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Deck Woldt, former Pampa High coach and professional baseball player, poses out the awards and photographs he's accumulated over the years.

On Deck

Woldt talks about storied career in sports

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Staff Writer

At age 31, the college football and professional baseball teams he played for won league championships.

Those rare achievements are just somewhere in the middle of Roy "Deck" Woldt's storied career as an athlete, and later as a coach.

Woldt is now 72 and has been retired since 1985 as a coach and teacher in the Pampa school system. When the weather is nice, Woldt stays active playing the retirees' favorite sport.

"I'm cut on the golf course quite a bit, except on Mondays. That's when the course is closed," Woldt laughed.

Woldt knows the game well. He coached the Harvester golf team for several years and organized a junior high team in 1963 to help upgrade the high school program.

Excelling in athletics was a way of life for the Wisconsin native, who starred in football basketball and baseball at Sturgeon Bay High School in the late 1930s.

Woldt played halfback and was the leading scorer on his high school football team which won two district titles. As captain of the basketball team in 1938, he set a school record by scoring 22 points in one game, considered quite a feat in an era when the sport was geared more to defense than it is now.

Baseball, however, was Woldt's first love.

"We didn't play many baseball games in high school," Woldt recalls. "Wisconsin (Sturgeon Bay is located 35 miles north of Green Bay, home of the National Football League's powerhouse Packers) was more football-conscious than anything else."

Sturgeon Bay, however, had the Athletics, a semi-pro baseball team, and Woldt made the roster as a 16-year-old infielder.

"Being a semi-pro team, they paid their players. That presented a problem for me because if I accepted any money it would have made me a professional and ineligible for high school sports," Woldt said. "The owner said he would take care of that by giving the money to my mother. I never saw the money, but it probably wasn't more than \$5 a game. Every little bit helped though, because it was 1937 and we were right in the midst of the depression."

After high school, Woldt made the most of the opportunities afforded him and his baseball career started to take shape.

While playing for a county championship team in a state ama-

teur tournament in Milwaukee, 18-year-old Woldt caught the attention of a Chicago Cubs scout, who signed him to a contract.

Woldt was sent to the Cubs Class D minor league team in Eau Claire, Wisc. He was cut from the team and a disappointed Woldt landed a job as a lab assistant for the Gillette Rubber Plant while playing baseball for the company team.

"It hurt when I was cut because I was hitting the ball awfully well, and I could play both the infield and outfield. However, the team at Gillette was like a baseball school and they provided good instruction there," Woldt said.

Woldt was in and out of baseball that first season and was shipped to cities like Crookston, Minn., Green Bay and La Crosse, Wisc., on what was known as a "look-basis trial" in the minor leagues.

"I would fill in for a player who was injured or was cut from the team. I'd get to play a few games everywhere they sent me. After that first year I was still classified as a rookie because I didn't play a full season," Woldt said.

World War Two interrupted Woldt's baseball plans and he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a radio operator in the South Pacific.

While in the service, Woldt's baseball on-again, off-again odyssey continued. Stationed at Oklahoma City's Will Rogers Field following the war, Woldt played in an all-star game between the Air Force and Navy.

"There was a lot of big leaguers playing for both teams and I went something like three-for-four at the plate and made some good fielding plays at shortstop," he remembered.

Woldt's impressive performance caught the eye of a scout for the Oklahoma City Indians, a Class AA club affiliated with the Cleveland Indians of the American League.

"He wanted to sign me to a contract, but I was 25 years old at the time and at first I said no. But during the winter months I changed my mind and agreed to go to spring training," Woldt said.

During the 1948 and '49 seasons, Woldt saw parttime action with the Indians while also playing for lower minor league teams in Clovis, N.M., Wilkes-Barre, Penn., and Jacksonville, Tex.

Near the tail end of the '48 season, the long arm of fate reached out and started directing Woldt's path toward Pampa.

"Rankin Williams (coach and athletic director) from Southwestern at Weatherford, Okla. noticed in the Indians' program that I wanted to go to college and be a coach when I

was through with baseball," Woldt said. "He offered me a half-scholarship and said I could help him with the baseball team. I guess that's when I saw the writing on the wall. My age was against me as far as baseball was concerned and I really wanted to be a coach. With the scholarship plus my GI bill, I would be able to finish college."

However, Woldt's playing career wasn't quite over yet.

Woldt wasn't able to play for the Indians any more because he had to go on the voluntary retirement list to attend college, according to the rules back then.

However, Woldt could still play at the semi-pro level and he joined the Elk City, Okla. Elks team. "It gave me the opportunity to attend college and play baseball during the summer for the Elks, which turned out to be one of the highlights of my career," he said.

The Elks, which had one of the best semi-pro teams in the country, won the Oklahoma State Tournament to qualify for the 1949 National Finals at Wichita, Kans. "We finished third with a 5-and-2 record. Both of our losses came against Fort Wayne, Indiana, which wound up winning the tournament. I'd like to say I made the tournament all-star team, but I didn't. However, it was really a thrill to be able to play in that tournament," Woldt added. "After that tournament, I spent a year out of organized ball so I could get on with my education."

However, Woldt missed Wisconsin and he almost dropped out of college to return home.

"I really got homesick," Woldt recalled. "I remember packing my bags a couple of times, but there was always a roommate or somebody around to talk me out of it. It was just fate, I guess."

It was while Woldt was fighting off homesickness that L.D. Edmondson, owner of the Pampa Oilers in the West Texas-New Mexico Class C League, came to Weatherford and talked to Woldt about signing with the club.

"He gave me a \$1,200 bonus and we made a deal where I didn't have to go to spring training," Woldt said. "And I would only have to play in the home games because of the distance I would have to travel."

It was 1950, and Woldt, at age 31, decided to give football a shot and he made the Southwestern roster. The Bulldogs had a powerhouse team and captured the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference championship.

That same year, Woldt helped the Oilers win the pennant by four games over the Albuquerque Dukes. "Playing for championship teams in both college football and professional baseball the same year has been another highlight for me," Woldt said. "That's a year I'll never forget."

Woldt will also remember 1953. That's when he married Eloise Bowen in Pampa. They have two children, Sandra and Russell Bowen.

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Survivors swim, crawl from crash

NEW YORK (AP) — The nose of a battered USAir jet that crashed during a snowstorm with 51 people aboard was lifted out of Flushing Bay by a crane today. At least 26 people died, airline officials said.

Rescue workers slogged through snow, slush and rising tides after the jet crashed Sunday night and skidded into the frigid water bordering La Guardia Airport.

"I opened my eyes but there was no plane over me," one passenger said. "I was next to it."

At least 24 people were injured and one was missing among those aboard USAir Flight 405, said Bill Kress, an airline spokesman.

Survivors swam, walked or crawled to safety. More than 500 rescuers struggled into the night to remove bodies from the mostly submerged fuselage and continued the effort soon after daybreak.

"We did a primary search and saw the pilot strapped in his seat," Fire Department diver Bill Lake said. "We tried to cut him out but couldn't. We were working against the tide. The real problem was that the plane was upside down and people were still strapped into their seats because it was takeoff."

USAir did not immediately identify any of the victims.

More than 30 emergency workers were reported injured in the treacherous rescue. The water was a numbing 38 to 40 degrees and the air about 31 degrees when the plane went down at 9:30 p.m.

The National Transportation Safety Board began an investigation.

Safety board officials said they couldn't immediately tell what caused the crash.

It was the second time in three years a plane has skidded off a runway at La Guardia. In 1989, a USAir flight bound for Charlotte, N.C., slid into the East River and broke into pieces in an aborted takeoff. Two people were killed.

In Sunday night's crash, Law enforcement officials and witnesses said the jet had just begun to lift off when it slammed back to the ground, veered sharply to the left and crashed over an earthen embankment.

The nose, a wing and an engine snapped off and the rest of the plane skidded in a fireball into the water with its top sheared off.

"It catapulted three or four times before it went into the water," said Patrick Silver, who said he watched the crash from his nearby home. "It lit up the living room. It was a huge fireball."

The plane, a Fokker 28 Model 4000 with a capacity of 68, was carrying 47 passengers and four crew members, USAir said.

Fokker, a Dutch aircraft manufacturer, said it dispatched five or six specialists to provide "routine" technical assistance during the investigation, said company spokesman Bart van Veen.

Twenty-one survivors waded to land and walked to the nearest terminal, Port Authority police said. Four survivors crawled onto the nearby Grand Central Parkway, where they flagged down a van for help, said Emergency Medical Service worker Adelaide Connaughten.

Many of the injured suffered burns, cuts and internal injuries and were taken to at least five hospitals.

The crash occurred near the beginning of a storm that dumped five inches of snow in the metropolitan area.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Fred Farrar said of the relatively small plane: "Something happened just about at rotation that caused it to come back down again. We don't yet know what happened."

Agnes Huff, a USAir regional manager, said the aircraft was in good working order and had been de-iced more than once before it took off.

One survivor — the woman who described opening her eyes after the crash — said the pilot told passengers he was de-icing the plane a second time to be safe.

The passenger, a 23-year-old from Solon, Ohio, who agreed to the interview on the condition she be identified only by her first name, Laura, said the plane seemed to be a few feet off the ground when it tilted to the left quickly and hit the ground.

She said she saw a flash of light; the next thing she knew, she was floating in the water next to the plane. She suffered minor burns and was hospitalized in stable condition.

Dr. James A. Block, head of University Hospitals of Cleveland, called home to tell his wife he had survived with only cuts on his face.

"He said he had made a decision to live and he got himself out of that plane and swam to shore," Mollye Block said.

Erdmann autopsy in question

LUBBOCK (AP) — A controversial autopsy performed by a Lubbock pathologist has resulted in 18 people being subpoenaed for an exhumation hearing for a murder victim.

The April 2 hearing in Canyon will determine whether the body of Hilton Raymond Merriman Sr. may be unearthed.

Five teen-agers were charged with murder for allegedly beating Merriman to death during a robbery in May 1990. One of them, Johnny Lee Ray, 18, of Amarillo, was convicted earlier this year and sentenced to death.

Attorney V.G. Koliuf of Amarillo,

who represents defendant Douglas Nathan Palmer, contends Lubbock forensic pathologist Ralph Erdmann made mistakes in his autopsy of Merriman.

Erdmann concluded Merriman died from brain swelling. Koliuf said another review may show Merriman had a bad heart that would have contributed to his death.

Eleven of the people subpoenaed to the hearing are Lubbock and Odessa police officers. The attorney believes the police officers will cast doubt on Erdmann's competency, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

reported Sunday. Six Odessa officers had written Police Chief James Jenkins to complain about Erdmann.

They alleged improper collection procedures that resulted in ruined specimens; detectives being asked to perform autopsies on heads; failure to take notes during autopsies and misidentification of organs.

A Hockley County grand jury indicted Erdmann last month for felony charges claiming discrepancies in an autopsy done last December.

Erdmann, on advice from attorney John Montford, has declined comment.

Tax property structures on city agenda

Two public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday's Pampa City Commission meeting beginning at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

Both hearings revolve around proposed condemnation and demolition of structures on tax property at 430 and 432 Oklahoma.

"One structure is partially burned out and both are in severe need of condemnation and being torn down," City Manager Glen Hackler said. "They have both been in the possession of the taxing entity for nearly

two years. The public hearing is part of a strict legal process before you can condemn a building."

In other business, commissioners are scheduled to consider final approval on making the 100 and 200 blocks of North Russell one-way streets.

New business includes consideration of a water line easement to Recreation Park and taking bids on a computerized engineering system.

An executive session is set to discuss the Pampa Economic Devel-

opment Corp. and lawsuits involving the city and Culberson Rental and Leasing, and the city and former city manager Jack Chaney.

Any action on those suits or the PEDC would be taken when the commission returns into open meeting for the city manager's report and adjournment.

Bylaws for the PEDC will be discussed during a 4 p.m. work session open to the public, as will the cable television community access channel.

Sunday accident



Rescue personnel attend to Joy Bybee, 29, of Pampa, driver of the vehicle shown in the photograph, after a two-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon. Bybee's vehicle crashed into an International truck carrying a full load of ammonia. She was treated and released at Coronado Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

NORRIS, Calvert E. — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.
TERRY, Carmon L. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

CALVERT E. NORRIS
 CANADIAN — Calvert E. Norris, 79, died Sunday, March 22, 1992. Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Christian Church with Rick Bartlett, minister, and Gilbert Forest, minister from Jewel, Kan., officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery by Suckley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mr. Norris was born in Foss, Okla. He was a member of the First Christian Church and a longtime Hemphill County farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife; Gracie Pearl Norris; a son, Jerel Norris of Canadian; two daughters, Jolene Urschel of Canadian and Karen Pitcock of Ada, Okla.; three brothers, Almond Norris of Corpus Christi, Carl Norris of Wichita, Kan., and Bob Norris of Goreville, Ill.; two sisters, Barbara Craig of Riverside, Calif., and Louise Grass of Brawley, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CARMON L. TERRY
 SHAMROCK — Carmon L. Terry, 85, died Saturday, March 21, 1992. Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Terry was born in Malvern, Ark. She married John Robert Terry in 1925 at Wheeler; he preceded her in death in 1975. She lived in Shamrock since 1919. She moved to Lubbock three years ago. She was a member of Lela Baptist Church and then later the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Bob Terry of Lubbock, Glen Terry of Amarillo and Jim Terry of Nacogdoches; a daughter, Paula Jean Lambert of Greenville, Miss.; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Texas Kidney Foundation.

ADA MARIE WHATLEY
 Ada Marie Whatley, 73, died Saturday, March 21, 1992. Services are set for 3 p.m. today in Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel at McLean with the Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor of First United Methodist Church at Canadian, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Whatley was born in Jericho. She married Sam Whatley Sr. in 1938 at Alanreed; he preceded her in death in 1988. She and her husband were professional horseshoers in Pampa and several surrounding counties and states. She also had worked for *The Pampa News* and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, DeAnn Taylor of Pampa, Davie Hash of Canadian and Donna Nettles of Liberal, Kan.; a son, Sammy Whatley of Pampa; three sisters, Daisy Moore of Dalhart, Mary Stevens of Fairbanks, Calif., and Rose Demerest of Toledo, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION
 Pampa Singles Organization is set to meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at 914 Somerville for snacks and games. For more information call 669-3576.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford, is sponsoring a free blood pressure check from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Arrest
FRIDAY, March 20
 Martin Alfaro Olvera, 23, 715 Frost, was arrested on a warrant out of Panhandle. He was released on bond.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, March 20
 3:15 p.m. — A 1973 Chevrolet, driven by JoAnn Miller Murray, 61, 1819 Beech, collided with a 1969 Chevrolet, driven by Deana Melinda Gilbreath, 19, 228 Canadian, in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Murray was cited for failure to yield right of way. Gilbreath was cited for no proof of liability insurance. No injuries were reported.

10:15 p.m. — A 1978 Mercury, driven by Daniel Lee Wood, 18, 1140 Prairie Drive, collided with a 1989 Ford, driven by John David Phillips, 20, Route 1, Box 4-H, Pampa, which was pushed into a third vehicle driven by Michael Dewyne Cox, 28, 1052 Neel Road, in the 200 block of West Francis. Wood was charged with following too closely. Cox was cited for no liability insurance. No injuries were reported.

SUNDAY, March 22
 5:51 p.m. — A 1983 Oldsmobile, driven by Joy Bybee, 29, 1201 E. Frederic (Star Motel #16), collided with a 1991 International truck, driven by Bobbie Lee Berry, 54, Hart, in the 1200 block of East Frederic. Bybee was cited for failure to yield left turn and no proof of liability insurance. Bybee was transported by AMT Paramedic Service to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Fires

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

SUNDAY, March 22
 10 a.m. — Three firefighters and two units responded to a gasoline washdown at 900 S. Hobart, where a gasoline pump was knocked over.
 6:28 p.m. — One unit and one firefighter stood by at the scene of a vehicle and ammonia truck accident in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Mattie E. Garner, Shamrock
 Beth Hulsey, Pampa
 L.L. Jones, Allison
 Ingrid Iraetta
 Edwards, Pampa
 Geraldine Hoxie, Pampa
 Flora Mae Jones, Pampa
 Robert G. Reddell, Pampa
 Stachie J. Smith, Lefors

Dismissals
 Alva Brummett, Pampa
 Geraldine Hoxie, Pampa
 Jane D. Kadingo, Pampa
 Woody Pond, Pampa
 Elena Vargas, Pampa
 Vernon Ray Devoll Sr. (extended care), Pampa
 Lori Lee Addington, Shamrock

Lefors
 Horton baby boy, Canadian
 Helen Ruth Moore, Canadian
 Nellie Pearl Roteet, Pampa
 Flora Mae Jones (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Jaunette O'Gorman, Shamrock
 Virginia Clay, Shamrock
 Roy Billingsley, Shamrock
 Bertha Wright, Shamrock
 Teri Polito, Okemah, Okla.

Dismissals
 Opal Beaty, Shamrock
 Dorsey Gilmore, Shamrock
 Maria Poindexter, Shamrock

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.75
Milo	4.45
Com.	4.84

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8 3/8	dn 1/8
Serco	2 1/8	NC
Occidental	19 5/8	up 1/8

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

Magellan	69.81
Puritan	14.51

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

Amoco	44 3/8	NC
Arco	100 3/4	up 1
Cabot	42 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	11 5/8	up 1/8
Chevron	64 3/8	up 3/4
Coca-Cola	80 3/4	dn 1/4
Enron	36 5/8	dn 1/4
Halliburton	24 5/8	dn 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	19 7/8	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	64 1/2	dn 1/2
KNE	24 1/4	NC
Kerr McGee	37 1/2	dn 1/4
Limited	29 3/8	dn 1/2
Mapco	59 1/4	up 1/4
Maxus	6 7/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	42 1/2	dn 5/8
Mobil	59 3/8	up 7/8
New Autos	20	NC
Parker & Parsley	11 7/8	dn 1/4
Penney's	66 3/4	dn 3/8
Phillips	23 7/8	NC
SLB	56 3/8	NC
SPS	30 3/4	dn 1/8
Tenneco	38 3/4	dn 3/8
Texasco	57 3/8	up 5/8
Wal-Mart	53	dn 1/4
New York Gold	338.10	
Silver	4.12	
West Texas Crude	18.95	

Court report

DISTRICT COURT Civil lawsuits filed
 Frank T. Hommel vs. IRI International Corp. Inc. — non-automobile damages.
 Estate of Charles Stanley Drinkhouse — probate appeal.
 In the matter of the trust created under the will of Garfield F. Schafer, deceased — appointment of trustee.
 Bruce & Son Van and Storage Co. Inc. vs. Dishberger Moving and Storage Inc. — suit on sworn account.
 Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc. vs. Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group Inc. — suit on contract.
 Frances Ann Dorsey vs. Larry D. Pearson and Kenney V. Pearson — automobile damages.
 David Jones vs. Roger Atwood, Randy Atwood, Kevin White, Nick Thomas Inc., R&R Roustabouts and Robinson Contracting & Equipment Rental Inc. — non-automobile damages.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 21
 Judy Hill, 1041 Varon Drive, reported an assault. Injury to a child, a 14-year-old boy, was reported at the Pampa Youth Center, 1005 W. Harvester.
 Terry Noble, 1820 Lynn, reported criminal mischief to a 1987 Toyota at 311 W. Brown.

SUNDAY, March 22
 Allsup's #81, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft of less than \$20.
 Paula Rae Malone, 121 N. Starkweather, reported criminal mischief to a 1987 pickup at the residence.
 Terry Botello, 708 N. Gray, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
 Karen Burlene Cadena, 905 S. Schnieder, reported criminal mischief.

Jerod Cambern, 606 N. Sumner, reported an assault at Club Biarritz, 1101 N. Hobart.
 Property was found in the 2100 block of Coffee.
 Albertsons, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft of less than \$20.
 Disorderly conduct was reported at Foster and Starkweather.

Arrests
SATURDAY, March 21
 Michael Lynn Dubose, 32, 713 Doucette, was arrested at Hobart and Francis on two warrants. He was released on bond.
 Eldon Glenn Nichols, 25, 521 W. Montagu #1, was arrested in the 600 block of North Zimmers on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on bond.

SUNDAY, March 22
 William Scott Keys, 23, 1416 E. Browning, was arrested at Foster and Starkweather on four warrants. He was released upon payment of the fines.
 Crystal Cummings Keys, 19, 1416 E. Browning, was arrested at Foster and Starkweather on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was released on bond.
 Ruby Renell Landers, 34, 1116 Varon Drive, was arrested in the 600 block of South Gray on four warrants. She was released upon payment of the fines.
 Shon Loyd Kysar, 22, 1500 N. Sumner, was arrested on four warrants.
 Enrique Sanchez Marrufo, 25, 412 N. Somerville #9, was arrested at the police department on a warrant. He was released upon payment of the fine.
 Terry Robert Niemeier, 49, 1216 Williston, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart on a charge of theft.

Yvonne Cheri Everson, 19, 712 N. Frost, was arrested on two warrants. He was released upon payment of the fine.
 Troy Stephen Barrett, 19, 1031 N. Sumner #220 was arrested at the residence on five warrants.

Fuel leaks stop shuttle mission

By MARCIA DUNN
 AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA called off today's launch of space shuttle Atlantis because of fuel leaks. The flight was rescheduled for Tuesday morning.

"If all the data associated with these leaks end up the way we think it will, we'll go ahead and start tanking (Monday night) and hopefully proceed to a launch" on Tuesday morning, said launch director Bob Sieck.

High levels of both hydrogen and oxygen were detected in the engine compartment shortly after NASA began pumping more than a half-million gallons of the fuel into the shuttle for an eight-day atmospheric research mission.

Sieck halted the countdown about five hours before the scheduled 8:01 a.m. liftoff. The seven astronauts had not yet boarded.

The launch team tried to duplicate the seepage by pumping more of the super-cold fuel into the shuttle, but nothing leaked. Sieck said that indicated the problem was fleeting and in the seals rather than the plumbing between the external fuel tank and orbiter.

In the past, valves have been slow to stabilize to the minus-420-degree temperature of the fuel, but never has so much propellant leaked, Sieck said. He said no leaks were detected outside the shuttle.

"We're not facing the kind of situation we were a couple years ago," he said.

Hydrogen leaks grounded the shuttle fleet for almost half a year in 1990. Both Atlantis and Columbia were crippled; Atlantis finally flew after getting a new external fuel tank and other plumbing, work that took months to complete.

Until today, the launch preparations had gone extremely well. One test director said it was "one of the cleanest countdowns" he could recall. The only problem was an approaching rain storm; forecasters had put the chances of acceptable weather at no better than 40 percent.

The weather outlook for Tuesday was considerably better. Meteorologists said the odds of favorable conditions for the 8 a.m. EST liftoff was 60 percent, rising to 70 percent through the morning.

NASA officials estimated the

launch postponement cost a half-million dollars, including fuel and labor.

The eight-day mission — shuttle flight No. 46 — is part of a long-term NASA program to study the environment from space.

Thirteen scientific instruments in Atlantis' cargo bay will study the ozone layer, solar energy and other aspects of the atmosphere. Scientists hope to learn more about such concepts as global warming and the greenhouse effect.

About 200 atmospheric research stations around the world will make simultaneous observations, providing what scientists say will be the most comprehensive look at the atmosphere yet.

Scientists hope to learn how sunlight interacts with the atmosphere and how humans are ruining that delicate balance through pollution.

Besides mission commander Charles Bolden Jr., the crew consists of pilot Brian Duffy, David Leestma, Kathryn Sullivan, Michael Foale, Byron Lichtenberg and Belgian physicist Dirk Frimout. A Belgian has never before flown in space.

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With a degree from Southwestern and his playing career nearing the end, Woldt was offered the Pampa High baseball coaching job by school superintendent Knox Kinard.

"Knox was a heck of a baseball fan. He said he was looking for a baseball coach, not a football coach to fill in coaching the baseball team," Woldt said.

Woldt guided the Harvesters for 11 years, longer than any other coach before or since. His best year was 1965 when the Harvesters finished second in district and posted an overall 22-5 record, earning Woldt recognition as baseball coach of the year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

"We weren't expected to do anything that year and we won 13 district games in a row. We lost the last game of the season to Tascosa, a team we had beaten something like 18 to 6 or 7 earlier. A win would have tied us with Lubbock Monterey for first and there would have been a playoff to decide which team went to the playoffs," Woldt said.

Ironically, Woldt wasn't supposed to be coaching the team that year. He had resigned that position three years earlier and was coaching high school golf when the baseball coach quit before the season started. Since Woldt was still in the school system and was an experienced coach, he was asked to take over the team.

"As it turned out, it was the best team I ever coached," he said.

Woldt returned to coach the golf team the next year, but got the call to guide the baseball team one last time in 1972 when the baseball coach again resigned before the season started.

Woldt's career coaching record at Pampa High was 129-96, and those statistics probably would have been better had it not been for his unselfish attitude.

"There's a tendency in high school sports to get caught up with the 'winning is everything' attitude," Woldt said. "I never wanted to cut anybody and I always tried to get as many players involved in the game as I possibly could. That may have cost me as far as wins and losses were concerned, but I felt it was the right thing to do. Winning was important, but it didn't control my coaching life."

Woldt was offered the baseball coaching jobs at Palo Duro and Tascosa when those two Amarillo high schools opened in the 1950s, but he turned them down to stay in Pampa.

"Pampa has exceptional people and I'm one heck of a Harvester fan, whatever sport it is," he said.

During the summer months, Woldt teamed with former Oilers' player Joe Fortin, who still lives here, to coach the Pampa Rebels in the American Legion Junior Baseball League. In 1957, they coached the Rebels to the district championship.

Two important events, five years apart, helped mold Woldt's adult life.

"The first was meeting my wife and making Pampa my permanent home. The second was when Rankin Williams gave me the chance to go to college. Those two things really changed my life for the better," he said.

Correction

A Sunday report incorrectly listed the school some students in Pampa Independent School District would attend under a proposed policy. The item should have read: Students east of Hwy. 273 and south of 23rd outside the city will attend Willway. The newspaper regrets any inconvenience the error may have caused.

City briefs

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LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy and breezy with a high in the upper 60s and southwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Sunday's high was 48 degrees; the overnight low was 30 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Partly cloudy with a slow warming trend Monday through Tuesday. In the Far West, partly cloudy with little change in temperatures through Tuesday. Highs Monday from near 60 north to the mid 70s Big Bend valleys. Warmer Monday night with lows from the lower 30s northern Panhandle to near 50 south and Far West. Highs Tuesday from the lower 60s Panhandle to near 80 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas — Fair west. Decreasing cloudiness central and east. Cold with lows 34 northwest to 42 southeast. Mostly fair and mild Monday. Highs Monday 64 to 68. Mostly fair and not as cold Monday night with lows 44 to 49. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday with a slight chance of thunderstorms north central. Highs Tuesday 70 to 76.

South Texas — Partly cloudy Monday. Highs Monday in the upper 60s north and east to mid 70s south. Becoming mostly cloudy by Tuesday with lows Monday night in the upper 40s north to near 50 east and in the upper 50 to near 60

south. Highs Tuesday near 70 north to lower 70s east and mid 70s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Wednesday through Friday
 West Texas — Texas Panhandle, easing cloudiness Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Warm Wednesday and cooler Thursday and Friday. Highs in the upper 60s Wednesday cooling to lower 60s Thursday and Friday. Lows from the mid 30s to the lower 40s. South Plains, low rolling plains, mostly fair Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms. Thursday and Friday. Highs in lower 70s Wednesday cooling to mid 60s by Friday. Lows in the upper 30s and lower 40s. Permian Basin Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau, mostly fair Wednesday and Thursday. Increasing cloudiness and cooler with a chance of thunderstorms Friday. Highs in the upper 70s Wednesday and Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms. Thursday and Friday. Highs in lower 70s Wednesday cooling to mid 60s by Friday. Lows in the upper 30s and lower 40s. Permian Basin Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau, mostly fair Wednesday and Thursday. 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Blowing whistle is risky business

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army tries to fire a civilian scientist after he criticizes the Pentagon's Star Wars program.

A senior technician at a government laboratory questions plant safety, so his bosses reassign him to a room filled with radioactive chemicals.

It's been two years since Congress passed the Whistleblower Protection Act, but reports of the reprisals it was supposed to discourage are still rolling in.

"We're still shooting the messenger," said Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark.

Take the case of Aldric Saucier. He told Army brass there was waste, mismanagement and fraud in the \$30 billion Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as Star Wars.

"I've been spit on by senior Army officers, shoved up against a wall, and elbowed in the head and the neck so hard that I had to get medical treatment," Saucier said in an interview Friday. Saucier's doctor recommended that he be put on medical leave because of the physi-

cal stress and abuse he was subjected to.

The Army wants to fire him, saying his work is "poorly organized, contains numerous errors and his assumptions, conclusions and recommendations are not substantially supported." Prominent scientists outside the Pentagon who reviewed a recent report by Saucier say he does competent work. The report concerns modifying the Patriot air defense system. One scientist called Saucier a "careful dedicated civil servant who has properly raised questions about" Pentagon programs.

A spate of news stories on his plight and intervention by Pryor, three other U.S. senators and a congressman have temporarily saved Saucier's job.

The 1989 protection law that Saucier is invoking has increased whistleblowers' chances of survival. Before the law was passed, employees had to prove that their whistleblowing was the motivating factor for retaliation. Now, they only have to prove that it's a contributing factor, and then the burden of proof shifts to the employer to show that it was not a factor.

"Before, your chances were as good as playing the lottery. Now they're about as good as playing Russian roulette," said Thomas Devine of the Government Accountability Project, a non-profit group representing Saucier.

Saucier was the architect of a ground-based laser program to destroy incoming enemy ballistic missiles before they deployed their warheads. Saucier says his architecture was less costly, more reliable and could have been in operation years sooner than other proposed systems.

But the Army and the Strategic Defense Initiative Office in the Pentagon "wanted their pork-barrel program," said Saucier. His career has been on the skids ever since.

Saucier's allegations of waste, fraud and mismanagement are among some 100 such complaints a year that go to the Office of Special Counsel, a federal agency that seeks to protect government whistleblowers.

The special counsel, Kathleen Koch, referred Saucier's allegations to the Secretary of Defense for further investigation, one of

about a dozen such referrals each year to various agencies.

The special counsel gets 500 complaints a year about reprisals and has launched an investigation into Saucier's allegations of retaliation.

The new law's reach is limited. It doesn't cover government contractors like Charles Varnadore, who has won numerous commendations during his 17-year career in government-owned nuclear facilities in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Varnadore says the commendations stopped when he questioned safety and other procedures at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and operated by Martin Marietta Energy Systems. According to Varnadore, soil samples with potential pollutants were being mishandled and a secretary was required by her supervisors to put radioactive samples on the front seat of the truck she was driving.

As his complaints mounted, "they criticized me for incompetence, they criticized me for insubordination and then they put me in a room full of radioactive waste," said Varnadore.

The 20-foot-by-30-foot room had

no windows, half a dozen laboratory bench tops contaminated with radioactive material, and contained several plastic bags full of radioactively contaminated ceiling tile and lab equipment, he said.

Martin Marietta issued a statement this month saying it takes Varnadore's allegations "very seriously" but hasn't turned up any evidence that his work area violated federal health standards.

The U.S. Labor Department ruled in Varnadore's favor, saying he had suffered discrimination for raising safety issues. Martin Marietta moved him to another office, but the company is seeking to reverse the ruling.

Varnadore, who has had colon cancer, is appealing too, seeking \$1.5 million in damages. The process could take years.

"My division chief suggested I quit, but where's a 50-year-old man with cancer going to get a job?" said Varnadore.

Still, Varnadore and Saucier say they wouldn't hesitate to blow the whistle again.

"We're telling the truth and our employers don't want people to know," said Varnadore.

Voters rebuff France's Socialist Party

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — In the worst rebuff of its history, the governing Socialist Party won 18 percent of the vote in regional elections that saw France's two ecology parties and the far-right National Front gain clout.

An alliance of two mainstream conservative parties established itself in Sunday's vote as the favorite for 1993 parliamentary elections by winning about one-third of the votes, according to nearly complete returns today.

But the alliance, like the Socialists, lost support to fringe parties and was unsure where to look for help in seeking majorities on many of the 26 regional councils.

"Confusion reigns when so many protest votes go to a divided ecology movement and a dangerous, demagogic extreme right," said conservative leader Jacques Chirac. "Paralysis and impotence are likely in a number of regions."

The results confirmed the Socialists' steep decline since the last regional vote in 1986, when they won 29 percent. The party was formed in 1971 and won the presidency behind Francois Mitterrand in 1981.

It had never before gained less than 20 percent in any national election.

In final returns for all areas except four overseas departments, the Socialists won 18.3 percent of the vote nationwide. In the Paris and Lyon regions, they placed third, trailing the National Front.

"It's a real fall," acknowledged government spokesman Jack Lang. He blamed the results on "a sort of erosion" he said all parties face when they have ruled for an extensive period.

The conservative alliance of the Rally for the Republic and the Union for French Democracy won about 33 percent, notably lower than the 39 percent they got in 1986. Two rival ecological parties shared 14 percent of the vote, the

National Front got 13 percent and the Communists had about 8 percent.

Mitterrand, who won a second seven-year term in 1988, was expected to retain Premier Edith Cresson, whose deep unpopularity was among the reasons for the Socialist decline. She was blamed for near-record 9.8 percent unemployment and failed to regain respect last year after a series of controversial remarks, including likening the Japanese to ants.

Mrs. Cresson said she planned to continue at her post.

The pugnacious Jean-Marie Le Pen said his National Front could have fared better if its campaign rallies hadn't been disrupted by sometimes violent protests. He predicted continued growth for his party next year.

Since no other party has expressed willingness to align with the National Front — assailed as racist and fascist for its anti-immigration stance — the ecologists and smaller parties

could find themselves kingmakers when council presidents are chosen Friday.

The turnout was about 68 percent, well above pre-election predictions that only half the 37.6 million voters would cast ballots.

Still, the abstention rate was striking, considering it was the first nationwide election in three years. Recent polls repeatedly found the French disillusioned with politics and politicians.

In lieu of new proposals, the Socialists focused their campaign on the National Front, Europe's largest far-right party. With tacit government approval, demonstrators staged rowdy anti-Le Pen protests.

The results were occasionally violent. A retired school teacher and National Front member confessed Sunday to shooting a teen-ager during an anti-Le Pen rally last week, police said.

As election results became clear, Socialist leaders suggested

that some changes might be made in the parliamentary voting system to allow more access to smaller parties, such as the ecologists.

Currently, parliamentary elections use a runoff system that usually eliminates small-party candidates. Regional elections allocate council seats proportionally to all parties gaining more than 5 percent of the vote.

Polling firms analyzing Sunday's results said similar voting in 1993 would give the conservative alliance 421 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly, compared to 101 for the Socialists, 27 for the Communists, four for the National Front and two for the ecologists.

But if a proportional system were used for parliament, the firms said, the conservatives would win 262 seats, less than a majority, while the Socialists would get 137, the National Front 70, the ecologists 56 and the Communists 30.

Richards to appoint welfare czar

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards is expected within 10 days to assign a health and welfare commissioner the task of developing "one-stop shopping" for the state's poorer residents.

The so-called welfare czar will consolidate and rearrange by 1995 some of 300 public assistance programs distributed now among 11 state agencies.

The idea, approved last year by the Legislature, is to put related programs in the same locations.

"The idea is to have in each community a central office where people can go to just one building to get what they need," said Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena. "Often they don't get that help because there are so many places to go that they just give up."

Although social services will be consolidated among agencies, none

of the 11 agencies will be eliminated.

But there is a possibility that the commissioner might order the merger of some of the agencies.

The services to be targeted for consolidation will be the those operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Health, the commissions for the blind and for the deaf and hearing impaired, the juvenile probation, rehabilitation and youth commissions, the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention Services.

Part of the reorganization will also create a new Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. The agency will handle reports of child and elderly abuse. It also will

investigate accusations of neglect or abuse by private facilities and by facilities operated by MHMR, which currently investigates itself.

"Investigations need an independent agency," said DeAnn Friedholm, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's special assistant for human services. "When an agency investigates itself, there is always the appearance of conflict of interest. This new department will help put suspicions to rest."

Richards will be about a month late with her appointment of the new commissioner, which was supposed to make the appointment by March 1.

The commissioner must be confirmed by the Senate but will report directly to the governor.

A spokesman for the governor said Richards has finished interviewing three finalists for the job but would not release the names.

Veteran actor John Ireland dies at 78

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Actor John Ireland, who was nominated for an Academy Award as the reporter in "All in the King's Men" and appeared in more than 200 films including "Spartacus" and "Joan of Arc," has died at age 78.

Ireland died at Cottage Hospital Saturday of leukemia, said nursing supervisor Denise McDonald.

A 1940s leading man, Ireland was nominated for an Oscar for his supporting role in "All the King's Men," which won the best picture Oscar in 1949.

Ireland often portrayed tough, cynical characters in the 1950s. He co-starred with Henry Fonda in "My Darling Clementine," Ingrid Bergman in "Joan of Arc," Kirk Douglas and Laurence Olivier in "Spartacus," and Joan Collins in "The Good Die Young."

Like a generation of Hollywood actors, he found much of his work in the Western. His screen credits include "Gunfight at the OK Cor-

ral," "I Shot Jesse James," "The Return of Jesse James," "Gun-slinger," "Fort Utah," "Arizona

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Opinion

Panel demonstrates deficient thinking

Despite professions of concern about the mounting federal deficit, some lawmakers continue to demonstrate a dismaying lack of fiscal restraint.

A case in point: The House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families recently voted to increase its own operating budget for next year by a whopping 41 percent over the current level. That constitutes an increase that is 10 times the rate of inflation.

There might be some justification for the committee's action if the increase would work to the benefit of children, youth and families. But in fact, the sole beneficiaries of the bigger budget are the select committee members and their staff aides.

The panel's Democratic majority, led by chairwoman Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., unanimously approved a 60 percent increase for majority staff salaries, a 100 percent increase in the travel budget for committee members and staff, and a 167 percent increase in funds to cover travel expenses for witnesses who attend hearings at the Capitol.

This did not go over well with the committee's Republican minority, which unanimously opposed the huge increases. The GOP members proposed instead that the committee's funding not exceed the current level, after adjusting for inflation.

"I don't know of a single company or family that will have a budget increase of 41 percent," said Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., the ranking minority member. "How can Congress justify such an outrageous spending increase during these tough economic times, when people are out of work, businesses and families are forced to cut back and every facet of society is feeling the pinch?"

Wolf is right on the mark. With next year's deficit projected to soar to a record \$399 billion, it is disturbing that any congressional committee should seek such a substantial boost in its operating budget. As a gesture of fiscal restraint, the House Committee on Administration, which has the final vote on every proposed committee budget, should overrule the extravagant spending plans of the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families.

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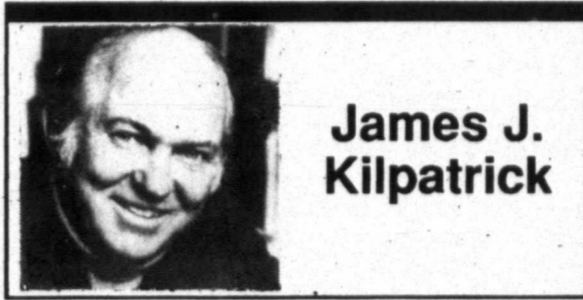
For the past three months, ever since a mild stroke put me on the sidelines, I have been trying to cover my Washington beat from my home in Charleston. You know what? In some ways the view from South Carolina is better.

The change in perspective is roughly the difference between sitting in the press box and sitting in the bleachers. The reporter in the press box knows the key players, and the key players know him. They share the little inside jokes. Close relationships develop. The intimacy makes for informed reporting, which is good, but often the coverage suffers for want of detachment.

The view from Charleston has a clarity of its own. In these months I have gained a better understanding of the drive for limiting the terms of members of Congress. I have been reading about Rubergate and the tax bill, and I have been listening. The anger of the people is rising. Letters that come to me from around the country have a common political theme: The people are fed up.

They are fed up with Congress, and more broadly with the federal government as a whole. Oh, they are angry about other things — about public school, about crimes of violence, about the economic future, about venal lawyers and affirmative action.

Let me stick with Congress. Several months ago, when the story of the check kiting broke, the image of the House suffered severely. Last week, when Speaker Tom Foley tried his best to cover up the scandal, the poor image got worse. One correspondent after another voices the same bitter question: If these idiots can't handle their own money, why should we let them handle ours? The story has done inordinate harm to the House as an honorable institution.



James J. Kilpatrick

The Senate has been striking poses over a tax bill that runs on for nearly 800 pages. An entirely typical provision is to this effect:

"Subparagraph (B) in Section 1(g)(7) (relating to income included on parent's return) is amended (1) by striking '\$1,000' in clause (i) and inserting 'twice the amount described in paragraph (4) (A) (ii) (1)', and (2) by amending subclause (II) of clause (ii) to read as follows ..."

That is from Title IV, "Simplification Provisions."

I cherish a warm affection for Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, chairman of Senate Finance. He is one of the truly decent members of the Senate. But I will hazard a guess that not even Sen. Bentsen knows everything that has crept into his own bill. He relies upon professional staff. In certain areas of expertise, staff must rely upon outside tax experts for the drafting of specific language.

A pretense is maintained that by increasing the tax upon wealthy families, X dollars will flow into the Treasury; by decreasing the tax on middle-class families, X dollars in effect will flow out. No one knows whether this is true.

No one can say positively whether the policy is

good or bad. In opening debate on March 10, Bentsen said confidently that his bill would (1) promote fairness, (2) provide real economic incentives and (3) stay within budgetary boundaries.

Working from the same data, economists for the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, a conservative think tank, reached opposite conclusions. The Senate bill "would lead to a loss of about 233,000 jobs by 1996." Far from providing incentives, the bill "would cause investment spending to drop by \$101 billion." By 1996, say these economists, the federal deficit would grow by \$20 billion.

Who's right? Who knows? Economists at the Brookings Institution, a liberal think tank, are as skeptical. They agree that the Senate bill, in the form in which it passed last week, will do little or nothing to improve the economy in the long run.

What the people do sense is that the Senate wasted a week in posturing. The debate was an exercise in futility. Everyone knew it. If the bill that emerges from conference is mostly the Senate bill, George Bush will veto it, and the charade will begin anew.

Charade. Maybe that is what has so angered the people. Our public life has become one enormous sham. Special preferences expose the myth of equal opportunity. Members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, daily go through an elaborate dumb-show. They speak empty words to empty chambers.

From a distance, watching on C-SPAN, reading the Congressional Record, one forms a clear impression of government gone awry. If this is the best we can do, may God save the republic. Left alone, Congress will make bad matters worse.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 23, the 83rd day of 1992. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Two hundred years ago, on March 23, 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major was performed publicly for the first time, in London. It's known as the "Surprise Symphony" because of an unexpected crashing chord in the second movement.

On this date:
In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere.

In 1775, in a speech to the Virginia Provincial Convention, Patrick Henry made his famous plea for American independence from Britain, saying, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

Miss Cassady's daily routine

Portrait of a bus driver.
Norma Cassady.
She has been wrestling a 26,000-pound bus for 24 years.

A school bus.
In and out of and around Scott County, Iowa — stopping at such gravel-road boondocks as Dogtown — Norma would pick up kindergartners as well as high schoolers on their way to and from West High.

Back and forth, crisscrossing the often dull-gray countryside, might be a dull job to most.

Not to Norma Cassady.

Every day she got dressed up for it.

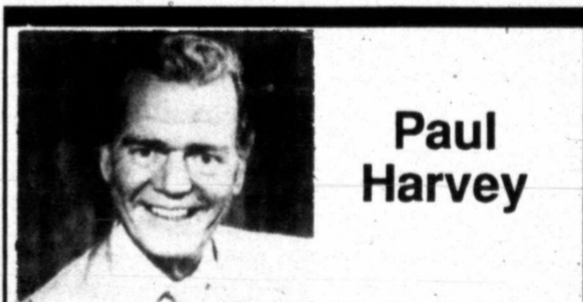
A petite 5-foot-1, pretty and slender in her 60s, Norma always wore earrings and a smart sweater.

And each of the kindergartners leaving the bus each day learned to expect a hug from Miss Cassady.

Sometimes motorists behind would get a little impatient, but that was all right.

When Norma Cassady announced that 24 years were enough, that she planned to retire, her youngsters were broken-hearted.

But Norma explained that she had never in



Paul Harvey

those half-million miles had an accident and she did not want her own advancing years ever to hazard "her children" in any way, so she was retiring.

Bill Wundram of the *Quad-City Times* rode with her that last day. He tells me it was a three-hour bone-cracking ride — all school buses are bone-crackers — but all along the rural way parents were waving from windows, and "her youngsters" were boarding with cards and little gifts and more hugs and some kisses.

One gregarious student brought her a whole hot pizza. His favorite, he explained. And she on that last run had candy treats for each of them.

Norma had driven to school many of their mothers and fathers.

Most days then and since there was an incessant sweet babble of kindergartners and some teasing.

"Back up, Miss Cassady, you missed a pothole back there!"

But there was no teasing this last day.

The big bus would rumble through Maysville and back into the cornfield country — buffeted by gusts of wind, under swirling clouds of blackbirds...even they were less noisy this day.

When the last youngster had been safely delivered in the parking lot at Walcott school, Norma swept the bus as always and turned in the keys.

Next morning there was a breakfast at which more than a hundred drivers from the Davenport Community School District gathered to praise and applaud Norma Cassady.

"Absolutely the best driver ever," one speaker said.

But for the so-much-more-than-that which she was, there were no words.

Just a lot more hugging and some tears.

Norma did not cry. There now would be lots of time for that.

More beauty, hold the beast

By BEN WATTENBERG

Have they no shame? It's Academy Award time. And those licentious folks in Hollywood may choose as Best Picture a movie that features violence and sexuality, including potential carnality between a lovely young lady in bondage and a vicious animal!

Yes, the favorite is "Beauty and The Beast."

I have been sensitized, having just moderated a conference on "The New Global Popular Culture," sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute (my home base). Some learned scholars, conservatives and liberals denounced the ugly state of American pop culture. Some pined for the days when the movie industry was rigidly self-censored. (Luckily, others disagreed.)

The anti-case is that movies are worse than ever, reveling in obscenity, nudity and brutality, often with an anti-American, anti-establishment, anti-religious subtext. Television, they say, is just as bad. Popular music may be worse because it can also be racist, misogynist, satanic and druggie. All this, it is said, is more pervasive than

ever. From VCR to MTV to boom box, our children are being corrupted.

It is a serious issue. Our cultural situation, broadly seen, may indeed be at the root of our problems, including economic ones. (Just consider the costs of crime, drugs and out-of-wedlock birth.)

Are we corrupting our youth? It is useful to try to measure first. Let's look at the movies.

A.D. Murphy, box office analyst for "Variety," confirms the pervasiveness. He says, "More Americans watch more movies, more often, in more ways, than ever." When television arrived, movie admissions fell from \$4 billion (1946) to about a \$1 billion (1961), where it has remained. But at-home markets boosted total viewership sky-high.

If movies are more pervasive than ever, so what? Are they bad stuff?

The dozen biggest hits released in the 1980s were "E.T.," "The Return of the Jedi," "Batman," "The Empire Strikes Back," "Ghostbusters," three "Indiana Jones" movies, "Beverly Hills Cop," "Back to the Future," "Tootsie" and "Rain Man." This is not exactly your run-of-the-mill, dirty

dozen of pornographic violence.

So too in 1991, Murphy calculates that half of all admissions go to the top 30 films. Looking at the top 30 offers a flavor of what people are seeing.

"Home Alone" was in first place. "Terminator II" was second. I loved its campy, stylized violence; it could have starred Donald Duck rather than Schwarzenegger.

Of the remaining top 30 movies, I saw "Dances With Wolves," "City Slickers," "Doc Hollywood," "Awakenings," "Thelma and Louise," "Hook" and "Beauty and the Beast." My 7-year-old daughter saw "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

I still hope to see these, probably on cassette: "The Silence of the Lambs," "Robin Hood," "Sleeping with the Enemy," "Addams Family," "Boyz n the Hood."

And so on. Yes, there is some violence and some sex there; yes, there is some political subtext, rarely conservative. But mostly these are enjoyable, well-made stories, just like in the good old days.

Moderate problems deserve moderate remedies. Before letting war break out between First Amendment

purists and Prohibitionists, some distinctions ought to be made. There is a difference between public and private entertainment, and between censorship and sensitivity.

Movies are seen in private theaters. Their previews are rated; raunchy ones are not seen when family movies are showing. Age limits are imposed. So hands off the movies, although it would be nice to see more traditional themes. Recorded music is privately purchased in private stores. Hands off, although the record companies ought to voluntarily put rating labels on their grossest material, some of which is disgusting. (Remember: Boycotting and picketing are constitutional rights.)

Television is somewhat different; it comes into your homes over publicly franchised air waves. Television programmers should keep blatantly sexual promos for later, adult shows off the air during kiddie-time programming. Similarly, the National Endowment for the Arts is also public: Cut the blasphemy, or lose the NEA.

Public pressure and moderate reform can yield a little more beauty and a little less beast.

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Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Small hole
- Optic covering
- More uncanny
- Isolated
- Unconvin- glingly
- Actor — Hoffman
- Shinto temple
- Gravel ridge
- View
- Artist Tou- louse —
- Family of rulers
- Enclosure for picture
- Singer — Bonnie
- Savage
- Proprietor
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- Skiny fishes
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- Snakelike fish
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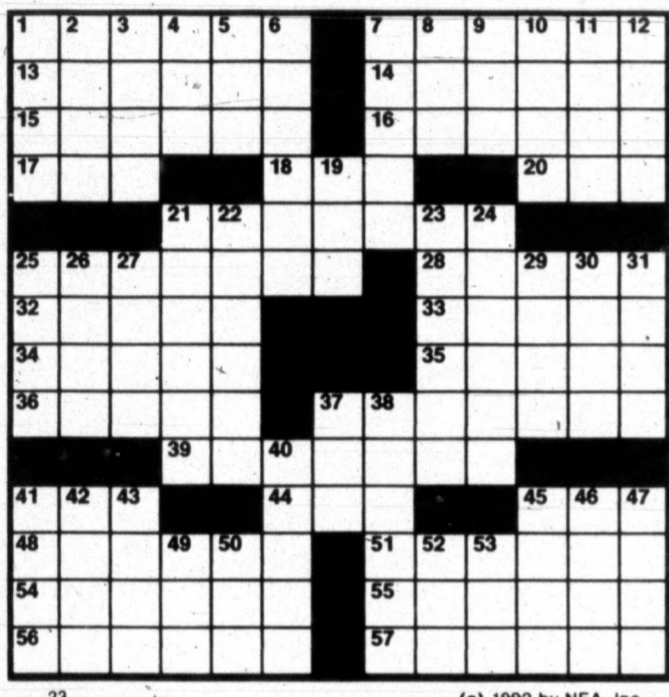
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ACROSS

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- Glut
- Prepare for printing
- Small cushion
- Strike lightly
- Khan
- Actor — Estevez
- Caveat —
- Body organs
- Alpine cottage
- fly
- High buildings

DOWN

- Senior
- and me
- Annapolis grad
- go!
- Tennis player — Nastase
- Force unit
- Pippen
- Hidden
- Off the track
- Decadent
- College- course unit
- Fall suddenly
- Two-masted vessel
- Cats have — lives
- Solo
- Marshal Dillon's nickname
- If not
- Billowy expanse
- Phase
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- Untanned hide
- Author — Kingsley
- Plunge
- Tamarisk salt tree
- Patron
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- Allow to
- Tax agcy.
- Electrical unit
- Animal foot



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WALNUT COVE



By Mark Cullum

Astro-Graph

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually, you're the one who comes up with all the new ideas. But if you listen carefully to others today, you may learn something constructive you'll have a use for later. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's something you can get involved in at this time that may generate a second source of earnings. The returns might not be immediate, but they could be impressive over the long haul.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A partnership could work out rather well for you today, provided you don't feel compelled to play the dominant role. You'll be more effective serving as the backup.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Individuals who are willing to be of assistance to you today might not be in the same frame of mind tomorrow. Now is the time to take advantage of any help that is offered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll make a much better impression on others than you may realize today. People you meet socially will consider you for their future guest lists.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions that influence your material security are a bit more stable today than they're likely to be tomorrow. If you have anything pending of a financial nature, take care of it now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't neglect any matters that require verbal or written communication today. You're very articulate, and you should be able to express your thoughts effectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're likely to be better at spotting real bargains today than you will be tomorrow. If there is something special you feel you have an immediate need for, check all your sources.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be a day of substantial accomplishments, provided you're free from encumbrances. Operating without restrictions, you'll be dynamic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you stay in the background a bit today, you're likely to fare better. Keep in touch with events, but don't try to lead or alter them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be rather lucky today through your involvements in clubs or social organizations. More than one individual you're affiliated with may be able to put you on the track to something good.

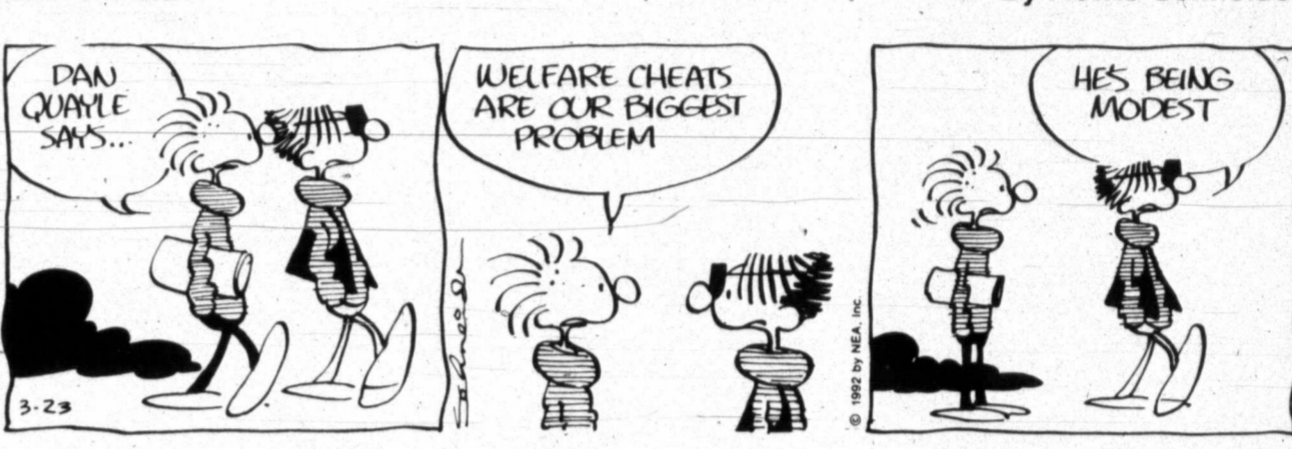
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conduct yourself with self-assurance today; you're likely to fare better than your opposition in situations that have competitive elements. The secret is to think "win."

ARLO & JANIS



By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK



By Howie Schneider

B.C.



By Johnny Hart



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MARMADUKE



By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE



By Larry Wright



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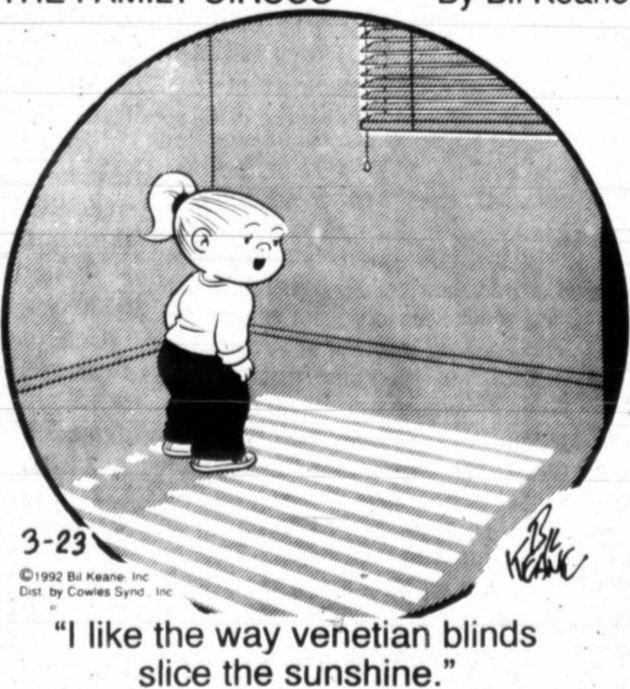
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bil Keane

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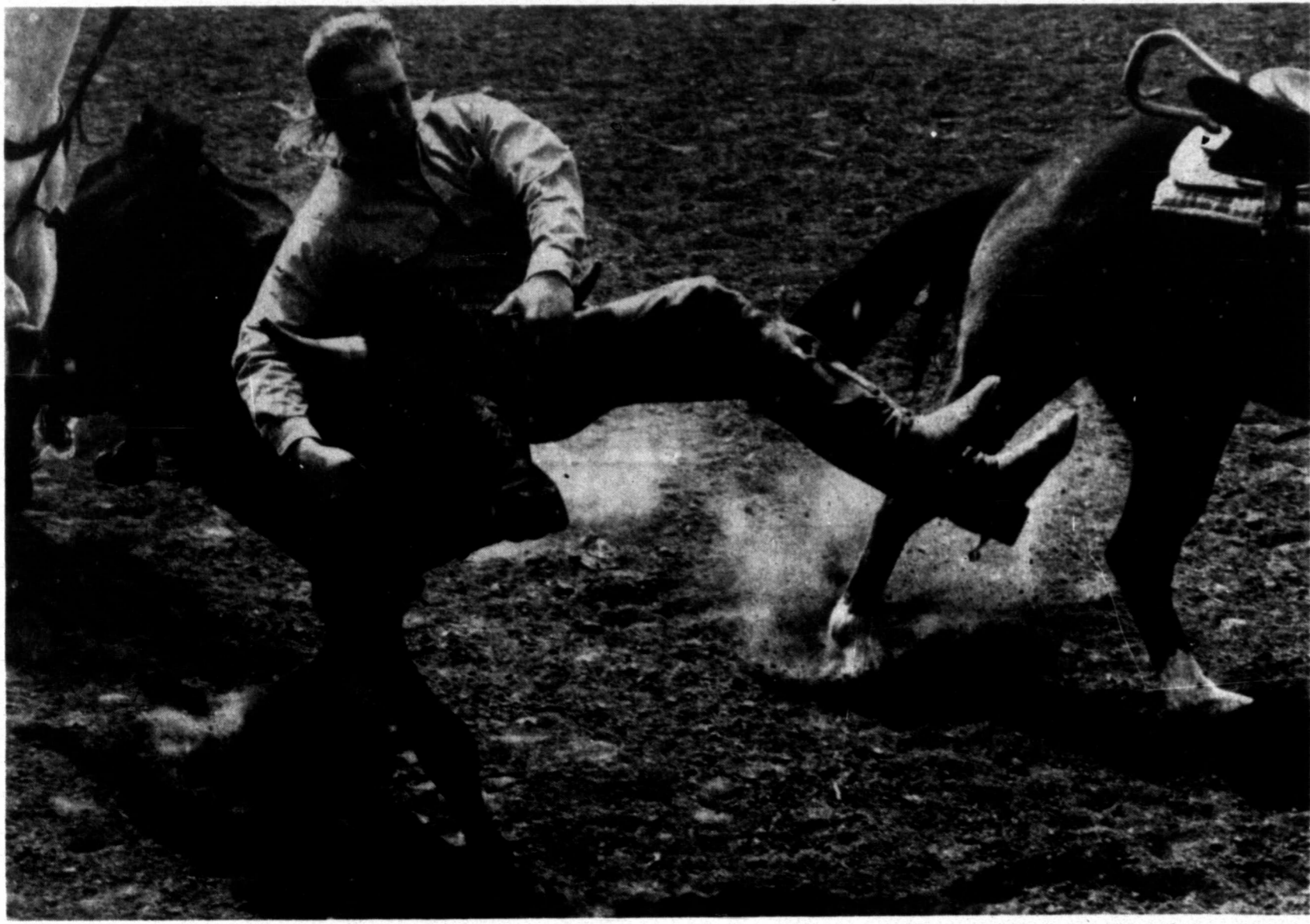
GARFIELD



By Jim Davis

Sports

Snapping to it



Pampa's Tye Snapp flies off his horse and grabs a steer in the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association bulldogging event Sunday at Spearman. Sponsored by the Spearman-Stinnett Rodeo Club, the Sunday rodeo was one of two held over the weekend to kick off the TSHSRA spring schedule. Saturday's rodeo was held at Stratford. Please see Tuesday's *Pampa News* for results.

(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

UTEP dumps Kansas ; Big 8 down to 1

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

The Big Eight is down to the Big One in the NCAA tournament.

The league sent six teams to the postseason party, more than any other conference. After two rounds, Oklahoma State is the sole survivor. Nebraska and Oklahoma lost in the first round, while Kansas, Missouri and Iowa State were eliminated in the second round. That leaves the ballyhooed Big Eight with the same number of teams in the final 16 as the Big West (New Mexico State), the Western Athletic Conference (Texas-El Paso) and the Atlantic 10 (Massachusetts).

NCAA Roundup

The Atlantic Coast Conference leads the way with four teams in the regional semifinals (Duke, North Carolina, Florida State and Georgia Tech), while the Big Ten is next with three (Ohio State, Indiana and Michigan). The only other league with more than one team is the new Great Midwest (Cincinnati and Memphis State).

Kansas became the first top seed to lose, falling to ninth-seeded Texas-El Paso 66-60 Sunday in the Midwest Regional.

UTEP (27-6) used a new, four-corner offense to pick apart Kansas (27-5). The Miners worked the ball inside for 16 layups against the taller, but slower Jayhawks.

"We held the ball longer and it made getting penetration much easier," guard Prince Stewart said. "We kind of said, 'Let's get the open shot and let the big guys get into the game.'"

Kansas coach Roy Williams was impressed by UTEP's slowdown strategy.

"Needless to say, they had a marvelous game plan and had the athletes to utilize that game plan," he said.

It was the biggest victory for UTEP since 1966, when the school,

then known as Texas Western, beat Kentucky for the national title. Back then, the Miners were coached by Don Haskins. They still are.

But this is the first time since winning the championship that UTEP has advanced beyond the second round.

"I think all good teams come from a good coach," senior Prince Stewart said. "He has confidence in us to let us go out and play."

Kansas' Richard Scott scored with 16.3 seconds remaining to cut UTEP's lead to 62-60. But Johnny Melvin then made two free throws for the Miners, Kansas turned the ball over and Ralph Davis hit a 15-footer as time expired for the final basket.

UTEP's forward trio of Melvin, Davis and Marlon Maxey combined for 44 points. Melvin had 18, Maxey 14 and Davis 12 for the Miners, who got only 10 points from their backcourt.

UTEP will play Cincinnati on Friday in the regional semifinals at Kansas City, Mo. Fourth-seeded Cincinnati advanced with a 77-65 victory over Michigan State.

In the Southeast, second-seeded Oklahoma State beat Tulane 87-71 and sixth-seeded Michigan downed East Tennessee State 102-90 to reach the final 16. The winners will meet Friday at Lexington, Ky., where Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton used to coach Kentucky.

Second-seeded Kentucky will play third-seeded Massachusetts in an East Regional semifinal Thursday at Philadelphia. Kentucky defeated Iowa State 106-98 and Massachusetts beat Syracuse 77-71 in overtime.

Top-seeded UCLA beat Louisville 85-69 and New Mexico State eliminated Southwestern Louisiana 81-73 in the West. They will play Thursday at Albuquerque, N.M.

EAST

No. 6 Kentucky 106, Iowa St. 98
At Worcester, Mass., Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and Kentucky fended off a late Iowa State rally.

Trailing by 12 points with 6:52 left, the Cyclones (21-13) cut it to 93-90 on two free throws by Brad Pippett with 3:18 remaining. But that's as close as they got. John Pelphrey added 20 points for Kentucky (28-6), which has won 13 of its last 14 games. Justus Thigpen had 32 points and Ron Bayless 30, both career highs, for Iowa State.

No. 17 Massachusetts 77, No. 21 Syracuse 71, OT

Harper Williams made a desperation 3-pointer as the shot clock ran out with 30 seconds left in overtime as Massachusetts won its 14th straight. The Minutemen (30-4) got the ball following a controversial out-of-bounds call with 35 seconds remaining, and Williams' basket put them ahead 75-71. Syracuse (22-10) freshman Lawrence Moten shot an air ball from 3-point range with 18 seconds left and Jim McCoy made two free throws in the closing seconds to clinch the victory for the Minutemen.

SOUTHEAST

No. 11 Oklahoma St. 87, Tulane 71

At Atlanta, Byron Houston and Corey Williams each scored 27 points and Oklahoma State shot a NCAA tournament-record 80 percent from the field. The Cowboys (28-7) missed only seven of 35 shots to break the previous mark of 79 percent by North Carolina in 1988. Sean Sutton, son of the Oklahoma State coach, added 18 points for the Cowboys. G.J. Hunter led Tulane (22-9) with 17.

No. 15 Michigan 102, E. Tennessee St. 90

Freshman Chris Webber had a season-high 30 points for the Wolverines, who dominated inside and outside. East Tennessee, which upset third-seeded Arizona in the first round, cut a 20-point halftime deficit to eight with 13:05 left. But the Buccaneers (24-7) missed their next six 3-point attempts and Michigan (22-8) used an 11-2 run to put the game out of reach. Greg Dennis, East Tennessee's all-time leading

scorer, had a career-best 31 in his final game.

MIDWEST
No. 12 Cincinnati 77, Michigan St. 65

At Dayton, Ohio, Anthony Buford scored 21 points and Cincinnati finally beat Michigan State after blowing 18-point leads in two previous losses to the Spartans. The Bearcats built a 17-point lead this time before Michigan State rallied and cut it to four in the second half. After the Spartans pulled to 60-56, the Bearcats scored five straight points and Michigan State never got closer than seven again. Herb Jones added 15 points and Corie Blount 14 for the Bearcats (27-4). Shawn Respect led Michigan State (22-8) with 27 points.

WEST

No. 4 UCLA 85, Louisville 69

At Tempe, Ariz., Tracy Murray and Gerald Madkins gave UCLA a big lift. Murray, who finished with 26 points and eight rebounds, scored 10 straight points in a 12-3 spurt that gave the Bruins a 23-10 lead midway through the first half. Madkins, who had 14 of his 16 in the second half, led a 9-2 run early in the second half after Louisville closed to 37-33. Don MacLean scored 23 points for UCLA (27-4) and became the leading scorer in Pac-10 history. James Brewer led Louisville (19-11) with 13 points.

New Mexico St. 81, SW Louisiana 73

William Benjamin's game-tying 3-pointer started a 9-0 run that carried New Mexico State to victory. The Aggies, the lowest seed (12th) in the final 16, made their last 16 free throws. After Benjamin's 3-pointer tied it at 65, Sam Crawford made two free throws to give New Mexico State a 67-65 lead with 2:50 remaining. Cliff Reed scored 21 points for the Aggies (25-7), who have won eight in a row. Todd Hill, Marcus Stokes and Michael Allen each had 15 points for the Ragin' Cajuns (21-11).

Coaches honor Ryan, Seaton

Pampa inside players Nikki Ryan and Amber Seaton have been named to the Coaches' All-District 1-4A girls' basketball team.

Ryan, a 5-10, post-wing, and Randall's Amanda Sandlin, were selected as co-MVPs of the district.

Ryan averaged 20.8 points a game and 10.2 rebounds a game for the Lady Harvesters, who finished second in district to Class 4A state champion Randall. She shot 52 percent from the floor and 70 percent from the foul line.

Seaton, a 6-2 post, averaged 17.6 points a game and 10.4 rebounds a game. She led the team in blocked shots with 49.

Both Ryan and Seaton were first-team picks.

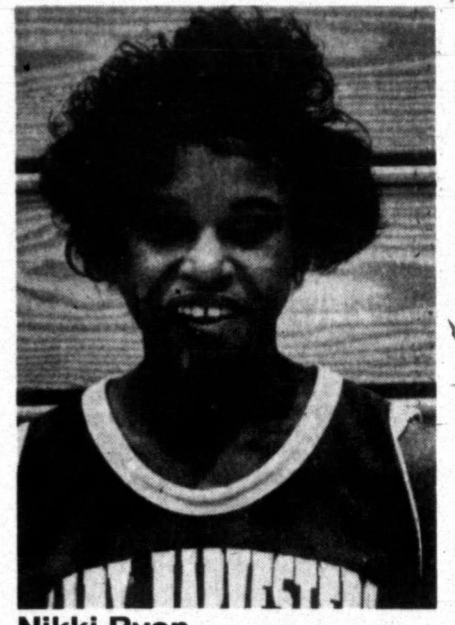
All-District 1-4A Team

First Team
Nikki Ryan, 5-10 sr., Pampa; Amber Seaton, 6-2 sr., Pampa; Amanda Sandlin, 5-8 sr., Randall; Sandy Parker, 5-9 jr., Randall; Melinda White, 5-10 sr., Borger.

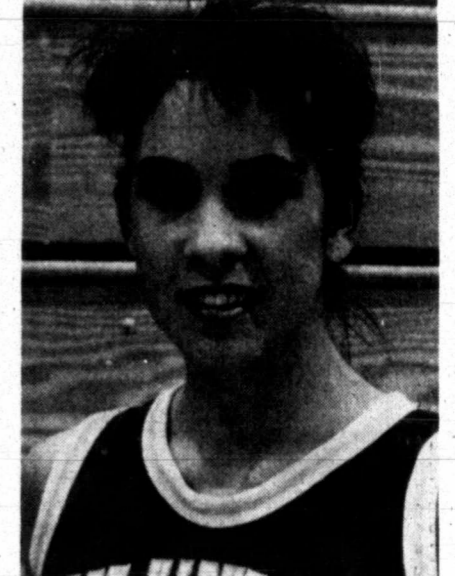
Second Team
Lisa Hodges, 5-9 jr., Caprock; Jennifer Bullard, 5-7 sr., Hereford; Angela Miller, 5-6 sr., Dumas; Corey Norman, 5-3 sr., Randall; Tandy Dunavin, 5-8 sr., Randall.

Most Valuable Player: Nikki Ryan, Pampa; Amanda Sandlin, Randall.

Coach of the Year: Jim Wilcoxson, Randall.



Nikki Ryan



Amber Seaton

PHS boys repeat golf tourney win

HEREFORD - For the second consecutive year, the Pampa boys' golf team won the Hereford Tournament, shooting a two-round total of 627 Friday and Saturday.

Hereford was second, six strokes behind the Harvesters.

"Hereford has a good team and they're tough on their own course. We were fortunate to be able to hold them off," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough.

Jay Earp had a two-day total of 154 to lead the Harvesters.

In the girls' division, Pampa shot a 714 to finish second behind defending state champion Andrews.

"I think history was made today (Saturday). The 343 we shot in the second round is the lowest round a Pampa girls' team has ever shot," McCullough said. "It's the first time we've ever had four girls shoot in the 80s."

Although Andrews won the tournament by 14 total strokes over Pampa, both teams shot 343 the second round.

"The kids were just tickled to death with tying Andrews the second round. They found out that they could play with Andrews, who will probably win state again," McCullough said.

District 1-4A play begins later this week with the girls' first

round set for 9 a.m. Thursday at Amarillo's Comanche Trail. The boys tee off at 9 a.m. Friday at the Pampa Country Club course.

Hereford Tournament

Boys Division

Team totals: 1. Pampa, 627; 2. Hereford, 633; 3. Tulia, 683; 4. Levelland, 689; 5. Randall, 690; 6. Randall junior varsity, 702; 7. Muleshoe, 703; 8. River Road, 710; 9. Frenship, 736; 10. Dumas, 740; 11. Dalhart, 756.

Medalist: 1. Chris Haney, Tulia, 74-73-147; 2. Jay Earp, Pampa, 80-74-154; 3. (tie) Jason Mines, Hereford, 77-78-155; Neal Ray Davis, Kelton, 80-75-155. (Mines won third-place playoff on first extra hole).

Pampa individual scores

Jay Earp, 80-74-154; Brandon Brashears, 77-79-156; Cory Stone, 74-82-156; Mark Largin, 79-82-161; Kyle Sparkman, 89-88-177.

Girls Division

Team totals: 1. Andrews, 700; 2. Pampa, 714; 3. Hereford, 721; 4. Borger, 737; 5. Hereford junior varsity, 787; 6. Tulia, 832; 7. Levelland, 843; 8. Dumas, 897; 9. Frenship, 954.

Pampa individual scores: Diana Pulse, 91-81-172; Amber Strawn, 90-86-176; Brandi Chase, 93-87-180; Leslie Bridges, 97-87-186; Angie Everett, 101-101-203.

Harvesters place at Elk City meet

ELK CITY, Okla. - Pampa defeated Elk City, 7-5, Saturday to take third place in the Elk City Baseball Tournament.

Brandon Walden picked up the mound win in a 7-inning stint. He pitched a 5-hitter while striking out three and walking three.

Offensively, Kurt West knocked in three runs with a pair of doubles to lead the Harvesters. Brad Smilie had a hit and RBI while Tarin Peet, Tony Cavalier, Greg Moore and Walden had one hit each.

In Friday's semifinals, the Harvesters faced Hammon, Okla., and lost a 2-1 squeaker to major league pitching prospect Ryan Minor.

Buddy Plunk pitched a four-hitter in a losing effort, while

striking out nine and walking three.

"Plunk pitched very well," Pampa coach Rod Porter said. "In fact, it was probably our best-pitched game of the season. Overall, it was a very well-played game."

Minor is projected to be selected in one of the top three rounds in June's amateur draft, Porter said.

"There was probably a half-dozen scouts in the stands," Porter added.

Pampa's only run came when Peet singled and scored on an RBI fielder's choice by West.

The Harvesters take on Tascosa at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo and travel to Liberal, Kan., Friday for a doubleheader against Scott, Kan.

Couples crunches competition at Nestle Invitational

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - No. 1 is nice, Fred Couples said, even if he doesn't believe it.

So are some of the other figures Couples has run up in recent weeks and months - numbers like \$2.362 million and 19 out of 23 and 1,2,2,1.

Nice, Couples said.

But number nine is much more interesting to the man who now sits at the peak of world golf. That's the number of career victories he will have when the steaking Couples wins his next tournament.

He isn't concerned with being the top-ranked pro golfer in the world. He isn't interested in making commercials or signing contracts or ratings or flying around the world for foreign guarantees.

"All I want to do is play the PGA Tour," Couples said Sunday after his runaway, nine-shot victory

in the Nestle Invitational made him the first American to lead the Sony world rankings since the system came into being six years ago.

"I'm not looking further ahead than my first tee shot in the Players Championship next Thursday," he said. "I'll play that shot and take it from there."

"I just want to go on and try to win some more golf tournaments."

"Two years ago, the way I was playing, I didn't know if I'd ever win another tournament. Now I'm looking ahead to number nine."

Considering the streak he is on - an exhibition of high-quality play over an extended period that has not been equaled in more than a decade - it could come as early as next weekend in the Players Championship at Ponte Vedra, Fla.

In the last four weeks, Couples has finished 1, 2, 2 and 1, with a

victory in Los Angeles, runner-up positions at Doral and the Honda Classic followed by the victory over Gene Sauers with a closing 70 and a 19-under-par 269 total on Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club.

"The best play I've had," Couples said.

But it is only the latest in a string that began in the 1991 U.S. Open, slightly more than nine months ago.

Since then, he has won five times around the world, collected \$2,362 million - including a leading \$704,412 this season - and has finished sixth or better in 19 of 23 starts.

Although Couples said he wasn't really aware of the numbers, the performance enabled him to replace Masters champion Ian Woosnam of Wales as the No. 1 player in the rating system that now

is recognized around the world.

He wasn't really concerned about that.

"Nice," he said. "Maybe I'm ranked No. 1, but I'm not the best player in the world," he said.

"Seve (Ballesteros), (Jose Maria) Olazabal, (Payne) Stewart, (Nick) Faldo, (Ian) Woosnam, they're all pretty good players," Couples said.

"Maybe the way I've played the last four weeks, maybe I'm the best on our tour right now. And if I keep on playing like this for a while, maybe I will be No. 3, or 2, or even 1."

"But not yet," he said, and paused a moment.

"That's not even what I'm shooting for," he said. "It's more important to me to win Arnold Palmer's tournament than to be No. 1 in the Sony rankings."

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Lifestyles



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This "Friendship Circle" was formed by Lefors Girl Scouts at the March 13 awards presentation.

Lefors Girl Scouts receive awards

Lefors Girl Scouts met Friday night for awards and a friendship circle.

Receiving awards during the evening were Angie Davenport, Alisha Mata, Terri Burris, Penny Summers, Dana Crutcher and Gwen Nolte of troop 19.

In Cadette troop 25, Shelly Davenport and Angie Turpen earned canoeing and citizenship interest patches, plus membership stars.

In Brownie troop 46, Amanda Daugherty, Evelyn Drinkard, Jonie Greenwell, Kerry Greenwell,

Megan Ward, Amanda Woodward, Kristen Wendt and Shawna Fugate earned stars and pins.

Junior Girl Scouts of troop 38 were awarded membership pins and calendar patches. They include Rebecca Drinkard, Lindsey Cox and Cindy Velasquez.

Hey, teens! Slow down while you can

DEAR READERS: The piece "Please God, I'm Only 17," which I first ran in this space several years ago, has been the most requested piece to rerun in the history of my column. High school and college newspaper editors continue to request permission to use it. With Easter vacation coming in about a month, perhaps parents of teenagers would like to clip this:



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

PLEASE GOD, I'M ONLY 17

The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus. But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive." When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off — going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard the deafening crash and felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My

body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything.

Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head! I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I'm supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he is my son."

The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my

hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please — somebody — wake me up! Get me out of here! I can't bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can hardly walk. My brothers and sisters are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze, everybody. No one can believe this. And I can't believe it, either.

Please don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. Please, God, I'm only 17!

We'll announce that I am happy to tell, dear readers, this piece inspired a CBS Schoolbreak Special (film), which will be aired tomorrow (Tuesday), March 24, 1992. Be sure to check your local listings for the time.

What teen-agers need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with their peers and parents is now in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Kids also need help with stress

By SALLY WILLIAMS COOK
For AP Special Features

NEW YORK (AP) — Most young children experience stress at one time or another. Common occurrences — such as a new baby or starting school — often trigger behavior that challenges even the most easygoing parents.

Lawrence Balter, a child psychologist and professor of applied psychology at New York University, has written a series of eight books aimed at helping children and parents cope with anxieties and stress.

This collection of "emotional growth books," illustrated by Roz Schanzer, is designed for parents to read to children 3 to 7 years of age. A letter to parents and teachers at the beginning of each story, and a section at the end for adults, is helpful for answering children's questions.

The series features: "Linda Saves the Day" (understanding fear); "The Wedding" (adjusting to a parent's remarriage); "A.J.'s Mom Gets a New Job" (adjusting to a two-career family); "What's the Matter with A.J.?" (understanding jealousy); "Alfred Goes to the Hospital" (understanding a medical emergency); "Sue Lee's New Neighborhood" (starting at a new home); "Sue-Lee Starts School" (adjusting to school); "A Funeral for Whiskers" (understanding death).

"I chose these topics because these are the areas that I see parents and children wrestling with the most," Balter said in an interview.

For example in "Linda Saves the Day," Balter deals with the age-old problem of irrational fears. Linda is afraid of all dogs. She refuses to go to her friend's birthday party. Why? Because the birthday boy owns a dog that will be there. Her sister calls her a "scaredy cat." Her mother is bewildered by Linda's behavior. "But because her mother eventually offers techniques for dealing with the problem, and after something unusual happens, Linda conquers her fear."

"Although most children go through fearful periods, many parents are threatened by their behavior," Balter says. "Some parents end up bulldozing right through the fear. In 'Linda Saves the Day,' I try to show that a gentler approach most often helps the child."

"A Funeral for Whiskers" poignantly describes a child's wide range of feelings when dealing with loss. "I'm trying to show parents how to see a problem or an issue through a child's eyes," Balter says. "Kids are very adaptable and are particularly so when we don't trivialize their concerns."

He says death is the subject that parents have the most difficulty discussing with their children. "Parents ask questions like 'should a child go to a funeral? Should we replace an animal that has died?'"

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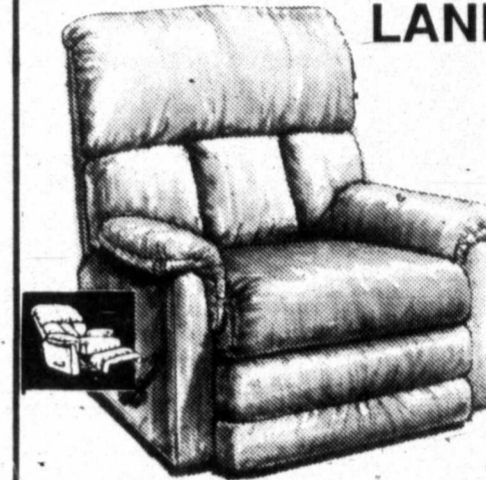
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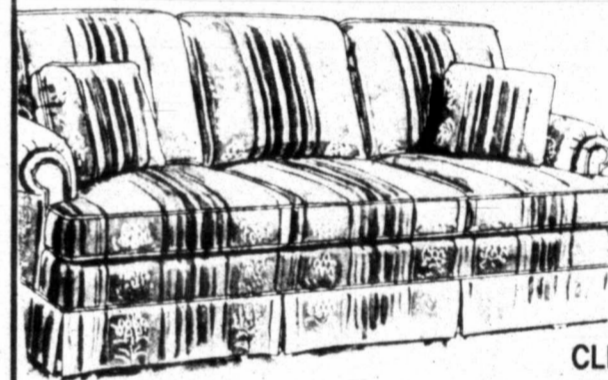
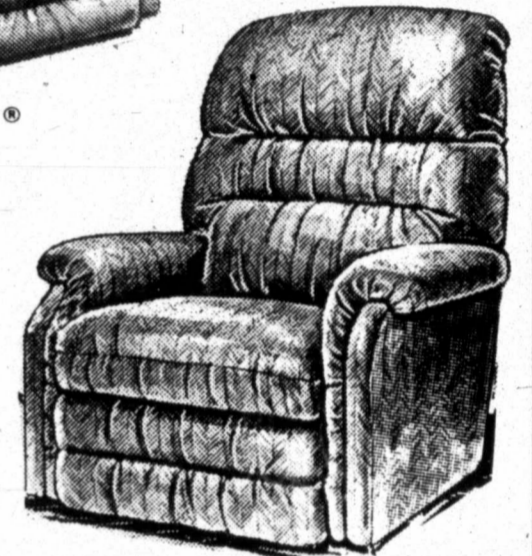


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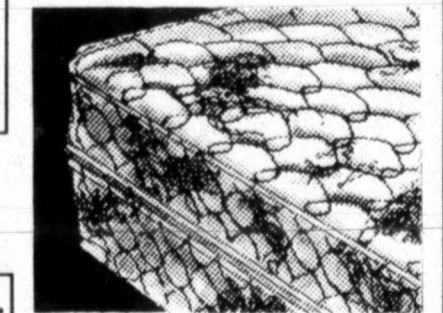
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Archeology Week set at museum

The Square House Museum is celebrating Texas Archeology Awareness Week, April 11-17.

On Saturday, April 11, a Red River War Battlefield tour is set for 10 a.m. The tour is a day-long tour of the most famous battlefield sites in the northern Panhandle associated with the Red River War of 1874. It will be led by Bob Izzard, author of "Texas Trails of the Red River War."

The tour will leave the Square House Museum, Panhandle, and the first stop is the Alibates National Monument for an overview of Panhandle prehistory by Ranger Ed Day. The route of the sites will include Adobe Walls, Buffalo Wallow, Fort Elliott at Old Mobeetie, and Baldwin's Battle at Lake McClellan. The tour will return to the museum by 5 p.m.

A tour bus will be provided, but participants may drive their own

vehicles with maps and itineraries provided. They should bring lunch which will be eaten at Adobe Walls.

An afternoon break is scheduled at the Roberts County Museum, Miami.

To make reservations, contact the Square House Museum at 537-3524.

On Sunday, April 12, prehistoric pottery making and firing by Alvin Lynn of Dumas will be demonstrated behind the museum. A special exhibit of Lynn's pottery, including examples of most of the prehistoric Panhandle types and the tools used to make them, will be displayed in the Freedom Hall Gallery, April 11-26.

"Posters of the Past" will on display in the Purvines Gallery, April 11 - May 31. The posters were created by Texas, 15 others states and three federal agencies. The subject matter is archeological awareness and historic preservation.

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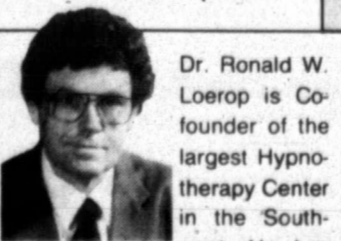
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Honor Roll

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District announces honor roll students for the fourth six weeks grading period.

Receiving all A's were - sixth grade - Melissa Anthony; third grade - Marci Babcock, Stephanie Blankenship; second grade - Chandler Bowers, Clay Ritter; first grade - Lauren Acker, Sara

Blankenship, Lance Ollinger, Tandi Quisenberry.

Receiving As and Bs were - sixth grade - Annie Carlisle, Adam Stephens; fifth grade - Heather Brantley, Bryant Smith; fourth grade - Chris Ollinger, Wade Ritter; third grade - Joel Quisenberry, Lori Stephens; second grade - Bryce Taylor; first grade - Cody Babcock.

Real estate course offered at Clarendon College

"Keeping current with Texas Real Estate" will be offered at Clarendon College in Clarendon, Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The course has been approved by the Texas Real Estate Commis-

sion for 15 hours of MCE Credit, 8 hours in legal topics. Enrollment is limited to 25. For more information contact Kelvin Sharp at Clarendon College (806) 874-3571; Charles Buzzard in Pampa at (806) 669-3248; or Joe Kyle Reeve in Pampa.