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Good Evening!

AREA

AMARILLO — State Sen. Teel Bivins will be appearing on KACV-TV's *Perspective* broadcast at 9 p.m. today to discuss proposals to merge Texas State Technical College and Amarillo College.

Appearing via satellite from Austin, Bivins will join host Cathy Teague to outline the merger proposals presented by him and State Rep. David Swinford. Discussion will concern implications for students, faculty and taxpayers.

Amarillo College President Dr. Bud Joyner will join in the discussion, and TSTC President Ron Abrams, schedule permitting, also is expected to participate.

The program will be rebroadcast on Sunday at 5 p.m.

PAMPA — The board of directors of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at the PEDC office, 301 N. Ballard.

Items on the agenda include an available building inventory report, an update on Fork Stork Manufacturing Inc. and discussion of recruiting and trade shows.

Also on the agenda are discussion of association meetings and legislative days and the report from the PEDC director of economic development.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — An emotional debate over whether to allow Texans to carry concealed handguns has been delayed for 24 hours.

As the Texas Senate prepared to take up the measure today, the decision was made to postpone debate so senators could review a number of amendments that have been introduced to the bill by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, had been rumored to be planning a filibuster. West said he doesn't think the issue of allowing Texans to pack pistols has been thoroughly explored.

"I'm not saying that I am going to filibuster, but you know, we just need to kind of talk about it," West said Monday evening. "I haven't really made a decision. Even if I come in here with tennis shoes on, that doesn't mean I'm going to filibuster."

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved an eye laser that polishes the cornea to improve vision and prevent the need for many corneal transplants.

Summit Technology Inc. announced Monday the approval of the nation's first excimer laser, to treat corneal scars and other diseases. Experts predicted it could be used to treat between 10,000 and 25,000 Americans this year.

The laser uses a cold beam of ultraviolet light to vaporize cells in the cornea, the clear covering of the eye. Each laser pulse evaporates a microscopically thin layer of cornea tissue. It treats scars, deposits and corneal diseases that impede vision, and can correct the corneal irregularity that often prevents people from wearing contact lenses.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The federal courts will retain jurisdiction over legal challenges to a voter-approved law that denies almost all services to illegal aliens, a judge has ruled.

The state promised an appeal of the Monday decision by U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer. The judge, without comment, also refused to dismiss four lawsuits seeking to overturn Proposition 187.

Pfaelzer said she would make her reasons public in writing later this week. She has scheduled a Sept. 5 trial.

Russian rocket carries American into space today

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — Like clockwork but without the countdown, a Russian rocket roared off from the freezing desert into space today carrying two cosmonauts and an American astronaut.

A new era of U.S.-Russian space cooperation was crowned when flames spewed from the multitude of engines and the glistening white rocket rose into the pale blue winter sky at 9:11 a.m. (12:11 a.m. CST).

About 20 NASA officials cheered and waved U.S. flags as the rocket with astronaut Norman Thagard and cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Gennady Strekalov climbed straight up and over the brown featureless steppes of central Asia.

Russians in fur hats at the adjacent grandstand applauded and poured champagne.

"It was pretty impressive. Never thought that I'd ever see a day when an American was launched in a Russian rocket," said Dave Leestma, chief of NASA's flight crew operations and a former astronaut. "This is a historic moment."

There was no 3-2-1 countdown or the type of Mission Control banter usually heard at NASA launches.

Instead, a few seconds before liftoff, the Russian space commentator reported the order to ignition had been given and at zero shouted, "Zazhiganiye!" — Russian for ignition.

Nine minutes later, word came that the Soyuz spacecraft had reached orbit. The crowd of several hundred dignitaries and invited guests a mile from the launch pad broke into applause.

"This is a large step in the cooperative program that we have laid out with Russia," said Wayne Little, head of NASA's space flight program, "much larger" than the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz docking mission.

"It's not a single mission that we're doing with the Russians. There's a long series of missions that were planning ... so we're going to have a long-term relationship where as Apollo-Soyuz was one mission."

Liftoff occurred on schedule and

without a hitch in clear 16-degree temperatures under 15 mph winds.

Frank Culbertson, an astronaut and NASA's deputy director for the joint mission, expressed surprise: "We are very impressed with the efficiency of a program that launches right on time, every time."

Before leaving for the launch pad, Thagard and his two fellow crewmates marched before Russia's state space officials. Dezhurov, a military officer, was the only one who saluted — formally assuming command of the mission.

The three men, who walked bent over, seemed uncomfortable in their blue and white spacesuits. They were then driven on a bus to launch pad.

Like dozens of cosmonauts before him, Thagard made a promise to reporters to follow all cosmonaut customs before and during flight. That included urinating on a tire of the bus that took him and the two Russians to the launch pad.

Since the world's first spaceman, Yuri Gagarin, relieved himself before climbing aboard his rocket-ship in 1961, all cosmonauts — men and supposedly women, too — have followed suit at the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

Thagard, Dezhurov and Strekalov will spend two days in orbit before their Soyuz capsule docks with the space station Mir, Russian for peace. It will be cramped inside the capsule, but Thagard, at 5-foot-9-inches, expects it to be "quite comfortable. ... I'm almost the perfect size for that vehicle."

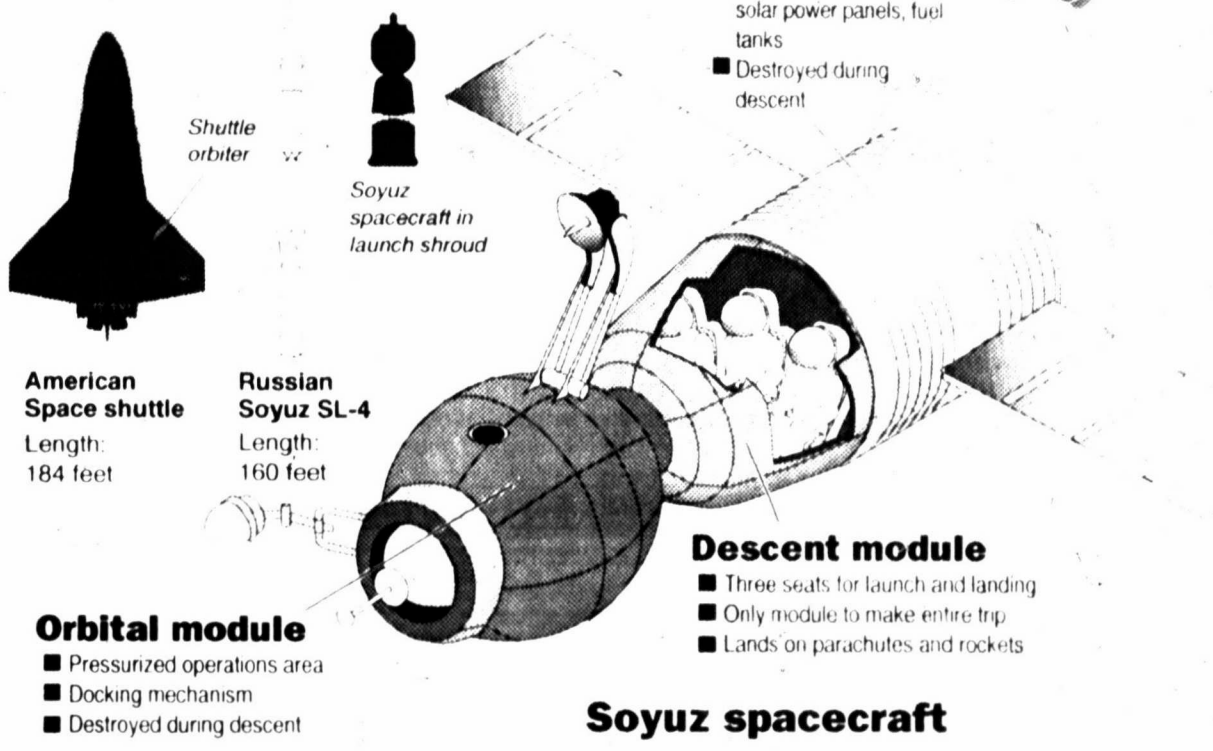
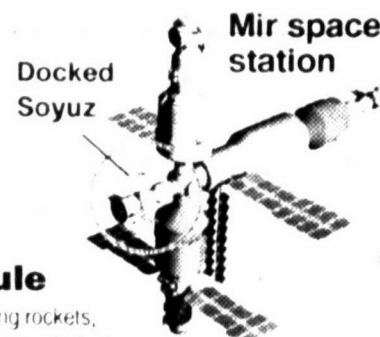
Thagard's trip is part of a space cooperation agreement between the two countries that is supposed to lead to the construction of an international space station beginning in 1997.

Four other NASA astronauts will follow Thagard to Mir over the next three years, traveling on the space shuttle Atlantis.

The Atlantis is due to dock at Mir in June, carrying two Russian cosmonauts and Thagard's backup, astronaut Bonnie Dunbar. Thagard, Dezhurov and Strekalov, along with Dunbar, will hitch a ride back to Earth aboard the shuttle. Dunbar attended today's liftoff.

Historic space flight

For the first time, an American astronaut is to travel to a Russian space station aboard a Russian spacecraft. Norman Thagard, 51, along with cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Gennady Strekalov will spend two days in orbit before their Soyuz capsule docks with the space station Mir.



Source: NASA

AP/Karl Tate

Above is an artist's sketch of the American and Russian shuttles and the Russian Mir space station.

County OKs Lefors tax collection plan

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

Taxpayers in Lefors and the Lefors Independent School District will be writing fewer checks for their taxes following unanimous approval today of a plan by the Gray County Commissioners Court.

Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris told commissioners her office will include Lefors city and school taxes on statements the county already sends those Lefors area taxpayers to collect county taxes.

The taxes for each entity will be itemized on one statement and will be payable with a single check, Morris said.

Commissioners Joe Wheeley and Jim Greene said they had concerns that taxpayers in the affected areas might attribute increases in city and school taxes to the county.

Morris said the system has worked

without difficulty in collecting McLean city and school taxes. She said the tax assessor's office will provide itemized receipts showing how much each entity received.

Morris said the plan would not add work to the tax assessor's office. The Lefors taxes will be included in tax mailings the county currently sends to residents in that part of the county, and the information is processed by computer, she said.

In other action, commissioners reviewed an update on expenses surrounding the capital murder trial of Henry Watkins Skinner. To date, the county has spent approximately \$167,000 on attorneys' fees and trial expenses.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said there is a possibility the county could seek reimbursement for as much as 70 percent of its expenses in the case.

Commissioner Gerald Wright said workers have added an additional

scraper to the Lake McLellan restoration project. Four of the earth moving machines are now in operation, Wright said.

Commissioner Wright said U.S. Rep. William "Mac" Thornberry is scheduled to tour the lake area in April. The commissioner's court wants Thornberry to seek increased funding from the U.S. Forest Service budget for Lake McLellan from funds already allocated to that federal agency.

County Judge Richard Peet said officials from surrounding cities and chambers of commerce will be invited to attend the Thornberry tour in addition to state officials from the area.

Commissioners approved a resolution calling on the state Legislature not to impose regulations on a Texas Association of Counties' workers' compensation insurance pool.

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Retail sales down slightly, first drop in nearly a year

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the latest sign the economy may be slowing down, retail sales fell 0.5 percent in February for the first decline in nearly a year.

The Commerce Department also said today that sales advanced 0.6 percent in January, revised upward from an earlier estimate of up 0.2 percent.

Financial markets rallied on the news, taking it as an indication the Federal Reserve is less likely to raise short-term interest rates this month.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 26.63 points by midday, and the 30-year Treasury bond surged more than three-fourths of a point, pushing its yield down to 7.38 percent from 7.45 percent.

Analysts said the buying binge that has fueled the economic expansion for four years is ending. "The February retail sales statistics paint a very dire picture of consumer spending," said economist Marilyn Schaja of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp.

The Commerce Department also said today that sales advanced 0.6 percent in January, revised upward from an earlier estimate of up 0.2 percent.

The last time sales decreased was in April, when they slipped 1 percent.

Auto sales fell 1 percent last month after dropping 0.2 percent the

previous month — the first back-to-back drop since May. Excluding car sales, a volatile component, retail sales were down 0.4 percent in February after climbing 0.8 percent the previous month.

Analysts have been expecting slower economic growth as the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates seven times in the last year. The most recent boost, a half-percentage point, was on Feb. 1.

Today's drop in sales was unexpected. Analysts had predicted a modest gain for February.

The Commerce Department said sales totaled a seasonally adjusted \$192.8 billion, down from \$193.9 billion in January.

Sales of durable goods were down 0.6 percent in February after remaining unchanged the previous month.

Durable goods increased 9 percent over a year earlier, and all sales last month were 6 percent higher than February 1994.

Nearly all major components of the sales index declined in February, including furniture and home furnishings, down 1.2 percent, and building materials, hardware and garden supplies, down 0.5 percent.

Nondurable goods followed up a 1 percent increase in January by slipping 0.5 percent last month. The slide was led by a 1.2 percent decline in clothing sales and a 1.1 percent drop for department stores.

It's gonna rain



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

It appears that some Pampans were anxiously awaiting for the rain to come as several signs popped up around town proclaiming "It's gonna rain." This sign was seen in a yard on Kentucky Street this morning. The prediction came true, at least for today, as a light rain fell on the Pampa area this morning, with the possibility of more light rain into the afternoon and evening hours.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FULCHER, Jim P. — Graveside, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
ORTEGA, Cruz — Rosary, 7 p.m., 744 Malone, Pampa.

Obituaries

CRUZ ORTEGA

Cruz Ortega (also known as Ramon Mendoza), 62, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 12, 1995. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 744 Malone Street, and Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Scott Raef, associate pastor, officiating. The body will be available for viewing at 744 Malone Street until 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ortega was born May 3, 1932 at Santa Fe Del Pino Coalula, Mexico. He married Maria Ibarra. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1969. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Estella and Jose Granillo and Victoria Ortega, all of Pampa; one son and daughter-in-law, Francisco and Amparo Ortega of Dallas; five sisters, Alicia Ortega, Brigida Ortega, Edolina Dominguez and Eva Ortega, all of Mexico, and Eloisa Ortega of Odessa; three brothers, Mariano Ortega of Mexico, Manuel Ortega of Carrizo Springs and Pedro Ortega of Santa Elena, Chile; five granddaughters, Yasmita Ortega, Esmeralda Ortega and Amelia Ortega, Rosie Soto and Myreya Granillo; two grandsons, Francisco Ortega Jr. and Jose Raymondo Granillo; and eight nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2782, Pampa, TX 79066-2782.

ANGELICA HOPE CAREY

AMARILLO - Angelica Hope Carey, 4-month-old daughter of Jeremy and Kelly Carey of Amarillo, died Thursday, March 9, 1995. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Memorial Park Cemetery's Garden of Bluebonnet with the Rev. Alan Norris of Grand Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

The infant was born in Amarillo. Survivors include her parents; three sisters, Geneva Henderson and Brittney Carey, both of Amarillo, and Jessica Carey of the home; her grandparents, Sandy Kenner of Amarillo and Joel and Penny Carey of Arlington; great-grandparents, Verma Carey of Lubbock and Bill and Evelyn Kenner of Pampa; and her great-great-grandmother, Kenner of Pampa.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa:

Wheat 3.20
Milo 3.98
Corn 4.52

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

NOWSCO 9 1/4 dn 1/4
Occidental 20 5/8 up 1/8

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

Magellan 70.70
Paritan 15.17

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

Amarco 60 5/8 NC
Arco 112 1/8 dn 1/8
Cable 36 1/4 up 1/4
Cable O&G 15 1/8 up 1/8

Chevron 47 1/2 dn 1/8
Coca Cola 57 up 1/8
Diamond Sham 25 NC
Enron 33 3/4 up 1/8
Halliburton 37 1/4 dn 1/8
HealthTrust Inc 34 1/8 up 3/8
Ingersoll Rand 30 5/8 up 3/8
KNE 22 1/8 up 1/4
Kerr McGee 50 1/4 NC
Lamar 18 1/4 up 1/8
Mapco 54 1/4 up 1/8
Maxus 5 3/8 NC
McDonald's 35 1/4 up 7/8
Mobil 49 1/2 dn 1/8
New Atmos 17 3/4 up 1/4
Parker & Parsley 19 1/8 NC
Penn's 42 7/8 dn 1/8
Phillips 35 1/2 up 1/8
SIB 58 5/8 up 3/8
SIS 28 1/8 up 1/8
Tenneco 46 up 1/2
Texaco 65 1/8 up 1/8
Wal Mart 24 5/8 dn 1/8
New York Gold 384.65
West Texas Crude 18.19

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 13

2:06 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a service call at 1701 W. McCullough to wet down the rubble of a trailer house that had caught fire and burned down Friday night.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

MONDAY, March 13

Ronnie Williams reported an assault by contact in a parking lot of the Caprock Apartments that occurred Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

Andrea Joyce Reed reported burglary of a habitation from January at 705 Henry at 2:35 p.m.

Jimmie Smith reported an aggravated assault at 418 N. Sumner at 3:30 p.m.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Crest at 4:40 p.m.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Murphy at 8:52 p.m.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Murphy at 9:05 p.m.

Brenda Moody reported a burglary of a motor vehicle at 601 E. Craven at 11:30 p.m.

Kevin Davis reported a burglary of a motor vehicle at 601 E. Craven at 11:34 p.m.

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A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of McCullough at 3 a.m.

Arrests

MONDAY, March 13

Thomas Randley Townsend, 40, 908 S. Barnes, was arrested on four warrants.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

MONDAY, March 13

J.O. O'Brien reported burglary of an automobile west of McLean on Interstate 40.

Gray County Sheriff's Office personnel assisted the Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office at 1033 Huff Rd.

Arrests

MONDAY, March 13

Kerry Ramone Brown, 25, 1033 Huff Rd., was arrested at 6:20 p.m. on two warrants for delivery of a controlled substance.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
 Pampa
 Lora Mae Blanscet
 Angela Sue Colton
 Ethel Ellen Gower (extended care)
Erick, OK
 Cleo William Beck

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Colton of Pampa, a girl.
Dismissals

Calendar of events

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Wheeler School, and will be open Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

TOTS N' TRAINING

Due to spring break this week, there will be no distribution of Tots N' Training materials for pre-school children. The program will resume next week and continue through May.

Correction

In reference to the picture caption on Page 6 of Monday's edition, two staff members of Shear Elegance were misidentified. The staff of Shear Elegance are, from left in the photo, Betty Toliver, Regina Woods, Lenae Beck and Teena Garland.

Reno seeks counsel for Cisneros

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno asked that an independent counsel be named to decide whether to prosecute Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros for what she said were lies he told the FBI about his payments to an ex-mistress.

A Justice Department review of the allegations "established that information provided by Secretary Cisneros concerning his payments to (Linda) Medlar was false," Reno told a special court in documents released today. The court is empowered to appoint independent counsels to conduct full investigations of top executive branch officials.

This will be the third independent counsel investigating top Clinton administration officials. Two others are looking at the president's financial and political affairs as governor of Arkansas and former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy's acceptance of gifts from businesses regulated by his department.

Reno told the court that, when asked by the FBI during a background investigation before his nomination, Cisneros acknowledged his relationship with Medlar and that he had been paying her. "However, he also stated to the FBI that he had paid her no more than \$2,500 at a time and no more than \$10,000 a year," Reno told the court.

"In fact, he paid her more than \$2,500 at various times, and his total annual payments to her were between \$42,000 and \$60,000," Reno wrote. She added that Cisneros' statement to the FBI was made soon after he made a payment "substantially larger than \$2,500."

She said Cisneros' statement might have had a material effect on the FBI background investigation, on advisers to President-elect Clinton who were then gathered information on potential Cabinet nominees and on the Senate, which ultimately confirmed Cisneros' nomination.

Court rulings have held that in order to be criminal, false statements to the government must have been material — that is, capable of altering the outcome of a decision.

"Although not all false statements are material as a matter of law," Reno wrote, "the materiality of Secretary Cisneros' false statements to the FBI is a close and difficult factual and legal issue that must be resolved by an independent counsel."

She also asked that the counsel "evaluate whether there was an agreement between Medlar and Secretary Cisneros to conceal information concerning his payments to Medlar during the confirmation process, in violation of the conspiracy statute."

Medlar was not interviewed by the FBI during Cisneros' background investigation. In a transcript of a telephone conversation between Medlar and Cisneros that she taped, Cisneros is quoted as saying the FBI report on him said she was not interviewed because she was ill.

The pair fretted on the tapes about whether the payments might derail his nomination. She sold the transcripts last fall to the television program *Inside Edition*.

Spring break fun



(Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

Louis Salazar, in back, and Joe Rodriguez enjoy the mild weather and spring break on Monday by taking wagon rides down the side of a hill at Central Park. Pampa and Lefors students are out of school for spring break this week.

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County

The pool provides workers compensation insurance to a majority of counties across the state, including Gray County, at rates below what commercial carriers charge, Wheeley said.

The commissioners court also considered a request from the sheriff's office to apply for a federal grant to fund an additional deputy.

Chief Deputy Buck Williams told commissioners the sheriff's office needed another deputy to alleviate staff shortages and reduce the accu-

mulation of compensation time.

Under the grant, federal funds allocated as part of the 1994 Crime Bill would pay a new deputy's salary for the first year. The federal contribution would then decline over the following three years until the county paid the entire salary.

Peet said he favored finding other means to alleviate sheriff's office and county jail man-hour shortages. He suggested the county and City of Pampa could examine ways to consolidate some duplicate functions to reduce costs.

Commissioners had not acted on the sheriff's office request as of press time today.

Alamo dig nearing its end

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Six weeks after launching an archaeological dig in front of the Alamo, researchers have not found the elusive battle-era wall they had hoped to unearth.

But the project has yielded evidence of the mission-era Indians who lived near the Alamo in the 18th century. Pieces of pottery and beads and bones of animals that lived in the area have been found.

"The Indian artifacts we've found will help us in tracking the lives of the Indians from their aboriginal origins to their mission life, so this will be something that will be very important archaeologically and his-

torically," archaeologist Herb Uecher of St. Mary's University said Monday.

On the floor of a 5-foot-deep pit, two students worked on their hands and knees sifting through layers of sand and gravel.

"We are at the point where we are clearing off the last of the deposits that bear manmade items," Uecher said.

Once that is finished, the diggers plan to bring in a back hoe and excavate down to about 15 feet, which would be the bottom of the unidentified subsurface feature originally detected by ground-penetrating radar.

Bass pulls \$20 million gift from Yale University

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A Yale alumnus demanded the university refund a \$20 million gift he donated for a Western Civilization program, and the school has agreed to return it, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

The money donated in 1991 by Texas philanthropist Lee M. Bass was supposed to go to the Bass Program of Common Study in Western Civilization, which has yet to be set up.

The program was to focus on ancient thinkers, artists and other figures who shaped the European culture on which modern American society is based.

Conservative professors and students had accused Yale President Richard Levin of being influenced by multiculturalist professors who view a special emphasis on Western Civilization as offensive. They also accused him of looking for other

ways to spend the money.

The Wall Street Journal reported Bass's demand for a refund and Yale's agreement to do so in an editorial.

"Some days ago, Mr. Bass came to the logical conclusion about Yale's treatment of his endowment. He has asked for a full refund of his money, and the university has acceded to that request," the newspaper said.

ought to be elected beyond the magic figure of 12 years?" asks Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, a 27-year Legislative veteran.

The measure is a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution. It still needs a two-thirds vote of the House to be placed on a statewide ballot for a referendum.

If the measure is approved, time served by legislators before 1997 would not count toward the term limit total.

The offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer, land commissioner, or agriculture commissioner.

"There is broad-spread, deep, solid support for fundamental change," Bivins said.

But opponents argue that voters already can limit terms by simply voting incumbents out.

"You're taking a right away from them. Why don't you let the people decide if a senator or representative

Texas Senate approves term limits measure

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate voted 24-6 today to impose term limits on members of the Legislature and the top seven statewide offices.

The bill sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, now goes to the House for consideration. House Speaker Pete Laney has voiced skepticism about the idea.

Bivins' bill would limit to 12 years the time someone could hold a seat in the Texas House, the Senate, or

the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer, land commissioner, or agriculture commissioner.

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Pampa Odyssey of Mind teams place in regional

Two Pampa Middle School Odyssey of the Mind teams recently placed in regional competition at Amarillo High School.

Winning second place for Classics ... Unbeaten Vaudeville were Laurie Berzanskis, Lindsay Cree, Kim Grice, Crystal Packard, Kristen Stephens, Rebekah Warner and

Amanda White. Coaches for the team were Pam Spangler and Anita Grice.

Winning a third place at the March 4 competition in the structure division for A New Twist were Kimberly Cory, Andrew Grabato, Jeremy Harper, John Frapp, Brandy Odom and Kandy Odom. These students

were coached by Peter Berzanskis. The students competed in a long-term event, which included a skit, and in "spontaneous," which emphasized creative thinking skill.

The principal at Pampa Middle School is Tim Powers and the PEP teacher for these students is Cay Warner.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy tonight with a continuing chance for light rain and patchy areas of fog. Low will be near 40, with northeasterly winds 10-15 mph.

Wednesday, cloudy, with patchy areas of morning fog. High will be near 60, with northeasterly winds 10-15 mph. Monday's high was 62; the overnight low was 41.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy, with a slight chance of rain. Lows in upper 30s to low 40s. Wednesday, cloudy with patchy early morning fog and drizzle. A slight chance of rain low rolling plains. Highs 60-65.

North Texas — Tonight, chance of rain west, rain likely central, occa-

sional rain and thunderstorms east. Lows 44 to 53. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers west and central. Rain and thunderstorms likely east. Highs 61 to 65.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy far west, mostly cloudy east with scattered showers. Lows in low 40s Hill Country to near 50 south central. Wednesday, partly cloudy west, mostly cloudy east with widely scattered showers. Highs in mid 60s Hill Country to low 70s south central. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 70s inland west to near 70 coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows in the 50s inland, 60s along the

coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 60s to near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, increasing clouds east. Fair skies west. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains, 30s to mid 40s at lower elevations. Wednesday, considerable cloudiness east and partly cloudy west. Cooler east Wednesday. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms central mountains. Highs 50s to mid 60s mountains, north and east to mid 70s southwest.

Oklahoma — Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers, mostly in the south. Lows from low 40s northwest Oklahoma to mid 50s Red River valley. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain, mostly in the south. Highs in low to mid 60s.

City briefs

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GOP options for cutting benefit programs already drawing fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Republican package of options for trimming Medicare, Medicaid and other benefit programs is already drawing fire from advocates for the elderly and is sure to attract even more criticism.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who headed a Senate GOP task force looking for the savings, released the proposals Monday. They include a new way to compute the inflation rate that would reduce the growth of certain benefits and raise taxes for many Americans. In addition, the Republicans envision increasing costs for many elderly people on Medicare and cutting the growth of Medicaid and welfare.

"We think we can provide better programs with fewer dollars," Gregg said.

But that's not what advocates for the targeted programs say. Martin Corry, chief lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons, noted that seniors already pay an average of one-fifth of their incomes for health care, more than other people.

"This will add to that to the point where it will be too much for some people," he said, adding, "You can expect to see strenuous objections."

Gregg's suggestions, now under study by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., provided the first clues as to what specific steps Senate Republicans would take to attack the deficit.

Republicans in the House and Senate say they will produce plans this spring to balance the budget by 2002. But so far, it is the House where most details have emerged. Committees there have already voted to trim food stamps, school lunches and welfare, and House leaders are openly searching for major reductions in planned spending for Medicare and Medicaid.

Gregg estimated his proposals would produce \$475 billion to \$495 billion in savings over five years. His task force was asked to produce \$385 billion in reductions. Republicans conceded that because of the political sensi-

tivity of cutting benefit programs, any savings adopted are likely to be close to \$385 billion.

"Each of us have some problems with some parts of it," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I.

One of the most contentious of Gregg's proposals would change the way the government computes the annual rate of inflation. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other experts say the government overstates the increase in the cost of living by up to 1.5 percentage points a year.

Reducing the inflation measurement would save the government money because annual increases in payments for many benefit programs, based on inflation, would be lower. Since income tax brackets are adjusted annually for inflation, too, this idea would force more people to pay higher tax rates. The government would save \$64 billion over five years from the proposal, mostly from smaller boosts in Social Security benefits and greater revenue collections.

"Having said they wouldn't tamper with Social Security, here they go again," said Corry.

Another GOP suggestion would require elderly Medicare recipients to pay one-fifth of their costs for home health coverage. They currently pay nothing extra for the coverage, in an effort to encourage them to live at home and not in costly nursing homes.

The proposal would cost the average beneficiary \$1,200 annually by 2000, and the most heavily hit would be low-income women over age 75, Corry said.

In another proposal, the current Medicare system would be preserved, but those choosing to use it would face higher costs. Higher-income people, for example, would pay bigger monthly premiums.

For Medicaid, proposals would provide block grants to the states and limit the program's growth, now 10.5 percent, to 4 percent annually. States would be given flexibility to design their own programs. Five-year estimated savings: \$115 billion.

Small West Texas cooperative outbids the competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small West Texas telecommunications cooperative has outbid much bigger rivals for licenses to provide a new form of telephone service in Guam and in the northwest United States.

Poka Lambro, whose headquarters is near the town of Tahoka, about 30 miles south of Lubbock, was up against the likes of Pacific Telesis in the auction. But Poka Lambro wound up winning the new service, which could start in 18 months.

Poka Lambro is a combination of the initials for Texas South Plains communities in the vicinity of the company — Post, Tahoka, Lamesa and Brownfield.

Licenses for 51 regions covering the nation were included in the auction, which concluded Monday,

more than three months after it began. The winning bids for all the regional licenses went to 19 companies and topped \$7 billion, making it the most lucrative federal auction in history.

Poka Lambro had been considered a longshot to emerge victorious in the auction.

Mickey Sims, chief executive for Poka Lambro, was jubilant.

"It's a strange world. This proves there are a lot of opportunities out there if you take advantage of it," Sims said.

The northwest U.S. region Poka Lambro will serve is the Spokane major trading area, which covers Montana, eastern Washington, northeast Oregon and a corner of Wyoming. The company will form partnerships with other small telephone companies in those areas to

provide the cellular service.

The 99 licenses auctioned by the Federal Communications Commission are considered to be the crown jewels of new wireless communications licenses.

The new service is called PCS, short for personal communications services. PCS is an advanced form of cellular telephone service that will be marketed to individuals and businesses.

What the winning companies bought were 10-year licenses to provide a new phone service that promises to be more mobile and cheaper than existing cellular.

Pledging \$2.1 billion for 29 licenses, Sprint and three big cable companies — Tele-Communications Inc., Comcast Corp. and Cox Cable Communications — emerged as the auction's biggest spender.

The consortium snagged the nation's most populated market — New York — as well as licenses in San Francisco and Dallas.

AT&T was the second most aggressive bidder, plunking down \$1.7 billion for 21 licenses, including ones to serve Chicago and Boston.

And, a consortium of the cellular companies of Nynex, Bell Atlantic, US West and AirTouch put up \$1.1 billion for 11 licenses, including Chicago and Dallas.

"This is the largest sale of public property in history," FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said in an interview.

"The winners bought an opportunity to be telephone companies of the 21st century," Hundt said. "You're going to see these companies fight tooth and nail and prices go way, way down."

Pampa Lions Club to have program on Bosnian events

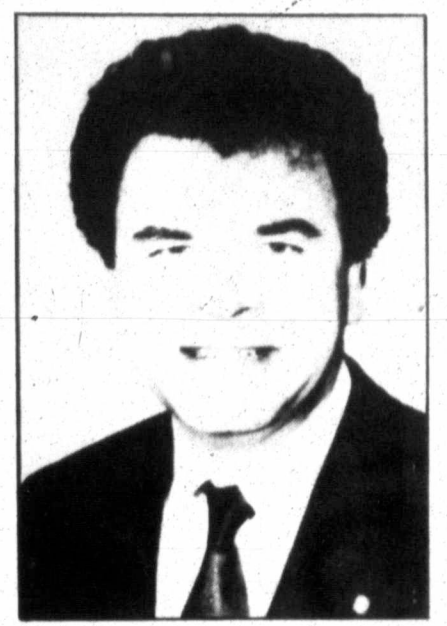
Eck Spahich, a native of Bosnia now living in Borger, will speak at the Pampa Noon Lions Club this week on the dramatic and tragic events unfolding in former communist Yugoslavia, including Serbia's genocidal policy of ethnic cleansing.

Spahich will share the story of his native Bosnia at noon Thursday in the basement of First Methodist Church, Foster and Ballard, for the Lions Club meeting.

A Borger Realtor and journalist, Spahich has lived in Borger since returning from the Vietnam War. He has a number of relatives in Tuzla, Bosnia, from whom he receives smuggled-out letters. Recently, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored Spahich with the Americanism Medal, one of its highest patriotic awards.

The United Nations commissioner for refugees estimates that the Serbs have expelled, killed or imprisoned more than two and half million people in Bosnia and Croatia from their ancestral homes, Spahich said.

"Let there be no mistake, the war in Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina was the result of a horrible and brutal aggression by the



Eck Spahich

Serbs in a land grab to create a Greater Serbia," Spahich said.

Peter Denney, club's program chairman, said Spahich plans to appeal to those present to help the victims of the war, especially children.

Denney said the program will be open to the public.

Study questions safety of certain blood pressure drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Doctors' offices have been flooded with thousands of telephone calls following a report that certain blood pressure drugs might raise the risk of a heart attack by 60 percent.

Researchers are advising patients taking the drugs, known as calcium-channel blockers, to continue until they are able to consult with their doctors.

The generic names of the drugs are nifedipine, diltiazem and verapamil. They are sold under such brand names as Adalat, Calan, Cardizem, Dilacor, Isoptin, Procardia and Verelan.

Dr. Bruce Psaty, the author of the report on the drugs, said Monday that they pose little risk over the short term and patients should not stop taking them without seeing their doctors.

"The instantaneous risk to individuals is exceedingly small," Psaty said, but "the long-term safety and

efficacy of these drugs is an important question."

He presented his findings Friday at the American Heart Association's annual epidemiology meeting. On Monday, the heart association said patients on calcium channel blockers should "continue their medication and consult their doctors about possible alternatives based on a full evaluation of their condition."

Concern has been raised in the past about calcium channel blockers, said Dr. Jeffrey A. Cutler of the National Institutes of Health. A recent analysis of available studies suggested "the possibility that calcium channel blockers don't prolong life but actually increase risk" when given to people who have already had a heart attack, he said.

Psaty's study extends that concern to people who haven't had a heart attack but are being treated for high blood pressure to help prevent one.

Psaty explained the numbers from his study this way: In the course of a year, heart attacks might strike about 10 of every 1,000 people being treated for hypertension with other drugs.

His study found that the risk might rise to 16 of every 1,000 people being treated with calcium channel blockers. That's a 60 percent increase, although it is still small.

Nevertheless, he estimated that 6 million Americans are taking these drugs, and many are likely to take them for many years.

"If the results of our case-control study are correct, that's a lot of heart attacks that you would want to prevent," Psaty said.

Psaty's study was a statistical look at 623 people who had had heart attacks and a control group of 2,032 who hadn't. Such epidemiological studies do not provide definitive answers, but they do provide important clues for further research.

Indeed, the government has launched a study to administer these drugs to randomly chosen groups of patients in a controlled way to get a precise estimate of the risks or benefits.

The results of that study will not be available until 2002, said Cutler, who is directing the study at the National Institutes of Health.

Calcium channel blockers reduce the amount of calcium that can enter muscle cells in the artery walls. Since muscles need calcium to squeeze, blocking calcium helps blood vessels relax.

National guidelines say that two other classes of drugs, beta blockers and diuretics, are the preferred alternatives for treatment of high blood pressure, Cutler said. But those guidelines have been the subject of considerable scientific debate, he said, and not all researchers agree with them.

Agreement reached for Thunder Junction heritage park

CLARENDON — Yesterday's Children has reached an agreement with a private investment group from England to build Thunder Junction, the Western heritage park and entertainment center planned as a source of supplemental funding for senior citizen programs in the Panhandle.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the site near Clarendon and Greenbelt Lake. At the intersection of Texas 70 and U.S. 287, visitors can take the Greenbelt Lake exit and go three-quarters of a mile north on 70. The site is on the east side of the highway.

"A private investor developed an

interest in this project and its potential after visiting the Bar H Working Dude Ranch at Clarendon," said Pat Kaiser, president of Yesterday's Children.

"After negotiations and visits over several months, we have come to an agreement that we believe will be beneficial both to the senior citizens of our area and the private investors as well," she said. "The public and private partnership we have worked toward has come together, and it's an exciting development that will also benefit the panhandle economy."

The park will be built in four phases. The first, which investors hope to have ready for this year's summer season, will be the first phase of a

water park and lazy river, along with a go-kart track and a miniature golf course. The New Braunfels General Store, which has produced the Schlitterbahn water parks, is designing and building the components for Thunder Junction's water park.

Phase II plans include four large slides for the water park; Phase III, a train ride and Family Master Blaster ride; and Phase IV will begin the completion of the Western heritage park.

The agreement was reached on March 7 — subject to completion of the land agreement — by officials of Yesterday's Children Inc., the non-profit group that initiated and developed the project; Thunder Junction Inc., the private, for-profit corporation formed to develop funding for the project; and Westwood GMW Limited, the United Kingdom corporation headed by David Williams.

"Thunder Junction will be built, owned and operated by Westwood," said Stan McClendon of Wellington, a vice president of Thunder Junction.

"The legal agreement specifies several provisions that protect Yesterday's Children's investment and the integrity of its goals for Thunder Junction."

Westwood has agreed to provide a minimum annual royalty or a certain percentage of the gross park receipts — whichever is greater — to Yesterday's Children, Kaiser said. Distribution of funds to help provide senior citizen services throughout the 26 counties of the Panhandle will be handled by a volunteer board.

The location has been moved from a site owned by the Greenbelt Water Authority to a 67-acre site nearby in order to tie into a sewage system already in place. Yesterday's Children conferred with Don Stewart of Economic Consulting Services, who conducted feasibility studies, before the location change was made. A lease agreement has been made with property owner Dale Robinson.

For more information, call Stan McClendon, 806-447-2536.

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Opinion

Health care reform by private sector

Congress may have abandoned the effort to reform health care, but America's private sector hasn't. Due to improved efficiency and other cost-cutting measures, health-care costs paid by employers actually dropped last year for the first time in more than a decade.

This remarkable development was not spurred by any initiative out of Washington. It's come about because of the relentless drive of businesses in a competitive market to minimize costs.

According to a survey of more than 2,000 employers by Foster Higgins, a New York benefits consulting firm, medical costs paid by companies that employ 10 or more workers fell by 1.1 percent last year. This reversal comes after a decade of rapidly spiraling medical costs.

While the Clinton administration was trying to muscle its health-care plan through Congress last year, private businesses were quietly succeeding in controlling health-care costs.

Behind this success has been a growing market trend toward "managed care." According to the same Foster Higgins survey, the percentage of employees and their families enrolled in health maintenance organizations rose from 52 percent in 1993 to 63 percent last year. Even though the cost of medical services rose an average of 5 percent, insurers were able to lower costs by reducing the number of services used by patients.

Cost-controlling success has been especially dramatic among large employers. Companies with more than 500 employees — covering two-thirds of all insured workers — saw collective health insurance costs drop 1.1 percent.

This good news on the health-care cost front should remove what little steam remains for a sweeping, centralized overhaul of the American health-care system. Private industry, as it has done in so many other areas, is learning to control costs without the heavy hand of government control.

However, one area where health-care costs continue to spiral out of control is where government directly manages the care. While private health-care costs were dropping last year, government spending on Medicare and Medicaid continued to escalate, with Medicare spending up 9 percent.

It's telling that President Clinton, who spoke so often during his 1992 campaign about "controlling health-care costs," now opposes an effort in Congress to cut the growth in Medicare spending. Apparently he's for controlling costs as long as it can help justify more government control over private health insurance, but not if it means cutting government spending.

If Congress and the administration want to reform health care, they should stick to changing the government's own out-of-control health-care programs. As for private health-care reform, the free market is providing the reforms.

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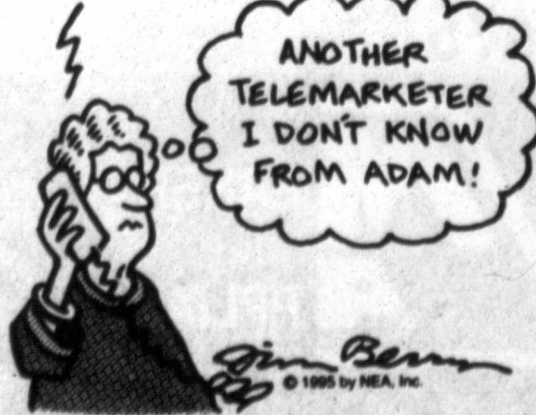
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Viewpoints

Executions cost more bucks

Republican officeholders are on the lookout these days for expensive government programs based on sincere but misguided theories that have proven not only futile but counterproductive. I have the perfect target for them: the death penalty.

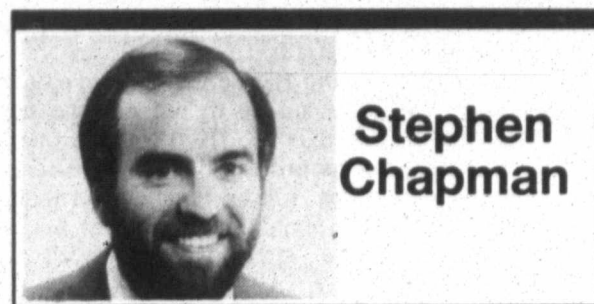
Executions are a perennial conservative remedy for crime and violence. New York Gov. George Pataki, a Republican who defeated Mario Cuomo in November, is well on his way to bringing capital punishment back to the state. The GOP crime bill now moving through Congress would change federal law to encourage more death sentences and make it harder to appeal them. Last year's crime bill, passed with bipartisan support, made several dozen additional crimes punishable by death.

All this suggests a total blindness to reality. The United States has nearly 3,000 people on Death Row, but last year, it executed only 31. Meanwhile, it has some 24,000 homicides a year. A killer has only a slightly greater chance of dying in the electric chair than of being struck by lightning.

Proponents of capital punishment say the problem is not with the death penalty but with the soft-hearted, soft-headed way we administer it. All we have to do is make it fast and certain, they claim, and we will get dramatic results.

In this, they sound like diehard defenders of the Great Society, insisting that things would have worked out beautifully if only it had gotten more money, or if it had been managed by more liberal presidents, or if the Vietnam War hadn't intervened. Those who favor the death penalty refuse to face the fact that in a free, constitutional republic, it can never be a cost-effective method to punish and deter crime.

Back in the 1930s, death sentences were handed



Stephen Chapman

out to rapists and burglars as well as murderers, and a defendant could be tried, convicted and forwarded to his maker in a matter of weeks. But even then, without the elaborate constitutional protections we have today, the number of executions never rose as high as 200 a year. If we could ever resume that rate, it would take 15 years just to execute all the current residents of Death Row, to say nothing of those who would arrive in the interim.

Imposing and carrying out a death sentence has gotten to be a difficult and time-consuming business, but advocates are deluded to think it could ever be appreciably streamlined. A liberal judiciary may have erected a lot of exasperating safeguards in the 1960s and 1970s, but the conservatives who have dominated the federal bench and the Supreme Court in recent years haven't torn many of them down. Even conservative judges treat death as a special kind of punishment that requires far greater care and deliberation than mere imprisonment.

As a result, we have to lay out immense sums of money for the transient satisfaction of seeing a depraved villain get what he deserves. A study of North Carolina's experience by Duke University professors Philip Cook and Donna Slawson found

that it costs taxpayers an extra \$2.2 million to execute a killer instead of locking him away for 20 years to life.

"It's always more expensive to have and use the death penalty than it is not to have it, for the simple reason that lawyers are more expensive than prison guards," University of California at Berkeley criminologist Franklin Zimring recently told *The New York Times*.

The expense is one reason law enforcement authorities regard capital punishment as largely irrelevant to their task. A January poll of police chiefs across the country, sponsored by the Death Penalty Information Center and conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, found that most of them support it but that they rate it last out of 26 methods of fighting crime. They also perceive it as the least cost-effective method. Only one in four thinks it significantly reduces the number of murders.

What the chiefs prefer are such alternatives as longer prison terms, more cops on the beat and programs to combat drug abuse. But every \$2 million spent to pump potassium chloride into a John Wayne Gacy is \$2 million that can't be spent on more concrete attempts to reduce the level of violence in America. That money would pay the yearly salaries of 48 additional police officers, for instance.

By draining precious resources that could be put to better use, the death penalty isn't just ineffectual; it may be downright destructive. Criminals are probably safer because it exists.

Conservatives are rightly fond of citing the unintended consequences of cherished liberal schemes for improving society. It's time they devoted the same scrutiny to one of their own favorite nostrums.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 1995. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:

In 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

There's no place quite like America

Charley Reese

I tried to make a funny the other day about Nancy Reagan being smarter than Hillary Clinton. It sailed right over the heads of the feminists.

Trying to coax a smile out of a feminist is like trying to stuff an elephant into a Florida condo closet. It won't work. Of all the tight-lipped, grimly serious P.C. gangs roaming around the country, spoiling people's enjoyment of life, feminists are the most humorless.

If this were not a family newspaper, I'd offer a hypothesis as to the cause of their collectively sour and woe-is-me-whiny disposition. But I will instead offer an observation of Benjamin Franklin, who said, "To be loved, love and be lovable."

Nevertheless, we ought all to lighten up. Here we are living in the freest and best country in the world — oops, there I go being politically incorrect again — and you'd think, from the way many people look and act, we were living in the gulags of Siberia.

Will Rogers once said we'd be the only country in the history of the world that would go to the poorhouse in an automobile. He was right. We're the only country in the world that has millionaire Marxists and socialists who live in capitalist mansions while they complain about capitalism.

We're the only country in the world where women own half or more of the wealth, scare the

bejebeers out of politicians and nag their husbands while complaining they are an oppressed minority.

We're the only country in the world whose poor people are overweight and have bad eyesight from watching too much television.

We're the only country in the world where lawyers for big media outfits say having to tell the truth about public figures would have a chilling effect on journalism.

We're the only country in the world where skinny high school graduates guard muscle-bound convicts who are working on their college degrees in between filing habeas corpus petitions and pumping iron.

We're the only country in the world with legislators who make \$133,000 a year complain they are overworked and underpaid.

We're the only country in the world whose president often whines.

We're the only country in the world that takes actors and actresses seriously.

We're the only country in the world that allowed its bankers to lend billions to its enemy while taxing

its people trillions for defense against the loan recipient.

We're the only country in the world where people in the media complain that the media is too violent and too vulgar.

We're the only country in the world that worries more about making excuses for losers than about creating an environment in which winners can thrive.

We're the only country in the world that has so many laws and so many rules that no one can find out how many there are, much less what they say.

We're the only country in the world where entrepreneurs saw smelly armpits as an opportunity to make millions.

We're the only country in the world that thinks the way to fight crime is to disarm the victims of crime.

We're the only country in the world where kids dominate the schools, prisoners run the prisons, and lunatics and eccentrics dominate public political debate.

We're the only country in the world that is \$4 trillion in debt, can't balance its budget, got kicked out of the Philippines and run out of Somalia, had to beg for help to mug a Third World country, is afraid to offend Chinese dictators, and still calls itself a superpower.

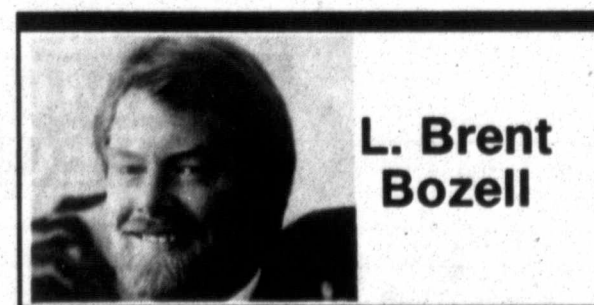
We're the only country in the world that spends more on foreign aid than environmental protection.

When does a joke stop being a joke?

It was bound to happen, I suppose. Just as Ronald Reagan became the butt of Hollywood's jokes in the '80s — and the target for many a poisoned arrow — his ideological successor, Newt Gingrich, is the target for the '90s.

It took little time for prime-time television to unleash its anti-Newtisms. The most outrageous was a Jan. 17 *Grace Under Fire* (ABC) exchange. A man and a woman are shown watching television. Man: "How come Hitler's always on this channel?" Woman: "It's some new law Newt Gingrich passed. It's the Hitler Channel — all Hitler all the time." On the Jan. 2 *Murphy Brown* (CBS), one character suggested that "according to Newt Gingrich, half the Clinton cabinet was stoned ... during the State of the Union address." Murphy's snappy retort: "I've learned to discount anything beginning with the phrase 'according to Newt Gingrich.'"

It is suggested that conservatives have found a voice on talk radio. It is forgotten that liberal celebrities, for years have enjoyed access to television talk shows. One weapon is political, the other cultural — and dominated by the left. On Nov. 10, two days after the elections, actress Lauren Bacall launched the first grenade. To Tom Snyder (then of CNBC), Bacall described herself as "depressed at the thought that Gingrich is the speaker." On Nov. 14, *Grace Under Fire* star Brett Butler stated on NBC's *Tonight Show* that "Newt, for those of you who don't know, is a Georgia word meaning redneck who has a blow dryer." On the Nov. 16 *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno asked guest James Garner about Gingrich, and Garner responded flatly, "[I] don't like him."



L. Brent Bozell

The Comedy Central cable network covered Clinton's endless State of the Union address, and amazingly, commentators/quipsters Butler, Dennis Miller and Kevin Pollak focused more on Gingrich than on Clinton. When Miller asked Butler if she thought Gingrich would run for president, she replied, "I think he's gonna waddle and hold Dan Quayle's puppet strings. Come on! The barnyard's taking over the barn."

Pollak declared, "If you had an option of [Clinton, Al Gore and Gingrich] as president, Newt would be [the] last" choice. Miller, noting Gingrich's lapel pin, jabbed, "That's [the size] Gingrich hopes to shrink the Bill of Rights down to."

When is a joke not a joke? When does it cross that invisible line from acceptable humor to ugly vituperation? Conservatives are a bit thin-skinned on these matters at times, but often have reason to complain. On his weekly HBO half-hour show, Miller warmed-up in November by calling the speaker "a pain-in-the-ass demagogue." (Ha, ha!) More recently on the

same show, he's offered these knee-slappers:

Dec. 9, imitating Gingrich: "Once we get them to the orphanages, we see if they're sickly. If they are ... we hold their little heads in our hands ... and crush them like walnuts."

Dec. 16, over a photo of Gingrich and Bob Dole standing beside a model of the Capitol dome: "What you can't see here is the sign on the back that reads, 'White Only.'"

Dec. 23: "[Gingrich's book] about his political vision for the future of America [will be] called *The Philistine Prophecy* ... [It will] be available through the Mein Kampf of the Month Club."

Dec. 30: "We're all free to [express our opinions], at least for the next couple days, until Gingrich takes over and straps the rat cage to our collective face."

Jan. 6: "Gingrich and the Republicans took over Congress this week. This is actually Gingrich's second attempt to seize power, the first, of course, being the ill-fated Beer Hall Putsch."

Jan. 13: "This week, Gingrich admitted it was a dumb idea to suggest the government provide tax credits to poor people so they could buy laptop computers. Gingrich explained that what he meant to say was that poor people should be rounded up and exterminated." Gingrich has been and will continue to be the target of plenty of barbs. As someone who appreciates the power of popular culture, he is well prepared for this abuse. "If you try to influence a civilization," he said, "the other side is going to fight back. That's their right. One of their vehicles for fighting back is the entertainment medium they dominate."

Lifestyles

Craft show comes to Canadian this weekend

CANADIAN — A group of area crafts people are planning an In-Home Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at 400 Birch in Canadian.

The show, sponsored by Barbara Hawkins and Cara Dawn Macias, is designed to allow area artists and crafts people a chance to show their products.

Sixteen exhibitors, including two from Pampa, will be presenting a variety of work, including framed prints, quilted vests, broomstick skirts, dolls, pottery and other items.

For information, call (806) 323-9229.

Gun and Knife show makes appearance in Amarillo

Since 1978, thousands of Texans all across the state have come to dozens of Texas Gun and Knife shows to see the best in collectible guns, knives and accessories, presented by the Texas Gun and Knife Association. On March 18-19, the association will present their first show for 1995 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made. "These items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the association. "And even if you could, you certainly wouldn't find them all together in one place, at one time like this."

Hill expects a large number of exhibitors to be on hand at the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

As in every Texas Gun and Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture at the Amarillo show. There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, Native American and military memorabilia, as well as superior displays of excellently priced gold and silver jewelry.

This is the first of three Amarillo Gun and Knife Shows taking place in 1995. Dates for the upcoming show are Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The public is invited to come in to buy, sell, trade, or just browse, and people are welcome to bring their own guns for sale or trade.

Planning a magical night



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Christie Higgs (left, standing), Jamie White, Denise Hampton and Diana Trice along with Pernie Davis, chair (left, sitting), and Kim Trimble, all of the Pampa Fine Arts Association plan for the association's Madrigal Dinner set for April 22 at the M.K Brown Memorial Auditorium. The family event will present the West Texas A & M Choral department performing in Medieval costumes. Camelot hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Not pictured are Kay Lee and Kim Price.

Green thumb salutes the older worker

WACO — For the past thirty years, Green Thumb, Inc. has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older, economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through local community service employment and training projects. As viable manpower resources for their community-based organizations, participants maintain their independence as productive members of society. Funded through the U. S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

Each year Hire the Older Worker Week spotlights the

contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities, and experience. According to Diane Cowan, program director, "During this important week, March 12 through 18, let us recognize and highlight the work force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future."

Green Thumb, Inc. encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during Hire the Older Worker Week, March 12 through 18, but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business.

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb, Inc., at P. O. Box 7898, Waco, Texas 76714 or (817) 776-4081.

Cabot honors awardees



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Cabot Corporation Chemical Business Research and Development recently honored the 1994 service award recipients. Those attending the dinner were Barry Hedrick, 15 years; Cairl McAnally, 15 years; John Branan, 10 years; and Sam O'Dell, five years. Not pictured are David Cooper, 30 years; Rick Gaddis, 10 years; Terry Sargent, five years and Cliff Nguyen, 5 years.

New exhibit features society's collection

Beginning March 18 and continuing through May 28, the Panhandle Museum will feature Native American paintings and prints and pottery by Maria Martinez in the art galleries. Pieces in the exhibit are drawn from the Society's collection of Native American art. Works by The Five Kiowas, San Ildefonso painters, Santa Fe Indian school artists, more recent and contemporary Native American painters and printmakers and ceramics spanning most of Maria's long career are included.

Despite a long-standing Native American tradition of decorating hides, tipis, and other surfaces with pigments, United States Indian policy discouraged Native Americans from self expression through art until after 1900. The 1910s through the 1930s saw a renaissance of Indian painting — especially in Oklahoma and New Mexico — resulting in a watershed of Native American artists today.

Beginning at San Ildefonso between 1910 and 1920, artists such as Crescencio Martinez, Tonita Pena, Alfonso Roybal, and Romando Vigil were encouraged to paint and their works caught the attention of Anglo artists in Santa Fe who began promoting Indian painters. Indian painting was in transition from curiosity to legitimate art form.

At Taos, Indians working as models for Anglo artists began receiving instruction from the artists in the 1910s, eventually becoming painters

in their own right. Albert Looking Elk and Albert Lujan are two prominent members of this group who painted in a Euro-American style rather than the "traditional" style emphasized by other Anglo patrons and instructors.

In 1926 a group of Kiowa artists from Anadarko, Okla., began studying art at the University of Oklahoma. Spencer Asah, James Auchiah, Jack Hokeah, Stephen Mopope, Lois Smokey, and Monroe TsaToke became known as the Five Kiowas or the Kiowa Five (when Smokey dropped out Auchiah replaced her in the group) and they received international acclaim.

In Santa Fe, Dorothy Dunn established an Indian painting studio at the Santa Fe Indian School in 1932, which drew many artists who received world-wide recognition. Apache Allan Houser, Creek/Potawatomi Woody Crumbo, Navajos Harrison Begay and Andrew Tsinajinnie, all studied at the Santa Fe Studio.

Indian painters received some recognition during the New Deal, the most important being the murals for the new Department of the Interior building at Washington, D. C. In 1939 Auchiah, Crumbo, Houser, Mopope, Gerald Nailor, and Velino Herrera were selected to paint 2,200 feet of murals under the New Deal.

Today, the tradition of Native American painters and printmakers

continues through the works of more recent and contemporary artists such as Harry Fonseca (Maidu), Rance Hood (Comanche), Jerry Ingram (Choctaw), Virginia Stroud (Cherokee), Lee Tsa Toke (Kiowa), and Beatien Yazz (Navajo).

Maria Martinez and her husband Julian began collaborating on ceramics in 1904, developing their characteristic black-on-black ware around 1910. Maria shaped the vessels while Julian painted the designs. A few years after Julian's death in 1943 Maria's daughter-in-law, Santana, began painting designs on her pottery. By the early 1950s, Maria's son, Popovi Da, decorated her vessels until his death in 1971. Through the 1970s, Maria created pottery which remained undecorated by designs.

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Atlantic graveyard

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Sable Island is known to sailors as "the graveyard of the Atlantic." It lies about 90 miles east of here in the North Atlantic shipping lane.

The island is shaped like a half-moon and is 20 miles long and 1 mile wide. Dangerous submerged sandbars extending from it caused many shipwrecks in the 1700s, and attracted adventurers who looted the cargoes.

In 1804, a lifeboat crew and armed guard were stationed there to aid ships in trouble. Later, two lighthouses and a radar installation were established to warn passing ships of the hazards.

Victim of childhood abuse advises to get on with life

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Aching in Atlanta," who told her family, after her father died, that he had molested her when she was 5 and 6 years old. Her family disowned her for having revealed this.

Abby, I don't believe the family should have disowned her, but the deed is done and it's time she got over it. She should ask her family to forgive her for having caused them so much pain.

When I was a child, my father did some things to me he shouldn't have done, but I forgave him, and moved on. He has since died, and I would never burden my poor mother with such disturbing news.

Please do not use my name if this is published.

NAMELESS

DEAR NAMELESS: Why should the victim ask the family for forgiveness? Forgiveness implies wrongdoing. In order for the victim to be healed completely, the record should be set straight.

Almost always, when a family member who was molested as a child later finds the courage to reveal it, other family members come forward with similar stories. And this begins their healing.

Sadly, when the truth is revealed, it is not unusual to learn that the other parent had been aware of what was going



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

on, but failed to protect his or her child.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Livid in Salem, Mass.," who was fed up with people who put their children on their answering machines: All I have to say is, she and the other women in the office need more adversity in their lives.

If their biggest problem is having to listen to small children sing before they leave a message, they should get down on their knees and thank God.

After the death of my 11-month-old son six years ago, I learned not to sweat the small stuff.

As the perceptive author and minister Robert Fulghum said: "One of life's best coping mechanisms is to know the difference between an inconvenience and a problem. If you break your neck, if you have nothing to eat, if your

house is on fire — then you've got a problem. Everything else is an inconvenience. Life is inconvenient. Life is lumpy. A lump in the oatmeal, a lump in the throat and a lump in the breast are not the same kind of lump. One needs to learn the difference."

Abby, I am constantly learning. You may sign my name.

PEGGY HART, BEL AIR, MD.
DEAR PEGGY: I, too, am constantly learning. Thank you for reminding me of something I knew, but need to be reminded of from time to time. There are many who will read this and appreciate the reminder.

WORTH REMEMBERING: "Our ideals, laws and customs should be based on the proposition that each generation in turn becomes the custodian rather than the absolute owner of our resources — and each generation has the obligation to pass this inheritance on to the future."
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

If you handle developments effectively in the year ahead, it should be a fun one for you socially and a rewarding one for you materially. Make the most of opportunities in both areas.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be well received by friends today, but guard against foolish behavior. Thoughtless actions could create shock waves difficult to subdue. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 to Astro Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465 New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your suc-

cess today could depend on how well you adapt to shifting conditions. Prepare to make changes whenever and wherever necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Yield to and abide by logic today and try to keep erratic conditions under control. Emotional concerns could distort the picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your might strongly disagree with your mate today about certain issues. Control your temper, harsh words and unyielding positions will make you both look foolish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should do well today if you can delegate assignments. When you have to fend for yourself, however, you might not be as successful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Share with others today, but keep your generosity within prudent bounds. If you're excessive, regret will set in later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Wanting to put your personal imprint on all you touch today is okay, provided you contribute something worthwhile. Back off when you

don't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Making changes simply for change's sake could be your major weakness today. Do not disrupt situations with your career if they're running smoothly.

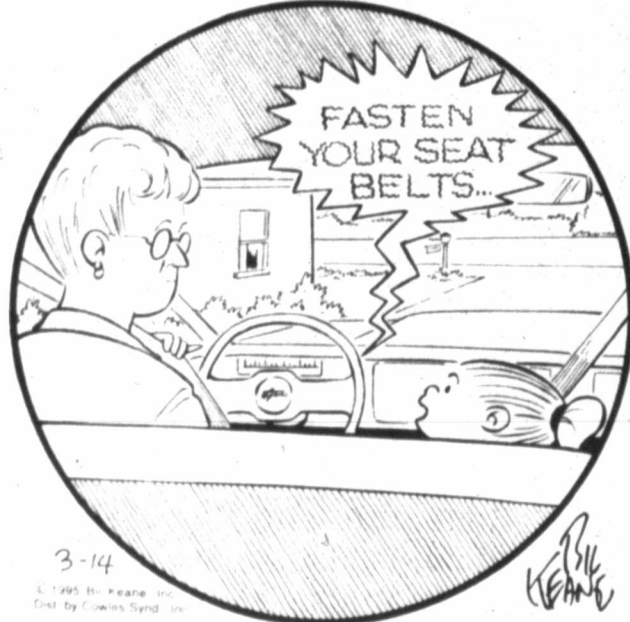
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions today might be a bit usual. You could be a winner, yet lose in the process. Hold onto what you gain with both hands and a tight grip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your associates might back away from you today if they think you're unduly concerned with your own interests while ignoring theirs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keeping secrets might not be one of your stronger attributes today. A manipulative individual who recognizes this may take advantage of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be your own worst enemy today if you're prone to hold a grudge. In the process of trying to get even, you might make matters worse.

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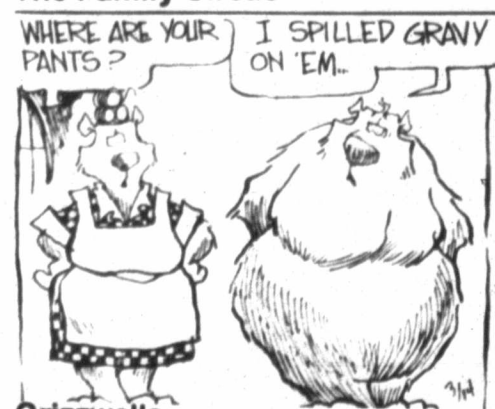


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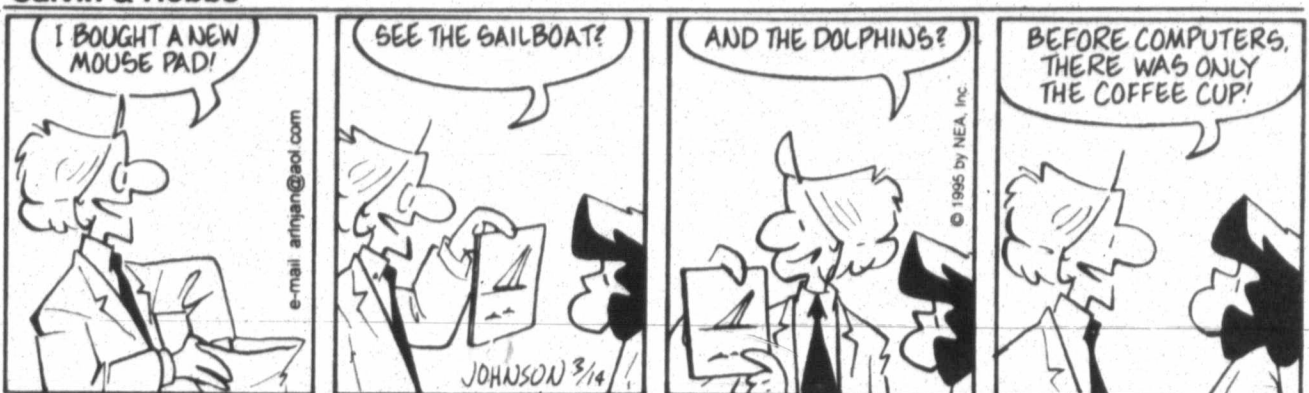
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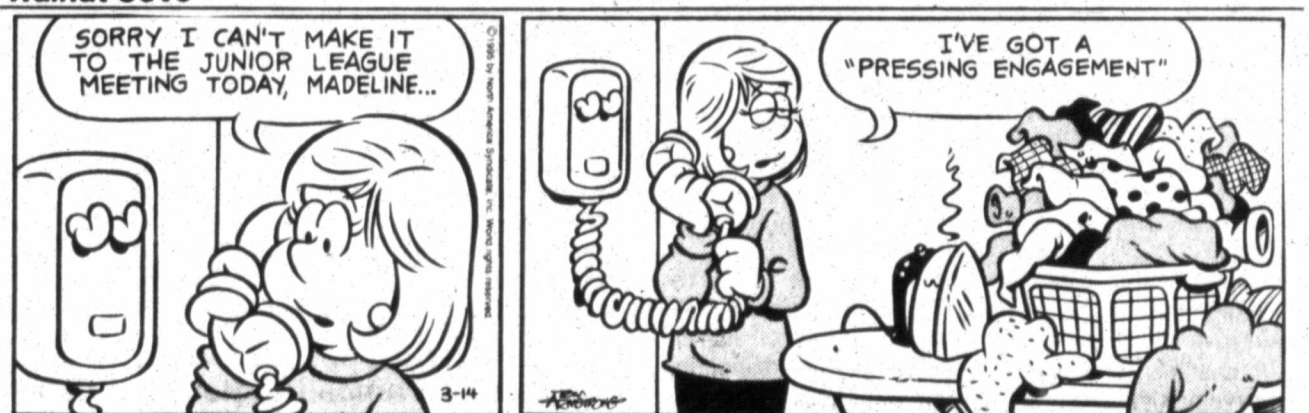
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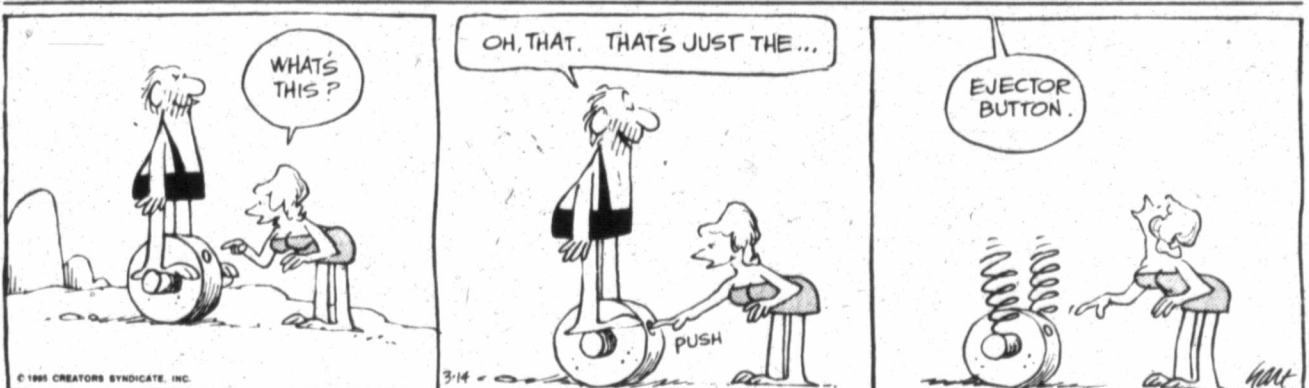
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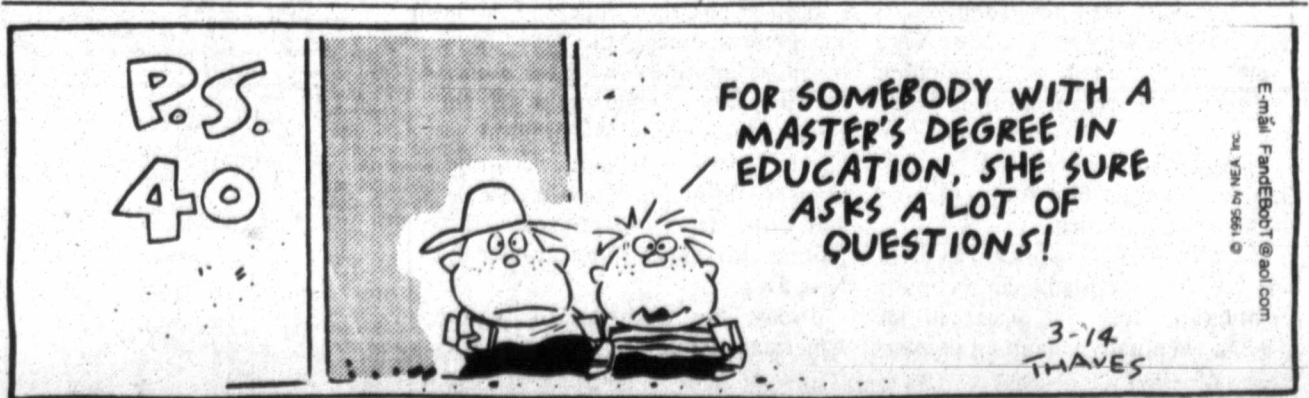
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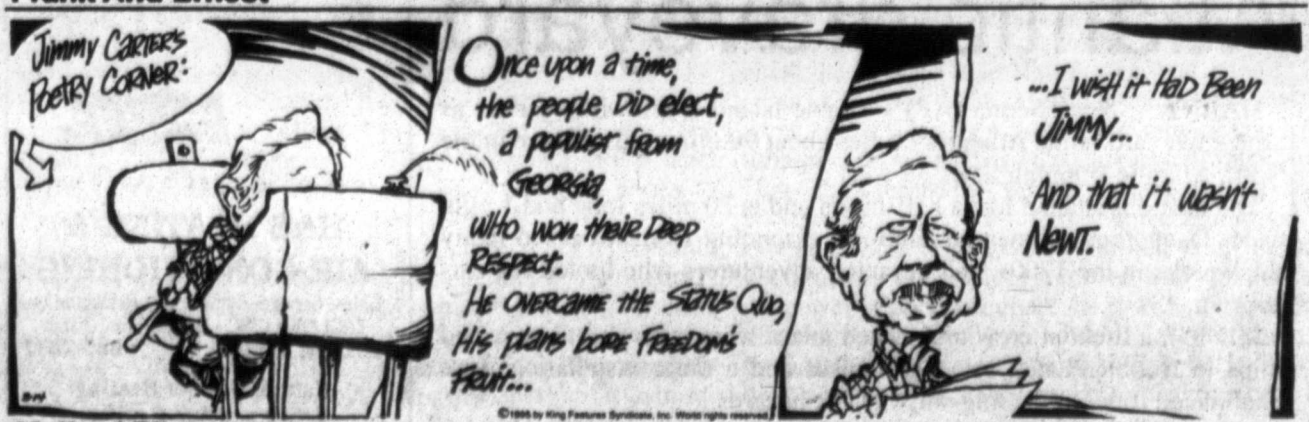
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Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Texas millionaire sportsman Lamar Hunt has bought a minority share in the company that conducts the annual Hoop-It-Up 3-on-3 street basketball tour.

Streetball Partners International on Monday announced the sale of a 20 percent interest in the Dallas-based partnership to the Dallas-based Hunt Capital Group LLC.

"We are delighted to announce our relationship with Hunt Capital," said Terry Murphy, the founder and chief executive of the partnership.

"Lamar Hunt has a lifetime of experience in marketing sports. ... Having Hunt Capital on our board will strengthen our relationships with the various professional sports leagues and permit us to quickly and strategically consider new ventures," Murphy said.

Hunt owns the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL and a minority interest in the Chicago Bulls of the NBA. In the past, he was the force behind the now-defunct North American Soccer League and World Team Tennis.

"Terry Murphy and (SPI President) Doug Jarvie have done a terrific job with Streetball Partners, creating what has become one of the country's pre-eminent sports marketing and event production companies."

An undisclosed amount of cash was involved in the acquisition, Jarvie said.

Founded in 1989, the partnership started the Hoop-It-Up tour in 1991, in partnership with NBC Sports.

The partnership organized a similar format for volleyball, Spike-It-Up, and is working on similar formats for roller-blade hockey and golf tournaments, Jarvie said.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawsuit in which three Houston Oilers, former and current, were accused of complicity in the alleged sexual assault of an Austin woman has been settled for \$15,000, an attorney said.

Former Oilers Richard James Johnson and Mike Rozier, and current Oiler Cris Dishman strongly deny any wrongdoing, said Johnson's attorney, Randy Donato.

The athletes viewed the legal action strictly as a "nuisance suit," Donato said, adding former adult entertainment dancer Susan McIntosh received about \$15,000 in the out-of-court settlement.

Ms. McIntosh contended that she entered an Austin nightclub in April 1991 and left extremely intoxicated.

She accused Johnson of then taking her to an Austin hotel room and sexually assaulting her while she was unconscious.

Dishman and Rozier, the lawsuit alleged, may have participated in the assault, or at least did nothing to stop Johnson.

"All of the parties are happy that this unfortunate incident has come to a close," said Ms. McIntosh's attorney, Scott Sanes, in Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

BOXING

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) — Riddick Bowe and Mike Tyson spoke to each other at the prison where Tyson is nearing the end of his sentence for a 1992 rape conviction.

The next time the two meet, it could be in the ring.

"Hopefully if things go right, I'll get my opportunity," Bowe said Monday night following a 45-minute meeting with Tyson at the Indiana Youth Center. "But I want Mike at this point to relax and just take it easy and hopefully we can get together."

"Mike is the best heavyweight out there, as far as I'm concerned. It will be a dream for myself to face Mike. Not to mention there will be a whole lot of money involved."

Bowe stopped Herbie Hide in the sixth round Saturday night in a WBO heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas, but he had to knock down the much smaller Briton seven times to accomplish it.

Once Tyson, 28, leaves the Indiana Youth Center, his home since he was convicted of rape in 1992, he plans to return to Cleveland. After that, he will remain on probation for three years.

Tyson is scheduled for release March 25. There are no legal restrictions that might prevent him from resuming his boxing career.

"Mike looks in excellent shape," Bowe said. "He's in a good state of mind and I think he'll be a force to be reckoned with."

Bowe said no definite plans were made, although the two talked about fighting at Madison Square Garden in New York. Bowe added that Tyson seems ready to box again.

"I think he's just eager to go, I think it would be beneficial to Mike ... I think Mike has grown up," Bowe said.

OBITUARY

BALTIMORE (AP) — Leon Day waited a lifetime to win a place in baseball's Hall of Fame. One week ago, the Negro Leagues star was finally elected. On Monday, Day died at age 78.

He was being treated for a heart condition, diabetes and gout at St. Agnes Hospital, a nursing supervisor said. His wife, Geraldine, and his sister, Ida May Bolden, were at his bedside when he died at 4:35 p.m.

Bolden said she believed her brother, who had been ill for a long time, hung on until after the Veterans Committee took its vote March 7.

"I really think Leon waited for that because Leon had been sick for quite a while," Bolden said. "I felt he would pass before they would vote on it, but he did make it and thank the Lord for that."

Day missed being inducted into the Hall of Fame two years ago by one vote.

The day he was elected, Day said he hoped to attend the induction ceremonies in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 30.

Automatic bids produce strange mix

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NCAA TOURNAMENT

In theory, the NCAA tournament brings together the country's best 64 teams in a revenue-generating bonanza leading to the Final Four.

In fact, it brings together 64 teams, not necessarily the best 64.

Locked in by automatic bids to conference champions large and small, the tournament opens Thursday with a dozen teams that fall well below No. 64 in the respected Rating Percentage Index. Eight of them, in fact, are listed at No. 100 or below.

The RPI, one of the tools used by the tournament committee to determine at-large bids and seedings, rates teams based on winning percentage, strength of schedule and opponents' strength of schedule. It is not very impressed, for example, with teams that struggle all

season and then win tournaments that carry instant invites.

The automatic bids produce some strange tournament longshots who find themselves mixed in with the power programs. That's OK with some people, though.

"It's college basketball, it's not the NBA," said ex-Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps. "I would not want to say that we've got to go and get the best 64 teams."

No problem there. According to the RPI, the committee didn't come close to the best 64.

Most criticism of the tournament committee's work centered around the at-large bid awarded to Manhattan College (25-4). The deciding factor, according to chairman Bob Frederick, was the 9-3 record the Jaspers assembled against teams ranked No. 51-150. Left unsaid was the fact that

Manhattan had an RPI rating of 50, considerably better than many of the automatics.

"The thing has to be open to teams like Manhattan," said Pete Newell, who coached California to the NCAA title in 1959, a time when the tournament was limited to 24 teams.

"I don't think they should be discriminated against because they are not in a top conference."

If you don't consider Manhattan then you go back to the old days when they just picked from the big conferences.

This year's RPI booby prize winner is Florida International, saddled with an 11-18 record. It was that good only after FIU won six of the last seven games, including the Trans American Athletic Conference tournament championship and an automatic bid. That improved its index to 227 and the payoff is a date with the West region's No. 1 seed, UCLA.

In the same class as FIU is Mid-Eastern

Athletic Conference champion North Carolina A&T (15-14), ranked No. 208 on the RPI but still headed for the tournament and a first-round date with topspeeded Wake Forest in the East.

Mount St. Mary's, with a 147 RPI to go along with the Northeast Conference tournament title, gets fed to No. 1 seed Kentucky in the Southeast.

Colgate, a charming first-time participant, has a 122 RPI to go with the Patriot League championship and that meant a first-round date with No. 1 seeded Kansas in the Midwest.

It should be noted that the next No. 16 seed to knock off a No. 1 will be the first one to do it.

Then there are St. Peter's (100), Texas Southern (112), Murray State (144), and Tennessee-Chattanooga (149) all in the tournament courtesy of postseason championships,

not RPI ratings, all equipped with No. 15 seeds. More first-round fodder for the tournament heavyweights.

Frederick defended the committee's work. Its task, he said, was to issue at-large invitations to the best 35 teams to supplement the 29 automatic berths.

But what if there were no automatics? What if the committee had 64 invitations to hand out? Obviously FIU would be heading home and so would North Carolina A&T. And maybe Kentucky and Kansas would have more challenging first-round opponents than Mount St. Mary's and Colgate.

Nine of the 64 schools in the tournament — Colgate, Florida International, Gonzaga, Mount St. Mary's, Nicholls State, Drexel, North Carolina A&T, St. Peter's and Texas Southern — have never won an NCAA tournament game.

Best 64? Hardly.

Players, owners get NLRB summons

By RONALD BUM
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball owners braced themselves today for a complaint from the National Labor Relations Board that they engaged in unfair labor practices against striking major leaguers.

With just 19 days until the scheduled start of the season, the sides are no longer sure when talks will resume. Negotiations had been set to resume today at Lake Buena Vista, Fla., but owners asked for the delay Monday after NLRB general counsel Fred Feinstein summoned both sides to Washington.

Even some of management's lawyers think the agency will rule for the players, who claim owners last month unilaterally revoked salary arbitration and individual bargaining between players and clubs. If the agency issues a complaint, it could seek an injunction in federal court to restore the old work rules, including salary arbitration.

"Everybody has speculated on things," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Monday in Milwaukee, "but I learned long ago there's no sense on that. Whatever it is, is."

Management's negotiating committee already had gathered Monday in Florida to formulate the "best offer" they were asked to present by mediator W.J. Usery.

"It's kind of fruitless to prepare a best offer when the NLRB thing is hanging over our heads," said management negotiator John Harrington, chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox. "It's a distraction, is what it is. It's unfortunate that these complaints are there and that the NLRB has decided to take action at this time."

Union head Donald Fehr planned to travel to Florida tonight.

"Win, lose or draw, we'd like to resume negotiations as soon as we can, because we still have to find a way to make a deal," Fehr said. "We hope they're ready to resume almost immediately."

The owners who remained in Florida planned to leave today and said they will decide on their next action after Feinstein's meeting.

"Clubs have stated that it is not possible to comply my request that the clubs put forward their best offer until they can receive and assess the decision of the general counsel," Usery said.

"In view of this pending action by the National Labor Relations Board, I have therefore postponed the negotiations scheduled to begin on Tuesday of this week. I will stay in contact with the parties, and when the situation regarding this matter has been clarified, a determination will be made as to when the negotiations should resume."

Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris, who is returning from Florida to Denver, said he expected talks will resume this weekend.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Injuries to Pampa hurdler Kim Sparkman (above) and other Lady Harvesters have left the track team short-handed this season.

Injuries hit PHS girls' track team

PAMPA — Lady Harvesters' head track coach Mike Lopez is hoping spring break this week at Pampa High School will give his team a chance to heal.

Injuries left the Lady Harvesters short-handed for the two meets of the season, but they still remained competitive. At last weekend's Hornet Relays, the Lady Harvesters finished second behind Borger. In the season opener at Frenship's Tiger Relays, Pampa scored 58 1/2 points for fifth place.

"We haven't been at full strength the first two weeks. I told the girls we're being held together by bandages and maybe those bandages will come off before too much longer," Lopez said.

Among the injured are quartermil-

er Renee Johnson, hurdler Kim Sparkman and shot putter-discus thrower Jessica Whitney.

Johnson is the defending district 400-meter champion while Sparkman was second behind teammate Michelle Abbott in the 300 hurdles at last year's district meet.

"We're giving up a lot of points without these three, but our girls are still giving a good effort. We're hoping after spring break we'll be at full strength," Lopez said.

Also sidelined is assistant coach Larry Dearen, who is suffering from a virus in his heart. Dearen is recuperating at home.

Dearen became ill during the Tiger Relays three weeks ago and was taken to a Lubbock hospital. He was released from the hospital last Thursday.

Pampa results from the Hornet Relays at Tulsa are listed below:

Division I

Team totals: 1. Borger 160; 2. Pampa 135; 3. Dumas 107; 4. Hereford 74; 5. Randall 58; 6. Caprock 55.
Shot: 6. Barbara Wine, 29-8.
Long jump: 2. Jamie Hutchinson, 17-0.
Triple jump: 4. Katy Cavalier, 33-0; 5. Laura Marie Imel, 33-0.
High jump: 2. Michelle Abbott, 5-2.
400 relay: 1. (Regina Holt, Alisha Tollerison, Jamie Hutchinson and Tashia Wilson), 51.76.
1800 run: 3. Olivia Castillo, 2:41.33.
800: 3. Olivia Castillo, 2:41.33.
100 hurdles: 1. Michelle Abbott, 15.37.
100: 2. Tashia Wilson, 12:03; 5. Alisha Tollerison, 13:00.
800 relay: 2. Pampa (Regina Holt, Alisha Tollerison, Jamie Hutchinson and Tashia Wilson), 1:49.98.
400: 4. Laurie Marie Imel, 68.35.
300 hurdles: 1. Michelle Abbott, 49.78; 4. Julie Rushing, 53.15.
200: 2. Regina Holt, 27.34; 3. Jamie Hutchinson, 27.83.
1600 relay: 3. Pampa (Michelle Abbott, Katy Cavalier, Laura Marie Imel and Olivia Castillo), 4:31.05.

Longhorns unhappy with seed

AUSTIN (AP) — In the eyes of the Texas Longhorns, the NCAA tournament selection committee all but put them out to pasture with a No. 11 seed in the West Regional.

But it may be just what coach Tom Penders needed heading into Thursday night's battle against sixth-seeded Oregon in Salt Lake City.

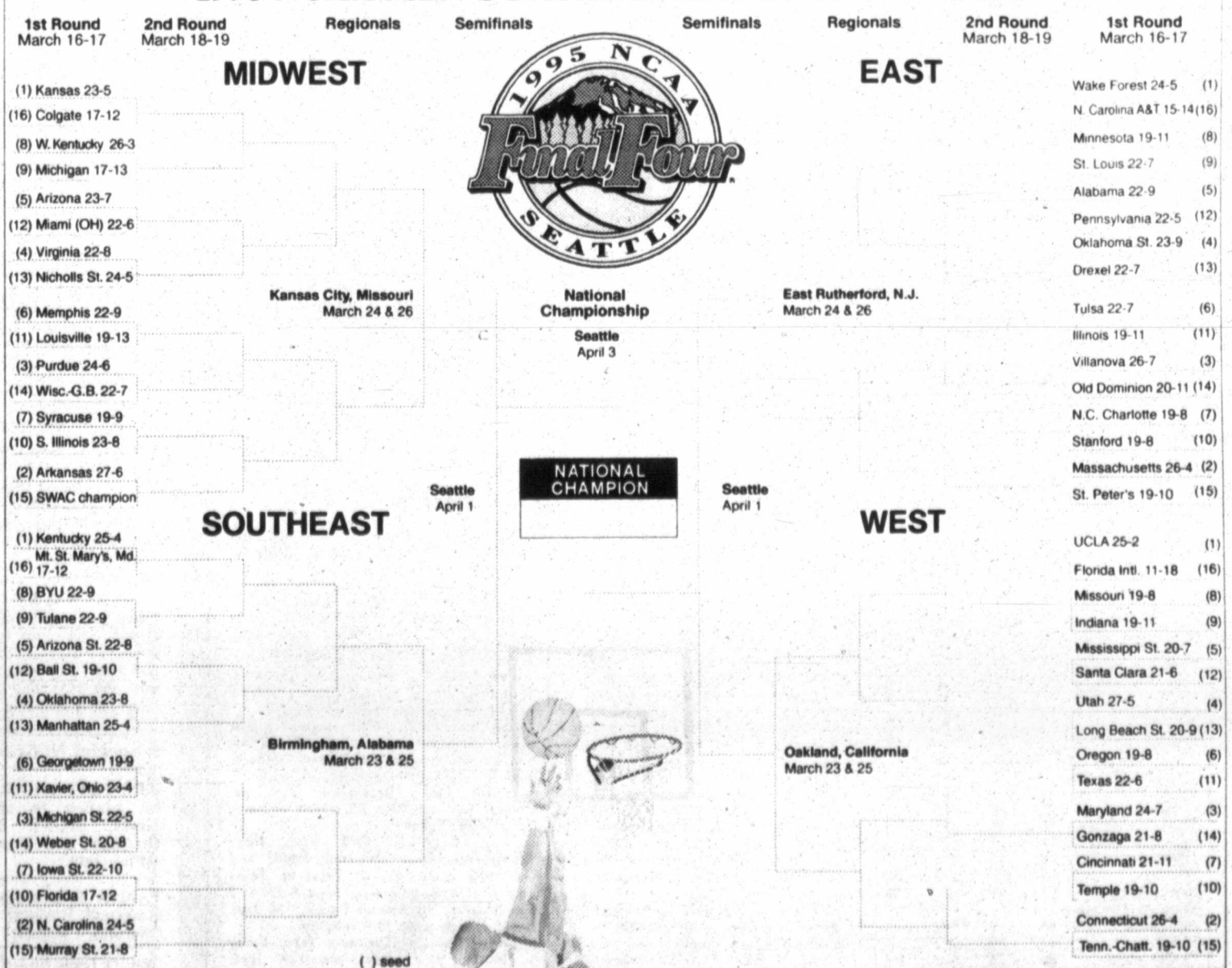
His players are boiling, and Penders is the king of low-seed lulus in March. "I feel like a kid on Christmas who walked downstairs and found nothing under the tree," said point guard Roderick Anderson. "We got screwed. But let's lace up the shoes and play."

"The seed was a slap," said star guard Terrence Rencher, who was named SWC tournament most valuable player after Texas beat Texas Tech in the finals on Saturday.

"We know we deserved better. Now we've gotta go out and show the nation what we can do."

Texas (22-6), which shared the SWC regular season title with Texas Tech at 11-3, blew out Temple 70-54 last month but is seeded behind the Owls (10th seed) in the West. The Longhorns, who average 93.9 points per game, also beat Washington State, which twice knocked off Oregon (19-8).

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Harvesters take second at Panhandle Relays

PANHANDLE — The Pampa boys' track team just missed winning their first meet of the season.

Competing in the Panhandle Relays last weekend, the Harvesters were edged out of first place by just four points by Panhandle.

"It was a good meet for us," said Pampa coach Tad Smith. "We had some real good performances."

Pampa's Devin Lemons almost set a new meet record in the long jump, missing by just three inches. The 400-meter relay team came in first despite a poor baton exchange. Their 44.05 time in the preliminary was faster than their 44.15 in the finals.

The Pampa team competes in the San Angelo Invitational March 24-25.

PANHANDLE RELAYS

(at Panhandle High School)

Team totals: 1. Panhandle 102; 2. Pampa 98; 3. Gruver 89; 4. Boys Ranch 69; 5. Sunray 49; 6. Vernon 40; 7. Stratford 37; 8. Dalhart 27; 9. Kress 24; 10. Highland Park, 20; 11. Claude 3. Pampa results are as follows:

Long jump: 1. Devin Lemons, 21-2 1/2.

High jump: 4. J.J. Mathis, 6-0.

400 relay: 1. Derahian Evans, J.J. Mathis, Tim Fields and

Shawn Lewis, 44.15.
110 hurdles: 3. Tim Fields, 15.86; 4. Devin Lemons, 15.92.
300 hurdles: 1. Tim Fields, Pampa, 43.21.

Triple jump: 4. Tim Fields, 40-8 1/2.

200: 1. Derahian Evans, 22.64.

1600: 1. Josh Jones, 5:00.90.

800: 6. Corey Alfonsi, 2:15.83.

100: 6. J.J. Mathis, 11.32.

400: 4. Corey Spenser, 54.83.

1600 relay: 4. Damian

Nickelberry, Shawn Lewis,

Corey Alfonsi and Derahian

Evans, 54.83.

Pampa finished third in the

junior varsity division. JV results

are listed below:

3200: 1. Julio Silva, 11:21.28;

6. Jason Allan, 12:05.63.

400 relay: 5. Rashard

Sessions, Logan Sunnett,

Richard Proctor and Kevin

Jernigan.

800: 2. Chris Phillips,

2:17.82.

100: 3. Rashard Sessions,

11.86.

400: 5. Kevin Jernigan, 59.92.

200: 4. Logan Stinnett, 25.23.

1600 relay: 3. Julio Silva,

Logan Stinnett, Kevin Jernigan

and Chris Phillips, 3:56.73.

Shot: 1. Aaron Haydon, 42-6

1/2; 5. Ryan Davis, 38-0.

Discus: 1. Aaron Haydon,

119-0.

Long jump: 1. Kevin

Jernigan, 19-6.

NFL could block Rams' move

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — The Rams say that the absence of a vote on their proposed move to St. Louis would be interpreted as a "no" vote.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue says that without a consensus on the move, there will be no vote. And, Tagliabue says, there's no consensus right now.

So where does that leave the Rams?

Probably somewhere between Anaheim and St. Louis, with the word "lawsuit" hanging in the air — Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon is already threatening an antitrust suit if the NFL turns down the move.

But the NFL owners don't seem to care.

"If they think that's going to scare us, they're dealing with the wrong people," said Carmen Policy, president of the San Francisco 49ers and a member of the finance committee that will make its recommendations on the move.

John Shaw, the president of the Rams, held a news briefing early and said that if no vote were taken by the time the owners leave on Thursday, the Rams would interpret it as a "no" vote. Shaw said the move is justified legally, morally and every other way.

The owners, meanwhile, spent the day on a number of issues and after nine hours many were waiting to be heard on the move. Tagliabue, asked if he agreed with Shaw's assessment on no vote, replied "yes."

And asked if he thought there would be a vote at these meetings, he replied:

"To have a vote, first you need a consensus. 'Right now, we have no consensus.'"

While Tagliabue said his reservations were not entirely financial, money remained at the heart of the issue, particularly television money.

Fox, which carries NFC games, based its \$1.58 billion four-year payment on getting the conference in the form Tagliabue described as "the most attractive package in sports." But he noted that if the Rams moved from the nation's No. 2 television market to No. 18 in St. Louis, its percentage of television homes would drop from 58 percent to 52.5.

Asked how much money that involved, he replied: "You can't figure that totally in terms of money."

Shaw, meanwhile, seemed to remain adamantly opposed to turning over to the league any revenue from the personal seating licenses. Tagliabue and some owners have contented that the PSLs, which are essentially

payments by fans for the right to purchase tickets, are ticket revenues and thus to be shared.

But Shaw disagreed, saying the money belonged to FANS Inc., the St. Louis group that would own the Rams.

"We don't have the right to that money. It's their money," he said. "It hasn't really been a precedent of this league to share other peoples' money. If that's a new precedent, we'll deal with it, I guess."

Tagliabue also noted that a move by the Rams would create realignment problems — leaving the NFC West with only San Francisco on the West Coast plus

St. Louis, Atlanta, Carolina and New Orleans.

"Most or all of St. Louis' home games would have to start at 3 p.m.," he said. "And would West Coast fans be satisfied watching eastern teams? All of this factors in, not only with Fox but with NBC, too."

Still to be discussed are the problems of the Los Angeles Raiders, who are dissatisfied with the Coliseum and are seeking a stadium of their own, either in Los Angeles or elsewhere. Last fall, Tagliabue suggested the league might finance a stadium in Los Angeles to ensure at least one team stays there.

Tascosa downs Pampa in non-district contest

PAMPA — Amarillo Tascosa downed Pampa, 12-2, in non-district baseball action Monday at Harvester Field.

Pampa jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a two-RBI hit by Hank Gindorf. However, the Rebels rallied for six runs in the third inning and six more in the fifth.

Pampa had four hits and committed six errors while Tascosa had eight hits and was charged with two errors.

Todd Finney was Pampa's leading hitter with two hits in

three times at bat.

Shane Garcia picked up the mound win. Danny Frye (0-1) was the losing pitcher.

Pampa is now 3-3 on the season and Tascosa is 4-3.

The Harvesters meet Dalhart at 11 a.m. Thursday at Randall in the first round of the Canyon-Randall Classic. The three-day tournament will be played at both Randall and Canyon.

Pampa begins District 1-4A play March 21 against Canyon at Harvester Field.

Rockets, Mavericks find remedy for their road woes

By The Associated Press

The Houston Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks finally found a remedy for their road woes.

For Houston, it was a trip to The Omni, where the Atlanta Hawks had won five in a row. For Dallas, it was a visit to the Oakland Coliseum Arena, where Mavericks rookie Jason Kidd played college and high school games.

The Rockets broke their four-game road losing streak with a 97-86 win behind Hakeem Olajuwon's 31 points and 11 rebounds, and Kidd had a season-high 30 points and 17 assists in Dallas' 130-124 victory over Golden State.

Dallas' win snapped its six-game road losing streak.

"I love the Bay Area," Kidd said. "The people here have helped me get to where I am now. The way I give that back to them is to come out and perform the way that I am capable of performing."

Meanwhile, Indiana saw its three-game road streak end at The Forum on a three-point play by the Lakers' Lloyd Daniels as the Pacers fell 96-91. Washington beat

Charlotte 106-103 in Monday night's other NBA game.

Olajuwon put the Rockets ahead for good when he hit a jumper from the corner with 6:54 left, breaking an 81-81 tie and starting a 9-0 run.

"This is the time of season that we have to kick it in gear," Olajuwon said. "We are still in a very good position going toward the playoffs."

Mario Elie added 20 points and seven rebounds for Houston. Clyde Drexler had 10 points and eight rebounds, and Carl Herrera, returning after missing seven games with a strained hamstring, had 11 rebounds.

Houston held the Hawks scoreless for more than half of the game's final five minutes until Steve Smith hit a jumper with 2:50 left to cut the lead to 90-86.

Atlanta, which had won three straight overall, shot just 36 percent for the game. Mookie Blaylock led Atlanta with 25 points and hit five 3-pointers. Smith had 17 points and Ken Norman had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"We've played three games in four nights, so it's hard when the other team has been off and they're waiting for you,"

Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens said.

Mavericks 130, Warriors 125

Dallas had its biggest offensive output of the season as it beat Golden State for the third time in a row.

The Warriors entered the season with a 14-game winning streak over Dallas. Jamal Mashburn had 28 for Dallas.

Scott Brooks came off the Mavericks bench to score 21 points in 36 minutes and went 4-for-5 from 3-point range. He put Dallas ahead for good with a 3-point shot with 7:25 to play.

Tim Hardaway topped Golden State with 30 points and 10 assists. Chris Gatling had 27 points and 15 rebounds, both season highs.

Lakers 93, Pacers 91

Lloyd Daniels scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter and converted a three-point play with 12.9 seconds left as Los Angeles beat Indiana.

The loss prevented the Pacers from finishing their road trip 4-0.

Vlade Divac added 21 points to help the Lakers rally from an early 17-point first-quarter deficit and snap the Pacers' three-game winning streak.

Rik Smits, named Monday as NBA

player of the week, led the Pacers with 15 points.

Bullets 106, Hornets 103

Washington shot 74 percent in the fourth quarter to overcome a 19-point second-half deficit and beat Charlotte.

After being fouled by Alonzo Mourning on a follow shot, Gheorghe Muresan hit a free throw with 24 seconds left for a 104-103 edge.

Juwan Howard led the Bullets with 18 points, while Rex Chapman had 16.

Lions' Thanksgiving Day game needs to be changed, says Chiefs' Hunt

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Lions' 61-year tradition of hosting a Thanksgiving Day game gives them an unfair advantage, in the opinion of Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, and he wants to do something about it.

"We think everyone should share that equally over a 15-year period," Hunt said Monday. "I think the league is about equality of competition."

Although there have been occasional threats from other teams to try to change the Thanksgiving format, it has never reached the stage of an official proposal at the annual meetings.

The Chiefs are expected to do that Wednesday at a meeting in Phoenix.

Hunt contends that the Lions and the Dallas Cowboys have an advantage by hosting Thanksgiving Day games because of travel demands and the short practice week for visiting teams.

"Then there's the after-the-game effect. It gives Detroit and Dallas basically a second bye week every year. They have 10 days until their next game at a very important point of the season," Hunt said.

The Lions have a .509 winning percentage (27-26-2) in Thanksgiving Day games, compared with a .570 percentage (200-150-8) in all other games.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

NIT Pairings

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The pairings for first round games in the 1995 NIT tournament with overall record, game times and television coverage if any.

Wednesday, March 15

Marquette (17-11) at Auburn (16-12), 7 p.m.

Coppin State (20-9) at St. Joseph's (17-11), 7 p.m.

Second Round (16-13) at Canisius (18-12), 7:30 p.m.

Miami, Fla. (15-12) at Penn State (17-10), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

DePaul (17-10) at Iowa (19-11), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Colorado (15-12) at New Mexico State (23-9), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Texas Tech (20-9) at Washington State (16-11), 12 a.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, March 16

George Washington (18-13) at Ohio University (23-9), 7 p.m.

St. John's (14-13) at South Florida (16-11), 7:30 p.m.

College of Charleston (23-5) at Providence (16-12), 7:30 p.m.

Southern Mississippi (17-12) at St. Bonaventure (17-12), 7:30 p.m.

Georgia (18-9) at Nebraska (17-13), 8:05 p.m.

Eastern Michigan (20-9) at Bradley (19-9), 8:05 p.m.

Illinois State (19-12) at Utah State (21-7), 9:05 p.m.

Friday, March 17

Montana (21-8) at Texas-El Paso (19-9), 9:35 p.m.

Clemson (15-12) at Virginia Tech (20-10), 7:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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x-Orlando 48 14 .774 —

New York 39 21 .650 8

New Jersey 25 37 .403 23

Boston 24 37 .393 23 1/2

Miami 23 38 .377 24 1/2

Philadelphia 17 44 .279 30 1/2

Washington 19 44 .279 30 1/2

Central Division

Charlotte 39 23 .629 —

Indiana 37 24 .607 1 1/2

Cleveland 35 26 .574 3 1/2

Atlanta 31 31 .500 8

Chicago 31 31 .500 8

Detroit 23 38 .377 15 1/2

Milwaukee 23 39 .371 16

Transactions

Monday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Released Bryan

Smith, Richard Doyle and Elvin Rivera, pitchers.

Sent Steve Renko, Jr., Ken Valdez and Brian

Willard, pitchers; Kevin Davis, infielder; and

Earl Cunningham, outfielder, to their minor-

league camp for reassignment.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released Sean

Collins, Ramon Hernandez and Jim McDonald,

infielders; Bert Hunter, outfielder; Paul

Williams, catcher; and Rene Quinones and Mike

Tidwell, pitchers.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed Craig

Farmer, Craig Weissmann, Chad Weiner, John

Miller, Chuck Santhorne and Randy McCann,

pitchers; Craig Bryant, Chris Alvarez and Selwyn

Young, infielders; and Scott Sealy, catcher.

TEXAS RANGERS—Added Bert Gerhart,

pitcher, to their major-league roster.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Signed Jeremy

Horner, infielder, to a minor-league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Announced that Richard Dumas,

Phoenix Suns forward, has been cleared to

resume his playing career.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS—Agreed to terms

with Jay Novacek, tight end, on a three-year

contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed George

Seifert, coach, to a two-year contract extension

through 1997.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Assigned

David Sacco, left wing, to San Diego of the

the American Hockey League to Charlotte of the

East Coast Hockey League.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Traded Ryan

McGill, defenseman, to the Edmonton Oilers for

Brad Zavitski, left wing, and a sixth-round pick

in the 1995 entry draft. Reassigned Aaron Iles,

goalie, from Hershey of the American Hockey

League to Johnstown of the East Coast Hockey

League.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Traded Rich

Suter, right wing, to the Toronto Maple Leafs

for future considerations. Assigned Chris

Litman, defenseman, to Nashville of the East

Coast Hockey League for conditioning.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled

John Slaney, defenseman, from Portland of the

American Hockey League.

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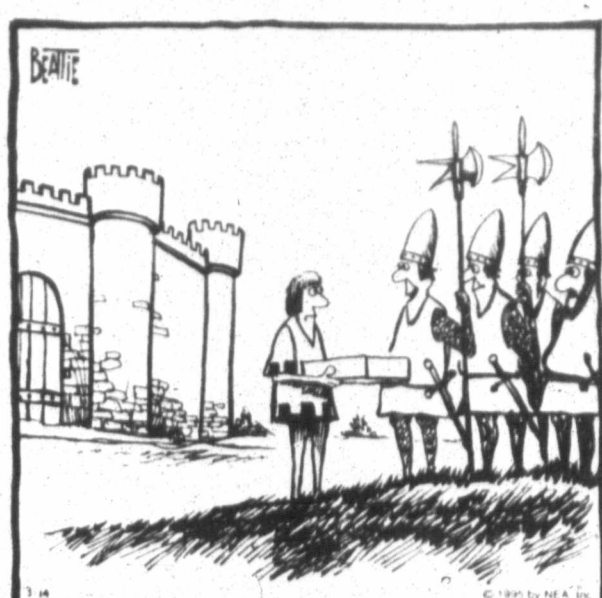
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TxDOT honors employee



(Special photo)

Debby Skinner, left, of Pampa, receives the Texas Department of Transportation's "Service Award" for her years of service to the Department from Billy Parks, P.E., district engineer of the Amarillo District. Skinner has been with TxDOT for 15 years. She is currently employed as an engineering technician.

Green Thumb encourages hiring older workers for jobs

Green Thumb Inc., which operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program, is marking Hire the Older Worker Week in Texas through Saturday.

In Pampa, Mayor Ray Hupp signed a proclamation last week designating the observance in Pampa for March 12-18.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program, which provides the nation's senior citizens with part-time employment and training opportunities, has been operated by Green Thumb for the past 30 years.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb of Texas, headquartered in Waco, has given older, economically-disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work and dedication through local community service employment and training projects, according to Diane Cowan, program director.

Cowan said the program enables participants, who are viable manpower resources for their community, to maintain their independence as productive members of society. Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to have a transition back into private sector employment.

Each year, Hire the Older Worker Week spotlights the contributions senior citizens bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities and experience, Cowan said.

"During this important week, March 12 through 18, let us recognize and highlight the work force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future," she said.

Green Thumb Inc. encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of the older members of the work force for their job openings, Cowan said.

"Hiring experience, dependability, reliability and dedication is good business," she said.

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb Inc., P.O. Box 7898, Waco, TX 76714, or call (817) 776-4081.

Bill would allow for AIDS testing in privacy of own home

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has given preliminary approval to a bill that would clear the way for people to conduct home testing for the virus that causes AIDS.

The measure, approved on voice vote without any debate, is expected to win acceptance during a final House vote today before being sent to the Senate for consideration.

"My purpose is to bring access to HIV testing ... to people in the least restrictive manner," said state Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, who is sponsoring the bill.

"In the studies I have done, people do not have access to anonymous test sites in rural areas and in other areas in the state. This brings access to your local pharmacy," he said.

The bill would allow home HIV testing kits to be sold in Texas after the products receive federal approval from the Food and Drug Administration, which could come in a matter of weeks, Maxey said.

The kits would have to comply with the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and be sold as part of a package that includes testing by a federally qualified lab and pre-test and post-test counseling, according to the bill.

People who purchase a kit would take

a small blood sample from their finger and send it to a laboratory for testing.

Maxey, the Legislature's only openly gay lawmaker, said he has many friends who would have been helped if home testing for HIV were already available.

"The quicker we have people knowing their status, the longer and the better quality of life people will have," Maxey said.

Maxey said more than 70,000 Texans have human immunodeficiency virus and don't know it because they haven't been tested. About 32,000 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome have been reported in Texas since 1980, according to the House Research Organization.

Maxey said he thinks that more access to testing may produce more need for counseling from the state.

"We may overload the system, however, overloading the system for early intervention is what I am after. I want people to know their status," he said.

Maxey said the test kits would likely cost between \$25 and \$40. He estimated a test at a doctor's office would cost slightly more than that.

The bill has the support of the Texas AIDS Network and the Texas Department of Health.

Money floats down from sky

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — They were like dollars from heaven.

Someone dropped a bag full of cash on a residential street, sending people into a money-grabbing frenzy. By the time police got there, every dollar was gone.

"It was like in a movie. My sister said it looked like God had dropped money from the sky," said Rose Whisman, whose 14-year-old daughter picked up about \$1,700. "People saw paper flying through the air. When they realized what it was, they went crazy."

Police didn't know who dropped the clear cellophane bag of \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills Sunday afternoon, or how much was in it. Nobody has reported the money missing.

Whisman said she made her daughter hand over her stash to police. As of Monday, no one else had done so.

Sgt. David Ball said police aren't actively seeking the owner or asking people to turn the money in. Any cash that is recovered, if not claimed by the owner, will be turned over to either the city or the state.

Clinton administration expected to block Conoco deal

HOUSTON (AP) — The Clinton administration was expected to block a U.S. oil company subsidiary's deal to develop two Persian Gulf oil fields for Iran, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today.

Some administration officials suggested that Houston-based Conoco had asked for an executive order blocking the deal by one of its Dutch subsidiaries to provide a graceful withdrawal, the newspaper said.

The deal was the first involving a U.S. oil company and Iran since 1979, when the United States banned commercial trade with Iran in the wake of the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran by Islamic militants. It came under sharp criticism by the State Department after it was announced last week.

The presidential order could come as soon as today, the newspaper said, citing unidentified sources.

Jim Felder, a Conoco spokesman, said he was not aware of any company request for an executive order.

The sources declined to describe the scope of

the order, so it could not be determined if it would cover just investments in Iran or other commercial arrangements such as crude oil purchases and the sale of other U.S. goods such as oil-field equipment.

The administration has said the Conoco deal runs counter to the U.S. policy of isolating Iran to punish it for supporting terrorism and trying to develop nuclear weapons.

The deal also faces opposition from three influential board members of Conoco's parent company, Du Pont, *The New York Times* reported today.

The three are Edgar M. Bronfman, co-chairman of Seagram Co.; Charles R. Bronfman, co-chairman and chairman of the executive committee; and Edgar Bronfman Jr., president and chief executive of Seagram, the *Times* said.

Seagram owns 24.2 percent of Du Pont and therefore controls a fourth of the votes on the Du Pont board.

Seagram spokesman Chris Tofalli told the *Times* that Edgar M. Bronfman could not be reached for comment, but added that "the board

would never act inconsistent with U.S. policy."

Du Pont spokesman Mike Ricciuto told the *Times* the board would act soon on the deal. The *Times* did not cite specific sources in reporting on the Bronfmans' expected vote, which the newspaper said made approval unlikely.

Felder said the negative reaction to the deal was a surprise.

"I think our focus was on the business arrangement. Perhaps we misjudged the considerations on the policy interpretations," he said. "We're trying to work through that now."

In order to comply with federal law, Conoco arranged the deal as a contract between the National Iranian Oil Company and Conoco Iran N.V., a Dutch affiliate.

Under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, Clinton has broad authority to limit U.S. companies' activities for national security reasons, said Paul Freedenberg, a former Commerce Department official and a consultant with the Houston law firm of Baker & Bolls.

Judge refuses to dismiss case against alleged dog abusers

GALVESTON (AP) — Two Bayou Vista police officers are scheduled to stand trial next week on accusations they used a stray dog for target practice.

Officers Greg Tranham, 27, and John Overstreet, 32, lost a bid Monday to have their animal cruelty indictments thrown out. Galveston County Court-at-Law Judge Mary Nell Crapitto denied a defense motion to quash the indictments because prosecutors changed the nature of the charges originally considered by a grand jury.

Trial is set to begin Monday, the judge said.

Each officer faces a maximum one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine if convicted of killing a Lhasa apso dog

turned over to them as a stray last April.

Outraged animal lovers across the country have been writing letters and chatting on the Internet about the case.

Tranham and Overstreet would not speak without permission of their attorney, Burt Springer, who denied the request.

Springer said he plans to show that the dog was not killed and that the story told by prosecution witnesses was a "fabrication."

He accused Mary Shosty, an animal cruelty investigator for the Bay Area Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of pressing the case for publicity.

"I think she just saw a story and ran with it to serve her own personal

interests," Springer said.

Ms. Shosty said she believes the officers shot the animal.

"I have indeed made sure that there is a lot of media attention focused on it," she said, "but the reason I've done that is so the case got prosecuted and didn't get lost the way animal cruelty cases have in the past."

Ms. Shosty said she took the case to prosecutors after learning the officers bragged about killing the dog.

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