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PAMPA - The city commissioners will hold their regular workshop and commission meeting Tuesday.

The workshop meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room in City Hall. Topics on the agenda for the workshop meeting include advisory board and commission appointments, a proposed administrative fee for mowing, review of the city mission statement, review of a proposals for tax assessment and collection services, and a request by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board concerning revenues from water bill donations.

The regular commission meeting will the held at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers in City Hall. During this meeting, commissioners will approve a depository for the city, consider amending the 1996-97 operating budget to include revenues, expenditures and transfers not in the original budget, consider a voluntary catastrophic leave policy for employees and consider approval of the minutes of the March 25 work session and regular meeting.

PAMPA — Pampa area residents are invited to attend the Joe Dicosimo Band Festival on Tuesday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The festival honors longtime Pampa band director Joe Dicosimo.

The Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School bands will be performing their UIL contest selections.

Performance times are:

- PMS Patriot Red Band, 4:30 p.m.
- PMS Patriot Blue Band, 5 p.m.
- PHS Concert Band, 6 p.m.
- PHS Symphonic Band, 6:30 p.m.

By The Associated Press

One ticket sold in Marble Falls correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 33, 35, 38, 40, and 42.

There were 113 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning $1,829 each. Matching four of the six numbers were 6,181 tickets, with a prize each of $120.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

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Plentiful rains reversing fears of past drought

DALLAS (AP) – The drought brought a taste of hell to Texas last spring and summer, but plentiful rains have revealed a glimpse of heaven in 1997.

Wildflowers may supplant wildfires as the dominant roadside attraction once again.

Last year, as dry weather draped a brown shroud over the vast Texas landscape, water levels fell in lakes and underground aquifers fell.

Crops failed. Stunted range grass provided cattle little to eat. Big ranchers bought expensive supplemental feed, but many others liquidated herds at unfavorable prices rather than face the additional expense.

"We were all very, very depressed about everything," Dale Bates, a West Texas rancher, told *The Dallas Morning News*. "Everybody's attitude was terrible."

But that was last year.

This year, every major Texas city except Wichita Falls has received above-average rainfall.

Last week alone, between two and seven inches of rain drenched huge hunks of Texas, adding more sheen to the brightening water picture.

"The whole thing has turned around," said Bates, who owns a 5,000-acre ranch near San Angelo. "The country is gorgeous. Wheat is good. Livestock prices are up. I could handle twice the livestock I've got right now."

In the first three months of last year, more than 1,500 wildfires scorched pastures and pine forests in a 52-county area of East Texas, according to the Texas Forest Service.

This year, from January through March, an estimated 159 fires burned only 2,226 acres in that same East Texas region.

"Rain is the reason," said Mahlon Hammetter, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service. "It's been the difference between night and day."

Edgewood, about 60 miles east of Dallas, came within two weeks of running out of water last year. The town of 1,000 people spent $20,000 renovating an abandoned lake for water storage. But rain is the biggest difference this year.

"I'd say we had about three months of water last March," Mayor Fred Covert said. "Now we have about 30 months of water on hand. Millions of gallons instead of thousands."

Wildflowers are important to the tourist industry in Central Texas. The flowers were a bust last year. This year, luminous bluebonnets and orange-red Indian paintbrushes are bursting with color.

"It's definitely a feast for the eyes right now," said Laura Lozier, manager of the visitor center in Kerrville.

The Texas Water Development Board monitors 77 major reservoirs with a total water capacity of 34.5 million acre-feet. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons and would cover a football field with one foot of water.

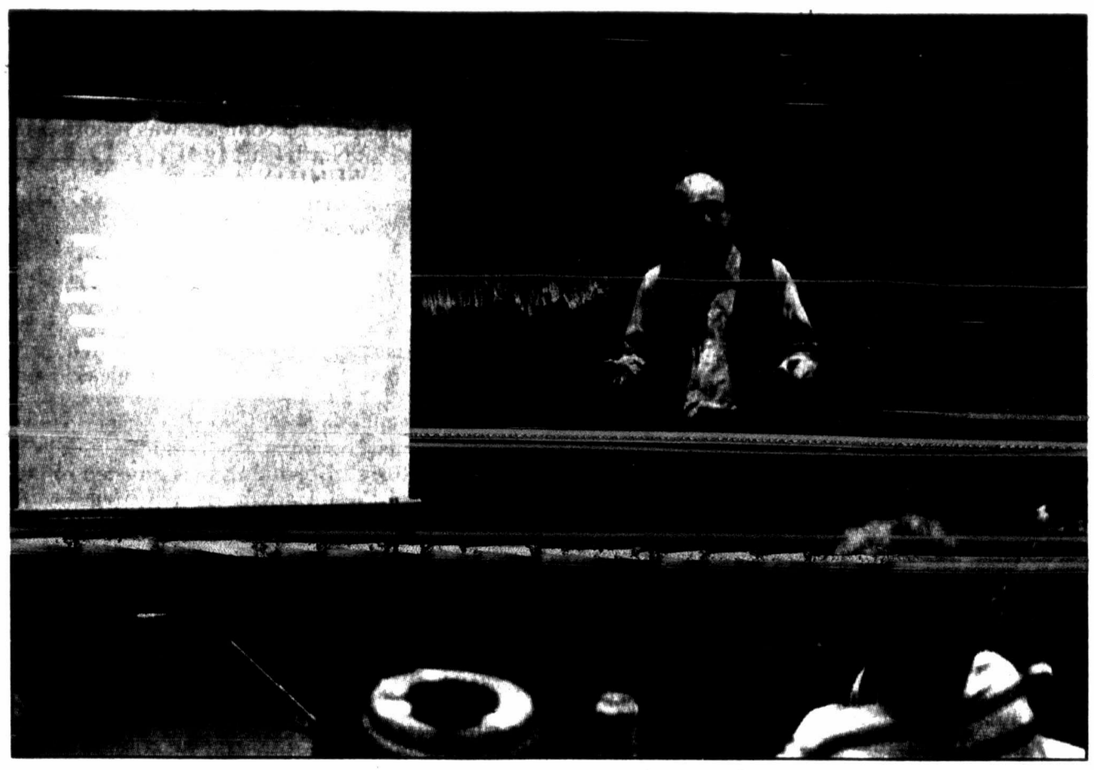
The 77 lakes held 3.3 million more acre-feet of water this March than a year ago.

Possum Kingdom Lake, 70 miles northwest of Fort Worth, is full. So are most other lakes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Highland Lakes chain of seven reservoirs on the Colorado River – from Lake Buchanan on the north to Lake Travis near Austin – were brimming in March.

"In fact, we have some concern about too much water in the chain to handle rainfall in the next 60 days," said George Bomar, senior meteorologist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Last March, Texas beef producers were getting an average price of 55 cents a pound. This March, the average price was 67 cents a pound, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Doug Crowley, a warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo, trained approximately 30-40 city employees last Friday in spotting severe weather conditions.

National Weather Service meteorologist conducts severe weather training class

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Lightning is the number one direct killer during severe weather, said Doug Crowley, a warning coordination meteorologist with the Amarillo National Weather Service.

Friday, Crowley conducted a class for Pampa residents concerning how to spot and observe severe weather. Thunderstorms are the biggest problem in the Panhandle, he said, bringing with them rain, lightning, hail and even tornadoes.

Although tornadoes are certainly the most ferocious of the potential weather hazards, it is not considered as dangerous as lightning and high winds. This, said Crowley, is because people tend to respect the potential dangers of tornadoes but often ignore the same dangers with other severe weather conditions.

Lightning is responsible for approximately 100 deaths per year, although some estimates rate it as high as 200 deaths per year. The second is high winds, which is responsible for more deaths than tornadoes, said Crowley.

The high winds come in the form of microbursts and downbursts, which can have wind speeds that match that of a tornado. These winds have been known to knock over buildings, trees and other structures. Residents are encouraged to go indoors during high winds because of the possibility of these objects falling on them.

Tornadoes may not responsible for as many deaths but do remain the number one concern for residents in the Panhandle.

One of the most deadly problems when dealing with tornadoes, Crowley said, is that residents often go outside to look for the tornado rather than seek safety when alarms are sounded. This, he said, along with residents refusing to leave their cars and mobile homes, causes the most deaths in tornadoes.

During the training Crowley informed members of the audience how to spot the formation, maturation and dissipation of a thunderstorm. In addition, he also explained how to spot microbursts and forming tornadoes.

The class was offered by the Local Emergency Planning Committee and helped to refresh the education for severe weather storm spotters in the city. Another class will be held in Amarillo at the North Mall in the Civic Center on Saturday, April 12, for storm spotters and those training to be storm spotters. Students interested in the field of meteorology are also invited to attend.

Crowley has been working with the National Weather Service for about 12 years and is also an experienced storm chaser.

Lilacs in bloom



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Even the poorest and ugliest of dwellings show signs of beauty when the lilacs begin to bloom, helped by spring weather and the recent rains. This rundown house at the corner of Wynne and Francis is surrounded by the fragrant purple blossoms.

Testimony begins in trial of alleged sexual assault

Testimony began today shortly before noon today in 223rd District Court in the sexual assault case of Clemente Valdez.

Valdez, 32, is accused of forcing his 15-year-old niece to have sex with him on April 1, 1987.

After sitting a six man, six woman, all white jury, District Attorney John Mann skipped an opening statement to call the state's first witness, former Pampa social worker Suzanne Alexander.

Alexander testified that following a report of physical abuse of two sisters, identified in court records as Jo and Jane Doe, evidence indicating possible sexual abuse surfaced in June 1991.

The former Pampa social worker said that she removed the two girls from the home of their grandparents on June 19, 1991, after talking with Jo Doe. The sisters were taken to an emergency shelter for abused children in Amarillo.

Alexander said the sisters lived with their grandparents, Ramon and Herelinda Valdez, in Pampa along with a brother.

Alexander said that the initial report of physical abuse of Jo Doe indicated that the girl had been beaten by her grandmother and her uncle, Humberto Valdez. Alexander testified that Clemente Valdez apparently came to the girl's aid.

District Attorney John Mann said the older males in the family were apparently using the younger females for sex.

Valdez was indicted by a Gray County grand jury on Sept. 11, 1991.

The victim's grandfather, Ramon Valdez, 65, was convicted of sexual assault in connection with the victim's sister, identified in court records only as Jane Doe, in 1995. The girl's uncle, Humberto Valdez, is on probation for sexual assault after he pleaded guilty in 1993 to sexual assault charges concerning Jane Doe.

Authorities said Ramon Valdez and Clemente Valdez both fled to Mexico following their 1991 indictments. They were arrested about 14 months later in South Texas and returned to Pampa to face charges.

World Health Organization sounds alarm on new infectious diseases

GENEVA (AP) – New infectious diseases are emerging at an unprecedented rate and long-feared killers are staging an alarming comeback, the World Health Organization warned today.

In the past 20 years, authorities have identified more than 30 new contagious diseases, including AIDS and Ebola hemorrhagic fever, the U.N. agency said.

At the same time, it said, such diseases as malaria and tuberculosis are increasingly drug-resistant and are rebounding in many parts of the world. After many years in decline, diphtheria, yellow fever and cholera are also on the increase because of crumbling health and sanitation systems, especially in the former Soviet bloc, WHO said.

Seeking to highlight the problem, the U.N. health agency picked infectious diseases as the theme of its annual World Health Day today.

WHO wants to use the occasion to prod the public and private sectors to channel more resources into disease control and surveillance.

Earlier medical success in wiping out diseases like smallpox in the 1970s and confidence in antibiotics are partly to blame for the upswing in infectious diseases, WHO said.

Medical funds and expertise were switched elsewhere and public health authorities were taken by surprise by the subsequent increase in infectious diseases.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Jessie — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

LAMBERT, Dennis Paul Jr. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Kingfisher Cemetery, Kingfisher, Okla.

Obituaries

JESSIE BAILEY

Jessie Bailey, 85, of Pampa, died Friday, April 4, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Wayne Lemons of Lee Street Church of Christ of Midland, John Carter of West Side Church of Christ of Shamrock, Frankie Lemons of Oklahoma Street Church of Christ of Pampa and Eugene Brown of Fort Worth Street Church of Christ in Wellington officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bailey was born Aug. 11, 1911, at Bryan, Texas. He married Trudie Irvine in Pampa; she died June 27, 1994. He had been a Pampa resident for 40 to 50 years. He retired from Cabot Corporation in 1984 after 10 years and had worked for a number of years as custodian of First United Methodist Church. He was a member and deacon of Oklahoma Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Johnny M. Bailey of Navasota; a stepson, Lenroy Bowie of Liberal, Kan.; a sister, Ruby Miller of Bryan; a grandson; a granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

FLORENTINO U. GRANADO

DUMAS – Florentino U. Granado, 72, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 5, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Iglesia Bautista Hispana Church with Otto Chavez, of the church, and Joe Garcia Jr., of Imanuel Baptaist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Granado was born at Martindale. He married Maria Irinidad Bazaldua in 1954 at Tulia. He had been a Dumas resident since 1965 and was employed as a farm hand. He was a member of Iglesia Bautista Hispana Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria; four daughters, Lucy G. Gutierrez of Cactus, Amelia G. Sills of Bowie, Rosa Muniz of Des Moines and Emma Garcia of Pampa; three sons, Joe Granado of Rotan, David Granado of Dumas and Paul Granado of Las Vegas; a brother, Lupe Granado of Tulia; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1001 Shamrock.

DENNIS PAUL LAMBERT JR.

KINGFISHER, Okla. – Dennis Paul Lambert Jr., 27, of Kingfisher, Okla., grandson of Lefors, Texas, residents, died Friday, April 4, 1997, of injuries received in an automobile accident. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Kingfisher Cemetery with memorial services to follow at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Kingfisher with Lloyd Unsell, minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service of Kingfisher.

Mr. Lambert was born Sept. 11, 1969, in Pampa, Texas, to Dennis and Joy Lambert Sr. He graduated from Kingfisher High School in 1988. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma University at Weatherford and Oklahoma Christian University at Edmond and graduated from University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. He continued his education at Trans Mississippi University in social studies. He married Sandy Chambers of Mustang on June 22, 1996, in Mustang. It was his intention to teach and coach in East Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was very active with the youth groups.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Justin Lambert, on Sept. 12, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; his parents, Dennis Paul and Joy Lambert Sr. of Kingfisher; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lambert of Convent, La.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben White of Lefors; his mother- and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers of Mustang; his sister-in-law, Rachel Lambert, and a niece, Kennedy Lambert, of Kingfisher.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lariat Creek Christian Camp, Route 1, Box 139-B, Geary, OK 73040, c/o Gerald Beasley.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

RED CROSS DISASTER CLASSES

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding disaster classes every Tuesday evening from Jan. 28 through March. The classes, held at the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell, begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 669-7121.

Correction

It was inaccurately reported in the April 3 and April 4 edition of *The Pampa News* in a series concerning child abuse that Linda Olson was a psychologist. Olson is not a psychologist, but a licensed professional counselor. We regret the error and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 5

A 32-year-old female reported an assault and domestic violence in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Theft of $10.52 unleaded gasoline was reported from Allsup's at 1900 N. Hobart.

Theft of merchandise was reported from 2225 N. Hobart. Two suspects were arrested.

A report of found property, 23 rounds of ammunition, was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Approximately $200 damage was done to a 1993 Ford Probe.

Theft of a purse and contents was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

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A 34-year-old male reported an assault. Only minor injuries were reported.

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A report of found property, a set of golf clubs, was taken in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Arrests

Rose Hernandez, 30, Borger, was arrested on a charge of theft over $50. She was released on bond.

Melinda Gail Hopkins, 30, was arrested on four DPS warrants. She remains in custody.

Damon Russell Dewitt, 42, was arrested in the 500 block of West Harlem on two capias warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

SATURDAY, April 5

Estella Cordona, 31, Borger, was arrested on a charge of theft over $50. She was released on bond.

Dusty Romines, 17, 1600 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest. He was released on bond.

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Michael Leroy Peaches, 37, California, was arrested on a charge of being absent without leave. He remains in custody.

Mario Isidro Portillo, 32, 820 Scott, was arrested on one capias warrant. He was released on bond.

Crystal Mirabella, 18, 1040 Huff Rd., was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. She remains in custody.

Bobbie Lynne Cole, 21, 629 Yeager, was arrested on charges of traffic violations and failure to appear. She was released on bond.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 5

5:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Chestnut on an injury. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:57 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

9:15 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in Amarillo.

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12:05 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a location five miles west of Pampa on Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:09 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

SATURDAY, April 5

6:56 p.m. – Two units and six personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

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12:45 a.m. – Two units and five personnel responded to 935 Cinderella on an alarm malfunction.

1:16 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to 1904 N. Banks on a carbon monoxide alarm.

3:09 p.m. – Two units and seven personnel responded to 1504 W. Kentucky on an alarm malfunction.

5:36 p.m. – One unit and four personnel responded to 1111 S. Hobart on a medical assist.

6:08 p.m. – Two units and seven personnel responded to 1000 N. Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.19
Milo	4.70
Corn	5.38

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

Occidental	23 5/8	up 3/8

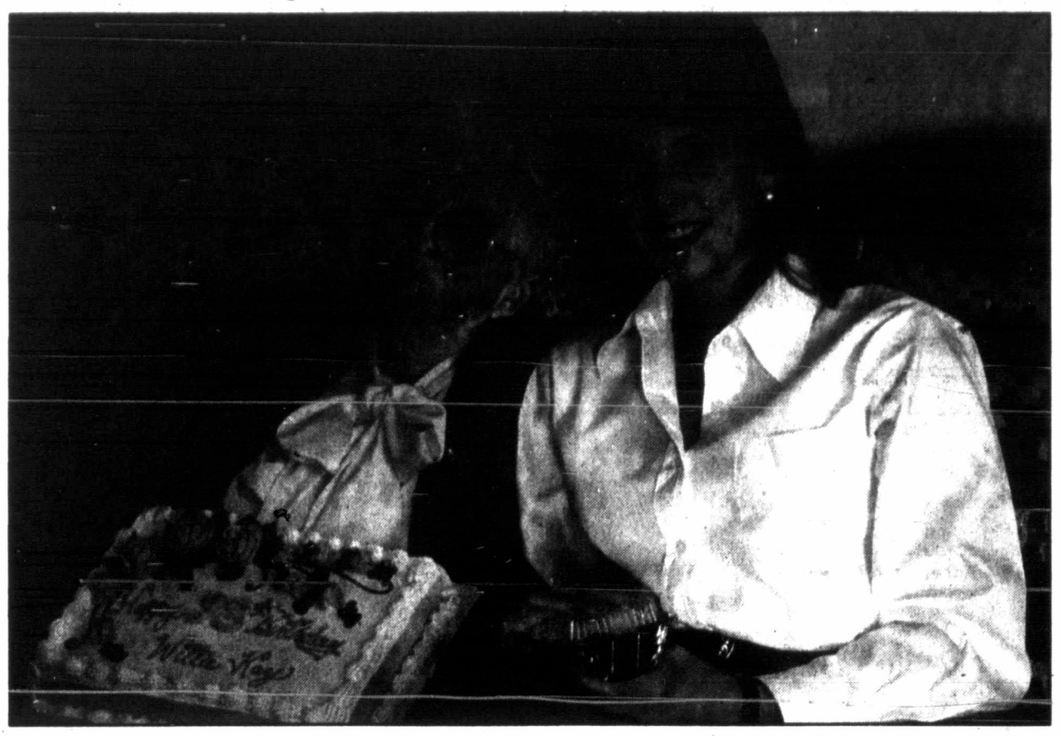
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	80.18
Puritan	17.32

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

Amoco	84 3/4	dn 1/8
Arco	129 3/8	up 3/8
Cabot	24 1/4	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	16	NC
Chevron	65 1/4	up 1/4
Coca-Cola	56 7/8	dn 1/2
Columbia/HCA	34 1/8	up 3/8
Enron	37 3/8	up 3/8
Halliburton	65	up 7/8
Ingersoll Rand	44 1/2	up 1/4
KNE	38 1/4	NC
Kerr McGee	59 1/4	up 3/8
Limited	17 7/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	30 3/8	dn 1/4
McDonald's	48 1/2	up 1/2
Mobil	126	up 3/8
New Atmos	23 5/8	NC
Parker & Parsley	31 1/2	up 1 5/8
Penney's	46 1/4	NC
Phillips	39 5/8	up 1/2
SLB	104 1/8	up 1/2
SPS	36 1/4	up 1/8
Tenneco	38 3/4	dn 1/8
Texaco	105	up 1 1/2
Ultramar	32 7/8	up 1/4
Wal-Mart	27 3/4	dn 1/8
New York Gold		348.50
Silver		4.72
West Texas Crude		19.20

98th birthday celebration



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Willie Mae King celebrated her 98th birthday Saturday with the help of Meals on Wheels volunteer Jana Albracht. King is Pampa's oldest recipient of Meals on Wheels. Barrett Baptist Women bake and decorate the cakes given to the recipients.

Jury selection continues for McVeigh trial

DENVER (AP) – A cosmetics saleswoman called as a prospective juror for Timothy McVeigh's trial said today she opposes the death penalty, but thought she could set aside her beliefs to serve on the panel.

"I don't feel that any human being has the right to judge somebody," said the Fort Collins resident. "That's left up to a higher being."

The 32nd candidate called to the stand since the Oklahoma City bombing trial began a week ago insisted she could set aside her beliefs and follow U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch's instructions.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys probed the potential jurors' beliefs on the death penalty and other issues, asking about books, movies and even their bumpers stickers.

"Every day's a little closer, maybe we'll finish up this week," U.S. Attorney Patrick Ryan said.

McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, was more cautious about their progress, saying, "I think we'll know better at the end of this week. We still have a way to go."

The candidates had already filled out two lengthy questionnaires detailing their knowledge of the case, potential hardships and views on the death penalty. The surveys pared the jury pool from nearly 1,000 to 350.

From that group, 12 jurors and six alternates must be found, people who can set aside biases, ignore peer pressure and vote their consciences after seeing the evidence against McVeigh.

The 28-year-old Gulf War veteran faces murder and conspiracy charges for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people. No trial date has been set for co-defendant Terry Nichols.

The judge has sealed the questionnaires to keep the candidates' identities secret. Details emerged as the candidates read their answers in open court.

"There are no wrong answers," Ryan told one prospective juror. "Actually, the only wrong answer is an answer that's untruthful."

"You can tell a lot what a person thinks by the bumper sticker on their car," said Andrew Cohen, a Denver lawyer who is following the case. "It's a very quick way to find out about a person's political and social beliefs."

Cohen said one man, an environmental researcher, disclosed a lot about himself when he said he had a bumper sticker that read, "Mean people suck."

"It's a social statement, not a political statement. It's the same as bumper stickers that read 'Random acts of kindness,'" Cohen said.

Searchers still look for missing 12-year-old girl

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas (AP) – About 150 volunteers were combing rural areas of Harris and Galveston counties today for a 12-year-old girl who disappeared five days ago.

"We're just finding leads, running them out and exhausting them," said Michael E. Barker, one of the search leaders.

Laura Kate Smither was last seen by family members last Thursday when she left her home for a quarter-mile jog.

An aerial search was expanded over the weekend to include a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter with heat-sensing capability. More than 300 volunteers searched remote areas both north and south of Friendswood on Sunday.

Today's hunt was farther west, Barker said this morning.

"We're backing up and covering some of the area that were checked earlier," he said.

Barker urged residents within 10 miles of Friendswood to check any unattended outbuildings. Since searchers did not know whether foul play was involved in the girl's disappearance, Barker urged precautions.

"Take someone with you; don't just send the kids out to look," he said.

City briefs

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ADULT EXERCISE and Dancersize Classes, Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center, 1345 S. Hobart. Enroll at first class session Tuesday, April 8th (morning class) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Thursday 10th (evening class) 7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Adv.

GREEN THUMB Weed-N-Feed, 3-16 lb. bags $10. Check our bargain of the month. Frank's True Value, 638 S. Cuyler. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

NEEDED WOODEN Bats to use at Baseball Banquet. If you would like to donate any old bats, call 665-0123 or 669-7068. Will pick up. Adv.

PAMPA ELEMENTARY Chorus - Last chance to order "Cinderella" video. Pick-up order forms at Horace Mann Elementary office. Cost is $25. Adv.

HAIR EXPRESSIONS - Free bottle of tanning lotion with 1 month of tanning, now thru April 30th. 319 W. Foster, 669-7131. Adv.

HALF-PRICE /Brown Bag Book Sale - Friends of the Library at Pampa Mall, Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Adv.

INCOME TAX Preparation - Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Harvester, 669-3928. Adv.

LOST: TINY Yorkie on Friday afternoon in the area of 1200 block of Charles. Black and tan, male. Requires medication. Reward. Child's pet. 669-2018. Adv.

Accidents

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

SATURDAY, April 5

A 1990 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup driven by Donald Morris Williams, 22, 809 N. Dwight; a 1984 GMC 1500 pickup driven by Donald Ross Haynes, 32, 628 N. Roberta; and a 1975 Chrysler Cordova driven by Susan Johnson Bowles, 44, 1028 S. Christy, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Williams was cited for failure to control speed.

SUNDAY, April 6

A 1976 Chevy Nova driven by Bobby Glen Davis, 19, 944 S. Wells, and a 1976 Chevy Impala driven by Jessica Brea Watson, 16, 1036 S. Wells, collided in the 1000 block of North Hobart. Davis was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with chance for scattered light rain. Low near 40. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with chance for scattered light rain. High in upper 50s with southerly winds 10-20 mph. Sunday's low was 28, and the high was 56. The overnight low was 38.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows from mid 30s to around 40. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with chance for scattered showers. Highs in mid 50s to around 60. South Plains: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 65-70.

North Texas – Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of rain or thunderstorms west and central. Lows 47 to 55. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs 64 to 69.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy by morning with a slight chance of rain. Lows in upper 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 50s inland to mid 60s coast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in low 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in upper 60s coast to low 60s inland. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated evening thunderstorms southeast. Low clouds increasing southeast late tonight. Lows mid teens to around freezing mountains and northwest with mid 30s to mid 40s east and south. Tuesday, few showers or thunderstorms much of north and east and partly cloudy central and southwest. Highs mid 40s to around 60 mountains with 60s to mid 70s elsewhere.

Oklahoma – Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. A few thunderstorms possible southwest. Lows upper 30s to upper 40s. Tuesday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs low 50s to low 60s.

Clinton, aides trying to keep Mideast peace process from collapse

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton is meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. officials are consulting with Palestinian leaders in hopes of rescuing a crumbling peace in the Middle East.

The delicate diplomatic task facing them could prove difficult: Israelis and Palestinians are maintaining hardline stances so far over a Jewish housing development in east Jerusalem that stalled the peace process last month.

Even as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat insisted that building must stop to lure him back to the negotiating table, Israelis on Sunday speeded up construction at the Har Homa project, working around the clock.

U.S. officials, suggesting it may take an intense and private Camp David-like negotiating session to force both sides to resolve their differences, urged face-to-face talks in hopes of renewing trust.

"We are very concerned at the significant and rapid decline in the confidence that the Palestinians and the Israeli government have in each other and, to some extent, in the process itself," U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson said Sunday.

He told the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, an influential Jewish lobby, that the United States remains committed to "securing a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and her neighbors."

"But, in the end, the success of the process depends on the willingness of the Palestinians and the Israelis to work together as negotiating partners," Richardson said. "Consultation and trust between Israel and the Palestinians are the keys to success."

The start of the Har Homa construction on March 18 was followed by almost daily demonstrations in the West Bank, most of them organized by Arafat's Fatah faction, and by a suicide bombing that killed three Israeli women and the bomber in a Tel Aviv cafe. Israel accused Arafat of giving militant groups the green light for such attacks, but he has denied this.

Richardson emphasized that, no matter what, "Terrorism is never an acceptable alternative to negotiation."

Vice President Al Gore, addressing AIPAC later, said: "The leaders of the region must make a major effort themselves to put the process back on track. All sides must recommit themselves to ending chaos and disorder if there is to be a chance for peace to succeed."

At their afternoon meeting today, Clinton was expected to ask Netanyahu, who has vowed to keep expanding settlements, to freeze building for the duration of peace talks while the United States presses Arafat to take a clear position opposing terrorism.

Netanyahu has told his cabinet that any U.S. initiative would be based on his proposal to move up negotiations on a permanent peace agreement, with a goal of wrapping up talks on the most difficult issues of Palestinian statehood, borders and Jerusalem in six to nine months.

Arafat sees this as a ruse to get around the current building dispute and the Oslo peace agreement that outlined stages for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

Before heading to Washington, Netanyahu pressed his case Sunday with his closest friend among Arab leaders, King Hussein of Jordan, who was recovering from prostate surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

"I was impressed that he's recovering very rapidly," Netanyahu said after meeting privately with the king. "I wish him a full recovery. He is a great friend of Israel and a great friend of peace."

Columbia space shuttle's mission shortened due to problematic generator

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) – Astronauts scrambled today to finish as many experiments as they could before getting ready to return to Earth twelve days early because of problems with a power generator on space shuttle Columbia.

Scientists who spent more than three years coordinating the mission hoped to get through 15 percent of the tests by the time the seven astronauts closed the shuttle's laboratory tonight.

The crew was supposed to study fire, metals, crystals and plants during a 16-day flight, but NASA canceled those plans Sunday because the voltage in one of three electricity-producing fuel cells continued to drop. The potentially explosive unit had to be turned off.

The decision left the astronauts with just 2 1/2 days in the lab before a landing Tuesday afternoon. They had been scheduled to come home April 20.

"We're so busy trying to do as much as we can in those 2 1/2 days, we haven't stopped to cry over spilled milk yet," NASA mission scientist Michael Robinson said.

The researchers will push to get their 33 experiments – considered precursors for the future international space station – on another shuttle mission.

Flight controllers said the crew was in no immediate danger and would return to Earth early to be on the safe side. NASA said a Monday landing was unnecessary, partly because the two remaining fuel cells were operating normally.

"This is not an emergency situation," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway said. "It's a prudent thing to do, and we're all doing it in an orderly, methodical method."

The concern was that hydrogen and oxygen in the deteriorating generator could mix, overheat and blow up if the voltage dropped far enough. The crew shut down the fuel cell and other non-critical equipment to conserve power.

Only two other missions have been cut short by equipment failures. A malfunctioning fuel cell was to blame during NASA's second shuttle flight in 1981, and a failed navigation unit brought back Atlantis in 1991.

NASA rules demand that all three fuel cells be working properly in orbit or a mission has to be ended early. While a shuttle can land safely with two cells, it is uncertain what would happen if only one was available because of all the vital systems that would have to be shut down for lack of power.

Engineers did not know why the fuel cell, which has flown in space before without problems, slowly was losing voltage.

Mission Control had been watching the mysterious decline since Friday's launch. Brief jumps in voltage were detected several hours before liftoff, but launch controllers determined it was working fine and cleared the shuttle for flight.

Holloway admitted that "with 20-20 hindsight," the countdown should have been halted and the fuel cell replaced. Each $5 million fuel cell uses hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity for shuttle systems and produces water as a byproduct.

The price of the shuttle flight was about $500 million, not including the experiments. NASA officials said they didn't know how much the experiments cost, but the expense of outfitting the laboratory alone was $35 million.

Judging the coloring contest



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Richard Peet, Carol Peet, Diane Waters and Lee Waters judged the posters submitted for the Tralee Crisis Center and the CASA coloring contest which are part of the Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness Month. The winning posters will be displayed at the Tralee Crisis Center Office.

Mesa, Parker and Parsley sign merger agreement

DALLAS (AP) – Mesa Inc., the natural gas company founded by corporate raider Boone Pickens, has signed an agreement to merge with Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. in what executives say would create one of the country's biggest independent exploration and production companies.

Value of the proposed enterprise, Pioneer Natural Resources Co., would be about $4.2 billion, based on the last closing prices for each merger partner's equity securities, according to a prepared statement released Sunday.

Pioneer's proved reserve base would total more than 3.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent reserves, including the Texas Panhandle and Spraberry fields and Kansas' Hugoton field.

The merger is subject to shareholders' approval. Holders of Mesa and Parker & Parsley common stock would receive common stock of Pioneer, newly incorporated in Delaware. Other terms were not immediately disclosed.

"Mesa is paying a premium for a premium opportunity: to create a major new independent with the size, strength and management experience necessary to capitalize on the tremendous potential of Mesa's long-lived natural gas resources and Parker & Parsley's long-lived oil properties," said Jon Brumley, chairman and chief executive of Irving, Texas-based Mesa.

Brumley, 58, will be Pioneer's board chairman. He succeeded Pickens, 68, who founded Mesa 41 years ago. Pickens was one of the most feared corporate raiders of the 1980s.

"This merger puts Pioneer in the top tier of independent exploration and production companies in the country," said Scott Sheffield, Midland, Texas-based Parker & Parsley chairman and CEO who would become Pioneer president and CEO.

"Pioneer will be the largest independent oil and gas company that has been built from scratch, which is a tribute to the entrepreneurial spirit and culture of both companies," he said.

Fort Worth billionaire Richard Rainwater, who recapitalized Mesa and hired Brumley after Pickens battled dissident shareholders, will be a director of Irving-based Pioneer and its largest individual shareholder.

"The timing of this merger positions Pioneer to be the preeminent independent producer of oil and gas at a time when the global supply and demand environment should favor energy companies," he said.

Since Pickens' departure, Mesa has been aggressive in acquisitions. In February, it agreed to pay $270 million in cash for Greenhill Petroleum Corp., marking its second major purchase in as many weeks and its biggest since 1988.

House committee to open two days of public hearings on school property tax proposal

AUSTIN (AP) – Texans should speak now or forever pay their piece – of public school funding, that is.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding opens two days of public hearings today on its proposal to lower local school property taxes.

The plan would pay for more than $3 billion in property tax cuts by expanding the state business tax, raising taxes on tobacco and alcoholic products and subjecting a host of goods and services to the state sales tax.

The plan, under construction for weeks, would raise about $5.7 billion during 1998-99. The committee also would use $1 billion in additional state funds to pay for the lower school property taxes.

The cuts would lower the school operation and maintenance portion of local school property taxes to 50 cents per $100 in value for residential property and $1 per $100 for business property. The average school property tax for operation, maintenance and facilities now is about $1.40 per $100 on all property.

The 50-cent and $1 rates could go up to pay for school buildings and other debt, and local school districts could ask voters to approve up to another dime of taxes per $100 in value for operations and maintenance.

But unlike the current system, the state would give those districts a guaranteed amount of state funding for each penny of local taxes only up to 50 cents. Currently, the state guarantees a certain amount of state funds for local taxes up to 86 cents per $100 and a lesser amount of state funds for the next 64 cents per $100. Any local taxes over $1.50 per $100 in value don't draw state funds.

Lawmakers say the current system encourages local school districts to get closer and closer to the $1.50 rate because for each penny they raise, the state gives them more.

Gov. George W. Bush for months has said local school taxes have grown too high and are becoming a heavy burden. He proposed a new business tax, a half-cent increase to the sales tax and the $1 billion in state funds to raise the state's share of school funding and force local school taxes down. His plan would have raised the state's share from about 47 percent to roughly 60 percent. The House committee plan raises the state's share to about 80 percent.

That, committee members say, will allow the state to abandon its share-the-wealth school funding plan, otherwise known as Robin Hood. Under the 1995 plan, 91 school districts labeled as wealthy – because of the amount of taxable property they have – are forced to share their local tax money with poorer districts that have little taxable property to raise their own local funds.

There are 1,044 school districts in Texas.

The plan still faces committee votes, which could come before the end of the week, and would have to clear the House and the Senate before going to Bush's desk. Part of the plan, a constitutional amendment, would go to voters, instead of Bush.

The governor, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Republican state senators have endorsed the direction taken by the House committee. All have said they want to see the details before making final decisions.

Study: Insurance companies discriminate

AUSTIN (AP) – A new study says insurance companies writing auto policies in Texas are discriminating against low-income and minority communities by forcing those areas to pay higher premiums.

The study was conducted by the Center for Economic Justice, an Austin-based nonprofit group aimed at protecting the interests of low-income consumers.

"Despite several studies, acknowledgment of the problem and commitments by insurers to make affordable insurance more available in low-income and minority communities, the overall rejection rate increased and insurance availability worsened over the past five years," the study said.

On average, when two communities had the same income, the community with the higher minority population had a harder time getting standard insurance than a community with a low minority population, the study said.

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VA treating more women for sexual assault

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics across the country are treating thousands of women who have been sexually victimized in the military.

More women are coming forward since reports of sexual abuse surfaced at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the *San Antonio Express-News* reported Sunday.

The Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers are treating mostly women who served after the Vietnam War, but some patients served in Vietnam, the Korean War or World War II.

Some Persian Gulf War vets being treated say they were attacked by male soldiers at remote outposts.

"I see these women every day," said Gail Heather-Greener, a counseling therapist at a San Antonio VA hospital. "It's a very disturbing situation."

The veterans treated by Heather-Greener include 52 women and two men from Bexar County and South Texas who say they were sexually assaulted and harassed in the military.

Twenty-two of Dr. Heather-Greener's clients came to her hospital after reports of sexual harassment at Aberdeen came to light in November.

Pat Kramer, the Women Veterans Program coordinator at the San Antonio Outpatient Clinic, said many veterans tried to report sexual harassment while on active duty but no one would believe them.

"They were told they'd have to undergo a mental health workup by a psychiatrist," Kramer said.

Some women are intimidated by a male-dominated military that seems unconcerned and unwilling to help victims and prosecute attackers. Others are ashamed and afraid.

Said a Vietnam War veteran who was raped: "I was a second lieutenant, and he was a colonel. I was a woman in a war zone, and who was going to believe me?"

The military often transferred women who filed complaints.

The VA reports that more than 5,000 female veterans have made more than 83,000 visits to 205 veterans' clinics across the nation in the last four years for sexual trauma-related treatment and counseling.

More than 10,000 female veterans have sought help at larger VA medical centers.

Women veterans who seek help from the VA aren't asked to prove or substantiate their claims and there's no requirement for the veteran to have reported the incident while on active duty.

The passage of the Women Veterans Health Programs Act of 1992 has led to the VA's spending more than $17.5 million on expanded services for female veterans.

Kent State University researchers in Ohio estimate that sexual harassment in the active-duty military costs taxpayers up to $1 billion each year.

Recent efforts to step up reporting of sexual assaults and treatment for victims have included the VA publicizing a toll-free referral number. In January, the department sent letters to 400,000 female veterans to let them know about sexual trauma counseling.

Veterans Affairs officials in Washington are not surprised by the increasing numbers of women seeking help.

"Probably the people who are the least surprised are VA clinicians who have been dealing with the issue since 1992 and 1993 when we established the national sexual trauma program," said Joan Furey, director of the Center for Women Veterans at VA headquarters in Washington.

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Opinion

Whatever happened to the insurrection?

My, how times have changed.

It was just over two years ago when energetic Republicans gained control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Under House Speaker Newt Gingrich's leadership, GOP "revolutionaries" did something almost unheard of: They made good on most of their campaign promises and engaged the public in debate about serious political issues.

Though Democrats picked up a few seats in the House of Representatives in the 1996 elections, the Republicans maintained control of both houses and picked up seats in the Senate.

Now, Gingrich and his minions are, in the words of political analyst Michael Barone, "hunkering down, like dogs puzzled about why they have been whipped and hoping to avoid being hit again." The Republican leadership in particular seems to have bought the Democratic canard that the GOP was repudiated at the polling booths last Nov. 5.

So, Republicans have treated President Clinton's phony budget balancing act with seriousness and respect. After enduring the Democrats' MediScare campaign, they have refused to touch entitlement issues. And they have backed away from anything that smacks of a "divisive" social issues.

New stories and editorials frequently ask, "Where is Newt Gingrich?" The Republican answer is that he is plotting new strategies, but at some point he ought to reveal them.

Congressional Republicans have been reduced to investigating the constant stream of Clintonite scandals. Investigating White House corruption over illegal fund raising deals and other matters is important, but it is no substitute for pursuit of a compelling agenda.

There are any number of places for congressional Republicans to begin. The Clinton administration has been stacking the judiciary with activist judges more intent on imposing liberal ideas than enforcing constitutional precepts. "If the Republican Senate continues on a path of business as usual, the president could end up appointing some 250 judges before he leaves office," *Weekly Standard* Editor William Kristol wrote in the magazine's March 10 issue.

Kristol can't understand why Republicans have gone along with these appointments and why they haven't made "the whole issue of the federal judiciary a cause celebre." Or why Republicans have not taken on radical preferences, federal control of education or any number of disastrous liberal policies this administration promotes.

"What's needed is an insurrection – one, two, many insurrections – from within the ranks of the GOP," Kristol wrote. "Every significant rightward shift in modern American politics has followed from an insurrectionary assault on the Republican establishment." He points to Ronald Reagan's presidential election victory and Jack Kemp's ability to propel supply side economics mainstream.

The irony is that Republican ideas of limited government, states' rights and a foreign policy based on national interest have taken root among the electorate. But Americans need bold leaders to translate those ideas into policy.

Let the insurrection begin.

Thought for today

"I had rather be right than president."
Henry Clay, 1777-1852

Berry's World



"We want to do some eco-tourism before it's too late."

CBS keeps its eye on the sky



L. Brent Bozell

In its March 29 issue, *TV Guide* released a fascinating survey that finds, among other things, that more than two-thirds of Americans would like to see increased religious content on prime television. At the same time, CBS, the network currently doing the best job by far serving spiritually minded viewers, is surging in the Nielsen ratings. Coincidence?

If you think so, please explain this other coincidence: CBS's comeback is powered by *Touched By an Angel*, prime time's most faith-friendly program. On March 9, *Angel*, now in its third season, earned its highest rating ever and was the top-rated drama of the week, not just on CBS but in *all* of television.

Unsurprisingly, two-thirds of respondents to the *TV Guide* poll chose *Angel* as the most spiritual show on the air. Moreover, half of those surveyed named Tess, the mentor angel played by Della Reese, as not only the character they'd most like to discuss God with but also the character they'd most like to have teach their child's Sunday school class. (Second in both categories was not Monica, the younger angel played by Roma Downey, but ... Jerry Seinfeld. Go figure.)

A new Parents Television Council study on prime-time television and religion in 1996 quantifies CBS's outstanding performance. Last year, that network aired 172 treatments – anything from a quip to a plot line – dealing with religion. A distant second was NBC, with only half that number (87). Then cam Fox, with 83, and ABC, with 55.

CBS also excelled in terms of quality. Analysts studied the tone of each treatment. Was it favorable toward religion? Was religion attacked? Was it a mixed bag, or simply neutral? CBS had 3.2 positive portrayals of religion for each negative portrayal, edging out ABC, whose ratio 3.1 to 1. Trailing badly were NBC, at 1.2 to 1, and Fox, which actually had more negative than positive depictions of religion (0.95 to 1).

The manner in which CBS is treating religion today is truly revolutionary. Just five years ago, it would have been a laughable proposition to imagine a prime-time series with a main character (an angel sent by God, no less!) consistently issuing statements like, "Faith is the evidence of what you can't see ... With God's help, you can turn judgment into compassion, hate into forgiveness." Today, that line is typical on *Angel*. So successful has the program become that, next to David Letterman, it may be CBS' most valuable asset. And, yes, even more valuable than Bryant Gumbel ever will be.

Angel isn't the only CBS show handling religion with the respect it deserves. *Promised Land*, which premiered last fall, centers on the Greenes, a family that travels America in a motor home, seeking to perform good deeds along the way. *Promised Land* is a creation of Martha Williamson, the producer of *Angel*, and the Greenes were introduced to the public on that series in an episode wherein patriarch Russell, just laid off from his job, prays for guidance. Before long, Tess appears before Russell, telling him that God has heard his prayers and has a plan for him: the aforementioned journey. (Both Tess and Monica have dropped in on *Promised Land* this season to remind the Greenes that their mission is divinely inspired.)

Still another fall 1996 CBS debut, *Early Edition*, is respectful toward matters of faith. *Edition* concerns a young man who receives the newspaper one day before everyone else. At a loss as to why this is happening, he confides in a blind friend, who suggests that God is involved. "If God can be a burning bush, He can be anything," she explains. "The world is full of miracles, Gary. You don't always need eyes to see them."

Not all is perfect at CBS, however. Its treatment of religion during a May miniseries *A Season in Purgatory* was a tour de force of Catholic-bashing. *Purgatory* focused on the wealthy and devoutly Catholic Bradleys, who lie and bribe to hide a murder committed by a family member. A non-Bradley character remarks of them with disgust, "They put on a big churchy act for the world to see, (but) I've seen better morals in a dog kennel."

Overall, prime time is approaching religion more fairly than it did a few years ago, and CBS deserves more credit than any other network for that turn of events. Let us praise Martha Williamson, but let us also praise Peter Tortorici, who, when he headed CBS's entertainment division, fought to put *Touched By an Angel* on the air and urged Williamson to make the show as proudly pro-faith as she wanted it to be. Its success bespeaks a belief which started with a few and has spread to many.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 7, the 97th day of 1997. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on April 7, 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

On this date:

In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1957, the last of New York City's electric trolleys completed its final run from the city's borough of Queens to Manhattan.

In 1966, the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

In 1976, China's leadership deposed Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping and appointed Hua Kuo-feng prime minister and first deputy chairman of the Communist Party.

Ten years ago: Chicago Mayor Harold Washington handily won a second term, quashing a challenge by archrival Edward Vrdolyak.

Five years ago: Democrat Bill Clinton swept the New York, Kansas and Wisconsin primaries. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat survived the crash landing of his plane in the Libyan desert; three crew members were killed. The Sacramento Bee, The New York Times and Newsday won two Pulitzer prizes each; playwright Robert Schenkkan was honored for *The Kentucky Cycle*, novelist Jane Smiley for *A Thousand Acres*.

One year ago: Celebrating Easter Mass under a glorious spring sky, Pope John Paul II appealed for support for the "artisans" of peace in Bosnia, Northern Ireland and the Holy Land.

Today's Birthdays: Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 77. Actor James Garner is 69. Movie director Alan J. Pakula is 69. Country singer Cal Smith is 65. Actor Wayne Rogers is 64. Media commentator Hodding Carter is 62. Country singer Bobby Bare is 62. Former California Gov. Jerry Brown is 59. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 58. Television personality David Frost is 58. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Grateful Dead) is 51. Singer John Oates is 48. Singer Janis Ian is 46. Rock musician Bruce Gary (The Knack) is 45. Actor Jackie Chan is 43.

'Rock': Preposterous, subversive



Mona Charen

I took a rare dip into popular culture the other night by renting and watching *The Rock*.

Even with the understanding that almost anything can be excused in the name of Sean Connery, *The Rock* was a lot to swallow. Moviegoers can accept a premise that is far-fetched but when it becomes preposterous, well you decide.

The film opens with a Marine general standing at his wife's graveside saying there is one more thing he must do. In short order – and with more violence than necessary, of course – he and a squad of Marines steal a bunch of chemical weapons, commandeer Alcatraz Island (complete with 81 civilian hostages) and threaten to let loose their lethal missiles at the city of San Francisco unless certain demands are met. Our general, we are told, is hero of Vietnam and Desert Storm and a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

And what is the offense that has driven the good general to this genocidal fury? He's angry because – stay with me now – 80 of his men who've died in secret missions in Vietnam, China (China!) and elsewhere have been disavowed by the U.S. government. Their widows and orphans receive no pensions. Now, there's a motivation for genocide, right? It sounds more like a plot line devised by the AARP.

Clearly, if the general were upset about 80 guys who've died without proper recompense, he had no other options but to blackmail the U.S. government with chemical weapons. He couldn't, for example, have taken his story to the *Today* show or the *Wall Street Journal*? Nah.

OK, next, we are introduced to the Sean Connery character, a former British SAS agent who's been held for 30 years without trial in American prisons. How'd they manage that, in solitary confinement? No, he mentions avoiding "gang rape in the washrooms." So, for 30 years, dozens if not hundreds of jailers and prisoners were part of the conspiracy?

And why was he held without trial? Because, explains the movie's director of the FBI (who was instrumental in putting the guy away 30 years previously), he'd managed to steal a microfilm with "All our secrets on it." Oh, really what secrets? Well, who shot JFK, the alien landing in Roswell, N.M. – and something else that I missed because I was laughing.

So, what do we have here? We have scores of United States Marines, including a medal winning hero, willing to commit murder and risk genocide. We have a government that will allow American fighting men to die in the service of their country and then refuse to acknowledge them. We have an FBI, a CIA and a large segment of the penal system willing to imprison an innocent man for three decades. And we have the strong implication that the CIA may have shot JFK.

This indeed is a theme that keeps arising in movies that have any political content at all. The American government is corrupt – no, beyond corrupt, it is evil. There are conspiracies everywhere. It isn't just Oliver Stone who peddles this stuff, though he is the worst offender – presenting falsified "historical" dramas. In film after film – even the essentially harmless *Independence Day* – the theme of a government that keeps secrets and engages in conspiracies is taken for granted.

Is it just entertainment, or is this stuff seriously demoralizing? We wonder why the electorate is cynical about Washington. Heck, taking a few illegal checks from Chinese arms merchants is peanuts compared with the stuff Hollywood portrays. And what about the nuts on the right and left? When one movie after another just assumes that the government is evil, it is so surprising that some paranoid militia-types are stockpiling weapons in the mountains? Is it that shocking to find the *San Jose Mercury News* printing a story that holds the CIA responsible for the crack epidemic in Los Angeles?

Hollywood has been a creature of the left for more than a generation. And perhaps people discount 80% of the political content of films on that account. At the same time, the cynicism of the American electorate is out of all proportion to the villainy of the government. Hollywood's contribution cannot be discounted.

Abstinence programs deserve a chance



Joseph Perkins

Anna Freud, youngest daughter of Sigmund and founder of child psycho-analysis, once posited that adolescence was a period of temporary insanity. The youths could not be held fully responsible for their actions.

This thinking informs current public policy when it comes to teens and sex. The government assumes that kids are slaves to their hormones. That it does little good to discourage underage, premarital sex. That the government should concern itself with preventing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases by dispensing condoms and birth-control pills on demand.

Well, at long last, this morally relativist public policy may be changing. For, much to the dismay of the "family planning" claque, the Clinton administration moved forward recently with a five year $250 million federal program that aims to discourage teen sex. The program was mandated by a little noticed provision of last year's welfare reform bill.

The aim of this national teen abstinence campaign is to send a message to young Americans that they needn't view themselves as "square" or "uncool" or "clueless" if they refrain from sex until they are married. As it is now, some 73% of boys and 56% of girls have had sex by their 18th birthday.

To participate in the federal program, states must put up $3 for every $4 Washington provides. So to receive the maximum federal grant of $5.7 million a year, a state would be required to come up with a matching $4.2 million.

But there are a number of family-planning types who recoil at the thought that any state would spend $1 – much less a total $9.9 million – a year to encourage teen abstinence.

"It's one thing to throw money at the problem when you have a reasonable indication you have something that works," said Cory Richards, vice president of the Guttmacher Institute, in a recent interview with the *Los Angeles Times*.

But, he continued, "it's another thing to take $50 million ... and throw it at abstinence education when there isn't any indication it's going to work."

Richards and other like-minded family planners say the government should forget about discouraging kids from having sex and concentrate instead on encouraging sexually active kids to practice "safe sex" and use birth control. This "practical" approach, they argue, is the best way to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

Family-planning types believe it is futile for the government to tell teenage boys and girls to keep their jeans on. They believe that kids are bound to have sex, whether adults like it or not. So the "practical" approach to teen promiscuity is to encourage "safe" and "protected" sex.

But this practical approach is based on a fallacy, say advocates of teen abstinence programs. Their argument is captured on a poster targeted to teens: "Don't be fooled the only 'safe sex' is abstinence before marriage and fidelity in marriage."

Indeed, a study published by Family Planning Perspectives (which happens to be a Guttmacher Institute periodical) revealed that condoms failed a shocking 36.3% of the time among the women surveyed. So the girls who think they are "safe" from unwanted pregnancies or diseases if they insist that their sex partners use condoms are really fooling themselves.

Or, should we say, they have been fooled by family-planning types who tell them that they evince both "maturity" and "responsibility" when they take the "precaution" of using birth control when they have premarital sex

The reality is that the most mature, most responsible teens are not having "protected sex."It's the teens who resist pressure to have sex before marriage.

Richards and other family-planning types are correct that the efficacy of teen abstinence programs have not been fully ascertained as yet. But that's because family-planning funding has been biased in favor of values-neutral programs that teach sex education to kids, while providing them with condoms and birth control pills.

It's worth at least one-tenth the federal and state money that goes to family planning each year to see if teen abstinence programs work. If nothing else, the emergence of these programs will send a message to America's teens that it's OK not to have sex.

TNRCC provides updates to state's Outdoor Burning Rule

Pampa Fire Chief Claudie Phillips has recently discussed the damaging results of area fires in Gray County and outlying counties when meeting with county and city officials.

In the county commissioners' court session April 1, he distributed copies of an update report filed by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, providing modification and updates to the Outdoor Burning Rule.

In published information provided by Phillips and Pampa Fire Marshal Gary R. Stevens, the public is encouraged to educate themselves about the fire hazards to others before considering any kind of controlled burn, whether it is considered outside the city limits or in town.

Phillips said certain industrial jobs require welding or use of equipment that could cause fires also, and people involved in such work should take time to evaluate the circumstances of the job and the surroundings in order to prevent a hazardous fire.

According to the TNRCC report, since Texas began regulating outdoor burning in 1973, the Outdoor Burning Rule (ODB) has been modified as specific needs arose, causing some ambiguity and inconsistency. To address this, the TNRCC last year began a comprehensive analysis of the rule with an eye toward improving consistency and producing an updated, streamlined rule reflective of today's needs.

The new rule was approved on Aug. 21, 1996, and made effective Sept. 16.

The principals of the ODB Rule remain. Outdoor burning must not pose a nuisance; traffic hazards must be avoided; and air quality must be protected.

But the new ODB Rule does have some basic conceptual changes. First, fire is explicitly recognized as a viable management tool with no practical alternative for certain types of forest, range and ecological management, and also for risk reduction for removal of fuel overloading. Also, the Rule differentiates between fire used for disposal and fire used for management.

Under the old and the new regulations, there are general requirements regulating all outdoor burning, with the exception of fire training, certain domestic waste burning, disposal of diseased animal carcasses, and hydrocarbon burning from pipeline breaks and oil spills. These are as follows:

- Before the start of prescribed or controlled burning for forest management, the Texas Forest Service shall be notified.
- No burning is allowed within the corporate limits of a city or town unless municipal ordinances permit burning.
- Burning shall be allowed only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water or off-site structure containing sensitive receptors, such as people with respiratory problems, sensitive vegetation or livestock, or anything negatively affected by smoke or heat.
- If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.
- Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the affected occupant.
- Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction or demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.
- Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

(1) The initiation of burning shall begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires or smoldering objects continue to smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

(2) Burning is not allowed if wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour during the burn or during periods of actual or predicted National Weather Service documented temperature inversions.

The new TNRCC/ODB Rule also contains exceptions for specific burn situations. The principal changes are:

Fire Training – Written notification to the appropriate TNRCC regional office must be made, but approval is automatic if not denied within 10 working days. Dedicated high-frequency (at least weekly) training facilities must submit to the regional office an annual letter of intent to continue training, but daily notification of training is no longer necessary. For facilities with less frequent training, an annual letter is required, as is notice 24 hours prior to the burn.

Domestic Waste – Such burning is allowed if no governmental entity provides or specifically authorizes waste collection service. Domestic waste is waste generated on the site of a private residence and includes such things as kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves and branch trimmings. Examples of wastes not considered domestic wastes are tires, non-wood construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire and appliances.

On-site Burning of Trees and Brush – If there is no practical alternative, it can be done for right-of-way maintenance, land clearing and maintenance along water canals if there are no negative impacts on sensitive receptors. Only materials from the immediate property may be burned.

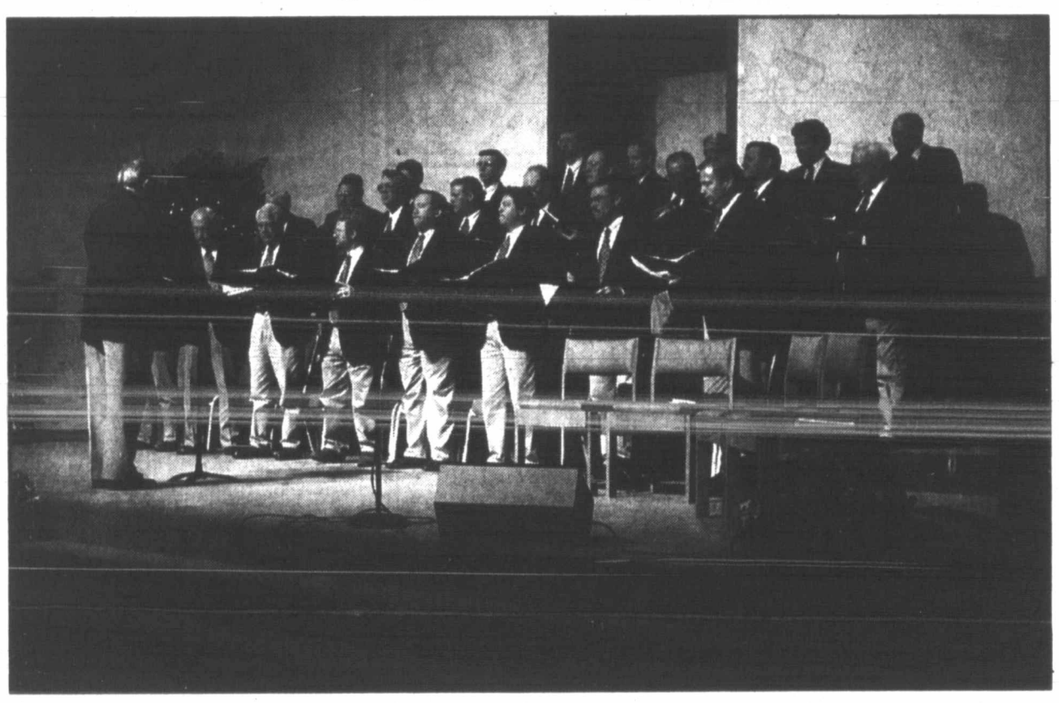
Crop Residue Burning – Such burning is allowed when there is no practical alternative and when there is no negative effect on sensitive receptors.

Governmental Off-site Burning of Vegetative Matter – Trees, brush and other plant growth that pose a threat to public health and safety, but which can not be burned at the location of origin because of a potential to cause a nuisance or traffic hazard, may be burned at another governmentally-controlled site with approval from the regional office. Such burns are allowed only where there is no practical alternative and may not occur more frequently than once every two months. It is the governmental entity's responsibility to prove there is no practical alternative and there is a threat to public health and safety. This does not apply to landfill sites.

Hydrocarbon Burning – Such burning is only for emergency remediation of a pipeline break or oil spill to prevent additional, more severe, environmental damage, and cannot be used for disposal of a petroleum product or cleanup wastes such as absorbents.

It should be noted that adherence to the ODB Rule does not absolve one of potential liability from burning nor does it exempt one from complying with all other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or orders.

Panhandle Singing Men



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

The Panhandle Singing Men perform Thursday at the Calvary Baptist Church. The choir, under the direction of John Glover of Pampa's First Baptist Church, is comprised of ministers of music from Baptist churches in the Texas Panhandle. The performance included a range of hymns in traditional, black spirituals and jazz arrangements.

Federal Extradition Agency official defends company record in wake of fiery accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – Convicted drunken driver David Speakman II was picked up in Madison Heights, Mich. for violating his probation.

Instead of being taken directly back to Orlando, Fla., he was shackled, handcuffed and locked in the back of a van which crisscrossed the country before bursting into flames on a Tennessee interstate.

All six inmates in the van – picked up in Michigan, Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania – died Thursday from smoke inhalation and burns.

"They go from here to yonder and back and all over," the 33-year-old Speakman's father, David Glenn Speakman, told *The Tennessean*.

"If they had started in Michigan and drove him straight south, he wouldn't have been there."

The president of Memphis-based Federal Extradition Agency, which operated the van, said through his attorneys that it had been "serviced and thoroughly safety-checked prior to use."

"We've driven 20 million miles over the last seven years without any problems," Clyde Gunter told *The Commercial Appeal*. "We've had a record we're very proud of."

Investigators say a universal joint on the 1995 Ford Econoline failed, causing part of the drive shaft to come loose, said Department of Safety spokeswoman Cindy Armour.

The drive shaft pulled apart pieces of the transmission, which punctured two holes in the van's fuel tank. The sparks from the dragging drive shaft ignited the leaking fuel.

The van's driver was treated for burns to the arms and feet, while the co-driver was not injured.

The company has about 50 employees, most with experience in law enforcement or corrections, Gunter said. Employees are required to undergo 40 hours of training, he said.

Records show that Federal Extradition Agency temporarily lost its carrier license for about a month in 1996 when it failed to notify the Federal Highway Administration about insurance coverage.

Passenger carriers are required to maintain $1.5 million in liability coverage, said Linda Mitchler, an FHA transportation industry analyst.

Gunter said the insurance company "dropped the ball" and didn't file the proper notification with the government. Federal Extradition Agency continued to transport prisoners because it didn't know its license had been suspended, he said.

Prisoner transport companies must follow security measures detailed in contracts with individual governments, but officials said they aren't aware of industry-wide regulations.

"That's all we need is more government regulations," said John Zierdt, president and chief executive officer of Nashville-based TransCor America Inc., a subsidiary of private prison management company Corrections Corporation of America.

Zierdt said the larger companies compete with "mom and pop" operations across the United States.

"They typically have an accident or an escape and go out of business," Zierdt said.

Lt. Bill Stookey, spokesman for the Broward Co. Sheriff's Department in Florida, said private transportation services are economical and convenient.

State losing millions in uncollected fees from inmates

HOUSTON (AP) – Texas law says criminals paroled from the state prison system must repay taxpayers for the costs of trying their cases in court.

But the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday that millions in recoupable dollars have gone uncollected because state and local officials have never gotten around to setting up a system to track and collect the fees.

The newspaper said officials apparently have left it up to convicted felons to arrange their own payment schedule.

"It is their obligation to meet," says Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Rodriguez says that when a criminal is paroled from prison, repayment of court costs and other fees are made a condition of his parole.

And the primary responsibility falls on the parolees to work out the payments with county officials, he says.

"This places the burden on the individual proper to make the payments," Rodriguez said.

Part of the problem is confusion over whether the state or county should be responsible for enforcing repayment.

The state's parole chief, Melinda Bozarth, said the state used to collect the fees and turn the money over to county officials.

In 1982, however, then-Attorney General Mark White issued an opinion that the state agency did not have the authority to collect county fees, shifting the burden of collections onto the counties.

At about the same time, state lawmakers shifted their priorities on the collection of fees away from court costs. They mandated a $10 monthly supervision fee for parolees and emphasized the collection of restitution payments intended for victims, she said.

World briefs

Many Haitians, disgusted with legislators, don't vote

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Seven years ago, nearly everyone who could vote did. Over the weekend, hardly anyone did – a sign of voters' disgust with lawmakers and lack of faith in the electoral process.

Sunday's parliamentary elections were a referendum on President Rene Preval's austere economic plan, which is hated by most Haitians but is tied to tens of millions of dollars in foreign aid. The voting also could clear the way for former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to return in 2000 elections.

While the electoral council said there were areas with 30 percent and 50 percent turnout, international observers and reporters who visited hundreds of polling stations doubted it was much more than five percent.

"I won't be taken in again. I won't vote for any of those two-faced politicians who never keep their promises," said Jacqueline Pierre, 46, who manages a small grocery store.

At stake are nine of the 27 Senate seats, two seats in the Chamber of Deputies, including one for a legislator assassinated in a drive-by shooting last year, and thousands of officers for 697 new local councils.

Bomb threat stops horse race in England

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Thousands of people forced to evacuate Britain's top horse race following bomb threats retrieved their cars Sunday after spending the night in area homes.

The Grand National, postponed by Saturday's threat, was rescheduled for Monday afternoon.

No bombs were found during an extensive police search of the Aintree racetrack, site of the world's most famous steeplechase.

Although nobody claimed responsibility for Saturday's threats, two callers used recognized IRA code words.

Diana's fitness trainer quits, princess denies row

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's personal fitness trainer, who for six years has helped her maintain her supermodel figure, has quit but Diana denies she walked out because of a row.

"Sunday newspaper articles suggesting that there had been an acrimonious parting between me and my friend and trainer Jenni Rivett are completely untrue," Diana said in a statement issued today through the British national news agency Press Association.

"We both decided that my training now – after six years – needed to take another direction. Jenni is, and remains, a close personal friend and I can never thank her enough for all she did for me."

Diana did not discuss the new direction.

Reporting the departure of 36-year-old Ms. Rivett, the London newspaper *Sunday Mirror* quoted her as saying in an interview: "Everyone thinks Diana is a fairy tale princess but she is really something quite different. Her temper and mood swings are incredible. ..."

Iran claims missing diplomats are in Israeli jail

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran claimed Sunday that four missing Iranian diplomats were kidnapped in 1982 and were being held in jail in Israel.

State-run Tehran television quoted Iran's ambassador in Lebanon, Homayoun Alizadeh, as saying that his embassy was trying to get more information on the four.

"The Iranian diplomats are in the prisons of the Zionist regime," the television quoted Alizadeh as saying.

The Iranians, one of whom is a relative of Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, were long believed dead.

Machinists accept three year deal at Fort Worth plant

FORT WORTH (AP) – A strike that could have begun at 12:01 a.m. today at Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth plant was averted Sunday when machinists voted to accept a new three-year contract.

The new contract gives workers an average $3,162 increase in take-home pay for each of three years in a combination of wage increases and bonuses, said union president Pat Lane. The machinists currently average $19 per hour. They will receive two percent increases in the first and last year of the contract as well as bonuses.

The nation's largest defense contractor also agreed to pay 100 percent of the union members' medical expenses instead of the 80 percent covered under the existing contract, Lane said. Sick days will increase from five to six.

The 2,700-member production and maintenance unit of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers includes production employees who build the F-16 fighter jets and major components of the F-22 and Japan's F-2 fighter at the Fort Worth plant. The union also represents units of company firefighters and occupational health nurses.

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Dead Husband's Ashes Give Live Suitor Pause



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old man whose wife died two years ago. For the past year, I have been dating a spry widow whose husband died about the same time my wife died. We have a lovely relationship and have talked about getting married.

The problem is her dead husband's ashes. She keeps them in a fancy gold box on the mantle of her fireplace. I just recently found out what is in the box, and I think this is morbid. Sometimes she stands in front of the box and reminisces about her dead husband. Her family tells me that she has requested that her husband's ashes be placed in her coffin when she dies. I find this somewhat disturbing.

I had a serious talk with her, so she knows I object to having the remains of her husband on the mantle. I would like a permanent relationship, and she has told me she loves me and is interested in getting married. However, she is not willing to remove the ashes from the mantle.

Abby, do other people keep ashes of the dead in their homes? How can I get her to remove them?

ASHES IN AUDUBON, N.J.

DEAR ASHES IN AUDUBON: It is unusual but not unheard of to keep the ashes of a loved one in one's home. It may be that your ladyfriend needs more time to completely resolve her loss. Your understanding would only enhance your relationship with her. However, I suggest that you ask her to please keep the ashes in a more private place — a spare room or in her personal closet. Her degree of willingness to compromise should tell you volumes about the future of a relationship with her.

I would like to hear from others who have kept the ashes of their beloved mate.

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DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after I read the letter from "Confused in San Diego," whose tightwad boyfriend presented her with a bill for money he had loaned her over their yearlong relationship.

A number of years ago, my boyfriend "Martin" and I were bicycling on a back-country road on an island in Canada. We were miles from nowhere when I got a flat tire. It was just getting dark and threatening to rain, and I was not looking forward to waiting alone while Martin rode to the campground to get our car so he could drive back and get me.

Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, a man on a bicycle rounded the corner. He stopped and offered us a brand-new inner tube he had recently purchased. I asked him how much we owed him. He said he had paid $3.65 at the local store. I pulled out an American $5 bill to give him when Martin stopped me. "Wait a minute," he said, "with the exchange rate for American money, that makes it only $2.73." He then insisted the man give us the appropriate amount of change — to the penny. I was mortified! The kind man was good-natured about the whole incident, gave Martin his change, and rode off.

Fortunately, after many more embarrassing incidents, I finally dumped Martin and his penny-pinching ways. Abby, your comment, "This one is not above using the purse strings to try to control you," was right on the money.

PENNY-WISED UP

DEAR PENNY-WISED UP: I wish I had room to print your entire letter. The Kindness (and Tolerance) of Strangers" or "Miserly Mortals," so I printed it instead!

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Some major changes are indicated in your lifestyle for the year ahead, both social and professional. Whatever their classification, they'll be fruitful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Have fun with friends today, but give yourself a break and don't get into a expenditure one-upmanship, or you may find your wallet very light tomorrow. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to handle important career matters early in the day. You are more in harmony with events when your mind is fresher.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If it is difficult to garner support from others for your positions today, shape up your presentation to fit their real needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Discarding projects which have yet to produce rewards could be self-defeating today. Your expectations will be met, if you remain patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you and an associate have complete harmony of purpose today, greater benefits can be derived from this partnership than from individual efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your productivity might only stretch to a certain point today. Once your interest diminishes, you're likely to quit what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If the terms aren't spelled out far in advance, you might not reap everything you should from a joint endeavor today. Start from a solid base.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be certain your mate is in accord with your intentions today so that your needs are properly served.

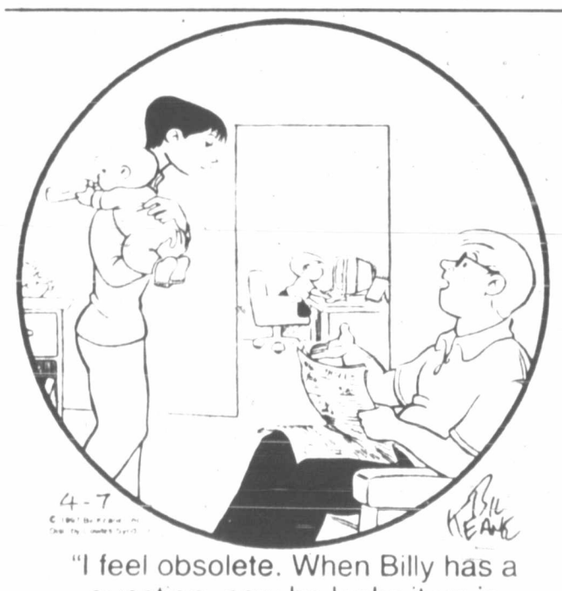
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against inclination today to bluntly tell it as it is. You might say something difficult to apologize for later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful when shopping today, especially if you make a major purchase. Be certain all merchandise can be returned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take measures to implement your initial thoughts today, because your first ideas are likely to be your best ones. Delays induce indecisiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It is imperative that you know when to stop selling today. After your prospect has given you an answer, head for the exit.

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"I feel obsolete. When Billy has a question, now he looks it up in the computer encyclopedia."



The Family Circus



Marmaduke



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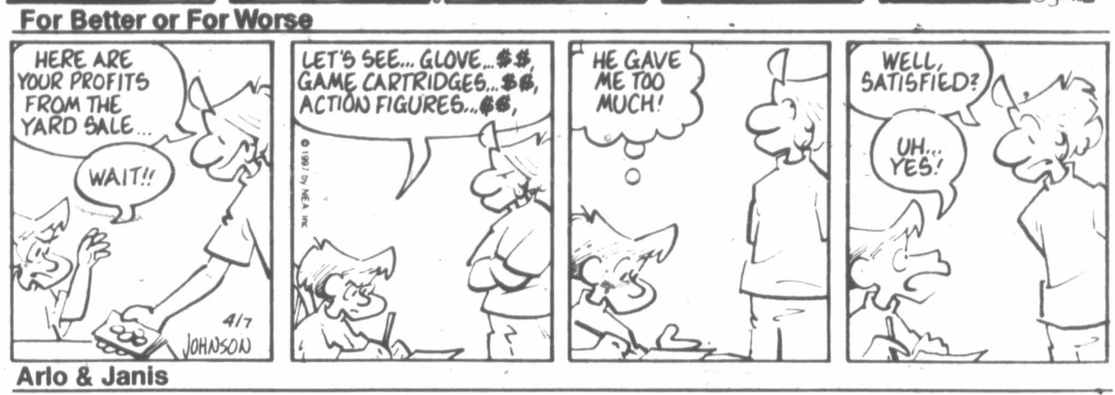
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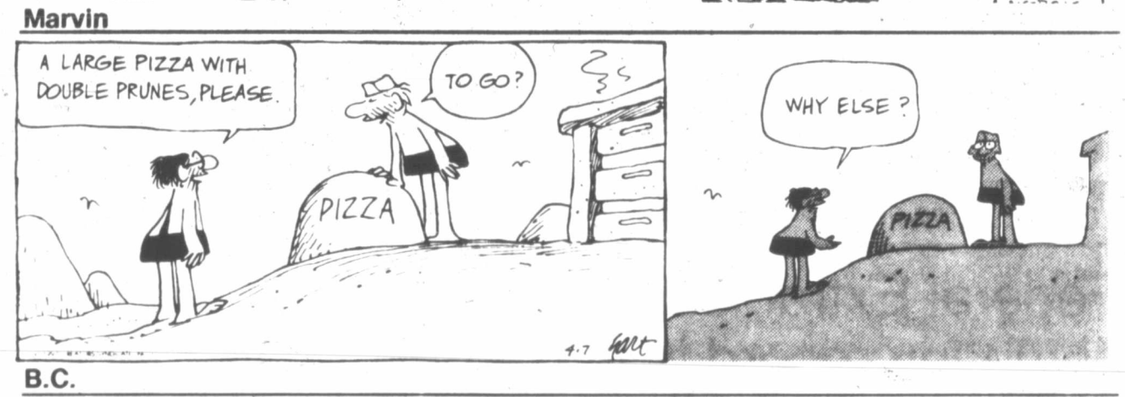
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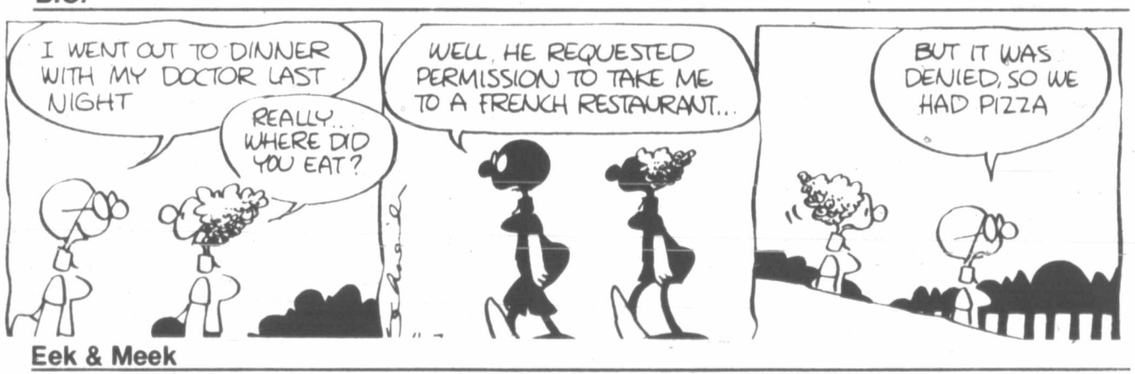
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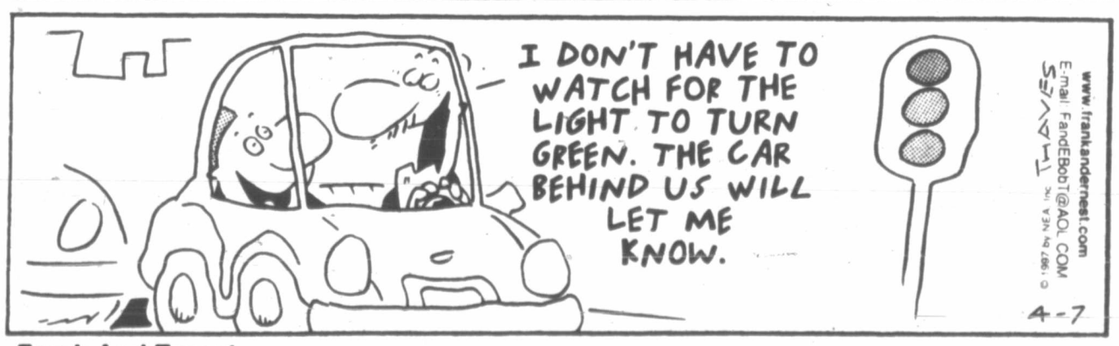
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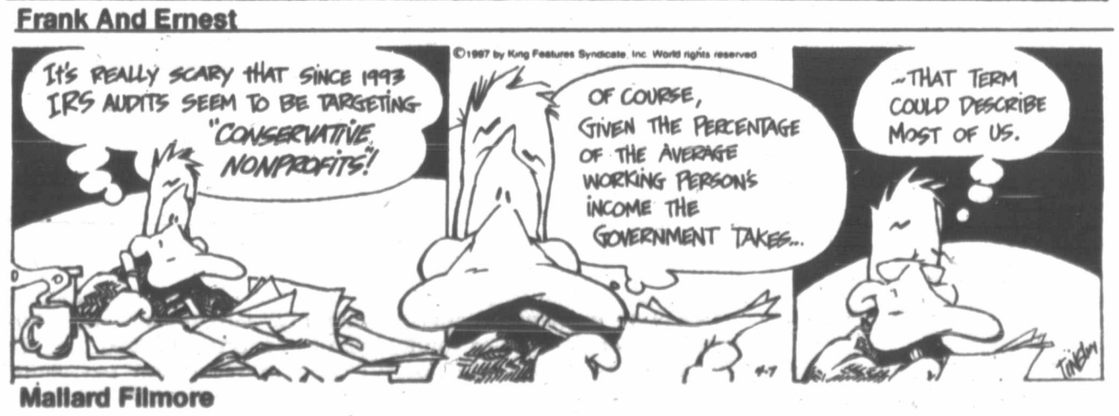
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore

SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — Pampa's August Larson had some high-scoring efforts in the Golden Spread All-Tournament last week at Cal Farley Coliseum.

Playing for the East team, Larson had a game-high 23 points in a 98-87 loss to the South on Friday.

In Saturday's consolation round, Larson had 14 points in the East's 126-106 loss to the North.

GOLF

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Winning a major was more than Gil Morgan could accomplish on the regular tour. He didn't let the opportunity slip away on the senior tour.

It took six months and one try for Morgan to win a senior major. He did it in style on Sunday, finishing what had been a cautious round with an eagle on the final hole to capture the Tradition by a record six strokes.

"To win a major championship on the senior tour is probably the highlight of a player's senior career," Morgan said. "You try to win as many championships as you can, and every win is nice and enjoyable, but, from a record-book standpoint, we all look toward the majors."

Morgan, who began the day with a five-shot lead, fired a 5-under-par 67.

His rounds of 66-66-67-67 added up to 22-under 266, a Tradition record and the lowest score relative to par since Raymond Floyd did the same at Indian Wells, Calif., in 1993. That year, Tom Shaw won in Scottsdale with 269, the mark that stood until Morgan's unusually mistake-free tournament.

TENNIS

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Andre Agassi doesn't have anything to brag about on the ATP Tour this year, having won just three matches. It's when he's representing the United States that he finds a way to win.

Agassi pulled out a five-set victory Sunday that gave the United States a 4-1 win over the Netherlands in a Davis Cup quarterfinal.

It was Agassi's 15th straight Davis Cup singles victory, putting him within reach of Bill Tilden, who won 16 straight for the United States during the 1920s and '30s.

Agassi got off to a slow start against Jan Siemerink's serve-and-volley game, but recovered for a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 victory.

"I just needed to find my groove, and I didn't find it as soon as I should have," he said.

FISHING

FLINT, Texas — Jim Tutt of Longview, Texas, topped a field of 181 anglers in the Red Man Cowboy Division qualifier held last month on Lake Palestine. Tutt boated a limit of five bass weighing 20 pounds, 5 ounces. He earned $2,778 out of a cash purse totaling $10, 365.

Tutt fished points and tall weeds on the south end of the lake. He caught the fish on 8 inch worms and gitzits. Second place went to Delton Weeks of Big Sandy, Texas, for five bass weighing 17 pounds, 6 ounces. Weeks fished worms in shallow water on the west side of the lake. Second place paid $1,389.

Carl Svelick, III, of Sam Rayburn, Texas, placed third with five bass weighing 15 pounds, 7 ounces. Svelick fished shallow bedding fish south of the bridge. He caught his fish on buzzbaits and gitzits. Third place paid $815. Jay Petty of Greenville, Texas, placed fourth with five bass weighing 15 pounds, 3 ounces. Petty fished gitzits and worms on the south side of the lake. He earned $522 for fourth place. Fifth place and $495 went to Robin Babb of Livingston, Texas, for five bass weighing 12 pounds, 15 ounces.

Burton conquers Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Ask most NASCAR drivers if experience from a Busch Grand National race can be carried over to a Winston Cup event and they'll say no way. Jeff Burton would say yes.

And he proved it Sunday.

Burton used tips about the new Texas Motor Speedway that he picked up during Saturday's Coca-Cola 300 to make his way to Victory Lane on a Sunday for the first time in his career, winning the wreck-filled Interstate Batteries 500 going away.

"I learned a lot from yesterday," said Burton, who finished third to Roush Racing teammate Mark Martin in the BGN event. "You sure didn't want to get out of the (racing) groove, but as long as you didn't get too high, it was OK.

"Today, every hole I saw I dove into. When it's hard to pass somewhere, you've got to take advantage of every chance you get. If you don't do it right then, it might be 30 laps."

Burton, driving a Ford, started fifth, but fell a lap behind early. He regained the lead lap when Martin, who was out front at the time, blew his engine on lap 143. Burton clawed ahead for the 234th and 235th laps, then went in front for good with 58 laps to go. He averaged 125.105 mph.

"Several times last year, we put ourselves in position to win," Burton said. "When that last green flag would come out, or we had a chance to make a run at it toward the end of those races, I would take myself out of position to win it. The problem was me not communicating to the team what the car was doing.

"To win a Winston Cup race, you can't be good. You've got to be perfect. When the race ended today, it was the best the car was all day long. Even when it was good, we kept working on it."

The win came in the 96th start for the 29-year-old driver from South Boston, Va. His previous bests were two third-place finishes.

He picked a good time for his first win; the victory paid $354,350, the sixth-biggest purse in stock car history. It also shot him from 11th on the money list to third.

For team owner Jack Roush, it was the first Winston Cup victory since Martin won at Charlotte 18 months ago. This is Burton's second year with the team.

Dale Jarrett's two-race winning streak ended when he finished second. Not bad considering he lost his clutch, then his third gear.

Texas-born brothers Bobby and Terry Labonte finished third and fourth, followed by Ricky Rudd, Dale Earnhardt, the winner's older brother Ward Burton and Sterling Marlin, the last driver on the lead lap.

This was the first feature event at the $130 million facility built on the plains 20 miles north of downtown Fort Worth, and it drew a crowd estimated at 185,000 — exceeded in NASCAR only by the turnouts of just over 300,000 for each of the three Brickyard 400s at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It was not a pretty race, with 73 laps run under 10 caution flags and a lot of single-file racing. The tone was set when Darrell Waltrip ignited a pileup on the first turn of the first lap around the 1 1/2-mile oval.

"It's so difficult to drive out there," said Rusty Wallace, whose day ended when he slammed the wall coming off the fourth turn midway through the race. "I really believe they are going to have to do a total reconstruction to get it right, and I'm sure they will. They really want to make this place great.

"It's just unfortunate that it's tearing so many cars up. Turn four is just terrible. You can't hardly maneuver through it at all. I don't think there's no way in the world we will come back here with the track in its current condition."

Wallace's mishap spawned another wreck that knocked out Ernie Irvan and ended Jeff Gordon's chance of winning for the third time this year. Irvan, the only injured driver on the day, took six stitches in his chin.

Groom boys, Silverton girls capture Tiger Relays

GROOM — Groom boys and Silverton girls were the winners in the Six-Man Division at the Groom Tiger Relays held last weekend.

Groom Tiger Relays
Six-Man Boys

Team totals: 1. Groom 133 1/2; 2. Canadian JV 80; 3.McLean 71; 4. Panhandle JV 60 1/2; 5. Silverton 56; 6. White Deer JV 38; 7. Highland Park JV 32; 8. Adrian 17; 9. Hedley 16; 10. Samnorwood 14; 11. Hartley 5.

Area placings are as follows:

Shot: 1. Mathews, Samnorwood, 43-0; 2. Lamberson, Highland Park JV, 39-3 1/2; 3. Ware, White Deer JV, 38-9 1/2.

Discus: 1. Glass, McLean, 115-2; 2. Pesch, Canadian JV, 114-6 1/2; 3. Lamberson, Highland Park JV, 114-3 1/2.

High jump: 1. Peyton, Canadian JV, 5-10; 2. Hall, Adrian, 5-10; 3. Ridgeway, Canadian JV, 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Ivory, Silverton, 19-5 1/2; 2. Ritter, Groom, 18-0 1/2; 3. Holt, Silverton, 17-8 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Ivory, Silverton, 41-0 1/2; 2. Ritter, Groom, 38-10 1/2; 3. Monroe, Hedley, 37-9.

3200: 1. Vega, Groom, 11:50.50; 2. Scott, Groom, 11:54.81; 3. Sanderson, McLean, 12:19.63.

400 relay: 1. McLean, 49.19; 2. Canadian JV, 49.31; 3. Panhandle JV, 49.62.

800: 1. Ritter, Groom, 2:15.88; 2. Nenstiel, Panhandle JV, 2:24.5; 3. Sherrill, Panhandle JV, 18.88.

110 hurdles: 1. Ritter, Groom, 17.88; 2. Fulton, White Deer JV, 18.12; 3. McCaslin, Canadian JV, 18.88.

100: 1. Carrillo, Groom, 11.00; 2. Ivory, Silverton, 11.31; 3. Rice, McLean, 11.59.

400: 1. Ritter, Groom, 54.68; 2. Lloyd, Panhandle JV, 58:50; 3. Monroe, Hedley, 59.19.

300 hurdles: 1. Patterson, Highland Park JV, 47.18; 2. Fulton, White Deer JV, 48.44; 3. Pore, White Deer JV, 48.94.

200: 1. Ivory, Silverton, 23.94; 2. Carrillo, Groom, 24.57; 3. Peyton, Canadian JV, 24.81.

1600: 1. Vega, Groom, 5:22.56; 2. Sherrill, Panhandle JV, 5:32.81; 3. Kepley, Groom, 5:38.44.

1600 Relay: 1. Groom, 3:45.81; 2. Canadian JV, 3:55.44; 3. Panhandle JV, 3:59.18.

Six-Man Girls

Team totals: 1. Silverton 134; 2. Groom 130; 3. Adrian 87; 4. Lefors 81; 5. Samnorwood 73; 6. McLean 31; 7. Hartley 31.

Shot: 1. Reynolds, Samnorwood, 34-2; 2. Mathews, Samnorwood, 31-11 1/2; 3. Burkart, Silverton, 27-9 1/2.

Discus: 1. Mathews, Samnorwood, 79-7; 2. Reynolds, Samnorwood, 78-1; 3. Weak, Silverton, 73-9.

High jump: 1. Davis, Groom, 4-10; 2. Kingery, Silverton, 4-8; 3. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 4-8.

Long jump: 1. Britten, Groom, 14-9 1/2; 2. Brown, Adrian, 14-4 3/4; 3. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 14-4 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Britten, Groom, 30-11 1/2; 2. Brown, Adrian, 30-9 1/4; 3. Weak, Silverton, 30-8 3/4.

3200: 1. Howard, Lefors, 14:52.44; 2. Murray, Lefors, 16:05.62.

400 relay: 1. Groom, 56.13; 2. Adrian 58.50; 3. Lefors, 59.37.

800: 1. Kepley, Groom, 2:58.06; 2. Comer, Silverton, 3:11.56; 3. Reid, Adrian, 3:24.94.

100 hurdles: 1. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 17.13; 2. Davis, Groom, 17.94; 3. Weak, Silverton, 18.81.

100: 1. Oldham, Samnorwood, 12.75; 2. Ollinger, Groom, 13.50; 3. Hutsell, Groom, 13.69.

800 relay: 1. Groom, 2:01.56; 2. Samnorwood, 2:05.82; 3. Adrian, 2:07.12.

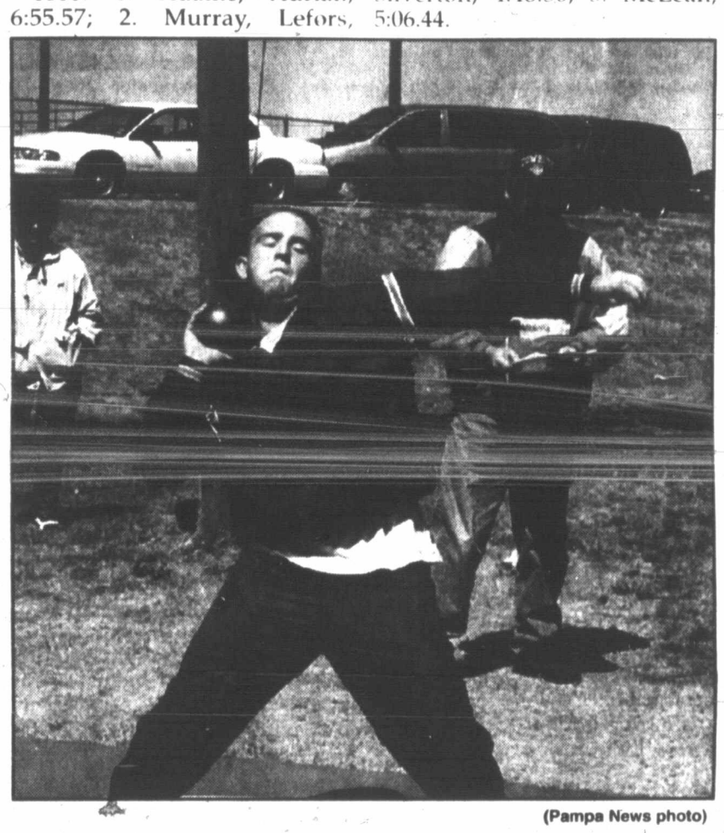
400: 1. Murray, Lefors, 71.69; 2. Thompson, Hartley, 76.56; 3. Meza, Adrian, 78.69.

300 hurdles: 1. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 55.57; 2. Davis, Groom, 57.37; 3. Weak, Silverton, 61.12.

200 hurdles: 1. Britten, Groom, 6:59.75; 3. Kepley, Groom, 28.38; 2. Oldham, Samnorwood, 7:06.13.

29.37; 3. Summers, Lefors, 30.07. 1600 relay: 1. Lefors, 4:48.81; 2.

1600: 1. Adame, Adrian, Silverton, 4:48.50; 3. McLean, 6:55.57; 2. Murray, Lefors, 5:06.44.



(Pampa News photo)

White Deer's Kevin Ware throws the shot at the Groom Relays.

Lady Harvesters take second at Amarillo track meet

AMARILLO — It came down to Pampa and Amarillo High at the Amarillo Girls Relays last weekend at Dick Bivins Stadium. With the Lady Harvesters hampered by a disqualification in the 800-meter relay, Amarillo High was able to come away with the victory. The Lady Sandies finished with 126 points while the Lady Harvesters were second with 105.

It was the first loss for the Pampa girls after five meet championships this spring.

Pampa had crossed the finish line first in the 800-meter relay, but an official had ruled that the baton was passed before the exchange zone on the second exchange.

"It's something you have to accept and just go on," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "I thought it was the best race the girls ran all year. I saw it one way and the official saw it another way."

The Lady Harvesters did win four events, including a record-setting performance by shot putter Barbara Wine, who won with a 43-10 throw. It was the state's best throw so far this season and broke the overall meet record of 42-8 set by Tulia's Patricia Davis in 1977.

"Wine had an unbelievable throw. Her goal coming out was 43 feet. Now she's going to have to up that," Lopez said.

Wine has won the shot in five of the six Pampa meets.

Lady Harvesters' sophomore Jenny Fatheree won the 800 and Pampa's 400 and 1600-meter relay teams came in first.

The Lady Harvesters compete in the District 1-4A meet Friday and Saturday in Dumas.

Amarillo Girls Relays
at Dick Bivins Stadium
Division 1 (Class 5A-4A)

Team totals: 1. Amarillo High 126; 2. Pampa 105; 3. Palo Duro 87; 4. Hereford 60; 5. (tie) Tascosa and Clovis 48; 7. Dumas 42; 8. Canyon 34; 9. Randall 26; 10. Caprock 11.

Pampa results

3200: Samantha Hurst, fifth place, 12:35.39; Anna Resendiz, sixth place, 12:44.54.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Kisha Evans, Lavonne Evans, Lacrease Ford and Audrey Wilbon), 50.19.

800: Jenny Fatheree, first place, 2:25.65; Beth Lee, third place, 2:28.31.

100: Kisha Evans, fifth place, 13.48.

800 relay: Pampa crossed the finish line first, but was disqualified.

400: Dutchess Bowen, fifth place, 63.73.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, third place, 49.34.

1600: Jenny Fatheree, third place, 5:49.18; Anna Resendiz, sixth place, 6:08.44.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Lavonne Evans, Audrey Wilbon, Robin Williams and Jenny Fatheree), 4:11.41.

Shot: Barbara Wine, first place, 43-10 (new meet record); Stephanie Winegeart, sixth place, 33-11.

Discus: Andrea Rodriguez, sixth place, 106-2.

Long jump: Katy Cavalier, second place, 16-11 3/4.

Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, third place, 34-10.

High jump: Tiffany McCullough, fourth place, 5-0.

Lakers clamp down on Mavs

By The Associated Press

Whatever Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Larry Drew said at halftime, it worked.

Trailing 51-37 at intermission, the Lakers held the Dallas Mavericks to an NBA record-low two points in the third period.

"He let us know what time of year it was," Lakers point guard Derek Fisher said of Drew's halftime speech. "He said we couldn't continue to have efforts like this with the playoffs coming up."

While Dallas was hitting a low point, Chicago's Michael Jordan and Houston's Charles Barkley were climbing the career scoring list.

The Lakers scored the first 24 points of the third quarter to take the lead for good before Derek Harper sank two free throws with 1:51 left in the period. Leading 64-53 going into the final period, Los Angeles defeated the Mavericks 87-80 Sunday.

"We had to take a gut check at halftime," Fisher said. "Coach (Del) Harris was dissapointed that our effort level was so low. We really stepped it up as a team in the second half."

Big Bass



(Special photo)

Justin Morris of Pampa displays the fish that won him first place for Big Bass in a tournament at Miller Creek last month. The large mouth bass weighed in at 7.34 pounds and was 22 inches long.

Griffey hits fifth homer in five games as Mariners nip BoSox

By The Associated Press

Sure, Seattle has power — witness Ken Griffey's five homers in the first week of the season. Whether the Mariners have pitching remains to be seen.

Paul Sorrento singled home the winning run with one out in the 10th after Norm Charlton blew his second straight save chance, and the Mariners beat the Boston Red Sox 8-7 Sunday.

"Sometimes you have to outslug a team," Sorrento said.

Griffey homered for the third straight day, and Alex Rodriguez homered, had four hits and scored four runs, including the game-winner.

"Those are two hot guys right now," said Red Sox starter John Wasdin, who gave up a solo homer by Rodriguez in the fourth and a two-run drive by Griffey in the sixth.

Rodriguez led off the 10th with an infield single and moved to second on a wild pitch by Rick Trlicek (1-1). After Griffey was intentionally walked, Rich Amaral sacrificed. Jay Buhner was intentionally walked to load the bases and Sorrento singled.

Charlton (1-1) allowed Darren Bragg's tying single in the ninth.

In other games, Chicago beat Detroit 5-3, Kansas City beat Minnesota 12-2, Texas beat Baltimore 9-3, Oakland beat New York 3-0, Cleveland beat Anaheim 10-8 and Milwaukee beat Toronto 2-0.

At the Kingdome, the Mariners won despite walking 11 Red Sox and committing two errors.

"We weren't outslugged," Griffey said. "We just let some guys get on base that hurt us."

White Sox 5, Tigers 3

Jaime Navarro (1-0) struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings at windy Comiskey Park, getting his first AL victory since 1994. Navarro, who left the Cubs to sign with the White Sox as a free agent, allowed five singles and walked two.

The wind, gusting at 43 mph as the game started, ripped a giant banner off the huge scoreboard in center and caused a seven-minute delay in the third.

Tony Phillips and Chris Snopek homered off Doug Brocail (0-1). Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his second save.

Royals 12, Twins 2

Glendon Rusch allowed four hits in eight innings at the Metrodome and retired 19 consecutive batters in his major-league debut.

The 22-year-old left-hander struck out four and walked none. He gave up a pair of unearned runs in the first and allowed Ron Coomer's leadoff single in the second, then retired 19 straight until Chuck Knoblauch's two-out single in the eighth.

Mike Sweeney homered and drove in a career-high four runs for the Royals. Brad Radke (0-1) was hammered for seven runs in 4 1-3 innings.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League
At A Glance

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	5	1	833	—
Atlanta	4	2	667	1
Montreal	3	3	500	2
Philadelphia	2	4	333	3
New York	2	4	333	3
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	5	1	833	—
Cincinnati	3	3	500	2
Pittsburgh	2	3	400	2 1/2
Chicago	0	6	000	5
St. Louis	0	6	000	5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	4	2	667	—
Los Angeles	4	2	667	—
San Diego	4	2	667	—
San Francisco	3	2	600	1/2

Saturday's Games
Colorado 15, Montreal 3
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Florida 4, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings
Houston 6, St. Louis 2
San Diego 4, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 8, Chicago Cubs 5, 6 1/2 innings, susp., rain
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 1
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 11, Chicago 5, comp. of susp. game
Atlanta 4, Chicago 0
Colorado 6, Montreal 2
Florida 3, Cincinnati 2
Houston 3, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3
Monday's Games
Cincinnati (Burba 1-0) at Colorado (Swift 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (M.Clark 0-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 0-0) at San Diego (Ashby 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Maduro 0-1) at San Francisco (Estes 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Florida (A.Leiter 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Traschel 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 1-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Juden 1-0) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 1-0) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cook 0-1) at San Diego (Valenzuela 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 0-1) at San Francisco (Fernandez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	4	1	.800	—
Boston	3	2	.600	1
New York	2	3	.400	2
Toronto	2	3	.400	2
Detroit	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1/2
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Kansas City	2	3	.400	1 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	3	2	.600	—
Texas	2	2	.500	1/2
Anaheim	2	3	.300	1
Seattle	2	3	.400	1

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee 5, Toronto 2
Detroit 15, Chicago White Sox 12
N.Y. Yankees 10, Oakland 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 5
Baltimore 9, Texas 7
Boston 8, Seattle 6
Cleveland 7, Anaheim 5
Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 4, Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 2
Texas 9, Baltimore 3
Oakland 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 8, Boston 7, 10 innings
Cleveland 10, Anaheim 8
Monday's Games
Minnesota (Rodriguez 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 1-0) at Kansas City (Appier 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Hill 1-0) at Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 0-0) at Oakland (Prieto 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 0-0) at Seattle (Sanders 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-0) at Anaheim (Langston 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Toronto (Clemens 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-1) at Oakland (Adams 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 0-0) at Seattle (D.Martinez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 0-0) at Anaheim (Dickson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes — Pampa
Harvester Women's League

Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	62	30
Graham Furniture	51 1/2	40 1/2
H & H Sporting	47	45
Schiffman Machine	47	45
O'Brien Enterprises	40 1/2	51 1/2

Week's High Scores
High game: B. Ann O'Brien 201; High series: Peggy Smith 492; High handicap game: Pam Whinery 228; High handicap series: Pam Whinery 620.

AUTO RACING

Interstate Batteries 500 Results

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Results of Sunday's Interstate Batteries 500 NASCAR Winston Cup stock car race at Texas Motor Speedway, with starting position in parentheses, driver, hometown, make of car, laps completed, reason out if any and money won:
1. (5) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 334, $354,350.
2. (1) Dale Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Ford, 334, $232,800.
3. (4) Bobby Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Pontiac, 334, $174,500.
4. (3) Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 334, $170,600.
5. (8) Ricky Rudd, Chesapeake, Va., Ford, 334, $118,775.
6. (15) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C., Chevrolet, 334, $111,700.
7. (12) Ward Burton, South Boston, Va., Pontiac, 334, $89,000.
8. (22) Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn., Chevrolet, 334, $93,000.
9. (21) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 333, $87,000.
10. (35) Steve Grissom, Gadsden, Ala., Chevrolet, 332, $89,800.
11. (16) Bill Elliott, Dawsonville, Ga., Ford, 332, $82,400.
12. (30) John Andretti, Indianapolis, Ford, 332, $80,300.
13. (31) Kenny Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 332, $78,200.
14. (7) Geoff Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 332, $76,100.
15. (36) Dave Marcis, Wausau, Wis., Chevrolet, 331, $67,000.
16. (24) Lake Speed, Jackson, Miss., Ford, 331, $72,800.
17. (42) Mike Wallace, St. Louis, Chevrolet, 330, $63,000.
18. (27) Ken Schrader, Fenton, Mo., Chevrolet, 330, $70,700.
19. (26) Brett Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 327, $69,600.
20. (17) Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Pontiac, 325, $75,450.
21. (40) Billy Standridge, Hickory, N.C., Ford, 325, $52,000.
22. (25) Mike Skinner, Susanville, Calif., Chevrolet, 324, $52,000.
23. (32) Dick Trickle, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Ford, 319, $53,500.
24. (19) Morgan Shepherd, Conover, N.C., Pontiac, 304, $59,400.
25. (18) Todd Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Chevrolet, 284, $58,550.
26. (38) Chad Little, Spokane, Wash., Pontiac, 283, $47,000.
27. (23) Kyle Petty, Randleman, N.C., Pontiac, 266, $46,000.
28. (13) Johnny Benson Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich., Pontiac, 256, crash, $55,200.
29. (40) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 255, crash, $47,100.
30. (2) Jeff Gordon, Pittsboro, Ind., Chevrolet, 247, $60,200.
31. (28) Rick Mast, Lexington, Va., Ford, 246, engine failure, $52,000.
32. (20) Jeremy Mayfield, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 200, handling, $44,000.
33. (34) Hut Stricklin, Calera, Ala., Ford, 192, clutch, $47,000.
34. (29) Robby Gordon, Cerritos, Calif., Chevrolet, 174, $48,500.
35. (11) Ted Musgrave, Franklin, Wis., Ford, 167, engine failure, $45,000.
36. (10) Ernie Irvan, Salinas, Calif., Ford, 161, crash, $52,000.
37. (9) Rusty Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 160, crash, $53,000.
38. (6) Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark., Ford, 143, engine failure, $42,000.
39. (33) Jimmy Spencer, Berwick, Pa., Ford, 95, crash, $42,000.
40. (39) Greg Sacks, Mattituck, N.Y., Ford, 84, crash, $35,000.
41. (37) Derrike Cope, Spanaway, Wash., Pontiac, 21, crash, $35,000.
42. (41) Bobby Hillin, Midland, Texas, Ford, 17, crash, $35,000.
43. (14) Darrell Waltrip, Franklin, Tenn, Chevrolet, 0, crash, $35,900.

Race Statistics
Time of race: 4:00:17.
Margin of victory: 4.087 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 125.105 mph.
Caution flags: 10 for 73 laps.
Lead changes: 19 among 10 drivers.
Lap leaders: Jarrett 1-13; J.Gordon 14-66; T.Labonte 67-69; Martin 70; B.Labonte 71-72; Skinner 73-82; J.Gordon 83-98; T.Labonte 99-107; Jarrett 108-134; Martin 135-143; Jarrett 144-145; Rudd 146-154; T.Labonte 155-233; J.Burton 234-235; T.Bodine 236; Marlin 237-238; T.Labonte 239-251; Rudd 252-268; T.Bodine 269-276; J.Burton 277-334.
Series points leaders: Jarrett 994; T.Labonte 899; B.Labonte 858; J.Burton 837; J.Gordon 810; Rudd 775; G.Bodine 740; (tie) Martin and W.Burton 709; Earnhardt 703.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	56	18	.757	—
x-New York	53	22	.707	3 1/2
Orlando	41	34	.547	15 1/2
Washington	39	36	.520	17 1/2
New Jersey	23	51	.311	33
Philadelphia	21	53	.284	35
Boston	13	63	.171	44
Central Division				
y-Chicago	65	10	.867	—
x-Detroit	51	23	.689	13 1/2
x-Atlanta	51	24	.680	14
x-Charlotte	48	26	.649	16 1/2
Cleveland	38	36	.514	26 1/2
Indiana	37	38	.493	28
Milwaukee	29	45	.392	35 1/2
Toronto	27	48	.360	38
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	57	17	.770	—
x-Houston	51	24	.680	6 1/2
Minnesota	37	38	.493	20 1/2
Dallas	22	53	.293	35 1/2
Denver	20	54	.270	37
San Antonio	19	55	.257	38
Vancouver	12	65	.156	46 1/2
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	52	24	.684	—
x-L.A. Lakers	51	24	.680	1/2
x-Portland	44	32	.579	8
Phoenix	36	39	.480	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	34	41	.453	17 1/2
Sacramento	30	45	.400	21 1/2
Golden State	28	47	.373	23 1/2

y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth
Saturday's Games
Seattle 103, Dallas 84
Miami 98, Toronto 84
Charlotte 115, Philadelphia 113
New York 102, Atlanta 97
Phoenix 99, Portland 90
Golden State 120, San Antonio 103
Sunday's Games
Washington 120, Boston 114
L.A. Clippers 103, New Jersey 96
Houston 94, Vancouver 85
Indiana 94, Minnesota 83
Chicago 110, Orlando 94
Utah 114, Golden State 100
Sacramento 113, Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 87, Dallas 80
Monday's Games
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Marlins, Rockies start strong; Cards, Cubs still waiting to win in National League

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

One week into the 1997 season and the Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies are looking sharp. The NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs, meanwhile, are still looking for a win.

The Cardinals sank to the worst start in their 106-year history, dropping to 0-6 Sunday. St. Louis lost 3-2 at Houston on pinch-hitter Jeff Bagwell's two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning at the Astrodome.

The Cardinals and the Cubs, also 0-6, are the only teams in the majors without a win. Chicago lost twice Sunday — 4-0 at Atlanta after an 11-5 defeat in the completion of a suspended game.

The Rockies, like St. Louis and Chicago, have not played a home game, yet they're 4-2. Not bad for a team that went 28-53 on the road last year, tied with Florida for the worst record in the NL.

The Rockies' longest winning streak away from Coors Field last season was three games. The club record is six, set Aug. 8-13, 1993.

Florida also expected to improve this season after spending nearly $90 million on free agents. The Marlins completed a successful week with a 3-2 victory over Cincinnati.

The Marlins, who hoped to boost attendance this year, drew a crowd of 36,146. Florida topped 36,000 fans three times in the opening week after doing it only three times all of last year.

In other games, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 6-3, Philadelphia stopped San Diego 3-2 and New York downed San Francisco 4-2.

Astros 3, Cardinals 2

A throwing error by shortstop Royce Clayton started Houston's rally in the eighth. Bill Spiers drew a two-out walk from John Frascatore (0-1) and Bagwell doubled.

It was the second time in three games that Bagwell had driven home the go-ahead run in the Astros' last at-bat.

Marlins 3, Reds 2

Kevin Brown, who had the worst run support in the majors last season, helped himself with an RBI single and bases-loaded walk at Florida.

Brown (2-0) led the majors with a 1.89 ERA last season and won 17 games, though the Marlins averaged only 3.5 runs per nine innings with him on the mound. He had a total of three RBIs in 1996.

Cincinnati pitchers walked nine, giving Florida a 3-2 lead in the seventh when reliever Scott Service walked Jeff Conine with two outs and the bases loaded.

Rockies 6, Expos 2

Vinny Castilla homered for the second straight day, and Jeff Reed drove in two runs for the Rockies.

Colorado connected 10 times in the three-game series, including a team-record seven home runs Saturday.

Lee Smith appeared in his 1,000th major league game, joining Hoyt Wilhelm (1,070), Kent Tekulve (1,050) and Goose Gossage (1,002) as pitchers to reach the mark.

Smith, the career saves leader at 474, pitched the ninth for Montreal.

Braves 11, Cubs 5
Braves 4, Cubs 0

After Atlanta won the completion of Saturday night's suspension, Greg Maddux pitched the Braves to victory in only 1 hour, 47 minutes, the fastest major league game in five years.

Maddux (1-1) gave up three hits in eight innings, giving the Braves a 3-0 mark in their new Turner Field. Jeff Blauser went 3-for-3 with a home run.

It was the fastest nine-inning game in the majors since Houston and Los Angeles played in 1:44 on Oct. 4, 1992.

Earlier, the Braves wrapped up a game they led 8-5 in the seventh inning when umpires halted play at 12:54 a.m. because of rain. An NL rule calls for an automatic suspension when a game is delayed by weather conditions after 12:45 a.m.

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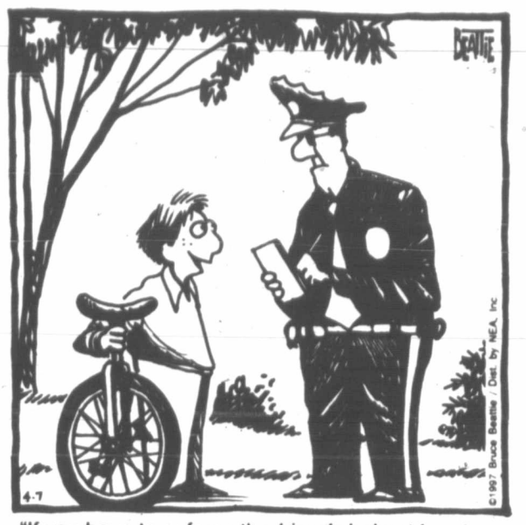
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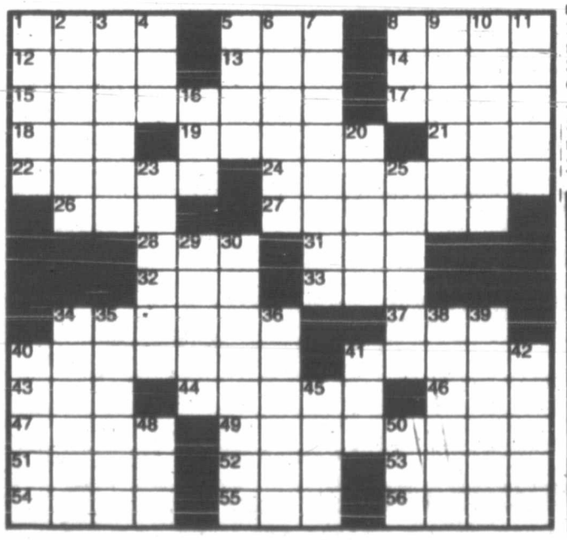
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ACROSS
1 — Kringle
5 Language suffix
8 Bridge on the River —
12 Back of the neck
13 Cozy room
14 Merit
15 Knives and forks
17 Musicians' jobs
18 Spasm
19 Purposeful
21 Victory symbol
22 Storage building
24 Mercury or nickel
26 Author Umberto —
27 Most unusual
28 Actress Ruby —
31 U.S. soldiers
32 Author Fleming
33 Naval off.
34 Drives out
37 Sixth sense (abbr.)
40 Part of a pecan
41 — — World Turns
43 Lennon's love
44 Light meal
46 Singer — Stewart
47 Hammer or chisel
49 Cover with ice
51 Reign
52 Type of stick?
53 — — of bricks
54 Summers, in Paris
55 Noun suffix
56 Feminine title

DOWN
1 Football coach Rockne
2 Flightless bird
3 Medicinal root
4 Cong. member
5 Singer Adams
6 Merchant
7 Stored fodder
8 Beer barrel
9 Gives up (one's rights)
10 Silvery (poet.)
11 Mosaic piece
16 Sault — Marie
20 Waxy substance in cork
23 Rostrum
25 States of disorder
29 Alleviates
30 Mix up
34 Expire (2 wds.)
35 Actor Peter —
36 Former Soviet leader
38 Cloud layers
39 Prints
40 — Dame
41 Dog assn.
42 Paradises
45 Mil. rank
48 Bandleader Brown
50 I think, therefore — —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Spring blizzard paralyzes Plains, adds to flooding as volunteers struggle to shore up levees with sandbags

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) – Sandbaggers in three flood-ravaged states battled subzero wind chills and driving snow to fortify levees against still rising rivers as a spring blizzard pummeled the Plains.

Volunteer snowmobilers raced around Bismarck on Sunday, delivering medicine and ferrying nurses to and from the hospital. The roads were buried under 17 inches of snow, giving the city a record 101.4 inches since fall.

"It's kind of fun to do it for once and not get a ticket," said one of the snowmobilers, Dan Johnson.

Thousands were without power after heavy ice snapped power poles. There was 2 feet of snow from South Dakota's Black Hills into southwestern North Dakota, and nearly 1 1/2 feet into northwestern Minnesota.

The region had already been hit with twice as much snow as normal this winter. Temperatures in the 60s last week quickly melted what was left, and rain that began Friday then turned to snow as the mercury plummeted.

Volunteers and National Guardsmen who last week filled sandbags in T-shirts and baseball caps switched to ski jackets and wool hats to brave the bitter cold. Sandbags were passed glove to glove to shore up straining levees.

For weeks, the Upper Plains has been bracing for floods that many predict will be worse than those in 1993, when nine Midwestern states suffered at least $10 billion in damage and 48 people died.

The weekend storm only made such predictions that much more dire.

"We've maybe had bigger blizzards with more snow involved, but not the magnitude of the blizzard and the flooding in the same place at the same time," said Ray Staiger, acting director of North Dakota's Emergency Management Division.

"I've been in this business since 1963 and I don't think we've ever experienced anything this bad," Staiger said.

Some towns were without power for more than 24 hours as crews battled huge snowdrifts to do their work. Two-thirds of the city of Grand Forks – population 49,000 – was without power Saturday night and most of Sunday.

"Some customers, unfortunately, may be out for five or six days," said Mel Nelson, a spokesman for the MinnKota Power Cooperative, a regional power supplier to a dozen rural co-ops in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Gov. Ed Schafer asked North Dakotans to conserve power today for fear that undamaged power lines would not be able to handle the demand. Residents and businesses were asked not to use televisions, washers, dryers, copiers or even coffee pots.

Even Schafer was snowed in Sunday.

"I spent two hours shoveling out from my front door," Schafer said. "We've got the whole state virtually paralyzed."

In eastern North Dakota, almost 300 people were jammed into the Casselton school cafeteria as they waited for power to be restored to their tiny town, about 20 miles west of Fargo, where floodwaters are now covered by snow.

"They're happy to be somewhere where their bodies are warm and their bellies are full," Superintendent Larry Nybladh said.

Casselton and its 1,600 residents lost power Saturday night. Those who could not bear the falling temperatures in their homes were taken in big trucks to the school, which has its own power generator.

"There are children playing on the floor. There are adults sleeping on the floor. People are listening to weather reports on the radio. It's kind of almost a carnival-like atmosphere," Nybladh said.

In Dickinson, in western North Dakota, police Lt. Clarence Tuhy predicted it'll take months to clean up the mess.

"It might be July," Tuhy said. "But we're tough North Dakotans. We can handle it."

Virus may be cause for extra pounds, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) – Frustrated dieters searching for something to blame for those extra pounds might have a new culprit: A virus may increase some people's chances of obesity, University of Wisconsin scientists say.

Only circumstantial evidence so far links the virus with human obesity, researcher Nikhil Dhurandhar emphasized, although he did prove it fattens animals.

Early study of the virus yielded an intriguing paradox: Obese patients who show signs of viral infection have normal cholesterol, not the heart-threatening levels typical of overweight Americans, said Dhurandhar, who was presenting his findings today at a biology meeting in New Orleans.

"We cannot prove the virus causes (human) obesity unless we inject people and they get fat," something clearly impossible, said co-researcher Dr. Richard Atkinson, a Wisconsin medicine professor who is president of the American Obesity Association. "But this is tantalizing evidence."

The findings are preliminary but strong enough to justify prompt additional research, said Dr. Benjamin Caballero of Johns Hopkins University, a leading specialist in obesity.

"Look at the larger picture of infectious agents causing chronic diseases," Caballero said, pointing to recent discoveries that viruses and bacteria contribute to heart disease and some cancers, even ulcers.

"I have no reason to believe obesity would be any different," he added. "I think it's very plausible."

Dr. John Foreyt of the Baylor College of Medicine cautioned that the Wisconsin scientists cannot yet speculate how the virus, biologically, could cause obesity. But he said veterinarians have proved that certain viruses cause obesity in horses and pigs, so one for humans is not farfetched.

"With the big increase in obesity in the world ... I wouldn't rule it out," Foreyt said, calling the new study "provocative."

The government estimates that one-third of Americans are obese, about a 25 percent rise in 30 years. The extra pounds cause high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes, and obesity-related diseases kill 300,000 Americans a year.

Poor diet and lack of exercise are the overwhelming causes of overweight, doctors agree.

But Dhurandhar suggested that the Ad-36 virus, from a common family of adenoviruses that typically cause mild respiratory infections, may play a role, too.

He studied 105 patients at the University of Wisconsin's obesity clinic, and 23 lean people for comparison. Eighteen percent of the obese people showed signs of infection with Ad-36. They were not sick, but they carried antibodies to the virus, substances the immune system produces to fight infections.

None of the lean people had those antibodies.

Nation briefs

Mother chases, rams car to free six-year-old son

NIXA, Mo. (AP) — A mother whose son was abducted from the front yard of their home used her car to repeatedly ram the suspect's car in a successful bid to free the six-year-old.

Sheriff's deputies were told the child had been kidnapped, but the woman had left in pursuit by the time they arrived Sunday afternoon.

She used the car to ram the fleeing vehicle several times and it eventually stopped, authorities said. The child was pushed out of the car, unharmed, where he was picked up by his mother.

An hour later, authorities arrested Elton Choate, 20, and charged him with kidnapping.

Report: New devices may detect concealed weapons

NEW YORK (AP) — Law enforcement authorities are testing new security technology that is expected to lead to devices that will allow police to spot people on the street carrying concealed weapons, *The New York Times* reported today.

The devices use X-rays, ultrasound imaging, and computer-assisted metal detectors. They could also be used to enhance security in courthouses, prisons, schools and airports.

Highly sensitive weapons detectors are being installed for final testing at a prison in North Carolina and a federal courthouse in Los Angeles, the newspaper reported.

One device that is close to being operational emits very low doses of back-scattered X-rays – equivalent to about five minutes of exposure to the sun at sea level. The rays are reflected off the skin and used to develop, in less than a second, an electronic image of the body and everything the person is carrying, according to the report.

The devices raise novel questions about police searches, privacy, and citizen rights in Texas, Florida and other states where it is legal to carry concealed weapons, the *Times* said.

Former soldier undergoes sex change, fights for children

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A former soldier who lost custody of two sons after undergoing a sex change operation says she plans to ask an appeals court to reconsider its ruling.

"There are things only a parent can provide," the father, now known as Sharon, told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. "That is unconditional love, guidance and wisdom. There is no reason I can't give that to my kids."

Sharon hasn't had any direct contact with the boys – now seven and ten – since late 1992. She plans to ask the Missouri Court of Appeals to reconsider its March 11 decision giving sole custody to the boys' mother.

Sharon, a 38-year-old former officer in the Air Force and Army, describes herself as "squeaky clean" and an evangelical Christian.

She and the children's mother met in a Bible study group in a town near the Air Force base in Missouri, where she – actually he, at the time – was stationed. The couple married in 1983 and were divorced in 1995.

DeGeneres character to come out of closet

NEW YORK (AP) — Ellen DeGeneres says she never wanted to be known as a lesbian actress.

But the 39-year-old comedian, whose character on ABC's *Ellen* will acknowledge her homosexuality on the April 30 sitcom, is also coming out in real life.

"When I decided to have my character on the show come out, I knew I was going to have to come out too," Ms. DeGeneres said in the April 14 issue of *Time* magazine. "But I didn't want to talk about it until the show was done."

Ms. DeGeneres says she stopped dating men at about age 20 and recently met a woman with whom she hopes to forge a lasting relationship.

"I never wanted to be the lesbian actress," she said. "I never wanted to be the spokesperson for the gay community. Ever. I did it for my own truth."

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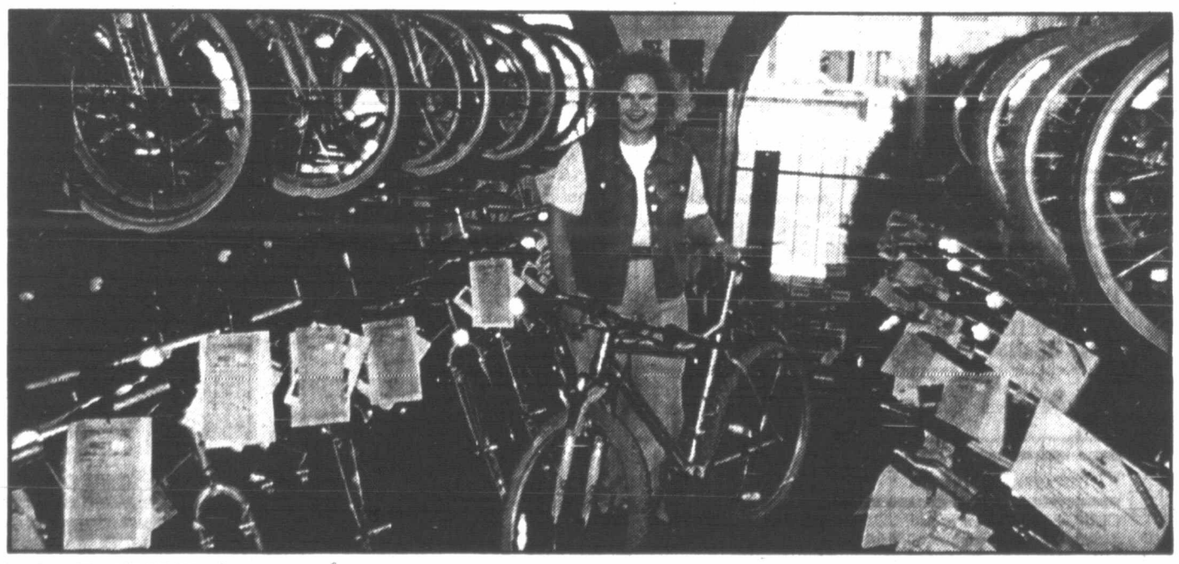
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