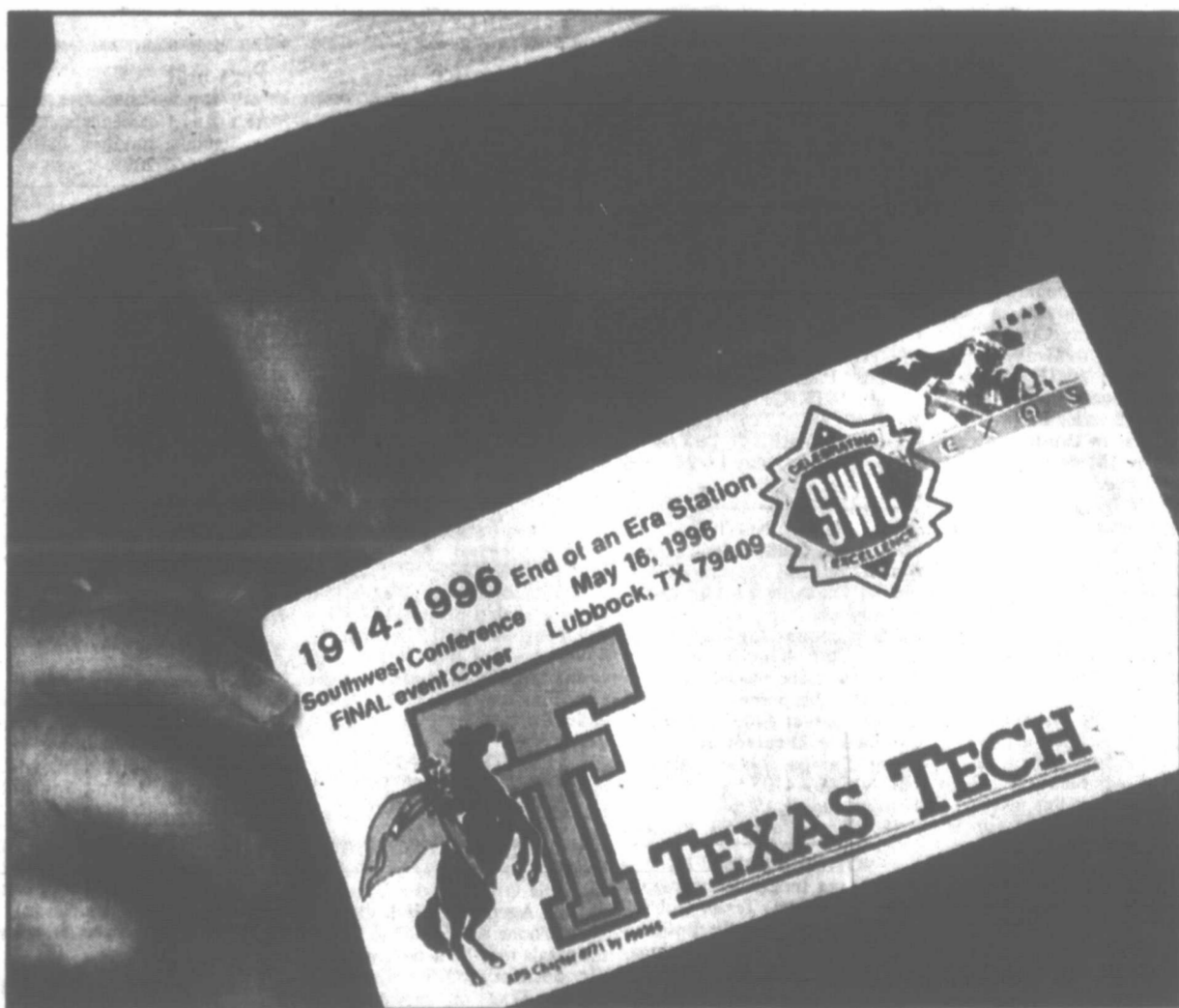
Luyendyk discounts talk that the winner of Sunday's race will have his accomplishment lessened by the absence of drivers like Michael Andretti, Bobby Rahal, Emerson Fittipaldi and Al Unser Jr. They'll be driving in the inaugural U.S. 500, the race scheduled in Brooklyn, Mich., to compete with the IRL's Indy 500.

"It (a victory) will mean the same for me. I think we're going to see a good race on Sunday, and I think a lot of people will witness it," he said. "I've been competitive ever since I got the right equipment to be competitive and, without bragging, I don't care who would be here anyway."

"I still think I would be where I am now. It's really more unfortunate for them that they wouldn't be able to finish second behind me."

As for race strategy, Luyendyk said, "It's not going to be very difficult to pass a lot of people, but I don't think that will happen until the second or third lap. You let everybody kind of fan out and find a position on the race track."

SWC stamp



(AP photo)

Postmaster Skip Medlock Jr. holds a special stamp he created to represent the end of the Southwest Conference at a mobil postal station outside the recent SWC baseball tournament in Lubbock. The tournament's final game was the final SWC sporting event.

Sam Houston State pulls off regional tourney upset

AUSTIN (AP) — Sixth-seeded Sam Houston State upset top-seed Miami 5-4 Thursday when reliever Robbie Morrison walked in the Bearkats' winning run.

The loss sent Miami to the loser's bracket of the NCAA Central I

Regional baseball tournament.

Sam Houston State (31-30) scored three runs in the eighth inning to take its final lead over Miami (43-13) and win its first NCAA regional game since 1987.

Morrison relieved losing pitcher

Allan Westfall (4-2) with no outs and the game tied 4-4.

Morrison intentionally walked designated hitter Jason Hurta to load the bases and then walked Tommy Cliffe, which brought in Ron Thames.

World briefs

New opposition arrests reported in Burma

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Burma's military regime reportedly arrested three more supporters of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi today, in a weeklong roundup meant to block a major opposition meeting.

The arrests bring the number of activists jailed in advance of the weekend meeting to 194, said followers of Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts to bring democracy to the nation.

The meeting is to bring together opposition candidates who won a majority of seats in a 1990 parliamentary elections that the country's military rulers never honored. The conference would be the most important pro-democracy meeting since those elections, and Suu Kyi has said she will hold the conference regardless of the arrests.

The military has ruled Burma since 1962. The planned pro-democracy meeting has provoked the biggest confrontation between

activists and the government since the junta freed Suu Kyi from six years of house arrest last year.

Craxi, De Michelis to stand trial on corruption charges

ROME (AP) — Former Premier Bettino Craxi has been indicted a fifth time on corruption charges, following an investigation into Italy's foreign aid program during his tenure.

A former foreign minister, three ambassadors and 31 other government officials and businessmen were also ordered to stand trial in connection with bribes allegedly paid to secure construction and aid projects in the developing world in the 1980s.

The indictments, announced Wednesday, accuse Craxi and former Foreign Minister Gianni

De Michelis of raising money for their Socialist party through kickbacks on the contracts.

The trial was set for October.

Norwegian whalers make first kill of the season

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway's commercial whalers announced their first kill of the season Thursday, with the fishing boat Senet harpooning a 11,000-pound minke off the southern coast.

The hunt opened Monday, despite protests from governments and organizations over Norway nearly doubling its quota of minke to 425 animals from 232 last year.

Norway resumed commercial whaling in 1993, after a grudging six-year break. The small northern country is not bound by a 1986

hunting ban imposed by the International Whaling Commission because IWC rules allow members to reject its rulings.

The 56-foot Senet made its kill Wednesday in the southern North Sea.

The 30-year-old wooden vessel became Norway's best-known whaling boat after it was hounded through the North Sea in 1994 by two much larger Greenpeace ships. The same year, it nearly sank at its wharf due to sabotage. The California-based Sea Shepherd group claimed responsibility.

Last year Norway, reduced its estimate of the minke population from 86,700 whales to 69,600. Now it says there are 110,000-120,000, based on a comprehensive count last summer.

Company issues recall on recliners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 142,000 recliners with a wide gap between the seat and leg rest are being recalled because of a possible strangulation hazard for children, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

Since 1990, two children have died and two others nearly strangled when they leaned forward on the leg rest while their heads were caught between the chair seat and the leg rest, the commission said Thursday.

Golden Chair of Houlka,

Migs., is recalling about 100,000 recliners and Allen Manufacturing of Benton, Tenn., is recalling about 42,000 chairs. The recall is being made in cooperation with the commission.

Danger exists if the space between the seat and the foot rest measures more than five inches wide.

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