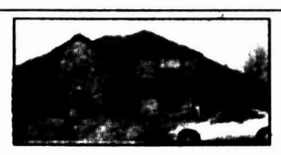
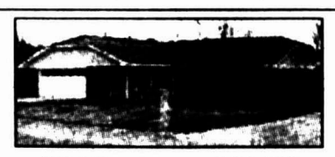
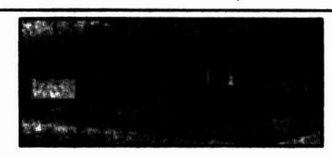
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Film maker checks out Pampa

Interviews local residents for Guthrie documentary


(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Peter Frumkin, a film maker from New England, looks down the brick paved street of Cuyler in Pampa while researching a possible documentary on Woody Guthrie.

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

A veteran film maker visited Pampa this week, interviewing people in connection with a proposed documentary on legendary folksinger Woody Guthrie.

Peter Frumkin, 43, of Cambridge, Mass., toured sites in Pampa Wednesday afternoon where Woody Guthrie lived, worked and played during his life here from 1929 through 1937.

Earlier in the day Frumkin interviewed several people who knew Guthrie in those days, including Helen Harmon, Viola Ingrum and Connie Lockhart. He also talked with Phyllis Laramore and Thelma Bray.

"What I'm trying to do, what I'm hoping to do, is make what will be a 90-minute documentary about Woody Guthrie," Frumkin said, sitting at the Pampa Senior Citizen's Center shortly before going to the Coney Island for lunch Wednesday.

He said the project is only in the early development stages now.

Frumkin stopped in Pampa on his way to Austin and Los Angeles.

"I'm hoping to come back," he said. "I feel like I'm just scratching the surface now."

Some of his research is being funded by the Texas Council for the Humanities.

"They seemed to like the project," Frumkin said.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is also helping to fund research for the project.

Frumkin said he grew up in Upstate New York, and Pete Seeger, a friend of Guthrie's, would travel up and down the Hudson River and stage con-

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LOCAL

City commissioners won't meet Tuesday

There will be no Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday, March 12. Commissioners decided at their last meeting to skip this session due to some vacation plans tied to spring break. Pampa ISD schools will be closed next week.

STATE

Fire destroys 120-year-old church

LONGVIEW (AP) — A fire has destroyed a 120-year-old church in East Texas, the State Fire Marshall's Office said Thursday. No one was injured.

Firefighters arrived at the predominantly black Oak Hill Baptist Church outside Longview shortly before 3 p.m. Wednesday, but were unable to save the church.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-30-39-40-45.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Number matching six of six: 1.

Winning ticket sold in: Katy.

Matching five of six: 41. Prize: $2,559.

Matching four of six: 2,207. Prize: $117.

Matching three of six: 49,314. Prize: $5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

DEATHS

Earnest Wayne Daniels, 58, oilfield worker.

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Alanis expected to be named new education commissioner

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A man who attended doctoral school with Pampa's school superintendent is expected to be named education commissioner today.

Felipe Alanis, a former deputy director at the Texas Education Agency, is expected to be named the new state education commissioner, the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* reported today.

Dr. Dawson Orr, Pampa Independent School Distict superintendent, confirmed the expected appointment this morning.

"Dr. Alanis is a very strong educator with a strong background in teaching," Dr. Orr said. "I think he will do an excellent job."

Orr said that he knew Alanis personally and that the two educators had gone through doctoral school at the same time.

Most recently, Alanis has served as associate vice chancellor of the University of Texas System.

Gov. Rick Perry told several legislators at the Governor's Mansion on Wednesday night that Alanis is his pick for education commissioner, the *Star-Telegram* reported, citing an unidentified source.

A spokeswoman for Perry would say only that the governor has made his choice and that an announcement won't come until Perry confers with the new commissioner's state senator, a legislative tradition.

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the TEA, said Perry interviewed candidates for the job early this week and that Alanis was one of them.

The new commissioner will replace Jim Nelson, who is stepping down March 31. Nelson accepted an executive position at Dallas-based Voyager Expanded Learning, a company that markets school curriculum and professional development programs.

Then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Nelson to the $164,000-a-year post in 1999, and Perry reappointed him last year.

Nelson replaced former Commissioner Mike Moses, who became chancellor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Moses since has become superintendent of the Dallas school district.

In 1999, Alanis was mentioned as a possible replacement for Moses.

(See ALANIS, Page 3)

School board OKs application

Pampa school board members approved a $175,000 TIF grant application at a special meeting Wednesday in Carver Center.

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said the TIF Public School Technology Grant is for $175,000 to be divided between Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School. Specifications limit the grant to $100,000 for the high school and $75,000 for the middle school, Orr said, adding that the elementary schools are not eligible for this grant.

If granted, the funds will assist the school district in purchasing technological equipment for the two schools, Orr said, and free other funds to be used within the school district.

"It will help with the budget crunch," he said.

In other business, board members underwent a three-hour "Team of Eight" board training conducted by a representative of the Amarillo regional education service center. The training is state-required.

Bids to be next part of restoration

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Bids for the second and third phase of the Gray County Courthouse restoration project are being sought.

Phase One of the project was completed several months ago.

The 1930 structure will undergo several facets of restoration. Included will be the repair and historic restoration of the exterior of the courthouse, including window refurbishment. Also, the repair and historic restoration of public spaces is part of the plan.

Several offices will be relocated and areas to separate jurors from victims are being created.

The district courtroom is being restored to its previous grandeur.

Also the installation of new mechanical, plaumbing and electrical systems.

(See BIDS, Page 3)

Maintaining the streets


(Courtesy photo)
City crews worked on Duncan Street this week sealing cracks in the pavement using a rented machine that applies hot material. Public Service Superintendent Kimberly Lincycomb recently told City Commissioners that purchase of the machine is number one on her purchase priority list. She said cracks sealed with the hot material stay sealed much longer than those to which cold sealant has been applied.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, March 6,

Ricky D. Davis, 31, Groom, assault causing bodily injury.

Shalom Shawn Bennett, 27, Tucson, Ariz., arrested by the DPS for possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds.

Melvin R. Busby, 53, 516 N. Wynn, driving while intoxicated/second offense and violation of probation/driving while intoxicated/first offense.

Alfredo R. Rodriguez, 58, Midwest City, Okla., bond forfeiture/driving while intoxicated.

Sandra Kay Bowen, 35, 2713 Rosewood, arrested on grand jury indictments for two counts of driving while intoxicated/subsequent offense.

Sarah Elizabeth Durrett, 17, 1042 N. Wells, 17, non-payment of fine and court costs.

Russell M. Moore, 35, Phoenix, Ariz., arrested by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 200 pounds.

Thursday, March 7

Christopher Dale Shouse, 25, 313 N. Sumner, disorderly conduct.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 6

9:39 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

2:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Alcock; no transport.

3:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTH) in Amarillo.

4:27 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Kentucky; no transport.

6:38 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Loop 171 at Gray D 1/2 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC. Two people refused transport.

Thursday, March 7

1:09 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

POLICE

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

Wednesday, March 6

Disorderly conduct/fighting in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

Simple assault with no injuries was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

An assault with a minor injury was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

A theft in August of a leather coat, taken from an unknown location, was reported.

A report was made of indecent exposure in the 500 block of West Brown.

Offense against family/children was reported in which the victim was a 3-year-old girl.

Thursday, March 7

Rogelio C. Medina, 29, 1005 Gordon, driving while intoxicated/first offense.

David Lee Ellison, 35, 605 Plains, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cloteal McGee, 37, 1209 Duncan, no driver's license, no seat belt, expired registration, expired motor vehicle registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to identify.

Daniel Glaze, 40, Star Motel No. 108, possession of marijuana and theft by check/Tarrant County and possession of drug paraphernalia.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.40
Milo	3.20
Corn	3.42
Soybeans	3.65

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

Occidental	28.35	-0.10
Fidelity Mageln	104.04	+1.44
Puritan	18.22	+0.20

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

BP	52.08	-0.43
Celanese	21.35	+0.15
Cabot Corp.	35.65	+0.62
Cabot Oil Gas	21.91	+0.20
Coca Cola	46.60	-0.94
VLO	46.43	+1.23
Halliburton	17.35	+0.27
Triad Hospitals	29.45	-0.15
NOI	23.00	+0.25
KMI	46.51	+0.51
XCEL	25.64	-0.02
Kerr McGee	58.53	+0.38
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SLB	61.01	-0.49
Tenneco	3.36	+0.01
CVX	87.63	-0.27
Wal-Mart	61.42	+0.52
OKE	19.97	+0.27

New York Gold	293.35
Silver	4.52
West Texas Crude	23.15

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 6

2:38 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1800 block of Alcock.

5:03 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at Louisiana and Charles streets. A small fire under the hood was put out with a fire extinguisher.

5:23 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

6:44 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle roll-over at Gray 9 1/2 and Gray D.

CORRECTION

The Gray County Sheriff's Department has changed its jail records relative to the address of William Craig Stephens, 30. He does not live at 736 Scott but rather at the Star Motel, a sheriff's spokesman said.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Wednesday, March 6

Patricia Dianna Bishop, 45, 1035 S. Clark, was cited for unsafe backing after the 1984 Chevrolet pickup she was driving in the 500 block of South Somerville collided with a 1992 Cadillac driven by Connie Harris Osby, 53, 1065 Varnon. No injuries were reported.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with increasing winds and highs near 80. South winds 10 to 20 mph in the morning, becoming southwest and increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to near 40 mph by the afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes through Friday night. Tonight should be mostly cloudy and breezy with lows in the mid-40s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy and windy. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy and windy. Lows near 30. Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday evening, mostly clear. Sunday and Monday, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid-60s. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Highs near 60.

STATEWIDE

Increasing humidity from the Gulf of Mexico helped boost temperatures early Thursday across sections of the state and also raised the chances of rainfall by the weekend.

Strong southerly winds at up to 20 mph, with gusts to 25 mph, pumped the moisture northward. Only the western part of North Texas did not have low clouds.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 25 degrees in northern sections of the panhandle to 58 at Fort Stockton and mid-60s in the far south.

Readings in North Texas ranged from the mid-50s to the lower 60s.

In West Texas, winds were generally variable at 10 mph or less.

Low clouds blanketed the eastern half of Texas, while high clouds dominated the west.

A weak cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle and was located along a line from near Childress through Borger and Dalhart. The front was expected to return northward by early Friday.

Partly to mostly cloudy conditions were expected through Friday with continued windy conditions. Scattered thunderstorms were expected in North Texas by Friday afternoon.

Daytime highs should range from the 70s in the north and west to the mid-80s in the Big Bend, except for 50s and 60s in the mountains.

Lows overnight were expected from 40s to mid-50s except for 30s in the mountains,

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

DANIELS, Earnest Wayne — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

FRY, Louise — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

KELLER, Sue — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

EARNEST WAYNE DANIELS

1943-2002

Earnest Wayne Daniels, 58, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Daniels was born June 27, 1943, to Ernest and Mary Daniels. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life and worked in the oil field.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1966.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Kramer of Pampa; two sons, Eddie Daniels and Wayne Daniels Jr.; two sisters, Gloria Kidwell of Monahans and Ann Paradowski of Forney; and two brothers, James L. Daniels of Amarillo and Marvin Kramer of Skellytown.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

Tapes show Yates emerging from psychosis

HOUSTON (AP) — Videotaped interviews with Andrea Yates show her emerging from psychosis in the months after she drowned her children in their bathtub, a psychiatrist testified.

In a tape played in court before the defense rested Wednesday, a disheveled Yates was asked to recall her thoughts and emotions the day of the drowning. Yates cried, rocked in her chair, paused and eventually said: "I don't remember."

In a second tape made last month, Yates looks well-groomed and bright-eyed. "I'm a little more aware of what's going on," she can be heard saying.

The stark difference from the first tape, made five weeks after the drownings, is due to the treatment Yates is receiving, said Dr. Lucy Puryear, who testified Yates was so sick June 20, the day she drowned her children, that she was incapable of determining her actions were wrong.

"It's not like she could come up with a list of options," Puryear said. "She was psychotic at the time and driven by delusions that they were going to hell and she must save them."

In the second tape, Yates discussed with the psychiatrist how she tried to block thoughts of harming 7-year-old Noah, her oldest child. She also talked about feeling overwhelmed when her growing family was living inside a converted bus in the late 1990s and how she attempted suicide in 1999, hoping it would prevent her from harming her children.

Yates, 37, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to capital murder charges for drowning Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary at their Houston home. Charges could be filed later in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

Prosecutor Joe Owmby questioned Puryear about differences in her testimony and that of another defense expert, Dr. Phillip Resnick, who last week testified that Yates knew drowning her children was illegal but thought it was the right decision to keep her children from eternal damnation.

Puryear told Owmby that she and Resnick just have differing opinions.

The prosecution can begin calling rebuttal witnesses Thursday in Yates' capital murder trial.

If jurors convict her of capital murder, Yates faces life in prison or the death penalty. If she is found innocent by reason of insanity, the court will have to determine whether to commit her or set her free.

Defense witnesses have contended that Yates delusionally believed by killing her children she would save them from hell and eliminate Satan from the world when she was executed by the state of Texas.

Puryear told jurors that Yates suffers from a psychotic disorder, most likely schizophrenia, and major depression that worsens in the postpartum period.

Administration fires Army Corps of Engineers official

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Transportation Committee lawmakers on Thursday assailed the firing of former Rep. Mike Parker, the latest victim in the environmental and budget wars within the Bush administration.

Parker was fired Wednesday as an assistant secretary of the Army after criticizing the administration's budget proposal to cut spending on Army Corps of Engineers' water projects. Environmentalists celebrated but the move was not popular with lawmakers who look upon Corps projects as big job producers in their home states.

"In 226 years of the Corps of Engineers this may be one of its darkest hours," said Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the Transportation Committee. He spoke at a hearing on the impact of proposed budget cuts on the nation's inland waterway users, coastal communities and flood control programs.

Parker was forced to resign after telling both House and Senate panels last week that the proposed cuts could have a negative impact on the Corps' mission and he expected Congress to restore some of the money.

"He ought to be getting awards for telling the truth," said Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor, a fellow Mississippian. "He ought to be put in charge of the OMB (Office of Management and Budget) for that kind of honesty."

Democrats were the most critical of the action, but Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn., chairman of the water resources and environment subcommittee, said he was "disappointed" that Parker's "honestly expressed concerns made it necessary for him to resign."

"This reminds me of the Pentagon plan to establish an office of disinformation. That scheme had to be dropped due to the outcry that such policies are fundamentally at odds with our system and our values," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

Just a week earlier, Eric Schaeffer resigned as director of civil enforcement for the Environment Protection Agency, accusing the administration of stifling efforts to reduce air pollution from old refineries, coal-burning power plants and industrial boilers.

Both departures reflect continuing turmoil within an administration on how to deal with environmental issues.

Environmental groups who have been among the most fervent critics of Bush said they were glad to see Parker go.

"There are clearly strong advocates within the Bush administration for reforming the Army Corps, and Mike Parker was not one of them," said Environmental Defense senior attorney Tim Searchinger.

Industry groups who have sided with the administration on environmental issues, however, criticized Parker's departure.

"That's nothing new for people in his position — being in hot water," said Harry N. Cook, president of the National Waterways Conference in Washington. "The civil works budget has not for many years enjoyed high priority within the administration."

The Pentagon issued a brief statement saying Parker had resigned, but lawmakers in both parties and lobbyists said it was only after he was given an ultimatum earlier Wednesday to resign or be fired.

"The department appreciates Mr. Parker's contributions and wishes him the best in his future endeavors," the Pentagon said in a statement that made no mention of the reason for Parker's departure.

Parker, 52, the civilian administrator for civil projects for the Army Corps of Engineers, is the first visible high-level political appointee in the Bush administration to be dismissed. A five-term congressman, he switched from the Democratic to Republican Party in 1995 and lost a tight race for governor of Mississippi in 1999.

In his budget submission last month, President Bush proposed cutting the Corps of Engineers' budget by 10 percent to $4.175 billion, excluding federal retirees' pensions and benefits. The Corps had requested more than $6 billion.

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(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Local and area dignitaries participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum to be built at Memory Gardens Cemetery on Price Road, west of Pampa. Pictured, from left, are Faye LaBarr, James Weatherly, Daniel Zuniga, Randy Elliott, Mary McDaniel, Kerrick Horton, Charles Henry, Lee Waters, Richard Morris, Bob Marx, Scott Hahn, Chuck White, Paul Simpson, Royce Jordan, Mike Keagy, Darrell Sehorn, Dick Stowers, Ken Rheams, Lloyd Waters, Joe Kyle Reeve, Clay Rice and Richard Stowers.

Ground broken on new mausoleum

Memory Gardens of Pampa recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the construction of a new chapel mausoleum.

Representatives from Saber Management LLC commissioned Gibraltor Mausoleum Construction Company to build the new Chapel of Peace Mausoleum. The mausoleum is expected to be completed later this year.

Memory Garden officials say the new climate-controlled Chapel of Peace Mausoleum is the only chapel mausoleum between Amarillo and Oklahoma City. The structure offers interior and exterior forms of entombment including 432 casket spaces as well as 560 cremation niches.

The exterior crypts and niche fronts are to be fabricated from imported Rosa Porrino grainte with Red Balmoral granite trim. Imported Perlato and Breche Nouvelle marble is to be used for the interior crypts and niche fronts.

Saber Management LLC began the preconstruction reservations program for the new chapel of Peace Mausoleum in 1998. Ground was broken one year ahead of schedule. Saber Management LLC is headquartered in Indianapolis.

For more information about mausoleum enterment and prices, contact 665-8921.

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BIDS

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Gray County Judge's Office, temporarily located in the former SPS Building, 315 N. Ballard.

Other locations include Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo as well as the AGC Plan Room at 1707 West Eighth Avenue in Amarillo.

Gray County received a $3.8 million grant from the Texas Historical Commission for the $5.1 million project. County bonds in the amount of $1.3 million were appropriated to help with the expense of the project.

County employees moved from the courthouse to various locations until the project is complete. County officials say they hope to have the project complete by the end of the year.

Sealed bids for the construction services will be opened at 1 p.m., April 4.

President draws up plan corporate responsibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, demanding corporate responsibility amid the Enron bankruptcy scandal, said Thursday the federal government should strip company chief executives of ill-gotten bonuses and create an agency to monitor the accounting industry.

"A good business always respects the boundaries of right and wrong," he told business executives.

Bush is pressuring companies to be more forthright with investors, and for auditors to play fair in their assessments, following the Enron bankruptcy, which threatened to inflict political damage on the White House. The Houston-based energy-trading company, which has been Bush's most generous corporate political backer, hid more than $1 billion in debt and its auditors endorsed its financial statements.

Many investors have been unnerved by Enron's collapse and distrustful of the accuracy of the financial reports of big companies in general, contributing to a volatile stock market.

With Congress considering legislative action of its own, Bush released a 10-point plan that bundled various proposals made recently by the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission and by lawmakers.

"The whole design of free-market capitalism depends upon free people acting responsibility," Bush said at an awards ceremony. "Business people must answer not just to the demands of the markets or self-interest, but to the demands of conscience."

One proposal would create an independent regulatory board under the supervision of the SEC to develop standards of professional conduct and competence. The board would monitor, investigate and enforce its "ethics principles" by punishing offenders.

Congress, the SEC and the Justice Department are investigating Enron and the role of its longtime auditor, the Arthur Andersen LLP accounting firm, in Enron's collapse. The company entered the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Bush did not mention the Enron or Andersen, but seemed to be speaking of the accounting firm when he mentioned auditing standards. "We've seen lately just how important these standards are and the harm that can follow when they are ignored," he said.

SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt, who was appointed by Bush, has proposed a new private-sector body to regulate the accounting profession. It would be dominated by executives and experts from outside the accounting industry.

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FILM

certs which included some of Woody Guthrie's music.

"When I was growing up, I was also a big fan of Arlo Guthrie and Bob Dylan," Frumkin said. "All those routes just naturally lead to Woody."

The Woody Guthrie documentary is a personal project that he's undertaken.

"I like the subject," he said.

He said that he's been wanting to make a film on Guthrie for almost a decade now, but only in the last year had he been able to work on it.

"It's one of those things you kind of pick up, and then you have to figure out how to do it," Frumkin said.

Fortunately, he has the support of his family. Frumkin's wife is also involved in making documentaries.

"I have a very understanding wife," he grinned. "I'm very lucky."

The big challenge right now is raising the money to fund the project.

"We're talking about coming up with grants for several hundred thousand dollars," Frumkin said. "That's a huge amount of money, and these days, there's not a lot of grant money for this sort of thing."

Frumkin has been involved with making documentary films for about 20 years now. Much of his work has been for the Public Broadcast System or has appeared on the History Channel, Court TV or the Learning Channel.

"I used to work for a public TV program called Nova," Frumkin said.

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ALANIS

Alanis is a former superintendent of schools in Ector County.

He joined the TEA in the fall of 1995 and later went to his post at the UT System.

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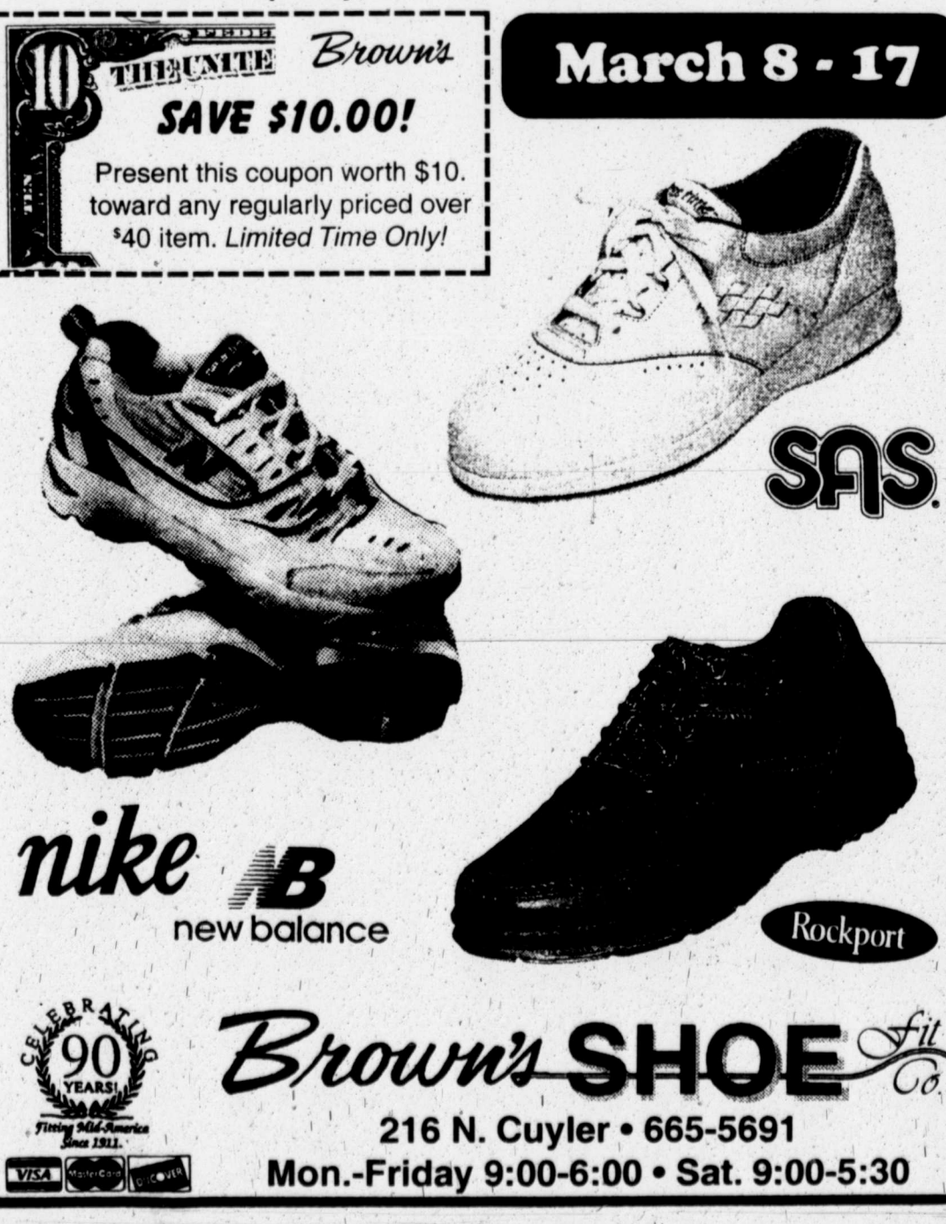
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sept. 11 is responsible no VA clinic in Pampa

This is in response to Mr. Warren H. Wilson's letter to the editor in Thursday's, Feb. 28, *Pampa News*.

I have done some research and the November 6th Special Election had nothing to do with Pampa not getting a VA Outpatient Clinic, but the September 11th attack on America had everything to do with it. Of course, our current priority is to protect America and that is very costly, therefore, other important projects may have to be put in limbo for now.

I absolutely agree with Mr. Wilson that a VA Outpatient Clinic would be a definite asset to Pampa in many ways.

I also urge everyone in Pampa and surrounding towns to call 202-224-5922 or write U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, 283 Russell, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Thank you.

Joyce Davis
Pampa

TEXAS EDITORIALS

How can Enron chiefs plead such ignorance?

From the Houston Chronicle:

The protestations of former Enron chieftain Jeffrey Skilling that he knew next to nothing about the company's finances are difficult to believe, but suppose for a moment he was telling the truth under oath. The willful, deliberate, nearly total ignorance that he claims to have achieved would go a long way toward explaining why Enron collapsed in a heap of irresponsibility.

Although Skilling was repeatedly exposed to various briefings about the accounting charades that ultimately brought Enron down, he says the power uncannily failed or he stepped from the room just as the important bits were about to be revealed.

When Skilling's declared ignorance of Enron's finances is joined with the ignorance claimed by former Enron Chairman Ken Lay and many directors on its board, the picture that emerges is of a ship with no one on the bridge.

In his congressional testimony, Skilling repeatedly stated he was not an accountant. He wasn't much of a manager, either.

When alerted to possible problems with the partnerships that obscured losses and inflated profits, Skilling said, he told Enron's chief financial officer at the time, Anthony Fastow, to deal with it. Skilling apparently never checked back to see if or how the problems were dealt with.

If being chief executive of one of the world's largest corporations were as easy as saying, "I don't want to hear about it; let someone else deal with it," anyone who could don a suit could be one.

The Enron scandal is primarily a business story, although it has implications for politics, but the astounding know-nothingism of Enron's principals recalls similar claims of ignorance by Reagan administration officials after the Iran-Contra scandal broke. Vice President George Bush, deeply involved in national security issues, stated he was "out of the loop." President Reagan told the American people he knew nothing of what was being perpetrated by his military aides in the White House basement, even after their attempts to bankroll the Nicaraguan Contras were reported by the press.

Furthermore, Reagan told Americans he had made no effort to ask the perpetrators what was going on, deliberately prolonging "deniability," a euphemism for feigned ignorance or genuine irresponsibility.

Ignorance of the law or one's occupational duties is no excuse for ordinary Americans, who have the arrest records and impoverishment to prove it. Only those at the top seem able to employ the know-nothing defense with any hope of success. At the same time, the ignorant elite reject any insinuation that they are guilty of negligence, dishonor or gross incompetence.

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Only one vote per primary



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Campaigning is in full swing in locally. Gray County is being put on the map across the state due to one political race.

This race is unique. Inspector of Hides and Animals was probably pretty necessary back in 'the olden days,' but there hasn't been anyone in that position for about 100 years in Gray County.

However, that is going to change with the upcoming election. Two candidates filed for the position after reading in *The Pampa News* the position was going to be on the ballot.

One candidate, Bill Reeves, is for abolishing the position while the other one, John Radcliff, is for keeping it. This inspector position doesn't pay anything and it does not have any responsibilities. Both candidates are retired and say that is perfect for them.

This race has become fertile political fodder for several media outlets. Reeves and Radcliff both have an excellent sense of humor, and are not taking themselves seriously in this campaign. This is quite refreshing.

But then, there is no money or power at stake either.

Reeves and Radcliff are being interviewed for a Texas Cable program this afternoon due to the unusual aspect to the election. The two men have been contacted by other regional media outlets, too.

I have enjoyed this race. It's been a lot of fun. It's much more enjoyable than watching the contest for the Texas Democrats nomination for governor.

It's not difficult to ascertain out how those two guys played in the sandbox as children, but that's another column.

Each time there is a primary election I hear people ask why they can't vote for all the candidates. Well, mainly because it's against the rules!

Voters can only vote in one primary. Voting in more than one primary is a no-no. We have an Election Code in Texas that is the Bible for all elections, and that rule is explicit!

People must realize if they vote in the contested Democrat primary governor's race (and several contested statewide races) they cannot also vote in the Republican primary in local races. There are no contested races locally in the Democratic primary, but there are several in the Republican primary. It is everyone's choice.

In some areas, there are other primaries, including the Libertarian and Green parties.

Come the November general election, the winners in all the primaries will be on the ballot and facing off against each other.

One decision the voters in the Republican primary will be able to give their opinion on is whether or not legislation should be enacted concerning religious speech and schools. It is a non-binding referendum. In other words, the referendum doesn't count. It's just what the majority think, and the results will be used politically in one way or another. Read it carefully.

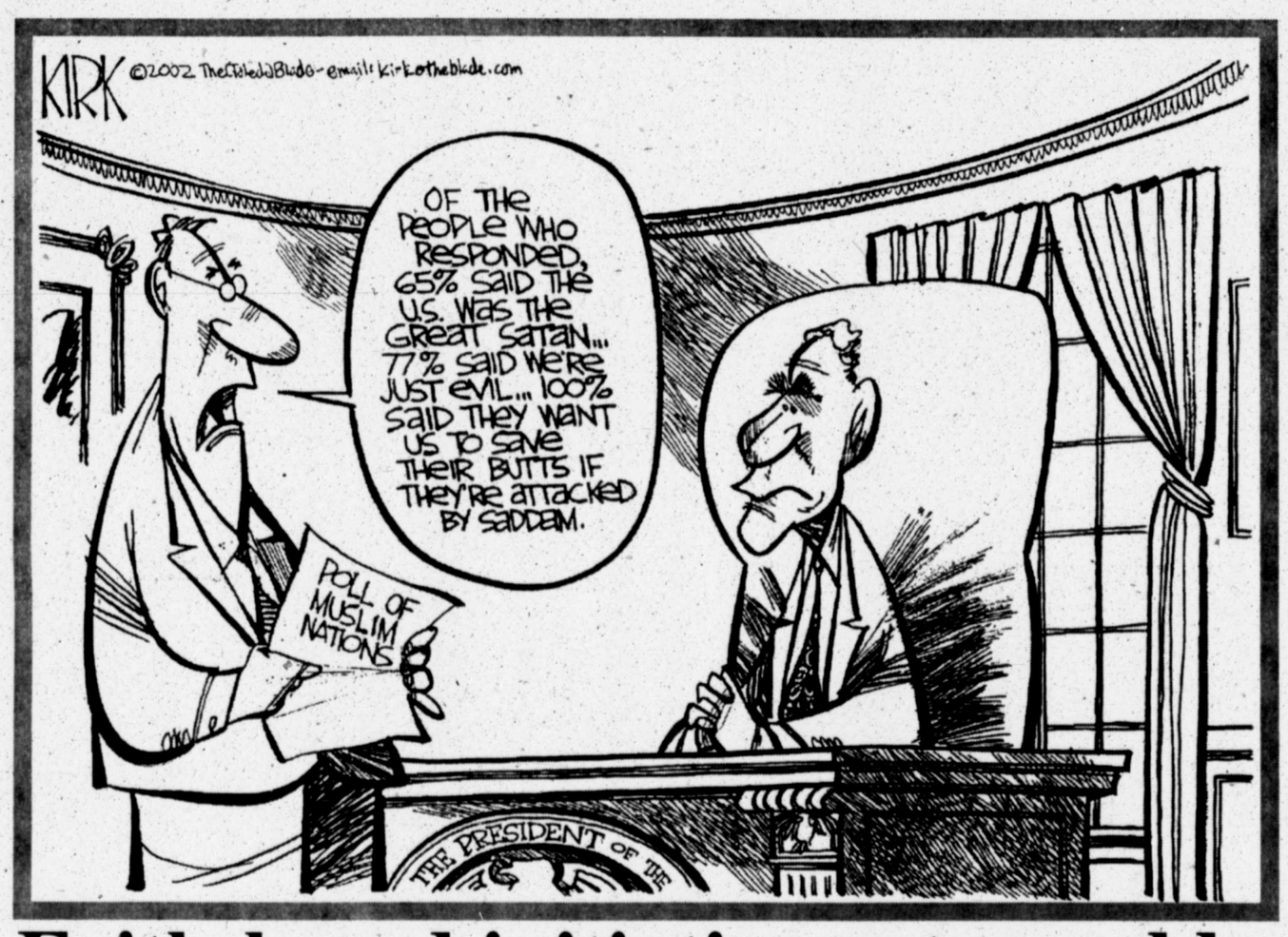
The referendum on the sample ballot reads: Legislation should be passed that protects both individual and corporate public religious speech, on or off school property, and protects any person from being required to join in prayer or religious activities.

To cast a ballot on the referendum will require the voter to mark for or against.

Just remember – inform yourself before you vote. Remember what happened with the travel trailer amendment election.

Go to the polls Tuesday. Just think, if there is a run-off, you get to go back to vote on April 9. Then the city council and school board races will be held in May.

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Faith-based initiative gets muddy



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

It's fourth down and 20 yards to go. It's rained steadily for a year, and uniforms are so muddy that it's hard to make out the players' numbers and sometimes even which team they're on. The head coach says it's time to punt, and he's probably right.

That's the story of President Bush's faith-based initiative: Mud Bowl, 2001-2. Good things are going on across the country, and some helpful regulatory changes are in the works in Washington, but it doesn't look like there will be much legislative progress this year.

Oh, we may get a deal whereby the 70 percent of Americans who do not itemize on income tax forms will be able to deduct charitable contributions of up to $400 for an individual and $800 for a couple. That way, non-itemizers will gain an incentive similar to the one itemizers have. That should lead to an increase in contributions, and that's good news for all charities.

But there's still disagreement on what groups that receive federal grants should be allowed to say and do, lest government end up – the horror! – funding an activity that includes the promotion of religious belief. Let's look at three real-life programs that raise questions.

First, let's say Congress appropriates money for programs to help folks get off welfare and keep from falling back into dependency. Learning to budget and save is an important part of becoming independent. Let's say a study shows that a very effective program on budgeting/saving teaches not just the how-to but the why of good stewardship by including in a budgeting class passages from Proverbs and other books of the Bible. If such a program is eligible for grants, is that "promotion of religious belief"?

Second, let's say Congress appropriates money for programs to help homeless folks, many of whom feel inadequate and hopeless. At one homeless shelter, those who come are told after dinner that they are made in the image of a wonderful God and are therefore also wonderful.

The next morning, if they want to join the shelter's Change Your Life program, they are expected to join a Bible study about people considered worthless (from Jepthah the Gileadite to Jesus, who was rumored to be illegitimate) who proved to have extraordinary value. Let's say a study shows that a higher percentage of those who come to this homeless shelter turn their lives around than do so at other shelters. Should the government supply this shelter with USDA surplus food, as it supplies others? What about dollars for the electricity that heats the food?

Third, let's say Congress appropriates money for programs to fight alcoholism and drug abuse. Let's say a study shows that most of the alcoholics and addicts who complete a particular program are sober and drug-free a year afterward – an extraordinary result in a field where most programs have success rates of well under 10 percent. This particular program, though, teaches that most people turn to booze or dope to fill holes in their souls, and that the way to fight an addiction is to let Christ fill those holes. Should an official who wants to help successful programs help this one? Or should a less effective but non-religious program received funds?

These are tough questions. The Bush campaign position in 1999 and 2000 was that all these groups should be included, but politics and ideological pressures led to their exclusion last year. And even if, somehow, the powers in Washington agree on an inclusive position, questions remain about the appropriate mechanism for inclusion. Direct government grants are very dangerous, because they place great power in the hands of federal administrators. Vouchers or tax credits are much better, because they empower individuals rather than officials.

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Injured peacekeepers flown from war-torn Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Eight international peacekeepers injured in an explosion of Soviet-era anti-aircraft missiles were flown to Germany on Thursday as the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan mourned the deaths of five of their troops.

"Our thoughts are with the families and the relatives," said Capt. Graham Dunlop, spokesman for the 4,500-strong international peacekeeping force in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

A team of 10 experts and advisers from Germany and Denmark were being sent to Kabul to investigate the cause of the blast, and should complete their investigation in the coming days, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping said Thursday.

The soldiers were killed Wednesday, while they were attempting to destroy two Russian-made SA-3 ground-to-air missiles with a controlled explosion at a munitions collection point about three miles from the German military's base in Kabul, said Gen. Harald Kujat, Germany's top military officer.

It was not immediately known if one or both of the missiles exploded, Dunlop said.

The blast killed two German and three Danish soldiers. The deaths were the first among the International Security Assistance Force since its arrival in December to maintain order following the ouster of the hard-line Taliban regime.

Five of the injured are Germans and three are Danes, officials said. The wounded were in transit Thursday from Kabul to Germany, where they will receive medical treatment.

Scharping said witness accounts indicated that the explosion was caused by a technical problem, and that the soldiers had followed proper procedure.

"We know from witnesses that it was not prematurely detonated," said Kujat. "We still can't technically explain the accident, but I want to prevent speculation that the soldiers are poorly trained or don't have knowledge of the weapons."

Later Thursday, the German peacekeeping contingent planned to hold a moment of silence at their base in Kabul, said Lt. Col. Ditmar Jeserich, a spokesman for the German peacekeepers.

Officials have cordoned off the area in dusty hills east of Kabul where the blast occurred. The Danish and German forensic specialists were to arrive at the site on Friday, Jeserich said.

Officials said the bodies of the dead soldiers would be flown to their home countries either Thursday or Friday.

Dunlop said the casualty figure was high because the missiles "are quite large and their explosion has an impact over a large area."

The high number of casualties may also be due to the fact that the missiles had not yet been "rigged" for demolition, meaning no explosives had been attached to them in preparation for their destruction, Dunlop said.

When missiles are rigged, usually only one or two people would be near them. When they're not rigged, more people may be present, he said.

Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen expressed "great sorrow" but said the deaths would not change his country's commitment to the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder sent condolences to the families of the dead soldiers, calling it a tragic accident. He said that the accident should not raise questions about Germany's deployment in the region.

Germany's decision last November to offer 3,900 soldiers for the U.S.-led war on terrorism was preceded by a wrenching national debate over the most far-reaching deployment since World War II.

Israel raids West Bank refugee camps

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Widening its assault, Israel raided two West Bank refugee camps Thursday, shelled Palestinian police positions and fired missiles at Yasser Arafat's headquarters as he met there with the European Union's Mideast envoy. The blast blew out windows in the room where the two met moments before.

Eight Palestinians were killed and more than 20 injured in the fighting. A defiant Arafat said Palestinians would not be cowed by the intensifying Israeli strikes.

"No one can shake the Palestinians," he told reporters in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "If the Israelis believe that they can frighten them by tanks or by missiles or by Apaches (helicopter gunships), then they are mistaken."

Israel's stepped-up military strikes drew unprecedented criticism from the Bush administration, which until now had backed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, saying Israel had the right to defend itself against attacks by Palestinian militants.

Referring to Sharon's statements this week that force would replace diplomacy and that Israel would strike relentlessly to crush Palestinian militants, Secretary of State Colin Powell told a Congressional committee: "If you declare war on the Palestinians and think you can solve the problem by seeing how many Palestinians can be killed, I don't know that leads us anywhere."

Sharon's office said in response that Israel has not declared war on the Palestinians and that the conflict "was imposed on Israel by the Palestinian Authority and its leader."

The Palestinians asked for immediate U.S. intervention. "They (the Israelis) are imposing a daily war against our people, our leadership and the peace process," said Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rdeneh.

Sharon ordered the military strikes after more than two dozen Israelis were killed last weekend in a string of Palestinian attacks. The prime minister has come under sharp attack at home for not offering Israelis a way out of their malaise. The past week has been one of the bloodiest in 17 months of fighting, with 80 Palestinians and 31 Israelis killed.

A key target in the new Israeli campaign has been Arafat's compound in Ramallah, to which he has been confined since December. Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at the complex for three straight nights, including late Wednesday, when two rockets struck several minutes apart.

At the time, Arafat was meeting in his office with Miguel Moratinos, the EU envoy to the Middle East. "We don't know where it hit, but it was very, very close," said the envoy's spokesman, Javier Sancho. The lights went out and the EU delegation was escorted out by flashlight, Sancho said.

Arafat adviser Ahmed Abdel Rahman said that the windows were blown out in the room where Arafat and Moratinos had met just moments before.

New WTO boss calls for level heads in steel brouhaha

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — As countries lined up to threaten the United States with legal action over steel tariffs, the incoming chief of the World Trade Organization called for speedy negotiations and warned that a full-blown dispute could take years to resolve.

Thailand's Supachai Panitchpakdi will take over as director-general of the WTO from New Zealand's Mike Moore on Sept. 1. He said opponents should try to negotiate a quick solution with Washington before the tariffs take effect on March 20.

The European Union and South Korea have said they would challenge the tariffs at the Geneva-based WTO, which oversees global trade. Supachai warned that the complaint process would take "a few years" to resolve.

"In the intervening years, nobody is going to gain anything," Supachai told reporters at a conference on Asia's economic future. "I don't think the U.S. steel industry would gain from having this dispute going on."

China's chief trade negotiator, Long Yongtu, told reporters in Kuala Lumpur that Beijing would reserve its right to file a complaint under the WTO. Japan and Australia have also said they may file complaints.

"We hope Washington will consider the views of other countries," Long said.

President Bush announced tariffs Tuesday of up to 30 percent for three years on a wide range of steel products. The hikes are widely seen as a bid to protect U.S. steel industry jobs in states vital to his Republican Party in this year's congressional elections.

"The U.S., as with other countries, has its own domestic political issues to contend with," Supachai said.

Supachai offered the WTO's services as mediator and warned that tit-for-tat retaliatory measures would make the problem harder to solve.

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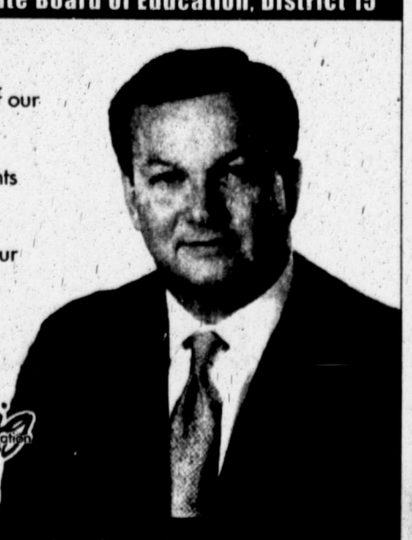
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MISLEADING—Booked as Robert Beula't Baggs, 18, of Daytona Beach, Fla., for investigation of a burglary of a Parsons, Kans., cafe, a prisoner, above, turned out to be Beulah Ann Baggs, who told officers she had masqueraded as a man since she was 12. Two men, arrested with her, were amazed to learn from officials of her true sex.

Spying Activities Among Charges

SOFIA, BULGARIA —(AP)— Communist-governed Bulgaria is going to put 15 Protestant ministers and officials on trial soon on charges of treason, violating currency laws and spying for Britain and the United States.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Topencharov said the churchmen already had "fully confessed" to the spy charges.

The government announced the names of those arrested for the first time last night, disclosed the indictments and named 12 American and British churchmen, educators and officials who it said acted as "contacts" in the spying activities. As early as Jan. 6, Dimiter Iliev, director of cults, had disclosed that "some" Protestant clergymen were under arrest.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States today retaliated against Hungary for expulsion of two American officials from Budapest by ordering a top Hungarian diplomat out of this country.

The diplomat ordered to leave "as soon as possible" is John G. Florian, first secretary of the legation here.

The State Department notified Minister Andrew Sik yesterday that Florian is no longer "persona grata," or acceptable as a representative of government.

(In New York an official of the Northern Baptist Convention, President Truman's denomination, said the charges were a "terrible thing" and bracketed them with the treason trial of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Roman Catholic primate of Hungary, as part of a Communist "persecution of all religions —Protestant, Catholic or Jews."

(The last church census in 1934 listed 8,371 Protestants in Bulgaria, compared to 5,000,000 members in the Greek Orthodox Church, the national faith.)

The fifteen indicted are leaders of the United Evangelical Church. Represented in the church are the Methodist, Baptist, Pentecost and Congregational faiths.

Vassil Ziapkov, head of the Congregational Church in Bulgaria and religious representative of the United Evangelical Church, was alleged to be the "heart" of the treasonable activity.

Others indicted included:

Yanko Ivanov, his deputy and supervisor of Methodist churches in Bulgaria.

Nikala Mihailov, head of the Baptists.

Georgi Chernev, head of the Pentecost Church.

The four named are members of the supreme council of the United Evangelical Church in Bulgaria.

The other eleven are Protestant ministers.

In addition, Topencharov said two of three more trials of Protestants will be held in the provinces. He did not say how many would be tried.

The indictment named 12 Americans and Englishmen as "organs of foreign intelligence and representatives of international reaction" who visited Bulgaria at various times since 1944 and contacted the 15 accused either directly or indirectly. These were:

Cyril Black, professor of Russian history at Princeton University, who has been an advisor to the U.S. delegation in the United Nations Balkan Commission.

John Evarts Horner, former acting U.S. political representative at Sofia.

Louis Beck, present U.S. commercial representative here.

Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, di-

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GOP WILL BE WATCHDOG OF BI-PARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY

DETROIT —(AP)— The defeated Republican Party was pledged by Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) today to the job of watchdog over American foreign policy.

Vandenberg declared the last election had not altered the "basic need" for a bipartisan foreign policy and he said the GOP would hold the Democratic administration to "strict accountability."

He said it was the GOP's duty as "loyal opposition" to see that America's foreign policies are "sound and firm."

Meanwhile political friends and foes alike were deploring the senator's decision to quit public life after 1952.

Vandenberg, long a major voice in international affairs, made his retirement announcement coincident with his Lincoln Day appearance here yesterday.

Last night, in an obvious reference to last November's Democratic election victory, Vandenberg told a home state Lincoln Day dinner:

"In my view, nothing has happened to absolve either Democrats or Republicans from continuing to put their country first."

He also promised continued support of the United Nations and declared the cold war could be ended in 20 minutes if Soviet Russia were willing "in deeds as well as words."

Earlier Vandenberg disclosed his intention to retire in 1952 after completing his present term.

By that time, he said, he will be 68 years old and will have served 25 years in the Senate. He observed, "I think that is enough."

One of those to express regrets was Sen. Connally (D-Tex.), Vandenberg's successor as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "I regret (it) very much," Connally said.

In his Lincoln Day speech Vandenberg dwelt in length on the GOP's responsibility.

Some quarters may consider its attitude as marking the end of bipartisan cooperation in foreign affairs Vandenberg admitted. "That is not my view," he added tersely.

Without this bipartisan cooperation between Republicans and Democrats in the 80th Congress, Vandenberg said, "I hate to think where we and the world would

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Slender Spy Link Shown in Recheck

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A recheck of files in the Congressional spy hunt showed today two slender threads linking Russian espionage in Japan and in the United States.

Whittaker Chambers, who says he was a one-time courier for a Red spy ring in America, told the House unAmerican Activities Committee last year he helped obtain recruits and money for an "apparatus" in Japan in the mid-30s.

And one person Chambers says was in contact with the leaders of that apparatus is mentioned in a report the Army released yesterday. The report told of a big Soviet espionage ring in Tokyo that operated from 1933 to 1941 and stole secrets from the Japanese cabinet and German embassy.

There is nothing in the Chambers' testimony to show any definite or close connection between the American ring he served and the network described by the Army as probably the all-time boldest and best.

The committee wasn't looking for any such tie when it heard Chambers behind locked doors last December. It may look now.

Army and Navy intelligence officers, were invited to sit in on a meeting this afternoon (1:30 p.m. CST). The main purpose was to discuss ways of improving teamwork between the services and the committee.

But Chairman Wood (D-Ga) told reporters members were sure to ask about the Army's sensational report.

Just where the committee might go from there was uncertain; it could recall Chambers for questioning.

At the time Chambers told about helping organize Soviet espionage operations in Japan, that was a minor, incidental matter. The committee was boring in on what Chambers knew about Red espionage in this country. He had told of getting secrets from high government officials for relay to Moscow.

His incidental references to Japan now take on more significance in the light of the Army report telling how the Russians got some of the war's top secrets out of Tokyo.

A committee report brushed past the matter this way:

"Mr. Chambers said the espionage ring recruited its personnel primarily in the United States for operation in other countries, including Japan, Germany, France, Finland and China.

"Mr. Chambers also disclosed to the committee that, in his position as courier for the party, he on one occasion took a money belt from New York to San Francisco containing approximately $10,000 for the purpose of financing West Coast spy operations."

LATEST BULLETINS

Partitioners Win Ireland's Election

BELFAST, Northern Ireland—(AP)—Supporters of continued partition of Ireland clinched control of Northern Ireland's parliament today in an election fought on the issue of king-or-republic.

Victory of the "king's men" over proponents of a merger with Eire has been a foregone conclusion, but returns form yesterday's balloting indicated political forces which want to stay in the United Kingdom faired even better than they had hoped.

Candidates of the pro-British Union Party won seven of the first eight districts reporting, including an upset gain in the Belfast dock district.

Philadelphians Walking to Work

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)—Detoured by a strike of transit workers, Philadelphia's 3,200,000 bus, subway and trolley riders scrambled into the city today on foot, by thumb-flagging of passing cars and by fighting their way aboard sardine-can-packed suburban railway trains.

The massive operations of the Philadelphia Transportation Company ground to a halt at one minute past midnight, throwing workers in the nation's third largest city to their own resources.

The strike of 11,000 members of the CIO's Transport Workers Union was in support of a demand for a fourth round wage increase. The work stoppage was orderly and PTC officials said the company will make no attempt to operate.

50 Burglaries Cleared by Youth

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)— Two men accused of many Texas and Oklahoma burglaries and robberies are backtracking their crime trail in Oklahoma.

Escorted by Texas Rangers and agents of the Olahoma Bureau of Investigation they visited Chandler and Tulsa this morning; planned to reach Holdenville about noon, and then return to Texas. Yesterday they visited Waurika, Chickasha, Ada, and Norman.

The two are Robert Curtis Bagwill, 17, and his uncle, Dan

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Liability Bill Approved by Committee

AUSTIN —(AP)— A driver responsibility bill that would cost drivers an estimated $30 a year for accident insurance was approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee yesterday.

The measure, by Senator Grover C. Morris of Greenville, was sent to the Senate calendar with recommendation for its apssage.

The State Affairs Committee was one of several that worked yesterday afternoon after the 51st Legislature adjourned for another long weekend layoff.

A number of the legislators boarded a special train last night for Houston, where they will be guests of the Houston delegation and attend the city's fat stock show.

Morris' bill would require proof of financial responsibility from drivers involved in automobile accidents.

"This does not mean compulsory insurance for drivers," said Morris. "If a person doesn't have an accident, he doesn't have to show financial responsibility."

He told the committee he was trying to provide some compensation for the people who get hurt.

Senator Warren McDonald of Tyler, who cast the lone vote against the bill, asked: "How will carrying insurance policies make the highways safer?"

Paul Benbrook of the State Casualty Insurance Department estimated the cost of insurance to prove financial responsibility would average $30 a year. The maximum amount of responsibility that could be required would be $11,000.

The State Affairs Committee gave rough treatment to a bill doubling the bond limits of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

After hearing Senators James F. Taylor of Kerens and Hill Hudson, of Pecos, rap the LCRA's

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Lions Call for Shrubs for Park

Members of the Lions Club Civic Improvement Committee have issued an urgent appeal for shrubs to be placed in Lion Park, Charles Lamka, chairman, said.

At a meeting of the committee yesterday, it was decided that the shrubs should be transplanted immediately if it is to be done this year.

Persons having shrubs that need to be thinned or other extra plants are urged to notify Lamka by telephoning 184 or Homer Dockery at J. C. Daniels. Lions Club will provide men to pick up the shrubs and the city will plant them at the park.

"We are going to landscape the park regardless," Lamka said. "However, if enough Pampans contribute shrubs, we will not have to order them."

Wrecked American Plane Found in Iran

TEHRAN —(AP)— Wreckage of an American diplomatic plane was sighted yesterday in the wild mountain country of western Iran. There was no indication of the fate of the five men aboard. (The Air Force reported Capt. Iver T. Saunders, Houston, Tex., and T-Sgt. Joseph P. Greer, El Paso, as crewmen.)

The plane was enroute from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, to Tehran when it disappeared. It was due in Tehran last Sunday.

WE SAW . . .

Three copies of The New York Herald of April, 1865, relating the news surrounding the killing of President Lincoln whose birthday is tomorrow. The papers told of 150,000 persons viewing the body. The papers are owned by Myron R. Spencer, 702 E. Browning, whose grandfather saved the papers from those Civil War days.

State Demos Ask Morrow Be Dismissed

CORSICANA —(AP)— The secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee has filed with national headquarters the state committee's protest against Wright Morrow of Houston as national committeeman.

Tom Tyson of Corsicana, the secretary, said he mailed the protest Tuesday.

In the letter Tyson informed the national committee of charges against Morrow that Morrow had not been a loyal Democrat at times in the past and that he had failed to appear before the State Democratic Convention to answer questions.

The letter gave the national committee notice of action taken by the state convention and by the state committee. (The Dallas News, in a story from its Washington bureau, said the protest arrived at the national committee yesterday.)

Tyson said last night that he had until last week thought the protest was sent the commitee in December.

The Corsicana attorney said he had prepared the protest for the committee then and left it in his office for mailing. He blamed either a mixup in his office or a lost letter for the protest not being received in Washington previously.

Tyson said State Chairman John Calhoun told him last week that the national committee chairman, Senator McGrath, had never received the official protest. He said that as soon as he heard McGrath had not received the protest he mailed another by registered mail.

The September State Convention recommended that Morrow be replaced as Texas national committeeman by Byron Skelton of Temple. Morrow has refused to resign. He has asserted he was elected for a four-year term and confirmed by the National Democratic Convention.

Fort Worth Dairies Cut Milk Prices

FORT WORTH —(AP)— The price of milk is coming down in Fort Worth—by one cent.

Trimble Dairies announced its new price schedules of 22 cents per quart for regular milk and 23 cents for homogenized would start today.

Oak Farms Dairies plans a penny drop tomorrow and Golden Gate Dairy said its prices would slip a cent "in a few days."



JOHN B. SCHOOLFIELD, Scoutmaster of Troop 14, has several reasons for being in Scouting. Besides being the father of two Scouts, John, Jr., 13, and James Charles, 12, he is in Scouting because he likes boys. "Besides," he says, "Scouting offers as much to the adult leader as to the boys. The spirit of adventure, outdoor skills and traditions of our ancestors must not be denied the youth of today."

Jester Says Oil Imports Costly Blow

AUSTIN —(AP)— Gov. Beauford Jester's letters to six major oil companies that large foreign crude imports have hit Texas a costly blow brought a detailed denial from the Standard Oil Co. president.

There is "no cause for alarm," Eugene Holman, Standard Oil head, wrote Jester. He said that cutbacks in domestic crude production could not be laid to net imports of oil but to "a combination of circumstances occurring all more or less at the same time."

Jester released his Feb. 1 letter and Holman's reply yesterday. He said he wanted to study Holman's reply more thoroughly and to hear from other large oil company officials before making any specific comments.

"Our general position has been, and is, that an over-supply of oil contributed to by imports has been a factor in our economic loss resulting from curtailment of crude oil production in Texas," Jester said yesterday.

Jester said in his letter to oil company heads that Texas production has been cut to a point where gross production taxes were reduced more than 12 million a year.

"The income of independent producers and royalty owners has been reduced millions of dollars," Jester wrote, "the incentive for development and discovery of new domestic reserve has been seriously curtailed."

Jester's letters for help in the situation also went to the presidents of the Texas Co., the Standard Oil Co., of California, the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Gulf Oil Corp., and Shell Oil Co.

Holman's letter said the cutbacks in domestic production were caused by tanks becoming full, foreign production approaching foreign consumptive levels, and a record warm winter in the East that cut use of oil below expecta-

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Activities of Show, Sale Are Planned

A busy two days have been planned at Recreation Park beginning Monday morning with the start of the fifth annual Top o' Texas Junior Livestock and Hereford Breeders Show and Sale, Clyde Carruth, general superintendent, said this morning.

The show will get underway at 9 a. m. Monday with the judging of the junior livestock. Homer Brumley, Hereford, will have charge of this phase of the show.

At 1:30 p. m. Monday, the judging of the breeding cattle will get underway with Harry Winston of Winston Brothers Ranch, Snyder, Texas, as judge. Winston is recognized as one of the outstanding Hereford breeders in the Southwest and is a consistent winner at many big shows.

The Top o' Texas Junior Livestock Judging contest will begin at noon under the supervision of Quentin Williams and J. P. Smith. A 5:30 p. m., banquet in the Recreation Building at Recreation Park will be presented to all 4-H Club and FFA boys entering the junior show. The Kiwanis Club will be hosts at the banquet.

Also, the fifth annual banquet of the Hereford Breeders Association will take place Monday. It will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the VFW-American Legion Hall. Following the banquet dance music will be furnished by Glen Studebaker and his Western dance band.

Approximately 100 head of fat calves and pigs will be put up for auction at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. The calves and pigs have been fed by 4-H and FFA boys of Gray, Wheeler, Carson and Roberts counties. All business and professional people of Pampa have been extended an invitation to be present and take part in the auction.

The auctioning of the breeding cattle will begin at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday. Colonel Walter Britten will have charge and also will "cry" the breeders' sale. Approximately 45 head of choice animals will be offered for sale.

Twigg Services Set Tomorrow

Funeral services for Harry Ernest Twigg, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Twigg, 112 S. Starkweather, who died Wednesday evening, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

The Rev. H. H. Tyler, Jr., pasor of the First Christian Church, will officiate at the services in the Duenkel - Carmichael Chapel, and burial will be in the Baby Garden of Fairview Cemetery.

60 Percent Scout Drive Goal Raised

More than 60 percent of the goal for the Adobe Walls Area Council's annual drive for funds had been turned in by press time today, Jim Arndt, general solicitation chairman, said this morning.

"The annual council drive is entirely devoted to council operating funds," he continued. "Through the contributions many services are provided which let Scouting move forward in Pampa."

The money obtained will go for the following Scouting activities: Cub, Boy and Senior Scout badges, leaders' training, year-round records, program helps and record forms, proper health and safety standards, board of review, court of honor, organization of new units, professional Scouters' services, correspondence, bulletins, office work, council and district program and activities and an adequate summer camping program.

Nearly 176 volunteer workers have been soliciting funds in Pampa since Monday.

L. N. Atchison, general council drive chairman, said the drives in the other fourteen counties of the council are progressing satisfactorily. The total Boy Scouts in the council is 2,118; Cub Scouts 1,379; Senior Scouts, 150, and adult leaders, 153.

"Strengthen the Arm of Liberty," a two-year program and the slogan for the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scout program, is being carried on in every state in the Union. The theme of this year's Boy Scout Week is "Adventure—That's Scouting."

More than 2,200,000 persons in every part of the nation are observing this 39th anniversary. The Boy Scouts of America is organized not only in the U. S. but in Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam. Troops or packs are also found in foreign countries where there are American boys.

Graham Named To New Duty

Jack Graham, veterans' service officer for Gray County, today was appointed a volunteer veterans' reemployment rights committeeman by the Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights under the Selective Service Act of 1948.

Graham has also served here for the past year and a half as a volunteer committeeman under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. His new duties are to assist veterans, upon request, in reinstating them to their pre-service jobs and act as advisor to management, labor and servicemen as to their responsibilities under the act, and to explain its provisions. This service is also for all other interested groups in veterans' affairs.

STATEHOOD DAY

AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester today designated Feb. 19 as Statehood Day, marking the 103rd anniversary of installation of the state government of Texas.

Moosehaven Films Shown

An attentive audience last night attended the first Pampa showing of "The Child City" and "Life Begins Again," under the sponsorship of the Loyal Order of Moose, in the Palm Room, City Hall.

The first movie was a reenactment of true stories centering around the Moose lodge's own 1,200-acre city whose main industry is raising orphans and semi-orphans in a home-like atmosphere from kindergarten on through trade school, graduation and securing of jobs before they ever leave Mooseheart.

The second film pictured the lives led by the aged at Moosehaven, Fla., the Moose-owned old folks' town just 15 miles from Jacksonville, Fla.

The international, fraternity is now putting on a drive to establish a Pampa chapter of the order. The films are to be returned to Pampa in several days after other showing dates have been completed in Borger and Amarillo.

Jack Lyons, manager of the Hillson Hotel here, is acting as local assistant to representatives of the supreme lodge at Mooseheart, Ill., for the organizational drive.

Seventeen Judging Teams Entered in Top o' Texas Junior Livestock Contest

Seventeen judging teams to date have entered the Top o' Texas Junior Livestock Judging contest, which is an all-time high for three days before the opening of the show.

Judging teams already entered include: Memphis, with Meldon McCreary as instructor; Turkey High School, G. R. Volvin; Wheeler, J. A. Clepper; Estelline, William H. Carmichael; Perryton, John Barns; Spearman, Dan O. Douglas; Lakeview, P. A. Wynn; Panhandle, Alvis E. Tabor.

Clarendon, T. H. Seay; Shamrock, H. C. Weatherby; White Deer, Martin Scott; Quail, F. E. Kennedy; Hedley, L. E. Groves; Claude, Paul Payne; Wellington, Bennett Goodloe; Canyon, Thomas L. Devin and Dimmitt, J. O. Seal.

Each of the livestock judging teams consists of three members and one alternate. The contest will start at noon Monday at Recreation Park.

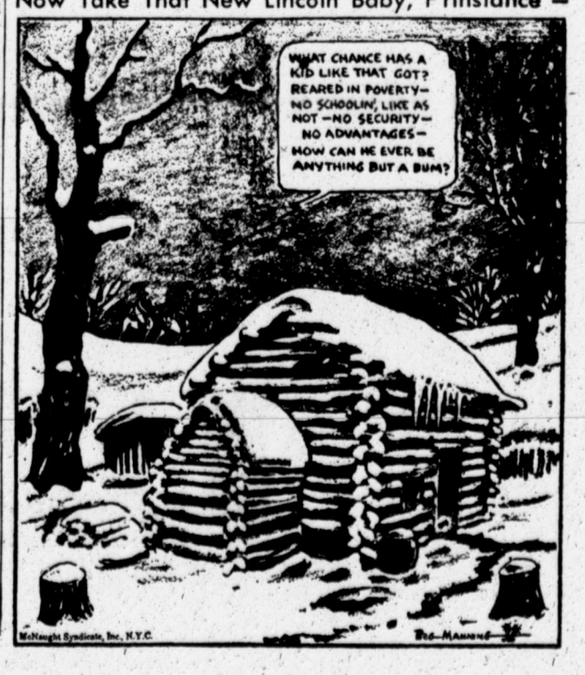
The cattle classes will be taken from the Hereford Breeders and Junior Livestock Show. Classes of sheep will be furnished from Carson County through J. P. Smith, assistant superintendent of the show.

Teams, coaches and administrators will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee at a 5:30 p.m. banquet in the Palm Room, City Hall, Monday.

Results of the contest will be announced and awards presented at the banquet. Frank Carter, local ranchman and president of the Top o' Texas Hereford Breeders Association, will furnish the trophies, medals and prizes for the fifth consecutive year.

Earl Tarbet, president of the Top o' Texas FFA District, will preside at the banquet.

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Army secretary White keeps controversial Enron interests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Secretary Thomas White, a former Enron executive, failed to disclose all his financial ties to the bankrupt energy company as required, key senators say.

The top two members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which confirmed White's appointment last spring, told White his ethics agreement committed him to full divestiture of all defense-related interests, including those in Enron.

However, the committee was still learning as recently as last month of financial stakes White had in the company, committee chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the ranking Republican, told White in a letter released Wednesday.

"We do not believe that your actions satisfied the requirements of this committee," the senators told White.

At issue are some 50,000 shares of Enron stock that White, former chairman of Enron Energy Services, contributed to the WSW 1996 Exchange Fund, a pool of stocks. Under a partnership agreement, the shares — worth roughly $1 million when White contributed them — could be returned to White if their value dropped.

The Senate committee first learned of that financial interest in late February, months after White promised the panel he would unload all holdings, Levin and Warner wrote.

In addition, the committee only learned in January that White had accepted an annuity paid in part by Enron. White had not purchased a surety or insurance policy as required by the committee to free him of any reliance on Enron's ability to pay, they wrote.

They said they had no reason to believe White had engaged in any improper activity in government matters that would affect Enron.

But, they wrote, they expect White and all other Department of Defense officials subject to Senate confirmation to carry out their ethics agreements and tell the committee when changes are needed.

The committee confirmed President Bush's appointment of White last May and required him to sign the ethics agreement to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest with his former employer, which at the time was seeking defense contracts. The written rebuke apparently is the strongest step it can take in regard to the agreement.

White told the committee Wednesday he would finish divesting as soon as possible.

"My only ambition through this entire process has been to comply with my ethics agreement and the intent of the committee," White wrote to the panel.

As of last month, 34,742 shares of Enron remained in the exchange fund and were being returned to White. That stock is now worth roughly 25 cents a share, or less than $8,700.

White told the committee he expected to get the stock early this month and would sell it immediately.

White said that after joining the Bush administration, he converted his Enron retirement account into an annuity worth $1,061 per month. After Enron declared bankruptcy, he was receiving only the $372.51 covered by a qualified trust outside Enron's purview. Enron has not paid its $688.99 per month obligation.

White told the committee Wednesday that if Enron began paying its share of the annuity, he would obtain a surety for it. He said he cannot do so now because the account is insolvent.

Perfect attendance winners



(Courtesy photo)

Lamar Elementary School recently held a drawing among all the students with perfect attendance for the 2001 fall semester. Two compact disc players were awarded. The winners were (above) Ryver Nunn, son of Lisa Schroeder, and Tessa Walker, daughter of Jessica Walker.

Economy: Jobless claims down

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment insurance dipped slightly last week, continuing an overall slide this year that indicates companies are easing layoffs as signs of economic recovery bloom.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial claims for jobless benefits for the work week ending March 2 fell by a seasonally adjusted 5,000 to 376,000.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, sank last week to 372,750. That was the lowest level since Aug. 11, when claims stood at 372,000.

Then, analysts thought the slumping economy was starting to show tentative signs of a revival. But the economy was dealt a considerable setback by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which jolted already fragile consumer confidence, disrupted business nationwide and caused layoffs to rocket.

Claims peaked last year on Sept. 29 at 535,000, and have remained below 400,000 so far this year.

In a separate report Thursday, the Labor Department said worker productivity grew at an even faster pace in the fourth quarter of last year than previously indicated.

Productivity increased at an annual rate of 5.2 percent in the October-December quarter. That compares with the 3.5 percent previously reported for the quarter.

For the entire year, productivity increased just 1.9 percent compared with 3.3 percent in all of 2000.

The fourth-quarter improvement in productivity came at a price. Businesses responded to slumping sales by sharply cutting back their payrolls. Workers' hours in the fourth quarter fell at a 3.8 percent rate. That caused the total number of hours worked to drop at a faster pace than output.

For the year, workers' hours fell 0.9 percent — the first annual decline since 1992, when the country was marred in the last recession.

Economists predict that when the Labor Department releases its monthly unemployment report Friday, it will show the nation's jobless rate ticked up in February from 5.6 percent, possibly to 5.8 percent. That's because businesses have been reluctant to hire back workers as they wait for more sure signs of definite economic recovery.

Analysts do expect the report to show some job growth, possibly as much as 13,000 new jobs added to payrolls.

A series of recent economic reports has indicated the recession, which began in March 2001, probably has ended and will be recorded as one of the mildest in U.S. history.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave Congress his economic assessment last week, saying the country is on the road to recovery, but Americans should not expect a red-hot rebound.

Because consumers kept buying throughout the slump, they will have less pent-up demand. That means spending probably will not rise as quickly as in past rebounds, Greenspan and other economists said.

HP-Compaq merger meets federal regulations, faces shareholder vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Approval by federal regulators adds momentum to the proposed $22 billion merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp., but the deal still faces a tough shareholder vote.

HP, based in Palo Alto, Calif., and Compaq, based in Houston, believe merging will improve the economics of their struggling personal computer divisions and generate $2.5 billion in savings. The deal also would make them dominant in several growing technology markets, especially corporate computing and high-tech services.

Hewlett and Packard family interests have opposed the merger, which would be the biggest in high-tech history.

The Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday it voted to close its antitrust investigation of the proposed deal. The 5-0 commission vote requires no additional action from the companies to meet antitrust requirements.

"They are over the regulatory roadblocks," said Paul McGuckin, a vice president with Gartner Inc., an analysts firm. "It's not a certainty that the merger is going to get approved, but its certainly better than a 50-50 chance now."

The FTC said it "did not find reason to believe that the proposed transaction would impair competition in any relevant markets." The agency said it reached that conclusion after an extensive investigation into the merger's effects in markets for products including personal computers, servers and microprocessors.

European and Canadian antitrust officials already have approved the merger.

Carly Fiorina, Hewlett-Packard's chairwoman and chief executive, said the FTC decision "validates our conviction from the outset that the merger can only enhance competition throughout our markets."

"We are now focused on winning the share owner vote," she said.

Michael Capellas, Compaq chairman and chief executive, said, "With the FTC approval, it is clear that we are building momentum in the marketplace."

"We believe the merger will create a world-class technology company to the ultimate benefit of shareholders, customers and employees," he said.

HP shareholders are to vote March 19. Compaq shareholders, voting the next day, are expected to approve the deal.

Opponents including Walter Hewlett, son of HP cofounder William Hewlett and a member of the HP board, worry that absorbing Compaq into HP would be a difficult and distracting process. In their view, Compaq would dramatically increase HP's exposure to the slumping personal computer business at the expense of the profitable printing and digital-imaging division.

HP and Walter Hewlett have been locked for months in a bruising, political-style campaign for shareholder support, which is expected to intensify as the vote gets closer. More than 20 percent of HP shares, including those held by the Hewlett and Packard families, are lined up against the acquisition.

Testimony heats up in dog mauling trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A witness in the San Francisco dog mauling trial said he dropped off one of the huge dogs with a vanload of others in the dead of night and a group of men, including some with prison tattoos, emerged to claim them.

The testimony from James O'Brien, the owner of a transport service, was unexpected, coming in the midst of a defense effort to depict the defendants' huge presa canario dogs as gentle giants that were welcomed at fine restaurants and shops around San Francisco.

After hours of testimony about the calm demeanor of Bane and Hera, the dogs that mauled Diane Whipple to death, the courtroom mood changed abruptly.

O'Brien, under cross-examination, talked about transporting Bane and five other dogs to the Los Angeles area, where he said a group of men awaited.

O'Brien, who had been called by the defense to say how placid the dogs were during transportation, said he was hired by defendant Marjorie Knoller to haul the dogs.

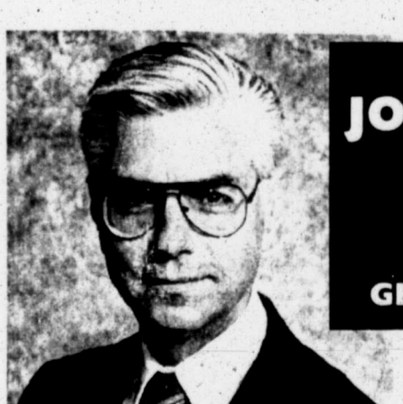
Knoller and her husband, Robert Noel, are facing charges in the fatal attack on their 33-year-old neighbor by their two dogs on Jan. 26, 2001. The trial was moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles because of pretrial publicity.

O'Brien said he was hesitant about the job at first because he had never heard of the breed, and when he looked it up in a book and on a Web site he found that the dogs were "bred for fighting."

Asked by Assistant District Attorney Jim Hammer whether he meant dog fighting, he said, "It could be any kind of fighting, even bull fighting."

O'Brien said he told Knoller that "if they were aggressive we wouldn't transport them."

When he arrived to pick up the dogs at a Northern California farm, he said, they were on chains and were lunging. But the moment they were removed from the chains they became "submissive," he said, and he agreed to do the job.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

These Family Ties Bind Too Close For Comfort

DEAR ABBY: I would like your opinion about a family situation: One of my sisters is marrying my other sister's ex-husband.

My younger sister, "Charlotte," and her husband, "Mel," were divorced because she was unfaithful. My other sister, "Kara," split from her husband because they cheated on each other. Charlotte has three boys and Kara has two girls.

Mel and Kara were both hurting, so they began to console each other. Well, one thing led to another. They have been living together for some time. This has devastated Charlotte. She and Kara used to be close. They no longer speak.

Kara has announced that she and Mel are being married in a formal wedding. Kara has asked our brother to walk her down the aisle, but he has reservations about the wisdom of her decision. He feels his sister has crossed the line.

The wedding is set for June. Charlotte refuses to allow her sons to take part in the ceremony. She plans to take them to Florida that week.

Abby, do you think it is wrong for Kara to marry Charlotte's ex-husband?

BIG SISTER SUE

DEAR BIG SISTER SUE: What I think about the propriety of this forthcoming union is immaterial. What I am having trouble understanding is why Mel, whose marriage to Charlotte ended because she cheated on him, would want to marry another woman who cheated on her husband.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old woman who is dating a 47-year-old man I'll call Roy. My problem is I don't know how to break it to him that I am no longer interested. It seems to me our relationship is based solely on sex.

Roy tells me all the time how much he loves me, but I think it's the sex he loves. From my perspective, we really don't have anything in common.

He is currently separated from his wife and has a 16-year-old daughter who doesn't know about me. Roy lives in another state, but we see each other often.

Last week he told me that when his divorce is final, he wants to marry me. I was OK with it until I did some serious thinking. Roy asked me if I had a problem with his age, and I said no — although the fact that he's old enough to be my father does bother me.

I don't know what to do, Abby. If I break it off with him, he's not going to take it well — I just know it. But if I let our relationship continue, I'll feel like I'm leading him on. He's talking about relocating to be with me. How should I handle this mess?

TRAPPED IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR TRAPPED: Don't feel guilty — just be honest. His age *does* matter to you. Level with him before he further disrupts his life to be with you. He may not take it well, but it's better than his giving up a job and relocating, only to be disappointed later.

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DEAR ABBY: I finally figured out why women live an average seven years longer than men. They don't have wives.

DIVORCED IN DENVER

DEAR DIVORCED: Not so fast! It could also be because they don't have husbands.

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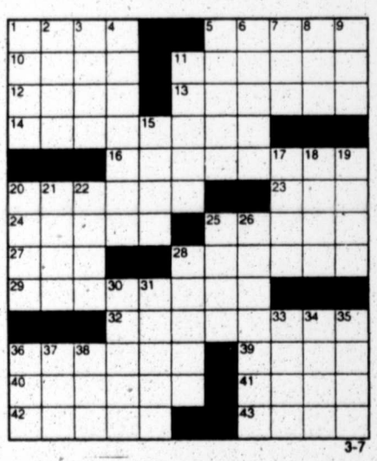
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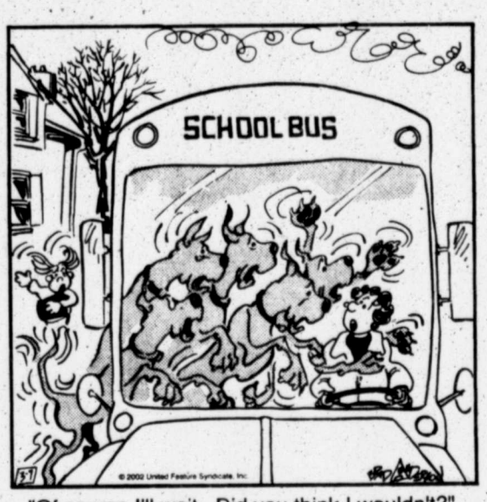


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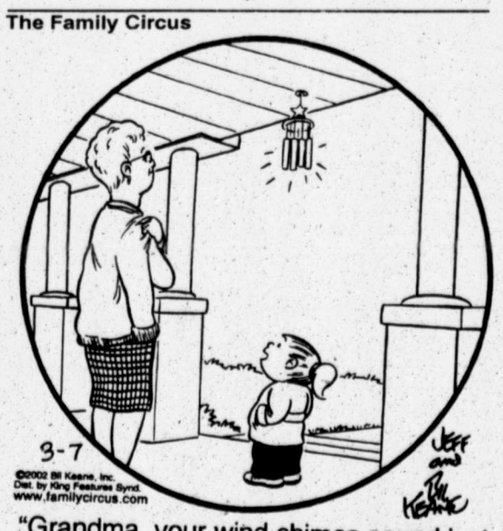
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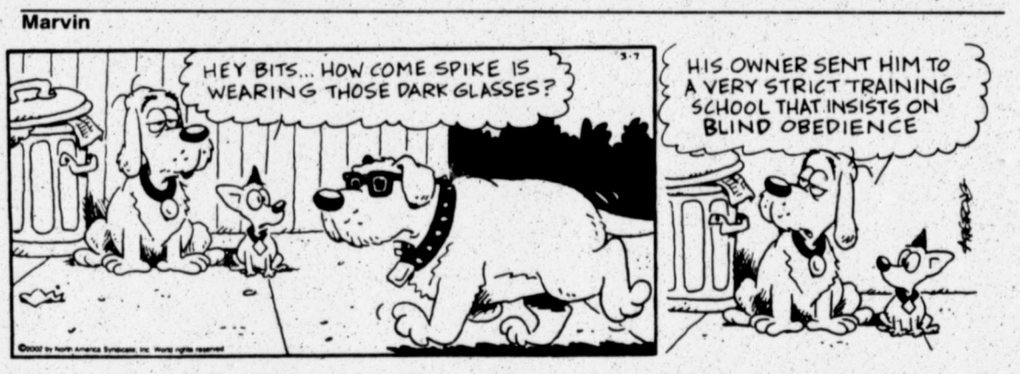
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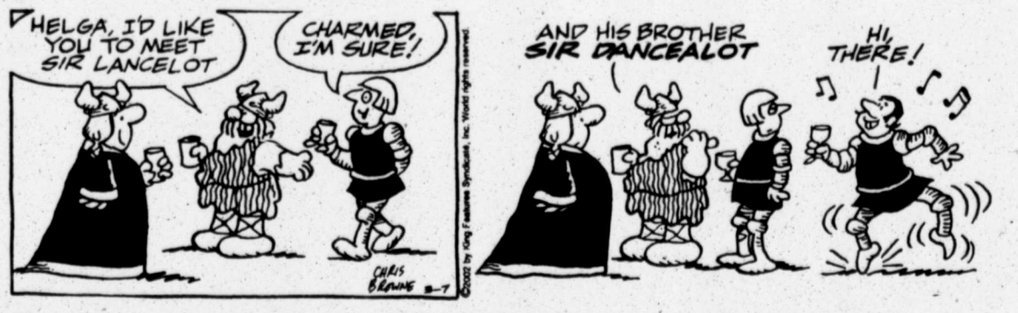
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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa-Palo Duro District 3-4A softball opener Friday has been changed from 4:30 to 4 at Palo Duro. There will be a junior varsity game after the varsity plays.

HORSE RACING

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — The owner of 10 horse-racing tracks in the United States and Canada agreed Wednesday to buy Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie for about $100 million.

Magna Entertainment Corp. will pay $80 million in cash and assume some liabilities, including a capital lease obligation of approximately $19 million.

The sale is contingent on approval by the Texas Racing Commission, which could consider the transfer of ownership at its May meeting. Lone Star will open April 4 for its sixth season of racing.

"This is a great moment for the future of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie and horse racing in Texas," Lone Star Park chairman Bob Kaminski said. "Lone Star Park has had unprecedented success in its short history and now the baton is being passed to Magna Entertainment Corp., a financially strong and committed ownership group."

BASEBALL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros and Carlos Hernandez briefly surprised each other last August.

Hernandez came up to the big leagues from Double-A Round Rock on Aug. 15 and, while enjoying breakfast in the clubhouse three days later, got his first big surprise from former manager Larry Dierker.

"The manager walked up and said 'Don't eat too much, you're starting today,'" Hernandez said. "I thought he was joking. I finished my breakfast and he said, 'No, I'm serious, you are going today.'"

Hernandez had less than two hours to prepare for his first major league start as a replacement for injured Shane Reynolds. Hernandez then delivered his own surprise.

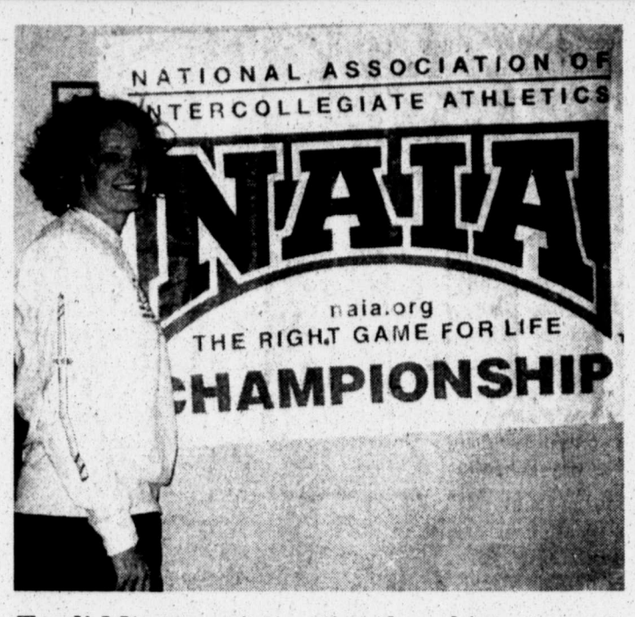
He struck out seven, allowed two hits and combined with Octavio Dotel for a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh to begin a brief but dazzling stay with the Astros that ended too quickly.

On Aug. 29, Hernandez suffered a partial tear of his rotator cuff sliding back into second base. He spent the rest of the season and off-season rehabbing his shoulder.

The Astros won all three of Hernandez's starts. He finished his short stay with a 1-0 record and allowed two earned runs over 17 2-3 innings.

Since signing with the Astros as a 16-year old from Venezuela, Hernandez has grown from a 145-pound teen-ager to a 185-pound man. His fast ball revved up right along with his size.

"When I was 145, I threw about 87 or 88 and then I started to develop," Hernandez said.



Tandi Morton gains national ranking

WBU hurdler qualifies for NAIA track and Field Championship

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Former Pampa High track standout Tandi Morton recently qualified and competed in the NAIA Division 1 Indoor Track and Field Championship last weekend in Johnson City, Tenn.

Morton would go on to place 15th overall in the nation in the 55-meter hurdles. She is a sophomore at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Morton was one of approximately 500 hurdlers across the nation who was competing for a spot at the national track meet.

Only the top 24 times from across the nation would be able to compete at the event.

Morton was only able to compete in four indoor meets this year because she is also a member of the WBU volleyball team. This made things even more of a long shot for her to make it to the nationals. However, in those four meets she finished fifth and sixth at two separate Texas Tech meets, first place at Alamosa, Colo., and second at Oklahoma University.

The WBU coaching staff credits Morton with the success she has had this season.

"Tandi has such a great attitude. The only reason for her to even qualify at this level is pure work ethic," says WBU assistant track coach Cody Lawson.

Morton starts preparing for the outdoor track season, which begins March 23 in Abilene. Coaches consider her chances in the outdoor events to be even better. Morton's best event is the 100-meter hurdles and she's expected to be a top contender in every meet.

The team will travel to meets at Abilene, Austin, El Paso, Lubbock and Stephenville.

Tandi is the daughter of James and Whitney Morton.

Texas freshman dazzling fans

AUSTIN (AP) — In a way, it would have been easy for T.J. Ford to falter under the weight of some lofty expectations.

A high-school All-American, the point guard came into the season as the most-ballyhooed freshman ever to play at Texas.

Even at a school where football recruits reign, Ford was expected to dazzle with the dribble. So far, he's left no Longhorns fans disappointed.

The Big 12 freshman of the year leads Texas (19-10, 10-6) into the conference tournament Friday with a national-best 8.68 assists per game. He's the first freshman to lead the nation in assists since the NCAA started keeping the statistic in 1983.

On Wednesday, he was named National Freshman of the Year by the United States Basketball Writers Association.

"I'm just having fun," is Ford's answer to just about every question about his game.

Rick Barnes is sure having fun coaching him.

"I can't imagine there's a player in the country that has been more valuable to his team than T.J. has been to ours," Barnes said.

That Ford signed with the Longhorns was somewhat of a surprise considering that just about every major college program would have been happy to have him.

While Barnes bristles when told that Texas is a "football school," the Longhorns' basketball tradition is solid but unspectacular.

Ford is the kind of recruit who's expected to change that. Before the season even started, he was already the biggest thing ever to hit the hardcourt in Austin.

Ford won two Texas high school championships at Texas' home court. He picked up right where he left off with a Texas freshman record 14 assists in a season-opening 88-74 loss to Arizona. The Longhorns were in the game until Ford went to the bench for several minutes in the second half with a sprained ankle.

Since then, Ford has racked up a school record 243 assists and leads the team in steals (57) and minutes per game (32.8).

He's done all of it with nagging injuries that have plagued him all season. The ankle sprain forced him to miss a game and has hampered by it in others. He'll play Friday with a tender groin.

Last summer, Ford was diagnosed with spinal stenosis, a condition that causes abnormal narrowing of the openings in the spinal column. Symptoms range from tingling and numbness in the limbs to severe pain.

Team doctors at first thought he would need surgery, then changed their minds. Ford was prepared to have it done, even if it meant sitting out part or all of the season.

"I would have just kept working out to get better," Ford said. "God was testing me."

Even with the spinal problems, Ford was able to bulk up his wispy 5-foot-11 frame from 151 pounds to 165.

In a conference as physical as the Big 12, Ford fearlessly drives for the basket, looking to pass first, shoot later. His teammates have learned to be ready for the type of no-look passes and rockets from three feet away that can bloody a nose if they're not prepared.

"He'll disappear into a crowd of people and you expect to see the ball go up toward the basket," said center James Thomas, who learned in his first pickup games with Ford to keep his hands up.

"All of a sudden, it's in your hands and you don't have any idea how it got there because you can't see him," Thomas said.

Ford would like to improve his scoring. He averages 10.5 points with a decent but occasionally tentative jump shot and his ability to drive to the basket.

Asked if would consider leaving college early, Ford says there no chance of that unless he's guaranteed to be a lottery pick. He said he'd be happy to finish out his college waiting for that to happen.

"I'm in no hurry," Ford said.

Meanwhile, he'll likely keep earning high praise from opposing teams.

"It's very difficult to pressure him — he's just too good with the ball," said Missouri's Quin Snyder.

"If you take one thing away, he'll find the next," Snyder said. "He just makes such good decisions."

TCU drops first-round game to Louisville

CINCINNATI (AP) — If the Louisville Cardinals continue to shoot like this, they won't have to worry about Marquette's stingy defense.

Reece Gaines scored 30 points, Bryant Northern had a career-high 25 and Louisville made 15-of-30 3-pointers Wednesday in a 110-86 victory over TCU in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament.

The Cardinals (18-11) play No. 13 Marquette (24-5) in the quarterfinals on Thursday, and it likely will take another strong offensive effort if they want to advance.

Marquette has held its opponents below 70 points in 23 of 29 games this season, including a 75-63 victory over Louisville on Feb. 16.

When Louisville played Marquette at home in January, the Golden Eagles confused the Cardinals with multiple zone defenses while racing out to a 19-0 lead. Marquette ended up winning 75-71.

Tech women fall to No. 7 Baylor, 75-60

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kim Mulkey-Robertson is happy to be a passenger.

"I'm just going let (Sheila) Lambert take me as far as she wants to," said Mulkey-Robertson, the head coach for seventh-ranked Baylor.

That proved to be a pretty good philosophy Wednesday night as Lambert scored 30 points to lead Baylor to a 75-60 victory over No. 17 Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Conference women's tournament. Baylor advanced to the semifinals against No. 11 Iowa State, which beat 10th-ranked Colorado 58-56.

"She's a great player," said Jia Perkins of Texas Tech. "She's tough for anyone to guard. She's one of the best guards in the league. She gets the offense going and they feed off of her."

Lambert was taken out of the game with 1:10 remaining when she was two points shy of the record of Nicole Kubik of Nebraska, who scored 32 points against Kansas in the second round, March 8, 2000.

"I told my teammates that I wasn't ready to go home," Lambert said of her game. "I wanted to hang out some more."

The Bears led 41-33 at halftime, sparked by 18 points from Lambert and 15-of-16 shooting from the free-throw line.

The Red Raiders (18-11) chipped away at the lead early in the second half. Perkins sank a free throw with 14:23 remaining to give Texas Tech a 49-48 margin. But Baylor scored the next six points before going on a 13-2 run to take a 67-52 lead with 6:44 left to play.

Texas Tech would get no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

"We're building a program at Baylor; we just played a tradition," Mulkey-Robertson said.

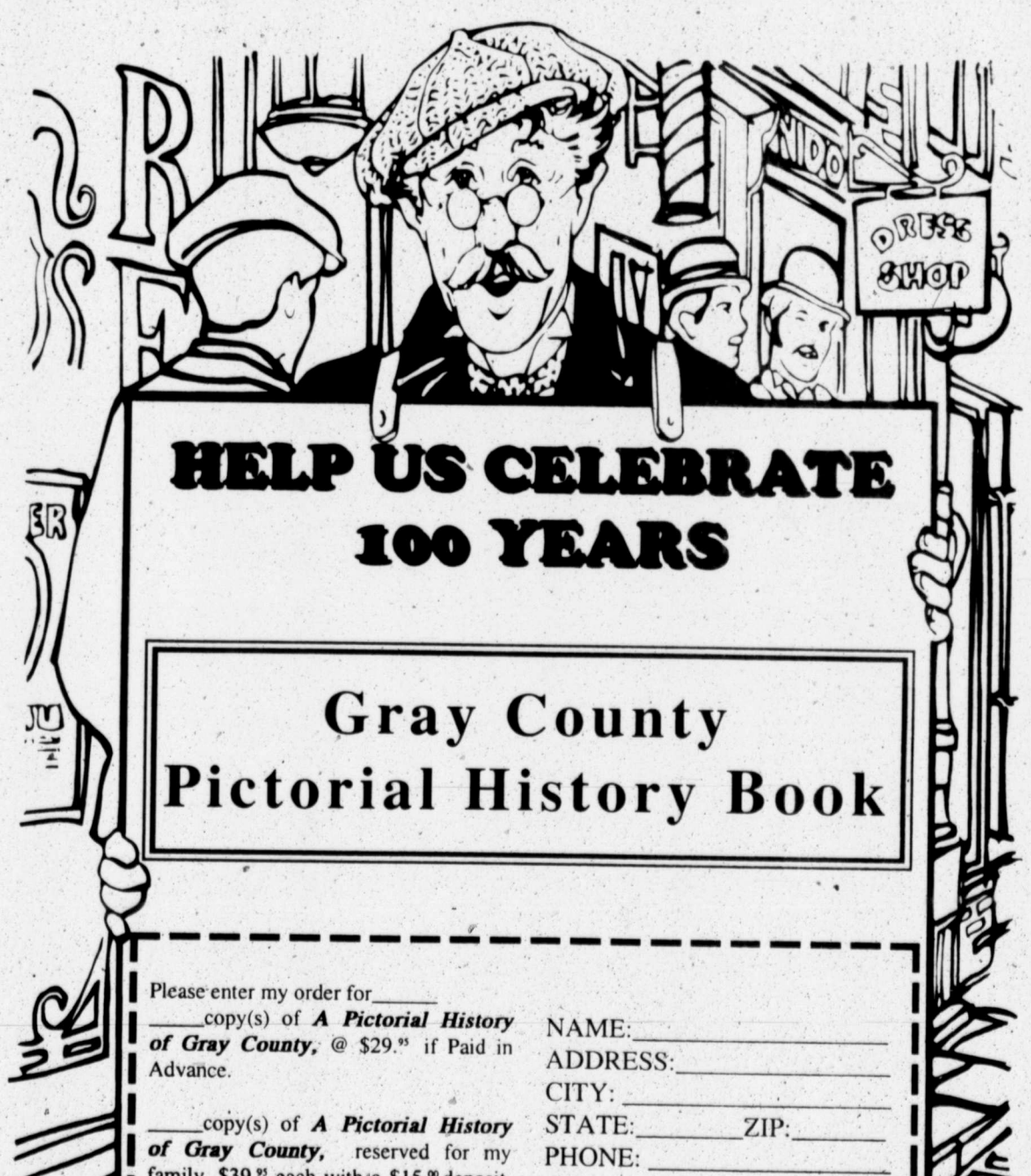
The Bears beat that tradition with defense.

"They couldn't get an open look," she said. "That's our game plan going in. We outscored them 42-20 in the paint. We have athleticism on the perimeter. You don't lead the Big 12 in defense if you don't have athletes."

Jessika Stratton added 12 points for Baylor.

Texas Tech was led by Jolee Ayers, who finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Perkins added 14 points and Natalie Ritchie had 13 for the Red Raiders.





Pampa gymnasts bring home the medals from Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK — Team Pampa gymnasts recently participated in the Texas Elite Gymnastics Academy Winter Classic in Lubbock.

Sixteen gymnasts — ranging from non-sanctioned Level 4 to Level 8 — from Gymnastics of Pampa — competed against teams from Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, Big Spring, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland.

The Pampa team was led by 10-year-old Kelby Doughty, who was competing in Level 7 for the first time. Kelby, who recently finished a very successful Level 6 season, took Lubbock by storm with gold medal performances on vault, uneven bars, and All-Around in the 8-10 year old division of Level 7.

Kelby's winning scores were 9.5 on vault, 9.25 on uneven bars and 36.55 in the All-Around. She won silver medals on floor exercise (9.1) and balance beam (8.7). Kelby led her Level 7 team to the second-place team trophy.

Lanie Bishop, Pampa's only Level 8 gymnast, had personal bests on floor exercise and in the All-Around. Her outstanding routine on floor earned a 9.55 for the bronze medal. Her 35.75 in the All-Around was good for sixth place. She placed fourth on bars (8.9), sixth on balance beam (8.85) and sixth on vault (8.45).

Brittany Warminski also had solid performances in the Level 7, 11-12 year-old division. She was entered in her first Level 7 meet, also. Brittany won the silver on bars (8.7), sixth on vault (9.1), sixth on beam (8-.3), and seventh on floor (8.9). She finished fifth in the All-Around with a 35.0.

Competing in the Level 7, 13 and older division, Lacie Long finished sixth on floor exercise (9.0), and fifth on bars (8.65). She was seventh in the 13 and older All-Around.

Lacie Thompson was also competing for the first time as a Level 7. She earned fifth on vault (9.2), fifth on bars (8.3), sixth on floor exercise (8.95), and sixth in the 11-12 year-old All-Around.

Pampa's Level 5 team was led by first-time Level 5 competitor Madison Fatheree, and recent state meet competitor Kelli Willson, who each won gold medals on floor exercise.

Seven-year-old Madison Fatheree's winning performance on floor earned a 9.6 and the 7-8 year-old gold medal. She also won fifth on bars (8.5), fifth on beam (8.3), and sixth on vault (8.1). Her outstanding 34.5 in the All-Around was good for fourth place.

Kelli Willson's gold medal performance on floor exercise in the 11-year-olds earned a 9.4 score. She won the silver on vault (8.35) and in the All-Around (34.5), and bronze medals on bars (8.9) and balance beam (7.85).

Also competing in the 11-year-and older division of Level 5 was Brandi Holden and Keisha Crowell.

Brandi earned the bronze medal in the All-Around with a 33.95 score. She won silver on beam (8.25), and bronze on floor exercise (9.2). Her 8.65 on bars was good for fourth and her 7.85 on vault earned sixth place.

Keisha's outstanding bar routine earned a 9.5 and the gold medal. She finished fourth on floor exercise (9.2) and fifth on beam (7.65). Her 33.1 in the All-Around was good for fifth place.

Competing in the 9-10 year-old Level 5 division, Rebecca Taylor earned fourth place on floor with a 9.25. She won seventh on bars (7.65) and eighth on vault (7.55). She finished seventh in the All-Around with a 30.8.

Makayla Hampton finished in 10th place in the 7-8 year-old All-Around with a 30.25. She was competing in Level 5 for the first time, where she earned very good scores on the bars (8.0) and floor exercise (8.5).

Pampa's Level 4 team was represented by Laura Barrett and Ashley Wheeler.

Laura received blue ribbons in all four events in the Achievement division of Level 4. She placed fourth on balance beam (8.3), eighth on vault (8.8), ninth on floor (8.65) and 10th on bars (8.05) in the Placement portion of the meet.

Laura finished sixth in the All-Around with a 33.8.

Ashley earned two blue ribbons, one red and one white ribbon on the events, and she placed seventh on bars (8.3) Her All-Around score was a 30.9.

Pampa's Level 5 team finished in fifth place.



(Courtesy photo)

Kelby Doughty was the Level 7 All-Around Champion.

4A Dallas Lincoln looking to avenge last year's loss

DALLAS (AP) — Redemption is near and someone will have to pay for Dallas Lincoln's inexplicable loss in last year's state semifinals.

Heads bowed and eyes filled with tears, the Tigers walked off the court at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin last March determined to avenge their 50-48 defeat to undersized underdog San Antonio Lanier.

Lincoln, undefeated in 38 games and the top-ranked team in several national polls, will get its chance Thursday against San Antonio Roosevelt.

"We owe the whole town of San Antonio," said Lincoln forward William Langrum. "That (loss) was our motivation all season."

All five of Lincoln's returning starters grappled with the image of them sulking off the court as losers during summer games and workouts. Sometimes players popped in a videotape of the Lanier loss for added motivation.

Players often gather around the television in head coach Leonard Bishop's cramped office for yet another viewing of the tape.

They are not letting go of this grudge easily. Only a state championship can erase the sting of last year's disappointment, said McDonald's High School All-American forward Chris Bosh.

"I can remember that disaster like it was yesterday," Bosh said. "I'm ready to get this game on right now."

Since then, Lincoln has swatted away every obstacle in its path under the star power of Bosh, a Georgia Tech signee, and point guard Bryan Hopkins, who's bound for SMU in the fall.

The Tigers have beaten nationally-ranked Midwest City of Oklahoma at the KMOX Classic in St. Louis and won the American Press tournament in Louisiana by defeating St. Martinsville of Louisiana, the top-ranked program in that state.

They've also trounced several tough local foes, including Cedar Hill, which was then ranked among the nation's top 10 teams. The Tigers won that game before more than 17,000 fans at Reunion Arena in a tuneup game before the playoffs.

"This has been a great, great ride — we've already accomplished a lot," Bishop said. "We could conceivably lose, but if we play our best, then we're going to be hard to beat."

Mike Kunstadt, publisher of Texas Hoops magazine, said Lincoln ranks among the best high school basketball teams he's seen in the last 20 years.

"They have just totally dominated the competition," Kunstadt said. "I have no hesitation putting them up there against some of the best ever."

The Tigers are extremely athletic, with a big man in Bosh, a floor leader in Hopkins, a shooter in senior guard Kevis Shipman and talented players all over the roster.

Lincoln takes pleasure in making a highlight film out of their opponent's miseries. The Tigers dive after every loose ball, pressure the opposing ballhandler with relentless intensity and never, ever pass up the chance to dunk on someone.

In a recent game, 5-foot-11 high-wire act Hopkins took an alley-oop pass from halfcourt and dunked it — backward. The gym exploded in cheers, whoops and laughter. It was one of four dunks by Hopkins in the contest.

"If you don't come to play, you're going to get dunked on," Bishop said. "A dunk is worth more than two points in high school."

That kind of philosophy can leave opponents intimidated and worried simply about not getting embarrassed.

"They're not playing like high school kids; they're playing like a college team," said South Oak Cliff coach James Mays, whose team suffered a 75-34 loss to Lincoln in the Region II finals. "For the average high school kid, it's hard to play through the kind of pressure they put on you."

Lincoln's players are also aware of the effect their reputation and a couple of quick dunks can have on weak-kneed teams.

"If a team doesn't have any heart, you can see those dunks take something out of them," Langrum said. "All of a sudden, they become fans on the court and they stop to watch us dunk."

Lincoln will be the marquee team in the this weekend's Class 4A tournament, but defending champion Beaumont Ozen will have the marquee player in 6-foot-10, 260-pound junior Kendrick Perkins.

"Baby Shaq" Perkins is considered one of the two best juniors in the country and his size alone draws comparisons to Los Angeles Lakers star center Shaquille O'Neal.

Ozen will face Fort Worth Dunbar (33-2) in Thursday's late game, which could set up the 4A final on Saturday everyone has been anticipating since last season, should Ozen and Lincoln win.

Lincoln, ranked the nation's best prep team, is somehow ranked behind Ozen in most state polls.

"That doesn't make any sense," said Lincoln forward Jason Allen. "We'd love to play Ozen to see who's really No. 1."

University Interscholastic League officials say they expect several NBA scouts to attend the tournament. They also expect the 4A games to sell out the 16,000-seat Erwin Center at the University of Texas.

Other tournament action includes:

— In Class 1A, the Division II final pits Goodrich (35-2) against Nazareth (25-3) in a rematch of last year's title game won by Goodrich. In Division I, Kennard (32-4) plays Brock (30-7), which is trying to match the state championship won by the Brock girls' team last week.

The division winners will both be declared state champions and will play Saturday for the mythical Texas Cup title.

—In 2A, the big question is what color hair will Peaster wear? When the Greyhounds won the state title in 1999, the entire team dyed its hair bleach blond. In 2000, the color of choice was jet black.

Peaster (29-7) plays Little River Academy (31-3) in one semifinal and Frankston (31-5) plays Olney (29-6) in the other.

—In Class 3A, Kountze (33-4) faces Dimmitt (29-7) and Aransas Pass (28-6) plays Gainesville (27-6).

—In 5A, Midland Lee (29-5) plays Dallas Kimball (28-6) and Fort Bend Hightower (34-3) plays San Antonio Jay (26-9).

Ashby, Brown on the mend for LA Dodgers

By The Associated Press

Kevin Brown and Andy Ashby are on their way back for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Mike Cubbage doesn't know how long he'll stay as manager of the Boston Red Sox.

Cubbage began what could be a very short tenure as Boston manager with an 8-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Wednesday as Tony Clark homered and Rickey Henderson hit a two-run single.

It was Boston's first game under Cubbage, who will run the team until the new ownership group decides on a replacement for Joe Kerrigan, who was fired Tuesday.

Red Sox interim general manager Mike Port said the team hopes to have a new manager by the weekend. Cleveland Indians coach Grady Little was given permission Wednesday to talk to Boston.

Cubbage, a longtime minor league manager and major league coach, wants to be considered, but might lack the experience new owner John Henry and president Larry Lucchino are seeking.

"I've been interviewed for four major league jobs and I've had some good interviews," Cubbage said. "I think one of these days I'll get the opportunity."

The Dodgers got encouraging news from two of their starting pitchers recovering from injuries.

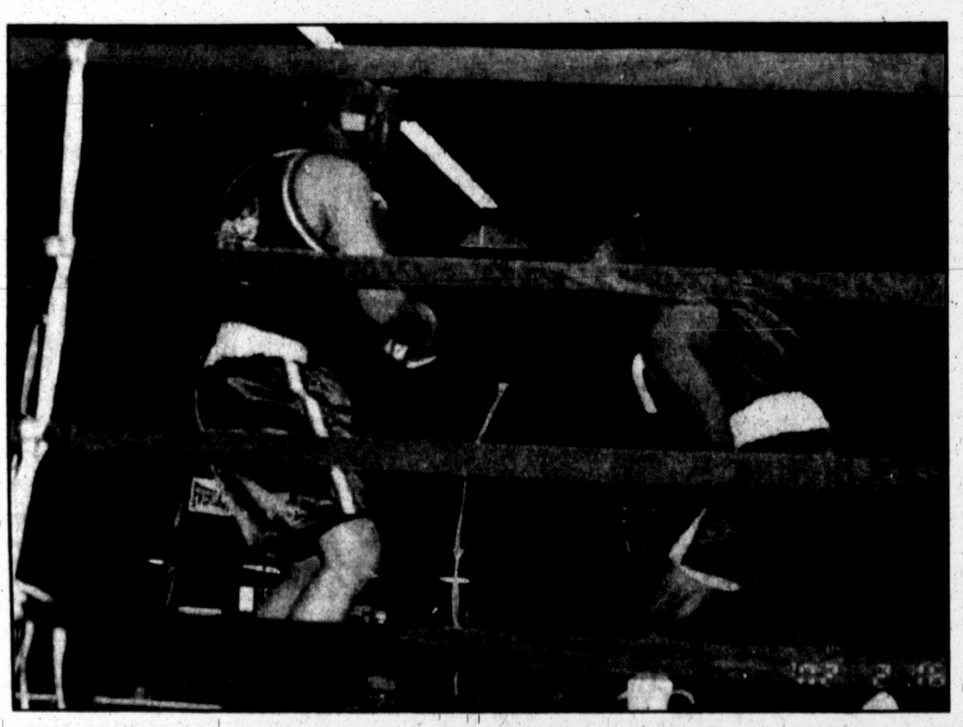
In Los Angeles' 4-2 loss to the Marlins in Melbourne, Fla., Andy Ashby pitched two innings in his first outing since injuring his elbow last April.

Ashby, who underwent surgery July 15 to repair a torn muscle in his right elbow, gave up two runs and four hits.

"Each time I think it's getting better," he said. "Now, the main thing is to keep getting into game situations."

At Dodgers camp in Vero Beach, Brown pitched two innings in a simulated game. Brown, recovering from an injury similar to that of Ashby, reported no pain after throwing 37 pitches in two innings.

Semifinal bout



(Courtesy photo)

Juan Cano (right) of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa squares off against Johnny Jimenez of the Lubbock Warriors at the Regional Golden Gloves Tournament in Lubbock. Cano lost on points in the 132-pound semifinals.

Reports: Moore going to Pilot Point

CELINA, Texas (AP) — G.A. Moore, the most winning active high school football coach in Texas, will return to his alma mater to continue his coaching career, newspaper and broadcast reports say.

An unnamed source who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Herald-Democrat in Sherman for Thursday's editions that Moore will be named the new head coach and athletics director at Pilot Point High School.

The newspaper reported that Moore, who led the Celina Bobcats to four straight Class 2A titles and a state record 57-game winning streak, would be named Pilot Point coach and AD later Thursday.

The Pilot Point school board will meet Thursday evening to discuss bringing the Celina coach back to the Denton County town for the vacant head coaching position, according to Dallas television station WFAA.

Moore, who graduated from Pilot Point in 1958, coached there from 1963-70 and 1977-85. He compiled a 158-31-6 record and won three state titles during those two stints.

Cloyce Purcell, Pilot Point superintendent, confirmed that the school board will announce the hiring of its football coach Thursday evening.

"We'll be presenting someone to the school board," said Purcell. But he declined to elaborate on the district's choice.

Moore early Thursday did not return a call from The Associated Press left on his answering machine.

At Bobcat Country, the convenience store just west of Celina High School, the reports about Moore were the talk of the town's residents early Thursday.

"Yeah, it's being discussed. They say it's probably going to happen," said Jason Roberts. "There's some pretty good talk about it."

Pat Hunn, Celina school board president, said Wednesday night that Moore had told the school board about two weeks ago that he would be staying at Celina.

"He's given us no reason to doubt him," said Hunn. "These have just been rumors and we've been hearing them for 4-6 weeks now."

Moore has compiled a 390-71-9 career record in 39 seasons and needs only six victories to catch Gordon Wood's state record 396 victories.

Moore said earlier that coaching Celina to victories would get tougher following the University Interscholastic League's recent realignment that boosted the Bobcats to District 9-3A from Class 2A.

Celina is 35 miles north of Dallas.



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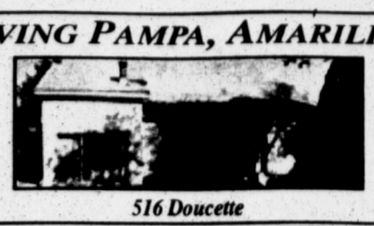
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2) Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.
3) The AGC Plan Room, 1707 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.
4) The AGC Plan Room, 11111 Stemmons Frwy., Dallas, Texas.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2002
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)
★★★★ Pressure builds. Plans change as a result. Stay even-tempered when dealing with an associate. New beginnings are possible. Listen to your intuition with someone you give a lot of authority to. Be more upbeat about your potential. Catch up on another's news. Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your mind might be out the door even if your body is at work. If you can, schedule meetings and network. You might not be able to concentrate on details or paperwork. Aim for what you want. Your sense of what works brings success. Tonight: Let your body follow your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Work with others, but not as a group. Each person has a different set of concerns. Stay even and stable. Refuse to question another's logic. Someone who is very important to you gives you insight and support. Return e-mails and phone calls. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you go out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others seek you out. They want to get closer to you. Deal with a business arrangement head-on. Let others make the first move. Don't push so hard to have people agree with you. Given time, you will see eye to eye. Your popularity grows because of your easy style. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Problems develop revolving around a child or loved one. You have pushed, though perhaps not consciously. A child or loved one demonstrates unusual willpower and fortitude. Go within. Reach out for another at a distance for advice. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Be your playful self. Don't worry so much about another's reaction. Use your imagination and creativity to make inroads where someone else fails. Others want to be more agreeable, just help them a little. Share a joke or a funny story. Laughter heals. Tonight: Play away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Build a better relationship with a friend or a loved one. You need this close tie in order to flourish. No longer push so hard to make what you want happen. Allow others to flow. Bring work home so you can be close to a loved one. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How you say what you think has much to do with the manner in which it is received. Clear out a problem through a friendly call. Brainstorm and express your positive, happy nature. Catch up on news, but also clear your desk. Accept an invitation involving coworkers. Tonight: Head out the door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Don't turn yourself inside out trying to make a square peg fit in a round hole. It isn't going to work, no matter how hard you try. Relax your position, eyeing a financial offer that could make a difference. Don't get too bored by an idea. Think of the implications here. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your finances demand your attention, not a situation that involves a misunderstanding. Try not to get stuck in an irrevocable position. Let stubbornness go and welcome a positive opportunity. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Do what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ A friend lets you down, causing a financial issue when you least expect it. Head for what it is that you want. Laughter plays a substantial role in your ability to handle what is going down. Your instincts serve you well while you deal with your funds. Tonight: You need some time off.

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★★★ Carefully review a decision that involves a friendship. This person feeds you the right lines now. Check out the implications if you were to go along with this person. A boss might irritate you more than usual. Play it cool. Remember who's who here. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

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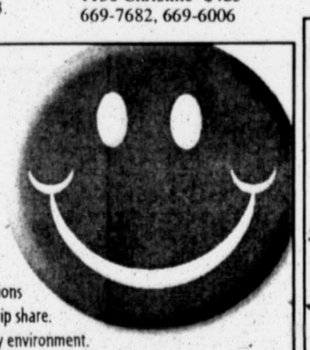
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Larger class sizes hindering schools

BY GREG TOPPO
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — At 38 students, Dame Forbes' sixth-period chemistry class is so big her students can't even squeeze into the laboratory. She must split the class in two, sending half to the library for a related project, while the other half uses the lab. They switch places the following class.

Forbes' colleague, social studies teacher Katie Pesce, doesn't even have a classroom of her own. Pesce "floats" from room to room, lugging a huge yellow North Face backpack containing class papers.

The two young teachers at Woodrow Wilson High School aren't alone. Record enrollments and ailing state and local economies are driving up class sizes and straining the building capacity of schools nationwide, teachers and administrators say.

Over the past several years, politically popular class-size reduction programs have taken root in about 40 states — but just as many states now suffer from revenue shortfalls making it difficult to meet the goals.

Several studies have shown that small classes, especially in early grades, boost children's math and reading scores, with minority and poor students showing the biggest gains.

"For some kids, when they don't have that one-on-one contact, it hurts," said Wilson senior Christian Washington. He said there are 38 students in his comparative religion class.

Principal Stephen Tarason said he has been able to keep most classes as low as 25 to 28 students. When they get as high as 35, he asks for a teacher's aide

"You've got more papers to grade," Tarason said. "It's hard to give the kids the one-on-one attention they need."

With 1,650 students, Wilson is the District of Columbia's largest high school, with 225 more students than it was to hold.

Over the past several years, the federal government has slowly increased its spending on class-size reduction efforts, to $1.75 billion last year.

But an effort in Congress to target more funding for smaller classes failed last year. Instead, new federal legislation allows school districts to decide if they want to reduce class size, train teachers or pay them more. Republican lawmakers said small classes wouldn't be effective unless the teachers in the classes were better trained.

"It's just going to be very tempting to divert the money," said Helen Wise, a former teacher and Pennsylvania legislator who now co-leads a national effort to reduce class sizes. "Since it's not mandated for class size, it can be used for anything — and it probably will be used for anything."

In Texas, a 1984 law requiring classes of no more than 22 students through fourth grade is under attack as a growing number of school districts ask for waivers, saying they simply can't find teachers or space. Washington Gov. Gary Locke has vowed not to sacrifice a class-size program because of budget troubles, but observers say it could soon be on the chopping block.

In Michigan, State Superintendent Tom Watkins said Gov. John Engler's budget includes a promised $200-per-student increase in school aid, but that's offset by $500 million in education cuts last fall.

"If the economy doesn't significantly improve, our schools are going to be in some tough times in 2003 and beyond," Watkins said.

Michigan schools are trying to keep classes small by reducing other expenses, but Watkins expects classes to grow soon, given the bleak economic picture.

"There are only so many paper clips you can reduce," he said.

In California, an $8 billion, six-year effort limits to 20 the number of students in kindergarten through third grade. But a recent RAND Corp. study said the program is forcing many school districts to cut teacher training and librarians' jobs, since the state doesn't pay the total cost of keeping classes small. Several school districts, including the Los Angeles Unified School District, California's largest, have said they may have to trim or abandon the effort.

Brooklyn prosecutor: Officers accused in torture case may face state charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Three former police officers accused in the Abner Louima torture case could be tried in state court if federal authorities decide not to pursue further charges, a prosecutor said.

Last week, a federal appeals court threw out obstruction-of-justice convictions against the officers, but Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said Wednesday that he would consider filing state charges against the officers if federal authorities decide not to challenge the ruling.

Hynes said state law would allow him to charge the three with hindering an investigation.

"I have an obligation to be aggressive when there's a violation of state law," Hynes said.

Attorneys for the former officers — Charles Schwarz, Thomas Bruder and Thomas Wiese — said their clients cannot be tried twice for the same crime.

"The district attorney's office is way off base," said Stuart London, attorney for Bruder. "They would have a serious double-jeopardy issue. All of the facts have been litigated in federal court."

U.S. Attorney Alan Vinegrad has not said whether he will appeal the appeals court decision, file different charges or drop the case.

In 1999, a jury found Schwarz guilty of violating Louima's civil rights by pinning down the handcuffed Haitian immigrant while another officer sodomized him with a broken broomstick. A year later, a second jury convicted Schwarz, Bruder and Wiese of conspiring to obstruct a grand jury investigation of the 1997 attack.

But last week, the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the conspiracy convictions and entered a judgment of acquittal. It also ruled Schwarz should be retried in the civil rights case because his lawyer had a conflict of interest.

The appeals court ruling found that prosecutors had not proved grand jury obstruction. But it also said there was significant evidence that "soon after the state investigation in Louima's assault began, Schwarz, Bruder and Wiese agreed generally to impede investigators by putting forth and corroborating a false version of what occurred."

No new trial date for Schwarz has been set. The former officer was due in Brooklyn federal court Thursday for a hearing on whether he should be released pending trial.

"We expect to get bail, wave to the cameras and go home," said Schwarz's attorney, Ronald Fischetti.

Fischetti said he would ask U.S. District Judge Reena Raggi to free his client on a $100,000 bond secured with family property — the same bail set before he was imprisoned.

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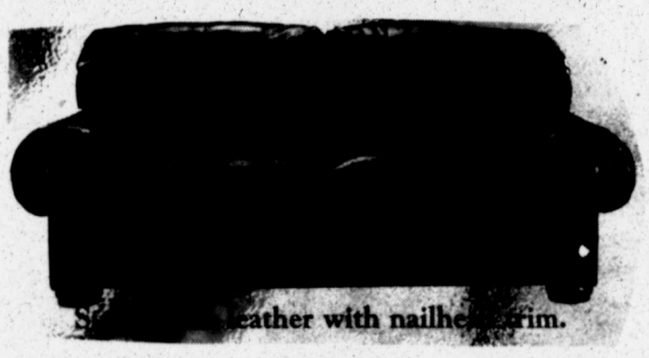
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