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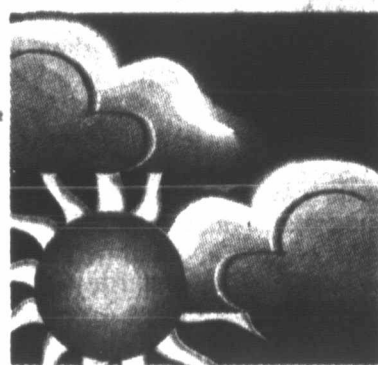
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Low tonight 40.
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PAMPA — Precinct One Justice of the Peace Bob Munn suffered a heart attack about 10 this morning. According to a spokesperson in Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge's office, Munn came into her office and asked for help. An ambulance was called and Munn was taken to Columbia Medical Center. He was admitted to ICU where he is listed in stable condition.

PAMPA — A motor home seized by law enforcement officials was auctioned off today for \$17,500.

Gray County officials said Jerry Noel of Pampa won the bidding for the 1989 motor home auctioned off on the steps of the Gray County Courthouse.

The motor home was seized after Department of Public Service troopers stopped it on Interstate 40 and discovered about 600 pounds of marijuana stashed under the bed in the back bedroom of the vehicle.

AUSTIN (AP) — Just more than 3,500 people died on Texas roadways in 1997, a drop of 6.3 percent from 1996, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported Tuesday.

According to preliminary figures, 3,502 people died in traffic wrecks last year, the department said. A total of 3,738 people died on Texas roads in 1996.

"Texas drivers can save even more lives in 1998 by wearing their seat belts, minding their speed and letting someone else drive when they've been drinking," said Col. Dudley Thomas, DPS director.

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Pathologist testifies baby was murdered

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A forensic pathologist this morning said in his opinion 6-month-old Amber Raye Hall was murdered.

Dr. Sparks Veasey took the stand shortly before noon today in the trial of Larry Edward Sloan, accused of murder in the death of the infant. Veasey said the cause of death for the little girl was blunt trauma to the head.

"I believe the manner of death was homicide," Veasey said.

Amber Raye Hall, the infant daughter of Sloan's girlfriend, died March 6, 1990, of head injuries. Sloan was indicted in 1996 after the 31st District Attorney's office reviewed the case.

Veasey said he autopsied the Hall baby after it was exhumed from its unmarked grave at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa in March, 1996. Veasey said he began his investigation after being asked to look at evidence in the case by District Attorney John Mann.

Potter County Justice of the

Peace Haven Dysart testified earlier this morning that he, acting as coroner, ordered an autopsy at the time of the child's death. Although the autopsy, performed by then pathologist Ralph Erdmann indicated death was caused by a blow to the head and was an apparently accidental, Dysart said he kept the investigation open because of what he had been told by law enforcement officers surrounding the circumstances of the child's death.

In other testimony this morning, Dr. Nam K. Lee, a physician

at the Pampa hospital's emergency room when Amber Raye Hall was brought in, told the jury because of the head injuries the infant suffered, he sent her to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Dysart said he was called to the hospital when the child died. Acting as coroner, Dysart signed the child's death certificate.

A four-man, eight-woman jury was selected shortly after noon Monday in Judge Lee Waters 223rd District Court. Testimony began Monday afternoon with former Pampa police officer

Mike Brown telling the jury that Sloan was alone in the house at the time the baby was injured. Brown testified that at the Pampa hospital emergency room, Sloan said he was holding the baby on his hip when the baby squirmed out of his control and fell, hitting her head.

Dee Barker, a nurse in 1990, said Sloan brought the baby to the emergency room late in the afternoon of March 6, 1990. She said the injuries to the back of the infant's head made the head feel like mush.

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Lightning fires burn grassland

More than 120 firefighters battled for about 12 hours before containing a grass fire early today that burned 10,000 acres in several counties, said Skellytown Fire Chief Guy McKissick.

In all, there were 14 separate fires sparked by lightning with the first blaze coming at 1:38 p.m. yesterday on the Brainard Ranch where 8,000 acres of grassland burned from the ranch's west camp house to the east camp house, McKissick said.

And while no structures were damaged, two Canadian firefighters suffered minor injuries when their fire truck wrecked and rolled over after a tire blew out, the chief said. Both men were treated at a hospital for their injuries and released.

"I don't know how they did it, but firefighters from the Sweetwater Creek Firefighter's

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'Pot' bust yields 200 lbs., arrest

A routine speeding stop last night landed a New Mexico trucker in jail and his truck in the hands of the law.

The trucker, Richard Carver, 51, of Los Cruces N.M. was stopped for speeding at 8:20 p.m. Monday, about two miles east of Shamrock by 20-year veteran trooper, Kevin King. King is attached to the license

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Crews with Pampa's Parks Department are busy this week working on the downtown construction of von Brunow Park.

Donations critical to park

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The warming sun and cool springtime breeze has brought continued construction to the Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park downtown at Cuyler and Foster.

The park is a "non-funded project," (as far as the city is concerned) said Parks Department Director Reed Kirkpatrick.

Area donations are crucial to the project's success, he said.

A \$1,000 donation from the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art was secured for

Parks Department Director Reed Kirkpatrick said the completion of the park is determined upon the availability of funding.

the park's sidewalks yesterday morning, said Kirkpatrick, and the McCarley Foundation has already given \$5,000 toward the project.

"We've done the layout of the park. We have excavated where the sidewalks will be constructed and placed sand there," Kirkpatrick said.

A statue entitled, "The Grandfather's

Vision," by Gerald Sanders is completed and should be put out within the next few weeks, he said.

"We're going to lay concrete and settle the area for the statue hopefully within the next month," said Kirkpatrick.

The finish date for the park is not, however, set in concrete.

Kirkpatrick said the completion of the park is determined upon the availability of funding.

"But we're well underway and the public is going to see some good progress in the next few weeks," he said.

Quite frankly... Do you prefer Daylight Savings Time or Standard Time?



"I like Daylight Savings Time because there's more light in the evenings for activities."

— Jonathan Smith



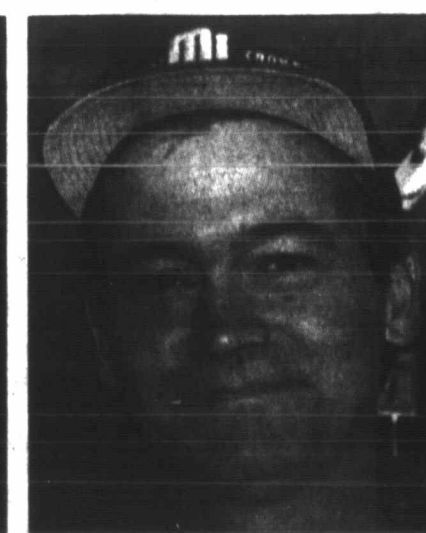
"I like Daylight Savings Time because it gives more time for fishing and camping."

— Debbie Fisher



"I think they should leave it alone. It's too hard to make changes."

— Sherry Davis



"I don't like Daylight Savings Time. I missed church."

— Royce Mitchell



"I like regular time. Then you don't have to change clocks."

— Joe Doyle

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Daily Record

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, a free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Each Wednesday at the following times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials such as books, colors, chalk boards, stickers, and much more that will help you get your child ready for school! For more information call Sue Thorton at 669-4700.

Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, 10 to 11 a.m.; 3 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Community Day Care, 1100 Gwendolyn, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

47TH ANNUAL KENTON EASTER PAGEANT

Saturday, April 11, 6 p.m. Mountain time and Sunday, April 12, 6 a.m. Mountain time. Supper will be served: \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. Breakfast will also be served: \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. Located 1 1/2 miles East of Kenton, OK. Follow road signs. Meals will be served at nearby Camp Billy Joew following the two performances. Camper hookups available at Kenton, Camp Billy Joe and Lake Etling.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.82	Chevron	80 3/4	up 5/8
Milo	3.71	Coca-Cola	78 1/4	dn 1
Corn	4.21	Columbia/HCA	32 1/16	dn 1/16
Soybeans	5.64	Enron	46 9/16	up 3/16
		Halliburton	51	dn 15/16
		IRI	11 11/16	up 1/16
		KNE	58 1/8	up 1/8
		Kerr McGee	68 11/16	up 1/16
		Limited	28 13/16	NA
		Mapco	61 1/8	dn 11/16
		McDonald's	78 13/16	up 3/16
		Mobil	29 9/16	NA
		New Atmos	49 7/8	up 1/16
		NCE	74 11/16	dn 5/8
		Pennsey's	30 3/8	up 1/4
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	24 3/8	NA
		SLB	74	dn 3/4
		Tenneco	42 11/16	dn 11/16
		Texaco	62 7/8	up 7/16
		Ultramar	35 1/4	up 3/8
		Wal-Mart	50	306 60
		New York Gold	306 60	
		Silver	6 32	
		West Texas Crude	15 59	

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

Occidental	28 15/16	up 1/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	110 99
Puritan	21 36

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

Ameco	86 11/16	up 5/8
Atco	78 1/8	up 7/8
Cabot	37 5/8	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G	22 7/8	dn 1/16

Correction

Carlos Alberto Regalado lives at 1029 S. Wells rather than the address given yesterday in the police record.

Police report

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

Monday, April 7

Stephanie Winegart, 17, 2119 Lea, was arrested on charges of harboring a runaway.

Lejeanna Lynn King Downs, 18, 1608 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of harboring a runaway.

Vicki Lynne (Treat) Broadstreet, 38, no address given, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

A report of forgery for \$250 was taken at First American Bank.

A report of harassment was taken in the 700 block of Browning.

A report of a stolen 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity was taken in the 800 block of W. Wilks.

A report of two stolen bikes worth \$450 was taken in the 1700 block of Charles.

Accidents

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

Monday, April 7

Vicki Lynne (Treat) Broadstreet, 38, 1205 E. Foster, was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her 1991 Dodge Colt struck the 1985 Pontiac driven by Pauline Sutton Bryant, 80, 2700 N. Hobart, who was sitting at a stop sign at Browning and Somerville. Bryant stated her neck hurt.

Ambulance

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

Monday, April 7

9:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to eight miles north on 282 on Morrison Road on an automobile accident and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

8:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Grape on an assist. No one was transported.

Fires

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

Monday, April 7

2:36 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded two miles south on FM 2300 on a grass fire.

4:05 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Spring Creek Road in Hutchinson County for mutual aid on a grass fire.

11:56 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1700 block of Grape on a smoke scare.

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PATHOLOGIST

It was like overripe bananas to the touch, Barker said. Roxanne Peterson, a social worker at the hospital

in 1990, testified that Sloan told her he was attempting to pick up the baby to feed her, when he lost his balance and dropped the baby.

Both Brown and Peterson testified that Sloan appeared upset and distressed at the baby's injuries.

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and weights division which oversees federal trucking regulations as well as their regular patrol duties.

King said while he was speaking with Carver, "Things just didn't add up, there was some ner-

vousness and conflicting stories."

King asked for permission to search the truck and Carver gave his consent. That was when the trooper found the trailer empty, except for 200 pounds of marijuana. Carver was taken to jail in Shamrock, his rig was seized, along with the money he had. Carver remains in jail awaiting a bond hearing.

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FIRES

Association headed off the fire on a farm road," McKissick said. The road is about 13 miles north of Skellytown.

McKissick expressed fear that another fire could break out as soon as today because "we are in a period of extreme fire danger. There is no humidity and no grain and the grass is overgrown from previous rains."

The chief had much praise for the firefighters, including 11 units from Hudson County, who battled yesterday's blaze saying, "those firefighters are mostly volunteers...they buy their own gear and donate their time."

McKissick and his crew were out only about an hour before reinforcements were called from the

Sweetwater group which, in addition to Skellytown, includes departments from Wheeler, Canadian, Shamrock, Gem City, Brisco, Mobeetie, Miami, McLean, Lefors, White Deer, Pampa and Hoover.

The Sweetwater association also has a mutual aid agreement with the Panhandle Emergency Response System but they were not called to help because "those guys had their hands over there."

Last week, two fires in Fritch and Stinnett were also fought but those fires, unlike yesterday's, are thought to be arson and are still under investigation, McKissick said.

In addition to volunteer firefighters, the chief said the Red Cross disaster truck came to the scene with food and beverage and Texas Forest Service Regional Coordinator Les Rogers also offered assistance.

Odds and ends...

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Well, there are actually five Santa Clauses living in California — and they've got the driver's licenses to prove it.

The information was included in a report critical of the Golden State's permit laws released Monday by a legislative task force.

California is the only state where applicants are allowed to use a fictitious name on their license by filling out a form and paying an extra \$12. There is even one license with the name "Me."

The law also means that fake documents can easily be manufactured for illegal immigrants to establish residency, convicted sex offenders to create new identities or by drunken drivers to keep driving, the report says.

Other oddities: While Social Security numbers must be given by all applicants, none are verified. And though applicants often provide a certified copy of their birth certificates to motor vehicles officials, anyone can get a copy of another person's birth certificate.

A "tamper-proof" license to be introduced by the end of the year could help. The new licenses will include instant photo images and thumbprints.

BOSTON (AP) — The IRS claims Graham Knowland hasn't paid his 1996 taxes. The 45-year-old state employee insists that he has — and

even offers the canceled check to the IRS to prove it.

Tough, the IRS says.

The Internal Revenue Service has labeled Knowland a tax evader even though he's shown the agency the check he wrote for \$2,600.

"This really floored me," Knowland said. "I have paid this tax in good faith, the government deposited my check and has now lost the money."

IRS spokeswoman Diane Stackhouse confirmed that her agency received Knowland's \$2,600 check and deposited it at Mellon Bank. But she said that Knowland's financial institution, BankBoston, "paid it out to someone else."

BankBoston spokesperson Bruce Spitzer said HIS records show the check went to Mellon and was cashed. "It would be beyond BankBoston's control, he said, if Mellon failed to put the money in the IRS account."

Still, the IRS is holding Knowland responsible for getting to the bottom of the mess.

"I asked the woman from the IRS, 'You want me to find the money?'" he said, "and she replied, 'Yes, that's about it.'"

Mellon Bank officials said they didn't have enough information to comment Monday on the missing money.

Knowland said he hoped things are sorted out by tax day, April 15

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, sunny with a high of 68 and a northwest wind of 25 mph or more. Tonight, fair, with a low of 40 and a southwest wind of 5 to 10 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 70 and a westerly wind of 10 to 20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low 35 to 40. West to northwest wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains —

Tonight, clear, breezy in the evening. Lows from the upper 30s to the mid 40s. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs from the upper 60s to mid 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear, breezy in the evening. Lows 40-50. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs from the mid 70s to around 80.

Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear, breezy in the evening. Lows 48-55. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs 78-84. Far West Texas —

Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear, breezy in the evening. Lows from the mid 30s to near 50. Wednesday, sunny. Highs from near 60 Guadalupe Mountains to the mid 80s along the river.

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NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, mostly clear with low clouds developing east late. Lows 50 west to 59 southeast. Wednesday, morning low clouds east, then partly cloudy. Sunny and windy elsewhere. Highs 78 to 83.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows near 60, near 50 Hill Country. Wednesday, early morning clouds becoming sunny during the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s east to upper 80s west.

Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s inland to upper 60s coast. Wednesday,

partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s inland to upper 70s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with patchy fog devel-

oping over the coastal bend. Lows in the upper 60s coast to the mid 60s inland. Wednesday, early morning clouds becoming partly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs near 80 coast to the mid 80s inland, upper 80s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Wind advisory today southern desert, south central mountains and far southeast plains. Tonight, variably cloudy with a chance for showers and high mountain snow showers northwest third. Fair to partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows upper teens to low 30s mountains and northwest half, 30s to low 40s east and south. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance for showers and high mountain snow showers north. Fair to partly cloudy elsewhere. Breezy to windy. Highs mid 40s to 50s mountains and northwest, 60s to mid 70s east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s to upper 40s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers northern and central Oklahoma. Highs in the 60s to lower 70s.

Small pickups fare poorly in low-speed crash tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pickup trucks have the image of being rugged and dependable, but a study released today has found that some small pickups are also susceptible to sizable damage in 5 mph crash tests.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that the Toyota Tacoma, little brother to Toyota's T-100 full-size truck, sustained \$4,361 in damages over four tests. They included driving forward and backwards into a flat barrier, forward into an angled barrier and back-

wards into a pole. Even the best of the five small pickups tested, the Chevrolet S-10 LS, sustained \$2,246 in damage. The other trucks tested were the Ford Ranger XLT (\$2,952 in total damages), the Dodge Dakota Sport (\$3,863) and the Nissan Frontier XE (\$3,867).

The institute, which is sponsored by the insurance industry, said the trucks sustained the damage because most are equipped with rigid bumpers. Cars have bumpers that contain

energy-absorbing materials such as foam.

"People may think that pickup trucks are tough. But they quickly find out this isn't true when they bump into something at a slow speed and then have to shell out thousands of dollars to repair the damage," said Adrian Lund, the institute's senior vice president.

A General Motors spokesman took issue with the tests, noting they were conducted at 5 mph when the current bumper safety standard is 2.5 mph.

Pediatricians: Parents should spare rod when punishing kids

By JOAN KIRCHNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — When children get out of hand, parents should refrain from raising theirs and instead try positive reinforcement and "time-outs," a national group of pediatricians suggests.

Spanking teaches children aggression and is no more effective than other forms of punishment, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in this month's issue of its magazine, Pediatrics.

When parents must punish, nonphysical methods such as imposing a "time-out" or taking away privileges are better alternatives than spanking, Dr. Mark L. Wolraich, who headed a committee that worked on the academy's recommendations, said Monday.

The 53,000-member academy acknowledged it doesn't expect to eliminate the popular punishment overnight. About 90 percent of U.S. parents spank and 59 percent of pediatricians said they support the practice, according to a 1992 survey.

The academy is now conducting a new survey of pediatricians, but has set no date for releasing the results.

"We would rather have pediatricians teach parents more effective techniques rather than teaching them how to be better spankers," Wolraich said.

The academy said effective discipline has three

crucial components: A supportive, loving relationship between parent and child; use of positive reinforcement when children behave well; and use of punishment when children misbehave.

"Discipline is not just punishment," Wolraich said.

The position against spanking follows similar recommendations from other groups that study child behavior, though in 1983, the academy took a vaguer position on spanking, suggesting alternatives without opposing it.

Researchers wrote in the August issue of the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine that spanking is linked with aggression and makes children behave even worse.

Parents typically turn to spanking when they're angry, "giving the message that a way to resolve anger is physically," Wolraich said.

Also, most parents eventually have to find an alternative to spanking anyway, once their children get older and the practice loses its effectiveness.

If parents must spank, the academy recommends using it selectively. Frequent spankings become increasingly less effective and require the parent to spank harder and harder to get the message across, Wolraich said.

"We don't want to imply that just because a parent spansks their child they are necessarily bad," Wolraich said.

City briefs

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Teacher of the Year



Sandra Owen was nominated and chosen by her peers to be Travis' nominee for Teacher of the Year. She was honored with a dinner and presented with a bouquet of roses at the Teacher of the Year Ceremony. Her fellow nominees, Donna Turner and Mary Lou Lane were also honored at the ceremony.



(Special photo)

Rugby dispute shows challenge of racial unity in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandela once hoped the sport of rugby could be integrated in South Africa's transition to racial equality. But barriers to black athletes have become a major political conflict.

Mandela wore a Springbok jersey to the 1995 World Cup final in Johannesburg in a gesture of reconciliation with a sport that long symbolized apartheid. Fielding a team with one mixed-race player, South Africa won the championship, setting off joyous street celebrations.

"Leaving the office, I wept when I saw South Africans of all races waving South African flags and saw quickly made posters draped from office windows," columnist Charlene Smith recalled in The Star, a Johannesburg daily. "This was what we had waited for all our lives, a sense of unity as South Africans."

Three years later, rugby is still dominated by whites, and Mandela recently had to testify in a court challenge brought by rugby administrators who are resisting efforts

to open up the sport to blacks. In response, South African sports officials loyal to Mandela have ordered the entire rugby leadership to resign by Saturday.

... the National Sports Council has threatened to strip South Africa's rugby team of its beloved symbol — the Springbok, a graceful gazelle — on grounds that it symbolizes the discredited old order.

or face cancellation of international matches.

Furthermore, the National Sports Council has threatened to strip South Africa's rugby team of its beloved symbol — the Springbok, a graceful gazelle — on grounds that it symbolizes the discredited old order.

Rugby's major commercial backers, ranging from a cable

television channel to a cigarette manufacturer and a sports shoe company, have hinted they might withdraw financial support if the rugby leadership doesn't step down.

The rugby dispute is serious enough to be an issue in next year's national elections.

The South African Rugby Football Union is comprised mostly of descendants of the Afrikaner white settlers who dominated South Africa under apartheid. It is led by Louis Luyt, a former player.

Many South Africans are hoping the uproar can be defused if Luyt agrees to step aside at a meeting today of the rugby federation and the National Sports Council.

The dispute illustrates still-unresolved tensions in South Africa over the transition to black majority rule. Many Afrikaners resist changes out of fear of losing their status and culture.

Rugby is perhaps the last national institution still under total Afrikaner control. Supremacy in the rugged sport is a matter of pride for Afrikaners, who consider them-

selves the world's best players.

Sports officials appointed by Mandela's government say change in the sport is past due. They want to install administrators who will allow blacks to be trained as youngsters and groomed for the national team.

Mandela supported the Springbok emblem for rugby when apartheid ended, even when other sports dropped it as a symbol.

In return, he expected rugby leaders to deliver on promises to integrate the sport — promises that proved empty.

Another move that caused anger was the axing of captain Francois Pienaar, the white player most associated with Mandela's drive to change rugby, after South Africa lost a home series to New Zealand in 1996.

Chester Williams, the one mixed-race player on the 1995 World Cup team, later injured his knee and has failed to make a comeback to the national squad.

USDA task force to visit area, hold meetings at Amarillo

AMARILLO — A U.S. Department of Agriculture task force that looks at the relationship between agricultural production and air quality will meet from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, and Thursday, April 9, at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West. All meetings will be open to the public.

Three task force appointees are from Texas — Texas A&M's John M. Sweeten of Amarillo and Calvin B. Parnell of College Station, both agricultural engineers, and Victor S. Chavez, a physician and owner of Minor

Burning body identified as 15-year-old boy

DALLAS (AP) — A witness told police that a 15-year-old boy pleaded, "Please don't shoot me, please don't shoot" as he was abducted from his Dallas residence.

Kaufman County Sheriff Robert Harris said the body of Juan Colunga was found in a wooded area about 40 miles southeast of Dallas on Friday, near the towns of Kaufman and Kemp.

Colunga had been shot about a dozen times, doused with gasoline and set on fire.

Police said Monday they had made no arrests and had no suspects.

The youth was last reported seen about three hours earlier. A witness said a man walked up to the house, grabbed him by the arm and pointed a gun to his head as they walked away.

Former aide speaks out about Clinton-Lewinsky

HOUSTON (AP) — If President Clinton could easily explain his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, he would do so, a former aide to the president says.

"I think if there were a wholly innocent explanation, (Clinton) would have said it," George Stephanopoulos said Monday.

Stephanopoulos also said that if Clinton did "what everyone said he did" concerning Ms. Lewinsky, "he was reckless."

He made the remarks while appearing at a "debate" with William Bennett, former education secretary and drug czar under Presidents Reagan and Bush.

American Legion hall used for capital murder trial

LLANO, Texas (AP) — They don't usually hold capital murder trials in American Legion halls and politicians for state office usually don't go around handing out campaign cards to potential jurors.

But Monday was an unusual day as the trial of Bobby Wayne Woods of Granbury got under way.

Local officials moved the jury selection phase of the trial to the Llano American Legion Post

because the town's courtroom isn't large enough to accommodate the more than 280 prospective jurors.

Woods is charged in the abduction and slaying last April of 11-year-old Sarah Patterson of Granbury. His trial was moved to Llano, 65 miles northwest of Austin, because of extensive publicity about the case in North Texas.

Prosecutors say that despite Woods' innocent plea, they have a statement in which he admitted going to the Patterson home last April 30 and abducting Sarah and her younger brother, Cody.

U.S. drug czar praises Mexico's cooperation

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Clinton's top adviser on drug policy praised Mexican law enforcers for turning up the heat on traffickers, crediting them indirectly for the death of cocaine kingpin Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

"I would suggest that Mexican law enforcement has made some surprising successes," said Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who was in Mexico City on Monday for a high-level meeting of U.S. and Mexican officials seeking to coordinate their strategy for fighting drugs.

"They drove Amado Carrillo Fuentes to his grave," McCaffrey said of the head of the Juarez cartel, who died last July after undergoing plastic surgery to change his appearance.

"They had him running all over the world, trying to hide his money and his organization," the retired general told reporters.

Senate panel hears testimony on sexual predators

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas' parole board chief says he's never felt so powerless as when confronted with the imminent release from prison of a child molester who had promised to attack again — this time, to kill his victim.

"He presented a crisis for us," Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, told a senate committee Monday, talking about the case two years ago of convict Larry Don McQuay.

McQuay, who claims to have molested more than 200 children, told parole officials that if freed, he would kill his victim to keep the child from testifying against him.

"In that case we explored civil commitment, but at that time, we knew there was no alternative way. And we learned some hard lessons."

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CLARENDON — Come and relive the memories of Rydell High School with Clarendon College's production of "Grease." To celebrate "Grease's" 20th anniversary, Clarendon College will offer three performances of the play — April 16, 17 and 18. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium, on the campus of Clarendon College.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults; \$2 for students and children; and \$2 for Clarendon College students with Clarendon College student ID. Reservations are strongly encouraged, according to Director Dennis McMenamy.

"Due to the popularity of this play, and of course the movie, we are expecting to perform to a full house on all three nights," McMenamy said.

"Grease" depicts the 1950s high school romance of bad-boy Danny and the straight-laced Australian transfer student Sandy. The couple struggles to stay together despite the differences in their backgrounds and choice of friends. Danny is a member of the all-tough Thunderbirds gang and Sandy eventually becomes a member of the female Pink Ladies clique. Audiences members

will enjoy the cast of colorful characters such as Frenchy, the beauty school dropout, Rizzo, the leader of Pink Ladies and Johnny the Teen Angel.

Clay Stewart of Memphis will play Danny while Wellington's Renee Stubbs will star as Sandy. Holly Jasper of McLean will depict Rizzo, Staci Ward of Memphis will be Frenchy and Channing's Donna Davis will play Jan.

Other cast members include: Lachell Todd, Memphis, as Marty; Rodney McQueen, Memphis, as Kenickie; Brian Ward, Memphis, as Doody; Phillip Brown, Austin, as Roger; Jody McQueen, Memphis, as Sonny; and Doug Stewart, Memphis, as Johnny — Teen Angel.

Additional cast members are David Ward, Hedley, as Vince; Laura Hengy, Kaufman, as Patty; Brandi Kerzee, Hutto, as Cha-Cha; Katy Knoll, Blanco, as Miss Lynch; and Blake Bass, Clarendon, as Eugene.

Tickets for "Grease" are available in advance by calling Clarendon College's Fine Arts Division at (806) 874-3571, Monday-Friday. For more information, please call CC's Fine Arts Division at (806) 874-3571.

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Sen. Hutchison

Avoiding further bog downs in the Balkins

In November 1995, as Congress was debating the president's decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott warned that, should Congress fail to support that decision, the conflict "could all too easily spread well beyond Bosnia."

Talbott's particular concern was the southern Yugoslav province of Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians making up 90 percent of the population are repressed by the Serb government in Belgrade. Recent fighting in Kosovo would seem to validate the doomsday scenario.

Unfortunately, the fighting has occurred not because we didn't send troops to Bosnia, but in spite of the fact that we did. It appears, however, that this subtlety may have been lost on the administration. In trying to rally the allies, Secretary Albright has warned that, "[t]he only effective way to stop violence ... is to act with firmness, unity and speed ... The time to stop the killing is now, before it spreads." It is the same argument that was made to justify our troop commitment to Bosnia.

The administration's response to the crisis has been consistent with the Clinton Doctrine for American leadership. As seen in Haiti and Somalia before, this doctrine calls for decisive action with overwhelming American force where our national security interests are poorly defined, or non-existent. In contrast, where a clear threat to long-standing U.S. interests is posed, such as North Korea's development of nuclear weapons or Saddam Hussein's saber-rattling, the doctrine says to cut a deal and declare victory, preferably with United Nations help.

The Kosovo crisis is a microcosm of the racial, ethnic and religious tensions that were unleashed in the Balkans at the end of the Cold War. Since 1981, the Albanian majority in Kosovo has sought independence or autonomy. In the meantime, Albanians in Kosovo have boycotted all the institutions of the Serbian state, including local and national elections. For his part, Serb President Milosevic has brutally repressed the Albanians. The Albanians have countered violence with violence, directed by an underground faction called the Kosovo Liberation Army.

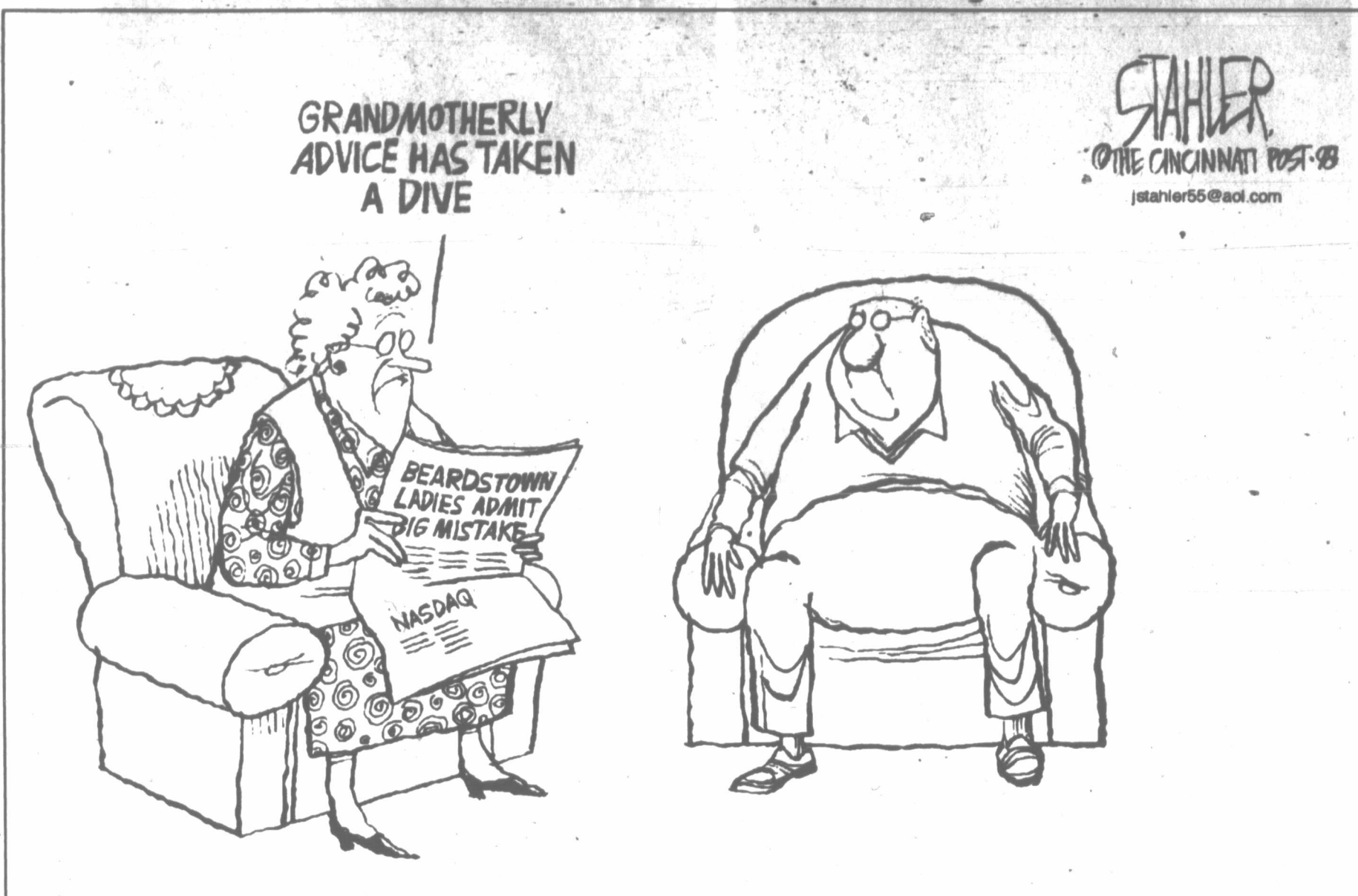
If this story has a familiar ring to it, it should. It was Bosnia's declaration of independence that led to four bloody years of war and the involvement of 20,000 U.S. troops. Again, America finds itself serving the purposes of the most unsavory elements in an ethnic crisis. We are trying to find an acceptable center between Serb strongman Milosevic on one side and a violent insurgency group — the KLA — on the other. In the meantime, ordinary people in Kosovo, both Albanian and Serb, suffer.

Rather than making clear to our allies and to the belligerents themselves the limits of American involvement, Secretary Albright's comments hold out the prospect for greater involvement. In Bosnia, this became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

We must resist this in Kosovo. There is no reasonable number of American ground troops that can end this crisis. We can contain it, though, first by making clear to our NATO allies that we will not accept their involvement as belligerents. This is important because of the subsidiary interests of both Greece and Turkey in the southern Balkans. At the same time, we should make it clear to our other European allies that they have the means and the interest in resolving this crisis themselves.

The United States can and should provide a great deal of support, including airlift, intelligence and, most importantly, diplomatic good offices. But under no circumstances should we hold out the prospect of additional U.S. ground troops. In fact, we should use the opportunity to reconvene the parties to the Dayton Accords, expand the agenda to include the troubles in Kosovo, and revise the partitions already established in Dayton to permit an early American withdrawal.

Maintaining an open-ended troop commitment in Bosnia — and beginning a new one in Kosovo — will further deteriorate our ability to defend national security interests elsewhere, where no other power can lead. If we are not careful, we could find ourselves not only failing to reduce our presence in the Balkans, but increasing it dramatically. Congress should insist that the United States not add Kosovo to the long list of far-off places where American forces are stationed but which few Americans could find on a map.



Victim rights: Right for America

This month Texas and the rest of the nation will honor those who serve victims of crime. During the week of April 19-25, the 18th annual National Crime Victims Rights Week, we will celebrate the achievements of crime victim advocates and reflect upon the need to continue promoting victim rights.

This year's theme, "Victim Rights: Right for America," emphasizes that crime victims have specific legal rights and that these rights benefit every citizen, of every race, creed, age and gender, and from every walk of life.

At the Office of the Attorney General, it is our privilege to administer the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Through this fund, victims of violent crime can receive financial assistance to help with hospital bills, counseling, and other expenses not covered by insurance or other resources.

We are proud to be a part of the victim assistance community, and look forward to celebrating National Crime Victim Rights Week. Over 10,000 victim service and allied professional organizations will participate in public events designed to focus national attention on the needs and rights of individuals and communities hurt by crime.

Here in Texas, the commemoration will begin on the steps of the State Capitol on April 19 and ripple outwards through communities large and small. Check with local groups and discover what your community is doing for Crime Victim Rights Week.



Dan Morales

Attorney General for the State of Texas

More than two decades after the genesis of America's victims' rights movement, victims' voices are being heard loud and clear as never before. To date, 29 states, including Texas, have passed state-level constitutional amendments establishing the rights of crime victims.

Crime victims in Texas have a right to be protected from further harm or threats as a result of their cooperation with prosecutors. They have a right to a separate and secure waiting area when they must testify at trial, and it is their right to have their safety considered in the setting of bail.

Crime victims have a right to information about relevant court proceedings, about a defendant's right to bail, and about the procedures in a criminal investigation. They have a right to be provided information about the parole process and to be notified of the offender's release.

A crime victim also has the right to inform the court about the impact of the crime on his

or her life. This information can be considered at the time of sentencing or parole.

Victims have a right to be present at all court proceedings, subject to the judge's approval, and their employers must be notified if testimony results in absence from work.

Victims of crime also have a right to information about the Crime Victims' Compensation Program. The program is funded by convicted offenders who pay court costs and fines. Recently, Texans have taken the additional step of passing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing that funds intended to benefit victims of crime cannot be used for any other purpose.

Here in Texas, victims have many needs that can be met only through the compassion, understanding and dedication of our communities. Volunteering to assist with victim services is one of the most worthwhile and rewarding experiences anyone can have.

I urge all Texans to become involved. Let us hope that our commemoration this month will honor crime victims and inspire their advocates. It's time we recognize that victim rights are indeed right for America and for Texas.

For more information about victim services in your community, contact your local law enforcement agency or victim assistance coordinator. For more information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program, call the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-983-9933, or visit our home page at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 5, the 95th day of 1998. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 5, 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

On this date:

In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England.

In 1856, black American educator Booker T. Washington was born in Franklin County, Va.

In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Ala.,

teacher Anne Sullivan taught her blind and deaf pupil, Helen Keller, the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

In 1887, British historian Lord Acton wrote, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who

had accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

In 1964, Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur died in Washington at age 84.

Gore not for serious tax reform

Vice President Al Gore says he had a good idea — actually 200 of them — how to make the Internal Revenue Service more taxpayer-friendly. It's in a new 92-page report he released recently titled — what else? — "Reinventing Service at the IRS."

The VP. chose to highlight several proposals that the White House favors — like giving IRS field executives authority to issue one-day emergency tax refunds in hardship cases; further encouraging electronic filing of tax returns; and routing taxpayer telephone calls so they'll be answered faster and more accurately.

And Gore would have the American taxpayers know that these wondrous improvements in IRS service are already underway. Indeed, he noted, electronic filings are up 23 percent over a year ago. Filings by phone are up 25 percent from a year ago. And most impressive of all, said Gore, the geeky VP, "IRS World Wide Web hits" have nearly tripled this year.

But Gore just doesn't get it.

It's nice to be able to get a one-day emergency tax refund — although, why does it have to be an emergency to get back the money the government owes you in a day, or even two or three days? And it's groovy to be able to file your return electronically or telephonically — although most taxpayers just want to get the sucker in by the April 15 deadline, regardless of mode.

But Gore failed to address the four biggest issues that taxpayers have with the federal tax system:

First, the tax code is so complex that it is unfathomable not only to average taxpayers, but also to above-average taxpayers — like those with Ph.D.s in mathematics or Nobel Prizes in economics. This cannot be blamed on the IRS because Congress writes tax law. And just last



Joseph Perkins

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year, lawmakers added 250 new sections for 1998, as well 800 changes to the existing code.

Second, because the code is so complex, taxpayers are forced to spend several billion dollars a year, collectively, to have a "professional" tax preparer tell them how much they owe the IRS. And even then, they cannot be sure that their tax return is correct.

Indeed, Money magazine reported last year that not one of 45 tax professionals could successfully prepare a hypothetical family's return. And only one in four was even \$1,000 within the correct figure.

Third, in the god-awful event that the IRS determines that a taxpayer has underestimated his tax liability, the agency slaps him with usurious interest charges as well as Draconian penalties that can grow to sums larger than the actual tax owed.

Fourth, if the taxpayer cannot pay this bill, which multiplies day by day, he or she often is treated like a criminal by the IRS and subject to all manner of abuse and terror at the hands of the agency's Gestapo-like tax collectors.

So how ought these four tax-system nightmares be reformed?

First, the tax code must be drastically simplified. Indeed, when the federal income tax was enacted in 1913, the code was only 16 pages.

Today, the code is more than 3,000 pages and with IRS regulations, agency rulings and tax court decisions are included, we're talking about another 40,000 pages of addenda.

Republicans have introduced companion bills in the House and Senate to eliminate the entire internal revenue code — that's right — by the last day of 2001. The object is to force Congress and the White House to come up with an infinitely simpler system that will no longer require American families and businesses to spend a collective 10 billion hours year — that's right, too — working on their taxes.

Second, the IRS should behave less like a terrorist agency, using its power (to attach bank accounts and other financial assets, to seize homes, autos and other property, and to garnish wages) to harass and punish taxpayers guilty of honest mistakes, who merely want the same kind of civil treatment from the government's tax collectors that federal law requires of private debt collectors.

The agency took a step in that direction last October when it suspended the use of dollar goals and quotas to rank the effectiveness of its 33 district offices around the country. However, that doesn't mean that the agency's 40,000 tax collectors have suddenly abandoned the aggressive, all-too-often abusive, practices for which the IRS is known and feared by taxpaying Americans.

If Gore were really serious about "reinventing" service at the IRS, about addressing the major, rather than minor, concerns of taxpaying Americans, he might have offered proposals for tax simplification and for protecting taxpayers set upon by the IRS.

But, the VP chose not to address these pertinent issues. He preferred instead to talk about the tax agency's really cool Web site.

Dow closes above 9,000 for first time

CHICAGO (AP) — Many small investors see the high-flying, record-breaking Dow Jones industrial average and begin counting the ways to spend their stock market winnings.

Who's got the blues? Those left on the sidelines during the unprecedented bull run by a lack of money or initiative, wondering whether they've missed a ride on one of the all-time gravy trains.

"It'd sure be nice to have some of that money," said Kwame Banks, 31, operations coordinator for the Philadelphia-based Colours Organization. "But the reason I've never gotten involved is because I never felt I was at a comfort zone to do it."

The Dow, a complicated index based on the prices of 30 blue-chip companies, is the oldest and most widely followed Wall Street indicator. It began the year at 7,908, but by gaining 49.82 points Monday, it stormed to 9,033.23, its first-ever close above 9,000.

The final nudge was Monday's announced merger of Citicorp and

Travelers Group, two financial services companies with surging stock values. At \$82 billion, it would easily be the biggest business deal ever.

"People just feel the general trend for the market will always be up," said Matt Waddell, director of online brokerage ComputEL Securities in San Francisco. "If the market goes down 150 points, people come in looking for bargains, if it goes down 500 points, the same."

The market has been running without a sustained dip since 1990, when the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and worries about the economy sent stocks lower. One thousand dollars invested in the Dow Jones stocks on Oct. 11, 1990 — when the Dow was at 2,365.10 — would be worth \$4,631 today if dividends were reinvested.

But what about the Asian economic crisis? Just three months ago, it turned the stomachs of some market watchers and prompted dire

warnings. And the Dow opened the year with a 4 percent slide.

But the American economy has kept humming along. And with inflation apparently being held at bay, optimistic small investors continued to flood the market with money from their mutual funds, 401(k) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts.

The Investment Company Institute, a mutual fund trade group in Washington, estimated that nearly \$50 billion flowed into mutual funds alone from December through February. Many of these investors are looking to the long term, too — as of 1996, the trade group said more than one-third of fund assets were earmarked for retirement.

Investment banker Sofia Anastopoulos of Chicago sold her stock portfolio in early October, before the market briefly tumbled below 7,000, to make a down payment on a condominium. She now is looking to jump back in.

"People keep saying 'This is incredible. The market's too high,' but it just keeps getting higher and higher," Ms. Anastopoulos said. "I'm looking at buying opportunities, like everybody else today, and plan on letting that money stay there for the ride."

Still, a good portion of the market is waiting for "the other shoe to drop," said investment counselor Marc Pershan of Krantz, Pershan Investor Advocate Service in Northbrook, Ill.

"We have half the people saying they're too late to get into the market and half the people saying they should have gotten out before," he said. "There's a nervousness that things have run up too high, but we're trying to focus people on longer-term trends as opposed to where the market is today."

While the Dow's 14.2 percent gain this year easily outshines what investors can get at the bank, the uncertain ways of the stock market keep many from diving in.

"You have to have that kind of gambling mentality to go there because just like it goes up, it can go right back down," said Banks, the Philadelphia operations coordinator. "When you start to do stocks, you need to be at a point where you don't have to worry too much about what happens with that money."

Said Stuart Plunkett, a 27-year-old attorney in San Francisco: "Yeah, I feel like I'm missing the boat. But I don't have the disposable income right now to invest in the stock market or mutual funds."

"I just hope it's doing as well in a couple of years."

WTAMU Alumni Association appoints coordinator of special programs

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Alumni Association has created a new position, which will be filled by Dallas Fillingim. Fillingim, a December WTAMU graduate, will serve as coordinator of special programs.

"The Alumni Association added 500 new members in 1997," Misty Price, director of alumni relations, said. "The increase in membership gave us the opportunity to add a staff member."

Fillingim, a Briscoe native, received a bachelor's degree in general studies from WTAMU. He is pursuing a master's degree in communications. Fillingim worked on campus for four years with the Division of Student Services and was a resident assistant.

"I fell in love with the students, faculty and staff at WTAMU that surrounded me," he said. "I want to become a role model for students here."

As coordinator of special programs, Fillingim will help maintain and establish communication with WTAMU alumni and current students at the University. He will also help get freshmen involved with the Alumni Association as adviser to a yet-untitled new program.

"More staff means better services," Price said. "We are delighted to have him at the Alumni Association."

For more information, contact Price at (806) 651-2311.

Meredith House



Meredith House residents, Mr. Baker and Mr. Bruce, left, left-right, and Nellie Mae Killebrew, Mrs. Key and Ida Collis, right, I-r, enjoyed an ice cream social recently complete with toppings and conversation.

Nation briefs

California Supreme Court rules against father

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An unmarried man who fathers a child with a married woman has no legal right to a relationship with their child, the California Supreme Court has ruled.

In an opinion supporting the court's 5-2 decision Monday, Justice Joyce Kennard wrote that the Constitution "is not an instrument for disrupting the marital family in order to satisfy the biological father's unilateral desire, however strong, to turn his genetic connection into a personal relationship."

The case began when a woman identified in court as Dawn D. married Frank F. in 1989. They were separated in January 1995, when she began living with Jerry K.

She became pregnant the following month, returned to her husband in April 1995 and gave birth to a son in November.

Jerry went to court in August 1995 to establish a parental relationship and future visitation with the yet-unborn child, and took a parenting class. His attempts to negotiate an agreement with Dawn and Frank on child support and visitation were unsuccessful, the court said. He sought a blood test to establish his fatherhood.

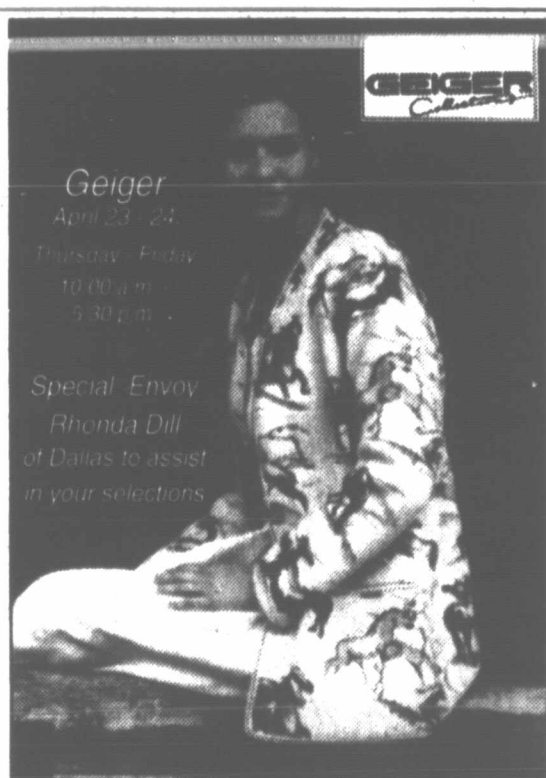
ents should refrain from raising theirs and instead try positive reinforcement and "time-outs," a national group of pediatricians suggests.

Spanking teaches children aggression and is no more

effective than other forms of punishment, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in this month's issue of its magazine, Pediatrics.

When parents must punish, nonphysical methods such as

imposing a "time-out" or taking away privileges are better alternatives than spanking, Dr. Mark L. Wolraich, who headed a committee that worked on the academy's recommendations, said Monday.



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Minister's Wrath Rains Down On Collecting Ceremonial Fees

DEAR ABBY: I have just read with disgust a letter in your column from a clergyman giving a specific time when the clergy should be paid for performing a marriage. The writer is concerned that if payment is not made preceding the ceremony, he/she will have to ask for payment at a later time.

Ministers in most churches receive a salary that should include the performance of any service done in the church. I cannot help but wonder what the tab would be for a baptism or a funeral. In my denomination, services such as those are considered sacraments of the church. To even think of charging for any of them is nothing short of blasphemy.

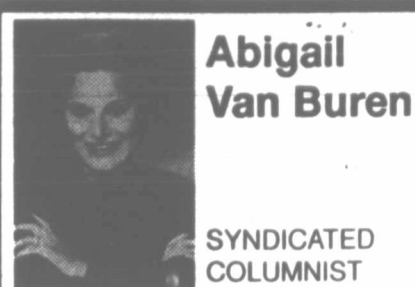
Certainly, I have received gifts from brides and grooms for performing their wedding ceremony, but to expect or to ask for payment is simply not acceptable. It is crassness such as this that gives the church and its ministers much bad press.

Do you suppose that this person sends statements proclaiming "service rendered" that carry a monthly service charge if not paid promptly?

Hopefully, this individual will remember that the role of a minister is primarily that of a servant.

THE REV. RALPH O. MARSH, ATHENS, GA

DEAR REV. MARSH: Perhaps you are judging this clergyman a bit too harshly. A survey of churches in the Los Angeles area reveals that some



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

churches charge a "usage fee" for the church building (and minister), while others charge non-members to perform marriage ceremonies, but waive the fee for members.

Now that people know your policy, I predict your membership will increase by leaps and bounds.

DEAR ABBY: When I fell in love with Rodney, he was a single parent with a 4-year-old son called "Junie," for Junior. Rodney's wife had died before Junie was a year old. When I came on the scene, Junie started calling me "Mama" because I was the only mother he had ever known.

Now, after 10 years of marriage, some of Rodney's relatives still refer to Junie and me as "stepmother" and "stepson." That just breaks my heart.

When will I officially be known as "Mom"?

JUNIE'S ONLY MOM

DEAR MOM: To people who

think the way Rodney's relatives do, probably never. You can't change them, but you can change the way you react to them. When you are referred to as "stepmother," you might remind them that, although you may not be his biological mom, you are the only mother Junie has known. Then bask in the knowledge that you are truly Junie's mom, regardless of what anyone calls you.

DEAR ABBY: This is my "how me!" story:

In 1948, two friends stopped by my home and told me they were going to a dance in Brooklyn. Since I lived in New Jersey, I told them I didn't want to go. I had no car, so I didn't want to get involved with a girl so far away. Well, they would not take "no" for an answer. Since they had a car, I gave in and decided to go.

At the dance, I saw a very tall and attractive girl across the room. I walked over to ask her to dance, but another guy beat me to it. So instead of going back to where I had been, I asked the girl who had been sitting next to her for a dance.

To make a long story short, last month we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

STILL DANCING IN BERGENFIELD, N.J.

DEAR STILL DANCING: Congratulations on your golden anniversary. All married couples should be so lucky.

Horoscope

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

There is a possibility you might be showered with excessive opportunities in the year ahead. It will be up to you to separate, classify and utilize those most worthwhile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be more mindful than usual about sensible health habits today. If there are things you shouldn't eat, drink or do at this particular time, this is not the day to start bending the rules. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be more susceptible than usual to manipulation today, so beware of individuals who lavishly flatter you for no apparent reason.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Until something is a fait accompli, it's best not to boast about it in advance. It could be embarrassing later if you do not live up to expectations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The only one who is likely to be impressed by your dynamic schemes today is you. Keep this in mind if you find yourself trying to enthrall a captive audience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A financial arrangement in which you're involved appears to be a tad lopsided. Recheck it, because the profit you're anticipating might come from your own pocket.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A partnership arrangement might be more of a hindrance than a help today, especially if you're involved with a person who likes to give orders, but doesn't know how to take them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It doesn't look like you'll receive much help today extricating yourself from a complicated situation of your own making. Instead of waiting for the cavalry to arrive, begin to clean up the mess yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today that you don't position yourself in the middle of a disagreement between two friends of whom you're equally fond. If you say the wrong thing, both may turn on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to achieve your objectives today, you must be motivated and tenacious. Significant accomplishments will elude you if you should start coasting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to be as frank and forthright as possible if you get involved with someone today in a critical arrangement. Focus on facts, not fantasy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against the inclination at this time to count your chickens before they hatch. Don't make financial commitments before the money is in the bank.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against being unduly swayed by the opinions of others today. Be sure a know-it-all who is bending your ear knows what s/he is talking about.



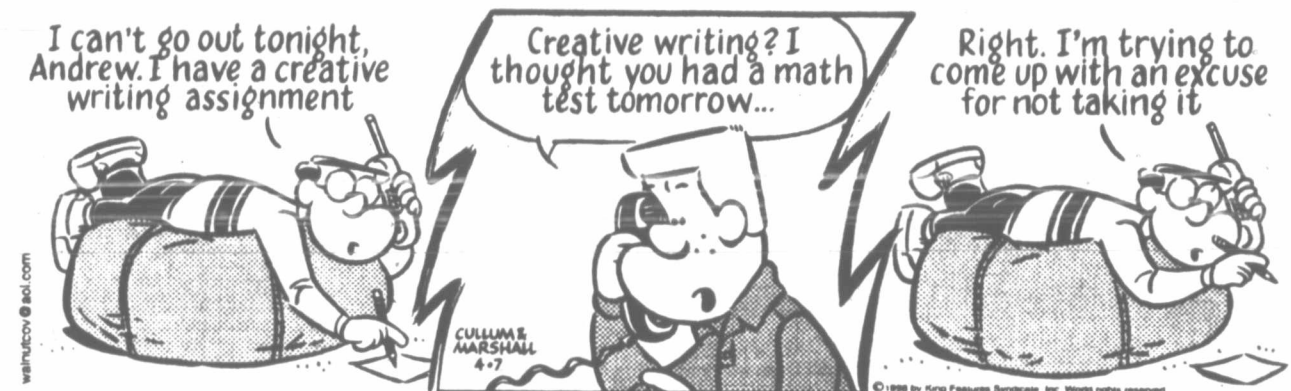
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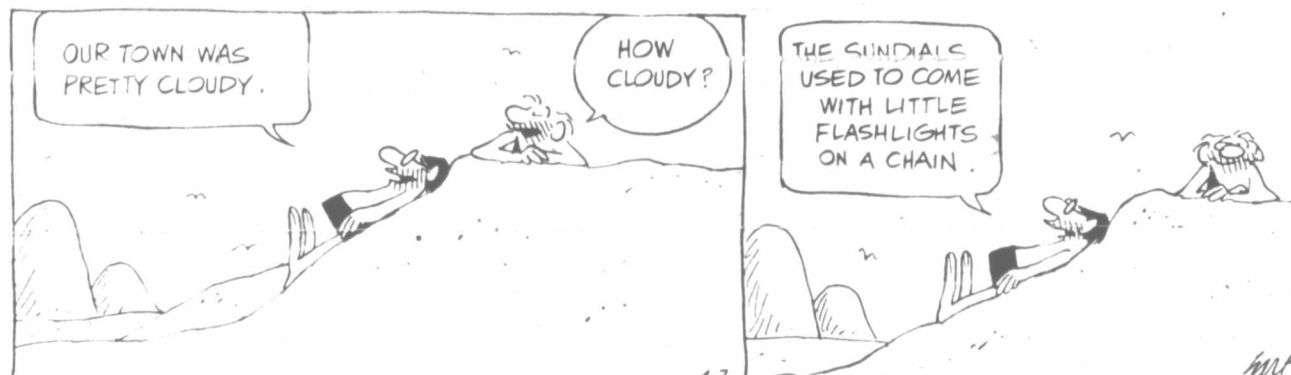
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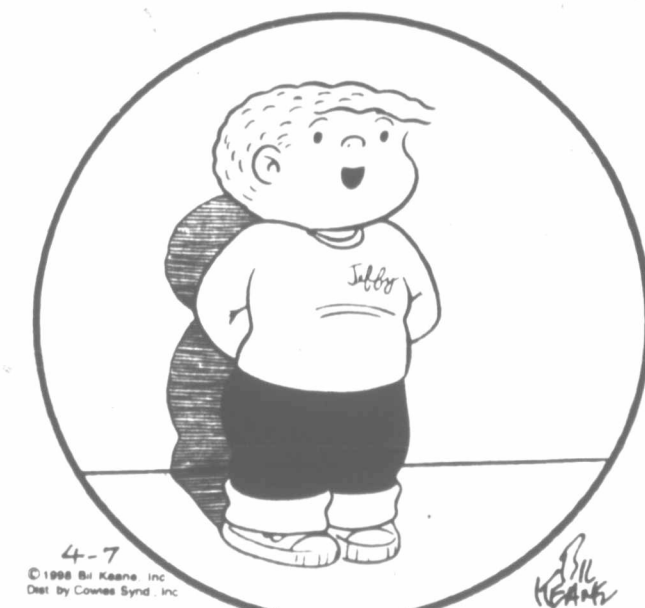
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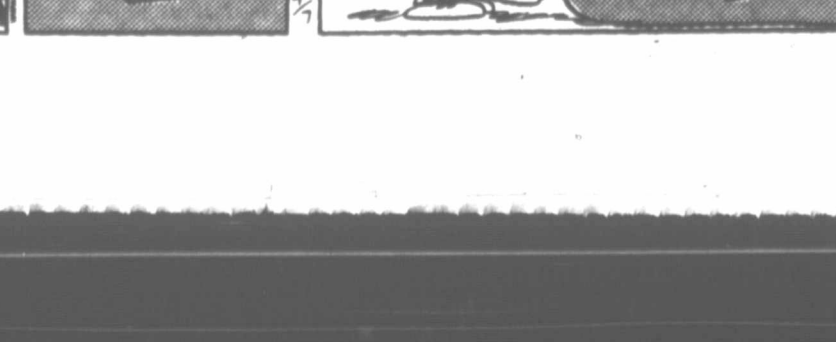
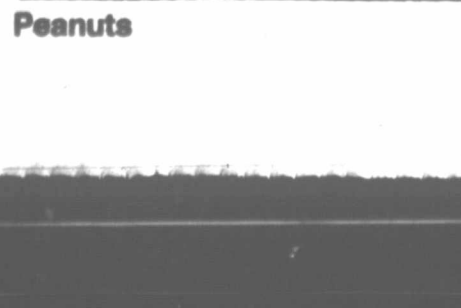
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TRACK & FIELD

AMARILLO — Pampa's Clint Johnson claimed second place in the 200 with a time of 22.31 in last weekend's Amarillo Relays.

In the junior varsity division, Pampa's Ramon Martinez was third in the 200 with a time of 23.99.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority should begin negotiating with the Houston Rockets on a new arena for the National Basketball Association team, two top officials say.

Mayor Lee Brown and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels urged Monday that the negotiations be pushed following a meeting with Rockets owner Leslie Alexander.

Alexander and an entourage of supporters met separately Monday with Brown and Eckels in hopes of getting a referendum before county voters this August.

Both leaders said that Alexander's timetable may be too optimistic, but both said the sports authority should begin negotiating a deal with the team.

Brown said he will spend the "next few days" speaking with people in the community to determine if the referendum would pass.

"Obviously, (a referendum) could be done that quickly — that's not the issue," Brown said. "You want to make sure that when we do it, it's a successful vote of the public."

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Someone forgot to tell the Houston Astros that the Astrodome was supposed to be a pitcher's ballpark.

Jeff Bagwell led a 15-hit attack with a home run and three RBIs as the Astros overcame a career-tying five hits by Dante Bichette to beat the Colorado Rockies 13-4 Monday.

"We can't get too carried away with this," Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said. "We've been getting big two-out hits when we needed them and that can be a back-breaker for the other team. It's not going to be this way all year. We'll have our spurts."

The Astros took the series 3-1 from the Rockies, who are used to a lot of hitting in Coors Field. But the Astros outscored the Rockies 37-13 and out-hit them 51-38 in the four games.

"They'll probably expect us to score 10 runs every game," Bagwell said of Houston fans. "We can't expect to do this every night. It would be nice."

Colorado, 35-45 on the road last season and 47-34 at Coors Field, finished their first road trip 4-3 and play their home opener against St. Louis tonight.

"Yeah, I'm excited to go home," Rockies manager Don Baylor said, "but I imagine Mr. (Mark) McGwire is looking forward to getting to Coors Field and feasting on it too."

Bichette matched his career high for hits and raised his average to .531. It was his first five-hit game since June 30, 1996, against Los Angeles. Bichette already had two four-hit games this season.

The Astrodome didn't bother Bichette either.

"I see the ball well here, I don't know why," Bichette said. "They say it's a pitcher's ballpark. It's nice (the hits), but it's not something I'm going to have a party about. We lost. I'm just looking forward to getting home."

Mike Hampton (1-0) improved to 5-1 against Colorado, allowing two runs and nine hits in seven innings. John Thomson (1-1) was pounded for nine runs and 12 hits in six innings.

Bagwell had an RBI grounder in the first and hit his third homer of the season in the sixth for a 9-2 lead. Despite his big hits, Bagwell isn't satisfied with his start that has him hitting .259.

Woods is center of attention at Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — From Larry Mize's view beneath the oak tree in front of the clubhouse, they looked like a colorful colony of ants.

The gallery was unusually large for late Monday afternoon, the first day fans were allowed to watch a practice round at the Masters. But then, this was the first chance they had to see Tiger Woods at Augusta National Golf Club since his record-setting victory last year.

They moved en masse, forming a circle around him from the driving range to the putting green to the first tee, then up the hills and through the vales of the front nine.

When Woods had finished, a dozen people were watching Ben Crenshaw and Bernhard Langer,

both two-time Masters champions, on the putting green. When Woods joined them, fans lined up two-deep around the entire green.

The scene brought a smile to Mize, who recalled the attention he received 10 years ago after returning to Augusta as the defending Masters champion.

"That was when people could ask for autographs on this side of the clubhouse," he said, pointing to the grassy area behind the 9th and 18th greens where thousands of fans were milling about.

"We tried to play a practice round, but it took three hours to finish nine holes, so we gave up," Mize said. "It just wears you out. I remember thinking that I got a taste of what Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer go through all the time."

For the 22-year-old Woods, it has become commonplace — especially at Augusta.

No one has ever dominated the Masters the way he did a year ago, winning by 12 strokes with a record 18-under-par 270.

The biggest fascination with Woods now is whether he can do it again — or how many more times.

Woods rushed off the course to a dinner and declined comment until his news conference later today. But he has said repeatedly over the past month that his game is in much better shape than it was at this time a year ago, even if he has only one victory since July to show for it.

"If I play well, I should be in contention," he has said.

The most striking difference

about Monday's practice round was the solitude. Woods was the last one to tee off and was the last one on the course, although he was easy to find by watching packs of people following him.

Woods had spent his previous three Masters playing practice rounds with past champions — Nicklaus, Palmer, Seve Ballesteros and Crenshaw, to name a few.

"That was my main purpose in those practice rounds — to have him play with people who know how the greens break, know where the pins will be on Sunday, know what spots you have to hit on the green to have the ball funnel to the hole," said his coach, Butch Harmon.

But while Augusta may already feel like home for Woods, there are a number of challengers who will

give him a run when the 62nd Masters starts Thursday.

Ernie Els has two firsts, two seconds and two thirds worldwide this year. Justin Leonard was impressive in coming from five strokes back to win The Players Championship.

Lee Westwood, the 24-year-old Englishman who won Sunday in New Orleans, joins Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson and David Duval in the tier of under-30 players right behind Woods, Els and Leonard.

Davis Love III won the last major played — the PGA in August — and will try to become the first player to win consecutive majors since Nick Price took the British Open and PGA in 1994.

PHS girls take first at Dumas

DUMAS — Pampa's Lady Harvesters' track team just keeps getting better. And they also keep winning.

The unbeaten Lady Harvesters chalked up 182 points in cruising to victory at last weekend's Demonette Relays.

A pair of eye-popping performances in the field events by Barbara Wine and Katy Cavalier set the stage for the Pampa rout.

Wine's first-place throw of 43-6 1/2 in the shot was not only her best of the season, but also the top mark in Class 4A across the state.

Cavalier won both the long jump and triple jump. Her 17-10 in the long jump was a personal best and she just barely scratched going for 18-10.

Pampa's 400-meter relay team of Jennifer Ross, Joy Young, Lacrese Ford and Lavonne Evans had their best time (49.34) of the year.

Demonette Relays at Dumas

Team totals: 1. Pampa 182; 2. Palo Duro 88; 3. (tie) Canyon 58; Dumas 58; 5. Randall 45; 6. Caprock 41; 7. Clovis, N.M. 37; 8. Tascosa 26; 9. Sanford-Fritch 25; 10. Borger 21; 11. Farwell 4; 12. Tulia 2.

Pampa individual results

Shot: Barbara Wine, first place, 43-6 1/2.

Long jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 17-10; Lacrese Ford, second place, 17-2 1/2; Lavonne Evans, fourth place, 15-11.

Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 36-3; Ashleigh Patton, third place, 33-8 1-2.

High jump: Tiffany McCullough, fifth place, 5-0; Aubrea Ward, sixth place, 4-10.

3200: Samantha Hurst, third place, 12:40.47; Anna Resendiz, sixth place, 12:55.00.

100 hurdles: Tandi Morton, fourth place, 16:04; Lori Lindsey, sixth place, 17:08.

100: Lacrese Ford, first place, 12.37; Jennifer Ross, second place, 12.92.

800 relay: Pampa, first place (Jennifer Ross, Joy Young, Lacrese Ford and Lavonne Evans), 1:46.66.

800: Jenny Fatheree, Pampa, first place, 2:26.41; Beth Lee, second place, 2:29.44.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Jennifer Ross, Joy Young, Lacrese Ford and Lavonne Evans), 49.34.

200: Lavonne Evans, second place, 26.00; Joy Young, third place, 27.22.

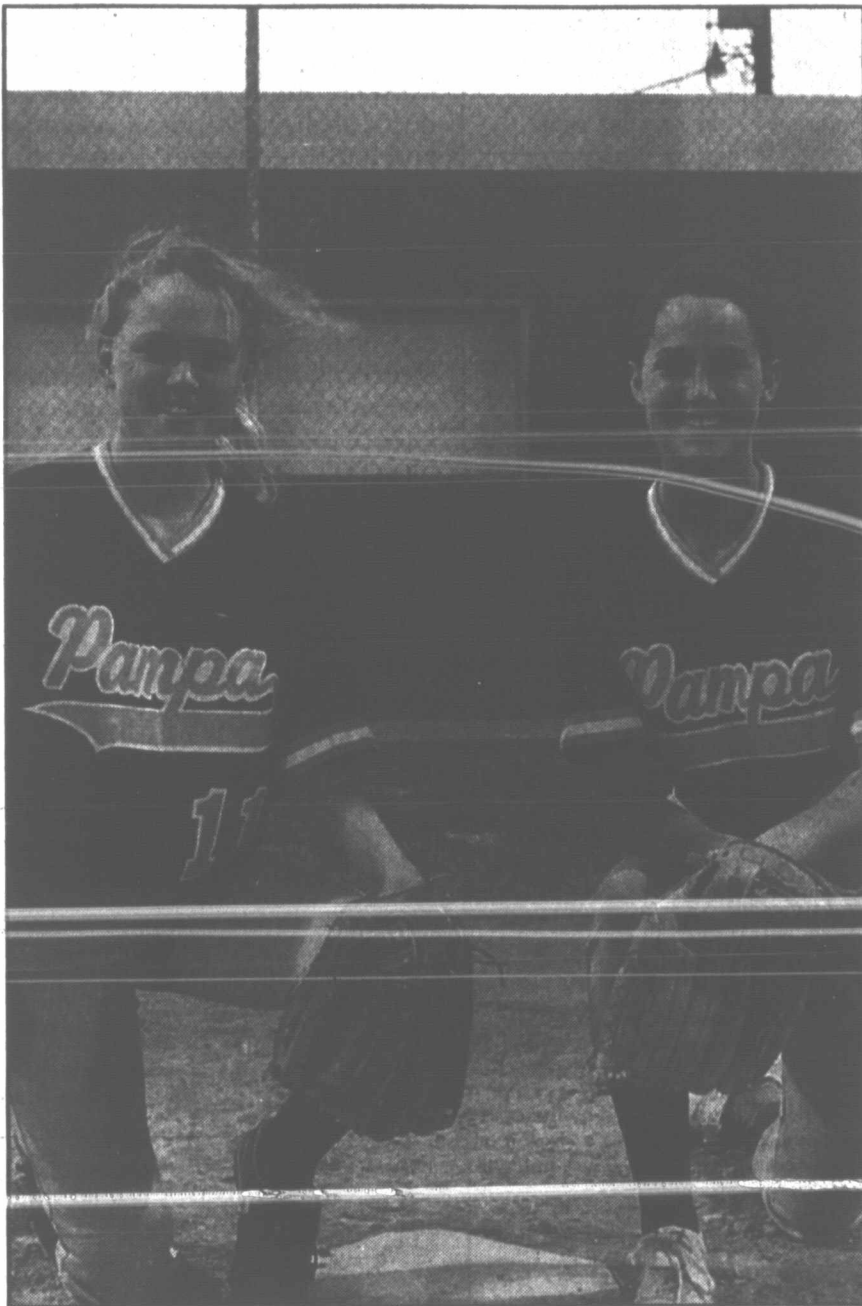
1600: Jenny Fatheree, second place, 5:51.27; Beth Lee, third place, 5:55.97; Samantha Hurst, sixth place, 6:03.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, fourth place, 50.01; Lori Lindsey, sixth place, 50.8.

1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Jenny Fatheree, Beth Lee, Dutchess Bowden and Ashleigh Patton), 4:24.

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Pampa's junior varsity team finished second with 114 points.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Jaimie Reed (left) and Keili Earl, the only two seniors on the Lady Harvesters' softball team, were honored Monday at Optimist Park during Pampa's final home games.

7th grade girls win Hereford track meet

HEREFORD — The Pampa Middle School teams competed in the Hereford Track Meet last week.

7th Grade Division

Team totals: 1. Pampa 170; 2. Hereford 127; 3. Borger 73; 4. Levelland 71; 5. Dumas 67; 6. Westover 47; 7. Yucca 22; 8. Canyon 12.

Pampa individual results
Long jump: Teryn Stowers, first place, 13-9 1/4; Shaunta Reed, second place, 13-8 1/2; Abby Cavalier, fourth place, 13-1.

Discus: Apryl DeLeon, fourth place, 70-11; Kayla Conner, sixth place, 64-9 1/2.

Shot: Lindsey Ledbetter, sixth place, 23-5 3/4.

Triple jump: Teryn Stowers, first place, 29-11 3/4; Abby Cavalier, third place, 28-3.

2400: Sarah Porter, second place, 9:52.01; Helen Brooks, third place, 9:53.72; Meagan Craig, fifth place, 10:37.52.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Casey Fisher, Abby Cavalier, Teryn Stowers and Shaunta Reed), 55.60.

800: T'Andra Holmes, second place, 2:48.81; Mary Alice Warner, third place, 2:52.31; Valerie Velez, fourth place, 2:57.26.

100 hurdles: Cassie Gibson, sixth place, 19.49.

100: Teryn Stowers, second place, 14.16; Abby Cavalier, fifth place, 14.34.

800 relay: Pampa, first place (Casey Fisher, Abby Cavalier, Teryn Stowers and Shaunta Reed), 2:00.76.

400: T'Andra Holmes, first place, 1:09.84; Valerie Velez, sixth place, 1:13.22.

300 hurdles: Mary Alice Warner, fourth place, 56.21.

200: Shaunta Reed, second place, 29.84.

1600: Andrea Lee, third place, 6:14.47.

1600 relay: Pampa, second place (Meagan Craig, T'Andra Holmes, Helen Brooks and Sarah Porter), 4:45.40.

8th Grade Division

Team totals: 1. Borger 182; 2. Pampa 129; 3. Levelland 72; 4. Hereford 70; 5. Dumas 63; 6. Canyon 39; 7. Valleyview 33.

Triple jump: Ashley Derington, second place, 30-6; Cali Covalt, third place, 29-9 3/4; Lindsay Narron, sixth place, 27-7.

Discus: Micki Petty, fourth place, 77-5; Samantha Ford, fifth place, 77-2.

Shot: Micki Petty, fourth place, 26-6 1/2; Samantha Ford, sixth place, 26-4 3/4.

Long jump: Micki Petty, third place, 13-9 1/2; Ashley Derington, fourth place, 13-6 1/4.

2400: Rebecca Fatheree, second place, 9:22.12; Jessica Burns, fourth place, 9:48.95.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Leslee Ammons, Kristen Stowers, Micki Petty and Cali Covalt), 54.06.

800: Ashley Derington, fourth place, 2:46.81.

100 hurdles: April Green, fifth place, 18.44.

100: Kristen Stowers, second place, 13.63.

400: Randa Morris, second place, 1:07.60; Lindsay Narron, fifth place, 1:10.81.

300 hurdles: April Green, fourth place, 56.63; Shelly Sims, fifth place, 57.54.

200: Cali Covalt, second place, 28.65; Leslee Ammons, sixth place, 29.93.

1600: Rebecca Fatheree, second place, 6:03.32; Jessica Burns, fifth place, 6:22.86.

1600 relay: Pampa, third place (4:39.06), Leslee Ammons, Ashley Derington, Lindsay Narron and Randa Morris).

Lady Harvesters sweep Canyon in final home contests

PAMPA — Seniors Jaimie Reed and Keili Earl were honored at the Pampa Lady Harvesters' last home softball outing Monday at Optimist Park.

Reed and Earl were the only two seniors on this year's first UIL girls' softball team at Pampa High School.

The Lady Harvesters gave Reed and Earl a fond farewell by sweeping a doubleheader from Canyon.

Pampa won the opener, 12-0, behind the three-hit pitching of Kimberly Clark. She struck out seven to boost her record to 9-3.

Lisa Dwight, Kelsey Yowell and Lisa Kirkpatrick had one triple apiece for the Lady Harvesters

while Earl had a double.

The Lady Harvesters had 13 hits.

Pampa collected 19 hits in the second game in breezing to a 26-2 victory.

Kirkpatrick led Pampa hitters with an inside-the-park home run and three singles. Heather Petty had a double and triple while Summer Morris and Kristi Walling had one double each.

Petty was the winning pitcher, improving her record to 9-2. She gave up five hits while striking out nine.

Reed and Earl have two more games to play, but both are on the road. The Lady Harvesters, 18-5, play at Borger at 5 p.m. Thursday to close out the season.

Sox rally past Texas

CHICAGO (AP) — Empty seats didn't mean empty feelings for the Chicago White Sox. Even before their smallest crowd for a home opener in 23 years.

"Just because it's not sold out doesn't mean we're not happy to be here," White Sox third baseman Robin Ventura said Monday after the White Sox rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

First-year manager Jerry Manuel was relieved when his first home game was behind him. He is still adjusting to a new league, new players and a new city. He left for the park at 8 a.m. Monday, only to find that a planned 25-minute trip took 45 minutes because of traffic.

Once his first game as manager at Comiskey Park began, Manuel got an earful, even if he didn't pay much attention. White Sox fans booed starter and supposed ace Jaime Navarro as he struggled through four innings.

And after giving Manuel a warm but hardly raucous greeting in pre-game introductions, they rose to their feet in the sixth inning when he jumped out of the dugout to challenge an umpire's call. It was the loudest ovation of the day.

"I'm glad it's over," Manuel said, looking weary as he sat at his new desk.

"I was so involved in the game because it flowed different ways and once you get involved like that, all the other stuff, the peripheral stuff, you're not really aware of."

The White Sox drew just 25,358 to the 44,321-seat park Monday. That's the smallest crowd for a home opener since April 15, 1975, when just 20,202 turned out to the old Comiskey Park to also see the Rangers.

The White Sox haven't drawn 2 million for a home season since making the playoffs in 1993. This year's payroll has been pared down accordingly as the Sox try to go with younger players to surround their three highly paid stars — Frank Thomas, Albert Belle and Ventura.

Magglio Ordonez, one of those young players, homered to tie Monday's game at 4 in the sixth and then drove in the

go-ahead run with a bases-loaded single in the eighth.

"I never put pressure on myself, even when I played in the minors. So I don't have any pressure about anything," said Ordonez, who played the final 21 games last season with the White Sox after winning a Triple-A batting title.

"Last year they gave me the opportunity to play one month in the big leagues. This year they gave me the opportunity to play every day," Ordonez added. "I have to keep going. I know I can play here."

Another of the young stars with plenty of potential, Mike Cameron, raced home from second on Belle's liner to center in the first.

With the score 4-all in the eighth, Thomas singled and Belle doubled for only his third hit in 20 at-bats. Ventura was intentionally walked by Roger Pavlik (0-1) to load the bases, and Ordonez singled to center.

"We missed a lot of opportunities," said Texas manager Johnny Oates whose team led 4-1 early. "It's one of those games over the course of a year and you look back and say you let get away."

Keith Foulke (1-0), the third of four relievers, got the victory and Matt Karchner got three outs for his first save.

Chicago's bullpen didn't give up a hit over the last five innings, though the relievers walked seven.

Texas took a 3-0 lead in the first off Navarro — on a sacrifice fly by Juan Gonzalez and RBI singles by Will Clark and Lee Stevens.

Trailing 4-1, Ray Durham had an RBI triple in the fifth and scored on Cameron's single, pulling the White Sox within 4-3.

Notes: The White Sox are 50-49 in home openers. ... A moment of silence was held before the game in honor of the late Harry Caray, who broadcast White Sox games before heading crosstown to work for the Cubs. ... The Rangers assigned right-hander Danny Patterson to Tulsa of the Texas League on a rehabilitation assignment. He had rotator cuff surgery last September. ... Mark McLemore stole three bases for the second time in his career. The Rangers had five steals. ... Gonzalez got his 800th career RBI in the first.

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Atlanta	3	2	.600	1/2
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Florida	1	6	.143	3 1/2
Montreal	0	6	.000	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	6	1	.857	—
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	1/2
St. Louis	2	2	.500	2
Houston	4	3	.571	2
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	2 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	4	2	.667	—
San Francisco	4	2	.667	—
Colorado	4	3	.571	1/2
Los Angeles	1	4	.200	2 1/2
Arizona	1	5	.167	3

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 5, Florida 2
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 1, Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 8, St. Louis 7
Chicago Cubs 7, Montreal 2
Houston 6, Colorado 2
Arizona 3, San Francisco 2
Monday's Games
Milwaukee 8, Florida 5
Houston 13, Colorado 4
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal 2
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Hernandez 0-0) at Milwaukee (Karl 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lester 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Pitts 0-1) at Colorado (Astacio 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Blair 0-1) at Los Angeles (Park 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Halama 0-1) at San Francisco (Hershiser 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harris 0-0) at San Diego (Hamilton 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Medina 0-0) at Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Glavin 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Vazquez 0-1) at Milwaukee (Merced 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 1-0), 3:35 p.m.
Florida (Ludwick 0-1) at Philadelphia (Grace 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Aybar 0-1) at Colorado (Wright 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 0-0), 10:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cooke 1-0) at San Diego (Ashby 0-1), 10:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	1	.833	—
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	1
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Toronto	2	3	.400	2 1/2
New York	1	4	.200	3 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	—
Chicago	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Kansas City	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Minnesota	2	3	.400	3
Detroit	1	5	.167	4 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	3	3	.500	—
Texas	3	3	.500	—
Anaheim	3	3	.500	—
Oakland	1	3	.250	1

Sunday's Games

Texas 6, Toronto 5
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Baltimore 8, Detroit 4
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Oakland 7, 10 innings
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 4
Boston 10, Seattle 5
Monday's Games
Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 4
Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 0
Anaheim 2, Boston 1, 11 innings
Cleveland 6, Oakland 5, susp., 8 innings, curfew
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay (Arrojo 1-0) at Detroit (Moehler 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-0) at Kansas City (Ruch 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 1-0) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 0-1) at Seattle (Bullinger 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-0) at Anaheim (Hill 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Oakland, comp. of susp. game, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 30 minutes after comp. of susp. game
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 6:35 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m.

Monday's Major League Lineups

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Texas 310 000 000 — 4 7 0
Chicago 100 021 01x — 5 11 1

Witt, Pavik (6) and I. Rodriguez; Navarro, Fordham (5), C. Castillo (5), Foulke (7), Karchner (9) and O'Brien, Kreuter (9). W—Foulke, 1-0. L—Pavik, 0-1. SV—Karchner (1). HR—Chicago, M. O'Donoghue (1).

Boston 000 001 000 00 — 1 5 1
Anheim 100 000 000 01 — 2 9 1
(11 Innings)

P. Martinez, Avery (8), Eckersley (9), Gordon (10) and Varitek; C. Finley, Perch (10), Holtz (11) and Walbeck. W—Holtz, 1-0. L—Gordon, 0-1.

New York 000 000 000 — 0 3 0
Seattle 200 020 04x — 8 12 3

Pettitte, Buddie (8) and Posada; Moyer, Spoljaric (8) and D. Wilson. W—Moyer, 1-1. L—Pettitte, 0-2. HR—Seattle, A. Rodriguez (1).

Cleveland 020 211 00 — 6 7 1
Oakland 200 002 01 — 5 12 2
(6 Innings, susp. curfew)

Wright, Kivrida (5), Morman (7), Plunk (8), Assenmacher (8) and Borders; Candioti, Small (5), Dougherty (8) and Hinch. HRs—Cleveland, Justice (2). Oakland, Giambrini (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 220030 100 — 8 11 0
Florida 110 020 010 — 5 8 2

P. Wagner, Woodward (5), M. Myers (8), D. Jones (9) and Matheny; F. Heredia, J. Sanchez (5), Hernandez (7), Darenburg (9) and Zaveri. W—Woodard, 2-0. L—F. Heredia, 0-2. SV—D. Jones (2). HR—Florida, Kotsay (1).

Colorado 010 100 002 — 4 13 2
Houston 213 003 40x — 13 15 1

Thomson, Veres (7), McElroy (7) and Manwaring; Hampton, T. Miller (8) and Ausmus. W—Hampton, 1-0. L—Thomson, 1-1. HRs—Colorado, Burks (3). Houston, Bagwell (3), Hidalgo (1).

Montreal 100 100 000 — 2 7 1
Chicago 001 011 00x — 3 9 0

C. Perez and Widger; M. Clark, Beck (9) and Servais. W—M. Clark, 2-0. L—C. Perez, 0-2. SV—Beck (4).

Pittsburgh 200 100 001 — 4 8 0
New York 000 200 000 — 2 8 1

F. Cordova, M. Wilkins (8), Christiansen (9), L. Loeiselle (9) and Osk; B. J. Jones, Bohannon (7), Hudok (8), Cook (9) and Spehr, Tatum (4). W—F. Cordova, 2-0. L—B. J. Jones, 0-1. SV—Loeiselle (2). HR—Pittsburgh, F. Garcia (1).

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Week's High Scores

High game: Sue Henderson 231; High series: Ann O'Brien 574; High handicap game: Sue Henderson 272; High handicap series: Carolyn Hess 647.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions

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BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed INF Enrique Wilson on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Jobert Cabrera from Buffalo of the International League.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Mariano Rivera on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Mike Budde from Columbus of the International League.

TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned RHP Danny Patterson to Tulsa of the Texas League on a rehabilitation assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NL—Named Moises Rodriguez assistant-manager and press relations for the season.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Options LHP Gabe Gonzalez to Charlotte of the International League. Purchased the contract of INF Kevin Miller from Charlotte.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed LB Ron George and CB Anthony Prior to two-year contracts.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Named Ron Wynn as communications coordinator.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Mike Ruoniskari from New Haven of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with Rob Zetter.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Stewart Maignan from Portland of the AHL.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Miami	53	22	.707	—
New York	41	35	.539	12 1/2
New Jersey	39	36	.520	14
Washington	38	37	.507	15
Orlando	38	38	.500	15 1/2
Boston	34	41	.453	19
Philadelphia	29	47	.382	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	58	17	.773	—
y-Indiana	52	23	.693	6
y-Charlotte	47	28	.627	11
Atlanta	44	30	.595	13 1/2
Cleveland	43	32	.573	15
Detroit	34	42	.447	24 1/2
Milwaukee	33	42	.440	25
Toronto	15	59	.203	42 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Utah	56	18	.757	—
x-San Antonio	52	24	.684	5
y-Minnesota	39	36	.520	17 1/2
y-Houston	37	38	.493	19 1/2
Dallas	19	57	.250	35
Vancouver	16	58	.216	40
Denver	9	66	.120	47 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Seattle	57	19	.750	—
y-L.A. Lakers	55	20	.733	1 1/2
y-Phoenix	50	25	.667	6 1/2
y-Portland	42	33	.560	14 1/2
Sacramento	27	48	.360	29 1/2
Golden State	16	59	.213	40 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	59	.213	40 1/2

NBA Clinched Division

y-clinched playoff berth.

Sunday's Games

Washington 88, Orlando 85
L.A. Lakers 105, Detroit 103, OT
Cleveland 94, L.A. Clippers 93
Minnesota 97, Atlanta 96
Indiana 93, Milwaukee 92
Chicago 109, Houston 94
Philadelphia 116, Toronto 104
Utah 99, Vancouver 93
Boston 102, New York 92
Sacramento 105, Dallas 99
Seattle 87, Denver 83
Monday's Games
New Jersey 125, Charlotte 115
Orlando 113, Philadelphia 92
Portland 79, San Antonio 75
Phoenix 102, Seattle 92
Tuesday's Games
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Pampa freshmen split baseball games with Borger, Caprock

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Borger, 11-1, in a freshmen baseball game last weekend behind a no-hitter by Kevin Schaub.

Schaub also had one of Pampa's nine hits. Jason Burklow led Pampa at the plate with three hits, including a double.

Craig Stout and Casey Brookshire had one double each while Kyle Keith, Robert Stokes and Josh Baker had one hit apiece.

"I felt like we could have beaten the Astros the way Schaub was throwing the ball. We also did some good hitting, which should give us more confidence," said Pampa coach Jason Murphree.

In a previous game, the Pampa freshmen fell to Caprock, 15-14.

Kevin Schaub, Jeff Warren, Shawn Strate and Jeff Adkins led Pampa in hitting with two hits each.

Craig Stout had a double

while Tony Beck, Tanner Hucks, Josh Baker and Kyle Keith had one hit apiece.

The wind made it extremely tough. The pitchers were throwing into a 30 mile per hour headwind, which made it an extremely rough day for all the pitchers," Murphree said. "We had a big lead on them, but we just weren't able to sustain it."

Pampa hosts Perryton in a 9th grade game at 4:30 p.m. next Monday.

Spurs struggle with playoff-bound teams

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs continue to struggle against other playoff-bound teams and it may cost them the homecourt advantage.

The Portland Trail Blazers used a big first half and 28 points from Rasheed Wallace to beat the Spurs 79-75 Monday night, clinching their ninth straight winning season and cutting deeper into San Antonio's lead over Phoenix for the fourth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

It doesn't get any easier for the Spurs, who travel to Utah on Wednesday night before returning home to play Seattle on Friday and the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday.

San Antonio is 1-6 against those teams who have the three best records in the West and 9-15 against the other seven Western Conference playoff teams. Combined with Phoenix's 102-92 win in Seattle on Monday, the Spurs' lead over the Suns is down to 1 1/2 games.

"I don't think we feel pressure but there is a sense of urgency," Spurs center David Robinson said. "We'd like to do well because these are teams we'll have to play in the playoffs in a couple of weeks."

Phoenix only has to catch the Spurs to gain the fourth playoff spot because they own a 3-1 lead in the season series.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was quick to point out that his team had been on

a five-game winning streak during which it had played well.

"We lost one game but things aren't broken," Popovich said. "If we play the same aggressive game we've been playing all season and don't waste a half we'll be OK."

Portland, which is virtually set as the No. 6 seed in the West, held the Spurs to 36 percent shooting.

"We were forced to play the percentages," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "Their inside players are so talented. You have to respect them and double team down low and mix it up a little bit so not to give them a steady diet of any one look. We were able to contest their shots and get a good rotation on defense."

Damon Stoudamire hit the second of two free throws with 5.5 seconds left to defuse a San Antonio comeback that saw Jaren Jackson and Vinny Del Negro miss 3-point attempts to tie on the previous possession.

"I feel we're one of the few teams in the league that can match up with San Antonio," said Stoudamire, whose 15 assists were one more than the Spurs had as a team. "We were able to make their big men work hard for their buckets. The key is not let everybody else go off. We were able to contain Vinny and Will (Perdue) tonight."

The Blazers lead by as many as 15 points in the second

quarter and shot 63.2 percent in the first half against a team that leads the NBA in field goal defense (40.5) and scoring defense (88.5).

"Defense is our staple and this is the second game in a row we've started slow and let a team get up 12 to 14 points on us," Robinson said. "We gave up penetration to the basket and open shots."

Wallace was 10-of-12 from the field in the first half and ended up 13-of-21. His two free throws with 1:02 left put the Blazers ahead 78-75.

Isaiah Rider added 14 points for the Blazers, while Brian Grant had 13.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 24 points and 15 rebounds, while Robinson had 23 points and 18 rebounds.

Notes: Spurs point guard Avery Johnson, attempting to come back from a hip injury, played only six minutes in the first half after feeling some irritation. "I want to be ready for the end of the season so we weren't going to push it," he said. ... Popovich said forward Sean Elliott could return for the last four or five games of the regular season depending on how he looks in practice. Elliott has not played since having surgery on a quadriceps tendon Jan. 27. He missed his 36th straight game. ... Portland played its third straight game without center Arvydas Sabonis, who has a bruised right hip.

NASCAR prexy threatens not to return to Texas until track fixed

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Texas Motor Speedway will get the overhaul that NASCAR drivers say it badly needs.

Officials say the track's racing surface, which drivers call poorly designed and dangerous, will be reworked with softer corners and better drainage at a cost of up to \$2 million.

Bruton Smith said when he built the track for \$130 million, he hoped NASCAR would want to run two Winston Cup races a year at the track.

The way things are going, he may not have any.

A series of problems with the year-old racing surface overshadowed Sunday's Texas 500 and forced Smith and track officials to hold an emergency meeting Monday to lay out a plan of action.

Their most immediate concern is figuring out how to stop water from rising to the asphalt in turn one. While they're at it, they also may consider redesigning turn four, which drivers say is too tight.

Water began inexplicably working its way from underneath the track to the surface in February, forcing two test sessions to be canceled in March. Two weeks ago, an extensive drainage system was added and it seemed to be keeping the track dry.

But on Friday, nine drivers into the qualifying for the Texas 500,

the track became wet. Sunshine throughout the day was believed to have been evaporating the water, only to have the wetness return once the sun went behind the grandstands.

NASCAR president Bill France Jr. said that the problem better be fixed soon or he'll consider scrubbing the NASCAR Craftsman Truck race that was supposed to be run at the speedway on June 5 — at night.

"We want to get this water problems worked out," France said. "That is our No. 1 goal."

Smith vowed to have a solution soon. Even so, France said he's considering bringing in an independent engineering firm.

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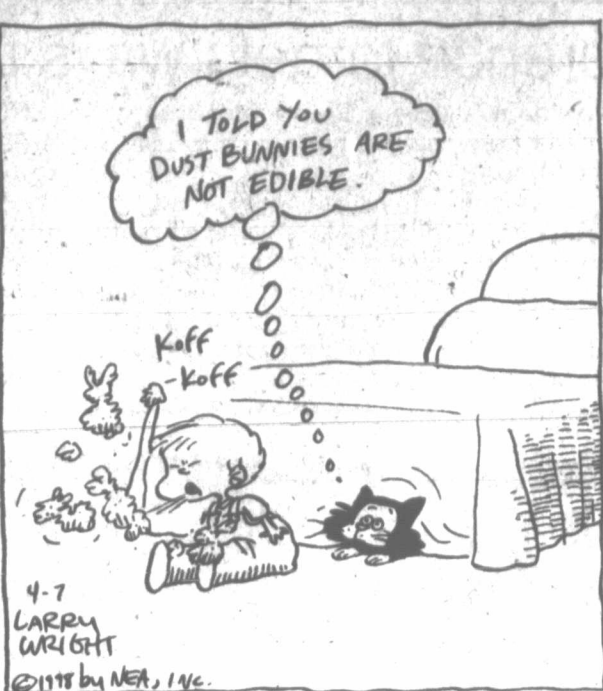
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27 Type of neckline
30 The armpit
32 Walks
34 More like a basketball player
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Country music's first lady, Tammy Wynette, dies at 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With the sexual revolution sweeping the nation, Tammy Wynette found herself at No. 1 singing "Stand By Your Man."

Wynette, who died Monday at 55 while napping at her Nashville home, sang for people like herself — country folks, some of whom had just moved to the city and weren't quite ready for bra-burning.

The cause of her death was believed to be a blood clot, spokeswoman Evelyn Shriver said. Wynette had had a series of health problems in recent years.

"Her story is really the story of country music," said Kyle Young of the Country Music Foundation. "From humble beginnings as a hairdresser, to superstardom."

The strength of her music was she connected with a wide audience, because she really tapped into real situations in people's lives," he said.

Wynette scored many duet hits with George Jones, her husband from 1969-75. They tended to be about either domestic bliss or strife, as did solo Wynette hits like "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and "My Man." She had a robust voice that could deliver entire songs seemingly on the verge of tears.

Wynette recorded more than 50 albums and sold more than 30 million records, scoring 39 Top 10 hits from 1967-88. Twenty topped the charts.

Country music fans polled for the annual Music City News awards voted Wynette a legend in 1991. She said it was premature.

"I don't consider myself a legend. I think it's kind of overused," said Wynette, who was known as "the first lady of country music."

She was a three-time winner of the Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year award — 1968 to 1970. Only Reba McEntire has won the honor more times, with four.

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh on a cotton farm in Itawamba County, Miss., Wynette picked cotton as a child. She later worked as a waitress, a doctor's receptionist, a barmaid and a shoe factory worker.

In the mid-1960s, she was working as a beautician in Birmingham, Ala., and making periodic 180-mile trips to Nashville in hopes of getting discovered as a singer.

Billy Sherrill, who co-wrote "Stand By Your Man" with Wynette, signed her to Epic Records and produced her pivotal early hits. Other hits included "I Don't Wanna Play House," "Womanhood," "Take Me to Your World," "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad," and "The Ways to Love a Man."

The genius of "Stand By Your Man" was how Wynette's tearful voice undercut the lyrics, capturing the pain of a woman struggling to be true to a man who probably didn't deserve it.

Added country singer Patty Loveless: "When Tammy opened her mouth, it was the soul of country music. ... Tammy, Dolly (Parton) and Loretta (Lynn) — that was, and always will be, the heart of this music."

Throughout Wynette's 25-year career, stormy marriages and hospital stays threatened to overshadow one of the most successful singing stories in country music history. In 1978, she was abducted at a Nashville shopping center, driven 80 miles in her luxury car, beaten and released by a masked assailant. No one was ever arrested, though Wynette later said the man apparently ended up in prison for another crime.

Wynette's personal life settled down that year when she married her fifth and final husband, George Richey. In 1988, she filed for bankruptcy as a result of a sour investment in two Florida shopping centers.

In 1992, her name and best-known song entered the presidential campaign when Hillary Rodham Clinton, stressing that her support of her husband was more than routine, said: "I'm not sitting here like some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette."

Parent Learning Network Conference targets ways to strengthen families

AMARILLO — Area parent educators and individuals interested in strengthening families will have an opportunity to learn more about getting parents actively involved in their children's lives at a Parent Learning Network Regional Conference, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo.

Ronald L. Klinger, Ph.D., founding president of the Center for Successful Fathering, will present a session about the irreplaceable contributions devoted dads

make to their children's success. Participants also will discover the unique roles mothers and fathers play in raising happy children.

In addition, participants will learn how to set up successful Parent Resource Centers and network with others who share a common interest in strengthening parents, children and families. Each attendee will receive the Texas Association of School Boards' Parent Educator Handbook and hear TASB trainer presentations about how to facilitate effective parenting sessions.

This conference is open to all professionals, parent educators and interested individuals. Admission is \$100. To register for the one-day conference, contact Sandra Washington at (512) 467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6167.

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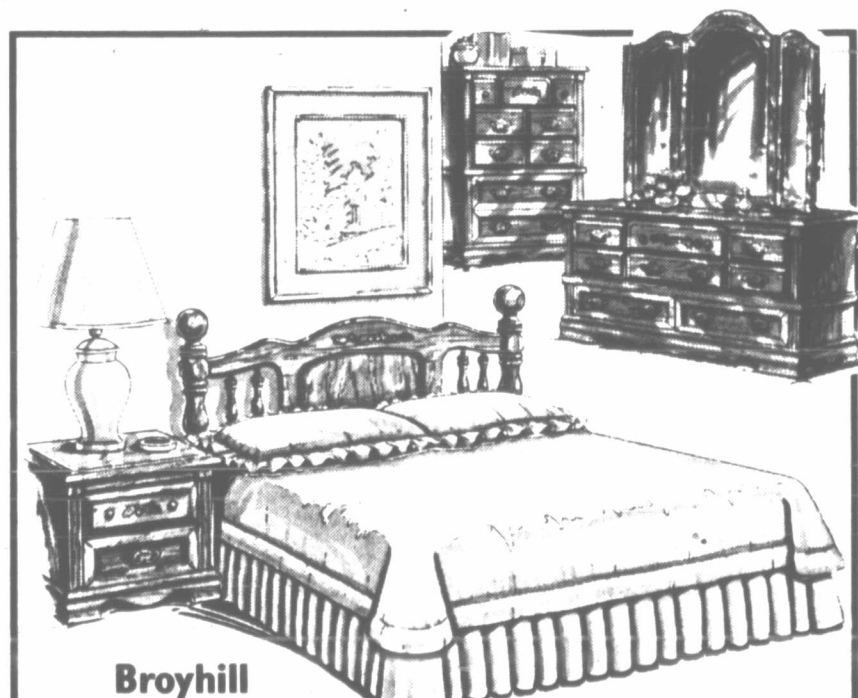
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