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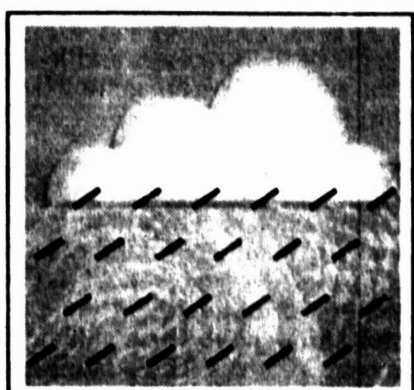
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PAMPA — The Republican-sponsored political forum will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus building at the corner of Cuyler and Browning. All local candidates have been invited to speak at the event. The public is invited to attend.

PAMPA — Lamar Elementary School will host Drop Everything and Read Day beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, March 3. Following a brief opening ceremony, readers will be placed in all classrooms throughout the morning. Between 25-35 Pampa citizens in addition to Lamar staff will be participating. Teachers will be dressed as story-book characters.

PAMPA — A senior parent meeting regarding the Class of 2000 prom is slated at 7 p.m. March 6 in Room 301 at Pampa High School. All interested parents are urged to attend.

AUSTIN (AP) — The average University of Texas student will pay \$420 more a year in tuition and fees next year in a plan to hire more faculty, raise salaries and help needy students.

The \$14 per credit hour increase will include regular tuition increases totaling \$4, plus a new \$10 fee to help finance 30 new faculty positions, \$3 million in grants to needy students and raises for university employees, including teaching assistants, said Steve Monti, the school's vice provost.

UT President Larry Faulkner had lobbied student groups during the past several weeks to promote the \$10 fee, and he approved it this week.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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ROTH

Special Leap Year babies!



Boys share rare birthday

Leap Year birthdays are not common, but two Pampa babies made their arrival at Pampa Regional Medical Center on Feb. 29 which comes only every four years.

Alexander Dougherty, above top, who weighed 6 lb. 15 oz., was delivered by Dr. Chuong Pham. Alexander's parents are Brandi and Bryan Dougherty. He was welcomed to the family by his big sister, Shai.

Also "leaping" into the world Tuesday was Damien, son of Anna Regalado and Jose Soto. He weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and was delivered by Dr. Ann Harral.

The nursery at PRMC reported a full house Wednesday with eight newborn infants — all boys!

Parched Pampa welcomes rain

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa smells great today — it's raining!

After receiving minimal amounts of moisture the past two months, the area welcomed the rain. The area received .44 of moisture overnight, said Darrell Sehorn, local meteorologist.

Sehorn said the area is now on the backside of the rain and the weekend will probably be clear. He said it is a possibility additional rain will come into the area Sunday.

Moisture has been drastically down in recent months. Sehorn said the actual amount of moisture received for January was .11 and February was .07. The normal amount is .52 in January and .70 in February. The normal amount for March is .85.

Sehorn said some ice pellets and a small amount of hail was received in the area. He said it is not impossible that the area would receive a small amount of snow.

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Indecency case hearing on tap today

LIPSCOMB — A pretrial hearing was scheduled today for a Darrouzett man accused of indecency with a child.

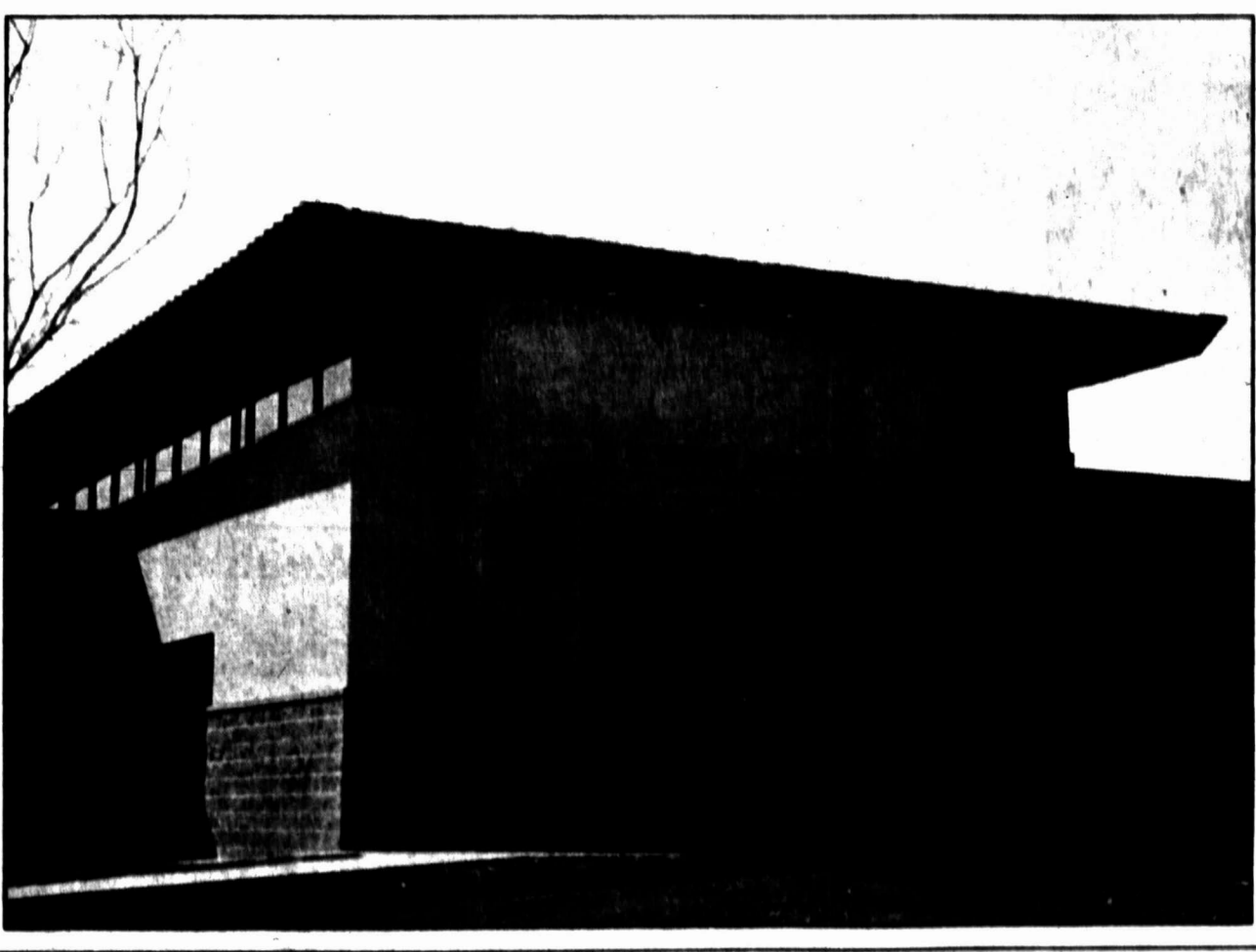
Gregory Alan Reynolds, 35, of Darrouzett, is accused of actions of a sexual nature with a girl under the age of 17 in June, 1998.

Officials say the case involves three girls, ages eight to 12 at the time of the alleged offense.

Today's hearing, according to District Attorney John Mann, will deal mostly with motions filed by Reynolds' attorney concerning discovery, or information that is held by the prosecutor's office or law enforcement agencies.

But there is also a motion by J. Kenny Norris, Reynolds' Perryton attorney, to set aside the indictments for indecency.

(See CASE, Page 2)



Don't forget Sunday's Open House at Clarendon College - Pampa Center which is officially named **M.K. Brown Academic Center** for the \$600,000 donation by M.K. Brown Foundation. Bill Waters spearheaded the financial drive rally in 1998. Rooms named for donors of \$100,000 or in-kind gifts included Don and Betty Fletcher, Celanese, Cabot and Dr. Ray Hampton and family, donors of the land. The Open House gets under way at 2:30 p.m. with a special program and tours of the facility, at 1607 W. Kentucky, continue until 4:30 p.m.

 Finish Line, Travel Express, Harvester Lanes, Pampa Country Club, Pampa Pool and Spa, Uniglobe, Hidden Hills and M&H Leasing Co., Inc. are just a few of the Companies being represented at our "Boat, Travel and Recreation" Show!! Join us at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on March 25th and see what exciting things Pampa can provide for all your summer fun and leisure!

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HERNANDEZ, Dorothea Inez Rasco — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.06	Columbia/HCA	20 3/4	up 3/4
Milo	2.95	Enron	68 7/8	dn 1/8
Corn	3.38	Halliburton	42 1/4	up 1 5/16
Soybeans	4.06	KMI	27 7/16	dn 1/16
		Kerr McGee	47 7/16	up 1 7/16
		Limited	33 1/8	dn 1/2
		McDonald's	31 1/16	dn 3/16
		Escom Mobil	77	up 15/16
		New Atmos	16 11/16	up 3/16
		NCE	26 11/16	dn 3/16
		OKE	22 13/16	dn 3/16
		Penney's	15 3/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	38 5/8	dn 1/16
		Pioneer Nat.	8 9/16	up 1/8
		SLB	82 7/8	up 5 3/8
		Tenneco	7 1/2	up 1/16
		Tenaco	49 1/16	up 1/16
		Ultramar	22 13/16	up 13/16
		Wal-Mart	51 3/8	up 2 3/8
		Williams	46 7/16	up 1 3/4
		Silver	5.99	
		New York Gold	291.20	
		West Texas Crude	31.37	

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

Occidental	16 3/8	up 5/16
Fidelity Magell.	132.50	
Puritan	18.14	

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

Amoco	48 1/8	up 1/2
Arco	72 7/8	dn 3/4
Cabot	21 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	16 3/4	up 1/2
Chevron	76 7/8	up 1 5/8
Coca-Cola	50 1/2	dn 1/2

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident report Tuesday, March 2.

Thursday, March 24

Matthew Brian Withers, 18, 1220 Christine, driving a GMC K1500 pickup, "appeared to back from a private drive located in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen and struck ..." a parked Chevrolet Apache pickup belonging to Jonathan Polk, no age given, 1009 Mary Ellen.

Fires

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

Wednesday, March 1

11:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 100 block of South Wynne.

10:07 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a small grass fire on Hwy 70 south about eight miles from Pampa.

Clarification

The address of a man arraigned this week on an aggravated assault charge in 31st District Court has been updated by the district attorney's office. Wayne Leon Woodward, 36, currently lives at 709 Dwight, not 706 Zimmers.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following offenses for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 1

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Denver. The trunk of a Pontiac Grand Am was damaged.

A domestic assault was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. The victim had a "scratch to right her."

A theft was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill. A purse, a blanket, some credit cards, an atm card, a driver's license, a social security card, \$28 in cash, and a blue picture album were reported stolen from a Ford F150 pickup.

A juvenile was charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a drug-free zone in the 2400 block of Charles.

The thefts of a five-gallon gas can, a four-gallon gas can, and nine gallons of gasoline were reported in the 2700 block of Charles. The value of stolen items was estimated at \$22.51.

A juvenile was assaulted in the 400 block of Buckler.

Thursday, March 2

A domestic assault was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell. The 19-year-old female victim had red marks and scratches on left arm, according to the offense report.

Pampa Middle School reported the theft and the recovery of test tubes valued at \$20.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 1

7:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray D and Gray 21, and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Wynne and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wynne and transported one to PRMC.

6:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of East Brown and transported one to PRMC.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, March 1

David Elder, 52, White Deer, was arrested following a motion to revoke probation on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Dixie Chicks top award nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Dixie Chicks, Faith Hill and her husband, Tim McGraw, lead the field in nominations for Academy of Country Music Awards, with newcomer Brad Paisley close at their heels.

Nominations were announced Wednesday evening at the Country Radio Seminar, an annual country music convention. Winners will be announced May 3 during a ceremony at Universal City, Calif.

McGraw, Hill and the Dixie Chicks were each nominated in five categories including the top award of best entertainer. Hill and McGraw were also nominated for albums or singles they both sang on and produced.

In addition to best entertainer, McGraw is up for best male vocalist, album ("A Place in the Sun"), single and song ("Please Remember Me"). Hill got nods for best female vocalist, song ("Breathe"), and album ("Breathe").

Paisley's song, "He Didn't Have to Be," proved a favorite of the 3,000 music industry workers who nominate and choose the award winners. The song was nominated for best single, song and video. Paisley was also nominated for best new male vocalist, with Gary Allan and Chad Brock.

Country music great George Jones, who had a near-fatal automobile accident in March 1999, capped a comeback year with three nominations: best album for "Cold Hard Truth," best song for "Choices," and best vocal event or a collaboration with Chad Brock and Hank Williams Jr. on Williams' "A Country Boy Can Survive." Just last week, "Choices" won Jones the Grammy for best male country vocal.

Garth Brooks didn't get any nominations after winning best entertainer and top artist of the decade at the 1999 awards ceremony. He spent much of 1999 promoting a pop music album recorded under the alias Chris Gaines.

The full list of nominees:

ENTERTAINER: Dixie Chicks, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Sawyer Brown, Shania Twain.

MALE VOCALIST: Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, Collin Raye, George Strait.

FEMALE VOCALIST: Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Jo Dee Messina, Shania Twain, Chely Wright.

DUET OR GROUP: Asleep at the Wheel, Brooks & Dunn, Dixie Chicks, Lonestar, Sawyer Brown.

NEW MALE VOCALIST: Gary Allan, Chad Brock, Brad Paisley.

NEW FEMALE VOCALIST: Jessica Andrews, Julie Reeves, Chalee Tennison.

NEW GROUP OR DUET: Montgomery Gentry, SheDaissy, Yankee Grey.

ALBUM: "A Place in the Sun," Tim McGraw; "Breathe," Faith Hill; "Cold Hard Truth," George Jones; "Fly," Dixie Chicks; "Ride With Bob," Asleep at the Wheel.

SONG: "Amazed," Lonestar; "Breathe," Faith Hill; "Choices," George Jones; "He Didn't Have to Be," Brad Paisley; "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw.

SINGLE RECORD: "Amazed," Lonestar; "He Didn't Have to Be," Brad Paisley; "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw; "Ready to Run," Dixie Chicks; "Write This Down," George Strait.

VOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR: "A Country Boy Can Survive," Chad Brock with Hank Williams Jr. and George Jones; "After the Gold Rush," Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton and Linda Ronstadt; "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You," Alabama and N Sync; "My Kind of Woman," Vince Gill and Patty Loveless; "When I Said I Do," Clint Black with Lisa Hartman Black.

VIDEO: "Breathe," Faith Hill; "He Didn't Have to Be," Brad Paisley; "How Do You Like Me Now," Toby Keith; "Ready to Run," Dixie Chicks; "Single White Female," Chely Wright.

Female teacher charged with sexual assault of 15-year-old boy

DALLAS (AP) — A 32-year-old North Texas woman teacher has resigned and turned herself in to police after being accused of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old male student.

Jennifer Jo Dement, a teacher at The Colony High School, was charged last month with sexual assault, a second-degree felony, after police investigated complaints about Dement's alleged misuse of school computers.

She is accused of sending e-mail messages described by school principal Bobby Watkins as "pornographic" to students and school officials. Dement also has been charged with displaying harmful material to minors, a Class A misdemeanor, police said.

"Well, I was pretty angry really that we had that

type of situation going on," Watkins told The Dallas Morning News. "We put a lot of trust in teachers. It's very disappointing when something like this occurs."

Dement resigned on Monday of last week and turned herself in to Denton County sheriff's investigators the following day, police and school officials said. She was released the same day on a \$25,000 bond.

Watkins said that Dement was in her first year of teaching integrated physics and chemistry at the 2,300-student school and her third year in the Lewisville school district. She previously taught science at Griffin Middle School in The Colony, which is in Collin County, about 15 miles north of Dallas.

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LANDFILL

25 feet tall had to be constructed around the entire landfill. A road had to be built to the new landfill. An underground pipe had to be built and laid to the new landfill, to collect the runoff water and transport the runoff to the sewage treatment plant. A limestone bottom had to be added to the bottom of cell one.

The city issued \$3.055 million dollars in certificates of obligation to fund the development of the landfill, to buy equipment, and to finance construction of a new maintenance building at the site. The city currently owes \$2.845 million from the certificates of obligation, City Finance Director John Horst said.

"Taxes aren't paying for this," Eskridge emphasized.

sized, "This is revenue debt."

Landfill debt will be repaid from revenue raised from the landfill.

"Most of the eastern panhandle uses this landfill," Eskridge said.

He said the city receives \$22.50 per ton of garbage dumped at the landfill.

"Right now, we've raised the dumping fee once, we may have to raise it again," Eskridge warned.

Eskridge said the city has half-a-million dollars set aside for construction of cell two, that commissioners don't anticipate having to issue any new debt.

Pampa city commissioners approved a permit for a new landfill in 1991, but the state of Texas did not ok the project until 1996. Construction began in February of 1997, and cell one was open for dumping Oct. 1998.

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DIARY

Tripplehorn and PEDC President Richard Stowers attended the show, the world's largest of its kind, and helped to man The High Ground booth.

Including Pampa, Vincent said there are 14 communities in The High Ground area that are actively seeking dairies. Some of them already have dairies including Pampa, Plainview, Hereford, Littlefield, Muleshoe and Canyon.

"The more dairies we have the more we can attract," Vincent said. "It builds up the tax base which can justify the incentives."

She was making reference to incentives, such as loans and grants, that economic development

groups offer businesses in exchange for locating in their area.

PEDC board member Roger David questioned Vincent and Tripplehorn regarding other types of businesses that would be a good match in The High Ground communities.

Tripplehorn said the PEDC is beginning work in an effort to lure call centers to Pampa.

And Vincent said warehousing and distribution is another area well suited to The High Ground communities. Also, she added, "We need to target successful companies that need what we have to offer them."

Reflecting upon some of the successes and looking to the future, Vincent said, "We are getting better at learning how to finance deals."

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RAIN

He said more showers are forecast, and the moisture should alleviate some of the grass fire danger in the area.

Sehorn said the temperature will probably remain in the 40s today. Friday's high is expected to be 58

and Saturday's high may reach 68. He said the temperature should remain in the mid 60s Sunday with the possibility of rain that evening and Monday. Rain could return to the area midweek.

Rain was reported throughout the Panhandle during the early morning hours Thursday. Rain continued throughout most of the morning.

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CASE

with a child returned by a Lipscomb County grand jury in the summer of 1998. Norris' motion claims the indictment is defective because it fails to notify the defendant of the legal names of complaining witnesses.

In the indictments, the victims are referred to simply as Jill, Judy and Cathy Doe to protect the identity of the victims.

Officials with Mann's office said the hearing today involves only the first of the three cases, Cathy Doe.

There is also a motion to suppress written and oral statements made by Reynolds and motions concerning the grand jury that indicted Reynolds.

According to court records, the case was originally scheduled to go to trial March 11, 1999, but a continuance was granted at the request of the defense. The trial is now scheduled for March 21, in Lipscomb.

Authorities said the case first came to light on June 11, 1998, when Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson received a late night telephone call from Reynolds' father. After listening to the senior Reynolds, Robertson told him to have his son come to the sheriff's office the next morning.

Greg Reynolds came to the sheriff's office shortly after noon June 12, 1998. Following questioning by Robertson, Reynolds was arrested and charged with indecency with a child.

Judge Steven Emmert will hear the arguments in 31st District Court here today.

Camera found hidden in park restroom

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — A video camera was discovered in a women's restroom at a park in Gregg County, county prosecutors confirmed Thursday.

"Although initial reports listed the possible offense as official oppression, a misdemeanor offense, this office is reviewing this matter to determine whether a more serious felony offense has been committed," Gregg County district attorney William Jennings said Thursday.

The Texas penal code defines official oppression as a public servant's intentionally subjecting another person to sexual harassment.

KETK-TV of Tyler reported that a Gladewater woman called Gregg county officials after she discovered an old model video camera on Feb. 2 inside a heating vent in the women's restroom at

She told the station she noticed a light coming from the vent as she was taking her 2-year-old son to use the bathroom. The station did not disclose the woman's identity.

KETK reported that it learned "a local public servant" may be the prime suspect.

Jennings said the investigation by the sheriff's department determined that the camera "was not county property and no county official had knowledge of its existence."

He declined to comment on what official was under suspicion.

"Until there is an arrest made ... no name of a possible suspect or suspects will be released," Jennings said.

"Because this is an ongoing investigation, we cannot comment on some aspects of this case in order to protect the integrity of the criminal investigation and prosecution," Jennings said.

A search of other public facilities in the county turned up no other cameras, Jennings said.

High court hears libel case

AUSTIN (AP) — A television journalist should be held responsible for the impressions left by his broadcast, even if the statements in it were true, the Texas Supreme Court was told Wednesday in a libel case.

Ralph Carrigan, attorney for state Rep. Sylvester Turner, made the unusual argument before the court in the case of Turner versus KTRK Television of Houston and reporter Wayne Dolcetto.

"This case could be a landmark case," Carrigan said after his presentation. Libel cases generally are not decided on implied or suggested meanings of articles or broadcasts.

In December 1991, Turner, a Houston lawyer, was in a tight mayoral race with developer Bob Lanier when Dolcetto broadcast a story that Turner claims cost him the election.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Cloudy and breezy today with periods of showers and a high of 50. Tonight, clearing with a low of 35 with light and variable winds. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 58 and northwest winds at 10-20 mph.

STATEWIDE — A severe weather outbreak was forecast today for parts of North Texas, with possible twisters, large hail and heavy rain.

Thunderstorms that extended from the northern Panhandle southward to the Permian Basin and eastward to near Mineral Wells were moving eastward, the National Weather Service said.

The surface and upper-level low pressure systems were expected across the region by tonight.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-40s in the Panhandle to mid-60s from North Texas southward to the Gulf coast with lower 70s.

Some readings ranged from 64 degrees at Burnet and Port Arthur to 72 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Alice and Laredo.

Winds across the state were generally southeasterly around 10 to 15 mph, but variable and with higher gusts in and near thunderstorm activity.

In South Texas, isolated patchy fog and drizzle developed as temperatures remained warm.

Increasing south and south-easterly winds kept moisture levels high.

The weather service posted a wind advisory through Friday for the Coastal Bend.

Skies will be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms over some northern sections.

Afternoon highs should reach into the mid-70s and 80s to the 90s over inland sections of the deep south and the Hill Country, with some areas facing record highs.

Showers and thunderstorms may continue over southeast sections through Friday.

Overnight lows will be mostly in the 60s.

Pampa FHA students attend conference

Pampa FHA and FHA/HERO Chapters attended the Region I Conference held recently in Midland. The chapter members were among 1,300 delegates attending the two-day event. The youth-developed theme, "Race into Your Future with FHA/HERO," was carried throughout workshops and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in the issues facing today's youth.

Justin Lemons, regional vice president of Programs, opened the first general session. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting dealt with drinking and driving, teen pregnancy, racism and stress. Billie Lemons, former Pampa resident, was a guest speaker at the meeting. Justin Lemons was elected state officer candidate. Dustin Johnson was elected regional vice president of Parliamentary Law.

Participating in the Star Events were Lindsey

Hampton and Destiny Engel, Chapter Service Project; and Edson Miranda and Vicki Williams, Chapter Showcase Project. Each team placed third in their contest. They have qualified to participate in the State Contest in April.

Voting delegates were Danette Navarrete and Cristy Canaday. Other members attending include: Rachel Ledford, Berta Rendon, Ana Pena, Veronica Saldierna, Darron Ellis, Luez Aguilar and Carl Hinds. Sponsors for the group are Gaylene Skaggs, Karen Skaggs and Katie McDonald.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. FHA is considered on the fast track because it teaches leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospitality and career awareness.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky

(across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee

Crisis Center, 669-1131.
LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
Gray County Republican Party and Top of Texas Republican Women will co-sponsor a forum for Republican candidates seeking election in the March 14 primary at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. The public is cordially invited to attend.

COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER
To celebrate March as "Bring a Buddy, Get a Buddy" month, Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is offering a blood drop beanie for all donors who bring a "buddy," as well as themselves, to donate blood. For more information, call Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics March 20 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and March 28 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

STARGAZING PARTY
The Amarillo Astronomy Club will meet for a Stargazing Party at 7 p.m. March 25 at Palo Duro Park Visitor Center. Refreshments will be provided.

PCCA membership drive



(Community Camera photo)

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Gibson Jr., seated, renew their Pampa Community Concert Association memberships with campaign worker Iris Ragsdale, center. The association's annual membership campaign is currently underway. For ticket information, call 665-0343 or contact Drive Chairman Ruth Riehart or Glenette Goode. A Workers Kick-off Brunch is slated at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 4 in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

Exchange student pens ode to Pampa

(The following poem was written by an exchange student to Pampa.)

Pampa,
To what I was coming, I didn't really know.
I had been told it was flat and very open, but the description left much to be desired.
No one told me about the indescribable storms,
Nor of the sunrises and sunsets that fill the horizons,
The stunning beauty of the crops,
The openness and solitude that holds a beauty unequalled.
All these are beauties of the Panhandle,
The area lived in by you.
Do you take these for granted,
Or do you see the beauty, too?

"A semi-desert" is how it was described, a place of dust and dryness.
I wasn't told about the people, how friendly, open and loving they are.
I wasn't told of the town, the stores, the uniqueness of some.
Nor was I told of the oil pumps silhouetted on the horizon by the setting sun.
These are all beauties of the Panhandle,
The area lived in by you.
Do you take these for granted,

Or do you see the beauty, too?

"The winter is miserable and cold." That's what I was told.
They didn't tell me of the snow and its beauty.
The hazard that is so lovely it is worth the inconvenience:
The fields all fluffy and white, the trees hanging low from the weight of ice.
It rains back home, but snow has a magical quality that transforms everything into picture scenes.
This is a beauty of the Panhandle,
The area lived in by you.
Do you take it for granted,
Or do you see the beauty, too?

"Crop farming is the business," they said,
But they didn't tell of the huge

giants cutting to and fro across the acres.

They didn't tell of the power and beauty of these beasts as they carve across the fields.
Plowing, planting, and reaping bigger and better yields.
Nor did they tell me about Pantex, Cabot, and Celanese —
The way in which these miniature cities glow at night far off on the horizon.
These are the beauties of the Panhandle,
The area lived in by you.
Do you take the Panhandle for granted,
Or do you see the beauty as I do?

Mark Teakle
American Field Service Student
Adelaide, Australia
Pampa High School 1982-1983

Special Olympics tournament



(Community Camera photo)

Cody Dyer, #14 of the Pampa Stars, scores two points during the Area 16 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament recently.

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Inside the Beltway

with
Sen. Hutchison

Texans endorse missile defense

In December and January, I sought constituents' opinions about issues currently in the forefront of public debate.

As has been the case in previous years, your answers were very informative, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

Over the next several weeks this column will address the responses you provided, beginning with your thoughts regarding our national security and foreign policy.

The first question asked about your opinion on the need to proceed with the development and construction of a missile defense system capable of shooting down enemy ballistic missiles. By a significant majority, 73 percent, Texans said it is very important that we build such a system. You also said you would not feel differently about building a missile defense system if it means withdrawing from the decades-old Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty that restricts us from building such a system. Here are some of your comments on this issue:

From Levelland: "That China and countries such as Iran, Libya and Russia have missiles is a great threat to U.S. national security."

Magnolia: "Our security problems have worsened with the current administration's transfer of nuclear technology and missile guidance systems to avowed enemies such as China."

Carrizo Springs: "There is no doubt in my mind that we need a missile defense system and the sooner the better. It should be at the top of the list."

Kirbyville: "A missile defense system should be a major part of a greater effort to rebuild our national defenses after Clinton leaves the White House. We have been left vulnerable and the next administration will have to fix that."

La Marque: "It seems to me we have no alternative but to take steps to defend ourselves against missile attack."

Adkins: "Communism is not dead. There are at least a half-dozen countries, maybe more, that hate America and that have or will have the bomb, and are dumb enough to use it."

Hondo: "Once we get a missile defense, we need to figure out how to defend ourselves against international terrorism, or at least a way to keep terrorists out of our country."

Dripping Springs: "It is most important for us to precede with building a missile defense system and with funding other new technology for our Army, Navy and Air Force."

Orange: "Our best missile defense system is for other countries to know that if they attack the United States, they will be destroyed by all means at hand."

Texas City: "Build a missile defense. We must not let ourselves believe that there is nothing out in the world that can harm us. Just because the Cold War is over does not mean we should let down our guard."

Lampasas: "Thumbs down on the ABM Treaty. It has outlived its purpose."

Seguin: "The ABM Treaty is out of date, and it seriously affects our national security."

Congress realizes the gravity of this situation and is pursuing the creation of a missile defense. After many years of trying, Congress has finally forced the administration to move forward with developing this technology. There will be successes and failures along the way as we test and perfect it, but a missile defense for America is no longer a question of whether but when. The answer: The sooner the better.

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In case you haven't noticed there are numerous campaigns under way for local political offices in Pampa.

The political primaries will be held locally and across Texas March 14. All other states and U.S. territories have either had elections or they will be held soon. Super Tuesday, which is the day when 12 states have their primaries across the nation, is to be held March 7.

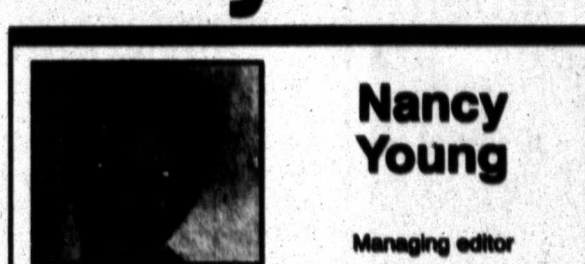
The mud-slinging seems to be in full force in this great country of ours where Freedom of speech is so often touted as a privilege. Each election year seems to continually bring out the worst in people, and any skeletons in the closets.

I, like many others, am really tired of the dirty, petty games many people, especially on a national level, play to get elected. A co-worker of mine has proposed we learn from the British and only have six weeks of campaigning. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Think of the money which could be saved and put on really worthwhile problems in our country.

Now, don't get me wrong. Some of my best friends are in politics and are very nice people, but I know them. They are dedicated public officials who do their jobs very well. However, they are on the local level and most don't have a mudfest of a campaign.

I really don't know a lot about some of the campaigns because I don't want to listen to the garbage being spewed out of their mouths. I have taken advantage of the early voting offered and have already voted for the primary. Yes, early voting is under way.

Voters in Texas have the opportunity to vote for two weeks before the election of March 14. Gray County voters only have to go to the



county courtroom and vote for whom they want through March 10. Both primaries are represented there.

Texas is not an open primary state. However, voters may vote in either primary they desire. One friend who has always voted Democrat told me he wants to vote in the Republican primary this year, and he can.

County Clerk Susan Winborne said if a registered voter wants to switch parties they may, but a voter can only vote in one primary, not both. Also, if my Democrat friend votes in the Republican primary his voter registration card will be stamped as Republican.

Local voters need to remember that Pampa's school system is going to be out for Spring Break during the week of the election. So, if you are going to be out of town that week, remember to vote before you leave town. The early voting goes through March 10, and several local races are contested on the Republican ballot.

Interesting things come out about candidates in campaigns.

My 2000 Poopah Award goes to a candidate who is campaigning for New York senator. Campaigning on one platform of helping the downtrodden, among which she says are single

mothers trying to support their children, Hillary Clinton, who hasn't made the walk certainly didn't live up to the talk recently on a campaign trip.

She and her entourage enjoyed breakfast at a small diner a few weeks ago which the owner said was on the house—no charge. After eating the food, she and her crew left without leaving the waitress a tip. This waitress, a single mom, supports her 11-year old son she is raising by waiting on tables. As she only makes \$2.90 an hour, she supports herself and her son primarily on her tips, as do most waitresses.

I am told the customary tip in this area is 10-15 percent of the food bill while metropolitan area waitresses usually get 20 percent.

According to news reports, Hillary at first denied the incident, but later called the young woman to tell her what a "sweetheart" she was, but sent no tip. After very negative publicity Hillary sent a \$100 savings bond for the child.

The national news reports stated the mom and her son have no medical insurance and no child support is received.

My youngest daughter, who is a single mother of three and is a waitress living on tips, didn't take kindly to the New York candidate's blunder. She and her fellow workers seem to think Hillary talked a lot, but when it came down to it, she has no concept of what the real world is about.

I hope this isn't true of most candidates. But for now, Hillary wins the award. We'll soon see how big a campaign block New York waiters and waitresses have. I wonder how many of them are eager to wait on Hillary when she enters the door of their eating establishments.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2000. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1899, President McKinley signed a measure creating the rank of Admiral of the Navy for Admiral George Dewey.

In 1899, Mount Rainier

National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1939, the Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of

Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect.

In 1949, an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non-stop round-the-world flight.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

McCain kept honor intact as a POW

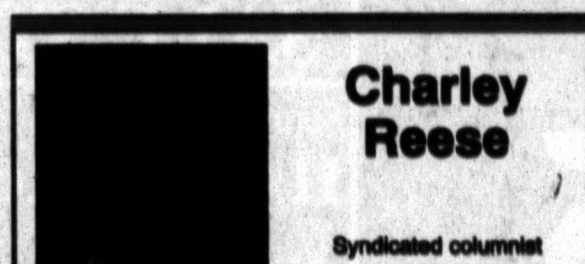
In a recent column on the New Hampshire primary, I inadvertently misled readers when I referred to Sen. John McCain's collaboration with the enemy. I knew what I meant because I was an adult in 1973 when the prisoner-of-war situation was common knowledge. Others not born or very young then, of course, do not. Besides, collaboration was a poor choice of words because it implies an act of disloyalty. John McCain's time as a POW was served honorably.

So let me publicly take my foot out of my mouth and give you the context missing in the original column.

After the Korean War, the U.S. government devised a code of conduct for all military personnel. In effect, it demanded that no prisoner give any information other than his name, rank and serial number. The problem was that the code was based on the assumption that Americans would always be lucky enough to be captured by a civilized government that would observe the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war.

In Vietnam, Americans found themselves prisoners of a criminal government that did not observe even common decency, much less the Geneva Convention. It summarily executed some prisoners. It employed inhuman physical torture to the point of death or insanity.

Senior commanders among the POWs decided—and rightly so—that honor and duty did not require committing suicide. Therefore, it was understood that when the torture became



too much, any prisoner could cooperate or, more properly, feign cooperation in order to survive. They trusted the American people to understand that any statements by them used for propaganda purposes were given under duress. Any so-called military information that they provided would be militarily useless information. And that, according to ex-POWs I greatly admire and respect, is all that McCain ever did.

There is a website owned by a man who claims to be an ex-Green Beret. He is an MIA activist and has several anti-McCain stories posted on his website. They are very cleverly done, always citing sources including McCain's own writings, but they are statements out of context. In one story, citing the code of conduct, the man lists each bit of information McCain gave as a violation. Unsaid, of course, is that the POWs had, as I pointed out earlier, effectively scrapped that part of the code of conduct. Incidentally, the U.S. government agreed with their decision and altered the code of conduct as a result of that experience.

Furthermore, the information McCain admitted that he gave was useless. The North Vietnamese already knew the names of the carriers on station. They didn't need McCain to tell them that his target had been the power station because McCain's wasn't the only plane that attacked it. In short, McCain conned his captors by giving information that was militarily useless to them.

The website also implies that McCain received special treatment in a Vietnamese hospital and was the only POW to receive it. Col. Bud Day, a Medal of Honor winner, puts the lie to that. It was to his cell that McCain was delivered after his hospitalization. The North Vietnamese had set his broken bones but certainly not in any humane way. Day said McCain weighed no more than 95 pounds and had been put into a full body cast without a liner, which had caused large, open sores on his body. Day was convinced that McCain would die. And other POWs were also treated in hospitals after the Vietnamese decided they would be more useful alive than dead. Day says John McCain at all times served with honor.

My original argument goes to the word hero. Being a World War II brat, I have always defined a hero as one who does more than his duty and performs some extraordinary feat. If, however, you wish to define as a hero any man who survives a brutal imprisonment with his honor intact, then McCain deserves that title the same as all the other POWs.

I still disagree with McCain on several political issues.

Thursday March 2

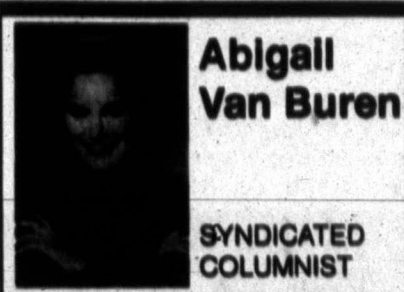
Warning Opens Woman's Eyes To Her Own Abusive Behavior

DEAR ABBY: When I read your list of "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover, Warning Signs of an Abusive Personality," my jaw dropped. My heart began to race and my stomach did flip-flops. My boyfriend isn't the one who fits so many of the characteristics on the list — I am!

My boyfriend and I have been dating for nine months. The first three or four months, I was an angel. Then slowly I began to change. It started with one incident every few weeks, then once a week, and now it happens almost every day.

I interrogate my man about where he has been, who was there, and how long the conversations went on. When things don't go the way I think they should, I blame him and call him mean and hateful names. I criticize him for things over which he has no control and curse at him. I have actually kicked him while he was asleep so he'd wake up and I could finish giving him a verbal bashing. I have threatened to kill him — and that's not right. One minute I'm sweet and loving, then he says something that sets me off and I'm on a tirade, cursing and yelling.

Sometimes, when we aren't fighting, I look into his eyes and see the pain I've caused over the last



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

few months and I feel awful.

So, Abby, I want to thank you. I am going to get help immediately! The next time you print that list, remember that women aren't always on the receiving end. My boyfriend has been nothing but good to me, and no one deserves the treatment I have given him. That article opened my eyes. Thanks, Abby.

A NEW LEAF IN GEORGIA

DEAR NEW LEAF: I'm pleased that the "15 Reasons" provided a mirror in which you saw yourself. I'm even more pleased that the column gave you the push you needed to seek professional help.

With guidance and a sincere desire to deal with your anger, insecurity and need to control, you will conquer the problem and ensure a safer environment

for the people you love and who love you.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers has a terrible habit — she continually chews and cracks her gum. Abby, this is a professional office, not a truck stop. Not only does she look like a cow that's chewing her cud, the sound is extremely annoying. How can we get her to stop without offending her?

NEEDS TO KNOW
IN SHERWOOD, ARK.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: If the gum-cracker is not aware that she is offending others, you or one of her other co-workers should tell her privately in a friendly way. If she is aware and doesn't care, her supervisor should be told.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** High energy brings the results you crave. You aren't the type to do things halfway, and to complete the work week in such a positive manner makes you beam. Unexpected developments on the love scene need to be seen as exciting. Tonight: Cheer in the week-end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Assume greater responsibility, but listen to an assertive associate or boss. Though the two of you don't often agree, your idea will be enhanced by his feedback. Don't settle in a money matter; ask for what you ultimately need. Tonight: Out with work buddies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** A call or offer surprises you. Take the initiative and spread important news. It isn't important that everyone agree with you. Just find the right answers. Surprises surround an unusual acquaintance. Tonight: Do something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Togetherness counts at work. Build on an association. Think through a money involvement carefully. You might not always see eye to eye, but you can use those differences to strengthen ideas and projects. The unexpected occurs financially. You pull the wild card. Tonight: Enjoy yourself with a special friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Others prove exciting; make calls and reach out for others. Do nothing halfway, and you will succeed. An associate could unnerve you: value him for the excitement he adds to your life. Caring abounds. Tonight: Let another state his case first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Work proves to be dynamic and creative. Don't get stuck on the idea that thinking must go a certain way. Let events happen; you cannot be in control of everything. A co-worker means well. A trusted friend or associate, who is sometimes challenging, pitches in. Tonight: Clear your desk first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Loosen up and allow events to flow. On some level, you feel out of control. Rather than stumble into a relationship, think it through, exciting as it might be. Don't decide anything is going to be long-term just yet. A friend gives you strong feedback. Listen. Tonight: Allow the fun to begin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Examine what seems inevitable. Recognize that you aren't in control of a personal or domestic matter. Your vision of what can happen if you relax might change. Sometimes you push others way beyond their natural limits. Be careful at work. Tonight: Home first, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Aim for what you want. Don't hesitate, as everything happens quickly. Slowing down might put you out of the race. Your sense of humor allows you to see another's charm and appeal. Don't get caught up in the immediate. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Expenses go way out of control — and quickly, at that. Your home or a family member is a major reason for this. Be willing to put a stopper on the endless

drain. Pull back and take a hard look. Answers will be forthcoming. Tonight: Curl up and relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You are bouncy and full of ideas. Others come to you. You naturally emanate charisma. Your ability to pull rabbits out of hats delights another. Be spontaneous. Make a phone call you have been putting off. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Unexpected insights could have you going in a whole new direction. Think before you take action. If possible, delay responding. If you meet someone attractive today, be careful! What you see might not be what you get. Investigate expenditures. Tonight: Take a night off.

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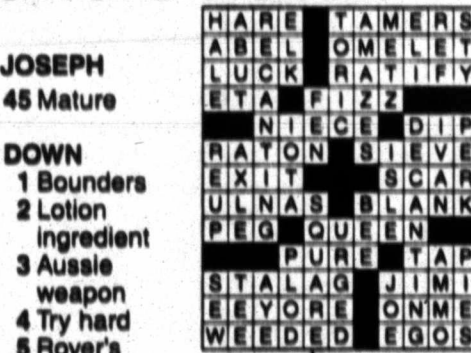
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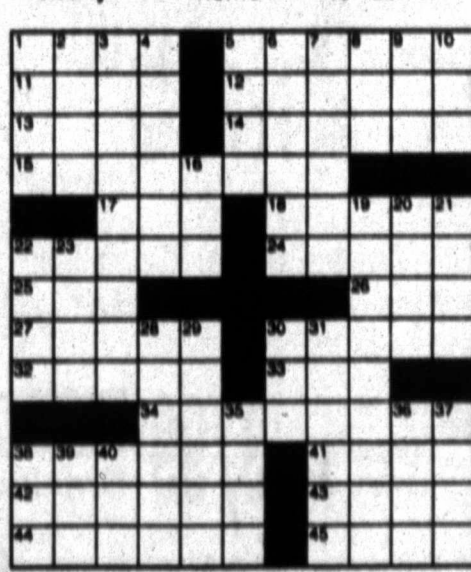
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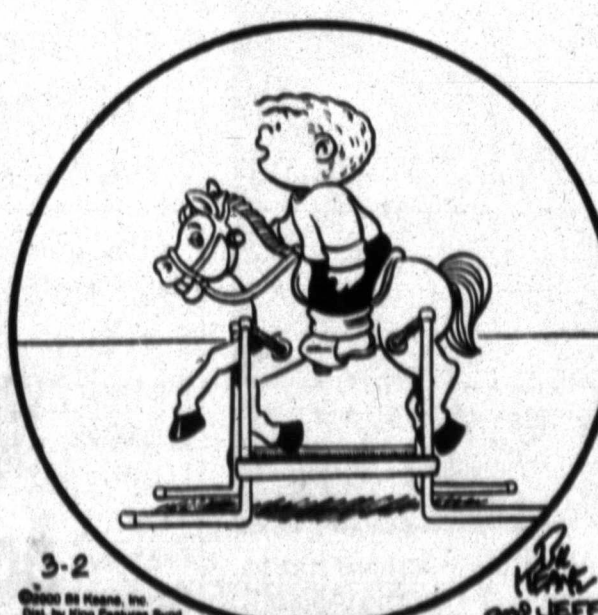
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Marmaduke



"Aren't you going to introduce us?"

The Family Circus



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"Mommy, do you need anything at the store while I'm out riding?"

For Better or For Worse



Zits



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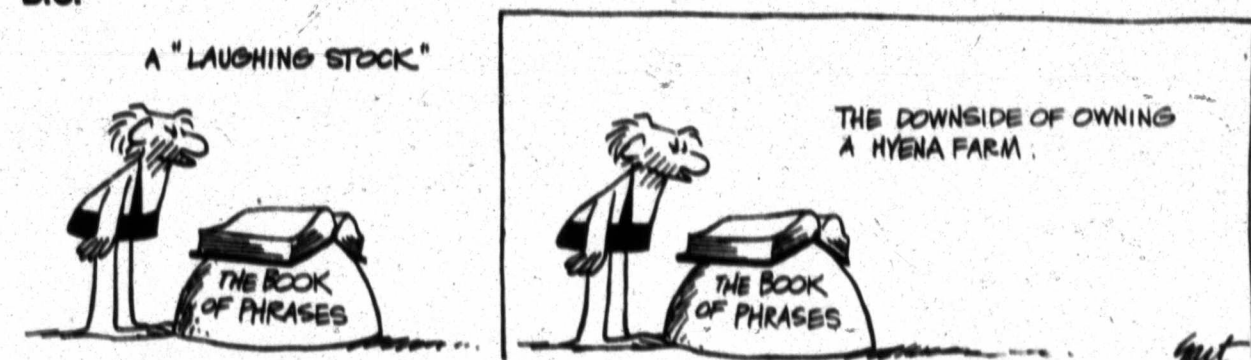
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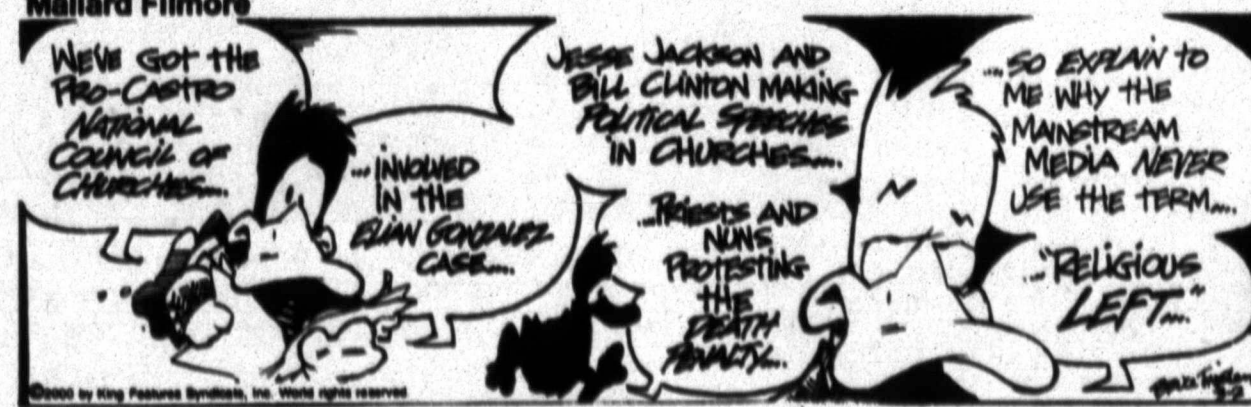
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SPORTS

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TRACK

PAMPA — Workers are needed for the Top Of Texas Invitational Track meet Saturday at Randy Matson Field.

Interested persons are urged to call the PHS athletic office at 669-4830.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa shut out Caprock 1-0 in a District 3-4A girls' soccer match Tuesday at Harvester Field.

The only goal was scored by Danielle Martinez in the first half.

Outstanding defense by Allison Earl, Mary Grace Fields, Sabrina Johnson and Samantha Ford helped preserve the shutout.

The win gave the Lady Harvesters a solid hold on third place in district with a 5-2 record.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — David Wall scored 20 points — including four 3-pointers — to help Southern Mississippi overcome a first-half deficit and land a 67-65 victory over Houston Wednesday night.

The Cougars (8-20, 2-13 C-USA) started strong, leading 38-27 in the first half.

But the Golden Eagles (17-10, 7-8) came back in the second half, adding 44 points and improving their field-goal shooting to 54 percent from 37 percent in the first half.

Tobias Brinkley scored two 3-pointers and a total of 14 points for the Golden Eagles. Vandarel Jones had nine rebounds for Southern Mississippi, followed by Carl Henderson and Carlos Booker who each grabbed six.

George Williams led Houston with 17 points. Kenny Younger grabbed nine rebounds for the Cougars.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Tevis Stukes scored 27 points Wednesday night, including a fall-away 3-pointer from the left baseline with 10 seconds left, to lift Baylor to a 67-66 victory over Kansas State Wednesday night.

Before claiming the victory, the Bears (13-13, 4-11 Big 12) had to watch Kansas State's Kelvin Howell shoot two free throws with two seconds left. Howell missed them both but finished with 11 points.

Cortez Groves' jumper gave the Wildcats (9-17, 2-13) a 66-62 advantage with 1:47 left, but Kansas State missed its final three field goals and turned the ball over twice down the stretch.

Jamie Kendrick, who grabbed three rebounds in the last 38 seconds, also made two free throws in that span. He finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

BASEBALL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Atlanta Braves are willing to forgive John Rocker. Can they forget?

Rocker rejoined his teammates at spring training today after an independent arbitrator cut the reliever's suspension in half, ruling he should sit out the first 14 days of the regular season for his offensive statements regarding gays, minorities and foreigners.

Rocker's \$20,000 fine was cut to \$500.

While the decision by baseball's new arbitrator, Shyam Das, brought finality to the disciplinary part of the process, Rocker's toughest task is mending relationships in the clubhouse.

Teammates have grumbled privately that his bombastic, self-centered persona was annoying even before his comments in Sports Illustrated.

"He has to be more mature dealing with certain situations and dealing with his teammates," said outfielder Brian Jordan. "He's got to learn to control his anger."

M.G. Flyers compete in Amarillo meets

AMARILLO — M.G. Flyers all-around team and pre-team participated in the Jamaican Jam meet in Amarillo last month.

Kaylee Greenhouse in Level 5 had a personal best of 7.6 on bars, earning her third place. Kaylee finished second on vault and floor and fourth on beam. She finished second in All-Around with a score of 30.55.

Shannon Clay had a personal best on beam with a 7.7. She earned a yellow ribbon on vault and floor, and a red ribbon on bars and beam. Shelby Clay had a personal best on beam with an 8.65. She earned a yellow ribbon on floor, a red ribbon on vault and a blue ribbon on beam.

Carrie Clay competed in her first Level 6 meet. Carrie finished second on vault and floor, and fourth on bars, beam and All-Around.

The pre-team competed in Level 2 routines. Danielle Zuniga earned two red ribbons, 1 blue ribbon and 1 achievement ribbon. Jessica Palmateer earned 2 white ribbons and 2 red ribbons. Cali Brewer earned 2 achievement ribbons, 1 yellow and 1 white ribbon. Nicole Heersema earned 1 yellow, 1 white, 1 red and 1 blue ribbon. Jenna Munsell earned 2 achievement ribbons, 1 white and 1 blue ribbon. Chaslyn Tull earned 1 achievement, 2 red and 1 blue ribbon. Amanda Trammell earned 2 achievement ribbons and 2 yellow ribbons.

The M.G. Flyers Tramp and Tumbling Team also traveled to Amarillo last month for an invitational and eligibility meet.

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In the 5-6 year-old age division, Jenna Munsell placed second on trampoline and second in tumbling.

In the 7-8 year old division, Breanna Bump placed fifth on trampoline and second in tumbling. Danielle Zuniga placed

seventh on trampoline and 13th in tumbling. Chaslyn Tull was first on trampoline and eighth in tumbling.

In the 9-10 year old division, Shelby Clay placed second on trampoline and fifth in tumbling. Shannon Clay placed third on trampoline and fourth in tumbling.

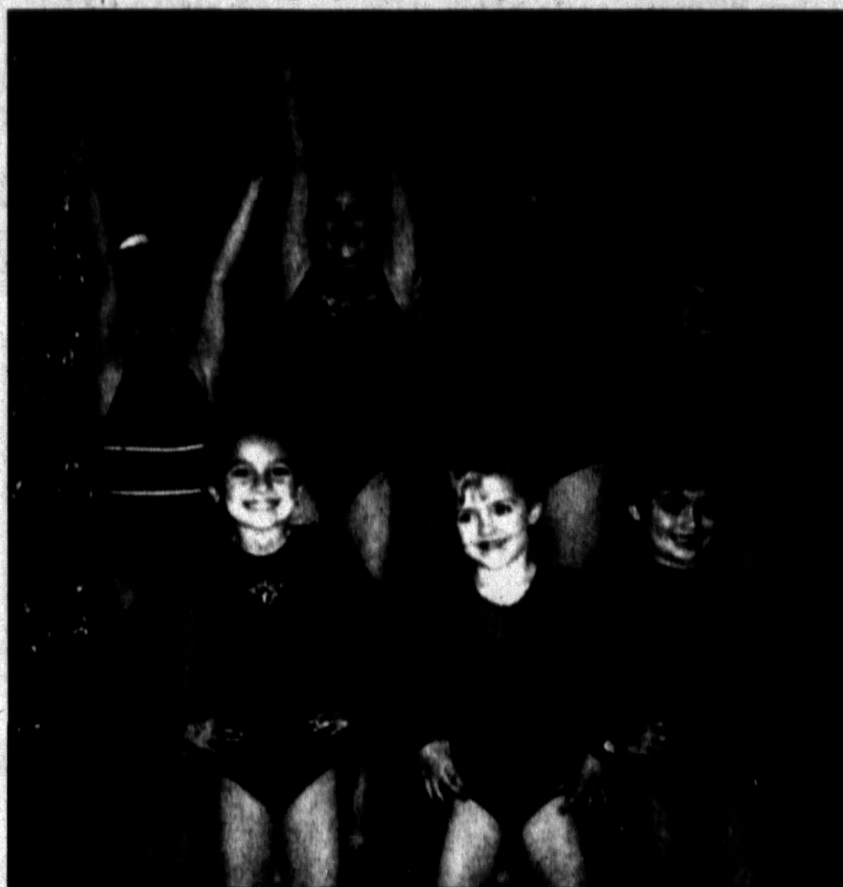
bling.

In the 11-12 age division, Jessica Palmateer placed fourth on trampoline and in tumbling.

In Division Two, 11-12 age division, Nichole Dyer placed third on trampoline and fourth on tumbling. Kaylee Greenhouse placed first on trampoline and

second in tumbling. Carrie Clay placed first on trampoline and third in tumbling.

In the 13 and over division, Kaylie Brewer placed third on trampoline and fourth in tumbling. Staci Clay placed second on trampoline and third in tumbling.



M.G. Flyers team members who participated in the Jamaican Jam meet were (left photo) Chaslyn Tull, Cali Brewer and Danielle Zuniga (front row, l-r); Amanda Trammell, Nicole Heersema, Jessica Palmateer and Jenna Munsell (back row, l-r); (right photo) Shannon Clay and Shelby Clay (front, l-r); Carrie Clay, and Kaylee Greenhouse (back, l-r). Not pictured is Nichole Dyer.



Houston could host 2004 Super Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL official who oversees Super Bowl operations was in Houston Wednesday to check on the city's efforts to land the 2004 game.

Jim Steeg, the league's vice president in charge of special events, reportedly received updates on such things as hotel availability and transportation, according to Houston's KRIV-TV.

Houston NFL team owner Bob McNair said Steeg needs to leave the city with a positive impression.

"It's very important because if he went back with a negative report, it would be that much more difficult for us," McNair told KRIV.

McNair is expected to give a Super Bowl presentation to team owners at an NFL meeting later this month.

In January, researchers reported they found sales data from six Super Bowls contradict the NFL's claim that professional football's premier contest generates more than \$300 million for communities.

Philip Porter, an economic professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa who led the study, said the assumption that football fans add to the tourist base rather than replace it is mainly to blame for the league's inflated claims.

The NFL, its host committee and various tourist officials responded to the study by standing behind the games' promised economic windfall, including putting communities in the media spotlight for awhile.

"What they don't talk about is the publicity value, the fact that the name is in the media," Steeg said at the time.

Meanwhile in Houston, McNair told KRIV he is close to picking a name for the city's new pro football franchise, although final decision won't come until April.

He said the list of finalists includes the Apollos, the Texans, the Stallions, the Wildcatters and the Bobcats.

Pampa wins JV game vs. River Road

PAMPA — Pampa defeated River Road 3-1 in a junior varsity baseball game earlier this week.

Pampa JVs are now 2-1 for the season.

Kyle Francis started on the mound and pitched three innings, giving up only one hit while striking out six and walking five. Shawn Strate pitched the last four inning, giving up two hits while striking out four and not walking a batter.

Pampa had six hits with Mike Galloway, Kevin Schaub, Wes Martin, Antonio Estrada,

Francis and Strate all having one hit each.

"This is the best game we've played yet. Francis and Strate did a great job on the mound with great help from Mike Galloway, the catcher. Adam Wright did a outstanding job at third," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Others who played outstanding defense were Vivian Botello, Evan Miller, Francis and Strate.

Pampa JV and Guymon JV play a Saturday doubleheader at Guymon, Okla.

Young scores 36 in final home contest

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Iowa State clinched at least a share of its first conference title in 55 years with an 87-79 victory over Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

The 10th-ranked Cyclones, who went 15-15 last season, can finish no worse than tied for first in the Big 12 and they can win it outright with a win over Baylor on Saturday.

"We don't want to share it," Cyclones guard Stevie Johnson said of the school's first title since winning the Big Six in 1945.

"It's really one of the stories of the decade," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "I don't know that people understand all that this group has done."

"It's quite a feat for a team that was struggling all of last season."

Marcus Fizer had 35 points for the Cyclones (25-4, 13-2), who hold a one-game lead over Texas and Oklahoma State in the Big 12.

Iowa State trailed 64-61 when it went on an 11-0 run.

Michael Nurse hit a 3-pointer with 6:35 to play to tie the game 64-64 and Iowa

State took the lead for good on an inside basket by Steve Johnson with 6:06 left. Fizer's tip-in with 4:50 capped the run and gave the Cyclones their biggest lead, 72-64.

James Ware's 3-pointer with 2:16 left brought the Red Raiders (12-14, 3-12) within 76-73, but Fizer and Johnson both scored to make it 80-73.

Iowa State made seven free throws over the final 30 seconds to seal the win and a part of the Big 12 title.

"It feels really good," Fizer said. "I haven't really sat down and thought about it and celebrated it too much because it's not over. It's not outright — not yet."

Johnson finished with 19 points, while Nurse had 13 and Jamaal Tinsley 10 for the Cyclones.

Rayford Young led Tech with 36 points on 13-for-21 shooting, including 3-for-6 from 3-point range, and had seven assists.

"I wanted to put the game on my shoulder like I did against Kansas," Young said.

"But I went cold in the second half and Fizer put it to us."



The Pampa High girls golf team will be looking to make their third consecutive trip to the state tournament this spring. Team members are (front row, l-r) Cortnie Allison, Stephanie Harwood, Courtney Locknane; (back row, from left) Maggie Cowan and Annie Sims.

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Opera star, WT Chorale to perform in Pampa

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Chorale and Artist-in-Residence Mary Jane Johnson will be touring the panhandle in area schools and communities March 7-9.

"Being able to perform for area students allows us to recruit for upcoming years and lets the students see what an excellent music department we have," Dr. George Biffle, associate professor of music and director of WT Chorale, said. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for panhandle citizens to hear Mary Jane Johnson and WT Chorale."

The WT Chorale will perform at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 8 at Borger High School in Borger followed by a 12:30 p.m. performance at Pampa High School and an 8 p.m. concert at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The evening performance is open to the public free of charge. The tour will also include performances in Hereford and Plainview, March 7; and Perryton, Dumas and Clarendon, March 9.

The program will consist of sacred literature such as Tomas Vittoria's "Vere languores" with references from Isaiah 53:4 and Russell Woolen's "Improperium, Op. 35" from Psalm 69:21-22. Other choral pieces will include selections from John Paynter, John

Rutter, Howard Hanson and Arthur Frackenpohl.

Johnson will sing one opera selection for chorus and soprano. Johnson, who earned her master's degree from WTAMU, is considered a great dramatic soprano and is one of the opera's premier interpreters.

She was discovered during the finals of the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition in 1981. The prize, a performance with Pavarotti, led her to a career that has taken her to stages and opera houses across the world. Her career highlights include the role of Emilia Marty in Janacek's "The Makropoulos Case" which she sang at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, Lady Macbeth in Verdi's "Macbeth" as well as Katarina Ismailova in Shostakovich's "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk," which she performed at the Opera Bastille of Paris.

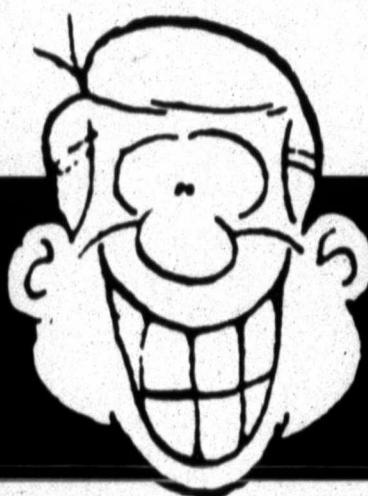
The WT Chorale annually tours areas of the Southwest, and in the past has toured Western and Eastern Europe. Additionally, the group has presented several performances for the vocal division of the Texas Music Educators Association Convention and performed at both regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association.

CCPC Open House



Involved in one of many planning sessions are Steven Auffill, left, and Mike Briggs, third from left, both representatives of BGR Architects-Engineers, Inc., of Lubbock. Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, CC interim president, and Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of CCPC. Standing in back is Don Lane, chairman of Pampa Center Foundation Board. Clarendon College-Pampa Center will hold an open house from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at its new campus, 1607 W. Kentucky.

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Child shooter says he meant to scare girl

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — By all accounts, it was an appalling home for a child.

The 6-year-old boy accused of taking a handgun to school and killing a first-grade classmate lived in a ramshackle house, surrounded by strangers, crime and drugs. His father was in jail and his mother lived somewhere else.

Police said the loaded gun was picked up by the boy in a bedroom.

The boy told police that Tuesday's shooting of 6-year-old

Kayla Rolland was an accident and that he had only been trying to scare the girl, prosecutor Arthur Busch said.

The shooting, and a rampage Wednesday outside Pittsburgh, prompted a renewed call for gun safety legislation today by President Clinton. Clinton said he hoped to meet with House and Senate leaders next week to push for two bills he says are stalled in Congress.

The boy and his two siblings were placed by court order in the custody of a maternal aunt. At the hearing, the boy's mother, Tamarla Owens, wept and his father apologized for Tuesday's shooting.

"I feel bad for the other family. I wish it would've never have happened," said Dedric Owens, jailed on a parole violation related to 1995 drug and burglary charges.

In an interview broadcast today on ABC's "Good Morning America," Owens said he and his son shouldn't be held responsible.

"The only thing I feel responsible for is not being there in his life like I'm supposed to be like a father, every day," Owens said. "Whoever was living in that house and had those guns in the house should be responsible for the shooting. I do know one thing, once I get out of here and get my head straight, I will try to get help for my son."

According to authorities, Owens said his son had been suspended before for fighting, and once for stabbing a girl with a pencil.

Sheriff Robert Pickell said Owens had told authorities his son liked violent movies and television shows. The sheriff said Owens told him that when he asked his son why he fought with other children, the boy "told him that he hated them."

The boy is too young to understand what he was doing, Busch said, and probably won't be charged.

Authorities vowed to pursue criminal charges against adults who gave the boy access to the .32-caliber semiautomatic handgun he used to shoot Kayla. A day earlier, the two apparently scuffled on the playground at Buell Elementary School.

Classes were canceled for a second straight day today.

Kayla's family is considering a lawsuit against school officials, said Geoffrey Fieger, Jack Kevorkian's former lawyer. Fieger said Kayla's father, Rick Rolland, contacted him about the possibility.

At a school board meeting Wednesday night, some parents asked the school district to install metal detectors, security cameras and teachers' aides in every classroom.

They also asked Superintendent Ira Rutherford what the district could have done to prevent the shooting.

"If there was a simple answer, we would have done it 20 years ago. We've agonized about this," Rutherford told the 150 people at the meeting. He didn't say whether the district would install metal detectors.

"No one had even conceived of metal detectors in elementary schools before now," Rutherford said. "Sometimes we have to do things to make people feel safe."

The boy and his 8-year-old brother had been staying at the home for about two weeks with their mother's brother after she was evicted from her home, Busch said. It was unclear where the boys' 5-year-old sister had been staying.

The home was described as a "flop house" by Busch. The boy's father told authorities that people at the home traded crack cocaine for guns.

Investigators have recovered a stolen 12-gauge shotgun and drugs from the house, the prosecutor said.

Police arrested the boy's uncle, Sirmarcus B. Winfrey, late Tuesday on an outstanding felony warrant, Busch said.

A second man, who authorities believe once had the gun used in the shooting, surrendered Wednesday. The man, Jamelle James, was jailed on outstanding warrants and "miscellaneous charges," Busch said.

On NBC's "Today," Clinton said legislation calling for trigger locks and technology for so-called smart guns, which fire only when held by their owners, have languished in Congress for eight months. Clinton said he hoped to meet with leaders from both houses next week to break through the "log-jam."

"I don't think most Americans have any idea what a stranglehold the NRA has on Congress," Clinton said.

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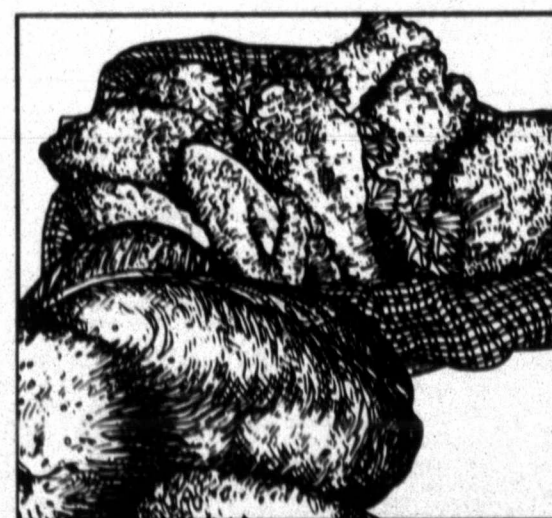
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