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## City growth potential unlimited, says Pink

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

Pampa holds the potential for becoming a major cultural and economic center in the foreseeable future, said the keynote speaker for the annual Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday.

The speaker, Cheryl Pink of Southwestern Public Service in Amarillo, suggested that "micropolitans" — communities of approximately 50,000 — are on the ascendant in the nation because of widespread public discontent over living conditions in big cities.

Referring to micropolitans as "safe harbors for citizens," Pink expressed optimism that Pampa will develop into such a city. "I hope in 10 years perhaps I can come back and look at the micropolitan that you are and recount the changes that you've created," she said.

Pink attributed the growing undesirability of big cities to the high rate of crime, as reflected in unsafe conditions in public school systems. She also cited the crowded conditions in public schools.

Pink spoke to approximately 250 banquet guests, the majority of them Chamber members, in the M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The theme of the banquet and annual meeting was "Partners in Business."

Also at the banquet, Jimmy Wilkerson officially assumed his position as the 64th president of the Pampa chamber and last year's president, Duane Harp, received a plaque honoring him for his dedication and industriousness.

Another highlight of the evening came from a joyous singing performance by Pampa Elementary Chorus.

Pink, who previously served as manager of community initiatives

for the Texas Department of Commerce, recommended that Pampa business promoters invest their money directly into this community, rather than pay for taking trips to cities such as New York to attract industry here.

"We know you are going to see more job results, in less time, by working with the people already here," declared Pink, who cited a shift in the national economy from "smokestack" industries toward service-sector businesses.

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— Cheryl Pink  
SPS Co.

Wilkerson in his speech expressed similar sentiments when he proposed that the Pampa Chamber assist new businesses in obtaining loans that would enable them to achieve financial solidity and assist established firms in obtaining loans that would enable them to expand their businesses.

Wilkerson said after his speech that he does not know whether such loans are currently available in Pampa. But he said the local Chamber could refer businesses to banks or to other loan sources, such as the Texas Department of Commerce in Austin and the Texas Chamber of Commerce in Austin.

Citing an example of local investment that proved successful elsewhere in this state, Pink noted that Brenham business promoters in 1985 made the switch from taking trips to New York for luring industry into Brenham to investing locally on

behalf of economic development. The community of Brenham provided financial incentives to craftsmen who made toys in their garage as a hobby, and new businesses developed as a result, Pink said.

Pink praised the city of Pampa for instituting last year a one-half cent citywide sales tax to fund the Pampa Economic Development Corp. The residents of Pampa in January 1992 approved imposition of that tax.

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce played a key role in educating the general public about the need for the sales tax to promote economic development here, said City Manager Glen Hackler, who attended the Thursday banquet.

Hackler said before the banquet that he believes the Chamber has had a significant and positive effect on the economy of Pampa. "I think you can measure it (the effect) in the mood of the people," he said. "The morale of the community is directly related to spending habits," which in turn reflect the state of the local economy, he said.

Wayne Stribling, former chairman of the retail trade committee of the Pampa Chamber, noted before the banquet that the committee has worked hard to promote retail businesses in town. "We've come a long way the last two years in citywide retail promotions," he said.

The Retail Trade Committee sponsors the Christmas parade, Krazy Dayze and Jolly Dollars.

Chamber officials also cited the Oct. 30 opening of the state prison near Pampa as a boon to the local economy, creating jobs while it stimulated demand for housing in the area.

Wilkerson said after the banquet that he was pleased by the "excellent" attendance at the event. "I thought it went real well," the Chamber president said. "I thought the speaker was outstanding."

### Happy 100th!



Groom players congratulate basketball coach Jay Lamb Thursday night on his 100th victory in five years at Groom High School. From left are Corkey Hickey, Matt Miller (13), Wes Hall (with trophy) and Paul McLaughlin (25). Please see page 11 for story.

## Clinton insists his program can help global economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton vowed today to help U.S. companies "compete, not retreat" in international trade and said his tough economic program should be met with market-opening moves by U.S. trading partners.

With his plan to trim the nation's budget deficit, the United States is "getting its own economic house in order," the president said.

He laid down a tough line on his determination to work for the elimination of trade barriers he said were restricting the sale of U.S. products abroad.

"It is time for us to make trade a priority element of American security," Clinton said in a speech on the global economy.

"We must compete, not retreat," Clinton said. "Our exports are especially important to us."

Clinton's speech came on the eve of a meeting in London of finance ministers and central bankers from the world's seven largest industrial democracies.

In his first speech on the international economy, Clinton said the United States and its major allies should stop working at "cross purposes" and do a better job of harmonizing their economic policies.

He said 20 of the world's 24 developed nations had increased trade barriers in recent years instead of lowering them, calling it "a powerful testament to the difficulty of trying to maintain a

high wage, high-growth economy."

"A prosperous America is not only good for Americans ... it is absolutely essential for the prosperity of the whole world," Clinton told an audience at American University.

Wearing a blue academic robe — Clinton was given an honorary degree — the president paid homage to former President John F. Kennedy, who made a speech at American University in 1963 on the need to find "peace in the face of nuclear confrontation ... the finest speech he ever delivered."

Clinton recalled growing into adulthood in the shadows of the Cold War, but declared that now "democracy is on the march everywhere in the world. It is a new day and a great moment for Americans."

"Open and cooperative commerce will enrich us as a nation," he said.

He sought to make clear that adoption of his economic program would also help the rest of the world economically.

"If we set a new direction at home, we can set a new direction for the world as well," Clinton said.

Clinton's speech came a day after he floated the idea of even more new taxes than the ones in his new economic program — suggesting he might consider raising taxes on cigarettes and other health-risk products to help finance his call for a national health insurance plan.

"I think health-related taxes are different," Clinton said Thursday.

Vice President Gore, appearing today in a one-hour, call-in show on NBC's "Today" show, said that such an increase still hasn't become a formal proposal.

Gore said "it would be premature to get into the details" of the health reform package because it "hasn't been written."

Clinton discussed health-insurance financing at a news conference at which 24 business and labor leaders endorsed his economic program and as Republicans stepped up their attack on his economic package.

Gore used the morning television time to plug the economic plan, urging viewers to write their congressmen in support of it.

In recent days, Clinton has renewed his commitment to protect U.S. companies against what he views as unfair European subsidies. After meeting with British Prime Minister John Major on Wednesday, Clinton said he hoped to dislodge stalled efforts for new world trading rules.

But the domestic economy will still dominate his time.

White House and congressional sources say the administration is signaling that it would not object if lawmakers targeted the atom-smashing superconducting super collider and the space station for spending cuts.

But Gore said today that though "some Democrats" have singled out the two projects for cuts, "We disagree."

## GE plans to cut 3,900 jobs

EVENDALE, Ohio (AP) — General Electric Co.'s aircraft engines division said today it is eliminating 3,900 jobs because of defense budget cuts and reduced orders from struggling commercial airlines.

GE Aircraft Engines said 2,300 salaried employees and 1,600 hourly workers will lose their jobs. Most of the layoffs will be immediate but others will come later in the year.

The bulk of the job losses will come at the jet engine division's headquarters plant in this Cincinnati suburb where 2,500 jobs will be cut to reduce employment here from the current 14,900 to 12,400.

GE said it will also cut 700 jobs at Evendale's sister plant in Lynn, Mass., and another 700 at affiliate

ed engine service shops and parts production plants across the nation.

Workers losing their jobs include middle managers and supervisors, engineers, support staff and manufacturing personnel. Those affected were informed beginning today, company spokeswoman Paula Kollstedt said.

Brian Rowe, president and chief executive officer of GE Aircraft Engines, said the cuts were necessary because defense budget reductions and reduced engine orders from airlines have cut into the division's business.

"Our commercial customers have suffered unprecedented losses in the last three years," Rowe said.

The changing market makes it impossible to predict whether further cuts will be needed, Ms. Kollstedt said.

The new job cuts come on top of previously announced reductions.

"In February 1992, GE said it would eliminate 2,100 jobs throughout its Cincinnati operations because of slower commercial and military engine orders. In June, the company said 750 more hourly and salaried jobs would be eliminated by the middle of 1994 to reduce costs.

The likelihood of job cuts had been rumored for weeks among GE employees. Company managers were given training on how to notify employees that their jobs are being eliminated.

## Prosecutors claim suicide victim tried to back out

By SHARON THEIMER  
Associated Press Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Prosecutors weighed murder charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian after learning that one of the 15 people

who have died with help from the suicide doctor may have tried to back out at the last moment.

A document that a right-to-life advocate claimed to have found in a Kevorkian associate's garbage reports that 70-year-old Hugh Gale

panicked after a carbon monoxide mask was placed over his face and cried, "Take it off!"

"This document ... with him asking the mask be taken off and the mask was continued, takes it out of the realm of assisted suicide and puts it into the realm of attempted homicide," Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said Thursday at a news conference held with Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga.

Kevorkian's attorneys dismissed the possibility that the 64-year-old doctor ignored Gale's plea to abort the suicide. "A bunch of right-wing Christian nuts again called Dr. Kevorkian a murderer. It's laughable," Geoffrey Fieger said.

Gale's wife, Cheryl, who attended his death, also disputed the account in the document. He asked only once to have the mask removed, and he later put it back on, WXYZ-TV quoted her as saying. Her phone number is unpublished and she could not be reached for further comment.

Earlier in the day, Gov. John Engler signed a law putting a ban on assisted suicide into effect immedi-

ately, a month earlier than planned. Kevorkian foes had feared desperately ill people were rushing to beat the March 30 deadline.

Minutes after the signing, in an apparently unrelated move, law enforcement authorities converged on Kevorkian's Royal Oak apartment and searched it. Thompson said investigators found a second, corroborating report on Gale's death.

Kevorkian was not present during the search. Kevorkian's phone rang unanswered Thursday and this morning and Fieger said the retired pathologist is away from home.

A decision on charges is expected next week, after police question Kevorkian and others, Marlinga said.

Gale, the 13th person to die in Kevorkian's presence, was suffering from emphysema and congestive heart disease. He died Feb. 15 at his Roseville home in Macomb County after breathing gas through a mask attached to a canister.

On Wednesday, Lynn Mills, a member of Operation Rescue and the Christian Defense Coalition, gave prosecutors what they said

appears to be the minutes taken from Gale's death.

The document, which bears the apparent signature of Kevorkian and three witnesses, said that about 45 seconds after Gale turned on the flow of gas, "the patient became flushed, agitated, breathing deeply, saying 'Take it off!'"

The mask was removed, and Gale calmed down and wanted to continue, according to the document. After about 20 minutes, "the mask was replaced over his nose and mouth and he again pulled the clip off the crimped tubing."

Again, Gale became agitated, the report said, "and immediately after saying 'Take it off!' once again, he fell into unconsciousness."

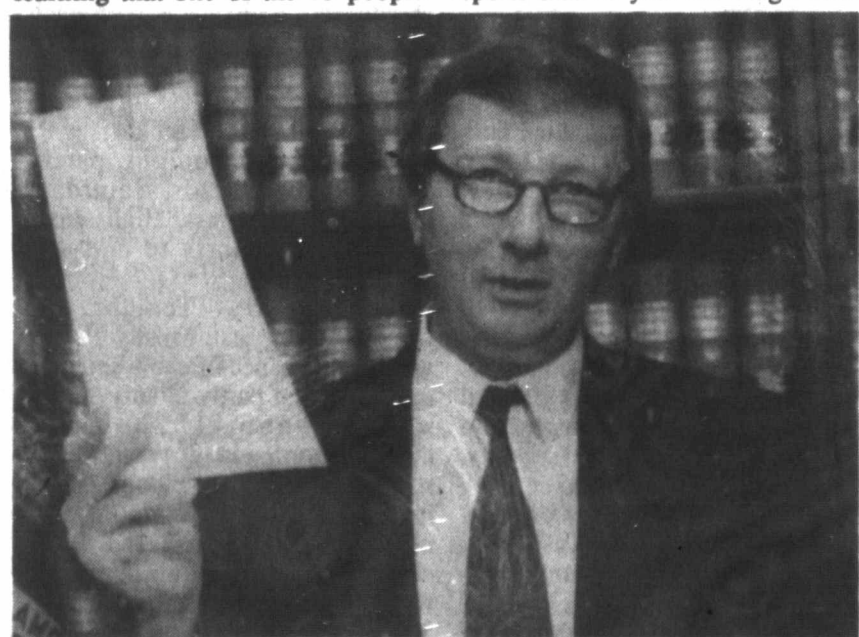
The mask was then left in place."

Kevorkian's lawyer said that Gale had full use of his hands and could have taken the mask off himself if he had wanted to. "How could Dr. Kevorkian murder anybody who could put a mask on himself and then take it off?" Fieger said.

Thompson said investigators found in Kevorkian's apartment another report on Gale's death in which "the language that has the phrase 'Take it off' has been whited out and they have concocted language to fit into that space."

Fieger said Kevorkian mistakenly wrote "Take it off!" twice while typing up the report and that's why there were corrections made.

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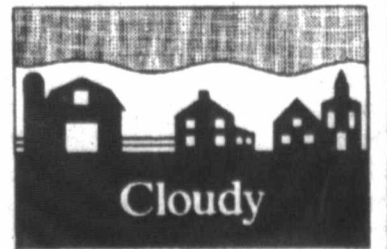
Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga holds a copy of evidence he will use in the Kevorkian trial.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**COLE**, Mrs. W.T. (Ollie) — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.  
**FARRAR**, Joe Patton — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.  
**HURDLE**, Lawrence William — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.  
**JOHNSTON**, Myrtice Corene (Clemmons) — 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Norwalk, Calif.

## Obituaries

**JOE PATTON FARRAR**  
Joe Patton Farrar, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Dr. Don Turner, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.  
Mr. Farrar was born in Foard City on Oct. 30, 1923. He graduated from Crowell High School in 1942. He joined the Army on Feb. 25, 1943, and served in combat in Central Europe with the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. He married Helen I. Mathis on Dec. 22, 1947, and they moved to Pampa in 1948. He was a Baptist. He worked for the Texas Highway Department until retiring in 1985 after 36 years of service.  
Survivors include his wife, Helen, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Debbie Farrar of Naperville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Larry Lenderman of Pampa; three granddaughters, Larisa Farrar, Lezlie Farrar, and Brandi Lenderman; and a grandson, Dustin Lenderman.  
He was preceded in death by his father in 1971, his mother in 1989 and a brother at an early age.  
The family requests memorials be made to the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

**LAWRENCE WILLIAM HURDLE**  
Lawrence William Hurdle, 63, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with the Rev. George Warren, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be courtesy of Texas National Guard, Pampa unit.  
Mr. Hurdle was born on July 25, 1929, in Amarillo. He lived in Pampa for more than 40 years. He married Geraldine Hill on Oct. 13, 1961, at Pampa. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for about 33 years, retiring in 1985 as a postal supervisor through the Pampa and Amarillo offices. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and former commander of the Pampa National Guard during the 1960s. He retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.  
Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, of the home; two daughters, Sandra Hurdle and Karen Hurdle, both of Arlington; his mother, Peggy Rutherford of Amarillo; and a brother, Joe Rutherford of Arlington.

**MYRTICE CORENE (CLEMMONS) JOHNSTON**  
Myrtice Corene (Clemmons) Johnston, 67, a former resident of Pampa and sister of three Pampa residents, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1993. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Norwalk, Calif. Arrangements are by Chapel of Memories Funeral Home in Norwalk, Calif.  
Mrs. Johnston was born April 11, 1925, in Alameda. In 1947, she moved to Norwalk, Calif., where she became a 46-year resident.  
Survivors include her husband, Arnold T. Johnston; a son, David T. Johnston of Newport News, Va.; a daughter, Sandra Lynn Johnson of Escondido, Calif.; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Lucille Cox, Betty Gage and Naomi Clemmons, all of Pampa; and two brothers, Woody Clemmons of Albuquerque, N.M., and Lester Clemmons of Lubbock.

**JEAN JONES**  
PASADENA — Jean Jones, 59, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993. Services were Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Pasadena Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Mike Mahon of Thomas Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Grand View Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Pasadena Funeral Chapel.  
Mrs. Jones was a Pampa resident from 1949 to 1960. She was a member of Thomas Avenue Baptist Church in Pasadena.  
Survivors include her husband, Frank Jones of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Frank A. and Jan Jones of Deer Park; a daughter and son-in-law, Daphne (Jones) and Hardy Weedon of Bryan; her mother, Evelyn Terry of Pasadena; and four grandchildren.

**VIRLIE LAMPARD**  
Virlie Lampard, 67, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
Mrs. Lampard was born March 22, 1925. She recently moved to Amarillo from Pampa, where she was a resident for many years. She was a member of the McCullough Street Church of Christ.  
Survivors include three daughters, Sharon DeVries and Donna Butler, both of Amarillo, and Virginia Leonard of Rowlett; a son, Mike Day of Pampa; three sisters, Velma McCormick of Dickens, Freddie Hemphill of Talihina, Okla., and Violet Stewart of Bowie; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Clarification

A story and headline were unclear in Wednesday's edition regarding health insurance for Pampa Independent School District employees. The health benefits for the employees are basically staying the same, although costs are increasing by 30 percent due to increased claims.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL**  
**Admissions**  
Carl Ray Allen, Pampa; Jasper Edward Bailey, Mobeetie; Susie Marie Chase, Miami; Katrina Wynelle Davis, Pampa; Nickey Jay Green, Pampa; Ellanora Jones, Pampa; Lisa Suzette Love, Pampa; O.B. McBride, Borger; Lura Mae Mynear, White Deer; Antoinette D. Needham, Pampa; Mark Wesley Parks, Pampa.  
**Births**  
To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis of Pampa, a baby boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. William Love of Pampa, a baby boy.  
**Dismissals**  
Terrance C. Menefield, Pampa; Betty Marie Schaub, Pampa; Margaret B. Stevens and baby boy, Pampa.

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
No admissions, births or dismissals were reported.

## Stocks

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.                                 |        |  | Cobot O&G.....19 1/8 NC     |          |  |
| Wheat.....3.07                                                                                         |        |  | Chevron.....76 5/8          | dn 1/8   |  |
| Milo.....3.32                                                                                          |        |  | Coca-Cola.....42            | dn 1/4   |  |
| Com.....4.06                                                                                           |        |  | Enron.....56 1/4            | dn 1 1/8 |  |
| The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation: |        |  | Halliburton.....34 3/4      | up 1/4   |  |
| Ky. Cent. Life.....2 7/8                                                                               | dn 1/8 |  | HealthTrust Inc.....14 1/4  | dn 3/8   |  |
| Serco.....4 5/8                                                                                        | NC     |  | Ingersoll Rand.....33 7/8   | up 1/2   |  |
| Occidental.....19 7/8                                                                                  | dn 1/8 |  | KNE.....32 5/8              | up 1/8   |  |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:        |        |  | Kerr McGee.....45 7/8       | dn 5/8   |  |
| Magellan.....65.87                                                                                     |        |  | Limited.....25 1/2          | up 1/2   |  |
| Puritan.....15.45                                                                                      |        |  | Mapco.....49 5/8            | up 3/4   |  |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.  |        |  | Maxus.....8 5/8             | dn 1/8   |  |
| Amoco.....55 3/4                                                                                       | up 1/4 |  | McDonald's.....50 1/4       | dn 3/8   |  |
| Arco.....118 1/4                                                                                       | up 1/2 |  | Mobil.....66 3/4            | up 1/4   |  |
| Cabot.....39 1/2                                                                                       | dn 1/4 |  | New Atmos.....25            | dn 1/8   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Packer & Parsley.....19 5/8 | up 1/8   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Pennsey's.....78 7/8        | up 5/8   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Phillips.....28             | up 1/4   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | SLB.....58 5/8              | dn 1/8   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | SPS.....33 1/8              | NC       |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Tenneco.....46 3/4          | up 3/8   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Texasco.....62 1/8          | up 1/4   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Wal-Mart.....32 1/4         | up 1/2   |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | New York Gold.....327.30    |          |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | Silver.....3.53             |          |  |
|                                                                                                        |        |  | West Texas Crude.....20.63  |          |  |

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 25**  
Joyce Gail Daugherty, 1027 S. Clark, reported disorderly conduct.  
Roger A. Hubbard, 2208 Duncan, reported fraud.  
Taylor Food Mart #67, 404 N. Ballard, reported theft of services.  
Reid Stager, 1104 Sierra, reported criminal mischief.  
Doug McGinley, 939 Love, reported a burglary of a habitation.  
Christine Smith, 1232 E. Foster, reported theft of more than \$200.

**Arrest**  
**TODAY, Feb. 26**  
Kelvin Logan Louis, 29, El Rancho #10, was arrested on five outstanding warrants in the 700 block of West Francis.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB**  
Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.  
**THEE PLACE**  
Three Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.  
**SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS**  
The Southside Senior Citizens mobile meals menu for Saturday is baked chicken, green peas, stewed tomatoes, brown bread, gelatin.  
**VFW AND AUXILIARY**  
The VFW and Auxiliary plans to meet for a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the post home. Bring a cake for the cake walk.  
**COMMUNITY CONCERTS BRUNCH**  
Community Concert Association's kick off brunch is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 25**  
6:54 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to an electrical short-circuit at 922 W. 23rd.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 25**  
Bob Douthit, 711 Hazel, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at 1432 S. Barnes.  
**DPS-Arrests**  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 25**  
James Edward Couch, 67, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested on a charges of driving while intoxicated and violation of open container laws. He was released on bond.  
Stanley B. Simpson, 37, 1510 Williston, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond.

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## Suicide

Thompson filed murder charges against Kevorkian in each of the first three suicides in which he was involved. But the charges were dismissed by judges who ruled Michigan had no law against assisted suicide. No charges have been filed in the deaths since then.  
In response, the Legislature in December passed a ban on assisted suicide, effective March 30. But of the 15 suicides that Kevorkian has assisted since 1990, seven have come since the

ban was signed — and three of them last week.  
On Thursday, the Michigan House voted 92-10 to make the law effective immediately. The Senate approved the measure 28-6.  
"Mr. Kevorkian has clearly crossed the line," Engler said in signing the immediate ban. "Most of the people of Michigan are uncomfortable with the power he's assumed for himself."  
The law makes assisting in a suicide a crime punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. It is to remain in effect for up to 21 months while a commission studies the issue.

Kevorkian has said he would ignore the ban anyway, arguing it clashes with a doctor's obligation to ease suffering.  
In an interview with The Detroit News before Thursday's legislative action, Kevorkian threatened a hunger strike if arrested.  
"It's my life against your law," he said.  
The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan plans to challenge the new law in court on Monday, ACLU Executive Director Howard Simon said.  
"It's not up to the state to dictate how much pain and suffering a person should have to endure," Simon said.

## D-FY-IT leaders



(Staff photo by John McMillan)

Elected on Thursday as officers of the Pampa High School anti-drug organization D-FY-IT (Drug-Free Youth in Texas) are, front row, from left, junior Kilyn Shelton, vice president, and sophomore Richard Williams, president; back row, from left, senior Shannon Ford, reporter, and junior Kimberly Martin, secretary. Williams said he wants to raise the membership of D-FY-IT from the current 251 to 300 by the end of March.

# Judge orders stiffer enforcement of dogs' welfare in experiments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is being asked to put a little faith in the adage, "A dog is man's best friend."  
U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey on Thursday told the Agriculture Department to stiffen its regulations under the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that dogs used in laboratory experiments get daily exercise and that monkeys and apes can socialize.  
Ruling in a suit by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Richey said regulations developed by the Bush administration in 1991 failed to establish the "minimum requirements" mandated by Congress eight years ago.  
"A dog is man's best friend" is an old adage which the defendants have either forgotten or decided to ignore," the judge said. "Hopefully, the new secretary will ensure that the bureaucracy he inherits and the special interest

est groups with which he must contend will be forced to remember this sentiment and comply with the law."  
John Duncan, a spokesman for the Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said officials would have to review the judge's ruling "before determining where we go next."  
The animal rights group contended in a suit that proposed regulations drafted by the department in 1989 were gutted in the final version two years later under pressure from university and private biomedical facilities.  
"It was an unprecedented example of an agency just completely rolling over to the industry it regulates," said Valeries Stanley, an attorney for animal rights advocates.  
Through a bill written by Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., Congress amended

the animal protection law to require federal standards for the "humane handling, care, treatment and transportation" of laboratory animals.  
In the initial draft of the regulations, the department said dogs should be released from their cages for at least 30 minutes of daily exercise. The final version required only that they be exercised "regularly" according to an in-house program developed by an on-site veterinarian and committee at each lab.  
"This could, to one person, be only once a month," Richey said. "These considerations may well be based more on the almighty dollar than the welfare of animals."  
The regulations also delegate to the on-site veterinarian and in-house committee at each lab the establishment of minimum standards for promoting the psychological enrichment of monkeys and apes.

## City briefs

**WATER WELL** Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.  
**BRICK REPAIR**, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE**, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.  
**FRANK SLAGLE** Electric. All electrical services, 665-3748. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE**, Ruby Pruet, 2301 Christine. 665-2636, 665-0654. Adv.  
**NEW MUSIC** Teacher in town. Private piano, voice, flute lessons. Gracie Eddins 669-6778. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE** Mary J. Mynear, 669-9910. 1040A \$25, 1040EZ \$15. Electronic filing. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE**, Billie Moore, 669-7643. Adv.  
**ELSIE'S FLEA** Market. Final Clothing Sale, 50 cents each. 1246 Barnes. Adv.  
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**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Tonight, increasing cloudiness, fog possible, the low 22, southeasterly winds 10-15 mph. Saturday, fog possible in the morning, otherwise cloudy with a chance of light rain, the high 35 and southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Thursday's high was 37 degrees; the overnight low was 21 degrees.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, increasing cloudiness with fog possible. Lows mostly around 20. Saturday, possible early morning fog, otherwise cloudy with a slight chance of light rain and possible light snow north. Highs in the 30s. Saturday night, continued cloudy with a slight chance of rain or freezing rain mixed with snow. Lows around 20 to the mid 20s. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow north and rain, freezing rain or snow south. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the mid 30s to around 40. South Plains: Tonight, increasing cloudiness with lows in the mid to upper 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Saturday night, cloudy

with a slight chance of rain or freezing rain. Lows mid 20s to the lower 30s. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or freezing rain. Lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s. Highs in the 40s.  
South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s Hill Country to the 40s South Central. Saturday, cloudy with highs in the 50s. Saturday night, cloudy. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to the 40s south. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, mostly cloudy and warmer with a chance of rain. High Sunday in the 50s. Low Monday near 40 Hill Country, in the 40s South Central. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Low Tuesday in the 40s to near 50. Highs in the 60s. Texas Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Saturday, cloudy. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, mostly cloudy and warmer with a chance of rain. High Sunday near 60. Low Monday in the 50s, high in the 60s. Low Tuesday in the 50s, high near 70.  
North Texas — Tonight and Sat-

urday, continued cool. Increasing cloudiness, becoming mostly cloudy Saturday. A slight chance of light rain west Saturday. Lows 30 to 34. Highs 45 west to 55 south-east. Saturday night, a chance of rain, mainly west and central. Cloudy and cool with lows 35 to 40. Sunday and Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain each day. Highs in the upper 40s to upper 50s. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.  
**BORDER STATES**  
Oklahoma — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in 20s. Saturday, increasing cloudiness. Highs from the lower 30s north to mid-40s south.  
New Mexico — Tonight, low clouds and fog east. Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow showers northwest and partly cloudy southwest. Lows from 10 to 20s mountains and north with 30s central and south. Saturday, low clouds morning east, otherwise clouds increasing from the west. Scattered showers and mountain snows north and west. Highs 30s and 40s north to 50s and mid 60s south. Saturday night, cloudy. Scattered snow showers central and north and a few showers south. Lows 20s north to 30s south.



## Calm returning to Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Nigerian soldiers traded fire with a sniper this morning, but signs of calm were returning to Mogadishu after two days of rioting.

Merchants began opening up for business in their ramshackle stalls of corrugated steel. The remains of bonfires from burning tires and junk still littered some streets, but traffic navigated around them.

At the city's main traffic circle, Nigerian troops in the U.S.-led coalition fired repeatedly in the air in a show of force.

"Workers heard some loud gunfire this morning, but it's much less hairy than yesterday," Cynthia Osterman of the relief group CARE said today in Nairobi, Kenya, after talking by radio with the group's workers in Mogadishu.

Reports say at least six Somalis were killed, and five U.S. Marines and two Nigerian soldiers wounded in violence that started Wednesday when backers of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid claimed U.S.-led forces helped defeat a rival.

Relief officials say the violence halted some food deliveries, but they do not plan to pull out of the city.

The violence raised questions about when U.S. troops could hand over command to a U.N.-led force and go home, but officials said the transfer itself was not jeopardized.

It was the first major protest against the coalition of 32,000 international troops, including 17,000 Americans, in Somalia to secure

relief shipments to millions of Somalis threatened by starvation after two years of civil war and drought.

The cause of the continued violence in Mogadishu was unclear. Aidid, whose angry radio address Tuesday night helped set off the protests, urged calm Wednesday, and on Thursday night accused looters of taking advantage of the situation.

While the U.S.-led Operation Restore Hope has helped get relief to the starving, young Somalis out of work and with few schools to attend crowd the streets with little to do.

This morning, Nigerian troops atop a hotel used by the foreign news media poured heavy gunfire into a building across the street in response to sniper fire. Several troops entered the building, captured seven men and seized one weapon, a Nigerian commander said.

Sniper fire also had come from the building the day before, and the Nigerians blasted holes in it Thursday to try to flush out the attackers.

One of the captured men said some were friends of a security guard checking the building.

The seven, some slapped and kicked by the Nigerians, were taken away to Nigeria's military headquarters in Somalia, the commander said. He said they would be turned over to the U.S.-led United Nations Task Force.

Gunfire and grenades rocked the same area for five hours Thursday as soldiers pounded at snipers. The

shooting — the heaviest in the capital in weeks — was mostly by Nigerian soldiers, who fired without restraint at any niche they believed might harbor a sniper.

U.S. military officials said the snipers were suspected of being Aidid supporters because the violence occurred in an area he nominally controls. They said the snipers could have been acting on their own.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said late Thursday in New York that the unrest would not complicate the planned transition from U.S. troops to a U.N. command. He has said that could happen in several weeks.

"I believe that the situation has been very much exaggerated ... and that the U.N. will be able to do our transition according to the schedule which has been established," he told *The Associated Press*.

Aidid had accused U.S.-led forces of helping the fighters of a rival warlord, Mohamed Said Hirs, known as Gen. Morgan, to defeat Aidid ally Col. Omar Jess in the southern port of Kismayu on Monday.

Aidid had demanded that Morgan's loyalists leave the city, some 200 miles south of the capital.

On Thursday, facing a midnight ultimatum by U.S. forces, many of Morgan's fighters began leaving Kismayu and were taken to a cantonment site 150 miles west.

U.S. and U.N. officials have said the fighting in Kismayu endangered peace talks, set for March 15.

## Report: School property taxes rose in 1992

AUSTIN (AP) — School property taxes increased by \$984 million in 1992 from the previous year, to a total of \$8.6 billion, state Comptroller John Sharp says.

That represents the amount levied, not actually collected.

The average school property tax rate totaled almost \$1.30 per \$100 property valuation, a "9-cent" increase, Sharp said Thursday.

He said nearly all the growth is due to a state-mandated increase in taxes levied by county education districts, or CEDs.

CEDs were created by the Legislature to even out access to funding among school districts, which rely on state aid and local taxes. Some local tax money is transferred from property-rich to poor school districts within CEDs.

The Texas Supreme Court has said there are constitutional problems with the current system, but has given lawmakers until June 1 to devise a new plan.

State law required CEDs to increase their effective tax rates this school year from 72 cents to 82

cents. Local school districts may impose additional taxes on top of the CED rate.

Texas in 85 percent of the state's 1,042 independent school districts saw their local school tax rates go up, and many of the rest saw no change, Sharp said. Eighty-six school districts reduced their rates from 1991, he said.

The survey of school districts is part of the comptroller's audit of property valued reported by school districts and CEDs.

## Act I's version of 'Curious Savage' definitely holds audience attention

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Guest Reviewer

"Curious Savage" — a title that hardly reflects the goings-on in this madcap comedy by John Patrick.

ACT I's rendition now appearing in the community theater at Pampa Mall is a reunion of sorts. Director Rochelle Lacy first presented the play while she was Pampa High School drama teacher in 1974. Several of her former students are acting in this new version.

All three acts take place in the living room of "The Cloisters." Although the opening scene shows five apparently normal people, one soon realizes that such is not really the case. This is not a genteel home — this is a nut house!

### Guest review

Imagine the hilarity that can take place in such a location. Take an endearing group of five "nuts," add a sane but eccentric, rich woman and her three greedy, influential stepchildren and you have "Curious Savage."

Carolyn Smith's ability to play eccentric women shone in her portrayal of "Ouiser" in ACT I's "Steel Magnolias." However, she has topped that performance with her interpretation of Mrs. Savage.

Ronnie Holmes has appeared in a number of ACT I plays. His characterization of the pompous Senator Titus Savage shows his acting range continues to grow. He is one of Lacy's former students.

Sophie Goode, currently drama teacher at PHS, creates a perfectly despicable character in Lily Belle. Newcomer Chris LaRue completes the family of stepchildren. Although this is his acting debut, he shows excellent comedic timing and his facial expressions are a hoot.

Then there are the loveable patients of "The Cloisters."

Brandy Ketchum is so believable as "Florence," a part she also played for Lacy in the 1974 version.

Rich Welch, another of Lacy's former students and veteran ACT I performer appears as Hannibal, the non-musical violinist.

Darlene Hodges is unrecognizable to ACT I patrons who have seen her before on this stage. She completely transforms herself to become Fairy May, "head-in-the clouds" tale teller. Tim Andorfer makes a successful debut as the gentle, war-damaged Jeffrey.

Bettany Cisneros-Morgan has few lines as Mrs. Paddy, but anyone trying to duplicate her "I hate ... " tirades would see the skill needed there. And her body language in the last act is inspired.

All the craziness must have

buffering elements. They come in the forms of the quiet, efficient Miss Willie, played by Elva Westermarck in her second ACT I appearance and psychiatrist Dr. Emmett, portrayed by Lisa Budnick. This is Budnick's ACT I debut both as an actor and as assistant director. Her son, Jake, also makes a cameo appearance in the play.

"Curious Savage" moves fairly quickly and incorporates enough surprises and plot twists to hold one's attention. Performances begin at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and March 5 and 6.

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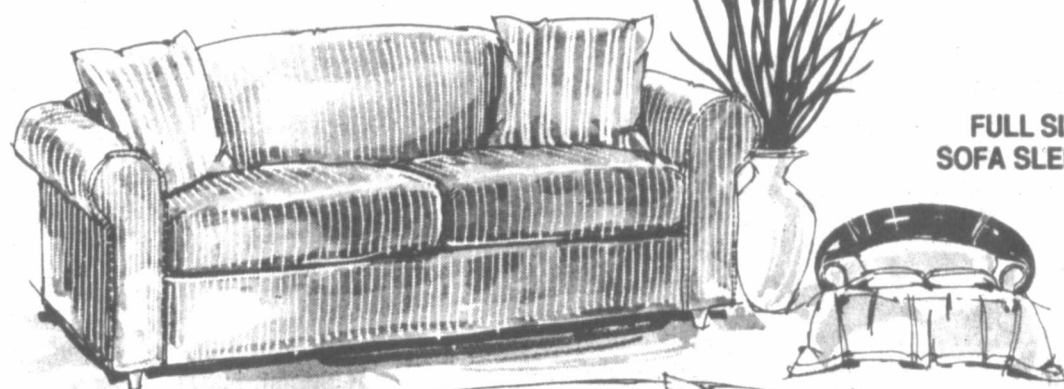
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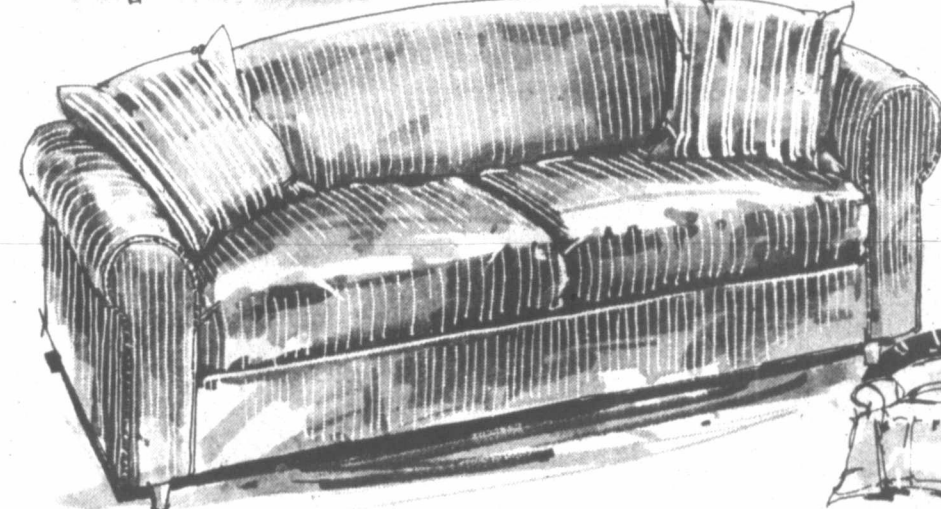
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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher  
Publisher

J. Alan Brzys  
Managing Editor

## Texas Editorials

### El Paso Times on Clinton's economic plan:

This country can no longer respond to a faltering economy and reduce its deficit without a broad-based increase in taxes and substantial cuts in spending. President Clinton made that clear....

For more than 12 years, this country has been spending and borrowing without any regard for the future. And for years, most of us have been lamenting the deficit but have been unwilling to do anything about it. Even now, most of us still say "tax them, not me." But somebody has to pay for the way we live and we like to live well....

President Clinton showed courage by breaking his campaign promise to reduce taxes on the middle class, calling instead for tax increases and cuts in spending that left no "sacred cows" unaffected....

On the face of it, his \$500 billion package of tax increases and spending cuts appears to distribute the bad news fairly.

Time will tell. If the spending cuts aren't deep enough and tax money is not spent wisely, the deficit may well exceed the \$310 billion expected this year. And that will not do.

### The Lufkin Daily News on Attorney General Dan Morales' open government proposals:

One of (Attorney General Dan Morales') proposed bills would grant his office new powers to investigate violations and enforce the Open Meetings Act....

Other proposals would establish civil penalties and increase criminal penalties....

Morales will also ask that governmental bodies, such as police, sheriff and tax offices, be required to go one step further.... He will ask that the information be made available on computer tape or disk when requested, if the offices has that capability.

If Morales' ideas become law, it means government workers must spend more time dealing with the public's requests for information. It will also mean that refusing to do so could result in fines or jail time.

The public's right to know supersedes any inconvenience governing bodies may experience, but it is a right that will only be enhanced and enforced when the public demands it.

### Fort Worth Star-Telegram on populist Clinton:

The intersection of a president who actually enjoys mingling directly with the American people and an awakening of those people as a political force that needs to be included in the process of making policy has led to a remarkable sight: a sitting chief executive taking the presidency to the public, and not even in an election year.

Some presidents even stayed close to the White House during elections; this one had barely taken the oath of office and delivered his first major speech when he was jogging with common folk in Chillicothe, Ohio, and speaking to half-frozen citizens at the St. Louis airport.

This may not be last — recent presidents eventually have tired of criticism and just wanted to reporters rather than rubbing elbows with ordinary people — but again it may. President Clinton's strong point is personal contact. He has a lot to sell. And one way to sell an idea to Congress is to sell it to the public.

At least that's the theory.

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## Berry's World



# Mr. Clinton's 'Newspeak'

The great victory of Orwell-speak in our time is "fairness."

Over the decades in this century we plowed through "economic democracy," "to each according to his needs," the "classless society" and the lot, but we continue to roll merrily along with a concept of "fairness" that, at the hands of the president of the United States, constitutes quite simply unequal treatment under the law, which was supposed to be prohibited by the 14th Amendment.

What is "fairness" in the popular understanding is to tax one set of people at a higher rate than another set of people. Even as Marxism requires a semantic scaffolding of phony historical and philosophical generalities to sustain its effronteries, so does the Newspeak of words used to convey the opposite of what they are etymologically designed to convey.

We do not say about judge Sol Wachtler, the highest judicial figure in the state of New York, that because of his eminence he is at liberty to get away with extortion, but we send the police out to arrest him, and get ready to prosecute him, even as if he were Joe Doe, opining not on the Constitution of the state of New York, but on how much he will charge his customer for a bunch of bananas. Under the "fairness" dispensation, as used by Clinton et al., Judge Wachtler would be subject not only to prosecution, but also to a much stiffer sentence, because he is a man of judicial, and for that matter, economic, eminence.

It is probably the case that the affluent class in America is prepared to make sacrifices for the benefit of the country on its present disastrous course. When the maximum tax rate was reduced, over a period of five years, from 70 percent (on unearned income) to 28 percent, this was hardly an act of favoritism toward the affluent. It was a creeping recognition (by



William F. Buckley Jr.

a Democratic Congress) of two truths, one of them philosophical; the second, pragmatic.

The first was a glimmer of apprehension that there is something incorrect about penalizing someone who does well in a free market. Reduced to a simple level, if a taxi driver elects to work 70 hours every week instead of the 40 hours put in by his competitor, it is hard to understand why he should be taxed at a heavier rate. If, under yesterday's regime, he had been taxed at 50 percent and now the tax is reduced to 28 percent, the government is not doing him a "favor," which justifies reconstitution seven years later in the name of fairness.

If you resume taxing him at 50 percent, what you are engaged in is an act in rediscrimination. The notion that you are engaged in balancing the scales toward "fairness" is an affront the basic philosophical reasoning.

The second reason you should not penalize success is the self-penalizing effect of that exercise. In 1978, congress reduced the capital gains tax form 49 percent to 28 percent. After five years, revenue from capital gains to the Treasury increased by 18 percent. When Ronald Reagan took office, the top 1 percent of American earners paid 17.9 percent of all federal taxes. By the end of Reagan's term, the

marginal tax rate having had been reduced, the wealthiest 1 percent were paying 27.6 percent of all federal taxes.

There are two reasons why this happened. The first is that the rewards of industry were not penalized, and therefore the spur to success and self-sacrifice increased. The second is that those already affluent, willing to expose their earnings to a tax rate thought reasonable — fair — deployed their savings to invest in enterprises that involved risk. During those eight years, 19 million new jobs were created, and industrial production grew by 3 percent a year.

There are some of us who would elect liberty even if the price of it were a reduced standard of living. It is a singular blessing that the two are symbiotic. The more liberty you have, the higher the standard of living.

The affluent class is prepared, one reasonably assumes, to make sacrifices. What it is not prepared to do, or oughtn't to be prepared to do, is to make a sacrifice in the name of restitution. If Mr. du Pont earns a million dollars every year, one should begin by postulating that that million is his, not Mr. Clinton's. To say to him: "Dear Mr. du Pont: The boy scouts of Congress desperately need more money, and since you have more money than Joe Doe, would you kindly make a special contribution to our boy scout fund" — that is one thing. To address him and to say that in the name of fairness, one-half of his million dollars belongs to the boy scouts of Congress is to commit larceny under the protective cover of equity.

Mr. Clinton's program is freighted with cant and evasive reasoning. But above all it is contaminated by an overarching distortion of ethical reasoning: Fairness equals unfairness.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1993. There are 308 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, limiting a president to two terms in office.

### On this date:

In 1802, one of the great figures of French literature, Victor Hugo, was born in Besancon.

In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1870, New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public.

In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.



# Nap time

Not all motorists who cross a median to hit somebody head on are drunk; some are "dozing."

Publicly and privately we have mounted worthy crusades against the drunk driver, but we have been ignoring the drowsy driver.

June Seliber-Klein, M.D., is a specialist in sleep medicine. She says one problem is that we can test for drugs and alcohol; we have no clinical tests for fatigue.

She does not exaggerate the significance of EDS (Excessive Daytime Sleepiness).

For a recent Cornell University videotape on the subject, researchers aboard a commercial jetliner caught on camera both the pilot and co-pilot — at the controls — napping!

While a modern airliner may fly itself on autopilot, any malfunction or other emergency requires at least one alert human.

Further, while most physical fitness studies have focused on exercise to prevent coronary attacks, Peter J. Steinrohn, M.D., believes that a daily nap time may be more effective in promoting good circulation.



Paul Harvey

How long a nap? For some, 10 minutes of forgetfulness and relaxation are sufficient refreshment. Others may require an hour. But Steinrohn is convinced that all of us would benefit from substituting nap breaks for coffee breaks.

The Cornell study also revealed that a school-ager who has slept five hours and consumed one can of beer is just as impaired as one who had six cans of beer and a full night's sleep.

Ten million Americans are in bed long enough, yet the quality of their sleep may be less because of a bed partner who snores.

The good news is that snoring itself may be treatable.

On a related subject, science writer Lowell Ponte for the February Reader's Digest reported that one-in-two Americans suffer some seasonal sleep problem that may lead to "Winter Depression."

"Thirty-seven million Americans find their lives significantly disrupted by what doctors call Seasonal Affective Disorder. Eight out of 10 patients are women."

Unlike other forms of depression, victims tend to sleep and eat more yet remain tired and sad.

Lack of light during short days on contribute to the winter blues.

Ponte cites MIT research recommending these home remedies:

Remain active; try brisk walking in sunlight.

Use larger wattage light bulbs around home and office in wintertime (including your bedroom for early morning light).

And this will endear Ponte to a quite a few readers: "If you crave carbohydrates, eat more pasta; if you crave sweets, eat sweets."

# The common sense gap

WASHINGTON — Common sense, President Clinton lamented, isn't too common in Washington. Nor is plain language, let alone simple arithmetic.

And a week into the debate over Clinton's economic proposals, none are making much headway. Clinton, Congress and the plan's critics are at odds over the numbers involved and the words used to describe them.

The arithmetic depends on which side is doing the calculating, and who defines tax increases or spending cuts. In ordinary talk, some of the items the Clinton plan lists as spending cuts sound much more like taxes.

Even Clinton's decision to use the economic projections put together by the Congressional Budget Office instead of his own staff prompted sardonic Republican laughter when he described the figures as independent.

Some GOP critics consider the CBO too attuned to the Democrats who have run Congress for all but six of the 19 years since it was set up.

"Let's at least argue about the same set of numbers," Clinton said.

It hasn't sounded like the same set since the president presented his program to a joint session of Congress a week ago. Anything but, with conflicting numbers calculations and definitions on the television talk show circuit and in congressional debate, while Clinton has been campaigning for the program with his own statistics, challenging his critics to do better.

In the Oval Office address that prefaced his proposals, Clinton said it was just common-sense gov-

## Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

ernment to invest in people and jobs, impose taxes fairly and work toward balanced budgets honestly, without gimmicks.

"I've already learned that here in Washington, common sense isn't too common," he said.

One step Clinton advertised in the name of avoiding gimmicks is his use of CBO projections of economic growth, future rates of unemployment, inflation and other factors that bear on budgets and deficits.

Those projections are vital in gauging how much the government will raise and spend. The Democrats argue that Republican administrations spent years using overly optimistic forecasts produced by their own economic advisers to pretend that deficits would come down.

"The use of rosy scenarios has eroded trust in government broadly, and in economic policymaking in particular," the Clinton economic plan says. The president said he is opting for conservative projections, beginning at 3 percent growth this year and next, then declining to 2 percent later in the decade, so that the deficit curbs in his program are more likely to be understated than exaggerated.

By using pessimistic projections, Clinton further minimizes the risk that fluctuations in the economy

will undermine his plan, and at the same time improves his chances of doing better than expected when it will count most politically, as the 1996 election approaches.

There's also a numbers dispute over the ratio of tax increases to spending cuts in the \$325 billion, four-year deficit reduction plan. Initially, the aim was \$2 in cuts for every \$1 in higher taxes. That slipped to even money, and Republicans now say it's actually weighted the other way, more taxes than cuts.

Clinton insists that spending cuts and revenue increases are about equal over the next four years, and that longer term, cuts far exceed tax boosts. That's counting it the administration way — \$246 billion in revenue increases, \$247 billion in spending cuts over the next four budget years. But that is offset by \$109 billion in spending proposals, plus \$60 billion in investment tax incentives.

That makes it \$186 billion worth of tax increases, with spending to be trimmed by \$138 billion.

Some Republicans say that's no more than 76 cents in spending cuts for every dollar in tax increases; other GOP critics say it may wind up as 50 cents to the new tax dollar.

The administration replies that the mix will change, with more spending cuts later in the program than at the outset, when Clinton is pushing steps to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

That doesn't satisfy the Republicans, and some Democrats in Congress say there should be more emphasis on prompt spending cuts. Clinton's common-sense retort: "Tell us exactly where you want to cut and I'll gladly listen."



# Police delayed medical aid to King following beating, prosecutor says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A surprise prosecution claim that police delayed medical treatment for an injured Rodney King brought a sharp defense denial as the two sides unveiled their strategies in the civil rights trial of four policemen.

The allegation came Thursday as the federal government set out to do what state prosecutors could not — win convictions in the videotaped beating.

During opening statements, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer sprang a new claim that two of the officers — Timothy Wind and Laurence Powell — took a 1 1/2-hour detour while moving King from one hospital to another, stopping at their station to show the beating victim to colleagues.

Not so, said the defense. Attorney Michael Stone said his client, Powell, and Powell's partner, Wind, were following "very strict protocol" and did no harm by slowing King's move from a small hospital to a larger hospital jail ward and trauma center.

"Only stable patients will be transferred from one hospital to another," Stone said, adding: "And

he wasn't in an ambulance. He was in a police car."

Stone said that by stopping at the Foothill Station to do "remote booking" and obtain a "parole hold" on King, a convicted felon, the officers engineered his quick admission to the hospital jail ward.

Powell, Wind, Officer Theodore Brisen and Sgt. Stacey Koon are accused of violating the black motorist's civil rights when he was clubbed, kicked and stomped after a car chase in 1991. The beating was videotaped by an onlooker.

The defendants could get up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

The four white officers were acquitted of brutality charges in state court last spring, touching off riots that left 54 people dead and caused \$1 billion in damage.

The second trial began peacefully Thursday.

The video, newly enhanced by FBI experts, was shown to the jury several times.

Clymer said that after the beating, King received some stitches at Pacifica Hospital, then was to be transferred to Los Angeles County-USC Medical

Center for tests and further treatment. Powell and Wind drove him.

"It was a half-hour drive," the prosecutor said. "But it took them two hours." He said that Wind later falsified a police report to show them leaving Pacifica Hospital an hour later than they actually departed.

"Powell drove back to Foothill Station. He left Wind in the back seat with Rodney King," Clymer said. "He sent police officers out to look at Rodney King while Rodney King was in the back seat waiting for medical attention."

No such evidence was presented at the state trial.

The prosecutor also accused the officers of trying to convince medical personnel at both hospitals that King was under the influence of the hallucinogen PCP when there was no evidence to support that conclusion.

During their opening arguments, lawyers for Powell, Koon and Brisen said the officers believed they were dealing with "a duster," a PCP-crazed suspect who could hurt them. Wind's lawyer postponed his opening statement.



With a police baton used for demonstration purposes resting on the podium, assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer presents the prosecutions' case in Los Angeles Thursday before U.S. District Judge John Davies.

## Economy grew fast in fourth quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers opened their pocketbooks in the October-December quarter, pushing economic growth upward at a 4.8 percent annual rate, the best in five years, the government said today.

The advance in the gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States, was even better than the Commerce Department's initial estimate a month ago of 3.8 percent.

It was the fastest growth since the fourth quarter of 1987 and, ironically, came during the same quarter that economic dissatisfaction motivated voters to reject George Bush's bid for a second term in the White House.

Analysts, who had anticipated the upward revision, are cautioning that the growth rate should subside somewhat during the first half of this year. Still, none anticipates a relapse into recession.

"Progress is being made but it's going to be slow. I don't think you're going to see a strong ebullient economic performance anytime soon," said Norman Robertson, a private economist in Pittsburgh.

For all of 1992, the GDP grew an unrevised 2.1 percent, the best since 1989. This year, private economists, as surveyed by the Blue Chip Eco-

nomics Indicators of Sedona, Ariz., are expecting 3.1 percent growth.

The Commerce Department attributed its fourth quarter revision to better-than-expected exports, which advanced at a 9.8 percent annual rate instead of 3.7 percent, and an improvement in consumer spending, which rose at a 4.8 percent annual rate instead of 4.3 percent. Growth in inventories also was revised up.

Other fourth-quarter bright spots included a gain at a 26.1 percent rate in housing construction and a 14.4 percent rate advance in business investment in new equipment.

Detracting from growth were a 1.1 percent decline at an annual rate in commercial construction and a 2.1 percent rate drop in government spending.

The various changes brought GDP to a seasonally adjusted \$4.99 trillion.

Carol S. Carson, director of the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, said rebuilding following hurricanes Andrew and Iniki added to growth during the quarter. She said it was difficult to say exactly how much but said the effect was "probably small."

Despite the robust growth at the end of 1992, the recovery from the recession still must be considered sub par, Carson said. During the seven quarters since the economy hit bottom in the first quarter of

1991, output has grown 4.1 percent. That's only a little more than half the 7.9 percent average for the same period of other recent recoveries.

This year, according to Robertson, a number of factors should continue to moderate growth. Among them: a continuing recession in California, continued layoffs by some companies, reduction of federal defense spending and weak commercial real estate markets.

Also, because tax withholding was reduced last year, many taxpayers will be disappointed with the size of their refunds this year.

Still, private analysts aren't quite as cautious as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who told Congress earlier this week. "It's too soon to say we are moving forward in a self-perpetuating recovery."

They say the economy has some things going for it, most notably low inflation and declining long-term interest rates, that should keep the nation from relapsing into recession.

"We should have a comfortable pace of growth in the first half" of 1993, said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "We're having another wave of mortgage refinancing and that jizzes up consumers' purchasing power and home sales. And when people buy houses, they buy other things to put into the house."

## Sergeant gets prison term in AIDS case

EL PASO (AP) — An Army sergeant has been sentenced to 15 years in prison following his conviction on a charge of knowingly exposing another soldier to the AIDS virus, post officials say.

The sergeant, whose name was withheld by military authorities, was convicted in a Feb. 9 court-martial of "violating a safe sex command," sodomy, aggravated assault, and using cocaine and marijuana, according to Fort Bliss information officer Jean Offutt.

Ms. Offutt said the sergeant "infected a fellow soldier with the HIV virus after being warned to warn his sexual partners of his condition and being required to use a condom."

"The jury panel found that he had intentionally infected grievous bodily harm on his victim,"

The other soldier, also a man, has tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS, Ms. Offutt said. He remains on active duty at an undisclosed location.

The conviction is the first case of its type at Fort Bliss, she said.

In addition to the 15-year prison sentence, the sergeant was given a dishonorable discharge and reduced to the lowest rank. He also forfeited all pay.

The soldiers involved in the case didn't say whether they were homosexual, a sexual preference that is no longer illegal in the military under an order from President Clinton.

"If a person claims to be or admits to being a homosexual now, the new rules apply. They can't be discharged" solely because of that, Ms. Offutt said.

She added, however, that the military has strict rules of behavior, as well as the ability to enforce its warning to the soldier that he must practice safe sex and warn his partners.

Soldiers who test HIV-positive aren't automatically discharged from the Army, Ms. Offutt said.

They are treated for the disease but may be denied certain assignments. Overseas jobs normally are denied, as are potential combat roles where blood transfusions and other blood handling could lead to transmission of the virus.

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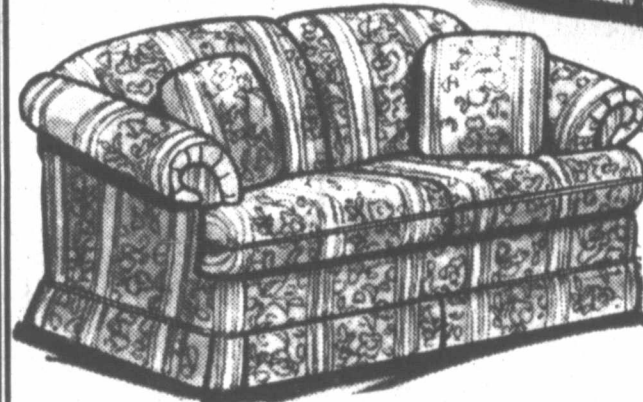
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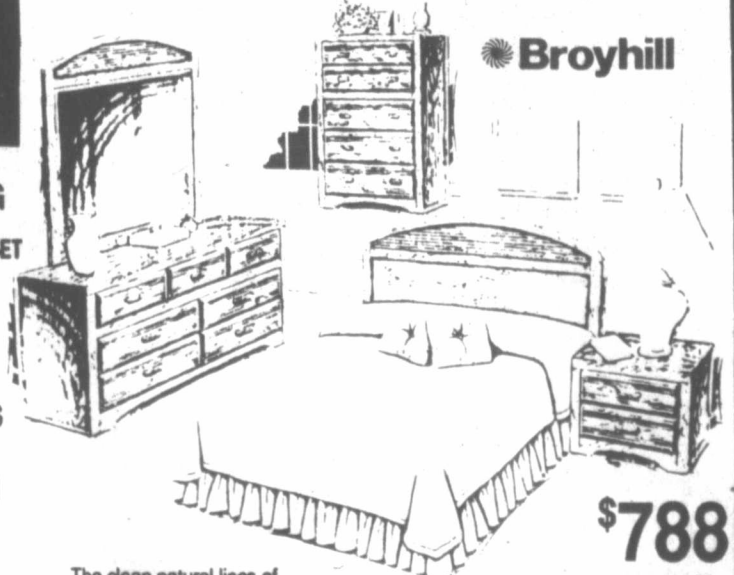


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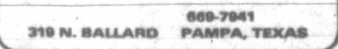
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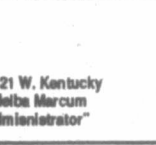
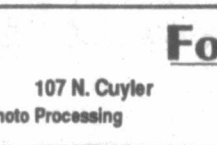
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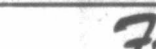
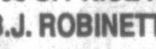
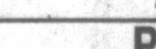
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# Religion

## Church claims largest lesbian, gay members

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas hasn't been known for kindness to gays and lesbians.

Community leaders and religious groups in this conservative Bible Belt city have fought to keep homosexuals off the police force. The state's 114-year-old sodomy statute makes homosexual sex a misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine.

Dallas also is the place where a judge told reporters he gave a killer a lighter sentence because the victims were "queers" out "trying to spread AIDS around."

In that atmosphere, however, a congregation that claims to be the world's largest gay and lesbian church quietly thrives.

The 1,000-member Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church last week dedicated its new \$3 million cathedral, and is looking ahead toward an expanding ministry.

It hopes to develop a nursing home for elderly gays and lesbians. It wants to launch a television ministry to help counter fundamentalist Christian views on homosexuality and religion. It seeks to develop a wellness center and retreat for homosexual teen-agers kicked out of their homes, and a soup kitchen to feed the homeless.

It also hopes to get the Dallas community at large to recognize that all homosexuals are not drag queens or gyrating leather-clad participants in gay pride celebrations.

"I'm not putting those people down, because they are a part of what the gay community is. ... But that's not all of it," said senior pastor Michael Piazza.

"What we hope to do is to force people to recognize that lesbian and gay people are people just like them. People who go to work, wear suits and dresses, struggle with relationships, struggle to pay the mortgage. ... You walk into the congregation and you may not even know you're in a lesbian and gay church. We're people just like anyone else. The people who gather here on Sunday

are, first and foremost, Christians."

Almost every major city has a Metropolitan Community Church. Since the international governing body, the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was founded in 1968, membership has grown from 12 members in Los Angeles to more than 27,000 worldwide, according to UFMCC headquarters in Los Angeles.

UFMCC has 264 churches in 16 countries and 47 states. The denomination's largest number of churches are in Texas and Florida.

"Church is a more important part of the overall culture of people living in Dallas and in Texas than for some of the larger places where gays are visible like San Francisco," said UFMCC's Kit Cherry.

In December, Cathedral of Hope left behind the folding chairs and low ceilings of its temporary office building sanctuary and moved into its new facility near Dallas Love Field airport, in the heart of the gay community. That church building committee had encountered resistance in searching for a site and financing.

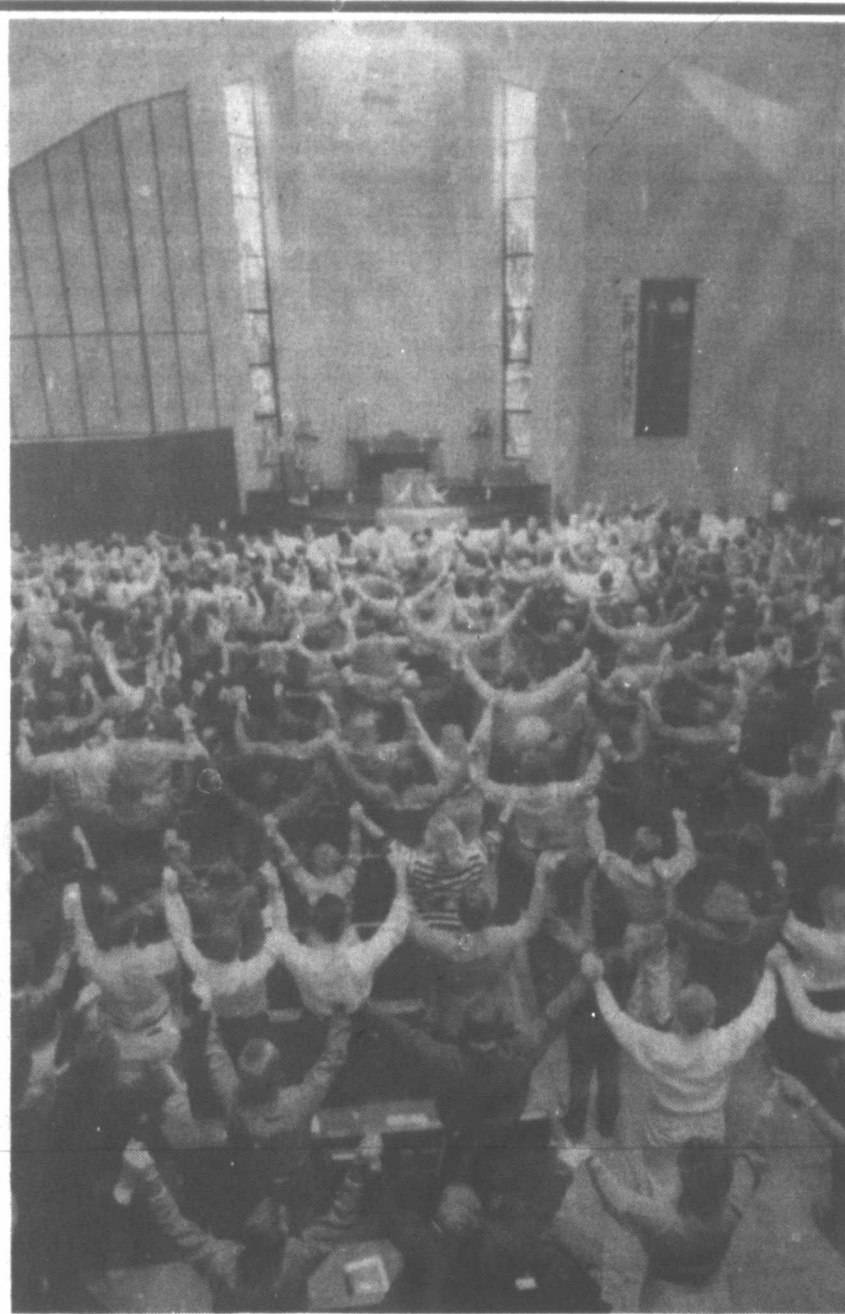
Church officials had hoped to find an existing church in which to relocate. Many congregations, however, refused to deal with a ministry with an outreach to homosexuals, said spokesman Ralph Masek.

"One church even said they would rather burn their church down before they sold it to us," Masek said.

Resorting to building a new structure, the church eventually found six acres and sold \$2 million in bonds, 90 percent to the gay and lesbian community, to finance construction.

Sunday services are ecumenical, incorporating traditions from several different denominations.

"If doesn't matter what your religious background, you'll find something that you recognize in our services," Piazza said.



(AP Photo)

Members of the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas raise their clasped hands at the end of services in January. The 1,000-member church has the world's largest gay and lesbian congregation.

Cathie Adams, president of the conservative Dallas Eagle Forum, called it a "sad commentary" that a gay and lesbian church exists in a city she calls "the buckle on the Bible Belt."

"We want to help them recognize their lifestyle as a habitual problem to them," Ms. Adams said. "They have not accepted that message."

Those kind of messages, Piazza said, lead most gays and lesbians to Cathedral of Hope.

"Ninety percent of the people who come here have felt excluded from the mainline community and churches," he said. "We've taken back what was taken from us." MCC clergy are trained by Samar-

itan College, UFMCC's education institution in Los Angeles, and by about 20 seminaries of other Christian denominations that accept UFMCC students.

Some 42 percent of UFMCC clergy are women, believed to be the highest percentage among Christian denominations in the United States.

The elected leadership consists of a seven-member Board of Elders, headed by UFMCC founder, the Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator and chief executive.

The denomination has an annual operating budget of about \$1 million, a little less than the Cathedral of Hope's \$1.064 million operating budget this year.

## Allens to retire from Briarwood

Gene Allen and his wife, Jean, will retire from active ministry as the leaders of Briarwood Church effective Monday.

The Allens will be honored in the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. There will also be a reception for the couple from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church and the public is invited.

The Allens came to Pampa in November 1970 to lead the congregation at Lamar Full Gospel Assembly. During his tenure, a building project was started and completed with the dedication of the present facilities at 1800 W. Harvester on March 29, 1987.

The church's programs include children's women's and youth ministry, as well as a sanctuary choir and an active sports organization.

Allen, born Aug. 10, 1927, in Temple, Okla., attended Cameron College in Lawton, Okla. He played semi-pro basketball in Dallas for five years, served in the U.S. Navy and began his ministry at an early age.

Prior to his marriage to Jean Land on May 6, 1960, he traveled for seven years as an evangelist, a ministry that continued for another seven years, at which time their pastoral ministry began. He was the pastor of Evangel Temple in Denison before coming to Pampa.



The Allens

In Pampa, Allen's work has not been limited to his church congregation. He has been active in the Pampa Ministerial Alliance and the Kiwanis Club.

The Allens have chosen to stay in Pampa after retirement. He will continue to be a part of Briarwood's congregation and the couple's time will be divided between out of town preaching engagements, travel and spending time with their grandchildren, Hailey, daughter of Garland and Marci Allen of Pampa, and Tate, son of Randy and Heidi Roush of Grapevine.

Briarwood's new senior pastor, Lynn Hancock, will take over and lead of Briarwood Church.

Hancock, and his wife, Janet, and their children, said they will continue the service and ministry to Pampa.

## 'Catch the Vision' beginning at Calvary Baptist Church

"Catch the Vision" at Calvary Baptist Church kicks off this Sunday with a free breakfast at 9 a.m., Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and a celebratory worship service at 11 a.m.

The church has adopted the theme "Catch the Vision" to use throughout the upcoming year. In the past

18 months, the church's expansion has resulted in the church adding a new education wing, expanding the sanctuary and adding new staff members.

Calvary is located 900 E. 23rd St. All ages are welcome and a nursery is provided.

## Southside Ministerial Alliance to host black history program

The Southside Ministerial Alliance plans a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday with the focus on a black history program.

The meeting is set at St. Mark

CME Church, 408 Elm. Following the program will be a time of fellowship with soul food.

The public is invited to attend the program.

## Court takes up boundary between religion, schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — School districts may not ban religious groups from meeting — and even holding services — at school facilities after hours if non-religious meetings are allowed, the Supreme Court has told today.

"The atheists are in, the agnostics are in, the communists are in, but religion is not in," said attorney Jay Alan Sekulow, who represents a church challenging a New York school district's ban on religious meetings.

"This is the type of viewpoint discrimination that this court has not sanctioned," Sekulow said.

But attorney John W. Hoefling said the Central Moriches school district on Long Island had the right to bar religious meetings from its facilities.

"There are good reasons for the school district to have a distinction between religious speakers and non-religious speakers — avoiding controversy, allowing the school district to be about the principles of educating the children entrusted to its care," Hoefling said.

The case was one of two argued before the high court today that will let the justices reassess the dividing line between religion and public education.

The second case, from Arizona, raises the issue of whether a deaf parochial school student is entitled to the publicly financed sign-language interpreter he would receive if he attended public school.

The court is expected to rule in both cases by July.

Hoefling argued that the New York school district could bar reli-

gious meetings while still allowing groups with an anti-religious viewpoint, such as communists or atheists.

Hoefling said the district was concerned that allowing religious meetings would violate the Constitution's establishment clause by allowing an excessive government entanglement with religion.

But Sekulow said that once the district opened its buildings to groups promoting social and civic concerns, religious groups have the free-speech right to be included, even if they want to conduct services.

"A religious perspective is relevant to community concerns," Sekulow said, adding that the school district policy "violates the establishment clause by interfering with religion."

The high court ruled in 1990 that public schools may not bar student religious groups from meeting on campus after school hours if they allow such meetings by non-religious student groups.

The Central Moriches school district refused in 1989 to let the Lamb's Chapel evangelical Christian church use a school building to show a film series about Christian family values.

District officials cited New York law, which allows public school facilities to be used for 10 purposes — including civic meetings and elections — but not religious meetings.

The church and its pastor, John Steigerwald, sued, arguing that the policy violated their religious freedom. A federal judge dismissed the

lawsuit, and the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

The schools are a "limited public forum" and thus the school district may exclude religious groups without violating their free-speech rights or freedom of religion, the appeals court ruled.

In the Arizona case, lower courts ruled that a Tucson school district correctly refused in 1987 to finance a sign-language interpreter for James Zobrest so long as he attended a Catholic high school.

The Catalina Foothills School District said it would have paid for an interpreter if Zobrest attended public school or a non-religious private school. Federal law provides funds for such interpreters.

A federal trial judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that providing an interpreter to

Zobrest would have violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Those rulings relied in part on a 1985 Supreme Court decision that barred public school employees from teaching some non-religious courses in religious schools.

Catalina Foothills district officials liken a sign-language interpreter to a teacher, and argue that providing an interpreter creates an excessive government entanglement with religion.

But James' parents, Larry and Sandra Zobrest, say an interpreter performs only a mechanical function — in effect acting as a human hearing aid.

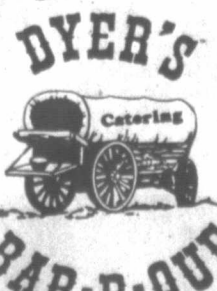
James graduated from Salpointe Catholic High School last year, but his parents are seeking reimbursement of about \$35,000 they spent for interpreters.

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## Minister denied membership in church

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (AP) — The Rev. Paige Patterson, recently named president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been denied membership in a nearby Baptist church because of fear he would be disruptive.

Patterson was the key strategist in a movement that put biblical fundamentalists in control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Rev. Tom Jackson, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, a 158-year-old congregation adjacent to the seminary, said members felt the "unity of the church would be

severely threatened" if Patterson became a member.

"This church has been wounded in the Southern Baptist war more than any other church," Jackson said. "He is the one person identified most of all as the source of all that pain."

The congregation has been aligned with the seminary's moderate theological tradition, but after the denomination's administration installed fundamentalist trustees, the seminary's top officers and several faculty resigned in protest. Patterson was named president.

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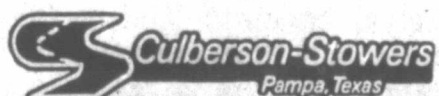
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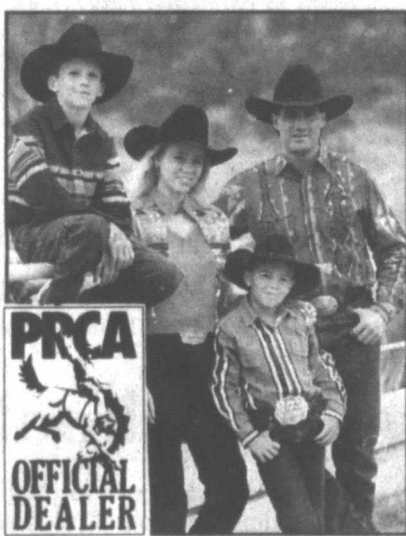
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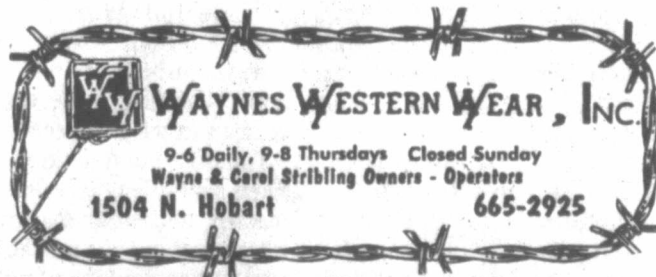
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# Lifestyles

## Ephemeral fliers attracted to native plants and flowers

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Add butterflies to the list of garden beauties you need to cultivate deliberately.

Urbanization is threatening these ephemeral fliers, whose flickering colors add so much to your little patch of landscape. By adding native flowers and plants to your garden, you'll attract and preserve them. In return, they will help pollinate flowers, disperse some seeds, and control some pests.

Interest in butterfly gardening is growing, says Suzanne Habel, a landscaping supervisor at the Biltmore Estate who oversees a butterfly-friendly section of its Walled Garden. She says one reason is that many people want to help preserve natural habitats.

"Another reason why butterfly gardening has caught on is that it provides an active element to a garden and gives people a chance to closely study these wonderful creatures," she says. "I think butterflies transport us back to our childhoods and remind us of the days when we were chasing about with homemade nets looking for that elusive swallowtail."

It doesn't have to be a big deal, notes Ellen Blair, a crew leader on

the estate's landscaping staff that developed the butterfly garden. It can be as simple as putting a butterfly bush on your condo terrace. Of course, you also can make more complex plans covering your entire yard.

"The first step is to choose a space that offers protection for the butterflies while allowing you a chance to watch them in action," says Blair. Find a wind-sheltered spot — perhaps with trees, hedges or tall plants offering a barrier — that also gets sun. Butterflies (lepidoptera) are cold-blooded and need sun to energize their muscles for flight.

Next, select plants that are native to your region; a local nursery can help you identify the ones best suited for your plot. The Biltmore staff suggests choosing varieties with overlapping seasons to extend the time that butterflies are active.

A mixture of annuals and perennials is good. Common among plants attractive to butterflies are abelia, bee balm, butterfly bush, coneflowers, coral honeysuckle, coreopsis, heliotrope, phlox, Joe-Pye weed, red salvia and zinnias. In addition, dill, parsley and butterfly

weed encourage egg-laying and provide food for butterfly larvae. Just don't be alarmed when the larvae begin eating the plants.

"An existing perennial garden can easily be transformed into a butterfly garden with the addition of a few plants that will attract butterflies," says Blair. "It doesn't take a whole lot of plants to lure butterflies."

Blair suggests that beginners start with two or three plant varieties the first year, adding more as the garden grows. Experiment with ornamental grasses, ground cover and other greenery.

While waiting for plants to establish, use ripe fruit as a lure. "I would bring an over-ripened piece of fruit from home and place it in the garden in the beginning," Blair explains. "As the plants began to develop and bloom later in the summer, the butterflies made the transition to the flower petals."

Provide a moisture source for the butterflies, such as a bird bath or even a sponge in a shallow bowl of water.

Try to keep your garden free of pesticides, introducing natural controls such as ladybugs.



The butterfly garden in the Biltmore Estate's Walled Garden includes plants that attract the colorful and beneficial fliers. (AP Photo)

## Mega medical expenses traced to unhealthy habits and violence

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Unhealthy habits and violence cost the nation more than \$42.9 billion in direct medical expenses every year, the American Medical Association estimated in a report released Monday.

Related expenses such as lost productivity boost the total to more than \$189.1 billion annually, according to the 22-page report, titled "Factors Contributing to the Health Care Cost Problem."

"Billions of dollars are spent each year treating medical conditions that could be avoided," said Dr. Daniel Johnson Jr., speaker of the AMA's House of Delegates.

"Violence, drugs, alcohol and tobacco are wreaking havoc on our health system," Johnson wrote in a statement accompanying the report.

Smoking and alcohol abuse cause the biggest financial drain, even though violence and illicit drugs often grab more headlines, Johnson said.

Health-care costs from smoking total \$22 billion yearly, three-quarters of it spent on people under age 65, the report said.

The government shelled out \$4.2 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments for tobacco-related illnesses in 1985, the report said. It did not estimate indirect costs to the nation for such illnesses.

Tobacco use is blamed for 500,000 annual premature

deaths, and accounts for 32 percent of fatal cancers, 21 percent of fatal heart disease and 88 percent of fatal chronic lung disease, the report said.

Alcohol-related health-care costs are \$13.5 billion annually, most of those through general medical care, the report said.

Twenty-five percent to 40 percent of people in general hospital beds at any time are being treated for complications of alcoholism, and total economic costs were estimated at \$85.8 billion in 1988, it said.

"Just in those two commonly abused products ... reside an opportunity for enormous savings in our health care system, not to mention the potential for improved quality of life for those individuals abusing the substances," Johnson said.

The nation's total health care bill in the next 12 months will be \$900 billion, up from \$546 billion in 1988, he said.

The AMA report reflects no new research but draws together findings from dozens of previous studies, and it contains the latest data available, Johnson said.

Though it compares figures from several different years, the composite picture gives proportions that probably hold true today, he said.

The report said illicit drug abuse cost \$2.1 billion in direct health-care services in 1985 and \$58.3 billion in total costs in 1988, including lost productivity and crime-fighting expenses.

All violent injuries, such as shootings and assaults, added \$5.3 billion in direct medical costs to U.S. health-care expenditures in 1985. The lifetime cost of violent injuries suffered in 1985 was \$45 billion, the report said.

Diseases related to obesity — a condition plaguing 34 million Americans — and high-fat, low-fiber diets are an extremely costly problem, the report said. But it did not estimate a price.

However, it noted that obesity and high-fat, low-fiber diets are linked to coronary heart disease, which costs Americans \$49 billion directly and indirectly annually; strokes, which cost \$11 billion; and diabetes, which cost \$13.8 billion.

The report also looked at communicable diseases, including AIDS, which cost \$10.3 billion to treat last year. The report did not total indirect AIDS costs, but said lifetime treatment for HIV-infected people is now about \$102,000. A million Americans are believed to be infected.

Mark Nadel, associate director of national and public health issues for the General Accounting Office in Washington, said the report "certainly seems to be on target."

He noted, however, that previous research has shown healthier habits save money in some ways but cost more in others, such as increasing Social Security payouts because people live longer.

## Lonely widow is hoping to be taken for a ride

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you at a very lonely and vulnerable time of my life. I have been widowed for almost a year. I know there are a legion of us widows — and many of us do not drive. Consequently, we have to rely on friends and relatives to drive us to various errands that have to be tended to.

On most of these occasions when we ask for assistance in doing these various tasks, they usually agree and do so if they have no prior commitment. But not once do they ever extend an invitation to go for a nice Sunday drive, or even on a weekend trip, although they boast of doing these things with other friends, or even by themselves. I think this is so inconsiderate and selfish! What do you think?

Don't advise me to learn to drive — since my husband's death, I have sold the car and have no intention of purchasing another one. Living on a limited income now does not allow me this luxury. I am not broke, but neither am I rolling in money.

MICHIGAN WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: I think you have the wrong attitude. These drivers owe you nothing. You are fortunate to have friends and relatives who are willing to take you to run errands. But do you ever reciprocate by buying them a tank of gas, slipping them a few dollars for their trouble, or buying an occasional lunch?

Many drivers feel "used" by



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

non-drivers. It is very expensive to maintain a car, and not always easy to drop everything to take someone around. You apparently have no understanding of these demands.

You would be wise to think about how you can be more independent. Consider hiring a high school student with a car to run errands for you. Or take a taxi — or the bus.

If you don't want to be a burden to others, think more about how you can help yourself become more active with your life.

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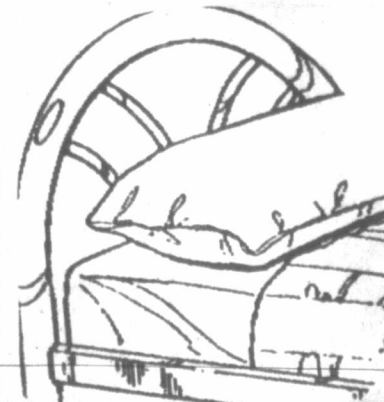
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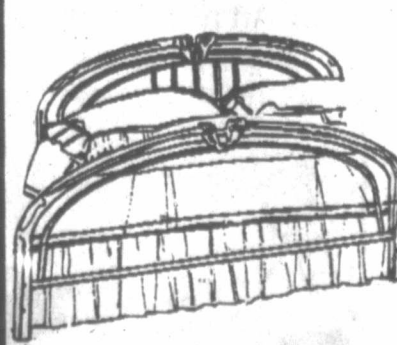
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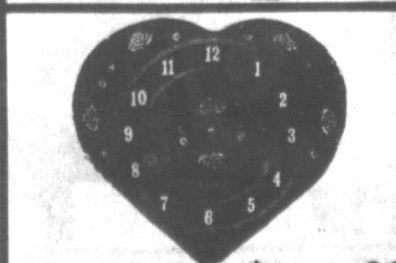
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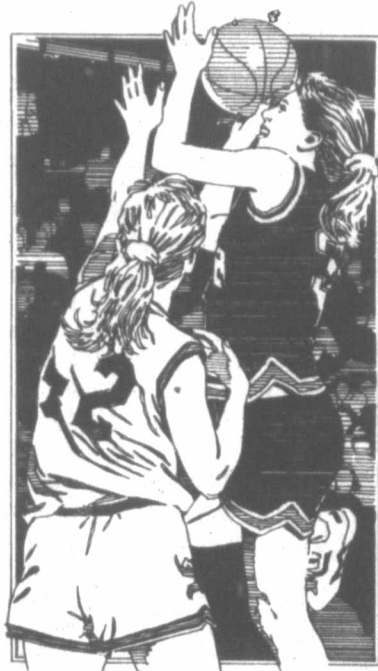
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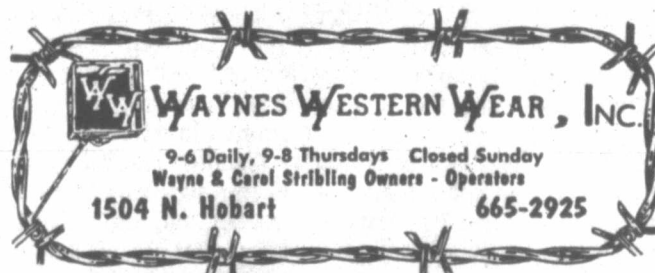
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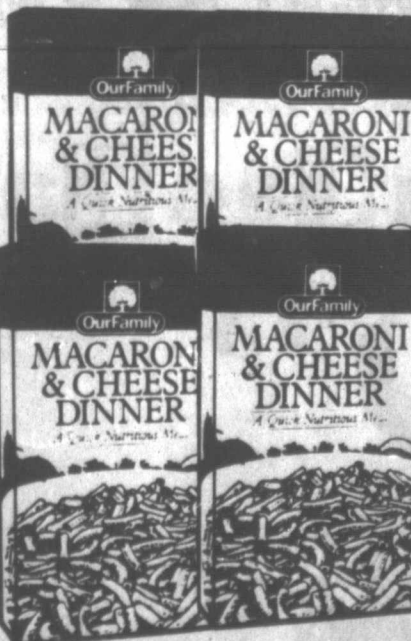
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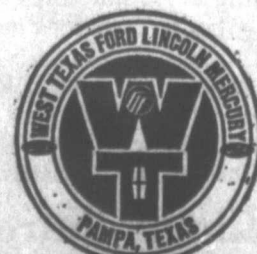
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# Lifestyles

## Ephemeral fliers attracted to native plants and flowers

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Add butterflies to the list of garden beauties you need to cultivate deliberately.

Urbanization is threatening these ephemeral fliers, whose flickering colors add so much to your little patch of landscape. By adding native flowers and plants to your garden, you'll attract and preserve them. In return, they will help pollinate flowers, disperse some seeds, and control some pests.

Interest in butterfly gardening is growing, says Suzanne Habel, a landscaping supervisor at the Biltmore Estate who oversees a butterfly-friendly section of its Walled Garden. She says one reason is that many people want to help preserve natural habitats.

"Another reason why butterfly gardening has caught on is that it provides an active element to a garden and gives people a chance to closely study these wonderful creatures," she says. "I think butterflies transport us back to our childhoods and remind us of the days when we were chasing about with homemade nets looking for that elusive swallowtail."

It doesn't have to be a big deal, notes Ellen Blair, a crew leader on

the estate's landscaping staff that developed the butterfly garden. It can be as simple as putting a butterfly bush on your condo terrace. Of course, you also can make more complex plans covering your entire yard.

"The first step is to choose a space that offers protection for the butterflies while allowing you a chance to watch them in action," says Blair. Find a wind-sheltered spot — perhaps with trees, hedges or tall plants offering a barrier — that also gets sun. Butterflies (lepidoptera) are cold-blooded and need sun to energize their muscles for flight.

Next, select plants that are native to your region; a local nursery can help you identify the ones best suited for your plot. The Biltmore staff suggests choosing varieties with overlapping seasons to extend the time that butterflies are active.

A mixture of annuals and perennials is good. Common among plants attractive to butterflies are abelia, bee balm, butterfly bush, coneflowers, coral honeysuckle, coreopsis, heliotrope, phlox, Joe-Pye weed, red salvia and zinnias. In addition, dill, parsley and butterfly

weed encourage egg-laying and provide food for butterfly larvae. Just don't be alarmed when the larvae begin eating the plants.

"An existing perennial garden can easily be transformed into a butterfly garden with the addition of a few plants that will attract butterflies," says Blair. "It doesn't take a whole lot of plants to lure butterflies."

Blair suggests that beginners start with two or three plant varieties the first year, adding more as the garden grows. Experiment with ornamental grasses, ground cover and other greenery.

While waiting for plants to establish, use ripe fruit as a lure. "I would bring an over-ripened piece of fruit from home and place it in the garden in the beginning," Blair explains. "As the plants began to develop and bloom later in the summer, the butterflies made the transition to the flower petals."

Provide a moisture source for the butterflies, such as a bird bath or even a sponge in a shallow bowl of water.

Try to keep your garden free of pesticides, introducing natural controls such as ladybugs.



(AP Photo) The butterfly garden in the Biltmore Estate's Walled Garden includes plants that attract the colorful and beneficial fliers.

## Mega medical expenses traced to unhealthy habits and violence

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Unhealthy habits and violence cost the nation more than \$42.9 billion in direct medical expenses every year, the American Medical Association estimated in a report released Monday.

Related expenses such as lost productivity boost the total to more than \$189.1 billion annually, according to the 22-page report, titled "Factors Contributing to the Health Care Cost Problem."

"Billions of dollars are spent each year treating medical conditions that could be avoided," said Dr. Daniel Johnson Jr., speaker of the AMA's House of Delegates.

"Violence, drugs, alcohol and tobacco are wreaking havoc on our health system," Johnson wrote in a statement accompanying the report.

Smoking and alcohol abuse cause the biggest financial drain, even though violence and illicit drugs often grab more headlines, Johnson said.

Health-care costs from smoking total \$22 billion yearly, three-quarters of it spent on people under age 65, the report said.

The government shelled out \$4.2 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments for tobacco-related illnesses in 1985, the report said. It did not estimate indirect costs to the nation for such illnesses.

Tobacco use is blamed for 500,000 annual premature

deaths, and accounts for 32 percent of fatal cancers, 21 percent of fatal heart disease and 88 percent of fatal chronic lung disease, the report said.

Alcohol-related health-care costs are \$13.5 billion annually, most of those through general medical care, the report said.

Twenty-five percent to 40 percent of people in general hospital beds at any time are being treated for complications of alcoholism, and total economic costs were estimated at \$85.8 billion in 1988, it said.

"Just in those two commonly abused products ... reside an opportunity for enormous savings in our health care system, not to mention the potential for improved quality of life for those individuals abusing the substances," Johnson said.

The nation's total health care bill in the next 12 months will be \$900 billion, up from \$546 billion in 1988, he said.

The AMA report reflects no new research but draws together findings from dozens of previous studies, and it contains the latest data available, Johnson said.

Though it compares figures from several different years, the composite picture gives proportions that probably hold true today, he said.

The report said illicit drug abuse cost \$2.1 billion in direct health-care services in 1985 and \$58.3 billion in total costs in 1988, including lost productivity and crime-fighting expenses.

All violent injuries, such as shootings and assaults, added \$5.3 billion in direct medical costs to U.S. health-care expenditures in 1985. The life-time cost of violent injuries suffered in 1985 was \$45 billion, the report said.

Diseases related to obesity — a condition plaguing 34 million Americans — and high-fat, low-fiber diets are an extremely costly problem, the report said. But it did not estimate a price.

However, it noted that obesity and high-fat, low-fiber diets are linked to coronary heart disease, which costs Americans \$49 billion directly and indirectly annually; strokes, which cost \$11 billion; and diabetes, which cost \$13.8 billion.

The report also looked at communicable diseases, including AIDS, which cost \$10.3 billion to treat last year. The report did not total indirect AIDS costs, but said lifetime treatment for HIV-infected people is now about \$102,000. A million Americans are believed to be infected.

Mark Nadel, associate director of national and public health issues for the General Accounting Office in Washington, said the report "certainly seems to be on target."

He noted, however, that previous research has shown healthier habits save money in some ways but cost more in others, such as increasing Social Security payouts because people live longer.

## Lonely widow is hoping to be taken for a ride

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you at a very lonely and vulnerable time of my life. I have been widowed for almost a year. I know there are a legion of us widows — and many of us do not drive. Consequently, we have to rely on friends and relatives to drive us to various errands that have to be tended to.

On most of these occasions when we ask for assistance in doing these various tasks, they usually agree and do so if they have no prior commitment. But not once do they ever extend an invitation to go for a nice Sunday drive, or even on a weekend trip, although they boast of doing these things with other friends, or even by themselves. I think this is so inconsiderate and selfish! What do you think?

Don't advise me to learn to drive — since my husband's death, I have sold the car and have no intention of purchasing another one. Living on a limited income now does not allow me this luxury. I am not broke, but neither am I rolling in money.

MICHIGAN WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: I think you have the wrong attitude. These drivers owe you nothing. You are fortunate to have friends and relatives who are willing to take you to run errands. But do you ever reciprocate by buying them a tank of gas, slipping them a few dollars for their trouble, or buying an occasional lunch?

Many drivers feel "used" by



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

non-drivers. It is very expensive to maintain a car, and not always easy to drop everything to take someone around. You apparently have no understanding of these demands.

You would be wise to think about how you can be more independent. Consider hiring a high school student with a car to run errands for you. Or take a taxi — or the bus.

If you don't want to be a burden to others, think more about how you can help yourself become more active with your life.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were disappointed with your response to "Not Afraid of the Dark" and the problem of "light pollution" in the country.

We moved from the city to the country two years ago, and recently

had the same unhappy experience with new neighbors some distance to the west. After several nights of enduring a bright security light shining in our windows and ruining our evening stargazing, we decided to ask the offending neighbor to shield his offensive orb.

Response to various pleading went like this: "My attorney tells me I have every right to put security lights wherever I please on my own property." "The golden rule does not apply to my wife's safety." "If you are willing to sign a piece of paper taking full responsibility for the possible rape of my wife, then maybe I will do something."

So we have already talked to our neighbor, Abby. Any more suggestions?

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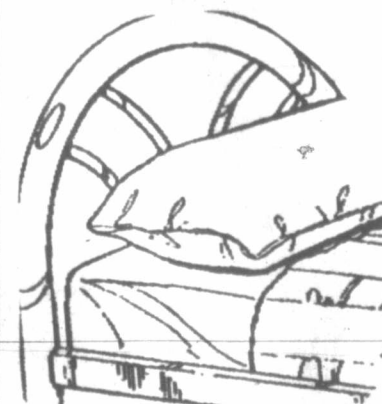
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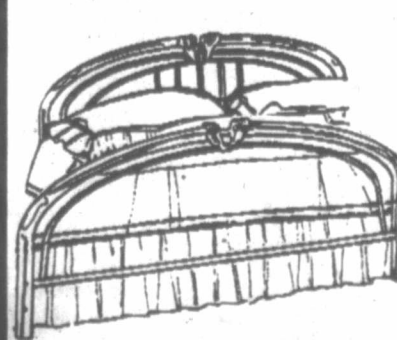
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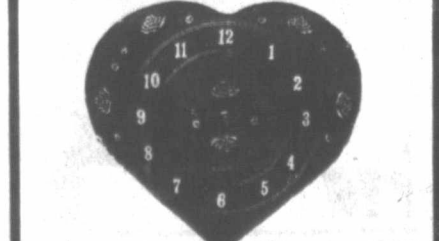


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### The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- College deg.
- Unit of illumination
- Frost
- Unplayed golf hole
- Chest sound
- Dodges
- Untie
- Skater — Fleming
- Get dressed in
- Finnish first name
- Hey —
- Fleur-de —
- East wind deity
- Numbers (abbr.)
- Mill. officer
- Sloe — fizz
- Dr. — (movie)

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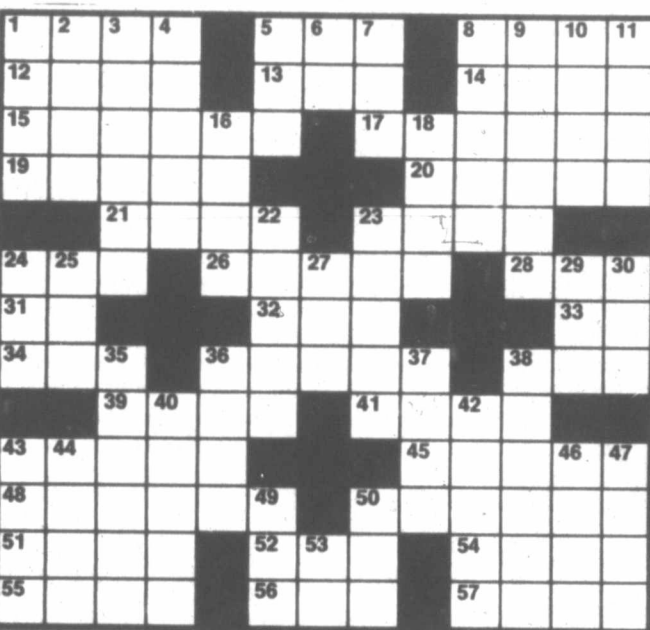
- Sound at Halloween
- Snapshot
- Game of cards
- Real-estate map
- A continent
- Destroyed (sl.)
- Malicious burning
- Pressed
- California city
- Knew (archaic)
- Falsehood
- Undiluted
- Roman date
- Heart
- Sea eagle

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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| ANO   | CAMPANILE |        |
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**4** Shelf  
**5** Many oz.  
**6** Adverb ending  
**7** Dolores — Rio  
**8** — as a peacock  
**9** Run

**10** Butter substitute  
**11** Between N.C. and Ark.  
**12** Bronte heroine Jane —  
**13** Musical composition  
**22** Should  
**23** Ruling group  
**24** Law deg.  
**25** How was — know?  
**27** — de Janeiro  
**29** Yoko —  
**30** Canal system in northern Michigan  
**35** Defy  
**36** Top of head  
**37** Gravel ridges  
**38** Actress Louise —  
**40** Theatrical couple  
**42** Goddess of peace  
**43** New Zealand bird  
**44** Dry  
**46** — even keel  
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**49** Unclaimed mail dept.  
**50** Odd  
**53** Negative prefix



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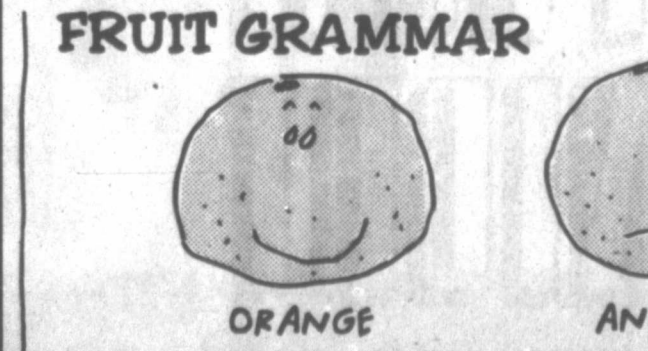
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### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Whether you succeed or fail today will first be determined in your own mind. If you can visualize yourself as a winner, you will be. If you see yourself as less than a winner, you won't succeed. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Extra effort could pay extra dividends today, so don't allow yourself to be sidetracked by frivolous individuals or endeavors. You have too much to lose.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You can be an extremely determined person, undeterred by obstacles or circumstances once you set your mind toward an objective that you would like to achieve.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You will be more effective today and enhance your probabilities for success if you focus on associates who are pertinent to your immediate plans.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not reduce or modify your material aspirations today, because you will need constant motivation. Thinking about things you hope to acquire should do the trick.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** In general, conditions look favorable for you today, but your greatest possibilities will pertain to your financial and commercial dealings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Occasionally, you tend to proceed a trifle too cautiously for your own good. But today you're not likely to second-guess your decisions. You'll act first, and let the chips fall where they may.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You are now in a cycle where you could derive substantial benefits from changes precipitated by outside factors. Be on the lookout for new opportunities.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** What you can't do independently today can be accomplished with the assistance of a competent partner. This person will possess information that you lack.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Ambitious objectives can be gratified today, provided you have a positive mind-set. Don't let any doubts or negative thoughts permeate your thinking.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An involvement you share with several other people can be more productive if it is reorganized. You're the person who can do it, and this is the day to get it done.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your financial aspects look encouraging today, provided you don't get in your own way. Don't start tinkering with situations that are presently profitable.



# Sports

## Harvesters go for area 'three-peat' against Sweetwater

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Writer

The Pampa Harvesters will be looking for an area 'three-peat' when they take on the Sweetwater Mustangs at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Lubbock Monterey High School fieldhouse.

This marks the third year in a row that Pampa and Sweetwater have met in the Class 4A area round of the playoffs. The Harvesters won, 70-57, a year ago and 58-53, in the 1990-91 season. Both times the Harvesters advanced all the way to the state tournament semifinals.

"We're extremely excited about being in this game again. It's great to be playing for the area championship. It's a neat opportunity for us," said PHS head coach Robert Hale.

Pampa, 24-5, and ranked No. 6 in Class 4A, whipped Lubbock Estacado, 83-75, Tuesday night in the bi-district round. Sweetwater, 17-13, outlasted San Angelo Lakeview, 56-53, in a district playoff game to decide the No. 2 seed out of District 3-4A. Sweetwater, which finished second to Fort Stockton in 3-4A, drew a bi-district bye.

"Sweetwater is mainly a zone (defense) team, although they will go to a man once in awhile. They have big post kid (Michael Padgett) inside, so we're going to have to contend with him. They have a couple of good guards (Zollie Steakley and Terry Clemmer). But our main concern is what we're going to do, not what Sweetwater is going to do," Hale said.

Padgett, a 6-4 junior, averages 12 points a game to lead Sweetwater's balanced scoring attack. Steakley, a 6-0 junior, averages 11.2 points a game.

"Sweetwater does have playoff experience. They've been in the playoffs the last three years in a row. They won the district title twice and then tied for second with Lakeview this year," Hale said. "Sweetwater isn't as big as Estacado, but they do have that one good big player inside."

The Harvesters used a solid team effort to turn back Estacado after the Matadors had cut Pampa's 20-point lead to three in the second half.

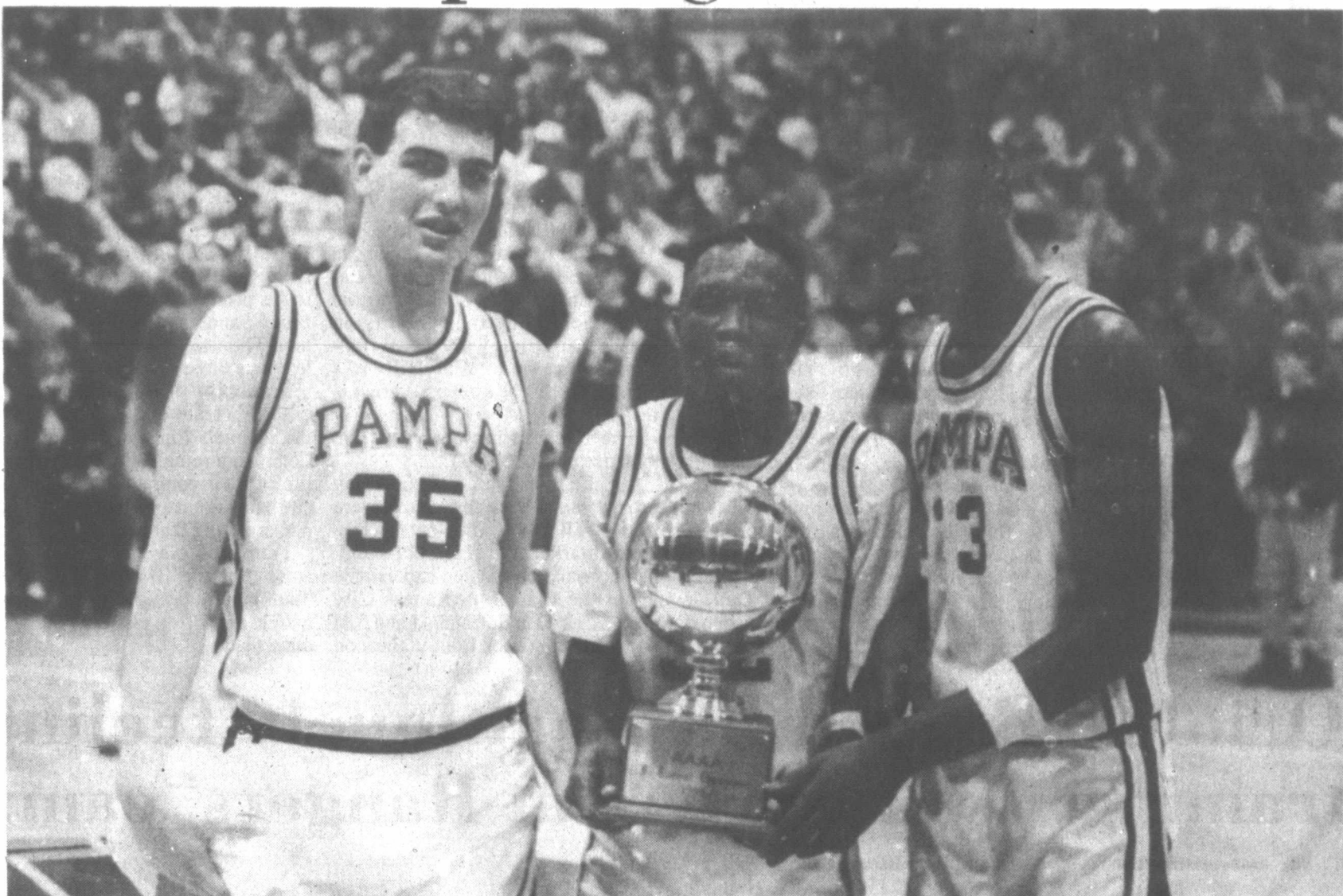
Junior center Seivern Wallace scored 13 points, collected 12 rebounds and blocked three shots. Senior forward Dwight Nickelberry, worn down by the aftereffects of the flu, still hit for 32 points, including three 3-pointers.

"Dwight showed a lot of courage and so did some other players. We've had kids out with the flu, but they came back and responded real well."

Wallace, Duane Nickelberry and Justin Collingsworth had missed workouts prior to the Estacado game because of illness.

Duane Nickelberry, a sophomore guard, contributed 14 points and also collared 10 rebounds against Estacado. Collingsworth, a 6-5 junior, came off the bench for six points and three rebounds.

Tickets for the Pampa-Sweetwater game are available at the high school athletic office.



Shown with the bi-district championship trophy are, from left, Justin Collingsworth, Lamont Nickelberry and Seivern Wallace of the Harvesters. The trophy was presented after Pampa defeated Lubbock Estacado, 83-75, Tuesday night at Canyon.

## Groom outlasts Silvertown in bi-district boys' battle

### Hall leads Tigers with 18 points

By DAN FROMM  
Sports Writer

CLARENDON — Thursday's bi-district game between Groom and Silvertown was not a game at all. It was a battle. There were very few set plays, no collapsing defenses and not one three-pointer.

Instead, the Groom Tigers won a 49-46 barn-burner full of high-pressure defense, bodies flying around every loose ball, pounding interior offense and fouls... lots of fouls.

Silvertown ran out to a 6-0 lead after the first minute of play and the Tigers were forced to call an early timeout. Coach Jay Lamb said after the game, "We were real shaky at the start, but we didn't panic and we finally regained some composure and got back in it."

The game stayed close throughout the first half, with the Owls taking a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

By two minutes into the second quarter, both teams were in the bonus and both teams struggled from the free throw line. Silvertown was 3-6 in the second quarter and Groom made just two of their six attempts.

The second quarter went much like the first with the score knotted for most of the quarter. Silvertown's Casey Frizzell suffered an injury to his knee late in the quarter while fighting for a rebound and tried to return in the second half, but left after about one minute of play. Frizzell scored seven points before getting injured.

By halftime, the Tigers led by a point, 24-23.

Groom's 6-4 junior Wes Hall scored 12 of his game-high 18

points in the first half to lead the Tigers. Paul McLaughlin, who was excellent in the first half defending Silvertown's leading scorer Junior Ramirez, picked up three fouls by halftime.

"It was a great defensive game," Lamb said. "They kept extending on us, kept pressuring us, causing mistakes and our pressure caused some mistakes on their part. Our kids kept comin' and their kids kept comin' and it was a good ballgame all the way through."

The lead changed four times in the third quarter and both teams' leading scorers picked up their fourth fouls. Wes Hall and Junior Ramirez each spent several minutes on the bench.

Owls coach Don Dutton said after the game, "When Junior got into foul trouble, the other kids kept us in it and gave us a chance to win."

When McLaughlin fouled out with just over four minutes to play, Hall came back in the game. The Owls went right at him. Matt Francis scored two quick baskets inside to cut the Tigers lead to one, but Hall's first basket of the quarter, with 2:40 left, put the Tigers ahead 48-42, their biggest lead of the game.

With McLaughlin and Hall eventually fouling out, the Tigers finished the game with a young team on the floor. Trailing 49-46, Ramirez lost the ball out of bounds under a Groom double team and sophomore Bo Burgin dribbled out the last six seconds to give the Tigers the victory. "We had some guys come off the bench and do a real good job," Lamb said.

He credited the win to a total team effort and said, "Bryan Crowell had a good game for us, Corkey Hickey got some big buckets, Burgin did a good job taking care of the ball, Bart Britten came in and just pressured their ball-handler all over the place, Matt Fields came off the bench and did a heckuva job inside taking care of some rebounds."

"Offensively, we were lacking, but that was mostly because of their defense," he added.

While the Owls' loss was overshadowed by the incredible turnaround their program made (last year, they were 3-21), Dutton said, "It was a tough game, but we had a great season. Nobody believed in us and we proved a lot of people wrong and stuck it out to the end."

"I think we can build on what we accomplished this year and hopefully start a tradition at Silvertown," he said.

The tradition just continues for the Tigers. The win was Lamb's 100th in five years at Groom. "It was a big one for us," Lamb said. "We had to get 16 wins in order to get to 100 this year and after starting 6-8, we didn't know if we could make it."

It's something the team is taking some pride in and I just can't say enough about our kids," Lamb continued. "I've never been associated with a group that has worked as hard as these guys work."

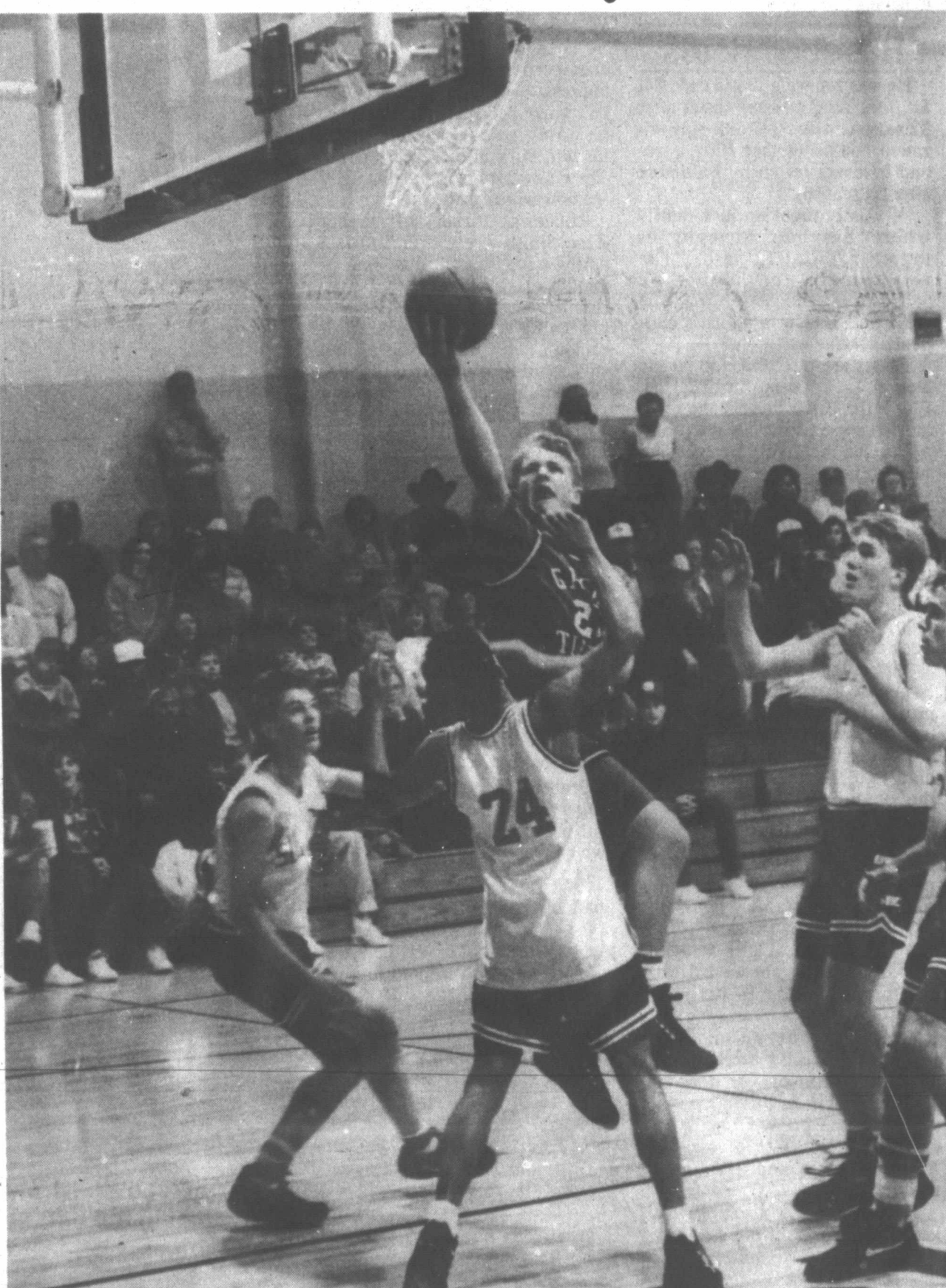
Lamb received a plaque honoring the milestone from the Groom boosters' club and said, "This is a big win for us." He tried to rank it among his other 99 victories and added, "It's definitely in the top five."

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STINNETT — The Fort Elliott Cougars ended their season at 18-8 with a 77-62 bi-district loss to Hartley Thursday night. Dusty Walker and Travis Goad combined for 37 points and Jake Swigart and Goad hit two three-pointers each for the Cougars.

### Wrestling banquet set

A banquet and organizational meeting for parents of Pampa High School wrestlers will be held at 7:45 p.m. Monday in the Ready Room of the PHS athletic building.



Groom's Bo Burgin finishes off a drive against Silvertown's Junior Ramirez (24) Tuesday in Clarendon.

## Optimist basketball roundup

Results in the Pampa Optimist Club boys' basketball league are listed below:

Division

Fifth Week

Pioneers 39, Blazers 20

P — Jamar Williams 9, Kris Davis 9, Colby Hale 9, Zane Powers 8, Bryce Jordan 2, Trevor Stowers 2; B — Jeremy Hall 7, Paul Broome 7, Shane Flynn 6.

Knicks 37, Sonics 34

K — Eric Greer 18, Kyle Gambin 12, Erik Botello 5, John Bolz 2; S — Shawn Young 16, Leo Ramirez 9, Barry Brauchi 8, Brian Doss 1.

Bulls 55, Spurs 26

B — Jared White 22, Jared Bowles 14, Brandon Hill 7, Jonathan Waggoner 7; Joel Barker 4, Andy Fernuk 2; S — Ty Pearson 6, Courtney Lowrance 5, Tommy Lozano 4, Jared Floyd 3, Casey Owens 2, Matt Buzzard 2, Blake Bass 2.

Sixers 53, Nuggets 42

S — Bryan Smith 16, Justin Roark 16, Joe Ramirez 9, Billy Rushing 6, Brent Phelps 4, Daniel Fought 2, Kory Nickell 2; N — Ollie Lowe 25, Gary Alexander 6, Cody Shepard 5, Russ Dubose 4, Jonathan Ladd 2, Cory Young 2.

Pistons 26, Heat 18

P — Colby Hale 12, Kris Davis 9, Bryce

Jordan 3, Bradley Gardner 2; H — Thann Scroggin 4, Gil Solano 4, Blake Stewart 2, Justin Trollinger 2, Colby Street 2, Marcus Ross 2, Stephen Vanderpool 2.

Sixers 53, Spurs 50

SI — Justin Roark 18, Bryan Smith 12, Joe Ramirez 10, Billy Rushing 6, Russell Robben 4, Kory Nickell 3; Sp — Courtney Lowrance 10, Blake Bass 7, Ty Pearson 5, Jared Floyd 4, Casey Owens 4.

Bulls 55, Nuggets 28

B — Jared White 23, Jared Bowles 13; Jonathan Waggoner 7, Joel Barker 6, Brandon Hill 4, Jeremy Silva 2; N — Gary Alexander 7, Jonathan Ladd 6, Russ Dubose 6, Cody Shepard 5, Ollie Lowe 4.

Mavericks 35, Knicks 34

M — Casey Shock 8, Josh Johnson 6, Jeff Francis 6, Jeremy Miller 5, Greg Lindsey 5, Kevin Osborn 5; K — Eric Greer 17, Kyle Gambin 10, Erik Botello 4, John Bolz 2; Joel Bolz 1.

8 Division

Fifth Week

Pistons 5, Blazers 5

P — David Robinson 3, Daniel Dreher 2; B — Tanner Hucks 3, Jeremy Goodie 2.

Knicks 14, Sonics 9

K — Kirk George 4, Cory Fowler 4, Bryan Heims 2, Travis Lancaster 2, Lane Baker 2;

S — Matt Bolch 4, Matthew Heasley 3, Dustin Scarbrough 3.

Spurs 25, Bulls 7

S — Justin Barnes 9, Shawn Strate 9, Kevin Schaub 2, Colby Brazille 2, Aaron Haynes 2, Kerry Turner 1; B — Jeremy Silva 2, Shaun Davis 2, Lucas Tollison 2; Kyle McCullough 1.

Sixers 18, Nuggets 14

S — Jason Roark 6, Jason Hall 4, Russell Robben 4, Jacob Musgrave 2, Corey Searl 2; N — Nicholas Dyer 4, Trevor Muniz 2, Ryan Chambers 2, Jacob Lewis 2, Forrest King 2.

Heat 11, Pistons 6

H — Adam Wright 9, Ryan Black 2; P — Daniel Dreher 2, Aaron Cochran 2, Jeff Adkins 2.

Sixers 20, Spurs 18

SI — Jason Roark 9, Russell Robben 6, Jason Hall 4, Kory Nickell 1; Sp — Kevin Schaub 6, Shawn Strate 5, Tommy Lozano 4.

Bulls 14, Nuggets 11

B — Jeremy Silva 6, Andy Fernuk 4, Kyle McCullough 4; N — Matt Hunter 5, Forest King 4, Trevor Muniz 2.

Mavericks 18, Knicks 4

M — Jason Kogler 7, Ryan Sells 7, Eric Bennett 2, Jeff Warren 2; K — John Bolz 2, Kirk George 2.



# NFL prepares to make first try at unrestricted free agency

**Around 350 players will be free to sign with other teams**

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Need a quarterback for the short term?

Try 37-year-old Phil Simms.

Need one for a longer period. Take a shot at Chris Miller, Atlanta's injury-prone signal-caller; the inconsistent Vinny Testaverde, the temperamental Bobby Hebert, the erratic Jay Schroeder, the short-armed Jim Harbaugh. Plus backups like Steve Beuerlein, Steve Bono, Don Majkowski or Bubby Brister, who might like a shot at starting somewhere.

All are out there to be plucked in the NFL's first try at unrestricted free agency, which takes effect on Monday.

Thursday was the day for NFL teams to disclose the players they will protect as free agency begins. It was a light coating.

Only 10 of the 28 teams sought to designate "franchise players," those who can't be touched by other teams. Another 56 players were declared "transition players," those

for whom teams can match offers. But 39 of those 56 will be in the future.

"That's a media term I've never used in my life," Jim Finks, the New Orleans Saints president and general manager, said of the term "franchise players." "We don't take it seriously."

Overall, somewhere around 350 free agents — players with five years' experience who are free to sign with anyone — will probably be available. They include aging superstars like Lawrence Taylor, Marcus Allen, Art Monk, Karl Mecklenburg, Ronnie Lott and Eric Dickerson, and a number of fringe players not unlike the ones who moved around under the now-defunct Plan B.

But they also include a group of quarterbacks who could be instant balm to contenders like Kansas City or Minnesota, who are short at that one position. And they include a lot of role players who can be plugged in quickly.

The 10 "franchise players," who must be paid among the top five at their position, are a mixed group that includes three offensive linemen — Lomas Brown of Detroit, Jumbo Elliott of the New York Giants and Paul Gruber of Tampa

Bay. That reflects the long careers at that position.

The others include San Francisco quarterback Steve Young and three dominant defenders — Neil Smith of Kansas City, Wilber Marshall of Washington and Leslie O'Neal of San Diego, plus linebacker Duane Bickett of Indianapolis, a less obvious choice. Marshall, who left Chicago as a free agent in 1988, was one of only two players in 15 years to change teams under the old system.

The other two "franchise players" are curiosities — Reggie White of Philadelphia and Tim McDonald of Phoenix. Neither can be protected because they are plaintiffs in the lawsuits that led to the settlement, but their inclusion means their teams will receive compensation in the form of draft picks from a pool to be established by the league.

The list was indicative of the vagaries of pro football.

On the one hand, one-time top prospects such as Testaverde were left to sell their wares on the free agent market. On the other hand, players once considered expendable under the Plan B — Kansas City nose tackle Dan Saleaumua and San Diego running back Ronnie Harmon

to name two — were protected under a far less restricted system.

Houston solved a problem by resigning backup quarterback Cody Carlson, who would have been a highly sought free agent. Then the Oilers protected three prime potential free agents — All-Pro linebacker Al Smith, running back Lorenzo White and wide receiver Ernest Givins.

And the short careers of running backs was reflected in the fact that only five were protected: White, Harmon, Barry Foster of Pittsburgh, Reggie Cobb of Tampa Bay and Harold Green of Cincinnati.

Notable among the omissions from the list of transition players to be protected in the future were Barry Sanders of Detroit and Thurman Thomas of Buffalo, two of the league's three dominant runners.

Franchise players must remain with their team and be paid among the league's top five at their position. They remain protected for the life of their contract and their team can't designate another franchise player during that time.

Transition players must be paid among the top 10 at their positions. Their current teams have the right to match any offer made to them by other teams.

Many of those transition players included 1992 rookies whom teams want to protect even though their contracts aren't close to being up.

They included Indianapolis' Steve Emtman and Quentin Coryatt, the top two players chosen in last year's draft; the Los Angeles Rams' Sean Gilbert, the third overall pick; Marco Coleman and Troy Vincent, Miami's two first-round picks last April; and Kansas City cornerback Dale Carter, the defensive rookie of the year.

Next season, teams will be allowed only one transition player and thereafter will be able to protect only the franchise player.

The designation of Young, who led San Francisco to a 14-2 record last season, was expected. It also could lead to the departure of Joe Montana, who has always been considered "the franchise" in San Francisco, where he led the 49ers to four Super Bowl victories.

The big winner on the day might have been Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Young, McDonald and a number of top players.

One of Steinberg's clients, the 30-year-old Bickett, was named a franchise player, meaning a player who made one Pro Bowl must be paid

among the top five linebackers, at least \$1.64 million. By comparison, Carl Banks of the Giants, a player of similar age, ability, accomplishments and salary, was made only a transition player.

General manager Jimmy Irsay said the decision on Bickett was based on choosing a position where Indianapolis could least afford to lose a key player.

"We're going into an area of great uncertainty. No one knows what is going to happen to the market," he said.

But that move set up a potential bonanza for two other clients of Steinberg's — Jeff George, the Colts' quarterback, and Kansas City linebacker Derrick Thomas.

Thomas, whose contract runs out after next season, could be protected then as a transition player. He is an All-Pro and four years younger than Bickett, meaning that he probably can command far more as a free agent.

If Bickett's new contract extends beyond 1995 — and Steinberg plans that — it will mean that George, entering the fourth season of a six-year contract, will be a free agent in '95. That should mean a financial bonanza for George.

## Orioles' Ripken has that lonely feeling at spring training; Ryan arrives at Rangers' camp Saturday

By The Associated Press

Cal Ripken will be a little lonely at spring training this year.

"It's a little different," the short-stop said Thursday in Sarasota, Fla., as he began his 13th season with the Baltimore Orioles. "It's not like it has been in other springs. I don't know how to put my feelings into words. I'm used to having them here."

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He was referring to his dad, Cal Sr., fired as third-base coach after 32 seasons with the Orioles organization, and his brother, Billy, a second baseman let go by Baltimore after six seasons.

"I was brought up in a family where baseball brought us together," Cal Jr. said. "I'm very thankful for the time we had. It's a strange feeling, but they can't take away what's happened."

Things are different, too, at the Detroit Tigers' camp in Lakeland, Fla. Mike Ilitch bought the team late last season from Thomas Monaghan, and the Tigers are spending more money.

"The guys I've talked to, and I've talked to just all of them who have signed multiyear contracts, want to win not only for themselves, but for Mr. Ilitch," Tony Phillips said. "They know he's going toward building a winner. Look at the players he's brought in — Kirk Gibson, Mike Moore, Bill Krueger, Tom Bolton. They're proven players who are going to help us win. Last year when we needed a player for something, we didn't go and get him because of the situation we were in. It was discouraging."

The Colorado Rockies may be a little discouraged right now. First, pitcher Clint Zavaras tore knee ligaments last Friday. Now it's pitcher Bryn Smith who is hurt.

A magnetic resonance imaging test Wednesday showed Smith has torn cartilage in his right knee.

Rockies general manager Bob Gebhard said Smith might be in the rotation for opening day on April 5, but may also start the season at Class AAA Colorado Springs or stay in Arizona for extended spring training.

Another injured pitcher, Milwaukee's Ted Higuera, had an impressive stint against live hitters Thurs-

day in the Brewers spring training camp at Chandler, Ariz. Higuera threw 30 pitches, including several sharp breaking balls.

"He looked real good," said Kevin Reimer, one of the hitters to face Higuera. "He had good pop on his fastball and he was putting the ball where he wanted to."

Higuera hasn't pitched in the majors since 1991 following rotator cuff surgery.

"I was very pleased," Brewers manager Phil Garner said. "The impressive part was he threw the ball where he wanted to. Last year, he wasn't getting acceleration of his arm through the release point. There's no comparison. Now we'll see how he reacts."

Pittsburgh Pirates left-hander Zane Smith threw over 100 feet during a long-toss drill at Bradenton, Fla.

When he arrived at spring training camp a week ago, Smith couldn't throw longer than 30 feet and couldn't pitch off a mound. He's still not ready to throw from a mound, but trainer Kent Biggerstaff sees progress.

"His throwing and rehab program are coming along very well," Biggerstaff said. "He's right on the schedule that I would like to see him on. He's feeling some discomfort on some of his throws, but when you have a shoulder that may be full of adhesions and scar tissue, you're going to have some periods of discomfort."

Injured third baseman Kelly Gruber joined his new teammates with the California Angels Thursday at Tempe, Ariz.

Gruber underwent arthroscopic surgery on his shoulder last week and will be sidelined for at least two months.

"I'd rather be here and get familiar with the sights and sounds of the game again and get to know the guys," Gruber said. "It's going to be tough to hold myself back from jumping out there again."

At Port Charlotte, Fla., the Texas Rangers announced the brightest news of the day. Nolan Ryan intends to arrive Saturday for his record 27th big league season and will join workouts starting on Sunday.

Ryan already has said 1993 will be his final year.



New Yankees' third baseman Wade Boggs does some stretching exercises before taking his turn at bat during spring training Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (AP Photo)

## Blake grabs share of lead in Los Angeles Open

By KEN PETERS  
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jay Don Blake needed some positive reinforcement, and where better to get it than where he won his only tour title.

Bolstered by a fourth-place finish in San Diego last weekend, Blake fired a 4-under-par 67 Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Los Angeles Open.

After missing the cut in four tournaments this year, Blake was revitalized by a return to San Diego, where he won in 1991.

"Going back to San Diego made me remember a lot of good thoughts. It put me in a grinding mode and gave me a positive attitude," Blake said after his opening round at Riv-

iera Country Club created a three-way tie at the top.

"I was expecting a lot out of myself early in the year and put a lot of pressure on myself. I've hit it pretty solid all year long, but I just wasn't scoring."

Jim McGovern and Russ Beiersdorf, each looking for his first tour win, matched Blake's 67.

After the opening 18 holes at Riviera, Jeff Sluman and Ronnie Black each were one shot off the pace, with defending champion Fred Couples, who also won the tournament in 1990, four strokes behind with a 71.

Couples is trying to become the first player to win consecutive LA Open titles since Arnold Palmer in 1966-67.

Phil Mickelson, last weekend's winner at San Diego, shot a first-day 70.

Tiger Woods, who last year at the LA Open became the youngest player ever in a PGA event, was merely the second lowest-scoring teen-ager in the first round this time.

Woods, a junior at Anaheim Western High School who turned 17 last Dec. 30, shot a 74.

Ted Oh, a 16-year-old sophomore at nearby Torrance High, had a first-round 73.

One of the larger galleries of the day followed Woods, who was 6 over at one point before he reeled off three consecutive birdies.

Followed by a crowd that numbered around 1,000, Woods had his bad moments, including a double-bogey 6 on the 13th hole, and his good, including the string of three birdies that began at No. 15.

He said that he wasn't really feeling any pressure because he knew what to expect this time. He was generally pleased with his round, adding, "It could have been a lot worse."

He had a 72-75 in 1992 to miss the cut by six shots.

Blake, in his seventh year as a pro, earned \$299,000 last year despite not winning a tournament. The previous year, he pocketed \$563,000, including his winner's purse at San Diego, and has earned more than \$1 million over the past three years.

The tournament at Riviera pays the winner \$180,000 from a total purse of \$1 million.

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# Governor makes pitch for school funding plan

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

PLAINVIEW (AP) — Nothing less than the quality of public education and the health of Texas' business climate hinges on the outcome of a statewide vote May 1, says Gov. Ann Richards.

Richards told 600 people at a Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night that the state's best hope for keeping its schools open is a "Robin Hood" finance plan up for voter approval.

But if voters reject the constitutional amendment, she said, the courts will freeze education funds June 1. Out-of-state industry would grow wary, she warned.

"I guarantee you the headlines will read 'Judge closes Texas

schools,'" she said. "We simply cannot allow that to happen."

Richards' economic development message came on the heels of an afternoon meeting students at Hillcrest Elementary School. She toured classrooms, listened to first-graders sing a tune about vowels and watched a second-grader draw trapezoids.

"Aren't you kids smart?" she asked, clapping.

Always, though, she returned to the theme of passing the amendment.

"We don't want our schools to close. Vote 'Yes' May 1," Richards chanted loudly with an assembly of 400 children.

The Legislature earlier this month approved the amendment under threat of a June 1 court deadline to

equalize the way Texas funds public schools. The measure would allow the state to shift property tax revenues from wealthier school districts to those with lower property values.

Richards spokesman Chuck McDonald said Thursday's school visit was the first of many on behalf of a plan the governor said was more palatable than school consolidation or a state income tax.

Richards, a Democrat, predicted Republican attempts to derail the amendment.

"They're afraid if we pass the school issue that you will re-elect me governor," she told parents and teachers.

But if the amendment doesn't pass "no business or industry is going to want to come to a state that doesn't care about its children."

## GOP raps Richards on school vote

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Republican chairman and Democratic Gov. Ann Richards are at odds over the upcoming school finance proposition vote.

GOP Chairman Fred Meyer on Thursday criticized Richards for asking voters to decide on the proposition without knowing the plan's actual costs.

"Gov. Richards as much as said she thinks the voters of Texas are stupid by stating they don't need to know the details of how this plan is going to raise their taxes," Meyer said.

But a Richards aide said he was wrong. Gubernatorial press secretary Bill Cryer said the Demo-

cratic governor is "not hiding anything from the taxpayers."

Cryer said the proposed amendment "tells the voters exactly what they need to know. Voters only really need to know one thing, and that is schools will close. People like Fred Meyer have been stopping this thing for nearly a quarter of a century. It will affect about 3 percent of the school districts and help about 97 percent."

The Legislature has placed a so-called "Robin Hood" finance proposal on the May 1 ballot. But legislation that would spell out which school districts are winners and losers under the \$400 million share-the-wealth plan might not be

adopted before that statewide vote.

"I think it is very difficult in the middle of the constitutional amendment election to try to hammer out the details of what you are going to do in enabling legislation," Richards said this week.

"In the voters' mind, it is easier to keep it real simple," she said.

Meyer blasted that reasoning.

He charged that Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock "are promoting the political equivalent of highway robbery by asking voters to sign a blank check increasing school taxes without knowing what impact it will have on their local schools or their property taxes."

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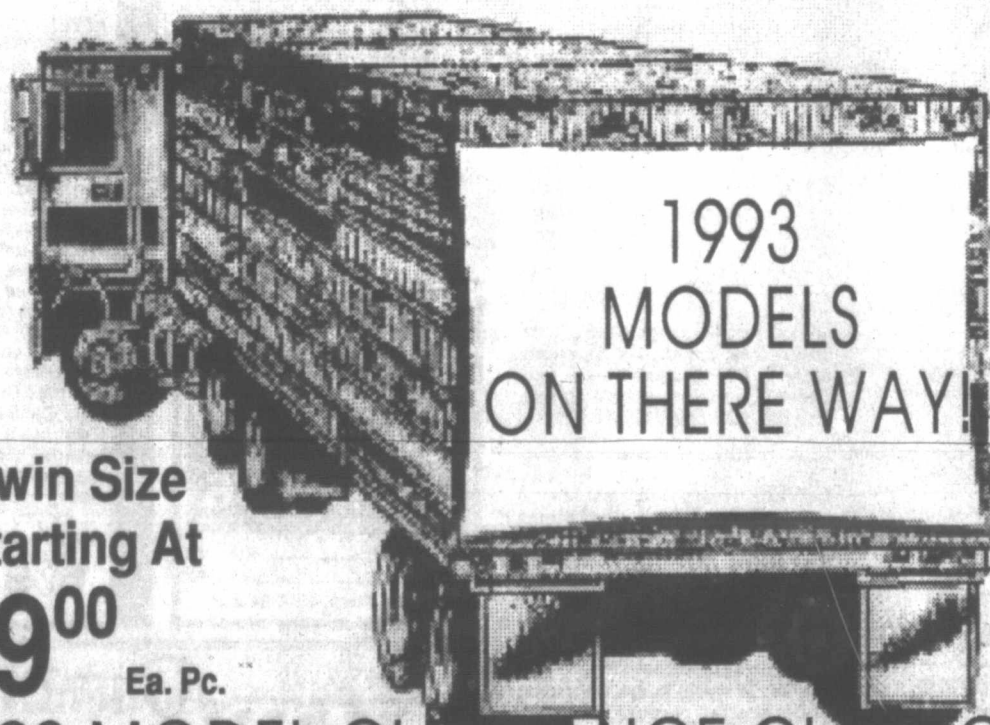
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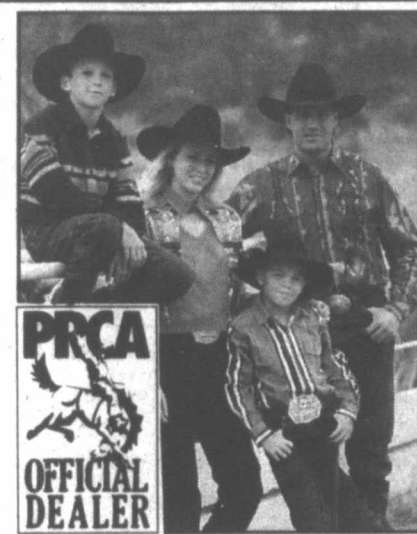
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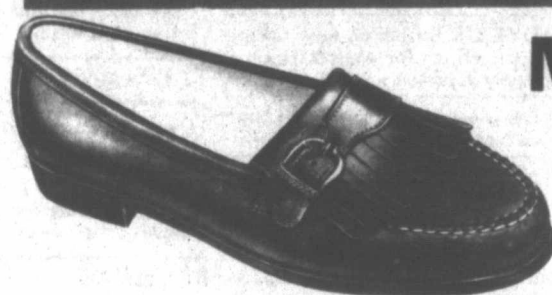
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