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Good Evening!

AREA

TULIA — There's something fishy about the Tulia Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber here is sponsoring a Pool Trout Fishout at the Tulia City Swimming Pool from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25.

Some 800 rainbow trout will be dumped in the pool, Randy Whiteman, chamber executive director, said, with some of them being tagged so fishermen catching them can win prizes from local merchants.

"All poles and bait will be supplied," Whiteman said. "No outside poles or tackle will be permitted in the pool area."

Whiteman said there is no age limit but children should be accompanied by adults. Participants will be allowed 50 minutes fishing time or a four fish maximum, whichever comes first. No fishing license or stamp is required for the event.

The fish will range in size from 10 to 20 inches, he said. Most of the fish are expected to be about 11 inches in length.

"We'll be using willow poles," Whiteman said.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering lifeguarding classes next month for those 16 years or older.

The first class will be held beginning April 21 at 5:30 p.m., and the second class will begin at 8 a.m. on April 22. Both classes, which consists of a 30-hour course, will be held at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

Current CPR and first aid cards are required for those taking the lifeguarding classes.

Class size is limited, so those wanting to take the course need to pre-register by calling the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

PAMPA — Construction work on and around Duncan Street from Central Park north will continue through Friday.

City of Pampa Public Works Director Richard Morris said crews are replacing water lines that runs underneath the streets in that area.

STATE

DALLAS (AP) — Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Cos. is fighting back against allegations by the NAACP, which is urging consumers to boycott the soft drink company to protest alleged shortfalls in minority hiring and contracting.

The Dallas-based company had said little publicly about the boycott, called in late January by the Southwest regional office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, until Wednesday.

The regional NAACP, in calling for Dr. Pepper to implement a \$500 million, five-year program to improve minority hiring and purchasing, said blacks make up 22 percent of Dr. Pepper consumers but none of the company's upper management.

The NAACP also is actively organizing boycotts against the soft drink company in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

AUSTIN (AP) — Two tickets bought in Central Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$40 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 11, 17, 23, 41 and 46.

One winning ticket was bought in Waco and one in the Waco area. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

Senate votes for right to carry weapons

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to allow Texans to be licensed to carry concealed guns won final Senate approval today with a 23-7 vote. It now goes to the House for consideration.

Opponents argued that putting more guns on the streets is a bad idea. Backers said citizens want to be able to protect themselves.

"We're making Texas safer, not less safe," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

"It is going to be a much more dangerous society that we have imposed on ourselves in Texas," said Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio.

Today's vote followed preliminary Senate passage of the bill Wednesday, when the sometimes emotional debate lasted nearly three hours.

Opponents unsuccessfully sought to convince senators that the handgun licensing measure would lead to more shootings everywhere from homes to traffic accidents, and increase violence across Texas.

"We're telling mommas when your kids grow up make sure they get handguns because we can't protect you... What message is that to send to our children?" said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said state figures show that

in 1993, 3,456 deaths were firearm related, the eighth leading cause of death in Texas. He said more Texans died by gunfire that year than in all the Vietnam war, where 3,405 Texans were killed.

Backers said allowing citizens to arm themselves would give them another defense against violent criminals, and they said states that have taken similar action haven't seen shootings rise.

"The doomsday scenario did not occur," Patterson said. "The right to carry is not a right to kill."

Added Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, "It's people who have illegal guns and use them illegally that we ought to go after, not law-abiding citizens."

Texas is one of 12 states that prohibit carrying handguns in most circumstances.

Current law restricts citizens to keeping handguns at home or on other premises under their control and while hunting, fishing or traveling. A handgun may be in an automobile only in the trunk.

Under Patterson's bill, people would have to meet certain qualifications to be eligible for a handgun permit.

They would have to be legal Texas residents, at least 21 years old, never have been convicted of a felony, have not been delinquent in making a child support payment, and not be chemically dependent or of unsound mind.

They also would have to be trained, pass an exam and pay \$140 for a four-year permit.

West sought a voter referendum on the question, predicting voters would decline "to turn over 125 years of history, to go back to the wild, wild West." His proposal was defeated, 22-8.

Patterson and others said the right to carry's popularity is shown by opinion polls and the 1994 election, where Republican George W. Bush ousted Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, a handgun opponent who vetoed a gun referendum bill in 1993.

But regardless, Patterson said, "We don't have popularity contests on constitutional rights."



Susan Bromlow, far left, mother of Pampa's seven-month-old March of Dimes Ambassador Ryan Bromlow, gave a presentation at the Pampa Post Office this morning about the importance of their project, "Blue Jeans For Babies." Attending the meeting with her were Lisa Mitchell, March of Dimes coordinator in Pampa; Richard Wilson, Pampa Postmaster; and Jim Lummus, coordinator of the letter carriers project.

Letter carriers help March of Dimes

The annual March of Dimes "Walk-America" is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, but Pampa's letter carriers will be participating Friday in their own special project for the organization.

Pampa Postmaster Richard Wilson sent employee Jim Lummus to the kick-off meeting at Coronado Hospital Medical Towers in February. Realizing that it would be difficult for the Postal Service employees to participate in the regular activities, an alternate plan was presented at the kick-off meeting and then later was presented to the letter carriers of the Pampa Post Office.

This alternate plan, called "Blue Jeans for Babies," was unanimously accepted on a voluntary basis by the letter carriers of the Pampa Post Office.

On Friday, all of the letter carriers of the Post Office except one will be wearing "Blue Jeans" and will be collecting as they deliver their mail on their routes. They will not be knocking on each individual on their routes but instead will

accept contributions from the customers on their routes as they go by.

The Pampa branch of National Association of Letter Carriers #3094 are the ones participating in the event.

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Skinner's attorney detained for carrying gun

From Staff and Wire Reports

FORT WORTH — Proceedings in the triple-murder death penalty case of Henry Watkins Skinner were delayed on Wednesday after one of the defendant's attorneys was detained for carrying a handgun.

Kenneth Fields of Pampa was arrested after an X-ray machine at the entrance of the Tarrant County Justice Center spotted a handgun in the attorney's briefcase.

"He will be processed just like anybody else," Maj. James Skidmore, a sheriff's department spokesman, said.

Fields was allowed to proceed to court, but was booked on a misdemeanor charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon during the lunch hour. He posted a \$500 personal bond and returned for trial in the afternoon.

Fields said he took the handgun with him Tuesday to interview an expert witness in Arlington.

Fields said he had the .45 caliber automatic pistol for protection since he was traveling alone. On the way back to Fort Worth, he put the pistol in the briefcase and took it up to his room.

He said he was preparing for the

trial after arriving back at his Fort Worth hotel room and forgot to remove the pistol from his briefcase before he headed to the courthouse Wednesday morning.

"The officers had no choice" but to tell him he had a pistol in the briefcase after it was passed through the metal detector. "They were just doing their job," Fields said.

"I just didn't have a clue that the pistol was still in the briefcase. I'm just as embarrassed as can be," Fields said.

Even under pending state legislation that would allow those with permits to carry concealed guns, Fields

would have been barred from taking a pistol into a courthouse under a law that bars weapons from schools, government buildings and race tracks.

Metal detectors were installed in the Tarrant County courthouse after three courthouse shootings from 1986 to July 1, 1992, the day George Lott wounded three people and killed two others, including Assistant District Attorney Chris Marshall. Lott was convicted and was executed by injection in September.

• The Associated Press and The Fort Worth Star Telegram contributed to this report.

Defense presents case for Skinner

FORT WORTH — Defense attorneys were expected to spend the day presenting their case to jurors in the Henry Watkins Skinner capital murder trial here today.

Skinner is accused of killing Twila Busby and her two sons on New Year's Eve, 1993.

Defense lawyers opened their case Wednesday after the prosecution rested following seven days of testimony. The defense introduced testimony Wednesday afternoon that indicated a relative of Twila Busby may have been stalking her.

The trial was delayed Wednesday after one of Skinner's attorney's, Kenneth Fields, was arrested for entering the courthouse with a handgun. (See related story.) He resumed his duties with co-counsel Harold Comer, also of Pampa, after posting bond.

The trial was moved to Fort Worth on change of venue because of the amount of publicity generated in the Texas Panhandle by the killings.

The state concluded its case on Wednesday with the presentation of DNA evidence and expert witness testimony.

Markets rally at signs of low inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices were up in February while housing starts were down, a combination that cheered financial markets today as investors believed that a slowing economy will keep inflation in check.

Both stock and bond prices rose on today's economic reports. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 22 points to 4,060 in late morning trading as investors focused on the plunge in housing starts as further evidence that a slowing economy will keep the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates further.

Analysts believe that interest-sensitive sectors of the economy such as housing will suffer from a string of rate hikes engineered over the past 13 months by the Federal Reserve.

But economists view the slowing in overall growth as a good thing that will help extend the life of the recovery by making sure inflation rises only modestly.

"At the moment, the statistics are showing that the Fed's soft landing is coming true," said David Munro, chief economist at High Frequency Economics in New York.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BARTON, Clifford Earl — 2 p.m., Higgins School Auditorium, Higgins.

Obituaries

CLIFFORD EARL BARTON

HIGGINS — Clifford Earl Barton, 75, of Higgins, died Wednesday, March 15, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Higgins School Auditorium with the Rev. Monte Kreis of the Higgins United Methodist Church and the Rev. Harold Hook of the Higgins First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Mason Funeral Home of Shattuck, Okla.

Mr. Barton was born in Bishop, Okla. He attended the Lone Tree School and graduated from the Bishop School in 1937. He was an Army Air Corps veteran, serving as crew chief on a B-24 Liberator during World War II. He married Esther Laubhan in 1949 at Higgins; she died in 1972. He later married Ina Welty in 1974 at Arnett, Okla. He operated the Barton Motor Co. in Higgins for 17 years. He was a member of the St. Alban Masonic Lodge No. 192 of Arnett. He was the captain of the Higgins Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Ina; a daughter, Johanna Mae Ashley of Canadian; two stepsons, Charlie Johnson of Amarillo and Larry Johnson of Augusta, Kan.; a stepdaughter, Karen Dakin of Wichita, Kan.; five brothers, Sam Barton and Moreland Barton, both of Shattuck, Charlie Barton of Arnett, Leonard Barton of Higgins and Jack Barton of Marietta, Okla.; five sisters, Lora Bittman of Shattuck, Neva Laxson of Amarillo, Jean Bybee of Edmond, Okla., Dora Shelton of Pampa and Ina Detrixhe of Higgins; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Alban Masonic Lodge No. 192 or the Higgins Volunteer Fire Department.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans & Co. of Pampa:

Wheat	3.25	Chevron	47.14	up 1.4
Milo	4.00	Coca Cola	57.58	up 1.2
Corn	4.54	Diamond Sham	24.58	NC
		Enron	33	NC
		Halliburton	37.18	dn 1.2
		HealthTrust Inc	34.14	up 3.8
		Ingersoll Rand	30.18	up 3.8
		KNE	22.34	dn 1.8
		Kerr McGee	49.34	up 1.2
		Limited	18.38	NC
		Mapco	54	NC
		Maxus	59.32	dn 1.2
		McDonald's	34.18	dn 3.8
		Mobil	88	NC
		New Atmos	18	up 1.8
		Parker & Parsley	19.18	dn 3.8
		Penney's	41.38	NC
		Phillips	34.34	up 1.4
		SLB	57.12	up 1.8
		SPS	27.78	NC
		Tenneco	45.78	up 1.4
		Texasco	65	up 1.4
		Wal Mart	24.58	NC
		New York Gold	383.20	NC
		Silver	4.66	NC
		West Texas Crude	18.11	NC

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

NOVSCO	9.19.64	NC
Occidental	20.1.2	NC

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

Magellan	71.98
Puritan	15.21

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

Amoco	60.78	up 1/8
Arco	111.78	dn 1/8
Cabot	36.34	dn 3/8
Cabot O&G	15.18	up 1/8

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 15

The City of Pampa reported harboring of a runaway at 918 E. Francis at 1:30 p.m.

Patricia Ann Sargent reported simple assault at 1101 N. Hobart at 7:59 p.m.

The City of Pampa reported the unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon (a .38 caliber handgun) at 1101 N. Hobart at 7:59 p.m.

A domestic disturbance was reported at 1101 N. Hobart at 7:59 p.m.

The City of Pampa reported unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon at 1100 S. Clark at 10:50 p.m.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Juan M. Moreno, 20, was arrested in the 700 block of N. Hobart at 4:13 for failure to pay fines.

Harriet Smiley was arrested at 1101 N. Hobart at 7:59 p.m. for unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon. Chery Foster, 26, was arrested at 1101 Clark at 10:26 p.m. on three warrants.

Gerry Lynn Douglas, 26, was arrested at 1101 Clark at 10:26 p.m. for unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon.

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Linda McKay Ellis, 32, was arrested at the intersection of Foster and Ballard for possession of marijuana under two ounces at 12:01 a.m.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrest in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Brent Davis reported burglary of a motor vehicle one half mile north of U.S. 60 on Gray County 5.

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Samuel Christopher Mercer, 21, was arrested on a charge of bribery. He was released on bond.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Pampa

Mike N. Goad

Gretta L. Jean

Ethel B. Mayer

Canadian

George B. Peyton

Lefors

Myrtle R. Wright

Miami

Oveda Forbau

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Steven

Jean of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Pampa

Danny Ray Harris

Borger

Norma Lee Leake

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Shamrock

Margaret Williams

Mangum, OK.

Johnny Crabb

Dismissals

There were no dis-

missals reported.

Fires

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

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6:33 a.m. Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 1031 N. Sumner #217.



(AP photo)

A Vietnamese woman, left, cries out from atop a bunkhouse Thursday at the camp in Morong Bataan, Philippines, one of a group threatening to commit suicide rather than go home.

Standoff ends with Vietnamese emigrants

MORONG, Philippines (AP) — A standoff with Vietnamese who threatened to kill themselves rather than go home ended today when police dragged them from the camp where they have spent years trying to emigrate to the United States.

"We are your friends!" police shouted as they carried off children kicking and screaming.

The 272 Vietnamese at the camp 50 miles west of Manila shut themselves in their homes Wednesday when 400 police arrived to clear them out. The government planned to move them to Palawan Island, southwest of Manila, before sending them back to Vietnam later this year.

Many of the Vietnamese climbed to the roofs, threatening to commit suicide rather than return to their Communist homeland.

"Please don't force us to kill ourselves!" they yelled as police closed in today with truncheons and crowbars while firetrucks doused those on the roofs.

None of the Vietnamese carried through with the threat, but two teenagers suffered self-inflicted knife wounds. Four women collapsed from heat exhaustion, and a pregnant woman went into labor and was taken to a hospital.

Most of the Vietnamese came to the Philippines four years ago under a program allowing them to emigrate to the United States after cultural training and English instruction at the camp.

About 200,000 Vietnamese have passed through the Philippines under the program, but 400 have been rejected, including the remaining 272. They were denied entry to the United States for various reasons, including fraudulent documents.

They also failed to convince Philippine authorities that they faced political persecution in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese, who have spent years waiting to emigrate to the United States, had refused since last month to leave the camp and threatened to kill themselves as a last resort.

On Wednesday, the government sent some 400 police to the camp, 50 miles west of Manila. After daylong negotiations, Jose Bustos, administrator of the Philippine Refugee Processing Center, said he agreed to a one-week extension.

But police sources said the week's extension was canceled by the Department of Interior in Manila and orders were sent from the capital to clear the Vietnamese out today.

As ambulances and fire trucks sur-

rounded them, women and children huddled on the roof of a two-story barracks wept and wailed.

"We have been very kind to you and you are embarrassing us by what you are doing," Lt. Col. Elnora Bernardino told them. "Do not force us to come and get you."

When the Vietnamese refused to budge, police moved into the barracks with truncheons and crowbars and began carrying people out while fire trucks doused those on the roof. At least two, both teen-agers, suffered self-inflicted knife wounds. Four women collapsed from heat exhaustion, and a pregnant woman went into labor and was taken to a hospital.

The Vietnamese left their homeland under a program allowing them to emigrate to the United States after cultural training and English instruction at the camp.

But they were denied entry to the United States for various reasons, including fraudulent documents.

The U.N.-funded camp closed Dec. 31. Water and electricity were shut off. The Vietnamese have been surviving for months on handouts from local farmers.

Police first tried to move the Vietnamese on Feb. 23, but backed off after they threatened suicide.

Company touts Eau de Cow-logne as fragrance

Bottled manure is the new fragrance for line dancers and cowboy wannabes, according to a Tampa, Fla., company that is selling a new fragrance derived from recycled cow manure.

Eau de Cow-logne is pure, undiluted and range-inspired, said a spokesman for Tongue in Cheek Inc., a woman-owned mail order company in Tampa.

The cow-logne comes in three and three-quarter ounce glass containers

filled with powdered cow manure in classic brown. According to instructions, two-steppers, line dancers or wall flowers need just add water and smear liberally before going out to rustle.

Tongue in Cheek Inc. offers a full line of manure gifts. Nag's nuggets and meadow muffins from a veterinarian-certified team of Sunshine State cows and horses are crafted into long-stemmed roses, corsages bakery goods and other

more traditional fare.

Gifts, which can be sent anonymously, are decorated with colorful cellophane, ribbons and bows. The company also offers whimsical rhyming poem cards to express true scent-i-ments, they said.

According to the company spokesman, Tongue in Cheek Inc. was founded in 1992 to help clients express themselves in a harmless, environmentally-correct, tastefully-presented way.

Shuttle commander chats with Mir station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Endeavour commander Stephen Oswald and former crewmate Norman Thagard chatted in orbit today in the first radio link between astronauts on American and Russian spaceships.

"I figured if we were ever in orbit again we'd probably be on the same spacecraft," Thagard, the first American aboard Russia's Mir space station, told Oswald from the orbiting outpost. "I guess I was wrong."

Oswald and Thagard flew together aboard Discovery in January 1992. They spoke via radio as Endeavour soared high over Australia. It was about 10 hours after Thagard and two cosmonauts arrived at the station

in a Soyuz capsule.

"I was wondering how your English was by now, Normie, but it sounds like you haven't forgotten a thing," Oswald said. "How are you liking your new home there, Dr. Thagard? Are you all settled in?"

"It's not bad at all," Thagard said. "It's nice and roomy, and places that are cool and places that are rather warm, so you can migrate to wherever is most comfortable."

Thagard is to live aboard Mir until June, when shuttle Atlantis docks with the station to take him home and deliver two cosmonauts.

Also today, Endeavour's astronauts trained ultraviolet telescopes on the moon and a distant quasar in a final

round of astronomy studies before their scheduled return to Earth.

The seven-member crew is set to land in Florida on Friday with a cache of celestial data and a new shuttle endurance record of 15 1/2 days.

Shuttle Columbia flew last summer for 14 days, 18 hours.

Astronomers in charge of the three ultraviolet telescopes bubbled with enthusiasm Wednesday as they gave the shuttle crew a science report.

"In fact, reality exceeded our fondest dreams," said Arthur Code, the lead scientist for a University of Wisconsin instrument. "A whole treasure chest of goodies."

Endeavour's seven astronauts have been in orbit since March 2.

Foggy morning



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

U.S. 60 disappears into a fog bank at Kingsmill as a thin layer of mist rolled across the Texas Panhandle just before dawn today. The fog quickly disappeared as the sun rose and skies cleared. Temperatures for today were forecast to be in the mid 70 degree range, with clear nights and sunny skies expected through Friday.

City briefs

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SALE ON all winter merchandise. Great prices! We're having a 3-Man Scramble, April 1st. Entry fee \$90 Team. Call Hidden Hills, 669-5866. Adv.

SUNSET BAR & Grill, 600 S. Cuyler, 669-0959. Open Tuesday-Friday til 12 midnight, Saturday til 1 a.m. Kitchen hours are from 6 p.m. til 7 nightly. Private Club. Non-members can dine. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Mary Jane and Mary McBee. 1040EZ \$15 and 1040A \$25. 669-9910. Adv.

ACT I will present "Amateurs" at the Biarritz Club, Friday, March 17. Dinner 6:30, show 8 p.m. Dinner and show \$18, show only \$9. Reservations call 669-2737. Adv.

CALF FRIES - Moose Lodge - Thursday 7 p.m. Members and guest welcome. Adv.

DANCE TO Indian Summer, Moose Lodge, Saturday 18th. Members and guests. Adv.

TAN-N-Spa 831 W. Kingsmill - 665-5940. New rates - 240 minutes-\$30, 340 minutes-\$40, 500 minutes-\$50. Maintenance - 2 times per week-\$15, 3 times per week-\$18.50 month. Adv.

THE LANDMARK Club wishes to remind you of our Ladies Nite, Thursday nites. We will also be celebrating the "Wearing of the Green" on Friday. Come by and check us out. Membership required. 665-4404. Adv.

PLEASE DONATE to the Meals on Wheels Garage Sale, Monday afternoons 2-5 p.m. north end of Pampa Mall. 669-1007. Adv.

IN HOME Craft Show - Macias Home, 400 Birch, Canadian, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sponsored by Barbara Hawkins and Cara Dawn Macias. 16 exhibitors. Call 323-9229 for directions. Adv.

BALLOON BOUQUETS for all occasions - Birthdays, Get Well, Congratulations, Over-The Hill, Anniversary, New Baby and more. Call Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

MALCOLM HINKLE, Inc. - Your Ice-O-Matic ice machine distributor. Call us at 665-1841. Adv.

FIRST SHIPMENT of cool weather bedding plants, miniature roses and groundcovers are in. Jackson & Perkins roses are also in. Watson's Feed & Garden 665-4189. Adv.

SALE - CAROUSEL Expressions - Everything 10-50% off. Sale ends Saturday. 1600 N. Hobart, 665-0614. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Chicken Dumplings, Fried Pork Chops, Bar-B-Que Polish, Chicken Fried Steak, Banana Pudding. Thursday 5-8 p.m., 716 W. Foster. Call-ins welcome. 665-2454. Adv.

"PETER PAN" Evening at Kevin's in the Mall, Saturday, March 19th, 6-8 p.m. Lasagna and all the trimmings. Adults \$6, children 4-11 \$4, under 4 free. Reservations requested. 669-1670. Adv.

PANHANDLE DESPERADO this weekend. Let's Boogie Down! City Limits. Adv.

Searching for bargains



(AP photo)

Shoppers search for bargains Wednesday at a downtown Mexico City shoe store. Area merchants said sales have fallen 50 percent since the economic crisis began Dec. 20. Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz is in New York on a campaign to restore investor confidence in Mexico to help end the crisis.

Jury deliberates three hours, gives woman life sentence for the death of her newborn

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A woman who said she let her newborn drown in a portable toilet because she feared her parents' reaction to the birth has been convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Tina Brosius, 19, and her parents sobbed Wednesday as sheriff's deputies led her from the courtroom. "Being scared is not an excuse for taking the life of another human being," prosecutor Edward M. Marsico Jr. told the jury in closing arguments earlier in the day.

The jury took about three hours to convict Brosius of first-degree murder in the May 7 death of the child. Her sentence carries no possibility of parole.

Brosius' lawyer, Elizabeth B. Stone, said she will appeal because the judge, Jeannine Turgeon, allowed prosecutors to show a color photo of the infant lying in sewage at the bottom of the toilet.

The jury rejected Stone's argument that Brosius went to Brightbill Park near Harrisburg in a panic because she feared her parents would evict her from their house if she had a third child.

Ernest and Lorraine Brosius testified they had threatened to kick her out when she had her first child at age 15 and told her she would have to leave when she had another baby 15 months later.

"I knew if I got pregnant again I'd be out on the streets with my two babies," Ms. Brosius testified. "I didn't want that. I was trying my hardest to keep them fed, to keep them clothed well. I didn't want anything to happen to them."

Her two children, Sarah, 2, and Carrie, 3, are in the custody of her parents.

Brosius testified she thought the baby was stillborn because she didn't feel it move during her pregnancy and it didn't make a sound when it dropped into the toilet.

"I didn't look at it or touch it," she said. "It didn't make a sound. I thought, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?'"

"Why didn't you take the baby out of the toilet?" Stone asked.

"Because I was scared," Brosius said.

Marsico said Brosius made a conscious choice to kill the baby to conceal it.

"She knew she was in labor and she knew what she was doing," Marsico said. "Tina Brosius had a problem and that was her third pregnancy. She had to make that baby disappear. If she could make that baby disappear, no one would ever know."



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Will GOP take lead in ending racial preferences?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole gives President Clinton credit for re-examining the affirmative action issue but says Republicans will seize the initiative with legislation to end racial preferences in federal hiring.

"The American people sense all too clearly that the race-counting game has gone too far," Dole said in a Senate floor speech Wednesday.

Dole said he would introduce legislation later this year to prohibit the federal government from "granting preferential treatment to any individual simply because of his or her membership in a certain favored group."

Liberal Democrats and women's advocates, meanwhile, pressed Clinton

to resist political pressure to retreat. "We will not be eliminated from this debate," Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, said Wednesday.

In the Senate, tax writers on Wednesday voted to repeal a communications tax break designed to bolster minority ownership of cable and broadcast companies. It was another defeat for Viacom Inc., which wants to use the provision to defer millions in federal taxes.

The focus on affirmative action is being driven from two directions: a White House review, which is nearing completion, of federal programs that favor minorities; and a perceived trend indicating that Republicans can make substantial

gains with an assault on race-based preferential treatment policies.

Assurances from White House officials that the administration won't abandon women and minorities did not allay the concerns of those pressing Clinton.

"I am disturbed that we don't have a clear, firm statement already," said Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, one of the few Republicans actively defending the concept of affirmative action, said Republican political experts view affirmative action as a "wedge issue — one that is going to drive the middle class white voters fully into the arms of the Republican Party, leaving the minorities

and women and other liberals floating in the backwash of the Democratic Party."

Cohen warned that his GOP colleagues run a political risk if they ignore the impact of generations of racism.

"Any short-term political success is going to prove to be a long-term policy disaster because what is truly at stake in the coming debate is not wedges but values," Cohen said.

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., the only black member of the Senate, said opponents of affirmative action were waging a "cynical political game." Affirmative action, she said, was not about race-counting, but about "providing some support and some help to those who have previously been excluded."

Study finds giving own blood during operations is more costly

BOSTON (AP) — Giving patients their own blood during operations is much more expensive and less efficient than relying on ordinary donated blood, a study says.

Although the practice offers some patients peace of mind, it may not be worth the cost to the health care system because of the extra record-keeping required and because so much of what is stored is ultimately thrown away.

From a societal perspective, it does not represent a very efficient

use of scarce medical resources," said Dr. Jeff Etchason.

He and his colleagues analyzed the cost of the practice, known as autologous donations, at UCLA Medical Center in 1992. Their report was published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Patients began storing up their own blood before operations in response to the AIDS epidemic in the early 1980s to avoid HIV and other viruses.

Since then, the blood supply has grown much safer, and the risk of

getting AIDS or any other virus during a transfusion is minuscule. Nonetheless, doctors still frequently ask patients to give blood before surgery in case it's needed.

While autologous blood does occasionally save lives by preventing infections, one pint costs a hospital \$198, or \$48 more than an ordinary donation, the researchers calculated.

The costs add up because people frequently store more blood than is actually used, just to be safe.

Patients are typically not charged

extra to have their blood stored, but such practices eventually contribute to higher medical costs for everyone.

An editorial in the journal defended the practice.

"The peace of mind that comes from having control over the risk of AIDS and other potentially harmful effects of transfusion is immeasurable, but it is nonetheless important to the patient undergoing surgery," wrote Drs. Cynthia J. Rutherford and Harold S. Kaplan of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

State Education Committee chairman backs off diploma plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff is backing off a proposal to give college-bound students a different diploma than those going straight into jobs after high school.

"It is a very complex and very emotional issue with some folks, and it really hasn't had enough scrutiny," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Wednesday.

The proposal was part of a 1,088-page bill filed by Ratliff to overhaul state education laws. The Education Committee is expected to vote out a

bill Thursday, sending it to the full Senate for consideration possibly next week.

Under the diploma provision, there would be three types of diplomas handed out, depending on what a student plans to do after graduation.

Coursework for an "academic diploma" would be designed for college-bound students, while that for an "advanced diploma" would include advanced placement and international baccalaureate classes.

A "vocational diploma" plan would be designed to prepare a stu-

dent to enter the workforce or take further technical courses.

Ratliff has said the provision was aimed at students who can't meet increasingly high academic standards, don't intend to go to college and might otherwise drop out of high school.

But he said some people have expressed concern to him that the measure would put some students on a "slow track." He said that wasn't his intention.

"We don't want to make a mistake," Ratliff said. "I think what

we're going to do is try to put something in there asking the State Board (of Education) to come up with some kind of a plan to address these kids that I'm worried about."

"I just think it deserves a little more study by people a lot more knowledgeable about all those problems than myself."

Ratliff said the bill likely would maintain a provision certifying whether a student has achieved an advanced diploma. He said there already is a similar program in place.

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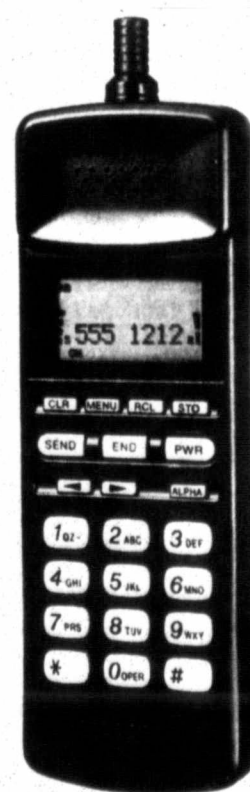
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Opinion

Real spending cuts loom on the horizon

The best evidence yet that genuine change has occurred in the culture of Congress came when various subcommittees of the House Appropriations Committee approved more than \$17.5 billion in spending reductions — real cuts, in this year's budget, not phony promises — in more than 100 federal spending programs. The revolution is far from complete — indeed, those spending reductions might not get past the Senate and some might face a presidential veto. But the attitude in the House has changed.

As we have noted repeatedly, most of the time, when politicians in Washington, D.C., talk about "spending cuts," what they mean is a slight reduction, two or three years from now, in projected spending increases. The federal budget always comes with spending projections for the next five years, with almost all spending projected to be higher each year. So a cut in projected spending has traditionally been called a "spending cut" even when it means that spending next year will still be higher than it is this year.

What House Appropriations subcommittees approved last week, however, were rescissions — cuts and, in some cases, outright elimination — in spending programs already approved for the Fiscal Year 1995 budget. Those accustomed to the old way of doing things are shocked, but unable to do much more than sputter. "I think it's just unconscionable, it's reprehensible," said Democratic Rep. Louis Stokes of Ohio.

"What they want to do is make war on the kids of this country to pay for the capital gains tax cut," said President Clinton.

The fascinating thing is that negative comments don't seem to cow this new majority. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston of Louisiana calmly responded to rhetoric about "kamikazes" and "extremists": "These programs have simply not worked. The American people want us to try something new."

For all the shock, what the House Republicans have done is modest in scope and should be followed by more serious cuts. In terms of a federal budget of about \$1.6 trillion, they have cut just a tad more than 1 percent. The watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste identified some 1,400 spending projects totaling \$10 billion in outright pork — programs put in to trade favors among legislators — in the 1995 budget. While the cutting so far has chopped some of that waste, it has barely scratched the surface.

While much remains to be cut before a true revolution can be said to have occurred, what the House Appropriations subcommittees did last week is almost unheard of in modern times. House members will be in for plenty of heat from special interests and the Washington establishment. It wouldn't hurt if constituents let them know they approve — and informed their senators that if they torpedo these cuts they won't be returning to their cozy little debating society.

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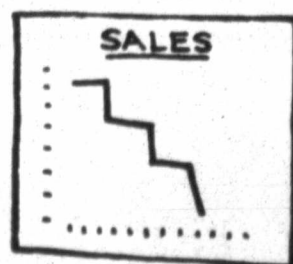
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Viewpoints

Compromising the Constitution

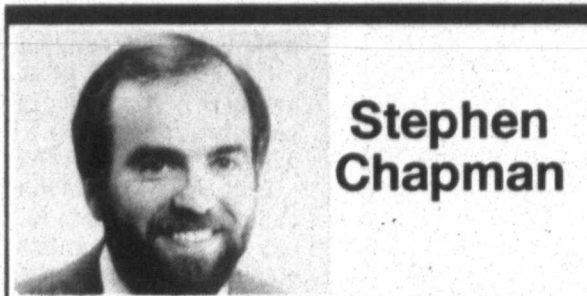
The balanced budget amendment is dead for the moment, but the ongoing constitutional convention on Capitol Hill is not about to adjourn. While the Senate was deliberating over the painful choices involved in taxing and spending, a group of lawmakers held a rally last week to unveil another amendment — which can be approved without requiring any sacrifice from voters or creating any political danger to members of Congress. It would ban desecration of the flag, and only our liberties are at risk.

It was just six years ago that flag-burning suddenly erupted as a major political issue. Practically on the eve of the Fourth of July in 1989, the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that made it a crime to mistreat Old Glory so as to offend people. The justices viewed it as an infringement of First Amendment freedoms.

Congress responded to the ensuing public uproar by passing a federal law meant to protect the flag without running afoul of the justices, but the attempt failed. The court scratched that law as well. A constitutional amendment to consecrate the flag was the only option left, but though it won majorities, it fell short in both houses of the two-thirds vote needed for passage.

At the time, Republican Leader Bob Dole vowed to use the issue against Democrats in the fall campaign. In the interim, though, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, half a million American troops were dispatched to prepare for war against Iraq and suddenly, flag-burning didn't seem quite so urgent a problem.

But 89 organizations, including the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Police, refused to give up the fight. They have joined together to form the Citizens Flag Alliance, whose purpose is to help enact the same amendment that failed in 1990.



Stephen Chapman

With a new Republican majority on Capitol Hill, resolutions of support from 46 state legislatures and high public approval ratings, the measure obviously has a good chance. On the side of the Citizens Flag Alliance is a clout-heavy list of GOP lawmakers. Dole is on board again; so is Newt Gingrich; so is Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

Nor is Bill Clinton likely to be an insurmountable obstacle. The last time around, when he was governor of Arkansas, he managed to come up with one of his comically over-clever compromises that are designed to appease everyone but end up satisfying no one. He proposed to make flags property of the government and then protect them from destruction as we do mailboxes and currency. But he urged voter understanding of representatives who voted against the amendment.

The onset of a presidential campaign, when shameless pandering is at a premium, obviously won't hurt the flag measure's chances. But shameless pandering is what it is. The Citizens Flag Alliance can cite only three incidents of flag-burning since the last amendment failed, which hardly seems enough to justify all the trouble and expense of pushing a constitutional amendment through Congress and the states.

A constitutional amendment does get around the problem that political censorship violates the guarantees of the First Amendment. It enshrines the fetching proposition that when the flag is involved, the First Amendment is null and void. This would be the first time that a provision of the Bill of Rights was repealed.

The flag is supposed to embody our freedoms, but protecting it by suppressing those freedoms suggests that we value the symbol more than the substance. The only reason to constitutionally protect the Stars and Stripes is to curtail a particular form of political protest that we detest. Any laws passed under this amendment will surely allow (as the 1989 law did) flag-burning when it is done, as prescribed by tradition, as a respectful form of disposal.

The point is not to protect the flag from destruction but to protect it from destruction carried out with unpatriotic purposes. So why not outlaw unpatriotic purposes? Because it is not the American way to put people in jail for their opinions. Supporters of the flag amendment, however, would have us believe it is the American way to put people in jail for expressing their opinions in the wrong way.

Flag fetishists seem to believe that burning a token of American democracy is the equivalent of burning down the Capitol. That makes about as much sense as thinking that shredding a photograph of Bob Dole is the same as assassinating him. A flag perishes when a protester burns it — but (SET ITAL.) the (END ITAL.) flag endures.

"Punishing desecration of the flag dilutes the very freedom that makes this emblem so revered, and worth revering," said the Supreme Court in 1990. A lowlife who burns the flag is not a threat to the liberties it represents. Those who favor this amendment are.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 16, the 75th day of 1995. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 16, 1945, during World War II, two Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1827, the first newspaper edited for and by blacks, *Freedom's Journal*, was published in New York.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas approved a constitution.

Don't be afraid to revert to childhood

Charley Reese

The day is glorious, and if I had my druthers, I'd be at the top of a tall tree, swaying in the stout west wind that's cleaned the sky to a sparkling deep blue.

That's where days like this should be spent, in the tops of trees, where you can absorb the beauty. Instead, of course, I sit in a drab office whose interior decorator must have worked for the black-shoe Navy — everything is mostly gray — looking at a monitor.

In my work cave, like many, there are no windows, and it is impossible to know whether or not the day is glorious. It's impossible to know if it is even day or night, winter or summer, this year, last year or next year. In here, it looks and smells the same 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, year after year.

That's what happens when you grow up, which is why I have stoutly resisted it, despite the passage of years. I have to conform to a certain extent to keep bread on the table, but I don't have to like it or really believe that it is worthwhile. Nothing that keeps you indoors on days like this one is worthwhile.

The conventional wisdom — an oxymoron if ever there were one — is that one should grow up and put away childish thoughts. By that, most people mean surrender your life, your dreams and your ideals, let the light die out in your eyes, extinguish your soul and become the robot society wishes you to be.

I say it is better to stay a boy or a girl, even if you

are a wrinkled, graying boy or girl. Oh, one should be a responsible boy or girl — do your chores, wash your face, wear clean clothes and so forth — but otherwise remain a free spirit and go out and play as much and as often as you can. Retain your wonder of escalators. Be mischievous now and then. Laugh a lot, and look for adventures. Pursue a quest.

One way to avoid growing up is to refuse to see grown-up movies, like "Pulp Fiction." Never see a film in which all the characters are rotten, worthless, cynical, stupid, cruel and immoral. In short, never see a film in which Quentin Tarantino is in any way involved.

Another way is to watch television selectively. Especially avoid the talking-head shows from Washington, which would dry up the soul of a saint. Who after all wishes to watch people with no great intelligence or insight endlessly discuss the petty intrigues of politicians and lobbyists with no great intelligence, insight or morals? Far better to watch the squirrel do his acrobatic act as he breaks into your bird feeder.

Spend as much time as possible outdoors. Shelters were originally supposed to be just that, some device to shelter us from inclement weather, not a permanent burrow in which to spend most of our lives.

Take your dreams, religious beliefs, ideals, friends and family seriously but not much else. Grown-ups and children alike will eventually arrive at the cemetery, but the difference is we kids will stay so busy and have so much fun on the way that we will be ready for our nap.

Most of the major problems grownups frown and fret about take longer to develop and resolve than the human life span. The Middle East conflicts, for example, are leftovers from World War I. It is unlikely anyone 50 or older will live long enough to see them resolved. Some grown-ups even develop a God complex and imagine that the destiny of the universe rests on their shoulders. That absurd posture surely must give God a good belly laugh.

Grow something — flowers, herbs, vegetables, cactus or anything else that's legal. The earth has magical powers, and if you remain close to it, these powers will protect you from growing up. At least once a week spend some time with the stars — the kind in the sky. They are a wonderful combination of beauty and mystery, two things very necessary for a successful childhood.

The sinister side of 'dress down' Friday

Water cooler talk in the newsroom recently:

Female Employee No. 1: "These brown shoes look terrible with these pants. They looked OK in my bedroom, but under these fluorescent lights they're a different color entirely. I can never put anything together on Fridays!"

Female Employee No. 2: "Tell me about it. I've had to buy three pairs of slacks and shirts, a couple of jackets and a sweater, and I still don't have any shoes that match any of them. If they want us to dress down, they'll have to pay us more!"

It is "dress down" day, the day (usually Friday) a lot of corporate America's upper managers have reserved for their employees to wear "casual" clothes at work. Supposedly this will make employees feel more comfortable and more empowered to make their own decisions.

This works fine for corporate executives who already have a second wardrobe of stylish cotton knit shirts and Dockers, but it's put a real wrinkle in the wardrobes of a lot of working folk. I never realized just how much, however, until "what to wear" booted out "ready to wear" in the *Wall Street Journal*, and on the front page, no less.

Middle-managers all over the country lamented their Friday dilemmas in the WSJ. Poor Ken Sienski of Dallas, who has worn a tie since the first grade in Catholic school, says he endures the taunts of his co-workers because he can't manage leisure wear. (Oh, where is the polyester leisure suit now that we need it?)

I'll bet if you're one of those lucky folks who



Sarah Overstreet

wears a company uniform or whose work calls for you to "dress down" every day, you can't understand what all the fuss is about. But for those of us who finally got the "corporate uniform" down cold, the news that we were suddenly supposed to present once a week in "business casual" clothes was sort of like telling us we could forget how to spell one day a week. We'd like to, but we can't. Photos of appropriate work garb are emblazoned on our brains right next to "separate" and "farther, further."

Furthermore (furthermore?), we don't have any "casual dress" clothes. We've spent all our money on expensive "investment wardrobes," guaranteed by dress-for-success consultants to be ever proper, as well as allowing us to replace any worn-out piece with another clone that will slip in with the rest of our clothing without missing a beat.

Our real "dress-down" clothes are either the jeans and old college sweatshirts we wear to wash our cars, or a few "work-inappropriate" garments we wear for personal peccadilloes such as Country Western

line-dancing or working out at fitness centers.

Even if you're fortunate enough to be able to afford a second work wardrobe, neither fashion magazines nor image consultants have adequately explained what "dressing down" means. John Craddock, who never dressed down with his fellow employees when he worked at a real estate development firm, told the WSJ he refused to play because he never understood the rules. "Are Levis all right? Ironed or wrinkled? Can I wear my old football jersey? If a golf shirt is OK, how about golf spikes?"

I do understand that the official store for American yuppie casual is the Gap, but I just can't decide how large is the gap between one of their \$40 thermal shirts and what my publisher doesn't want to see come walking into his office. And if one doesn't own a pair of deck shoes or moccasins, what does one wear with Dockers? Could I possibly get double-duty out of this \$92 pair of workout shoes?

I loved the approach taken by employees of the Houston-based American General Corp. In what a company spokesman gingerly explained as a definition of "casual" that was "perceived to be broader" than intended, employees dressed up as Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and even a duck. After a six-month trial, American General axed their casual day.

I don't think I can work up a duck outfit any easier than I can suddenly pull off some panache with a Polo shirt and a pair of Dockers. But I'll be happy to tell you my dream wardrobe, with no reservations: permanent-press coveralls with "Springfield News-Leader" on the back and "Sarah" on the lapel.

Lifestyles

Club News

LAS PAMPAS CHANTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Mrs. P.R. Britton. The regent opened the meeting assisted by acting Chaplain Donna Arms.

A report on National Defense was presented by Mrs. P.R. Britton which involved the National Endowment for the Arts. The presentation stated that the agency should be abolished because "It is a prime example of special interest boondoggles, waste and corruption of taxpayers money and projects offensive to American people."

A pollster, Everett Ladd, did a poll which he said revealed that Americans agree on work ethics to spiritual faith and the importance of individual freedom. The poll indicated that they still believe that hard work is the key to getting ahead. Americans young and old fear the threat of big government and its effect on the nation's future.

Recognition of the World War II battle of Iwo Jima was presented by Britton.

Several members aided in presenting a program on American thimbles. Young girls at an early age were encouraged to learn to sew using small thimbles to fit their fingers. Some of the thimbles were made of silver, gold, bone and leather.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

The Pampa Garden Club on March 13. Mary Ann Bailey, president, presided over a business meeting. Seven members attended. The club

will award a college scholarship in May. Applications will be accepted until April 3.

The April 11 meeting will be a field trip to the Barbed Wire Museum in McLean and then Memphis.

The hostess for the meeting was Mary Ann Bailey.

For more information, call Marilyn Butler 665-4994.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met recently for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Pampa Community Building. Eighteen members were in attendance as well as Pampa visitors Pat Zellefrow and Kathy White. Both were later welcomed as new members.

Plans were discussed for the biannual seminar to be held April 21 and 22 in the community building. In an effort to defray costs, members will teach the two day seminar in lieu of engaging outside instructors. A "Quilt in the Round" using strip piecing techniques and a wedge shaped ruler will be taught on Friday and subjects for Saturday will be announced at a later date.

Applique blocks for the "Crossed Tulip" raffle quilt were distributed to members for completion by the March meeting. Committee members chose an array of rose and green tones for the quilt which will be hand quilted by Odell Hassler of Skellytown. Ticket sales are scheduled to begin in May.

A selection of applique blocks currently in progress were brought by several members to

share for show and tell. Other items included a baby quilt and a machine applique "Tree Quilt" made by Susie Edwards and a queen size "Double Wedding Ring" made by Darlene Veststad for grandson Dale Sanders and his new bride.

A work day has been scheduled at 9 a.m. on March 17 and the regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23. Both meetings will be conducted at the center and visitors are welcomed to attend either meeting.

PAMPA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Pampa Family and Community Education met March 10 in the Pam Recreation Room.

Eleven members were present. Program speakers were Dee Dee Laramore and Evelyn Haiduk from Hospice of the Panhandle. Plans were discussed about the Sew Fair set for 1 p.m. on March 28 in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. There will be a spring craft workshop sponsored by The Pam F.C.E. Club at 10 a.m. on April 28. There will be a salad luncheon at noon.

The next meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. on April 14 at the Pam Recreation Room, 1200 N. Wells.

PAMPA ART CLUB

The Pampa Art Club met March 7. A short discussion was had about the installation of officers for next year. A workshop was held in which each person present worked on the project of their choosing.

A workshop will be held March 21 at Pat Kindle's home.

Area Newsmakers

Navy Airman Apprentice Joseph H. Gordon, a 1994 graduate of Shamrock High School recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight week program, Gordon completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Gordon learned Naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety/survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Gordon and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's values — honor, courage and commitment in guiding personal and professional conduct. Gordon joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Brad Green, a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School recently received a Letter of Commendation.

Green was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned aboard the submarine USS Archerfish, homeported in Groton, Conn.

He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. He joined the Navy in August 1983.

SAN ANTONIO — A.B. Jason C. Laramore reported to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio to begin basic training for the United States Air Force. The Air Force basic training class Laramore is attending will be completed and graduation is set for April 14 at Lackland AFB. After completing basic training, technical training will begin for the pre-selected course of study in a yet to be determined duty station. After attending Pampa High School for three years, Laramore completed high school and graduated from Cooper High School in Abilene. Laramore is the son of retired Pampa police chief James D. and Jo Carol Laramore, formerly of Pampa, and the grandson of Lloyd and Phyllis Laramore of Pampa.

Century old novel to see light of day

NEW YORK (AP) — Just because Louisa May Alcott died 107 years ago doesn't mean she can't have a new book published.

Random House has announced plans to publish in the fall a newly discovered novel by the author of "Little Women."

The book, "A Long Fatal Love Chase," was submitted for magazine serialization in 1866 but was rejected as "too long and sensational." The manuscript remained among Alcott's papers until recently, when it was acquired by a New Hampshire collector who sold the publishing rights to Random House.

The novel is a romantic thriller about a woman stalked by a former lover.

Exhibit focuses on Kentucky Blacks who migrated to Kansas town

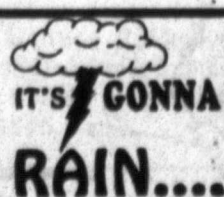
GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — As a child, Clark Moore had heard tales of how his grandfather and namesake journeyed west in the late 1800s to claim government land in Kansas, a state where slavery had never been an institution.

Moore's grandfather braved hailstorms, droughts and prairie fires, eventually helping to settle an all-black western Kansas town called Nicodemus. But until 1992, Moore knew little else.

Now, ties between blacks in Kentucky's bluegrass region and the Kansas prairie have been renewed in part through a permanent exhibit that opened recently at the Georgetown and Scott County Museum.

"The Nicodemus program is a strong part of the African-American heritage of this community and one we're trying to preserve," said museum director John Toncray. Pictures are a key element of the exhibition, "The Kentucky-Kansas Connection: Black Kentuckians in the Promised Lands of Kansas," which depicts Georgetown families after they migrated to Nicodemus.

The town was named for a legendary slave believed to be the first to purchase his freedom in America.



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Tennessee in the fall

NEW YORK (AP) — After six years in dispute, an authorized biography of playwright Tennessee Williams will finally be published, according to Crown Publishing.

The two-volume biography is by Lyle Leverich, a theater producer whom Williams had designated to be his biographer. The first volume, "Tom: The Unknown Tennessee Williams," is to be published later this year. The manuscript for the second volume is due in 1997.

Two prior attempts to publish the book were derailed when objections were raised by a self-proclaimed protector of Williams' literary estate. The protector has since died.

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Some 'good Christians' can't condone others' bad behavior

DEAR ABBY: You overlooked two important points in your recent reply to the grandmother who was upset because none of her friends sent gifts to honor the baptism of her illegitimate great-grandchild.

Consider the possibility that this woman was not the one offended, but rather the friends she is upset with.

She questions whether they are "good Christians." She seems to overlook the fact that her granddaughter has done at least two things most "good Christians" would consider wrong: She bore an illegitimate child, then failed to put it up for adoption.

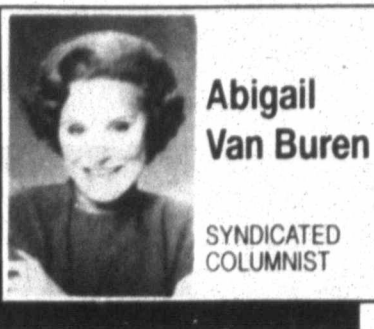
That she chose not to abort the child is commendable, but raising the child in a fatherless home is a selfish choice. Unfortunately, that is becoming more common in our increasingly permissive society, but that doesn't make it right in many people's eyes.

It seems to me that a more proper answer might have been to advise the woman to "keep a low profile" regarding her granddaughter's sexual misbehavior and go easy on her friends for not having sent any presents.

She might even call or write and apologize for putting them in an obviously awkward situation.

EARL REINKE, SEOUL, KOREA

DEAR EARL REINKE: "Raising a child in a fatherless home" is not always a selfish choice; in



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

many instances, it is a wise and courageous decision when one considers the kind of childhood some children have when the father is an abusive alcoholic or drug addict.

"As for labeling a child 'illegitimate': There are no illegitimate children — all children are 'legitimate' in God's eyes. 'Judge not, that ye be not judged.' (Matthew 7:1)

DEAR ABBY: My husband travels a lot because of his job. This is fine with me, but I wish he would realize how much work is involved to keep things going smoothly at home while he is away. Almost invariably when he's out of town, one of the kids gets sick, the car needs a repair, or some other emergency needs attention. This means getting up earlier and staying up later to get everything done.

When he gets home, I am glad to see him, but I am totally exhausted. Now the problem: He thinks I should be ready to have sex with him the minute I come to bed the first night he's home — even though it's been another long day for me. I just want one night of peace and quiet the first night he's home — then I'll be happy to oblige him the following night. He can't understand this and makes me feel guilty if I don't want to have sex immediately — so I give in; otherwise, I know he will be mad at me the next day.

Abby, I hate myself for giving in to him, but I can't find the words to tell him. There's no love-making — it's just "sex" to please my husband.

I feel so ashamed of myself — and so hurt that he cares so little about my feelings. I'm considering divorce. Maybe I have a low sex drive and need therapy. At this point, I just want to crawl under a rock so no one will know what a wimp I am.

FEELING USED IN WILMINGTON, DEL.

DEAR FEELING USED: Your husband needs to know how you feel — and why. If you aren't able to tell him, hand him this column. There is obviously a large communication gap in your marriage. Before you give serious consideration to seeing a divorce lawyer, please consider some joint sessions with a marriage and family therapist.

Horoscope

Friday, March 17, 1995

A situation might develop in the year ahead that enables you to take advantage of two opportunities not apparent to others. Do not broadcast your discoveries prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone with whom you're involved might try to change something today so that it benefits him more than it does you. Ironically, you could receive its greatest advantages. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are

reluctant to make a critical decision today, someone might step in and call the shots for you. Either way, this could become a no-win situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dedicate your time and efforts to truly meaningful tasks today. With some hard work, you could catch up now and even put yourself ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take time out today to enjoy pleasurable pursuits. If they are added to your agenda wisely, they shouldn't interfere with anything vital.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not undertake assignments today if you don't think you can follow them through to a successful conclusion. They could become obstacles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some information you possess could be enormously beneficial to someone you recently met. If you don't pass it on, you may later regret it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Continue to keep your financial affairs balanced. Prudent habits now may enable you to enjoy life's finer things a bit further down

the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) After you make an important decision today, have the courage of your convictions and stand by your decisions, even if it's picked apart by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This can be a productive day for you, provided you work in an environment free from outside interference. Shut the door and unplug the phone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Reflect on the future today and think of things you'd like to see happen. Your farsightedness could help you visualize the right game plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your ability to sense the mood of the moment could be your best attribute today. It can help you focus the necessary forces to achieve a desired goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Have confidence today in your concepts. If you feel you have a good idea, don't let others discourage you before you've had a chance to test it.

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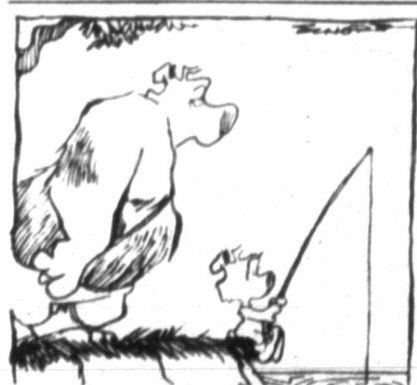


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The Family Circus



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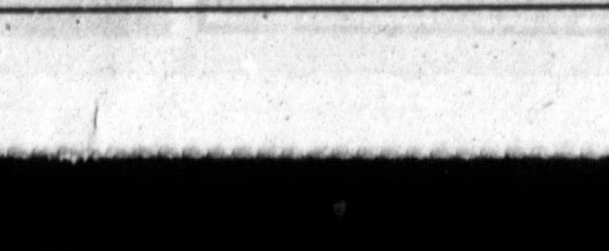
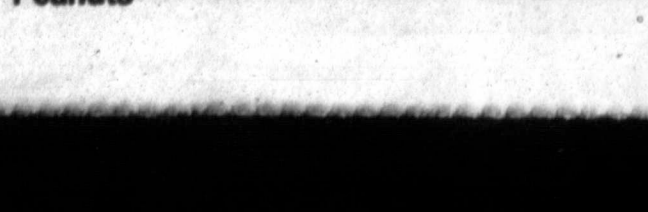
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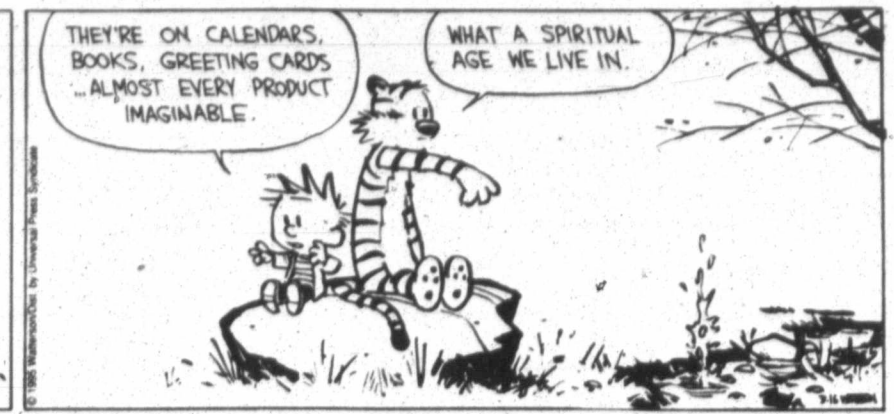
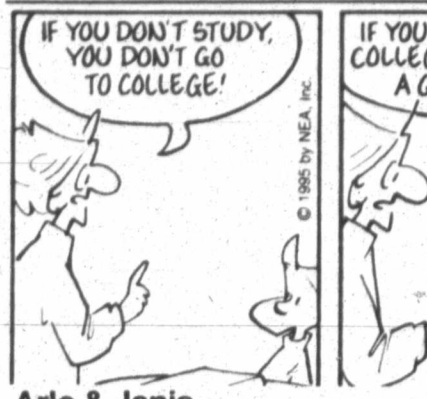
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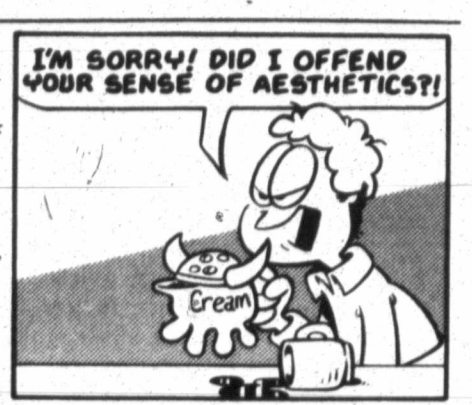
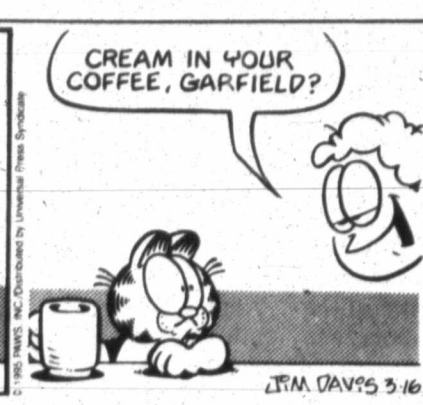
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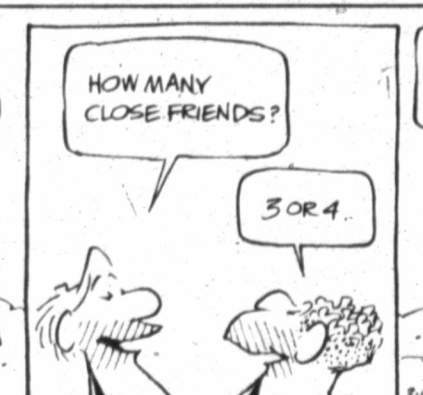
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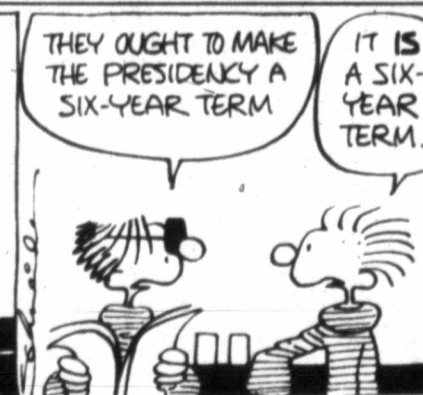
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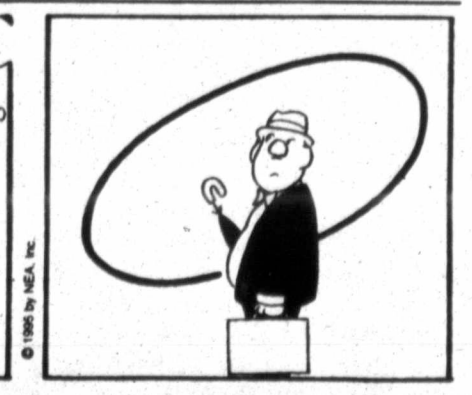
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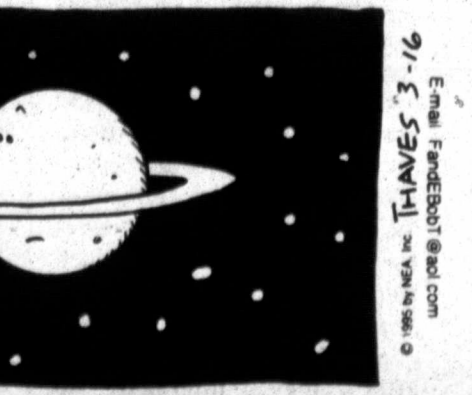
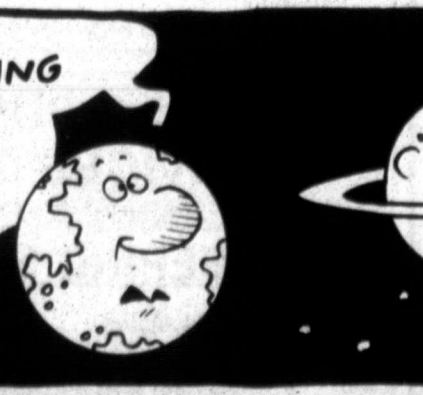
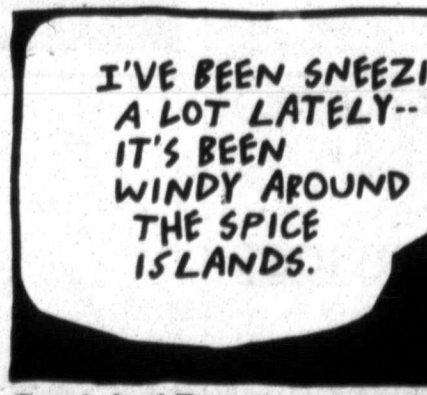
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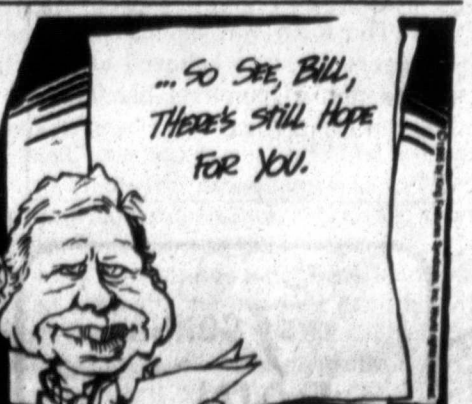
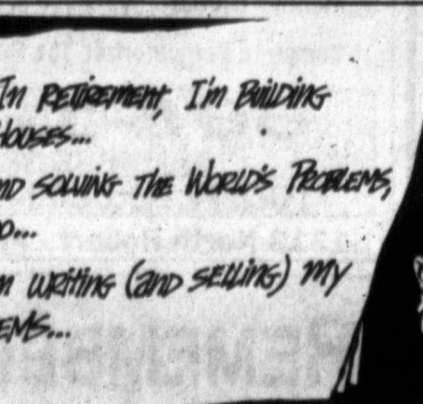
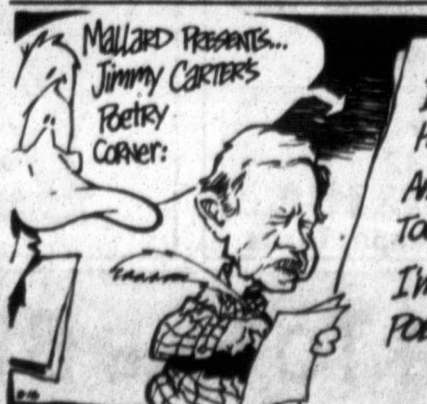
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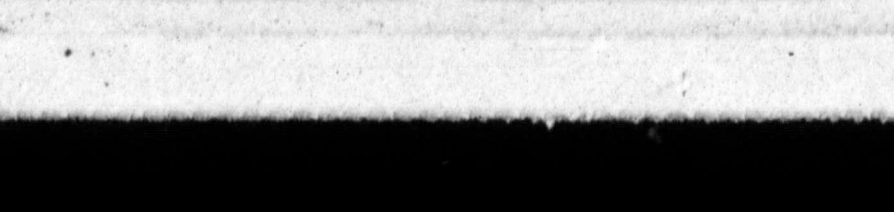
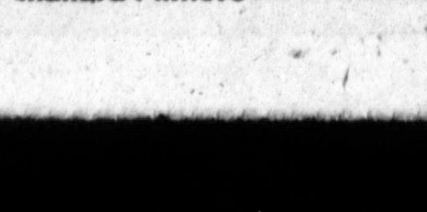
The Born Loser



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Sports

Notebook

RED CROSS PROGRAMS

PAMPA — The Red Cross youth program has canceled the girls basketball class, but boys basketball and girls volleyball will continue.

The boys basketball will continue every Wednesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pampa Youth and Community Center. Boys try-outs for basketball also will be held the same night.

Starting Monday, March 20, sign-ups will begin for girls volleyball at the Red Cross office from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The youth program is in desperate need of parents or other interested persons who are willing to coach the basketball or volleyball teams.

For more information on the youth programs or on coaching, contact Sandy at the Gray County Chapter of the Red Cross office, 669-7121, on Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER — Six players from White Deer have been named to the District 1-2A All-Academic Basketball Team this season.

In the boys' division, All-Academic selections were J.W. Lanham and Derek Epperson.

In the girls' division, All-Academic selections were Amanda Tackett, Tiffany Day, Beth Poland and Krissy Cone.

FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Warren Sapp, the star defensive lineman who failed an NFL drug test, spoke of "this unfortunate occurrence," but would not address reports that he used marijuana and cocaine.

On Tuesday, the NFL said a New York Times story saying the former Miami player failed tests for cocaine at last month's scouting combine in Indianapolis was inaccurate. The NFL did not say whether Sapp had failed a test for marijuana, which a number of news organizations reported.

MIAMI (AP) — Former Miami Dolphins receiver Mark Duper and his brother-in-law, Brian Briggs, were found innocent by a federal jury on charges of conspiracy and cocaine possession with intent to distribute.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut senior forward Rebecca Lobo, averaging 17.3 points and 10.3 rebounds for the top-ranked Huskies, was a unanimous first-team selection for The Associated Press women's All-America team.

Lobo was joined by Shelley Sheetz of Colorado, Nikki McCray of Tennessee, Charlotte Smith of North Carolina and Niesha Johnson of Alabama.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The NCAA's eligibility committee ruled that Arizona junior center Ben Davis must sit out three NCAA tournament games for receiving improper benefits.

The committee upheld a staff decision Tuesday that Davis must repay some \$3,300 in impermissible benefits before the start of the next school year, said Carrie Doyle, the NCAA's director of eligibility.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Gary Colson announced his resignation as head coach at Fresno State. Colson, 61, was 13-15 this season and 76-73 in five years at the school.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas-San Antonio coach Stu Starnier resigned after leading the Roadrunners to a 15-13 record this season and 84-58 mark in five seasons.

SKIING

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — American star Picabo Street ended a stunning downhill campaign with her fifth consecutive victory and sixth of the season in the opening race of the World Cup finals.

Street, 23, of Sun Valley, Idaho, clinched the United States' first World Cup downhill title Saturday in Switzerland. She combined with teammate Hilary Lindh, second in the season standings, to win eight of nine downhill.

Italy's Alberto Tomba was assured of his first overall title when five-time champion Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg finished 17th in the men's downhill. France's Luc Alphand won the race, beating American AJ Kitt by 0.29 seconds.

HOCKEY

TORONTO (AP) — NHL players moved closer toward competing in the 1998 Olympics after a meeting in Switzerland featuring three top hockey executives.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman was joined at the day-long meeting by Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee; Rene Fasel, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation; and Bob Goodenow, executive director of the NHL Players Association.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — Josh Davis of San Antonio won the 400-meter freestyle and swam a leg for the victorious 400 freestyle relay team as the United States won four of five races in the Pan American Games.

Davis won the 400 in 3 minutes, 55.59 seconds and joined Gary Hall of Phoenix; Tom Jager of Tijeras, N.M.; and Jon Olsen of Colorado Springs, Colo., to set a Pan Am record in the relay with a time of 3:18.68. The U.S. swimming team has won 14 golds in 20 events.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — Madison Square Garden is the front-runner to stage a proposed heavyweight fight between Riddick Bower and Mike Tyson, according to Bower's manager, Rock Newman said hopes to hold the bout between October 1995 and June 1996.

Cougars turn back Red Raiders

By MARK JEWELL
Associated Press Writer

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — When Texas Tech threatened, Isaac Fontaine and Washington State turned to their strength: shooting.

The Red Raiders, who trailed by 7 at the half, took a 68-67 lead with 8:45 remaining before the Cougars put the game out of reach with a 12-4 run.

Fontaine scored 8 of his 32 points in the final 8:30 as Washington State took a 94-82

decision Wednesday night to advance to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Fontaine shot 11-for-14 from the field and made nine of 10 free throws.

"I guess you could say that I just felt good," said Fontaine, who came into the game averaging 17.8 points.

Washington State, which leads the nation in field-goal percentage, shot 67 percent in the game, a season high. The Cougars led 50-43 at the half.

"They shot the ball out-

standing in the first half," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said. "We made a run in the second half. We never could quite get control of the lead."

Washington State improved to 17-11 and Texas Tech finished 20-10.

Mark Hendrickson added 19 points for the Cougars and Tavares Mack scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half.

Texas Tech was led by Lance Hughes, who made four 3-pointers and finished with 23

points. Jason Sasser added 17.

The Red Raiders' Mark Davis, who entered the game averaging 17.9 points, was held to 2 points on 1-for-5 shooting from the field.

Texas Tech, which tied for first in the Southwest Conference in the regular season, has relied heavily on the fast break all season and kept the pace high against the Cougars. The result was a back-and-forth game of scoring spurts in the first-ever meeting between the teams.

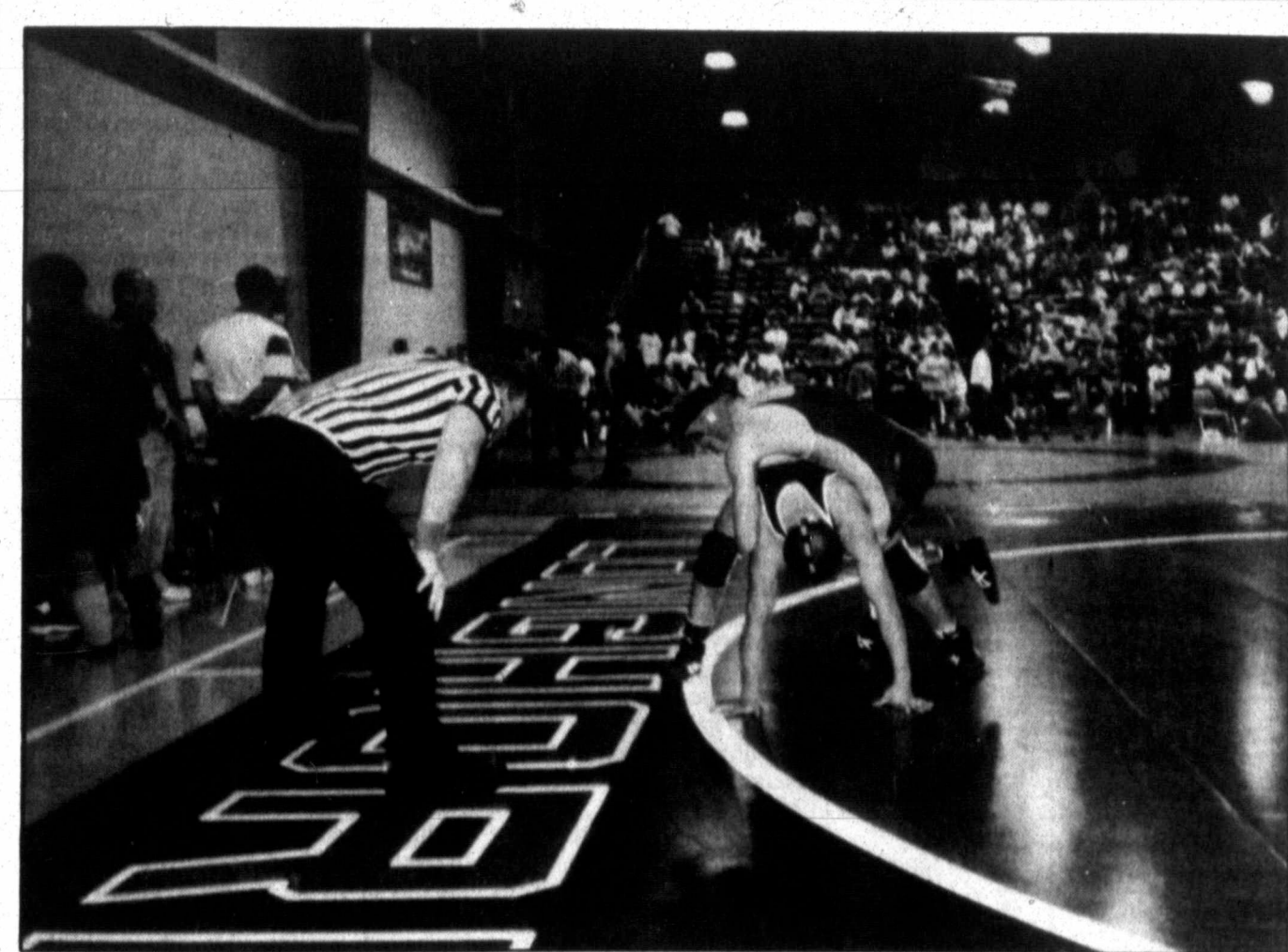
That was fine with Washington

State coach Kevin Eastman.

"We run pretty well ourselves," Eastman said. "We thought it was going to be a fast-paced game and we were not going to back down."

"They are so explosive. We knew it was going to be a game of spurts. That is why I didn't get too concerned at some of their runs back at us."

Washington State, which tied Stanford for fifth in the Pacific-10, plays the winner of tonight's Illinois State-Utah State game in the second round.



(Special photo)

Pampa's Corey Alfonsi takes control of a match during tournament action earlier this season. Alfonsi plans on entering the National Wrestling Tournament later this month in Pittsburg, Penn.

Pampa's Alfonsi plans to enter National Wrestling Tournament

PAMPA — Corey Alfonsi is seeking some assistance.

The Pampa High wrestling stand-out plans to compete in the National Tournament March 31-April 2 in Pittsburg, Penn. To do so, however, Alfonsi must raise \$3,000 to help pay expenses.

To be eligible for the tournament, a wrestler must be a high school senior and must have placed either first or second in the state tournament.

Alfonsi, a senior, advanced to the 160-pound finals of the Texas High School Wrestling Championships in Abilene this year. He won four straight matches to reach the finals. It was his second trip to the state tournament.

Alfonsi finished the season with a sparkling 33-3 record and two of those losses came he had moved into a higher weight bracket (185 pounds) to give his team a better chance of winning. He was honored last month by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee as the area's outstanding athlete in wrestling for the month of February.

Alfonsi is trying to obtain a wrestling scholarship for college. In an effort to receive scholarship funds, Alfonsi has received glowing endorsements from employers, teachers and friends.

"Corey has been active in our cross country, wrestling and track

programs while in high school. In each endeavor, Corey has not only competed successfully, but has also been a positive influence with other teammates as well," said Pampa High School Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier.

"Corey Alfonsi has been working for us for two years. He is a very dependable young man. He is very prompt, does his work well and is always ready to do the job," said James Gray of Gray's Decorating Center of Pampa.

Persons interested in helping Alfonsi make the trip to nationals can call 669-3311 or 665-5409 for more information.

Temple's Chaney: Man on a mission

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — His nature and his mission have made John Chaney a hard man.

In 23 years of coaching — the last 13 at Temple — Chaney has established a reputation as one of college basketball's most intense and competitive figures.

"Very often you find yourself being one of the last angry men," Chaney said on the eve of this year's NCAA tournament. "I always say to the kids, try to remember it is 12 of you and just one of me. It's easier for you guys to like one of me, then it is for me to like all of you."

With his tough approach, the 63-year-old Chaney has built a consistent winner in Philadelphia, and when the Owls (19-10) take on Cincinnati (21-11) today in the West Regional, they will be making their 11th NCAA tournament appearance in 13 years.

Other first-round matchups here are Connecticut (25-4) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (19-10); Oregon (19-8) against Texas (22-6) and Maryland (24-7) vs. Gonzaga (21-8).

Second-round pairings on Saturday will have the Temple-Cincinnati winner meeting the Connecticut-Tennessee-Chattanooga winner and the Oregon-Texas winner against the winner of the Maryland-Gonzaga game.

Temple's forte is defense — a match-up zone that can dismantle an offense and makes opponents aware that every offensive possession is

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crucial. On offense, the Owls win when they control the tempo and the shot clock.

"Turnovers against Temple are very important because you're just not going to have the same number of possessions you have against other people," said Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins. "They run the shot clock down, and if you turn it over a bunch, you're not going to win because there's just not enough possessions to overcome that."

Cincinnati, making its fourth straight NCAA tournament appearance under Huggins, can match Temple's tenacity on defense with its half-court traps.

The Bearcats held the Owls to a season-low 21 percent shooting in a 60-41 win at the Tournament of Champions in Charlotte, N.C., in early December. The 41 points matched the fewest points ever scored by a Chaney-coached Temple team.

"We scored off our defense," Huggins said Thursday. "Their guards were young and didn't handle the traps as well as I'm sure they will this time."

The best of Temple's three starting guards is senior Rick Brunson, who led the Owls in scoring (16.7), rebounding (6), assists (4.2) and steals (2.6) this season.

Chaney says Brunson personifies Temple's program.

"We get to the NCAAs based on one thing every year — character," Chaney said. "Rick spent nothing but time, energy and effort to help

this team get here."

Huggins, like Chaney a coach in constant motion on the sidelines, has made the Bearcats a formidable program in his six seasons there. Cincinnati got to the Final Four in 1992 and was the East Regional runner-up in 1993.

Maryland, the No. 3 seed in the West behind UCLA and Connecticut, will have coach Gary Williams back for the first time in two weeks. Williams was hospitalized on Feb. 28 with pneumonia, lost 15 pounds and missed the Terrapins' last four games.

Ranked No. 10 nationally and led by Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year Joe Smith, Maryland is expected to make No. 14 seed Gonzaga's first trip to the tournament a brief one.

"As much as I know about them is that John Stockton (Utah Jazz) played for them when he was in college," said Maryland guard Duane Simpkins.

Gonzaga's hopes rest on keeping guard John Rillie in the groove he found at the West Coast Conference tournament last week. Rillie, from Toowoomba, Australia, was 27-of-42 on field goal attempts, including 20-of-28 on 3-pointers.

But Rillie, says Gonzaga coach Dan Fitzgerald, has his limitations.

"That was an out-of-body experience," Fitzgerald said of Rillie's shooting last week. "Unfortunately, he's about as athletic as one of our other alums — Bing Crosby."

Fans struggling with replacement baseball season

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Even the fans are struggling with replacement ball, apparently.

At the Dodgers-Mets game Wednesday night, a young girl held up a sign for the television cameras, welcoming announcers "Tim McCarvey" and "Ralph Kinner."

"Kind of typifies this spring," Tim McCarvey told the WWOR-TV audience back in New York.

"Spring training, anybody could make a few mistakes," Ralph Kinner said.

The game between Los Angeles and the Mets in Port St. Lucie, Fla., featured one of the stranger plays of the spring. The Mets scored a run on a botched squeeze play in which both the batter and catcher kicked a pitch that bounced.

In an all-too-typical development, there was no progress toward settling the strike. In fact, union head Donald Fehr and acting commissioner Bud Selig did not even talk during the day.

While players and owners are having trouble catching up to each other, the Seattle Mariners are having trouble catching. Manager Lou Piniella saw his team make five errors that led to six unearned runs in a 10-6 loss to Milwaukee in Peoria, Ariz.

"I need to find nine players who can catch the ball," Piniella said. "That's the biggest problem I see here. I feel sorry for the pitchers. We tell them to keep the ball on the ground, which they are doing, but our fielders aren't catching it."

The Mariners have made 29 errors in 11 games, setting up 33 unearned runs.

"(Infield coach) Sam Perlozzo hits them a lot of ground balls in our morning practice, so they're getting enough grounders," Piniella said. "That could be the problem. Maybe he's wearing them out before the game."

Fehr met with Roger Clemens, Frank Thomas and about 30 other top players at Orlando, Fla., but didn't speak with Selig.

"I called and left a message before I got on the plane, and I wouldn't expect to hear from him until tonight or tomorrow," Fehr said later in the day.

The regular season is supposed to start in 2 1/2 weeks, and players say they are prepared to resume negotiations at any time. Talks were being scheduled for this week outside of Orlando, but owners canceled them to study a complaint issued by the National Labor Relations Board.

"I think there is now an understanding of what the NLRB complaint involves, so we can proceed into negotiations when the time is correct," management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said.

In other areas: — Relief pitcher Gregg Olson, still trying to recover from a partially torn tendon in his elbow, signed a minor league deal with Cleveland. Olson, Baltimore's career saves leader, worked out this spring with the Orioles. He pitched briefly for Atlanta last year, but mostly was sidelined by his injury.

— Toronto reliever Duane Ward was told by management to stop working out at the minor-league camp. Ward, on strike with the major leaguers, missed 1994 following shoulder surgery. Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said the commissioner's office asked that Ward pitch off the premises in Dunedin, Fla.

— For the third straight year, major league baseball will enforce a ban on all tobacco products in the minors. The policy affects more than 6,000 players, managers, coaches and umpires.

Lions' Thanksgiving Day game to continue

DETROIT (AP) — A 61-year-old tradition will continue, at least for another year, as the Detroit Lions will play host to another Thanksgiving Day game.

Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt wanted the Thanksgiving Day game — played annually by the Lions since 1934 and by the Dallas Cowboys since 1966 — to rotate among all 30 NFL teams.

But, the measure never even came up for a vote Wednesday during the NFL owners' meeting in Phoenix, said William Clay Ford Jr., the Lions' vice chairman.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Detroit and Dallas would play host to Thanksgiving Day games at least through 1995.

"We're OK for this year," Ford said. "I think it will continue to come up in future years, but there's a lot of support in the league for our position. A lot of people don't want to mess with a 61-year-old tradition."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NIT Tournament

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

First Round

Wednesday, March 15

Canisius 68, Seton Hall 71
Marquette 68, Auburn 61
Penn State 62, Miami, Fla. 56
Coppin State 75, St. Joseph's 68, OT
Iowa 96, DePaul 87
New Mexico St. 97, Colorado 83
Washington State 94, Texas Tech 82

Thursday, March 16

George Washington (18-13) at Ohio University (23-9), 7 p.m.
St. John's (14-13) at South Florida (16-11), 7:30 p.m.
College of Charleston (23-5) at Providence (16-12), 7:30 p.m.
Southern Mississippi (17-12) at St. Bonaventure (17-12), 7:30 p.m.
Georgia (18-9) at Nebraska (17-13), 8:05 p.m.

Eastern Michigan (20-9) at Bradley (19-9), 8:05 p.m.
Illinois State (19-12) at Utah State (21-7), 9:05 p.m.

Friday, March 17

Cincinnati (25-12) at Virginia Tech (20-10), 7:30 p.m.
Montana (21-8) at Texas El Paso (19-9), 9:35 p.m.

NCAA Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press
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First Round

At Baltimore Arena

Baltimore

Thursday, March 16

Waterfront (24-5) vs. North Carolina A&T (15-14), 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota (19-11) vs. Saint Louis (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game.
Alabama (22-9) vs. Pennsylvania (22-5), 7:40 p.m.

Oklahoma State (23-9) vs. Drexel (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game.
At Knickerbocker Arena
Albany, N.Y.

Friday, March 17

North Carolina Charlotte (19-8) vs. Stanford (19-8), 12:30 p.m.
Massachusetts (26-4) vs. St. Peter's (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game.
Villanova (25-7) vs. Old Dominion (20-11), 7:40 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

Tulsa (22-7) vs. Illinois (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Thursday, March 16

Oklahoma (23-8) vs. Manhattan (25-4), 12:30 p.m.
Agua Fria State (22-8) vs. Ball State (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game.
Kentucky (25-4) vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md. (12-12), 7:50 p.m.

Highland Young (22-9) vs. Tulane (22-9), 30 minutes after previous game.
At Tallahassee, Leon County Civic Center
Tallahassee, Fla.

Friday, March 17

Iowa State (22-10) vs. Florida (17-12), 12:30 p.m.
Virginia (22-8) vs. Murray State (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game.
Michigan State (22-5) vs. Weber State (20-8), 7:40 p.m.

Georgetown (19-9) vs. Xavier, Ohio (23-4), 30 minutes after previous game.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

At University of Dayton Arena

Dayton, Ohio

Thursday, March 16

Arizona (23-7) vs. Miami, Ohio (22-6), 12:30 p.m.
Virginia (22-8) vs. Nicholls State (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game.
Kansas (23-5) vs. Colgate (17-12), 7:40 p.m.

Western Kentucky (26-3) vs. Michigan (17-10), 30 minutes after previous game.
At The Frank Erwin Special Events Center
Austin, Texas

Friday, March 17

Syracuse (19-9) vs. Southern Illinois (23-8), 12:25 p.m.
Arkansas (27-6) vs. Texas Southern (22-6), 30 minutes after previous game.
Memphis (22-9) vs. Louisville (19-13), 8 p.m.

Purdue (24-6) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game.

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Jon M. Huntsman Center

Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 16

Connecticut (25-4) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (19-10), 2:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (21-11) vs. Temple (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game.
Oregon (19-8) vs. Texas (22-6), 8 p.m.

Maryland (24-7) vs. Gonzaga (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game.
At HSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho

Friday, March 17

Utah (27-5) vs. Long Beach State (20-9), 2:15 p.m.
Mississippi State (20-7) vs. Santa Clara (21-6), 30 minutes after previous game.
Missouri (19-8) vs. Indiana (19-11), 7:50 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	48	16	.750	—
New York	40	21	.656	6 1/2
New Jersey	26	37	.413	21 1/2
Boston	24	38	.387	23
Miami	23	39	.371	24
Philadelphia	17	45	.274	30
Washington	17	45	.274	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	39	24	.619	—
Indiana	38	24	.613	1/2
Cleveland	35	26	.574	3
Chicago	31	31	.516	6 1/2
San Antonio	32	42	.438	8
Milwaukee	24	40	.375	15 1/2
Detroit	23	40	.365	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	47	16	.746	—
San Antonio	42	18	.700	3 1/2
Houston	38	24	.613	8 1/2
Denver	29	33	.468	17 1/2
Dallas	24	36	.400	21 1/2
Minnesota	17	46	.270	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	47	16	.746	—
Seattle	42	18	.699	4
L.A. Lakers	38	24	.613	8 1/2
Portland	34	27	.557	12
Sacramento	30	31	.492	16
Golden State	20	42	.323	26 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	50	.219	33 1/2

clinched playoff berth.

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey 108, Orlando 98

Indiana 117, Milwaukee 106

Chicago 99, Atlanta 86

L.A. Clippers 117, Detroit 87

Golden State 119, L.A. Lakers 108

Thursday's Games

Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.

Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Exhibition Baseball

At A Glance

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Minnesota	10	5	.667
Texas	8	4	.667
Cleveland	10	6	.625
Oakland	6	4	.600
Chicago	7	5	.583
Milwaukee	7	6	.538
Boston	7	7	.500
California	5	5	.500
New York	6	8	.429
Detroit	5	8	.385
Seattle	4	7	.364
Toronto	3	8	.273
Kansas City	2	8	.200
Baltimore	0	0	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Houston	10	3	.769
Los Angeles	9	4	.692
Chicago	8	4	.667
Colorado	8	4	.667
Philadelphia	7	4	.636
Pittsburgh	7	6	.538
Atlanta	6	7	.462
Cincinnati	6	7	.462
Montreal	5	6	.455
Florida	5	7	.417
St. Louis	5	7	.417
San Diego	4	7	.364
San Francisco	3	8	.273
New York	2	9	.182

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings. Ties or college games do not. (x-Baltimore is not participating)

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 6, Atlanta 3

Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1

Minnesota 6, Montreal 1

Philadelphia 7, New York Yankees 3

Texas 13, Chicago White Sox 2

Milwaukee 10, Seattle 6

Colorado 5, San Diego 1

California 7, Chicago Cubs 2

Boston 10, Toronto 6

Cincinnati 5, Detroit 0

Houston 4, Florida 3

New York Mets 4, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

St. Louis vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta (ss) vs. New York Yankees at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Montreal vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:35 p.m.

San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Francisco vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Kansas City (ss) at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

New York Mets vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City (ss) vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. St. Louis at St. Peterburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

California vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

Texas vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (ss) vs. New York Yankees at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD: Water murky; black bass are

fair to good on worms and spinner baits; crappie are good around the docks on crappie jigs and minnows fished in 11 feet of water; catfish are good on shrimp and night crawlers.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 6 foot low; black bass are slow to fair; hybrid stripers are good on live bait; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 5 feet of water; no report for catfish.

GRANBURY: Water cloudy; lake full; 58 degrees; black bass to 10.63 are good on blue and black crank baits; striped bass are fair on deep-diving crank baits; white bass are good on small minnows fished up the river; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water; catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 14 feet of water.

GREENBELT: Water clear; 47 degrees; black bass are good on spinner baits; white bass are fair on minnows; crappie to 1.34 pounds are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on night crawlers and shrimp; walleye are good on a variety of artificials.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; 1 foot low; 54 degrees; black bass are fair on crank baits and spinner baits; striped bass are fair to good on perch and artificials; crappie are fair on minnows; no report for catfish.

MEREDITH: Water clear; normal level; 43 degrees; black bass are slow; smallmouth are fair on crawfish fished in 15 to 20 feet of water; walleye are fair at night on Thundersticks and Countdown Rapalas fished against the bank and on jigs with a 5 inch worm trailer fished in 15 to 20 feet of water during the day.

OAK CREEK: Water murky; 9 feet low; 45 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on grape worms with a red tail fished in deep water; white bass are slow; crappie are good on minnows fished off of the docks; no report for catfish.

OLHIVE: Water clear; 15:50; 53 degrees; black bass are fair on plastic worms and spinner baits fished in 10 to 20 feet of water in the Elm and Grape Creek areas with worms fished on the main lake best for big bass; smallmouth are poor on jigs and slugs fished in 20 to 30 feet of water in rocky areas; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water on the upper end and in the Colorado and Conch Rivers; catfish are fair on trotlines fished up the river, live bait best for yellow cat and shad and shrimp best for blues and channel; white bass are fair on jigs, spoons, slugs and crank baits fished in 10 to 20 feet of water under the bridge; no catches of walleye reported.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 2 feet low; 52 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on jig and pig combos and dark Power Worms fished in 15 feet of water; striped bass up to 16 pounds are good on live shad fished in the upper lake area; white bass are mixed with the stripers and hitting slugs and chumouse jugging spoons; crappie are fair on minnows and crappie jigs fished in the brush in 15 to 20 feet of water; no report for catfish.

PROCTOR: Water clear; lake full; 59 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on black and blue jigs; hybrid stripers are good to 11.12 pounds; crappie up to 2 1/2 pounds are good on minnows and jigs fished around the dam; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad.

SPENCE: Water clear; 33 feet low; 57 degrees; black bass are good on spinner baits fished shallow in the creeks; striped bass and white bass are running together with the stripers hitting cut shad and jigs fished up around Smoky Draw and the white hitting slugs; crappie are slow on minnows and jigs; no report for catfish.

TIBBO: Water clear; low; very few fishermen out.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear; extremely low; black bass are slow to fair; white bass are fair on minnows and some on jugging spoons; catfish are fair on shrimp, shad, minnows and cheese bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water low; very few fishermen out.

Defending champion Oklahoma City breezes past Iowa Wesleyan in opening round of NAIA tourney

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press Writer

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Brian DeBose doesn't think Oklahoma City was trying to send a message to the other 15 teams left in the NAIA tournament, but he'll agree on this: It was hard not to be impressed.

The Chiefs, who have won the national championship three of the past four years, opened defense of their title Wednesday night by thrashing Iowa Wesleyan with superior athletes and — in the case of 6-foot-10 Ian Phillips and Brian Hoppood — bigger ones, too.

The 107-75 victory was the most dominant in the first round, and just about every team was in the Mabce Center to see it.

"Everyone is going to be giving us their best shot," said DeBose, who scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half. "We took our defensive intensity to another level. Whether we sent a message or not, I think one was sent."

In other first-round games Wednesday, Geneva defeated Minnesota-Morris, 60-50; Birmingham Southern beat Concord, 107-70; and Fresno-Pacific knocked off Columbia, Mo., 81-56.

Also, Georgia Southwestern held off Olivet Nazarene, Ill., 92-83; Hawaii Pacific beat Mary Hardin-Baylor, 76-69.

The Chiefs (29-2) extended a 35-31 lead to 43-35 at the half, then poured it on. They blocked five shots, shot 60 percent and wore down the Tigers (21-15) inside and out.

Hoppood scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds, while Phillips had 10 points in just 14 minutes. When they both came out, the

Chiefs' smaller, athletic lineup produced a 15-0 run in a span of three minutes that buried the Tigers for good.

"I hope we made a statement to ourselves," coach Win Case said. "We need to step up our defensive intensity. We were getting by on our athleticism."

Jay Langenbau led Iowa Wesleyan with 14 points. Guard Corey Jenkins had 15 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Chiefs.

The Master's 86, SW Oklahoma 72

The Master's put on a shooting clinic in the second half, making its first 11 shots during a 24-6 run that turned a close game into a rout.

Doug Leamon hit two 3-pointers and a jumper just inside the line, and Leo Gorauskas hit two layups and two short jumpers during a 24-6 run that finally ended when James Mosley's 15-foot jumper barely drew iron.

By then, the Mustangs (30-4) led 59-42, and they built that lead to 74-50.

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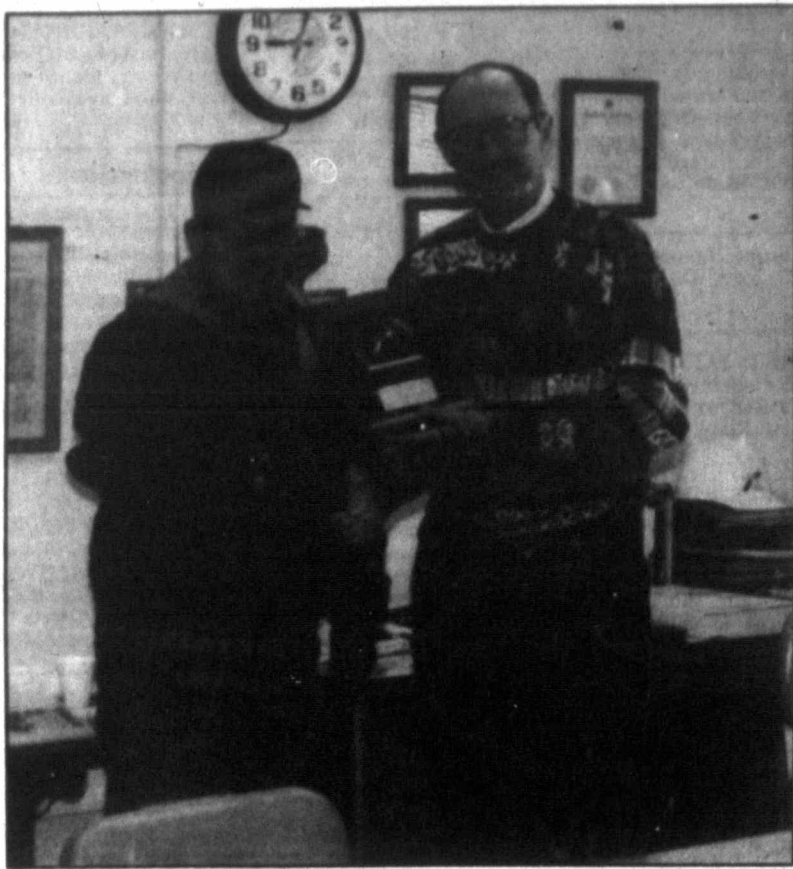
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Gerald R. Wyche, left, of Pampa, receives the Texas Department of Transportation's "Service Award" for his years of service to the department from Billy Parks, P.D., district engineer for the Amarillo District. Wyche has been with TxDOT for 30 years. He is currently employed as a maintenance technician. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a Shriner. He and his wife, Shirley, attend the Church of God in Pampa.

State House votes to opt out of federal banking plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would opt out of a new federal law and continue to require national out-of-state banks to be chartered in the Lone Star State under a bill that has won preliminary approval in the House.

Without debate, the House voted 142-0 Wednesday in favor of the bill, which is considered good for local banks and bad for national banks interested in expanding in Texas.

Currently, national banks must have a state charter to open branches in Texas. The banks must be run by a Texas-based board of directors and face separate reporting requirements and taxes.

Under a new federal law, national banks would be allowed to open branches in states without having to meet state regulatory requirements. Branches would be considered offices of the parent bank and would be operated by the parent bank's board of directors and management.

Individual states, however, have the right to opt out of the federal law, which is the intent of the bill approved by the House.

"I think that the House is very close to the general population, and I think that their vote reflected the population's general mistrust of big interstate banking," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Ken Marchant, R-Carrollton.

Marchant said Texans were frustrated by "almost a decade" of banking problems mishandled by federal officials.

"The big out-of-state banks ... came in and were the big beneficiaries of that bailout," he said. "Very few Texans' lives weren't touched by a bank closing or a loan being called or something negative over the last 10 years."

Marchant and other supporters say opting out of the federal plan will preserve local control and accountability in the state's banking industry.

They say the branching would give larger banks a competitive edge over community banks.

Opponents, however, contend the federal plan will increase accountability by requiring more reports for review. In addition, the federal law would require that a certain amount of loans be granted in a branch region. No such requirement exists under the current system.

John Heasley, general counsel of the Texas Bankers Association, which opposes Marchant's bill, said Texas has had a semblance of branch banking since the mid-1980s. That's when the state started allowing unlimited branching for banks chartered in the state.

North Carolina-based NationsBank, for instance, is chartered in Dallas and has numerous branches throughout Texas.

"The competitive presence has been here, and it's not been a threat to the community bankers," Heasley said.

Opponents of the bill also say the new federal law will boost state and local economic development by increasing the number of banks and regulating the amount of loans in a bank's community.

Heasley said he was not surprised with Wednesday's House vote.

"The outcome was pretty much as expected," he said. "The real test will be what the Senate will do on the issue."

Marchant agreed the fight in the Senate will be harder.

"I know we have the votes in the Senate committee to get it out of committee, but I just don't know where we are on the votes to get to the floor," he said. "But (the House vote is) a pretty solid signal to the Senate that we're at least serious about this whole idea of keeping Texas banking here."

'Saints and Sinners' book creates quite a furor in Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A scholarly book on clerical crime, including murder, witchcraft and sex, has outraged the Vatican — even though the sins are five centuries old.

The Vatican press office recently declared *Saints and Sinners* an "abuse" that should be "strongly deplored." It said author Filippo Tamburini, a priest, had published Vatican documents without permission.

The Vatican rarely issues such condemnations, and three decades have passed since the Church discontinued its index of books forbidden to Catholics.

After the book came out to lurid newspaper headlines last month, Tamburini was called onto the carpet by a high-level archbishop in the Vatican administration.

The condemnation is all the more surprising because the book was formally presented in a Vatican meeting hall.

Tamburini collected 100 supplications to the Sacred Penitentiary, the Holy See tribunal.

The documents, dating from 1451-1586 and in Latin, were public statements of penitence from sinners who sought a return to their church or secular positions.

They include mainly monks, nuns and priests, with a few merchants and nobles thrown in. Fornication,

theft, adultery, homosexuality, apostasy, forgery, bestiality, piracy are among their sins. The Penitentiary pardoned every case in the book.

Officials have barred Tamburini from the Penitentiary's archives, where he worked for 12 years and before retiring several years ago, according to his publishing house.

"Maybe they thought it was material from sacramental confessions and I had published something I shouldn't have," he said in a recent interview. "But they are public cases."

When pressed, the 70-year-old priest conceded: "Maybe I didn't ask permission to publish the material." But he said Vatican officials knew he was studying the documents for a scholarly book.

"It doesn't matter to me. I've done a serious work respected by the academic community," he said.

The book tells lurid tales of people like Sister Biagina, who bore and killed two children. Pietro di Peyto, a Carmelite leader, sodomized fellow clerics and slept with women. Pietro Parral castrated a priest on behalf of a romantic rival.

Tamburini points out plenty of saints make it into his book. In document No. 97, two followers of St. Theresa of Avila ask permission to establish a convent under her teachings.

Extra billions for Pentagon not so easy to obtain

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounds so simple. The military needs a couple of billion to pay for some unexpected troop deployments this year and wants a largely pro-military Congress to provide the money by the end of the month.

Piece of cake, right?

Wrong! This is the United States Congress, after all.

A supplemental defense spending bill has become enmeshed in presidential politics, House-Senate rivalries and balanced budget concerns — not to mention a few extraneous disputes that have little or nothing to do with the military.

The bill in question, a request for \$2.6 billion in emergency defense funding, was one of the first measures sent to the new Congress by President Clinton and the first spending measure to work its way through the House and into the Senate.

All sides agree on one thing: The bill must be passed quickly. Clinton's top military advisers warn that unless the money is approved by March 31,

military commanders will have to cut into training and equipment maintenance more severely than they did last year, when three Army divisions saw their readiness grades slip.

So convinced of the need were congressional Republicans that they scolded the administration for failing to send the bill to Capitol Hill even sooner. The House Appropriations national security subcommittee passed its own version of the emergency defense bill.

The subcommittee, led by Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., added \$670 million to the bottom line in a signal that the Republican-led Congress would be stronger on defense than the administration.

Immediately, there was a problem: Freshman House members complained that under Young's plan, their first vote as lawmakers on a spending measure would add to the federal deficit.

Young and his colleagues hastily patched together a package of domestic spending cuts and reductions in other defense accounts to make the emergency bill "revenue neutral," as they say on Capitol Hill.

The Republican-led Senate also wanted to send the administration a signal, but a different one. The Senate

Appropriations Committee, with a GOP majority sharply critical of the overseas deployments that led to the emergency bill in the first place, cut Clinton's request to \$1.9 billion. And to register disapproval over the reason the money was needed, the committee offset that amount with cuts entirely from the Defense Department.

The message was unmistakable: If Clinton and his team continue to send troops to places like Haiti, Rwanda, Somalia and Bosnia without congressional approval, they will have trouble getting money to do it.

"I do not want the administration to regard approval of this supplemental appropriations bill as endorsement of their expanded peacekeeping activities abroad, nor of their plan to pay for these excursions with current defense funds," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

All these issues, combined with the divergent lists of proposed cuts in the House and Senate bills, would have been enough to keep lawmakers working on the bill right up to the March 31 deadline.

Then Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan.,

threw a highly charged labor dispute over striker replacement into the mix.

With 45 amendments to the Senate bill stacked up in the hopper, the Kassebaum proposal to block President Clinton's order barring federal contractors from permanently replacing striking workers plunged the Senate into an unbeatable Democratic filibuster.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and other pro-labor liberal Democrats mustered enough votes to halt progress on the defense bill for almost a week. Finally, Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., withdrew the amendment and suspended all further action on the bill Wednesday evening.

He said he would like to take the bill back to the Senate floor, minus the Kassebaum amendment, by late today if Democrats agreed to limit their amendments.

The Senate now has two weeks to handle the amendments, pass the bill, work out the major differences with the House and send a final version on to the White House.

The clock is ticking.
EDITOR'S NOTE — John Diamond covers defense issues on Capitol Hill for The Associated Press.

Equifax plans to collect and computerize medical records

ATLANTA (AP) — Equifax, the company best known for its consumer credit reports, plans to collect and computerize medical records nationwide for hospital networks, HMOs and insurance companies.

The system would lead to better medical care and billing by providing easier access to computerized medical and health insurance records, Equifax officials said Wednesday.

For example, a student who gets sick on a school trip could present a card that gives ambulance workers and the emergency room doctor quick access to the youngster's computerized medical records and health insurance.

CIGNA health insurers and the New England Medical Center have already signed for the system, which is an alliance with AT&T, Equifax said.

One consumer advocate group worried that Equifax's move into medical recordkeeping would threaten patients' privacy.

"I'm scared, because Equifax and other credit bureaus have done poor jobs of protecting credit records and have lobbied to keep federal laws to protect consumers weak," said Edmund Mierzwinski of U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

A subsidiary of Equifax agreed in February to settle federal charges alleging it had failed to protect the accuracy and privacy of consumer credit reports. The Federal Trade Commission accused the company of failing to ensure "the maximum possible accuracy" of the consumer information it compiles and sells to employers and creditors nationwide.

Equifax would act "as a responsible steward"

for patients' medical histories, said Jim Perkins, senior vice president and group executive. The company would assure confidentiality of the records, allowing only limited access by insurers.

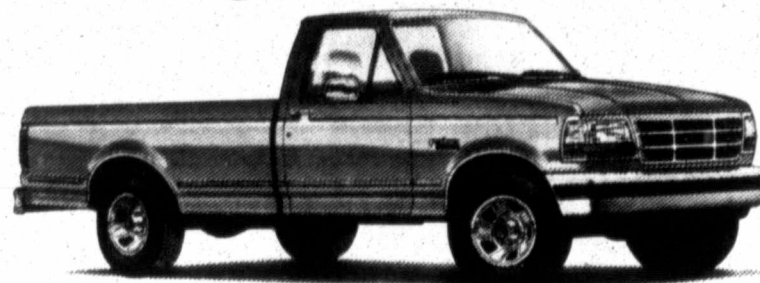
Patients would have the right to review their records, but at a cost, Equifax said. Consumers pay about \$8 for a copy of their credit reports.

Errors in a patient's medical record could not be erased by the patient alone, the company said. The patient's doctor would have to work with Equifax to make any changes.

Industry analyst James D. Dougherty of Dean Witter Reynolds said most of the similar services now available focus on prescription drugs.

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