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Officials say changes within Hoechst to have little impact on Celanese plant

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A spokesman for Pampa's Celanese Plant there should be little impact locally to the Hoechst Group splitting into two separate companies.

Larry Ogden, at Pampa's Celanese Plant said this week that the spin off of Hoechst's industrial chemical business as a separate company should not negatively impact Pampa.

"At the current time, we don't think there's going to be any significant impact," he said. "There's been a lot of rumors going on about IPOs (initial public offerings of stock) and sale. What this does is this gives us a chance now to know exactly what the situation is. It lets us get control of ourselves, our own destiny."

The company announced Tuesday that Hoechst AG plans to combine most of its industrial chemical businesses, particularly Celanese and Ticona, in an independent joint stock company which it will spin off to shareholders. Following the spin-off, there will be two separate publicly traded companies, Hoechst AG and the newly formed Celanese AG. Hoechst AG will focus on life sciences, and Celanese AG will include the chemical activities presently being run by Celanese and Ticona along with some other industrial and service companies, said company spokesman Peter Eschbach in Dallas.

Celanese, of which the Pampa plant will be a part, will be headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

The only difference, Eschbach said, is that the industrial chemical entities will

no longer be a part of the Hoechst Group. It will now be a separate company.

"They're forming a very large industrial chemical business which will be called Celanese," Eschbach said. "The impact on the Pampa plant, or any of the plants for that matter, is about nil right now, although they'll belong to a company that will ultimately be traded publicly on the stock exchange."

Shareholders of Hoechst AG will receive additional shares in the new Celanese AG. Shareholders will thus own a stake in both the life sciences business through their Hoechst shares, Eschbach said, and in the chemical business with their Celanese shares.

Hoechst shareholders' total net worth position will remain unchanged, he said, because their share of the transferred

assets will be retained through their shares of stock in Celanese AG.

"The planned spin-off is the most direct, fastest and most favorable way to achieve our goal of transforming Hoechst into a leading life sciences company," said CEO Juergen Dormann in a statement from his offices in Germany. "We expect to open up new growth prospects for the industrial businesses. We have therefore decided on an innovative transaction, one not yet carried out on this scale in Germany: a spin-off of the industrial chemicals activities."

"I don't think it's going to have any negative impact on Pampa at all," said Ogden. "It think it will be good for us. In the plant it will stop a lot of those rumors that have been going on."

"There is no need to worry," Eschbach said.



High today 57
Low tonight 30
For weather details see Page 2

PAMPA—Meals on Wheels is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Share-A-Meal program. It's designed to allow citizens of Pampa to share a meal from their Thanksgiving table with a Meals on Wheels recipient who will be alone on Thanksgiving Day. Coronado Healthcare Center will prepare meals for those who require a special diet. These meals will be delivered by Coronado Healthcare staff. For information on the program, please call the Meals on Wheels office at 669-1007.

AUSTIN (AP)—Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-22-25-36-41-42
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

Number matching six of six: 0.

BLEVINS (AP)—Some folks still want Jesse James, alive or dead.

The smart money's on dead. Then again, exactly when the notorious gun-slinger died and where he rests in peace are questions that haven't been entirely resolved.

Texas now has two sets of families in two towns claiming that James staged his own death as a hoax, took an alias and lived to a ripe old age in their midst.

The families are adamant, despite DNA evidence to the contrary.

• Wayne Carr, 64, owner C H Pipe Testers Service and Supply.

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Once upon a time...



Former Pampa Kimberly Mills, left, and Melissa Lewis, daughter of Gene and Jannie Lewis, stand together in a field of purple Mountain Lupine near Homer, Alaska. (Special photo)

Pampa girl, 9, reunites with 'Big Sister' in Alaska

Melissa Lewis, 9, recently returned from a trip to Anchorage, Alaska where she went to visit her "big sister," Kimberly Mills.

The two were matched by Big Brother Big Sister two years ago and became "instant soul mates," according to Melissa's mom, Jannie Lewis.

Through weekly contacts, the relationship grew.

Kimberly taught Melissa how to sew, and they painted matching t-shirts to wear to BB/BS functions. Trips included the discovery center, the Oklahoma City Zoo, and a trip to see Kimberly's relatives in Oklahoma.

Their favorite activity was renting a movie and having a quiet evening with Kimberly's three cats, Lance, Tory and Hannah.

"To Melissa, Kimberly was more than a big sister," said Jannie Lewis.

Having been adopted by her grandparents, Kimberly was the "young mother" that Melissa longed for.

But when Kimberly's husband, Robbie, a radiologist at the hospital, accepted a job transfer to Homer, Alaska, Melissa's world came tumbling down, her mom said.

"Having experienced the loss of her birth parents, she now must suffer the loss of her best Big Sister. Her heart broke and the tears flowed incessantly. She knew that Kimberly was moving 5,000 miles away," said Jannie.

"I know I will never see her again," Melissa said at the time.

According to Jannie, the last meeting with Kimberly was "devastating," not only for Melissa and Kimberly, but for all the family.

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Some Class of '89 grads 'missing'

Pampa High School Class of 1989 is working on its class reunion. There are still a lot of addresses that the reunion committee needs. If anyone knows how to contact these classmates, or their families please call Dustin Martin at 665-4918 or Sharlan Langley at 665-7083.

Those being sought are:
Jennifer Attockme, Jeresa Belt, John Bennett, Michelle Brown, Jeff Burks, or Shaun Busby.

Lis, Coronado, Carmina Cortez, David Crain, Timothy DeBlance, or Collin Dulaney
Crystal Follos, Shelly Fortune, Michelle Hall,

Dixie Helder, Janzie Jabert, Lisa Johnson, Kristy King, Michelle Knight, or Ernest Kurtz.

April Mangus, Sara Martinez, Keith Mason, Larry Mayo, Rodney McPherson, Toby Mears, Choanne Menkoff, Steve Minyard, Jeremy Moore, or Claudia Moreno.

Paul Norrod, Angela Phillips, Vickie Robinson, Mike Shklar, Mai, Stanley, Jeannie Stillwell, Jamie Taylor, Rachael Terrazas, or Shannon Topfless.

Jose Villalon, Charles Walker, Kenneth Welch, Jimmy Willard, Joyce Williams, or Jennifer Young.

Spinoff plan 'positive move' for Celanese

Hoechst Group announced this week that the company plans to combine its industrial chemical businesses, including Celanese, in an independent joint stock company which it will spin off to shareholders.

"We think it's going to be a positive move for us," said Larry Ogden, spokesman for the Pampa Celanese Plant.

Following the spin-off, there will be two separate publicly traded companies, Hoechst AG and the newly formed Celanese AG, according to company spokesman Peter Eschbach in Dallas. Hoechst AG will focus on life sciences, and Celanese AG will include the chemical activities presently being run by Celanese and Ticona along with some other industrial and service companies.

Eschbach said Tuesday that the new company of which the Pampa plant will be a part will be a publicly traded company that can be tracked on the New York Stock Exchange.

Following the spin-off, there will be two separate publicly traded companies, Hoechst AG and Celanese AG.

"On a daily basis you'll be able to see how we're doing," he said.

The core business for Celanese will be acetyl chain products, including the acetyl value-added chain from methanol and acetic acid to cellulose acetate. These products are used in the production of paints, plastics, textiles and adhesives. Celanese will also include chemical intermediates such as acrylic acid, acrylates, oxo products, amines and catalysts. Chemical intermediates are used in the manufacture of industrial and consumer products, Eschbach said.

Celanese AG will also hold a (See CELANESE, Page 5)

Trooper busts two on drug offenses

Two 22-year-old men were in Gray County jail today on drug charges after being arrested by a Department of Public Safety trooper Wednesday evening.

Jeremiah Kenton Ascher, 22, of Disney, Okla., and Eric Scott Westgate, 22, of El Cajon, Calif., were arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper John Nelson shortly before 6 p.m. Wednesday on Interstate 40.

Authorities said the pair were east bound in a 1985 Ford Bronco II on I-40 when Trooper Nelson stopped them for speeding near mile marker 141 in southern Gray County.

The two were arrested about 5:45 p.m. after Nelson was allowed to search the vehicle and found what he believed to be 10 pounds of marijuana, 1.3 grams of methamphetamine and 213 grams of methamphetamine hidden in the pair's luggage, in a cooler and in a portable safe.

Ascher was charged with possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds and with possession of a controlled substance. Westgate was charged with possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds.

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(See route map on Page 3)

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Daily Record

Obituaries

WAYNE CARR
WICHITA FALLS — Wayne Carr, 64, brother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998, in a hospital in Wichita Falls. Services were Nov. 18 in Owens and Brumley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Reggie Coe, pastor of Grace Church, officiating. Burial was in Burkburnett Cemetery.
 Mr. Carr was born June 22, 1934, at Megargel, Texas. He had been a Wichita Falls resident since 1956 and owned C H Pipe Testers Service and Supply.
 Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie Carr of Wichita Falls; a daughter, Shelly Collier of Mansfield; two sons, Scott Carr and Steve Carr, both of Wichita Falls; a brother, D.C. Carr Jr. of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 The parent support group for ADHD children will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at 1702 Fir (on the corner of 23rd & Fir) For more information call 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION
 Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
 A partnership of concerned citizens working toward a drug free community will meet the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sheriff's office classroom. For more information contact Leslie Gershmel at 669-1012 or JoDalene Doyle at 669-7351.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
 The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 12 - Dec. 11. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of the social services agency Child Protective Services. For more information or to make a contribution, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

COMMUNITY NARCOTIC STRATEGY
 The Community Narcotics Strategy Meeting has been rescheduled to Nov. 19 at the Gray County Sheriffs Office. The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.83	
Milo	3.50	
Corn	3.80	
Soybeans	5.15	

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

Occidental	20 3/8	dn 1/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	110.78	
Puritan	19.50	

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

Amoco	59 3/4	dn 5/8
Arco	46 1/8	dn 3/8
Cabot	30 3/4	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	17 1/8	up 1/16
Chevron	80 3/8	dn 3/16
Coca-Cola	71 7/8	up 15/16
Columbia/HCA	22	NC
Enron	55 1/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	31 15/16	up 3/16
IRI	3 3/4	dn 1/8
KNE	43 11/16	dn 7/16
Kerr McGee	42 1/8	up 3/8
Limited	26 11/16	dn 1/8
McDonald's	70 3/16	up 13/16
Mobil	72 7/8	dn 3/4
New Atmos	31 1/4	up 1/8
NCE	48	dn 7/16
Penney's	50 5/8	dn 1/4
Phillips	42 3/8	dn 1/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	14 1/16	up 1/16
SLB	49 1/2	dn 3/16
Tenneco	33 3/8	dn 5/16
Texas	58 1/2	NC
Ultramar	27 5/16	NC
Wal Mart	73 9/16	up 3/16
Williams	28 7/8	dn 7/16
New York Gold	297.70	
Silver	4.96	
West Texas Crude	12.18	

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, November 19
 Weldon Dale Black, 33, Borger, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
 Claro Sigala, 53, 712 E. Malone, was arrested on charges of assault by threat, domestic.
 Robbery was reported in the 2100 block of Chestnut.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Sierra.
 Theft was reported in the 1100 block of S. Alcock.
 Theft was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, November 18
 Willy Boyd Ballard, 27, 1210 E. Francis, was arrested on charges of issuance of a bad check.
 Thalamus Pshard Malone, 21, 1101 Huff, was arrested on charges of assault with injury.
 Jeremiah Kenton Asher, 22, Disney Okla., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
 Eric Scott Westgate, 22, El Cajon, Calif., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.
 John F. Fitzgerald, 44, 501 Doucette, was arrested on charges of theft by check and issuance of a worthless check.
 Marcie Catherine Glenda, 31, 1601 W. Somerville #101, was arrested on charges of issuance of a worthless check and theft by check.
 Brenda N. Winegeart, 37, 824 S. Reid, was arrested on charges of theft by check.
 Sandra Denise Rogers, 37, 1229 Darby, was arrested on charges of delivery of a controlled substance.
 Wayneta A. Britton, 40, 2600 Hobart #E-8, was arrested on charges of issuance of worthless checks and theft by check.

Fires

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

Wednesday, November 18
 10:41 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Triangle Well Service on Price Road on a flash fire.
 11:19 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of Sumner on a good intent call.
 11:47 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Farley on a medical assist.
 1:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a medi-vac standby.
 3:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of S. Hamilton on a smoke scare.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Emergas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

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BIG SISTER

members.
 After she moved, the two kept the relationship going as best they could through the mail, weekly phone calls, and remembered birthdays and occasions.
 "But all contacts resulted in a fresh deluge of tears," said Jannie. "Many nights Melissa cried herself to sleep ... we agonized with her."
 Melissa, however, got an unexpected present his last July, during a Lewis family vacation to Western Canada, integrated with a convention in Vancouver.
 It was then that Kimberly made arrangements for the young girl to fly from Vancouver to Anchorage for a visit.
 After getting through what Jannie referred to as the "red tape" process of transporting the 9-year-

old, Kimberly and her husband, Robbie, drove five hours to pick-up Melissa at the airport.
 For several days, they showed her Alaska's beauty.
 Melissa said she saw "beautiful mountains, flowers and snow everywhere." She saw whales, seals, bears and mountain goats.
 But when asked what the best thing about Alaska, Melissa said without hesitation, "Seeing Kimberly."
 Melissa is saving her money for the next trip to see her Big Sister.
 "But the sad story is that there will be no other Big Sisters for Melissa and many other precious children in the area since the Big Brother/Big Sister office has been closed in Pampa for lack of interest," said Jannie Lewis.
 It is, however, to Melissa's benefit that a match by BB/BS established a friendship for her that in all probability will last a lifetime, she added.

Anatomically correct elephant statue at U.N. brings giggles

NEW YORK (AP) — United Nations diplomats are accustomed to arguing over national borders, chemical weapons, debt relief. This time, the debate is over an even more sensitive question: Does size matter?
 There were scattered giggles in the U.N. sculpture garden Wednesday when Secretary-General Kofi Annan dedicated a statue of an elephant some found a bit too anatomically correct.
 The 11-foot-tall bronze, a gift to the United Nations from the governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal, was made from a cast of an actual African bull elephant. Shortly before the ceremony, workers hauled in potted plants and trees to block a side view of the animal. Before that, early arriving viewers tittered at its 2-foot sexual organ.
 "This is exactly the problem between people and wildlife," said the Bulgarian-born artist, known as Mihail. "People cannot face nature. This is how pitiful humanity is."

Annan said the 7,000-pound sculpture should remind U.N. visitors of humans' responsibility to the environment. In a short dedication speech, he spoke of the statue as a whole but not its sex organ.
 "The sheer size of this creature humbles us," he said. "As well it should, for it tells us that some things are bigger than we are."
 Mihail made the cast from a tranquilized wild elephant on a Kenyan ranch in 1980. A trust he founded plans to sell nine copies to raise money for wildlife and the environment.
 Mihail was upset by reports that U.N. officials planned to reduce the size of the elephant's penis, although U.N. spokesman Kensaku Hogen said he was unaware of any such plans.
 "This is meant to be a symbol of all wildlife, and you cannot castrate wildlife," Mihail said.
 A passer-by on First Avenue agreed. "Don't cut it off!" he shouted at the crowd. "It's only natural!"

Julie Andrews may never sing again

NEW YORK (AP) — The sound of music may never be heard again from Julie Andrews, Parade magazine reports.
 "I don't think she'll sing again — it's an absolute tragedy," Andrews' husband, director Blake Edwards, told the magazine for an item in this Sunday's issue.
 The 63-year-old actress had surgery more than a year ago to remove non-cancerous throat nodules. Her voice hasn't been the same since.
 "She was told she'd be OK in six weeks, the voice would actually be better," Edwards said. "It's over a year, and if you heard it, you'd weep."
 Andrews starred in the movie versions of "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," and in the original Broadway versions of "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot."

"Victor/Victoria," one of seven films she made with Edwards, in October 1995 was turned into a Broadway musical that earned her a Tony Award nomination.
 Andrews missed more than 30 performances with gall bladder and throat problems. Liza Minnelli took over the part temporarily in January 1997, and Andrews quit for good the following June to have surgery.
 Andrews may have declined to have the procedure had she known it would destroy her voice, her spokesman, Gene Schwam, told the New York Post.
 In March, Edwards' business partner Tony Adams told the Post that Andrews burst blood vessels in her throat whenever she tried to sing and was told to not even try for several months.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly sunny today with a high of 57 and east-northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 30 and northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, high of 57 and light and variable winds. High yesterday 71; the overnight low 44.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low 25 to 30. Northeast wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly sunny with a high in the mid 50s. Light and variable wind. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, becoming cloudy, breezy and cooler. Decreasing clouds late northern south plains/Low rolling plains. Lows from the upper 20s north-west south plains to near 40 southern low rolling plains. Friday, becoming partly cloudy. Cooler with highs in the lower to mid 50s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, becoming cloudy, breezy and cooler. Lows 40-45. Friday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, becoming cloudy,

breezy and colder. Lows in the 40s. Friday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs 55-60. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs 55-65. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, becoming cloudy, breezy and cooler. Areas of fog and light drizzle Guadalupe Mountains. Lows in the lower to mid 30s mountains to upper 40s along the river. Friday, cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid 40s Guadalupe Mountains to lower 60s lowlands.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, mostly cloudy and turning cooler. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms central. A good chance of showers or thunderstorms east. Lows 41 west to 58 southeast. Friday, morning showers east, otherwise decreasing cloudiness. Decreasing cloudiness central and west. Cooler with highs from 58 to 63.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Turning cooler. Lows in the 50s, upper 40s to near 50 Hill Country. Friday, cloudy and cool

with a chance of light rain. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s to lower 60s. Friday, mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler with scattered showers. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 50s; with some 40s inland. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers after midnight. Lows from the upper 60s coast to near 60 inland. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Cooler with highs in the mid to upper 60s.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy east with fair skies west. Colder with lows 5 to 25 mountains and northwest, 20s to mid 30s eastern and southern lowlands. Friday, partly cloudy. Cooler south. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and north with 50s to mid 60s south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers southeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs mid 50s to lower 60s.

Septuplets celebrate first birthday Ready to move into donated home

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — The McCaughey septuplets, whose story of defying the medical odds stunned and charmed the world, turned 1 year old today.
 "I think they're spending just a quiet day at home with the family," Kenny McCaughey's mother, Kathryn Addelean of Mason City, said today.
 Born Nov. 19, 1997, to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey, the seven babies were at the time the first set of surviving septuplets. A Saudi Arabian woman has since given birth to another surviving set.
 The McCaugheys celebrated the birthday a little in advance, on Nov. 8. Each baby — Kenneth Robert, Alexis May, Natalie Sue, Kelsey Ann, Brandon James, Nathan Roy and Joel Steven — got a cupcake that matched a bigger cake.
 Except for colds and ear infections — "their normal baby illnesses," Mrs. McCaughey said — their health has been good, although Natalie and Alexis still eat with the help of feeding tubes. Mrs. McCaughey said doctors cannot say when the tubes will come out.
 The couple, who also have a daughter Mikayla, nearly 3, had said they did not want the children exploited and simply wanted to raise their family

in Carlisle, about 10 miles south of Des Moines.
 The family did plan two television appearances, and a book called "Seven From Heaven" also came out today. They are a way for the family to give those who have been supportive a chance to see the babies, Mrs. McCaughey said last week.
 "We just didn't feel that it would be right to say, 'Thank you very much but you're not going to see any pictures of the kids,'" she said.
 The family taped "The Oprah Winfrey Show" earlier this week in Chicago. The family was treated to a party, complete with hats and cake for the audience and presents for all the McCaugheys.
 The show was to be aired today, but in Chicago, where the syndicated show is broadcast in the mornings, it was pre-empted by the House impeachment hearings. A spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the producers' plans for the show.
 On Friday, the family will be on "Dateline NBC." This weekend, after a Saturday open house, the McCaugheys will move into their new 6,000-square foot home, which was built from donations and is a stone's throw from the tiny two-bedroom house the family of 10 has been living in.

Boys guilty in girl's assault

CINCINNATI (AP) — Four boys charged with molesting a 7-year-old girl pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for prosecutors dropping charges of rape and abduction.
 The boys, ages 8 to 11, pleaded guilty Wednesday in juvenile court to gross sexual imposition. They also apologized for hurting the girl.
 Assistant prosecutor Karen Falter said the boys lured the girl into the woods on Aug. 12, forced her to the ground, removed her pants and touched her.
 Juvenile Court Magistrate Sara Schoettmer said she probably would sentence the four to probation and a treatment program when they return next month for another hearing.
 The boys' names were not released.
 The mother of the girl was unhappy with the plea bargain. She said she had to move and take her daughter out of school because the boys' friends harassed her.

City briefs

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GET A start on those New Year's resolutions. Exercise equip. for sale. Recumbent Exercise Bike \$250. Skyflyer by Nordic Tract \$150. Cardioglide by Weslo \$100. Ab-Back Machine by Jake \$100. All in exc. cond. All 1/2 price or less. 665-0051 ask for Dustin. Adv.

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DANCE SAT. night to the music of Sounds of Country, Moose Lodge, members & guests. Adv.

NATIONSBANK IS proud to help the Pampa 4-H Youth meet their goals while they help us appreciate you. Come visit the 4-H children as we serve refreshments on Nov. 25 from 8-2 p.m. Adv.

CHRISTMAS FLAGS, new shipment of statuary, cedar swings & rocking chairs, chime-neas. Lay-A-Way now for Christmas. Watson's Garden Center, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

RHEAMS DIAMOND Shop Parade Special 5:30 to 6:30 - 1/2 Off Sale. Fossil Excluded. Free coffee & cookies. Adv.

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PAMPA SHRINE Club meeting Fri. Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Turkey & Trimmings - no cover dish. Adv.

SPECIALS - REFRESHMENTS & Christopher Radko Rep. will be at Carousel Expressions Fri., 1600 N. Hobart. Adv.

HIPPOTAMUS FOR Christmas? We have one! Watson's Garden Center, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

Plane crash fatal to retired rodeo cowboy

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A retired rodeo cowboy from Montana has died two weeks after his plane crashed en route to an end-of-season rodeo event in California.
 Johnny Morris, 60, of Biddle, Mt., was the pilot of the single-engine plane carrying four top-ranked professional riders to the Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show. The plane crashed Nov. 4 in a field near the airport in Lodi, Calif.
 Morris had suffered a broken back and burns over 70 percent of his body. He had slipped into a coma after surgery to repair his collapsed lung.
 He died at about 4 p.m. Wednesday at University of California-Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, hospital officials said.

Mark Garrett, 33, of Nisland, S.D., a leading bareback rider, was in the back of the plane and escaped with cuts to his head. He was able to get the door open and start helping the others from the burning plane.
 Marvin Garrett, 35, a four-time world champion bareback rider from Belle Fourche, S.D., broke his arm and back. He was released from the hospital Sunday. Thad Bothwell, 30, a nationally ranked bull-rider, of Rapid City, S.D., broke his back. He left the hospital earlier this week.
 Scott Johnston, 25, of De Leon, Texas, had suffered internal injuries and a broken back. He was released last week.

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Teachers need support



Sue Barker
Guest columnist

We have all heard the cries for a teacher pay raise coming not just from teachers but increasingly from parents and others concerned with the future of the Texas public education system. Now that teacher salaries have moved from being a political campaign issue to an agenda item for the upcoming legislative session, some detail about the magnitude of the problem and implications of its proposed resolutions may be of interest to you.

The teacher shortage in Texas is reaching crisis proportions. According to data from the State Board for Educator Certification, well over 50,000 Texas teachers are not fully certified to teach what they're teaching. Nothing in state law currently requires that you be notified if your child's teacher is not fully trained for what he or she is teaching, though our association is advocating such a requirement. We hope you will also receive information about why it was not possible to provide a certified teacher if your child is in a classroom without one. Just how bad is the teacher shortage? Consider this: In 1996, 40 percent of the math teachers in Texas lacked the proper certification, while 76 percent of the state's computer science instructors were not certified in that area.

In most economic scenarios a shortage, whether of workforce or product, tends to drive prices up (think Beanie Babies?). Many of us had hoped that the increasing magnitude of the teacher shortage would serve to drive up salaries to an appropriate level. What we're finding, however, is that at a time when the standards for those who wish to become and remain certified through traditional routes (teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities) are becoming increasingly stringent, the pressures on supply are being alleviated, at least in part, by other methods of filling classrooms. Although there are some creditable alternative certification programs, we are finding that districts are increasingly using "long-term substitutes" (who may hold no degree at all) and local district teaching permits (under which a local superintendent may allow any individual with a bachelor's degree to teach, unless the Commissioner of Education disallows it). Clearly these shortcuts to put a warm body in the classroom are not the direction we want to head for the sake of our children or the future of the teaching profession.

The public has always relied on veteran teachers who are in the classroom because they care about children and love to teach. But I am frankly frightened that many of my colleagues — who, like me, were fortunate enough to have a spouse whose income allowed us to indulge ourselves and stay in the classroom — are ready to leave the profession. The minimum

teacher salary schedule ends at step 20, so veteran teachers are at the mercy of their local districts for any ongoing salary enhancements. With the lengthening school year, the ongoing pressure to teach students of varying abilities to master the same material on the same schedule, and a salary that is effectively frozen, early retirement or an alternative career is beginning to be an irresistible option for far too many of our most experienced teachers. This exodus will exacerbate the teacher shortage and create an even more detrimental loss of the experience and skills that veteran teachers have acquired during their careers.

In the last legislative session, Texas teachers were \$5,000 below the national average. In the upcoming session, we'll be \$6,000 below the current national average. And those numbers don't even address the fact that there is no requirement that our employers pay anything toward health insurance coverage for us or that our retirement benefits do not compare favorably to those of many other states or the state employees of Texas. Despite the near continuous pleas to address teacher compensation, we are showing slippage, not gains, when compared to other states. Although there have been significant increases in school funding, both at the state level and from property taxes collected from local taxpayers, teacher salaries have not risen commensurately with this increased funding. Based on our research, state per pupil funding to local school districts has increased by 35 percent from 1989 to 1996, but average teacher salaries rose by only 18 percent. In other words, a proportionate share of those dollars is not necessarily reaching instructional personnel. It is not sufficient to simply send money to local school districts in hopes that they will use these funds to pay teachers better. In fact, due to a quirk in the manner in which the state has provided funding to districts over the past two sessions, there is arguably a financial incentive for local districts to pay their teachers as close to the statutory minimum as possible.

It is important to recognize that this is not just a teacher issue; attracting and retaining the best and the brightest educators in adequate numbers is critical to all of us. Although we some-

times hear that citizens who don't have children in the public schools are tired of supporting them through their property tax dollars, I think there is a growing recognition that having a sufficiently well educated workforce to support the diverse economic structure is dependent on what happens in our classrooms today.

Those of us who teach in Texas are holding up our end of the bargain and producing results that justify significant increases to our compensation, even beyond the national average. On virtually every measure student performance is improving, from student TAAS scores that rise every year to the particularly impressive gains being made by minority students (now comprising 55 percent of the student population). And in many areas Texas has gained national recognition for excellence, including a Fordham Foundation report ranking Texas first in the nation among states that have written academic standards in five major subject areas (geography, history, English, mathematics and science), and a recent RAND Corporation report that resulted in a scientist's comment that Texas is "one of the states that seems to be doing something right."

The need is urgent, and unlike many legislative sessions in the past, the money is there to fund Texas teacher salaries to a level at least equal to the national average. Although there are technical and equity issues to address, estimates are that the state could fully fund a \$6,000 teacher pay raise for every teacher in the state using only one-half or less of the anticipated budget surplus. If costs are shared between the state and local districts, as is usual in school finance, the price tag is even lower.

As an educator, I was heartened by the results of a September 1998 poll conducted by "The Dallas Morning News" and "Houston Chronicle" showing that those polled placed improving teacher pay and school facilities as the top priorities for spending the legislative budget surplus. Spending the money to reduce local property taxes was third on the list. The desire for teacher salaries to be increased is not simply a matter of self-interest for Texas teachers, it is a necessary precedent to creating the kind of public education system that is needed to continue the economic growth and prosperity we are currently enjoying.

The educators of Texas will be urging our newly elected state leaders to do the right thing for our students and teachers in the upcoming session. Your support of this endeavor is both necessary and appreciated.

Sue Barker is president of Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

Opinion

Congress must uphold our Constitution

Just because public opinion favors looking the other way, the law must be followed.

As Republicans licked their wounds after suffering surprising Election Day defeats, the White House could barely contain its glee. President Clinton said the results confirm that Americans want their politicians to get back to the business of the country. But the real good news for the president is that Republicans will have less strength — and even less stomach — for pursuing an impeachment inquiry.

Election Day exit polls confirmed what pre-election polls had indicated: While most Americans are displeased with the president's behavior, strong majorities want the whole impeachment matter dropped. Democrats surged, in part, because of the perception that Republicans were scandal-mongering, rather than governing.

This leaves the GOP Congress in a quandary. Republican leaders had vowed to pursue an impeachment inquiry because of strong evidence the president lied under oath and obstructed an investigation of his behavior. Many saw these Clinton actions as part of a broader pattern of power abuses that include the White House's pilfering of illegal FBI documents on political opponents and shady dealings with Chinese financiers.

In other words, the rationale for a thorough impeachment inquiry remains, but the public's patience with such efforts has been exhausted. Surely, the president's seven-months-long campaign of lying helped delay the proceedings, but voters didn't seem to see it that way. Republicans are on the hot seat, and we suspect some GOP leaders are looking for a quick and easy way to punish the president — censure is most likely — and move on. In that light, House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde's post-election decision to have only Kenneth Starr and a legal expert testify before the committee seems like a prudent decision. Why open the door to a gavel-to-gavel circus given the public's current mood? But partisan Democrats and squeamish Republicans are wrong to say the voters' message is reason enough to give the president a pass. Bigger issues are at stake.

Congress "should do what the Constitution requires, not what the recent election or the polls may or may not suggest," Roger Pilon, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies, said. "There is compelling evidence that the president committed perjury, suborned perjury and that he obstructed justice."

"Each member of Congress swears to uphold the Constitution," he said. "They can hardly do that by ignoring their duty when the evidence calls for it to inquire whether the chief law enforcement officer of the nation has himself committed felonies."

Let anyone dismiss an inquiry because of the argument that the president's answers under oath were technically correct and therefore not perjury, Pilon points to a decision made last month by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In the United States vs. DeZarn, the court found the defendant guilty of perjury even though he gave answers that were "facially accurate" but intended to mislead.

—Odessa American



The deficit: An endangered species



Steve Chapman
Syndicated columnist

Remember the federal budget deficit? For the better part of two decades, it afflicted us like an unshakable cold — draining the nation's savings, hindering investment and economic growth, inflating the cost of servicing the national debt and putting an ever-growing burden on our children and grandchildren. And now we wake to find it has suddenly vanished.

It has been only a few weeks since the United States government reported the first fiscal surplus in 29 years, and our leaders could be forgiven if they wanted to spend the next 29 years congratulating themselves on this once-unimaginable feat. But already, the thrill is gone. Republicans are demanding tax cuts, while Democrats are talking about the need to boost outlays on an assortment of programs that have been getting what they regard as skimpy short ratings.

What brought on this sudden attack of non-chalance about the deficit? The fashionable explanation is that the world financial crisis threatens to throw the U.S. economy into recession. Fiscal policy, our leaders argue, should be enlisted to stimulate the economy. "Fiscal policy" is Washington-speak for "Let the good times roll!"

"Given the weakness in the global economy, now is exactly the right time to cut taxes," says House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, has offered an opening bid of \$330 billion over the next five years. Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich laments the Clinton administration's scandalous failure "to talk seriously about stimulating the economy," and many congressional Democrats share his view that some old-fash-

ioned budgetary pump-priming is overdue.

Don't expect anyone to be deterred by the surge in growth during the third quarter. The alleged need to inoculate ourselves against hard times is a rationalization for deficits, not a reason. For years, the ominous size of the gap between income and outgo forced policy-makers to place budgetary discipline above all other goals. Now, with the tide of red ink finally dried up, both parties are eager to indulge their natural instincts. So yesterday's problem has magically become today's solution.

But these are appetites in search of an excuse. The quaint idea that budgetary discipline is a drag on growth should have been permanently retired to the Flat Earth Museum by now. Have members of Congress forgotten that the economy has been exceedingly prosperous since the 1990-91 recession, despite the shrinking deficit?

Somehow, we pulled out of the last slump quite nicely without the benefit of a fiscal stimulus.

One problem with this old remedy is figuring out when to administer it. If we adopt a "stimulative" fiscal policy now, we may be trying to avert a recession that wouldn't happen anyway; if we wait, the recession may be over

before our leaders can start shoveling cash out of the Treasury. The impulse will always be to err on the side of going into debt too often.

The danger of this course is obvious to anyone who watched the federal debt grow from a tiny acorn of \$353 billion in 1969 to the towering sum of \$5.5 trillion today. Living beyond our means is a very pleasant habit, enabling us to enjoy \$100 of government provided goodies for only \$80 worth of taxes. Only over time do the debilitating consequences become evident.

Many Republicans think tax cuts are not a form of indulgence but a form of discipline, forcing Congress and the president to keep spending down so the deficit doesn't get out of hand. But it's just as likely that it has the opposite effect — stimulating more spending by making it relatively painless to bear. Let me suggest a novel approach: If the Republicans want to cut spending, they should cut spending.

Democrats, by contrast, have no fondness for smaller government, so they can advocate reviving the deficit without being hypocrites as well as fools. But before they do, they might ask if they really want to forfeit the credit they've earned for restoring fiscal sanity to Washington — and give their opponents an excuse for opposing any new program that requires money.

Maintaining budgetary discipline strikes many policy-makers as akin to having oatmeal for breakfast every day when they could be snarfing chocolate donuts. They should give themselves a chance to reap the benefits of a sensible diet before swearing off it forever. Who knows? With time, they might even learn to like the taste.

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number of investments including Celgard, Thermophos, Vinnolit, a PVC joint venture with Wacker and InfraServ Verwaltungs GmbH.

With 1997 sales of about DM 9.6 billion and with 15,000 employees, the new Celanese Group will be a leading chemicals company, Eschbach said.

Hoechst will focus on life sciences and will mainly comprise the pharmaceutical company Hoechst Marion Roussel, the crop production and crop protection company Hoechst Schering AgrEvo and the animal health company Hoechst Roussel Vet.

Eschbach said Hoechst will continue to participate in a number of joint ventures and equity investments including Dade Behring diagnostics, Centeon plasma products, and Nutrinova food ingredients.

Initially, Hoechst AG will retain its holdings in industrial businesses such as Clariant, Dyneon, DyStar, Messer, Targor, Trespaphan and Wacker. Hoechst will divest these holding at a more profitable time.

"The spin-off will create an independent company which is a global leader, both in terms of its key products and its production technology," said Claudio Sonder, member of the Board of Management of Hoechst AG and CEO designate of Celanese AG. "The Celanese AG portfolio is tailor-made to meet global market demands. Innovation, the efficient allocation of resources and a corporate

strategy which focuses on growth in selected areas will be the hallmarks of the new company."

The spin-off requires approval by the supervisory board and 75 percent of the capital represented at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Hoechst AG scheduled for Jan. 22, 1999. Subject to approval, the legal execution of the spin-off is expected to be at the end of March, 1999. For accounting and tax purposes, the merger will have retroactive effects as of Nov. 1, 1998.

Eschbach said there will be no change in the subscribed capital and additional paid-in capital of Hoechst AG. Hoechst shareholders will retain their Hoechst shares and will receive one Celanese share for every 10 Hoechst shares they own. No profits will be realized because the spin-off will be effected at book values in the financial statement of Hoechst AG.

Application will be made to list the new Celanese AG shares in Frankfurt and on the New York Stock Exchange.

In addition to Pampa, Celanese locations in North America include Bay City, Texas; Bayport, Texas; Bishop, Texas; Clear Lake, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Bucks, Ala.; Charlotte, N.C.; Rock Hill, S.C.; Portsmouth, Va.; Narrows, Va.; Drummondville, Quebec, Canada; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Cangrejera, Mexico; Celaya, Mexico; Cosoleacaque, Mexico; Lerma, Mexico; Ocotlan, Mexico, and Toluca, Mexico.

Still no answers in case of pilot who crashed jet into mountain

PHOENIX (AP) — More than a year and a half after Air Force Capt. Craig Button flew his A-10 fighter jet into a Colorado mountain and killed himself, the military still doesn't know why he did it.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations conducted 200 interviews in hopes of determining the truth of some popular theories, such as that Button, 32, was troubled over his sexual identity and distraught that he would be expelled from the military.

No clear answers emerged, and there are no plans to reopen the investigation.

"No credible evidence to support theories of homosexuality, financial difficulties, family conflicts, militia ties or any other possible motivation has been discovered," said Maj. Steve Murray, spokesman for the investigators.

Button's A-10 attack jet, which carried four 500-pound bombs from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, broke formation during a training mission with two other planes on April 2,

1997. For three hours, Button flew an erratic 500-mile course that ended when he crashed into the 13,000-foot Gold Dust Peak near Eagle, Colo.

The Tucson Citizen obtained the Air Force's report on its investigation and published parts of it Wednesday.

A psychological autopsy in the report concluded that Button's religious beliefs may have been responsible because they conflicted with his job as a fighter pilot.

His mother is a devout Jehovah's Witness opposed to killing, the newspaper said. His parents told investigators that days before his death, he had asked them for more information about the end of the world.

Investigators found in Button's bed-stand the Bible and a religious pamphlet, which described "God asking a father to sacrifice his only son on a burning pyre at the side of a mountain," the report said.

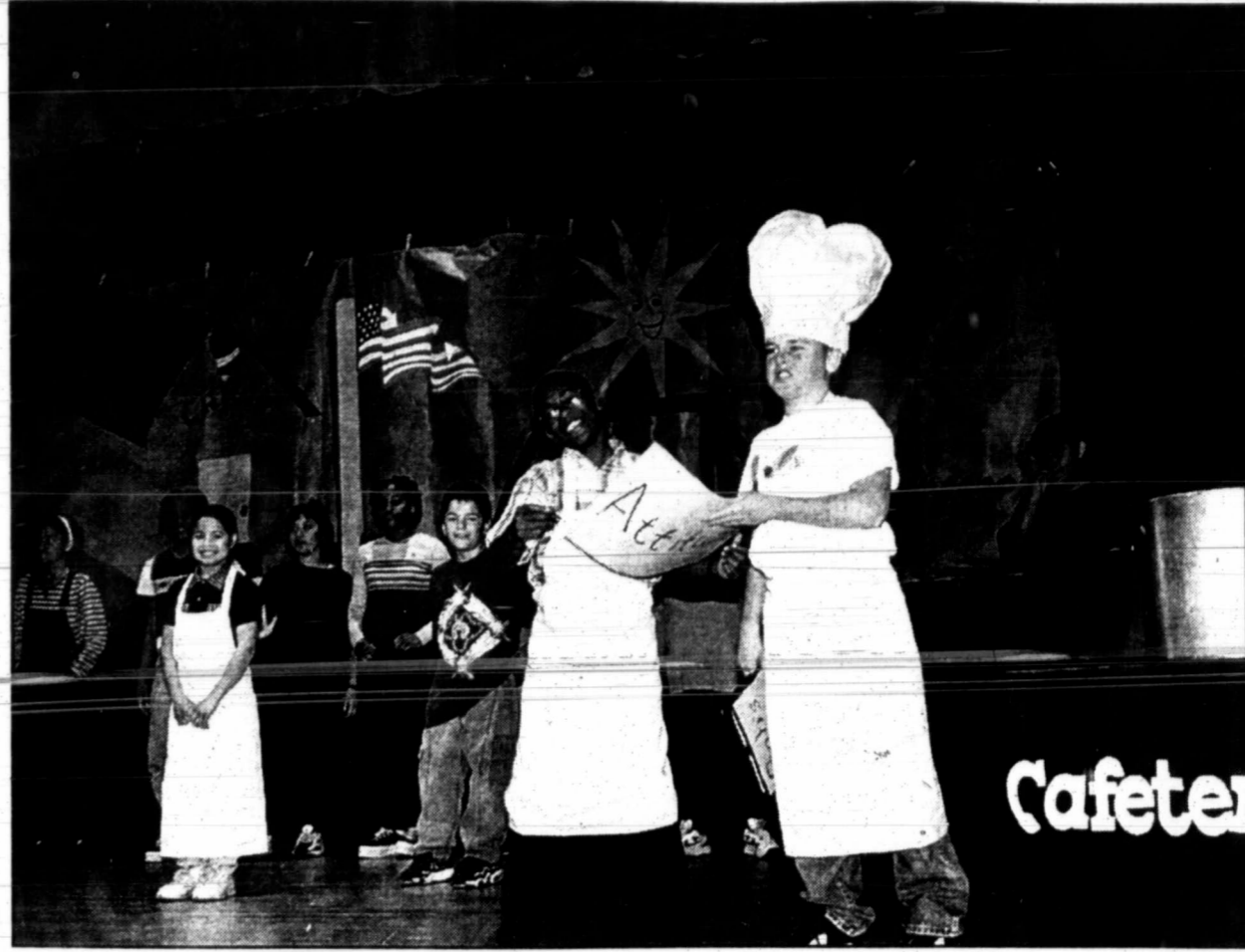
"Capt. Craig Button intended to die or be rescued by divine intervention of God at the last possible moment," the report

said. "Did that struggle to free himself of his mother's religious beliefs collapse at the moment of truth? Here he was — the next step in the mission was to become a full-fledged 'bomb-dropping people-killer.' Until now, flying was an art, not a killing science," the report said.

The report also notes a phone call the night of April 1 that appeared to have upset Button, who refused to discuss it with his roommate.

On the subject of Button's sexuality, the report includes comments from Button's roommate, who said he never saw Button with a woman in his room or on a date. Other women told investigators they only had "brother-sister" relationships with Button.

Another woman quoted in the newspaper's excerpt from the report said she "never had any questions" about Button's sexual identity, and that if Button did not make sexual advances toward women, "it was due to his manners."



Students at Lamar Elementary learned how to make a success soup recently from some of their schoolmates. Chef Ryan Hook (in hat) is getting some good attitude to add to the mix from Colby Scott. Helping watch the pot are Natash Wilson, Latasha Clerkley, Miria Caldera, Cynthia Mata, Natash Clerkley, Jose Retano and Rosio Mendosa. Music teacher Troy Ann Dennis directed the skits.

Funeral home investigated for trying to reuse casket

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A funeral home is under investigation for planning to bury a priest in a used casket.

Brother Dennis Meyers, who oversees funerals at the University of Notre Dame, complained that Hickey Funeral Homes tried to bury a Holy Cross priest in a casket that had been occupied by another corpse.

"The pillow was in pretty bad shape, the mattress cover was badly wrinkled and in the middle of the mattress was a large indentation from someone's derrière," Meyers wrote in his complaint, which The South Bend Tribune obtained under Indiana's Open Record Act.

The allegations are included in a complaint filed Oct. 27 by

Mike Owens, president of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association, said if caskets are reused, the mattress, pillow and liner are normally replaced.

Indiana's attorney general against Thomas L. Hickey III and Hickey Funeral Homes, the newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Indiana State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service has scheduled a Jan. 7 hearing to review the complaint. The board could impose penalties ranging from a reprimand to revocation of Hickey's licenses.

Hickey attorney R. William

Jonas Jr. declined comment. In a written reply to Deputy Attorney General David E. McGruder, he acknowledged that the priest's casket had been previously used.

"It had been used without charge for a one-hour memorial service for ... a man of modest means whose wife had requested a viewing at a memorial service prior to cremation," Jonas wrote. "Mr. Hickey did not believe a priest would object to this limited prior use of the casket in such a charitable fashion."

The casket was replaced after Meyers objected, Jonas wrote.

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Court hears arguments in Ozarka case

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for rural East Texas landowners and a bottled-water company they contend is draining their wells faced off in the state Supreme Court today in a case that could have a major effect on water rights.

The court, which took the case under advisement, is being asked by the landowners to change the state's longstanding rule that says all "percolating" ground water, such as a spring, belongs to the owners of the land where it is found.

The landowners instead want a rule requiring reasonable use of such water.

Lawyers for the company, Ozarka Natural Spring Water Co., said the court isn't the proper entity to regulate groundwater. The Legislature has decided to regulate groundwater by authorizing creation of local ground water conservation districts, said attorney Christopher Hanslik.

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Widower Gets Stuck in Middle Of Church Ladies' Tug-of-War

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed about the widow who was coming on to a married man at church reminded me of something that happened to me. In my case, the minister had to step in and resolve the matter.

Two old gals, each 80 and widowed, wanted to sit with me in church. I'll call them "Mary" and "Alice."

I'm 71 and a widower. I've never been good-looking, nor made much money. I do have my health, however. I love golf, quail hunting and my church, but have no interest in women and romance.

Several months ago I was in church when Mary sat down beside me. I had seen Mary with her daughter, but didn't know her. Every Sunday after that, Mary joined me. I hinted to her daughter to come and get Mary, but somehow she kept slipping away from her daughter.

About a month later, I was joined by Alice, who'd take the spot on my other side. Now I had two women with me, both of whom I was trying hard to shed. Alice would sit down with her daughter, make an excuse like going to the rest room, then hasten to my pew.

Then came an incident that still has the congregation laughing. Mary and I were sitting there and the service was about to begin, when along came Alice. Instead of Alice sitting on my right side, she tried to wedge in on my left, between Mary and me.

Curious to see what would hap-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

pen, I didn't budge an inch. Neither did Mary. So Alice began wiggling her derriere, trying to force a spot between Mary and me. By now, the congregation was giggling, even laughing aloud.

Suddenly, Alice lost her balance and fell right into my lap. The crowd guffawed. Alice's daughter appeared, helped her mother to her feet and led her away. A moment later, Mary's daughter was there leading away her mom. Mary was protesting, "He's my man. I saw him first!"

I haven't been bothered by either woman since. I'm told the minister met with both families and the daughters agreed to exercise more control of their mothers. I'm enjoying church a lot more these days.

71 IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR 71: How fortunate that Alice's fall from grace occurred in church, where the minister could intercede on your behalf.

Many years ago I was told that the most dangerous place a tourist could be while on safari was between a hippopotamus and water. Your experience

illustrates that it can be equally dangerous to get between an amorous woman and the object of her affections.

DEAR ABBY: The company I work for is located on an island, and we must commute by ferry. We can either walk on, take a bus, hitch a ride or drive our cars aboard, but the latter is quite expensive.

My problem: One of my co-workers constantly asks for a ride. She walks onto the ferry and wants to ride with me from the dock to work. She never brings her car, so she can't reciprocate by offering rides to those of us who accommodate her.

Abby, this woman talks nonstop, and I don't always feel sociable. I cherish my private time while I am commuting.

Is there a way I can tell this co-worker she's not welcome to ride with me without offending her?
IRRITATED ON THE FERRY

DEAR IRRITATED: Probably not. People who are insensitive enough to continually mooch a ride usually become very sensitive when the intrusion is called to their attention. However, honesty with diplomacy is the best way to go. Explain to your co-worker that your commute to work is your "think tank time," and you concentrate more effectively when you are alone with no distractions. Then ask her to please understand and to forgive you for not sharing your car.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Communications excel and permit new views, discussions and agreements. Don't read more into a situation than there is. Face the obvious, and work with reality. The unexpected occurs with a friend, but by now, you are used to it. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A partner comes through for you. Finally, you see eye to eye. Make important decisions, move forward and accept an offer. Set aside time to do the politically correct thing. Network, and make new contacts, but don't forget to call that special friend. Tonight: TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Make an effort, and reach out for others. You connect with a key associate in a meaningful way. Make agreements, don't avoid a risk. Insights are forthcoming. You are popular and alive. A boss places enormous trust in you. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Get into work, and clear up as much as possible. Your ability to get the job done counts. Allow more cre-

ativity and ideas into your day-to-day life. A surprising development means a different financial outcome. A new path proves exciting. Tonight: Try a new spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Lively conversations draw your attention. A child reveals another side that intrigues you. The unexpected occurs with a friend; work it through with him. An opportunity to increase your financial standing in the community becomes possible. Tonight: Ah, romance!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A partner smiles upon you. Talk to him about your work; let him share in what is happening. You are building stronger foundations. You finally come to a conclusion in a domestic matter. Don't settle; go for exactly what you want. Tonight: Expect good times close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are on overload, you have so much to do. Start clearing it out, rather than worrying. You achieve the results you want by charging right in. New work means more opportunities to grow financially. Be willing to put in that extra time. Tonight: Visit friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Financially possibilities are likely if you open your mind. Be careful about overspending. Let optimism play a larger role in your life, but be realistic about someone's limits. Clear your desk, so you can get out early. Tonight: Eat with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't carve your day in

stone. You will be happier if you let go and enjoy. A family member has good news. Make plans to invite friends over for a holiday gathering. You can convince others just how right you are. Your charisma speaks. Tonight: Whatever is your pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are getting a lot of information; though you might want to act on it, don't! You find that you understand others' motives better when you ask questions. Being less judgmental helps others talk to you about what is really going on. Tonight: Take a night off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Emphasize friendship. Others come to you with what they think are great moneymaking ideas. Be sensible, yet appreciative. Bond with friends, talk through problems and stay lighthearted. Others value your unique point of view. Don't underestimate yourself. Tonight: The party begins.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Accept the limelight. You have unusual energy. As a result, you get a lot done quickly. Others rely on your quick insights and understanding. Your bubbly personality could distract a boss or co-worker. Try to concentrate on one job or item at a time. Tonight: Work late.

BORN TODAY

TV game-show host Richard Dawson (1932), actress Bo Derek (1956), actress Sean Young (1959)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Burn a bit
- 5 Grate stuff
- 10 Tardy
- 11 Roof beam
- 12 Oodles
- 13 Singing groups
- 14 Put up for consideration
- 16 Ponder
- 20 Aspects
- 23 Fishing aid
- 24 Van Gogh painted here
- 25 Congo, formerly
- 27 Actress Thompson
- 28 Secreted
- 29 Coat with plastic
- 32 Control
- 36 Salt base
- 39 Vaccine type
- 40 Like some bagels
- 41 Taverns
- 42 Borscht base
- 43 Rx amount

DOWN

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- 3 Molecule
- 4 Former worker
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- 6 Frequently
- 7 Had a snack
- 8 Permit
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- 11 Wanders
- 15 Crazy
- 17 Dry
- 18 Rent
- 19 Utopia
- 20 Plummet
- 21 Scope
- 22 Raw-bar choice
- 25 Tubular pasta
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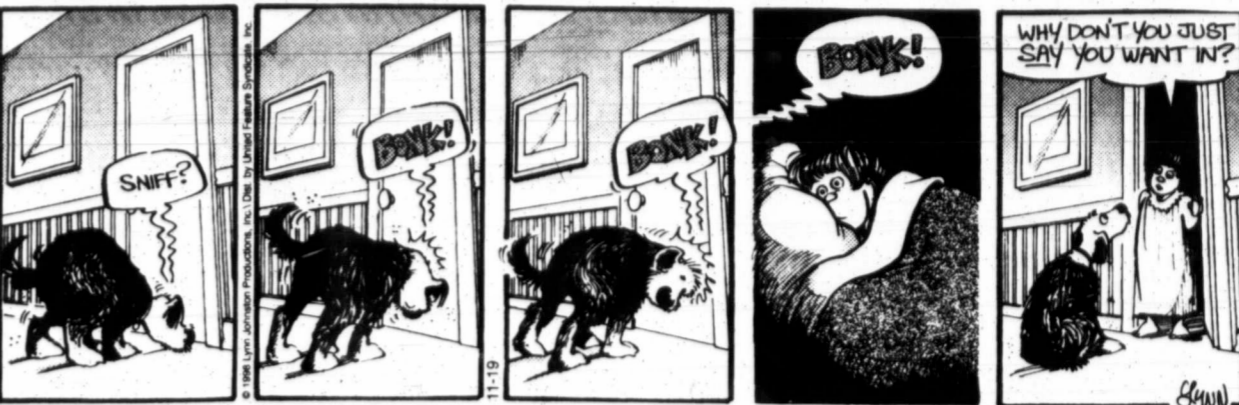
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The Family Circus



"Mrs. Clarke told us a story about a tortoise and his hair."

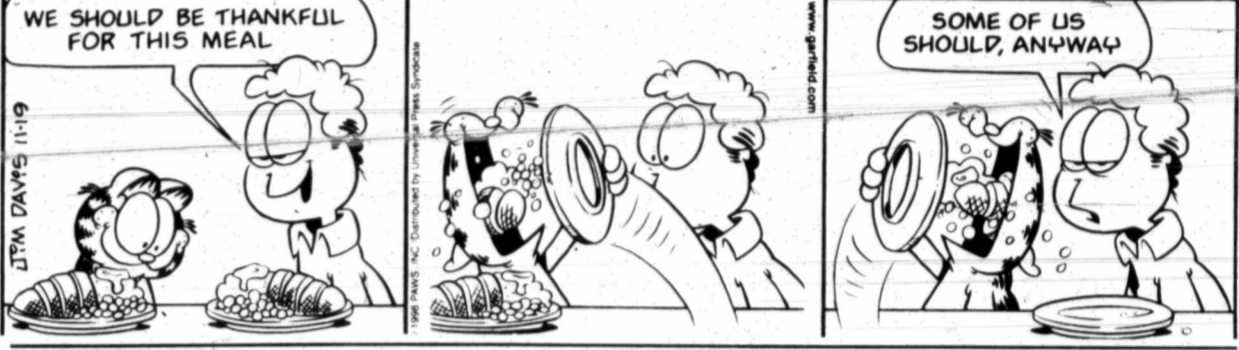
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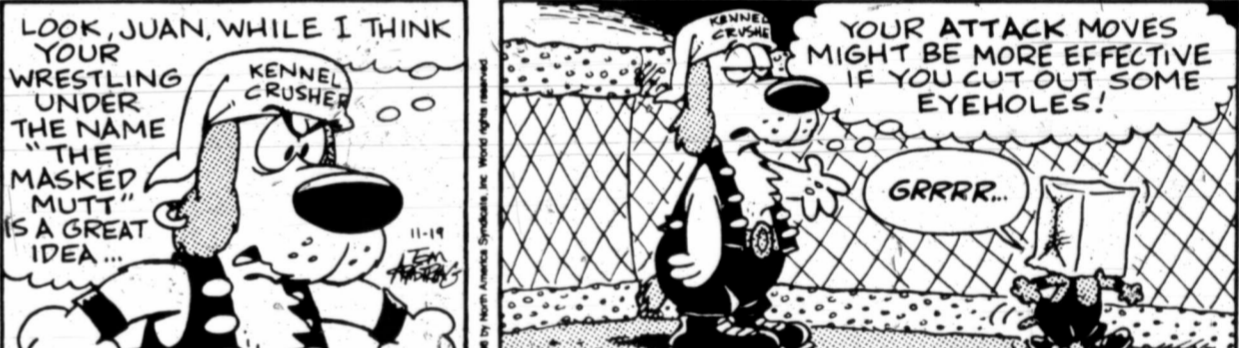
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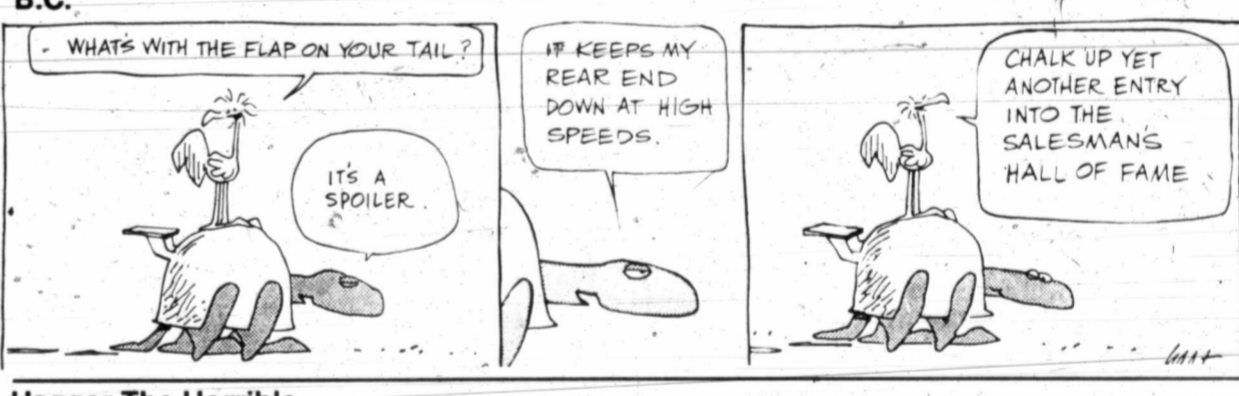
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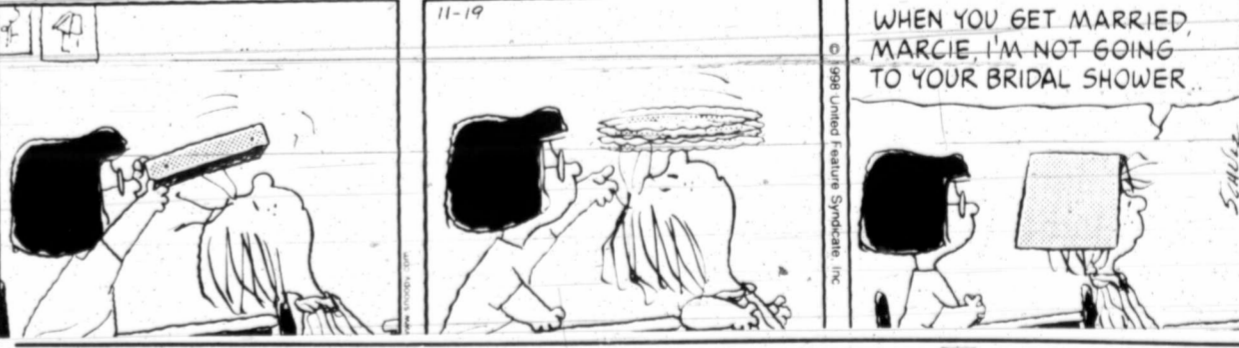
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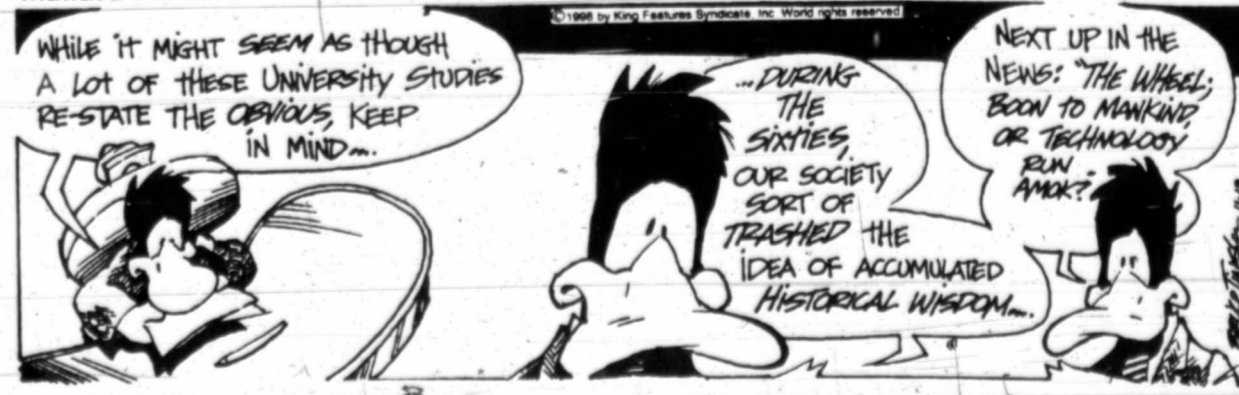
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SPORTS

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BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The skinny guys with the big swings from the 1987 Gastonia Rangers sure have come a long way.

Juan Gonzalez was named the AL MVP for the second time in three years on Wednesday, and Sammy Sosa, Gonzalez's long-ago teammate and still a good friend, was expected to take home the NL honor today.

Gonzalez is the first native Latin American player with two MVPs, and this could be the first time Latin players sweep the award in both leagues. Gonzalez is from Puerto Rico and Sosa from the Dominican Republic.

CORRECTION

Pampa High basketball player Jesse Francis was incorrectly identified in Wednesday's edition of *The Pampa News*.

Francis, a junior, is a second-year starter for the Harvesters.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Booster Club will be taking two chartered buses to El Paso for the area football game Saturday between Pampa and EP Riverside.

Interested persons need to call Dennis Roark at 665-5788 or 665-2892 (after 6 p.m.) as soon as possible.

Cost is \$60 per seat.

BASKETBALL

Pampa Kids Club 1998 Final Standings
4th-5th grade: 1. (tie) Magic and Rockets; 2. (tie) Lakers and Suns; 3. Mavericks.

6th-7th grade: 1. Nuggets; 2. Suns; 3. Sonics.

8th-High School: 1. Rockets; 2. Jazz; 3. Bulls.

Every child received a trophy for participating. Club directors Sonny and Tinde Haskins offered their congratulations to the players and coaches for having a great year and would see them again in January.

Kids Club will have the same teams for the winter season, except for putting the middle school and high school in their own league.

Youngsters can sign up to play at any time. Call Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732. Or write to Pampa Kids Club, P.O. Box 1057, Pampa, Tex. 79065-1057, for more information.

For youngsters already registered to play, no additional cost is required. New signups for the winter season will be \$15.

NEW YORK (AP) — In some of the harshest anti-union comments yet by an NBA player, Tim Legler of the Washington Wizards said negotiations are stalled largely because the highest-salaried players are looking out for themselves.

"They're the ones who are going to feel it if we sign this deal," Legler told the Washington Post. "That's why the deal is not being signed. ... What this whole thing boils down to is the superstar players don't want to be maxed out on what they get paid individually. ... We're fighting for stuff only a few guys are going to benefit from."

Legler, whose comments appeared in today's Post, tried to back off some of his comments today by saying they were taken out of context.

"The (story) was way more vehement than I intended it to be," Legler told The Associated Press. "The last thing I'm doing is pointing fingers at anyone in the union and expecting them to capitulate so we can get a deal done."

"What I'm asking for is for some more creative thinking on both sides," Legler said.

The sides plan to meet Friday in New York after more than two weeks without a full negotiating session, and Legler plans to attend.

Amarillo team lands national tennis crown

PAMPA — With an extra bit of youthful exuberance on its side, an Amarillo tennis team with some Pampa connections brought home a national championship from Tucson, Ariz.

Old Tascosa of Amarillo is the 1998 winner of the the USTA (United States Tennis Association) Men's 4.0 National Tennis Tournament.

Team members included Torey Sellers, Larry Wheeler, Chip Parsley, David Wohlfarth, David Bird, Ben Bonin, John Grantham, Rick Lambson, Benny Lawrence, Roger Patel and Steve Walton. Sellers is a Pampa native and Wheeler is a former coach of the PHS tennis team.

Old Tascosa was originally made up of senior players competing in the Amarillo city league. They were training to enter the senior nationals, and thought playing with younger players would help prepare for the tournament. Old Tascosa combined with some younger players who were trying to qualify for the open sectionals.

When the older team couldn't advance past the Texas sectionals, they decided to combine their talents with the youngsters and try their hand in the open division. It turned out to be a winning combination.

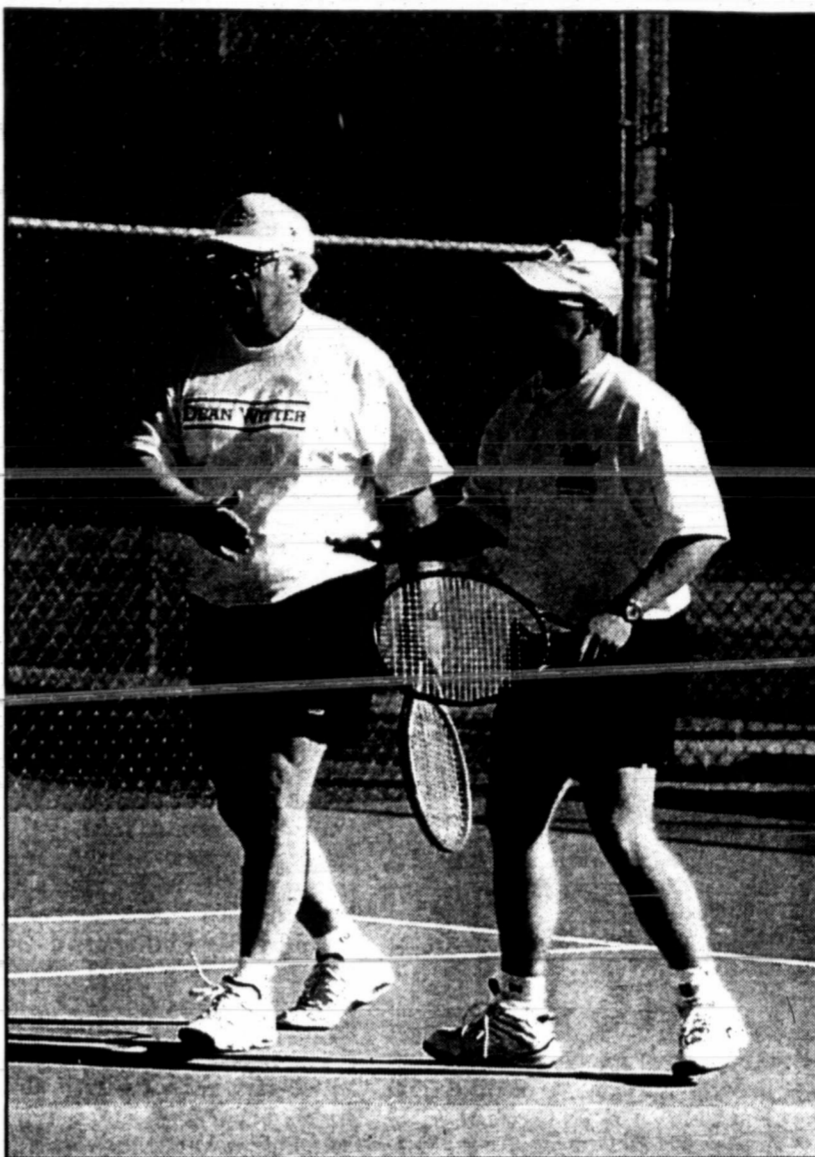
Old Tascosa beat Las Vegas, Nev., 3-2, in the semifinal match and then defeated Binghamton, N.Y., 4-1, in the title match at the Men's 4.0 tournament last month.

The national team tennis tournament attracted 17 teams — each a champion of its regional section from across the nation. In round-robin play, Old Tascosa went 3-1 to earn a spot in the semifinals.

In the championship match, Amarillo's singles players both needed three sets to dispose of their opponents.

In No. 2 doubles, Lawrence and Torey Sellers needed three sets to win 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 against Larry Garrard and Jeff Kopolow.

Earlier in the semifinal match, Lawrence and Sellers beat Ed Detwiler and Mark Petit in No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 6-4.



Benny Lawrence and Torey Sellers (right) congratulate each other after a doubles win.

PHS cagers at McNeely

PAMPA — After opening losses, the Pampa High basketball teams will try and get back into the win column Friday night at home.

In the girls' game, Pampa goes against Spearman at 6 in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters host Clovis, N.M. in the boys' game immediately following.

Both PHS clubs fell to Canyon on Tuesday night.

The Harvesters lost a one-point thriller, 53-52, on a shot at the buzzer by the Eagles.

Senior guard Shawn Young led Pampa in scoring with 16 points. Senior guard Bobby Holmes added 11.

The Lady Harvesters fell to powerful Canyon, 67-27.

Jordanna Young had 13 points to lead Pampa.

Mark Elms, Pampa head girls' coach, is undergoing hip surgery and will be sidelined for a few days. Assistant coaches Billie Osborne and Amanda Sandlin will be in charge of the team until Elms returns.

WHITE DEER — White Deer's basketball opener was spoiled by Shamrock, 52-46, Tuesday.

Brian Doss tossed in 23 points to lead Shamrock in scoring.

Shamrock held a 35-18 lead at halftime.

Nick McKean had 10 points and Steven Denham 8 to lead White Deer.

White Deer won the junior varsity game, 52-34.

Binoculars can help hunters avoid errors

By BUDDY GOUGH
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Bill Sheka Jr., serious deer hunter, credits expensive binoculars of the finest quality for his ability to bag a buck of a lifetime.

Hunting Brush Country known to produce trophy white-tails, the Corpus Christi sportsman caught a glimpse of a buck showing only neck and antlers at a distance of more than 350 yards.

The hunter's large, high-power 15x80 Steiner binoculars confirmed the animal as an exceptional specimen of its species.

Sheka went belly down in the dirt to make the shot from a prone position.

Ingeniously, he placed the massive Steiners upright on the ground and used them as a bipod rest for his rifle... thereby deriving more benefit from his binoculars than many hunters get from theirs.

According to typical use, hunters' binoculars rattle around on a dash board or hang from a nail in a tower blind until a four-footed animal of an antlered nature suddenly appears in the distance.

The optics then are snatched quickly and brought into hurried focus on the animal, usually just as its rump disappears from view.

The exercise represents the most basic use of long-range optics. It is called object identification, which essentially means confirming what the hunter has seen with the naked eye.

This use shouldn't be minimized. It is helpful for distinguishing a bush from buck at long range, but it can do more as well.

At a time when deer management programs are becoming the norm and hunters are becoming increasingly trophy conscious, object identification can answer several important questions:

Is that fine-looking buck a mature animal or a middle-aged one to be spared for another season?

Is that young antlerless deer a candidate for the table or is it a nubbin buck carrying the genes of greatness?

Are the antlers on that buck worthy of the Big Game Awards Program or just also-rans in the trophy-hunting derby?

Often, there are thousands of dollars and a ton of pride riding on the answers to those questions.

Thus, object identification through the magnifying lens of binoculars can help hunters avoid mistakes in the field.

However, there is another and higher use of binoculars in white-tail range.

It is object discovery, which is to discover what the hunter has not seen or is incapable of seeing with the naked eye.

This use of binoculars enhances the enjoyment of the hunting experience, helps the hunter see more deer and increases the hunter's chances of memorable success.

If practiced long and often, optical object discovery can become what is known as the art of glassing.

It is the defining characteristic of big game hunting in the sprawling and rugged Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, but it often is an unsung art in the eastern half of the state.

However, the visual limitations imposed by thick cover in the Brush Country or Hill Country are precisely what make glassing

a valuable practice.

Glassing essentially involves a visual dissection of the hunting area near and far, with equal emphasis on both distances. It further involves minute scrutiny of the terrain bush by bush,

tree by tree and rock by rock.

In a Brush Country situation, for example, a hunter employing the techniques of glassing would use binoculars to first scrutinize the most visible line of brush.

U-10 champs



The Dale-Ann team won the Top Of Texas 4 x 4 Tournament in the U-10 Girls Division. Team members are (front row) Britteni Rice, Brittany Balay, Erika Silva and Annie Day; (back, assistant coach Michael Craig and coach Daniel Silva.

Coach says ordeal was humiliating

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — The president of Hampton University has defended his women's basketball coach, who contends she was falsely accused in an alleged con game at a Texas store.

"No one in this country ought to be faced with this kind of degradation or harassment," university President William Harvey said Wednesday of how police in Lubbock handled the detention of coach Patricia Bibbs, her husband Ezell and assistant coach Vanetta Kelso. No charges were filed.

"The university has contacted two attorneys to seek legal remedy for what all of us consider a very gross injustice," said Harvey, adding that one of the attorneys he spoke with was O.J. Simpson lawyer Johnnie Cochran.

A tearful Ms. Bibbs said she was embarrassed and humiliated at being handcuffed and put in a jail cell Monday. All three, who are black, said they believe race played a role in their treatment

after a woman claimed they tried to con her out of cash at a Wal-Mart store.

"I was handcuffed, and I was never read my rights," Ms. Bibbs said.

"It's demoralizing," she said. "It's embarrassing to be falsely accused. I've seen it. I've read about it. No one knows until you experience it."

The three were in Lubbock for the Pirates to play No. 12 Texas Tech on Tuesday night. The game was canceled.

Rose K. Wilson, president of the Lubbock chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the organization plans to investigate.

"I believe race was a factor," Ms. Wilson said. "They were never charged but you take them downtown, hold them for four hours and then let them go. I don't believe a couple of white coaches would have been held for four hours. If they were not charged what were they doing downtown for so long?"

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SHOP EARLY**

Altus, Okla. wins swim dual against Pampa High teams

PAMPA — The Pampa swimmers hosted Altus High School (Oklahoma) on Saturday, November 14. Seventeen of Pampa's swimmers competed in the meet, while Altus brought eighteen swimmers to town.

After a close fight up until the last two relays, the Pampa girls lost the dual to Altus. The score was Pampa: 34, Altus: 54. Altus also won the boys' team competition with a score of 61 over Pampa's 29 points.

Final times and individual results for Pampa follow. Girls 200 Medley Relay: Kelley Stowers (9), Holly Brooks (12), Stacy Huddleston (12), and Lindsey Mitchell (1) — 2:16.77 (1st place); Boys 200 Medley Relay A: Matt Brown (12), Ryan Milligan (9), Jeff Holman (12), and Clay David (9) — 2:03.20

1 kubo (9), Willie Griffin (9), John (2nd); Boys 200 Medley Relay B: Sepp Ha 1 Fleming (9), and Doug Warren (9) — 2:19.93 (4th); Girls 200 Freestyle: H. Brooks — 2:39.40 (2nd); Boys 200 Freestyle: S. Haukebo — 2:32.32 (3rd), D. Warren — 2:38.85 (4th), R. Milligan — 2:32.34 (exhibition); Girls 200 Individual Medley: S. Huddleston — 2:47.55 (1st), Misty Moman (9) — 3:06.00 (3rd); Boys 200 Individual Medley: C. David — 2:33.96 (3rd), Willie Griffin — 2:51.00 (4th); Girls 50 Freestyle: K. Stowers — 29.93 (2nd); Boys 50 Freestyle:

Waylon Griffin (12) — 26.32 (1st), J. Holman — 28.61 (3rd), J. Fleming — 32.77 (ex.), Nefi Meza (10) — 34.26 (ex.); Girls 100 Butternut: S. Huddleston — 1:21.93 (2nd), M. Moman — 1:27.33 (3rd); Boys 100 Butterfly: M. Brown — 1:18.68 (2nd), J. Fleming — 1:27.69 (3rd); Girls 100 Freestyle: K. Stowers — 1:07.68 (1st), Desiree Vigil (9) — 1:10.56 (3rd), Anja Hesse (12) — 1:22.96 (ex.); Boys 100 Freestyle: Waylon Griffin — 59.11 (1st), J. Holman — 1:07.89 (4th); Girls 500 Freestyle: L. Mitchell — 6:54.86 (1st); Boys 500 Freestyle: Willie Griffin — 6:43.37 (2nd), J.J. Juan (9) — 7:36.97 (4th); Girls 200 Freestyle Relay: S. Huddleston, D. Vigil, L. Mitchell, K. Stowers — 2:04.50 (2nd); Boys 200 Freestyle Relay A: Waylon Griffin, M. Brown, S. Haukebo, and C. David — 1:49.54 (2nd); Boys 200 Freestyle Relay B: J. Fleming, J.J. Juan, N. Meza, and Willie Griffin — 2:16.06 (3rd); Girls 100 Backstroke: D. Vigil — 1:30.20 (2nd); Boys 100 Backstroke: M. Brown — 1:06.85 (2nd), S. Haukebo — 1:17.90 (4th), D. Warren — 1:19.84 (ex.), N. Meza — 1:49.84 (ex.); Girls 100 Breaststroke: L. Mitchell — 1:27.14 (2nd), A. Hesse — 1:33.92 (4th); Boys 100 Breaststroke: C. David — 1:19.90 (3rd), R. Milligan — 1:23.53 (4th), J.J. Juan — 1:46.14 (ex.); Boys 400 Freestyle

Relay: R. Milligan, D. Warrén, J. Holman, and Waylon Griffin — 4:32.06 (3rd).

Coach David Pink was pleased with some of the swimmers' time drops, saying, "We are happy for those who improved their times. Hard work will eventually be rewarded. As a team, we will continue doing our best in practice to assure time cuts at the meets."

The freshmen led the pack, turning in a total of eight new personal bests. J.J. Juan dropped fifty-nine seconds in the 500 freestyle. Willie Griffin shaved off six seconds in the 200 I.M., and 3 of a second in his 100 freestyle. Sepp Haukebo improved his 200 freestyle by ten seconds. Ryan Milligan's 100 breaststroke improved by .3 of a second. Kelley Stowers cut .57 of a second from her 50 freestyle, and one second from her 100 freestyle times. Doug Warren swam his 100 backstroke 4.7 seconds faster.

Four other swimmers dropped time in their events. Foreign exchange student, Anja Hesse, bettered her 100 freestyle time by .78 of a second. Sophomore Nefi Meza saw a .5 of a second time drop in the 50 freestyle. Lindsey Mitchell, a junior, dropped her 100 breaststroke time one second. Finally, senior Waylon Griffin improved his 100 freestyle by .3 of a second.

The PHS swimmers will be traveling to Monahans for an Invitational on Saturday, November 21, 1998.

Big games abound on Saturday

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

With due respect to The Game and the Big Game, a few other rivalries on Saturday have turned into Really Big Games.

Top-ranked Tennessee (9-0, 6-0 SEC) plays for more than the Beer Barrel when Kentucky (7-3, 4-3) visits Neyland Stadium. With a win, the Volunteers clinch a berth in the SEC title game on Dec. 5 and move a step closer to a national title.

"I think our kids have a genuine respect for Kentucky," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said. "They know the consequences of this game and continuing on nationally."

Fulmer is so focused on Saturday's game, he's in the dark about what else is going on.

"I couldn't tell you who else is playing," said Fulmer, working on ways to slow Wildcats quarterback Tim Couch, who has thrown for 3,938 yards and 34 TDs. "It's just such a challenge here."

Well, Phil, here's what's happening.

At Pasadena, Calif., No. 3 UCLA (9-0, 7-0 Pac-10) plays host to Southern California (7-3, 5-2) with the Victory Bell — and Rose Bowl — an afterthought. The Bruins, who already have clinched a Rose Bowl berth, are looking for a perfect season and trip to the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, where the national title will be on the line.

"It's a big game for us, it's big for our fans, it's big for the people who mean a lot to us," UCLA center Shawn Stuart said.

The Trojans are looking to end a seven-game losing streak against the Bruins — the longest in the 67-game series

dating to 1929 — with freshman Carson Palmer at quarterback. UCLA counters with Heisman Trophy contender Cade McNown, who failed to throw a TD pass in last week's 36-24 win over Washington.

At Columbia, Mo., trinkets aren't at stake when No. 2 Kansas State (10-0, 7-0 Big 12) plays No. 19 Missouri (7-3, 5-2), but the Wildcats need an impressive win to keep their national title hopes alive. K-State plays No. 6 Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 5, and must end up first or second in the final BCS standings to make it to the Fiesta Bowl. Entering Saturday's games, the Wildcats are in third place, behind Tennessee and UCLA.

Also, the winner of the No. 4 Florida (9-1) at No. 5 Florida State (10-1) game could enter the title chase if two of the top three teams lose.

In The Game, Yale (5-4) is at Harvard (4-5) on the 30th anniversary of the famous 29-29 tie. In the 1968 game, Harvard scored 16 points in the final minute, including a 2-point conversion with time expired. The headline in the Harvard school paper the next day read: Harvard Beats Yale, 29-29.

In the Big Game, Stanford (2-8) is at California (5-5), with the Bears needing a win to qualify for a bowl game. In the previous 100 games, 47 were decided by a touchdown or less, including Stanford's 21-20 win in '97.

Among other rivalries Saturday, the Rose Bowl is on the line when Michigan plays at Ohio State in the 100-Yard War, Auburn meets Alabama in the Iron Bowl, it's Indiana at Purdue for the Old Oaken Bucket, North Carolina at Duke for the Victory Bell and Washington at Washington

State for the Apple Cup.

The picks: **Kentucky (plus 11 1/2) at No. 1 Tennessee.** Vols set to move into SEC title game, but must contain Couch & Co. ... TENNESSEE, 38-31.

No. 2 Kansas State (minus 12) at No. 19 Missouri. Tigers capable of spoiling Wildcats dream season. ... KANSAS STATE, 34-24.

Southern California (plus 7) at No. 3 UCLA. Bruins have seven-game winning streak in battle of LA. ... UCLA, 42-31.

No. 4 Florida (plus 2 1/2) at No. 5 Florida State. Seminoles have 39-game home unbeaten streak. ... FLORIDA STATE, 31-27.

No. 11 Michigan (plus 11 1/2) at No. 7 Ohio State. Wolverines need this one for Rose Bowl. Buckeyes need it for their sanity. ... OHIO STATE, 31-23.

No. 9 Arkansas (minus 3 1/2) at Mississippi State. Hogs can wrap up SEC West; Bulldogs still in the running. ... MISSISSIPPI STATE, 27-24.

LSU (plus 3) at No. 10 Notre Dame. Irish still in the hunt for a big bowl game. ... NOTRE DAME, 28-21.

Houston (plus 15 1/2) at No. 12 Tulane. Green Wave keeps sailing along, perfectly. ... TULANE 41-24.

No. 16 Penn State (even) at No. 13 Wisconsin. Badgers' defense should contain Lions' meek offense. ... WISCONSIN, 24-20.

Mississippi (plus 12) at No. 14 Georgia. Dawgs are 13-4-1 vs. Rebels in Athens. ... GEORGIA, 35-21.

No. 15 Oregon (minus 9 1/2) at Oregon State. Beavers need win in 102nd Civil War matchup for first five-win season since 1971. ... OREGON, 44-31.

Rice (plus 19) at No. 20 Air Force. Falcons need a win to move into WAC title game. ... AIR FORCE, 42-31.

Wake Forest (plus 16) at No. 21 Georgia Tech. Tech has returned six fumbles for TDs in '98 — an NCAA record. ... GEORGIA TECH, 42-24.

Pittsburgh (plus 22) at No. 22 Miami (Thursday). Canes are 59-5 vs. unranked teams in the '90s. ... MIAMI, 38-13.

Rutgers (plus 27) at No. 23 Virginia Tech. Temple won in Blacksburg, can Rutgers? ... VIRGINIA TECH, 35-17.

No. 24 Syracuse (minus 27) at Temple. Orangemen won't need last-play dramatics this week. ... SYRACUSE, 45-15.

Last week: 16-4 (straight up); 8-11-1 (vs. spread)
Season: 170-39 (straight up); 103-98-3 (vs. spread)

Utah State pulls off upset over ninth-ranked Utah, 62-54

By The Associated Press

Utah coach Rick Majerus thought his team was overrated, and the Utes didn't do anything to prove him wrong.

Donnie Johnson scored 18 points as Utah State upset No. 9 Utah 62-54 Wednesday night.

"A lot of the guys felt overconfident," Utah forward Alex Jensen said. "Some of us came in with an arrogance."

Utah was runner-up to Kentucky in last year's NCAA tournament, but the Utes didn't play like a Final Four team against their intrastate rivals.

Trailing 49-45 with 4:25 left, Utah State (2-0) rallied to win its 27th straight home game by scoring on its last eight possessions.

"I'm awfully proud of our guys," coach Stew Morrill said.

"But both of these teams are going to get a lot better as the season goes on."

Preseason All-America Andre Miller had 18 points and seven rebounds for Utah (1-1), but the Utes shot only 34 percent from the field, committed 11 turnovers and 21 fouls, and were 4-for-22 from 3-point range.

"I think maybe I overworked them," Majerus said. "We ran into a highly motivated team."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 3 Stanford 86, SMU 51; No. 7 Temple 68, Mississippi 52; No. 10 North Carolina 65, Georgia 58; No. 15 Purdue 83, Gonzaga 68; No. 21 Indiana 91, Alabama-Birmingham 54; and St. John's 73, No. 23 Massachusetts 69.

No. 3 Stanford 86, SMU 51
Mark Madsen, Peter Sauer and Jarron Collins each scored 12

points, and the Cardinal dominated inside to reach the second round of the Preseason NIT.

Stanford (2-0), which never trailed, led 21-7 after 10 minutes and 43-17 at halftime. The Cardinal held a 51-38 rebounding edge.

The Cardinal, who have won 37 of their last 40 games at Maples Pavilion, will play host to Southwest Missouri State in the second round Friday.

No. 7 Temple 68, Mississippi 52
At Philadelphia, Rasheed Brokenbrough scored 21 points and Temple overcame a streaky performance to beat Mississippi.

The Owls (3-0) nearly squandered a 16-point halftime lead and won despite getting only five points from Lamont Barnes.

Mississippi's Keith Carter, who scored 33 points in the Rebels' 87-74 victory over Temple last season, was

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Broncos' Elway expects to play against Raiders

DENVER (AP) — Having found the sideline neither a fun nor a safe place to be, John Elway reported improvement of his rib injury Wednesday and said he planned on playing Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

Elway, bothered by a rib cartilage injury during the week prior to the San Diego game on Nov. 8, aggravated the injury during pre-game warmups. He managed to play only the second series of the game before retiring in pain.

Saying he also came back too soon from a hamstring injury earlier in the year, Elway vowed last week to never again rush back from an injury. He watched Monday night's game against AFC West rival Kansas City from the sideline.

But Elway appeared to be a man in a hurry on Wednesday. "I'm feeling a lot better and a lot less sore," he said.

Asked if he expected to play on Sunday, he said, "I'm hoping so, unless I have a setback, which I don't anticipate. But, yeah, I'm planning on it."

Might he consider taking another week off to make sure his ribs are completely healed? "No," he said. "If I'm ready to play, and I can play to the level I

need to play to help this team, then I'm going to play. I'm through the point where really the pain was a factor. It's still my job to play."

"It's no fun (not playing), there's no question about that. I'd much rather be out there."

Elway, 38, watched as backup Bubby Brister engineered a 30-7 victory over the Chiefs on Monday night, raising Denver's record to 10-0. Elway admitted feeling some discomfort at the thought of being in the hostile environment of Arrowhead Stadium without the protection of a helmet and shoulder pads.

"It surprised me," he said. "I think they (fans) hated the Chiefs more than they hated us. It actually was really calm."

At the end of the game, however, after the Chiefs self-destructed on the field with personal-foul penalties and the fans became more incensed, Elway said, "I was worried about getting from the bench to the locker room. I thought there was going to be a big brawl, and I had no protection at all."

If Elway returns to the lineup Sunday, he can again set his sights on the 50,000-yard plateau. He needs just 30 yards to join Miami's Dan Marino as the only players to reach that

level.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Elway "looked pretty good" in Wednesday's workout. "He went through the full practice," Shanahan said. "He was throwing the ball downfield, and he didn't feel any repercussions right after practice. So, hopefully, he still feels good tomorrow."

Brister said he expected Elway to play on Sunday.

"He looks pretty good, and he's in good spirits," Brister said. "That's what I'm excited to see because he's been down a little bit because he was hurt."

Denver can nail down a playoff spot with a win Sunday combined with one of the following scenarios: a Pittsburgh loss; losses by Miami and Tennessee; or losses by Buffalo, Miami and the New York Jets.

After being fined \$15,000 Friday for failing to put Elway on the injury list, the Broncos put 22 players on their injury list the following day, even though most had insignificant injuries.

On Wednesday, the first day of reporting for this weekend's games, the Broncos listed 21 players. Elway, fullback Howard Griffith (knee) and wide receiver Ed McCaffrey (hamstring) were listed as questionable, and the other 18 were listed as probable.

Six WAC teams still in chase

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

Air Force and Brigham Young can make all other possibilities moot if they both win on Saturday, victories that would propel the two teams into the Western Athletic Conference championship game on Dec. 5 in Las Vegas.

Until then, however, four other WAC teams also harbor title-game aspirations heading into the final full weekend of the football season.

No. 20 Air Force, which is tied with Wyoming with 6-1 conference records in the Mountain Division, holds the tiebreaker advantage because of having beaten the Cowboys last week 10-3. The Falcons can clinch the division title by beating Rice (5-5 overall, 5-2 WAC) on Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

Wyoming, meanwhile, plays at Tulsa (3-7, 1-6). A Wyoming win and an Air Force loss gives the

title to the Cowboys.

Rice is the third title contender in the division. If Rice beats Air Force and Wyoming loses, Rice claims the division title on the basis of having a better record against division opponents.

Similarly, BYU controls its own destiny in the Pacific Division. BYU and San Diego State both have 6-1 conference marks, but the Cougars have the tiebreaker edge after defeating SDSU 13-0 three weeks ago.

BYU can nail down the division crown by winning at Utah (7-3, 5-2) on Saturday. SDSU, which is home against Texas-El Paso (3-7, 3-4), can take the title if it wins and BYU loses.

Utah is the other contender in the division. If both BYU and SDSU lose, Utah would win the division because of having a better division record.

In other WAC play, San Jose State (4-7, 3-4) plays at Fresno State (4-6, 4-3), and Texas Christian (5-5, 3-4) travels to

UNLV (0-10, 0-7). In non-league games, Southern Methodist (4-7) visits Navy (3-6), New Mexico (3-8) plays at Central Florida (8-2), and Hawaii (0-10) entertains Northwestern (2-9). Colorado State concluded its season last week.

Rice-Air Force pits two of the best option offenses in the country. Air Force ranks first nationally in rushing at 287.7 yards per game, and Rice is fifth at 266.0. Air Force, however, has a significantly better passing attack, averaging 130 yards per game compared to the Owls' 54, and the Falcons are averaging 38.1 points per game compared to the Owls' 21.9.

Air Force (9-1 overall) also has been superior defensively. The Falcons rank 11th nationally in total defense, holding opponents to an average of 283.4 yards per game, while Rice a dismal 84th at 391.3.

Opponents have averaged only 13.1 points per game against Air Force but 23.5 against Rice.

No. 15 Purdue 83, Gonzaga 68
At West Lafayette, Ind., Jaraan Cornell scored a career-high 29 points, including eight straight in a key second-half run, as Purdue advanced to the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

Gonzaga's upset hopes were ended by a late scoring drought. The Bulldogs scored only four points and made just one basket in the final seven minutes.

Cornell, a junior guard, was 9-of-13 from the field and made all eight of his free throws to top his previous high of 28 points for Purdue (3-0). Richie Fram and Matt Santangelo each scored 16 points for Gonzaga (1-2). No. 21 Indiana — 91, Alabama-Birmingham 54
At Bloomington, Ind., A.J. Guyton scored 21 points and Luke Recker added 20 as Indiana routed

Alabama-Birmingham.

The Hoosiers (4-0) used two big runs in the first half to take control. Guyton had 11 points during a 17-4 streak midway through the opening period as Indiana went ahead 24-11. The Blazers (1-1) closed within nine points on two free throws and a basket by Fred Williams, but a three-point play by freshman Kirk Haston started a 15-4 Indiana run that put the game out of reach.

St. John's 73, No. 23 Massachusetts 69
At New York, Tyrone Grant had career-highs of 20 points and 17 rebounds as St. John's (2-0) beat UMass (1-1) in the Preseason NIT.

The Red Storm, who crushed North Carolina-Asheville 105-50 in the opening round, won the inside battle even against a bigger opponent.

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Exercise class (girls holding dumbbells) of Mrs. Annie Daniels, fourth grade teacher, c. 1924. Back: unknown, unknown, unknown, Daniels, unknown, Luella Clark, unknown, unknown, Ruth Reynolds Osborne, unknown. Middle: Earline Peters, unknown, Winifred Heiskell, Modelle Carruth, Carruth, Josephine Lewis Lawler. Front: unknown, Loretta Fletcher Andrus, Louise Walstad Castles, Dorothy Dodd Brown, Marjorie Buckler Guill, Lucille Cole, unknown.

Pampa woman was pioneer school teacher throughout Texas Panhandle

Annie Baker Daniels, one of the women principals in the Pampa school system, was a pioneer teacher in the Texas Panhandle. She was born Nov. 27, 1873, at Carthage, Texas, where she later became a member of the First Methodist Church. Her father, B.M. Baker, was the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Texas.

From 1889 to 1906, B.M. Baker was the district judge for the 31st judicial district which consisted of 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle. During that time his family lived at Canadian, Texas. As a tribute to Judge Baker's long life as a public servant, the B.M. Baker Elementary School at Pampa was named in his honor.

Beginning in 1898, Annie Daniels taught two years in Amarillo and nine years in Canadian before coming to Pampa where she served as teacher or principal for 23 years. She taught at Lamar School (red brick at 309 N. Cuyler) for several years before she succeeded Earl W. Lewis as principal of Woodrow Wilson Elementary School soon after that building was completed in January 1929. After 12 years, she transferred to Baker Elementary School and then to Sam Houston Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher.

In 1947, Annie Daniels, age 74,

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resigned from the Pampa school system and moved to Amarillo where she conducted a private school in her home. She died March 17, 1959, and was buried in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo. During her 34 years of teaching, Annie Daniels was never tardy and missed only a few days because of illness. For 15 years she had a perfect attendance record.

Her energy was such that she refused to remain seated while teaching or conversing. Her enthusiasm for teaching was evidenced by the fact that she taught several years past her retirement privilege.

She took great pride and delight in displaying the accomplishments of her students. When visitors entered her classroom, she was eager to show articles made by her students or to call on them to lead the class in various activities.

With her sister, Mrs. W.A. Johnson of San Antonio, Annie Daniels spent her summers "just fishing, resting and piddling around" in the area of her cabin at Taos, N.M. Her hobby was collecting antiques and she had many pieces. As a pioneer of the Panhandle, she had many stories to tell of the growth of that region.

Upon retiring, Annie Daniels flew to San Antonio with her grandson, Danny Daniels, and then toured the South with Danny and her sister, Mrs. Johnson. Following the tour, she retired to her cabin to research for a book about Indian life which she intended to write for third and fourth grade students.

She had friends who owned a mine named "The Good Luck Gold Mine" near Eagle Nest, N.M. The nuggets from this mine were said to bring good luck and fortune to the carrier. Annie Daniels gave nuggets from the mine to two former students when they entered the service. "The boys became almost obsessed with them," she said, "and whenever they would go into battle or an aerial dogfight

they would feel to see if they had the nuggets with them."

Both the boys returned. When Annie Daniels retired from the Pampa school system in 1947, Knox Kinard, superintendent at the time, made a statement which included the following remarks:

"The life of the teacher is not accorded with glamour which some walks of life enjoy; nor the public acclaim of other successful citizens; nor is it rewarded in material substances as others are."

"When the material fortunes have waned or vanished; when the acclaim can be heard no more; when the glamour has disappeared, there will remain in the hearts and minds of many grateful men and women

fresh memories of unselfish service generously given for the welfare of others. The loyalty and joy of faithful effort, the vigor of youthful spirit, and the satisfaction of doing for others have always characterized the life of Annie Daniels."



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