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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter. A window on a vehicle was broken out. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. Estimated damage was \$150.

Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported a gas drive-off involving \$10 in gasoline.

An information report was taken in the 800 block of North Nelson concerning a man with a gun. The gun was found to be a BB gun. A citation was issued for violation of a city ordinance.

An information report was taken in the 1900 block of North Wells. The report stated that a dog was at large and chased a man and woman. The dog's owner confined the dog. No injuries were reported.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a gas drive-off involving \$15 worth of gasoline.

Fidencio Deleon, 34, 629 Yeager, was arrested at his residence for interfering with an emergency call and for a warrant out of Tom Greene County on assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Taylor Food Mart, 1342 N. Hobart, reported a gas drive-off involving gasoline valued at \$20.05.

Officers responded to an alarm call at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. No entry had been gained to the building.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 18

5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

STOCKS

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

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Soybeans	7.79	Limited	19.22	+0.05
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		West Texas Crude	35.45	

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

XPY	44.23	+0.13
HP	48.17	+0.27
Celanese	41.49	+0.17
Cabot Corp.	33.78	+0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	30.20	+1.45
Coca Cola	51.11	+0.13
VLO	56.32	+0.03
HAL	31.18	+0.23
Triad	35.73	+0.08
NOI	28.65	+0.21

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Rodman L. Davis, 55, Hedgeville, W. Va., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds.

John Carlos Cordova, 38, Amarillo, was arrested by DPS for driving with license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia, and open container.

CLARIFICATION

In an obituary that was printed in the Wednesday, Feb. 11 edition of *The News*, several mistakes were contained in the information provided by McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., the funeral home in charge of arrangements for the funeral of Sarah Lue Cihfield. Mrs. Cihfield is survived by a sister, Gladys Gail Parsley of Pampa. The family requests memorials be to Roane County West Virginia Library or Roane County Animal Shelter in West Virginia.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 18

5:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters were first responders on a call for medical assistance to the 800 block of West 25th.

5:57 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded on a med assist to the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

8:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 500 block of West on a smoke odor. The firefighters found an overheated light ballast.

OBITUARIES

JERRY DON MAY

1941-2004

CLARENDON — Jerry Don May, 62, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004. Services were at 2 p.m. today in Community Fellowship Church with the Rev. Bryan Knowles and the Rev. Todd Dick, family member of Croatia, officiating. Burial was to be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. May was born Feb. 17, 1941, at Borger and graduated from West Texas State College in 1966.

He married Kathy Louise Whitley on June 9, 1966, at Fritch.

He served in the National Guard and was employed at Pantex where he retired after 34

years of service. He had been a Clarendon resident since 1979. He served on the Clarendon Hospital Board of Directors and was a member of Community Fellowship Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.F. and Ruby May.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of the home; two daughters, Kathy Dawn and Kami Danay, both of Panhandle; a son, Jason William of Lubbock; two sisters, Martha Baggerman and Barbara Nichols, both of Pampa; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Todd Dick Ministries in care of Kathy May, P.O. Box 1054, Clarendon, TX 79226-1054.

MOLLY 'FAYE' NEAL

1909-2004

Molly "Faye" Neal, 94, of Amarillo, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Neal was born June 1, 1909, in Waurika, Okla. She married Eugene D. Neal in 1933 in Clovis, N.M. They resided in Pampa, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

She had been a resident of Compton, Calif., Ulysses, Kan., Liberal, Kan., and Bridgeport, Texas, before moving to Amarillo in 1970. She sold Avon in Amarillo for 20 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Underwood and husband James; two granddaughters, Stacey King and husband Kevin, and Stephanie Clements and husband Alan; five great-grandchildren; and a host of friends, neighbors, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and all her brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials be to Elizabeth Jane Bivins Home, 3115 Tee Anchor Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79104; or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Grand jury decides not indict officers after shooting

WACO (AP) — A Limestone County grand jury chose not to indict two Groesbeck police officers connected with the death of a man shot on a downtown street after trying to rob a bank.

Sgt. Glen Shoemaker and officer Hugh Curry were not

charged in the Feb. 10 death of Harold Richard Shahan, 47, who rode away on a bicycle after a bank employee did not give him the \$100,000 he demanded.

Moments later Shoemaker tried to stop Shahan, who pulled a pistol from his waistband and began firing, police have said. Shahan apparently did not show a gun while inside the bank.

Curry arrived and was shot in the shoulder. He was treated and released later that day and was to have the bullet removed Thursday.

Authorities initially said they were not sure if one or both of Shahan's gunshot wounds were self-inflicted. Texas Ranger Sgt. Matt Cawthon, who testified before the grand jury, said the preliminary autopsy report was inconclusive. But he expects the final autopsy will show the shots were fired from a distance and were not self-inflicted.

Shahan's family members said they believe the officers could have tried to talk to him instead of shooting.

"I mean, it's a small town and he's on a bike. He's not going to go anywhere. I think it could have been handled a lot different," said his brother, Eli Saucedo of San Antonio.

Groesbeck, a community of about 4,400, is about 35 miles east of Waco.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

A wind advisory is in effect for today. Partly cloudy skies are forecast with highs in the upper 70s and southwest winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to around 45 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain, lows in the mid 30s and northwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Friday should see partly cloudy skies. Breezy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds 5 to

15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows near 40. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press

The heavy winds that began sweeping through Texas on Thursday morning were expected to continue throughout the night and into Friday.

Wind gusts of up to 47 mph were expected in North and Central Texas on Thursday evening, but they should taper off to between 15 and 18 mph later that night. Lows in the mid-50s were on tap for Thursday, with highs in the mid-60s to 70 expected on Friday.

West Texas also will see decreasing amounts of wind as

Thursday continues, with a low around 38. Sunny skies are expected on Friday with a high near 62.

The Permian Basin can expect to see areas of blowing dust early Thursday, with 20 to 30 mph winds shifting to the northwest to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Lows near 40 are expected for Thursday, with highs between 60 and 65 on tap for Friday.

There is a slight chance of rain on Thursday night in the Panhandle, with a low around 29 and wind chill values making it feel up to 10 degrees cooler. A high near

50 is expected on Friday.

Mostly clear skies are expected early Thursday evening in East Texas, but it will become mostly cloudy with lows in the mid-50s. The clouds are expected to dissipate on Friday with highs in the upper 60s.

The Coast can expect to see partly cloudy skies with a low around 60 on Thursday night. Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid-70s.

It will be mostly clear in South Texas on Thursday night with a low around 60 and a high around 82 on Friday.

Study: Elderly more prone to crashes

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drivers over 65 are more likely to get into crashes because of declining perception and motor skills, but the biggest risk is to themselves, not others on the highway, says a study based on nearly 4 million traffic accidents.

The study, released Wednesday by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, also found that drivers 65 or older are nearly twice as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 55 and 64. Drivers over 85 were nearly four times as likely to die.

Often, older drivers are frail and can die from injuries that wouldn't be fatal to younger drivers, the report said.

As they grow older, some drivers are more likely to cause a crash because of a lapse in perception, such as failing to yield or running a red light. Fifty-nine percent of drivers 75 or older involved in crashes had such a lapse, the same percentage as 15-year-old drivers. For drivers 85 or older, perception lapses were cited in 67 percent of the accidents.

Old people also were more likely to get into crashes while turning to the left, when drivers often must make quick judgments, the

study said. Drivers over 65 were 25 percent more likely to get in a crash than middle-age drivers; drivers over 85 were 50 percent more likely to get in a crash during a left turn.

The study, by the Texas Transportation Institute, analyzed Texas police records from 3.9 million crashes between 1975 and 1999. Those crashes caused 90,036 fatalities.

According to federal statistics, there were 19.1 million drivers 75 or older in 2001 — about 10 percent of all drivers. Peter Kissinger, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, said the nation could face a major public health crisis as that number grows.

Still, AAA stopped short of recommending new laws to govern elderly drivers. Twenty-two states already have such laws. Florida requires drivers age 80 or older to have their vision checked when they renew their licenses. New Hampshire and Illinois require road tests for those 75 and older.

"We all age at different rates," said Bella Dinh-Zarr, AAA's director of traffic safety. "As a country, we should really be thinking of ways to help older drivers. There are solutions to these problems and we need to think them out before just giving up our keys."

City Briefs

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PAMPA MASONIC Lodge #1381 (across from Coronado Healthcare), open meeting, free meal & short program, Sat. Feb. 21st, 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

PUBLIC AUCTION Sat. Feb. 28, 10a Wellington Fairgrounds Show Barn Hwy 83-Real Estate Location 102 W. 19th St. For a list of items Call Grants' Auction and Realty 580-225-0269 or 580-821-1738

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DAR essay winners



(Courtesy photo)

Teacher Mary Gandy congratulates Brody Russell, left, who was the middle school winner of an essay competition sponsored by Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Russell will present his essay at the DAR Good Citizens reception at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church. DAR Contest Chair Ann Watson will present awards during the reception. The essay topic was "The Louisiana Purchase-Thomas Jefferson's Presidential Legacy." Jefferson considered the Louisiana Purchase to be his greatest accomplishment, appointing Lewis and Clark to explore the vast region that almost doubled the size of the United States and which allowed free navigation of the Mississippi River.



(Courtesy photo)

Myra Carlisle poses with Samantha Kelly, right, who recently took overall contest honors during an essay competition sponsored by Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Kelly will present her essay at the DAR Good Citizens reception at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church. DAR Contest Chair Ann Watson will present awards during the reception. The essay topic was "The Louisiana Purchase-Thomas Jefferson's Presidential Legacy." Jefferson considered the Louisiana Purchase to be his greatest accomplishment, appointing Lewis and Clark to explore the vast region that almost doubled the size of the United States and which allowed free navigation of the Mississippi River.

Lubbock Holiday Inn to host bridal event

LUBBOCK — Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock will play host to a different kind of expo at the end of this month. From 12 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 29, Bridal Quinceañera will be staged at the park plaza. The focus of the upcoming event will be the Quinceañera, a tradition held in conjunction with the Hispanic wedding. Together these functions involve a

mass, a reception and a dance for family and friends.

The expo will include a 3 p.m. style show, numerous exhibit booths, performances by Mariachi Amistad and various prize giveaways.

A \$2 admission will be levied at the door. Children under 42-inches will be admitted free. For more information, call Connie Hayes at (806) 748-2404.

Soldier charged with trying to aid al-Qaida

By DAVID AMMONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — A National Guardsman is accused of trying to pass intelligence to U.S. military personnel who were posing as al-Qaida operatives, allegedly telling the phony terrorists that "I share your cause."

Spc. Ryan G. Anderson is charged with three counts involving attempts to supply intelligence to the enemy. He was charged Feb. 12, but the Army did not immediately release that information until Wednesday.

The Uniform Military Code says attempts to aid the enemy can be punishable by death. The charges do not allege that Anderson ever actually passed information to real al-Qaida members.

In the first count, Anderson, also known as "Amir Abdul Rashid," is alleged to have attempted to provide information about U.S. Army troop strength, movements, equipment, tactics and weapons systems, as well as methods of killing U.S. Army personnel and vulnerabilities of Army weapons systems and equipment.

Federal judge rules prosecutors withheld evidence in condemned man's trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sentenced to die for a 1982 murder may escape execution because prosecutors withheld crucial information that could have persuaded a jury to spare his life, a federal judge has ruled.

Donald Anthony Miller, 41, has spent almost 22 years on death row. He was convicted in the fatal shooting of a man he and two partners lured to a house to rob.

During his trial, Harris County prosecutors presented evidence from several witnesses who were with Miller that night and another person who said he lent Miller the murder weapon.

But prosecutors failed to give defense attorneys documents that show those witnesses changed important aspects of their stories between their initial interviews and the trial, according to the Jan. 30 ruling by U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt.

One witness, for example, told jurors that he had given Miller the .38-caliber murder weapon. He previously told a prosecutor that "he did not own a pistol other than the .22 caliber that he's had for years," according to the prosecutor's notes.

Prosecutors are required to turn over such evidence, which would have allowed defense attorneys to attack those witnesses' credibility, Hoyt said.

"The newly disclosed evidence raises significant doubt about the outcome of the trial, particularly the punishment assessed," Hoyt wrote. "Had the prosecutor disclosed the conflicting statements (Miller) is likely to have escaped conviction for capital murder."

Hoyt ordered Miller released from death row unless he is retried within six months.

Because the judge said the misconduct probably affected only Miller's punishment, he will remain in prison and likely will face a life sentence, said James Rytting, who assisted in the appeal.

Anderson is also alleged to have communicated by "oral, written and electronic communication" to the supposed "terrorists" that "I wish to meet with you, I share your cause, I wish to continue contact through conversations and personal meetings."

The second charge alleges Anderson passed sketches of the M1A1 and M1A2 tanks, as well as a computer disc with such personal ID's as his passport photo, weapons card and military ID card.

The last charge alleges he "wrongfully and dishonorably" provided information on Army troop strength, movements and equipment.

A military defense lawyer has been appointed for Anderson, but Lt. Col. Stephen Barger refused to identify the lawyer. Any questions for the lawyer have to be passed along through Army spokesmen, Barger said, adding that neither Anderson nor his lawyer had any statement to make Wednesday.

Anderson was arrested Feb. 12, just weeks before his brigade was to leave for duty in Iraq. He had reported to Fort Lewis for active duty on Nov. 15. The conduct alleged in the charges occurred between Jan. 17 and Feb. 10, the documents indicated.

Barger refused to say whether the investigation was continuing or whether others might be involved. He also refused to discuss how Anderson's activities came to the Army's attention or how the Army set up the sting that led to his arrest. Anderson is being held at Fort Lewis.

Anderson, 26, of Lynnwood, is a tank crew member from the Fort Lewis-based 81st Armor Brigade. The 2002 Washington State University graduate converted to Islam in college. He joined the Guard on May 15, 2002, Barger said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2004. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima, where they began a monthlong battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama. (He was subsequently tried for treason and acquitted.)

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.

In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals living in the United States.

In 1942, about 150 Japanese warplanes attacked the Australian city of Darwin.

In 1963, the Soviet Union informed President Kennedy it would withdraw "several thousand" of an estimated 17,000 Soviet troops in Cuba.

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died.

Ten years ago: With Bosnian Serbs facing a NATO deadline to withdraw heavy weapons encircling Sarajevo or face air strikes, President Clinton delivered an address from the Oval Office reaffirming the ultimatum. American speedskater Bonnie Blair won the fourth Olympic gold medal of her career as she won the 500-meter race in Lillehammer, Norway.

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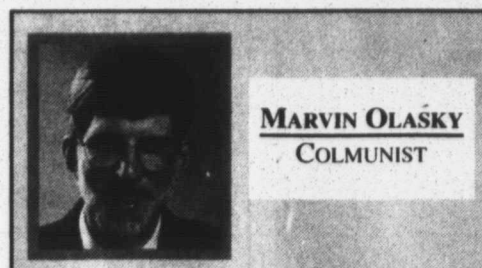
How Reagan became Reagan

On Feb. 6, Ronald Reagan turned 93. Liberal reporters, some still gnashing their teeth, noted the event. Many remembered his Cold War leadership, but few know how the presidential fortitude that led to victory over the Soviet Union emerged from Reagan's Hollywood battle against communism.

That saga began in the 1930s, when — as journalist Oliver Carlson put it — Hollywood's "drawing room tables were stocked with the works of Marx, Lenin, Stalin. ... The astrologers, spiritualists, mystics and fortune tellers who had so long adorned Hollywood salons were unceremoniously dumped overboard. In their places came spokesmen for the Communist Party. ... Livered chauffeurs sat at the wheels of sleek high-powered limousines while their owners graced some nearby picket line."

What began as a fad had, by the 1940s, hardened into a blacklisting organization. As director Sam Wood testified in 1947, Hollywood Communists had "a well-organized system (to) deprive people of work whenever they can." The president of the Story Analysts Guild (she also headed the story-reading department at Paramount) was a Communist; Esquire film critic John Moffit noted in 1947 that "members of this guild prepare very bad synopses of all material submitted by people who are not Communists, and they damn thoroughly in their reports any stories that are not friendly to the Communist line."

The screenwriter known as the "commissar" of Hollywood, John Howard



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

Lawson, wrote in his book "Film in the Battle of Ideas" that "cultural workers" must "throw off the shackles of bourgeois ideology ... their vision must be transformed and made new if it is to serve a new purpose." Lawson offered advice for waging such guerilla warfare: "As a writer do not try to write an entire Communist picture, (but) try to get five minutes of Communist doctrine, five minutes of the party line in every script that you write."

Lawson also told young actors, "It is your duty to further the class struggle by your performance. ... If you are nothing more than an extra wearing white flannels on a country club veranda, do your best to appear decadent, do your best to appear to be a snob, do your best to create class antagonism." Lawson particularly wanted a "campaign against religion, where the minister will be shown as the tool of his richest parishioner."

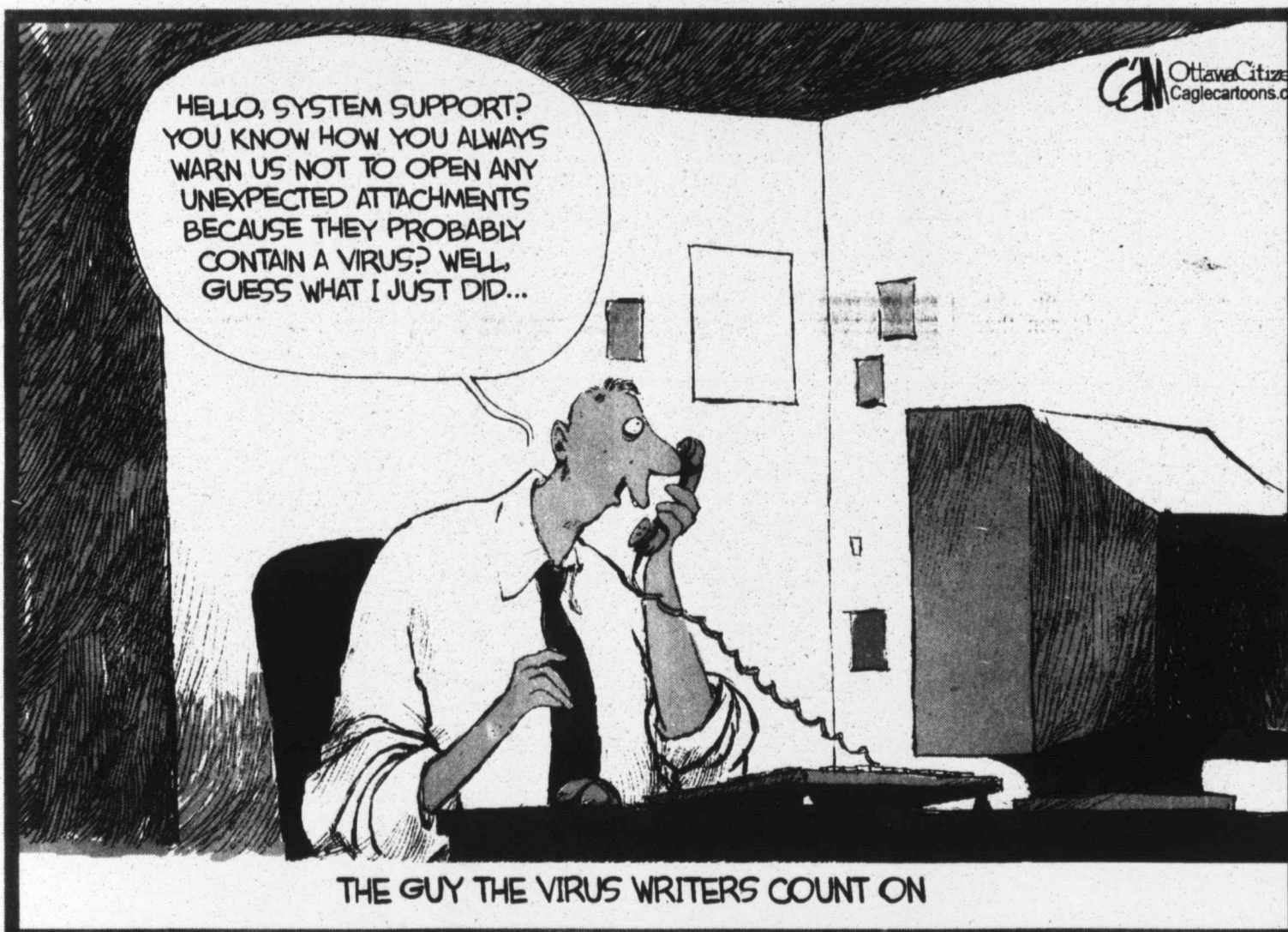
Lawson's rant was louder than his results. The Hollywood left deprived some conservatives of work and fostered some class antagonism but could do little more than that — unless it gained control over both the screenwriters and actors guilds. It came close, but Ronald

Reagan and a few others decided to fight. Reagan, formerly an FDR Democrat who spoke out against fascism, encountered criticism from liberal friends when he expressed concern about communism, as well — and that made him suspicious.

Soon, as Reagan saw how Communists operated with the help of liberal "useful idiots," he began to understand the shortcomings of liberalism. The threats he received while serving as president of the actors guild led him to see communism as a form of terrorism. At police request, he wore a .32 Smith & Wesson for seven months. Later, he noted that, "Our Red foes even went so far as to threaten to throw acid in the faces of myself and some other stars, so that we 'never would appear on the screen again.'"

Opposition built determination in Reagan, and by 1951 he was reporting "frustration and failure in the party's bold plot to seize control of the talent guilds and craft unions. ... Never again can the Communists hope to get anywhere in the movie capital." But that was too optimistic. In the 1950s, Hollywood leftists gained sympathy because the tactic of "blacklisting" that they had developed was briefly used against them.

By the 1960s, the Hollywood left was firmly in control once more. Conservatives once again had trouble finding work — but journalists did not report that. One conservative, Ronald Reagan, did find useful work, and the rest is history.



THE GUY THE VIRUS WRITERS COUNT ON

Cynical manipulation of politics

Following President Bush's hour-long interview with NBC's Tim Russert, we can now state conclusively that President Bush deliberately misled the American people and continues to do so.

Item: Bush claims he was acting on the best intelligence there was when he decided to go to war.

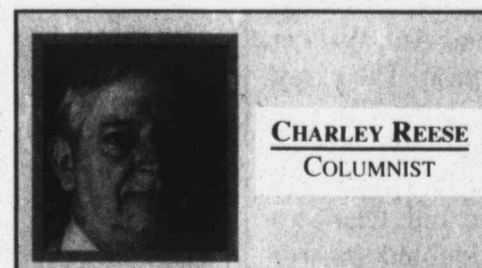
Fact: The intelligence given to Bush was full of warnings, caveats, disagreements and doubts as to its reliability. All of this was expunged, and Bush and his crew stated as a dead certainty that Saddam Hussein had a large stockpile of weapons of mass destruction.

The aluminum tubes, for example, were claimed by Bush to be necessary to make a nuclear weapon. The State Department intelligence people and the Energy Department intelligence people flatly disagreed. They also expressed disagreement about the prospects of Iraq developing a nuclear weapon.

Even the CIA warned Bush that the report of Iraq's attempt to buy yellow cake from Niger was unreliable, but it went into the president's State of the Union speech anyway.

Item: Bush repeated his claim that Iraq was in violation of Security Council resolutions.

Fact: If indeed there are no weapons of mass destruction, as it now appears there are not, then Iraq had complied with U.N. resolutions. The Iraqis had been saying for years that there were no weapons of



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mass destruction, and they were just called liars by American administrations. Moreover, Israel is in violation of more than 60 U.N. resolutions. Thus, U.N. resolutions are hardly a cause of war.

Item: Bush says that Saddam Hussein was a madman and that a madman "can't be contained."

Fact: Saddam Hussein had been successfully contained since 1991. Since the first Gulf War, Saddam had not attacked anyone, fired any weapons at any of his neighbors or threatened to attack anyone.

Item: Bush claimed that Iraq was a threat to its neighbors as well as to the United States and its friends (read Israel).

Fact: All of the countries adjacent to Iraq said publicly during the buildup to war that they did not, I say again, did not consider Iraq a threat.

Item: Bush keeps repeating that Saddam had used weapons of mass destruction.

Fact: That was true. They were used in 1988 during the Iran-Iraq War and not since. One can easily say the same thing of the United States. We used weapons of

mass destruction — nukes during World War II and poison gases during World War I. Other facts Bush omits are that during the Iran-Iraq War, the United States was backing Saddam Hussein, and the U.S. intelligence agencies published a report exonerating Iraq from the gas attack that killed a village of Kurds.

Item: Bush claims his administration has been "extraordinarily cooperative" with the commission examining the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Fact: There has been news story after news story about the Bush White House's extraordinary lack of cooperation and stonewalling. Bush, of course, admits to never reading any newspapers, so perhaps he is just disconnected from reality.

One could go on and on. Bush does not seem to grasp that a policy of pre-emptive wars requires dead-on accurate intelligence. Despite all the errors in his so-called war on terrorism, Bush has not fired a single person. He absolutely refuses to hold himself or anybody in his administration accountable.

Furthermore, he does not seem to grasp the enormous damage he has done to the image and credibility of the United States. Bush seems to exist in a deluded state of mind in which he imagines himself as Roosevelt or Churchill confronting global evil. That's a dangerous state of mind for a president. Compared with those two leaders, Bush is a mental and moral midget.

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Haiti: Leader refuses to step down to end two-week rebellion

By MARK STEVENSON
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CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's government rebuffed proposals that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide step down to end a bloody uprising, while rebels threatened the Caribbean nation's second-largest city.

Aristide's militant defenders, meanwhile, vowed to take a stand against the 2-week-old rebellion that has killed some 60 people and has attracted leaders with murderous backgrounds.

"We have machetes and guns, and we will resist," said carpenter Pierre Frandley. "The police might have been scared, but the people got together and organized. ... We blocked the streets."

Police took refuge in their stations, making clear they were too scared to patrol the streets of Cap-Haitien amid fears that rebels already have infiltrated the northern port and more were headed that way.

The rebels have chased police from more than a dozen towns and cut supply lines to northern Haiti from Port-au-Prince, the capital to the south, and from the western Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

U.S. officials worry the current crisis would only worsen if Aristide is forced to flee. One option being internally discussed is a transfer of power, with Aristide's consent, to a temporary governing board made up of Haitians who would run the country until a new president was elected. It is not clear how much support that proposal has at top levels of the Bush administration.

Aristide rebuffed Bush administration suggestions that he convene early presidential elections as a way to defuse the crisis, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday.

Although the administration has said it is opposed to any Haitian opposition attempt to drive Aristide from office, Bush officials are privately discussing ideas for a possible constitutional succession before Aristide's term expires in February 2006.

Government spokesman Mario Dupuy said in Port-au-Prince, the capital, that Haiti could not accept any proposal involving a change in the election date or an early handoff of power.

"I can neither confirm nor deny that any such offer was made, formally or informally," he told The Associated Press. "But both proposals are unacceptable. They are tantamount to admitting the legitimacy of a coup d'etat against the government."

The crisis has been brewing since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000. Donors froze millions in international aid, leaving Aristide no means to keep election promises to make a better life for Haiti's 8 million people, half of whom go hungry daily.

Since then, Aristide has lost support amid charges he uses police and militants to terrorize opponents and allows corruption fueled by drug-trafficking to go unchecked.

As Haiti's beleaguered government pleaded in vain for international help, former soldiers ousted in a 1994 U.S. military intervention crossed from the Dominican Republic to join the rebellion.

"The army is no longer

demobilized. The army is mobilized," said Jean-Baptiste Joseph, a former army sergeant who had headed a group of demobilized soldiers before being jailed in the 1990s for plotting insurrection.

He spoke in Hinche, a town of 50,000 at a strategic crossroads in Haiti's agriculture-rich Artibonite district, which was seized Monday by some 50 rebels led by a former death squad leader.

Radio stations also reported Wednesday that police have deserted their posts in four towns, and Dominican soldiers said they arrested four fleeing Haitian police along the sparsely guarded border.

Amnesty International warned "the specter of past violations continues to haunt Haiti" and that the newly emerged rebel leaders have "a horrific track record when it comes to human rights."

Coronado Health Care Center



(Courtesy photo)

Jodie Jones, activity director at Coronado Health Care Center in Pampa, cooks donuts with residents Opal Henderson, Ruth Ward and Mary Musgrave.



(Courtesy photo)

Thadys Hedger, a resident at Coronado Health Care Center in Pampa, enjoys a little "pet therapy" with Pam Russell, Medicare manager, and her dogs Precious and Kelsey.

Rescuers put out blazing freight cars, city buries dead

NEYSHABUR, Iran (AP) — Rescuers choking on fumes put out the blaze Thursday in dozens of train cars carrying fuel and chemicals that derailed and exploded in northern Iran, while the province's governor said 309 people were now confirmed dead in the tragedy.

Bulldozers and cranes were used to sort through the debris

of villages and train wreckage 20 miles east of Neyshabur. Emergency workers collected human remains torn by Wednesday's blast, which was so powerful it devastated five villages, collapsing mud homes.

Burning freight cars from the derailment were put out shortly before dawn Thursday, with firefighters persisting through the night despite freezing temperatures and fumes. The explosion left a crater about 50 feet deep.

In Neyshabur, stunned residents came out for the funeral of their governor, Mojtaba Farahmand-Nekou, who was among several city officials, including the fire chief, killed when the train cars exploded hours after the derailment. More than 20,000 mourners, all wearing black, looked on as the body, wrapped in the red, white and green Iranian flag was driven through the city.

Shops and offices closed for three days of mourning. Survivors looked through lists of the dead posted outside hospitals and clinics.

Alireza Babaie, who was in

his 70s, was looking for the name of a friend who was coming to visit him from the provincial capital, Mashhad.

"His family said he was on his way, and he should have reached here by now. I don't know where he is, and I hope to God he is not among the dead," said Babaie, who was in his 70s.

Hassan Rasouli, governor of Iran's northeastern Khorasan province, told reporters 309 bodies had been recovered by midday Thursday. He said 460 people had been injured.

The explosion occurred hours after runaway train cars carrying fuel, industrial chemicals and cotton derailed, overturned and caught fire in northeastern Iran. The blast was so large that windows in homes as far as six miles away were shattered.

In an apparent indication of the explosion's force, Iranian seismologists recorded a 3.6-magnitude tremor in the area at the moment of the blast.

Police sealed about a half-square-mile area around the blast scene near Neyshabur, a historical city home to 170,000

people about 400 miles east of Tehran.

The clay-home village of Dehnow, which was closest to the blast at about 500 yards away, was flattened and many Dehnow residents were believed to have been killed. The rest appeared to have been evacuated.

Shortly after the explosion, black plumes of smoke and orange flames billowing into the sky from the cars, 17 of which were loaded with sulfur, six with gasoline, seven with fertilizer and 10 with cotton. Dozens of people, some wearing face masks, were walking in the area or putting out flames.

Authorities were investigating what caused the 51 cars to roll out of the Abu Muslim train station at 4 a.m. local time. Forty-eight of the cars derailed on reaching the next stop at Khayyam, about 12 miles away, and caught fire.

Firefighters had extinguished 90 percent of the fire when the cars exploded, Mohammad Maqdouri, head of the local emergency operations headquarters, told Tehran television.

Cyprus reunification talks proceed despite bombing

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders began talks Thursday that have been hailed as the best opportunity to reunify the island in decades. Hours earlier, a small bomb exploded outside the home of the prime minister of the self-declared Turkish Cypriot state.

The blast, which broke the front door and windows, raised fears that extremists could try to disrupt the U.N.-sponsored talks, which aim to reunite the island before it enters the European Union on May 1.

Prime Minister Mehmet Ali Talat said the bomb was "a futile effort to scare us," Turkey's Anatolia news agency reported. A neighbor was slightly cut by flying glass from the explosion.

"In this process, there may be some people who are disturbed by the two communities

coming closer, but such acts will not make us return from this path," he told reporters outside his home.

U.N. envoy Alvaro de Soto greeted chief Turkish Cypriot negotiator Rauf Denkash and

his Greek Cypriot counterpart, President Tassos

Papadopoulos, as they arrived at the United Nations conference center in the abandoned Nicosia airport in the buffer zone that divides Cyprus.

Valentine's at PNC



(Courtesy photo)

Voted "Most Social," Pampa Nursing Center's Janice Carter holds her Valentine's treats. She is a part of PNC's "welcome wagon" club and visits daily with most of her fellow residents.



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Pampa Nursing Center "royalty" Essie Hutto, left, and Reese Connolly were South Unit Valentine's King and Queen at PNC.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Five-Year-Old Girls Should Not Be Walking Home Alone

DEAR ABBY: When my husband or I pick up our 7-year-old daughter at school — seven blocks from our home — we often see two 5-year-old girls who attend the same school. They walk the whole way home by themselves and pass our block every day. There are major intersections they must cross to get home. My daughter tells me that sometimes they don't look before stepping into the street. At one intersection, the light changes before you can reach the other sidewalk, and even I have to run before the traffic starts moving.

I am afraid for these children. Other parents have mentioned seeing them navigating the streets alone. To me that means there could be a predator watching, too.

On the days that my husband or I walk, we wouldn't mind inviting these little ones to walk with us. I want to give their guardians a note saying so, but the girls were probably told not to talk to strangers. I don't want a predator to see me talking to the children and realize there is no one protecting them.

Please tell me what I should do.
AFRAID FOR THE CHILDREN

DEAR ABBY: You have every reason to be concerned. It frightens me to hear about two 5-year-olds walking home without supervision. Talk to the school principal about this so he or she can contact the parents. If that doesn't solve the problem, report it to the police. It is child endangerment.

DEAR ABBY: Last February, my husband suffered an anoxic brain injury — lack of oxygen to the brain. Needless to say, he is no longer the man he was.

Our friends have all disappeared. They tell me it's hard for them to see him like this. How do they think I feel?

Am I wrong to feel hurt? I don't understand why they can't even call. Talking has always been an outlet for me, but no one ever calls me anymore. No one knows how someone else feels until they've

been there, but what happened to, "I'll be there for you," or "Call if you need me"? I wouldn't ask them for anything but conversation.

Is it normal for people to avoid friends when they are in trouble or pain?

FRIENDLESS IN GEORGIA

DEAR FRIENDLESS: It's human, it's common — but it's cowardly. You have my sympathy, but it's time you stopped waiting for calls that never come and do something on your own behalf. Rather than dwelling on how these supposed "friends" have let you down, your time would be better spent with a caregiver support group. You'll find you have much in common. Locate one by calling the National Family Caregivers Association, toll-free, at (800) 896-3650, or visiting the Web site at www.nfcares.org. There is also an organization called Faith in Action, that offers respite care to caregivers like yourself. The toll-free number is (877) 324-8411. Adult day care for your husband could give you some much-needed time to rest and rejuvenate. Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY: Once you have been married and then divorced, must you always check "divorced" when filling out forms? Or is there a time when you can go back to "single"?

STEPHANIE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR STEPHANIE: I'm not sure what kinds of forms you're referring to. Frankly, I find the question presumptuous, and I don't see why either has to be marked — unless it's for something like an insurance form or a background check.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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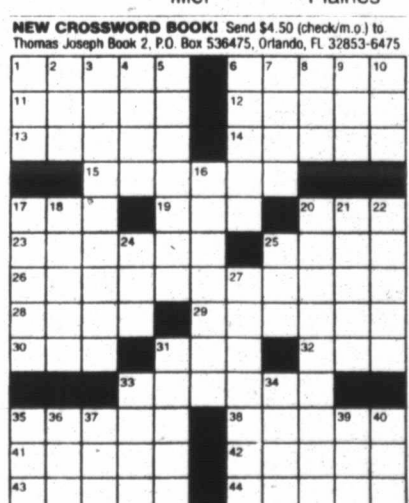
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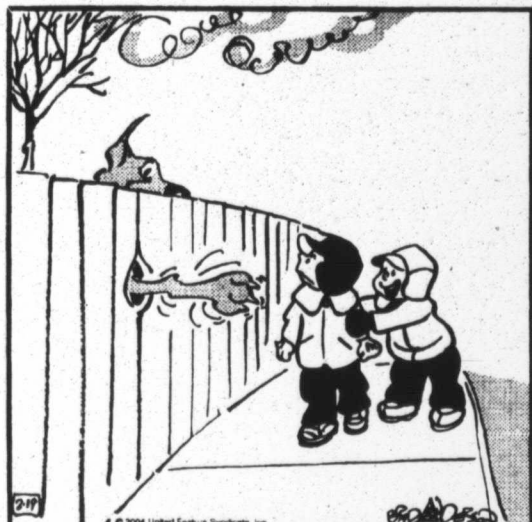
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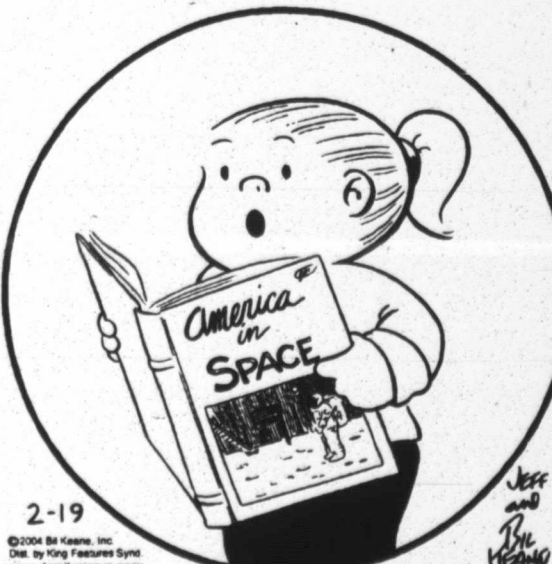


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BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Catcher A.J. Pierzynski beat the San Francisco Giants in salary arbitration and will get \$3.5 million this season instead of the team's offer of \$2.25 million.

Arbitrators Dan Brent, Roger Kaplan and Elliot Shriftman made the decision one day after hearing the case in Phoenix. Players and owners have split the six cases decided this year.

Pierzynski was traded to the Giants from Minnesota in November for right-handed reliever Joe Nathan and two minor leaguers.

Pierzynski hit .312 with 35 doubles, 11 homers and 74 RBIs last season and made \$365,000. He was an All-Star in 2002.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Forward Qyntel Woods was fined by the Portland Trail Blazers for conduct detrimental to the team after the driver of a car he was riding in during the weekend was arrested for driving under the influence.

Woods was not charged or taken into custody, and the Blazers did not release further details.

The Blazers have pledged that they will hold players accountable for their actions, and team President Steve Patterson fined Woods an undisclosed sum.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sweat shirts manufactured in Myanmar were found on shelves of the NBA's Manhattan store.

The league promised nearly a month ago it would remove the sweat shirts following charges the store was violating federal law by selling goods made in Myanmar.

The \$55 "I Love this Game" sweat shirts bearing "Made in Myanmar" tags were found last weekend. Charles Kernaghan, director of the National Labor Committee, made the discovery when he returned different sweat shirts bought in January as evidence the store was selling goods made in the Southeast Asian country, formerly Burma.

BOSTON (AP) — The Celtics released Vin Baker after the forward cleared waivers following his suspension for violating the terms of his alcohol treatment program.

The move terminates Baker's contract, and may allow the team to avoid paying Baker the \$36 million he's owed for the remaining 2 1/2 years on his contract. It also is likely to initiate a showdown between the team and the NBA players' association.

The union has said it would file a grievance over any attempt to void the contract. That could thwart the Celtics' plan to release him, but Celtics attorney Neil Jacobs said Baker wasn't ready to play as his contract required, and the team had a right to let him go.



(Courtesy photo)

Above: (front row, left-right) Kelsey Watson, Shelbie Watson, Kara Stephens, Serina Wagner, Carlyn Teichmann; (standing, l-r) Bino Facio, Ashley Facio, Andi Hutto, Brooklyn Barker, Jimmy Barker, Emilie Troxell and David Teichmann.

Pampa Slammers go unbeaten at championship tournament

BRISCOE — The Pampa Slammers went unbeaten at 4-0 to win the Fort Elliott Tournament championship.

Playing outstanding defense, the Slammers allowed only six points per game in the four victories. The low scoring output was also the result of five minute quarters and a continuous clock.

Five Pampa teams — 2 boys teams, 5 girls teams — were represented in the tournament.

The Pampa Sparks, a fifth-grade team, had an impressive 3-1 record playing in their first tournament. They placed third with their only loss coming against the Slammers.

Three local girls teams are entered in the Bi-State Shootout this weekend in Elk City, Okla. They include the Hot Shots

(fourth grade), the Sparks (fifth grade) and Slammers (sixth grade). The Slammers compete Friday, Saturday and Sunday and all three teams will play a minimum of four games against some the area's best teams.

Slammers individual statistics from the Fort Elliott Tournament are as follows:

Player/Points/Rebounds	Assists
Ashley Facio 28	7
Carlyn Teichmann	16
Emily Troxell	11
Kara Stephens	3
Andi Hutto	2
Kelsey Watson	2
Shelbie Watson	2
Brooklyn Barker	0
Serina Wagner	0

Kansas State ends losing streak

By The Associated Press

Eleventh-ranked Texas recovered from a turnover-prone first half for an easy victory over Texas A&M, No. 21 Kansas avoided a third-straight defeat while Missouri won its third in a row, and No. 22 Texas Tech was one of six nationally ranked college basketball teams to lose Wednesday night.

But perhaps the emotional highlight of the night in the Big 12 was provided by Kansas State, which won a last-second nail-biter from Nebraska, a 63-58 victory that was the Wildcats' first on the road in the conference in nearly three years.

In an unlikely finish at Lincoln, Neb., Tim Ellis gave the Wildcats a 59-58 lead with 2.6 seconds remaining, then hit four straight free throws with less than a second on the clock. Ellis led Kansas State (12-10, 4-7 Big 12) with 25 points as the Wildcats ended a string of 21 straight conference road losses. The last time they won away from home in the Big 12 was March 3, 2001, when they beat Colorado 72-67.

Kansas State had gone 16 games without any kind of a win on the road, dating to a 79-66 victory at Wichita State on Dec. 14, 2002.

In other Big 12 games Wednesday, Texas got four 3-pointers in the second half from reserve guard Kenny Taylor in a 77-57 win over Texas A&M. Wayne Simien had 24 points as Kansas beat an unexpectedly tough Baylor 74-54. Missouri stopped Iowa State 82-70 and David Harrison had 24 points and 10 rebounds as Colorado upset Texas Tech 85-75.

Kansas State trailed 58-57 when Jeremiah Massey was fouled with 4.5 seconds to

play. He missed the first shot, and then, after a Nebraska time out, the second, but teammate Marques Hayden got a hand on the ball and Ellis tipped it in to give the Wildcats a one-point lead.

A bad pass by Nebraska gave the ball back to the Wildcats. Husker coach Barry Collier was called for a technical at the same time Ellis was fouled with one tenth of a second remaining.

Ellis made all four free throws to give Kansas State the five point victory. "I don't think anyone in their wildest dreams could have predicted how the game was going to finish," said Kansas State coach Jim Woolridge. "We have a very good free-throw shooter up there. He misses two free throws and we get a rebound and put back. That's winning the game in a dramatic way."

"The monkey's off our back," Ellis said. "It feels real good. We fought so hard to get this. It wasn't a monkey. It was a big gorilla."

Nate Johnson had 17 for Nebraska (14-8, 4-7) and Corey Sims and Andrew Drevo added 10 points each.

No. 11 Texas 77, Texas A&M 57

Texas (18-4, 9-2) stayed within a game of league-leading and seventh-ranked Oklahoma State with the victory at home against Texas A&M.

Brandon Mouton led the Longhorns with 20 points and Taylor had 18.

Jesse King had 12 points and nine rebounds for A&M (7-15, 0-11), which has lost 11 straight to fuel speculation that coach Melvin Watkins' job is on the line.

Texas hit 12 of its first 16 shots to take a 29-19 lead, and

it would have been more if not for eight turnovers. The miscues kept A&M close, and the Aggies held Texas scoreless over the final 3:31 as the Longhorns missed their final seven shots before the half ended with Texas leading 29-24.

Texas turned it over on its first two possessions of the second half and Acie Law scored eight straight points as the Aggies pulled to 33-32 but couldn't take the lead. Texas finally started to take better care of the ball and the shots began falling again. The Horns committed just three more turnovers in the final 18 minutes.

No. 21 Kansas 74, Baylor 54

Nine minutes into the second half at Lawrence, Kansas looked like it might follow one of the worst weeks in its history with one of its biggest upset losses. The Jayhawks had lost on the road last week to Oklahoma State and Nebraska, and they were struggling against Baylor before a home crowd.

Then J.R. Giddens hit two 3-pointers to start a 17-4 run and send the Jayhawks to the win.

Kansas led by only 39-37 after Baylor's Carl Marshall hit a six-footer in the lane. But with several players in foul trouble and only six scholarship athletes available, the Bears finally began to wilt after the Jayhawks' offense got going.

Keith Langford had 19 points and Giddens 15 for the Jayhawks (16-6, 8-3 Big 12). Terrance Thomas had 15 for the Bears (7-17, 2-9.)

Missouri 82, Iowa State 70

In beating Iowa State at

(See ROUNDUP, Page 8)

Colorado places Barnett on administrative leave

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP SPORTS WRITER

DENVER (AP) — Colorado football coach Gary Barnett's "inappropriate and insensitive" comments sparked the latest controversy to hit an already-reeling program.

Barnett was placed on paid administrative leave Wednesday night over comments he made after a former player alleged she was raped by a teammate four years ago.

In a hastily called, late-night news conference Wednesday, university president Elizabeth Hoffman also said she was "utterly distressed" over comments attributed to Barnett in a 2001 police report filed by another woman who said she was raped by a football player.

Barnett, 57, will be on paid leave while an independent committee investigates a burgeoning list of allegations involving the football program, including rapes, recruiting parties featuring alcohol and sex, escort services and hiring strippers.

Barnett said he disagreed with Hoffman's decision but accepted it, calling himself "a team player." He also said the police report contained some inaccuracies.

The suspension came one day after he criticized the on-field performance of former Colorado kicker Katie Hnida, who said she was raped by a teammate. The coach called her an "awful" player and said she couldn't "kick the ball through the uprights."

Hnida, who now plays for the University of New Mexico, last year became the first woman ever to score points in a Division I-A football game.

Ryan Johanningmeier, who was a team captain while Hnida played at Colorado, said Thursday some teammates could be "a bit nasty."

"However, we all get called names. I got called names," he told ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

Johanningmeier said that when one player's comments about Hnida got too personal, Barnett "gave this guy a pretty good reprimand in front of the team, reminded us once again that this was a player on the team who needs to be treated with respect. A lot of it stopped at that point, from what I saw."

Hoffman called Barnett's Tuesday comments "extremely inappropriate and insensitive" remarks were the main reason Barnett was put on administrative leave, Hoffman said.

"Rape is a horrific allegation and it should be taken seriously," she said.

After spending much of Wednesday commenting about Barnett's remarks, Hoffman learned police had released the report that quoted an unidentified woman saying Barnett told her he "would back his player 100 percent" if rape charges were pursued. The woman declined to file charges.

Hoffman said she learned of the woman's rape allegation recently, but it was unclear when Barnett first knew of it.

The accusations involving the football program that have surfaced over the past three weeks stem from civil lawsuits

filed by three women against the school. They said they were raped by players or recruits at or after an off-campus party in December 2001.

An adult entertainment company said CU players regularly hired strippers for recruiting parties, and the university acknowledged that an escort service was called from a cell phone that had been assigned to a former football recruiting aide.

No assault charges have been filed in those cases, but Boulder County prosecutor Mary Keenan said in a deposition for one of the lawsuits that she believes the football program uses alcohol and sex to entice recruits.

CU formed an independent investigative committee this week to look into the accusations, with the goal of issuing a report on April 30. Hoffman also said she would hire an administrator to oversee athletics, reporting directly to her and Chancellor Richard Byyny.

A spokesman for the investigative committee declined comment on Barnett's leave.

Hnida told Sports Illustrated that she was assaulted in the summer of 2000 at the home of a teammate while attending Colorado. Asked why she didn't tell police, she said she was afraid of the player and didn't want a "media mess."

Barnett later that day snapped at a reporter who asked him about her abilities. "It was obvious Katie was not very good. She was awful," he said. "Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. OK? There's no other way to say it."

During a brief news conference in Boulder late Wednesday, Barnett apologized "for answering that question in a manner where I must have come across as insensitive."

He said his remarks had been taken out of context or misinterpreted.

Hoffman, who was not present for Barnett's press conference, said the coach "was not apologetic" when she discussed his remarks with him earlier. "It was my feeling ... that he did not understand the seriousness of the comments he had made the day before," Hoffman said.

Byyny said an interim head coach would be named, probably within 48 hours, and most likely would be an assistant coach currently on the staff.

Gov. Bill Owens agreed with Hoffman's decision.

"In view of the serious allegations concerning the CU football program, the action taken this evening by President Hoffman is both appropriate and necessary," Owens said in a statement.

CU athletic director Richard Tharp also supported the decision to place Barnett on leave.

Barnett was hired to coach Colorado's football team five years ago with the goal of ending an era of loose recruiting practices and return the team to national prominence.

He has led Colorado to a Big 12 Conference title and a BCS bowl game in his five seasons as head coach. But during the last two seasons, nine players were suspended for various violations of team rules, including curfew and behavior standards.

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Oilers stun Avalanche with road rout

By IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

The Edmonton Oilers compared this win to some of their best over the past year. The Colorado Avalanche likened the loss to one of their worst since moving to Denver in 1995.

Not much has gone right lately for the Oilers, who came to Colorado on a three-game winless streak (0-2-1). But Ryan Smyth had a goal and two assists, Shawn Horcoff added a goal and assist, and Tommy Salo only had to make 14 saves Wednesday night in a 5-1 rout of the Avalanche.

"It ranks right up there with the game in New Jersey last year and the game in Vancouver this year," Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish said. "Both times we were playing the hottest team in hockey, we were really struggling and came away with wins."

In other NHL games, it was Florida 1, Buffalo 1; Detroit 5, Phoenix 2; the New York Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3; Nashville 7, San Jose 3; Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3; and Anaheim 3, Columbus 1.

And not only did the Oilers win, they rendered the Avalanche noncompetitive.

"Normally, we play tight games with them," Salo said. "I had one of my easier games. All I had to do was sit back and watch our offense score goals."

Igor Ulanov, Steve Staios and Jason Smith scored in a three-goal second period, and the rout was on.

"That was our worst game of the season," Colorado coach Tony Granato said. "The bounces weren't going our way and we weren't doing anything to create any bounces."

Avalanche captain Joe Sakic took it a step further. He hadn't seen his team play this badly since they were the Quebec Nordiques.

"That's probably the worst game since we've been here — we were flat," he said. "We were just terrible. No excuse for it, it was just embarrassing."

Islanders 4, Penguins 3
At Uniondale, N.Y., Mariusz Czerkawski scored a pair of power-play goals, and Garth Snow stopped 18 shots as New York sent Pittsburgh to its 16th straight loss (0-15-0-1).

Roman Hamrlik and Kenny Jonsson also scored for the Islanders, 20-8-2 at home.

Tomas Surovy, Ric Jackman and Milan Kraft scored for the Penguins, who haven't won since Jan. 12. Andy Chiodo made 30 saves in his first NHL start.

Panthers 1, Sabres 1

At Buffalo, N.Y., Roberto Luongo stopped 41 shots, allowing Florida to rally for a tie.

Tough guy Eric Boulton snapped a 54-game scoring slump, scoring for Buffalo,

which had a four-game winning streak end. The Sabres, however, are 8-1-1 in their last 10 games.

Red Wings 5, Coyotes 2
At Detroit, Brett Hull tied Dave Andreychuk's NHL record with his 263rd career power-play goal and Kris Draper scored twice for the host Red Wings.

Phoenix's Chris Gratton had a goal, then Detroit's Mathieu Schneider scored before Fredrik Sjöström got the Coyotes within 3-2.

Draper gave Detroit another two-goal cushion with 1:50 left, and added an empty-netter a minute later.

The Central Division-leading Red Wings are 6-1-2 in their last nine, while Phoenix is 1-8-1-1 in 11.

Predators 7, Sharks 3

At Nashville, Tenn., Steve Sullivan made the most of his Nashville debut with three power-play goals and an assist, and Marek Zidlicky set a Predators record with five assists.

Kimmo Timonen added two goals, one on the power play, and an assist, and Scott Walker had a power-play goal and three assists. The Predators were 5-for-7 with the man advantage.

Patrick Marleau, Nils Ekman and Scott Thornton scored for San Jose.

Stars 4, Kings 3

At Los Angeles, Mike Modano scored twice for his first multigoal game of the season and Dan Ellis made 25 saves in his NHL debut to lead Dallas.

Modano had two goals within a 5:01 span of the second period to end a six-game scoreless stretch.

Jere Lehtinen and Brenden Morrow also scored for the Stars, who won for the first time in four games (1-2-1) since the All-Star break.

Luc Robitaille, Derek Armstrong and Sean Avery scored for the Kings, winless in five games.

Dallas' Marty Turco had played 31 straight games in goal.

Mighty Ducks 3, Blue Jackets 1

At Anaheim, Calif., Vaclav Prospal scored the go-ahead goal with 1:49 left and Cam Severson recorded his first NHL goal as Columbus' road winless streak reached eight games.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 19 saves, two in the last 30 seconds against Rick Nash, who hasn't scored in a season-worst seven games.

Geoff Sanderson scored for the Blue Jackets, 0-5-3 since their last road win on Jan. 8.

Anaheim's third straight victory matched its longest winning streak of the season.

Wallace plays for Hawks as rumors swirl and deadline nears

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Rasheed Wallace was winding up an unusually cordial postgame interview when he conceded that yes, he was indeed looking for-

ward to getting the next several hours over with.

Wallace wore an Atlanta Hawks uniform on Wednesday for the first time — and perhaps the last — as his name repeatedly surfaced in trade

rumors circulating around the NBA's 3 p.m. Thursday trading deadline.

"I'm getting sick of (reporters) asking about it, I'm getting sick of my family and friends' 'Yo,

what are they going to do?'" Wallace said after scoring 20 points in a team-high 42 minutes as Atlanta lost 98-92 at New Jersey. "In a couple more hours it'll be over with, so that's all I'm looking forward to."

As one of the most anticipated and dreaded days on the NBA calendar arrived, Wallace wasn't the only member of the league's player population wondering whether his world might be turned upside-down with little notice.

Allen Iverson, the league's second-leading scorer, was in the same shoes.

With many in Philadelphia — including some of Iverson's most historically strident public supporters — debating whether it's time to end the A.I. era, the player nicknamed "The Answer" left practice in Seattle without any — refusing to speak with reporters.

"Time hasn't expired yet, so the clock's still running. Until that time, anything's possible," said

Philadelphia coach Chris Ford, who punished Iverson by keeping him out of the starting lineup in Denver on Tuesday after Iverson missed practice Monday.

Iverson was incensed at the treatment and made his feelings known publicly.

Philadelphia general manager Billy King was unavailable for comment, and Ford was notably vague when asked if the team would consider parting with its marquee player.

"If there's a trade possibility that would make the team better, that's what the organization is looking to do," Ford said.

Trades involving superstars are rare, but they do happen — as evidenced by the Ray Allen deal of a year ago that nobody saw coming. There has been one major trade made on deadline day each of the past three years, and there hasn't been an uneventful deadline day since 2000 when Anthony Johnson was the only player traded, dealt for a second-round pick.

Names being men-

tioned in trade rumors included Golden State's Erick Dampier and Nick Van Exel, Dikembe Mutombo and Penny Hardaway of New York, Brent Barry of Seattle, Donyell Marshall and Morris Peterson of Toronto, Juwan Howard, Gordan Giricek, Shammond Williams, Tyronn Lue and Steven Hunter of Orlando, Chucky Atkins of Detroit, Marcus Fizer of Chicago, San Antonio's Malik Rose, Phoenix's Tom Gugliotta and most anyone on the Utah Jazz — with the exception of All-Star Andrei Kirilenko.

Mutombo, perhaps expendable after the Knicks acquired center Nazr Mohammed on Sunday, moved into a new home in Manhattan on Monday.

"My goal was to finish my career here," he told reporters. "If it doesn't happen, so life goes on. I cannot control my future."

"If you have to go," Mutombo said, "you should be happy you are still playing in this league and that you get your

check on the 15th every month."

Though there was a lively debate in Philadelphia about an Iverson trade, a far more likely scenario would be a deal sending Eric Snow or Aaron McKie elsewhere.

Still, there might not have been anyone in the NBA who was more uncertain about his future than Wallace, who was acquired by Atlanta last week and now is being sought by the Pistons and Knicks.

"All that trade rumors stuff, hey, it ain't nothing. I've been in it before," Wallace said. "Been there, done that. So I'm not getting all geeked up and this and that."

The Hawks would want a package of draft picks and players with expiring contracts for Wallace, whose \$17 million contract expires at the end of this season.

"I think everybody is approaching it like this is our team today," Hawks coach Terry Stotts said. "If something happens within the next 24 hours, we'll deal with that."

Woods tries to end dry spell at Riviera

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiger Woods won the Masters by a record 12 shots in his first Grand Slam event as a pro, so he never had the burden of being the best player to never win a major.

The best to never win at Riviera?

Jack Nicklaus never won here either, although he only played it eight times.

The Nissan Open is the first PGA Tour event Woods attended, and he made his PGA Tour debut as a 16-year-old in 1992, missing the cut by six shots.

While he calls it his favorite stop among regular tournaments, the record doesn't bear that out.

It's the only place Woods has played at least five times without winning.

That's not to suggest the No. 1 player in golf is feeling pressure.

"Not at all," he said Wednesday. "I enter an event. I try to win."

Woods has come close a couple of times.

He tied for second, two shots behind Ernie Els in 1999.

The year before, Woods had his only playoff loss on the PGA Tour when Billy Mayfair beat him on the first extra hole. But that doesn't really count,

because the Nissan Open was played at Valencia Country Club that year.

Woods gets another crack this week at Riviera against a field that includes defending champion Mike Weir, Vijay Singh and John Daly, fresh off his first PGA Tour victory in nine years.

"It's one of the best-designed golf courses that we play all year," Woods said. "It's hard, but it's fair. It's right there in front of you, no hidden surprises."

It should come as no surprise that Riviera was wet and sloppy Wednesday. It's a tournament that has had its share of rain over the last five years.

The forecast is for scattered showers the rest of the week, meaning the course will play long and soft. That could make a big difference on the 475-yard 18th hole, which has been lengthened by 24 yards, and the tee lowered 4 1/2 feet to make it play even more up the hill.

A year ago, Charles Howell III reached the 18th green with a sand wedge.

Now, Woods wonders whether some will be able to get to the fairway at the top of the hill.

Hal Sutton won the 1983 PGA Championship at Riviera by one shot over

Nicklaus. Asked what he thought of the changes, Sutton replied, "I miss Riviera."

Woods grew up about 40 miles away in Cypress, although he didn't exactly hop over to Riviera on the weekends. The club is private and exclusive, and Woods can recall playing there only about a dozen times as a teenager.

He said he was 11 or 12 when he played there the first time, but doesn't remember his score.

"I did break 90," he said.

Some of golf's greatest players have one trophy missing from the mantle.

Palmer never won the PGA Championship in 37 tries. Tom Watson was 0-for-31 in the PGA, while Sam Snead played the U.S. Open 31 times without winning.

Those, however, are majors, the most difficult to win.

Among regular PGA Tour events, Woods hopes he's not heading down the same path as Nicklaus in the Canadian Open. Nicklaus played it 25 times without winning, although he was a runner-up five times. Even more frustrating was that 15 of those tournaments were played at Glen Abbey, a course Nicklaus designed.

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ROUNDUP

Columbia, Missouri won a third straight game for the first time since winning the first three games of the season. The victory pulled the Tigers (12-10, 6-5) into a three-way tie with Oklahoma and Texas Tech for fourth place in the conference.

Arthur Johnson had 16 points, 11 rebounds and three steals to lead Missouri.

Jimmy McKinney had 21 points and Rickey Paulding 19 for the Tigers (12-10, 6-5 Big 12), whose last three-game winning streak came against Oakland, Coppin State and Indiana from Nov. 29-Dec. 6.

The Tigers, attempting

to rescue their season after being ranked as high as No. 3 in mid-December, fought off a second-half charge from Iowa State (14-8, 5-6) and overcame 23 turnovers to send the Cyclones to their 22nd consecutive conference road loss.

Curtis Stinson had 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds and Jake Sullivan had 17 points for Iowa State. But the Cyclones' big men, Jackson Vroman and Jared Homan, were in foul trouble throughout.

Colorado 85, No. 22 Texas Tech 75

In addition to his 24 points, the 7-foot Harrison

had seven blocked shots, two assists and a steal in the Colorado victory over Texas Tech, and teammate Michel Morandais added 22 points.

Colorado (14-8, 6-5 Big 12) used runs of 9-2 and 15-6 to hold off the Red Raiders in the second half.

Texas Tech (18-7, 6-5) was led by Devonne Giles with 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Andre Emmett, who scored 16. The Red Raiders have lost five of their last seven games.

Emmett entered the game needing 19 points to tie the Big 12 career scoring record, held by Kansas' Nick Collison at 2,097.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Resolutions take on a personal tone, where you think more about what you want rather than what others want. Don't allow an underlying feeling of unhappiness or fatigue to color your plans. Invitations might cause a change of plans. Tonight: Make yourself comfortable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Friends help you achieve what you want. You might be startled by what an associate or pal does. You drive a hard bargain right now, as you are incredibly focused. Others depend on your sense of direction. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Surprises surround the workplace and bosses. You might want to carefully rethink a money decision before going hog wild this weekend. Be careful how you express your frustration to someone in charge. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might have plans to take off in the near future. Recognize what needs to be done prior to your exit. Postpone or reorganize your work plans. A friend pushes you out the door. Your company is desired. Tonight: Opt for something different.

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★★★★ Others seek you out. You might be delighted by who finds you and where. Help an overly serious friend lighten up. You are coming from a place of security. Read between the lines, especially with gossip. Tonight: Say "yes."

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★★★★ Evaluate what might be going on with an associate who normally is less unpredictable. You could take a stand and move a project forward if you want. Don't expect others to necessarily support you to the end. A partner or associate might give you flak about spending. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Extremes mark what is happening around your love life. You might want to stop and decide what you want before a problem begins. Your instincts are on with money more than they are

with a partnership. Let someone clear out his or her anger. Tonight: Celebrate living and the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Family becomes a high priority right now. You might be jolted by news or a domestic happening. Be realistic about what needs to occur right now. You can adapt well. Make a call and change your plans if need be. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Speak your mind and be more open, even though you might jolt someone. Work with a changeable situation. You are learning not to take anything for granted. You will become more independent as a result. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Expenses go way overboard. You need to put in extra time at work, even if you are tired. Change plans with a friend, though he or she might be a touch disappointed. Know where your priorities are right now. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to give some serious thought to your long-term needs. Make resolutions today, and most likely they will stick. Your instincts help you with a boss or a superior. Someone close to you finds you a bit unpredictable. Tonight: Just ask, and someone might surprise you.

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NEED pasture for 200-400 head of mother cows, year round. Call 806-423-1008.

80 Pets & Suppl.
PEMBROKE Welsh Corgi 17 wks AKC paper bloodline limited papers Red/tan/white 669-1388.

54 Farm Equip.
14X20 portable barn, slight freight damage. Has 9x7 ohd/ 2016 window/side door. Cheap. 358-9597.

60 Household
\$202 QN mattress set, brand new never used with warranty. QN Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkd, warr. list \$550, sell \$236. Full Pillow top Double sided mattress set new, still pkd, warr. List \$400, sell \$208. Full size mattress set new, never used \$180. \$230 King mattress set, brand new, still pkd, warranty. \$268 King Pillow top mattress set, brand new, still pkd, warranty. Queen Cherry sleigh bed, new, still boxed. List \$750 sell \$399. new 7 pc QN cherry wood bdrn set w/sleigh bed, still boxed, sell \$999. new 7 pc QN Pinewood bdrn set w/4 poster bed, still boxed, \$999. Call 806-517-1050.

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#4 Johnson, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 185,E,D&P.

#10 Lewis, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 64,E,D&P.

#4 Magee, 1320' from South & 1100' from West line, Sec. 71,E,D&P.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #3 Fillingin-Teas, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 87,M-1,H&GN, PD 11800'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #14 J.P. Meek, 2411' from South & 1050' from East line, Sec. 69,M-1,H&GN, PD 13300'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1414P Carr '14', 1012' from South & 1502' from West line, Sec. 14,4,AB&M, PD 13500'.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Burnett Oil Co., Inc., #1 Coble Paint '574', 2646' from North & 29' from West line, Sec. 2,X-O,H&OB, PD 11000'.

ROBERTS (ROBERTS (WILDCAT & GILL & MIAMI AIRPORT Morrow) J.M. Huber Corp., #1033 Gill, 1000' from North & 700' from East line, Sec. 33,M-2,H&GN, PD 11500'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippian) Range Production Co., #2 A.C. McGarragh, 3196' from North & 3876' from East line, Ashley Cooper Survey, PD 10000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-BRITT) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #4 Elmore '32', 2173' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 32,RE,R&E., PD 14000'. Rule 37

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1067 Stiles, 2413' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 67,A-7,H&GN, PD 16500'.

Corrected Intention to Drill

(shown on Feb. 5 weekly report)

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippian) Range Production Co., #3 A.C. McGarragh, 3634' from South & 786' from West line, Ashley Cooper Survey, PD 10000'. Corrected well location

Oil Well Completions

ROBERTS (COURSON RANCH Upper Morrow) Range Production Co., #3141 Courson Ranch A. PA-1, Sec. 141,C,G&M, spud 10-24-03, drlg. compl 11-9-03; tested 1-29-04, flowed 4 bbl. of 43 grav. oil + no water thru 10/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 87500, TD 9250', PBTD 9160' —

ROBERTS (NORTH QUINDUNO Lecompton) Merit Energy, #50 John Haggard '4', Sec. 19,2,I&GN, spud 3-21-03, drlg. compl 5-5-03, tested 1-29-04, pumped 2 bbl. of 332 grav. oil + no water, GOR —, TD 9659', PBTD 6429' — Deepening

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #7 Ruth '23', Sec. 23,3,I&GN, spud 11-18-03, drlg. compl 11-22-03, tested 12-11-03, potential 3408 MCF, TD 9007', PBTD 8945' —

GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #5 Spearman '23', Sec. 23,3,I&GN, spud 11-20-03, drlg. compl 11-20-03, tested 12-23-03, potential 1332 MCF, TD 9550', PBTD 9437' — Form 1 in Jones Energy

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4303 Teas, Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN, spud 9-23-03, drlg. compl 10-11-03, tested 1-23-04, TD 11900', PBTD 11834' —

HEMPHILL (CIRCLE DOT Atoka) Tri-Ex Petroleum, L.P., #1-239 St. Peter, Sec. 239,C,G&MMB&A, spud 10-24-03, drlg. compl 11-29-03, tested 12-31-03, potential 2100 MCF, TD 13498', PBTD 13454' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1665 Young, Sec. 65,A-2,H&GN, spud 11-11-03, drlg. compl 12-7-03, tested 12-30-03, potential 931 MCF, TD 11505', PBTD 11416' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #3 Hobart Ranch '20', Sec. 20,A-1,H&GN, spud 11-8-03, drlg. compl 12-2-03, tested 1-20-04, potential 3753 MCF, TD 12000', PBTD 11895' —

HEMPHILL (MIAMI) Bravo Resources, Inc., #1015 Abraham, Sec. 15,1,I&GN, spud 12-4-03, drlg. compl 12-23-03, tested 1-19-04, potential 1189 MCF, TD 11395', PBTD 11332' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Abraham '40', Sec. 40,1,I&GN, spud 11-7-03, drlg. compl 11-26-03, tested 1-6-04, TD 11580', PBTD 11373' —

HEMPHILL (URSCHEL RANCH Upper Morrow) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1060 Urschel, Sec. 60,1,G&M, spud 11-1-03, drlg. compl 11-27-03, tested 1-23-04, TD 11750' — Re-Entry

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1326 McMordie, Sec. 26,A-1,D&SE, spud 6-9-03, drlg. compl 7-1-03, tested 11-21-03, potential 318 MCF, TD 10300', PBTD 10240' — Form 1 in Cordillera Energy

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1525 McMordie, Sec. 25,A-1,D&SE, spud 5-18-03, drlg. compl 6-4-03, tested 11-21-03, potential 389 MCF, TD 9800', PBTD 9749' — Form 1 in Cordillera Energy

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1625 McMordie, Sec. 25,A-1,D&SE, spud 8-25-03, drlg. compl 9-11-03, tested 11-21-03, potential 919 MCF, TD 9871', PBTD 9850' — Form 1 in Cordillera Energy

WHEELER (WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash A) Stallion Energy, Inc., #4026 Britt, Sec. 26,A-3,H&GN, spud 8-12-03, drlg. compl 9-7-03, tested 9-24-03, potential 723 MCF, TD 12750', PBTD 12506' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #3069 Atherton, Sec. 69,A-1,H&GN, spud 10-24-03, drlg. compl 11-14-03, tested 12-21-03, potential 1997 MCF, TD 13652', PBTD 13560' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #4069 Atherton, Sec. 69,A-7,H&GN, spud 11-18-03, drlg. compl 12-7-03, tested 1-17-04, potential 2268 MCF, TD 13700', PBTD 13616' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #502 Miller, Sec. 2,A-3,H&GN, spud 11-13-03, drlg. compl 12-3-03, tested 1-24-03, potential 3178 MCF, TD 13670', PBTD 13570' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #5 Britt Ranch 'C' 35, Sec. 35,A-3,H&GN, spud 9-28-03, drlg. compl 10-24-03, tested 1-8-04, potential 582 MCF, TD 13634', PBTD 13520' —

Long-suppressed report details FBI agent firings

By CURT ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal FBI report kept under wraps for three years details dozens of cases of agents fired for egregious misconduct and crimes, including drug trafficking, attempted murder, theft, misuse of informants and consorting with prostitutes.

The report, released Wednesday by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, found that about one in 1,000 agents was dismissed for serious misconduct or criminal offenses by the FBI during the period examined, from 1986 to 1999. The average was between eight and nine per year.

Although the numbers were small, the FBI's attempts to prevent the report's disclosure from the public and Congress since its completion in June 2000 is raising questions among FBI critics about an attempt to avoid embarrassment.

Grassley, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a letter Wednesday to FBI Director Robert Mueller that he was concerned about "a lack of response to the findings and recommendations, a general lack of support for the project and even efforts to prevent its completion."

Grassley said the report "almost never saw the light of day." It was only provided to lawmakers in July 2003, months after it was requested, and was accompanied by a Justice

Department letter urging that it be kept confidential.

The FBI did not immediately comment on the letter or report.

The report was prepared by the FBI's Behavioral Sciences and Law Enforcement Ethics unit in an effort to identify trends among agents dismissed for serious offenses and determine if there were warning signs prior to the misconduct that led to their firings.

The report lists the circumstances — minus names, dates and locations — of more than 70 dismissals, including:

— An agent who was abusive to his family and used his FBI weapon to shoot his wife, resulting in attempted murder charges.

— One agent who was calling sex hot lines on FBI phones while on duty.

— Several agents who had improper sexual relationships with confidential informants or prostitutes, sometimes in FBI vehicles. One agent pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the killing of a female informant with whom he had "an inappropriate emotional and sexual relationship."

— Agents who disclosed sensitive or classified material to outsiders, including representatives of foreign governments and criminal enterprises.

— Firings stemming from drug, alcohol or gambling problems. One agent stole more than \$400,000 in informant funds to feed his gambling and drinking problems; another used crack cocaine regularly and was arrested for possession of crack pipes.

— An agent who attempted to sell cocaine to someone who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent.

The report concluded that some of these agents were hired even though a background check had revealed negative information about them. Sometimes the check itself was not thorough enough. Before their firings, some agents exhibited "markers" for potential misconduct, such as a history of emotional or psychological problems or evidence of substance abuse.

Release of the report comes amid a separate review of the way the FBI investigates employee wrongdoing and imposes discipline. That review, by former Attorney General Griffin Bell and ex-FBI executive Lee Colwell, has been completed in draft form but is not yet ready for public release, FBI officials said.

Stewart's attorney could ask judge to do away with securities charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart's top lawyer believes the most serious count against the style maven should be tossed out before the jury gets the case.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum said Wednesday she would allow lawyer Robert Morvillo to argue for the dismissal. The hearing could be Friday, after the government rests its case against Stewart.

The securities fraud count accuses the homemaking mogul of trying to prop up the value of her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, by lying to investors about why she dumped ImClone Systems stock in December 2001.

The charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 10 years. The four other counts against Stewart carry five years each. Federal guide-

lines would dramatically reduce the sentence on any charge if Stewart were convicted.

On Wednesday, jurors saw a bright-red chart of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia stock that showed brief spikes in price after Stewart issued two statements in June 2002 denying wrongdoing in the ImClone investigation.

Stewart denied receiving advance word on Dec. 27, 2001, just before she dumped ImClone stock, that the government would decline to review ImClone's cancer-fighting drug.

Stewart also maintained that she and her stockbroker had a prior deal to sell ImClone when it fell below \$60. The government contends that never happened, and that Stewart was tipped that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal was trying to sell.

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