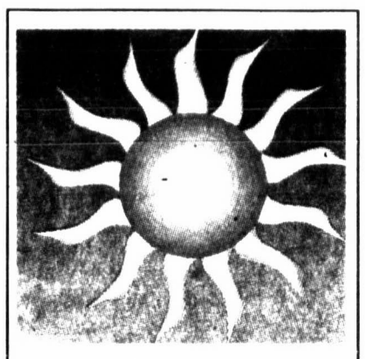
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PAMPA — Authentic Mexican food will be served Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Iglesia Nueva Vida - New Life Church at 801 E. Campbell. It's $4.50 for adults and $2.50 for children for the meal of beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad and tea. Carryout is available. Soft drinks and dessert are available for an extra charge. Proceeds benefit the church.

PAMPA — A medical fund for lung cancer sufferer Debbie Anquiano has been established at First American Bank, according to bank spokesman Cheryl Water. She is hospitalized in Amarillo in "very serious" condition.

ANGLETON (AP) — The former city secretary of the Brazoria County town of Oyster Creek has pleaded guilty to stealing more than $65,000 from the city over six years.

Peggy Hays Sims agreed to repay the money when she is sentenced next month.

Ms. Sims, who pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft by a public servant, will be sentenced to five years' probation if a judge agrees to a plea bargain with Assistant District Attorney Keith Allen, according to The Facts, the county's daily newspaper.

Officials first discovered the money was missing about two years ago, when Municipal Court Judge Effie Sommen noticed that correction fluid had been used on the city's municipal court records.

- **J.T. 'Nick' Baird,** 78, retired employee of SPS.
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Landfill gets burn permit for tree limbs

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

The city has received permission to burn, rather than chip, limbs that were downed by last week's winter storm — something that will speed cleanup.

And, city officials are asking those who have the means to haul their own limbs away.

This will cut down on manpower and costs but, even so, the cleanup may take as long as two months to complete, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"You can figure there's about a truck-load per yard," he said of the "massive" damage left behind.

"It's so spread out you don't really realize the volume that's out there," Eskridge said. "This cleanup will be no less than a massive undertaking."

Except for emergencies, the city has put aside most other duties and 25 employees, from several departments, are at work full time on the cleanup and probably will be through most of next week, Eskridge said. Also, several Jordan Unit inmate crews are coming to assist. These crews usually consist of six-to-eight men.

Today, limbs can still be hauled to Recreation Park and to the swimming pool parking lot on East Kentucky, Eskridge said, but beginning Thursday, those sites will be closed and a new one opened at the landfill. Dumping of limbs there will be free.

A temporary road is being built at the landfill to access the spot where limbs will be dumped, then burned, said Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris. The landfill is just off Loop 171 east of the Pampa Country Club.

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King, civil rights exhibit at museum

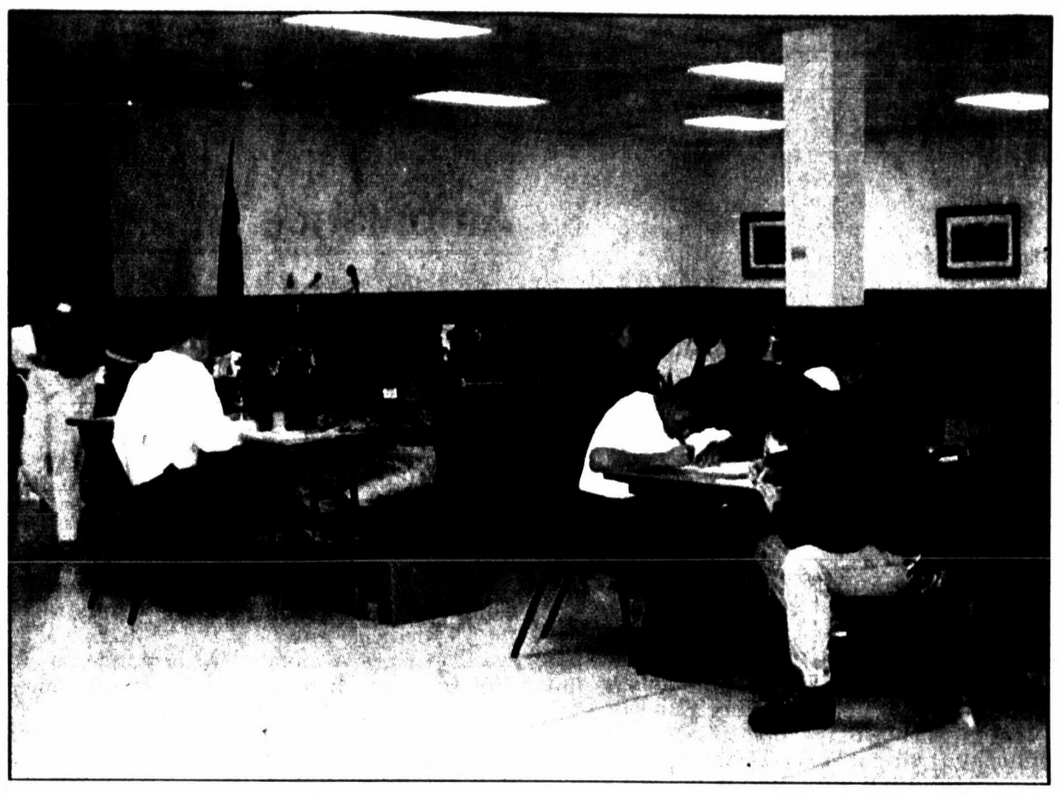
A new exhibit opened in Pampa this week at the White Deer Land Museum at 112-116 S. Cuyler in recognition of Black History Month.

The display is called "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement." It will run through the month of February.

The exhibit surveys the Civil Rights Movement from the emergence of King in the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 until his death in 1968. It also includes photographs of Rosa Parks, the Freedom Riders, the Birmingham jail, the March on Washington, the Selma March and many other historic pictures of this era.

King, and millions more, had a dream that America would live up to its creed that all people are created equal. The White Deer Land Museum is honored to present opportunities for audiences to visualize a great crusade to make the dream come true, said museum curator Anne Davidson. The exhibit is beautifully displayed with a free-standing format, with some wall-hanging photographs.

The free exhibit is provided by the Texas Humanities Resource Center in Austin. Museum visiting hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1-to-4 p.m.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Twenty-to-30 people were waiting when United Supermarkets began taking applications at 7:30 a.m. today. A steady stream continued through the morning. Applications were available until 1 p.m.

United Supermarkets gets lots of jobseekers

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

With unemployment on the rise in Pampa, up from 4.9 to 5.3 in December, before the IRI layoffs, word of United Supermarkets' hiring helped fill the M.K. Brown Room at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce this morning with job seekers.

"This is great," said United Supermarket District Manager Bert Short. "We've only been open about 10 minutes and we have 20-25 people filling out applications."

Short said current employees of Frank's Thriftway on Hobart will be interviewed first and then other applicants will get a chance to speak to a representative.

The United will take over the Hobart location of Frank's on Feb. 9, close to inventory and restock and open for business on Feb. 12, according to Troy Newton the new store manager. Newton will move here with his wife and 2-year-old daughter from Plainview.

A steady stream of applicants was evident as soon as one seat was emptied someone else took the seat. Some people came by to get an application to take with them because they had to be at work or school.

Newton said an additional 15-20 employees will be needed besides the number who now work at Frank's. He said the increase is due to the expanded services and expected increase in business.

"We're excited to be here and hope everyone is as excited as we are," he said.

"I just moved here from Colorado. I need a job," said Morland Jules, one of the applicants.

Applicant Anthony Miller hopes to earn some money so he can go to college, he said.

Juanita Cruz has worked for Wal-Mart in the past but isn't working currently saying simply, "I need the work."

Short said depending on the results from today's applicants United may have another job fair. But, he said that looking at the number of people applying today he didn't think so.

Newton said that United hopes to start building a new store at that location sometime later this year.

Oil tax break on fast track in Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Calling slumping prices an "emergency" for small oil producers in Texas, Gov. George W. Bush and state lawmakers are fast-tracking legislation to give them temporary tax relief.

"There's a lot of people hurting," Bush said Tuesday. "There's producers who are hurting. There are people who work for oil companies who are hurting. There are people in the service industry who are hurting badly."

The $45 million bill would temporarily exempt small producing wells from the state severance tax.

The bill was passed today without opposition by the Senate Finance Committee, clearing the way for it to go to the full Senate. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said the Senate could vote on it as early as next week.

Bush has designated the bill an emergency, speeding up how quickly it could become law.

"The reason this is an emergency is that it's affecting a lot of people's lives in a serious, serious way," Bush said. "It is job survival right now."

The commitment to quick action was praised by Railroad Commission Chairman Tony Garza. The commission also regulates the oil and gas industry.

"When's there trouble in the oil patch, there's trouble in Texas," Garza said. "It's a matter of survival for one of our state's leading industries, a sector that provides jobs for Texans, revenue for essential state services and funding for public schools."

Sponsored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, the bill would exempt wells producing fewer than 15 barrels of oil a day when the price has been less than $15 per barrel for three months.

It also would apply to natural gas production if that price falls to less than $1.80 per thousand cubic feet on production of 90,000 cubic feet or less per day.

The current severance tax on oil is 4.6

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John Cambern was one of about 100 citizens who showed up at a PHS gym to donate blood for Amy Newhouse, the Pampa teen who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Blood drive for Amy draws 112

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Amarillo's Coffee Blood Center reported that 112 residents participated in Tuesday's blood drive at the high school for Amy Newhouse, the PHS student who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma cancer.

Although blood was not taken from everyone who walked in the door because of colds or other factors, it was a "tremendous" turnout that Amy and her family can be proud of, said Susan Leary of the blood center.

Newhouse is on strong pain medications today to help her with a secondary case of pneumonia that she has now contracted on top of the physical strains of the chemotherapy treatments.

Her parents are staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo, while someone stays at their Pampa residence taking care of Amy's younger siblings. Nancy and Kevin Hull continue to ask the public to pray for their daughter.

PHS Counselor Starla Kindle said she has sent out paper to the various homerooms at school where students write notes. Kindle faxes these notes to Amy on a daily basis to keep her spirits up.

The public also expressed

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Services tomorrow

MOTT, Robert L. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

J.T. 'NICK' BAIRD

LAVON – J.T. "Nick" Baird, 78, died Monday, Feb. 1, 1999. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ in Wheeler with Jerry Dorman of Pampa officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Baird was born Sept. 29, 1920, at Mobeetie. He attended school at Kelton and Wheeler. He married Minnilou Ratliff on March 6, 1949, at Lela. He had been an Amarillo resident for 35 years prior to moving to Lavon in 1994. He worked for Southwestern Public Service Company, retiring in 1984 after 34 years of service. He worked at the East Plant in Amarillo before transferring to Plant X in Earth – helping bring the facility on-line in 1952. He later returned to Amarillo and served as a control room operator at Nichols Station.

He was a deacon and a 48-year member of the Church of Christ, serving as a deacon at Amarillo for 35 years as well as at Sudan. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving for three years during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Zebulun and Ora Baird of Wheeler; two brothers, C.C. "Pete" Baird and Dudley Baird, both of Wheeler; and a sister, Ola Davis Hamilton, of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Minnilou, of the home; a son, Terry Baird of Sachse; three sisters, Lucille Anderson of Midland, Loraine Wagner of Plainview and Gillrie Rogers of Sudan; and three grandchildren.

The register will be open after 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Wright Funeral Home for signing.

VIOLA BROWNING

Viola Browning, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Darrell W. Evans, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Browning was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Crosby County, Texas. She married H.J. Browning on May 31, 1951, at Clovis, N.M. She had been a Pampa resident since 1985, moving from Borger. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Shipman; and three sisters, Lenora Bachman, Winnie Edler and Margie Shipman.

Survivors include her husband, H.J., of the home; three daughters, Sandra McClellan of Fritch, Carla Ford of Borger and Ann Etta Adams of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

PATSY ELAINE 'PAT' LEE

Patsy Elaine "Pat" Lee, 56, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lee was born April 19, 1942, at Wellington. She married James Lee on Dec. 8, 1957, at Childress. The couple had been Pampa residents since 1958, moving from Wellington. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Hi-Land Christian Church and Beta Sigma Phi.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alexander Flint; two granddaughters, Amber Lee and Tessa Marie; and a stepfather, Claude Smith.

Survivors include her husband, James, of the home; a daughter, Pam Lee of Lubbock; two sons, Michael Lee of Amarillo and Neal Lee of White Deer; her mother, Joe Anna Smith of Pampa; three sisters, Sandy Wilson of Yukon, Okla., Sherri Shannon of Duncan, Okla., and Judy Young of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three brothers, Larry Flint, David Flint and Bruce Flint, all of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.61
Milo	3.24
Corn	3.61
Soybeans	4.89

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

Occidental	15 1/16	up 1/16
Magellan		125.41
Puritan		20.04

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

Amoco		NA
Arco	58 9/16	dn 11/16
Cabot	26 7/16	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	13 5/16	up 1/16
Chevron	75	up 1/16
Coca Cola	65 3/8	up 1/8
Columbia/HCA	18 5/8	up 7/8
Enron	63 3/4	dn 1 1/16
Halliburton	29 5/16	up 9/16
IRI	3 7/8	up 7/8
KNI	19 1/4	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	32 13/16	dn 1/2
Limited	36 3/16	up 1 9/16
McDonald's	80 5/16	up 1 1/4
Mobil	86 1/16	up 5/16
New Atmos	28 11/16	dn 1/4
NCE	43 5/8	dn 1/16
Penney's	40 3/4	up 1/16
Phillips	38 7/8	up 3/8
Pioneer Nat Res	8 5/16	dn 1/8
SLB	50 5/16	up 11/16
Tenneco	29 3/4	dn 1/4
Texaco	47 1/8	up 1 5/16
Ultramar	21 7/8	up 3/16
Wal Mart	84 1/4	up 5/8
Williams	33 3/8	up 7/16
New York Gold		288.40
Silver		5.41
West Texas Crude		12.20

Accidents

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

Tuesday, February 2

Irma Arjona Baca, 40, 423 Rham, was cited for backing without safety and Crawford Earl Hill, 47, 721 N. Gray, was cited for being stopped where prohibited when a 1994 Dodge pickup Baca was driving backed out of a driveway in the 400 block of N. Somerville and struck Hall's 1979 Thunderbird which was stopped in the turning lane. No injuries were reported.

No charges were listed when a 1995 Cadillac driven by Betty Diltz Blanda, 75, 2406 Mary Ellen, was traveling in the turning lane in the 1500 block of Hobart and was struck by a 1984 Buick Electra driven by Aubrey Wayne Kitchens, 88, 1535 N. Faulkner, moved into the lane to turn. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, February 2

10:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo and transported one to the VA Medical Center.

11:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells on a medical and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Christy and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the VA Medical Center.

4:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Cherokee and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Wednesday, February 3

3:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Grape and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Dean and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Charles and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, February 2

1:26 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded two and a half miles west on Highway 60 on a gas leak.

2:39 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to an alarm malfunction at Columbia Medical Center.

4:14 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical in the 2400 block of Cherokee.

8:01 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 100 block of E. 28th.

Wednesday, February 3

3:28 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical in the 600 block of Dean.

3:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical in the 1100 block of Charles.

Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

PHS FACULTY FOLLIES

PHS Faculty Follies will be Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the PHS Auditorium. It is the second annual "non-talent" fun variety show. Cost is $2 and proceeds go to Student Council.

CANADIAN SINGLES

Saturday, Feb. 13 there will be a covered dish dinner at 7 p.m. and a dance from 8-11 p.m. There is a meeting the second Saturday each month at Canadian YMCA.

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LANDFILL

The landfill will be open daily "until dark," Eskridge said. "We expect this weekend to have a lot of people bringing in limbs. Sunday is an off day for the landfill but this Sunday it will open at noon."

"We know there are a lot of people who are elderly or can't haul away their own limbs and we'll get those," Eskridge said. "But it will be a really big help if those who can will haul their limbs to the landfill."

In other storm related news, Morris said water service is "back to normal" and citizens no longer are being asked to take special conservation measures.

Power outages shut down pumps Friday night causing users to empty the city's water towers before power could be restored and water levels brought back to normal, the public works director said.

Pampa has three different power feeds coming into the city and for the first time all three were out at one time putting the whole city in a blackout Friday night, Morris said. "Usually, if one is out they can switch to another feed but this time all three were out."

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OIL

percent of the value at the wellhead and 7.5 percent on natural gas, according to the Railroad Commission.

Perry said continuing low prices have forced some producers to close wells.

However, the tax break would be temporary because the state comptroller is forecasting a price rebound by late summer or early autumn, he said.

"The price of oil today is hovering around $11 a barrel. U.S. rig counts are at historic lows. And there are literally thousands of Texas jobs that have been lost. There are even more jobs jeopardized today with the dilemma we find ourselves in," Perry said.

Bush, a former oil and gas businessman, said it will ultimately take higher prices to lift the strain on oil producers but said the tax break will help.

"I don't know whether or not the price of oil is going to remain forever at $9 a barrel, or $10 a barrel. I do think it makes sense to provide cost relief to make sure we don't prematurely plug wells," Bush said.

Lawmakers said the exemption will cover about 80 percent of the wells in Texas and about a third of oil output.

The legislation will be sponsored in the House by Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

The tax exemption legislation is SB290 and HB989.

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BLOOD

warm sentiments for the teen yesterday by stopping by the high school's girls gym, which was set up to accommodate the blood donation registration process.

At 5 p.m. last night there were approximately 20 people either giving blood, registering, or waiting to give.

Lying back comfortably in a chair, participant John Cambern said he came not only to give blood for Amy, but because he likes to donate blood anyway.

The whole process took about 45 minutes for participants — from the registration point until the time they could walk back out the door.

"The school has been very cordial," said Leary.

She added that the school was helpful in providing everything the center needed to complete the blood drive that lasted until 7 p.m. last night.

Leary invites anyone who was unable to make it yesterday to stop by the center in Amarillo and donate. She also mentioned that churches or organizations in the area interested in doing another blood drive for Newhouse is welcome to contact Coffee Memorial. For more information call Susan Leary at 1-800-658-6178.

Financial contributions for Newhouse and her family are also being taken at the Pampa branch of First State Bank of Miami in the Combs-Worley building.

School suspends students from extracurricular activities after beer bust

DALLAS (AP) — School officials in the affluent Highland Park neighborhood have suspended about 200 students from extracurricular activities after police raided an elaborately planned weekend beer bash.

Highland Park school Superintendent John Connolly said the district wants to show students that such behavior will not be tolerated.

"As a society we often look the other way rather than face tough issues head-on," Connolly said in announcing the disciplinary action Tuesday. "This school district will not look the other way."

The party was organized by students at Highland Park High School and held at a downtown warehouse on Saturday night.

The students had rented the warehouse for $1,000 and chartered city buses to transport partygoers who had paid from $35 to $55 each to attend the beer bash, authorities said. Nearly 300 tickets were sold, and police said about 250 people ranging in age from 14 to 19 attended.

Police, acting on a tip, descended on the party about midnight and ticketed more than 150 teenagers from the Park Cities, two wealthy enclaves north of downtown Dallas.

Anne Tasian, an 18-year-old Highland Park senior identified as a main party organizer, was arrested and charged with supplying alcohol to minors. A 34-year-old man hired as a bouncer at the party also was arrested.

Dallas Police Chief Ben Click, who recently attended a national conference on underage drinking, has ordered his investigators to find any adults responsible for the bash.

Highland Park school officials released a statement Tuesday night saying that all students involved in the party would be barred from extracurricular activities until further notice.

The statement didn't say precisely how many students were affected, but the number was believed to be about 200. District officials could not be reached to clarify the number.

Since the party was not a school-sponsored event, the school can't suspend students. Suspension from extracurricular activities was the only option.

"If this means there are not enough students to perform in an activity or play a sport, then those activities will be canceled," Principal Bob Albano said.

Immediately affected was the boys varsity basketball team, which played rival West Mesquite for first place Tuesday night without 10 of its 14 players, including four starters. West Mesquite won 32-30.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the low 60s and northwest winds at 10-20. Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 30 and east-southeast winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the low 60s and south winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high ws 53; the overnight low, 36.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 20s. Southeast to south wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy and breezy with a high in the lower 60s. South to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 25-35. Thursday, increasing high clouds. Highs in the 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 35-40. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 35-40. Thursday, becoming mostly cloudy. Highs 65-70. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair in the evening, then increasing high clouds after midnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair in the evening, then increasing high clouds after midnight. Lows from the upper 20s to near 40. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs from the lower 60s mountains to the mid 70s Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 33 west to 42 southeast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 64 to 71.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy Hill Country. Cloudy with occasional drizzle and fog south central. Lows in the 40s Hill Country, near 50 south central. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy north. Mostly cloudy elsewhere with a slight chance of showers late. Lows from the mid 40s far north to the upper 50s at the coast. Thursday, partly cloudy north. Mostly cloudy elsewhere with a slight chance of showers early. Highs in the upper 60s to near 70. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 50s inland to lower 60s coast. Thursday, cloudy with rain ending in the morning, then becoming partly sunny by afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, skies fair to partly cloudy. Lows 8 to 25 mountains and northwest, 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Thursday, becoming cloudy with a chance for showers and high elevation snow showers west. Increasing cloudiness east. Breezy to windy east and south. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north, upper 50s and 60s east central plains and southern lowlands.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s northwest to the lower 30s south. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower and mid 60s.

Wheelchair protest staged outside governor's mansion

AUSTIN (AP) — About 15 protesters, most of them in wheelchairs, demonstrated outside the governor's mansion to protest a lack of adequate housing choices for the disabled.

They were charged with criminal trespass after Texas Department of Public Safety officers carried some of them from the mansion's locked back gate.

They disagreed with the decision by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn to support the challenge by Georgia of a federal court ruling that promotes community care under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The challenge, if upheld by the high court, could force more people into nursing homes and other institutions against their will, some advocacy grpoups for the disabled have said.

Cornyn said the court ruling he is trying to overturn would allow a "federal court to deprive Texas of the right to make its own plans for treatment of disabled citizens."

But the protesters turned most of their anger on Gov. George Bush, who wasn't home.

Bush said he had discussed the issue with Cornyn and agreed with him, but said the decision to enter the case was the attorney general's alone.

City briefs

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Members of the Small Fry Gardeners Club include, back row from left, Paige Holt, Tina Holt, club manager, Jon Hildebrant, Trey Holt, Taran Roundy. Front row from left, Pierce Holt, Jacob Day, Annie Day, Haley Russell, Teresa Roundy and Christa Holt.

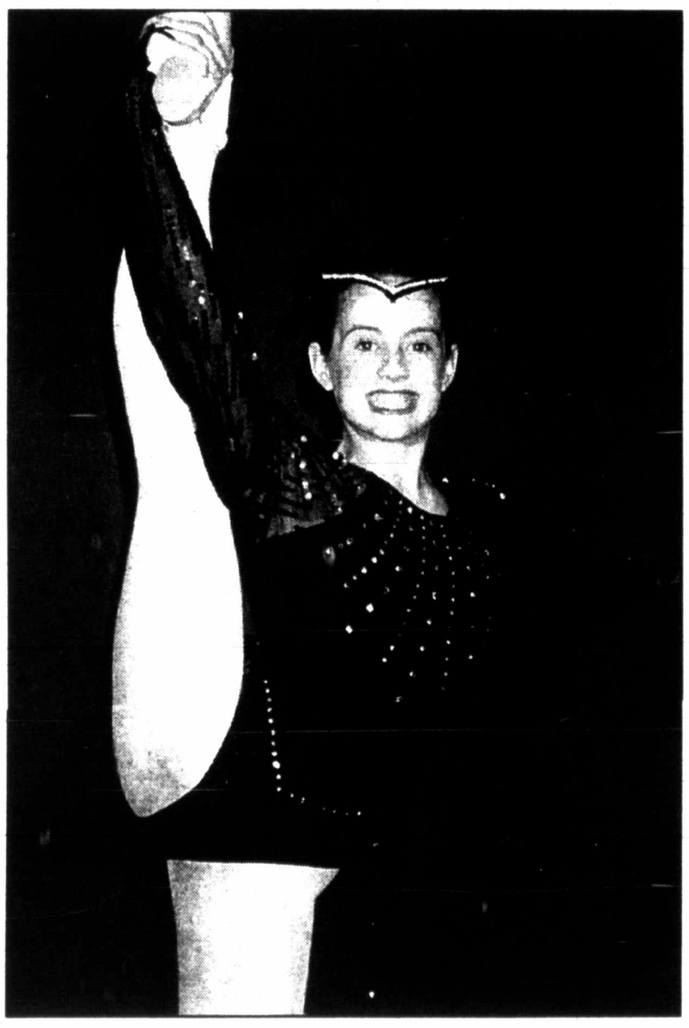
Small Fry Gardeners to beautify community

Members of Small Fry Gardeners Club are shown holding Black-eyed Susan seeds purchased with an incentive grant donated to the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., as part of the PETALS program (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service.) This two-year program is co-sponsored by the National Council of Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Co.

In this program, garden clubs nationwide, working with incentive grants from Shell Oil Co., strive to make an environmental difference in their respective communities. It will encompass the planting of wildflower seeds by member youth garden clubs across the state. The Small Fry Gardeners Club, co-sponsored by the Pampa Garden Club and 4-H, are currently working with Bill Hildebrant, director of Community Services, to find the perfect location for planting the seeds.

The Small Fry Gardeners are holding their first membership meeting from 5-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Gray County Annex. If you know a youth between the ages of 5-9 that would like to learn about gardening, please contact the 4-H office at 669-8033 to join the fun. Tina Holt, club manager, says, "We plan to hold monthly meetings at the Annex with various guest speakers from the Adult Garden Club. This is a wonderful way for the elders in our community to share their expertise and experience with our youth. We are very excited about this new club, and the excitement of our inaugural year."

ACT I



(Special photo)

Kaylee Keith will be performing as part of the dinner entertainment at ACT I's upcoming show, "Romantic Comedy" scheduled to perform at M.K. Brown Auditorium Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - Feb. 4,5, and 6. For reservations call Berinda Turcotte at 665-9369. Keith competed in Lubbock in November 1998 for the title of "Jr. Miss Dance Chapter 35." She placed as first runner-up, and as a finalist Keith will compete this summer in Anaheim, California for the title of "Jr. Miss Dance of America." She has been a student of Madeline Graves since 1990.

St. Stephen's to present Madrigal Singers

AUSTIN — The St. Stephen's Episcopal School Madrigal Singers, a high school age singing group from Austin, will be performing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The a cappella singing group includes Lindsay Cree of Pampa; Leah Kelso from Jonestown; Stefanie Tovar from Puerto Rico; Jason Rios from Bay Town; and Annie Chan, Michael Hardin, Michael Rutledge, Patrick Zimmerman, Thomas Zimmerman, Shelby McDonald, Leslie Nairn, Thorin Schriber, Lindsay Baldwin, Andrew Rider and Elizabeth Tigar, all from Austin. The Madrigals are led by Warren Dickson, director of vocal/choral music at St. Stephen's for the past 15 years.

The Madrigals during the past 14 years have performed in Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana as well as Austin. This past Christmas, the group was invited to be a part of the "Twelve Songs of Christmas" which aired on Channel 36 in Austin, and have been invited to appear again this year.

The group sings sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to the 20th century, performing at schools and churches. Each spring the Madrigals perform at the Fine Arts Festival of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. This year's festival will be held in Tulsa, Okla.

This select ensemble was started at St. Stephen's around 1970 and has produced some outstanding singers. Most of the Madrigal graduates continue to sing in college and some continue singing as a major. Several graduates now make their living as professional singers. To be selected as a Madrigal Singer, the students must be members of the choir. This year the Upper School Choir has 50 members, and there are 15 in the Madrigal Singers. The group has been called "the best ambassadors for the school" and are considered one of the most committed groups on campus.

AICA bull test sale in offing

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The 1999 American-International Charolais Association Annual Bull Test Sale will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Houston Livestock Show Sale Pavilion, Houston. The bulls will be in display both Feb. 24 and 25 on the grounds of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The sale is sponsored by the AICA Marketing Committee.

Fourteen consignors from across the United States will be selling registered Charolais bulls from their herds. The bulls have been broken down into three contemporary groups with 21 bulls born form 12-1-97 to 2-28-98; 18 bulls born from 2-1-97 to 8-31-97; and 29 bulls from 9-1-97 to 11-30-9. Ribeye and marbling information is available for each bull.

The Charolais bulls were tested at the new Texas Beef Cattle Development Center, Washington, Texas. They arrived at the center Oct. 1, 1998, and went through a warm-up period before the test began. All bulls will sell with proper Interstate Health Certificates and have been fertility, Brucellosis and Tuberculosis tested. Special arrangements have been made for buyers to obtain one-day passes and sale day parking at the HLSR. Greg Clifton, of North Richland Hills, will serve as auctioneer.

For more information about the AICA National Bull Test Sale or for a catalog, contact Outfront Cattle Service, Madisonville, Texas, at (409) 348-2934.

Cancer center announces new staff

AMARILLO — Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center recently announced the association of Paul Russell Hancock, M.D., as new oncologist with Harrington Physicians, Inc.

Hancock completed his fellowship in medical oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in 1993. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville in 1990. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1987 and his bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian University in 1983.

Hancock, a native of Lubbock, is a member of American College of Physicians and American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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Opinion

Federal 'investing' would be bad idea

■ The president has taken a fine plan for future retirement needs and turned it into what would be a bureaucratic nightmare.

When President Clinton is speaking, it's important to listen closely to the details, given his uncanny ability to contort common ideas into novel meanings.

And so, during his 77-minute state of the union address recently the president offered a seemingly ordinary proposal that has vast implications for the U.S. economic system.

As part of his plan to save Social Security from a coming fiscal crisis, Clinton suggested that "we" invest up to $700 billion of Social Security funds in the stock market.

This idea sounds similar to what has long been proposed here — a privatized retirement system in which each individual's Social Security funds are placed in a private account and invested in the market. Privatization has been tested in Chile, where for about 19 years Chilean workers have had control of their own retirement accounts and have accumulated savings at impressive rates.

But when Bill Clinton said "we," he didn't mean individual Americans, investing their own withheld earnings in the stock market. He meant government officials, who would choose the companies or mutual funds in which to invest the Social Security dollars. And he meant that the government, not individuals, would own the assets.

Privatization enhances freedom because individuals can choose the fund that suits their investment strategy. Clinton's stock market investment idea wouldn't give Americans any more choice, but it would make the federal government a major stockholder in U.S. companies. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan came out strongly against the proposal, explaining that it is not "politically feasible to insulate such huge funds from a governmental direction."

House Policy Committee Chairman Chris Cox, a California Republican, echoed that point in a policy perspective: "With hundreds of billions of dollars at stake, special interests would lobby as avidly for governmental investment as they now argue for pork-barrel spending. ... Liberals and conservatives have their own agendas. Should the federal government invest in non-union companies? ... In companies that do business in Burma — or Cuba?"

The president said the investments would be similar to state governments that invest pension funds. But, as the report explains, "The hijacking of investment decisions by non-economic political agendas has made government-invested pensions a loser all over the world."

Clinton's idea is a distortion of market reforms. Perhaps his phony privatization plan will whet Americans' appetite for the real thing.

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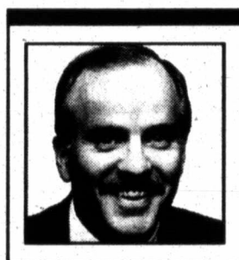
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What if it's as good as it gets?



Steve Chapman
Syndicated columnist

Bill Clinton's defenders had a good week in his Senate trial, but only in relative terms. Disgraced and humiliated, he is doomed to be remembered as only the second president ever to be impeached by the House of Representatives. The sole consolation is that he apparently will escape being tossed into the street.

Democrats are feeling triumphant at the moment. But they might ask themselves: What if this is as good as it gets?

It's a mystery why congressional Democrats have been so determined to rescue Clinton from the consequences of his own lechery and lying. It's not as if he ever did anything for them. True, he won back the White House, but the victories were strictly for Clinton, not his party. And after being elected, he managed to do something that even Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter at their most unpopular couldn't do: deliver both houses of Congress to the Republican Party not once but three straight times. More victories of the sort Clinton provides, and the party will soon be extinct.

The conventional wisdom after the Monica Lewinsky scandal erupted was that Republicans would threaten impeachment but not actually carry it out. Where was the political gain in evicting Clinton? That would merely hand the presidency over to the more liberal Al Gore, letting him run in 2000 with all the advantages of incumbency. Much better, it was thought, for the GOP to cripple Clinton and then let him limp painfully through the remainder of his term.

By the same logic, Democrats in Congress could have been eager to abandon the president as soon as he gave them half a reason. Unlike Clinton, whom they neither like nor trust, the vice president is a well-regarded veteran of both the House and the Senate who can be relied on to work with them and keep his promises — not to mention that he leaves the interns alone. "Al Gore in the Oval Office?" they might have asked. "*Please* don't throw me in that brier patch!"

But neither party has behaved with an eye to its long-term interests. Instead, the urge to destroy the opponent at any cost has prevailed. Republicans have stubbornly proceeded with their crusade against Clinton in the face of polls suggesting that the more they do to expose his sins, the better the public likes him.

Democrats, meanwhile, have heroically volunteered to excuse conduct that is appalling and contemptible. Not many of them went into public service for the glory of rationalizing presidential lies and deceptions. But there they are, doing exactly that.

In performing their dismal duty, they have the comfort of those polls, which show Clinton's approval rating climbing steadily from the start of the scandal. Each new accusation paradoxically serves to push more Americans into his camp. The Democratic hope is that in the next election, voters will still be angry enough at congressional Republicans to throw them out.

Things may not work that way, for the simple reason that the paradox could be just as potent in reverse. After the threat of removal is past, voter support for Clinton can be expected to subside. What has sent his approval ratings up is not admiration for Clinton's behavior but distaste for his tormentors — Ken Starr, Newt Gingrich, Tom DeLay, Bob Barr and the rest of the gang.

Next to a snake, even a frog looks handsome. But once Clinton has been deprived of this advantageous contrast, the public will be more inclined to focus on his numerous flaws and conclude he's no prize, either.

A measure of disenchantment often sets in during a president's second term, as he runs out of causes to mobilize public support. Clinton hasn't had that problem because he's been able to rally the citizenry on behalf of his mere survival. When his survival is no longer in doubt, though, it won't be so easy for him to stave off boredom in his fickle constituents. His endless array of policy initiatives may be seen by everyone as the puny, poll-tested gimmicks they are. His weak character may no longer get a pass.

Democrats might be better off cutting themselves loose from a tainted leader about whom there may be still more damaging revelations — and who has two full years to resume his habits of irresponsible self-indul-gence. Convicted by the Senate, Clinton would have been a useful martyr to the Democratic cause. Acquitted, he will be another O.J. Simpson — a far-from-innocent man who, in the minds of many Americans, made a mockery of justice.

As such, he may be an even bigger liability to his party than he has been in the past. By Election Day, 2000, many a Democrat could be asking a question that has probably also occurred more than once to the first lady: Now, why was it I saved your sorry hide?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 1999. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

On this date:

In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.

In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.

In 1865, President Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast. The talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 68.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.

In 1987, the San Diego Yacht Club celebrated the victory of skipper Dennis Conner and the "Stars and Stripes" over Australia to sweep the America's Cup series.

Shakespeare still relevant today



Dan Rather
Syndicated columnist

Desperate times require great books.

The ongoing (and ongoing and ongoing) story of President Clinton's inappropriate intimate conduct, his historic impeachment and partisan bickering in Congress have one thing in common: They can really get a guy down.

You're lucky. You can pick up the paper, read until you're disgusted, and put it away. Me, I've got to think about this stuff 24/7.

When you're working round the-clock, it's hard to find escape. I can barely even get to the movies.

Friends Mary Ann Quisenberry and Betsy Smith have urged me for months to see "Shakespeare in Love," but the kid at the mall slams the multiplex doors in my face and tells me they don't sell tickets at four in the morning. (At this rate, I'll be lucky to see that Charlie Chaplin fellow I keep hearing about.)

At last I turned to the next-best thing to "Shakespeare in Love." Namely, Shakespeare himself. Like the movie, he can also be found at the mall, but he stays open all night.

From school days, I remember this: Shakespeare was NEVER a reporter. Here, I might find refuge from the headlines of the day.

What fool this mortal be.

I picked up a drama of dark political intrigue: Some Republicans plot the downfall of a charismatic but flawed leader. They attack him in the Senate, then clash among themselves; the rival party prevails in the end.

Sure, the name of the play is "Julius Caesar," but you could easily rename it "Bilious Clinton."

Allow me to share a few stunning parallels between "Julius Caesar" and reality.

—The Weather. "Julius Caesar" has the worst weather of any Shakespeare play I know, including "The Tempest" and "Lear." It rains everything but cats in this play. This is supposed to be ominous, the celestial macrocosm reflects the Roman microcosm, yada-yada, but instead it just reminds me of the winter of 1999. Every time I fly, we get snow, sleet and/or electrical storms. Traveler's weather advisory: If I'm traveling, the weather's lousy.

—Dick Armey. Well, the Texas congressman isn't REALLY in here. But I read the line this way: "I am Armey, and dangers are indifferent to me."

—Henry Hyde. Even using poetic license, the leading Republican in the real-life drama can't be described as having "a lean and hungry look." It's wrong to read the line: "Hyde, thy faces in smiles and affability!"

—Heroes and Villains. Scholars debate who the hero of "Julius Caesar" is: not Brutus (gullible idealist), not Caesar (arrogant dictator), not Antony (cowardly opportunist — but speaks well), and not Cinna (because Cinnas are immoral). Our Bilious bestrides the world like a Colossus, but he's never been "constant as the northern star." And although our real-life Republicans tell us they're doing the right thing ("We will shake him, or worse days endure," as Cassius says), I fear we'll be debating the morals and motivations of all the principal players in our real-life drama for a long time.

—At one point, Caesar says, "Who is it in the press that calls on me? I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music, cry." Well, HAVEN'T we in the press been shrill sometimes?

—Cassius observes,

"Men at some times are masters of their fates.
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves ..."

Ed Murrow quoted that incessantly. Murrow was right. Shakespeare was right. If the time is out of joint, we have only ourselves to blame.

I still haven't found any interns or Gap dresses anywhere in this play — more reasons to like Shakespeare.

Read on, Macduff!

A midlife crisis?

Barbie's turning 40 next month

NEW YORK (AP) — Can it be that Barbie — with her perfect figure, big smile and long list of careers — is having a midlife crisis?

The world's most famous doll is turning 40 in March, and like many of her middle-aged peers, she's trying to reinvent herself: Barbie in 1999 will have a tattoo and hang out with friends who have nose rings.

"Barbie just isn't as cool as she used to be," said Marianne Szymanski, editor of Toy Tips magazine in Milwaukee. "But she's working hard to get back in with the cool crowd."

Barbie has been ageless since she hit store shelves in 1959, always fit and trim with the ideal body, hair and of course, bustline.

Mattel Inc. isn't even calling this a birthday, but rather an anniversary of the world's best-selling doll. About $2 billion worth of Barbie dolls and accessories are sold each year.

Big sales in the past aren't guarantees for the future.

"Kids are changing their tastes. They just don't play with dolls as much anymore or they stop playing with dolls at a much earlier age," said Eric Johnson, a professor at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management in Nashville, Tenn. "Of course, this is making Barbie nervous."

Look at Missy Schmidt, 8, of New York. Her playtime consists mostly of computer games and dressing up with makeup and hair accessories. Barbie comes out only when she's with a younger friend or cousin.

"Barbie is fun sometimes, but I have a lot of other things I like to play with more," said Missy during a recent trip to a Toys R Us in New York.

Barbie isn't retreating to her Dream House to soothe her woes. A veteran of more than 75 careers in the past 40 years, Barbie is once again re-creating herself.

Just last year, a few dolls in the Barbie line were transformed with bodies that better resembled the average woman, with smaller breasts and a more realistic shape.

Now, as Barbie turns 40, her look turns decidedly younger. Among the dolls Mattel is showcasing at next week's American International Toy Fair is a line of hip Generation Girls, which includes a doll with a nose ring, and Butterfly Art Barbie, with a butterfly tattoo on her stomach.

She's also plunging even deeper into the high-tech world. There won't be a pink Barbie computer on the market anytime soon, but Barbie is expanding her interactive offerings with seven new titles this year.

For the first time, Barbie dolls will be paired with CD-ROMs. New for 1999 is Working Woman Barbie, who comes with a play laptop and cell phone, as well as a real CD-ROM that allows a child to create her own business cards and stationery. There have been Barbie CD-ROMs before, but not sold together with a doll with the same theme.

"We want Barbie to represent a lifestyle brand for girls, not just a brand of toys," said Anne Parducci, senior vice president of Barbie marketing for El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel. "We want to make sure we capture girls in the many ways they are spending their time now and in the future."

Rotarians, others lend hand...



(special photo)

Ten volunteers from the Pampa Rotary Club and 10 more from the Hi-land Christian Church loaded donated medical equipment onto a donated truck from Wal-Mart. They loaded despite being caught in the first snowstorm of 1999. The donation went to Project C.U.R.E. which distributes the equipment anywhere it's needed around the world. Bob Johnson (right), Jack Peoples, Jack Reeve, Fred Brook, Mike Murgai, Leroi Ogden and Curt Beck. Others who helped are Chuck White, Bob Johnson, Fred Brook, among the church volunteers were Pastor Mike Sublett and Jack Peoples.

Conservative leaders interviewing half dozen GOP 2000 hopefuls

By RON FOURNIER
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wanted: A very conservative Republican to be president of the United States. Apply today.

The word went out this week to White House hopefuls, and six of them agreed to be interviewed today by a group of social conservative leaders seeking a candidate who can win the presidency without forsaking the party's right wing.

The leadership group, which includes activists Phyllis Schlafly and Paul Weyrich, is the same loose coalition of social conservatives that helped promote the potential candidacy of Sen. John Ashcroft. The Missouri lawmaker decided at the last minute not to run in 2000, leaving an opening for conservative candidates seeking credibility and attention.

Millionaire businessman Steve Forbes, Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, activist Gary Bauer, Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire and broadcaster Alan Keyes are expected to be interviewed for an hour each in a downtown hotel, according to several people involved with organizing the private auditions.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle will talk with the group by telephone from a rally in Indiana, sources said.

Quayle today took a formal step toward running by announcing the formation of an exploratory committee.

"Now it is time for common sense. It is time for plain talk," he said in an announcement to supporters with his wife, Marilyn, by his side, at a library on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Ralph Reed, a political strategist and former director of the Christian Coalition, said the effort by the leadership group "is an important step in a much larger process of reaching out to the conservative base of the party." He is not taking part in the job interviews, but is familiar with politics in the party's conservative wing.

"I think it remains to be seen whether or not this particular group can put together a coalition of conservative groups like the Christian Coalition or the Eagle Forum that can actually deliver large numbers of votes in primary states," Reed said.

The meeting will not include Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole, two Republicans showing the most promise in early polling. The more moderate or establishment Republicans, such as Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, also were not included.

"But even if they don't, these are important individuals with important constituencies."

It also remains to be seen whether the group could ever agree to endorse one GOP hopeful, increasing its own influence and the presidential prospects of its anointed candidate.

"I cannot see a consensus emerging (today), which has been the problem all along," said Schlafly, the Eagle Forum leader. "We would like to have a consensus instead of being split all over the place. But, obviously, we're split all over the place."

Though Ashcroft had the backing of Schlafly and others in the group, even he was not endorsed unanimously.

Randy Tate, director of the Christian Coalition, will question the candidates, though he also wonders whether a consensus conservative can emerge from the meeting. "The real question is, can the candidate inspire grassroots activists to the polls? No meeting in Washington is going to answer that question," Tate said.

In addition to Tate, Schlafly and Weyrich, who runs the Free Congress Foundation, the group includes Mike Farris of the Home School Defense Association, Paige Patterson of the Southern Baptist Convention and activist Tim La Haye.

Rallying behind one candidate can be dangerous for the group and the candidate, Reed cautioned. If the candidate loses, the group's influence will be questioned. If the candidate is nominated, Democrats will label him a tool of the religious right, Reed said.

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President's brother says Clintons 'back on track'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Clinton are confident "that they've gotten back on track," with still a lot of work to do in their marriage because of his problems, his brother, Roger, said today.

"As far as I can tell the family unit is getting stronger every day," Roger Clinton said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The younger brother said he met with the president Tuesday. "He sounds very upbeat, very positive and he's still as concerned as ever every day with the business of the country and of the world."

Even as the president's impeachment trial continues in the Senate, "He's doing fine now. He's really doing fine. The bigger picture was what he had to deal with and that was the family situation and he's dealt with that," Roger Clinton said.

He said he has not discussed Chelsea Clinton's feelings with her. "All we can hope for now is that Chelsea can deal with this because of the fact she's had two great teachers in her life to prepare her for situations, for adversities such as this."

When President and Mrs. Clinton are out of the spotlight, Roger Clinton said, "I see a lot of focus, a lot of determination and a lot of confidence that they've gotten back on track and they still have much work to do."

He said the president had not used the words "will you forgive me" in discussing the affair with Monica Lewinsky. "Some things you don't need to express in a certain way," Roger Clinton said. "We knew he was asking for forgiveness."

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Son Accepts Gay Dad's Gifts But Not His Longtime Lover



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DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, I came out of the closet. I had been married for 18 years and had two children — a son, 15, and a daughter, 17. At the time, I decided that for 40 years I had lived my life for everyone else, and it was time to live my life for myself.

I have had a lover for seven years. We have a loving and compassionate relationship. At the time I "came out," my family disowned me, and we have not talked since. My son, on the other hand, kept in touch. He and his fiancee have visited my lover and me several times, and we have enjoyed a good relationship over the years. During that time, my lover and I have been very generous to my son with birthday and Christmas gifts, and even bought him a new car. When he and his fiancee visited us on several occasions, we all got along well. They met our gay friends and socialized with us.

Last week, my son called to say they were sending out wedding invitations. I am welcome, but my lover is not. I explained to him that we are just as much a couple as my brother and his wife, or my sister and her husband. He told me that he did not want his friends to know he had a gay father, and therefore, my lover would not be allowed to attend.

I told him that if my lover could not attend, then I would not attend. If he cannot accept us openly, and if he's ashamed of our relationship, then I really do not want any further contact with him.

We are very hurt. For the last eight years he appeared to accept our relationship, especially when it came to gifts and several free trips for him and his fiancee to visit us.

Abby, am I wrong? I'll be interested in your comments.

SAD IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR SAD: You are *not* wrong. Being gay (or straight) is not a matter of choice. People who do not know this belong in the dark ages. I hate to see you break your last remaining tie with your family, but I respect your decision not to attend the wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: I just moved to Los Angeles two months ago, but my boyfriend of five months will not be able to move from Houston to California for another four years.

So far, we call every other night, send e-mails, and we plan to visit each other as often as we can. Do you think it is possible for us to maintain this long-distance relationship for four years?

LOST IN LOVE IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR LOST IN LOVE: I'm doubtful. It's easy to put your faith in the old quote, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but the reality is that when you find yourself alone on a Saturday night or at a party, another expression will come to mind: "Out of sight, out of mind."

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1999
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might be directed by a dream or important morning conversation. Visualize what you want. Allow creativity to play a greater role in your decision-making process. A partner seems too good to be true. This is more than possible! Tonight: Defer to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll accomplish much, as long as you stay reality-based. Don't buy into another's pipe dreams. Your sense of direction and anchoring make all the difference. Communicate with others. Don't let anything fall by the wayside. Efficiency counts. Tonight: Off to the gym.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Remain detached. You can easily tumble into the world of dreams. You might have a difficult time working on a practical basis. Recognize where your head is, so you can deal with work in a more positive manner. Take an important step while you're feeling lucky. Tonight: Flirt and laugh.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner keeps saying the same thing over and over. You could be having a hard time understanding what another wants. Build stronger foundations in your personal life, as well as in a key relationship. Talk about long-term desires, then take steps to make them happen. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Express feelings and don't hold back. Your point of view is welcomed. Partners verbalize more clearly. You find others responsive to your inquiries. Roll with another's ingenious idea. Options appear. Keep talking. Tonight: Do errands on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Check out a work opportunity. Your vision of what is possible professionally can happen. Be careful of how much you invest. Co-workers support you, even if they flood you with different ideas. They are running with your ingenuity. Tonight: Do some shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Share your ideas. A relationship does much to stimulate your creativity. Talk and brainstorm with others. Your view of a loved one could be quite idealistic. Your personality melts others' resistance. Work on your listening skills. Tonight: Your smile works wonders.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might need to do some thinking. Take a walk, mull over ideas. A loved one expresses his caring by being there for you. Don't take anything for granted, nor leave any words unspoken. Communicate directly on a one-to-one level. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A discussion carried over from late yesterday is beneficial. Concentrate on one item at a time. You could get sidetracked. Daydreaming seems inevitable. Try to harness an imaginative streak and anchor it in your life. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Accepting responsibility doesn't mean overspending. Be very careful of any expenses you agree to. You could find this the beginning of an endless tap. Discuss an investment, but draw the line at risking your personal security. Tonight: Others respect your ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Take the high road. Don't get mired in petty details. You have many good ideas; let them happen. Don't hold back. Creativity is high. Express your imagination and ingenuity. Let a daydream occur, but don't make decisions just yet. Tonight: Brainstorm with a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Close relating draws out many of your fears and dreams. Talk about these strong feelings with a beloved partner or friend. They need to understand in order to honor your sensitivities. Intuition is right on; follow through on a great idea. Check out an investment. Tonight: Heating up the night.

BORN TODAY
Comedian David Brenner (1945), singer Alice Cooper (1948), former football player Lawrence Taylor (1959)

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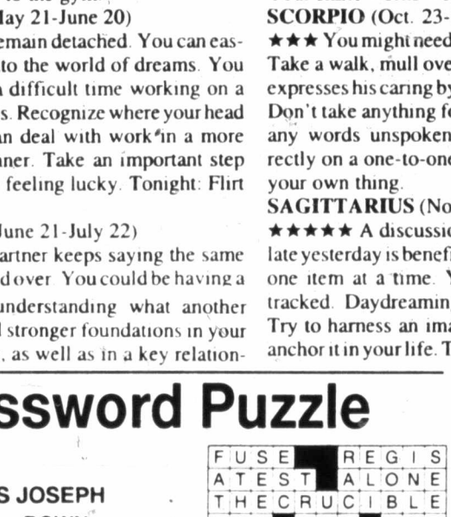
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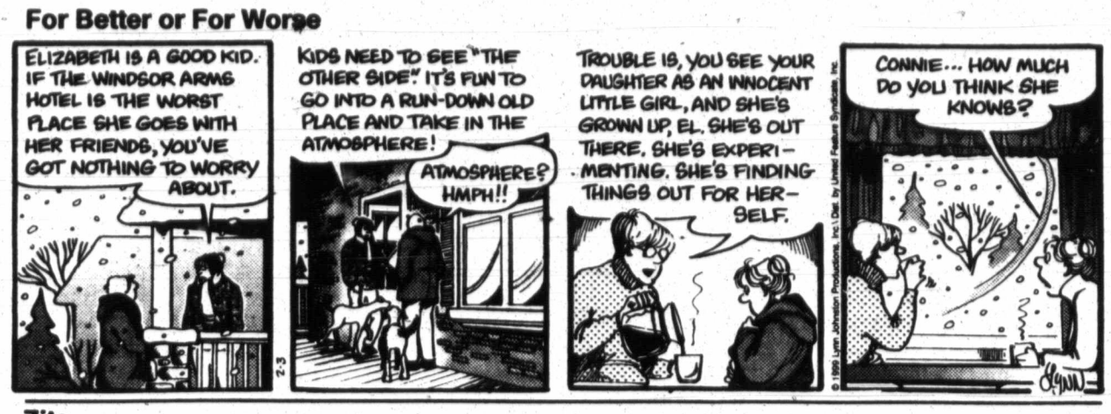
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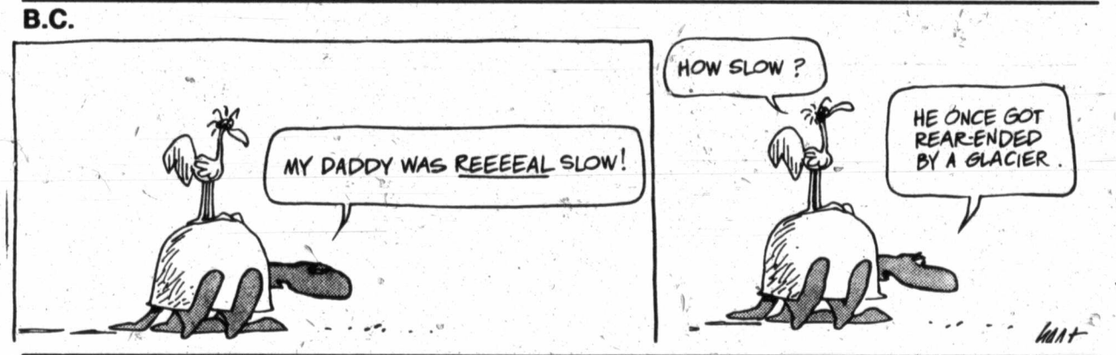
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in The Ready Room.

The public is invited to attend.

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Walter Payton, gaunt, tearful and barely resembling the dashing, durable Chicago Bears' Hall of Famer who rushed his way into the NFL record books, got to the point quickly on Tuesday:

He has a rare liver disease and needs a transplant to live.

"To the people that really care about me, just continue praying," said the 44-year-old Payton, who choked up when he embraced his 17-year-old son, Jarrett.

The disease, primary sclerosing cholangitis, afflicts just three in 100,000 people, said Payton's physician, Dr. Joseph Lagattuta. The cause of the disease, which blocks the bile ducts, is unknown, but isn't related to alcohol, steroids, hepatitis or immune deficiency, he said.

Patients in Payton's condition survive an average of two years unless they receive a liver transplant, Lagattuta said. Symptoms include fatigue and jaundice — yellowing of the pigment of the eyes and skin.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa hosts the District 7th Grade Boys' Tournament Thursday through Saturday at the middle school gym.

Games begin at 4 p.m. Thursday. Tournament play starts at 9 a.m. Saturday and lasts all day.

In regular-season games Monday, Pampa defeated Westover 36-13 in 7th grade action.

Johnny Story led Pampa in scoring with 13 points while Andrew Curtis had 8 and Clarke Hale 5.

Pampa 7th graders boosted its record to 8-4.

Valleyview won over Pampa 56-29 in the 8th grade game.

Jordan Klaus had 10 points while Clay Trimble and James Silva added 8 each to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa's record is 6-6.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Mateen Cleaves, 3-of-11 from the field in the first 39 minutes, managed to talk Michigan State coach Tom Izzo into letting him take the last shot with the game tied.

"Mateen did not have what I consider to be a great game," Izzo said after Cleaves hit a leaning 10-footer with .4 seconds left, giving the eighth-ranked Spartans a 70-68 victory over Penn State on Tuesday night. "There's one thing about a guy who I think is a winner: He found a way to get it done at the end."

Cleaves finished with 14 points and five assists in the Spartans' eighth straight win, while Morris Peterson scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half.

Michigan State (19-4, 8-1) remained in first place in the Big Ten.

"I feel very fortunate and lucky, to be honest with you," said Izzo, whose Spartans face No. 14 Iowa on Saturday.

He and Cleaves debated about which offense to run out of a timeout with 12 seconds remaining and the game tied 68-68. Izzo wanted him to run a high-post screen and hit a forward with a cross-court pass. Cleaves wanted to spread the offense and take the last shot himself.

Cleaves was worried — rightly, Izzo said — about having a pass picked off.

"I told him I didn't want to throw a cross-court pass because that was a little scary at the end of a game. And that was a shot I wanted to take," Cleaves said. "All I wanted to do was get in the middle, if I had a shot, take it, and if someone was open, get it to him."

Harvesters can't corral the Herd

HEREFORD — For most of the contest Hereford couldn't shake off the determined Pampa Lady Harvesters, but the Lady Whitefaces were effective enough in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter to come away with a 53-44 win Tuesday night.

Pampa is now 1-7 in district and 9-14 for the season. Hereford improves to 4-4 in district and 19-12 overall.

Hereford, leading by 21-15 at halftime and 39-31 after three quarters, scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter and the Lady Harvesters would never get closer than eight points. Pampa did hold an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Valerie Guzman had 14 points while Ashley Fangman and Tori Walker followed with 10 each to lead Hereford in scoring.

Junior guard Jordanna Young had a big night for the Lady Harvesters, scoring 23 points and going 12 for 12 at the foul line. Young also finished with 5 rebounds.

Emily Waters and Lisa Kirkpatrick followed with 8 and 7 points, respectively. Kirkpatrick collected a dozen rebounds to lead her team.

Vaughn Evans had 3 points, Kelsey Yowell 2 and Lisa Dwight 1 to round out the Pampa scoring.

The Lady Harvesters' foul-line accuracy helped keep them close. They were 21 of 25 in free throw attempts. Hereford's defense, however, forced Pampa into several costly turnovers.

Pampa visits Palo Duro on Friday night. Tipoff is at 6. The Lady Dons lead the district with a 7-1 record and are coming off a 58-43 win over Caprock.

Dumas defeated Borger 43-30 Tuesday night in other district action. The Demonettes hold down second place in the district standings at 6-2.

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HEREFORD — For three quarters, Pampa and Hereford were hooked up in a seesaw District 3-4A basketball battle.

There were 12 lead changes and 7 ties until Hereford started taking command in the fourth quarter for a 59-52 win Tuesday night.

Cody Hodges paced Hereford in scoring with 22 points. Greg Ewing had 11 points and L.J. Vallejo 10 to back up Hodges.

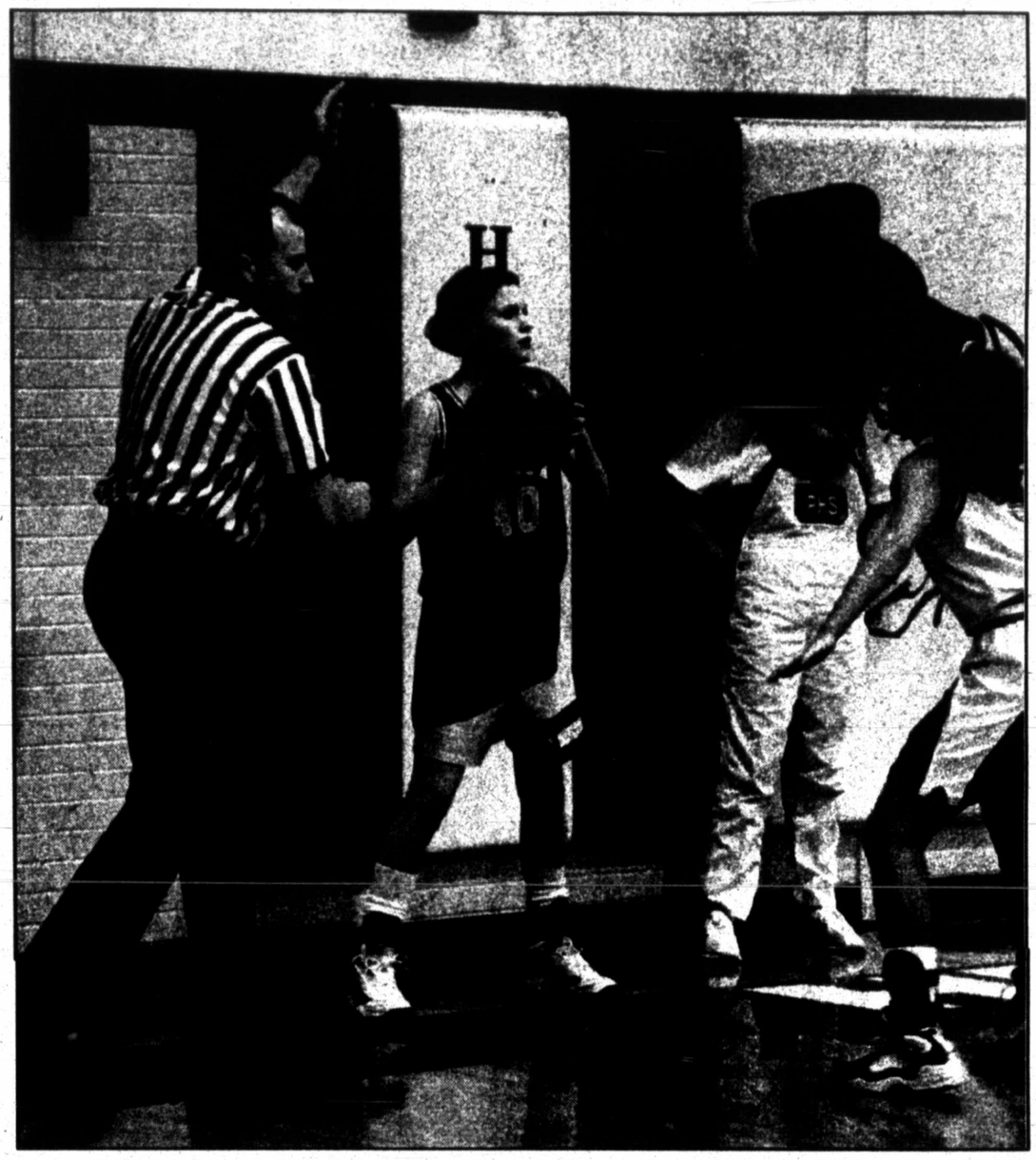
Gary Alexander was high scorer for Pampa with 12 points. Jeremy Silva followed with 11 and Kevin Osborn had 10.

The Harvesters trailed by only one point (34-33) going into the fourth quarter.

However, the Whitefaces were able to start pulling away by scoring the first seven points of the fourth quarter. Pampa couldn't get closer than six points after Hereford had taken that eight-point lead.

Others scoring for Pampa were Bobby Holmes with 9, Shawn Young 4, Colby Hale 4 and Jesse Francis 2.

Pampa is now 1-5 in district and 10-16 for the season. Hereford improves to 4-2 in district and 19-8 for the season.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Chasity Nachtigall (40) looks for help on an out-of-bounds play against Hereford on Tuesday night.

Football recruiting edge goes to Texas Longhorns

DALLAS (AP) — When you see a full list of the recruiting classes signed by Texas and Texas A&M today, put it in an envelope marked "to be opened following the 2001 football season."

By then, it'll be easier to tell if it's the Longhorns or the Aggies who got the best crop of incoming players who appear headed for gridiron stardom.

For now, the edge goes to the Longhorns, but only because they have a few more scholarships to offer.

The classes for both schools are widely considered among the six best in the country, with Texas a consensus pick for No. 1.

Big 12 champion Texas A&M was the first to make its signing class public while the Longhorns intend to make full disclosure later in the day.

The Aggies' early signees included two top players from West Monroe, La., linebacker Jason LeDoux and lineman Brian West, both all-staters.

Outstanding linebacker Jarrod Penright of Aldine, who switched his commitment from Michigan, also joined the Aggies.

Also, A&M announced three players had already enrolled for the spring semester, counting toward the 1998 scholarship limit.

They are offensive lineman John Kirk of Athens, defensive back Reggie Waddell of Missouri City, and running back Jesse Hunnicutt of Amarillo.

"It is a breakthrough year for Texas. I've been doing this for 20 years and I've never had them No. 1 before."
— Tom Lemming, Prep Football Report

"It is a breakthrough year for Texas," said Tom Lemming of Chicago-based Prep Football Report. "I've been doing this for 20 years and I've never had them No. 1 before."

Although Lemming has the Longhorns first and the Aggies wavering between fifth and sixth, he doesn't consider the schools very far apart.

"I can't tell much of a difference between the classes, except Texas got a few more players," said Tom Lemming of Chicago-based Prep Football Report. "Three years from now, A&M's class may be better than Texas'. They're so close, anything can happen."

Allen Wallace of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine said the difference in their rankings "could be wiped out in one week with one injury, one drug problem ... one fumble."

"Even though Texas is No. 1, I wouldn't say Texas has established a talent advantage over the Aggies," Wallace said. "A&M has prevented Texas from opening a talent gap. They've kept pace."

The Longhorns snagged the USA Today offensive and defensive high school players of the year in quarterback Chris Simms of Ramapo (N.J.) High and linebacker Cory Redding of Galena Park North Shore, plus three of Colorado's five best and a California star.

Texas A&M has four of the state's most sought recruits in Bryan defensive lineman Ty Warren, Cy Falls linebacker Jason Frederick, Brownwood quarterback Colby Freeman and defensive back Sam Davis as well as three gems from California and two from Louisiana.

"They cherrypicked some players from out of state who they really wanted and targeted. That's what pushes them into the nation's elite," said Bobby Burton of the Austin-based National Recruiting Advisor, noting that in past years programs such as Michigan and Florida State have used talent from the Lone Star State as the icing on their classes.

Texas and Texas A&M kickstarted their recruiting efforts by each beating Nebraska. The Longhorns also were aided by Ricky Williams winning the Heisman Trophy, while the Aggies got a boost from beating Kansas State for the Big 12 title.

With the state's two heavyweights moving to the forefront nationally, other Texas schools were left to fight for their leftovers.

Texas Christian, which rebounded from a one-win season to Sun Bowl champions, probably had the next-best class but it's not considered among the top 25 nationally.

Baylor, slowed by a coaching change, has closed strong and may salvage a decent class. Texas Tech has done an even better job despite having fewer scholarships to give because of NCAA sanctions.

Baylor signed Katy quarterback Brooks Harris, who also is an excellent kicker, to start its day.

Groom cagers win a pair

GROOM — Josh Evenson scored 24 points and Wyatt Weinheimer had 19 as Groom defeated Lefors 69-42 in District 9-1A action Tuesday night.

Len Lock had 12 points for Lefors, followed by Jeremy Pierce with 8.

The Tigers are now 5-1 in district and 11-9 for the season. Lefors is 0-6 in district.

Carrie Davis had 22 points to lead Groom to a 72-18 win in the girls' game.

Candace Bohr added 15 points for the Tigerettes, who improve to 6-0 in district and 17-8 for the season.

Penny Summers had 10 points and Heather Howard 6 for Lefors. Lefors is 0-6 in district.

If Hall will take LT, why not Hayes?

I DALLAS (AP) — Now that Pro Football Hall of Fame voters have elected former New York Giants great Lawrence Taylor, former Dallas Cowboys star "Bullet" Bob Hayes is wondering when his call will come.

Hayes, a gold-medal winner in the 100 meters and the 400-meter relay at the 1964 Olympics, used his speed to revolutionize the wide receiver position at least as much as Taylor redefined the role of linebacker.

But, like Taylor, Hayes is also remembered for his drug problems. He and his many supporters believe that has prevented his playing career from getting the recognition it deserves.

"My son, Robert Hayes Jr., says 'Dad, why aren't you in the Hall of Fame?' The only thing I can say is ... I have been denied," Hayes told Dallas radio station KLIF on Tuesday.

Hayes' case for enshrinement has simmered for years, kept alive mainly by Frank Luksa, a columnist for The Dallas Morning News and one of the 36 Hall of Fame voters. Luksa reminded his colleagues of Hayes' omission during the vote on Taylor.

In Tokyo, Hayes set the Olympic record with a 10.0 in the 100 meters, but he's best remembered for going from fifth to first on the anchor leg of the 400 relay with an astonishing split time of 8.6 seconds.

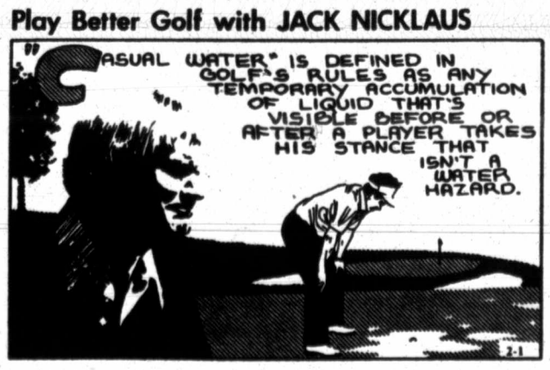
The Cowboys drafted Hayes in the seventh round in 1964, and he joined the team the following

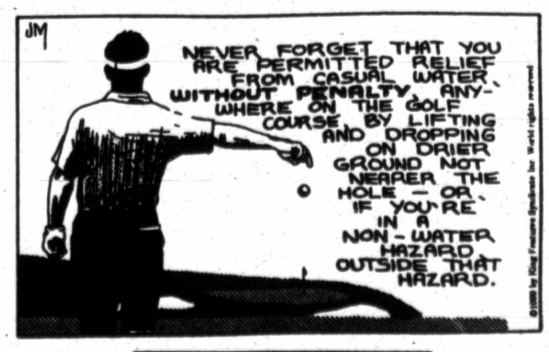
Rodman a Rocket?

HOUSTON (AP) — Suddenly in need for a back-up big man because of the injury to reserve forward Antoine Carr, the Houston Rockets reportedly will pursue Dennis Rodman.

Quoting unidentified sources, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday that the Rockets are interested in the free-agent forward and owner of five championship rings, two with Detroit and three with Chicago.

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Vaughn shocked by Padres' latest move

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Caminiti. Steve Finley. Kevin Brown. Joey Hamilton. As the list of departed San Diego Padres grew, outfielder Greg Vaughn grew a little more curious about what was going on with the defending NL champions.

Still, he was shocked when he learned Tuesday he is the latest to go.

The Padres traded Vaughn and pinch-hit specialist Mark Sweeney to the Cincinnati Reds for often-injured outfielder Reggie Sanders and two minor leaguers. Vaughn, who set a club record by hitting 50 homers last season, can't comprehend the Marlinesque move.

"I just came from the dentist. I thought they'd slipped me something, that it wasn't real," Vaughn said. "I had to pinch the other side of my mouth to make sure I wasn't dreaming."

The trade allowed Reds fans to dream a little. General manager Jim Bowden has acquired 16-game winner Denny Neagle and now a 50-home-run hitter in the offseason, filling the biggest holes in a rebuilding team geared towards a new stadium for 2003.

"This allows us to compete," Bowden said. "I think that with the moves we made, we can compete. I'm not saying we can overtake Houston or Atlanta or Los Angeles. But I don't see why we can't compete on a daily basis with the next set of clubs."

The question in San Diego is whether the Padres will be in shape to compete for another World Series. A few weeks after they got swept by the New York Yankees, the Padres got voter approval for a new baseball stadium that seemed to indicate a bright future.

Vaughn is wondering about the franchise's direction.

"I think all the players were misled," Vaughn said. "Everyone I've talked to is a little disappointed in the fact that all we were told is if we got the stadium, we could be kept together to compete, to be right there. Then all of a sudden now, it's like it's a whole new team."

In that sense, it's reminiscent of the Florida Marlins, who won the World Series in 1997 and then slashed their payroll. The Padres haven't done it to the same extreme and insist there's little similarity.

General manager Kevin Towers said the Padres traded Vaughn in part because they didn't think they could afford him after this season, when he'll make $5.75 million in the final year of his contract. Sanders makes $3.7 million this season and has an option for the same amount in 2000.

"To stay competitive, you've got to distribute the dollars around. If you put it all into one guy or two guys, you're going to have a hard time staying competitive," Towers said.

The Padres also got middle infielder Damian Jackson, 25, who has spent the last three seasons at Triple-A, and Josh Harris, 21, who pitched for Class A Burlington. Jackson batted .261 in 131 games for Indianapolis last year, struck out 125 times in 517 at-bats and made 44 errors at shortstop.

The Reds needed a power hitter — they hit only 138 homers last season — and traded Bret Boone, their leader with 24, to Atlanta. But Bowden figured they couldn't afford one until they got closer to their new stadium.

When the Padres called last Thursday and offered Vaughn, Bowden lobbied managing executive John Allen to increase the payroll to more than $30 million and make the deal possible. Allen approved.

Bowden said the Reds can afford to keep Vaughn for the entire season if fans buy more tickets now that he's here. Otherwise, they'll look to trade him in July for prospects who fit into the rebuilding.

Bowden had repeatedly tried to trade Sanders, 31, who had a breakthrough year in 1995, but struggled in the playoffs — .138 with 19 strikeouts in 29 at-bats — and hasn't done much since. He played in only 81 games in 1996 and 86 in 1997 because of various injuries.

Last season, he hit .268 in 135 games with 14 homers, struck out 137 times in 481 at-bats and was slowed by injuries to his back, ankle, hand, hamstring and ribs.

Scoreboard

RODEO

Rodeo Money Leaders
By The Associated Press
Through Feb. 1
ALL-AROUND
None qualified.
SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, $13,737. 2, Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., $9,803. 3, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., $7,938. 4, Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, $7,614. 5, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., $7,477. 6, J.T. Hitch, Stilesville, Ind., $5,444. 7, Buck Reiner, Fishtail, Mont., $5,362. 8, Brett Crowser, Tucson, Ariz., $4,969. 9, Rusty Allen, Roy, Utah, $4,331. 10, Ryan Elshere, New Underwood, S.D., $4,013. 11, Todd Fike, Pavillion, Wyo., $3,964. 12, T.J. Kenney, Valley Spring, Texas, $3,482. 13, Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, $3,480. 14, Joe Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., $3,462. 15, Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., $3,295. 16, T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., $3,163. 17, Rance Bray, Texhoma, Okla., $3,033. 18, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., $2,647. 19, Shaun Stroh, Amidon, N.D., $2,476. 20, Otey McCloy, Licking, Mo., $2,123.
BAREBACK RIDING
1, Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, $13,586. 2, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., $8,216. 3, Scott Lund, Bozeman, Mont., $5,823. 4, Justin Williams, Zap, N.D., $5,710. 5, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, $5,691. 6, Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., $5,276. 7, Justin Henderson, Hereford, Texas, $5,017. 8, Chad Brunsch, Pine Ridge, S.D., $4,677. 9, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, $4,646. 10, Beau Mayo, Stephenville, Texas, $3,655. 11, Neal Dillahunt, Hereford, Ariz., $3,647. 12, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., $3,492. 13, Kirk Richard, Sulphur, La., $3,463. 14, Chuck Logue, Decatur, Texas, $2,845. 15, Damian Paulson, Taylor, N.D., $2,674. 16, Rick Bradley, Fort Collins, Colo., $2,521. 17, Neal Deitz, Milo, Alberta, $2,514. 18, Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., $2,496. 19, James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, $2,133. 20, D.J. Johnson, Hutchinson, Kan., $2,124.
BULL RIDING
1, Rex Phillips, Elko, Nev., $13,309. 2, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., $12,426. 3, Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, $9,045. 4, Royd Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas, $8,173. 5, Hank Reece, Prineville, Ore., $6,709. 6, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, $6,066. 7, Chris Littlejohn, Sapulpa, Okla., $5,366. 8, Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., $5,041. 9, Chad Castillo, Tucson, Ariz., $4,327. 10, Keith Adams, Fredericksburg, Texas, $4,084. 11, Felipe Aragon, Tome, N.M., $3,969. 12, Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., $3,684. 13, Raymond Wessel, Cedar Point, Kan., $3,593. 14, Dean Allen Sage, Grimes, Iowa, $3,560. 15, Glen Keeley, Nanton, Alberta, $3,460. 16, Judd Paul Leffew, Nipomo, Calif., $3,451. 17, Gregory Potter, Enid, Okla., $3,448. 18, Vance Keith, Entwistle, Alberta, $3,104. 19, Mark Ward, Arnold, Neb., $2,920. 20, Justin Daugherty, Fayetteville, Texas, $2,704.
CALF ROPING
1, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $10,617. 2, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., $9,799. 3, Shawn Franklin, House, N.M., $7,911. 4, Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., $7,780. 5, Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, $7,377. 6, Brad Goodrich, Stanfield, Ore., $6,354. 7, Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, $5,032. 8, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., $4,964. 9, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, $4,642. 10, Chet Keetch, Montpelier, Idaho, $4,598. 11, Todd Gould, Livingston, Ala., $4,580. 12, Will Lipka, Forestburg, Texas, $4,197. 13, Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., $3,982. 14, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., $3,969. 15, Terry Kitchens, Mullin, Texas, $3,823. 16, Casey Butaud, Huntsville, Texas, $3,518. 17, Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, $3,387. 18, Neal Felton, Mountain Home, Texas, $3,148. 19, Justin Vietor, Phillipsburg, Mont., $3,086. 20, Joe Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta, $3,063.
STEER WRESTLING
1, Justin Blaine Davis, Sidney, Mont., $15,059. 2, Randy Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., $12,803. 3, Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., $10,103. 4, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, $9,644. 5, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, $7,596. 6, Jared Nuffer, Winnemucca, Nev., $6,171. 7, Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., $5,966. 8, Rodney Burks, Benton, Ark., $5,443. 9, Shannon Elam, Salina, Kan., $4,923. 10, Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., $4,769. 11, Steve Duhon, Sonora, Texas, $4,762. 12, T.W. Parker, Wendell, Idaho, $4,659. 13, Justin Coones, Exeter, Mo., $4,311. 14, Terry Graff, Long Pine, Neb., $4,011. 15, Clint Hixson, Deridder, La., $3,511. 16, Erik Johnson, Salmori, Idaho, $3,187. 17, Lloyd Gilbert, Buffalo, S.D., $3,140. 18, Cody Brecheisen, Wyandotte, Okla., $2,865. 19, Keith Webster, Ponder, Texas, $2,782. 20, T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., $2,764.
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., $9,137. 2, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, $7,260. 3, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., $6,786. 4, Larry Harris, Checotah, Okla., $6,388. 5, Billy Stephens, Channing, Texas, $4,795. 6, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, $4,428. 7, Vic Morrison, Wayne, Okla., $4,309. 8, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, $4,133. 9, Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, $3,407. 10, T.J. Smith, San Mateo, Fla., $3,005. 11, Tye Maben, Spur, Texas, $2,849. 12, Glynn Robinson, West Point, Miss., $2,809. 13, Tommy Crowson, Queen Creek, Ariz., $2,623. 14, Guy Howell, Belle Fourche, S.D., $2,595. 15, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, $2,530. 16, Guy Miller, Lamesa, Texas, $2,417. 17, Mark Simon, Socorro, N.M., $2,204. 18, Dean Tuftin, Arlington, Ariz., $2,167. 19, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., $2,152. 20, Clay Tryan, Huntley, Mont., $2,025.
TEAM ROPING (HEELING)
1, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, $9,137. 2, Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, $7,260. 3, Mickey Gomez, Norman, Okla., $6,388. 4, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., $5,198. 5, Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., $4,795. 6, Twister Cain, Ivanhoe, Texas, $4,428. 7, Dennis Gatz, Deniar, Calif., $4,309. 8, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, $4,133. 9, John Paul Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., $3,407. 10, Zane Bowers, Llano, Texas, $3,005. 11, Darrel Radacy, Lookeba, Okla., $2,849. 12, Ross Lowry, Summerville, Ga., $2,809. 13, Shad Chadwick, Queen Creek, Ariz., $2,623. 14, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., $2,595. 15, Tommy Guy, Boerne, Texas, $2,417. 16, Kirt Jones, Lubbock, Texas, $2,204. 17, Dugan Kelly, Arlington, Ariz., $2,167. 18, Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., $2,152. 19, Nick Sarchett, Phoenix, Ariz., $2,025. 20, Nick Rowland, Antlers, Okla., $1,852.
STEER ROPING
1, Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., $6,299. 2, Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., $5,976. 3, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., $4,932. 4, De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., $4,306. 5, Hicks Harris, Agua Dulce, Texas, $3,518. 6, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., $3,499. 7, Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., $3,315. 8, Randy Wells, Salado, Texas, $2,951. 9, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, $2,940. 10, Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, $2,686. 11, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, $2,429. 12, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $1,892. 13, Sid Howard, Canyon, Texas, $1,795. 14, Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., $1,740. 15, Scott Snedecor, Needville, Texas, $1,731. 16, Jb Whatley, Gardendale, Texas, $1,718. 17, Todd Casebolt, Ryan, Okla., $1,703. 18, J Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., $1,688. 19, Colby Goodwin, Channing, Texas, $1,671. 20, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., $1,646.
BARREL RACING
1, Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, $9,995. 2, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, $9,708. 3, Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., $7,408. 4, Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas, $7,316. 5, Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, $6,099. 6, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., $5,421. 7, Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, $5,098. 8, Jeana Finlinson, Martinsville, Ind., $4,272. 9, Melissa Hubier, Cleveland, Texas, $3,795. 10, Annesa Self, Carollton, Texas, $3,763. 11, Christi Sultemeier, Melrose, N.M., $2,952. 12, Tracy Johnston, Springer, Okla., $2,913. 13, Shelley Martin, Sealy, Texas, $2,892. 14, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, $2,886. 15, Kay Blandford, Sutherland Spring, Texas, $2,715. 16, Karen Renshaw, Glasgow, Ky., $2,594. 17, Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., $2,472. 18, Denise Hubbell, Casper, Wyo., $2,106. 19, Kachina Fowler, Gillette, Wyo., $2,032. 20, Lori Hancock, Greenbrier, Ark., $2,028.

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Hamburger Station	51	25
Coney Island	47	29
Peggy's Place	44	32
Clemens Home Repair	38	38
Quality Sales	29	47
Albertsons	28	48

Week's High Scores
High game: Peggy Smith 204; High series: Carrie Duroy 589; High handicap game: Mildred Thrasher 240; High handicap series: Carrie Duroy 619.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
Boston College 81, Seton Hall 66
Georgetown 76, Pittsburgh 58
Marist 63, Rider 47
Michigan St. 70, Penn St. 68
SOUTH
Fla. International 57, W. Kentucky 53
Florida St. 77, South Florida 66
Morehead St. 85, Tenn.-Martin 69
Murray St. 81, E. Kentucky 66
N. Carolina St. 51, Georgia Tech 50
South Alabama 79, Arkansas St. 73
MIDWEST
E. Illinois 74, Austin Peay 70
SE Missouri 61, Tennessee St. 54
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 69, Tennessee 52
Oklahoma St. 81, Iowa St. 72
Texas Southern 69, Prairie View 61
FAR WEST
Loyola, Md. 96, Denver 92, OT

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Signed RHP Seung Jun Song.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with C Brad Ausmus on a one-year contract extension through 2001.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Billy Connors director of player personnel, Stump Merrill special assistant to the general manager for player development and scouting, Gordon Blakeley director of international and professional scouting, Greg Pavlick roving pitching coordinator, and Dan Matheson director of baseball operations.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with SS Alex Gonzalez on a two-year contract, and RHP Roy Halladay, RHP Isabel Giron, 3B Casey Blake, C Joe Lawrence and OF Anthony Sanders on one-year contracts.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Juan Lebron on a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Traded OF Greg Vaughn and 1B-OF Mark Sweeney to the Cincinnati Reds for OF Reggie Sanders, INF Damian Jackson and RHP Josh Harris.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Released F Kebu Stewart.
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Walter McCarty to a three-year contract extension.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived F Otis Hill and F Carlos Strong.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Waived G Gerald Madkins.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Released F Harold Ellis.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived G James Collins.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed G Jim Jackson to a three-year contract.
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Waived F Fred Vinson.
UTAH JAZZ—Released F Joe Stephens, C Shawnelle Scott and F Adrian Caldwell.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Named Bob Wylie offensive line coach and Bobby Slater assistant trainer.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Keith Kidd pro personnel director.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled RW Scott Parker from Hershey of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned D Peter Ratchuk to New Haven of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled C Derek Armstrong from Hartford of the AHL. Assigned D Jan Mertzig to Hartford.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled LW Louis DeBrusk from Long Beach of the IHL.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed C Alexandre Daigle to a one-year contract extension.

Key issues derailed at IOC anti-doping summit

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — IOC officials conceded today that their highly publicized world doping summit would fail to meet two of its prime goals — create an international anti-drug agency and impose the same drug penalties for all sports.

The inability to solve those two key issues ripped the heart out of the conference and left the IOC, already staggered by its worst corruption scandal, struggling to come to any concrete resolutions by the end of the drug meeting Thursday.

"Perhaps we can agree on the principle of an agency but at the end of the meeting you will not have an agency decided in detail," IOC drug chief Prince Alexandre de Merode said after two days of bitter dispute over who should lead the drug agency.

"It is clear that it needs more study later," de Merode said, saying the issue could not be settled by the end of the meeting.

The goal of setting a mandatory minimum two-year sanction for serious drug offenses also faded under the pressure of major sports federations, who argued such bans would inevitably be struck down by civil courts.

FIFA, the world soccer federation, insisted it would never bow to a two-year sanction. The IOC relented.

"My response to FIFA is 'yes,'" said Judge Keba Mbaye, who headed an IOC group on the sanctions issue. He said FIFA would be allowed to apply suspensions under two years.

The IOC had threatened last year to kick federations out the Olympics if they refused to back the two-year ban. Cycling had also questioned the wisdom of a two-year sanction.

Track chief Primo Nebiolo, representing the 28 Summer Olympic federations, offered a compromise under which federations would be able to cite "exceptional circumstances" in applying bans of less than two years.

Marc Hodler, leader of the seven winter sports federations, backed Nebiolo's proposal.

The move to soften the two-year sanction upset leading athletes, including former Olympic champions Johann Olav Koss and Sebastian Coe.

"We have to hold our nerve, we have to hold the line," said Coe, the two-time Olympic 1,500-meter champion from Britain.

Germany's Roland Baar, a member of the IOC's athletes' committee, suggested soccer should be kicked out of the Olympics if it can't accept a two-year sanction.

"If soccer, or whoever, cannot accept the IOC rules, then they cannot be part of the IOC. It's a very simple thing," Baar said.

Finger pointing and raw criticism continued to dominate the meeting as much as calls for a unified stance on doping.

European delegates lashed out at the United States for making proposals for thorough reform, saying it was seeking the high moral ground while it was unable to control the doping issue at home.

"They should not take the others for being naive and small people," said French Olympic Committee president Henri Serandour. "They should stop giving us lessons. They want to appear whiter than white."

Coe also criticized the U.S. position.

"I say to those countries you can have a contribution to make to the debate, but come to the table after you have first cleared your own backyard," he said.

Coe cited the case of U.S. sprinter Dennis Mitchell. Coe noted that Mitchell escaped a doping ban on grounds that his positive test for testosterone was the result of having sex and drinking beer the night before.

"This stretches confidence and credibility to the breaking point," Coe said.

Even Hein Verbruggen, head of the world cycling federation, joined the criticism even though his sport was battered by doping scandals at the Tour de France last July.

The IOC was scrambling to save its highly touted world conference from failure on other fronts, seeking to revise some of its maligned proposals.

"They were projects, not decisions," said de Merode, adding compromises would be drafted during Wednesday's session.

Hopes that the doping conference would restore some status to the IOC were dashed almost as soon as the meeting opened. Some criticized the conference for being nothing more than a chat room where little could be achieved.

"We are the biggest federation with 240 million members and we get three minutes to talk," said FIFA medical chief Michel D'Hooghe. "This is ridiculous."

The agency to coordinate random drug testing and other doping control matters around the globe was slipping from the IOC's grasp.

The United States and the 15-nation European Union both objected to core issues within the IOC proposals forcing de Merode to give up any hope of finding enough compromise to set up the structure of the agency.

De Merode conceded the proposal on the doping of the agency was badly drafted and had caused unnecessary discord. "There were small errors in the document. It happens."

Four-year starter brings intensity to Granbury

GRANBURY, Texas — Seventeen years of life together have given Rachel Britt a good read on the best and worst of her little sister Emily.

At her worst, Granbury's all-state senior post has shown the tendency to act like, well, a youngest sibling.

"She's not quiet at all," said Rachel, a 5-foot-9 senior forward at Tarleton State. "She's always had that hot temper, which I guess comes from being a redhead. Maybe she's just that way with me."

At her best, 6-0 Emily has been a scoring, rebounding and shot-blocking machine in Granbury's elite girls basketball program for four years. To date, the Oklahoma signee has started 130 games and led the Pirates in most of their 115 victories since the start of the 1995-96 season.

Of the headlines garnered over the years by players of legendary Granbury coach Leta Andrews, Britt's name has appeared as often as any. With dark, purposeful eyes and fiery auburn hair to match her on-court demeanor, Britt has matured into one of the state's finest post players.

"I remember our first scrimmage," said Britt, who, as a freshman, scored 12 points in the 1995-96 season opener against Plano. "I was so nervous I couldn't eat that whole day. When I'm that nervous, I turn red and splotchy all over."

The Pirates are 25-4 this season and riding a 34-game district winning streak. It's by far the most well-rounded of Britt's four seasons, with averages of 23.1 points, 11.2 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 6.2 steals.

If numbers, a nice jump shot and quickness for her size helped Britt snare a scholarship, it all stemmed from her early indoctrination by Andrews.

Nine games into her freshman season, Britt drew the assignment of guarding Duncanville forward Tamika Catchings, the current Tennessee star whom virtually no one can guard.

That night, Britt did. Someday, Britt might forget scoring 37 points against North Crowley, but holding Tamika Catchings to 12 points? Never.

"She was averaging like 30 points," said Britt, who scored 15 in Granbury's 53-39 upset of Duncanville. "I was so proud of myself that she didn't score 500 points."

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Economic theorist to head Brazil Central Bank

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — When the Brazilian government dismissed Central Bank president Francisco Lopes and replaced him with a former George Soros associate, it seemed to be giving currency speculators a taste of their own medicine.

Until recently, Arminio Fraga worked for the billionaire investor Soros, advising him on emerging markets such as Brazil's. His appointment Tuesday was the government's latest move to halt the financial crisis that has gripped Brazil and threatens to buffet other Latin American economies.

"By bringing to the Central Bank his experience on the other side of the table, he will certainly be an asset for Brazil," Finance Minister Pedro Malan told Globo News Tuesday evening.

Fraga's appointment was generally well received. Brazil's currency, the real, strengthened on the news and while the stock market declined, losses were less than might be expected with such a shift.

During Lopes' short-lived presidency, the real had lost more than 40 percent of its value.

"The first impression this unexpected change may give to the international community is one of total chaos," said Jose Luciano Dias, a Brasilia-based political analyst. "But in a few days it will become clear that the change was necessary for Brazil to regain its credibility and the confidence of the international financial community."

Fraga, who arrived in Brasilia Tuesday afternoon, headed straight for the Finance Ministry where he met with Malan and International Monetary Fund Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer.

Malan, Fischer and a team of International Monetary Fund economists spent much of Tuesday reviewing the terms of a $41.5 billion IMF-led aid package finalized last November in light of Brazil's currency devaluation.

In announcing the switch, the government took pains to say that the foreign exchange policy initiated by Lopes just three weeks ago would remain in place.

Senate president Antonio Carlos Magalhaes threw his support behind the nomination.

"He, more than anyone else, understands the actions of speculators," Magalhaes told reporters in Brasilia.

Even with the support, Fraga has no easy task ahead of him.

"Fraga's nomination doesn't mean that all of Brazil's problems are solved," said Marcelo Guterman, fund manager with Lloyd's Asset Management. "We need new direction, the IMF accord is being reviewed and if the policies are bad, no one man will hold it together."

And opposition politicians criticized Fraga's proximity to Soros.



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TO: WILLISTON BENEDICT, OR IF DECEASED THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLISTON BENEDICT, DECEASED, ET AL, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223rd District Court of Gray County, at the Courthouse being located at 200 N. Russell in the City of Pampa, Gray County Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being the 22nd day of February, A.D. 1999, to Plantiff's Petition filed in said court on the 8th day of December, 1998, in this cause, #31209 and styled JO BELL INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON BELL, DECEASED, Plantiff vs. WILLISTON BENEDICT, OR IF DECEASED THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLISTON BENEDICT, DECEASED, ET AL Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:
TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE (SECTION 102, BLOCK 3, I G&N RR CO. SURVEY, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS)
A Tract or parcel of land situated in SECTION 102, BLOCK 3, I & GN RR CO SURVEY, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, and lying between the easterly line of Lot 1 Block 20, South Side Addition, recorded in Volume 16, Page 139, of the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas, and the westerly right-of-way (R.O.W.) line of Barnes Street extended, and being described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at a 5/8 inch iron rod set for the intersection of the westerly R.O.W. line of said Barnes Street extended, also being the east line of said Section
102 and the southerly R.O.W. line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad R.O.W. line for the Northeast Corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract herein described;
THENCE, S00n07'06" E, 57.38 feet along the westerly R.O.W. line of said Barnes Street extended and the east line of said Section 102, to a 5/8 inch iron rod set for the Southeast Corner of this tract;
THENCE, S60n30'W, (assumed and base bearing for this description) 122.27 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod found for the Southeast Corner of Said Lot 1, Block 20, South side Addition, and for Southwest Corner of this tract:
THENCE, N29n30'W, 50.0 feet along the east line of said Lot 1, to a 5/8 inch iron rod found on the southerly R.O.W. line of said BNSF Railroad and for the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1, and for the Northwest Corner of this tract;
THENCE, N60n30'E, 150.42 feet along the southerly R.O.W. line of said BNSF Railroad to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 0.156 acres more or less.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Witness, GAYE HONDERICH, Clerk of the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office this the 8th day of January, A.D. 1999.
GAYE HONDERICH
CLERK
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Gray County, Texas
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The address of record for each Administratrix is:
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DATED this 13th day of January, 1999.
/s/ MARY D. MCDANIEL
Administratrix with Will Annexed of the ESTATE OF MALCOLM STEWART MCDANIEL, Deceased
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Administration proposing extra aviation fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation is expected to have a $6.8 billion surplus in its aviation trust fund as of Sept. 30, but that's not stopping the Clinton administration from proposing extra aviation taxes and fees.

Under a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill being proposed today, the Transportation Department wants to let cities and states raise an airport construction tax on tickets from $3 to $5 per stop.

The department's new budget also proposes imposing $1.5 billion in user fees for air traffic control.

At the same time, the transportation secretary has declared that he will fight attempts to siphon the balance out of the burgeoning aviation trust fund.

That money, generated by different ticket taxes, is supposed to be used for airport construction and other aviation improvements. President Clinton wants to keep the multibillion-dollar surplus to balance shortfalls in the federal budget — the kind of financial maneuver he said was "as wrong as it can be" while he was governor of Arkansas.

"It's regrettable that with so substantial a balance in the aviation trust fund, the administration finds it necessary to impose new taxes on the traveling and shipping public," Edward Merlis, head of legislative affairs at the Air Transport Association, an airline trade group, said Tuesday.

"Why not spend the money you're collecting first, then determine if you need more, rather than imposing the taxes first and then figuring out where to spend it?" Merlis said.

While the bulk of the air traffic control fees probably would be levied against airlines, Merlis said some of the cost could trickle down to passengers.

In releasing his department's $45.5 billion fiscal 2000 budget on Monday, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said repeatedly that the administration supports "record-level" investment in aviation, but new taxes and fees are needed to make the system more user-based.

He said Clinton would strongly oppose spending all of the money in the aviation trust fund, which some in Congress favor, because it would not be fiscally responsible.

"We've got to take much of this to the Congress and work out how we provide long-term, sustained funding for the aviation system," Slater said. "But I think we can do that and I think we can provide record-level funds for that effort."

In reality, much of the aviation system is already paid for by its users.

When passengers buy a ticket, they pay an 8 percent federal tax on the fare. In addition, they pay a $2 federal fee for each leg of the trip, which can add up on a round trip with several connections.

All that revenue is deposited, along with freight and fuel taxes, in the federal Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

In addition, the Transportation Department lets city and state governments assess a $3 airport construction tax. Known as the passenger facility charge, it can be used only for improvements at a local airport. Under current law, passengers cannot pay more than $12 in passenger facility charges per trip — equal to four $3 charges.

The administration is proposing to raise the passenger facility charge cap to $5 per stop and $20 per ticket. The transportation budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 also proposes imposing $1.496 billion in aviation user fees.

The budget does not spell out how the program would work, but Slater was expected add details today during a speech in New York.

TDH immunization clinics scheduled

CANYON — The Texas Department of Health will offer immunization clinics to protect against the following childhood diseases: polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B) and Hepatitis B. Pneumococcal vaccines will also be given.

TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Immunization clinics scheduled in the area are:

- Pampa – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 3, 17, Columbia Family Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky
- Canadian – 11 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 22, City Hall, first floor, 6 Main Street
- Miami – 12-3 p.m., Feb. 4, Miami School.

Professor suing Justice Department, FBI

ATLANTA (AP) — A college professor who was investigated by federal agents, allegedly for inviting a Cuban government official to speak at a symposium, sued the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI.

Beatriz Morales Cozier's federal lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Atlanta, seeks access to the entire file the FBI compiled on her during an investigation almost five years ago, when she was at Georgia State University. The suit asks that a federal judge review the file privately and determine whether "national security" justifies the deletion of many passages in the file.

Ms. Cozier, who immigrated from Cuba in 1961, originally asked for the file through the Freedom of Information Act. The FBI took 3 1/2 years to release the file and then gave her only 30 pages of the 62-page file, the lawsuit said, adding that many of the pages contained heavily edited portions under the justification of "national security."

"A law-abiding citizen has the right to know why the FBI is spying on her through her neighbors, friends and family," said Gerald Weber, one of Ms. Cozier's lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union. He argued that there is no reason national security would apply to her case.

The FBI repeatedly interviewed Ms. Cozier's family, co-workers and friends, and looked at her real estate, employment and tax records, he said.

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