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PAMPA -- An internal investigation is under way today at Hoechst Celanese following a butyric acid spill from a derailed tank car inside the plant yard west of Pampa on Thursday.

Hoechst Celanese personnel took care of clean-up operations using vacuum equipment to remove the acid.

Hoechst Celanese spokesman Dave Gill said butyric acid is a very odorous but non-hazardous material used in food products and cosmetics.

The clean-up involved in-house personnel from the plant. No units from the City of Pampa Fire Department were called to the scene.

Pampa Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall said there were no off-site ramifications from the incident.

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Bill Sarpalius announced today that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a $5.2 million construction contract to a Colorado company for a central fire station and emergency operations facility at the Pantex Nuclear Weapons facility near Amarillo.

"Pantex continues to receive only good news from Washington," Sarpalius said.

In January, a $9.7 million contract was awarded for the construction of a facility to house a National Laboratory at Pantex.

JERUSALEM (AP) — With fury over the massacre of at least 39 Muslim worshipers threatening to destroy the peace process, Israel ordered a crackdown on Jewish extremists and the freeing of up to 1,000 Palestinian prisoners. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat dismissed the moves as "hollow and superficial."

At least three Palestinians died Sunday in clashes between Arabs and Israeli troops, as protests over Friday's massacre by a Jewish settler in a Hebron mosque spread across the occupied territories and into Israel itself. At a funeral in Kiryat Arba, a Jewish settlement near Hebron, more than 1,000 mourners attended a service where the gunman was eulogized as a "righteous man."

The Israeli Cabinet voted to disarm some Jewish extremists, forcibly if necessary, and was studying the possibility of outlawing extremist factions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Arab governments are breaking off peace talks with Israel, but the Clinton administration sees the walkout as no more than a gesture of solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

State Department officials said that the Syrians, Lebanese and Jordanians had reaffirmed their commitment to the 28-month peace process and that a total breakoff of the talks was unlikely.

The move was largely symbolic because the current round of peace talks here was already scheduled to recess Wednesday. Still, Israel expressed disappointment. Embassy spokeswoman Ruth Yaron said continuing to negotiate would have sent "a very important message" to the Middle East.

The State Department expects to know by Tuesday whether the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is now demanding the future of Jewish settlements be placed on the bargaining table, will accept President Clinton's invitation to send a delegation here.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Thousands of miles from the strife in Northern Ireland, six men face trial on charges of running bomb parts for the Irish Republican Army and trying to buy the IRA a missile and sniper rifles.

The men shipped 2,900 bomb detonators to New York City from Tucson by Greyhound bus in three boxes marked as clothing, prosecutors say. Some detonators wound up in Northern Ireland for use in bombs in 1991 and 1992, they contend. The men also are charged with plotting to buy weapons, including a Stinger shoulder-fired missile and three or four .50 caliber sniper rifles. Jury selection begins Tuesday.

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Clinton says every attempt made to avoid shootdowns

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said that "every attempt was made" to avoid shooting down Bosnian Serb aircraft today, but when they failed to heed NATO warnings they were shot down.

Speaking to reporters as he departed the White House for Chicago and Pittsburgh, Clinton said helicopters have violated the NATO "no-fly" zone in the past, but until today "we have not had a fixed-wing violation" by fighter planes.

"Those are much more serious because the capacity they have to engage in military conduct from the air ... the war could be carried into the air," Clinton explained.

The president said he was notified early this morning of the action over Bosnia, where two American F-16 fighter jets today shot down four Bosnian Serb aircraft that violated the U.N. no-fly zone over Bosnia. The planes were downed after they attacked a munitions factory, U.N. sources said.

Clinton spoke from the South Lawn of the White House as he prepared to fly to Chicago to discuss health care and crime and then to Pittsburgh to meet with British Prime Minister John Major.

"We don't know more than that," said Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday, a Pentagon spokesman.

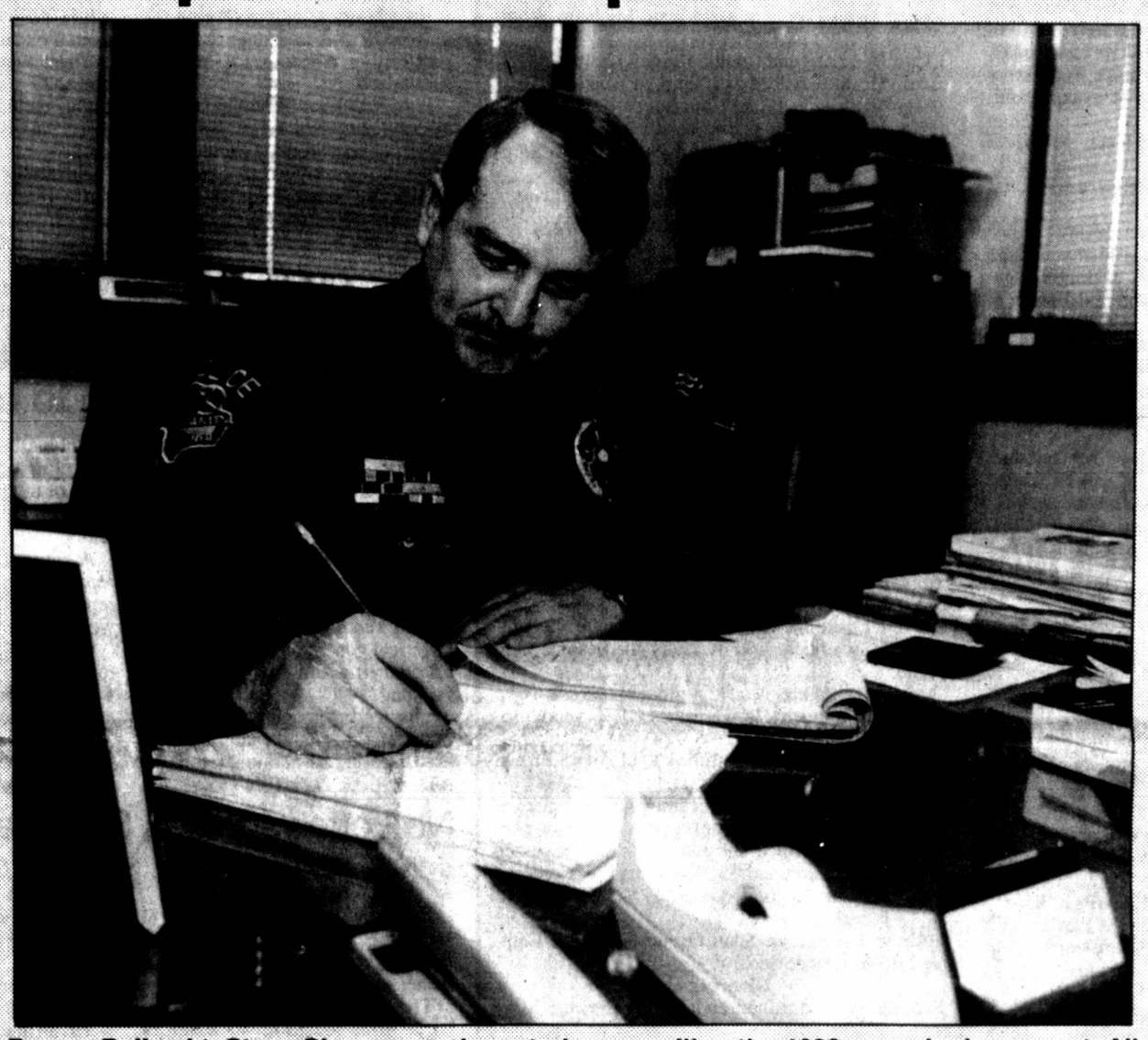
The reported shootdowns were carried out under NATO command — not as a unilateral American action — as part of Operation Deny Flight, the enforcement of a U.N.-declared no-fly zone that has been in effect since October 1992.

At the Pentagon, Doubleday said it was not immediately certain whether U.S. Air Force humanitarian airlift flights into Bosnia were being suspended as a result of the incident.

Defense Department officials had indicated earlier that, in the event of a NATO operation in Bosnia, they would defer to NATO authorities closer to the action.

Doubleday said Navy Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, the commander of Allied Forces Southern Europe, planned to hold a news conference in Naples on details of today's shootdowns. Doubleday said the Pentagon might issue its own statement afterward.

Pampa PD to report on crime



Pampa Police Lt. Steve Chance was busy today compiling the 1993 annual crime report. All statistics of the Uniform Assistance Division, Criminal Investigation Division and Administrative Division will be gathered and published in March, Chance said. (Pampa News photo)

New gun law raises many questions

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

The Gray County Sheriff's Office is prepared today to process criminal background checks for those wishing to purchasing a handgun in the county.

While the office is ready to do the work required by the Brady Bill, Sheriff Randy Stubblefield considers it just a show.

"It's not going to help a thing," he said, "The good citizen is going to have to wait to buy a gun but the crooks are going to buy one on the street corner or at a bar."

The gun control bill, signed into law in November and which goes into effect today, requires a five-day waiting period and criminal background check before buyers can take possession of a handgun from a licensed gun dealer. Sales by unlicensed individuals are unregulated.

Making a background check may take five minutes, Stubblefield said, or several days if one's name is John Smith. The only information reported back to a gun dealer is whether the buyer is eligible to buy a handgun or not.

"As far as divulging what disqualifies them, we can't say," Stubblefield said.

Potential buyers may be disqualified on a variety of factors, some of which, the sheriff said, are very confusing.

Handguns may not be sold to those under felony indictment, those convicted in any court for a crime which may be punished by more than one year in jail, those who have been committed to a mental institution, one who is a user or is addicted to illegal drugs, a fugitive from justice, one with a dishonorable military discharge, an illegal alien or one who has renounced his citizenship.

Speaking of those addicted to illegal drugs, Stubblefield said, "That's a problem right there. If I have information in my files that says he's a user, is that enough to disqualify him? That's a question we have."

Another problem, he said, with background checks is that the computer system used by the office, Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System II, does not show dishonorable discharges.

Two Davidians taste freedom; others face prison, deportation

Attorneys debate meaning of Branch Davidians verdicts

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorneys for 11 Branch Davidians celebrated when they persuaded a federal judge more than a week ago to instruct jurors they may consider self-defense while deliberating murder charges.

After this weekend's acquittal of all 11 defendants of murder, the lawyers touted that self-defense strategy as a defense team triumph in the seven-week trial.

"We can respect law enforcement, but we don't have to deify it," said defense lawyer Terry Kirk. "Thank God in this country we still have the right of self-defense, even if it is the federal government."

Prosecutors, however, contend their court case was not a lost cause. Attorney General Janet Reno said the conviction of some defendants of voluntary manslaughter proves the killings of four federal agents were not justified.

Jurors on Saturday acquitted the sect members of the most serious charges they faced in the slaying of four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Ruth Riddle should consider a career in law once she returns to Canada, her attorney quips.

"I told her she ought to be a paralegal," Joe Turner said, referring to the amount of law Ms. Riddle learned during the seven-week murder trial she faced with 10 co-defendants.

Ms. Riddle and three other Branch Davidians were fully acquitted Saturday of charges they conspired to murder four federal agents.

Five Davidians were convicted of voluntary manslaughter; two others were convicted of weapons charges.

The trial stemmed from a botched raid one year ago today.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were attempting Feb. 28, 1993, to arrest doomsday prophet David Koresh and search his Waco-area compound for illegal weapons. Six Davidians also died when shooting erupted.

"You have your Bible in your right hand where your faith and your practice is in, and in your left hand you have whatever it takes to defend it," Livingston Fagan, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, said from jail Sunday.

No date has been set for sentencing. The maximum punishment the Davidians face is 10 years in prison.

"I'm glad to be out," said Clive Doyle, one of those fully acquitted. "I'm not happy that the rest are still in there."

Woodrow Kendrick said he feels "pretty lousy, because I got free and my friends didn't."

The other two acquitted Davidians are being deported because of lapsed visas.

Ms. Riddle and Norman Allison of England will remain in federal custody during the deportation process, which usually takes 30 days. Attorneys said they would work to speed up the process.

Officials say three of those found guilty — Fagan, Renos Avraam and Graeme Craddock — also are considered illegal aliens.

Fagan and Avraam will be sent back to England, and Craddock sent back to Australia, after they serve prison terms, defense attorney Tim Evans has said.

Another former Davidian pleaded guilty in September to forcibly resisting federal agents. Kathryn Schroeder also remains jailed awaiting sentencing.

The Davidians' shootout with federal agents led to a 51-day standoff that ended when their Mount Carmel compound burned to the ground April 19. Koresh and 78 of his followers died inside.

Those in jail maintain their innocence and say their future rests in God's hands.

"Even when you're free you're not really free — it's just another form of prison," Avraam said. "You've got to work 9 to 5, pay taxes and duties, have shifts."

"It's like the psychological abuse from Feb. 28 has never stopped," said convicted Jaime Castillo. "It's been throughout this whole year. I mean, people have gone and lived their lives and done their thing and here we've been bound ... in jail."

Gas prices drop at nation's pumps



Alfonso Lozano filled up today in Pampa with pump prices at 105.9 cents a gallon for unleaded gasoline. The overall national average was 110.06 cents a gallon, down eight-tenths of a cent from the Feb. 11 survey of gas stations nationwide, the Lundberg Survey said. Self-serve regular unleaded 102.80 cents, midgrade unleaded 114.25 cents, premium unleaded 122.36 cents, and leaded 105.76 cents.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CHRISTIAN, Roy — 7 p.m., prayer vigil, Brown's Memorial Chapel, Stinnett.

Obituaries

ROY CHRISTIAN

STINNETT — Roy Christian, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994. A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Brown's Memorial Chapel in Stinnett. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Msgr. Norbert Kueller and Bishop Leroy Matthiesen officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home of Borger, with graveside services by Adobe Walls Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1789.

Mr. Christian was a native of Plemons and a lifetime resident of Hutchinson County. He married Betty O'Gorman on Feb. 23, 1949, in Borger. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army in Europe. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where he was a member of Knights of Columbus and past president of St. Ann's Mens Club. He was a member and past district vice commander with the VFW. He was also a former Stinnett city commissioner and current president of Sunset Memorial Cemetery Association. He was the retired owner of the Market Basket and Christian Service Station.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; one son, Chris Christian of Canyon; four daughters, Shari Davenport of Lefors, Sandy Thomas of Alvarado, Lori Hukill of Pampa and Liz Mullen of Grand Prairie; one brother, Lester Christian of Houston; two sisters, Bea Turner and Billie Gilliam, both of Dallas; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of the Panhandle in Borger.

Mr. Christian will lie in state at Brown's Memorial Chapel in Stinnett.

LORENE CROW

BORGER — Lorene Crow, 87, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 28, 1994 in Borger Nursing Center. Services are pending with Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home in Borger.

A retired nurse's aid from Highland General Hospital in Pampa, she was a native of Whitney and a longtime resident of Pampa and Borger. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

Mrs. Crow was preceded in death by her husband, J.F. Crow; three sons, J.F. Crow Jr., Curtis Crow and Don Crow; and one daughter, Elnora Davenport.

Mrs. Crow is survived by two sons, Harold Crow of Spring Creek and Jerry Crow of Garland; two daughters, Mary Bryant of Borger and Doris Walton of Wichita Falls; one brother, three sisters and 15 grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Saturday
Pampa
Olen Anderson
Mary Ballard
Groom
Sidney Mansel (extended care)
Miami
Oveda Forbau
Sunday
Pampa
Debra Hendricks
Opal Organ
Albert Thompson
Ruth Whaley
Dismissals
Saturday
Pampa
Etta Crisler
Jesse Parks
Higgins
Jenneta Sanford
Wheeler
Sarah Horn
Sunday
Pampa
Carl Tignor
Faye Whitney
Iva White (extended care)

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Friday
Shamrock
Justin Ray
Sunday
Shamrock
Lewis Simpson
Inez Walraven
Dismissals
Friday
Shamrock
Ruby Tibbets
Sunday
Justin Ray
Inez Walraven

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.18
Milo	4.54
Corn	5.11

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

Serfco	3 5/8	NC
Occidental	18 1/4	up 1/8

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

Magellan	72.74
Puritan	16.20

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

Amoco	52 1/2	up 3/8
Arco	101	up 1/8
Cabot	51 7/8	NC
Cabot O&G	21 1/2	up 3/8
Chevron	86 1/2	up 3/4
Coca-Cola	42 3/8	up 3/8
Diamond Sham	28 3/4	up 3/8
Enron	31 3/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	31 5/8	up 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	28 3/4	up 1/2
Ingersoll Rand	38 1/4	up 1/8
KNE	24	NC
Kerr McGee	45 3/8	dn 1/4
Limited	19 1/2	up 1/4
Mapco	50 5/8	NC
Maxus	4 7/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	60 3/8	up 1/8
Mobil	78 5/8	up 3/8
New Atmos	29 1/4	NC
Parker & Parsley	22 3/4	up 1/4
Penney's	55 7/8	up 3/4
Phillips	27 1/4	dn 1/8
SLB	56 3/4	up 3/8
SPS	28 3/8	up 1/4
Tenneco	55 1/4	up 5/8
Texaco	65 3/8	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	28 3/4	up 3/8
New York Gold		381.50
Silver		5.31
West Texas Crude		14.61

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour reporting perid which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26

Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft.

Joe Ann Hazlewood, 315 1/2 E. Kingsmill, reported burglary of a motor vehicle.

Department of Public Safety issued a wanted outside agency report.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27

Virginia Lee Rosh, 324 Miami, reported burglary of a habitation of occurred at 317 Miami.

MONDAY, Feb. 28

Charity Dawn Chism, 1031 E. Francis, reported information at 2205 Perryton Parkway.

Arrests

SATURDAY, Feb. 26

Brian Wayne Noack, 23, 946 E. Malone, was arrested at 200 E. Randy Matson Avenue on a warrant. He was released on bond.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27

James Davis, 39, 1029 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a warrant.

Court report

Marriage licenses issued

Jason Lee Davis and Angela Diane Anderson
Joseph Barton Cox Jr. and Irene Ellen Tant
Brandon Wayne Colpetzer and Charlsy Dee Carter
Robert Lynn Hampton and Carrie Michelle Whinery
Lloyd Dee Lake and Brenda Darnell Lamb
James Heath Ferguson and Tonja Jo Walker
Diego Vasquez and Laura Guadalupe Gayton
Otho Udell Coleman and Roberta Mae Roberts
Brent Jeffery Williamson and Pamela Sue Campbell
Michael David Lynn and Amy Michelle Williams
Marland J. Miller and Brunetta Lynn Miller
Dewayne K. Damron and Alice Lynn Ray
David Eugene Price and Karen Sue Fuller
Danny Ray Patterson and Dawn Rachelle Harris
Andrew Anthony Ramirez and Patricia Vargas Perez
Nathan Oneal Davis and Debra Ann Watson
Warren Scott Joiner and Jeri Sue Mulkey
Dennis Shelton Moore and Rebecca Ann Blackwell
Ricky Wayne Jennings and Janie Martinez
Shane Roy Bass and Jayme Denise Davis
Clarence Franklin Upton and Edna Frances Keltner
Richard William McClelland and Mitze Renee Hupp

DISTRICT COURT
Criminal

An order was entered revoking the probation of Donald Ray Coil.

An order was entered to dismiss a motion to proceed with an adjudication of guilty for Bronnie Paul Vaughn.

Dock Allen Parker pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was assessed 10 years probation, $280 restitution and a $1,000 fine.

An order was entered confining Paul Andre Brown to a substance abuse treatment facility.

An order was entered adjudicating guilt and placing Paul Andre Brown on probation on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was assessed five years probation and $500 fine, and was ordered to repay his court-appointed attorney $225.

CIVIL

Sally R. Dillman vs. Scott Osborne and The Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Divorces

Brenda Lynn Martinez and Carlos Enrique Martinez

Ladonna Gale Robertson and Michael Jay Robertson

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident and arrest which occurred in the 40-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26

Juan Benavidez, Gray County Rd. 18, reported aggravated assault.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26

Willie D. Mills, 31, 1053 Huff Rd., was arrested on violation of probation.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 72-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27

10:50 a.m. – A 1988 Ford driven by Sherylyn Marie Snapp, 23, 2800 Rosewood, was in collision with a legally parked 1986 Pontiac owned by Jimmy Ray Lewis, 1028 S. Christy, in the 2800 block of Rosewood. Snapp was cited for backing without safety.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. this morning.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27

10:58 a.m. – Two units and three firefighters responded to a grass fire approximately five miles west of Pampa on the north side of the Sante Fe railroad right-of-way along U.S. highway 60. Approximately two acres were burned.

Lorena Bobbitt freed by judge, ordered to get therapy

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) – Lorena Bobbitt was released from a mental hospital today, five weeks after her acquittal by reason of insanity for cutting off her husband's penis. The judge who freed her ordered her to get therapy.

Judge Herman A. Whisenant Jr. agreed with a psychiatric report that Mrs. Bobbitt poses no threat to herself or others.

"I'm looking forward to my healing process," a beaming Mrs. Bobbitt told reporters after the 25-minute hearing.

"I really learned a lot, especially about how men and women treat each other. Please, we are human beings. Learn from this," she said.

"Someday I would like to have children. ... Someday I will have my American dream again," she said. She testified at her trial that she came to this country from Ecuador seeking the American dream of marriage and family.

Whisenant ordered that Mrs. Bobbitt receive mental health treatment with a private therapist and requested regular updates on her progress.

The judge followed recommendations from a state-appointed psychiatrist and psychologist who evaluated Mrs. Bobbitt at Central State Hospital. She was sent there immediately after the Jan. 21 verdict in the attack on her husband, John, last June.

Whisenant also said she could not leave Virginia without permission of the court and the local community service board that will supervise her rehabilitation. Mrs. Bobbitt had expressed interest in visiting her parents, who now live in Venezuela.

But when asked about her immediate plans, Mrs. Bobbitt said jokingly: "Well I have already been to McDonald's today. The next stop is Disney World." She said a sheriff's deputy took her to McDonald's for breakfast on the way to court.

Abortion shooting trial testimony continues

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) – A jail guard overheard an activist admit he killed an abortion clinic doctor and heard him say it was worth it even if he spends his life in jail, a prosecutor said today.

The defense, however, named another anti-abortion activist as the man who killed the physician.

As the murder trial of Michael F. Griffin got under way, assistant state attorney James Murray told jurors that the guard will testify Griffin spoke with his wife by phone the day after the killing last year.

The Escambia County Jail guard heard Griffin say he killed Dr. David Gunn because of his personal conviction and if he spent the rest of his life behind bars it would be worth it, Murray said.

Defense attorney Robert Kerrigan, in his opening remarks, said it wasn't Griffin who shot Gunn during an anti-abortion demonstration at Gunn's clinic, but another protester.

Kerrigan said the shooter was a colleague of John Burt, who had organized the demonstration.

Burt has been given immunity to testify against Griffin, the attorney said.

The guard's testimony was the crux of a deal between prosecutors and a defense attorney last week. Griffin's attorney agreed not to object to the guard taking the stand if prosecutors agreed not to pursue the death penalty.

What the guard would reveal was not known until today.

This morning, the defense got clearance from the judge to show the jury graphic videos and other anti-abortion material.

Circuit Judge John Parnham had earlier rejected a prosecution contention that the videos would be irrelevant and prejudicial.

The prosecution was turned down a second time today on another argument: that a two-month gap between Griffin's initial exposure to the anti-abortion propaganda and the slaying was too long to support a possible defense that he killed in the "heat of passion."

Griffin, 32, a Christian fundamentalist, is accused of shooting Gunn, 47, of Eufala, Ala., three times in the back last March 10.

The physician was shot as he arrived for work at Pensacola Women's Medical Services while an anti-abortion demonstration was being held on the opposite side of the clinic.

A 12-member jury and two alternates were sworn in Sunday after a weeklong selection process that included private questioning about the panelists' views on abortion.

Griffin's lawyers say he was not the killer but offer the heat-of-passion theory as an alternate defense, arguing the killing was not premeditated and thus the charge against Griffin should be reduced from first-degree murder to second degree.

The mandatory sentence for first-degree murder is life in prison without parole for at least 25 years. The prosecution agreed not seek the death penalty.

Hijackers force Algerian airliner to Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) – Three hijackers brought the unrest of Algeria to Europe today, forcing an Air Algerie domestic flight with 130 people aboard to fly to southern Spain.

Five hours after the Boeing 727 jetliner landed unannounced in the port city of Alicante, the hijackers surrendered.

Police spokesman Maiano Soriano said the three hijackers were in custody but he declined to give any details about them or say whether they were armed. He had said earlier that the hijackers asked for "political assistance," but he did not know if that meant they wanted political asylum.

Flight 6165 was flying between the cities of Oran, in western Algeria, and Annaba, near the Tunisian border, when three passengers hijacked it across the Mediterranean to Alicante, police and airline officials said.

Paramilitary civil guards surrounded the plane on the runway while police negotiated by radio from the control tower.

There were seven crew members and 123 passengers aboard the flight, including the hijackers, Interior Ministry spokesman Luis Peiro said.

An airport spokesman told SER radio that the jet landed without requesting clearance from Alicante air traffic controllers.

Alicante is 80 miles south of Valencia on the Mediterranean coast, a short hop from the Algerian port of Oran.

The hijacking was the first of an Air Algerie aircraft since Islamic radicals launched a revolt two years ago against the military-backed Algerian junta. The rebellion was sparked by a coup that robbed a fundamentalist Islamic party of an imminent election victory in the North African country.

The violence has killed at least 3,000 people.

On Sunday, police killed Mourad Si Ahmed, who as head of the Armed Islamic Group was thought to have ordered the killings of foreigners in Algeria in an effort to destabilize the government.

The revolt has worsened already difficult living conditions in Algeria and led to long lines for visas at the embassies of France, Spain and other European countries.

Jail officials working to correct inspection deficiencies

Gray County Jail officials today are working to correct items found to be in non-compliance during a jail inspection Thursday.

Paul Scarborough of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards told Sheriff Randy Stubblefield that there are some shortcomings in jail record keeping and the building's electrical generator needs to be tested carrying the full load of the building.

The record keeping deficiencies, Stubblefield said, are due in part to a change in jail administrators. He said the deficiencies are minor.

Stubblefield said he spent $2,000 correcting problems in the physical plant of the jail in order to assurance its compliance with state jail standards.

A recreation yard camera was repaired, six smoke detectors were replaced and four electronic doors were repaired.

Cell toilets which back up into the toilet on the other side of the wall when flushed are a design problem and were so noted by the inspector, Stubblefield said.

The inspector is expected back in 60 days to recheck the areas where deficiencies were noted, Stubblefield said.

The Gray County jail was first certified for occupancy in September 1992 and then passed inspection again in March 1993.

No Lotto winner in Saturday's drawing

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 19, 20, 27, 30, 38, 47.

Although there was no jackpot winner, there were 79 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $2,174. There were 5,485 tickets matching four of six numbers, with each winning $115.

There were 103,617 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $10 million.

County commission to meet on Tuesday

The Gray County Commissioners Court is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the courthouse to consider a 10-item agenda.

At 10 a.m. the court will hear presentations on partially self-funded workers' compensation insurance and receive bids for it.

At 11 a.m., commissioners will discuss plans with the U.S. Forest Service for Lake McClellan.

Other items for the day include a request for certification of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, consideration of a letter from the state highway engineer regarding bridgework and temporary closing on FM 1321, and discussion of inmate transportation costs.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

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TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 614 Davis, 665-8074, 274-2142. Adv.

ACT 1 will hold auditions for "Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got The Will" at the Theatre (Pampa Mall) Monday, 28th, 6:30 p.m. Cast requirements: 5 women, 3 men. (Various ages). Adv.

RELOCATING, DONNA'S Salon, Donna Larson, 111 W. Foster, 669-0037. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Wednesday night 6-9 p.m. Hamburger Station. Adv.

"BYE-BYE Birdie" M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., March 4-5. $4 adults, $3 students. Tickets available at the door. Adv.

POOL TOURNAMENT: Wednesday, 7:30, Easy's Club. Adv.

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SEND THE "Too Bad You're Old" balloon bouquet to an old friend, from Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, rain and a few thunderstorms likely with rain changing to or mixing with freezing rain or light snow late. Low in the mid 20s. The chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Tuesday, a 30 percent chance of light freezing rain or snow in the morning, then decreasing cloudiness in the afternoon with a high in the mid 40s. Sunday's high was 60; this morning's low was 34.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Tonight, rain likely with a few thunderstorms possible. Rain changing to snow during the evening. Lows 25-30. Tuesday, a chance of light snow in the morning, then decreasing clouds. Highs 45-50. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 20s. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with shower and thunderstorm likely most sections. Rain mixing with or changing to snow. Some thunderstorms possibly severe eastern sections. Lows in low to mid 30s. Tuesday, a chance of rain or snow north and rain south during the morning, then decreasing clouds most sections by late afternoon. Highs in low to mid 50s. Tuesday night, becoming fair. Lows 30-35.

North Texas – Tonight, cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms, a few storms possibly severe west and south. Turning cooler north and west. Lows 38 northwest to 53 southeast. Tuesday, scattered showers ending west and central, occasional showers and thunderstorms east. Mostly cloudy and cooler with highs of 48 to 56. Tuesday night, decreasing cloudiness west and central. Cloudy with showers ending east. Lows 32 west to 44 east.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 40s Hill Country to mid 50s south central. Tuesday, decreasing clouds with rain ending. Highs in the 50s and 60s. Tuesday night, fair skies and cool. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to 40s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight and Tuesday, cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 60. Highs in upper 60s to near 70. Tuesday night, decreasing clouds with rain ending. Lows in low to mid 40s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight and Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low 60s. Highs in the 70s. Tuesday night, decreasing clouds with rain ending. Lows in upper 40s.

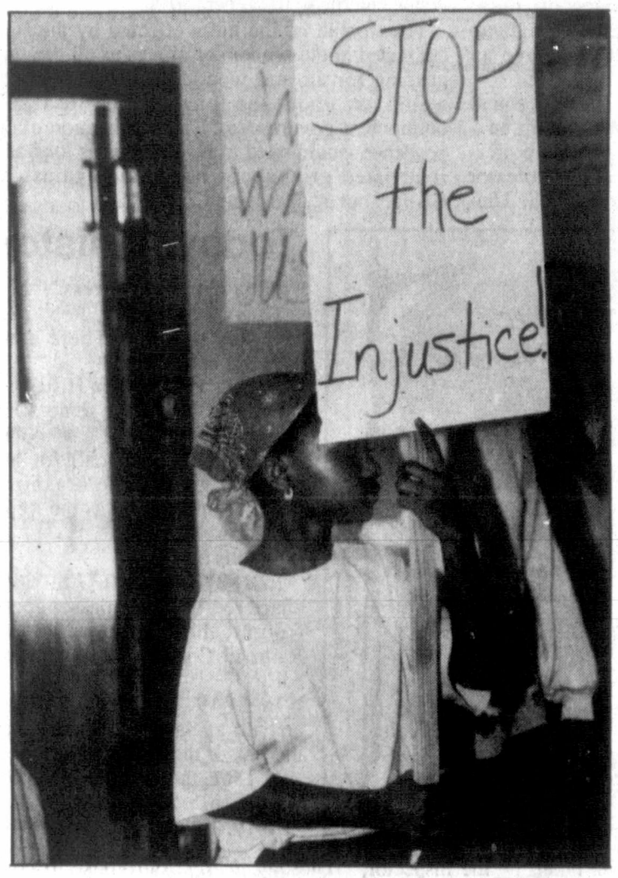
BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, colder. Clearing west. Scattered snows mountains and northeast, with a few showers and thunderstorms southeast. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north, upper 20s and 30s south. Tuesday: A few morning showers east, becoming mostly sunny statewide by afternoon. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and north, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere. Tuesday night: Fair skies. Lows teens to mid 20s mountains and northwest, 20s to mid 30s east and south.

Oklahoma – Tonight, rain and thunderstorms. Lows from mid 30s north to mid 40s far south. Tuesday, rain or snow likely extreme north, with rain likely elsewhere. Highs around 40 extreme north to near 50 far south.

Black History celebration





In photo above, Mrs. G. C. Davis enjoys a piece of fried chicken at New Hope Baptist Church in Pampa Sunday during a weekend celebration of Black History month. The church hosted an art demonstration Saturday and Soul Food luncheon and pageant Sunday afternoon. At left, Dasirae Davis carries a protest sign during a pageant at the church Sunday afternoon. The pageant traced the black experience from Africa through the present. (*Pampa News* photos)

Clinton delivers anti-crime message on trip to Chicago

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Stopping short of an official endorsement, President Clinton is clearly willing to risk criticism that he's lending a hand to powerful Rep. Dan Rostenkowski in a tight re-election campaign.

The president was traveling to Rostenkowski's hometown of Chicago today to promote the White House anti-crime package and health care reforms. The visit comes just two weeks before a down-to-the-wire primary for the Illinois Democrat, who is the subject of a federal investigation.

As part of a hectic 16-hour schedule, Clinton was to have dinner this evening in a Pittsburgh restaurant with British Prime Minister John Major, whose grandfather worked in the city's steel mills.

The Chicago end of the trip could open Clinton to criticism because he was not expected to get involved in Democratic primary races. Further complicating the matter is the Justice Department's investigation, which include allegations of irregularities in Rostenkowski's payroll and office spending practices.

Clinton said Friday there is "no way in the world" the trip could send investigators a signal of presidential support and be construed as interfering with the investigation.

Attorney General Janet Reno replied simply, "Yes," when asked if she had any views about the appropriateness of Clinton appearing with Rostenkowski during the investigation. But she repeatedly refused to say what those views were.

Clinton had planned to focus only on crime because the Brady handgun control law takes effect today. But aides said he recognized the irony of appearing with a congressman under investigation and widened the agenda to include health care.

The president did not answer directly when asked whether his visit amounted to a Rostenkowski endorsement, but said, "I am going there ... to talk about issues that directly relate to this administration's work that he is a critical part of – health care and crime."

As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rostenkowski has been a potent Clinton ally over the past year and has a critical role in the contentious health care reform debate. One of his challengers, Sen. John Cullerton, criticized the trip and predicted it would hurt Rostenkowski in the March 15 primary.

Rostenkowski was joining Clinton and community leaders in a roundtable discussion on crime and health care before the president's speech to two sets of students. The lawmaker was introducing Clinton for the first speech.

Clinton and Major were discussing a variety of topics this evening – including Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Russia and North Korea – before flying together aboard Air Force One to the White House, where Major was to spend the night.

The unusually chummy itinerary was designed to reassure the world that the two governments are still close allies, despite disputes over U.S. policy in Bosnia and Northern Ireland.

The tension dates from the presidential campaign, when aides from Major's Conservative Party advised strategists involved in President Bush's re-election bid.

Shuttle readies for science flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) – Get ready for crystal growing, metal melting, magnet testing, gas glowing, vapor diffusing, urine collecting and kidney stone checking.

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After two glamorous flights that won presidential raves and rocketed the space program back into primetime, NASA gets back to shuttle basics with this week's launch of Columbia.

The countdown toward a Thursday morning liftoff began at 9 a.m. today.

"The best way to think of this is a precursor for space station ... because the experiments and research we're going to be doing on this flight are very similar to what we'll be flying on space station," said mission commander John Casper. "So when we get to space station, we'll better be able to operate."

Astronaut Marsha Ivins urges patience.

"What we're doing on this flight may not be as glitzy as it's been on the past two flights and there's no real immediate gratification," she said. "However, we're doing some research that's really important as far as materials development and protein crystal growth. Those two things are long lead-time sorts of experiments."

Earlier this month, space history was made when Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev rode Discovery into orbit and back. President Clinton called the crew, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin sent congratulations.

Astronaut Pierre Thuot, for one, welcomes Columbia's low-key flight. On his last shuttle mission in 1992, he tried in vain for two days to capture the stranded Intelsat satellite. The rescue ultimately required three spacewalks and three spacewalkers, one of them Thuot.

Ivins and shuttle pilot Andrew Allen also had a high-profile mission the last time around – the botched Tethered Satellite flight of 1992.

"The difficulty that we will have (this time) is trying to explain things that aren't so visually exciting, when we try to explain something on a molecular level rather than something you can just watch on the TV at night," Allen said.

Greek Orthodox clergyman shocked by dismissal

FORT WORTH (AP) – A Greek Orthodox priest that has been challenged by his congregation says he is shocked by the confrontation and finds it ironic that his religious beliefs are being challenged in the United States.

Rev. Theodore Bita, who escaped communist Romania, has been a priest at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church for two years.

Last month, one group of parishioners at the state's oldest Greek Orthodox congregation voted to fire Bita, 53. Another group contends that the firing was illegal, and those parishioners still support him as their clergyman.

No reasons were given for Bita's dismissal, or for the court orders that barred him from celebrating Sunday Mass, which police handed him Feb. 13 on the steps of the church.

A hearing on the matter is set for Friday in district court.

"I was totally shocked," Bita recounted. "Even under communism, I did not see a person stopped before entering the church. Those who were monitored by the secret police were in danger only after they left the church."

Bishop Isaiah of Denver has denounced Bita's firing, saying that those who took the action were not representative of the church. He has suspended all canonical services and sacraments, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, at the 150-member church.

Sources who asked not to be named told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that Bita's detractors want independence from the national Greek Orthodox organization and control of the church's assets, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Randy Lyle, the Fort Worth attorney representing the group that fired Bita, said religious freedom isn't involved in the dispute.

"What you see happening is the court process working," he said.

Bita maintains that he will not abandon the priesthood. It took him too long to attain it.

The Bitas were special guests in the White House in 1990 after the U.S. State Department selected Gabriel Bita as one of five outstanding refugees of the year.

The elder Bita said life in America has been rewarding, despite the recent developments at St. Demetrios.

Three die in possible gang-related ambush in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) – Police today announced the arrest of one teenage boy and an arrest warrant for another in connection with an apparent gang-related triple homicide.

Homicide Lt. Pat Kneblick said a 16-year-old professed gang member was taken into custody about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, about four hours after the shooting, which came just three days after city gang leaders had declared a truce.

A fourth man was wounded in the shooting.

The four men were shot in west Fort Worth Sunday when four other men carrying semiautomatic weapons got out of a car, walked to where the four victims were standing and opened fire, police said.

Police did not release the name of the suspect because he is a juvenile. Ms. Kneblick said authorities were led to the juvenile through information developed during the investigation.

"Detectives are going through the procedure to interview him. It takes a magistrate's warning first, and that's what they are doing now," she said.

An arrest warrant was issued Sunday night for Raymond "Corn" Fowler, 17, she said.

Ms. Kneblick said the shooting apparently stemmed from a dispute, but said the details were unclear.

Officials downplayed the proximity of the shooting to the announcement of the supposed truce.

"I think it's way too early to tell whether it will work or not," police chief Thomas Windham said after the shooting. "I don't think this incident has anything to do with it whatsoever."

On Thursday, leaders of six of the city's warring gangs announced the truce, which was expected to affect as many as 90 percent of Fort Worth's estimated 3,900 gang members.

"The gang problem took a long time developing and it may take a long time to resolve," Ms. Kneblick said. "We just hope that there is no escalation of violence because of this."

The wounded man was in surgery at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Sunday and was in serious condition, officials said.

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Opinion

Term limits still worth fighting for

The cause of imposing term limits on members of Congress suffered a real, but likely temporary, setback this month under the gavel of a federal judge in Washington state.

Judge William L. Dwyer of the U.S. District Court in Seattle ruled that a term-limit amendment passed by state voters in 1992 is unconstitutional.

In striking down Washington's law, the judge agreed with House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., that the U.S. Constitution does not allow states to limit terms of congressional incumbents.

In his decision, the judge wrote that "voters' freedom to choose federal legislators must not be abridged by laws that make qualified persons ineligible to serve." The judge concurred with Foley's argument that no state can require a candidate to meet any qualification beyond the three set by the U.S. Constitution – age, U.S. citizenship and residency in the state.

It's a decision that begs to be challenged in a higher court.

Plenty of state laws have been enacted over the years that require candidates for federal office to meet qualifications beyond the three specifically mentioned in the Constitution.

Washington state, for example, requires that candidates be registered voters. Other states require that the candidate not only be a resident of the state but also of the congressional district they hope to represent.

Still other state laws require candidates to submit petitions to gain access to the ballot or forbid candidates from running if they have lost in a primary.

None of these laws have ever been struck down based on Foley's faulty interpretation of the Constitution's "qualifications" clause.

Backers of term limits should take this case all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary. There, the collective judgment of the nine justices will be more likely to render a constitutionally correct decision than one lone circuit judge in Seattle.

Meanwhile, the term-limit fight should continue in individual states. This fall another seven states could join the 15 that have already passed limits on how long their congressional representatives can serve.

Ultimately, if the courts rule against term limits, voters should demand that the Constitution be changed. This would require that Congress pass a term-limit amendment, which would then need to be approved by three-quarters of the states before becoming part of the U.S. Constitution.

At stake is the ability of citizens to limit the power of career politicians. However won, it's a fight worth fighting.

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Washington's new offensive



William F. Buckley Jr.

Forty years ago, the presidents of most of the Ivy League colleges signed a warning against accepting any money from the federal government. The presidents of Harvard, Yale, Columbia and others weren't making a point applicable only to richly endowed private colleges. Their point was universally applicable, but in those days the tendency was to look for leadership in policy questions of that nature to the Ivy League. The point is that their warning was (1) prophetic, and (2) it was not heeded. Not even by their own institutions.

The latest imposition of the federal government might in any case have been unavoidable. Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Hillsdale College in Michigan refused to fill out federal forms documenting that they were not discriminating against women. "Dear Uncle Sam" – was the substance of their reply – "please tell your local bureaucrats to go away with their forms. We don't accept one penny of federal grants so you have no right to meddle in our affairs. And by the way, in case you are interested, we went coed generations before women's rights were a gleam in the eye of Betty Friedan."

But Uncle Sam is a tough adversary (unless you are a criminal, in which case he is a real softie). What the government then did was to assert jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual students in those two colleges were receiving federal aid. Now, beginning on Jan. 1, the federal government is telling the colleges and universities that they do not have the right to retire professors at a given age. When the retirement, or anti-retirement, act was passed in 1986, college administrators begged for a stay of execution and were granted seven years.

Two questions arise.

The first is: Is this new law prudent?

There are several reasons for adhering to a fixed retirement age in a college. One is to avoid having to distinguish between 65-year-old fresh, robust, inspiring Professor Jones, and 65-year-old jaded, emaciated, boring Professor Smith. Regulations tend to be categorical in respect of age, and for pretty good reasons. It can't be hard to find a given 17-year-old who is more responsible than a given 18-year-old who is permitted to vote, while his junior is not. If we can't locate a 29-year-old who would make a better senator than many incumbents 30 and over, we are asleep.

Under the law, you can retire with substantial Social Security benefits at 62. Not everybody at 62 is equally ready to retire. At 70, you can receive Social Security without penalty, though of course now you have to pay taxes if you have been dumb enough to save up for retirement and have an income that exceeds $34,000.

The prudential point is that uniform retirement ages avoid personalizations the colleges aren't anxious to make. Moreover, if you are a gifted professor, what you do is retire from Yale (e.g., Professor Paul Weiss the philosopher) and go to Catholic University in Washington and teach at age 90. But by leaving at 65, you make way for the 30-year-old looking for tenure or, for that matter, for a teaching position.

Under the law now, you can stick to your job forever, even after you become dead wood. And how is this going to affect costs? They will rise.

Since 1960, the dollar has depreciated. The current dollar is worth one-fifth of the 1960 dollar. But the cost of education is up 13 times what it was in 1960 – almost two and one-half times inflation. And now this.

The second question is of profound philosophical importance. It is this: Who, in the name of what god, authorized the federal government to tell Podunk U what it can or can't decide in respect of the retirement of its, not the government's, faculty? Will Congress now decide that it is going to pass laws regulating tenure? Who said that Harvard should decide when to grant tenure? Are the colleges granting tenure in sufficient numbers to the handicapped?

There seems to be no end to the appetite of Congress to tell people what to do. And if poetic justice is your bag, you are certainly entitled to sit back and say that it serves the college right, since the engorgement of government has been an academic enterprise for generations.

The trouble is, the mess effected by the statism cultivated in the academies affects us all, leaving us gasping for air and wondering what the framers would say about the long, prehensile reach of omnipotent government. The Declaration of Independence would need to be 10 times as long as it is if it listed grievances not alone against King George, but against King Congress.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 1994. There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1854, some 50 slavery opponents met at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wis., to call for a new political group. The organization later became known as the Republican Party.

On this date:

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, was incorporated.

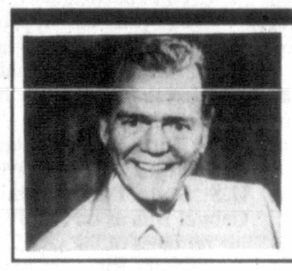
In 1849, the ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1951, the Senate crime investigating committee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued a preliminary report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.

What does the U.N. think it is?



Paul Harvey

The United Nations has the potential itself to become a dictatorship. Nameless, faceless policymakers in the bowels of that fortress on the East River are presuming to dictate military policy for member nations.

France, Britain and other European nations are aghast at the degree to which the United Nations now wants to send more reinforcements to Bosnia.

France has no intention of putting any more French troops at the disposal of the United Nations for this so-called "peacekeeping" mission.

Britain is talking about pulling out altogether this spring. Certainly Britain will not increase its 2,500-man commitment.

The Dutch say they have more troops there now than they can afford.

Yet the United Nations wants 3,000 more to add to the present 30,000.

So the United Nations is looking to guess-who to supply them.

What does the United Nations think it is?!

Our nation's former defense secretary, Dick Cheney, warns that the recommended NATO air strikes in Bosnia will backfire and that for the United States to bomb Bosnia would lead to a wider war in the Balkans.

One of the leaders of U.N. forces – who understandably wants to remain nameless because he is a military official – says he went over there to prevent warlords from looting food.

He says that mission was inevitably destined to fail.

Now that the original political and diplomatic mission has become a military one, he says victory would cost more than it's worth and would not rescue that destitute country anyway.

His year is up; he is returning home bitter and disappointed.

Any air strikes, or any other escalation of our involvement in Bosnia would evidence that the United Nations is making foreign policy for us when it should be the other way around.

Yet –

Because the Serbs have some artillery outside Sarajevo in Bosnia capable of lobbing shells into the city ...

The United Nations mobilized ...

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Sixteen Jaguar attack aircraft ...

Eight Tornado fighter bombers ...

Six harriers ...

Eight F-16-As ...

Eighteen F-16 fighter planes ...

In football, our side would be penalized for "piling on."

Some future Gilbert and Sullivan will have our children laughing at us.

Foreign policy from TV broadcasts



William A. Rusher

Of all the unfortunate aspects of President Clinton's decision to plunge this country into a military operation in Bosnia, perhaps the saddest is that it took a television program to produce it.

There was a time when American presidents and their diplomatic and military advisers weighed the options in a given situation, adopted a policy, persuaded our allies to go along with it, and then if necessary brought the force of American arms to bear to achieve the desired result. The Gulf War is only the latest example.

Insofar as Bill Clinton ever had a policy on Bosnia, it was derived from his attacks on President Bush, during the campaign, for not doing enough to stop Serbian aggression. Once in the White House, Mr. Clinton sent Secretary of State Christopher to Europe to line up our allies for "surgical air strikes" on the Serbs. But Warren Christopher got nowhere (an old habit of his), and Clinton settled into a do-nothing mode, blaming the Europeans for his inaction.

He was still in it, a few weeks ago, when CNN broadcast live coverage of the damage caused by a heavy mortar shell which landed in a Sarajevo marketplace, killing 68 people. Ten thousand people have died in Sarajevo during the present war, without (rightly, in my opinion) moving Western governments to risk the lives of their own soldiers by intervening militarily. But the corpses, the bloodshed and the screams of the wounded as recorded by CNN's cameras caused just enough revulsion around the world to force Mr. Clinton and the Western governments to act. NATO said it would bomb the Serbs if they had not stopped shelling Sarajevo by Feb. 21.

The actual bombing, if it ever takes place, will be carried out by American planes, against the advice of the entire American military establishment. Bombing will accomplish nothing permanent, but may well lead to calls for intervention by NATO ground forces (including American troops) to counter the Serbs' retaliatory measures. Meanwhile, there is the ever-present danger that some unlucky U.S. airman will be shot down, captured and either killed or dragged contemptuously through the streets of Serb-controlled towns.

Where in all this is the American "vital interest," the existence of which has always heretofore been required if American lives were to be put at risk? There simply is none. The world is a dirty place, and cruel and inexcusable crimes are committed all over it all the time. The idea that it is the moral obligation of the United States to barge around putting an end to all such things – or at least those that CNN manages to cover live – is a positively grotesque substitute for a sensible foreign policy.

To cover themselves, the perpetrators of this folly – Messrs. Clinton and Christopher, our U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright, etc. – have argued that, while no "vital interest" of the United States is at stake in Bosnia, we do have an "interest" there which somehow justifies American military intervention.

But what, exactly, is the difference between a "vital interest" and this latest excuse for a foreign policy? The protection of a "vital interest" justifies war, if necessary. But how many American lives may be expended in pursuit of a mere "interest"? A hundred? A thousand?

The truth is that Mr. Clinton, having shot off his mouth most ill-advisedly during the campaign about what we ought to do to the Serbs, later took refuge in the wise refusal of our allies to help him do it. Now, having been forced by a television broadcast to implement his mistaken policy after all, he has simply junked the traditional standard of putting American lives at risk, only in defense of a "vital interest," and launched us on a path of foreign military interventions wherever any American "interest" can be identified.

He will regret it almost as much as we will.

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Depressed Daughter" was commendable. I could have used your help 14 years ago when I faced a similar situation.

I, too, loved my mother – to the point of leaving a teaching position in another city and returning to York, Pa., after my father died and Mother became ill. When I arrived, I found a woman I no longer knew. She had become bitter and angry. She criticized every member of our family, made derogatory remarks about my husband whom she had formerly adored, got into fights with the neighbors, and isolated herself from the world. I was at my wit's end.

After many months of frustration and many prayers, I hit upon an idea. We had a serious talk, and I told her how much I had always admired her, and how proud I was that she and Dad managed to raise a family of 10, despite hard times.

I reminded her of the many challenges she met in her life – and how she triumphed over all of them. I also reviewed all the sacrifices she had made for her children. Then I suggested she write the story of her life, and tell others how she came to be the wonderful mother I once knew.

Abby, she immediately started making notes, and eventually, not only did she write her memoir – it was a masterpiece! The whole family was mightily impressed. We plan to have the manuscript copied so it can be passed on to future generations.

My dear mother, Goldie Porta, died almost 10 years ago, and I can honestly say that the years we spent together enriched my life and made me a better person.

Thank you for giving me a chance to possibly help someone else who is going through a depression. You may use my name.

GWENDOLYN I. COTE

DEAR GWENDOLYN: What a wonderful idea you had; not only did the project you suggested to your mother inspire her to focus on something positive, it provided a lasting legacy for your family.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently serving a two-year sentence for cocaine possession with intent to sell.

I am 34 years old and started smoking pot about 20 years ago. That supposedly innocent drug led me down the path to where I am now.

I would like to say that there is nothing innocent about marijuana. It fogs the mind and impairs your thinking. I firmly believe that if I hadn't started smoking pot, I never would have tried cocaine.

I'm married with two children. I had a good white-collar job, a home in the suburbs and a clean record. Now, everything I've worked for is at risk because of my stupidity.

For those of you who are not involved with drugs, please don't even try them. It's not worth it.

While incarcerated, I enrolled in a drug rehabilitation program, and I have cleaned up my life. I have been clean for over a year. It's the smartest move I ever made.

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A little something for your Spring wardrobe

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

This spring, you can drop a size without losing a pound. Just add a pint-size T-shirt, micro-mini kilt, midget midriff sweater and teeny-weeny jacket.

To do this Lilliputian look, buy the smallest pieces you can squeeze into and still look smashing. Consider raiding the boys' departments for Jockey T-shirts or heading to Gap Kids. Or downsize with Calvin Klein's white cotton mini tees, $15 in the women's department at Neiman Marcus and I. Magnin in April.

You'll find that shrunken tops with fitted sleeves are perfect for today's looser, fluid pants. In other words, opposites attract.

That's why Isaac Mizrahi pairs tiny white tux shirts with oversized black "Marx Brothers" dinner jackets, or tiny viscose jersey tank tops with billowy taffeta ball skirts.

The gist is to look as if you outgrew your clothes eons ago.

But you'd better possess the youth and wit to pull it off.

"The shrunken silhouettes are very, very trendy, not very practical, and very, very young," says Allen Schwartz in Los Angeles, founder of ABS. "I don't really relate to them. They're almost like wearing a muscle jacket."

Littler sizes go best with younger ages, says Barry Goldsmith, Burberry's managing director in New York.

"The market is somebody in her mid- to late-20s or dare I say upward," Goldsmith says. "Not everyone who wears them should."

Burberry's, a 70-year-old company known for conservative plaids, has reprised its wool kilt in signature tan, black, white and red windowpane, $430. Originally introduced in the late 1960s at 28 inches, it's now available at 15 1/2 inches — the shortest ever — up to 22.

"Most people who buy them are people who know they can wear them," Goldsmith says. "They're more your Christy Turlington-type buyer."

Burberry's isn't the only company offering kid-size kilts.

Richard Tyler, designing for Anne Klein, has them in black leather, $555, and multicolored linen, $275, at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus. Anna Sui takes a shine to silver leather, $319 for the mini kilt, with matching battle jacket, $484. Sold at Macy's, Bullock's, Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman Marcus and Anna Sui boutiques in New York and Los Angeles. Sui also does indigo denim, $140 at I. Magnin.

"The junior customer or the advanced customer who is fashion-forward will want a kilt, anywhere from 18 to 23 inches," says Hope Brick, fashion director for Foley's in Houston.

"We will go after that look in juniors. And for back-to-school it'll be a natural. You add opaque tights or thigh-highs and clunky lug-soled shoes."

Foley's plaid kilts in rayon and wool gabardine by junior labels Star City and Tracy Evans are about $44. Both labels will offer short suspender kilts by April, $38 to $52.

Burberry's mini kilt comes with a matching fitted patch-pocket blazer, a far cry from the oversized boyfriend jacket.

"It's definitely tailored, meant to fit, more shaped, more flattering, less slouchy, with very thin shoulder pads," Goldsmith says.

With notch collar, the three-button jacket retails for $655.

Also designed for the small set is the waist-length battle jacket such as Anna Sui's in silver leather with matching kilt, $484 and $319, respectively at Macy's, Bullock's, Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman Marcus and Anna Sui's stores ip New York and Los Angeles. Or try a cadet jacket from ABS, in wool gabardine, denim or cotton twill, in sand, ivory, navy and white.

"It's an Eisenhower jacket that looks good with long skirts or sailor pants," Schwartz says. "And it's small enough to work as a jacket and top at the same time. You just button up and you're off."

The cadet jacket, about $140 to $300 at Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Bergdorf Goodman and Macy's.

YES Clothing Company, a Los Angeles-based junior sportswear line, offers munchkin-size denim jackets in indigo and black, about $35 in April at Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Burdine's, JC Penney and Merry-Go-Round.

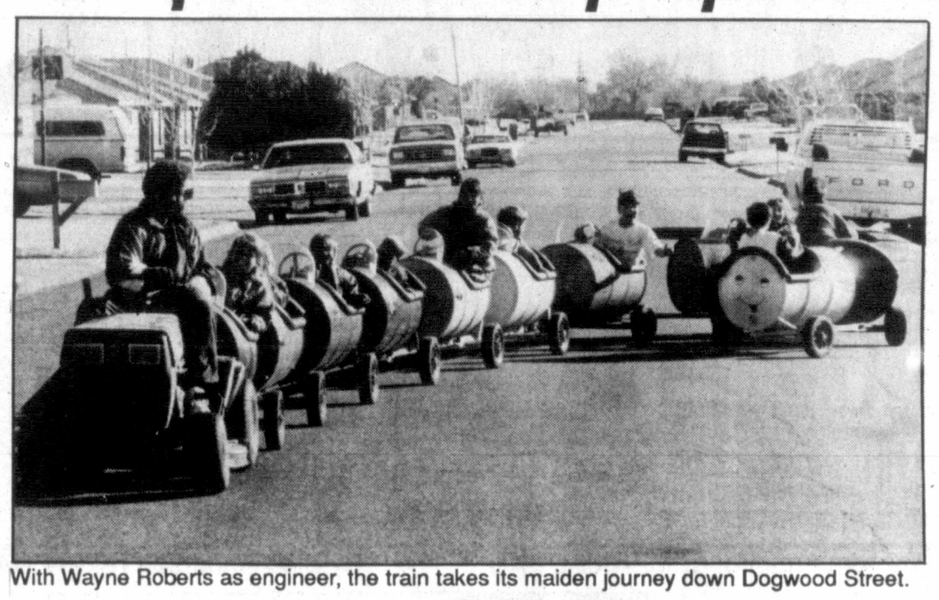
"They're cropped, and there's no padding in the shoulders, so the whole thing is really scaled down," says George Randall, head of YES. "The younger girls from 15 to 19 love the crop because they have hard tummies."

At Foley's, tiny tops include Tape Measure's cadet blue short-sleeved crop top in cotton and Lycra, $56; Liz Claiborne's linen bolero vest striped in mustard, olive and cinnamon, $58; and Adrienne Vittadini's white cotton ribbed tank, $130.

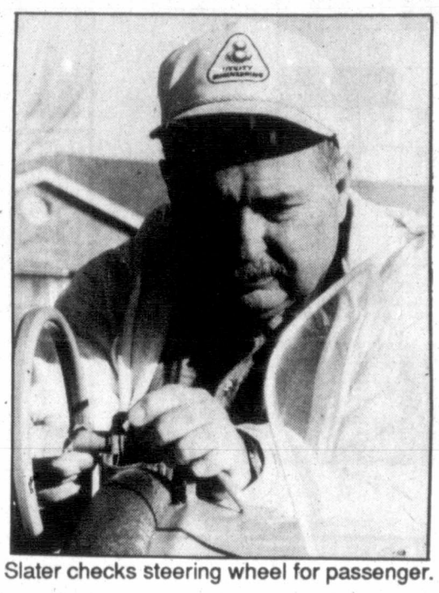
But don't overdose on the itsy-bitsy, Brick says.

"Anything really body-conscious does tend to work better on somebody who's thin," Brick says, "but it's important to register this new proportion in dressing with one piece at a time. If you choose a tiny knit top, don't pair it with a tiny jacket. It'll look like proportion overkill."

Pampa Kiwanis prepare for fundraiser



With Wayne Roberts as engineer, the train takes its maiden journey down Dogwood Street.



Slater checks steering wheel for passenger.

Much to the delight of neighborhood kids in Northeast Pampa, Wayne Slater and other Top O' Texas Kiwanians were out over the weekend road testing the new train they built for the May 7 carnival downtown. The carnival will be to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. The train was built by club members in Slater's garage using material donated by Phillips Petroleum, Panhandle Pipe and Steel, R&R Sheet Metal, Charlie's Carpet, and County General. It took a workforce of ten 262 manhours to build the train which proved to be a success among neighborhood children. (Pampa News photos)

Club news

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen met Feb. 14, in the Quivera Room of the Biarritz Club in Pampa.

It was decided to send in three nominees for the Environmental Stewardship Award. They are L.H. Webb of McLean, Doak Elledge of Pampa and The Canadian Feedyard of Canadian. Also discussed was Ag Week which is March 20-26. The group voted to provide classroom materials dealing with agriculture for area schools. Items also discussed were the Beef Backer Award, the annual convention and scholarships given by the cattlewomen.

Those attending were Carolyn Buckingham, Wheeler; Sandra Christner, Wheeler; Anita Brown, Wheeler; Amelia Sims, Wheeler; Louise Coulter, Allison; Amy Brainard, Canadian; Pat and Sally Youngblood, Lefors; Bethel Robinson, Panhandle; Bonnie Abraham, Hoover; and Diana Pate and Nadyne Williams from Shamrock.

Newsmakers

Army Pvt. **John B. Newman** has completed the mobile subscriber equipment switching system operator course here.

Students were taught to install, operate, troubleshoot, and perform maintenance on mobile communication and power generation equipment.

Newman is the son of Cecil R. and Kay H. Newman of 2239 Christine, Pampa, Texas.

Newman is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **John O. Lide**, son of Gary L. and Debbie L. Lide of Miami, recently reported for duty with guided missile destroyer Precommissioning Unit John S. McCain at Bath, Maine.

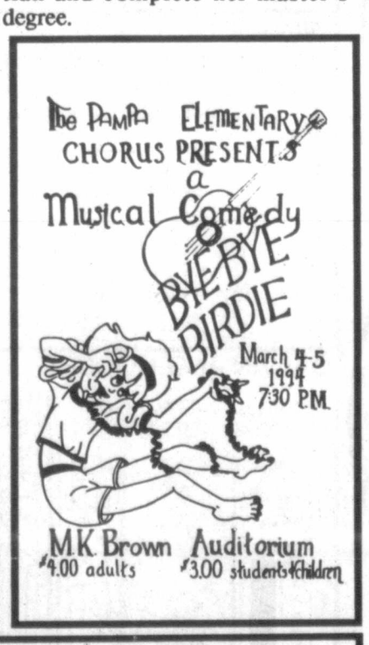
Lide joined the U.S. Navy in July 1991.

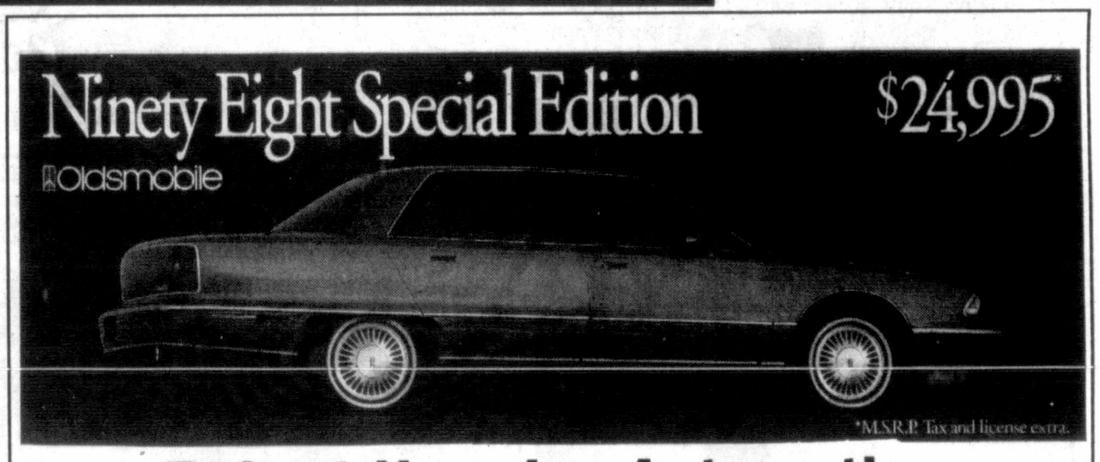
Caryn Ruff, daughter of Nancy and Mike Ruff of Pampa, was named to the President's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University in Lubbock for the fall 1993 semester.

The President's Honor Roll is awarded to students who earn a 4.0 grade point ratio.

She is a junior, majoring in dietetics with a minor in chemistry. She plans to become a registered dietitian and complete her master's degree.

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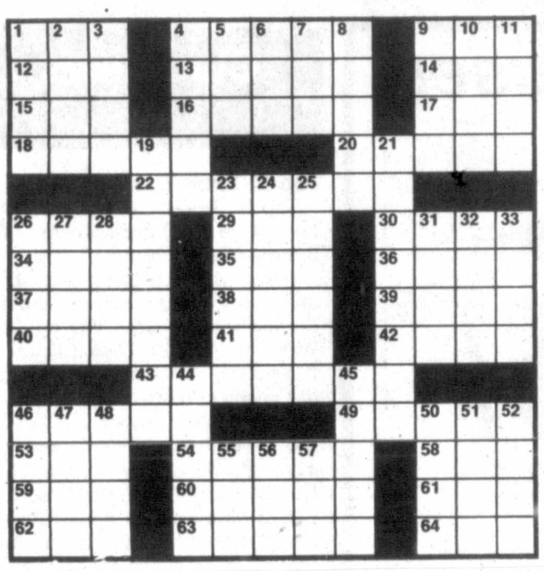
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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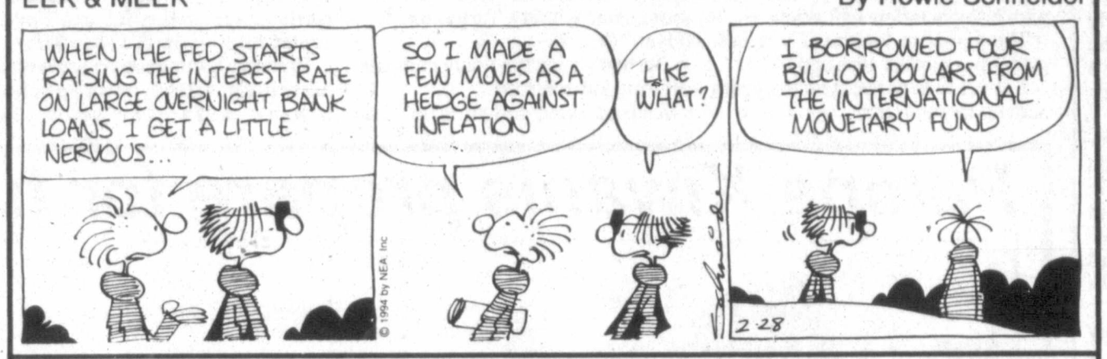
WALNUT COVE — By Mark Cullum



ARLO & JANIS — By Jimmy Johnson



EEK & MEEK — By Howie Schneider



B.C. — By Johnny Hart



Astro-Graph

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of being a talker, strive to be a listener today, especially when in the company of persons whose intelligence you respect. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Commercial arrangements could produce benefits today, provided your expectations do not exceed that to which you're entitled. Don't be greedy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In a partnership arrangement today, don't try to do everything yourself. Have faith in your cohort and delegate some of the assignments to him/her.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a day when you should be able to gratify several modest ambitious objectives you've been entertaining. If you get grandiose, however, you could be disappointed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something you recently organized might require a bit of patchwork repair at this time. If you make adjustments, things can be improved upon for the present.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today if you have the tenacity and patience, you should be able to finalize a situation that has been causing you both concern and aggravation. Don't begin unless you plan to finish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Impulsive decisions you make today could turn out to be counterproductive. Conversely, judgments you carefully evaluate should be right on target.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your financial trends look interesting today. Stability is indicated in earning sources upon which you are dependent. However, you might not be able to crack anything new.

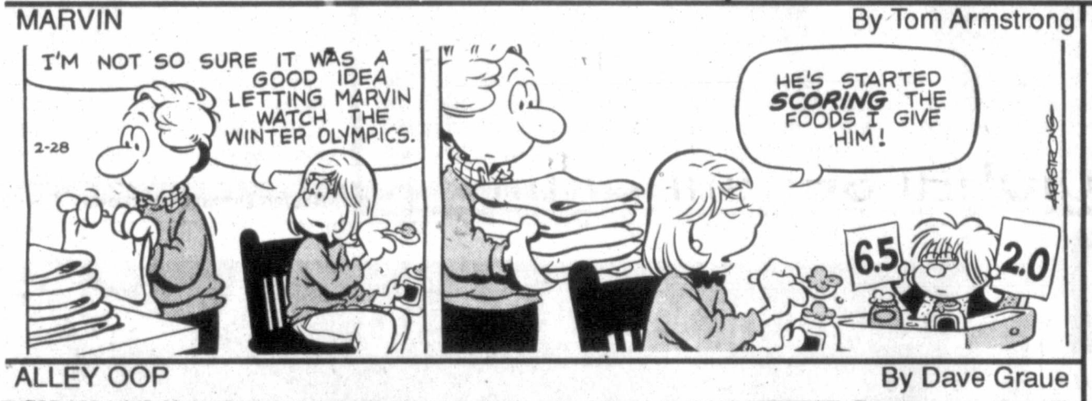
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You should be assuming more responsibility in a situation that involves you, as well as others. No matter how hard you keep wishing someone will play your role, this is not likely to occur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before taking on any new assignments today, finish things you've already begun. If you attempt to do both, neither may be done properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might be wise today not to get too closely involved with someone you recently met who has a habit of talking about others. You could be accused of being an accessory.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Objectives of a material nature can be gratified today, provided you don't go off on tangents. To succeed you must be focused on your goals.

MARVIN — By Tom Armstrong



ALLEY OOP — By Dave Graue

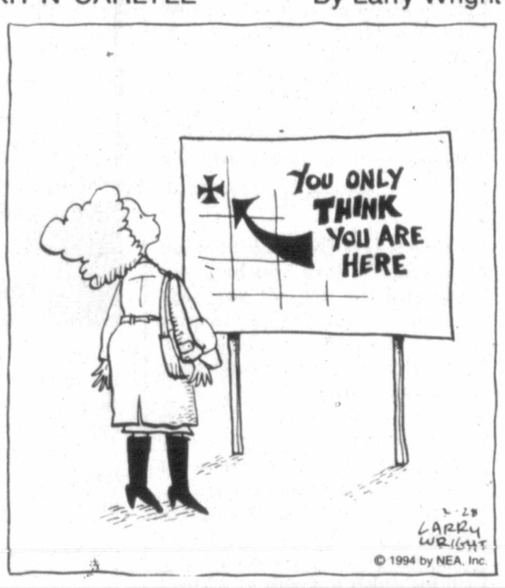


MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson



"Oh wow! Now we'll really go... I hear a fire engine!"

KIT N' CARLYLE — By Larry Wright



BEATTIE BLVD. — By Bruce Beattie



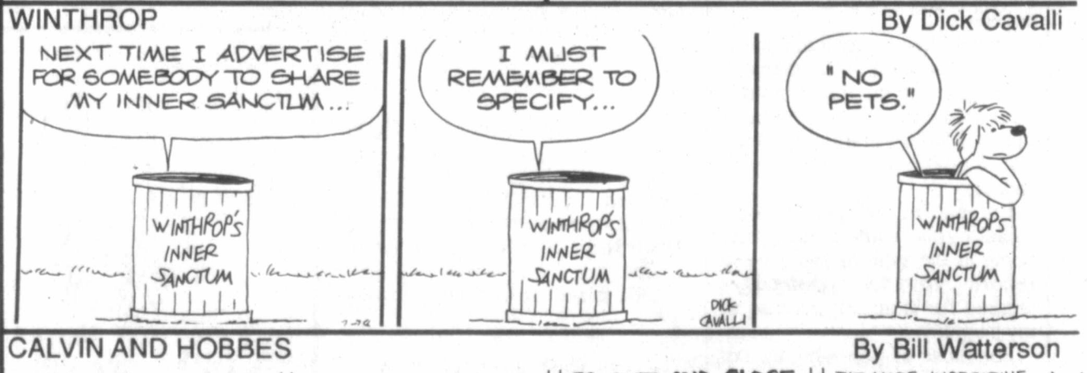
"The first tip in this home decorating magazine is 'Don't leave this lying around the house.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



"Here I am at my christening bein' held by my Fairy Godmother."

WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli



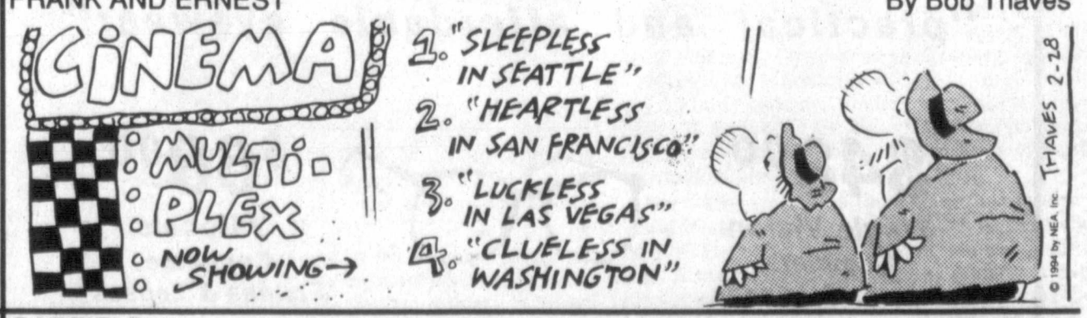
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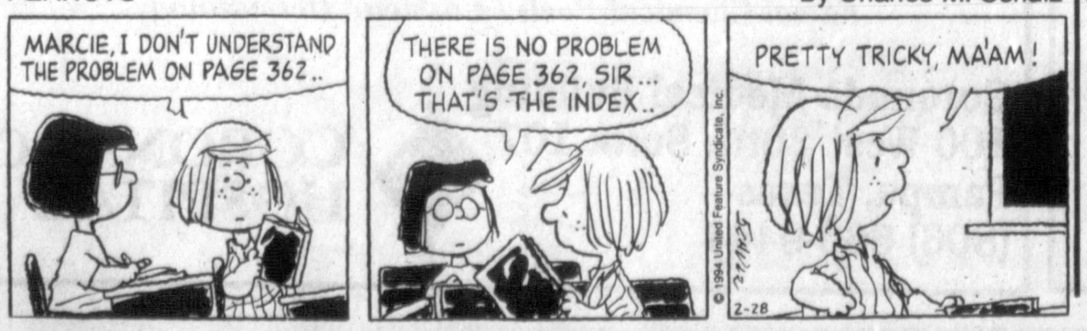
THE BORN LOSER — By Art and Chip Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



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GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Notebook

SOFTBALL

The Pampa Softball Umpires Association will host a field mechanics clinic at 2 p.m. March 13 at Recreation Park, east of town.

On March 15, a classroom session will be held at the Gray County Court House, second floor court room at 7 p.m. At the conclusion, a test, which must be passed, will be administered. These two clinics and test are mandatory for all past, current and incoming umpires.

The first games will be the Players Association and Umpires Association Tournament, beginning March 25.

For more information, call Scott Hahn at 669-8009 or 669-2380 or Shane Stokes at 669-5770 or 665-6848.

OLYMPICS

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — As the last event on the last day of the Winter Olympics, the gold-medal hockey game went through 60 minutes of regulation, 10 minutes of overtime, a 10-shot shootout and four more shots before Sweden prevailed over Canada, 3-2.

Peter Forsberg tucked the puck past Canadian goalie Corey Hirsch during an extended shootout to win Sweden's first hockey gold after 74 years.

On the last run of his Olympic career, Italy's Alberto Tomba vaulted from 12th to second in the slalom and claimed his fifth Alpine medal in three Olympics — three gold, two silver. The gold went to Thomas Stangassinger of Austria in 2 minutes, 2.02 seconds.

Lillehammer's Games transcended the Tonya Harding debacle to become one of the most memorable in history. Before any athletes left the Olympic Village, Lillehammer was set as a candidate for the 2010 Olympics.

Hosts of their first Games since 1952, Norway collected 26 medals — their best showing ever. Germany finished second with 24. Russia collected 23 medals to place third. Italy had 20 medals, its best ever. Canada also had a team-record 13 medals.

More countries won medals than ever before in the winter: 22, up from 20 in Albertville.

Germany-2 won the four-man bobsled and Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan took the 50-kilometer cross-country.

The Olympics ended Sunday night with a 90-minute closing ceremony beneath the illuminated ski jumps at Olympic Park.

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — The U.S. Olympic team claimed their highest medal total ever with 13 in the 17th Winter Games, winning the silver in the men's 5,000-meter short-track speedskating relay Saturday.

Cathy Turner, going for her third Lillehammer medal, was disqualified for obstruction after winning a short-track speedskating semifinal heat.

The U.S. hockey team finished its worst Olympics ever, eighth (1-4-3) after a 4-3 loss to Germany.

Finland won the bronze medal, beating Russia 4-0, the first time the Russians went home without any medal since they began competing in 1956.

The Czech Republic squashed its former countrymen from Slovakia 7-1. The Czechs finished fifth, Slovakia sixth.

Italy took the gold in the men's 5,000 speedskating relay, while South Korea won the gold in the 500 meter men's and 1,000 meter women's races.

Switzerland's Vreni Schneider became the only woman ever to collect three Alpine gold medals with her victory in the slalom. Elfriede Eder of Austria won the silver, while 18-year-old Katja Koren of Slovenia took bronze.

It was Schneider's fifth career Olympic medal, making her the most successful woman Alpine skier in Winter Games' history.

The biathlon ended when Germany cruised to its second straight gold medal in the men's 30-kilometer relay. The Russians were second and France third.

GOLF

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Craig Stadler shot a closing 6-under-par 66 to beat Steve Lowery by one stroke in the Buick Invitational.

Stadler finished 20-under at Torrey Pines and earned $198,000 for his first victory since the World Series of Golf in 1992. Lowery began one shot in front of Stadler, David Toms, Ronnie Black and Kirk Triplett.

Lowery shot a 68 for second, his highest finish in five years on the tour.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson made a bid with a closing 64, but finished third at 18-under. Hal Sutton was fourth at 16-under and Mark Carnevale another shot back in fifth.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — The United States' six-year hold on the Senior Tour's Chrysler Cup ended when the International team scored a two-stroke victory.

With each eight-man team scoring its five lowest rounds of each day, the U.S. was led by a final-round 66 by Al Geiberger, 67 by Tom Weiskopf, 68s by Dave Stockton and Jim Colbert and Mike Hill's 70.

George Archer had a 72, but finished the 54-hole event at 13-under 203 and won the individual title by defeating Simon Hobday with a birdie on the first playoff hole.

The International team got a 67 from Gary Player, 69s from Bob Charles and Hobday and 71s from Bruce Devlin and Graham Marsh for a 58-under, 1,022 total.

Each International member collected $25,000. The U.S. players got $12,500 each, Archer an additional $50,000. The U.S. now leads the series 7-2.

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain (AP) — English journeyman Carl Mason ended 20 years of frustration by shooting a 2-under-par 70 and winning the Andalusian Open by two strokes over Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain.

Mason finished with a 10-under-par 278 total in posting his first PGA European victory for $76,000.

Gordon Brand Jr. of Scotland was third at 281 after a 72. Per-Ulrik Johansson of Sweden had a 70 and was fourth at 282.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Peter Senior sank a 16-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat fellow Australian Chris Gray in the Canon Challenge. They finished at 12-under-par 276 over 72 holes. Senior had a final round 69 over the par-72, 6,704-yard Castle Hill Country Club course.

Arkansas No. 1 for third straight week

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Arkansas, Duke and Michigan stayed atop the college basketball rankings today for the second straight week, while Penn made its return to the poll for the first time in 15 years.

The Razorbacks (22-2) were No. 1 for the third straight week and eighth overall this season by a comfortable margin, getting 59 first-place votes and 1,619 points from the national media panel. Duke (21-3), which had one No. 1 vote, was second with 1,513 points, well ahead of the Wolverines (20-4), who had 1,449 points, including three first-place votes.

Connecticut (24-3), which won the Big East title, and North Carolina (23-5), which each had one first-place vote, switched places from last week and round out the top five.

Missouri, the Big Eight champion, was again sixth, followed by Kentucky, Arizona, Purdue and Louisville, the Metro Conference champs.

Massachusetts, which clinched its third straight Atlantic 10 title, was 11th and was followed by Temple, Kansas, Syracuse, UCLA, Saint Louis, Indiana, Minnesota, Florida and California.

Oklahoma State was 21st and was followed by Marquette, which won its first Great Midwest title, Boston College, Alabama-Birmingham and Penn.

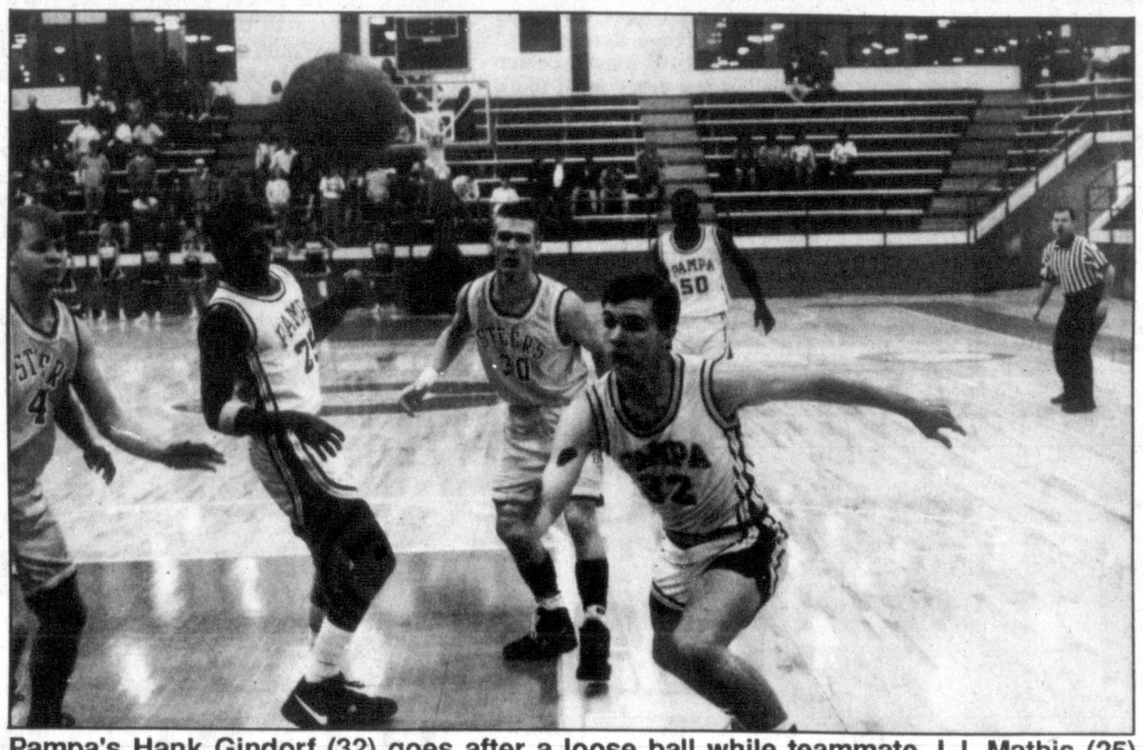
It's the first time Penn (21-2) has been ranked since the final poll of the 1978-79 season, the year the Quakers last went to the Final Four. They are undefeated in the Ivy League and haven't lost since falling Jan. 11 at Temple. The other loss was at Ohio State in the second game of the season.

Alabama-Birmingham (20-6) rejoined the rankings after a one-week absence. The Blazers, who got as high as 17th in their six-week run in the poll, won two non-conference games last week by an average of almost 30 points after losing three straight Great Midwest Conference games.

Dropping from the rankings were Georgia Tech and New Mexico State. The Yellow Jackets (15-10) had been 23rd, but split games last week, losing to Virginia before beating North Carolina State. The Aggies (19-5) had returned to the poll in 25th after a two-week absence, only to lose games to Long Beach State and Cal-Irvine.

Kansas' fall from 10th to 13th after losing to Nebraska before beating Colorado knocked the Jayhawks (22-6) out of the top 10 for the first time this season.

Purdue, which beat Ohio State and Penn State last week, made the week's biggest jump from 14th to ninth, while Indiana's drop from 12th to 17th was the week's biggest fall. The Hoosiers beat Northwestern and lost to Minnesota by 50 points last week.



Pampa's Hank Gindorf (32) goes after a loose ball while teammate J.J. Mathis (25) looks on during the Class 4A Area game Saturday night against Big Spring. The Harvesters meet Wichita Falls at 8 Tuesday night in the regional semifinals at Lubbock Monterey High School. (*Pampa News* photo)

Pampa goes against Wichita Falls in Class 4A regional semifinal tilt

PAMPA – The Pampa Harvesters are just two wins away from returning to the state tournament after their 84-66 romp over Big Spring for the Area championship Saturday night.

Pampa (26-8) meets Wichita Falls High (29-2) at 8 p.m. Tuesday night at Lubbock Monterey High School in the regional semifinals. Wichita Falls beat Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 89-79, in the Area round.

The Harvesters never trailed against Big Spring and ran off eight unanswered points in the first quarter to pull away. The Harvesters scored 13 unanswered points in the second quarter to lead by 20 (36-16). Defensively, Pampa limited Big Spring to just 7 of 24 in field goal shooting.

"We knew Big Spring had a good shooting team and we tried to keep pressure on the ball. Duane Nickelberry made things happen for us. He made some real good passes when they put the trap on us and for the most part had the game in his hip pocket. We played awfully hard and so did they," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Nickelberry, a 5-9 junior, finished the night with 18 points. Seivern Wallace and Rayford Young combined for 42 points. Also scoring for Pampa were J.J. Mathis and Justin Collingsworth with 7 points each, Hank Gindorf 6, Robert Bremerman and Brad Baldridge, 2 each.

Pampa dominated the boards, pulling down 36 rebounds compared to 27 for Big Spring. Wallace led all rebounders with 17.

For the 7th ranked Harvesters, it was their 14th win in a row. Sixth-ranked Wichita Falls also had a win streak going. Their Area win over fourth-ranked Eastern Hills was the Coyotes 16th in a row. P.J. Phillips, a 6-2 forward, had 15 points and 17 rebounds to lead the way for the Coyotes.

Harvesters host Canyon

The Pampa Harvesters meet the Canyon Eagles at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the first baseball home game for the Harvesters.

The Harvesters, 2-0, are coming off a 5-4 win over Perryton on Saturday.

Matt Finney picked up the win in relief of Danny Frye. With two runners on in the third inning and Pampa ahead, 3-2, Finney came in to douse a Perryton rally.

"Once again Matt really shined for us on the mound," said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty. "Danny pitched two really good innings for us before his control got away."

Frye, who moved to second base from the mound, made an outstanding catch to end the game after Perryton had rallied with a hit, walk and passed ball. Pampa was leading 5-3 going into the bottom of the seventh inning.

Doughty said Jeff McCormick hit the ball well for the Harvesters.

Pampa had four hits and committed three errors. Perryton had seven hits and was charged with four errors.

The Harvesters are entered in two tournaments this year. The first one is 10-12 at Dumas. The second tourney is March 16-19 at Canyon.

The District 1-4A opener for the Harvesters is scheduled for April 29 against Randall on the home field.

Nuggets hold off Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Clyde Drexler scored 22 points and Rod Strickland 19 Sunday night as the Portland Trail Blazers won their sixth consecutive game, holding off the Denver Nuggets for a 104-97 victory.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf led all scorers with 28 points and rookie Rodney Rogers had 18, including four 3-point field goals, for the Nuggets.

The Blazers' Harvey Grant added 16 points, eight of those in the fourth period when Denver kept the game close. Buck Williams had 12 points and 11 rebounds for Portland, which has won seven straight home games.

Williams left the game with 9:58 left when he was elbowed in the mouth by Denver center Dikembe Mutombo.

Lady Harvesters run away with Tiger Relay championship

FRENSHIP – The Pampa Lady Harvesters opened the track season by winning the Tiger Relays last weekend with 154 points. Frenship was a distant second at 132.

Pampa's Marci Leal set meet records in the winning both the 3200 and 1600-meter runs.

"That was a great accomplishment for Marci," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez. "The girls ran well. We had a lot of people qualify for Saturday's finals."

Michelle Abbott won both the high jump and 100 low hurdles for Pampa.

Pampa hosts the Top of Texas Relays next Saturday. Teams entered in the girls' division include Amarillo High, Tascosa, Randall, Perryton and Pampa.

Tiger Relays

Team Totals: Pampa 154, Frenship 132, Canyon 104, Plainview 37, Borger 36, Big Spring 30, Levelland 26, Lubbock Estacado 26, Lamesa 23, Snyder 21.

Pampa results are as follows:

High jump: 1. Michelle Abbott, 5-0; 3. Regina Holt, 4-10.

Long jump: 3. Jamie Hutcherson, 16-0 1/2; 5. Candi Atwood, 15-4.

Triple jump: 2. Shelly Young, 34-6; 5. Laura Marie Imel, 32-10 1/4.

3200: 1. Marci Leal, 12:36.89 (new meet record, broke old record set in 1986).

400 relay: 3. (Tammy Chesser, Kendra Rainey, Elisha Calloway and Shelly Young), 52.05.

100 low hurdles: 1. Michelle Abbott, 17.13; 4. Kim Sparkman, 17.69; 5. Nicole Brown, 17.86.

100: 2. Kendra Rainey, 13.52; 4. Alisha Tollerson, 13.57; 6. Tammy Chesser, 13.89.

400: 1. Renee Johnson, 61.63; 4. Elisha Calloway, 62.09.

300 hurdles: 2. Michelle Abbott, 48.78; 4. Kim Sparkman, 50.76.

200: 5. Jamie Hutcherson, 28.06.

1600: 1. Marci Leal, 5:51.92 (new meet record, broke old record set in 1988).

1600 relay: 2. (Renee Johnson, Candi Atwood, Elisha Calloway and Mistr Adams), 4:18.47.

800 relay: 2. (Tammy Chesser, Jamie Hutcherson, Candi Atwood and Shelly Young), 1:50.87.

Winter Olympics: A celebration of struggle as well as victory

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — The victory lap was for him, for him and his baby daughter.

But that moment when his heart was in his throat, that moment when Dan Jansen balanced precariously on the edge between everything and nothing yet one more time, that moment belonged to all of us.

Swept up in the sordid tale of Tonya and Nancy for more than a month, it was easy to forget what the Olympics were once and what they are supposed to be about still: more about striving than winning; more about dignity than simply delivering; about playing for something other than pay.

We already have enough pros and enough joyless contests the rest of the time for that. And if these Games are no longer played by amateurs — not in the truest sense of the word, anyway — then at least let them celebrate athletes whose struggles are worth celebrating as much as their victories.

That was what Jansen provided. Fortunately, considering how much energy and attention l'affaire Kerrigan consumed, he was not the only one.

— There was native son Johann Olav Koss, so steely in competition and so deserving in victory that he made the locals learn to relax and enjoy winning.

Three races on the iced oval, three world records, three wild-but-remarkably classy celebrations by the same countrymen who only a few years earlier shunned world-class skier Kjetil Andre Aamodt for daring to say on TV that one day he "hoped to be the best in the world."

— There was Oksana Baiul, a 16-year-old orphan so wispy and so used to losing everything else that mattered, grabbing on to the one thing — the figure skating gold — that life could not take away.

— There was Lyubova Egorova, her three golds and one silver in cross country reminding the world that no matter how splintered and how diminished her former homeland seems, winter will always be a home game for the Russians.

— And on the last day, fittingly, there was one more outsized thrill from the man whose bravado on the mountain is exceeded only by his bravado in front of a microphone: Tomba.

Nearly two seconds behind after the first slalom run Sunday, the self-proclaimed messiah of skiing roared down the icy face of Hafjell with a clocking so improbable it rescued a silver medal and very nearly rendered him speechless.

"I am moved," Alberto said finally, humbly, "although I should be used to these kinds of emotions."

Americans would certainly love to experience what "La Bomba" was talking about. Especially after bobsled driver Randy Will claimed the sinking-like-a-leadweight medal for this explanation of why the team had brought along the wrong runners: "We didn't know it was this cold in Norway."

Even so, Americans had plenty and varied triumphs to celebrate: downhiller Tommy Moe, so hair-raising in victory that even his press conferences hours later carried a buzz; speedskater Bonnie Blair, so proficient that she seemed bloodless at times; short-tracker Cathy Turner, who seemed to spill blood at nearly every turn.

In the end, though, these Games belonged to the Norwegians, but not just in the obvious sense. They were the hosts and the leading medal-winners, but they were much more.

They camped overnight alongside fires in the hills outside Lillehammer to watch cross-country skiers disappear in the distance, and incredibly, cheered each and every one. At the oval, they roared when even the least-known skater recorded a personal best. On the mountains, they mirthfully clanged cowbells for everyone brave enough to take the hill — except perhaps the gate-setters.

If nothing else, their participation guaranteed that an honest effort, perhaps even more than a win or a loss, would be a reward in itself. And that, perhaps, was the lesson of Dan Jansen as well.

In much the same way that Ben Johnson overshadowed everything else in Korea six years ago and nearly filched the Olympics' soul, the Harding-Kerrigan saga this time around threatened to cut out its heart. And if that is the only thing for which these Games are remembered, then they will have succeeded.

The pictures of Jansen touring an Olympic oval one final time, this time with a gold medal swaying from his neck and his daughter, Jane, cradled in one arm will be the image each one of us should carry away from these Games.

But the moment that might be more important to remember is the one that preceded it. Those few seconds in the next-to-last turn before success or failure could be determined, those few terrifying seconds when Jansen looked out over the edge and found the courage to keep on going.

Koufax volunteers as pitching coach for Rangers

Spring training roundup

By The Associated Press

For at least one day, Chan Ho Park looked like Sandy Koufax.

Facing major league hitters for the first time, the 20-year-old Park pitched two strong innings Sunday for the Los Angeles Dodgers in an intrasquad game in Vero Beach, Fla.

Across the state, Koufax, 58, started his week-long stint as a volunteer throwing coach for the Texas Rangers in Port Charlotte.

"I'm going to do the best I can to help," Koufax said. "It all depends on the situations. If I see something, I might suggest it. It might work, it might not work."

Koufax spent his entire Hall of Fame career with the Dodgers. He's helped them in the past during spring training, and is in camp with the Rangers this year as a favor to his friend, manager Kevin Kennedy.

Koufax began his work by watching film of left-hander Bruce Hurst, signed to a minor-league contract by Texas.

"I just wanted to see how he uses his lower body or his hips to take some of the strain off his shoulder," Koufax said. "I want to make it as simple as possible."

Hurst has pitched in the majors for a long time. Still, coming off rotator cuff surgery, he was eager to hear what Koufax had to say.

"You listen to him because of who he was and what he knows," said Hurst. "A guy who's won that many games certainly knows something about pitching."

While Hurst tries to trick batters, Park was too fast for the Dodgers hitters.

The rookie from South Korea pitched two hitless innings and struck out three. His fastball has been clocked above 90 mph.

Darren Dreifort, the Dodgers' No. 1 draft pick last June, also pitched two innings. He gave up one run on one hit.

"I thought Chan Ho Park and Darren Dreifort were exceptional," manager Tom Lasorda said. "Dreifort really threw the ball better than what the results indicate. I was very impressed with them.

"Chan Ho threw the ball great. They both showed a lot of poise out on the mound."

Orel Hershiser and Tom Candiotti each pitched two scoreless innings. Tim Wallach hit a two-run homer and Brett Butler had a two-run triple.

When the Baltimore Orioles begin playing, they will have a new outfield alignment — Brady Anderson will move from left field to center and Mike Devereaux will shift from center to right. As a result, rookie Jeffrey Hammonds will play left.

"I think Brady can play center as well as Devo, but I don't think Devo can play left as well as Brady," manager Johnny Oates said. "The idea was to get Hammonds in left.

"Brady is going to a position he's most comfortable with; Hammonds is going to a position he's most comfortable with; and Devo used to be a right fielder. This total configuration should be our strongest."

Devereaux was not excited about the switch, but said he will go along with it.

"(Oates) and I have different views. I feel it's a demotion," Devereaux said. "I played center field the last few years, and I think I'm a better center fielder. But if he feels it makes us a better ballclub by me moving to right, I'll do what's best for the team, and I'll do the best possible job I can do."

Glenn Davis, cut by the Orioles last September after three years of injuries and struggles, is trying to find a spot on the New York Mets. He signed a minor league contract and is trying to win a major league job at first base.

"I feel great and did a lot of conditioning work over the winter," he said. "I think I have a really good opportunity here with the Mets."

Davis averaged 28 home runs and 85 RBIs between 1985-90 for Houston. He is competing against Joe Orsulak, who led the Mets in hitting last year at .284, and rookie Alan Zinter at first base.

"He appears ready to go physically," manager Dallas Green said. "We need some time to find out where his tools are. We will try to play him as much as we can to allow him to show us where he is."

Reds' Pugh looking for more consistency

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — Tim Pugh wants to be less predictable this year.

The Cincinnati Reds right-hander was so erratic last season that everyone knew what was going to happen next.

A few good starts in a row? He's bound to get hammered. Think he's never going to win again? Look out!

He led the staff with 15 losses but provided some of its best moments, too. He retired 17 consecutive batters in one game, came within two outs of a no-hitter in another. He had a 2.02 earned run average in his 10 wins.

Then there were the bad moments. In 14 losses as a starter, he had a 9.28 ERA. He lost six straight decisions over one stretch.

Brilliant and bad, and Pugh knows it has to end.

"I want to be consistent," he said. "Last year I would pitch well in one game and then come back and pitch real bad in the next.

"This year I want to come back and get past the first couple of innings so I can get in my cruise mode. It seems as if every time I got in trouble last year it was in the first couple of innings. I'd give up a two- or three-run lead right off the bat."

He'll get that chance, because manager Davey Johnson has chosen Pugh as his fifth starter.

"Not to sound overly confident or anything like that, but I'd say it's probably my job to lose," he said. "If I go out and pitch the way I feel I can, it's going to be my job."

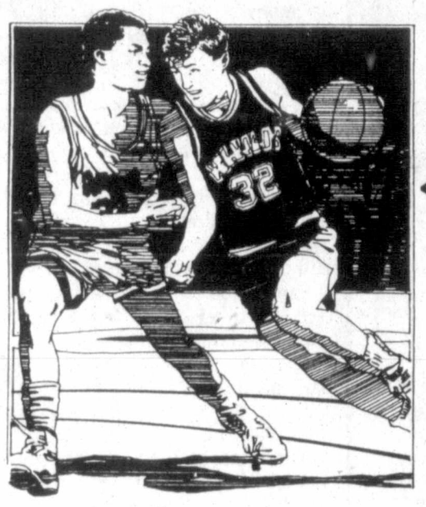
To keep it, he's going to have to tame his sinker.

Pugh's best pitch also is his most unpredictable. At its best, the pitch produces weak grounders. At its worst, it comes in like a flat fastball.

Pugh throws it more effectively when his arm is a little tired, so it usually gets better as the game goes on. But if it's not sharp at first, he's not in the game long enough to see it improve.

"Right now, I would say it's just a matter of concentration," Pugh said. "It may be that pitchers like myself have a little bit of trouble getting in the groove right away.

"You come out of the bullpen and step on a new mound and it's tough to get into your groove. I would think it's maybe 90 percent mental. If you don't get into the groove right away, they can jump on you."



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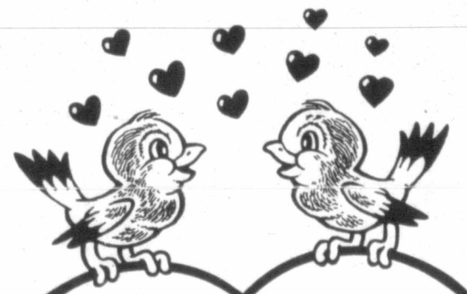
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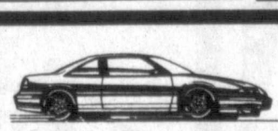
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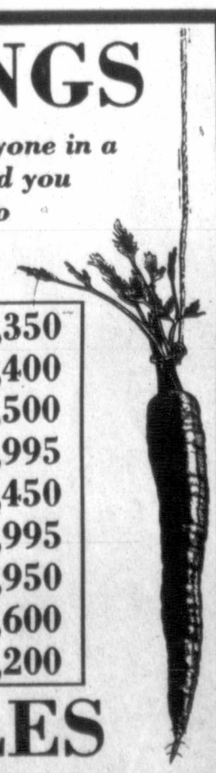
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Supreme Court justices to rule in child porn case

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether a key federal law used to prosecute people for dealing in child pornography violates free-speech rights.

Setting the stage for an important ruling, the court said it will consider reinstating a California man's conviction for distributing sexually explicit videotapes featuring a 15-year-old girl.

A federal appeals court threw out Los Angeles porn shop owner Rubin Gottesman's conviction and one-year prison sentence, ruling that the law used to prosecute him didn't require the government to prove he knew the girl was under 18.

In seeking Supreme Court review, Clinton administration lawyers said the appeals court ruling thwarts efforts to crack down on child pornographers in nine Western states.

The justices will hear arguments in the case next fall at the earliest. Their decision is not expected until sometime in 1995.

Gottesman, owner of X-Citement Video, was convicted of selling more than 100 Traci Lords tapes to an undercover Los Angeles policeman in 1986.

Lords was already a well-known pornography starlet when it was discovered in 1986 she had starred in many of her sex films when only 15.

That revelation spurred distributors and video dealers, fearful of child-pornography prosecutions, to pull her tapes from their shelves, cancel orders and remove posters. The Adult Film and Video Association assessed the damage to its industry in the millions of dollars.

For selling the Traci Lords tapes, Gottesman was sentenced to a year in prison and three years probation. His business was fined $100,000.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned his conviction in late 1992.

The appeals court said a law banning distribution, shipping or receiving child pornography must make prosecutors prove the defendant knew that at least one of the performers was under age.

The Constitution's free-speech protections require that knowledge, the appeals court said, and the federal law used to prosecute Gottesman doesn't.

The law at issue, in part, makes it a crime for anyone to "knowingly" transport or ship child pornography. The appeals court said the law is not only aimed at defendants who knew the material involved a minor, because the word "knowingly" modifies only the terms "transports" and "ships."

In the appeal acted on today, administration lawyers said the appeals court should have interpreted the law in a way that would have made it constitutional.

Although the 9th Circuit court's interpretation "may be correct grammatically," it does not reflect Congress' intention when it passed the law, the appeal argued.

Government lawyers said the ruling stymies efforts to prosecute child pornographers in the nine states covered by the 9th judicial circuit – California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

"That circuit includes Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where a large amount of child pornography has been produced and from which it is shipped and distributed," the appeal said.

The appeal, filed by the solicitor general's office, was supported in friend-of-the-court briefs filed by groups that have criticized what they perceive to be the Clinton administration's lack of fervor in pursuing child pornographers.

One group, the Arizona-based National Family Legal Foundation, told the court: "If (pornographers) don't care who they abuse and degrade to make a profit, we shouldn't go out of our way to construct legal arguments to let them off the hook.

"While federal judges and the solicitor general's office play fun and challenging intellectual law school games with statutory and constitutional interpretation ... the sexual abuse of real children for profit continues," the brief said.

In a landmark 1982 ruling, the Supreme Court carved out a new exception to free-speech rights when it let states outlaw the sale and distribution of material depicting children in sexual performances or poses, even if not legally obscene.

Such depictions are not constitutionally protected, the court ruled 12 years ago.

The case acted on today is U.S. vs. X-Citement Video, 93-723.

Kinnear takes over NBC's 'Later'

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) – Greg Kinnear, who replaces Bob Costas tonight as the host of NBC's *Later*, has already learned a hard truth about the late-night TV arena.

After the high-stakes conflict between David Letterman and Jay Leno, even an unassuming, half-hour talk show tucked into the wee hours of the morning (12:35 a.m. CST) can't escape scrutiny.

"To tell you the truth, I'm surprised at the level of interest in my having taken this spot," Kinnear said last week as he prepared for tonight's debut with guest Julia Louis-Dreyfus of *Seinfeld*.

"One of the reasons I took a show like this was I felt it was a little bit out of the spotlight and would give me the opportunity to quietly come in and hone some skills and do it out of the mainstream," he said.

NBC is adding to the attention with a big-bang lead-in for Kinnear: David Letterman makes a return appearance tonight to his old *Late Night* 11:35 p.m. CST spot, now occupied by host Conan O'Brien. Letterman is scheduled as a guest on O'Brien's show.

Letterman defected to CBS to compete with Leno and NBC's *Tonight Show*.

If O'Brien's career experience is any indicator, Kinnear could be in for a rough critical ride. Like O'Brien, Kinnear is young – 30 – and unproven on network television.

But unlike O'Brien, who took over *Late Night* with just writing experience under his belt, Kinnear has sharpened his performing skills on cable TV for several years.

His wit, good looks and smart-aleck demeanor have earned a loyal following for *Talk Soup*, a satirical poke at daytime talk shows which Kinnear has hosted – and will continue with – on E! Entertainment Television.

Later has been reshaped to suit Kinnear's looser style. Gone is the subdued atmosphere of the library-like New York set.

The new *Later with Greg Kinnear*, relocated to NBC's Burbank studios, has been opened up to include an audience, although a relatively small 120-member one.

Plant thieves strike botanical gardens

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – Endangered flora, including more than 20 rare orchids, have been stolen from the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, possibly to be sold on the black market.

"One guy in town has really hurt us," said Eric Lautzenheiser, director of the botanical gardens. "He's primarily an orchid man and he goes after only the rarest and choicest plants.

"He's very sophisticated and well-educated. He's like a master jewel thief."

Lautzenheiser said there is a black market for rare plants similar to the black market for artworks.

Many of the stolen plants had been donated as part of a rescue program to reproduce endangered species, Lautzenheiser said.

Because of the thefts, the garden no longer displays the more precious species.

Don Pylant, curator of the gardens' conservatory, said one man was caught stealing a rare Ecuadorian fern and was jailed last week.

Austin's unfenced Zilker Botanical Gardens also suffers. The gardens' director estimates vandals and thieves cause between $40,000 and $60,000 worth of damage every year.

"We have a very serious problem here," said Valleri Edelbrock. "We've had entire rose collections, which cannot be replaced for a full year, carried off."

Doug Williams, director of the Mercer Arboretum in Houston, said criminals aren't the only visitors that pose serious danger to plants.

He said seemingly innocuous cuttings can jeopardize an entire collection.

"If a sterilized instrument is not used, diseases can be spread and it could infect the whole collection."

Russia expels U.S. diplomat in retaliation for expulsion of Russian intelligence officer

By ALAN COOPERMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) – Russia expelled a U.S. diplomat today in retaliation for the expulsion of a Russian intelligence officer accused of involvement in a Washington spy scandal.

The expelled American diplomat was identified in Russian media as James L. Morris, a counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. The U.S. Embassy and officials in Washington refused to confirm the name.

The exchange of expulsions – Russia's diplomat was ordered out on Friday – was reminiscent of the Cold War and threatened to chill U.S.-Russian relations, at least for a while.

"We have received a request from the Russian government to withdraw a senior official of the embassy. We expressed our great regret and concern over this action," the U.S. Embassy said in a statement that did not mention Morris by name.

In Washington, a Clinton administration official who spoke on condition he not be named suggested any tit-for-tat gamesmanship between the two countries may be over for now: "We have no further plans at this time to take further action."

The United States had expected the expulsion of an American from Moscow since Alexander Lysenko, the chief of Russia's intelligence station in Washington, was declared persona non grata on Friday and ordered to leave the United States within seven days.

U.S. officials said Lysenko "was in a position to be responsible" for CIA officer Aldrich H. Ames and his wife, Rosario, who were charged last week with spying for Moscow since 1985.

But Russian officials objected to the expulsion of Lysenko, the first Russian to be officially introduced in Washington as an intelligence officer.

"Even if we assume that Ames really worked for us, what has this to do with Lysenko, who arrived in the United States last summer?" said Yuri Kobaladze, spokesman for the Foreign Intelligence Service, one of the successor organizations to the Soviet KGB.

Ames, who once headed the CIA branch in charge of Soviet counterintelligence, allegedly sold secrets to the Soviet Union and later Russia for more than $1.5 million.

U.S. officials believe the information he gave Moscow may have led to the execution of as many as 10 Russians who were spying for the United States.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has not commented publicly on the spy scandal.

"The president does not get mixed up in spying," his spokesman, Anatoly Krasikov, told The Associated Press.

Also today, Yeltsin fired the head of the Federal Counterintelligence Service, another agency that was formed when the KGB was reorganized last year.

But the state news agency ITAR-Tass said the firing of Nikolai Golushko stemmed from his failure to prevent the release of Yeltsin's hard-line enemies over the weekend, rather than from the Ames spy scandal.

Yeltsin had wanted to block or at least delay the release of the hard-liners under an amnesty passed by parliament last week. But they were freed without warning on Saturday from Moscow's Lefortovo Prison.

Among them were his two most bitter rivals, former parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov and Vice President Alexander Rutskoi.

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