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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — Postmaster Richard Wilson said a special box for mailing income tax returns will be set up today in the Pampa Post Office.

Those waiting until the last day to file may drop their returns in a special box in the post office lobby until midnight today. The box will be labeled for IRS returns going to Austin.

Wilson said those waiting until the last hours this evening, after 5 p.m., to mail their returns should try to mail the forms at the Pampa Post Office, either in the special box inside the building or the box outside the building. He said every effort will be made to collect the deposited returns mailed by midnight.

"Anything mailed before midnight, we'll try to make sure they get the proper postmark," Wilson said.

The postmaster said the service windows inside the building also will remain open late if there are people waiting in line to get postage. The vending machine in the lobby also will be available, he said.

PAMPA — A meeting will be held tonight to discuss plans for the proposed Celebration of Lights for the Christmas holiday season in Pampa.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. today in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Seleta Chance, co-chairman, said discussion will center on plans made to date, plus further appointments of committee chairmen.

The Celebration of Lights is a project to place numerous strings of decorative lights in Pampa for the Christmas season.

Those interested in helping with the project are invited to attend tonight's meeting.

PAMPA — Reservations will be taken until 10 a.m. Tuesday for those wanting to attend the monthly Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The luncheon, catered by Dos Caballeros, will begin at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Sponsoring the luncheon this month is David Webster and Associates.

Tracy Snider, marketing representative of the Texas Insurance Purchasing Alliance (TIPA), will speak on "TIPA ... The Better Choice for Health Insurance."

Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241.

STATE

AUSTIN (AP) — Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets, one bought in San Antonio and the other in Burnet, will split an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 15, 19, 29, 33 and 35.

There were 100 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,852. There were four tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $103.

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

Court rejects affirmative action appeals

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Supreme Court refused today to reinstate an affirmative action plan for promoting black firefighters in Birmingham, Ala., and also left intact a $420,000 award won against the Duquesne Light Co. in Pittsburgh by a white man denied a promotion.

The justices, without comment, turned down arguments by Birmingham officials and black residents that the plan was a valid effort to remedy past bias against blacks.

A federal appeals court had ruled that the plan unlawfully discriminated against whites, and today's action left intact the appeals court decision.

The court's action in the Pittsburgh case also was taken without comment. The justices refused to hear Duquesne Light's argument that the award won by Frederick Claus should be overturned because there was no evidence of anti-white bias.

In other matters, the court:

— Agreed to use a lawsuit stemming from the 1983 downing of a Korean airliner over the Soviet Union to clarify what damages can be awarded when Americans die on international flights.

— Said it will use appeals from two District of Columbia residents to clarify a federal law that adds five years to the prison sentence of anyone who "uses or carries" a gun while engaged in drug-trafficking.

— Turned down the appeal of a Secret Service agent being sued for taking along a CBS camera crew when he searched a Brooklyn, N.Y., home three years ago.

In the Birmingham case, black residents, the federal government and the local NAACP branch sued the city during the mid-1970s, alleging racial discrimination in hiring and promoting firefighters. Less than 2 percent of the city's firefighters were black in 1976, and no blacks held supervisory jobs.

In 1981, the city agreed to begin an affirmative action plan aimed at raising black employment in the fire department to 28 percent.

The plan set a temporary goal of promoting blacks to 50 percent of all fire lieutenant openings each year until 28 percent of all fire lieutenants were black.

A group of white firefighters sued in 1982, saying the promotion goal discriminated against them.

After an initial round of litigation, the Supreme Court ruled in 1989 that the white firefighters could challenge the affirmative action plan.

That year, the fire department ended the 50 percent annual goal for fire lieutenant promotions because it had met the 28 percent overall goal. But the white firefighters' lawsuit continued because they were seeking back pay.

A federal judge ruled against the white firefighters, but the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that ruling last year. The appeals court said it found no legitimate basis for the 50 percent promotion goal when blacks made up a much smaller share of the firefighters eligible for promotion.

The promotion goal violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection and a federal civil rights law, the appeals court ruled.

In the appeals acted on today, lawyers for the city and black residents said whites still got 60 percent of the promotions because the goal was waived when no blacks qualified.

Another stormy Monday

From AP and Staff Reports

Panhandle area residents awoke to the smell of moisture in the air this morning, but the promise of rain was kept only in the eastern Panhandle.

Wheeler County reported showers beginning there about 6:30 a.m. today. By 9 a.m. sheriff's officials said it was pouring in Wheeler.

Shamrock city officials said it started raining there about 5:30 a.m. today.

"We received a pretty good rain," said Belinda Daniels with the City of Shamrock. "It was nice."

Stella Lee in McLean said it was foggy and rainy about 8:30 a.m. today.

"We didn't get a whole lot," she said of the rain. "We're getting showers off and on."

Ann Bryant with the Roberts County Sheriff's Office reported heavy fog this morning in Miami but no rain.

Carol Wilson with the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office reported some fog in Canadian.

Pampa was covered in a dense fog at 9 a.m. with some drizzle falling intermittently through noon today.

Much of Texas spent a second consecutive stormy Monday today as a spring cold front moved into the state, according to the Associated Press.

The day began with the South Plains and Big Country under a tornado watch and North Texas under a severe thunderstorm watch.

Thunderstorms, some severe, developed early this morning over the Permian Basin and moved rapidly northeast into portions of the south plains and low rolling plains.

A thunderstorm produced wind gusts of up to 54 mph near San Angelo early today.

Morning temperatures were in the 40s and 50s over the Panhandle behind the front, 60s and 70s ahead of it. Extremes ranged from a low of 42 in Dalhart to 75 in Wink and 76 in Laredo.

Collecting those pennies



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Gathering pennies to donate for the multipurpose activity center to be built near Pampa High School are Horace Mann Elementary students, back row from left, Rae Ann O'Malley, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Principal Tom Lindsey and Stewart Curry; and front row, Joey Dancel, Blake Watkins, Lauren Cook, Luis Baca and Rachel Cook. Baca brought in seven pounds worth of pennies. All the Pampa Elementary schools have collected $1,468 in pennies. The project started over two weeks ago and will end when school ends May 19. The goal for the schools is to collect $100,000. The M.K. Brown Foundation will make a matching grant of $100,000 if the schools meet their goal.

300 passengers flee damaged French ferry; 40 injured

ST. HELIER, Channel Islands (AP) – Three hundred passengers rushed into lifeboats after a damaged twin-hulled hydrofoil began taking on water today between Jersey and other Channel islands. Forty people were injured.

All but the captain and crew were evacuated within an hour to rescue boats after the French craft suffered damage to one of its hulls 40 miles west of the Normandy coast and 200 miles northwest of Paris. Jersey harbor master Roy Bullen said it was "quite likely" the hydrofoil hit a rock.

The St. Malo ferry, listing in moderate four-foot seas, was being towed to shore by a French tug. The incident occurred about 10 a.m. a mile off Corbier Point, Jersey.

The ferry, carrying day-trippers to the sister islands of Sark and Guernsey, operates daily between the Channel Islands and the French port of St. Malo. Jersey, an English island, is 200 miles south of the British coast.

"Some of the passengers were on life rafts and were taken on by other boats and some were lifted off by helicopters onto boats," said Harry Profitt, who watched the rescue effort from shore.

A Royal Air Force Sea King helicopter plucked some passengers from life rafts. "All the passenger shipping that was in the area came to its assistance. You could see maybe about 15 boats out there," Profitt said.

All 300 passengers arrived in St. Helier in the afternoon, police said.

Authorities said 307 people had been aboard the vessel, including 185 Germans, 40 French and the rest British tourists making a day trip to the island west of France's Cotentin Peninsula. Today is a national holiday in Britain.

No Americans were known to be on board.

Jersey police said 40 passengers were injured, six with broken limbs.

"All people are basically accounted for," said Steve Huxley, senior watch officer at Falmouth Coast Guard station, southern England.

Survey: Campus crime prevalent in mid-size college districts in Texas

LONGVIEW (AP) – Suburban districts, not inner-city systems, have reported the largest percentage of crimes occurring on Texas school campuses, according to a study.

The results of a pilot study by the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Education Agency were reported in today's editions of the *Longview News-Journal*.

Researchers from Sam Houston State University and the two state agencies surveyed 50 school districts statewide, ranging from Houston with 200,445 students to Three Way with 128.

Countering their stated expectations, researchers found a lower on-campus crime rate in the Houston, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth and San Antonio systems than in smaller suburban districts.

The five urban districts, with more than 50,000 students each, reported 69 incidents per 10,000 students. Combined, they had 18.5 percent of the total crimes reported in the survey.

The greatest percentage of incidents – 21.9 percent – was reported by districts with 25,000 to 49,999 students each: Arlington, Klein, Lubbock, Northeast and Spring Branch. Those districts had 111 incidents per 10,000 students.

"Personally, I've always thought the fewer number of kids you had to manage, the fewer the number of problems," said Beth Shepperd, director of public information at Pine Tree.

Pine Tree, Nacogdoches, Pflugerville, Roma and Sherman, with 5,000 to 9,999 students each, averaged 114 incidents per 10,000 students.

Federal law requires that colleges and universities make crime data available, but neither state nor federal law requires it of public schools, said Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center.

"It's pretty amazing when you think about it," said Adriana Cuellar, school safety specialist with the Texas Education Agency. "We collect information about violence on public university campuses but not in public schools."

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

EDWARDS, Johnnie Exie — Graveside, 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

HEXT, Othel E. — Graveside, 2 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

JORDE, Tracy Hopson — 3 p.m., Rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home, Hereford.

Obituaries

JOHNNIE EXIE EDWARDS

AMARILLO - Johnnie Exie Edwards, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 15, 1995 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with the Rev. Q.D. Bevell, Trinity Baptist Church pastor, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Edwards was born Nov. 22, 1910 in Missouri. She married Cleo T. Edwards on Oct. 6, 1931 in Sayre, Okla. The couple had lived in McLean before moving to Pampa, where they resided for the next 20-25 years. Mrs. Edwards was a resident of Amarillo at the time of her death. Out of 12 children, she was the last survivor of the John X. Miller family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo T. Edwards, who died in Pampa on Aug. 8, 1982.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

OTHEL E. HEXT

Othel E. Hext, 81, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 16, 1995. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed, with Don Stone, pastor of White Deer Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hext was born June 26, 1913 in Portales, N.M. He was a long-time resident of Gray County. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for several different contractors before retiring in 1974. He was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Pampa; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David Hext of Pampa and Derrell and Tawana Hext of Baytown; one brother, Cecil Hext of Okmulgee, Okla.; two sisters, Ora Lee Hester of Borger and Jaunita Cunningham of Dumas; and five grandchildren.

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

The family will gather at 324 Canadian Street in Pampa.

TRACY HOPSON JORDE

HEREFORD - Tracy Hopson Jorde, 39, daughter of Pampa residents, died Sunday, April 16, 1995 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford with the Rev. Otto Schaufele, minister of the Christ Church Fellowship of Hereford, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jorde was born Jan. 1, 1956 in Hereford. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her parents, Nathan and Janey Hopson of Pampa; Lori Hopson of Amarillo; Sue Ellen Kidd of Lubbock; Kristi Paeltz of Lubbock; and Rani Hopson of Pampa.

CLAUDIA THELMA NEES

Claudia Thelma Nees, 86, of Pampa, died Monday, April 17, 1995. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nees was born Dec. 15, 1908 at Graham, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1928. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1929. She married Willis J. Nees on June 26, 1937 at Albuquerque, N.M.; he died on June 16, 1987. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Ora Beryl (Pete) and Wayne Elem of Bella Vista, Ark.; a sister-in-law and two brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis of Pampa and Jullian J. Jones of Snyder; and two nieces, Karen Kerns of Pampa and Terry Atkinsons of Snyder.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

ALVA A. WOOD

WELLINGTON - Alva A. Wood, 86, died Saturday, April 15, 1995. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Mac Deaver, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Wood was born in Wheeler. He was a retired electrician and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Nell Motsenbocker of Arlington; and two grandchildren, Jessica Motsenbocker of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dana Motsenbocker of Fort Worth.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Pampa
Mirian H. Arellano
William B. McMillion
Plainview
Teresa G. Lee
Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Arellano of Pampa, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. James Kenny Eppison, a girl.
Dismissals
Pampa
Amy R. Babb
Floy Arlene Graham
Jessie Hollingsworth
Dorothy Jean Jeffrey
Deborah T. Laramore
William B. McMillion
(rehabilitation unit)
Amalia Trejo
Borger
Toni Lynn Hubbs
Lisa Dianne Smith
and baby boy
McLean
George Perry Vanhuss
Miami
Chester H. Terry
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Shamrock
Garland Harris
Brandy Kirkland
Gladys Tindall
Freemont, Calif.
Sharon Longley
Dismissals
Shamrock
Ezell Clerkley
Q. A. Hendrick
Brandy Kirkland
Gladys Tindell
McLean
Pansy Monce

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 15

Oscar J. Garcia, 2600 N. Hobart, reported burglary of a 1986 Mitsubishi in the 2100 block of North Sumner, which occurred between 2 and 2;15 p.m. Saturday. Taken was a bag of store goods valued at $65, which was later recovered, except for a calculator. Entry was made through a right front window.

Barbara Kay Huffman, 520 N. Faulkner, reported criminal trespass through her back door which occurred between 9:30 p.m. Friday and 4:55 p.m. Saturday.

Jimmy Leroy Free, 819 S. Cuyler, reported burglary of a 1972 Chevrolet pickup which occurred between 12:30 and 1:05 p.m. Saturday. An $80 battery was taken from underneath the hood.

Domestic violence was reported in the 700 block of West Browning between 3 and 10:53 p.m. Saturday. Displayed were a knife, handgun, handcuffs, stun gun and handcuffs.

Family violence - information was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

SUNDAY, April 16

Officer Trevor McGill reportyed possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1000 block of Huff which occurred at 12:35 a.m. Sunday.

Assault - domestic violence was reported in the 900 block of South Wells. Reported were abrasions to the left eye and left and right forehead.

Jared Quinn Lee, 1601 W. Somerville, reported burglary of 1981 Jeep which occurred between 1:15 and 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Entry was made through the passenger door. Taken were a Sony car stereo valued at $300, speaker box valued at $200, Oakley sunglasses valued at $150 and flashlight valued at $8.

Terrall Elaine Miller, 2401 Comanche, reported assault which occurred at 7:20 p.m. Sunday.

Christopher Allen Smith, 608 N. Russell, reported criminal mischief to a 1989 Geo in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Domestic violence - assault by threat was reported to have occurred at 11:40 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of North Christy.

Arrests

SATURDAY, April 15

William Graves, 54, Davis Motel, was arrested in the 800 block of West Foster on a charge of public intoxication. His bond was set at $500 and he remains in jail.

Jason Lee Davis, 21, 722 W. Browning, was arrested at the residence on a charge of aggravated assault. He was transferred to Gray County jail, where he remains. His bond is $10,000.

SUNDAY, April 16

Cecil Ray Williams, 43, 931 S. Wells, was arrested at the residence on a capias pro fine warrant and charge of failure to appear. His bond was set at $1,000 and he remains in jail.

Flora Marie Brown, 38, 424 Oklahoma, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road on two warrants and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at $1,00 and she remains in jail.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, April 16

3:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to Coronado Hospital's emergency room.

8:46 p.m. – A patient was transported from the 1300 block of West Kentucky to Coronado Hospital's emergency room on a medical emergency.

9:51 p.m. – A patient was transported to Coronado Hospital's emergency room from a local nursing home on a traumatic emergency call.

10:55 p.m. – A patient was transported from Coronado Hospital's emergency room to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:36 p.m. – A patient was transported from the 500 block of East 19th to Coronado Hospital's emergency room on a non-emergency transport.

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12:44 a.m. – A patient was transferred from Coronado Hospital to a local nursing home on a non-emergency transport.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.27
Milo	3.97
Corn	4.51

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

NOWSCO	11 1/2	NC
Occidental	23 1/2	up 1/2

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

Magellan	74.07
Puritan	15.56

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

Amoco	62 1/2	up 1/2
Arco	115 1/8	up 3/8
Cabot	39 3/4	up 3/8
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	NC
Chevron	45 3/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	58 1/8	NC
Diamond Sham	26 3/8	dn 3/8
Enron	33 3/4	NC
Halliburton	37 1/8	NC
HealthTrust Inc.	36 3/4	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	34 3/4	up 3/8
KNE	24 3/4	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	50 1/2	dn 1/4
Limited	22 1/8	up 1/4
Mapco	55 1/8	up 1/8
Maxus	5 3/8	NC
McDonald's	35 1/4	up 1/4
Mobil	90 3/8	up 1
New Atmos	17 7/8	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	21	dn 1/4
Penney's	43 3/8	NC
Phillips	34 3/4	up 1/2
SLB	58 5/8	dn 1/4
SPS	28 5/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	47 3/8	dn 1/8
Texaco	66 1/4	up 7/8
Wal-Mart	25 3/8	NC
New York Gold		392.00
Silver		5.55
West Texas Crude		19.15

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 39-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, April 16

9:07 a.m. – Two units and three personnel responded to an investigation of a gas smell at Taylor Food Mart, west on Hwy. 60. Nothing was found.

TB outbreak worries school officials

EL PASO (AP) - Tuberculosis is making a comeback in Texas' public schools, state health officials say.

Since February, high schools in Houston and El Paso have had to test students and employees for the disease after health officials found that students had been carrying the tuberculosis bacillus for weeks.

While early test results indicate that the infected students did not pass the disease on to anyone, officials said the incidents should serve as warnings.

"Tuberculosis can happen anywhere," said Ralph Ornelas, principal of El Paso's Riverside High School, whose students and employees were tested for the disease in March.

Known as "TB," tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that spreads through the air. About 8 million new cases occur each year around the world, including more than 25,000 in the United States and 2,000 in Texas.

The disease affects the lungs and can cause such symptoms as coughing, weight loss, chest pains and night sweats. The disease is treatable with the use of antibiotics. Left untreated, it can be fatal.

As late as 1911, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in the United States. It accounted for nearly 95,000 deaths that year – about 152 deaths per 100,000 people.

During the 1940s, scientists discovered several antibiotics now used to treat tuberculosis. By 1985, the number of new cases nationwide declined less than 10 per 100,000 people.

Crime of the week

A March burglary in southeast Gray County relieved a family of nearly $30,000 in guns and jewelry.

Burglars entered the home of Robert and Clara Sailor by kicking in the back door sometime between March 9 and March 10 carrying away the following items: Westernfield .22 caliber rifle, Stevens 410 gauge single shot antique pistol, Winchester 410 single-shot shotgun, Browning 12 gauge shotgun, Marlin .22 caliber lever action rifle, Ruger .30-06 caliber bolt action rifle with Weaver scope and Sturm-Ruger .357 caliber revolver.

Among jewelry items taken were two sets of yellow gold diamond earrings; one ounce Krugerrand on heavy gold rope chain; set of gold earrings with rubies, sapphires and pearls; Girrard Perregaux yellow gold watch; and a white platinum ring with diamond.

Miscellaneous items stolen include a Hitachi television with built-in video cassette recorder and a black purse containing $400 cash.

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is looking for the thieves who made off with these and more goods from the Sailors' home. Anonymous tipsters may call 669-2222 with information about this or any other felony crime or narcotics trafficking. Tipsters may be eligible for up to $1,000 reward.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents which occurred in the 96-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, April 14

11:25 a.m. - A 1980 Chevrolet pickup driven by James Williams Helbert, 70, 820 E. Brunow, was in collision with a 1993 Ford van driven by Gloria Ellis, 41, 1161 Varnon Dr., at the intersection of Somerville and Tuke. Helbert was cited for failure to yield right of way. Also damaged was a fence owned by David Caldwell, 325 Jean. Damage estimated at $1,000.

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1:40 p.m. - A 1984 Mercury driven by Pearl Hughes Poole, 88, 540 S. Gillespie, was in collision with a 1989 Mazda driven by Gerold Lee Canty, 17, Tanoka, in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Canty was cited for having no proof of insurance and unsafe speed. Poole and Canty were taken by ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released.

SUNDAY, April 16

3:03 p.m. - a 1991 Dodge driven by Stacey Michelle Gross, 19, 2114 N. Sumner, was in collision with a 1992 Ford Explorer driven by Pamela McGill Spencer, 35, 2119 Lea, in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Gross was cited for failure to yield right of way when turning left. Gross and Stacie Winegeart, 13, 2119 Lea, a passenger in the Spencer car, were taken by ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released.

3:20 p.m. - A 1981 Oldsmobile driven by Adina Sue Hassler, 1912 Hamilton, was struck by an unknown vehicle at the intersection of North Hobart and West 18th.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, April 15

Shannon Hughes reported threats at the Taylor Mart, US 60 west of Pampa.

Agency assistance was rendered to the Randall County Sheriff's Office at the intersection of Loop 171 and Texas 70.

SUNDAY, April 16

Vicky Gail Elkins reported burglary of vehicle which occurred at the City Limits Club. Taken were $900, earrings valued at $125 and a dark brown purse valued at $20. Entry was made through the passenger side window.

Debbie Lewis reported a lost or stolen purse at 716 W. Brown.

Van Criswell, 904 N. Court, Lefors, reported a trash can run over.

Arrests

SATURDAY, April 15

Sandra Mauricio, 35, 448 Pitts, was arrested on a Gray County warrant alleging theft of property, and two Potter County warrants alleging theft of property and issuance of bad checks. She was released on bond.

SUNDAY, April 16

Amy Candace Wardlow, 19, 420 Pitts, was arrested on a Randall County warrant alleging issuance of bad checks and Carson County warrants alleging speeding and failure to appear. She paid fine and was also released on bond.

Department of Public Safety

SATURDAY, April 15

Michael C. McGilvary, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on Randall County warrants alleging speeding and failure to appear. He paid fines and was released.

Calendar of events

H.E.A.R.T. SUPPORT GROUP

The H.E.A.R.T. Support Group for Women meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Tralee Crisis Center office at 119 N. Frost.

TOASTMASTERS

The Pampa Toastmasters Club meets at 6:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the private dining room of Coronado Hospital For more information call Dan Silva at 669-6351 or Lois Strate at 665-7650.

HOSPICE CARE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

Coronado Healthcare Center, 1504 W. Kentucky, will host a program by the Hospice of the Panhandle about hospice care for the terminally ill at 7:30 p.m. today at the center. Speaker will be Sherry McCavit from the Pampa office of the Hospice of the Panhandle. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-5746.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Clearing tonight with a low in the middle 40s and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph. Lake wind warnings in effect. Tuesday, mostly sunny with a high near 80. Westerly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Sunday's high was 73; the overnight low was 43. Pampa received a trace of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle and South Plains: Tonight, very windy during the evening, otherwise clear. Lows from low to mid 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in upper 70s to low 80s. Windy.

North Texas – Tonight, partly cloudy west and central. Cloudy east with rain and thunderstorms likely, some possibly severe and with heavy rain. Lows 50 west to 62 southeast. Tuesday, mostly sunny west and central. Decreasing clouds east. Highs 77 west to 80 south.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers or thunderstorms south central. Lows from near 50 Hill Country to low 60s South Central. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid and upper 70s Hill Country and low and mid 80s south central. Coastal Bend, and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 60s to low 70s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms east, partly cloudy west. Highs from mid 80s inland to upper 70s coast. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some possibly severe north. Lows in upper 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in upper 70s to low 80s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, decreasing cloudiness north with a few evening rain or snow showers. Fair skies south. Breezy northeast with winds diminishing elsewhere. Lows upper teens to 30s mountains and north with 30s to mid 40s lower elevations south. Tuesday, partly cloudy northwest with fair skies east and south. Little warmer with highs 50s and 60s mountains and north to mostly the 70s south.

Oklahoma – Tonight, thunderstorms ending from west to east. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the central and east before midnight. Cooler with lows from mid 40s in northwest Oklahoma to mid 50s in the southeast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs mid 60s northwest to mid and upper 70s south.

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DOE names Pantex as possible site to make tritium gas

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) – Mavis Belisle is less than thrilled that the Pantex Plant near here has been proposed for the production of a gas that makes nuclear warheads effective.

Without a fresh supply of tritium – a hydrogen-based gas that decays over time – America's bombs are fated for ineffectiveness, Department of Energy officials say.

The DOE has named the Pantex Plant one of five facilities where a reactor or accelerator could take on 40 years of tritium production.

Ms. Belisle, who lives with two dogs and two cats in a trailer house on the Peace Farm, a 20-acre protest plot across the highway from Pantex, finds that thought unpalatable. Tritium ushers in expense and diplomatic problems the United States doesn't need, she said.

"I'm not sure that people understand that any of the technology would not be an incremental change, but a really radical change in the risks or hazards associated with the plant," Ms. Belisle said during a recent drive by the 16,000 acres where Pantex sits.

"And I think they fail to recognize how the non-nuclear world feels about the implication that the United States intends to hold on to its arsenal well, well into the future."

A meeting is scheduled Thursday to give Amarillo residents a chance to comment.

The four other candidates for production of tritium are the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near Idaho Falls, the Nevada Test Site northwest of Las Vegas, Oak Ridge Reservation near Knoxville, Tenn., and Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C.

Sources have said that President Clinton's proposed fiscal 1996 budget will include $50 million to begin work on a manufacturing site.

Some Texans view tritium as an economic opportunity for Pantex, where 3,400 workers disassemble nuclear bombs and put plutonium into storage bunkers. The Pantex workforce is projected to dwindle by about half within 15 years.

"We would be thrilled to see any expansion in an environmentally sound manner in the operations of Pantex," said Bob Juba of the Amarillo Economic Development Corp. "We continually work to provide those job opportunities."

Safety reasons caused the government to shut down its last tritium-producing reactor in the 1980s. But Energy officials say the U.S. nuclear stockpile will need another tritium boost by 2011.

Reams of data from the DOE acknowledge a problem with Pantex: water.

"Withdrawals would adversely affect declining aquifer levels and treated wastewater discharged to playas could percolate into groundwater," one volume on tritium said.

Amarillo residents on both sides of the debate expressed concerns about the Ogallala Aquifer. Farmers across the Panhandle rely on this underground sea to irrigate their crops.

And tritium opponents worry about new wastes – such as spent nuclear fuel – as the gas is produced.

Tracy Tucker of the watchdog group STAND said documents show tritium production could add as many as 930 workers at Pantex.

"I just really don't think the risk is worth it," she said.

Officials have indicated they will select a tritium site by November. Ms. Tucker suggests somewhere with abundant water.

"Anything's possible with the DOE," she said. "Pantex seems to come up on every list as a possible site for this, or a possible site for that, and you never know what's up their sleeve."

Endangered Species Act goes to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Supreme Court, in what may be its most important environmental case in nearly two decades, is about to decide whether the Endangered Species Act bans destruction of wildlife habitats on private property.

After hearing arguments today, the justices must decide whether landowners violate the 1973 law if they change the natural homes of endangered or threatened species.

A federal appeals court ruled last year that the law bars only direct threats such as hunting, trapping or otherwise directly killing the species, but not indirect threats such as destruction of habitat.

That ruling in an Oregon dispute over protection of the Northern spotted owl was hailed as one of the timber industry's greatest legal victories and called by environmentalists a grave threat to the Endangered Species Act's continued effectiveness.

Potentially millions of acres in the Pacific Northwest could be affected by the court's ruling. Endangered species battles also are being waged on hundreds of millions of acres of privately owned land in other parts of the country.

A congressional report said that 90 percent of the 781 endangered or threatened species listed by the government in 1993 have habitats on privately owned land.

Supporters and critics of the Endangered Species Act agree that the court's ruling, to be announced by late June, could eclipse in importance the high court's 1978 decision that said Congress intended to protect endangered species "whatever the cost."

The 1978 ruling blocked completion of a huge dam because it posed a threat to an endangered species, a tiny fish called the snail darter.

The Endangered Species Act makes it a crime to "take" any endangered species, and by regulation that prohibition is applied as well to threatened species.

The law defines "take" to mean "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect."

The Fish and Wildlife Service, a federal agency, has regulations defining "harm" to include "significant habitat modification" leading to an injury of a protected species.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled, however, that the long-standing regulation is not authorized by the 1973 law.

The regulation had been challenged by timber industry interests in Oregon.

The case attracted the most unsolicited advice of any during the court's 1994-95 term, a total of 24 friend-of-the-court briefs.

Among those urging the justices to uphold the appeals court ruling are the American Farm Bureau Federation, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Defenders of Property Rights and the states of Arizona, California, Kansas, Nebraska and Utah.

Fire sweeps through Taiwan nightclub

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) – Eleven people died and 13 were injured early today when flames swept through a Taipei karaoke bar licensed only to operate as a food store. Police suspected arson.

One man was burned to death at an elevator door in the "Hymns of Happiness" karaoke club, and 10 others who escaped on a stairway died after being hospitalized for smoke inhalation, police said.

Three of the injured were listed in critical condition.

It was the latest in a series of deadly fires in recent years and again raised questions about Taiwan's fire safety standards, criticized after a karaoke club fire in February killed 64 people – the island's deadliest blaze.

Investigators today sought a man suspected of tossing a firebomb into the lobby of the five-story building, starting the fire, Officer Oung Ching-hu said. The club was on the top three floors; a beauty parlor on the first two floors was also gutted.

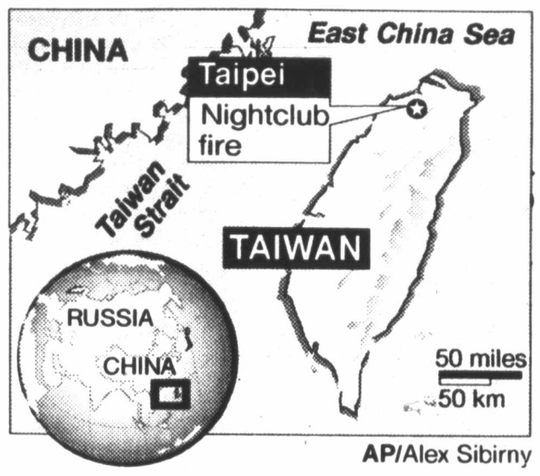
State radio quoted bar waitresses as saying a man had threatened to set fire to the club. It did not elaborate.

The club contained 39 customers and employees, mostly young people, when the fire broke out. Fifteen people escaped or were rescued unhurt, police said.

"We were singing in a room and suddenly it went all black," survivor Lin Mei-hui told the radio. "The smoke was so thick that we could not find the exit."

Lin said she and two friends escaped unharmed from the fifth floor by climbing down an advertising billboard on the building's exterior.

Firefighter Chang Ching-rung said the club used flammable materials in its partitions and decorations but otherwise met safety standards.



AP/Alex Sibirny

"People usually have some time to escape a fire," he said. "But in arson cases, only fire-resistant materials would have given the precious time needed as they would not cause so much smoke."

Taipei Mayor Chen Shui-bian expressed regret and said he would continue increased efforts to regulate illegal businesses that violate safety or zoning codes.

He said it takes time. "There are just too many of them," he said.

The club was licensed as a food store. It had been fined nine times for the equivalent of $6,500 over the past two years for operating a karaoke bar instead, officials said.

Guards stabbed, hostages taken in prison disturbance

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) – Five guards were stabbed this morning at a state prison and inmates held three people hostage in a cafeteria after a fight broke out.

Three of the guards suffered life-threatening injuries, state Corrections Department spokeswoman Robyn Zimmerman said.

The disturbance at the medium-maximum Broad River Correctional Institution began about 8:30 a.m. with a fight in the cafeteria, then spread to sporadic fighting and small fires elsewhere in the prison, Ms. Zimmerman said. By 10 a.m., fires had been extinguished and fights stopped, she said.

Prison officials were investigating whether the disturbance was in reaction to an order by new state Corrections Director Michael Moore that all inmates must not wear their hair longer than collar length and must be clean-shaven, except for small moustaches.

Ms. Zimmerman wouldn't say whether the hostages were prison staff members or how many inmates were involved.

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Opinion

WWII history is being rewritten

We wish our own federal government would stop trying to rewrite the history of World War II. In the latest insult to veterans of that mammoth military conflict, the Clinton administration has announced that observances this summer of the 50th anniversary of the surrender of Japan, known to millions of veterans as "V-J Day," will instead be called the "End of the Pacific War."

The change was made to minimize any chance of offending the Japanese. The administration reportedly plans to cut back on a Pearl Harbor ceremony to avoid embarrassing Japan. We only wish our government cared as much about offending its own citizens. This official effort to neuter and sanitize our military victory over Japan 50 years ago, which included the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is the real embarrassment.

Americans need make no apologies for our victory over Japan (the V-J in V-J Day). It was a war started by the aggression of Japan's dictatorial government and brought to an end by America's superior military might.

This latest attempt to rewrite the war's final chapter follows on the heels of the Smithsonian's Enola Gay snafu and the withdrawal of a postage stamp that graphically depicted the bombing of Hiroshima.

The Smithsonian's exhibit of the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima originally downplayed the historic justification for using the bomb. To many veterans, it seemed to give too little weight to the staggering human cost of the alternative of invading the Japanese mainland.

The original Hiroshima postage stamp would have shown the mushroom cloud. But the historical revisionists argued, and the Clinton administration agreed, that its imagery was too stark and might offend our former enemies.

Such tender sensibilities, however, did not prevent the issuance of a number of other World War II commemorative stamps showing the stark realities of the Pacific war. For example, in 1990, the Postal Service issued a stamp that showed the 1941 sinking of the U.S. Destroyer Reuben James. It pictured a burning ship still in the cross hairs of an enemy submarine. That same year, another stamp depicted the surprise bombing of Pearl Harbor, with more burning ships. Other stamps showed burning barracks on the Aleutian Islands and U.S. prisoners of war with their hands in the air after the fall of Corregidor to Japanese invaders.

If the sensitivity police could accept these graphic images of American military defeats, why couldn't they accept the image of the exploding bomb that finally won the war?

All Americans, whether they took part in World War II or not, should resist any effort to air-brush our history for the sake of political correctness. The attack on Pearl Harbor, the dropping of the atomic bomb, the victory over Japan are all part of history. We should commemorate these events with unblinking honesty and without apology.

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GOP should ignore the media



Mona Charen

In the first two years of the Clinton administration, the president found it hard to get things done even with the Congress in the hands of his own party. It is an irony that in the second two years of the Clinton presidency, Republican strategist Bill Kristol predicts, the president will sign more legislation than he did in the first two years.

The president had difficulty implementing his agenda in the first half of the administration because his proposals were out of phase with voters. There were always just enough Democrats who agreed with Republicans about this to make every Clinton initiative a cliff-hanger - with his tax-raising budget proposal succeeding by just one vote.

Republicans, attempting to implement their own agenda, face a somewhat different problem. They are in phase with the electorate but must fight the steady head wind that is generated by the national press. The battles over school lunches and welfare cuts have been illustrative.

The press has served as an echo chamber for Democratic charges about "cruelty" and "meanspiritedness." Many news organizations accepted at face value the claim, repeated by President Clinton, that Republicans were trying to gut the school lunch program.

Now serious people, for example, Karl Zinsmeister, editor of *American Enterprise* magazine, make a strong case for doing just that. After all, he argues, if a parent abdicates the most basic task of parenting - feeding his child - to the state, it contributes, subtly but importantly, to the erosion of parental responsibility. The school breakfast and lunch programs have encouraged the idea that parents are not required to make sure that their children are adequately fed.

And what if kids come to school hungry (which would not be the result of poverty since every kid who gets a free lunch at school is also getting food stamps)? Zinsmeister is not afraid to say it. That is prima facie evidence of parental neglect - and unless the parent can make a convincing case otherwise, the child should be removed from the home and given to people capable of providing good care.

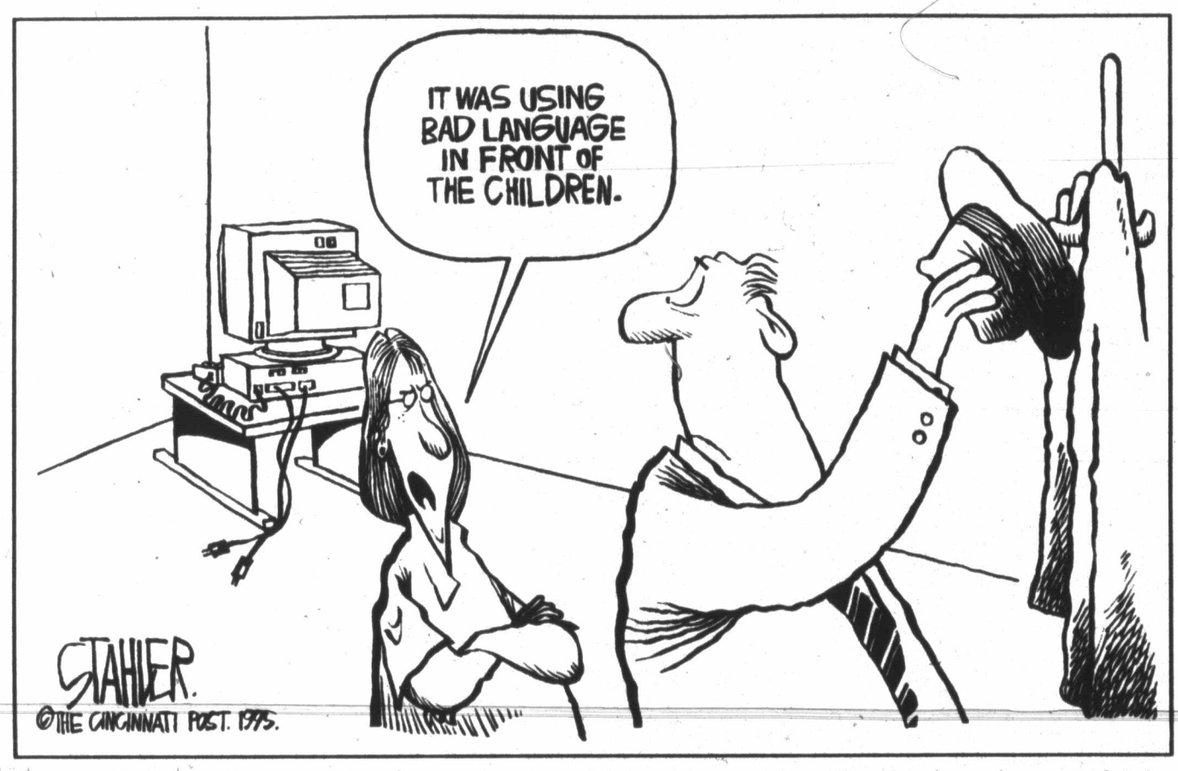
But the Republicans were not recommending anything as bold as ending the school lunch program. They weren't even proposing my preferred outcome - to remove non-poor children from the beneficiary list (which would reduce the cost of the program drastically). No, the Republicans were merely suggesting a slightly slower rate of increase in spending than congressional Democrats would have preferred - 4.5 percent a year vs. 5.2 percent. President Clinton's budget, interestingly, projects growth of just 3.6 percent in the school lunch program in 1996.

And yet the Democrats scored a public-relations bull's eye with their extreme rhetoric and bogus numbers. The story the major media wanted to cover, the story that fit everyone's preconceptions, was "Cruel Republicans Wield Budget Ax at Most Vulnerable." So when Majority Leader Dick Armey took to the House radio and television gallery to deliver the Republican explanation of the school lunch program changes, his comments never made the air. Not even a zippy one-liner: "The party that once told us we have 'nothing to fear but fear itself' now has nothing to offer but fear itself."

Not only does the media megaphone amplify each and every accusation made by Democrats, it also has the power to declare what is and what is not a scandal. Armey was forced to run a gauntlet of media fury after his slip of tongue regarding Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). When Newt Gingrich stubs his toe, he's accused of kicking the cat.

But when Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) took to the House floor to condemn the Republican welfare reform proposal and chose to compare it with Nazi atrocities - he quoted the German Martin Niemoeller who penned the famous verse "First, they came for the communists, and I was not a communist, so I did not object..." - it is not a scandal. It doesn't even make the evening news.

The Republican Congress was elected to change the direction of the country. If they want to stay in touch with voters, they are best advised to turn off the TV and ignore the newspapers - because the hot air that emanates from there will blow them off course.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 17th, the 107th day of 1995. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano discovered present-day New York harbor.

In 1790, American statesman, diplomat, author and inventor Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

The glass ceiling isn't based on reality



Sara Eckel

Most corporate executives think the glass ceiling no longer exists for women. They think that the invisible barriers that have kept women from reaching the highest echelons of American business have been shattered. They think this, even though 95 percent of senior managers of Fortune 1000 companies are white and male.

They think this, even though a recent report found that they and other male employees continue to believe in a number of stereotypes about women workers: that they are not as committed to their careers as men, that they can't or won't relocate, that they can't or won't work long hours, that they lack quantitative skills.

They think this, even though these perceptions are false. A recent study by the Glass Ceiling Commission, a federal agency that was created under former President Bush, found that these stereotypes don't square with reality. Only a third of all women in senior management positions have ever taken a leave of absence, 82 percent of which were for maternity or family reasons. When maternity leaves are left out of the equation, more men than women took leaves of absence. The most recent data on working hours found that men and women senior managers both work about the same number of hours per week, about 56. Women are more, not less, likely to accept a relocation request than their male counterparts. And women choose fields that stress quantitative skills - such as finance and commercial banking - in roughly the same numbers that men do.

If women are doing such a great job, then why do these stereotypes persist, and why aren't women breaking through to the top?

Lynn Povich, editor-in-chief of *Working Woman* magazine, says that women who hit the glass ceiling find that there are very subtle ways in which they are left out of this very male culture. "There are intangible, invisible, informal ways in which women never manage to break through," says Povich, "but they are never so clear and objective that you can point specifically to why."

Anonymous interviews with corporate leaders, conducted by the Glass Ceiling Commission, yielded some clues. "What's important is comfort, chemistry, relationships and collaborations," said one corporate executive. "That's what makes a shop work. When we find minorities and women who think like we do, we snatch them up."

A chief executive officer for an executive search company put things a little more bluntly: "Listen, I'm meeting my bottom line and I want to find the people that the client wants. My reputation is based on my track record of getting them candidates they are comfortable with. I can't bring in too many minorities and women."

This concern with "comfort" is not surprising. It is natural to want to be comfortable, and humans are typically most at ease with people like themselves. So when someone is examining the credentials of several different candidates, all of whom are qualified for the position, then the decision often boils down to just that, comfort. Which is why affirmative action, despite its flaws, is still a good principle. It provides an incentive that competes with comfort.

There is reason to hope, however, that affirmative action may one day be obsolete, since another factor has begun to compete with comfort: money. Recent evidence suggests that hiring a diverse work force isn't just the correct thing to do, it's also the smart thing to do. A 1993 study of Standard & Poor 500 companies found that firms that shattered their glass ceilings had stock market records that were nearly 2-1/2 times better than otherwise-comparable companies.

"In an era of global competition, you need the person who *isn't* like you in order to broaden your business objectives and learn to deal with people who are more diverse," says Povich. "If you're all white guys playing golf at the country club, you're not going to be as open to new ideas and as able to reach new markets."

Let's hope this economic incentive helps the men at the top start acting on their business sense, rather than their emotions.

'The Decline and Fall of the American Republic'

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

When our Gibbon arises to write "The Decline and Fall of the American Republic," doubtless he will lay the blame widely.

Americans have passed many idiotic laws ensuring the break-up of the family. Our elected officials have been reluctant to enforce basic laws against crime and corruption that are essential to democracy. Instead, they ruthlessly enforce social engineering through open-ended affirmative action. They come down with great fury on tobacco smokers but cannot interdict narcotics. They bring essential institutions to chaos by burdening them with their political enthusiasms.

Consider the institution that is supposed to teach young Americans to read and write. Now, it is charged with teaching them the wonders of the condom, of the Ashanti civilization otherwise forgotten to history, of interpersonal communication, of proper nutrition, of self-esteem. The institution I have in mind, of course, is the school. Thanks to all the extraneous programs that have been imposed on our schools, many are actually a menace to learning. Most are no more useful in teaching reading, writing and math than they are in teaching condom proficiency.

Another institution so engorged with extraneous objectives that its fundamental purposes have slipped from sight is the American military. Thanks to our lawmakers' impulse to reform, the military is no longer solely intended for the nation's defense. Like the school system, the military has now become a laboratory for sexual experiments: Can a woman and man serve together at sea without one or the other returning home heavy with child? Can we train women in the uses of the bayonet? How many homosexuals shall be allowed in a foxhole?

Our military is also being sent on humanitarian missions for the United Nations. Perhaps, in time, it will be made available to the American Red Cross or the Camp Fire Girls. Sen. John McCain has noted that the military is also being used to re-elect his colleagues. Within the defense budget, they are engorging vast amounts of pork to ingratiate themselves to the local electorate even as they vow to balance the budget.

A particularly flagrant example of stuffing pork into the defense budget involves appropriations for improvements to military bases that are scheduled for closing. McCain points to dozens of such boondoggles, such as building family housing in Staten Island well after the Navy's decision not to establish a carrier homeport base there. Proponents of the construction claim the housing can be used for local purposes, but why should the military budget pay for it?

McCain cites other pork in the defense budget that diverts money from military readiness and toward legislators' pet projects. He has suggested cutting from the defense budget $14.4 million for military security at the Olympics, $2.6 million to refurbish a memorial at Washington Square Park in Philadelphia, $39 million to subsidize the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit Authority and $5 million for a prototype disaster-preparedness center in Hawaii.

As a former pilot who was shot down during the Vietnam war and enjoyed the hospitality of the progressives of North Vietnam, McCain has an exquisite appreciation for the risks that our uniformed forces face in defending the country. Defense dollars spent policing the Olympics and the San Francisco Bay Area's Rapid Transit Authority are going to make our pilots, sailors and soldiers neither safer nor more feared. Such expenditures belong in budgets other than defense.

But McCain's war on pork is not limited to defending the integrity of the defense budget. He opposes it elsewhere too, which is why he is one of our most valuable elected officials. One most amusing example of pork has the added virtue of returning me to my original theme, namely, the confusion elected officials have brought to essential American institutions by their extravagance. This great nation of ours has 12 swine-research centers. Iowa Sens. Harkin and Grassley will not rest until they see a 13th swine-research center rising up on the campus of Iowa State University at a cost to taxpayers of $12 million. So ardent against pork is McCain that he has vowed even to fight research.

Lifestyles

Guidance and discipline are an ongoing process

Homemaker's News
By Donna Brauchi



April is child abuse prevention month. Learning to use appropriate child guidance techniques is an important part of positive parenting. It's not easy. Learning and implementing effective guidance and discipline is an ongoing process and can be frustrating at times for all of us.

Making a choice is an important part of using discipline wisely. We have to think about what we are doing to help our children learn.

We have to act smart.

We do not have to do the same thing every time our child misbehaves. What works one time may not work with a different problem. What works with one child may not work with another. So we have to think about the best way to respond to this child in this situation.

If you have many choices, then you are more likely to make successful decisions. Think of these choices as "discipline tools." The more tools you have, the better job you can do.

Every parent has a discipline toolbox. Imagine that your discipline toolbox is divided into three sections:

(1) Prevention includes all the different things you can do to prevent a problem from happening in the first place.

(2) Guidance includes tools to teach your children what you want them to learn.

(3) Consequences includes the tools you can use to show children their behavior is not acceptable. Be reasonable and fair when you use consequences.

Guidance tools must be used before consequences. We must first help children learn self-control and responsibility before doing something to show our disapproval.

Responsive discipline begins with taking care of ourselves. We are more likely to make discipline mistakes if we are tired or upset. Most of us have little patience at the end of the days. We cannot think straight when we are angry or afraid.

Here are a few suggestions for taking care of yourself:

(1) Remember, even the best parents make mistakes. Be patient with yourself. When you do make mistakes, learn from them. Learn how to avoid making them again. Parents are only human.

(2) Realize that you are not trapped by the past. We do not have to repeat the mistakes of our parents. We can act differently from what we have done in the past. Making the choice to change is the first step in becoming more positive parents.

(3) Realize there is no right way. There are many ways to respond to a child's misbehavior. Our job is to think, make a choice, and do the best we can.

(4) Take some time for yourself. If your children are young, find someone to trade babysitting with you. Enjoy your friends. Take a break.

(5) Talk to someone who understands and accepts you. We all need someone who will encourage us. Sometimes, we can solve a problem better if we have someone to listen to us. We need someone to listen who won't boss or criticize us.

(6) Get professional help for yourself and your child if the problem is too great. Sometimes we cannot solve our problems alone or with the help of a friend. If things begin to get out of hand, talk to someone who knows how to help. You might find this last step difficult. But few, if any problems simply go away. Untreated, they are likely to become worse. So take the courageous step and seek help if you need it.

Discipline can also be a difficult issue for many grandparents. Discipline means teaching. Grandparents can be important teachers for their grandchildren. Here are a few guidelines to help grandparents with discipline.

(1) Make sure the parents know the rules for your home. Have rules that are reasonable. They should also be clearly related to you and your home.

(2) Allow parents to explain your rules to their children. Show confidence in the parent as the person in charge.

(3) If the children's misbehavior is unexpected, take the parents aside and clearly describe what you want. Make a personal appeal to the parent and let them deal with their children.

(4) Allow parents to enforce the rules. If they are present when their children misbehave, let them respond. Do not take away their authority by controlling the situation. If you disagree with the parent's discipline choice, talk later with them about what happened. If the parents know what you expect yet take no action, you may have to directly respond to the child's misbehavior.

(5) If the parents are not present, you can be more directly involved. Make sure your grandchildren know what to expect. Focus primarily on prevention and guidance tools. Avoid introducing unpleasant consequences. Punishment undermines the delicate and precious relationship that can exist between grandparents and their grandchildren.

By working together, parents and grandparents can make a real difference in the lives of children. For more information on responsive discipline, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Easing children's tornado terrors

By JEAN NASH JOHNSON
The Dallas Morning News

LANCASTER, Texas — Before restaurant outings and shopping trips with his family, fifth-grader Rusty Price scopes out shelter spots in case of a sudden twister. His mom says it's a routine for them now.

Kristin Clark and her older sister run to their parents' bed whenever there is severe weather. "They're just scared to death ever since that night," says Cynthia Clark, their mother.

A fourth-grader ritualistically lines up the family's shoes on the steps outside each night so that members won't be caught barefoot if a tornado strikes and they have to run.

The children of Lancaster are healing, but they are still afraid. Two schools and many homes in the southern Dallas County town were destroyed last April 26 when a tornado struck.

As tornado season approaches, Lancaster and other communities are gearing up to help children understand and cope with severe weather. Schools, computer chat lines, organizations such as the National Weather Service and local television stations are working to ease concerns by educating parents and youngsters.

"The more the understanding of storms, the less fear in kids," says Lancaster school district spokesman Gary Faunce.

Parents, schools and groups such as the Lancaster Outreach Center are working together to rebuild both structures and a sense of confidence torn down in the devastation.

"We were displaced. Grades K through second conducted classes in the gymnasium, which had portable walls," says Terry Parsons, principal of West Main Elementary, one of the schools destroyed. The school's rebuilding was completed in January.

Parents and teachers pitched in to help with the finishing touches. "For some of the students who had lost homes, this was their first form of stability since the storm," Parsons says.

Things are settling down. West Main students are embracing the idea of a remembrance come anniversary time. "I wasn't even sure I should broach the subject," says counselor Jeanne Masters. "These kids have come a long way."

The school was so shaken that officials only recently resumed routine tornado drills. "We warned students well in advance. (But) some of the kids didn't like it because it reminded them of last year," Parsons says.

The drill was successful and well-organized, he says. Each classroom has an assigned space to go to in an emergency, and in this exercise, students were keenly aware of those places.

In "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy and Toto didn't know what hit them when a twister suddenly hurtled toward Kansas. That kind of oblivion, according to weather experts and authorities on children, can be avoided.

Alan Moller, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, strongly recommends that schools treat the tornado drill, which is not required, with the same amount of intensity as the fire drill.

"Most schools have protective shelters and should consult with architectural engineers to help them locate safe spots," he says. "In helping the child cope, they should teach them that if safety rules are followed, a child will survive."

> **"If we're not aware of what's happening, it can be a terrifying thing. Youngsters in the third and fourth grades like to tell weather stories that their parents have told them," says Mike Burger KDFW-TV meteorologist, who visits two to three elementary schools a week.**

Moller, who specializes in severe weather and has worked in preparedness, has high praise for the safety effort by the Lancaster community.

Schoolchildren react very favorably to education, Moller says. Many parents have praised films and presentations by the service. One such film, Terrible Tuesday, about the historic 1979 tornado in Wichita Falls, contains real footage that children have reacted to "with positive and clear understanding. The film teaches respect and not fear, and that's good for kids," he says.

Weather broadcaster Mike Burger agrees. "If we're not aware of what's happening, it can be a terrifying thing. Youngsters in the third and fourth grades like to tell weather stories that their parents have told them," says the KDFW-TV meteorologist, who visits two to three elementary schools a week.

"What I like to do is get the kids to participate, interact ... I just lead them in discussion. A baseball shows what baseball-size hail looks like. I'll ask, 'Can you imagine the wind speed needed to hold this (ball) up?' It's fun to watch. Children have a natural curiosity.

"If you teach them respect for the weather, there's less fear. The fear is more of a lack of understanding."

Burger says one thing children always want to know is, 'Will it happen again?' He says he's always happy when he can reassure the children: "Chances are it won't."

Until recently, the children of the Rochester Park area didn't have such great odds. Before the construction of a levee three years ago, there was nothing comforting to say to youngsters whose homes were frequently flooded during heavy downpours.

Travis Perry, a 10-year veteran guidance counselor at H.S. Thompson Learning Center, recalls those trying times in the pre-levee years. "How can you tell a child that it won't happen again, when you know it will the next time there's a hard rain?"

Perry says children in the southeast Dallas County community would complain about their fears of drowning and rattlesnakes.

Both Perry and principal Robert Ward agree that things calmed down quite a bit when the levee was built to control flooding.

"These kids constantly had been traumatized. The school was their shelter, literally. Their homes were ruined. How can you concentrate on schoolwork under those conditions?" asks Ward.

At Lancaster's West Main elementary, Ms. Masters, the counselor, understands the challenge before her. Many students. she says, still have trouble dealing with the aftermath.

"It's sort of like a protection or coping mechanism. They can't think in terms of 'normal.' And until we get through this tornado season, that apprehension and fear will exist."

Rusty, the fifth-grader, also was afraid to leave his mother, Patti Price, alone in bad weather.

Mrs. Price says she was concerned. "We feel so lucky to have survived. When we saw the damage, all I could think of was, thank God my husband was here, and we were not asleep. An entire car was found in our bedroom (in the aftermath). I wanted the children" — including the Prices' college-age daughter — "to feel safe again. Moving into their own home again will make things better."

The Prices expect to move into their new home in two weeks. Mrs. Price made a special point of taking her two sons out of school for the installation of the house address numbers. "We even had Rusty's pictures taken in front of the numbers."

She says she was hoping that the makeshift ceremony would help bring about some closure. "It's caused Rusty to smile a lot. He knows that we'll be going home soon — to our own home."

Cynthia and Mark Clark have made progress with their four children since the tornado, in which they lost their home.

The children appear to be coping well, says Mrs. Clark — until thunder rolls in.

The Clark's new Victorian-style home has a tin roof. "During a recent hailstorm, the girls got so frightened, I woke up to find them curled up next to me," says Mrs. Clark.

"It's been a hard year for everybody. Whenever they get scared, I tell them, 'God took care of us last April; he's gonna take care of us in a thunderstorm.'"

Principal Parsons and Ms. Masters say they know they've got a long way to go with the children, but overall they are pleased with the progress shown. "On the whole, I don't think most kids overworry about it," Ms. Masters says. 'I was in the classroom for 25 years before counseling, and I know that any change affects kids' moods."

The storm occurred after dark, and that, Ms. Masters says, has made it even more difficult for some children. The fourth-grade girl who lines up family members' shoes at the back door each night remembers that during the tornado they were barefoot because of the haste in which they had to evacuate in the dark.

School librarian Linda Nash has told Ms. Masters that her second and sixth-grade sons don't want to be away from home very much. "They feel strange about school. You must remember, it looked like a bombing zone around here last year," says Ms. Masters.

Still, she says, some children say the storm and rebuilding have brought their families closer together.

"It'll be a new beginning once we get through April and May."

College graduation ceremony set

CLARENDON — Graduation ceremonies for the 1995 graduates of Clarendon College will be held Friday, April 28, at the Harned Sister's Fine Arts Auditorium in Clarendon.

The Ranch and Feedlot Operations Class of 1995 will take the stage first with their ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. The commencement exercise for the college's associates degree candidates will be held at 7:30 p.m. A special reception for the graduates and their families will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Doak Elledge, a rancher from Pampa, will be the guest speaker at the RFO graduation. A reception for the RFO graduates will be held following their graduation.

Honor graduates Stacie Murdock of Memphis and Kati Christensen of Riverton, Wyo., will share their commencement addresses with their fellow classmates and those in attendance at the general commencement Friday evening.

The public is invited to attend.

Taste of Texas Fiesta '95

The Don Harrington Discovery Center and The Panhandle Restaurant Association have joined forces again to paint the town red, white, and blue for their Eighth annual Taste of Texas Fiesta. Scheduled for May 6 from 7 p.m. until midnight, the Fiesta will feature more than 35 area restaurants from the Panhandle Restaurant Association. Ten Texas wineries have been invited to participate in the event as well.

As the fifth largest U.S. producer of fine world-class vintages, Texas is becoming known for its red, white, and blue varieties. It is expected that over 1 million gallons of wine will be produced and sent to market in 1995. These premium, award-winning wines can be both tasted and purchased at the event from popular vintners such as Ste. Genevieve Wines, Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Llano Estacado Winery, Piney Woods Country Wines, Pheasant Ridge Winery, Hill Country Cellars, Fall Creek Vineyards, and Cap Rock Winery.

Live country and western entertainment has traditionally added a down home touch to the festivities. This year the highly acclaimed country swing dance band, Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys, are featured from 9 until midnight.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Discovery Center's educational programming and the Panhandle Restaurant Association's scholarship fund.

The cost for this night out on the town, for those 21 years or older, suits most pocketbooks. Advanced purchase tickets for Discovery Center members are only $15 and $20 for non-members. Tickets at the door are $25. For those "armchair gamblers", holding the right $50 raffle ticket could win a seven-day Mediterranean or Baltic cruise for two, or an assortment of fun souvenirs such as autographed Dallas Cowboys footballs, eelskin, ostrich, and alligator boots, weekend trips to San Antonio, tickets for Seaworld and Fiesta Texas, box seats for the Amarillo Dillas, and concert jackets, CDs and autographed albums from Randy Travis, The Oak Ridge Boys, Sawyer Brown, The Gatlins, Waylon Jennings, Alan Jackson, and Brooks and Dunn.

Reserved Fiesta tables for 6, including 3 raffle tickets, and couples seating, with 1 raffle ticket included, are available for $300 and $100 respectively. Tickets can be purchased through the Don Harrington Discovery Center gift shop and participating restaurants.

Goin' for 'gators in the swamp

AP Special Features

In southern Louisiana, Philip Breaux races through the swamp at 40 miles per hour in a small aluminum boat. He's about to bag alligators that are sometimes longer than his boat, and three times his weight.

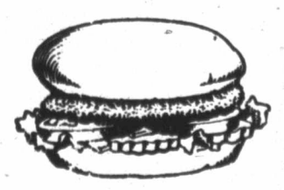
During the September hunting season, Breaux, a land management consultant, may catch hundreds of 'gators. (The number he can take is determined by the population. Alligators were taken off the endangered list in 1972, and even with hunting, there has been an increase in the population.) What's it like to hunt 'gator? Country America magazine offers this report after following Breaux on one of his typical hunts.

Philip and his brother-in-law Charlie start working the day before the hunt by setting up rigs to attract the 'gators. They drive steel stakes into the marsh. Attached to each stake is a 20-foot line sporting a large hook baited with meat.

The bait is suspended about three feet above the water on a cane pole. (Because the bigger the 'gator, the better, Philip sets the bait high enough so smaller ones can't get it.) Alligators literally stand on their tails in the water to get to the bait.

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Organ donation is great way to be remembered



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR READERS: I recently learned from Bruce B. Conway, president of The Living Bank, that Robert N. Test died last fall. Test was one of the pioneers in promoting organ and tissue donations.

In 1976, he wrote an essay titled "To Remember Me." It was first published in The Cincinnati Post, and later in Ann Landers' column and mine, as well as in Reader's Digest.

Some years ago, I met Robert Test and was surprised to find a shy, middle-aged man who seemed embarrassed by all of the attention he was getting for a "little essay." He said he had written it during his lunch break. He told me he had only a high school education and wrote "for the fun of it."

In my opinion, Mr. Test's "little essay" is one of the most beautiful pieces of writing I have ever read, and I think it is appropriate that I publish it again during National Organ Donor Awareness Week, April 16-21:

TO REMEMBER ME

At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my "deathbed." Call it my "bed of life," and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. IF YOU DO ALL I HAVE ASKED, I WILL LIVE FOREVER.

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Readers, a Robert Noel Test Memorial Donor Education Fund has been established to perpetuate "To Remember Me" and other donor education programs of The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77265. The Living Bank is a non-profit organization that operates as a public service -- and donations are tax-deductible.

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Horoscope

Tuesday, April 18, 1995

In the year ahead, you are likely to elevate your objectives and goals. This will be a good move because even if you fall short, which you're not likely to do, you'll still come out ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons you deal with today will treat you in an open, frank manner, provided they are sure you're not withholding information from them. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do things for others today out of the goodness of your heart, not because you expect them to do something for you in return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let your common sense and knowledge from past experiences guide you in your financial affairs today. A short memory might invite a costly mistake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things should work out as you anticipate today, provided you operate along the lines of least resistance. New methods could prove counterproductive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your acting will be pretty good today as someone who tries to upstage you may discover. This individual could learn a lot from you about stealing scenes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Financial conditions look encouraging today, provided you don't disassemble present arrangements. If it's not broken, don't fix it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Situations you view optimistically today can work out as you envision them. You mustn't let a card-carrying pessimist cloud your outlook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Study business and financial proposals from every angle today. Something may appear to be a bargain in one sense, but be very costly in a surprising way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who enjoys taking pot shots at others might make disparaging comments about an old friend today. Let this person know where your allegiance lies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be quite lucky today if you keep your attention riveted on a rewarding, practical objective. Try not to let impatience dilute your drive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might not handle petty problems very well today, but if large, complicated situations develop, you're apt to deal with them like an expert.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Excellent career opportunities may develop today, but you must follow through on them methodically if you hope to reap the benefits they offer.

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"I'm goin' out, but I know exactly what's in my basket."



"He certainly makes the most of spring, doesn't he?"

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



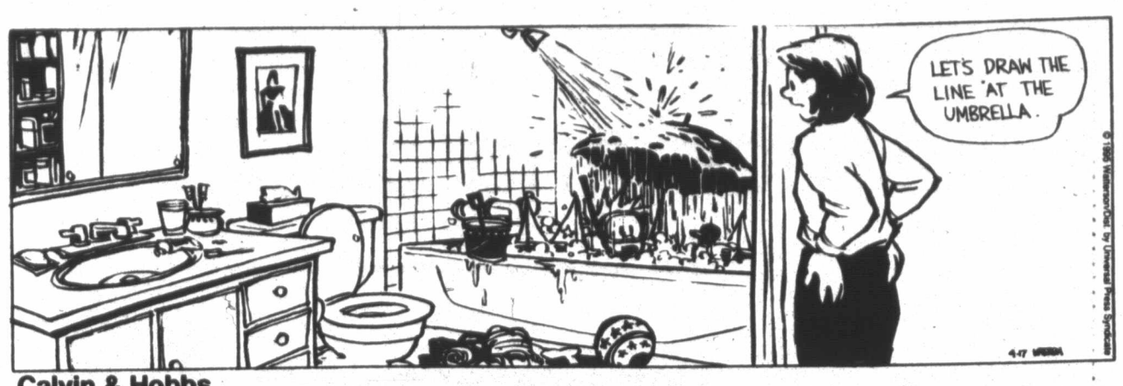
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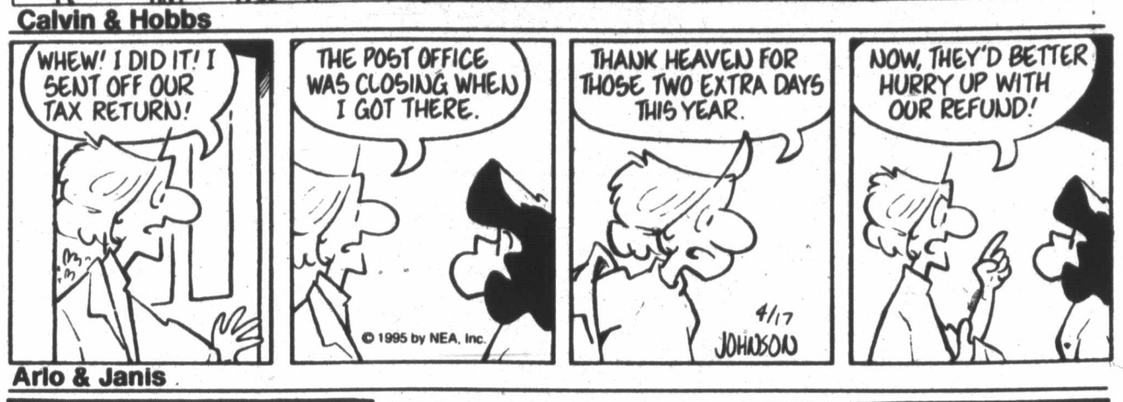
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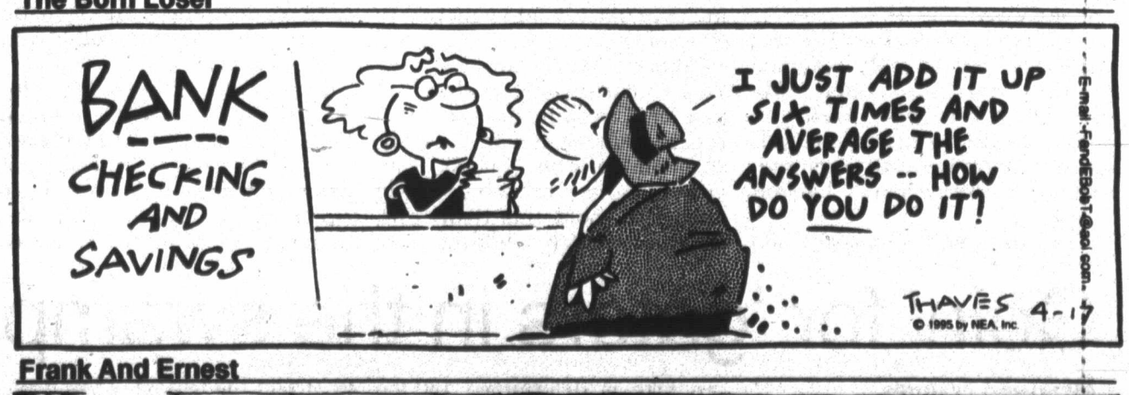
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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

CANYON — The Pampa High School doubles team of Billy DeWitt and Brooks Gentry place second in the District 1-4A Tournament last Saturday at West Texas A &M. Their finish qualifies each for a second consecutive trip to the Region 1-4A Tournament in San Angelo on April 24-25.

DeWitt and Gentry defeated Tom Jarecki and Tyler Merrick of Hereford, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-3, in the semifinals before falling to Hereford's B.J. Lockmiller and Pete Vargas, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, in a thrilling final. The duo then defeated Dumas' James Holland and Ross Jones in the second-place playback match, 6-3, 6-3, to improve their mark to 36-6 on the year.

Sophomore Cami Stone was defeated by eventual singles champion Dawna Denny of Borger in the semifinals and then by Borger's Lacey Jordan in the third place match. Stone finished the year with a 31-13 record.

The balance was evident as six of the district's seven schools qualified athletes for regionals, led by Hereford with four qualifiers. Borger, Pampa and Randall each had two qualifiers. Canyon and Dumas had one apiece.

HORSE RACING

HOUSTON (AP) — Sam Houston Race Park executives said today they were set to make a "major announcement" regarding a financial reorganization of the beleaguered Class I horse track.

Officials scheduled an afternoon news conference to discuss their plan to deal with an overdue debt payment and millions of dollars in losses that have mounted since the state's first big-time racetrack opened a year ago this month.

Byron Wade, a race track director an an attorney for majority shareholder Maxxam Inc., declined today to provide details in advance of the public announcement.

Sam Houston, an $84 million facility in northwest Harris County, opened last April 29 and struggled almost from the start with lower-than-expected attendance and average betting totals.

Purses and stakes races have been reduced dramatically and racing days have been slashed.

Top track management was swept aside in October and replaced by key Maxxam officials, including new president and general manager Jim Noteware.

The track defaulted on a $4.4 million debt payment in January and has been in negotiations with bondholders since late last year.

The state's second Class I horse track, Retama Park, opened April 7 on the outskirts of San Antonio after years of financial maneuvering by the track's lead developers, the Straus family of San Antonio.

Opening night attendance at the $79 million track was 29,631, surpassing an expected capacity crowd of 20,000. Total attendance for Retama's three-day opening weekend was 47,722 with a wagering total of $3.84 million.

Retama Park chairman Joe Straus Jr. repeatedly has said his track would try to avoid the problems that have plagued Sam Houston Race Park.

Track officials have conducted extensive marketing for months, including wagering seminars to help San Antonio residents learn about pari-mutuel betting.

BASKETBALL

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — When Los Angeles and Dallas played, the only tough matchup was on the boards. Otherwise, the Lakers had it all over the Mavericks.

Led by Cedric Ceballos' 33 points, the Lakers snapped a season-high four-game losing streak with a 125-111 victory Sunday night.

As the NBA's second-leading rebounding team, the Mavs controlled the boards 51-44, but fell apart in nearly every other phase of the game.

Jamal Mashburn was a key player in Dallas' four games against the Lakers this season. He scored 26 points Sunday night after averaging 31 points in three previous games. Roy Tarpley added 20 points and 18 rebounds.

But the two-man effort wasn't enough.

Jason Kidd, who had three triple-doubles in five previous games, had eight points, nine assists and four rebounds. His left shoulder ached after getting hit by Ceballos while making a layup.

"I knew I was done, but I didn't want to come out of the ballgame," he said. "I couldn't bring my left arm up, so I had to shoot it long and flat."

The loss likely ended any hopes the Mavericks had of making the playoffs. With four games remaining, the Mavs trail Denver by three games and Sacramento by two in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference berth.

While the Mavs barely are hanging on, the Lakers currently own the fifth seed in the conference playoffs.

Although the Lakers were outrebounded for the 10th time in their last 11 games, they pulled even in the second half against Dallas with each team getting 27 rebounds. The Lakers won the season series (3-1) for the 12th time in 15 years.

"In the one game that they beat us this year, that was the difference, they owned the offensive boards," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "But our guys accepted the challenge and did well, and that's what we have to do. You make it a priority and you can be an effective rebounder.

Fans treated to both old and new sights

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

The picture of Barry Bonds hitting a 470-foot home run, fans have seen before. The sight of Jose Canseco walking with a picket sign around his neck? Now that's new.

Canseco lent his support to locked-out major league umpires Sunday night, joining them on the picket line before the Boston Red Sox played Texas.

"You saw what the game was like without the real players. It's going to be the same thing without the real umpires," Canseco said.

"I don't know how much it's going to affect their negotiations," he said. "I would love to have an impact."

Eight umpires held informational picketing, wearing signs that said "Scabs Go Home" and handing out leaflets before the game in Fort Myers, Fla.

"It goes to show you right there that one of the prime players in the game is standing behind us," AL umpire John Hirschbeck said.

Canseco, who gave the plate umpire a stare after a called strike during the game, almost homered to left field in his next at-bat.

Bonds left no doubt, connecting for a long drive in San Francisco's game against the Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz.

Bonds has hit three home runs in four exhibition games for the Giants. He hit 37 homers last year in the strike-shortened season.

Ken Griffey Jr. also hit his third spring home run in just three games for the Seattle Mariners, a 360-foot shot against Milwaukee in Peoria, Ariz. He led the AL with 40 home runs last year.

"All three of his home runs have been hit to left field, and that's a good sign because it shows he's going with the pitch," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said.

Elsewhere, pitchers Orel Hershiser, Ted Higuera and John Burkett made their debuts with new teams with mixed results.

Hershiser looked good for two innings for the Cleveland Indians. He gave up one unearned run against Kansas City.

"Same thing in an Indians uniform as a Dodgers uniform," he said. "It's still 60 feet, 6 inches to the plate, still 90 feet to first. Still playing with a bunch of great guys."

Hershiser, 36, signed as a free agent this month.

Burkett, traded by San Francisco to Texas in the off-season and later signed as a free agent by the Florida Marlins, pitched four innings against the New York Mets. He allowed one run and struck out three.

Higuera, recently signed by San Diego after spending his whole career with Milwaukee, pitched two innings against Colorado. He allowed two runs on six hits.

Jimmy Key of the New York Yankees and Chan Ho Park of the Los Angeles Dodgers had sharp outings.

Key pitched five innings against Atlanta, allowing only one hit. He walked none and struck out two.

Key and Tony Fernandez were the only Yankees regulars who made the 45-minute trip from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to the Easter game in West Palm Beach, and that upset Braves general manager John Schuerholz.

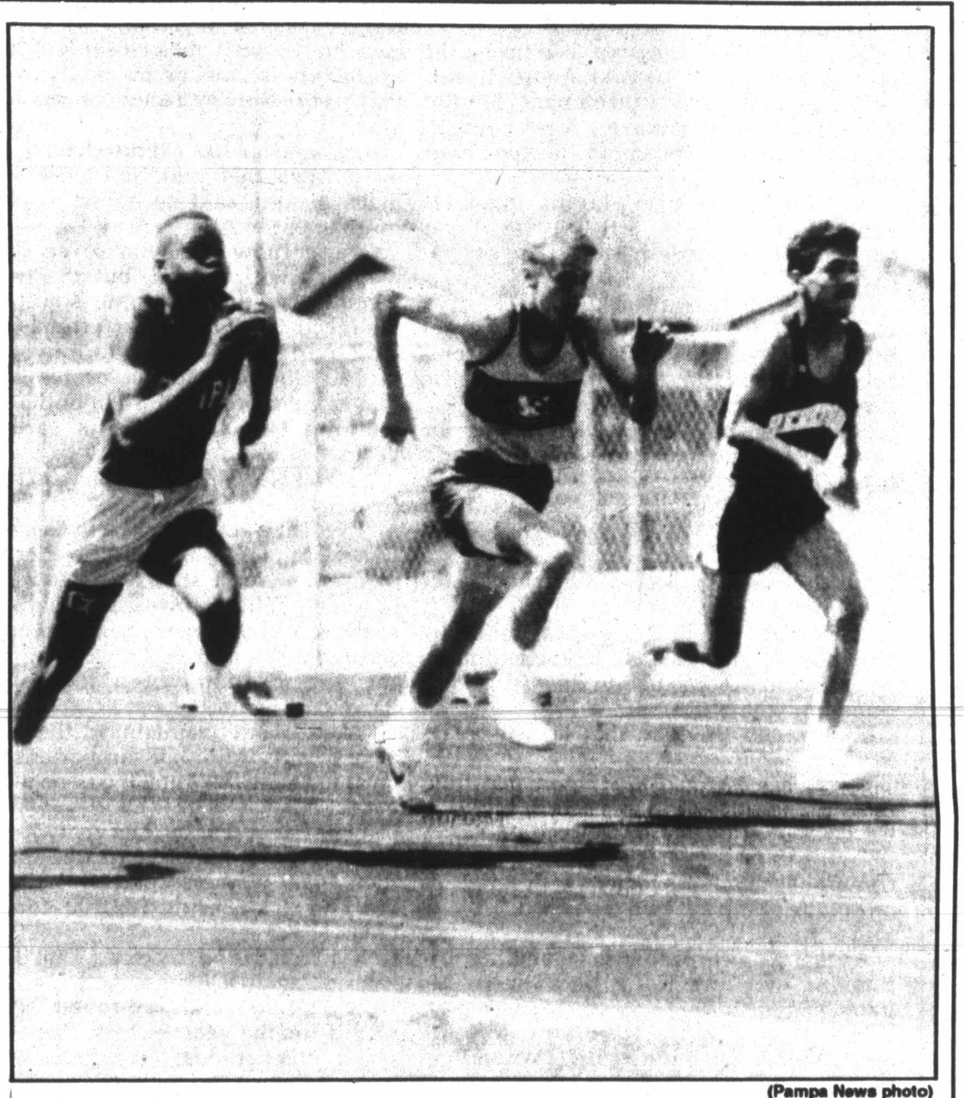
"I think it is bush," he said. "There are regulations that clearly specify how many regulars each team has to bring on road games in the spring. The Yankees don't have their own set of rules, but they must have felt like they did today."

For years, spring training guidelines have stated that visiting clubs must have four usual starters, not including the pitcher. That regulation was put into effect to ensure that fans who pay for a major league exhibition — not a "B" game or split-squad game — see top players.

Park pitched four innings and struck out five against Montreal. He gave up one hit, a home run by rookie Mark Grudzielanek, who connected twice in the game.

Park, the only player from South Korea ever to reach the majors, started last season with the Dodgers but spent most of the year in the minors.

At 21, Park is hoping to be in the rotation on opening day. He now uses a curveball, rather a slider which, he says, caused arm problems.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Coy Laury (left) sprints to a second-place finish in the 100.

Harvesters take second place behind Randall in 1-4A meet

CANYON — The Pampa Harvesters scored 105 points to take second in the District 1-4A boys track meet this past weekend.

The Harvesters qualified for regionals in eight events. Derahian Evans won the 400 and Coy Laury won the long jump for the Harvesters. They were both members of the winning 400-meter relay team which also included Tim Flelds and Shawn Lewis.

"I don't know of anybody who didn't better their times in the finals. The guys really competed well," said Pampa coach Tad Smith.

District 1-4A boys track meet at Canyon

Team totals: 1. Canyon, 169 1/2; 2. Pampa 105; 3. Randall 92; 4. Hereford 62 1/2; 5. Dumas 49; 6. Borger 43; 7. Caprock 25.

Long jump: Coy Laury, first place, 19-9 1/2.

Triple jump: Devin Lemons, second place, 42-9 1/2; Tim Fields, sixth place, 40-10.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Derahian Evans, Coy Laury, Tim Fields and Shawn Lewis), 42.78.

110 hurdles: Devin Lemons, second place, 14.97; Tim Fields, third place, 15.14.

100: Coy Laury, second place, 10.85; Shawn Lewis, fourth place, 11.07.

400: Derahian Evans, first place, 50.11.

300 hurdles: Tim Fields, second place, 40.50.

200: Derahian Evans, second place, 22.06; Coy Laury, third place, 22.19; Shawn Lewis, fifth place, 22.75.

1600: Josh Jones, fourth place, 4:56.27.

Free agency gives Rangers one of oldest pitching staffs

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — During last week's free agent signing frenzy, the Texas Rangers turned to some pitchers in mid-career in hopes of improving the performance on the mound this season.

As they've done in the past two seasons, the Rangers have assembled a staff of hurlers in their mid-30s while eschewing other younger, higher-priced talent.

New to Texas this spring are Mark Williamson, 35; Bob Tewksbury and Roger McDowell, both 34, and former Rangers closer Jeff Russell, 33. Add December acquisition Kevin Gross, 33, and Texas becomes one of the oldest staffs in the majors again.

Tewksbury, McDowell and Russell all came aboard last week.

"I'd be concerned if these guys were 36 or 37," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "Tewksbury is a little older, but he started his big-league career a little later. If you look at these guys, they're all in good shape and in good physical condition. For us to develop young guys, we had to go with some veterans."

The formula isn't new. Before the 1993 season, former general manager Tom Grieve added Charlie Leibrandt, 36; Tom Henke and Craig Lefferts, 35, and Bob Patterson, 33, to a staff led by a 46-year-old named Nolan Ryan. Leibrandt tore his rotator cuff, Lefferts and Patterson didn't contribute and Ryan spent most of his last major-league season injured.

Last season, Texas signed Rick Honeycutt, 40; Jay Howell, 39, and Bruce Hurst, 36, in another attempt to hire experience. All three were ineffective and Henke struggled as well as Texas slipped to 10 games below .500 when the strike ended the season last August.

Gross was 9-7 with a 3.60 ERA for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994, his first winning season since 1985. Tewksbury, McDowell and Russell all endured subpar seasons in 1994, each posting ERAs around 5.00. However, each had a career season in 1993, giving Melvin a ray of hope they'll return to form.

"With these guys, you hope that with a change of scenery, they can rebound," Melvin said. "They're professionals."

Pampa girls win district track title

CANYON — With their entire team intact, the Pampa Lady Harvesters were all set for the District 1-4A track meet.

Pampa racked up 147 points to win the district title, qualifying team members in 10 events for the regional meet.

"This was kind of a special win for us because of all the adversity we've been through. "I knew we had the potential," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "We just had to put it all together."

Until the district meet this past weekend, a rash of injuries had prevented the Lady Harvesters from fielding a complete team. It was quite a comeback for the Pampa girls, who bettered their times in almost every event.

All three relay teams had personal bests and hurdler Mechelle Abbott had her best times in both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Distance runner Marcy Leal, a senior, won both the 1600 and 3200.

"We're glad to have Marcy back," added Lopez. "She really gave us a boost."

The regionals are scheduled for the last weekend of April at San Angelo.

District 1-4A meet

Team totals: 1. Pampa 147; 2. Borger 113; 3. Canyon 111; 4. Randall 112; 5. Dumas 57; 6. Caprock 52; 7. Hereford 51.

Pampa results

Shot: Barbara Wine, second place, 33-7 1/4.

Long jump: Jamie Hutcherson, fourth place, 16-5 3/4; Tashia Wilson, sixth place, 15-9 1/2.

High jump: Mechelle Abbott, fourth place, 5-2; Regina Holt, fifth place, 5-0.

Triple jump: Nicole Brown, fifth place, 32-10; Alisha Tollerson, sixth place, 32-8.

3200: 1. Marcy Leal, first place, 12:17.38.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Renee Johnson, Alisha Tollerson, Jamie Hutcherson and Tashia Wilson), 49.77.

100 hurdles: Mechelle Abbott, first place, 15.13; Kim Sparkman, fifth place, 17.13.

100: Tashia Wilson, second place, 12.28; Alisha Tollerson, sixth place, 12.84.

800 relay: Pampa, first place (Regina Holt, Alisha Tollerson, Jamie Hutcherson and Tashia Wilson), 1:45.85.

400: Renee Johnson, second place, 61.12.

300 hurdles: 1. Mechelle Abbott, first place, 46.76.

200: Regina Holt, fourth place, 26.52; Jamie Hutcherson, fifth place, 27.25.

1600: Marcy Leal, first place, 5:39.10.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place, Renee Johnson, Mechelle Abbott, Oliva Castillo and Regina Holt), 4:10.14.

Floyd grabs PGA Seniors crown by five strokes

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Ray Floyd's memory is just fine, thank you, and that's not at all what Lee Trevino wanted.

"He has a good memory. I thought maybe he would have forgotten what happened to him last year," Trevino said Sunday.

Now Floyd can forget the 1994 back-nine collapse that let Trevino grab the PGA Seniors title from his faltering grasp.

This time, Floyd played almost flawless golf — finishing with a string of 14 consecutive pars — and confirmed his stature as one of the game's great front-runners as he converted a two-stroke lead into a five-shot victory, the largest winning margin on the Senior Tour this year.

"He started great and then just sort of coasted in," Trevino summarized.

It marked the fifth time Floyd has won in the six Senior Tour events he has led or shared the lead going into the final round.

While Trevino hoping for a repeat of the finishing troubles that plagued Floyd last year, Floyd said he wasn't even thinking about it.

"I put that behind me a year ago," he said. "I do not play in the past. I play in the present."

And he was very, very satisfied with the present.

"I'm thrilled; very happy with my performance," Floyd said after a solid, bogey-free, front-running 70 produced a 277 total, 11-under par on the Champion course at the PGA Resort.

Floyd, who had three runner-up finishes but no wins coming into this one, birdied the third hole from about 15 feet and the fourth from 8, then slammed the door with the long string of pars.

Floyd, now the winner of 10 Senior Tour events, said the victory was built on two factors: a 6-foot par-saving putt on the fifth hole — "anything could have happened there; I could have lost two strokes," he said — and "basically, no one mounted a challenge."

Jim Albus, a long time club pro, twice closed within three strokes on the front, but played the back in 40 and was not a factor down the stretch.

The man Floyd most feared, Jack Nicklaus, also got within three strokes when he birdied the fifth and sixth. But Nicklaus, playing in a fifth consecutive tournament for the first time in 25 years, was equally unable to sustain the challenge.

He bogeyed three consecutive holes late in the round, shot 74 and finished seven shots back at 284.

Trevino, on the mend from neck surgery and not yet a winner this year, birdied the last hole for a 71 and a tie for second at 282.

Scoreboard

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with Kevin Bass, outfielder, on a minor-league contract.

BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned Scott Wade, outfielder, to Pawtucket of the International League.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Ricky Jordan, first baseman, on a minor-league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Sent Larry Thomas, pitcher, and Glen DiSarcina, infielder, outright to Birmingham of the Southern League. Optioned Robert Ellis, pitcher; Chris Tremie, catcher; and Olmedo Saenz and Chris Snopek, infielders, to Nashville of the American Association and Mike Bertotti, pitcher, and Jimmy Hurst, outfielder, to Birmingham of Southern League. Named Gabe Morell visitors clubhouse manager and Joe McNamara Jr. visitors clubhouse assistant manager.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with David Bell, infielder; Joe Roa, Carlos Crawford, John Carter, Jim Lewis, and Chad Ogea, pitchers; and Brian Giles, outfielder, on one-year contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with Darren Bragg and Alex Diaz outfielders; Bobby Ayala, Jeff Nelson, Derek Lowe, Shawn Estes, Roger Salkeld and Kevin King, pitchers; and Giomar Guevara, infielder, on one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of Tim Davis and Bill Risley, pitchers.

TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned Mark Brandenberg, pitcher, to Oklahoma City of the American Association; and Kerry Lacy, Jerry Martin and Ritchie Moody, pitchers, and Guillermo Mercedes, shortstop, to Tulsa of the Texas League.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Paul Gibson, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.

National League

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with John Frascatore, Sean Lowe and T.J. Mathews, pitchers; Tripp Cromer, Darrell Deak, Mike Gulan, Aaron Holbert and Keith Johns, infielders; and Allen Battle and Terry Bradshaw, outfielders. Agreed to terms with Manuel Lee and Luis Rivera, infielders, on minor-league contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned Steve Whitaker, pitcher, to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League, and Marcus Jensen, catcher, and Andy Heckman, pitcher, to Shreveport of the Texas League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Activated Michael Adams, guard, from the injured list. Waived Tom Tolbert, forward.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed Benoit Benjamin, center, on the injured list. Activated Chris Morris, guard-forward, from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed Maurice Douglass, safety, to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled Chris Taylor, center, from Denver of the IHL and Eric Fichaud, goaltender, from Chicoutimi of the QMJHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled Rusty Fitzgerald, forward, from Cleveland of the IHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Sent Pat Peake and Martin Gendron, right wings, to Portland of the AHL.

TENNIS

Houston WTC Results

HOUSTON (AP) — Results Sunday of the Houston Women's Tennis Championships at the Westside Tennis Club (seedings in parentheses):

Singles
Final

Steffi Graf (1), Germany, def. Asa Carlsson, Sweden, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles
Final

Nicole Arendt, Gainesville, Fla., and Manon Bollegraf (1), Netherlands, def. Wiltrud Probst, Germany, and Rene Simpson, Canada, 6-4, 6-2.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	55	23	.705	—
x-New York	52	26	.667	3
Boston	34	44	.436	21
Miami	31	47	.397	24
New Jersey	28	50	.359	27
Philadelphia	23	55	.295	32
Washington	19	59	.244	36
Central Division				
x-Indiana	50	29	.633	—
x-Charlotte	48	30	.615	1 1/2
x-Chicago	44	34	.564	5 1/2
x-Cleveland	41	37	.526	8 1/2
x-Atlanta	40	39	.506	10
Milwaukee	31	47	.397	18 1/2
Detroit	27	51	.346	22 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	58	20	.744	—
x-Utah	56	22	.718	2
x-Houston	46	32	.590	12
Denver	38	40	.487	20
Dallas	35	43	.449	23
Minnesota	21	57	.269	37
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	55	22	.714	—
x-Phoenix	56	23	.709	—
x-L.A. Lakers	48	31	.608	8
Portland	40	37	.519	15
Sacramento	37	41	.474	18 1/2
Golden State	25	53	.321	30 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	62	.205	39 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth
Saturday's Games
Seattle 115, Golden State 99
Miami 123, Orlando 117
Boston 129, Detroit 104
Philadelphia 97, New Jersey 87
Washington 114, Milwaukee 110
Houston 98, Sacramento 84
Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 83
Phoenix 119, L.A. Lakers 114
Dallas 102, Portland 90
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 94, Charlotte 93
San Antonio 112, Denver 109, OT
Indiana 114, Minnesota 75
Chicago 111, New York 90
L.A. Lakers 125, Dallas 111

HOCKEY

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	23	13	4	50	131	113
New Jersey	20	14	7	47	117	102
Washington	17	16	7	41	102	96
N.Y. Rangers	18	19	3	39	109	105
Florida	15	19	5	35	93	105
Tampa Bay	5	22	3	33	101	114
N.Y. Islanders	12	23	5	29	101	134
Northeast Division						
x-Quebec	28	9	4	60	168	113
Pittsburgh	26	11	2	54	156	129
Boston	20	16	3	43	116	100
Buffalo	17	16	6	40	105	98
Hartford	17	18	5	39	110	115
Montreal	15	20	5	35	104	130
Ottawa	4	30	5	13	84	143
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Detroit	29	8	3	61	153	89
St. Louis	23	12	3	49	145	110
Chicago	19	17	3	41	129	99
Toronto	17	16	7	41	110	119
Dallas	15	19	6	36	110	102
Winnipeg	13	20	6	32	128	146
Pacific Division						
Calgary	21	15	5	47	141	116
Vancouver	15	15	9	39	125	122
San Jose	16	21	2	34	103	135
Los Angeles	13	19	7	33	125	150
Anaheim	13	22	4	30	99	139
Edmonton	13	23	3	29	107	148

x-clinched playoff berth
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 1
St. Louis 6, Detroit 5
Dallas 2, Chicago 0
San Jose 2, Los Angeles 0
Buffalo 2, Ottawa 1
New Jersey 3, Hartford 2

BASEBALL

Exhibition Baseball
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	3	1	.750
Minnesota	3	1	.750
Toronto	3	1	.750
California	2	1	.667
Oakland	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	2	.500
Kansas City	2	2	.500
New York	2	2	.500
Boston	1	2	.333
Seattle	1	2	.333
Texas	1	2	.333
Cleveland	1	3	.250
Detroit	1	3	.250
Milwaukee	0	3	.000
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	4	0	1.000
Chicago	4	0	1.000
Los Angeles	3	1	.750
Montreal	3	1	.750
Philadelphia	3	1	.750
Colorado	2	1	.667
New York	2	2	.500
St. Louis	2	2	.500
San Diego	1	2	.333
Atlanta	1	3	.250
Florida	1	3	.250
Houston	1	3	.250
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250
San Francisco	1	3	.250

Saturday's Games
Detroit 8, Kansas City 6
Minnesota 5, Boston 3
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 4, Montreal 2
Baltimore 7, Houston 6
Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 3
Los Angeles 8, Florida 2
Toronto 5, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2
California 5, San Francisco 3
Oakland 21, San Diego 6
Chicago Cubs 16, Milwaukee 7
Colorado 7, Seattle 4
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 5
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 3
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 13, Chicago White Sox 2
St. Louis 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 3, 1 innings
Toronto 11, Pittsburgh 8
Philadelphia 6, Baltimore 5
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago Cubs 17, San Francisco 7
Monday's Games
St. Louis vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. New York Yankees, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at West Plam Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. California at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 4 p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
California vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. N.Y. Yankees at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 7:35 p.m.

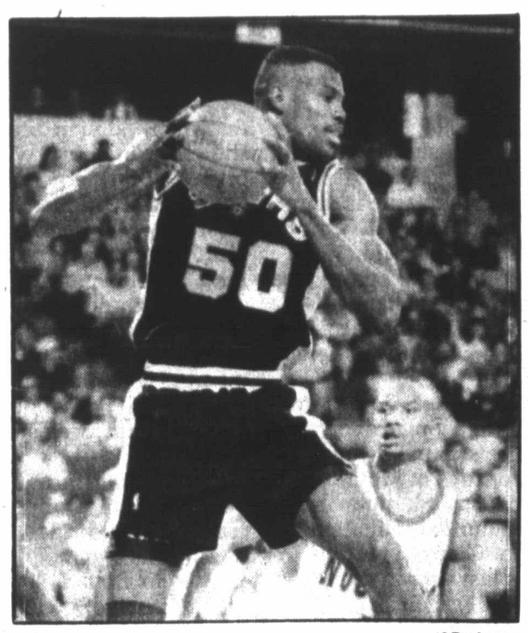
GOLF

PGA Seniors Par Scores

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Final scores Sunday in the $1 million PGA Seniors Championship on the 6,702-yard, par-72 Champion Course at PGA National Resort and Spa:

Ray Floyd	70-70-67-70	—277-11
John PaulCain	72-71-70-69	—282-6
Larry Gilbert	71-70-72-69	—282-6
Lee Trevino	72-70-69-71	—282-6
Graham Marsh	71-71-70-71	—283-5
Isao Aoki	70-69-73-71	—283-5
Bob Charle	70-75-68-70	—283-5
Jack Nicklaus	76-66-68-74	—284-4
Jim Colbert	69-69-71-76	—285-3
Bob Murphy	71-73-70-72	—286-2
Jim Albus	69-73-69-75	—286-2
George Archer	73-71-68-74	—286-2
Gibby Gilbert,	74-73-68-72	—287 -1
Bob Dickson	74-73-71-70	—288 E
Ed Sneed	73-73-69-73	—288 E
Dale Douglass	77-70-71-71	—289 + 1
Noel Ratcliffe	76-67-74-72	—289 + 1
J.C.Snead	71-70-76-72	—289 + 1
Terry Dill	72-72-71-74	—289 + 1
DeWitt Weaver	68-73-72-76	—289 + 1
Kermit Zarley	74-73-72-71	—290 + 2
Seiichi Kanai	73-75-71-71	—290 + 2
Bill Kennedy	72-70-76-72	—290 + 2
Harry Toscano	68-76-73-73	—290 + 2
Larry Ziegle	73-72-70-75	—290 + 2

Spurs turn back Nuggets in overtime



(AP photo)

The Spurs David Robinson pulls down one of his 14 rebounds.

DENVER (AP) — It's not often that the San Antonio Spurs get blown out, and it's just as rare when they blow a close game.

The Denver Nuggets found out why Sunday as they blew a 14-point first-half lead and then watched the Spurs come up big down the stretch for a 112-109 overtime win.

"I think we have so much confidence in close games that we would have won this game no matter what," said San Antonio coach Bob Hill. "We got some big stops and made some big shots.

David Robinson led the way with 42 points, 14 rebounds and a blocked shot in the waning seconds to help the Spurs move two games ahead of Utah for the best record in the Western Conference and the league.

"That was a very good win for us," Robinson said. "I don't know how we could come out flat with the great atmosphere, but we did. This has been too long of a march to give it up now."

The Nuggets, who had their three-game win streak snapped, nearly pulled off the upset when Dikembe Mutombo pulled down an offensive rebound with time running out, but Robinson blocked his shot and then hit two free throws with 1.5 seconds left to ice the game.

"That was a major mistake I made letting Mutombo get the rebound, so I had to make up for it by blocking the shot," Robinson said. "We can't make those little mistakes. We are the first-place team, and we have to play like it."

The Spurs, who have lost only five games by more than 10 points and have won 12 straight games decided by three points or less, will play the Nuggets again Tuesday. They vowed to come out with more intensity than they showed early Sunday.

"We need to win because we want to have home court advantage," Hill said, "so the Spurs should be more focused Tuesday."

That's bad news for the Nuggets as they fight with the Sacramento Kings for the last playoff spot in the conference. Denver leads the Kings by a game with four to play, and the two teams play each other in Denver to end the season Sunday.

"If the guys listen and we prepare, we can make things interesting," said Denver coach Bernie Bickerstaff.

Agassi bows to Courier in Japan Open

Four-time defending champ eliminated in women's division

TOKYO (AP) — Being No. 1 in the world is being a big target. Just ask Andre Agassi.

Playing his first tournament as the world's top-ranked player, Agassi fell to Jim Courier, who once held the spot himself.

"It's nice to see him playing this well again," Agassi said of Courier, "but I'm not too excited that it's at my expense."

Courier beat Agassi 6-3, 6-4 in a chilly wind in the Japan Open final Sunday as many of the 10,000 spectators cheered for Agassi to turn the match around.

Home favorite Kimiko Date, trying for her fourth straight Japan Open women's title, lost earlier Sunday to another American, Amy Frazier, who saved two set points in the first set and one in the second in a 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 triumph.

Besides the loss, Agassi also is also suffering with a sore back.

"I feel like I didn't play great today by any means," Agassi said. "Some had to do with the back, some had to do with conditions and the wind, and a lot had to do with Jim and the way that he was playing."

Agassi has been troubled by a back strain since preparations last month for the U.S. Davis Cup victory in Italy.

"You can't be casual or lackadaisical or compromise your movement with Jim. He's one of the best players in the world," Agassi said.

Agassi is skipping this week's tournament in Hong Kong because of his back.

"I'll get a lot of massage on it for sure and possibly some ultrasound. When I get back home, we'll get a closer look at it, but everybody seems to be pretty confident that rest is the key factor for me now," he said.

Agassi, who has captured three tournament titles this year and posted a 30-3 match record, said he hoped to play in a tournament in Atlanta May 1-7.

Courier now has won seven of his 11 meetings with Agassi, but the two were meeting for the first time since Courier won their U.S. Open quarterfinals clash in 1992. And before coming to Tokyo, No. 15-ranked Courier had not beaten a top 10 player in more than 10 months despite winning two tournaments earlier this year.

He beat No. 6 Michael Chang to reach the final here.

"I've had a good week. It makes me more hungry to play well," said Courier.

Agassi's No. 1 status wasn't in danger, however. Fellow American Pete Sampras, at the top for 82 weeks before dropping to second in the rankings a week ago, lost in the second round of a tournament in Barcelona, Spain.

Asked about maintaining the top spot, Agassi said, "I think it's important to focus on improving and not focus on maintaining."

Agassi had broken serve twice in the first set, but was broken three times, and then again in the second set's first game. He ended up with $82,100 for second place.

"I adapted and reacted. That's all you can do" against Agassi, said Courier, who won $156,000 and improved his match record for the year to 25-4. "At the end I was a little nervous, but I closed it out, so I feel a lot better."

In the women's final, Frazier, serving at 5-6 in the first set, survived two set points at 15-40. Then Date also fought off two set points in the tiebreak before netting a backhand.

Date, ranked eighth in the world, had another set point at 5-4 in the second set. But Frazier, ranked 18th, saved it with a forehand down the line and went on to win in 1 hour, 40 minutes.

Frazier, who improved her match record for the year to 13-6, received $25,000. Date, who is 18-3 with one tournament title and one runner-up finish this year, earned $12,000.

In Houston, top-seeded Steffi Graf crushed Sweden's Asa Carlsson 6-1, 6-1 to win the Houston Women's Tennis Championships.

Graf, No. 1 in the world, extended her unbeaten streak for 1995 to 18-0 in matches and 36-0 in sets played. It was her fourth tournament victory of the year and she has yet to be forced to three sets.

Graf's winner's prize was $79,000.

"I see some things that I can work on, but overall I haven't had too many troubles this week," Graf said. "I could concentrate better but I knew what I had to do to win the points and I did that."

Graf cruised through the injury-depleted field, losing only 12 games in four matches. Her longest match was a 6-2, 6-2 victory over defending champion Sabine Hack in Saturday's semifinals that took 1:15.

In Barcelona, Spain, Austria's Thomas Muster won his 19th consecutive final on clay by trouncing Sweden's Magnus Larsson 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in the Conde de Godo ATP tournament.

Stars maintain tight hold on playoff spot

DALLAS (AP) — If the Dallas Stars are to reach the playoffs for the second time in as many seasons, they'll need to take full advantage of their current six-game homestand, longest for the franchise since the 1983-84 season.

The Stars got the critical 10-day stretch off to a positive start Sunday, tightening their grip on the seventh playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 2-0 decision over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Mike Donnelly and Dave Gagner notched power play goals and Andy Moog stopped 24 shots for his 21st career shutout as the Stars snapped a two-game losing streak.

"We've got to do more than keep our heads above water," Gagner said. "We need to do more than stay ahead of the teams behind us. We need to take aim at the teams ahead of us."

One of those would be the faltering Blackhawks, who saw their losing streak stretched to seven games.

Dallas, which survived a physical game that included 170 penalty minutes, is seventh in the Western Conference with 36 points, three behind sixth-place Vancouver. Those teams meet Monday night at Reunion Arena.

The Blackhawks, tied with idle Toronto for the fourth Western Conference playoff spot (41 points), are 0-8-1 in their last nine games.

Chicago, 6-17-3 when it scores three goals or less, has managed only 12 goals during the current nine-game winless streak and its power play is 3-for-46 during that span.

"We had a lot of scoring chances ... again," Chicago coach Darryl Sutter said. "You can't win games 0-0. You've got to score to win and we've had our chances."

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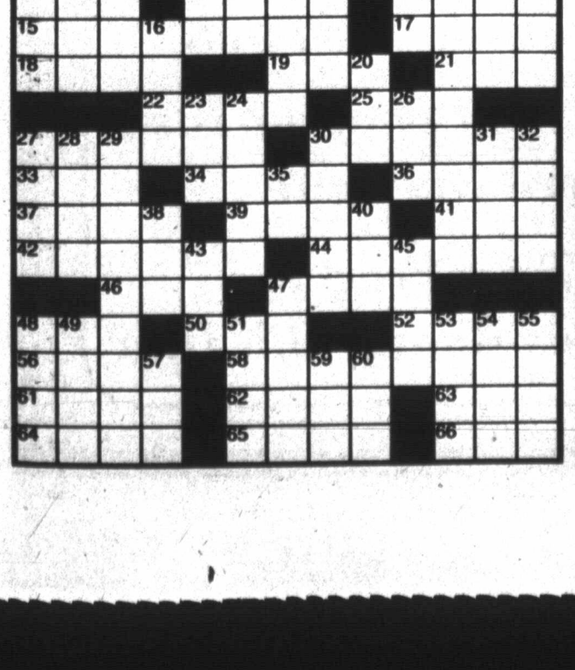
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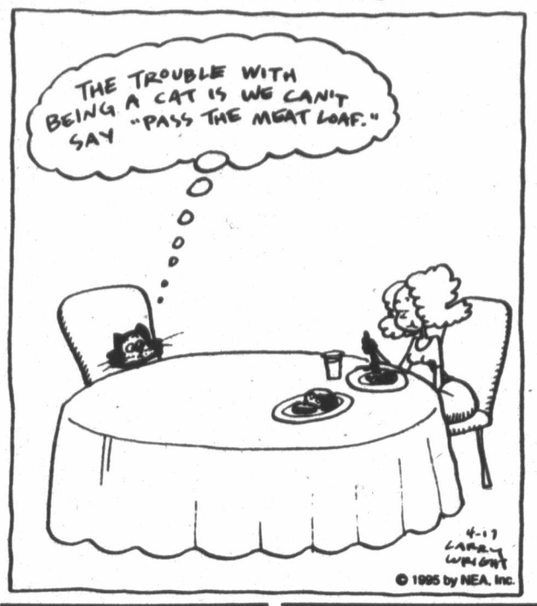
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Nearly three hours of every day devoted to meeting tax obligations

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Taxpayers jamming post offices to mail their returns before tonight's midnight deadline can ponder this: The typical American works almost until lunch time just to pay federal, state and local taxes.

According to the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research organization financed partly by corporations, the typical person devotes two hours and 46 minutes of every eight-hour work day to earn enough to pay taxes.

If that person starts work at 9 a.m., he or she would have earned enough to pay federal taxes at 10:49 a.m. and state and local taxes by 11:46 a.m.

Tax Foundation economist Patrick Fleenor said that taxes consume 34.4 percent of the typical person's gross income – 22.6 percent for federal taxes and 11.8 percent for state and local. That's a higher proportion of gross income than a typical American spends on food, clothing and shelter combined.

Looked at another way, the typical taxpayer this year must work 126 days to pay taxes, putting Tax Freedom Day – as the foundation calls it – on May 6, tied with last year for the latest ever.

The Tax Foundation, like many groups, uses today's IRS filing deadline – when Americans' minds are on taxes – to focus attention on their own views.

Its report, an annual tradition, is challenged by such groups as Citizens for Tax Justice, a labor-financed research organization, which points to the value received for tax dollars.

"The implication that somehow this money goes to Washington and disappears just isn't true," said Robert S. McIntyre, the group's director. "It shows up in roads. It shows up in a cleaner environment. It shows up in national defense, which I presume most of us want. It shows up in taking care of poor people. Every nickel that goes in comes back in some way or another."

McIntyre also said the foundation's use of statistics can be misleading. The U.S. tax system is progressive, meaning that wealthy people pay a much bigger proportion of their income than others on federal taxes. So any average is skewed, McIntyre said. He said a typical taxpayer actually pays less taxes than the Foundation asserts.

Tax Freedom Day occurs later in some states, earlier in others. Connecticut and New York residents have it the worst – May 24, or three hours and nine minutes out of an eight-hour day.

Alaska has the lightest tax burden: two hours and 17 minutes each day, and a Tax Freedom Day of April 14. The next lightest burden is in Mississippi – two hours and 21 minutes; April 17.

The Tax Foundation study, however, makes no attempt to measure the quality and amount of state and local services received in Connecticut and New York versus Alaska and Mississippi.

"If you take the example of Mississippi and Connecticut, what you get in Mississippi is basically what you pay for and what you get is not the range and depth of public services that you get in Connecticut," said economist Daphne Clones of the Corporation for Enterprise Development, a research organization that studies states' economic development.

"The more appropriate question is, 'Are you really getting your money's worth?' If your state's physical infrastructure is falling apart and you don't have an adequate education system, then what has a lower tax rate gotten you?" she asked.

As recently as 10 years ago, in 1985, Tax Freedom Day came a week earlier, on April 30. A decade ago, the tax bite also was eight minutes shorter at two hours and 38 minutes. In 1945, it was only an hour and 59 minutes.

On your mark ...



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

A line of parents and children get ready to begin an Easter egg hunt Saturday morning in Central Park. They were part of the large crowd showing up for the annual event presented by Radio Stations KGRO-KOMX and co-sponsoring merchants. It took only minutes for the crowd to locate the eggs, candy and prizes hidden on the park grounds.

Dennis Fung returns to witness stand

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Trouble, trouble, trouble. Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson trial hope to dig themselves out of it this week. The judge wants to get to the bottom of it.

Police criminalist Dennis Fung, after a grueling week under barbed defense questioning, returns to the witness stand today for considerably more friendly treatment by the prosecution.

So far, prosecution testimony has been aimed at showing motive and opportunity. Now the state must link Simpson to the forensic evidence – the bloody glove, a knit cap, blood spots and shoe prints. So far, all remain unconnected to anyone.

"This is the make-or-break portion of the prosecution case," said UCLA law professor Peter Arenella. "If they can't convince the jury they have reliable physical evidence to link Simpson to the murders, then the case is over."

Will the bloody glove found at Simpson's estate prove to match his blood and that of the victims? Will hairs in the ski cap show the same characteristics as Simpson's hair? And what about blood on the Bronco?

Answers will be up to DNA experts.

Deputy District Attorneys Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden called 39 witnesses to suggest that Simpson was obsessively jealous of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and that a careful examination of his movements on June 12 showed he had opportunity to kill her. They contend that her friend, Ronald Goldman was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Meanwhile, the defense has used cross-examinations to plant the seeds of its own theory: that Simpson fell victim to a police frame-up, and that key forensic evidence is unreliable because Fung's work was so sloppy.

Defense lawyers were so giddy over attorney Barry Scheck's attack against Fung that they poked fun at his Asian surname and handed out fortune cookies in court, drawing criticism from Asian American activists and police Chief Willie Williams.

After they have a chance to rehabilitate Fung's testimony this week, prosecutors plan to call Andrea Mazzola, a rookie criminalist who helped Fung collect blood and other evidence from Simpson's home and the crime scene.

Outside court, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has promised to interview each juror about claims of racial strife among jurors and preferential treatment by some deputies. The interviews are likely to be private.

Ito also plans to take up claims of misconduct by attorneys on both sides, and decide whether to impose sanctions. Ito said on Friday that he would instruct jurors that prosecutors unfairly withheld a document, but prosecutor Marcia Clark got him to wait he until he hears more arguments on Wednesday.

Police unearth infant's remains after 27 years

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) – Police opened a murder investigation into the death of a baby boy after his mother came forward and accused her father of burying the infant alive 27 years ago.

Sharon Moore, 39, told police Saturday that she gave birth to the boy in her bathroom when she was 12 and that her father tried to drown the baby, police Lt. Steve Graham said.

When that didn't work, he buried him alive in the back yard, Moore said.

Police found mostly intact skeletal remains of an infant after four hours of digging, Graham said. The bones will be turned over to the medical examiner's office this week.

Moore decided to come forward after a lengthy argument with her boyfriend, who encouraged her to tell authorities, relatives said.

Her father, Paul Corvin, 63, checked into the hospital with chest pains Saturday night after another of his daughters called to tell him about the investigation, police said.

He was in the cardiac intensive care unit of Highlands Hospital in Connellsville, Pa., today in satisfactory condition, nursing supervisor Frances Longell said.

Police don't consider Moore responsible for the baby's death and no charges were filed over the weekend against the father, but the investigation continues, police Lt. Chris Yannuzzi said.

Civil War ledgers found in prison basement

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) – Security officer James Bailey only went into the basement of the state's 122-year-old prison to clear out the piles of junk deemed a fire hazard.

What the history buff found as he cast his flashlight across scurrying vermin and piles of paper was a treasure trove of Civil War memorabilia – books containing battlefield maps, enlistment papers of volunteers, and orders written with quill and ink.

"I started working through the pile," Bailey said. "There were a lot of old prison commitment books from the early 20th century. And then I found this one book with ornate lettering. It said 'Special Order, Second Regiment, RIV.' "

It was the hardcover handwritten orders of Elisha Hunt Rhodes and his Civil War regiment of Rhode Island volunteers. The book dated from May 30, 1861, to April 22, 1864.

Rhodes became a familiar figure to the 14 million viewers of Ken Burns's 1990 television documentary, *The Civil War*. Burns relied heavily on Rhodes's diary, which was first published in 1865. Rhodes survived the war and afterward started a textile supply mill in Cranston.

"I was overwhelmed," Bailey said. "I immediately recognized the historical significance of this book."

He called in state archivist Gwenn Stearn who joined Bailey in the search, and they found another Civil War-era book containing, in addition to orders and maps, log entries from commanders. Some entries were critical – annoyed with "straggling" and liquor among enlisted men – while others were congratulatory.

"Comrades! Salem Heights might well be inscribed upon you(r) banners. Your bravery saved the New Jersey reg't in the woods from complete annihilation or certain capture. When other Reg'ts were being driven back in disorder, your bold and determined Advance and Your unfaltering pertinacity till Support could arrive completely checked an enemy well nigh victorious," read an entry.

"Though your loss was heavy, the 3rd of May was a bright day for the honor of the Reg's. Your native state may well be proud of You...Col. H. Rogers, Jun, Near Fredericksburg, May 10, '63."

How the books made their way to the maximum-security prison basement is a mystery.

Band of criminals terrorize couples on 'lovers lane'

EL PASO (AP) – A mountain overlook popular with El Paso-area couples seeking romance became a scene of horror during the weekend, police said.

A woman was raped, a man was beaten and another man was shot in violent rampages on Trans Mountain Drive early Sunday, police said.

Investigators suspect the two incidents were the work of same small group of men.

In one incident, a couple was abducted at gunpoint and driven into the desert, where the woman was raped and the man was beaten before their assailants drove away in the victims' pickup.

An hour later, two men attacked another couple in their car, shooting one of them as they fled.

The two vehicles stolen in the attacks were later found together, badly burned, in Anthony, on the Texas-New Mexico border. That prompted police to suspect the incidents were related.

Police withheld the identities of all four victims. The shooting victim remained hospitalized Sunday night, while the woman who was raped and the man who was beaten were treated and released.

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