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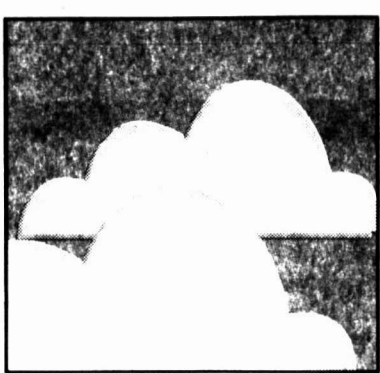
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AUSTIN (AP) — A toxic-waste cleaning process developed by a University of Texas scientist is among three the U.S. Army will test for neutralizing some of its 30,000 tons of Cold War chemical weapons.

The process is called supercritical water oxidation. The UT version, developed by chemical engineer and former engineering school dean Earnest Gloyna, was licensed last year to companies in Sweden and Japan for sale to industry.

The Army is testing the process to destroy more than 1,200 tons of VX nerve agent stored in steel containers at the Newport Chemical Depot near Terre Haute, Ind.

Often called nerve gas, the agent actually is a liquid that is sprayed in the air from exploding bombs. A single drop on the skin — or inhalation of the vapor — causes paralysis and death in minutes.

By The Associated Press

Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game.

The tickets, worth a total of \$4 million, were sold in Sanger and Dallas.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-4-17-41-44-47.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

- Idell Cates, 80, homemaker.
- Gerald D. "Bob" Coker, 70, farmer.
- Lloyd Schlehofer, 51, father of Shamrock resident.
- Mildred Stanley, 81, charter member of The Hobart Baptist Church.

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In appreciation...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Gray County Red Cross along with Em-Trac give GPM, a subsidiary of Phillips 66, a plaque for supporting the Em-Trac program. Harvey Morey (left) and Bob Owens both volunteers with Em-Trac, with GPM's safety representative Marty Summers and Lynda Duncan of the Red Cross. The Em-Trac tractor-trailer rig, packed with communications equipment, is owned by Phillips 66 and was built after the Oklahoma City bombing for use in disasters.

Jury out on El Nino's potential impact on Texas this spring

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Other than a generally mild winter and a bit more rain than usual, Texas has escaped the dramatic El Nino-related weather events that have plagued California, Florida and other parts of the country.

Now that Texas is heading into its notorious spring storms season, many weather-watchers are wondering: What does El Nino have in store?

"The age we live in now, we want something simple. Quick, sound-bite answers," said Brian Curran, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "Mother Nature is much more complicated than that."

On a global scale, Curran said tornadic thunderstorms are individual events that can't be tied to one specific causal factor. Every storm isn't a product of El Nino,

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which refers to the periodic warming of the South Pacific that alters weather patterns globally.

An El Nino-triggered storm is blamed for spawning several tornadoes that killed at least 39 people in Florida last month. Heavy rains in California and other weather anomalies also are linked to jet-stream changes prompted by El Nino.

"We wouldn't have a bland climate without El Nino," said Richard Peterson, who has studied

twisters with Texas Tech's Institute for Disaster Research since 1973. "It just increases the number and intensity of extreme events."

Because the Pacific is expected to remain warm into the summer, Curran said Texas can expect a cooler, wetter spring than normal.

"It may lead to a stronger subtropical branch of the jet stream, which ... may result in a more active than normal season," he said, adding that just because there are more thunderstorms than normal, that doesn't mean there will be more tornadoes.

Spring storms generally form in Texas when atmospheric disturbances from the north and west collide with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico. While El Nino should drum up plenty of humid air, cooler conditions might depress storm activity.

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PISD calendar gains approval for '98-99 year

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

It would be nice if school didn't have to start quite so early. Or end so late. Or cut into the Christmas break. And should spring break be in March or April? These were just some of the questions and concerns Pampa ISD school board members tackled at last night's regular meeting.

After looking at the calendar possibilities for about an hour, the school board came up with what they see as the best calendar option in spite of scheduling complications brought on from the elementary school construction project.

The 1998-99 school calendar mandates that teachers be back to school on Monday, Aug. 10 and students make their arrival on Thursday, Aug. 13. Board members considered starting a little later, on the following Monday, Aug. 17, but teachers present at the meeting urged the board not to start school on a Monday.

Teacher representatives from both the elementary and secondary levels explained that it works better if students come to school at the end of the week to deal with the "administrative" issues, like checking out books, etc. By the following Monday, they said, students have the mind set needed to really get to work.

The board also contemplated the idea of having students go to school until Wednesday, Dec. 23 instead of Friday, Dec. 18 to allow for more flexibility in other portions of the calendar. And the topic of ending the first semester after Christmas break to give more days toward the first semester was also discussed.

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County investment test gains approval Best money return sought

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Exactly where to put the county's money for the best interest and availability was discussed again this morning at the Gray County Commissioners Court meeting.

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn showed a comparison between using local bank money market accounts, local Certificates of Deposit and using Tex Pool which showed an advantage in interest by Tex Pool. That fund allows investors to make deposits and withdraw funds on a daily basis if needed.

Commissioner Jim Greene expressed some concern the banks have to have funds available to collateralize or to provide collateral for money the county has deposited while Tex-Pool collateralizes the entire fund but not each investor separately. He asked if the banks were allowed to only partially collateralize the funds then they might give a better interest rate.

Hahn said it is not possible because of federal and state law. A test using part of the funds was recommended and after amounts from \$150,000 to \$2 million were suggested, the court agreed to try the fund for three months using \$1.6 million. This is the approximate amount of money the treasurer's office would transfer in and out of an account during that time frame.

At the last meeting there was discussion as to whether

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Vigil for lost dog has happy ending Owner wouldn't give up

"It was incredible, she just dropped to her knees and the dog ran right up to her," Ferruzzo said. "We were all crying. At a moment like that you can't help yourself."

searching both Wednesday and Thursday to no avail, Sal Ferruzzo said he finally found the source Friday night.

Ferruzzo said the dog was lodged between two fences and was "ice cold and soaking wet."

He recognized the dog from a television news story and remembered driving by Ms. Rohm at the intersection.

He called Ms. Rohm and an hour later, the dog and her elated owner were reunited.

"It was incredible, she just dropped to her knees and the dog ran right up to her," Ferruzzo said. "We were all crying. At a moment

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(Community Camera photo)
Texas A&M students Stephen Perez (left) and Ray Ruiz stopped in Pampa to visit with science students at the high school and middle school. The visit was sponsored by Promotion and Awareness of Careers in Engineering and Mexican-American Engineering Students. Both spent their spring break visiting students to encourage them to go to college and pursue careers in science and engineering.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COKER, Gerald D. "Bob" — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Amarillo.
STANLEY, Mildred — 10 a.m., The Hobart Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

IDELL CATES

Idell Cates, 80, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 14, 1998. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cates was born Aug. 9, 1917, at Foreman, Ark. She married Grover Cates on Nov. 5, 1932, at Foreman; he died Jan. 5, 1981. She had been a Pampa resident since 1952, moving from Foreman. She was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Grover Cates, Jr., in 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy West of Yukon, Okla.; a sister, Virginia Hastings of Amarillo; a brother, Irvin Hinton of Foreman; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

GERALD D. "BOB" COKER

AMARILLO — Gerald D. "Bob" Coker, 70, brother of a Wheeler resident, died Saturday, March 14, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Chester O'Brien, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Coker was born at Summerfield. He married Betty Jean Turner in 1948 at Friona. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 15. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1980. He was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church. He was ordained as a deacon at Fellowship Baptist Church in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a daughter, Lora Hanson of Amarillo; three sons, Jerry Dean Coker of Amarillo, Bob Wade Coker of Plano and Phil Coker of Hereford; his mother, Ina Coker of Friona; a sister, Aline Turner of Wheeler; a brother, Floyd Coker of Hereford; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1832 Lawson Lane and requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

LLOYD SCHLEHOFER

BEAVER, Okla. — Lloyd Schlehofer, 51, father of a Shamrock resident, died Friday, March 13, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Beaver Church of the Nazarene with Wendell Daniel officiating. Burial will be in Heart Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Service.

Mr. Schlehofer was born at Beaver and attended school there. He married Darlene Reed at Beaver. The couple later divorced.

Survivors include a daughter, Tina Show of Beaver; twin sons, Tracy Schlehofer of Beaver and Stacy Schlehofer of Shamrock; a sister, Elnor Clark of Elmwood; a brother, Johnnie Schlehofer of Beaver; and nine grandchildren.

MILDRED STANLEY

Mildred Stanley, 81, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 14, 1998, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in The Hobart Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Hook, of the church, and the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stanley was born in 1916 at War Eagle, Ark. She married Bill Stanley in 1939 at Borger. The couple moved to Pampa in 1946 from Borger. She worked for Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Furr's Supermarket and Highland Drive-in. She was a charter member of The Hobart Baptist Church and was a member of T.E.L. Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Davis of Amarillo and Hazel Furgeson of Lefors; a son, Jim Stanley of Pampa; four sisters, Opal Muherin of Washburn, Mo., Dora Dean Maxwell of Rogers, Ark., Hazel Clanton of Bakersfield, Calif., and Izella Heinrich of Marysville, Calif.; and two brothers, Harold Myers and Billy Myers, both of Garfield, Ark.



Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa:			
Wheat	3.02	Chevron	82 1/2 dn 3/8
Milo	4.10	Coca-Cola	71 9/16 up 1
Corn	4.62	Columbia/HCA	30 13/16 up 1/8
Soybeans	5.86	Enron	46 5/8 dn 3/16
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:			
Occidental	27 1/2 up 5/16	Halliburton	45 dn 5/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan	105.87	KEL	54 11/16 dn 5/16
Puritan	20.49	Kerr McGee	68 13/16 up 7/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:			
Amoco	84 15/16 up 1/16	Limited	29 11/16 up 3/8
Arco	76 11/16 up 5/16	Mapco	55 up 9/16
Cabot	37 3/16 up 3/8	McDonald's	53 1/8 up 1 1/2
Cabot O&G	21 1/16 up 1/16	Mobil	73 1/8 dn 3/16
		New Atmos	28 9/16 dn 3/16
		NCE	48 1/2 up 1/8
		Pennsey's	74 3/4 up 1 1/4
		Phillips	49 5/16 up 5/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	23 3/16 up 3/16
		SLR	71 1/4 dn 3/8
		Tenneco	44 1/4 up 1
		Texasco	57 15/16 up 1/16
		Ultramar	34 1/2 NC
		Wal Mart	51 3/8 NC
		New York Gold	294.00
		Silver	6.05
		West Texas Crude	14.30

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 14

John Hernandez Vargas, 26, 631 Ballard, was arrested on warrants.

Jerome Bradshaw 46, 600 Plains, was arrested on warrants.

A domestic disturbance was reported to the police department.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Lynn. \$235 in audio equipment and two credit cards were reported stolen.

Sunday, March 15

Lacy Charlene Ragan, 18, Mangum Okla., was arrested on charges of domestic assault.

Jessie Earl Washington, 51, 1136 Varnon, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and expired registration.

Monty Joe Kuykendall, 30, 411 Hill, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, March 14

8:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

10:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Wilks. No one was transported.

11:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of E. Craven. No one was transported.

Sunday, March 15

2:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of N. Sumner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Magnolia and Jordan and transported 2 to Columbia Medical Center.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Coffee and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of S. Starkweather and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Monday, March 16

3:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Sumner. No one was transported.

4:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th. No one was transported.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 14

4:04 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire at 712 N. Frost. The small kitchen fire was contained but smoke damage was reported throughout the home.

10:22 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to an auto accident in the 500 block of North Wilks.

10:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Columbia Medical Center on an alarm malfunction.

10:37 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a transformer fire at 2700 North Hobart. The fire was out upon arrival and fire-fighters stoop by until SPS crews arrived.

Sunday, March 15

12:01 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a one-vehicle accident at Magnolia and Jordan.

7:14 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1615 Coffee on a medical assist.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Kevin Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

CHILDREN'S THEATER CLASSES

The Gem Theater will be holding Spring acting classes for children ages 6-12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater. The cost of the course is \$45 and will be limited to 15 children. For more information or any questions call Dr. Carale Manning-Hill at 944-5383.

FREE BEEF STEW

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be providing free beef stew. It will be the 4th Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall located on 105 S. Cuyler. Public is welcome! No qualifications and no restrictions!! Public is also invited to attend worship services at 10:50 a.m. on Sunday at 1633 N. Nelson.

SCHOOL

In the end, the board decided to keep the first semester's end before the holidays and to keep the Christmas break start date on Friday, Dec. 18 though it means the first semester will be a few days shorter than the second.

Spring break was moved to the third week of March, instead of the fourth as originally recommended and a "snow day" was moved from April 5 to April 2.

In other matters, the board's academic spotlight focused on two of the more outstanding volunteers in the HOSTS program at Woodrow Wilson. HOSTS is an educational program which pairs community volunteers with math students once a week for 30 minutes.

Volunteer Freda Lankford was recognized for volunteering not just 30 minutes, but one full day a week with a variety of students. She also is actively involved with the schools as a Tots-in-Training pro-

gram volunteer, said HOSTS teacher Teresa Dyson today.

PHS senior Chris Harrison was also recognized by the board last night. Harrison is the only HOSTS mentor who is a high school student, "and the kids think that's pretty cool," said Dyson.

"The school board is excited at what this program does ... thank you from all of us," said the board's president, John Curry.

Other actions taken include the following:

- approved Pampa Middle School's proposal for Take our Daughter/Son to Work Day for Monday, May 4, 1998
- approved textbook selection committee's 1998-99 recommendations
- approved interlocal agreement with Denton ISD regarding Medicaid administrative claiming
- approved Fall 1998 athletic bids, baseball fence signage
- approved sale of tax delinquent property.

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INVESTMENT

NationsBank had violated the terms of the contract they have with the county by not watching for three signatures as required by county law and by charging fees that had not been charged in the past. At that time a panel of several county officials was asked to meet with bank officials to see what could be worked out.

Hahn, along with Elaine Morris, county treasurer, said their meeting with bank officials went well and all the questions had been answered satisfactorily.

"I would not be recommending, in any way, changing banks at this time," Hahn said.

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DOG

like that you can't help yourself."

Ms. Rohm returned triumphantly Sunday to the curbside vigil site, holding "Precious" in her arms. Drivers honked their horns, strangers waved and Ms. Rohm just smiled.

"Isn't this awesome?" she asked, her lips chapped and skin bronzed from last week's sun, wind and rain.

Many drivers pulled over and talked to Ms. Rohm.

"Is that her?" asked Jim Schuman, of Houston, from his idling car. Upon receiving an affirmative, he added: "That's great. It's great. We were really worried that you weren't going to find her."

The 4-year-old sheltie disappeared Thursday, March 5. Ms. Rohm, who works as a sales manager, had taken the dog to a friend's house a block away from the intersection for the purpose of breeding.

The two friends are not sure how, but they believe

Morris suggested the problem with making sure more than one signature is on any check sent to the bank would have to be solved by internal methods. She suggested all funds be put under the direct control of the county treasurer's office and requiring a signature from the treasurer or someone in his office. Hahn said the paperwork for each office would not be lessened but money handling might be simplified by such a change.

In other action, an extension of oil and gas lease request was tabled again while more information was obtained about what a fair price would be. The court also tabled a discussion about changing the county employee sick leave policy.

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EL NINO

"One of the ingredients any thunderstorm needs is heat," Curran said. "If it stays cooler than normal, there is not as much energy for these things to form. So it's too early to say whether we'll have a more active or a less active storm season."

According to 46 years' worth of data from the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., Texas averaged 129 reported tornadoes a year from 1950-95. The last time a strong El Nino altered springtime weather patterns in 1992, there were 203 twisters.

During 1987, the latter part of another strong El Nino, Texas had an average number of tornadoes. But one of them killed 30 people in the West Texas

town of Saragosa.

Weather observers agree that 1996 was generally a light storm season, yet a single, powerful storm cell spawned a massive tornado that leveled a subdivision in the Central Texas town of Jarrell, killing 27. It was the state's worst twister since Saragosa.

"All it takes is one very severe thunderstorm to produce a tornado in the wrong place," said Andy Anderson, meteorologist in charge at the NWS in Lubbock. "Even though a lot of people in the Jarrell area did the right thing and took shelter in the center of their house, it didn't matter."

The NWS has heightened its ability to warn citizens with a more advanced weather radio system, Anderson said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy and cold today with light rain and a high of 38; north winds at 10-20. Tonight, continued cloudy and cold, light rain with some snow mixed in; a low of 30. Tomorrow, rain, snow mixture early then skies begin to clear and the temperature will warm to about 50. Winds will be from the south at 10-20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 40s Hill Country, 50s south central. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Flash flood watch in effect today. Coastal flood watch in effect today. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the 50s inland, 60s coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms inland. High in the 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 50s inland, 60s coast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the 80s inland, 70s coast.

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with patchy

fog and a 50 percent chance of light snow. Low in the lower 30s. North to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High around 50. North wind 5-10 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, cloudy. A chance of light rain. Low in the lower 30s. Tuesday, becoming partly cloudy. High near 60.

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance for early evening showers or high mountain snow showers. Areas of fog develop Rio Grande valley eastward toward morning. Lows in the 20s to mid 30s mountains and north with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Tuesday, areas of fog Rio Grande valley eastward early Tuesday morning, otherwise partly cloudy with a slight chance for mainly afternoon and evening showers and high mountain snow showers. A little warmer with highs in the mid 40s to near 60 mountains and north with 60s to near 70 at lower elevations of the south. Lows in the 20s to low 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Flash flood watch today and tonight all but northwest Oklahoma. Tonight, cloudy with rain likely. Rain may change over to freezing rain across northwest Oklahoma late. Lows mid 30s northwest to mid 50s southeast. Tuesday, cloudy with rain ending from west to east. Highs 50 to 60.

BORDER STATES

NORTH TEXAS — Flash flood watch in effect today for western two-thirds of north Texas. Wind advisory in effect today central third. Tonight, a chance of rain in the west, more

Car gets towed with woman inside

CHICAGO (AP) — An 85-year-old woman sat frightened and apparently unnoticed in her son's Corvette while it was hooked up to a tow truck and hauled off.

Ruth Wexler stayed in the car after her son parked it at a shopping center and went to run an errand. While she was reading her mail, the car started to move.

"I realized that the car was going backward and there was something wrong," she said. "Of course I was scared."

She sat tight because she initially thought the car may have had a flat tire and that her son was having it towed.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911.	SUPER SALE 7/16" Wafer Board, \$6.49 Bartlett's Ace Hardware. Adv.
TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger, 806-274-2142. Adv.	SINGLES CRUISE from New Orleans, Aug. 29th, 7 nights. Come on all you single guys and gals! Great price. Travel Express 665-0093. Adv.
3 PERSON Scramble - Hidden Hills, Mar. 28th. Call 669-5866 to sign up. Golf Sale - Winter Clearance on all merchandise. Adv.	LITTLE MEXICO - Mexican Food Serving 11 a.m.-2 p.m. M.T.W.T. Home delivery 5-8 p.m. M-F 669-0614. Adv.

Spotlight on Pampa

by
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce



Nations Bank held its unveiling February 20th. President Chris Koop gave a short introduction of the bank's role in the community. He presented a \$5,000 check to the Pampa Community Youth Services, a non-profit organization which assists at risk youth development through educational and recreational activities, on behalf of the Bank, and introduce his key staff including the Banking Center Manager, Winston Holt.

Chairman's message...

It was my honor to accept the gavel as your 1998 Pampa Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board from Joe L. Lowry, M.D., 1997 Chairman.

Spike Dykes, Texas Tech Head Football Coach, was a great draw as our guest speaker at the March 5th Annual Meeting and recognizing Curt B. Beck, P.E. as the 1997 Citizen of the Year was the highlight of the evening.

My theme for the year is "change". We started off the year with a reduced number of Board members, from 24 to a maximum of 20.

The 1998 Board members



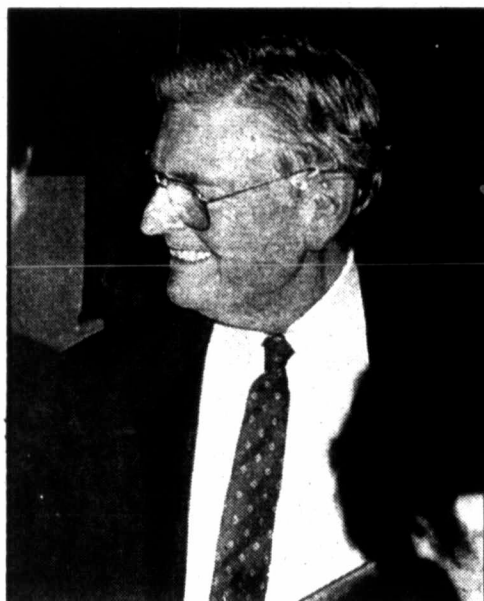
Richard Stowers

met at a planning session this past month. During the meeting we discussed the Chamber's role in the com-

munity to continue to build on our Mission Statement promoting economic development and improving the quality of life in the Greater Pampa Area. Additionally we had the opportunity to learn more about one another through a communications exercise led by Dr. Jerry Lane.

My plans are to have the Board work toward strengthening our relations throughout the greater Pampa area with this ever-present theme, "Change".

We are always open to hear your suggestions as to how we can better serve you, our members! Let us hear from you!



Beck Chamber Citizen of the Year

Curt has been active in almost every phase of volunteerism in Pampa for the past 53 years. He has been a member and/or has taken a leadership role in many community organizations including: The Jaycees; Cub Master of the Boy Scouts, 10 years; Pampa Community Concert, 40 years; Pampa United Way, 20 years; Tralee Crisis Center, 10 years; Salvation Army, 10 years; Quivira and Texas Plains Girl Scouts, 10 years; Salvation Army, 10 years; Southside Senior Citizens Center, 7 years; Pampa Independent School Board, 9 years; Director of the Pampa Country Club, 3 years; Pampa Rotary Club, 6 years; Meals on Wheels- Many years; Elder, Presbyterian Church; and, Educational Advisory Board of M.I.T. for the Pampa Area, 30 years.

Curt Beck

Born in Dallas, Texas, Curt attended Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire and earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Chemical Engineering at M.I.T. He came to Pampa in 1945 to accept a position with Cabot Corporation. He retired from Cabot in 1984 and started his own consulting firm in environmental engineering. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in several states and a member of several professional organizations. He publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains an Internet Web site relating to his profession.

He and his wife, Wil. P. Beck, M.D., are the parents of three children and seven grandchildren.

Again, congratulations to Curt Beck who has contributed unlimited time, energy and dedication working for his community.



Gold Coats Joe Lowry, M.D., Jack Reeve and Loyd Waters welcome Wayne Holder representing TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, an Amarillo based voice and data communications center as a new Chamber member.



Dennis Godwin, Mike Keagy and Gold Coat President Mary McDaniel welcome guests at the ArTrain reception.



Chamber Chairman Richard Stowers and members of the Board of Directors meet for a planning session.

Next luncheon April 21

There will not be a Chamber Luncheon in March due to the March 5th Annual Banquet Meeting.

Hospice of the Panhandle Inc. will sponsor the April 21st Luncheon.

IRI salutes employees

IRI International Corporation salutes Jerry Peurifoy, Tom Etheredge, James Lee and Harold Lewis who will be celebrating 35 years of employ-

ment with IRI during March and April, 1998! Congratulations!!

Welcome new Chamber members

The Chamber welcomes Eyecare Plus! Dr. Randal Jentzen's full service eye care center is located at 1916 North Hobart. Charles Henry join us as an individual member; and George Gafford, owner of The Line Shack Restaurant located at 123 North Hobart. Thank you for your membership.

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Opinion

Ruby Ridge ruling lends some hope

By upholding the right for a civil suit to proceed, the U.S. Supreme Court takes a step toward justice in a long-debated case.

The U.S. Supreme Court did the right thing when it declined to review a ruling from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals relating to the 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff. The ruling allows a civil lawsuit to proceed against 13 federal agents involved in intelligence and planning for the incident.

The lawsuit was brought by Kevin Harris, a friend of white separatist Randy Weaver who was staying at the cabin when the siege by federal agents began and was seriously wounded during the stand-off.

"This ruling was a stepping stone on a path ... toward affirming the proposition that people in law enforcement should take responsibility for their deeds," David Nevin said. He's the Idaho attorney who represented Harris in the 1993 federal case in which Harris as well as Randy Weaver were acquitted of murder and other charges and in the present case.

The Harris lawsuit alleges that federal agents present at the initial confrontation, on Aug. 21, 1992, falsely told others that Kevin Harris fired first, when in fact (as was shown by forensic evidence and government expert witnesses at the trial) agents of the U.S. Marshals Service fired first. That falsehood was a key component, the suit maintains, in the unprecedented "rules of engagement" put together by top FBI and Marshals officials, which permitted agents to use deadly force without warning against any armed male seen outside the cabin.

FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi fired a shot that wounded Randy Weaver and then another that killed his wife Vicki as she stood in the doorway holding the couple's baby. The second shot also wounded Harris seriously enough to require hospitalization. (Horiuchi is now facing federal manslaughter charges.)

The federal officers claimed they should have immunity for any statements made after the first day. The court ruled that while immunity can be granted to officers who testify at a trial, at Ruby Ridge the officers who made the allegedly false claims about Kevin Harris were functioning as complaining witnesses. And complaining witnesses can be sued for making false claims.

The Supreme Court decision clears only part of the legal underbrush in a case that is likely to stretch on for years. "If you view this case as lasting a day, we just figured out what to have for breakfast," said Nevin. The federal agents have petitioned the Ninth Circuit for a rehearing; further pretrial maneuvering could take months.

The Ruby Ridge incident created a serious blot on the reputation of the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies, the repercussions of which are still being felt. This decision offers hope that while the wheels of justice grind slowly, they can hold even federal lawmen accountable for their actions. That's encouraging.

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AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE...



Ed Stein '98
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The new Nixon White House

Before Richard Nixon's fall, I was told by a reporter at ABC Television News that in researching a story on the Internal Revenue Service, he had found my name on a small list of journalists who had particularly irritated the White House. My wife and I had wondered why the IRS had been so minutely concerned with our tax returns.

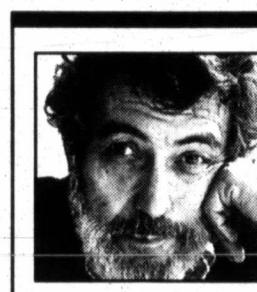
The current aggressively defended mode at the White House is, therefore, familiar — claims of executive privilege, cover-ups, enemies lists, and the use of private eyes who may have seen "The Maltese Falcon" too often. Consider Terry Lenzner, for instance, who, while working for the president's men during the Senate hearings on campaign finance, was accused by a Democratic senator, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, of engaging in "an intrusion into the system" by his planned investigation of Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.) and his wife.

Or Jack Palladino, whose dossier — as described by William Safire in the New York Times — includes dealing with "erupting bimboes" who might have embarrassed the president.

But none of the president's men or their hirelings have burglarized a psychiatrist's office to gleefully expose the inner lives of a critic of the president. In that respect, we have advanced somewhat from Nixon defense tactics.

There is no question that the new war room at the White House is succeeding brilliantly in changing the focus of Kenneth Starr's investigation. HE is now the focus. Starr, of course, is right — the goal of the war room is to discredit, impede and ultimately destroy his investigation so that the Comeback Kid can breathe freely once more.

Kenneth Starr's self-control has been put to the test — when, for instance, reports of the war



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room's reach were in Michael Duffy's account in Time magazine (March 2): "The clandestine war began quietly: telephone calls from out-of-town lawyers who urged reporters to look at this old federal case or that sealed police report. Next came the mystery faxes, great piles of inky black-clippings, detailing the dubious investigative habits of the men who work for Kenneth Starr."

Finally, Starr did lose his cool. In using his subpoena power to haul in Sidney Blumenthal — the White House's master creator of conspiracy theories — Starr gave Blumenthal and the rest of the war room a free pass to hammer him some more. The White House has indeed spread information among the press intended to dislocate Starr and his team. But it is legal to be guerrilla media warriors on behalf of the president's survival. Blumenthal was skilled at that game before he ever got to the White House.

Kenneth Starr, trying to justify his having brought Blumenthal before the grand jury, says that the First Amendment's interest is in truth and that "lies and distortions have no place in our First Amendment universe."

This is a strange misunderstanding of the First Amendment coming from a former judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals who also

served as solicitor general.

In Gertz vs. Robert Welch (1974), Justice Lewis Powell, speaking for the Supreme Court, emphasized that "under the First Amendment, there is no such thing as a false idea. However pernicious an opinion may seem, we depend for its correction not on the consciences of judges and juries but on the competition of other ideas."

And, of course, there was Justice William Brennan in New York Times vs. Sullivan (1964): "Erroneous statement is inevitable in a free debate and ... it must be protected if the freedoms of expression are to have the breathing space that they need to survive."

In the same case, Justice Arthur Goldberg, in a concurring opinion, pointed out: "If individual citizens may be held liable for strong words, which a jury finds false and maliciously motivated, there can be little doubt that public debate and advocacy will be constrained."

Blumenthal should get a raise from his boss for having provoked Kenneth Starr to lose control and further distract attention from his own job.

Back in the time of Watergate, all the tangled lies and diversions withered away after the sudden discovery of Richard Nixon's remarkable collection of tape recordings. Kenneth Starr is not likely to enjoy such a thunderclap of luck. It will be hard going for some time to come — with the banshees (James Carville), the conjurers (Sidney Blumenthal) and the platoons of lawyers deepening in the fog.

Meanwhile, the Wizard of Oz walks among the people, but when he is back at the White House, he is protected from the disinfecting sunlight of the press. Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain — he is doing the people's business.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 16, the 75th day of 1998. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

On this date:

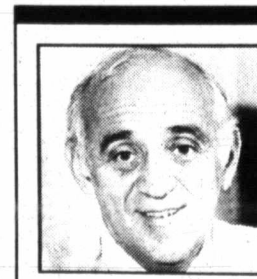
In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth

president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

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

Bad news purveyors not happy



Ben
Wattenberg

Wattenberg is the author of
"Values Matter Most."

Another 1.5 billion people — gone! And one more attempt to politicize social science. Remember, population growth is the rock upon which the church of environmentalism is built.

Every six years or so, the United Nations Population Division puts out its long-term look at the demographic future. These projections go out to the year 2150. The so-called "medium variant" draws the most attention (on the mistaken notion that "medium" means "most likely").

Back in 1992, the medium variant showed that there would be a global population of 11.6 billion people in 2150. Now (February 1998) new projections have been released. The medium global population figure has been reduced to 10.8 billion people. The difference is almost that of the total population of India today.

But that's not all. The United Nations is preparing for publication of "World Population Prospects, 1998," which is put out every second year, with both current data and projections running to 2050. Readers of this column know what's been going on demographically, complete with mantra: "Never have birth and fertility rates fallen so far, so low, so fast, for so long, in so many places." The Prospects volume will reflect some of that condition by changing some of the assumptions that go into the medium variant. I asked officials at the U.N. Population Division if they could give me an estimate of what the 2150 projection would look like if the forthcoming 1998 medium assumptions were used. They did: 10.1 billion.

That's not all, either. In 1998 the United Nations will continue to use an outdated medium assumption which holds that no Less

Developed Country now above the "replacement rate" of 2.1 children per woman will ever fall below it. This is preposterous. After all, 19 LDCs have already gone below replacement, including China, Cuba, Thailand, Malaysia and, any minute now, Brazil.

The most plausible projection now available, in my judgment, is the United Nations' new "low-medium" one, which shows the current population of almost 6 billion people growing to 8 billion in 2050, and then down to 7.2 billion in 2100, to 6.4 billion in 2150, and shrinking.

So: 11.6 billion, 10.8 billion, 10.1 billion, with a likely progression to 8.0 billion based on what are, arguably, current trends. (By the way, the "Low" scenario puts global population at 3.6 billion in 2150 — unlikely but not impossible.)

You would think most activist enviros would applaud. After all, so many of them have ascribed so many modern ills to a growing population: pollution, poverty, crowding, war, hunger, and now, the crisis du jour, global warming. But they are not applauding. Lacking the courage to face up to the good news, many of them are in denial. It's not true, they say. It can't be true. It won't be true.

If you don't like the message, blame the methodology. If environmental and population

alarmists have their way, the U.N. projections will be tarnished and undermined. In the crosshairs are U.N. demographers and statisticians at the U.N. Population Division. Ironically, over the decades, the work of this organization has provided the statistical backdrop for much of the alarmist caterwauling. Suddenly, green foundations, U.N. program officers, and environmental and population alarmists are seeking to find methodological flaws. And they ask whether the U.N. data is being "misrepresented." Rest assured, more will come; it always does.

Why would activists reject good news? Here is a partial plausible list: (1) They have come to believe, as a matter of quasi-religious faith, that the population explosion is now and forever, a cause without end. (2) Any indication that population is even somewhat less of a problem than anticipated will cut down on grants and contributions, breaking their rice bowl (wasn't it the peasants' rice bowl they were supposed to be concerned about?). (3) In some rare instances they practice "lying for justice," the infamous radical remedy that has polluted the public policy dialogue in America. (4) They have some possibly legitimate, but minor, methodological grievances. (5) They believe the new trends, if publicized, will hurt their cause. (6) Of course, trends could change in the future (upward or downward). Mix and match as you see fit.

Ironically, the new numbers could help environmental and population activists. They could claim that their work caused the ongoing decline in fertility rates, which is probably partially true. They could say, look at how much we've accomplished, let us finish the job. Alas, that's not the way it works. For bad news purveyors, bad news is better.

MEDICAL

FDA approves easier test to diagnose women with thin bones

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tests for crippling osteoporosis are getting easier and cheaper: Millions of women can now simply slide a foot into a little machine and learn minutes later if their bones are dangerously thin.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Hologic Inc.'s Sahara bone test recently, the first osteoporosis test that does not use X-rays — meaning it may prove easy, portable and inexpensive enough to reach parts of the country where women have had no access to bone testing.

"Early diagnosis and treatment will improve the quality of life for millions of Americans who are at risk of fractures related to this condition," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

The device uses ultrasound — high-frequency sound waves — to assess a woman's bones by measuring the density of her heel. Slip the foot into a small box about the size of a laser printer, and the sound waves painlessly penetrate for a mere 10 seconds.

Bone density is determined by how easily and quickly the sound waves move. The Sahara automatically analyzes the results and, a minute later, spits out a slip of paper with the bone measurement.

The Sahara costs \$30,000, and Massachusetts-based Hologic estimated that patients will pay about \$40 for the test.

Today's osteoporosis tests, in contrast, are done by large, specialized X-ray machines that typically measure a patient's hip or spine. They cost \$70,000 to \$150,000, and patients are charged \$127 for the leading X-ray test, said Eric von Stetten, Hologic's director of ultrasound technologies.

The X-ray machines are so costly that large portions of the country — particularly rural areas of the Midwest and South — just don't have any, said Sandra Raymond of the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

A portable machine will help, she said.

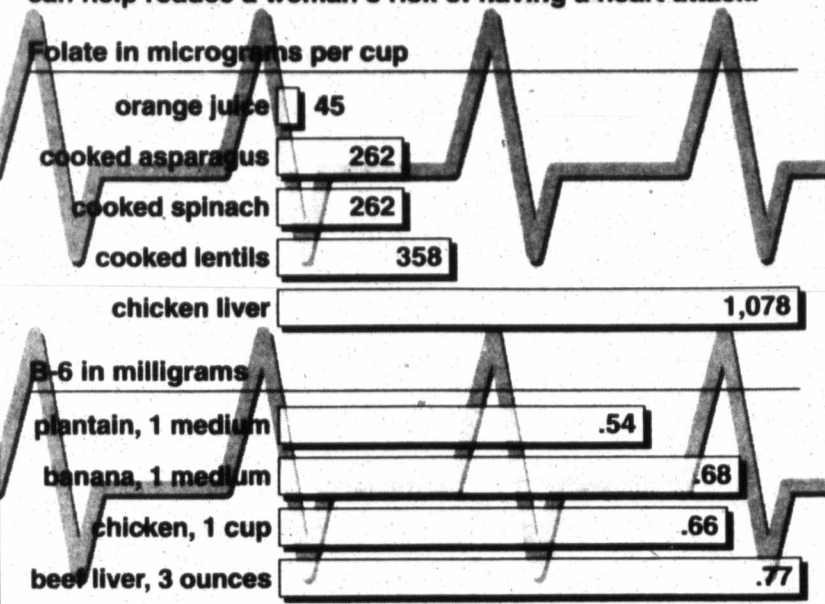
"It's pretty exciting," Raymond said. "Half of all women over 50 are going to develop an osteoporotic fracture in their lifetime. They need to know what their bone density is."

A low test score alone does not automatically diagnose the bone disease, von Stetten warned.

Because bone density varies widely among even healthy people, doctors also must assess patients' other risks, including having a mother who broke a hip, having a previous fracture and being small-framed, light-skinned or a smoker.

Healthy heart

These foods are rich in folate and B-6, two vitamins that can help reduce a woman's risk of having a heart attack.



A new study indicates that women who consume more than 400 micrograms of folate and more than three milligrams of vitamin B-6 on a daily basis can reduce their risk of having a heart attack by half.

Vitamin B-6, folic acid examined as risk factors in latest heart study

DALLAS (AP) — Deficiencies in vitamin B-6 and folic acid may indicate a higher risk for stroke and heart disease, according to a report published in *Circulation*, the American Heart Association journal.

Vitamin B-6 and folic acid levels were lower in people with heart disease and stroke than in other people. Those with the vitamin B-6 deficiency were nearly twice as likely to have the illnesses, researchers found.

The study examined 750 Europeans with blockages in the blood vessels of the heart, brain and legs as well as 800 healthy people.

"Having a vitamin B-6 deficiency proved to be a very powerful risk factor for heart disease and stroke," said the study's lead author, Dr. Killian Robinson, a cardiologist and associate professor of medicine at the Cleveland Clinic.

Folic acid, or folates, generally can be found in green leafy vegetables and vitamin B-6 in cereal grains.

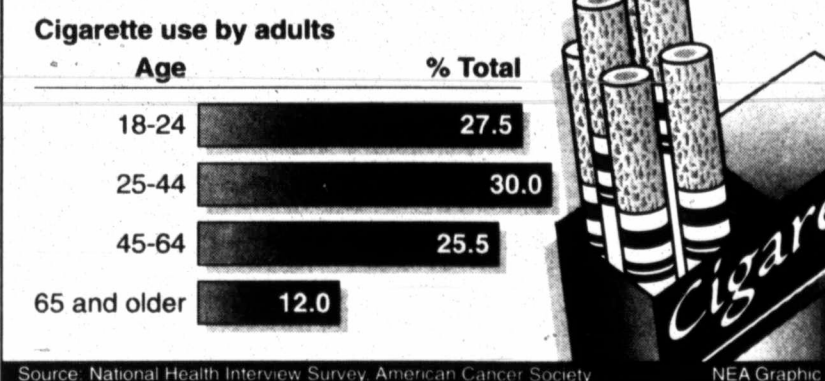
Researchers also measured blood levels of homocysteine, an amino acid previous studies have suggested may be linked to heart disease and stroke. Low levels of vitamin B-6 and folic acid can cause elevations in homocysteine.

But Robinson's study found low levels of B-6 and folic acid were associated with heart disease and stroke risk regardless of the patient's homocysteine level.

"There's something else going on that vitamin B-6 is doing," Robinson said.

The study in the American Heart Association journal came only a week after the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published a report about folate and vitamin B-6 intake.

Who's smoking



More than half of all adult cigarette smokers are under the age of 44, according to a survey by the American Cancer Society.

Government advisers back new weapon against germs

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Government advisers are urging approval of a new backup for the nation's antibiotic of last resort: a French drug that promises to deal bacteria a one-two punch.

Rhone-Poulenc Rorer's Synercid is not a miracle infection fighter, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration cautioned. But they urged approval of Synercid, saying patients whose infections resist even that "silver bullet" antibiotic called vancomycin desperately need a new option.

"This resistance problem is having an impact at the bedside," Dr. David Gilbert of Oregon Health Sciences University, said recently, urging the panel to back Synercid.

The recommendation comes at a critical time. Antibiotic resistance is a rapidly growing problem, and just last summer doctors discovered that strains of one of the world's most common and serious germs — staph — are developing resistance to vancomycin, the last resort. A slightly less common germ, enterococcus, already can be vancomycin-resistant.

Synercid "is the first alternative to vancomycin in 30 years," said Rhone-Poulenc's Dr. John Savarese.

The FDA panel voted that clinical trials proved Synercid can treat serious skin infections and dangerous hospital-acquired pneumonia — diseases typically caused by a germ called *Staphylococcus aureus* that often requires vancomycin treatment when nothing else works. Studies showed Synercid successfully fought these infections in 50 percent to 66 percent of patients, equal to standard therapy.

But the FDA panel said Synercid did not prove effective at treating the less dangerous community-acquired pneumonia.

The advisers struggled with Synercid's biggest challenge: Can it treat vancomycin-resistant enterococcus, or VRE, a germ deadly to surgical and cancer patients?

The panel voted that RPR did not prove Synercid met this challenge, because its testing was unorthodox. The French company did not formally compare the new drug to standard care, instead enrolling patients whose doctors said they had no other options into an "emergency use" program that let them try Synercid for free.

At least 46 percent of VRE patients in that program were successfully treated with Synercid, data indicated.

The FDA advisers called that suggestive evidence — but stressed that desperate patients need a new antibiotic. So they voted 9-1 to recommend that the FDA allow the use of Synercid to treat VRE despite lack of clear proof.

The FDA is not bound by the panel's advice but usually follows it, and has promised a decision by next month. Thursday's panel decision means FDA officials' biggest question will be whether to require more study of Synercid against VRE.

The advisers "acknowledged this is a very difficult area to study," noted FDA anti-infectives chief Dr. Gary Chikami. "This is an infection for which there are no alternatives."

Indeed, RPR's Talbot noted that some 100 patients every month were getting free Synercid under the emergency-use program last year, but that number has already soared to 180 patients this month.

When antibiotics hit the market in the 1950s, doctors predicted a quick end to infectious diseases. Believing the battle won, half of all drug companies had stopped developing antibiotics by the 1980s.

Research indicates designer estrogen helps bones

BOSTON (AP) — A new estrogen substitute appears to strengthen older women's weakening bones without some of the ill effects of the real thing.

So-called designer estrogens have become a hot area of research for drug companies, and a report being published recently shows one of them seems to work, although perhaps not as well as the hormone pills now available.

Brittle bones, a condition called osteoporosis, is a common affliction after menopause, when the risk of heart attacks also increases. Doctors sometimes recommend that women take estrogen supplements for life to protect themselves from both diseases.

Estrogen causes uterine bleeding and also increases the risk of breast cancer, so many

women are reluctant to take it.

In the New England Journal of Medicine, French doctors described a study of raloxifene, which is likely to be the first designer estrogen to reach the market. Recently a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended that raloxifene be approved for sale.

The study was conducted by Dr. Pierre D. Delmas and others from Edouard Herriot Hospital in Lyons and financed by Eli Lilly, which makes the drug.

A total of 601 postmenopausal women were randomly assigned to get either raloxifene or dummy placebos. After two years, they found that bone mineral density was about 2 percent greater in those getting raloxifene. At the same time, their cholesterol levels fell about 6 percent.



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Son's Live-In Girlfriend Isn't Yet 'Family' To Mom

DEAR ABBY: My son is angry. He demands that I apologize because I said his live-in girlfriend is not really family. This is a girl I would welcome as a daughter-in-law, but unless they marry, I do not consider her one of the family.

They are both divorced and think marriage is just a "cheap license and a few minutes in front of a minister." I disagree. I think marriage is very important. It shows commitment that living together does not.

What do you think, Abby?
UPSET IN TENNESSEE



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

why another term for "marriage" is "making it legal."

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from Mike Smith, who was concerned that Veterans Day is no longer recognized.

I have taken steps over the last year that have done wonders for my mental health. Whenever I hear myself saying, "Someone should..." I stop and remember that I am someone, and then I do something about it.

If Mike wants his company to put out a memo commemorating Veterans Day, he could write it. If he's not in a position within his company to do it, I'm certain his boss would be willing to do it if Mike gave him a written example of what he had in mind.

If everyone would take personal responsibility instead of talking about what someone else should do, we would have much stronger and more satisfying communities.

DEBORAH L. BLAND,
ROCKDALE, TEXAS

DEAR DEBORAH: Your letter is a wake-up call to personal activism, and I commend you for it. Doing nothing guarantees failure. Success in anything begins with individuals who are willing to take a first step.

DEAR ABBY: I have an autoimmune disease that is being treated by two very competent doctors. Auto-immune diseases are difficult to treat, and most of them have no known cure.

My husband and I recently joined a new church. We met a wonderful lady there whose friendship we would like to retain. Unfortunately, she sells health products and is convinced she can cure my disease if I will buy the products that she sells. How can I maintain the friendship while tactfully refusing to buy her products?

If you choose to print this, sign me...

PLEASE, NO SALE

DEAR NO SALE: Stiffen your spine and tell the saleswoman, "I appreciate your concern, but I don't want to interfere with what my doctors are trying to accomplish." You owe her no further explanation.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

Your chart indicates some impressive material desires might be gratified in the year ahead. Once you really get into gear, your chances for success will be enhanced substantially.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually we have to work quite hard to reap even small rewards. Today, however, Lady Luck might intervene and drop a few plums into your lap. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your lines of communication open today, because you finally might get through to someone you've been anxious to confront. Do not give up now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Continue to keep your focus on unusual developments that could have an effect upon your material well-being today. Opportunities abound.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not become discouraged today if early developments aren't working in your favor. Later you may find adequate reasons for hopefulness and optimism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might benefit from an arrangement that did not originate with you, yet you'll be treated as if you're the author.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you take time today to study all the aspects and alternatives, your judgment will be keen, especially in an arrangement that requires negotiation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The more significant the stakes, the better you'll be able to handle them today. Elevate your

sights in this cycle, do not modify or lower them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your four-leaf clover is sending out good vibes today, so listen carefully to what it has to say. A calculated risk could be necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might have some disruptions in your domestic routines today, yet you won't mind them, because they'll stem from happy developments you've been visualizing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Exciting news could be in the offing today relating to an endeavor you share with another. This unique alliance has promising potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Larger than usual returns are likely today from an endeavor in the works. However, don't abuse its generosity, because it has a lid on its limits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something could develop for you today through your social contacts. When attending any gatherings, be sure to smile and to acknowledge everyone.

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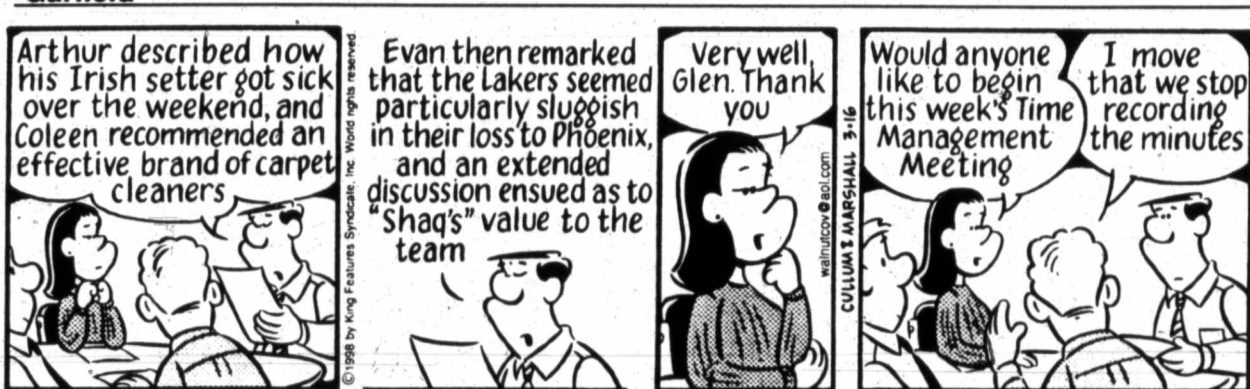
For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



Garfield



Walnut Cove



Marvin



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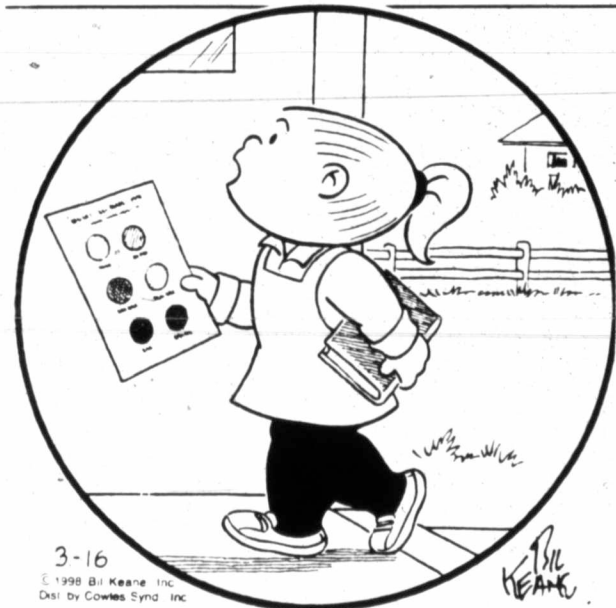
The Born Loser



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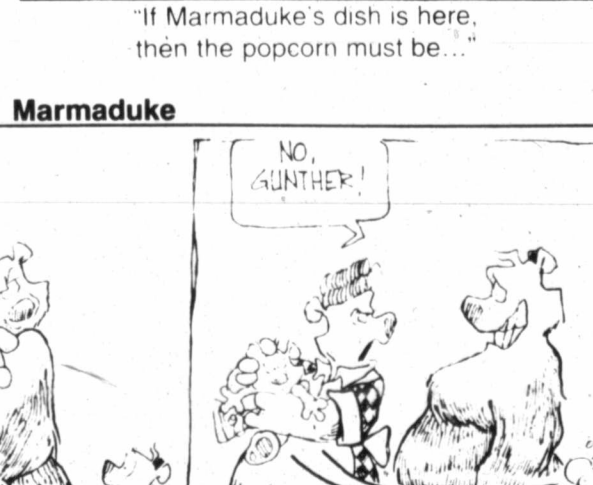
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YOGA CLASS



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SPORTS

Notebook

GENERAL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — For the second time in four years, a horse that once carried Texas Tech's "Masked Rider" has died in a freak collision.

High Red was found dead in a the university's north Lubbock County pasture Sunday. Apparently spooked by early morning thunder and lightning, he ran chest-first into a tall fence and died of internal injuries.

"It was just kind of a shock," said Becky McDougal, Tech's current Masked Rider. "It was just an accident, it was kind of a freak thing, really."

BASKETBALL

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Defending champion and unbeaten Indian Hills, Iowa, will have a chance to end its season in record-breaking fashion when the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament opens Tuesday.

If the Warriors win the championship, they'll run their two-season winning streak to 72, an NJCAA record. The record of 71 is held by San Jacinto, Texas.

Indian Hills was 38-1 last season, winning its last 34 games.

"We've been mature enough up to this point to handle everything that's come our way," said Indian Hills coach Terry Carroll. "We're not too worried about what could happen. We're just worried about our first game."

Indian Hills (34-0) will play in the final first-round game on Wednesday against DeKalb, Ga. (24-8).

The 16-team tournament kicks off on Tuesday with six first-round games. Two more are scheduled on Wednesday. A loss eliminates a team from championship consideration, but it takes two losses to drop out of the tournament.

The championship game is Saturday night.

Seward County will represent Kansas and meet Northern Oklahoma in its opener on Tuesday.

"We have one of the strongest regions in the country, and if we get by that first game anything can happen," Seward County coach Dave Brown said.

Five of the tournament teams were ranked in the final NJCAA regular season poll, including No. 1 Indian Hills and No. 2 Allegany, Md. (33-0).

Both are in the bottom bracket because the tournament is seeded a year in advance by region, not by ranking.

Allegany plays in Tuesday's late game against Northwest Mississippi.

Indian Hills moved into the No. 1 spot in the NJCAA rankings in late January and stayed there for the last six polls.

"When you stop and think about it, there's a lot riding on what we could do," Carroll said. "We aren't thinking of it like that. We don't talk much about what could happen."

"We're not sneaking up on anyone anymore and so we've taken everyone's best shot," he said. "That's what makes what we've done all the more meaningful."

Other first-round games Tuesday match Shelby State, Tenn., against McLennan, Texas; Ricks, Idaho, against Southern Union, Ala.; Western Nebraska against Kaskaskia, Ill.; and Angelina, Texas, against Vincennes, Ind.

In Wednesday's other first-round game, Pasco Hernando, Fla., plays Mesa, Ariz.

RODEO

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former world bull-riding champion was hospitalized in serious condition Monday after surgery for neck fractures suffered when he was thrown by a bull.

Jerome Davis underwent two hours of surgery at John Peter Smith Hospital Sunday for compression fractures of two vertebrae at the base of his neck.

Rhode Island vs. Valparaiso — A family affair

By The Associated Press

One game will be a family affair. Another will feature two schools with a total of 17 national championships. And another will be a dogfight between Huskies.

Rhode Island-Valparaiso, UCLA-Kentucky and Connecticut-Washington are among the eight matchups in the final 16 of the NCAA tournament.

The most intriguing game might be eighth-seeded Rhode Island vs. No. 13 Valparaiso on Friday night.

Rhode Island is coached by Jim Harrick, who led UCLA to the national title in 1995, but was fired after the following season. Harrick's son, Jim Jr., is an assistant to Valparaiso coach Homer Drew, whose star player is his son Bryce.

Rhode Island upset top-seeded

Kansas 80-75 Sunday in the Midwest Regional to reach the final 16 for the second time in school history. Earlier on the same court in Oklahoma City, Valparaiso beat 12th-seeded Florida State 83-77 in overtime to send the smallest school in the tournament to the regional semifinals.

"Nobody gave us a chance," said Jamie Sykes, who scored 19 points for Valparaiso. "Now we can say we are in the Sweet 16. This is beautiful. You just want to cry. Nobody knew us and now people are trying to buy Valpo shirts off us."

In other Midwest Regional games Sunday, Stanford beat Western Michigan 83-65 and Purdue defeated Detroit 80-65.

In the South Regional, Duke beat Oklahoma State 79-73, Syracuse downed New Mexico 56-46, Kentucky routed Saint Louis 88-61,

and UCLA defeated Michigan 85-82.

On Saturday, in the East, it was North Carolina 93, North Carolina Charlotte 83 in overtime; Michigan State 63, Princeton 56; Washington 81, Richmond 66; and Connecticut 78, Indiana 68.

In the West, it was Maryland 67, Illinois 61; Arizona 82, Illinois State 49; West Virginia 75, Cincinnati 74; Utah 75, Arkansas 69.

The regional semifinals start Thursday night with North Carolina-Michigan State and Connecticut-Washington in the East at Greensboro, N.C., and West Virginia-Utah and Arizona-Maryland in the West at Anaheim, Calif.

On Friday night, it's Duke-Syracuse and UCLA-Kentucky in the South at St. Petersburg, Fla., and Purdue-Stanford and Rhode

Island-Valparaiso in the Midwest at St. Louis.

The UCLA-Kentucky game will match the two schools with the most NCAA basketball titles. UCLA is the leader with 11, and Kentucky is next with six.

The most interesting thing about the Connecticut-Washington matchup might be their nicknames. Both teams are called the Huskies, a nickname used by only two other Division I teams — Northeastern and Northern Illinois.

Duke 79, Oklahoma State 73

Roshown McLeod had 22 points and 10 rebounds as Duke (31-3) reached the final 16 for the first time since 1994.

The Blue Devils made 7 of 8 free throws in the final 40 seconds to clinch coach Mike Krzyzewski's 42nd tournament win, tying Louisville's Denny Crum for third

on the all-time list.

Joe Adkins led Oklahoma State (22-7) with 20 points.

Syracuse 56, New Mexico 46 Todd Borgan had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Syracuse's zone defense held New Mexico (24-8) to a season-low 26 percent from the field.

The Orangemen (26-8) shot just 34 percent, but committed only eight turnovers and outrebounded the Lobos 49-36.

New Mexico star Kenny Thomas had 12 points and 12 rebounds, but was only 4-of-16 from the field.

Kentucky 88, Saint Louis 61

Jeff Sheppard showed no lingering effects from an ankle sprain, scoring 18 points as Kentucky (31-4) routed Saint Louis (22-11).

Chris Heinrich led Saint Louis with a career-high 16 points.

Pampa girls take pair from Randall

RANDALL — Pampa jumped all over Randall in a girls' fast-pitch softball doubleheader.

Kimberly Clark shut out Randall, 15-0, in the opener and Heather Petty was the winning pitcher in the second game, won by Pampa, 23-6, last week.

"Our pitchers pretty much dominated," said Pampa head coach Rod Porter. "That was the main difference."

Clark's double was the only extra base hit. However, Cassi Scott, Keili Earl, Lisa Dwight, Heather Petty, Kelsey Yowell, Jennifer Quintana, Jaimie Reed, Kristi Walling, Summer Morris and Molly Seabourn all had hits.

Outstanding plays were made by Clark at catcher, Yowell at first base, Quintana at second base and Scott at shortstop.

"This was one of the better games defensively that we've played all year," Porter said. "We had three double plays."

Porter said assistant coach Jamie Greene has done an outstanding job with the pitching staff.

"Our hitting is just a little bit behind what it should be, but I'm real pleased with our effort and attitude," Porter said.

Pampa plays next at Hereford March 26. The next home games are April 2 against Hereford.

Quest wins ABL crown for second straight year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Columbus Quest may be looking for two new starters after winning their second straight American Basketball League championship.

Forward Andrea Lloyd said before the playoffs she would be retiring at the end of the season. Center Valerie Still hinted strongly after Columbus' title-clinching 86-81 victory Sunday over the Long Beach StingRays that she may be joining Lloyd.

"For me at this moment, there's nothing more I can do on the court," Still said. "It really is hard to get up for games. I like playing. ... I like having fun, but if I don't have that killer instinct, it's hard to get motivated."

Still, 36, has been playing professionally for 14 years, including 12 in Italy. If Sunday's game was her last, Still assured herself of going out on top.

Still scored 25 points and was 10-for-11 from the free throw line as she clinched the playoff MVP award for the second straight year.

For the series, she averaged 14.6 points and seven rebounds and led the team in steals with 16.

The StingRays took the first two games of the best-of-5 series at Long Beach, but the Quest won it with three victories in a row at Battelle Hall, extending their home winning streak to 26 games and their two-year record in Columbus to 49-3.

The Quest also took five games to win last year's ABL title, defeating the Richmond Rage in the final game in Columbus. The Rage moved to Philadelphia in the offseason.

"The first time around last year was great, but this one means more than the one a year ago," Columbus coach Brian Agler said. "We put ourselves down two games in the series and everyone counted us out, but we came back. ... There has never in the history of basketball been a better group of people or team than this one right here."

The StingRays lost despite a league playoff record 36 points

by Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil, who fouled out in the final second. Andrea Nagy also fouled out for Long Beach, which committed 35 personal fouls, while Columbus was called for 22.

Three other StingRays finished with five fouls, while three Quest players had four.

Katie Smith added 19 points, all in the second half; while Sonja Tate had 15 and Tonya Edwards scored 12 for the Quest.

Beverly Williams had 13 and Yolanda Griffith 10 for Long Beach.

"Nobody wanted us to win (a second title). ... We had to fight for everything we got. ... But we finally came out and played Quest basketball and we won this game," Smith said.

The teams combined to make 61 of 65 free throws, with Still going 10-for-11 and Smith 10-for-10 as Columbus was 38-for-43 from the line. Davis-Wrightsil made all nine of her foul shots for the StingRays.

"They made their free throws down the stretch," said Long Beach coach Maura McHugh. "Columbus was able to knock them down when they needed to."

Long Beach outscored Columbus from the floor, hitting 28 of 54 field goal attempts for 51.9 percent. The Quest was 21-for-52 for 40.4 percent.

Columbus took a 44-43 lead on a basket by Still with 5:08 left in the third quarter and never trailed again, but the lead never got above nine points at any time.

A 10-2 Long Beach run cut the Columbus advantage to 75-74 on a 3-pointer by Davis-Wrightsil with 1:32 left. But Edwards made it 78-74 with a basket at the 57-second mark and a free throw two seconds later. The Quest hit 8 of 9 free throws the rest of the way.

Still scored the first seven points for the Quest and Columbus led 14-12 after one quarter. The score was tied at 33 at the half, with Still having 13 and Davis-Wrightsil 9, while Edwards and Smith were held scoreless.



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' 400 and 800-meter relay teams remain unbeaten after three meets. Relay team members are (l-r) Lacrese Ford, Von Evans, Audrey Wilbon and Jennifer Ross.

Lady Harvesters score 132 points to win Bulldog Relays

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Lady Harvesters scored 132 points to win the Bulldog Relays last weekend.

Amarillo High finished a distant second with 93 points. Both the 400 and 800-meter relay teams captured first place for Pampa.

Barbara Wine, who placed third in the shot at last year's state meet, won that event with a throw of 42-4. Von Evans sped to victory in the 200.

The unbeaten Pampa girls have now won three meets this season, all by one-sided margins. Pampa is entered in Borger's Bulldog Relays Friday and Saturday.

Bulldog Relays

Girls Division

Team totals: 1. Pampa 132; 2. Amarillo High 93; 3. Lubbock Monterey 77; 4. Hereford 67; 5. Clovis, N.M. 49; 6. Palo Duro 46; 7. Plainview 41; 8. Tascosa 36; 9. Amarillo Caprock 24; 10. Randall 21.

Pampa results

Triple jump: Ashleigh Patton, fourth place, 33-6.

High jump: Ashleigh Patton, sixth place, 4-10.

3200: Samantha Hurst, fourth place, 12:39; Anna Resendiz, fifth place, 15:39.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, fifth place, 49:18; Lori Lindsey, sixth place, 52:87.

1600: Amanda White, fourth place, 5:55.01; Jenny Fatheree, fifth place, 5:55.02.

Shot: Barbara Wine, first place, 42-4.

Discus: Andrea Rodriguez, second place, 112-8.

Long jump: Katy Cavalier, second place, 16-9.

400 meter relay: Pampa (Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Lacrese Ford and Von Evans) first place, 49:75.

800: Beth Lee, second place, 2:26.98; Jenny Fatheree, third place, 2:27.52.

100: Lacrese Ford, first place, 12:68; Joy Young, fourth place, 13:13.

800 relay: Pampa, (Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Lacrese Ford and Von Evans), first place, 1:44.75.

200: Von Evans, first place,

26:04; Joy Young, third place, 27:19.

1600 relay: Pampa (Robin Williams, Beth Lee, Jenny Fatheree and Lori Lindsey), sixth place, 4:23.40.

PANHANDLE — The Pampa boys' team finished second at the Panhandle Relays last weekend. The Harvesters had 83 points while Childress won the meet with 148 points.

Pampa results

Shot: Aaron Hayden, first place, 49-4 3/4.

Discus: Aaron Hayden, third place, 130-7.

High jump: Steve Johnson, third place, 5-10.

Long jump: Steve Johnson, first place, 21-3 3/4.

Pole vault: Josh Taylor, third place, 12-0.

400 relay: Pampa, third place, 46:30.

100: Curtis Johnson, first place, 11:20.

300 hurdles: Curtis Johnson, second place, 42:54.

1600: Kelby McClellan, second place, 5:06.64.

Notre Dame living the life of Riley

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Ruth Lady Raiders. Defensively, she helped the Fighting Irish (22-9) force Tech to miss 27 second-half shots.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she didn't know why the Lady Raiders couldn't force Riley to shoot farther from the basket. "You have to give credit to Notre Dame," Sharp said. "They came out with a Final Four mentality and we ran away from it."

Riley scored 21 Friday night in a 78-64 first-round victory over Southwest Missouri State.

Ninth-seeded Notre Dame, which lost four starters from last season's Final Four team, will return to Lubbock next weekend for a regional semifinal game against tonight's Colorado State-Purdue winner.

Tech could have played four straight home tournament games had it kept winning. Instead, it became the tournament's second No. 1 seed in as many days to fall, following injury-riddled Stanford's 71-67 loss to Harvard.

CINEMA

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Titanic	7:00	(PG-13)
Man In The Iron Mask	7:00	(PG-13)
As Good As It Gets	7:00	(PG-13)
The Borrowers	7:00	(PG)

Soon: Newton Boys - Grease - Lost in Space
Saturday & Sunday Matinees
Matinee Doors Open At 1:15
Monday - Saturday Doors Open At 6:30

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
North Carolina 88, Navy 52
North Carolina Charlotte 77, Illinois-Chicago 62
Princeton 69, UNLV 57
Michigan State 83, Eastern Michigan 71
At The MCI Center
Washington
Washington 69, Xavier 68
Richmond 62, South Carolina 61
Indiana 94, Oklahoma 87, OT
Connecticut 93, Fairleigh Dickinson 85
Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
North Carolina 93, North Carolina Charlotte 83, OT
Michigan State 63, Princeton 56
At The MCI Center
Washington
Washington 81, Richmond 66
Connecticut 78, Indiana 68
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 19
North Carolina (32-3) vs. Michigan State (22-7), 7:39 p.m.
Connecticut (31-4) vs. Washington (20-9), 9:59 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 21
Semifinal winners
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Syracuse 63, Iowa 61
New Mexico 79, Butler 62
Oklahoma State 74, George Washington 59
Duke 99, Radford 63
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Kentucky 82, South Carolina State 67
Saint Louis 51, Massachusetts 46
Michigan 80, Davidson 61
UCLA 65, Miami 62
Second Round
Sunday, March 15
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Duke 79, Oklahoma State 73
Syracuse 56, New Mexico 46
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Kentucky 88, Saint Louis 61
UCLA 85, Michigan 82
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Duke (31-3) vs. Syracuse (26-8), 7:39 p.m.
Kentucky (31-4) vs. UCLA (24-8), 9:59 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round
Friday, March 13
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Valparaiso 70, Mississippi 69
Florida State 96, Texas Christian 87
Rhode Island 97, Murray State 74
Kansas 110, Prairie View 52
At The United Center
Chicago
Western Michigan 75, Clemson 72
Stanford 67, College of Charleston 57
Purdue 95, Delaware 56
Detroit 66, St. John's 64
Second Round
Sunday, March 15
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Valparaiso 83, Florida State 77
Rhode Island 90, Kansas 75
At The United Center
Chicago
Stanford 83, Western Michigan 65
Purdue 80, Detroit 65
At The Kiel Center
St. Louis
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Purdue (28-7) vs. Stanford (28-4), 8:05 p.m.
Rhode Island (24-8) vs. Valparaiso (23-9), 10:25 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Semifinal winners
WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Maryland 82, Utah State 68
Illinois 84, South Alabama 51
Illinois State 82, Tennessee 81, OT
Arizona 99, Nicholls State 60
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
West Virginia 82, Temple 52
Cincinnati 65, Northern Arizona 62
Utah 85, San Francisco 68
Arkansas 74, Nebraska 65
Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Maryland 67, Illinois 61
Arizona 82, Illinois State 49
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
West Virginia 75, Cincinnati 74
Utah 75, Arkansas 69
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 19
West Virginia (24-8) vs. Utah (27-3), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (29-4) vs. Maryland (21-10), 10:25 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 21
Semifinal winners
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 28

First game starts at 5:42 p.m.
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, March 30
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Women's National Invitation Tournament

At A Glance

By The Associated Press
First Round
Friday, March 13
St. Joseph's 77, American U. 68
Toledo 76, Cincinnati 62
Butler 95, Bowling Green 90
Penn State 68, Villanova 61
Indiana 80, Xavier 74
LSU 58, Boise State 38
Sunday, March 15
Oklahoma State 75, Rice 52
Baylor 75, Mississippi St. 65
Second Round
Sunday, March 15
Penn State 72, St. Joseph's 59
Indiana 61, Toledo 60
LSU 74, Butler 58
Tuesday, March 17
Oklahoma State (20-10) vs. Baylor (18-10)
Semifinals
Friday, March 20 or Sunday, March 21
TBA
Championship
Tuesday, March 24
TBA

BOWLING

BOWLING - HARVESTER LANES

Team	Won	Lost
Celaneese Mixed League		
Bowlers & Bride	26	10
Hard Target	26	10
Right 2 Left	24	12
D J's	19	17
Hits & Misses	18	18
Strike Force	17	19
Skunk Balls	15	21
Longhorns	14	22
Pinbusters	11	25
Party Balls	10	26
Week's High Scores		
Men		
High game: Rick Bryant 249; High series: Drew Watson 639; High handicap game: Mike Kelsey 289; High handicap series: Drew Watson 741.		
Women		
High game: Nicole Wallace 213; High series: Sherry Tyrell 507; High handicap game: Nicole Wallace 283; High handicap series: Sherry Tyrell 717.		
Harvester Women's League		
Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	59	29
O'Brien Enterprises	56	32
Schiffman Machine	51 1/2	36 1/2
H&H Sporting	46	42
Peggy's Place	43	45
Davis Mini Mart	43	45
Graham Furniture	40 1/2	47 1/2
Week's High Scores		
High game: Ann O'Brien 221; High series: Ann O'Brien 556; High handicap game: Ann O'Brien 237; High handicap series: Joy Perry 626.		

CITY BASKETBALL

1998 Recreation Department Basketball League Standings (as of March 12)

Men's Competitive

Team	Won	Lost
De Squad	3	0
Subway	3	0
Reliv	3	3
ONYX	0	6
Men's Recreational		
Team	Won	Lost
Celaneese	5	2
Davis Electric	5	3
Pampa Machine	5	3
N.B.C.	4	4
Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ	4	7
Women's Open		
Team	Won	Lost
Sun-Trol Window Tinting	10	0
Subway	8	2
White Deer	3	6
Babb Construction	3	6
McLean Feedyard	2	7
Celaneese	2	7

*Final standings
**on tie-breaker system

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

UIL All-Tournament teams

AUSTIN (AP) — The UIL all-tournament boys basketball teams, as selected by a panel of media members:

CLASS A
Player School @Box 1: Height Class
Robert Tovar-uMoulton 6-3 So.
Anthony Weaks-uMoulton 5-10 So.
Scott ChaloupkaMoulton 5-11 So.
Brandon GarrettGoodrich 6-6 Jr.
Shane TrickeyLipan 6-4 So.

CLASS 2A
Houston Marquis-uKrum 6-1 Jr.
Chris ArledgeKrum 6-4 Sr.
Joshua SmithLittle RiverAcademy6-1 Sr.
Gary BrownBeckville 6-5 Sr.
Michael AdamsBeckville 6-3 Sr.

CLASS 3A
Deon Tavis-uClarksville 5-10 Sr.
Steven Edwards-uClarksville 6-6 Jr.
Tyrone RichardsonClarksville 6-3 Jr.
Thaddeus HaynesCrockett 6-5 Jr.
Charles SimsTulia 5-11 Jr.

CLASS 4A
Cedric Taylor-uHouston Waltrip6-8 Sr.
Antonio FakhHouston Waltrip6-5 Jr.
Field WilliamsHouston Waltrip6-3 So.
Peter McNultyDallas HighlandPark6-0 Jr.
Chris YoungDallas HighlandPark6-9 Sr.

CLASS 5A
Jay ChristianMidland 6-5 Jr.
Kirby LemonsMidland 6-6 Sr.
Charles TatumMidland 5-9 Jr.
O.J. WhiteSan AntonioTate9-5 Sr.
O.J. McClintockRound RockWestwood6-3 Jr.

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Buck this trend!

South Texas dominates hunting scene

BEAUMONT, Texas — Although the 1997-98 Texas deer season is over, stories of magnificent trophies being tagged are still spreading across the state. During the past season, the South Texas brush dominated the trophy buck scene. However, the Piney Woods also came through with a Boone & Crockett entry.

So far, there are upwards of 30 B&C class bucks that have been measured and declared trophy book material during the 1997-98 season.

This remarkable season didn't pass without one lucky woman getting into the B&C book. She is Norma Guzman of McQueeney.

On Nov. 22, Guzman and her fiancé Ronnie Kresta were hunting on the Maverick County lease that he manages. This is no small lease. In fact, it covers an incredible 95,000 acres.

A large buck had been spotted on the ranch and Kresta, who is into hunting the South Texas brush for trophy-class bucks, thought it would be a nice one for Guzman to shoot.

Guzman, 40, had not hunted deer prior to this season.

"I had gone out to the lease the year before and just kind of hung around camp," she said. "It was a lot of fun. I had a good time. So when Ronnie suggested I go hunting with him and shoot a deer, I didn't object."

Around 7:10 a.m. on Nov. 22, Guzman and Kresta were hunting together in a tripod stand near the area where the big buck had been seen the day before. Kresta thought it would score in the 160 class.

"There was a feeder out in front of us, but the big buck was not near it when I got a shot," says Guzman. "Once the buck stepped out we could plainly see it was very big and would probably score higher than 160. I gave Ronnie permission to shoot. I was very nervous. I told him I didn't want to shoot it. It was a huge trophy and I wanted him to have it."

But Kresta sized up the situation and calmly gave his future wife shooting instructions.

"I was getting the rifle situated and when I was ready to shoot I

was looking at the wrong buck," remembers Guzman.

That's when Kresta figured out what was about to happen and corrected the situation in a hurry. Within a few seconds Guzman had the crosshairs on THE big buck and was ready to shoot.

For most veteran deer hunters, this is about the time the nerves begin to get jittery. Sometimes it can be so bad a grown man is shaking like a leaf. It's called buck fever.

"I didn't have buck fever. But I was real nervous," says Guzman. "And when Ronnie said shoot, I closed my eyes. It was like slow motion. The gun went off, and Ronnie said the deer was down. As we approached the deer Ronnie said he thought it would make the book."

His next words were, "I should have shot when you told me to."

Not only will Guzman's buck make the record books, it's the highest scoring typical buck shot in Texas this season.

Guzman used a .270 Weatherby and 130 grain bullet to put the buck down at 75 yards.

The Piney Woods produced a heck of a buck this past season that's destined for the B&C record book.

Darin McAlister of Carthage shot a giant non-typical while hunting on an 1,100-acre lease in Panola County, located on the upper end of Toledo Bend. It's a huge 22-pointer that's No. 3 on the Texas Big Game Awards non-typical list. It netted 202 7/8 points and has a 20-inch inside spread with a 21-inch main beam length.

In 1996, the land owner where the buck was killed told McAlister he'd seen a big deer. After hunting the area McAlister didn't see the trophy during the 1996-97 season.

A year later he heard from the land owner. He'd sighted the deer again. And while hunting on a pipeline Dec. 11, McAlister saw the buck crossing with a couple of does at 250 yards. He didn't get a chance for a shot.

But on Dec. 27, this huge buck came out in a clearing behind a doe at 175 yards and McAlister didn't waste any time putting the trophy down with his .270.

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Rangers are concerned about Gonzalez's health

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — For the first time in a long time, the Texas Rangers are talking about Juan Gonzalez's health instead of his injuries.

Gonzalez, who skipped winter ball this offseason and instead worked out with a personal trainer, is so excited about the upcoming season that he's talking about a number that has eluded him: 162, as in playing every game.

"I feel great, and I know the people are talking about my physical condition," Gonzalez said. "I've never worked harder. In my program with my personal trainer, I am preparing to play 110 percent with no injuries."

Gonzalez reports early each morning, goes through his regular conditioning routine with his

teammates, takes his cuts in the exhibition games and then, late in the day, puts in more work in the Rangers' weight room.

"The last couple of years I've missed 25-30 games so now I'm conditioning myself to play 155, maybe 162 games," he said. "My extra work is a stretching program, aerobics and light weights. I do different things every day, working on special areas of my body."

A healthy Gonzalez would be a scary prospect for AL opponents and a boon to the Rangers, who would like to see what he can do with a full season without injuries.

"You never talk about numbers because you may have a bad year or injuries," Gonzalez said. "For me, the big goal is to stay healthy all year."

Harvesters split baseball games with S-F, Perryton

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — This past Saturday the Harvester baseball squad hosted a double-header against teams from Sanford-Fritch and Perryton in preparation for the upcoming District 1-4A season. Pampa lost the first contest against Sanford-Fritch 11-7 and later took the field against the Perryton Rangers and prevailed by a run, 9-8.

Against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles the Harvesters were kept afloat by the power hitting of first-baseman Shawn Harris and short-stop Josh Blackmon. In the first inning of the contest singles by both batters led to a run scored after errors in the outfield and at home plate allowed Blackmon to

slide in for the score easily. Other productive batters for the Harvesters include center-fielder Enrique Cabrales, catcher Jonathan Waggoner and Justin Trollinger. All were able to hit R.B.I. singles for the Harvesters. But the powerful Fritch squad continually sent shots into the outfield and sent runs across the plate almost every inning. Harvester errors in the infield also contributed to the Eagles victory. But despite capitalizing on careless errors by the Eagles and strong offensive stands in the third and fourth inning, the Harvesters were unable to come out with the victory and were forced to settle with the four run loss. Jarod Prock started on the mound for the Harvesters and suffered his third

loss in a row. Jason Benton relieved the left-hander but fared no better and was unable to scrounge up the win.

The Pampa boys took the field again later that afternoon for another contest against the Perryton Rangers. Jesse Francis took the mound for the Harvesters and earned his first win of the young season after the contest was called after the fifth inning.

Blackmon provided the first run for Pampa, connecting on an R.B.I. single that scored Cabrales, who reached first base earlier on a single of his own. After a quiet second inning the Harvesters went into the bottom of the third down three runs. But some power hitting by Harris and a string of singles by the following batters

evened out the score quickly. The first baseman Harris sent a shot past the outfield fence for a ground-rule double that drove in Cabrales and advanced another runner, Blackmon, to third base. Brandon Hill, the designated hitter, followed the shot with an R.B.I. single that scored Blackmon and set the stage for Greg Lindsey to nail an R.B.I. single that sent Harris across home plate. Waggoner followed Lindsey by hitting into an error situation that scored Hill before the end of the inning.

In the fifth inning Kaleb Snelgroes smacked a double that drove in Justin Trollinger to break an 8-8 tie and effectively end the contest after it was called due to lack of light to play by.

Kidd comes back to haunt the Dallas Mavericks

PHOENIX (AP) — Jason Kidd is a man on a mission whenever the Phoenix Suns play his former team.

He came back to haunt the Dallas Mavericks again Sunday night, getting his 18th career triple-double with 20 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists as the Suns clinched a playoff berth with a 100-90 victory.

"When I signed a long-term contract with the Mavericks, I expected to be in Dallas my entire career. But they traded me. I guess that's part of the business, but I want to

make sure they know they made a mistake in trading me," said Kidd, who was dealt to the Suns in a multi-player deal on Dec. 26, 1996.

"Until I retire, I am always going to be excited about playing the Mavericks. I would hate to lose to those guys and I make it a priority not too."

Kidd's excitement was evident and it rubbed off on his teammates.

Antonio McDyess and Danny Manning each scored 17 points as the Suns qualified for the postseason for the 10th consecutive year.

Michael Finley, the key player Kidd was traded for, led Dallas with 20 points and 12 assists. Chris Anstey added 19 points for the Mavericks, who lost their second straight game and fell to 5-28 on the road.

"I thought we did a good job defensively for the most part, executing the game plan," said Suns coach Danny Ainge. "Offensively we are a little bit sloppy. Missing easy shots, dropping too many balls. We are just not executing very well offensively."

Dallas, which trailed for most of

the game and entered the fourth quarter down 77-68, scored the first four points of the quarter and closed to 78-75 on a 3-pointer by Khalid Reeves.

But Phoenix responded as George McCloud and Rex Chapman hit 3-pointers during a 16-6 run that gave the Suns a 94-81 lead and put the game out of reach.

"We had some guys get hot late," said Chapman. "I never felt like we were in trouble even though we couldn't put them away. I knew we would win, we're just a better team."

Calcavecchia captures Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia made five birdies on the final seven holes to run away from Vijay Singh and the rest of the field at the Honda Classic, closing with a 65 for a three-stroke victory Sunday.

Calcavecchia, who had promised to go at every pin, didn't have a choice on a calm, soft day ripe for low scores. He kept his pledge to the end, firing at the flag on the 18th for a birdie that put him at 18-under 271.

His ninth PGA Tour victory was worth \$324,000 and made him only the 11th player to surpass \$8 million in career earnings.

"Chasing a leader who doesn't make any mistakes makes a difference," said Singh, who closed with a 67. "I was just trying to keep up with him."

Colin Montgomerie finished with a 66. He was alone in third at 275, but still 0-for-46 on the PGA Tour.

"It's encouraging," he said. "I'm looking forward especially now to The Players Championship and the Masters."

John Daly rebounded from a 76 in the second round with great play on the weekend. He tied the

course record of 8-under 64 and wound up tied for fourth with Jeff Maggert and defending champion Stuart Appleby.

Maggert, whose 41 on the back nine Saturday afternoon knocked him six strokes off the lead, tied a tournament record with a 7-under 29 on the front to briefly take the lead. But he played the back even par for a 65.

Calcavecchia didn't have to look at the lifeless trees or feel the heavy, muggy air to realize what it would take to win. Not long after his drive landed softly in the first fairway, he no longer had the lead.

That belonged to Maggert, who stormed back from a third-round 76 to birdie six of the first seven holes.

One group ahead, Daly thrilled a large following with a 2-iron from 252 yards that settled 15 feet away on the fringe on the par-5 14th. He holed it for eagle, putting him within two strokes of the lead.

But Daly's approach on the par-5 16th veered left into a bunker and he failed to get up and down for birdie.

Still, his 64 was good enough to match the course record that

Craig Parry and Tommy Armour III set on the TPC at Heron Bay last year. And it should remove any doubt that Daly is a changed man, not the "Wild Thing" that would have gone in the tank after a bad round.

Daly followed his 76 on Friday, in which he started with bogeys on four of the first five holes, with rounds of 68-64 on the weekend for his second straight top-5 finish.

"Three years ago, I'd have been home," he said. "It wouldn't have been a 76. It would have been an 80."

Calcavecchia and Singh made it clear early on that this would come down to a two-player race over the flat, defenseless course.

Singh birdied the first hole from 22 feet and Calcavecchia dropped in an 18-footer on top of him. After Singh hit his tee shot on the 187-yard fifth hole, Calcavecchia nestled his within 4 feet.

Singh forged ahead with a 7-footer for birdie on the 207-yard eighth hole. When Calcavecchia's 20-foot birdie putt on the par-5 ninth somehow slid by to the right, he tapped in and flung his putter across the green to his caddy.

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HEMPHILL (RAMP Douglas) Rio Petroleum, Inc., #1 Black Jack, Sec. 14, A-1, H&GN, elev. 2501 rkb, spud 10-19-97, drlg. compl 11-5-97, tested 2-14-98, pumped 8 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 4 bbls. water, GOR 5375, TD 8250, PBTD 8103

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HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #9 Ethel Smith, Lot 63, 6, J.J. Hall, elev. 3359 kb, spud 10-17-97, drlg. compl 10-21-97, tested 3-4-98, pumped 2 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 34 bbls. water, GOR 8800, TD 3598, PBTD 3572

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49,24, H&GN, elev. 2559 gr, spud 8-28-97, drlg. compl 9-2-97, tested 3-3-98, pumped 2 bbl. of 39.8 grav. oil + no water, GOR 12000, TD 2607

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Poll: Support of death penalty drops 18 percentage points

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans' support of the death penalty has plunged 18 percentage points to its lowest rating in decades, according to a poll taken just weeks after the execution of Karla Faye Tucker.

The Texas Poll, published Sunday by several media outlets, found 68 percent of Texans favor capital punishment, a big drop from the 86-percent support in

received in 1994, the last time the Texas Poll asked about the subject.

The survey of 1,001 adult Texans was conducted by telephone Feb. 16-26 for Scripps Howard Newspapers and other news outlets by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas at Austin. It has an error rate of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll was conducted just

weeks after the Feb. 3 execution of Ms. Tucker, the pickax killer whose religious conversion prompted a worldwide campaign to spare her life.

"Some of it has got to be people re-evaluating their opinion in light of the Karla Faye Tucker execution," said Texas Poll Director Ty Meighan. "The whole Karla Faye Tucker deal focused people on this issue."

Tim Flanagan, dean of the criminal justice college at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville called the decline in support "remarkable." He also credited the publicity surrounding Ms. Tucker's execution.

"If you believe that the media has an educational value at all, then people obviously ... learned some things about capital punishment as a result of the

debate," he told the Houston Chronicle.

Dianne Clements, president of the victims' rights group Justice for All, agreed the findings are a result of Ms. Tucker's execution. However, she noted a majority of Texans still support capital punishment.

The 68 percent approval rating is the lowest for capital punishment since the 1960s, when executions were carried out by electrocution. A 1953 Gallup Poll found that 63 percent of Texans supported the death penalty, while a 1966 poll found only 42 percent favored it.

Of those interviewed this year, 26 percent opposed the death penalty, and 6 percent were neutral or said they did not know how they feel. In 1994, only 7 percent of Texans were opposed.

CC to hold 17th annual judging contest

CLARENDON — More than 1,500 students are expected to converge upon Clarendon College on Saturday, March 28, for the 17th annual Clarendon College Judging Contest. According to Jerry Hawkins, CC Agriculture Department chairperson, teams from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are expected to participate.

In 1997, more than 15 4-H clubs and 121 Future Farmers of America chapters competed in more than 13 judging contests. Contest categories include: livestock judging, horse judging, range and pasture, meats, crops, wool, farm management, entomology, poultry, dairy foods, ag mechanics, plant identification, cotton and land.

For more information about the 17th annual Clarendon College Judging Contest, please call Hawkins at (806) 874-3571.

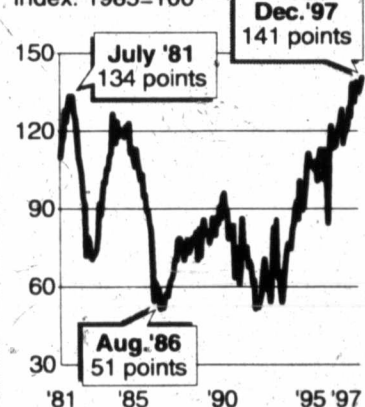
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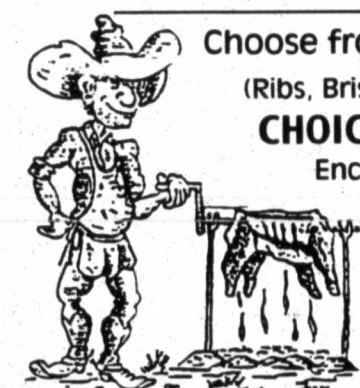
Consumer confidence in Texas reached its highest point ever in December 1997. In a survey of households in the West South Central region*, consumers were pleased about low unemployment, minimum inflation, and growth in wages. The positive response in regard to the present and future economic outlook in the region climbed throughout 1997 to reach its peak in December at 140.7 points, surpassing the previous high in July 1981.

Consumer Confidence Index, West South Central region*
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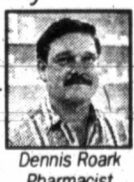
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