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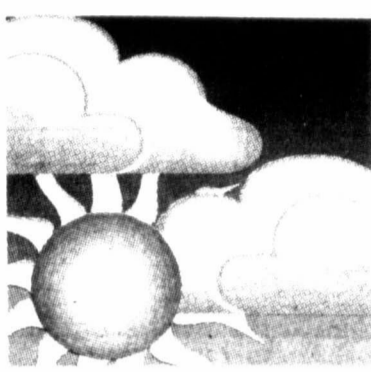
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**PAMPA** — The Lovett Memorial Library advisory board will meet in regular session Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the library's Texas collection room.

Items on the agenda include reports on a state Internet grant and from librarian Dan Snider, city liaison Bill Hildebrant, Friends of the Library President John Norris and various committee reports.

Meetings are open to the public.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa High School band will sponsor its annual spaghetti supper tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children 10 and under, and include drinks and desserts. Carry-out meals are also available.

The meal will be served in the high school cafeteria.

**PALESTINE** (AP) — An inmate reportedly was holding a sharp object to a prison guard's throat this morning after taking him hostage at a hospital, authorities said.

The incident occurred about 9 a.m. while Louie Sapien Loya, 36, of El Paso was being transported back to the Coffield Unit in Palestine, said Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Loya struggled with guards, then took 50-year-old Phillip Berryhill hostage in a small office area, he said.

Loya had been admitted to Palestine Memorial Hospital Thursday night after complaining of chest pains, Todd said.

"When we tried to take him back to the unit this morning, he bolted and subdued one of the officers," Todd said.

Loya, who was sent to prison in 1990 on a 15-year sentence for heroin possession, has asked for a telephone and a chaplain from the prison unit, he said.

**HUNTSVILLE** (AP) — Leo Jenkins, convicted of killing a brother and sister in a robbery, today was to be the first Texas inmate executed in front of his victims' survivors.

Jenkins had asked that appeals of his death sentence be halted, and none was pending for the execution, set for after 6 p.m. today.

Jenkins, 38, was sent to death row for the shooting deaths of Kara Voss and her brother, Mark Kelley, during a 1988 robbery of their Houston pawn shop.

This evening, the two victims' parents, a sister, grandmother and Mrs. Voss' husband, all planned to be a few feet away in the death chamber as Jenkins, strapped to a gurney, takes his final breaths after a lethal injection.

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## Ranger chief being asked to step down

By MIKE COCHRAN  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Ranger Capt. Maurice Cook was given an "ultimatum" to step down as chief of the unique crime-fighting agency, state law enforcement officials and others say.

State officials confirmed earlier that Cook, 52, the senior Ranger captain since 1992, is retiring, but they insisted he was under no pressure to do so.

However, sources inside and outside the 173-year-old agency told The Associated Press Thursday that the "ultimatum" came from Col. James Wilson, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"Cook was told he could retire, resign, transfer or they'd fire him," a high-level state government source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the AP.

A second source with intimate knowledge of the Ranger crisis put it more bluntly:

"The director told him he could find another job or accept a position lower than where he is now. Or he would start the process to fire his (expletive)."

Wilson did not return telephone calls from the AP but said earlier through DPS spokesman Mike Cox that, "By policy, we do not discuss personnel matters."

A state legislator, who asked not be identified, and other state capitol sources said Thursday the pressure on Cook to bow out came from the governor's office, an assertion disputed by a second legislator and others.

"That is not true," James Francis, a member of the three-member policy-making Public Safety Commission said Wednesday. "Believe me, that is not true."

Asked if the pressure came from some other direction, he replied: "No, sir. You ought to be printing the truth and I'm giving it to you."

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, likewise said that whatever pressure may have been exerted on Cook did not come from the governor's office.

Added the second legislator "I have found no indication that the governor was involved in any shape or fashion."

In his three years as senior captain, Cook has been in the eye of a storm during a period of change unlike anything in the Rangers' storybook history. Bowing to political pressure, the 103-member agency recruited two females in 1993, ending 170 years as an exclusive men's club.

And Cook absorbed the heat from traditionalists and others as he and Wilson coped with allegations of sexual harassment and discrimination.

But Cook's problems extended far beyond the women's issue.

"He is a blight on law enforcement," charged Travis County Sheriff Terry Keel, who maintained Thursday that the Rangers suffered irreparable harm under Cook's leadership.

"It will never fully recover from the damage he inflicted."

Asserting that he had "no ax to grind," Keel, an announced candidate for the Texas House, said he doubts that Cook's pending departure stems from any specific act or misdeed.

"I really honestly believe it was a culmination of a lot of things, things too numerous to discuss," he said.

"We've had an excellent working relation with everyone at the DPS and everyone at the Rangers except him. Cook has caused unbelievable problems."

State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, who has worked with Cook in the past, said he thinks the embattled chief "always did a pretty good job" but that he may have harmed himself with political maneuvering.

## At play in the park



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

With the recent snows melted and near spring-like temperatures prevailing, Shannon Beck decided to take her children to Highland Park Thursday afternoon. From left are daughter Jera, a fourth-grader at Austin Elementary; Mrs. Beck with her baby girl, Bailey; and son Austin, 3 years old.

## McLean City Council sets election, considers possible tax abatement

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

MCLEAN — McLean City Council members officially called the May 4 election during their meeting Thursday night. Council members Mary Dwyer, Sid Lands and Wayne Bybee are up for re-election.

Bill Graham was also reappointed election judge by the council for the election.

In other business, the council discussed the possibility of offering a tax abatement to any potential developer who expresses interest in rebuilding the old Dairy Queen property on the west edge of town.

City Secretary Stella Lee explained that the abatement could be a way to finance the city's planned project of reat-

taching sewer lines to the building. An estimated cost for that project could be up to \$86,000 with contractor work.

Lee said a developer would have to apply to the council for a five year abatement, which could be extended by the council. The three McLean taxing entities — the city, the school district and Gray County — would all have to agree to the abatement.

The council agreed to take action on the item at their next meeting.

In other action, the council agreed to the following:

- To pursue a Class C misdemeanor charge against resident Decie Pool for owning more cats than city ordinances allow. Pool, the city alleges, has at least 50 uncontrolled cats in her two homes in the city.

- To purchase an emergency generator for \$1,000 after a request last month by Fire Chief Clifford McDonald.

- To allow Assistant City Secretary Toni Bohler to purchase a computer, monitor and printer worth up to \$3,500 for utility billing.

- To order 10-12 new street signs for the main streets of town, replacing a number of signs that are missing.

- To declare Feb. 19, Presidents' Day, a city holiday.

- To allow Bohler to attend a computer class at the high school for \$35.

- To allow City Utility Superintendent Fred Smith to buy a more powerful gas line detector.

- To solicit insurance for basic city coverage.

## Floodwaters continue to fill Oregon rivers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The sun emerged over Portland today for the first time in five days, but floodwaters fed the mighty Columbia River as it swelled to the brim.

Since Wednesday, record rains and melting snow have swamped hundreds of highways, released dozens of mudslides and forced at least 16,000 people to flee their homes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Three people died and two were missing in Oregon, hardest hit by the flooding. At least one person died in Washington.

A mountain slope on the Oregon side of the majestic Columbia River Gorge gave way Wednesday night, burying Interstate 84 and parallel train tracks axle-deep in mud and rocks. Nine freight trains were stranded in the 70-mile stretch east of Portland, and officials expected the city's chief east-

west transportation corridor to remain blocked through the weekend.

Portland, which averages 36 inches of annual rainfall, was already sodden with more than 12 inches for the year as of Thursday.

And it rained more overnight, though the clouds parted in Portland by dawn — the first break from the rain since Sunday. Forecasters said the rain was expected to let up elsewhere in northwestern Oregon later today.

For three days, Oregon's Willamette River valley has been the center of attention, its placid flow swollen to a boiling channel that's uprooted trees and muddied homes in riverfront neighborhoods of the state's major cities.

Portland officials relaxed early today as the level of the Willamette River hovered 1.3

feet below the top of the city's sea wall. Decreasing the flow from a dam on the Columbia River created more room for the outflow from the flooded Willamette at the city's northern edge, said Karen Loper, Multnomah County emergency services spokeswoman.

Meteorologists' said the Willamette would crest less than an inch below the sea wall today.

Extensive flooding occurred along eight rivers in southwestern Washington. Mudslides closed three of four major east-west highway routes across the Cascade Range. A home was destroyed by a mudslide in Washington's Kitsap County, and a freight train was swept off its tracks along Puget Sound near Tacoma.

Forecasters predicted major flooding along the Columbia River from Portland 75 miles west to its mouth at Astoria.

## B-2 backers plan to continue fight in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional supporters of the B-2 bomber say they will fight President Clinton's decision against building more of the costly, radar-evading planes.

The White House announced Thursday that Clinton has decided no more B-2s are needed and that his defense budget request for next year will include no money to expand the current fleet of 20 stealth bombers. Clinton left B-2 backers with a glimmer of hope, saying the Pentagon will study its long-

range air strike needs and report sometime next year.

But Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., an ardent B-2 advocate, said Clinton's decision appears final.

"That's certainly how you have to read this, unless there was some miraculous breakthrough with this study," Dicks said. He was one of several lawmakers who said the Republican-controlled Congress would push to add money for more B-2s to the defense budget.

Rep. Jane Harman, a Democrat whose Southern California dis-

trict would be hurt by termination of the B-2, criticized the White House decision on military, economic and political grounds.

"I'm surprised and disappointed," Harman said. "It's a bad decision on the merits and a very bad decision for California." Asked if it would hurt Clinton's re-election chances in the nation's most vote-rich state, Harman said, "It might." For all the political risk, she added, Clinton may wind up with more B-2s. "I predict that Congress will provide this money anyway."

## 6th grade Spelling Bee



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Sarah Fraser correctly spells the word "tonic" to win the Pampa Middle School sixth grade spelling bee Thursday afternoon. Jonathan Brooks, seated, was named runner-up. Fraser will compete in the Gray County Spelling Bee March 1 at Lovett Memorial Library, as will seventh grade champion Andrew Grabato and eighth grade champ Lacy Plunk.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**FERGUSON, C.W. "Ferg"** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.  
**HOSKINS, Helen Dora** — 11 a.m., Crown Hill Mortuary Chapel, Denver, Colo.  
**NOEL, Cecil M.** — 1 p.m. MST, First Christian Church, Chandler, Ariz.

## Obituaries

**CECIL M. NOEL**  
**CHANDLER, Ariz.** — Cecil M. Noel, 92, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996. Services will be at 1 p.m. MST Saturday in the First Christian Church at Chandler. Arrangements are under the direction of Beuler Mortuary of Chandler.

Mr. Noel was born at Tonganoxie, Kan. He moved to Arizona in 1946 from Pampa. He owned and operated Cecil M. Noel Well Drilling Company. He was an early water well driller in the Chandler and Queen Creek area and was responsible for drilling more than 900 wells. He also worked as a ship builder at Vallejo, Calif., during the second World War.

Survivors include his wife, Inez Noel; two sons, Leon Noel of Chandler and Donald M. Noel of Cave Junction, Ore.; two sisters, Pauline Quibble and Lorraine Fite, both of Pampa; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Chandler Christian Community Center, 345 S. California St., Chandler, AZ 85225; or to the Building Fund at First Christian Church, 800 W. Galveston, Chandler, AZ 85224.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB**  
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

**THEE PLACE**  
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

**MOBILE MEALS MENU**  
 Mobile meals menu for Feb. 10 is ham, turnip greens, corn, cornbread, peach cobbler.

**CALICO CAPERS**  
 Calico Caper Dance Club of Pampa will host their monthly dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at St. Vincent's School cafeteria, 2300 N. Hobart. Dances include a line dance workshop, country and western couples dancing and waltzing between square dance tips. Gary Schick, Fritch, will be guest caller. For more information call 665-7400 or 665-1061. Visitors welcome.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa	
Wheat	5.05
Milo	5.96
Corn	6.50

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation	
Nowco	14 NC
Occidental	22 1/8 up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation	
Magellan	88 1/2
Partisan	17.50

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa	
Amoco	72 1/4 up 5/8
Arco	115 1/2 up 5/8
Cabot	59 up 1/8
Cabot O&G	16 1/4 dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation	
Chevron	54 1/8 up 1/8
Coca-Cola	79 5/8 dn 5/8
Columbia/HCA	56 7/8 up 3/8
Diamond Sham	30 1/8 NC
Enron	38 3/8 up 1/8
Halliburton	52 3/8 up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	41 3/8 up 1/4
KNE	29 1/4 NC
Kerr-McGee	61 1/4 up 1/4
Limited	16 3/4 NC
Mapco	56 1/2 dn 1/8
McDonald's	53 1/8 dn 3/8
Mobil	114 1/4 up 1 3/8
New Atmos	21 7/8 up 1/4
Parker & Parsley	21 1/2 dn 3/4
Phillips	33 1/8 up 1/2
SLB	70 1/2 up 1/4
SPS	33 3/8 up 1/8
Tenneco	54 7/8 dn 7/8
Texasco	81 1/2 up 3/8
Wal-Mart	22 5/8 NC
New York Gold	406.70
Silver	5.66
West Texas Crude	17.76

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

## Police report

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

**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 Information was received from Gray County Adult Probation.  
 Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported theft under \$50.

**Arrests**  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 Jose Ortiz, 25, 412 E. Craven, was arrested on traffic tickets. He was released on bond.

Donald Wayne Smith, 35, 110 Gillespie, was arrested on a charge of having no liability insurance. He was taken to Gray County jail, where his bond is \$600.

**FRIDAY, Feb. 9**  
 Leonard Jay Kane, 25, 625 N. Russell, was arrested on capias pro fine warrants for charges of having no driver's license and failure to appear. His bonds and fines total \$309.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident and arrests in the 24 hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 Juvenile Probation Office reported information at McCullough and Farley.

**Arrests**  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 Jacques R. Needham, 38, 1108 Juniper, was arrested on violation of protective order. His bond is \$2,000.

**FRIDAY, Feb. 9**  
 Christopher Lynn Epps, 21, Groom, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 2:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road on an animal bite. No patient was transported.

5:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Gray County Road 8 on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

6:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Price Road on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

10:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Texas 152 east of Pampa on a one vehicle rollover and transported two patients to Coronado Hospital.

**FRIDAY, Feb. 9**  
 3:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Malone on a structure fire and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**THURSDAY, Feb. 8**  
 5:03 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 801 E. Frederic on a carbon monoxide investigation.

10:09 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Texas 152 on a motor vehicle accident.

**FRIDAY, Feb. 9**  
 3:11 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 917 Malone on a structure fire. Extensive flame damage was reported in the living room, as well as heat and smoke damage throughout the structure.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Clear tonight with a low near 42 and southwest winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, increasing cloudiness with a windy change to colder weather. An early high of 55 with temperatures gradually falling in the afternoon. West winds 10-20 mph shifting to the north at 20-30 mph and gusty. Sunday, variable cloudiness with windy and cold weather. A high in the 40s. Thursday's high was 66; the overnight low was 37.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clear with a low in mid 30s to low 40s. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy, windy, and colder. Early highs from mid 40s north to low to mid 50s south. Temperatures gradually falling

during the afternoon. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in mid 40s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs near 80. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows from upper 20s to mid 30s.

North Texas — Tonight and Saturday, morning low clouds and fog south and east, otherwise partly cloudy and continued warm. Lows 49 to 58. Highs 77 northeast to 84 southwest.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 40s hills to upper 50s south central. Saturday, partly cloudy and warm. Highs near 80. Upper Coast: Tonight, fair to partly cloudy this evening becoming cloudy late with patchy dense fog. Lows near 60. Saturday, some morning fog becoming partly cloudy by after-

noon. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from the 60s coast to near 60 inland. Saturday, mostly cloudy and warm. Highs in the 80s.

### BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, generally clear. Lows upper teens to upper 30s mountains and northwest with 30s to mid 40s east and south. Saturday, mostly sunny. Turning colder northeast during the afternoon. Highs 50s to upper 60s mountains and northern lowlands with upper 60s to low 80s southern lowlands.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Turning windy and colder in the afternoon. Highs from around 50 northwest to mid and upper 70s Red River valley.

## China moves troops to coast for military exercise

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China has begun moving troops to its southeastern coast for a military exercise, but there have been no signs of a huge deployment, Taiwan's government said today.

"There has been a reinforcement of air force, navy and army troops along the southeastern coasts of the mainland since Thursday," a Defense Ministry statement said. "But there were no signs of a huge troop deployment yet."

"It is only a routine exercise,"

said Yin Tsung-wen, head of Taiwan's National Security Bureau. "Don't associate it with an attempt at invasion."

Yin did not give other details but said the exercise won't involve 400,000 Chinese troops as a Hong Kong newspaper reported earlier this week.

"(China) is staging a war of nerves, a psychological war ... to provoke us," Ying told reporters. "It will not serve its purpose if we are not provoked."

The United Daily News reported that the exercise will begin this weekend around Tungying Island, southeast of Fujian province.

Tensions between Taiwan and China escalated in June after President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan became the first Taiwanese leader to visit the United States.

China accused him of promoting independence and launched test missiles off Taiwan's waters. China considers Taiwan a rebel province with no right to self-government.



Winners in the recent DECA competition in Lubbock include, first row, Chris Arzen, Shane Wells, Clint Ferguson and Sharice Ingram, and back, Jason Reed, Chris Smith, Matt Rhine and John Porter. The Pampa High School students will compete March 14-17 in state competition in Dallas.

## Pampa DECA students to compete at state

Eight Pampa High School marketing education students will compete at the DECA state conference in Dallas March 14-17 after taking first place in events at the DECA District Eight Career Development Conference in Lubbock earlier this month.

DECA is a nationwide association of marketing students.

Student winners include Sharice Ingram, fashion merchandise promotion plan; John Porter, entrepreneurship participating; Jason Reed, entrepreneurship written; Chris Arzen, entrepreneurship participating; Clint Ferguson, international marketing written event; Shane Wells, entrepreneurship written;

Chris Smith, entrepreneurship participating; and Matt Rhine, entrepreneurship participating.

At the state conference, the students will participate in business meetings, career workshops and educational tours, said sponsor Donna Crow.

They will also be participating in curriculum-related competitive events which allow them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from over 500 high schools across the state.

Approximately 2,200 DECA members and advisers are expected to attend the state conference in Dallas.

Students recognized as state finalists at the Grand Awards Assembly on March 16 will earn the right to compete at the April 27-30 National DECA Career Development Conference in Orlando, Fla., with a portion of their expenses paid by the Texas Association of DECA.

DECA is a 50-year-old youth organization with almost 12,000 members statewide and 150,000 in the nation. DECA's role is to provide leadership experiences and recognition for its members as they prepare for dynamic careers in the field of marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

## Train collision kills three, injures 100

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — A train packed with rush-hour commuters collided with another train this morning, shearing off the side of a car, killing at least three people and injuring more than 100.

One of the NJ Transit trains apparently jumped off the track and slammed into the front car of another train, transit agency spokesman Ken Miller said.

"I said, 'holy cow!'" said passenger John Miles, who was in the front car of one train. "I heard 'thang' and I hit the deck." He said he saw many passengers, mostly on the opposite side of the car from where he was sitting, with lacerations and back injuries.

Rescue efforts were complicated by the difficult location. While it is less than five miles from New York City, it is in a marshland and the only access is by dirt road.

Two crew members and one passenger were killed and 12 people were seriously injured, Miller said.

Some of the more than 100 injured managed to walk out to the nearest paved road and then a few blocks to Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, Jersey City Police Capt. Frank Gajewski said. Others were treated at the scene.

At least two, a man and a woman, were taken by helicopter to University Hospital in Newark where they were in stable condition.

Gov. Christie Whitman said late this morning that rescue

workers still had to go through the whole front car of one train to make sure no one else was still inside. "It's pretty well jammed up," she said.

The accident happened at about 8:40 a.m. One train was coming from Clifton heading to Hoboken and the other was coming from Hoboken bound for Suffern, N.Y.

One train had 600 passengers on it and the other had about 100, Miller said. Four of the seven cars on the more crowded train derailed.

Televised views from the air showed a corner of the lead car of one train and part of the side of the car had been sheared off. The locomotive of the other train also was damaged.

## City briefs

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**TANNING SEASON** is here! \$25 month. King's Row Fashion Hair Care, 1312 N. Hobart, 665-8181. Adv.

**INDIAN SUMMER** Dance Band, Saturday, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at Berger VFW. Adv.

**CJ7 JEEP \$4000.** 1982 TS 250 Suzuki \$700. 1994 Sea Doo SP and 1994 Polaris 750, both \$8500. 665-3281 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Adv.

**MANE ATTRACTION**, your complete hair, nail and now tanning salon has just put in complete new tanning services. Clean and professional. 669-0527. Adv.

**LOST VICINITY** of North Christy, small tan dog, part Pekingese. Please call 665-4010 or 665-4005. Adv.

**VALENTINE SPECIAL** at Rheams Diamond Shop, Heart rings starting at \$24.95, mens nugget rings starting at \$49.95, gold chains 50% off. Adv.

**JUNIOR BROWN** is coming to the City Limits February 22. For ticket information call 665-0438. Adv.

**12 INCH** Craftsman band saw, like new, \$275. 669-2288. Adv.

**THE COTTAGE** Collection, 922 W. 23rd, gifts for Valentines, crafts for all occasions. North of Wal-Mart. Adv.

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**BROWN-FREEMAN'S** Mens Wear is having a Valentine's Sale Thru February 14th. Adv.

**VALENTINE COOKIES**, cakes, cupcakes. No orders after February 10th. 669-1466. Adv.

**HOUSE CLEANING**, responsible, reliable, good references. 665-3194. Adv.

**OPEN HOUSE - Sunday 2-5 p.m.** Nice 3 bedroom brick, 2 baths, central heat/air. Priced below \$50,000. 605 Red Deer. 665-2646. Adv.

**GLENN MILLER** big band sound will bring favorite songs and music to Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30, Saturday in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Attendance to the program, jointly sponsored with the Berger association, is by membership. Adv.

**MASSAGE THERAPY** Valentine Special, gift certificates. 669-0013, Susan Fisher, Cathy Potter. Adv.

**CHANEY'S CAFE - Country** Style Ribs, Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steak. Sunday 11-2 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

**BROGAN'S BOOZERY**, Hwy. 60 east. Come check our specials!! 665-1208. Adv.

**THE COTTAGE** Collection 922 W. 23rd, has antiques and collectibles. Come see our new location, north of Wal-Mart. Adv.

**MOTOR ROUTE** available March 1st. Apply Pampa News.

**CHANEY'S CAFE - Turkey** and Dressing, Liver and Onions, Catfish, Chicken Fried Steak. Friday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

**DANCE** at McLean Country Club, Saturday 10th 8-12. Music by Plain Country, members and guests welcome. Adv.

**LIVE MUSIC**. Blues by Urban Skunk tonight. Country by Silverado Saturday City Limits. Adv.

**ALL ITS** Charm has new drop necklaces for Valentine's. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

**VALENTINE PAGERS** for sale. Vibra pink, red, blue, teal, purple. Motorola Bravo digital, for coverage in the Texas Panhandle. Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart, 665-1663. Adv.

**GARAGE SALE** 938 Duncan, Saturday 10th, 10-5. Country, collectibles, furniture. Adv.

**TIME TO** apply Pre-Emergent Weed & Feed. Kills the weeds before you see them available at Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

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## David Livingston seeking primary nod for constable

David Livingston of Lefors has announced his candidacy for the position of constable for Precincts 1 and 3 on the Republican primary ticket March 12.

He will face incumbent James Lewis in the race.

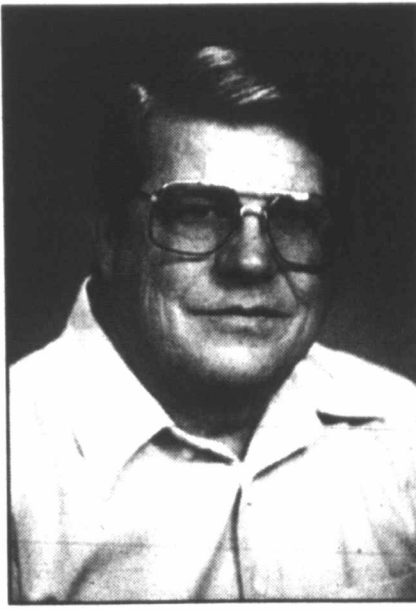
If elected, Livingston pledged to obtain the mandatory peace officer certification required for the position. He holds a high school diploma.

His main concern is providing local law enforcement for Lefors. He feels the smaller towns need and rely on having a constable living in town for added law enforcement and quicker response time.

Livingston worked for Phillips Petroleum for 30 years. He served two years active duty in the U.S. Army and two years on the Lefors City Council.

He is a 24-year long resident of Gray County and volunteered with the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department for eight years.

He is married to Judy



David Livingston

Livingston. They are the parents of Lendi and Barry Jackson, Lefors, and Roy and Charlotte Livingston, Canadian. They are the grandparents of eight.

## State briefs

### Judge orders \$6 million judgment against Garcia Abrego

EDINBURG (AP) — Reputed drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego has been ordered to pay \$6 million to a couple who contend he authorized the 1989 kidnapping of their son.

The judgment was made Thursday in the wrongful death lawsuit of Adelina and Guadalupe Ramirez, whose son, Albert, was abducted outside their Brownsville home in August 1989.

The Ramirezes sued Garcia Abrego and the drug cartel he allegedly heads in March 1995, accusing them of causing the death of their son. Neither Garcia Abrego nor a representative of the Gulf cartel answered the lawsuit, leading state District Judge Fernando Mancias to find them liable by default.

Mancias ordered Garcia Abrego and the cartel to pay the Ramirezes \$3 million in actual damages and \$3 million in punitive damages.

The couple praised the judg-

ment, but said money is not what they're after.

### GTECH says Texas should renew contract

AUSTIN (AP) — A spokesman for the company that operates the Texas Lottery says the state should renew its contract without competitive bidding.

GTECH Corp. of Rhode Island won the 1992 contract to provide services to the Texas Lottery. The company runs the central ticket operations for Lotto Texas and other games. It also produces instant, scratch games and handles other work for the lottery.

The five-year contract, which expires next year, includes a provision allowing the Lottery Commission to renew the contract without a competitive bid process.

The provision said lottery officials could renew the contract without an open bid if they were satisfied with GTECH's work.

"We think we have a great relationship with Texas," GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine said Thursday. "We do more in Texas than we do in any other state."

### Pottery show begins Saturday

Pampa resident Holly Burger's pottery will be featured Saturday, Feb. 10, at an open house at the Holiday House, 302 W. Foster, as an artist in residence "Holly Day" celebration.

The Valentine show will feature functional wares, such as college mugs, serving bowls, plates, pitchers, candle holders, lotion dispensers and more, as well as items decorated with or shaped like hearts.

Burger began her pottery work 13 years ago in a class taught by

Karon Bonnell. She and Bonnell later owned and operated the Prairie Clay shop in Pampa for two years while teaching their art and selling their own wares. After Bonnell was hired to teach art in Miami, Burger devoted her time to her family and to work on her craft at home.

Holiday House is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Burger's pottery may be purchased there until the store's season closing on Saturday, Feb. 24.

## Former Arkansas official accuses White House of pressuring her to support Whitewater claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Arkansas securities commissioner says she resisted efforts by a White House aide and two men with Clinton administration connections to get her to make public statements supporting the president and first lady on Whitewater.

Beverly Bassett Schaffer said in an interview Thursday that her response was "No way. I don't want to be drawn into the political response." She added, "I was sick" of talking about Whitewater.

The contacts with Schaffer were made around the time a Whitewater prosecutor was appointed and they tracked a strategy laid out at a Jan. 7, 1994, White House meeting. According to notes of that meeting, Clinton aides were greatly concerned about what Schaffer would say regarding her discussions with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on whether the savings and loan at the center of Whitewater could issue stock.

As the state securities commissioner, Schaffer concluded that the S&L — represented by Mrs. Clinton's law firm — could issue stock. Schaffer had said during the 1992 presidential campaign she wasn't pressured

by Mrs. Clinton and had only one conversation with her.

The handwritten notes of the Jan. 7 meeting were taken by Mark Gearan, who was President Clinton's communications director at the time. The White House this week turned over the notes, months after they were requested, to the Senate Whitewater committee. The panel released them Thursday.

White House lawyer Jane Sherburne told the committee Thursday that the notes had been difficult to locate, because Gearan inadvertently took them with him when he became Peace Corps director in September.

Gearan quoted White House aide Harold Ickes as saying, "Bev. Bassett is so (expletive) important. If we (expletive) this up, we're done."

Ickes is quoted as saying no emissaries from Washington should be sent to Arkansas to contact Schaffer because "it will come out."

"Let's not talk it to death — let's just get it done," Gearan quotes Ickes as saying. Another time, Ickes is quoted as saying, "item by item — make sure her story is OK."

Asked about her interpretation of the

meeting, Schaffer said, "It looks to me like they were trying to figure out, 'Who can talk to her? Who is her friend? They were desperate to try to find a way, getting questions about all this, to deal with it.'"

Describing the contacts, Schaffer said: —In December 1993, at a University of Arkansas basketball game, White House aide Bruce Lindsey talked to her husband, Archie, about whether she was willing to speak out publicly.

—Some time later her husband was called by Skip Rutherford, an Arkansas public relations executive and friend of the Clintons. Rutherford asked Archie Schaffer what he thought of his wife having a news conference on Whitewater.

—She was approached by a lawyer at her firm, John Tisdale, who suggested that he put together a factual list of documents on Whitewater. Tisdale did so, and "I imagine he gave them to Bruce" (Lindsey), who worked at the firm before going to the White House.

The Gearan memo mentions Tisdale and Rutherford as people who might talk to Schaffer to make sure her story "is OK."

## State agency apologizes for tax-funded invitations promoting luncheon

DALLAS (AP) — Invitations promoting a luncheon for a business lobbying group that supported Gov. George W. Bush were mailed at taxpayer expense by a state agency.

The governor's office said the Texas Employment Commission should not have mailed the invitation. The commission's chairman promised it would not happen again after a reporter's inquiries.

"We were not aware of the mailing," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "This is not the type of thing that should be in an official state mailing."

The agency was wrong to invite business people to lunch at the Wichita Falls Country Club with the leader of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, said Bill Hammond, the commission's chairman, after reviewing the mat-

ter Thursday with commissioners.

"We feel it is inappropriate and it will not happen again," he told *The Dallas Morning News*.

The commission's Wichita Falls office mailed the invitation for a Feb. 21 lunch with Dick Weekley, a lawsuit reform advocate.

The invitation praised work of Weekley's group lobbying the 1995 Legislature for bills that "dramatically improved and

reformed Texas' laws" curbing lawsuits and limiting damages in civil injury and pollution cases.

A state agency envelope in which the invitation was mailed read, "Official business. Penalty for private use."

The invitation stated that Weekley would outline his group's "1997 legislative agenda for improving the Texas civil justice system."

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Let Peace Begin With Me

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Texas Editorials

**San Antonio Express-News on initiative and referendum:**  
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has jumped on the initiative and referendum, or I&R, bandwagon, appointing a Texas Senate committee to prepare a plan for the 1997 Legislature to put to a statewide vote.

The initiative process would allow people or groups to gather signatures to submit proposed constitutional amendments and laws to a direct popular vote, bypassing the Legislature.

The referendum process would allow voters to gather signatures to challenge and potentially overturn statutes passed by state lawmakers.

Bullock, however, noted that "many Texas senators and members of the Texas House have serious concerns about initiative and referendum."

And well they should. In other states, especially large ones, deep-pocket special interests have used the process to great advantage.

Initiative proposals often deal with complicated or controversial issues that do not lend themselves well to big-dollar advertising campaigns or 30-second sound bites.

Some ballot measures in other states have mobilized voter frustration with emotional issues by offering quick, easy and often very wrong "solutions." California's anti-immigrant Proposition 187 and Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 are recent examples.

Bullock notes that he, too, has concerns about I&R and pledges that the Senate committee's "plan will satisfy the objections of opponents while giving Texans a greater voice in their Legislature."

We question whether that will be possible. But if it can be done, the following safeguards, at the very least, must be included:

- Set the number of signatures needed to qualify a proposition for the ballot high enough to ensure broad-based support.
- Require a higher number of signatures for proposed constitutional amendments than for proposed statutes.
- Mandate a supermajority for enactment of proposed constitutional amendments put on the ballot by initiative petitions.
- Require signature gatherers to provide the full text of the proposed ballot measure to each prospective petitioner.
- Limit the total number of ballot measures to be decided in any given election.
- Cap spending allowed to qualify ballot measures or to campaign for or against them.
- Prohibit paying signature gatherers or, at the very least, prohibit paying them on a per-signature basis.
- Require a Texas attorney general's review of each proposed ballot measure for compliance with the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

We question whether bringing I&R to Texas is either necessary or desirable. But without these minimal safeguards, we are firmly convinced that doing so would be harmful to good government. ...

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Mainline churches' redemption

As America's oldest Christian body - the Episcopal Church - strives to commit suicide, absurdities multiply.

Late in February, a bishop is to be tried in Wilmington, Del., for ordaining an active homosexual to the priesthood. His acquittal is almost a foregone conclusion, inasmuch as the majority of the fellow bishops judging him likewise favor ordaining homosexuals.

In Washington, D.C., on Feb. 4, a woman bishop means to force her way into a parish that doesn't recognize women as priests, far less as bishops. That doesn't bother the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, who represents a movement - the gender feminist movement - fonder of grinding down opponents than of extending the hand of charity.

When Bishop Walter Righter says, "Hey, what's chastity got to do with ministry?" when Bishop Dixon (at the Church of Ascension and St. Agnes) bulls her way to the altar and says, "here I am," the Church's human dimension blots out its divine one.

And that's just the Episcopal Church. My own, I have to confess. The other "mainline" bodies - Methodists, Presbyterians and so on - offer up on a daily basis similar instances of unconcern for evangelism and the salvation of souls.

During the height of the federal budget battle, a deputation from the National Council of Churches waited on President Clinton, urging him to "be strong for the task" of resisting Republican budget-cutters. The council was horrified to find that "government priorities serve military interests at the expense of family life." By



William Murchison

protecting American Christian families from foreign enemies? The council didn't say. It didn't have to. The National Council of Churches is the Democratic Party at prayer.

But hope flowers. Honest. A redemptive project burgeons: one in which American churches may engage themselves, politically and socially, and still advance the gospel.

The National Association of Evangelicals would have American Christians combat religious persecution in foreign lands.

Persecution? Like death and imprisonment for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Something very like that. A number of nations, including Communist ones like China and Vietnam, are harsh on Christians. So are hard-line Islamic countries - including allegedly friendly Saudi Arabia, where Christian services are banned, even though mosques flourish throughout America.

The evangelicals are belatedly taking a leaf from the book of U.S. Jewish activists who, stoutly and

commendably, kept the heat on the Soviet Union during the '70s and '80s. Whenever Soviet Jews were jailed or denied exit permits, their American brethren raised a holy tumult with their own government. In the early '70s, under sustained Jewish pressure, Congress made U.S.-Soviet trade conditional on freedom of emigration for Soviet Jews.

What the Jews did with superb zeal and industry, Christians mostly neglected. Christian efforts to help Soviet Christians were mild and limited. The evangelicals, understanding perhaps how a great chance was lost, are seeking to enlist the Clinton administration's aid in succoring their coreligionists. One wouldn't be surprised to see some kind of aid materialize. An administration berated for its moral standing, or lack of it, could benefit from taking an explicitly moral stance. We may once more see U.S. trade and aid linked to the human-rights practices of the recipients.

If nothing else - and much else ought to result from so necessary a project - the defense of foreign Christians might recall some U.S. Christians from their devotion to trendy secular politics.

What's the central issue in religion anyway - forcing welfare politics and gender feminism into the religious mainstream? Or is it the spread and defense of the Good News?

Far too many American Christians think the only news worth hearing, and responding to, comes on at 5:30 p.m. every night: politics, budget debates, new cultural "styles." The evangelicals are giving these folk an electric shock. Don't worry - all the pain is inner, and anyhow, it's well-earned.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History  
Today is Friday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 1996. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with a U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:  
In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America elected Jefferson Davis president and Alexander H. Stephens vice president.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1933, the Oxford Union Society at Oxford University endorsed, 275-153, a motion stating "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a stand widely denounced by Britons.



Memorial to Communism's victims

In America we have memorials commemorating those who died in the Civil War, both World Wars, the Vietnam and Korean Wars, the holocaust, and the civil rights movement. But we have no memorial to the 100 million casualties of the most brutal genocide ever visited upon the human race: Communism.

Fortunately, this glaring oversight is about to be rectified. In 1993 - more than 75 years after the Bolsheviks first embarked on their glorious revolution - Congress approved and President Clinton signed legislation authorizing a memorial to the victims of communism.

It's long overdue. In all of world history, no political ideology has sent more people to the slaughterhouse than Karl Marx's utopian pipe-dream. Even Hitler, certainly one of history's most demented butchers, killed only one-tenth the number of people that Marx's disciples killed. Yet, most Americans have no idea just how bloody communism's legacy is.

How many Americans, for example, know that between 1917 and 1987 the communist dictators of the former Soviet Union murdered 62 million people? How many know that China has killed more than 38 million people? These two communist regimes alone have stamped out 100 million human lives - 25 million more than died in the Black Plague, formerly the world's deadliest disaster.



Edwin Feulner

And this doesn't even include the body count from the smaller communist regimes: Cambodia, 2 million dead at the hands of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge; Vietnam, 850,000 sacrificed to the greater glory of Ho Chi Minh; Ethiopia, tens of thousands slaughtered during Mengistu Haile Mariam's "Red Terror"; and Cuba, whose death toll, while certainly in the tens of thousands, only Fidel Castro knows for sure.

As such as some would like to downplay the horrors of Communism (frequently because they viewed the United States as a threat to mankind equal to the regimes committing these horrors), Communism's signature has never changed: death.

Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it, the philosopher George Santayana said. That's why a memorial to the victims of

Communism in the nation's capital is necessary and proper.

Future generations must know that when you impose a ruthless ideology by force - no matter how "well-intentioned" - the result is human carnage. So it is with a deep sense of honor that I've accepted an invitation to serve on the memorial's advisory board.

Fittingly, the memorial also will celebrate those heroes who made possible the West's victory over tyranny. As observed by my colleague and long-time Cold Warrior Hugh Newton - to whom credit goes for the idea of an anti-communist Hall of Heroes - without the likes of Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Pope John Paul II, Lech Walesa and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, among others, we'd still be worried about trading missiles with Russia, rather than trading goods.

As befits a memorial to the victims of government-sponsored violence, the project will be funded entirely with private money. The goal is to raise \$100 million - one dollar for each of the 100 million victims of Marx and Mao.

If you would like to join many of us and contribute to the creation of this memorial, I encourage you to do so. Just write to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 1997, Washington, DC 20013-1997. Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao will never be forgotten, and neither should their victims.

In search of the world's flattest tax

When it comes to taxes, the world isn't flat, but it's getting flatter.

Proponents of a single income tax rate for all Americans will have to search the globe before they find a truly flat system - one where you can file your return on a postcard.

In fact, they may not find one.

Tax analysts disagree on whether any country has a truly flat tax on all income. In the murky world of taxation, there are so-called flat taxes, and then there are flatter taxes. Nearly every system allows some deductions or exemptions, and most have different ways and rates for taxing various types of income.

The ultimate goal of the flat tax movement is to equalize the tax bite so as to increase savings rates, provide more business capital, stimulate employment, boost productivity and, ultimately, raise living standards.

Opponents say it's just a ploy to make the rich richer.

Whatever the impact, analysts on both sides agree that taxes are getting flatter around the world, as countries look for ways to make their economies more competitive.

Even the U.S. system is much flatter than it used to be: There were as many as 18 tax levels in effect prior to 1986 and rates as high as 91% a few decades ago.

If the United States achieves further tax simplification and starts taxing all income at the same rate, analysts believe other countries would follow suit.

David Briscoe  
AP Special Correspondent

"If America would actually adopt such a system, most of the rest of the world - at least the industrialized world - would have no choice," said Bryan T. Johnson, co-author of the conservative Heritage Foundation's annual Index of Economic Freedom.

He said Washington's diplomatic community has been lining up for briefings on the various flat tax proposals.

Heritage's index rates 142 countries on a variety of factors, including taxation. Those that score the best - 1 or 1.5 on a scale of 5 - tend to have the flattest taxes, Johnson said.

The United States, with its multi-rate system ranging from 17% to 39.6%, scores a 4 on taxation.

Republican presidential candidates Steve Forbes, Pat Buchanan and Sen. Phil Gramm all want to flatten that out to a rate of 16% or 17% for all earned income, with few or no deductions or exemptions.

Steve Entin of the Institute for Research on Economics and Taxation says no country has a flat tax such as the one envisioned by the politicians. He said Hong Kong comes the closest with "a fairly flat rate."

Price Waterhouse, the global accounting firm that charts taxes in 116 countries, lists four gradu-

ated rates for Hong Kong, ranging from 2% to 20%. There is, however, a flat rate of 15% for anyone earning over roughly \$115,000.

So, for big earners, Hong Kong's system is about as flat - and as low - as anywhere.

"Gee, is it a coincidence that Hong Kong has the fastest-growing economy in the world?" Johnson says.

Looking further, Paraguay has no tax on personal income and charges a flat rate of 30% on corporate income, according to Price Waterhouse's *Individual Taxes: a Worldwide Summary*.

Estonia has two flat rates. It taxes employee income at 26% and interest income at 10%.

A top contender for the flattest income tax is in Bolivia. Price Waterhouse says it collects 13% on all personal income, with a uniform personal exemption.

But Bolivia scores only a less-than-perfect 2 on Heritage's scale, because it has a 25% corporate tax rate and imposes a variety of other levies.

New Zealand, another candidate for ultimate flatness, has a two-tiered rate that hits earnings below \$20,000 at 24% and anything above at 33%.

Even Sweden, which Heritage gives a perfectly bad "5" as one of the highest taxing countries, has been moving towards lower, flatter rates.

The search for flat taxes has to end with four countries that score a perfect 1 on the Heritage scale: Bahrain, the Bahamas, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait.

They have no income tax at all. And that's about as flat as you can get.



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**World briefs**

**Shells and shooting return to Sarajevo via movie**

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — It's peacetime now, but soon shelling, blackouts and gun battles will be returning to Sarajevo streets.

This time, though, it will be make-believe.

About 100 onlookers gathered in heavy snow and minus 20 degree cold Thursday night to watch a moviemaker's dream factory recreate Sarajevo's nightmare.

Although the shooting of a movie on the streets of Sarajevo highlights the city's return to near-normalcy, the subject matter shows how war remains a powerful part of people's lives.

**Hopes for survivors of mysterious crash dissolves**

**PUERTO PLATA, Dominican Republic (AP)** — Rescuers have called off their search for victims and survivors of Flight 301, and officials today will focus on recovering the aircraft's "black box" and other clues to the crash.

With less than half the 189 victims accounted for and hopes fast evaporating, rescuers working in inflatable rafts ended their two-day search in the Atlantic Ocean at sundown Thursday.

The U.S. Navy was planning to introduce some new equipment to the investigation: a listening device to try to pick up audio signals from the flight data recorders, and a robot to search for wreckage and bodies that may lie 4,300 feet below on the ocean floor.

The Boeing 757, rented by the tiny local Alas Nacionales airline, apparently nose-dived into the Atlantic with no warning, 12 miles from this northwestern resort, about five minutes after taking off Tuesday night.

**FCC considers liberalizing media regulation in wake of Disney deal**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Some federal regulators want to liberalize a longstanding rule forbidding a company from owning a radio station and a newspaper in the same market. Such a move could cut the strings attached to The Walt Disney Co.'s takeover of Capital Cities/ABC Inc.

The Federal Communications Commission approved the \$19 billion deal Thursday, but gave Disney a year to meet the cross-ownership rule in two markets — Fort Worth, Texas, and Pontiac-Detroit, Mich.

In each of those markets, the company would own radio stations and a newspaper. To comply with the rule, Disney must sell or swap either the radio or the newspaper properties in each city.

But Disney might be able to keep the Fort Worth and Pontiac-Detroit properties if the rule were liberalized before the company had to divest, the commissioners said.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said the FCC would re-examine the 21-year-old newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rule within the year, citing changes in the media landscape.

The newspaper-broadcast rule

"is impairing the future prospects of an important national source of education and information: the newspaper industry," Hundt said. "Our current strict prohibition ... which also may be denying broadcasters revenue they could put to good use, needs review and probably needs significant revision."

Commissioner James Quello agreed, saying the provisions "no longer reflect the realities of the marketplace."

A new telecommunications law requires the FCC to re-examine all of its broadcast ownership rules.

Capital Cities/ABC owns in Fort Worth WBAP-AM and KSCS-FM and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. It also owns WJR-AM and WHYT-FM in Detroit and The Oakland Press in Pontiac, Mich.

"We are hopeful that it will ultimately allow us to retain the properties in the two cities," said Disney chief Michael Eisner.

Disney said it intends to complete its acquisition of Capital Cities by the end of the week. It would become the world's largest media company.

**Protests escalate against Pemex**

**VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP)** — All over Tabasco's flat, humid landscape, thousands of angry peasants blocked roads leading to dozens of oil wells and other facilities, and vowed to continue their protests today.

More than 60 peasant protesters and opposition political leaders are in jail in Tabasco state for their protests against the state oil monopoly's pollution of croplands and fisheries.

Officials of the Petroleos Mexicanos monopoly, known as Pemex, say they have paid millions of dollars over the years for the right to drill oil and in compensation for unavoidable environmental damage.

But what seems on the surface to be a clear-cut case of industrial pollution emerges as a complicated political battle with national implications.

The leftist Democratic Revolution Party has been badly beaten in recent elections, and mobilizations in Tabasco are an important show of strength to

leverage meetings in Mexico City among the parties on profound political reform.

In a weighty show of support, nearly the entire national PRD leadership visited blockades in Tabasco.

"The government is showing a hard face," said PRD national committee member Amalia Garcia Medina.

Arrests of 60 PRD members at a blockade near the town of Cardenas on Thursday was seen as part of the government's promise to act "in strict accordance with the law."

Leaders of the leftist opposition Democratic Revolution Party, spearheading the protests, hope the government will sit down with them in Mexico City to resolve the dispute peacefully.

But late Thursday, federal Interior Ministry officials released a statement suggesting they wouldn't negotiate with lawbreakers.

"The government of the republic knows how to dialogue, nego-

tiate and conciliate, but necessarily within the confines of the law," the statement said. "The government... considers it irresponsible for the national leadership of a political party to lend its support to illegal acts."

In the hall outside a Pemex press conference Thursday night, a fracas between opposition legislators and Pemex guards hinted that there is more at stake in Tabasco than claims of oil slicks in banana groves.

Some protesters, like state Democratic Revolution congressman Julio Cesar Alvarez, justified the protests against environmental damage that, they say, Pemex refuses to clean up.

At a sweaty crossroads near Ciudad Pemex, Alvarez and about 50 peasant supporters of his party, also known as the PRD, had cut tree branches across the road to slow traffic. They complained about a nearby petrochemical plant where yellow mountains of sulphur used to make sulphuric acid leach into a foul-smelling lagoon nearby.

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Religion

# Odessa pastor too busy for cancer

By Sonja Merrick  
The Odessa American

ODESSA - What with running a growing church, preaching crusades country-wide and spending large chunks of time counseling, the Rev. Dr. George Golden, pastor of Odessa's First Church of God, is a busy man. That's why, he said, when his health began failing about two years ago he didn't bother consulting a doctor.

"I started turning yellow and people around me noticed it. I thought I was just tired," he said.

Then, on Valentine's Day 1994, registered nurse Nadeen Whiteside, who is a member of the church's congregation, told him he had yellow streaks in his eyes and strongly urged him to see a doctor.

"When I went home that night I started itching all over," Golden said.

The next morning he called a physician, who called another physician, and many tests ensued. The results were not good.

"They found a tumor in my bile duct," Golden said. "And they said they couldn't operate here in Odessa, so they made arrangements for me to go to Baylor in Dallas."

Before Golden left for Dallas, Whiteside took a look at his physician's report.

"His wife asked me to be honest and I told her it looked like it was hopeless," Whiteside said. "In my opinion, there wasn't much they were going to be able to do. With tumors like that, the outcome isn't very good."

Whiteside also said that she shared her apprehension with other members of the community as she watched him deteriorate. "I told a friend that if God didn't perform a miracle he wouldn't last three months. He was probably one of the sickest people I've seen in my life."

More tests were conducted, surgery was performed, and the news went from bad to worse.

"My gall bladder was completely full of cancer and they removed it. They found lesions in my liver — that means cancer, too — and the tumor was inoperable," Golden said. "They said it is a deadly tumor and radiation and chemotherapy won't kill it. They gave me four to 24 months to live."

Dr. David Snyder, an oncologist who has been treating Golden since his return from Dallas, said, "It was a disease that generally the outcome is not favorable."

While in Dallas, Golden's weight dropped from 210 pounds to 172 — in about two weeks time.

"Doctors say this particular-style tumor takes you down to skin and bones," he said.

Golden returned to Odessa where he began undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments in the hopes of reducing the size of the tumor.

That was almost two years ago. And that is when Whiteside noticed that, much to her surprise, Golden seemed to be improving.

"When people go through that kind of thing (chemotherapy and radiation) it brings them to near death, but the outcome in his physical condition was remarkable," she said. "When I saw his blood work I was amazed at how normal it was — even his liver function studies were good."

And, according to Whiteside, although most who undergo those types of treatment lose their appetite and hair, Golden didn't. "Although he had some of the side effects — like tiredness and depression."

Today, instead of breathing his last breath in a seriously deteriorated state of health, Golden is back at work — putting in his standard 60 to 80 hours a week of ministerial duties. His weight is back up to 220 pounds.

And the tumor? "It's still there, but it's not active," Golden said. "It's not doing anything."

Golden gives full credit for his return to health to God. And the thousands of people who prayed for him during his illness.

"When the doctors told us about the tumor, my staff here contacted every church in Odessa asking them to be in prayer for us," he said. "My wife received hundreds of calls from pastors and people throughout this wonderful city."

And then the circle of prayer widened to include people from coast to coast. Golden said his staff also sent letters to every church in the country where he had preached a crusade. The result was thousands of cards, letters and telephone calls.

"They assured us they were praying for us," he said.

There are lots of thanks that need to go around, Golden added. "We thank God for medical science and our doctors and nurses. But we know it (healing) happened in the name of Jesus. He is not only our savior, but our healer."

Whiteside agreed.

"From my standpoint as a nurse I knew it was hopeless in the beginning. It was hard for me to have faith like some did because I was seeing the medical side of it," she said. "But (now) there's no doubt in my mind that God performed a miracle on him because his people love him and believed and prayed and wanted him healed so much."

Snyder said that patients' attitudes and their faith are important in recovery — but so are such factors as state-of-the-art medical care.

"From a scientific standpoint, it's hard to quantitate which is most important," he said. "But to try to discount any component is not fruitful."

Snyder has his own definition of the miraculous.

"I think he's (Golden) a miracle for many reasons. His whole attitude toward life, his relationship with his faith community, the fact that he's alive today without any recurrence is miraculous," he said. "It's miraculous, I think, regardless of what happens in inspiration to us. It's a happy story."

## Fast of Ramadan doesn't stop Hakeem Olajuwon

HOUSTON (AP) — The television, radio and newspaper reporters huddled around Hakeem Olajuwon after a shootaround on the day the defending NBA champions were scheduled to meet the Chicago Bulls.

All strained to hear the answer to one reporter's question: "Are you or Michael Jordan the best basketball player in the world?"

Olajuwon diplomatically said it was hard to say who the best

player is. Then he left the court to discuss a subject closer to his heart — the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"All this now is sports, it's worldly," he says, pointing to the court from a seat in the auditorium away from the lights and attention.

He is about to speak of another world, a world of faith where serving God is more important than an NBA championship ring.

"Giving you the time is not a favor. It is a duty," he tells a religion writer.

As Sandy Koufax gave pride to followers of a minority faith when he refused to pitch the opening game of the 1965 World Series on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, so has Olajuwon given increased visibility to Islam by his decision to follow the fasting requirements during Ramadan.

## Religion briefs

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — Temperatures dipping to as low as 5 degrees overnight made it uncomfortable to be outdoors, but high school and college students took turns staying in a makeshift plywood shelter to help the poor.

A group of 24 young people were staying in four-hour shifts on the front lawn of the Peace Dale Congregational Church on a recent weekend.

The sleep-out was to draw attention to the plight of the homeless and those who live in poor housing.

"Being comfortable sometimes keeps us separate from what other people have to experience," said Kelly Sauer, 20, a nursing student at the University of Rhode Island.

"Spending four hours in some sort of discomfort really gives you a slight picture of what they have to go through," said Sauer, who joined members of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which builds and refurbishes housing for low-income people.

Students were accepting donations for a local food pantry and to fund a trip to Albany, Ga., where they intend to build a house.

The Rev. John Hudson described the event as the perfect teaching tool.

"It's entering into the reality that many folks in our world face, particularly low-income folks, powerless people."

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A challenge to the merging of ethnic Roman Catholic parishes has been rejected by the Vatican, the Diocese of Harrisburg said.

A Vatican tribunal decided it would not consider the appeal "as it is lacking any foundation," the diocese said.

The five parishes, located in Steelton, were joined into one congregation in July as part of a reorganization that reduced the number of parishes in the diocese from 125 to 99. Similar restructurings are taking place across the country in the Roman Catholic Church.

Members of a predominantly Croatian parish wanted to retain the ethnic character of their church. Leaders of the appeal said they would continue to

press their cause.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Despite an influx of newcomers, 75 percent of Utah residents are Mormons — a figure that has remained stable since the 1960s, demographers say.

"I expected major changes to have occurred, but they haven't," said Lowell C. "Ben" Bennion, a Salt Lake native and longtime geography professor at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.

Some 1.5 million members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints reside in Utah.

The influence of Utah's dominant religion spills into 13 Western states, where some 80 percent of the nation's 4.5 million Mormons live.

"Those born into the Mormon culture retain strong bonds with the place," he said. "Many who have gone out and lived in California, the Pacific Northwest, even back East have returned."

Bennion, whose findings were published in the December issue of Sunstone magazine, based his research largely on information gleaned from Mormon church records.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Hmong Catholics, used to worshipping in the Twin Cities with temporary pastors, are now united under one roof with their own priest.

The Rev. Chue Ying Vang recently became the only Hmong Catholic priest in the United States to have his own church. The ceremony took place at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in a ceremony that included the traditional rite of ordination but added several Hmong traditions.

Vang, 32, a graduate of St. Paul Seminary, will lead the congregation and work with the Hmong community in Minnesota.

Several of the 200 Hmong worshippers who attended the ceremony said they felt privileged to hear the Gospel from someone who shared their culture.

"When he does the readings, he can talk about what all the Hmong share, like how we came through poverty and how we struggled to get to the U.S.," said Velissa Vang, 22, a Sunday school teacher at the church.

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## Man Of Former Girth Shouldn't Give Fat Women Wide Berth

DEAR ABBY: Congratulations to "Abnormal in California," the 34-year-old bachelor who lost 100 pounds and wonders where the women he's now dating were when he was fat and alone.

Perhaps he should look to women who understand what he's been through — those who may be sitting at home feeling rejected and alone because they are overweight.

If he doesn't consider a fat woman worthy of his time, then he's doing the same thing he accuses the women of doing to him.

A DULUTH, MINN. READER

DEAR DULUTH READER: You make a valid point. "Abnormal" has a special understanding to offer women whose social lives are suffering because of their weight. I was inundated with letters from readers who shared their painful experiences. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "Abnormal in California," I, too, was overweight during my childhood and teen-age years. After painful harassment and great struggle, I finally lost the weight. Suddenly, I miraculously fit into the socially acceptable world, even though nothing else about me had changed. I had the same personality, moral standards and sense of humor I had when I was heavy.

Although being overweight is unhealthy, it doesn't mean an overweight person is not worth know-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Unfortunately, we live in a "visual" world where people cannot see us for what we are inside.

Perhaps "Abnormal in California" should consider dating overweight women instead of those with "body perfect" figures. He could then be sure they would have something in common with him, and they could see each other for who they really are.

My husband is overweight, and he is the most wonderful friend and companion a woman could have.

C.A.A. IN DELAWARE

DEAR ABBY: Recently I left a pot of rice on the stove too long. By the time I remembered it, the pot was smoking. Last week, a friend of mine accidentally started a grease fire in her kitchen. I heard many tragic news reports over the holidays about Christmas trees causing fires and heartbreak in what should

have been a joyful season.

Abby, I'd like to pass on a suggestion that was made to me after my close call with the rice: Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher. The new ones are inexpensive and come with easy-to-follow instructions. Learn how to use it as soon as you get it home, then put it in plain sight. If you buy only one, the kitchen is the best place to keep it.

I have decided to purchase fire extinguishers as gifts for the weddings, housewarmings and graduations I know I'll be invited to this year. What better way to say, "I care about you?"

Thanks, Abby, for printing my letter and for the love and concern you have shown for others over the years.

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DEAR WISER: Thank you for a practical suggestion that may save lives. Fire extinguishers should not be considered a replacement for smoke detectors, but rather as an additional important tool for home fire prevention.

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part of the day could be the best time to handle situations that are significant to you financially. Try to arrange your agenda to your advantage.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will be better equipped than your associates today to direct a delicate development. When leadership is required get ready to step up to the front.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Someone who aided you in the past might need your assistance today. Do what you can to help smooth things over even if lending a hand seems inconvenient.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A social commitment that you've tried to figure out ways to avoid could prove enjoyable today. You will be glad you participated.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Someone whose support you thought you needed will be actually more of a hindrance than a help. This will become obvious today when you do what needs doing unaided.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your first ideas might not be your best ones today, so don't feel as if they are carved in stone. The longer you deliberate, the more cre-

ative you will become.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An associate might implement some changes today which you may resent initially. Do not jump to conclusions, because the changes could benefit you as well.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Listen attentively to your mate's input today regarding a matter of mutual concern. His or her suggestions might be more useful and functional than yours.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This could be a productive day, even though you might get a late start. Do not worry about the lost time, just make sure to use the hours you have left wisely.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Endeavors which contain elements of risk might work out to your benefit today, especially those that occur later in the afternoon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Make sure your assessments of today's matters are pragmatic and workable. However, listen to your intuition. You may come up with a dynamic solution.

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## Horoscope

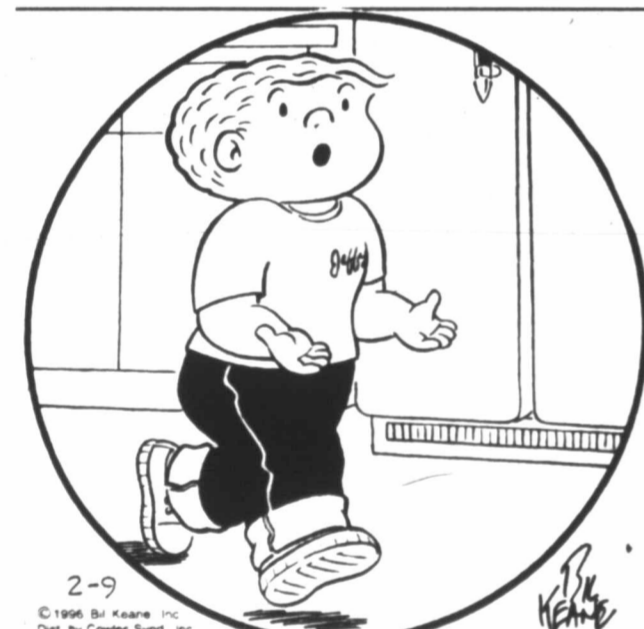
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The knowledge and expertise you've acquired during the past year should give you the edge over your competition in regard to your career. Probabilities for advancement look strong.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An old friend who stood by you recently will be ready to serve as your backup person again today. His or her support might prove essential to your position.

Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The latter



"Mommy, will you put these dinosaur bones in the freezer so they'll keep overnight?"



"Marmaduke! Turn on your side!"

### The Family Circus



### Marmaduke



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### For Better or For Worse



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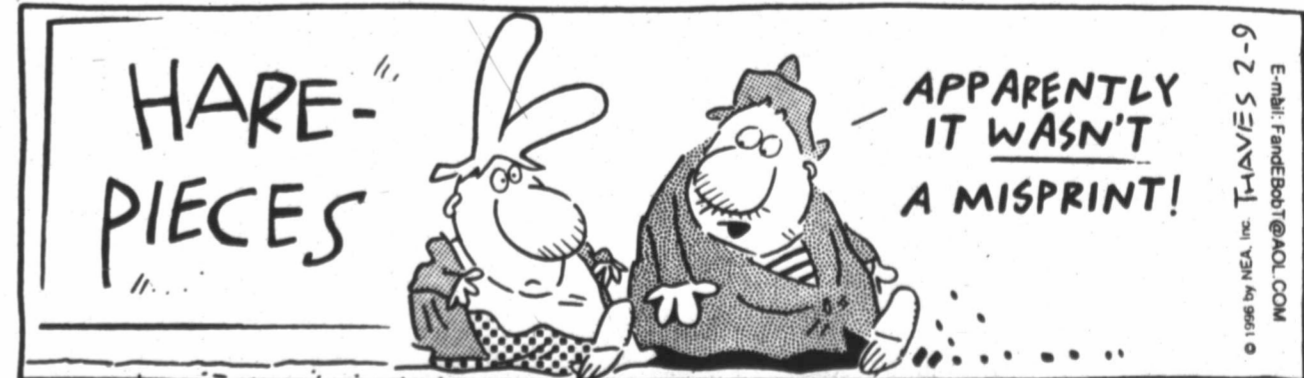
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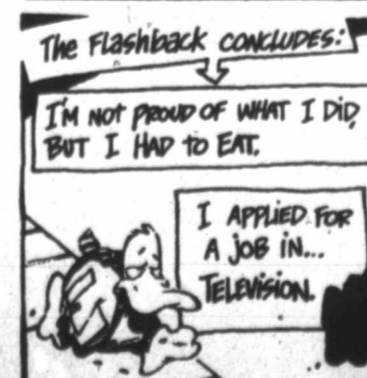
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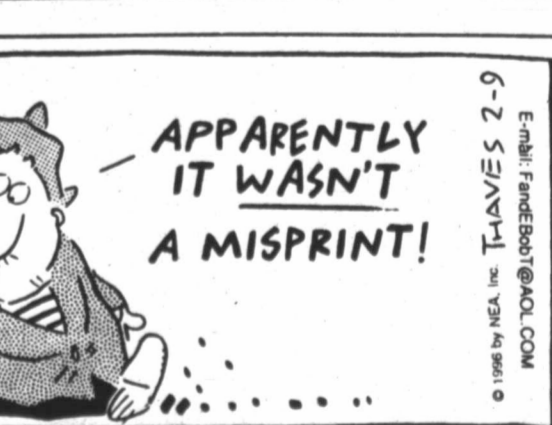
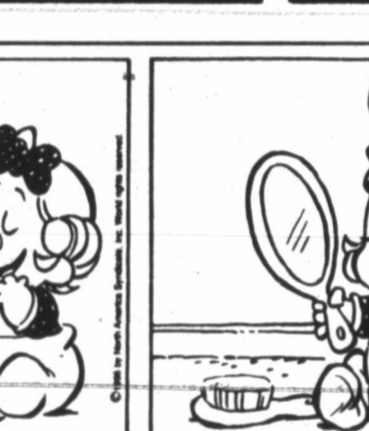
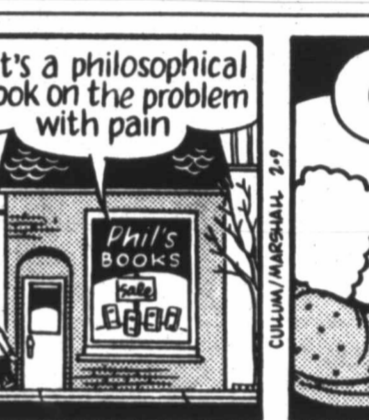
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## Sports

## Notebook

## BASKETBALL

**DALLAS (AP)** — Jason Kidd had 25 assists, the most in the NBA this season, and Jim Jackson scored 38 points as the Dallas Mavericks outlasted the Utah Jazz 136-133 in two overtimes Thursday night.

Kidd put the Mavericks ahead for good, 124-122, early in the second extra period with a 3-pointer.

Dallas extended the lead to 134-127 with 20.7 seconds, but Popeye Jones, Kidd and Jackson each went 1-of-2 from the line and Jeff Hornacek and John Stockton each hit long 3-pointers to give Utah a chance to force a third OT.

The Jazz had 7.2 seconds to score, but couldn't. Kidd fouled Stockton but Utah wasn't in the bonus, so they had to inbound the ball with 3.6 seconds left. Karl Malone had an open 3-pointer from the top of the key, but his shot came up short.

It was the second-highest scoring game of the season. Dallas was involved in the other one, too, 140-130 over Phoenix on Jan. 12.

## FOOTBALL

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Gov. Jim Edgar proposed a \$465 million plan for a domed stadium that would provide a new home for the Chicago Bears and facilities for conventions, the Super Bowl and the NCAA basketball championship.

Edgar's proposal for the 72,000-seat stadium adjoining the existing McCormick Place Exposition Center would require the Bears to contribute \$175 million to the construction costs. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority would provide \$190 million and the city and state would each contribute \$25 million for land acquisition and infrastructure.

## BASEBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Houston Astros catcher Rick Wilkins won the first arbitration case of the year and will make \$1.55 million rather than the \$1.25 million offered by the team.

Arbitrator Morton Mitchnick made the decision, a day after a hearing in Los Angeles. Wilkins, 28, had a \$1,475,000 salary in 1995.

## SWIMMING

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — With four weeks remaining before the Olympic trials, 15-year-old Brooke Bennett won her fourth U.S. title in the Phillips 66 National Championship.

Bennett, who snapped Janet Evans' eight-year winning streaks in the 800- and 1,500-meter freestyle last summer, won the 400 freestyle in 4 minutes, 12.66 seconds. Ron Karnough, 29, won the 200 individual medley with his fastest time since the Barcelona Games, 2:03.13.

## GOLF

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — After being robbed by rain at Pebble Beach, pro golfers were welcomed to Southern California by brilliant, sunny weather. They responded with a barrage of birdies in the opening round of the Buick Invitational.

"You certainly like to have weather like this," said San Diegan Lennie Clements, who opened his round with three straight birdies and had 10 overall en route to an 8-under 64, good for a second-place tie with Michael Bradley. "It's a real treat."

That was a recurring theme Thursday as golfers soaked up ideal weather at Torrey Pines: 74 degrees, cloudless sky, no wind.

"This was a perfect day," said Kirk Triplett, who had seven straight birdies during his round of 9-under 63 to tie Doug Martin and Tom Lehman for the lead. "Everybody who played last week and was used to slopping it around was so excited to get on a golf course in good shape."

## Red Raiders are on NCAA playoff mission

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

A prevailing compliment about the No. 13 Texas Tech Red Raiders this season has been their consistency.

There is a reason. "This year, they are a little bit on a mission," Tech assistant coach Greg Pinkney said. "They are trying to take one game at a time although it sticks out in their mind about last year."

The Red Raiders tied with Texas for the Southwest Conference title last season only to lose to Texas Christian in the first round of the SWC tournament. They were not invited to the NCAA playoffs.

Pinkney thinks the Red Raiders will be better prepared for playoff pressure this year.

"It goes back to the seniors on the club," Pinkney said. "They've been through all the battles, they played Wisconsin,

Kentucky and went out to Arizona and played Temple at Temple" last season.

"Now they are playing with great confidence."

The Red Raiders got the second half of the SWC schedule under way Wednesday night with an 85-70 victory over Texas Christian that extended their winning streak to 12 games and their home winning streak to 27.

In Saturday games, Texas Tech (19-1, 8-0) plays at Texas A&M (11-9, 3-5); Southern Methodist (6-13, 2-5) is at Baylor (6-13, 1-6); and Rice (11-9, 3-5) plays at Houston (11-8, 5-2).

Texas (13-6, 6-2) pounded cold-shooting Rice on Wednesday night and will try to close ground on the Red Raiders Sunday against Texas Christian (11-11, 2-5).

Texas coach Tom Penders thinks his young Longhorns can get into the NCAA tournament with 18 victories, and they can play well if they get there.

"This team has played well on the road this year," Penders said. "We've had one stinko and that was at Louisville. We're used to playing in big arenas, in hostile arenas against name teams."

"That's why we've done pretty well when we've gotten to the postseason tournament. I don't think there will be any difference if we make it this year. I think we'll be good enough to beat anybody they match us with."

Houston lost to Texas last week but rebounded against James Madison on Monday. The Cougars have rallied from a 2-6 start, caused in part because they were without three ineligible players at the start of the season.

"I told them (before Monday's game) that basically we have an eight-game season," coach Alvin Brooks said. "I like where we are. We've got to be very comfortable with where we are but not too comfortable."

For the rest of the league, however, winning the SWC postseason tournament is likely the only pathway to the NCAA tournament.

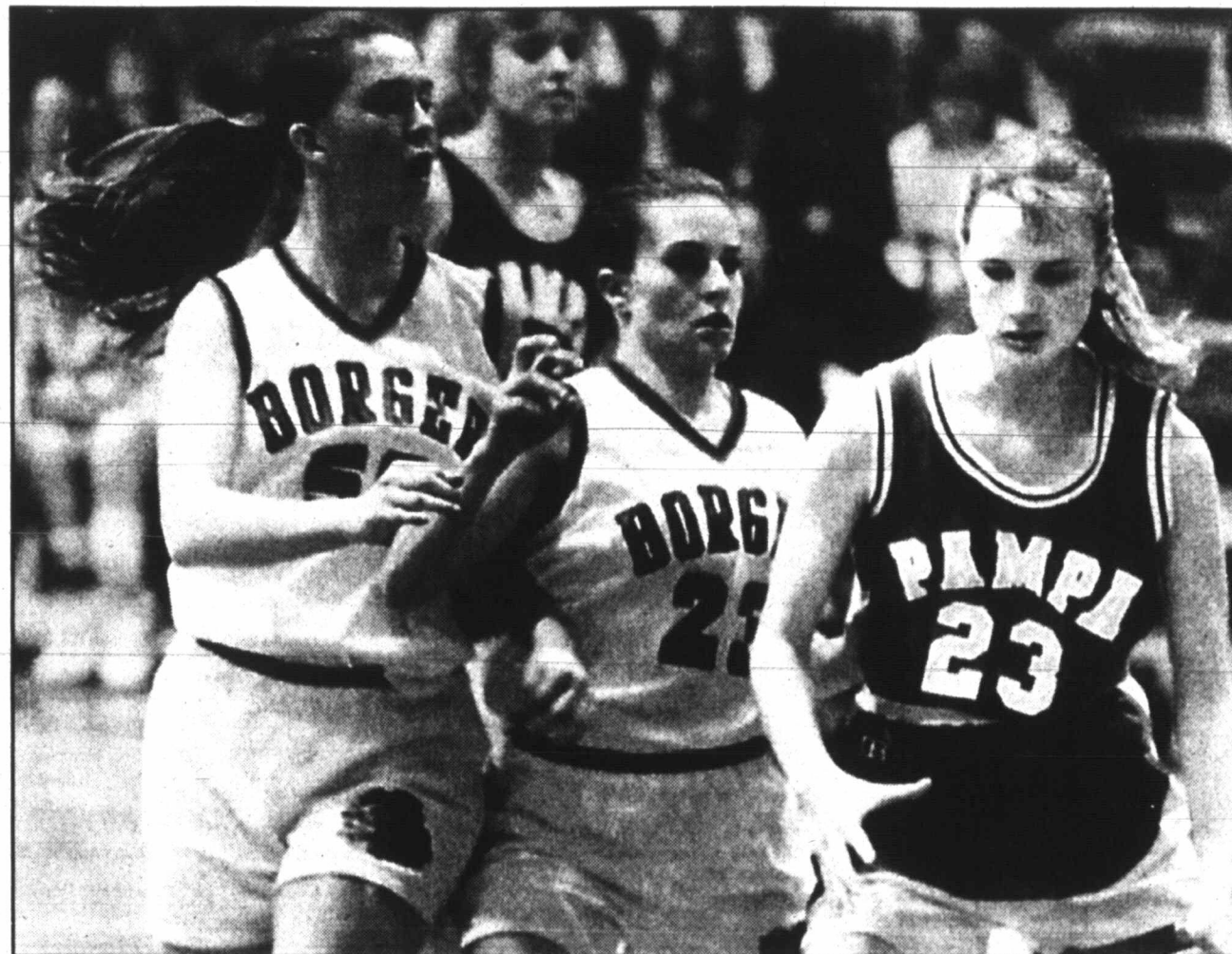
"We're just still trying to get better every game and it's getting late," TCU coach Billy Tubbs said. "I hope we can be at our best when the conference tournament gets here. We haven't had a great game yet."

"I still think we're playing with enthusiasm. It's still fun but it's a big challenge."

The Aggies' best shot at postseason play would require a strong finish. Coach Tony Barone wants to finish upbeat and see what happens.

"At this time of year, the most important element is to win games," Barone said. "You take care of your mistakes after you've won the game."

The Aggies get the Red Raiders in College Station this time, a more suitable venue than Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa junior Jennifer Jones (far right) scored 23 points against Borger on Tuesday night. The Lady Harvesters close out the season tonight against Caprock in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## Pampa cagers host Caprock tonight

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Harvesters can clinch their eighth straight District 1-4A title with a win against Amarillo Caprock at 7:30 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa has been perfect in district at 10-0 while the third-ranked Harvesters have posted a glittering 25-3 record for the season.

Caprock is 4-5 in district and 9-19 for the season.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters close out the 1996-97 season tonight, hosting Caprock at 6 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is 1-10 in district and 12-16 overall. Caprock is 2-9 in district and 9-17 for the season.

The Lady Harvesters defeated Caprock, 46-33, in the first half of the district season.

Borger slipped by Pampa, 49-48, in a junior varsity girls' game Tuesday night.

Scoring for Pampa were Yvette Brown with 16 points, Faustine Curry and Keili Earl 6 each; McKinley Quarles 5, Lisa Kirkpatrick 3, Lisa Dwight 2 and Melissa Butcher 2.

In other JV action, Dumas defeated Pampa, 44-39, last weekend.

## PREP BASKETBALL

Scoring for Pampa were Lisa Dwight with 16 points, Faustine Curry 7, Lisa Kirkpatrick 6, Yvette Brown 4, McKinley Quarles 4 and Heather Petty 2. The Pampa team lost to Dumas, 44-39, last weekend.

**WHITE DEER** — White Deer split a pair of District 2-1A makeup games with Vega Thursday night.

White Deer boys posted a 55-36 win. Justin Brown scored 13 points and Stephen Sugar to lead White Deer in scoring.

Leading Vega in scoring was Keith Bromman with 18 points, followed by Austin Hayes 12.

The Bucks are now 4-1 in district and 9-14 for the season. Vega is 0-5, 4-22.

Vega won the girls' game, 51-50. Vega's top scorers were Rea with 13 points, Karber and Green, 11 each.

High scorer for White Deer was Krissy Cone with 24 points. Shannon Poland added 14.

Vega is 3-2 in district and 20-7 for the season. White Deer is 2-3 and 9-18.

## PHS swimmers prepare for district meet

The Pampa High swim teams participate in the district meet Feb. 16-17 in Lubbock. The top six in each event advance to the regional meet March 1-2, also in Lubbock. The first-place swimmer in each of eight regions across Texas advance to the state meet plus the next eight fastest times in each region. The state meet is March 15-16 in Austin.

The PHS teams recently competed in the Amarillo Invitational. The second day of the two-day meet was canceled due to poor weather conditions.

Pampa results in the Amarillo Invitational are as follows:

**Boys' Division**  
200 medley relay: Pampa (Chris Podzemny, Dakota Tefertiller, Matt Haesle and Justin Nelson) 7th place, 2:02.46.

200 IM: Dakota Tefertiller, fifth place, 2:15.16; Justin Nelson, seventh place, 2:21.15.

50 freestyle: Matt Brown, 21st place, 29.28, personal best; 22nd place, Waylon Griffin, 22nd place, 29.69, personal best.

100 fly: Matt Haesle, ninth place, 1:15.57.

100 free: Chris Podzemny, sixth place, 56.90.

500 freestyle: Matt Haesle, sixth place, 6:03.19, personal best; Waylon Griffin, 10th place, 7:01.36.

100 backstroke: Chris Podzemny, eighth place, 1:06.79, personal best; Matt Brown, 13th place, 1:18.42, personal best.

100 breaststroke: Dakota Tefertiller, first place, 1:04.90; Justin Nelson, seventh place, 1:12.36.

400 freestyle relay: Pampa (Chris Podzemny, Matt Haesle, Dakota Tefertiller and Justin Nelson), fourth place, 4:00.70.

**Girls' Division**  
200 freestyle: Tanya Fritz, 13th place, 2:46.67; Jennifer Gann, 17th place, 3:23.54.

50 freestyle: Ashlee David, third place, 26.63; Peggy Williams, seventh place, 29.33; Jill Nelson, 23rd place, 42.64, personal best.

100 fly: Stacy Huddleston, ninth place, 1:21.94, personal best; Jill Nelson, 14th place, 2:06.81.

100 freestyle: Ashlee David, fourth place, 59.51; Peggy Williams, eighth place, 1:04.73; Stacy Huddleston, 14th place, 1:09.40, personal best.

500 freestyle: Shannon Shakel, fourth place, 6:11.05.

## Penn State goes to the top of recruiting class

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
AP Football Writer

After all these years, kids still love Joe Paterno.

The Penn State coach used the right words at the right time and the results made the Nittany Lions big winners on national signing day.

"Kids are always impressed with him, because he shows so much interest in them when they meet," says Allen Wallace, publisher of SuperPrep magazine in Laguna Beach, Calif. "The competitors always say he's leaving, but he's still around and still trying to win another national championship."

Unlike last year, when Penn State lost the quarterback it craved in Dan Kendra, the Lions snared highly touted Rashard Casey of Hoboken, N.J., on Wednesday. Add versatile running backs Joe Dawkins of Hackensack, N.J., and Ken Watson of Harrisburg, Pa., plus the usual lot of promising linebackers and Paterno's incoming group surpassed national champion Nebraska for the strongest recruiting class.

"The edge goes to Penn State, because they have the best quarterback," Wallace said. "Casey is a guy who can get it done on the ground and through the air. He

makes the difference for Penn State."

Casey, 6-foot-3 and 185 pounds, was rated the No. 2 quarterback by SuperPrep, just behind Tim Couch, a 6-foot-5, 215-pounder from Hyden, Ky., who stayed home and signed with Kentucky.

The Cornhuskers signed only 18 players — their smallest class since 1984 — but they were doozies, including SuperPrep's top defensive back, Mike Brown (5-11, 195) of Scottsdale, Ariz., and coverman Ralph Brown (5-11, 180) of California's La Puente Bishop Amat HS. Both were expected to sign with Southern California.

Florida State, which grabbed SuperPrep's top running back, Laveranues Coles (6-1, 195) of Jacksonville, Fla., was third, followed by USC, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Michigan, Tennessee, Colorado and LSU.

Paterno said he was looking for speed and versatility. He got it in Dawkins and Watson. Dawkins, 5-10 and 185 pounds, starred at tailback and defensive back at Hackensack High School and also was the 100-meter state champion. Watson, 6-0 and 190 pounds, ran for 1,495 yards on 189 carries and also plays wide receiver.

Among the Nittany Lions' other top recruits are: Linebackers Courtney Brown (6-6, 230) of

Moncks Corner, S.C., Eric Sturdifan (6-2, 215) of Richmond, Va., Mac Morrison (6-2, 223) of Port Orchard, Wash., and Justin Kurpeikis (6-4, 225) of Pittsburgh; wide receiver Titus Pettigrew (6-3, 220) of Clemmons, N.C.; and offensive linemen Imani Bell (6-5, 290) of Philadelphia and John Blick (6-7, 310) of Brodheadsville, Pa.

"There is no weakness at any spot, except for tight end," Wallace said. "They have three All-American offensive linemen, the best group of linebackers in the country, led by the top-ranked Brown, and the No. 2 wide receiver."

Nebraska also signed fullbacks Daniel Alexander (6-2, 230), from Wentzville, Mo., and Willie Miller (6-0, 230), from Bellvue, Neb.; running back DeAngelo Evans (5-9, 210), from Wichita, Kan.; and linebacker George Guidry (6-3, 230), Lake Charles, La.

Apparently, players stayed away because the Cornhuskers were too good.

"You think that would never happen, but it did," coach Tom Osborne said. "They just thought we had a bunch of supermen out there. We were good, but not that good."

In addition to Coles, the Seminoles landed another top running back in Vanez Gooch, also

## Houston Buccaneers?

**HOUSTON (AP)** — An investors' group has targeted the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a potential move to keep a National Football League presence in Houston following the Oilers' expected transfer, according to a published report today.

The Houston Chronicle said the group is also considering seeking an NFL expansion franchise even though NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has said the city does not top the league's list for a new club.

A source close to the group, headed by San Diego Padres baseball team owner John Jay Moore, told the newspaper the Bucs are a "prime target" because owner Malcolm Glazer is having apparent financial problems with other businesses

he owns, including Houston-based Zapata Corp.

"That's certainly a team to be looked at," said the unidentified source.

The group will meet in Houston on Wednesday to see if it can raise enough money to buy an NFL team and transfer it, should the Oilers move to Nashville as expected.

Glazer, unable to get a new stadium from Tampa officials, had been rumored to be considering moving the Buccaneers to Orlando or Cleveland.

A Zapata stockholder sued Glazer in November, accusing him of orchestrating the wrongful purchase of \$18 million in stock from Zapata to buy the Buccaneers for a record \$195 million.

from Jacksonville, Fla. Other top prospects include Reginald Durden (5-9, 179), from Texas' Sam Houston High School, and defensive linemen Roland Seymour (6-5, 245), from New Orleans, and Donald Heaven (6-4, 285), from Miami.

"I don't think I'd take a blind swap with anybody else in the country," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said.

Southern Cal had a sour ending to what looked like a spectacular day. After losing the defensive backs to Nebraska, the Trojans may also lose linebacker Na'il Diggs (6-3, 220) of Los Angeles. Diggs was reconsidering after USC fired his brother-in-law — basketball coach Charlie Parker — on Wednesday.

The Trojans signed three of the top seven wide receivers in Stan Guyness (6-3, 185) of Los Alamitos, Calif., Troy Garner (6-3, 195) of North Hollywood, Calif., and Rodney Soward (5-11, 165) of Fontana, Calif., to go with quarterback Mike Van Raaphorst, from La Mesa, Calif.

"Southern Cal has been known for its running backs, so this is a little different," Wallace said. "They also have a terrific group of linebackers, although they may lose one."

Notre Dame, which had the No. 1 class last year, was fifth this time.

The Irish filled a need on the defensive line, signing Brad Williams (6-5, 265) of Santa Ana, Calif., Jason Ching (6-4, 265) of Honolulu, B.J. Scott (6-4, 250) of Brookline, Ind., Jim Jones (6-3, 255) of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Lance Legree (6-2, 253) of St. Stephen, S.C.

They also signed quarterback Eric Chappell, a 6-5, 215-pounder from Montgomery, Ala., who passed for more than 1,600 yards last season.

The Irish are expected to sign highly regarded wide receiver Raki Nelson (6-1, 180) of Harrisburg, Pa., on Saturday.

Ohio State signed running backs Michael Wiley (6-0, 180) of Spring Valley, Calif., and Nick Goings (6-0, 200) of Dublin, Ohio. It remained unclear whether running back Durrell Price (6-0, 220) of Sylmar, Calif., signed with the Buckeyes. Also, Ohio State added junior college quarterback Mark Garcia of Modesto, Calif.

Wallace said several teams fared surprisingly well, including LSU, Maryland, Georgia Tech and Miami, which signed only 13 recruits because of NCAA sanctions. Teams such as Georgia, Oklahoma, UCLA and Washington did not do as well as expected.

"Teams in transition usually can't wait until the end for the players they really want,"

# Scoreboard

## BASKETBALL

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	34	14	.708	—
New York	30	16	.652	3
Washington	22	24	.478	11
Miami	22	26	.458	12
New Jersey	18	29	.383	15 1/2
Boston	17	30	.362	16 1/2
Philadelphia	9	36	.200	23 1/2

### Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	42	5	.894	—
Indiana	31	16	.660	11
Cleveland	26	20	.565	15 1/2
Atlanta	26	21	.553	16
Detroit	23	22	.511	18
Charlotte	22	24	.478	19 1/2
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	23
Toronto	13	34	.277	29

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	31	14	.689	—
Utah	32	16	.667	1/2
Houston	31	18	.633	2
Denver	30	27	.426	12
Dallas	16	30	.348	15 1/2
Minnesota	13	32	.289	18
Vancouver	10	37	.213	22

### Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	34	12	.739	—
L.A. Lakers	28	19	.596	6 1/2
Sacramento	24	20	.545	9
Portland	24	24	.500	11
Phoenix	22	24	.478	12
Golden State	21	26	.447	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	32	.333	19

### Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 93, Toronto 88  
 San Antonio 99, Boston 89  
 New York 87, Washington 82  
 Philadelphia 102, Indiana 101  
 Miami 101, Atlanta 89  
 Detroit 97, Orlando 83  
 Portland 103, Minnesota 93  
 Utah 102, Vancouver 79  
 Houston 110, L.A. Clippers 102  
 L.A. Lakers 106, New Jersey 96  
 Chicago 99, Golden State 95

### Thursday's Games

Charlotte 115, Sacramento 105  
 Atlanta 98, Washington 92  
 Denver 115, L.A. Clippers 95  
 Dallas 136, Utah 133, 2OT  
 Phoenix 107, New Jersey 102

### Friday's Games

No games scheduled

### Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

### Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at San Antonio, 6 p.m.

## COLLEGE BOX SCORE

### NORTH TEXAS 72, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 65

### NORTH TEXAS (7-11)

T. Jones 4-8 4-5 12, Miller 7-11 6-7 20, Riley 2-2 0-0 4, M. Jones 3-8 1-2 10, Elstun 6-11 0-0 15, Duncan 0-0 0-0 0, Schofield 0-3 0-0 0, King 0-4 1-2 1, Neal 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 5-8 0-2 10, Totals 27-55 12-18 72

### STEPHEN FAUSTIN (11-8)

Leftwich 0-5 2-3 2, Tonch 6-10 0-1 12, Rouzan 0-3 2-4 2, Bridgforth 1-4 5-5 7, Floyd 8-18 0-0 18, Lyons 0-6 2-2 2, Drummond 0-0 1-2 1, Stallings 5-9 0-1 14, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Tate 2-5 3-3 7, Totals 23-61 15-21 65

### 3-Point Goals

UNT 6-18 (M. Jones 3-7, Elstun 3-6, King 0-4, Schofield 0-1), SFA 4-23 (Floyd 2-10, Stallings 2-3, Lyons 0-5, Leftwich 0-3, Tonch 0-1, Bridgforth 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—UNT 35 (Miller 11), SFA 38 (Tonch 10), Assists—UNT 23 (M. Jones 7), SFA 15 (Lyons 7). Total fouls—UNT 19, SFA 17. A—2,350.

## FOOTBALL

### DALLAS (AP) — The following is an list of 1996 college football recruits signed by NCAA Division I-A Texas universities on Wednesday, the first day players can sign a national letter of intent.

### TEXAS TECH

Tim Baker, wr, 6-5, 195, Borgor HS, Borgor, Texas  
 Shaun Carr, rb, db, 5-9, 175, Sweetwater HS, Sweetwater, Texas  
 James Easterling, rb, db, 5-11, 190, Crowley HS, Crowley, Texas  
 Brian Giddens, cb, 5-10, 170, John Tyler HS, Tyler, Texas  
 Chad Grant, rb, 6-1, 225, Monterey HS, Lubbock, Texas  
 Jonathan Hawkins, lb, 5-11, 208, Rider HS, Wichita Falls, Texas  
 Mike Henderson, olb, 6-0, 200, New Mexico Military, Floydada, Texas  
 Harland Hill, fb, 5-11, 195, Cedar Hill HS, Cedar Hill, Texas  
 Ricky Hunter, rb, db, 5-11, 180, Kimball HS, Dallas

### TEXAS A&M

Ronnie Alexander, lb, 6-3, 200, Evangel Christian HS, Shreveport, La.  
 Cornelius Anthony, lb, 6-1, 200, Elkins HS, Missouri City, Texas  
 Ricardo Broughton, te, 6-3, 240, Neville HS, Monroe, La.  
 Chris Cole, wr, 6-1, 178, West Orange-Stark HS, Orange, Texas  
 Sean Coyatt, lb, 6-1, 215, Clements HS, Sugar Land, Texas  
 Shannon Crenshaw, wr, 5-10, 173, LBJ HS, Austin, Texas  
 Adren Dudley, te, 6-5, 230 Blinn Coll., Henderson, Texas  
 Dante Hall, rb, 5-9, 180, Nimitz HS, Houston  
 Brandon Jennings, db, 6-2, 180, Channelview HS, Houston  
 Eric Jennings, db, 5-11, 180 Mt. San Antonio JC, Pomona, Calif.  
 Toby McCarthy, ol, 6-5, 240, Lee HS, Midland, Texas  
 Ronald Patton, db, 5-10, 185, Langham Creek HS, Houston  
 Chris Thierry, lb, 6-2, 226, Lee HS, Baytown,

### TEXAS

Chris Valletta, ol, 6-4, 305, Plano HS, Plano, Texas  
 Jason Jones, db, 6-2, 275, Kimball HS, Dallas  
 Rory Malouf, ol, 6-4, 245, Levelland HS, Levelland, Texas  
 Steve McFadden, ol, 6-5, 272, Wheatley HS, Houston  
 Terry Patton, te, 6-3, 270, Rider HS, Wichita Falls, Texas  
 Chef Phanes, qb, fs, 6-2, 195, Clovis HS, Clovis, N.M.  
 Clint Robertson, rb, 6-1, 190, Hillcrest HS, Dallas  
 Chad Smith, ol, 6-3, 265, Denison High, Denison, Texas  
 Duane Tolliver, db, 6-3, 215, Knox City, Texas  
 Mark Washburn, db, 6-0, 175, Sweeny HS, Sweeny, Texas  
 LaQueeny Williams, rb, db, 5-8, 174, Odessa High, Odessa, Texas  
 Matt Anderson, ol, 6-4, 275, Cuero HS, Cuero, Texas  
 Will Barnes, rb, 5-10, 205, Camilla, Ga., Independence College  
 Marcel Blanchard, ol, 6-5, 280, Elkins HS, Sugar Land, Texas  
 Demick Curry, ol, 6-4, 265, Jones HS, Houston  
 Tony Ellis, rb, 6-0, 193, Hanna HS, Brownsville, Texas  
 Mike Garcia, ol, 6-6, 270, Deer Park HS, Deer Park, Texas  
 Will Gooden, ol, 6-5, 245, Monte Vista HS, Spring Valley, Calif.  
 Jake Hammer, olb, 6-3, 240, Deer Park HS, Deer Park, Texas  
 Casey Hampton, ol, 6-1, 300, Bail HS, Galveston, Texas  
 Brandon Healy, wr, 6-1, 195, Carlsbad HS, Carlsbad, Calif.  
 Joe Hubbard, ol, 6-5, 280, Hooks HS, Hooks, Texas  
 Aaron Humphrey, olb, 6-4, 240, Monterey HS, Lubbock, Texas  
 Levar Jenkins, db, 5-10, 175, Cuero HS, Cuero, Texas  
 J.J. Kelly, te, 6-2, 235, Brenham HS, Brenham, Texas  
 Richard Land, ol, 6-7, 310, Brentwood HS, Brentwood, Texas  
 Donald McCowen, db, 6-2, 210, Carter HS, Dallas  
 Corey Quye, ol, 6-6, 275, Marshall HS, San Antonio

### HOUSTON

Lau Lance Baker, ol, 6-6, 320, Evans HS, Orlando, Fla.  
 Adriano Belli, db, 6-6, 246, Central Tech HS, Toronto, Ontario  
 Corey Bradshaw, db, 6-1, 195, Mesquite HS, Mesquite, Texas  
 Kenneth Davis, wr, 6-0, 190, Washington HS, Houston  
 William Fields, db, 5-10, 175, Copperas Cove HS, Copperas Cove, Texas  
 Ryan Hendrickson, ol, 6-5, 315, Martin HS, Arlington, Texas  
 Jerian James, wr, 6-1, 185, Ball HS, Galveston, Texas  
 Charlie Jordan, lb, 6-0, 227, Niceville HS, Niceville, Texas  
 Mike Knepper, db, 6-2, 260, Garland HS, Garland, Texas  
 Malik Ledbetter, db, 5-10, 180, Corsicana HS, Corsicana, Texas  
 Josh Lovelady, ol, 6-3, 316, Tidehaven HS, Midfield, Texas  
 Micah Malone, lb, 6-2, 205, Brazoswood HS, Clute, Texas  
 Jason McKinley, qb, 6-3, 200, Westwood HS, Austin, Texas  
 Patterson Owens, ol, 6-6, 265, Hinds CC, Mobile, Ala.  
 Devon Pender, ol, 6-0, 180, Trinity Valley JC, Chapel Hill, Texas  
 Scott Regimbald, te, 6-2, 215, Champlain Coll., Montreal, Quebec  
 Marcus Sanders, ol, 6-5, 250, Mesquite HS, Mesquite, Texas  
 Ketric Sanford, rb, 5-10, 185, Corsicana HS,

### HOUSTON

Chad Cline, fb, 6-0, 225, Green Valley HS, Henderson, Nev.  
 Wes Danaher, rb, 6-0, 200, Callahan HS, Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Jeff Erdelen, ol, 6-5, 270, Peninsula HS, Palos Verdes, Calif.  
 Ivan Gaines, wr, 6-1, 185, DeSoto HS, DeSoto, Texas  
 Tim Gardner, db, 5-11, 175, Roosevelt HS, San Antonio  
 Curtis Jefferson, lb, 6-1, 210, Lamar HS, Houston  
 David Mann, db, 6-0, 185, Seagoville HS, Seagoville, Texas  
 Richard Nichols, qb, 6-4, 245, Corona Del Mar HS, Corona Del Mar, Calif.  
 Jerry Payne, lb, 6-1, 205, Bishop O'Dowd HS, Oakland, Calif.  
 Jeff Pennington, fb, 6-3, 220, Pearce HS, Richardson, Texas  
 Rodrick Phillips, rb, 6-1, 195, O'Connell HS, Galveston, Texas  
 Courtney Richardson wr, db, 5-11, 165, Spruce HS, Dallas  
 Karon Riley, db, 6-4, 225, Martin Luther King HS, Detroit, Mich.  
 Chris Sanders, qb, 6-0, 205, Marcus HS, Flower Mound, Texas  
 Jason Simonton, lb, 6-0, 220, Duncanville HS, Duncanville, Texas  
 Chris Taylor, qb, 6-2, 200, Spruce HS, Dallas  
 Dionter Terrell, ol, 6-3, 255, Bishop Lynch HS, Dallas

### TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Theo Anderson, db, 6-2, 225, Carter HS, Dallas  
 Stuart Ashley, ol, 6-4, 255, Taylor HS, Katy, Texas  
 Patrick Bateaux, wr, 6-1, 185, Elkins HS, Fort Bend, Texas  
 David Bobo, ol, 6-5, 245, Permian HS, Odessa, Texas  
 Shannon Brazzell, lb, 6-0, 210, Lewisville HS, Lewisville, Texas  
 Mike Brown, te, 6-4, 235 Blinn Coll., Del Rio, Texas  
 Barry Browning, db, 5-10, 185, Okla. State, Everman, Texas  
 Terrance Cook, db, 5-11, 190, Everman HS, Everman, Texas  
 Jeff Garner, db, 6-4, 225, Decatur HS, Decatur, Texas  
 Reggie Hunt, rb, db, 6-1, 200, Denison HS, Denison, Texas  
 Charles Jones, rb, 5-10 195, O.D. Wyatt HS, Fort Worth, Texas  
 Michael Keathley, te, 6-4, 225, Glen Rose HS, Glen Rose, Texas  
 Scott King, lb, 6-1, 227, Central HS, Phoenix City, Ala.  
 Shane Ladewig, ol, 6-4, 278, MacArthur HS, Irving, Texas  
 Rodney Lauderdale, ol, 5-7, 185, Trinity Valley CC, Quincy, Texas  
 Quincy Lunford, db, 6-4, 215, Brazoswood HS, Clute, Texas  
 Terrance Madden, lb, 6-2, 215, Carter HS, Dallas  
 Tim Madden, wr, 6-2, 190, Carter HS, Dallas  
 Jeff Millican, ol, 6-6, 260, Panhandle HS, Panhandle, Texas

### Panhandle, Texas

JaMarcus Powers, db, 5-9, 170, La Marque HS, La Marque, Texas  
 Aaron Schobel, lb, 6-4, 230, Columbus HS, Columbus, Texas  
 Matt Shane, db, 6-4, 245 Trinity Valley CC, Richardson, Texas  
 Terrell Sutton, db, 5-11, 180, Blinn Coll., Arlington, Texas  
 Fred Taylor, qb, 5-1, 190, Hinds CC, Jackson, Miss.  
 Reuben Vaughn, ol, 6-4, 270, O.D. Wyatt HS, Fort Worth, Texas

### TEXAS-EL PASO

Ricky Bishop, k, 5-10, 185, Austin HS, El Paso, Texas  
 Terrance Blaine, lb, 6-1, 185, Sim Valley Coll. (Moopark JC)  
 Carey Clayton, ol, 6-4, 250, Carroll HS, Southlake, Texas  
 Brad Davis, ol, 6-2, 275, Chabot JC, Livermore, Calif.  
 Lee Fincher, db, 6-2, 185, Clearlake HS, Seabrook, Texas  
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### 1 Public Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO R.S. "BEAU" CRANE AND APRYL DAWNE CRANE, Defendant. Greeting YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223RD District Court of Gray County, at the Courthouse being located at 200 N. Russell in the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, by filing a written answer, on or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being the 18th day of March, A.D. 1996, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 1st day of August, 1995, in this cause, #29751, and styled SANDRA SCHUNEMAN, Plaintiff vs. R.S. "BEAU" CRANE AND APRYL DAWNE CRANE, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: SUIT ON ACCOUNT AND NOTE. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Witness, Yvonne Moler, Clerk of the 223RD District Court of Gray County, Texas. P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, Texas 79066-1139  
 YVONNE MOLER CLERK, 223rd District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, Texas 79066-1139  
 IMPORTANT NOTICE YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER BY 10:00

### 1 Public Notice

A.M. FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. ATTORNEY PHIL VANDERPOOL P.O. BOX 2455 PAMPA, TX. 79066-2455. A-24 Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar. 1, 1996  
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids for the following until 11:00 A.M., February 27, 1996 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, third floor, City Hall: 40 EA. GOLF CARS Bid Documents and Specifications may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, 806-669-5736. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. Bids may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mail to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "GOLF CARS BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 96-05" and show date and time of Bid Opening. Bids received after the specified bid opening time and date shall be rejected and returned to the sender, unopened. Facsimile bids will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider bids for award at the March 12, 1996 Commission Meeting. Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary Feb. 9, 16, 1996

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- Golf hazard
- Railway car
- Snake
- No
- Govt. farm agency
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- France
- Obscure in
- Badness
- Scold
- repeatedly
- Store up
- Southern crop
- Mischievous child
- Playwright
- Mythical creature
- Forestall
- For (Sp.)
- Spanish painter
- Largest continent
- Playing card
- Office rote
- TV network
- Water holes
- Edgliest
- Expert
- Roman

**dozen**

- Resentment
- Sun hat
- Knacky blue grass
- Walter's item
- Forearm bone
- Beast of burden
- At this place
- Lends a hand
- JFK sight
- Heating apparatus
- Robin's home

**DOWN**

- Brass
- Instrument
- Gaba au
- Distinctive air
- Medicinal preparation
- Cal. abbr.
- Invitation
- Word of farewell
- Costa del Sol city
- Japanese

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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**L**EVIE **O**RANGES  
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**I**TA **M**ATS **M**IRE  
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**Russian** 52 Merit  
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**Anglo-** 55 movement  
**Saxon serf** 55 Companion  
**Teases** 56 of odds  
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**Sol city** 59 Yes  
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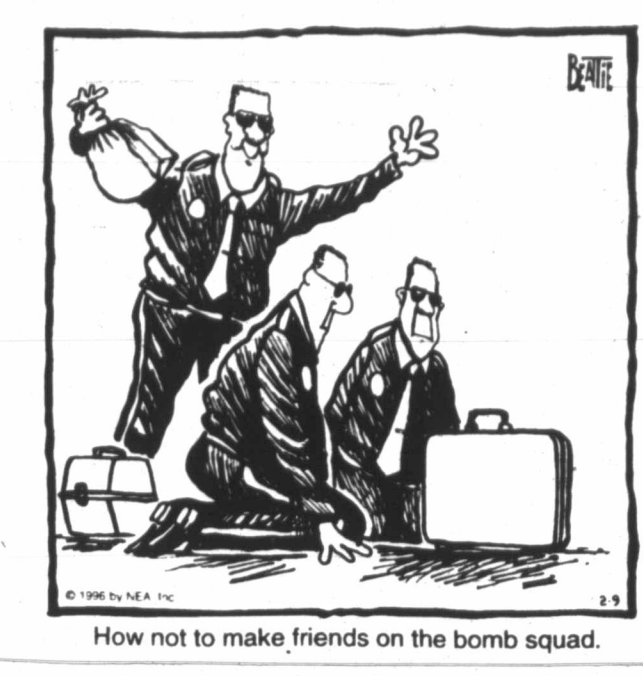
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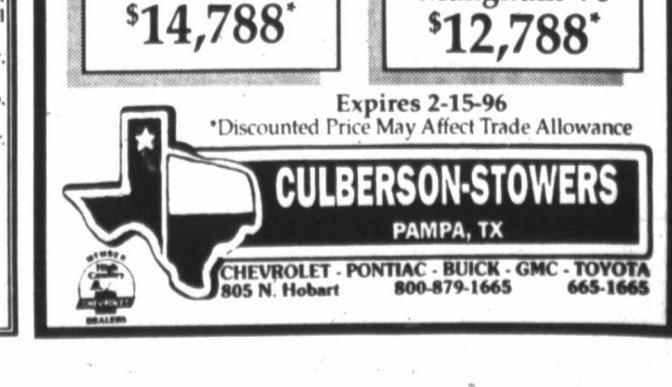
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# Polls: Dole's lead begins shrinking

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Republican candidates are scrambling for a huge bloc of undecided voters in the Iowa caucuses with just a few days to go. With Bob Dole losing ground, his rivals are working hard to close the gap.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, trying to regain his footing after setbacks, was even offering plastic peel-off bumper stickers — for Republicans prone to changing their mind. He offered to send campaign workers out the day after the caucuses to remove them — if necessary.

Dole, still the front-runner — but just barely — was back from a day of campaigning in New Hampshire to engage in heavy-duty campaigning here to shore up his fragile lead. He pronounced his Iowa operation "in good shape," even though new polls suggested his lead was shrinking.

And publishing their Steve Forbes, whose surprising surge in the polls had caught most political professionals and rival camps off guard, was back in the state to bolster his self-financed advertising campaign with several days of intensive retail campaigning.

Recent polls showed some support ebbing for Forbes, who has made a 17 percent flat income tax the centerpiece of his campaign. These polls also showed a large bloc of undecided voters — and they were the clear target

as GOP contenders crisscrossed the state. "Get out your Christmas card lists" to help lobby for his candidacy, Gramm told audiences at several stops in eastern Iowa on Thursday. He maintained a stiff upper lip and tried to ignore a defeat earlier in the week by conservative commentator Pat Buchanan in a Louisiana caucus most GOP candidates had boycotted — but which Gramm had predicted he'd win.

Buchanan played the Louisiana victory for all it was worth, declaring himself "the temporary front-runner" in campaign appearances Thursday.

Gramm strategists contended the race was far from over, and that the extent of undecided voters so close to the election made Monday's contest a true grab bag.

Gramm dismissed Buchanan's victory as a fluke and pressed hard to win the support of Iowa conservatives.

But he encountered some skepticism. David Solberg, an Independence, Iowa, ceramic shop owner, said after meeting Gramm at a town hall meeting that he was still having a hard time making up his mind. "I was going to go with Senator Dole. But he and Forbes are dickering back and forth. And Senator Dole probably should have had it 10 years ago, if you

know what I mean. Now I just don't know."

Voter concerns about the negative ad wars among the other candidates was taken up by Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar at a campaign stop in Des Moines.

"I thought the whole idea of the caucuses was to get a Republican nominee who can win," Lugar told reporters. "This is a demolition derby."

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander struck a similar chord, laying most of the blame for the negative campaign on Forbes and his relentless ad attacks. Alexander said many of those attacks were untrue.

Forbes failed "the first test of presidential character — the George Washington test," Alexander said.

Late Thursday, as he stopped for a snack with his wife, Wendy Lee Gramm, at the Mealey Family Restaurant in Oelwein, about 60 miles northwest of here, Gramm again declared that his presidential campaign would be over if he doesn't finish at least third in Iowa.

"Why do you say that?" his wife asked him, picking at a salad of fruit and vegetables while Gramm dug lustily into an apple dumpling with vanilla ice cream overflowing its bowl.

"It's just true, I think it's true."

# 'Father of sea-births' accused of sexually assaulting women

BOSTON (AP) — His dedicated followers call his water-birthing methods revolutionary — making babies smarter and stronger. Nonbelievers call it child abuse.

Igor Charkovsky, a former gym teacher and self-described "father of sea births," left his native Russia three years ago under threat of prosecution for his controversial practices.

Last month, he was charged with sexually assaulting two women in Massachusetts, where he has been lecturing and holding workshops and "healing" sessions. The women had independently sought his healing methods, police said.

Charkovsky, 59, pleaded innocent and is free on \$1,000 bail.

He says newborns should be reprogrammed in body and instinct: delivered under water, swung in the air, contorted yoga-style and plunged back into the water. The so-called "re-birthing" sessions take place in a hot tub. Charkovsky, who has no medical training, also teaches ways to cure physical and emotional ills through deep breathing. Judith Lavallee and Edward Waite conduct sessions with Charkovsky at Lavallee's home. Both stand by their colleague, contending that the women misinterpreted the way Charkovsky was touching them.

"His biggest problem is his language barrier," said Lavallee, a nurse at Worcester Hospital. "He speaks just a little English. ... Sometimes he doesn't get his full point across and I really think this was the problem."

Prosecutors and Charkovsky's lawyer would not discuss the charges. Charkovsky denied a request for an interview.

Charkovsky started his career as a gym teacher but began experimenting on animals' adaptability to water in the 1960s. Later, he began observing the effects of buoyancy on women in labor and then shifted his focus to newborns.

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