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School officials discuss consolidation

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School officials - including Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, Board President James Fruge and board members Jim Baker and Chris Perez - made their case for school consolidation Tuesday night, trying to convince residents that consolidation is the best option for the district.

They appeared at a meeting of the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens held at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, many times repeating information discussed at a school board public hearing in December.

In introducing Orr, the Rev. L.L. Patrick - an organizer of the meeting - told the audience to "keep in mind if our people are going to progress, change is necessary ... If the changes [proposed by the school district] are progressive changes, then perhaps we should accept them. If they are of a regressive nature, then we should refute them."

After the meeting concluded, Patrick said he felt the discussion was positive and that he didn't feel the changes being discussed were "regressive."

But LULAC President J.R. Moreno wasn't as convinced.

"I don't think we settled anything tonight because the school board doesn't have a plan yet. They need public input on this," he said.

Orr said following the meeting that he and the school officials were there to "seek input on the best way for providing schooling for the elementary population within the context of needing

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- Barbara Patrick.

fewer schools than we have."

He said that further public meetings would be held as the plan developed.

Patrick also read a letter to the editor published in Sunday's edition of *The Pampa News*. The letter, written by Donna Calcote, urged citizens to ask questions of the board.

Orr addressed the general concerns of the letter, discussing declining student population, the age of facilities and the declining tax base in the district. Discussion generally focused on the reasons the school was considering the action. Some audience members expressed their view school leaders are being hasty.

"Our population is still growing ... babies are being born every day ... [You should be] thinking long-term, not short-term," said Barbara Patrick.

Orr countered the plan being developed "can accurately forecast student enrollment. We're not going to limit to strictly the numbers we have enrolled, we'll leave a margin of growth. You don't limit yourself so there's no room for expansion."

At times, Orr and others were almost drowned out by the agitated comments of one audience member who felt parents' efforts

at one school were underappreciated.

Judy Johnson said a number of parents, including herself, had been involved in fund-raising activities at Wilson Elementary, and she didn't want to see that go to waste.

Orr reiterated that no decisions had been made regarding the future of any school.

Johnson accused the administrators of not having enough facts, asking repeatedly how many students on average were in the classrooms at Wilson.

Orr told her state law mandated 22 students per classroom, that the overall student/teacher ratio in Pampa schools was less than 15, and that in elementary schools that ratio was about 17.5 students per one teacher. He was unable to give precise numbers about Wilson in particular.

Orr and Fruge tried to steer the conversation to the community's opinions on how best to consolidate, but were frequently thwarted by some audience members' feelings that school closings were unnecessary.

"I wish we could be here to talk about the problem of overcrowding because Pampa is growing so fast," Fruge said.

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Low tonight in upper teens, high tomorrow in mid 20s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA - The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. in the board conference room at Carver Center.

Items on the agenda include consideration of the following:

- Bids for cafeteria tables, catalog supply and auditorium renovations.
- Pampa High School Algebra I IV waiver.
- Demolition of tax property structures.
- Campus fund raisers.
- District goals.
- Renewal of Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr's contract.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on the 1994-95 annual performance report.

Items in administrative reports include facilities consolidation, district strategic plan, directive abstinence education program, Texas Association of School Boards policy update and transportation five-year plan.

Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA - Texas Department of Health transferred operation of their Pampa clinic to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center on Oct. 1, 1995.

The clinic's office will remain at 600 W. Kentucky and many of the same health care staff have retained by Texas Tech.

AMARILLO (AP) - Police have warned the public about four bombings over a six-week period, with nobody hurt.

Officers are hoping the public will be able to provide clues to the crimes in southwest Amarillo.

A news release Tuesday said two of the bombings, involving homemade devices, occurred at houses. A third bombing involved a vehicle. The latest one was at a public library.

Each bomb damaged property. The crudely made devices were potentially deadly, according to investigators.

"If anyone sees an object that is suspicious in appearance or out of place, don't approach it," the news release said. "These bombs are capable of going off without any warning. Call the police."

Amarillo police provided no description of possible suspects or vehicles.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - No one was injured in an incident involving a TWA jet and a rear passenger door that came open.

Flight 199 landed safely Tuesday night at San Antonio International Airport, officials said.

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(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Victoria Davis argues that the success of the Pampa school district hinges on the teachers, not any particular school building. Davis was one of almost 60 audience members who attended a League of United Latin America Citizens meeting Tuesday night with school officials to discuss the proposed consolidation of elementary schools.

Panhandle Addictions Recovery Center to close its doors today

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Carson County Judge Jay R. Roselius today announced the closing of the Panhandle Addictions Recovery Center (PARC).

Reading from a prepared statement, Roselius said the facility, which suspended drug and alcohol treatment in August, would officially close its doors today.

The center's board of directors, consisting of the county judges from the 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle, voted during a meeting today to close the facility due to lack of state funding.

The facility, located in Amarillo, suspended operation of its alcohol and drug treatment programs Aug. 10 after the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) claimed an audit showed the center owed TCADA almost \$400,000.

"(PARC) officials realized this was ridiculous," said Roselius, "and have since that time worked with TCADA through the contracted auditing firm of Brown Graham and Company to resolve the discrepancy."

Roselius said that TCADA notified PARC on Jan. 4 that instead of about \$390,000, the Panhandle treatment center owed only \$10,107. Roselius said the commission did not offer any explanation of the difference in its findings, but it did pay PARC \$60,257 for services rendered, lifted the suspension and considers PARC in good standing with the state agency.

The Carson County judge said PARC would not be denied funding due to the issues related to the audit. Cuts in funding by the state, however, would

force the center to close.

"We are very sympathetic for those adults who in the future will not have a place to turn to in a time of need and to the communities who will feel the impact," Roselius said.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that the closing of the facility would impact Pampa and Gray County. He said that he would push for a similar type program to be instituted at a boot camp planned for the county to offer drug and alcohol counseling and treatment for youthful offenders.

"At least we would have it in place for juveniles," Peet said.

Wheeler County Judge Wendell Morgan, one of the founding judges of PARC in 1977, said he was disgusted with the cuts in state funding that led to the decision to close the facility.

"It's a hard matter to get people to realize that alcoholism and drug addiction is really a health problem," Morgan said. "Funding is hard to come by."

Morgan, Roselius, Peet and about a dozen other county judges at this morning's meeting indicated they expected more problems at the county level with regard to family violence and increased jail populations because there would be no place to send people for drug or alcohol treatment.

The closing of PARC leaves the Texas Panhandle without a public alcohol or drug treatment facility.

People seeking treatment will have to have good insurance policies or strong financial resources to obtain such treatment, Roselius said. The only centers left would be privately owned, run-for-profit, facilities.

Cookie sale time



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Junior Girl Scout Amber Asher, left, and Brownie Julie Scott prepare for the annual cookie drive which will raise funds for the local troop and Texas Plains Council. Julie is member of Troop 238 and Amber is a member of Troop 166. Girl Scouts and Brownies will be out selling the cookies beginning Friday at 4 p.m.

Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan dies

AUSTIN (AP) - Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, whose voice and unshakable faith in the Constitution inspired the nation during the Watergate impeachment hearings, died today. She was 59.

Ms. Jordan, the first black elected to Congress from the South since Reconstruction, died at 9:15 a.m. of pneumonia that was thought to be a complication of leukemia, said George Christian, former press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

She was not receiving treatment for the leukemia, which doctors believe she'd had for about 18 months, Christian said. She had been ill for several years with multiple sclerosis.

Gov. George W. Bush said with

Ms. Jordan's death, Texas has lost a powerful voice of conscience and integrity.

"Barbara Jordan was a champion of our freedom, constitution and laws," Bush said. "She achieved many firsts, and her life and success leave a legacy of opportunity for countless young Texans. She courageously battled multiple sclerosis, and while it crippled her body, she refused to allow it to conquer her spirit. She'll be missed, but remembered as a true champion of Texas."

Once considered a possible vice presidential candidate, Ms. Jordan left politics after three terms in the House, choosing to teach at the University of Texas. Shunning the limelight, she devoted her energies to stu-

dents, who fondly called her "BJ."

The daughter of a Baptist minister, Ms. Jordan became a state senator in 1966, becoming the first black to serve there. She was elected to Congress six years later.

Former Rep. Peter Rodino, then chairman of the Judiciary Committee, later recalled his first meeting with her. "She came in to see me, I'll never forget, opened her mouth, spoke a few words, and I remember thinking, 'This is a woman I certainly want on this committee.'"

It was during the committee's 1974 hearings on whether to impeach President Nixon that Ms. Jordan won a national reputation.

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Services tomorrow

GLAZENER, Esther M. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canyon.
HINES, Keith Eugene "Tug" - 1 p.m., First Christian Church, Canyon.
TAYLOR, Jewel - 3 p.m., First Baptist Church chapel, Shamrock.
WHITTEN, Lillian E. - 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

SAMUEL EUGENE 'GENE' BEAVERS
 CANYON - Samuel Eugene "Gene" Beavers, 82, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Brooks Chapel with the Rev. Billy Nickell, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.
 Mr. Beavers married Bessie Lee Lerman in 1934; she died in 1989. He had been a Canyon resident since 1967. He was a cowboy and a rancher. He retired from Randall County Feedlot in 1983. He was a Baptist and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.
 Survivors include two daughters, Sue Washman of Camenton, Mo., and Peggy Freeman of Amarillo; two sons, Kenneth Beavers of Houston and David Beavers of Athens; two sisters, Eula Mae Taylor of Plainview and Virgie Biddy of San Angelo; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

DR. JAMES L. CHASE JR.
 Dr. James L. Chase Jr., 77, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Dr. Chase was born July 22, 1918, in Lubbock. He moved to Pampa after World War II. He was an alumnus of Texas Tech University and graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. He practiced optometry in Pampa for about 40 years. He married Dorothy Burton on June 25, 1944, in Long Beach, Calif. He was a past president of the Pampa Rotary Club, where he received the Paul Harris Fellowship award. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II; he was a lieutenant commander and fighter pilot stationed in the South Pacific on the USS Wasp. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home; two daughters, Linda Lee of Oswego, Kan., and Carol Pessara of Malibu, Calif.; and a grandson, E.J. Pessara of Malibu, Calif.
 The family requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center or the Hospice of the Panhandle.

ELWOOD W. CONNELL
 LEFORS - Elwood W. Connell, 74, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996, at McLean. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church at Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Connell was born July 24, 1921, at McLean. He married Geraldine Bryant on June 1, 1942, at Sayre, Okla. He had been a Lefors resident for over 40 years. He retired from Phillips Petroleum in 1985 after 43 years of service. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors.
 Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, of the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Malcolm and Ruth Connell and Carl N. Connell, all of Lefors; three grandsons, Mark W. Connell and Ryan Whitehead, both of White Deer, and Eric Connell of Lefors; a granddaughter, Tess Morris of Checotah, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

KEITH EUGENE 'TUG' HINES
 CANYON - Keith Eugene "Tug" Hines, 82, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Paul Land, pastor, and Dr. Joe Findley, retired Christian minister, officiating. Masonic graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Waynoka Cemetery at Waynoka, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Holley Funeral Home.
 Mr. Hines was born at Mooreland, Okla. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class at Mooreland. He married Janney Bee Meier in 1940 at Waynoka. He served an apprenticeship at Santa Fe Railway at Canadian before transferring to Canyon where he served as a telegraph operator and station master for 43 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Canyon Garden Club. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 105.
 Survivors include his wife, Janney; a daughter, Dr. Sondra King of De Kalb, Ill.; two sons, Stephen C. Hines of Tijeras, N.M., and Mike E. Hines of Round Rock; a brother Tib Hines of Grand Junction, Colo.; and nine grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church Building Fund.
 The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today in the Holley Funeral Home at Canyon and from 3-4 p.m. Friday in the Marshall Funeral Home at Waynoka.

TRAVIS McCUISTION
 AMARILLO - Travis McCuiston, 83, a former Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Dreamland Cemetery, south of Canyon, with the Rev. Robert Field, chaplain at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.
 Mr. McCuiston was born in Childress County. He moved to Amarillo in 1937 from Shamrock. He married Ada Cleo Bruner in 1935 at Sayre, Okla. He was a welder for Union Hall. He was a veteran, serving in the Navy during World War II.
 Survivors include his wife, Cleo; a daughter, Julia Anne McGowen of Canyon; two sons, Richard D. McCuiston of Littleton, Colo., and J.W. McCuiston of Canyon; two sisters, Fern Hatfield of Clute and Lula Beatrice Crow of Houston; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

JEWEL TAYLOR
 BASTROP - Jewel Taylor, 81, mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Marrs-Jones-Newby Funeral Home at Bastrop. Other services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of the First Baptist Church at Shamrock, followed by burial in Dozier Cemetery near Shamrock.
 Mrs. Taylor was born Jan. 31, 1914, at Ladonia, Texas, to William and Maggie Cates. She was a dedicated homemaker who nurtured husband, children and grandchildren.
 Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Ross Alvin Taylor, of Bastrop; two daughters, Meritta Taylor Owens of Bastrop and Carolee Taylor Murray of Brenham; two sons, Eugene Taylor of Pampa and Thurman Taylor of Bastrop; two sisters, Ruby Massey and Lottie Sutton, both of Shamrock; 12 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

LILLIAN E. WHITTEN
 Lillian E. Whitten, 90, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at McLean. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Whitten was born Sept. 12, 1905, at Cameron, Texas. She married A.B. Whitten on Jan. 31, 1926, at Greenville; he died in 1967. She moved to Pampa from Greenville in 1934. The couple owned and operated Whitten Office Supply for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Friendship Sunday School Class. She was also a member and past worthy matron of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.
 She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marion Gooch, in 1986; and by a granddaughter, Becky Fewell, 1991.
 Survivors include a son, George Whitten of Pampa; a twin sister, Julia Young of Victorville, Calif.; three granddaughters, Kim Davis and Julia Wood, both of Pampa, and Marilyn Fields of Sayre, Okla.; three grandsons, Bart Gooch and Clyde Whitten, both of Pampa, and Alan Whitten of Wylie; and 10 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church or to the Hospice of the Panhandle.

Calendar of events

PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 Panhandle Archeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in the Centennial Room of Boatmen's First National Bank, Amarillo. The program is by Dr. Chris Lintz and will include a slide show. Lintz will discuss several Panhandle aspect sites which date ca. A.D. 1300. The public is invited. Visitors should enter from the parking building at east Eighth and Fillmore. The Centennial Room is on the lower level, north from the elevator.

LAKE McCLELLAN IMPROVEMENT INC.
 Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. will have its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, for election of directors and officers for 1996 in the Gray County Courthouse second floor courtroom. Guests are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis at 669-7290.

Accidents
 Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, Jan. 15
 7 p.m. - A 1992 Ford pickup driven by Philip E. Pendleton, 50, Shamrock, was in collision with a 1976 Ford pickup driven by Christian R. Lockridge, 36, Pampa, at the intersection of North Hobart and West 21st. Pendleton was cited for failure to yield right of way, expired Texas tags and having no proof of liability insurance.

Sheriff's Office
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, Jan. 16
 Kristi Gayle Maddox, 19, 604 Lefors, was arrested on violation of probation.
 Rhosten Odell Young, 21, 1057 Huff Rd., was arrested on violation of probation.

Fires
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, Jan. 16
 2:58 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 2545 Perryton Parkway on a medical assist.

Correction
 Robert Olan Eastham lives at 616 N. Zimmers, not at 2531 Christine as listed in Tuesday's accident report.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4 71
Milo	5 78
Corn	6 30

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

Nowsec	13 3/8	NC
Occidental	20 7/8	up 1/8

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

Magellan	83 81
Puritan	16 91

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

Amoco	69 3/4	up 1/4
Arco	112 3/4	up 3/8
Cabot	56 3/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	13 3/4	NC
Chevron	53 3/4	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	74 3/4	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	55 3/8	up 5/8
Diamond Sham	26 1/2	up 1/8
Enron	36 5/8	dn 1/8
Halliburton	47	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	36 3/4	up 1/8
KNE	27 1/8	dn 3/4
Kerr-McGee	62	NC
Limited	15 1/2	NC
Mapco	55	up 1/2
McDonald's	45 1/2	up 7/8
Mobil	111 3/8	up 1 3/8
New Amos	22 5/8	dn 1/4
Parker & Parsley	19 3/4	NC
Penny's	44 7/8	dn 1 1/8
Phillips	32 1/2	up 1/8
SLB	67	up 1/8
SPS	33 1/8	NC
Tenneco	48 1/8	dn 1/4
Texaco	76 3/4	up 1/2
Wal-Mart	20 1/4	dn 2 1/4
New York Gold	397.00	
Silver	5.40	
West Texas Crude	18.16	

Jordan

"The gentle lady from Texas," as Rodino called her, stirred television audiences across the country when she declared: "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total."
 She went on to give a stirring keynote address at the 1976 Democratic National Convention, which nominated Jimmy Carter. And she repeated her keynote role in 1992, challenging delegates and the nation:
 "We need to change the decay-

ing inner cities from decay to places where hope lives. As we undergo that change, we must be prepared to answer Rodney King's haunting question 'Can we all get along?' I say we answer that question with a resounding yes." King was the black motorist whose videotaped beating led to the 1992 Los Angeles riots.
 She also warned her party: "We must frankly acknowledge our complicity in the creation of the unconscionable budget deficit."
 At the time of her death, Ms.

Jordan was chairwoman of the independent U.S. commission on Immigration Reform. In 1994 the commission recommended cutting off all federally financed benefits to illegal immigrants except for emergency health care, childhood immunizations and school lunches. It also recommended strengthening the employer sanctions and creating a controversial national computer registry of legal workers.
 Despite the reputation she earned for oratory, in recent years she had devoted herself to her students.

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School

He told the audience that salaries and health benefits for school employees have pushed the district's expenses up a half million dollars per year over the last several years.
 Frugé also said that the district's tax rate is approaching the state's ceiling.
 "Our responsibility as a board is to look farther down the road. We'll make some hard decisions, but the school board has to make those decisions. That's what we

were elected to do," he continued.
 Most of what Orr and Frugé told the audience had been discussed at a public hearing called by the school board Dec. 19.
 Some audience members who spoke did agree that consolidation was necessary and could do the town some good.
 Bettie Dacus said the idea of clustering grades into different schools - a popular idea at the December hearing - could help bring the community together. A number of people in the audience seemed to agree with her state-

ment, though Daniel Silva argued for maintaining the neighborhood schools so siblings could attend elementary classes at the same building.
 Other residents disagreed with those arguing to keep any one school open.
 "It's not the buildings, it's the teachers" that make the district successful, argued Victoria Davis.
 Privately, some school officials conceded that one person's domination of the discussion was upsetting, but overall the officials felt the meeting was positive.

Panhandle Archeological Society to meet Friday

AMARILLO - The Panhandle Archeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in the Centennial Room of Boatmen's First National Bank, Amarillo.
 Dr. Chris Lintz will discuss several Panhandle aspect sites surveyed by the NORPAN society in the 1960s. Some of the sites which lie along the Canadian River are now under

water. The sites date from AD 1300.
 NORPAN was the forerunner of the Panhandle Archeological Society.
 Lintz attended Arizona State University and earned his bachelor of arts degree in anthropology in 1970. He received his doctor of philosophy in anthropology from the University of

Oklahoma in 1984.
 Lintz has been program director since 1986 for TRC Mariah Associates Inc., Austin.
 The society invites the public to attend the free meeting.
 Visitors should enter from the parking building at East Eighth and Fillmore. The Centennial Room is on the lower level, north from the elevator.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 16
 Graffiti was spray-painted under the bridge at Mary Ellen and Georgia between Jan. 8 and Tuesday. "BDK" was written. Estimated damage is \$30.
 Cpl. Donnie Brown reported a 16-year-old boy carrying a club and knife in the 1200 block of West Somerville at 10:39 a.m. Tuesday.
 A 15-year-old boy reported assault with injury on a school bus in the 1800 block of North Hobart. It occurred between 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. He received a blow to the left forehead.
 Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday.
 "BDK" was spray-painted on the Pioneer Cottage, 630 N. Starkweather. It occurred between Monday and 2 p.m. Tuesday.
 A passenger door and driver's fender were damaged on a 1989 Ford pickup in the 600 block of Magnolia. It occurred between 11 p.m. Sunday and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Damage is estimated at \$500.
 Theft of \$800 cash was reported in the 1200 block of Garland.
 Forgery was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N.

Hobart, the week of Jan. 8.
 Theft of \$2,200 was reported in the 800 block of South Faulkner.
 Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North West on Tuesday.
 Domestic violence - intimidation was reported by a 21-year-old woman in the 600 block of Roberta at 8:54 p.m. Tuesday.
 Theft of an antique lawn mower valued at \$250 was reported in the 2100 block of Tuesday.
 Assault was reported by a 31-year-old man in the 600 block of West Foster at 9 p.m. Tuesday. He suffered a bruise to the left side of his neck.
 A baked potato was reported rubbed on a 1990 Pontiac in the 100 block of East Randy Matson Avenue.
Arrests
TUESDAY, Jan. 16
 Dwayne Gordon Hickman, 28, 525 N. Sumner, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
 Jamie Paul Nickell, 1207 S. Finley, was arrested at 218 N. Russell on three warrants. He was released on bond.
 Jacob Andrew Pena, 18, Elk City, Okla., was arrested on a charge of having no seat belt. He worked off the fine and was released.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, Jan. 16
 12:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 2:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway on a trauma/medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 7:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

cloudy during the evening. Decreasing cloudiness late. Lows in upper 50s coast to low 50s inland. Thursday, sunny. Highs in upper 50s coast to low 60s inland.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, clearing and colder with diminishing wind. Lows from near 2 to mid 20s mountains and north with mid 20s to 30s lower elevations south. Thursday, mostly sunny. Colder north and cooler south. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and north with mid 40s to mid 50s lower elevations south.
 Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Precipitation may end as light snow. Lows from near 20 northwest to near 40 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy and colder. Highs from mid 20s northwest to near 40 southeast.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Cloudy tonight with a windy change to colder weather. A low near 18 with gusty north winds to 30 mph. Flurries are possible. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness, windy and cold. A high near 25 with gusty northeast winds 10-20 mph, subsiding late. Tuesday's high was 67; the overnight low was 40.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, windy. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow north and a few flurries south. Turning much colder with lows from 10 to 20. Thursday, decreasing clouds. Windy and cold with highs in mid 20s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and turning colder. Lows 20-25. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 35-40.
 North Texas - Tonight, windy.

Some blowing dust possible west this evening. A chance of thunderstorms central, thunderstorms likely east. Some storms possibly severe. Lows 32 northwest to 55 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy and colder. Highs 36 northwest to 58 southeast.
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clearing. Lows in low 30s Hill Country, 40s south central. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 40s Hill Country, 50s to near 60 south central. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms during the evening, some possibly severe. Decreasing cloudiness late. Lows in upper 50s coast, near 50 inland. Thursday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs in upper 50s coast, in upper 50s inland. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly

City briefs

ANTIQUÉ GRAND Piano for sale. Reasonable. 665-7481. Adv.
CALF FRIES, Moose Lodge, Thursday 18th, members and guests. Adv.
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Panhandle farmers, ranchers sue over property rights

AUSTIN (AP) — Panhandle farmers and ranchers who don't want huge hog farms as neighbors are mounting a court challenge to Texas' new private property rights law and to state rules governing hog farms, feedlots and large dairies.

"We were left with no choice but to go to court after the politicians and agribusiness lobbyists completely had their way in rendering landowners powerless to stop these huge hog operations from moving nearby," said Jeanne Gramstorff, a farmer who lives in Ochiltree County and spokeswoman for ACCORD Agriculture Inc.

ACCORD — formed to oppose large, concentrated hog-raising operations seeking to locate in members' Panhandle area — filed a lawsuit against the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission this month in state district court in Travis County.

A company cited in the lawsuit has

submitted four applications for a swine production business in Ochiltree County and anticipates producing 540,000 swine a year when fully operational within five years. One of its applications has been approved so far.

TNRCC spokesman Patrick Crimmins defended the agency's rules, saying they were meant to streamline the regulatory process and conform state requirements to federal procedures.

Sen. Teel Bivins, sponsor of the 1995 property rights law, said he believed it would withstand ACCORD's constitutional challenge.

"We spent a good deal of time looking at the Texas and U.S. constitutions in our deliberations before writing the bill, and I believe it rests on a firm constitutional footing," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

The Panhandle group contends:

— The property rights law, which

gives landowners power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property, is unconstitutional.

The lawsuit says the TNRCC interprets the law to protect only people who apply for permits to conduct an activity on their land to bring action, not adjacent landowners who might be adversely affected. It says this violates the state constitution's guarantee of open and equal access to the courts.

— Another state law unconstitutionally shields large hog farms and other so-called concentrated animal feeding operations from lawsuits that they are a nuisance and to recover damages.

— TNRCC regulations governing the concentrated animal feeding operations violate due process rights of rural residents and landowners by denying them the right to contested case hearings before impartial judges.

The lawsuit says under the rules, only the permit applicant can request a contested hearing.

It says that previous rules allowed adjacent landowners to challenge applicants' ability to comply with state regulations, and that many challenges were successful.

"The state essentially stripped rural landowners of their rights to protect their land from the pollution and severe nuisance conditions that typically occur when a large dairy, hog farm or cattle feedlot moves next door," said Stuart Henry, an Austin lawyer representing ACCORD, which stands for Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development.

The lawsuit also contends that the process by which the TNRCC developed the rules, approved last summer, was "industry dominated and secretive."

Crimmins, the TNRCC spokesman, said, "We would disagree strongly with that. The Administrative Procedure Act was followed to the letter. Everyone had notice. Everyone had input. We got a lot of public comment on the rules."

He said the rules would protect the environment.

Under the process being challenged, Crimmins said, the TNRCC's executive director reviews each application for an operation.

If an application meets the requirements set forth in agency rules, the executive director gives the applicant authorization to proceed.

Besides meeting technical requirements, Crimmins said, the applicant must publish notice in the local daily newspaper and make the application available to the public. There also is a period for public comment.

State briefs

Whooping crane takes up with another mate

AUSTWELL (AP) — Whooping cranes are known for mating for life, so go figure. Officials at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge say a certain male whooping crane seen in past years with a particular female is keeping company with another female this year.

The former "wife" hasn't flown the coop, however. She has hung around a few hundred yards away, occasionally trying to approach her old man — only to be chased away by the other woman, said Ted Appell, owner and operator of Captain Ted's Whooping Crane Tours in Fulton, south of the refuge.

The breakup is unusual for the endangered whooping crane population, Brent Giezantanner, manager of the refuge, told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

"For the most part, they're a lot more faithful than humans," Giezantanner said.

Accused drug lord's citizenship in question

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities say accused drug lord Juan Garcia Abrego is a U.S. citizen, but Texas authorities say the certificate showing his birth in a Texas border town was voided in 1993 as fraudulent. He was actually born in Matamoros, Mexico, other sources say.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported today that federal authorities are taking the position that it really doesn't matter on which side of the Rio Grande he was born.

State Department officials in Washington, D.C., told the newspaper that the problem, if there is one, is something Mexican authorities will have to resolve.

"We're on the receiving end," said one U.S. official, who asked not to be identified. "They threw us a pitch, and it was a big fat one, and we'll do what we can to prosecute."

Pizza Hut begins program to help find missing kids

DALLAS (AP) — A national program to publicize the faces of missing children via interactive kiosks in heavily trafficked areas like bus terminals and airports is getting under way in Dallas-Fort Worth.

"Bring 'Em Home By Pizza Hut" began in October with two kiosks in New York's La Guardia Airport and is expanding with 14 in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. Pizza Hut is underwriting the multimillion-dollar program, which is being run by the Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Arlington, Va., officials said.

Primary ballot drawing



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanski)

Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, left, and Don Copeland, right, draw numbers Monday to decide whose name will appear first on the Republican Party primary ballot for local elections. Tom Mechler, center, chairman of the Gray County Republican Party, holds the basket. Copeland, who is challenging Stubblefield for the sheriff's position, drew the number one spot on the ballot. In other drawings for primary ballot position, in the Constable Precinct 4 spot, the order will be Johnny Belt, Bill King, Frank Sparling and Doyle Lee. For the Constable Precinct 1 and 3 spot, the other will be James Lewis and David Livingston.

Gingrich's sister embarks on new mission

LOS ANGELES (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich's sister, Candace, is about to embark on a mission to rid Congress of anti-gay lawmakers in the next election.

As part of the nation's largest gay political lobby, the lesbian activist will tour the country this year to encourage people to vote for candidates who are sympathetic to homosexual issues and vote out those lawmakers who aren't.

Brother Newt is safe. But North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms and California Rep. Bob Dornan look out — Candace Gingrich wants both Republicans to get the boot.

"I think that Jesse Helms is an obvious target because he has so long been not just a foe of gay rights, but an active, persistent, obsessed foe of gay rights," Candace Gingrich said Tuesday in an interview.

And Dornan has been an outspoken critic of gays in the military.

Gingrich, 29, is preparing to hit the road soon to launch the voter mobilization project for the Human Rights Campaign, which will target more than 150 congress-

sional races in more than 40 states.

"I think the Congress that was voted into office in 1994 is largely unfriendly to gays as far as equal protection and not being committed to fighting against AIDS," she said. "So we need to make sure it doesn't happen again."

While Newt Gingrich has voiced his opposition to a federal anti-gay discrimination law and compared homosexuality to alcoholism, he's not on the list of targeted candidates. Part of the reason, Candace Gingrich says, is because the Georgia Republican has such a strong foothold in his district.

David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, said the group doesn't put Helms and the House speaker in the same category.

"While Newt hasn't been supportive of equal protection for gay people thus far, he has not taken every single opportunity and turned it into gay bashing, which Helms has," he said.

Helms has blamed gay men for perpetuating the AIDS epidemic through what he called "incredibly offensive and revolting conduct."

And he has called some federal AIDS programs "thinly veiled attempts to restructure values of American families in favor of the homosexual lifestyle."

Police say missing girl case classic sex offender's work

ARLINGTON (AP) — Police detectives reviewing dozens of leads in the 5-day-old disappearance of Amber Hagerman say the case has the signs of a sexual offender's work.

State prison officials are assisting police and FBI agents by searching records of recently released child sex offenders in North Texas, according to a published report.

Arlington Police Chief David Kunkle told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in today's editions that the Dallas Police Department has offered the services of its sex crimes division.

Amber's parents, Richard Hagerman and Donna Whitson, and a friend of Hagerman passed polygraph tests this week, according to the newspaper.

"The questions were, 'Did you kidnap your daughter, did you hire anyone to kidnap your daughter or were you in a conspiracy to kidnap your daughter?' " Hagerman told Dallas television station WFAA. "I said no, no, no, no."

The 9-year-old third-grader was last seen Saturday when a witness says he heard her scream and saw her struggle with a man who dragged her into his pickup.

The blue-eyed, brown-haired girl was riding her bicycle near an abandoned grocery store blocks from her grandparents' home when she was snatched.

Kunkle said that two highly publicized cases in 1993 in which children disappeared had

involved sexual offenders. Both Ashley Estell of Plano and Kim Nguyen of Garland were found dead.

Anderson told *The Dallas Morning News* that police were questioning former sex offenders and kidnappers in Amber's disappearance.

Mike Thompson, with whom the 45-year-old Hagerman has been living since his separation from Ms. Whitson, said police questioning was necessary to solve the case.

"We don't feel like we're being accused or picked on or anything," Thompson said. "I understand what they're doing, and Richard and Donna understand what they're doing. There's a lot of people out there who have killed their children. I'm like, 'give it to us so you can quit the investigation focusing here and get your interviews out there.' "

Law officers searched Thompson's home and black pickup truck, which was smaller than the vehicle described by the abduction's only witness.

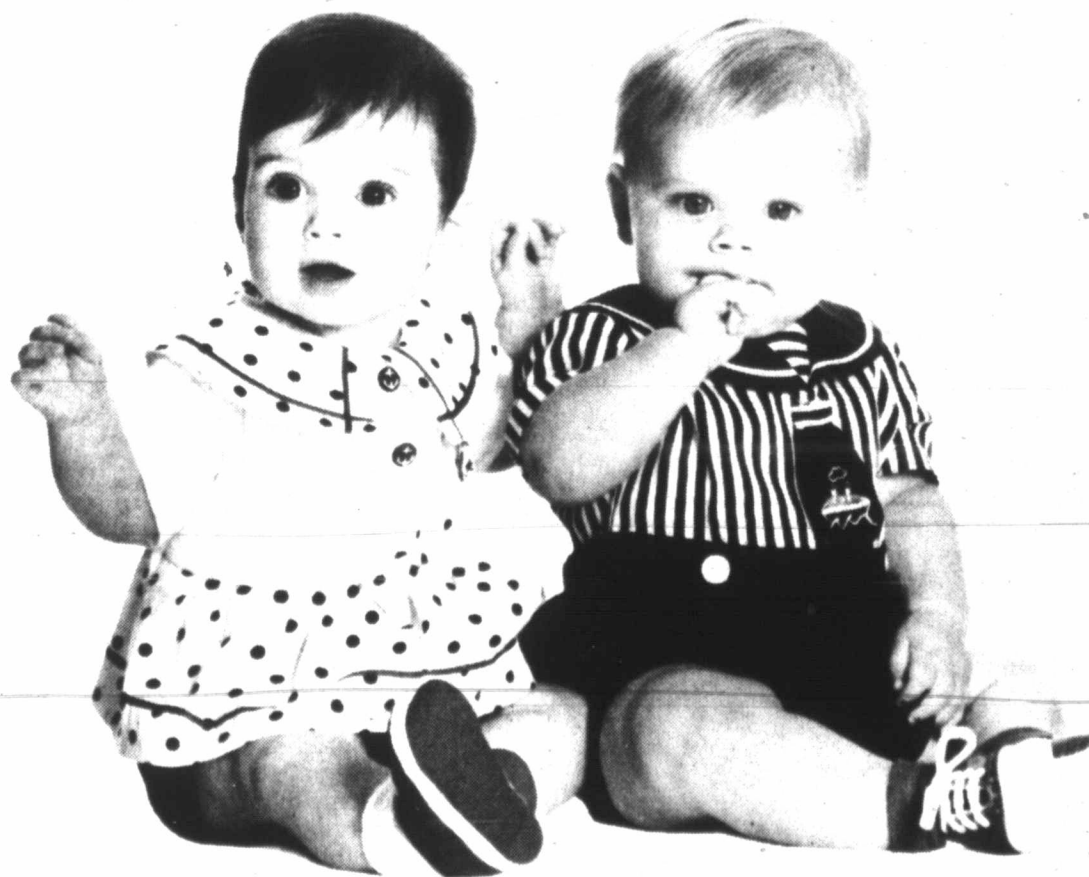
But Thompson has been at the family's side since Amber disappeared, with his vehicle parked outside their home, said Hagerman.

"He's a good friend, and he's got six kids of his own," he told the *Star-Telegram*.

Ms. Whitson told the TV station in an earlier interview that she had left an abusive relationship. But Hagerman said the couple only argued.

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Opinion

Twiddling thumbs on taxpayers' time

At first blush, the House Republican vote to end the federal government shutdown and give the budget-negotiating Clinton-Dole-Gingrich troika another 21 days to reach an agreement looks like a cave-in, and in some ways it is.

Truth to tell, the vast majority of citizens have not suffered for even a moment as a result of the government being partially closed, and some have probably benefited. Keeping it closed might be the best leverage on the administration, which has yet to fulfill the law President Clinton signed last November calling for a plan to balance the budget in seven years using Congressional Budget Office projections. And the longer the government stays closed without genuinely serious consequences, the better for liberty.

On the other hand, there are all those federal employees missing paychecks or parts of paychecks and being encouraged - nay, beseeched, begged, importuned - to whine on network television.

There are all those stories, however far-fetched or tortured, claiming to discover real tragedies as a result of the shutdown. And an increasing number of citizens - including many not swayed by breathless media coverage - wondering if anybody, Democrat or Republican, can run this railroad.

The House resolution will send the 280,000 federal employees who have been furloughed back to their offices with back pay - at least through Jan. 26. It will provide back pay to some 480,000 other workers in unfunded agencies - departments for which an appropriation has not yet been signed into law - who have been in their offices but not paid.

The resolution would not provide any other funding for agencies without an appropriation bill passed, however.

So workers in agencies whose budgets President Clinton vetoed in recent weeks would not be able to make long distance phone calls, pay contractors or begin programs. They would be paid, in effect, for showing up at their offices and twiddling their thumbs.

Hmmm. That might not be a bad approach on a more permanent basis. Just keep paying federal workers until they retire or move to some other job, but don't allow them to do anything. Then, when they leave, don't replace them.

It might not be paradise, but it would be a notable improvement over the current situation, where government workers are paid to harass the people and eat out their substance.

With federal workers complaining about bills and mortgages off the TV screens - and even, one might dare hope, a feature or two on eight-hour tax-paid gatherings around federal water coolers - will a budget agreement be more likely? Who knows?

Those workers were going to get back pay anyway. Giving it to them before a budget agreement might just clarify the primary responsibility of the Clinton administration - which has shown no sign of anything but resistance to a real balanced budget - for the impasse.

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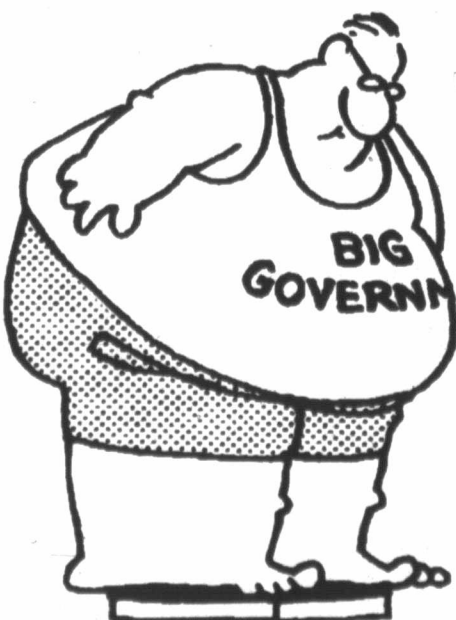
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IT IS NOT EASY — REDUCING THE RATE OF INCREASE.

How New York cut its crime rate

Whenever Republicans in Washington become dejected about their poor poll ratings, they take heart from the case of Gov. John Engler (R-Mich.), who pushed through equally controversial reforms on Michigan and who suffered even more grievous poll numbers at the start of his first term. In time, however, the wisdom of his course recommended itself to the voters, and he was resoundingly reelected four years later.

Can national Republicans hope for the same fate? Maybe. Part of the reason Engler and other trend-setting state level Republicans have done so well is that it is easier to make changes the voters actually feel at the local level.

Take crime. New York City's new Republican mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, can take pride in a quite unexpected phenomenon in the Big Apple: Serious crime is down substantially.

The overall murder rate is lower than at any time since the early 1970s. Robbery and burglary have declined to levels unseen since the 1960s. In fact, all major felonies have shown double-digit declines since Giuliani took office, a decrease such as New York has not seen since World War II.

It is difficult to overstate the importance of falling crime rates in a city like New York. Many sociologists have become convinced that crime, rather than resulting from poverty, actually causes it. Businesses are afraid to locate in inner cities and hire residents because the fear of robbery or murder keeps them away.

Crime also drives out the taxpaying middle class - contributing to the polarization of cities. If the middle class is frightened away, the only peo-



Mona Charen

ple who remain in large cities are the very poor, who have no other choice, and the very wealthy, who can afford to insulate themselves from crime behind security gates and armed guards.

How did New York do it? Even *The New York Times* is grudgingly acknowledging that the dropping of crime rates in New York is probably not due to long-term population trends - though we are, temporarily, in a demographic dip with smaller numbers of teenagers and young adults, the prime crime perpetrators. But demographic changes take years to show up in crime statistics, and when they do, their effects are gradual. The drop in New York's crime rate has been abrupt and dramatic enough to beg for other explanations.

They are not hard to find. Under the leadership of Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, New York's police force - and in a sense, New York itself - has changed its approach to all forms of deviancy. As Bratton told *The New York Times*, "We are showing that police can change behavior. We were probably the most permissive and toler-

ant city in America for social deviancy. Now we're one of the least tolerant cities when it comes to the abuse of public space."

For the past two years, police in New York have been dealing aggressively with so-called "quality of life" crimes like drunkenness, public urination and turnstile jumping in the subway. James Q. Wilson wrote at least a decade ago about the "broken window" phenomenon. If a broken window remains unrepaired in a building, the rest of the windows will soon be broken as well. The one unrepaired window showed that no one cared.

Quality-of-life crimes contributed to a feeling of lawlessness in New York, to a sense that no one, the police included, cared. Now that has changed.

The police have also arrested and pursued many more petty criminals and confiscated a great many illegal handguns. For this, they have been excoriated by self-described "civil libertarians," but the handgun murder rate is down 40%.

Some of this good news may be vitiated by the coming wave of 40 million teenagers in the next decade who are, in criminologist John Dilulio's phrase, "fatherless, Godless and jobless." But it does demonstrate just how readily the application of common sense - more aggressive police, tougher prison sentences, zero tolerance for petty lawlessness - can yield results.

What does all of this mean for national Republicans? It means: Remember where the rubber meets the road. Most people's lives are untouched by changes in Washington - except in one area: taxes. If government makes changes that people can actually feel, the governors will be rewarded.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 1996. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Jan. 17, 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

On this date: In 1562, French Protestants were recognized under the Edict of St. Germain.

In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of white businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

In 1917, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.



Health fascists are blowing smoke

The health fascists of the anti-smoking brigade were dealt another severe blow recently - so severe that the mainstream media, who can never get enough of stories about the adverse effects of tobacco, have decided to ignore it completely. That practically guarantees that what follows will be news to you.

First, let's review the bidding. The crusade to stop people from smoking cigarettes has been under way since the early 1960s, when successive surgeons general began linking smoking to lung cancer. In the past 20 years that correlation has become pretty firmly established, and a good many smokers have quit rather than run the increased risk of lung cancer.

But the number of smokers has recently seemed to bottom out at about 25% of the adult population, and it is now pretty clear that these people cannot be scared out of smoking. Perhaps they know that they have seven chances out of eight of dying of something else anyway, and the residual risk strikes them as a reasonable gamble, given the pleasure they derive from smoking. Or maybe they just don't share the apparent longing of so many of their fellow citizens to survive into their 90s as pitiful caricatures of the people they used to be.

Anyway, it became clear that the health fascists who get their moral highs out of condemning smokers would have to tighten the screws. The Environmental Protection Agency promptly obliged, publishing in 1993 a report that raised a brand-



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new issue: "passive smoking," or "environmental tobacco smoke" (ETS) - in other words, smoke involuntarily inhaled into the lungs of non-smokers. The EPA declared that the scientific evidence of tobacco smoke and its intake by non-smokers "is sufficient by itself to establish ETS as a known human lung carcinogen..." and estimated that it causes 3,000 deaths from lung cancer every year.

With that, the health fascists were off to the races again: Now they didn't need to beg smokers to consider the consequences for the smokers' sake; they could furiously demand that smoking be banned everywhere for their own sake.

But the story doesn't end there. For one thing, in the Cato Institute's publication *Regulation* (1995 Number 3) one can read Martha Perske's astonishing account of how an EPA "science advisory board" twisted the arms of the drafters of the

EPA report to make them beef up their conclusions and eliminate important qualifications.

For example, the draft's conclusion that ETS represents "an important source of toxic and carcinogenic indoor air contaminants." And the important qualification that "These estimates, however, are based on a number of assumptions that may not hold" (which appeared in two sections of the draft) was missing altogether in the report.

But worse was to come for the anti-smoking brigade. The Congressional Research Service, an independent research arm of Congress, spent two years studying the very same data on which the EPA relied, and recently issued a 70-page report on ETS. As *Investors Business Daily* editorialized, "It's hard to read the CRS report and not conclude that the EPA has badly misled the public on the health effects of environmental tobacco smoke."

Among the CRS's findings: • The "statistical evidence does not appear to support a conclusion that there are substantial health effects of passive smoking."

• "It is possible that very few or even no deaths can be attributed to ETS."

No wonder the mainstream media ignored the CRS report! It makes hash out of the whole "passive smoking" scam, and reveals the true motive of those who are peddling it: to feel morally superior to millions of their fellow citizens. The kind of cancer they have doesn't originate in the lungs.

Sure fire plan to ruin a school system

Don't know much about history. Don't know much biology. But, boy, do American school kids know about race. R.A.C.E.: It's our great national obsession, coming soon to a school near you, with the potential of destroying public education.

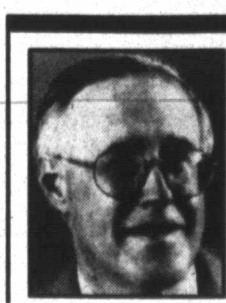
Note, I didn't just say "education." I said "public education." Racial charades is the game of preference only in the public schools. The privates work these things out the way normal people usually work things out - quietly, sensibly and with respect for the parties involved. The publics, being under the thumb mostly of judges and self-appointed "community activists," behave otherwise.

Example, please? Welcome to Dallas, where - what shall I call it? - the Racial Justice Community is working with vast and contemptible success to squash opportunities for gifted children.

How come? Because the local Talented and Gifted High School sticks in the craw of the Racial Justice Community. The TAG High School, designed for highly creative "special needs" children, was melded this fall into a super-magnet school designed and approved by a federal judge to promote desegregation.

The merger has not worked - except maybe in the purely racial sense. Three-fifths of the talented and gifted students are minorities. Wow! Pretty impressive! Right? Wrong.

Non-TAG students at the magnet school think or have had it suggested to them that they ought to think of TAG kids as supersnobs. TAG parents have complained forcibly about insults directed at their children by non-TAG students and about



William Murchison

attempts by the supermagnet school - of which they are a part to water down the curriculum and to sap the authority of the TAG principal.

A sympathetic school board voted to move TAG to its own building. White and Hispanic members voted aye, black members no. A black activist county commissioner and his myrmidons led protests, heckling the TAG supporters as "racists" and "elitists." In the end, the federal judge who still oversees the local desegregation program (24 years after busing began) said sorry, he wouldn't approve the move.

R.A.C.E.: This is shorthand for "Ruining America's Common Education." The TAG parents, unless matters improve dramatically, are likely to leave the public schools entirely or else start a charter school under a new Texas law that permits limited independence from state bureaucratic oversight. Of course, that doesn't mean the federal judge won't declare the law unconstitutional!

What have we got here? Three problems,

essentially, and all are painfully interrelated.

The first is rising disdain for academic achievement. Schools ain't for making people smart no more. They're for keeping troublemakers off the streets and passing out work certificates, aka diplomas.

The second problem is the struggle for racial power. If public schools no longer are expected to teach anything important, the Racial Justice Community can use them for patronage and power centers. The TAG parents in Dallas suspect the RJC wants to drive white students out of the public schools. Oddly, the reason white TAG students are there now is that they value cultural "diversity."

The third problem is the federal courts' continued meddling in public education - in the name of guaranteeing Racial Justice. When do we turn control of locally funded schools back to the people who fund them? Before the federal courts wreck them?

Recipe for destroying public education in America: Mix racial hostility with indifference to academic achievement. Season with federal court orders. Leave to simmer. In due course, wide-eyed RJC types and federal judges will wonder where all the serious students - white, black, brown, yellow - have gone. Would they really abandon the public schools to the gangs and the racial taunters and the federal courts? You bet they would.

You would, too. With the sadness but also the resolution of the dog owner who calls the sanitation department to haul away the corpse of his favorite pet, struck by a hit-and-run driver.

Housing starts have biggest gain in a year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing starts jumped 5.7 percent in November, the biggest gain in a year. But regional activity was mixed, with construction rising in the Midwest and South while falling in the Northeast and West.

The Commerce Department said this week that construction of new homes and apartments totaled 1.42 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in November, up from 1.34 million a month earlier when they fell 4.6 percent.

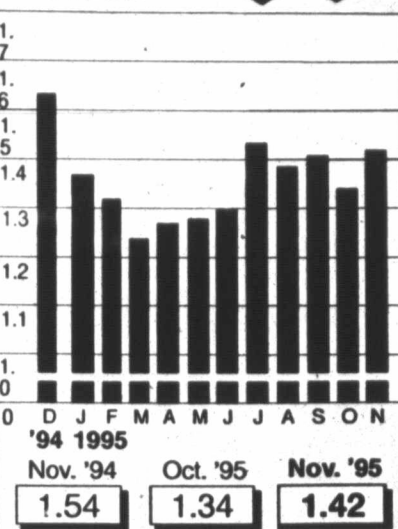
Many analysts had expected a much smaller increase in the latest report. Originally scheduled for release on Dec. 19, the report was postponed until Monday by the federal government shutdown.

The 5.7 percent gain was the largest increase since a 5.9 percent advance in November 1994. Starts in November were 7.6 percent below the 1.54 million rate a year earlier. For the first 11 months of 1995, they were 7.4 percent below the same period in 1994.

Housing activity had plummeted earlier in the year when 30-year mortgage rates jumped

Housing starts

Seasonally adjusted annual rate, millions of units



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

above 9 percent, with starts falling to a 1.24 million rate last March. But as rates fell, making housing more affordable, activity picked up.

Thirty-year, fixed-rate mort-

gages averaged 7.35 percent in November. The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest rate is \$699, while the payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805.

Many analysts expect housing activity to level off because of a slowing economy and growing debt burdens.

Applications for building permits rebounded 3.2 percent, to a 1.43 million annual rate, up from 1.38 million in October when they fell 1.5 percent.

Single-family starts, about 80 percent of new residential construction, were unchanged in November at 1.10 million. They had fallen 3.2 percent in October.

The often-volatile multifamily sector surged 32 percent to a 318,000 rate, from 241,000 in October when it fell 11.1 percent. Starts shot up 14.5 percent in the South, to a 685,000 rate, and 13 percent in the Midwest, to 313,000.

They plunged 22.9 percent in the Northeast, to 91,000, lowest since 89,000 in January 1994. They were off 5.4 percent in the West, to 331,000.

Lefors Elementary Honor Roll

LEFORS — Lefors Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1995-1996 school year.

First Grade A-Honor Roll
Jerad Andis, Amanda Hicks and Talaya McSwain.

A-B Honor Roll
Holly Rose, Andrew Soto and Alferd Wiles.

Second Grade A-Honor Roll
Matthew Daugherty, Lindsay Duckworth, Drake Jackson and Rachael Stubbs.

A-B Honor Roll

Kayla Andis, Megan Crutcher, Tylan Phillips, Jonelle Tinney and Kayla Wyant.

Third Grade A-Honor Roll
Nicholas Miller.

A-B Honor Roll
Brad Kent and Billy Shaw.

Fourth Grade A-Honor Roll
Katherine Barnes, Dennis Boyd, Jordan Criswell and Julie Davenport.

A-B Honor Roll
Paul Baxter, Andrew Klein, Sarai Sawyer, Savannah Smith and Jesse Soto.

Fifth Grade A-Honor Roll
Jennifer Andis, Amanda Daugherty, Mase Furgerson, Cory Jackson and Sarah Schwab.

A-B Honor Roll
Clint Culver, Brittney Gilbert, Josh Jackson, Laraine McGuffin, Mark Muray and Johnathan Tinney.

Sixth Grade A-Honor Roll
Caleb Barnes, Tara Criswell and Tommy Davenport.

A-B Honor Roll
Evelyn Drinkard, Andrew Johnson, Ray Turpen, Megan Ward and Amanda Woodard.

Grandparents urged to take greater role in schools; principals recruiting elderly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every Wednesday, 96-year-old Bert Wilbur grabs his brown cane and shuffles a half-mile to Morning Creek Elementary School in San Diego to help children learn to read.

He's there rain or shine, one of a growing number of elderly citizens that school principals are recruiting to volunteer in American schools.

"What I do is really very simple. I let them read, correct them when I think it's appropriate and help them sometimes with pronouncing words," said Wilbur, adding that one of his eight grandchildren attends the school.

Wilbur gets a gold star from the National Association of Elementary School Principals, which has produced a video to tell the nation's 57 million grandparents how they can help their grandchildren succeed in school.

The video was developed after research indicated that a rising number of children, especially in low-income neighborhoods, were being raised primarily by their grandparents.

The American Association of Retired Persons reports that in 1993 there were 723,000 grandparent-headed households with no parent present. There were more than 1 million children in these homes in 1993 — up 17 percent from 867,000 children in 1992, said Renee Woodworth, acting director of the AARP's Grandparent Information Center.

More than 10,000 grandparents have called the center in the 2 1/2 years it has been operating, she said. Among the reasons cited for raising grandchildren: Their own children are struggling with alcohol and drug addiction, are in prison or have neglected the kids.

"They're back in the school system, and going to PTA meetings," Woodworth said of the grandparents. The principals' association surveyed 3,000 of its 26,000 members about grandparents raising chil-

dren. Of the more than 450 who responded, 83 percent noted an increase in the custom.

"Five years ago at my school, no grandparents were baby sitting or raising children," said Susan Van Zant, principal of the Morning Creek school. "Now I have more than 20. And I know plenty of other principals who see this as a growing trend."

While only one in five principals who responded had set up outreach programs for custodial grandparents, an additional 50 percent said they wanted to pursue such efforts, according to the survey.

Round Valley Primary School in Springerville, Ariz., has a weekly support group for people raising grandchildren. Barratt Middle School in South Philadelphia is seeing many more custodial grandparents too.

Willard Model Elementary School in Norfolk, Va., has invited grandparents to two "chew and chat" sessions so far this school year. Principal Lillian Brinkley uses the coffee and doughnut breaks to get grandparents inside the school, where they can be recruited to tutor, read to children, share their life experiences and speak at assemblies.

"We have found it's a great resource," Brinkley said. "It's a sort of hidden treasure that has always been there."

Ninety-eight percent of the principals surveyed said grandparents' support of education can have an impact on a grandchild's success in school.

"Instead of asking, 'How was school?' the video suggests grandparents ask their grandchildren to describe their school day, or ask them about their favorite part.

Grandparents who live too far from the school are encouraged to schedule visits around a school play or concert and to express interest in their grandchildren's classwork through phone calls or letters. They also are urged to give their grandchildren such educational gifts as a globe, atlas or dictionary.

Saint Vincent's Honor Roll

St. Vincent de Paul School recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1995-1996 school year.

A Honor Roll
Nicole Bowers, Bliss Davis, Celine Engelmann, Jackie Gerber, Jay Gerber, Monica Johnson, Jamie Juan, Angela Mechelay, Taylor Meyer, Stephanie McVay, Samantha Pereira, Zed Richards, Brittany Tomaschik, Gregory Wariner,

Abby Weaver, Ashley Zimmer and Grant Zimmer.

A-B Honor Roll
Jordan Albracht, Sara Albracht, Wendy Arreola, Nick Burklow, Isabell Chavez, Noah Davis, Jordan Eakin, Kristin Ellis, Sebastian Engelmann, Jacquelyn Garrison, Rob Hutchison, Kaleigh Lucas, Tim McEwen, Natalie McVay, Megan O'Brien, Eddie Palma, Ben Ponce, Kirk Velasquez and Angela Watson.

O.J. forewoman airs her views

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the eyes of the O.J. Simpson jury forewoman, Mark Fuhrman was either a Ku Klux Klansman or a skinhead with hair. And she didn't believe a word he said.

Although she didn't like Fuhrman from the start, Armanda Cooley writes in the book *Madam Foreman* that the former detective's initial testimony "did not look good for O.J."

But as Fuhrman underwent cross-examination by defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, his demeanor changed, said Cooley, the juror who sat closest to the witness box.

"His breathing patterns shifted and, from where I was sitting, you could see him squirming," she wrote. "Fuhrman kept pushing his feet up against the back board of the stand. You could tell there was just a little anger building up in him. I'm thinking, 'This man is lying.'"

Jurors Carrie Bess and Marsha Rubin-Jackson collaborated with Cooley on the book, which comes out this week and highlights the importance Fuhrman played in Simpson's acquittal.

The book downplays the importance of the now-infamous glove demonstration, however, in which prosecutor Christopher Darden had Simpson try on the evidence gloves found at his estate and at the crime scene. The gloves appeared not to fit, but the jurors said they weren't convinced.

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Austin Elementary Honor Roll

Austin Elementary recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1995-1996 school year.

Second Grade A Honor Roll

Cooper Brazile, Chase Brewer, Justin Brown, Meagan Clark, Lauren Cook, Nakayla Courter, Seth Darnell, Derek Deschaine, Audrey Dunn, D.J. Elliott, Sarah Everson, Dak Fallon, Taylor Fatheree, Tyson Hickman, Clay Jones, Nikolas Julian, Whitney Karr, Eric Kingcade, Antonio Lucero, Jennifer Mackie, Cameron Musgrave, Junior Navarete and Britney Nelson.

Destinee Patton, Britany Reagans, Lindsey Rhoades, Adam Robertson, Lindzi Schaible, Bradley Smith, Brody Smith, Christopher Smith, Grant Stucki, Dustin Taylor, Weston Teichmann, Kari Terrell, Elizabeth Thomas and Kylie Winegeart.

A-B Honor Roll

Corbin Biehler, Katie Darling, Angela Hall, Andrea Hughes, Nicole Hutchison, Jarrett Kotara, Dustin Kuhn, Logan Langford, Natasha Miller, Chase Phillips, Kenneth Smith, Heather Wiley and Tyson Williams.

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Payton Baird, Patience Ball, Shea Brown, Kyle Cambem, Liz Cambell, Calli Carter, Rhinnon Casados, Tyler Doughty, Luke Dyer, Monica Eakin, Seth Foster,

Andrew Foster, Rebecca Gindorf, Emilea Greer, Clayton Hall, Aaron Hunt, Keeton Hutto, Kaysi Knight, Lynzy Leach, Lindsey Ledford and Dusty Lenderman.

Ryan Lewis, Heather Martin, Mark Murray, Ann Murtishaw, Royce O'Neal, Neil Packard, Lashonda Parks, Stacy Pepper, Tasha Powell, Jake Roberts, Matt Robertson, Anna Schafer, Autumn Schaub, Sarah Schwartz, Carissa Snelgrooves, Greg Steele, Dirk Swope, Matthew Velasquez, Meagan Wheeler and Shane Willett.

A-B Honor Roll

Nicole Adams, Alyssa Bromwell, Carrie Clay, Dustin Elliott, Lianne Nelson and Nicholas Velasquez.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll

Alan Arzola, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Nathan Bruce, Kelsey Caldwell, Jerrod Carruth, Bethany Casados, Michelle Cox, Andrew Curtis, Megan David, Clarke Hale, Jessica Hall, Anna Johnson and Jonathan Jones.

Tara Jordan, Kellen Ketchersid, Lauryn Langford, Derek Lewis, Cody Locknane, Michael Martinez, Lindsey Musgrave, Casey Reeves, Katie Shaffer, Aaron Simon, Jera Skinner, Elliot Smith, Mac Smith, Johnny Story and Britton White.

A-B Honor Roll

Courtney Adkins, Darrin Allen, Amanda Anderson, Christopher

Arnold, Shelby Patton, Lindsey Price, Dennis Taylor and Stephanie Willoughby.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

Grant Biehler, Amber Bowers, Abby Bradley, Tristan Brown, Luke Burton, Ross Buzzard, Abby Cavalier, Annie Chumbley, Stacie Clay, Trey Curtis, Michael Eskridge, Taryn Fallon, Benjamin Frogge, John Cody Hahn, Kelci Hendrick, Bonnie Holmes, Brad Justice, Tess Kingcade, Evan Ladd, Andrea Lee, Jordan Maxwell and Michael Mechler.

Lindsey Meyer, Matthew Murray, Jessica Nicolet, Vanessa Orr, Chris Owen, Cara Packard, Sarah Porter, Brent Raney, Matthew Robben, Jordan Roberts, Joshua Robertson, Max Simon, Teryn Stowers, A.J. Swope, Denecia Taylor, Kelly Tripplehorn, Valerie Velez, Lauren Walters, Mary Alice Warner, Ashley Willis and Erica Wittliff.

A-B Honor Roll

Ashley Abbe, Luke Bailey, Landon Baker, Brittany Brazile, Kaylie Brewer, Ben Campbell, Kandice Garrison, Price Hall, Lexi Hill, Rhett Lawrence, Brandy Ledford, Denise Mackie, Katy Newhouse, Garrett Rhine, Eric Scroggins, Megan Shannon, Jared Snelgrooves, Scotty Willett and Codi Wisdom.

Newsmakers

Piano students of Myrna Orr were presented in a recital at Tarpley's Recital Hall Dec. 17.

(2 p.m.) Recital solos include: Mindy Randall performing "Prelude No. 1 in C Major"; Megan Coutts performing "Sonatina"; Jennifer Fischer performing "Norwegian Concerto"; Tara Coffee performing "Hoe-Down"; Linda Schwab performing "Rustle of Spring"; Ashley Parker performing "Sing We Now of Christmas"; Leanne Dyson performing "All I Ask of You"; and Kristi Carter performing "Colors of the Wind".

Duets played include: "Jingle Bells" performed by Hope Coutts and Myrna Orr; and "Silent Night" performed by Ashley Parker and Orr.

Group piano duets include: "Deck the Halls" performed by Leanne Dyson, Alison Piersall, Jennifer Fischer, Andrea Abbe,

Kristi Carter, Kira Chumbley, Ashley Knipp and Mindy Randall; and "Greensleeves" performed by Kristi Carter, Mindy Randall, Jennifer Fischer, Megan Coutts, Ashley Knipp, Stacie Carter, Leanne Dyson and Andrea Abbe.

Additional performers include: Stacie Carter, Meredith Coutts, James Coffee, Abbey Parker, Blake Howell, Cathy Morse, Michelle Etchison, Krista Shults, Kelsie Wyatt, Hope Coutts and Carolyn Morse.

(3:15 p.m.) Recital solos include: K'Lee Ratzlaff performing "Wash-Day Boogie"; Kira Chumbley performing "If I Were a Rich Man"; Lindsay Cree performing "High Tide"; Ashley Knipp performing "The Spinning Song"; Janelle Powers performing "Beauty and The Beast"; Eric Scroggins performing "Angels We Heard Hear on High"; and

Bobby Walton performing "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas".

Duets played include: "Yankee Doodle Dandy" performed by Candy Noble and Orr; and "Deck the Halls" performed by Ashley Knipp and Orr.

Group piano numbers include: "Arrival of Santa Claus" performed by Jennifer Fischer, Ashley Knipp, Leanne Dyson, Alison Piersall, Andrea Abbe, Mindy Randall and Orr; and "Parade of the Toy Soldiers" performed by Leanne Dyson, Lindsay Cree, Ashley Knipp, Lacy Plunk, Jennifer Fischer, Kira Chumbley, Mindy Randall and Alison Piersall.

Additional performers include: Candy Noble, Krissa Galloway, Lacy Plunk, Kelly Smith, Ashley Willis, Alison Piersall, Michaela Scroggins, Alyson Orr, Andrea Abbe and Lee Carmichael.

Salary gaps

Working Woman magazine says women in 28 corporate fields earn 85 to 95 percent as much as men, and, in a few fields, earn more. Where the gender gap has shrunk, and where it remains:

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	Ngaira Cuneo Executive vice president, Conesco \$2.97 million	Nancy Pedot President and CEO, Gymboree \$2.72 million

*Public companies, 1994. Figures include salary, bonuses, stock options, etc.

AP/Bob Bianchini

Survey: Women earn 5 to 10 cents less on dollar than men

NEW YORK (AP) — You've come a long way baby. But when it comes to pay, you've still go a ways to go.

Women typically earn 5 to 15 cents less on the dollar than men in similar jobs, though in some cases their salaries are catching up to and even surpassing men's pay, *Working Woman* magazine reported.

In a survey, the magazine found the gender gap in pay narrowed significantly in 1995 in some jobs, such as computer analysts.

But it widened in others: Women bank tellers, brokers and other financial service representatives made 55 percent of what their male counterparts earned, down from 66 percent in 1994.

The survey, which used figures provided by professional associations, pay consultants, trade publications and the government's Bureau of Labor Statistics, looked at 28 fields for which salaries were available by gender. It found that women typically earned 85 cents to 95 cents per man's dollar.

Women may earn less because they are newer to the work force than men "and we're playing catch up in terms of on-the-job experience," the article's author, Diane Harris, said in a telephone interview.

"Having said that, that doesn't explain all of the gap. Clearly dis-

crimination plays some sort of role. We just don't know how much."

The survey found that pay inequities varied by industry and position. Women health managers at hospitals earned about \$30,212 to men's \$44,200, or 68 percent. That was a decrease from 1994, when women in those positions earned 79 percent of men's wages.

Women in other fields are earning more than their male co-workers. A woman chief financial officer at a university or college earned \$104,506, compared with her male counterpart's \$95,004, or about 10 percent more. But a woman chief executive at a university typically earned \$138,800, to a man's \$155,500, or 89 percent.

"The real problem is that women are clustered in lower paying jobs and they're not making it in large enough numbers into upper level positions," Harris said.

Susan Mazen, a travel agent at BSC Travel in New York, agreed that experience helps. "When you have the experience you can command the salary," she said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics determined that women earn 74 cents to a man's dollar. But Harris said that's because the bureau does not compare like jobs.

Nation briefs

14-year-old boy kills friend's family, himself

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — On many days when Terry Watts came home from work, his children ran to greet him and his wife came out for a kiss. On Monday, the house was silent.

Stepping inside, Watts found his 9-year-old daughter, Tara, bleeding from a gunshot wound in the living room and his wife, Patsy, dead in the bathroom. His son, Nicholas, and a friend, Keith Flaig, both 14, were dead in the basement.

Tara remained in a coma, in critical condition and possibly suffering from brain damage caused by a loss of blood.

Police believe that Flaig, who was sleeping over, grabbed a hunting knife and slit the other boy's throat as they played a combat-type video game called "Hell" in a basement bedroom.

Flaig then took a 20-gauge shotgun upstairs and shot Tara in the shoulder as she played a computer game; next, he shot Mrs. Watts in the face as she got ready to go to her job at a nursing home, police said.

Finally, Flaig went back downstairs and shot his friend once in the stomach before putting the gun in his own mouth and fatally shooting himself, police Lt. C.W. Jensen said.

Delaware prepares for first hanging in 50 years

DOVER, Del. (AP) — It's been so long since Delaware has hanged anybody that prison officials had to travel out West just to see how it's done.

If Billy Bailey goes to the gallows next week as scheduled for the 1979 shotgun slayings of an elderly couple, he will be the first person hanged by Delaware in 50 years.

The state changed its method of execution to injection in 1986 and allowed anyone sentenced to die before then to choose between the two methods.

Bailey, who is scheduled to die Jan. 25, would be the third person hanged in the United States since 1965, when Kansas hanged four men. The last two hangings were in Washington state in 1993 and 1994.

Last week, four corrections officials went to Washington to bone up on how to do it.

Bailey, 49, was sentenced to hang after being convicted in 1980. When he first faced the gallows nine years ago, he told authorities brashly, "I just hope they buy a strong enough rope."



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HOMELAND

State agency says female Ranger's complaint without merit

AUSTIN (AP) — One of the Texas Rangers' first two women members has lost another round in her harassment and discrimination case against the crime-fighting organization, The Associated Press has learned.

An independent state agency's confidential ruling found no evidence that the Rangers sexually harassed Cheryl Steadman.

"I was very, very disappointed," Ms. Steadman said Tuesday. "But I was not surprised."

The Texas Commission on Human Rights' ruling was disclosed in a one-page letter to Ms. Steadman, now a Department of Public Safety sergeant stationed in Houston.

"Examination of the evidence indicates that there is no reasonable cause to believe that there is a violation" of state law, the letter said.

Ms. Steadman and her Houston attorney, Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler, confirmed the findings.

William Hale, the commission's executive direc-

tor, did not return telephone calls from the AP.

Ms. Steadman, 35, said it appeared the commission did little more than accept the conclusions of DPS internal affairs officers who investigated her 1994 complaints.

Her attorney said filing a human rights complaint generally is designed to avoid litigation.

If the commission finds in a complainant's favor, it can attempt to mediate between the parties or even bring its own civil action, Ms. Mladenka-Fowler said.

She has asked the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to review the human rights commission's handling of the case.

"I am disturbed by the conduct of the commission in this matter," Ms. Mladenka-Fowler said, "as well as by the impact of the negative finding regarding my client's Human Rights Act claims."

A complaint filed by Sgt. Lisa Sheppard of Corpus Christi, a DPS criminal intelligence

investigator who rejected a Ranger commission in 1994, is still pending before the commission.

Ms. Sheppard had accused Capt. Maurice Cook, the Ranger chief, of a "calculated" act of sexual discrimination.

In a lawsuit filed in December, the two DPS officers have taken their case to federal court against the Rangers, the DPS, the DPS director and a member of the policy-making Public Safety Commission.

But in a formal response, the state attorney general's office said the charges are baseless and that any dealings with the two women "were free of any discriminatory intent or act."

The general denial did not surprise Ms. Mladenka-Fowler.

"What else could they say?" she told the AP on Monday.

Ms. Steadman, who resigned from the Rangers in 1994, insists she was constantly harassed by her colleagues for being "too

ladylike ... too feminine ... and too sensitive."

Furthermore, she says, "I was ridiculed in front of my peers for being a female and wanting to wear a dress occasionally."

Ms. Steadman, in her formal human rights complaint, said she was not permitted to investigate major criminal cases.

"I was denied the opportunity to work high-profile crimes when male co-workers with the same amount of experience as myself were being allowed and encouraged," she said.

She said she was told in a specific homicide case: "We don't want you to cut your teeth on something that serious."

Ms. Steadman was then a Ranger sergeant in the headquarters company in Houston.

"I was forced to wear gender restrictive clothing and abide by traditions (not policies) that were male dominant in origin with NO consideration for females," her complaint stated.

Survey shows nation eats more snacks, soft drinks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are eating four times as much Mexican food and three times as much popcorn and pretzels as they did two decades ago. We are managing to eat less fat, but putting on the pounds anyway.

An Agriculture Department survey of 5,500 Americans in 1994 found that half ate no fruit on a given day. They readily passed up dark green and deep yellow vegetables, despite official advice to eat more. One in three adults was overweight. Children were getting off to a sweet start, switching from milk to soft drinks or apple-based juices.

The survey came out two weeks after the government issued updated guidelines telling people to eat more grains, eat five helpings of fruits and vegetables a day and try to get 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day.

Americans did report eating a lot more grain, but that category included a 200 percent increase in snacks and a 60 percent increase in ready-to-eat cereals. Consumption of "grain mixtures" such as pizza and lasagna more than doubled. Ethnic foods such as Mexican cooking added to the mixtures.

Because many foods were listed, ethnic foods included low-fat items like salsa and rice, or fattier ones such as refried beans.

The reported tripling in snack foods such as crackers, popcorn, pretzels and corn chips astonished even the industry.

"Wow!" said Jane Schultz, of the Snack Foods Association,

based in Alexandria, Va. The industry estimates that the average American ate 22 pounds of salty snacks in 1994, up from 17.5 pounds in 1988. But the industry numbers don't go any farther back. "I wouldn't say it's out of the realm of possibility," she said.

The most progress came in the fat department, where the message to lower consumption has been around the longest. Americans got 33 percent of their calories from fat in 1994, down from 40 percent in 1977-1978, but still above the recommended 30 percent.

Two-thirds of adults got more than the limit for all fats. Nearly as many got more than their limit for saturated fat, set at 10 percent of daily calories.

"It shows that education initiatives toward consuming less fat and consuming foods that contain less fat have had an effect," said Lori G. Borrud, survey leader at the Agricultural Research Service.

Still, survey participants — children included — consumed 6 percent more calories, averaging nearly 2,000 a day. Nearly a third of the men and half the women reported that they rarely engaged in vigorous exercise — defined, Borrud says, as "enough to work up a sweat."

Even accounting for a 1-inch average gain in height, people averaged 11 pounds to 12 pounds heavier. Based on those measurements, one in three adults was overweight, compared with one in five in the 1977-1978 survey.

DPS offers suggestions for safer winter driving

AUSTIN — According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the best way to avoid injury or property damage during winter storms is to avoid any travel during snowy or icy weather unless absolutely necessary.

If you must travel, prepare your vehicle, drive with caution and equip your vehicle for a possible emergency, DPS officials advise.

Preparing your vehicle
• When frost or snow is predicted for the next morning, get up a little earlier to allow time to clear and defrost car windows.

• Battery power goes down in the cold weather. Check your battery in advance.

• Have the equalization of the brakes checked. A pull to one side can cause a dangerous skid.

• Keep the gasoline level as high as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank.

• Make sure the exhaust system is working properly. Even a tiny leak can cause a dangerous carbon monoxide problem.

• Check motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights,

heater, cooling system and wipers.

Driving with caution

• Ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.

• Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions.

• If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be able to regain traction and control.

• Stay on well traveled roads, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you and use a lower gear than for normal driving.

Equipping your vehicle for an emergency

• Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves in your car. Take a supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.

• And remember to buckle up your safety belts.

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Widow Who's Ready To Marry Can Pop The Question Herself

DEAR ABBY: For the last eight years, my widowed mother-in-law has been practically living with a man whose wife had been in a nursing home in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease. Recently his wife died. My mother-in-law, who is in her early 70s, would like to marry this man.

Since he has not broached the subject of marriage, she hesitates to mention it; however, she's impatient with the status quo of their relationship. As she puts it, "We aren't getting any younger."

Both are financially independent and own their own homes. She would like to combine their two households into one. The other day at lunch, she jokingly asked me, "OK, Dear Abby, what would you do?"

I did not tell her this, but if I were in her shoes, I would come right out and ask him if he wants to get married.

What would you suggest she do? I'm sure she would appreciate your advice.

NO DEAR ABBY SUBSTITUTE

DEAR NO SUBSTITUTE: You have my permission to suggest that your mother-in-law come right out and ask the gentleman if he wants to get married.

If I were you, however, I'd remind her that although his wife had Alzheimer's, he will experience some grief over her death.

Your mother-in-law should



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

not push for an immediate wedding date. She should allow him time to grieve. When he has worked through his grief, he will then be better able to devote himself to her.

DAR ABBY: I am 15 years old and a sophomore in high school. At the beginning of the school year, "Ben," a senior, asked me to go to the winter festival dance. I said yes. We began dating and soon we became girlfriend and boyfriend.

Two weeks before the dance, I bought a beautiful dress, and Ben came over to see it. He said he liked it very much. The next day, I heard that Ben was seeing someone else. I still thought that he was taking me to the dance because he didn't say otherwise. I got all ready, but he never showed up.

Abby, that dress cost me over \$60. I can't return it, because the receipt says that special-occasion

clothes are not returnable. My question: Should I ask Ben to pay me back the money I spent on the dress?

STOOD UP

DEAR STOOD UP: Ben is irresponsible and immature. He should have told you that he no longer intended to take you to the dance.

A young man who stands his girlfriend up isn't likely to reimburse her for the dress. So, put it away for another special occasion — and a more special fellow. You won't have to look far!

DEAR ABBY: I read your column about the bandleader who played songs in honor of wedding anniversaries. You asked for suggestions for anniversaries over 50 years. How about, "Never in a Million Years"?

ROGER MCGUIRE, REPUBLIC, PA.

DEAR ROGER: Thank you. Since I have been married for 56 years to a loving husband I'll call Saint Morton, I beg to disagree with you.

Among the other suggestions I received for 50-plus anniversaries were, "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again," "It Had Better Be Tonight," "Now and Then," "Thanks for the Memories" and "I've Got Plenty of Nothin'."

People who like you might put your interests above theirs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something big is in the air today where your work or career is concerned. When it comes to pass, it should please you considerably.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Companions will find you enjoyable to be around today and you will impress the people you meet under convivial circumstances. You will not be forgotten.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some material benefits might start coming your way. Influential people who want to use their clout to help you might come out of the woodwork.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) That lucky horseshoe you found recently could start working for you today. Your chart indicates that you might be luckier than usual in partnership arrangements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Small investments made now could pay handsome dividends later on. Brighten your tomorrows by casting a little bread upon the waters today.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996

In the year ahead you might experience new urges to do things on a bigger scale than you have in the past. Bigger earnings, a bigger place to live and a new car could be the perks of this new lifestyle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't mean to do a selling job, but you still can get others to enthusiastically support your attempt to get a position of vital interest to you. 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 \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this

newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If there is something special you've been hoping your mate would buy or do for you, this will be the right day to drop a few hints.

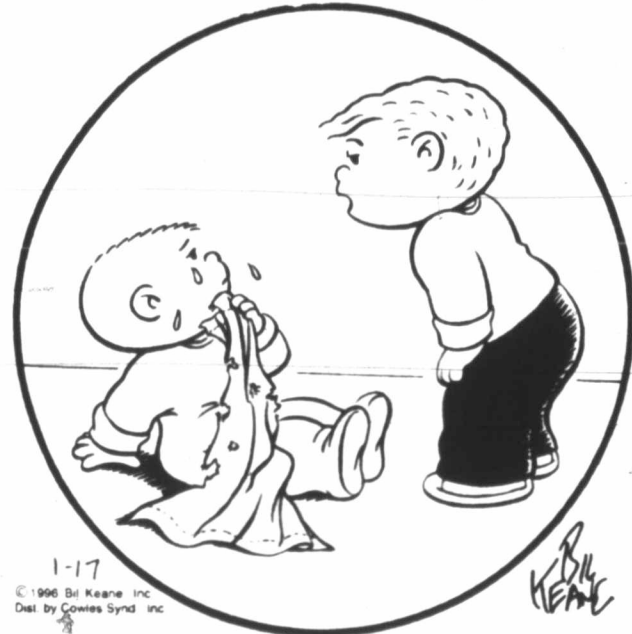
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not turn down any social invitations today, even to a gathering with a number of people you don't know. You might meet and make a new friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be headed for a positive change in regard to your career. A development that seems insignificant at first may become important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Look for the bright side today. You are more optimistic than most others and will have a better chance of finding that silver lining.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) People not especially impressed by what you have to offer might reverse their opinion today. Seek out your old prospects and make a new pitch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Good things could happen for you today through people with whom you have close ties.



"Come on, PJ! Stop actin' like a BABY!"



"At least let me get to the punch line of the joke."

The Family Circus



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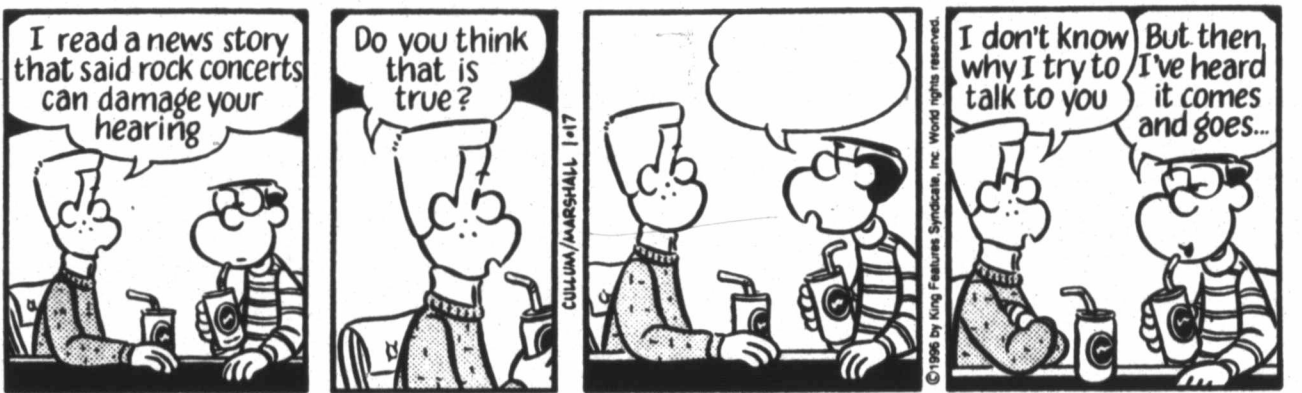
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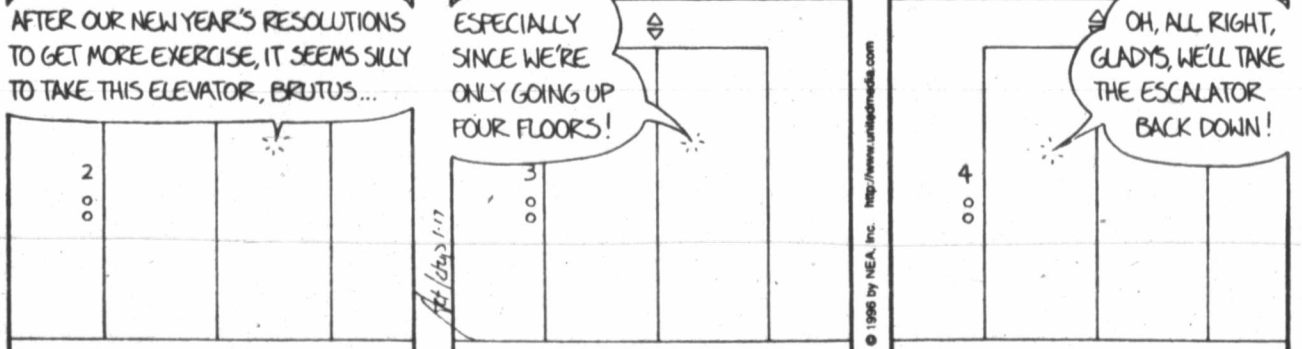
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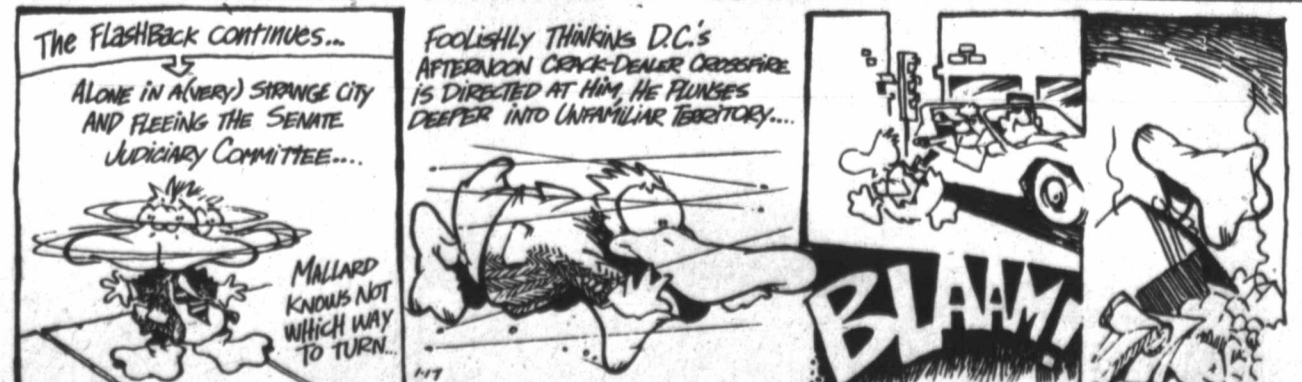
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BASKETBALL

HEREFORD — Pampa and Hereford met in middle school boys' basketball action earlier this week.

Scores are listed below:

8th Grade

Hereford 54, Pampa 49
P - Jeremy Silva 15, Russell Robben 13.

Hereford B 45, Pampa B 30
P - Blake Stewart 9, Sean Stowers 9.

7th Grade

Hereford 59, Pampa 29
P - Matt Bolch 9, Gary Alexander 9.

Hereford B 41, Pampa B 16
P - James Ledford 5.

The Pampa White team participated in the White Deer Tournament last weekend.

Jeff Lofton and Craig Stout scored six points each as Pampa defeated Highland Park, 32-28, in overtime.

Bushland 35, Pampa 32

P - Craig Stout 9, Josh Larkin 8.

The Pampa teams host Valley View on Monday with the games starting at 5:30 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — How times have changed.

During the 1980s, a Boston win over San Antonio was an annual tradition. From 1979 to 1990, the Celtics had 20 consecutive victories over the Spurs.

After a 121-97 thrashing of Boston on Tuesday night at the Alamodome, San Antonio has now defeated the Celtics five straight times, and six straight in the Alamo City.

Boston's last win in San Antonio came on Feb. 14, 1990. The Celtics have never won in the Alamodome, which opened in May 1993.

"It was a tough night at the Alamo," Celtics coach M.L. Carr said. "Against the Spurs you have to play 48 minutes of perfect basketball without a mistake and tonight we didn't do that."

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Reggie Freeman scored 32 points to lead Texas to a rough-and-tumble 86-70 victory Tuesday night over Texas A&M.

A capacity crowd of 7,578 watched as Texas drew 30 fouls, including two technicals, and the Aggies were whistled for 24 fouls, also including two technicals.

Texas (9-4, 2-1 Southwest Conference) also got 18 points from Brandy Perryman. Tracey Anderson and Derrick Hart had 15 points each for A&M (8-7, 0-3).

Freeman hit 10 of 22 field goals, including 3 of 8 from three-point range, and hit 9 of 12 free throws. Perryman was 5 of 9 from the floor, including 4 of 6 three-pointers, and was 4 of 4 in free throws.

Dario Quesado had 13 points and 13 rebounds for A&M.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Stefan Edberg suffered the first big farewell of his farewell tour.

Edberg, a former No. 1 player and now a veteran two days shy of age 30, bowed out of the Australian Open in the second round today after saving two match points.

If age has slowed Edberg, who plans to retire at the end of the year, a nagging groin injury didn't seem to hinder women's co-No. 1 Monica Seles.

While Edberg struggled through his second five-set match in two days, losing 6-4, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to French qualifier Jean-Philippe Fleurian in just under three hours, Seles disposed of Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia 6-1, 6-1 in 51 minutes.

"It's not great, but it's there and I am just going to play through it," she said of the right groin pull suffered when she was winning a warmup tournament last week.

Another famous name returned to prominence. Patrick McEnroe, younger brother of former No. 1 John, overcame a miserable start to upset No. 14 Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 0-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Red Raider teams are happy at home

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Home-field advantage carries a lot of weight around Texas Tech lately.

Every game in Lubbock so far this school year — in football and women's and men's basketball — was won by the Red Raiders.

That's a combined 20-0 record since September from the No. 23 football players, the No. 8 Lady Raiders and the No. 25 men's basketball team.

Tech fans have risen to the occasion. Game attendance built along with the consecutive victories.

"At home, your crowd plays a big part in your success," said sophomore guard Cory Carr, whose 22 points Saturday against Texas A&M included three dunks that tickled the crowd of about 7,500. "We want people to come out and support us as much as possible."

The three-sport breakdown of Tech games in Lubbock looks like this:

—Football finished 5-0 and attendance grew by a game-average 8,200 over the previous season at Jones Stadium. The Red Raiders haven't lost on their home football field since Sept. 8, 1994, when Nebraska won 42-16.

—Women's basketball is 8-0 this season as part of a 22-game home winning streak

dating back to November 1994. The Lady Raiders have won 68 of their last 70 games at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum and are drawing the nation's second-largest home crowds (behind Connecticut) for college women.

—Men's basketball is 7-0 this season as part of a 24-game home winning streak dating back to February 1994.

"The one thing I'm going to try to convince these guys to do is not get caught up in winning streaks (or) Top 25," said men's coach James Dickey, whose basketball team entered the national poll Monday for the first time in 11 years.

"I think if you start looking at all of the

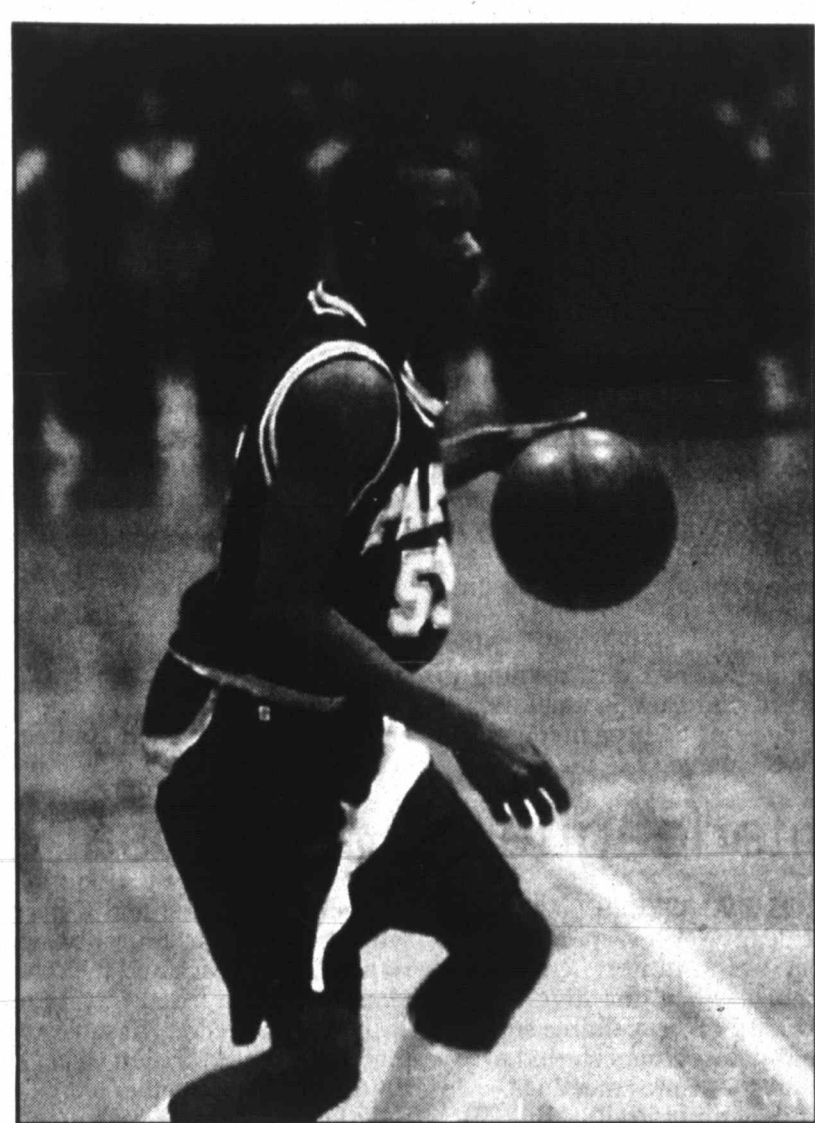
things that are on the periphery, you're in trouble," Dickey said.

The Lady Raiders will put their no-lose home stretch on the line at 7 p.m. today against Baylor. Tech men host Houston at 7:35 p.m. Saturday.

Women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp said the multi-sport successes will attract more recruits and fans as Tech gears up for the new Big 12 Conference.

But could the winning streaks create undue pressure and backfire for Tech? Maybe so, Sharp said.

"When you're coaching, particularly this time of year, you can think of 100,000 negatives," she said. "You can imagine all kinds of things."



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa guard Lynn Brown gets ready to set up a play during second-half action against Amarillo Caprock Tuesday night.

Harvesters defeat scrappy Caprock

AMARILLO — Another night in District 1-4A, another victory by the Pampa Harvesters.

Caprock tried to make it as tough as possible, but in the end the Harvesters chalked up a solid 77-57 victory Tuesday night.

Pampa improved to 19-3 for the season and 5-0 in district play. Caprock is 7-16 overall and 2-2 in district.

The lead changed three times early in the first quarter, but after Rayford Young's 3-point shot put Pampa ahead, 9-8, the Harvesters never trailed again. Caprock, however, was able to stay close until the second half. Pampa led by 20-14 at the end of the first quarter and 38-28 at halftime.

Pampa built the lead to 14 (54-40) going into the fourth quarter.

"It was the most physical game we've played in a long time. Caprock was fired up for us, but I like that," said Pampa

head coach Robert Hale. "That means they have a lot of respect for our basketball program."

Rayford Young led Pampa in scoring with 31 points, connecting on 12 of 17 field goal attempts. Coy Laury chipped in 17 points while Devin Lemons added 12.

Cody Wall had 21 points to lead Caprock while Fernando Vitela added 11.

The Harvester win sets up a Pampa-Hereford showdown for sole possession of first place in the district race. That game tips off at 7:30 Friday night in Hereford.

Hereford, idle Tuesday night, is 4-0 in district play and 15-7 for the season.

Pampa scoring — Rayford Young 31, Coy Laury 17, Devin Lemons 12, Jason Weatherbee 5, August Larson 3, J.J. Mathis 3, Chris Miller 3, Lynn Brown 3; **Three-point goals:** Young 2, Brown 1, Weatherbee 1.

Oilers' owner says he won't try to attract new team to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers owner Bud Adams says he will not use his influence with the NFL to help bring another team to Houston because he does not trust Mayor Bob Lanier.

Adams, who has lived in Houston a half-century, says he really doesn't want to leave Houston for Nashville but that Lanier is forcing him out by rejecting his plan for a domed stadium in the downtown area.

Of the planned move to Nashville, Adams said, "I don't have much choice, the mayor has run me out of town."

"I've been here 50 years and had the team here 36 years. Lord knows, I don't want to leave Houston. But I can't get the mayor to do anything."

"I tried for almost two years, then gave him a letter to see if he would take a leadership role. He

said, 'No, go talk to the county judge.' I felt free to negotiate another deal."

Lanier and other city officials had hoped Adams, chairman of the NFL's Finance Committee, would help attract another team should the Oilers move to Tennessee as expected.

"I'm not dealing with the mayor, I don't trust the mayor," Adams said. "I wouldn't deal with him as long as he's in office."

Lanier has considered releasing the Oilers from a two-year commitment to remain in Houston if Adams would help the city get another team.

The mayor and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said Monday they believe they can build a new open-air stadium, possibly with a retractable dome, for a new team.

No. 2 Kentucky routs LSU

By MARY FOSTER
AP Sports Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Rick Pitino expects perfection from Kentucky. He came pretty close to getting it in the first 20 minutes against LSU.

The No. 2 Wildcats whipped LSU 129-97 Tuesday night, routing LSU early with an 86-point first half, when they shot 67 percent from the field, made 16 steals and forced 21 turnovers.

"That was as good a half as I've ever seen," Pitino said. "That was a magnificent half, a great half, a wonderful half."

Kentucky (14-1, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) led 15-2 just 2 1/2 minutes into the game and made it 32-12 four minutes later. They were up 86-42 at half-time.

"I haven't been around too many teams that have put together an offensive and defensive half like that," Pitino said.

Kentucky's 86 points tied for the 13th highest-scoring half in Division I history, and broke the Wildcats' mark of 75 set in a 143-66 victory over Georgia in 1956.

It also gave LSU little hope of catching up. Even LSU coach Dale Brown, a master motivator, admitted he couldn't come up with a halftime talk this time.

"There wasn't much strategy after you get down that far," Brown said. "There's not much you can do except kind of hold on."

It was also the biggest road victory in the 93-year history of Kentucky basketball.

Antoine Walker scored 32 points in the Wildcats' 13th straight victory, the longest winning streak in Pitino's seven seasons as coach. Walker had 28 in the first half.

"This gave people a chance to see what Kentucky is capable of doing," Walker said.

The 86 points tied for the 13th highest-scoring half in Division I history, and broke the Wildcats' mark of 75 set in a 143-66 victory over Georgia in 1956.

LSU (9-6, 2-2) has lost the last three to Kentucky by a total of 79 points, including a defeat two years ago when the Tigers blew a

31-point lead.

Tony Delk had 16 points, Ron Mercer 15, Walter McCarty 14, Derek Anderson 13, Nazr Mohammed 11 and Wayne Turner 10 for Kentucky. The Wildcats forced 31 turnovers, including 20 steals.

"We came out smoking in that first half," Delk said. "We really were clicking everywhere."

In the only other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, West Virginia upset No. 12 Syracuse 90-79 and No. 10 Purdue defeated Indiana 74-69.

Kentucky managed 43 points in the second half — exactly half of its total from the first 20 minutes — as Pitino freely substituted.

Kentucky twice scored 121 points on the road, both times at LSU.

The highest-scoring half in Division I history was 97 by Oklahoma against U.S. International on Nov. 29, 1989. The Wildcats' 86 points were an SEC record, and the fifth highest-scoring first half ever.

LSU was led by Ronnie Henderson's 22 points. Maurice Carter had 20, Roman Rubchenko 17, Rogers Washington 14 and Duane Spencer 10 points.

Kentucky's winning streak is its longest since a 14-game string in 1985-86 that ended with a loss to LSU in the NCAA Southeast Region final.

West Virginia 90, No. 12 Syracuse 78

It was a big night for host West Virginia, which won its first Big East Conference game, snapped a four-game losing streak and upset No. 12 Syracuse all at the same time.

The Mountaineers (6-7, 1-5) handed Syracuse (13-3, 4-2) its third loss in the last five games.

Gordon Malone led West Virginia with 22 points, while Todd Burgan had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Orangemen.

It was the first time West Virginia has beaten a ranked opponent in five tries this season, and its first victory over a Top 25 team since beating No. 8 Temple 78-71 in overtime Feb. 8, 1994.

No. 17 Purdue 74, Indiana 69
In West Lafayette, Purdue coach

Gene Keady returned from his father's West coast funeral in time to lead the Boilermakers past Indiana.

Keady's father died Friday, two days after the coach's step-daughter was in an accident that has left her in a coma.

In the game, Brandon Brantley scored 24 points and Herb Dove added 17, both career highs, as Purdue (14-2, 4-0 Big Ten) weathered a horrible night at the foul line, hitting only 22 of 42 free throws. Brian Evans paced Indiana (10-7, 3-2) with 19 points, and Andrae Patterson had 18.

Purdue took a 10-point lead at the half and widened it to 55-42 six minutes into the second period. Indiana rallied to 72-69 with 21 seconds to go before Chad Austin sank two free throws for the Boilermakers.

Enis soars to new heights

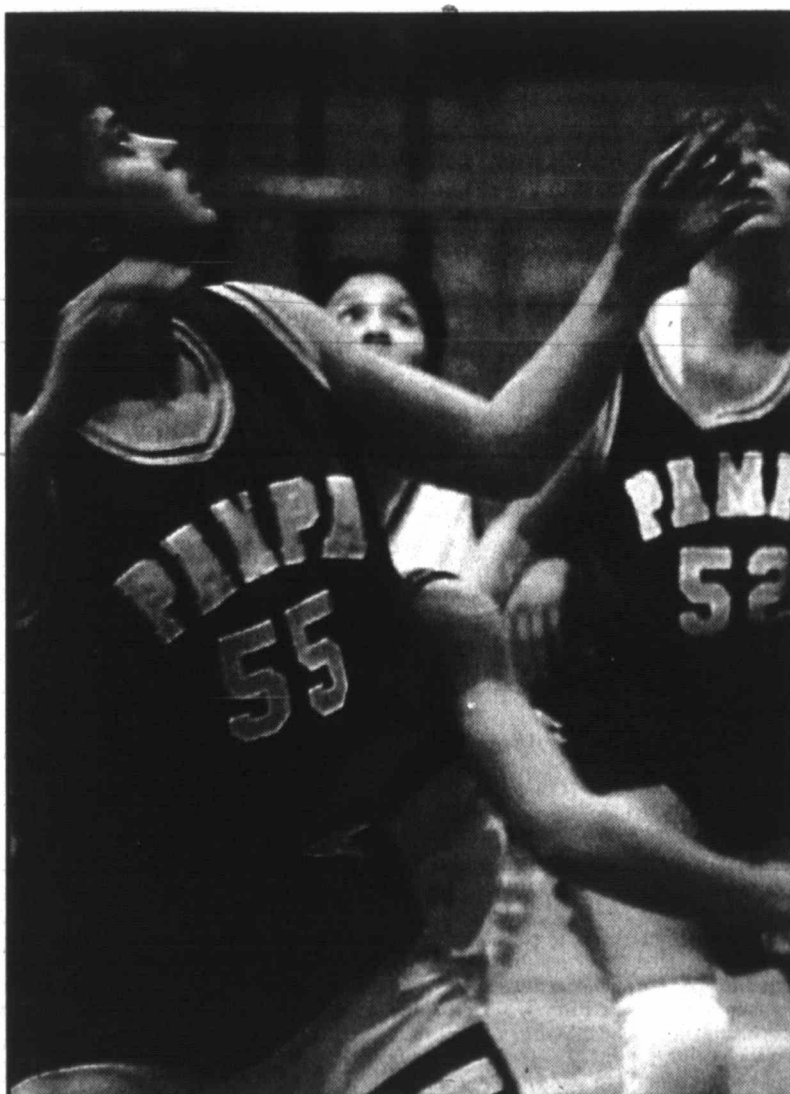
AUSTIN — It's a long way from Texas Class IA high school hoops to NCAA Division I basketball. But Shalonda Enis, Texas' all-time leading high school scorer, finally has made the jump. No longer will women's basketball fans have to wonder: Whatever happened to the player from that little school who put on such a show at the state championships in Austin?

The former star from tiny Celeste, population 733, and Trinity Community College is looking like the biggest thing to hit women's basketball since Sheryl Swoopes.

"There's a lot more defense played and it's more physical," said Enis, who is now at Alabama. "But as far as one-on-one, it's not that much of a change."

After 15 games this year Enis is averaging 25.1 points and 10.5 rebounds and is treating Alabama's foes like they were just so many schoolgirls from North Zulch.

PHS girls claim district victory



(Pampa News photo)

Kristi Carpenter (55) and Jane Brown await a possible rebound Tuesday night against Caprock.

AMARILLO — Junior pivot Kristi Carpenter scored 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Pampa Lady Harvesters claimed a 46-33 win over Amarillo Caprock Tuesday night.

"It the second time in a row that Kristy has had an outstanding game," said Pampa head coach Mike Jones. "We did well offensively, but we also had a great defensive effort. Candice Nachtigall did a great job of holding their best player to only two points."

Backing up Carpenter was Jane Brown with Jennifer Jones with 16 points each.

The Lady Harvesters started pulling away in the second half after leading by five (30-25) at half-time. With less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, Carpenter hit a pair of free throws and Jones converted a 3-point play to give Pampa a 13-point bulge going into the fourth quarter.

Susan Spann scored 21 points and Jessica Teague added 12 for the Lady Longhorns.

Also scoring for Pampa was Chandra Nachtigall with 7 points, Tina Dwight 4, Erin Alexander and Faustine Curry 2 each and Jami Wells 1.

The Lady Harvesters had a commanding 36-19 rebound advantage.

The Lady Harvesters are now 12-10 for the season and 1-5 in district play. Caprock is 7-14 and 0-6.

Pampa plays at Hereford Friday night with the game tipping off at 6.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EST				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
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Orlando	27	5	750	—
New York	22	13	629	4 1/2
Washington	18	18	500	9
Miami	16	19	457	10 1/2
New Jersey	14	21	400	12 1/2
Boston	14	22	389	13
Philadelphia	7	27	206	19
Central Division				
Chicago	32	3	914	—
Indiana	22	13	629	10
Cleveland	19	16	543	13
Detroit	18	16	529	13 1/2
Atlanta	17	17	514	14
Charlotte	17	18	486	15
Milwaukee	13	22	371	19
Toronto	10	27	270	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	25	9	735	—
Houston	26	11	703	1/2
Utah	22	13	629	3 1/2
Denver	16	21	432	10 1/2
Dallas	11	24	314	14 1/2
Minnesota	9	26	257	16 1/2
Vancouver	7	29	194	19
Pacific Division				
Seattle	26	10	722	—
Sacramento	20	13	606	4 1/2
L.A. Lakers	20	17	540	6 1/2
Portland	18	18	500	8
Golden State	16	20	444	10
Phoenix	14	19	424	10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	15	21	416	11
Monday's Games				
Milwaukee 98, New York 92				
Chicago 116, Washington 109				
Atlanta 96, Detroit 88				
Minnesota 103, Sacramento 94				
L.A. Lakers 96, Miami 88				
Seattle 104, Golden State 95				
New Jersey 108, Toronto 83				
Dallas 119, Orlando 104				
Houston 107, Utah 99				
Tuesday's Games				
Indiana 110, Toronto 102				
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Chicago 116, Philadelphia 104				
San Antonio 121, Boston 97				
Portland 87, Denver 81				
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.				
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.				
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.				
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Thursday's Games				
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.				
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.				
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.				
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Celtics-Spurs, Box				
BOSTON (97)				
Fox 4-10 3-4 11, Radja 5-13 3-4 13, Montross 9-12 0-0 18, Day 1-9 0-2, Wesley 3-5 0-0 6, Ellison 0-1 3-4 3, Minor 4-6 0-0 8, Barros 9-2 1-0 0-8, Brown 4-8 0-0 11, Burrough 0-5 2-2 2, Smith 0-1 1-2 1, Totals 39-84 12-16 97.				
SAN ANTONIO (121)				
Elliott 8-18 4-5 22, Perdue 6-7 1-1 13, Robinson 8-17 11-12 27, Del Negro 7-11 5-6 19, Johnson 7-15 0-1 14, Person 4-7 1-3 10, Herrera 2-6 0-0 4, Alexander 1-2 0-0 2, Lohaus 2-3 0-0 6, Rivers 0-1 0-0 0, Demps 2-2 0-0 4, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 47-89 22-29 121.				
Boston 20 20 27 30 — 97				
San Antonio 26 26 31 38 — 121				
3-Point goals—Boston 7-20 (Barros 4-6, Brown 3-6, Wesley 0-1, Fox 0-4), San Antonio 5-15 (Lohaus 2-2, Elliott 2-6, Person 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Rivers 0-1, Del Negro 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 36 (Montross 8), San Antonio 62 (Person 14), Assists—Boston 27 (Fox 10), San Antonio 29 (Johnson 10). Total fouls—Boston 23, San Antonio 14. A—15,599 (35,888).				
Major College Bkb Scores				
By The Associated Press				
EAST				
American U. 85, East Carolina 75				
Canisius 53, St. Bonaventure 38				
Drexel 91, Delaware 75				
Hofstra 70, Northeastern 65				
St. Joseph's 86, Penn 70				
West Virginia 90, Syracuse 78				
SOUTH				
Kentucky 129, LSU 97				
Mid Tenn. 86, Tennessee 57				
Tulane 86, New Orleans 77				
MIDWEST				
Drake 81, Indiana St. 65				
Illinois St. 61, Wichita St. 59				
Purdue 74, Indiana 69				
SOUTHWEST				
Texas 86, Texas A&M 70				
FAR WEST				
Idaho 94, Cal Poly-SLO 78				
Utah 82, Colorado 80, OT				
St. Mary's, Cal. 87, Sacramento St. 75				
TEXAS 86, TEXAS A&M 70				
(9-4)				
Valquez 1-3 0-0 3, Freeman 10-22 9-12 32, Alvarado 3-6 1-1 7, Hill 2-3 4-5 8, Clack 3-3 1-2 8, Quarles 1-3 1-2 3, Coleman 0-0 0-0 0, Perryman 5-9 4-4 18, Wamsley 1-5 0-0 3, Dixon 1-3 2-2 4, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 27-52 22-86				
TEXAS A&M (8-7)				
Anderson 3-7 8-13 15, Quesada 3-9 7-8 13, Stricker 3-3 5-7 11, Hart 5-16 4-4 15, Kessel 1-2 6-10 8, James 0-0 0-0 0, Schleider 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 4-6 0-1 8, Ockey 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 19-45 30-43 70				
Halftime—Texas 38, Texas A&M 33. 3-Point goals—Texas 10-22 (Valquez 1-1, Freeman 3-8, Hill 0-1, Clack 1-1, Perryman 4-6, Wamsley 1-4, Dixon 0-1), Texas A&M 2-17 (Anderson 1-4, Quesada 0-1, Hart 1-10, Ockey 0-2). Fouled out—Anderson, Rebounds—Texas 31 (Quarles 9), Texas A&M 32 (Quesada 13), Assists—Texas 19 (Clack 6), Texas A&M 14 (Kessel 7). Total fouls—Texas 28, Texas A&M 22. Technicals—Alvarado, Texas bench, Anderson, Texas A&M bench. A—7,578.				
RODEO				
DENVER (AP) — Here are unofficial results from the thirteenth of 23 rodeo performances at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Tuesday evening, Jan. 16.				
Bareback Bronc Riding: 1, Kelly Wardell, Moorcroft, Wyo., 77 points. 2, Roger Theobald, Pierre, S.D., 76. 3, Shawn Minor, Gordon, Neb., 75. 4, Matt Weishoff, Molalla, Ore., 74.				
Steer Wrestling: 1, Shawn Johnson, Checotah, Okla., 3.7 seconds. 2, Spud Duval, Checotah, Okla., 4.3. 3, Shane Radellinger, Windsor, Calif., 4.7. 4, Matt May, Sonora, Calif., 7.8.				
Calf Roping: 1, Troy Amoss, Albia, Iowa, 9.7 seconds. 2, Ron Dales, Milo, Iowa, 9.7. 3, David Harwell, Estancia, N.M., 11.4. 4, David Porter, Leesville, La., 13.3.				
Team Roping: 1, Mike Fuller, Clarkston, Wash., and Chino Valley, Calif., 5.8 seconds. 2, Troy Kreutzer, Walsenburg, Colo., and Tim Kreutzer, LaVeta, Colo., 5.9. 3, Shawn Grant, Phoenix, Ariz., Steve Gilson, Belen, N.M., 6.4. 4, Billy Stephens, Channing, Texas, and Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., 6.6.				
Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Jason Milam, Cleburne, Texas, 76. 2, Ryan Mapston, Arlee, Mont., 72. 3, Chad McIntyre, Maybell, Colo., 66. 4, Guy Shapka, Alix, Alb., Canada, 74.				
Women's Barrel Race: 1, Kandace Smith, Fredonia, Texas, 15.15 seconds. 2, Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., 15.25. 3, Donna Kennedy, Evant, Texas, 15.40. 4, Mardee Hollenbeck, Pretty Prairie, Kan., 15.42.				
Bull Riding: 1, Curt Lyons, Ardmore, Okla., 78 points. 2, Stan Headings, Hutchinson, Kan., 77. 3, Brian Chausse, Seba Beach, Ala., 73. 4, Brent Meyer, Fort Collins, Colo., 70.				
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Bareback Bronc Riding: (first go-round official) 1, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, 84 points, \$3,667.20. 2, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., and Chuck Logie, Decatur, Texas, 82, \$2,444.80. 4, Randy Slaughter, Gallup, N.M., 80 points, \$1,344.64. (second go-round leaders) 1, Travis Whiteside, Turner Valley, Alb., Canada, 78. 2, Kelly Wardell, Moorcroft, Wyo., 77. 3, Rocky Steagall, Sanger, Calif., and Roger Theobald, Pierre, S.D., 76.				
Steer Wrestling: (second go-round) 1, Justin Smith, Castle, Okla., 3.2. 2, Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., and Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., 3.6. 4, Tom Shuckburgh, Inisfail, Alb., Canada, Tommy Cook, Hockley, Texas and Jim White, Hugo, Okla., 3.7.				
Calf Roping: (second go-round) 1, David Felton, Weatherford, Texas, 7.6 seconds. 2, (tie), Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., and Kolby Ungeheuer, Centerville, Kan., 8.1 seconds. 4, Bill Melaney, Wolf Creek, Mont., 8.9.				
Team Roping: (first go-round) 1, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., and Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gilbert, Ariz., and Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla., and Dennis Gatz, Cherokee, Texas, 5.4. 3, Chance Kellon, Mayor, Ariz., and Matt Zancanella, Hock Springs, Wyo., 5.5. (second go-round) 1, Richard Eiguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., and Barry Johnson, Caldwell, Idaho, 4.8. 2, Tee Woolman, Liano, Texas, and Rich Skelton, Liano, Texas, 5.3. 3, Blaine Santos, Parkfield, Calif., and Dennis Watkins, Talt, Calif., 5.4.				
Saddle Bronc Riding: (first go-round, official) 1, Glen O'Neill, Strathmore, Alb., Canada, 81, \$4,170.21. 2, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alb.,				

Fort Elliott girls claim victory

SAMNORWOOD — Fort Elliott girls turned back Samnorwood, 50-45, in area basketball action Tuesday night.

Amanda Shields scored 13 points and Stacie Dukes and Brandie Luttrell contributed 10 to lead Fort Elliott in scoring.

Fort Elliott led at halftime, 22-17, and 33-28 going into the fourth quarter.

Cheyenne Oldham paced Samnorwood in scoring with 15 points, followed by Leatha Matthews with 10.

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18 - go!
19 Navy ship
20 pref.
21 Nose
22 Adriatic or Caspian
23 Gambler's cube
24 Fibber
25 More frigid
26 Look at
27 Actress - Shepherd
31 E pluribus

DOWN

1 Kneads
2 Above
3 Kitchen flooring
4 Boredom
5 Actor
6 Verne hero
7 Unit of work
8 Nota -
9 Looking
10 Over (pref.)
11 Intersect
12 Whitewall or radial
13 Labor org.
14 Matched pair
15 Energy
16 - Tin Tin
17 Arrow
18 poison
19 Skillful
20 Language suffix
21 Architect
22 Saarinen
23 Musical sign
24 Down in the dumps
25 Calendar abbr.
26 Warmth

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9 - Arabia
10 Famous
11 Stair part
12 Tic - toe
23 Actress - Winona -
25 Type of chair or sandwich
26 Earth's star
27 Chemical suffix
29 Actor Raymond -
30 Bar of metal
32 Female parents

35 Look like
36 African animal
37 Always (poet.)
42 Magazine editions
43 - Grande
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Morales issues guides for governments over property rights actions

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has issued guidelines for state and local governments to follow when considering an action that might have an adverse effect on private property rights.

One of the more significant instructions in the guidelines states that the completion of a Takings Impact Assessment is not required once the governmental body determines its action does not affect real property.

The guidelines stem from the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act, passed by the 1995 Texas Legislature. The Act allows land owners to sue or initiate an administrative procedure to determine whether a government action resulted in a "taking" of their property, thereby entitling them to compensation.

"The law is an effort to prevent thoughtless and arbitrary actions by state and local governments that affect private property rights," Morales said. "The guidelines give governments direction on what constitutes a taking and when an impact assessment is required."

A taking has been defined as a government action affecting real property that requires the government entity to compensate owners under the federal or state constitutions, or limits the owner's right to the property and reduces the property's value by at least 25 percent.

The Act states that if it is determined that a taking occurred, the government action is invalid, unless the governmental entity voluntarily compensates the owner for any monetary losses as a result of the taking.

Examples of government actions that could result in taking include adoption of ordinances,

rules, regulations, resolutions, policies or guidelines; or actions dedicating private property for a specific purpose.

"When governments take actions that affect your home or your land, we want them to think carefully about the impact of those actions on you," Morales said. "At the same time, those decisions should be made quickly and without costly and burdensome government red tape. The guidelines advance that goal."

Prior to issuing any guidelines, Morales conducted a public hearing to receive comments on the development of the guidelines. Many people testified, including the Senate sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo.

The senator testified that the Legislature's intention was for the Act to apply only to real property (land and structures), and only to real property that is the subject of the governmental action.

Morales said the senator's testimony and the clear language of the Act support one of the more significant instructions in the guidelines — that the completion of a Takings Impact Statement is not required if the governmental action does not affect real property.

A Takings Impact Assessment must answer several different questions, including: What is the purpose of the action? How does it benefit society? Is it a taking? Does it affect the value of the property? Are there any alternatives to the action; and several other questions.

The guidelines have been submitted for publication in the *Texas Register* and for further public comment. A complete text of the guidelines is available on the Internet at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

GOP tax reform commission endorses single-rate tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the federal tax code a "7 million-word mess," a Republican tax reform commission today recommended replacing it with a single-rate tax and generous personal exemptions to shield the poor.

The 14-member commission, chaired by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, seeks to capitalize on the popularity of major tax reform and boost GOP prospects in this year's election.

"The moment the dead weight and distortions of the current tax system are lifted from our economy, the explosion of new investment, new businesses and new jobs would transform the economic and social landscape of our country," it said.

Rather than endorse any specific plan, the commission outlined — in what it's calling "The Tax Test" — a dozen principles and policies that should be followed in replacing the tax code.

The principles and policies fit the flat-rate income tax plans proposed by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and others. Currently, there are five tax brackets ranging from 15 percent to 39.6 percent.

The commission carefully avoided embracing the most politically unpopular elements of many flat-tax plans, such as elimination of the deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes has built his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination around such a pure flat tax plan that would set a 17 percent rate for everybody.

He said today that the Kemp commission report moves the growing national debate on the issue a positive "step forward."

"I think they will help promote the idea of a flat tax," Forbes said today on *CBS This Morning* while declaring his proposal the best.

Wilson School Honor Roll

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Russians continue attacks on Chechen rebels in village

PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia (AP) — Abandoning hope of rescuing scores of hostages held by Chechen rebels, Russian troops today escalated an attack aimed at obliterating the village where they are trapped.

After two days of bombarding Pervomayskaya with artillery and helicopter-fired rockets, the Russians today fired salvo after salvo from powerful Grad rocket-launchers on the village in southern Russia near the border of breakaway Chechnya.

Hundreds of miles away, another group of rebels threatened to blow up a Black Sea ferry with nearly 200 people on board unless the fighting stops. The seizure of the ferry Tuesday at the Turkish port of Trabzon marked the first time the Chechen war spread outside Russia's borders.

Gunmen also seized about 30 workers at an electric power plant in the Chechen capital Grozny on Tuesday, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. They were taken away to an unidentified location and the search for them continues today.

Seeking to justify their assault on Pervomayskaya, the Russians today reiterated claims the Chechens were executing the hostages they have held for a week.

"Because the situation is becoming more complicated, we have decided to conclude the operation," said Maj. Gen. Alexander Mikhailov, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, a successor to the KGB.

Asked about the fate of the hostages, he said, "We have little hope for them."

The rebels are believed to be holding between 70 and 120 hostages, the last of an

estimated 3,000 hostages seized Jan. 9. Helicopter gunships rocketed Pervomayskaya and round after round of punishing artillery shells struck the village, which was a smoking ruin. Rockets capable of leveling the village were fired from Grad rocket-launchers.

Despite fighting involving dozens of tanks and armored vehicles backed by several battalions of shock troops, Russian forces appeared to control only part of the village.

The rebels, estimated at 150 to 250, have fought back fiercely with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. They have destroyed several Russian armored personnel carriers.

At least 100 people have been killed and injured since the Russian offensive began Monday.

Mormon Church sued in alleged sex abuse of children case

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A brother and sister could have been spared five years of sexual abuse if Mormon Church officials had told police in 1989 that their father had admitted mistreating them, an attorney said.

A \$750 million lawsuit was filed Tuesday charging church leaders contributed to the repeated sexual abuse of the two children by failing to notify authorities.

"This is a prime example of an organization hijacked by its own

success," lawyer Michael Sullivan said. "When confronted with evidence of sexual abuse, the church closed ranks in a conspiracy of silence to protect its own reputation at the expense of these children."

Don LeFevre, spokesman for the Salt Lake City-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said the church had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment specifically on the case.

"The church is not in the business of covering up," LeFevre

said. "We teach our members to obey the law."

State law requires clergy, teachers and health care providers to report suspected child abuse to authorities.

The children's father, James Adams, told at least three church members in 1989 that he abused his daughter, then 4, and son, then 8, Sullivan said.

Adams was arrested in February 1994 when state police learned from his ex-wife that a

55-minute videotape had been made of the children being sexually assaulted. He pleaded guilty in June 1994, but was allowed to withdraw his plea last fall and is to stand trial April 29.

The lawsuit was filed in Raleigh County Circuit Court in Beckley for the children's mother, identified only as Rebecca Doe of Alaska, on behalf of her now 11-year-old daughter. A separate lawsuit will be filed on behalf of her 15-year-old son, Sullivan said.

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