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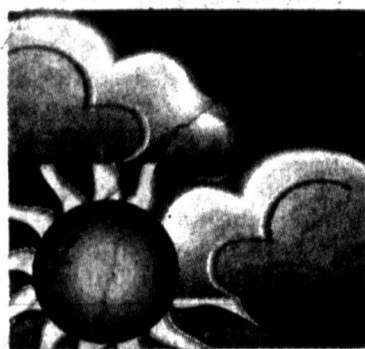
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PAMPA — There's still time to buy tickets for Saturday night's Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Benefit Dance at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 per couple in advance; \$30 at the door. Set-ups, snacks and casino fun included. There's a Mardi Gras theme. Dress is casual, formal or costume. Proceeds fund scholarships at PHS. The dance starts at 8 and ends at midnight. Music will be provided by Shawn Lancaster and the Kracker Jack Band. For tickets, call 665-5158 or 665-5855.

PAMPA — A reception for local and visiting china painters will be Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn. There will be demonstrations of china painting as well as displays of works by various local artists. For information call Floye Christensen at 665-3618.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas was a leader in last weekend's Great '98 Backyard Bird Count, a national effort to learn the El Nino weather phenomenon's effect on bird migrations.

Texans reported the most species of any state, with 80, and had the second-highest number of bird observations, with 492. Only New York had more.

- **Finis Crutchfield Gee, 62**, retired Pampa Fire Department fireman.
- **Cecil L. Lewis, 79**, retired employee of Northern Natural Gas Co.
- **Jamie Murchison, 77**, retired bookkeeper.
- **Bernard T. "Shorty" Smith, 92**, retired employee of Cities Service.

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Republican candidates at Monday night's meeting included, on the front row (from left), Judge Richard Peet, Becky Kendall, Kerrick Horton, Melvinia Stocking, James Hefley, Joe Lowry, Steve Emmert, Mayor Bob Neslage, Susan Winborne, Scott Hahn, Susan Tripplehorn, and Mary Ann Carpenter.

GOP candidates state their cases

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

At a gathering of local Republican office seekers Monday night there were some minor fireworks but no real surprises as the party faithful listened to speeches and answers to questions.

Extra time was given to Steven Emmert who is running unopposed for the Republican nomination for 31st District Judge. He faces sitting Judge Lee Waters and the Republicans have dubbed it an important race.

The two candidates seeking the county clerk job, Susan Tripplehorn and Susan Winborne joked together as each explained why she was more qualified for the job.

Judge Richard Peet began by saying, "I must be aware of the difference between eye-witness facts and hearsay because truth can be perverted through hearsay."

His challenger, Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage, spoke of his military career and how he believed it prepared him for office.

In the question and answer session for the two candidates, someone asked, "Do you support a pig farm in Gray County?"

Both candidates appeared to bristle at the question and both responded that they do not support a pig farm. But each said a hog processing plant would be a great asset to the area.

Seaboard Farms announced last week that Gray County is being considered for a processing plant but a PEDC spokesman quoted Seaboard officials as saying they are not interested in



Dr. Joe Lowry (left), candidate for chairman of the Gray County Republican Party, and Susan Tripplehorn, county clerk candidate, were among forum speakers.



placing pig farms in this area. Both Peet and Neslage made a trip to Guymon to view the processing plant there and both said there was no unpleasant odor

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Swim teams ask for timer funding

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Parent representatives from the district's swim team approached Pampa ISD board members last week to propose a cooperative effort between the district and the team's Booster Club for the purchase of an electronic timing system.

"They want real times; even if they improve by half a second it's a big thing," Swim Coach David Pink said. "Everywhere we meet, timing systems are a given."

A group of about 20 people — consisting of parents and swim

team supporters — appealed to the board for a \$5,500 financial commitment to aid the organization with the purchase of an electronic timing system.

Parent representative Roger David, with the assistance of Coach Pink, briefed the board with the details.

There are currently 45 swimmers from the middle and high schools who comprise of the team, David began.

Interest in the swim team has grown by leaps and bounds, he revealed.

Sixty students tried out for the team at the beginning of the season, but for pool availability rea-

It would certainly help us ... enable us to attract other teams to compete here, said parent representative Roger David. "Our kids didn't have a single meet in Pampa this year and deserve to show off to the folks here."

sons, only 45 could be chosen.

Three years ago there were nine girls from the middle school on the team and last year there were 10 boys and 10 girls, Pink said.

This year the high school has

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Oprah's defense rests after four days

Rebuttal witnesses next up

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The defense team representing Oprah Winfrey in a beef defamation trial rested its case this morning, after just over four days of testimony.

Attorneys closed by calling a witness who told jurors that the Texas cattlemen who are the plaintiffs in the case were actually better off after Ms. Winfrey's show about mad cow disease.

Bettina Whyte said Monday and today that even if Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show on "dangerous foods" caused a dip in the cattle market — a hypothetical argument defendants don't believe — cattlemen would have profited off cheaper cattle prices.

This morning, the plaintiffs brought back cattle market expert Wayne Purcell to refute the testimony.

He said that figures presented by the defense were misleading because the data relied on a single day's market. Using figures

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Quite frankly... Some of Lisa Petty's White Deer fourth-grade students exiting the Artrain were asked their opinions of the exhibits on board.



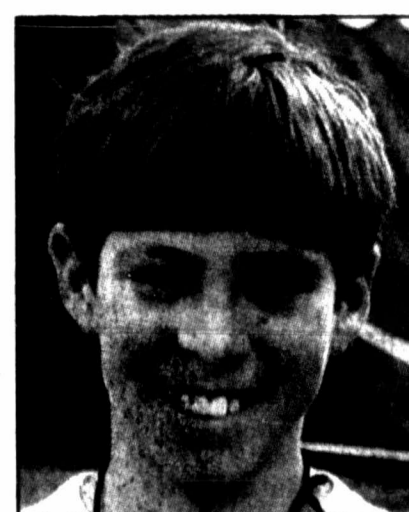
"It was neat. The artists formed pottery upside down."

— Trevor Benson



"It was great and weird. It brings out alot of realism and not realism."

— Joshua Cochran



"I liked the computer part."

— Sean Holly



"It was cool and had all those neat paintings ... it looked like paint was thrown on them."

— Haley Milton



"It was awesome because it had neat pictures."

— Angela Cobb

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Daily Record

Obituaries

FINIS CRUTCHFIELD GEE

GRiffin, Ga. — Finis Crutchfield GEE, 62, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. GEE was born Sept. 2, 1935, at Sunset, Texas. He married Della Altman on June 1, 1957, at Pampa. He had been a longtime Pampa resident prior to moving to Florida and Georgia. He was a fireman with the Pampa Fire Department, retiring in 1987 after 30 years of service. He was also a master plumber and owned-operated GEE's Plumbing from 1976-1987. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include Della, of the home; two daughters, Lynette Maciel of Pampa and Carla Price of Okeechobee, Fla.; three sons, Calvin GEE and Bertie GEE, both of the home; and Buford GEE of Palm Beach Gardens; his mother, Navella GEE of Pampa; a sister, Rosetta Miller of Amarillo; three brothers, Marlin GEE of Pampa and Roland GEE of Guttenburg, Iowa; and five grandchildren.

CECIL L. LEWIS

Cecil L. Lewis, 79, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 23, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lewis was born May 19, 1918, in Roberts County, Texas, to Gray County pioneers John and Ruth Lewis. He attended Pampa schools in the early 1920s and 30s. He married Bonnie Rose Stone on March 4, 1950, at Pampa. The couple made their home in Pampa until moving to Eldorado in 1963, returning to Pampa in 1980. He worked for Northern Natural Gas Company, retiring in 1980 after 30 years of service. He was a member of The Carpenter's Church.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie, of the home; three sons, Ralph E. Lewis of Cupertino, Calif., Jimmy E. Lewis of Amarillo and Cecil A. Lewis of Pampa; two sisters, Leona Cole of New Orleans, La., and Mary Fern Ussery of Eldorado; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

JAMIE MURCHISON

AUSTIN — Jamie Murchison, 77, mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998, at Seton Hospital following a lengthy battle with cancer. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Mausoleum Chapel of Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery at Pflugerville, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home of Pflugerville.

Mrs. Murchison was born Aug. 5, 1920, to John and Faby Willie. She graduated from Austin High School and briefly attended the University of Texas. She was a bookkeeper for several firms in Austin prior to retirement.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her husband, Paul A. Murchison; and by a sister, Dorothy Erwin.

Survivors include three sons, John Forister of Pampa, Bill Hoffman and Gary Hoffman, all of Austin; a sister, Johnny Durham of Austin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

BERNARD T. 'SHORTY' SMITH

LEFORS — Richard T. "Shorty" Smith, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 23, 1905, at Childress. He married Celia Ward Smith on Nov. 16, 1946, at Shamrock; she died April 22, 1987. He had been a Lefors resident and an employee of Cities Service, for 37 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving with the SeaBees during World War II and was stationed in the Bermudas, seeing action at Iwo Jima.

Survivors include a niece, Ann Steppes of Amarillo; and two nephews, Joe S. Smith, Jr., of Amarillo and Clyde Smith of Childress.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Monday, February 23

Juan Ruben Abriso, 21, 1005 Varnon, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle.

Oaty Roderick McCain, 68, 1000 Denver, was arrested for public intoxication.

Injury to an elderly person was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee.

The theft of a pair of \$100 boots from Skateland was reported.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, February 23

Javier Perez, 25, Miami, was arrested for theft of property by check.

Charles Martinez, 65, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Lorena Rodriguez, 24, was arrested for failure to appear and expired registration.

Ambulance

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

Monday, February 23

10:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a doctor's office in Amarillo.

6:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Kingsmill and Hobart on an automobile accident. No one was transported.

Tuesday, February 24

1:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Banks and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Monday, February 23

10:41 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to Columbia Medical Center on a false alarm.

6:09 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 800 block of Kingsmill on an automobile accident.

Tuesday, February 24

6:30 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of W. Kentucky on a medical assist.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.96	Chevron	78	up 1
Milo	4.10	Coca-Cola	68 9/16	dn 5/8
Corn	4.61	Columbia/HCA	25 15/16	dn 3/16
Soybeans	5.98	Enron	44 9/16	dn 7/16
		Halliburton	43 1/4	dn 1/4
		IRI	11 7/16	NC
		KNE	50 13/16	dn 5/16
		Kerr McGee	64 7/8	up 3/16
		Limited	28 15/16	dn 7/16
		Mapco	54 3/4	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	52 7/16	dn 7/16
		Mobil	70 3/16	up 3/16
		New Atmos	28 1/8	dn 3/8
		NCE	46 1/4	dn 1/16
		Penney's	68	dn 3/8
		Phillips	45 3/4	dn 1/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	21 7/8	NC
		SLB	71 15/16	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	40 13/16	dn 1
		Texaco	54 11/16	dn 1/4
		Ultramar	34 1/2	dn 1/4
		Wal-Mart	46 13/16	up 5/8
		New York Gold	291.40	up 5/8
		Silver	6.36	up 5/8
		West Texas Crude	15.19	up 5/8

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

Occidental	25 1/4	up 3/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	102.43	dn 1/8
Puritan	20.12	dn 1/8

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

Amoco	83 3/16	dn 1/8
Arco	74 1/16	up 1/8
Cabot	32 15/16	up 5/16
Cabot O&G	20	dn 1/8

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Correction

The Pampa News gave the wrong name for Dr. Laxman Bhatia. Kevin Hall is no longer associated with Rural/Metro. Also, Anna Seitz (left) and Kay Harris were incorrectly identified as Margie Moore and Bethel Walker on page one of yesterday's paper.

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SWIM

11 swimmers and there are 34 students at the middle school level, he added.

"Judging from what the kids said, there will be 14 freshmen on the team next year," said Pink.

"But we have no timing system," Roger David told the board at the top of the presentation.

We need a timing system — a set of touch pads put against the pool walls that electronically monitor a swimmer's exact time, David said.

The team would use the new system, "instead of stop watches, which are a very unreliable system and basically not used in meets anymore," Pink said.

"We need some help and are respectfully asking that," David said. "I don't believe the swim team has come to the board for any kind of money before."

"We're not trying to get ahead," Coach Pink said. He said he realized all of the district's organizations work under tight budgets. But we want to compete against other 5A teams, he said, and a timing system is crucial to compete.

It would certainly help us ... enable us to attract other teams to compete here in Pampa, said David.

"Our kids didn't have a single meet in Pampa this year and deserve to show off to the folks here," he said.

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reflecting weeks would have been more accurate, Purcell said.

"Both the cattle feeding segment and the meat packing segment tend to operate on a weekly horizon," Purcell said.

Purcell also disputed another defense expert's testimony last week that rejected Purcell's theory that Ms. Winfrey's show caused the market decline, calling it mathematically incorrect.

In their lawsuit against Ms. Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist guest, cattlemen say the program cost them \$11 million.

Plaintiff attorneys spent hours Monday cross-examining Ms. Whyte after her testimony.

"Is it your contention that, as a result of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,' that Cactus Growers (owned by plaintiff Paul Engler) actually benefited to the tune of \$421,000?" Engler attorney Mike St. Denis asked.

"In fact, they did," answered Ms. Whyte, a damage specialist who has testified in dozens of federal court cases. She once even worked for David Mullin, who in this case represents cattleman Bill O'Brien.

Ave Tucker, a plaintiffs' expert and a former co-

Other teams have expressed concern over the Pampa swim team's lack of an electronic timing system, he said, and most meets are generally not held here.

The total price package of the system is \$11,000. David said he and his wife have acquired a house in town which they are "fixing up" to sell. The profits of the house will be donated to the swim team toward the purchase of a timing system.

David and Pink assured the board that the system, which is portable, would be locked up safely at the Pampa Youth & Community Center where they practice.

"It will help the kids in practice ... it will be used much more than just in meets," Pink said.

"Our equipment budget is \$1,250, and \$780 was used for swim suits," Pink said when asked by the board how the usual budgeted money for the team is used. The remaining portion of the money goes towards equipment like kick boards, hand paddles, etc.

The board made no decisions at last Tuesday's meeting concerning the proposal. And when asked for a time frame on when a decision could be expected, Superintendent Dawson Orr reminded the group that the budget process for next year is not completed until late in the summer.

"The team operates with one coach on a shoestring budget. They work really hard, but we really do need some help," David said.

worker of Ms. Whyte's, earlier testified that Ms. Winfrey's show cost Engler and his company \$6.5 million. O'Brien's Texas Beef Group claims \$4.5 million in losses.

Tucker figured the cattlemen could have earned at least a \$62 per hundredweight price for the 2 1/2 months after April 16 if not for the show. Ms. Whyte based her calculations on a \$59 price for the three weeks following.

"When there's a greater volume to look at, don't you get a better idea of the market?" Mullin asked.

Ms. Whyte responded that her study of five months' worth of cattle trading showed that fair market value didn't necessarily rely on large sales volume.

Whyte was questioned again by defense attorneys today after plaintiffs attorneys cross-examined her.

The show came a month after the British government attributed a handful of human deaths there to eating meat tainted with mad cow disease, which has never been discovered in the United States.

Cattlemen say the program unfairly made U.S. cattle appear vulnerable to mad cow disease.

Accompanying Ms. Winfrey for the first time in court Monday was longtime friend Gayle King, who sat nearby and sometimes exchanged whispers during lulls in the action.

Students killed in crash; Mother kills self

WHITEHOUSE, Texas (AP) — The mother of an exchange student killed in a car crash committed suicide when she learned of her son's death in Texas, school officials said.

Ryszard Spakovsky, 17, from Kosice, Slovakia, one of two high school students killed Friday night in a three-car crash in East Texas.

"After becoming a parent myself, I realized that the greatest grief would be to lose a child," said George Ann O'Bannon, school counselor. "I can't imagine losing a child when he has been away from home in another country."

Spakovsky, known as Richard, was remembered Monday in a memorial service as having a positive outlook on life.

A junior, he arrived in the United States in August. Tiffany Michelle Johnston, 16, of Tyler, was also killed in the crash.

Johnston, a sophomore honor student, was a member of the drill team and drama club. She was known as being very upbeat and spirited.

Funeral services for Miss Johnston were held Monday and Spakovsky's remains will be returned to Slovakia.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy and windy today with a high of 72 and winds from the southwest at 15-25 and gusting higher this afternoon. Tonight, showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe, with a low of 40. Tomorrow, cloudy, colder and windy with scattered light rain and a high of 50.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Breezy with a low 40 to 45. South wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Chance of rain 60 percent. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and windy with a 40 percent chance of rain. A high 50 to 55. Northwest wind 20-30 mph and gusty. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Breezy with a low 45-55. Wednesday, becoming very windy. Areas of blowing dust possible. Partly cloudy and cooler with a high 55-65. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Breezy with a low around 55. Wednesday, partly cloudy, becoming windy and cooler. High 65-70. Far West Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the

mid 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Lows near 40 to mid 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs from the low 50s mountains to near 70 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Windy west and central with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 53 to 60. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and windy. A chance of thunderstorms west. Thunderstorms likely central and east, some storms may be severe. High 62 to 72.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with intermittent drizzle after midnight. Lows in the lower 60s, lower 50s Hill Country. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the lower and mid 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s inland to near 60 coast. Wednesday, cloudy and breezy with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms, some possibly severe with large hail and damaging winds. Highs in the mid 70s inland to near 70 coast.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Wind advisory today in much of the central mountains and northeast quarter. Tonight, winter storm watch northern and west central mountains, Sandia/Manzano mountains, central high plains and northeast highlands. Cloudy with occasional snow showers, possibly heavy, northern and western mountains and central high plains. Scattered showers changing to snow showers central valleys and northwest and a chance of showers east and south. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s mountains and north with mid 30s to mid 40s lower elevations south. Wednesday, high wind watch east. Moderate to strong winds statewide, winds strongest across the east. Scattered rain and snow showers mountains and north, partly cloudy south. Cooler with high 30s and 40s mountains and north with 50s to mid 60s south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly west. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Windy with high in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly southeast. Lows in the upper 20s northwest to lower 40s southeast.

City briefs

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St. Matthew's outlines Lenten activities

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, will host this year's Lenten Meditations, 12 noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent — beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25 - April 1.

A light lunch, soup with bread or crackers and dessert will be served in the parish hall after meditations.

The Rev. Jake Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's and the Rev. Ed Cooley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Rev. Cooley will lead the noon observance of Ash

Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. There will also be a 7 p.m. observance at St. Matthew's with the Rev. Clemmens officiating.

Additional meditations for a Quiet Day are planned at St. Matthew's on Wednesday, March 4. Holy Eucharist is scheduled at 10 a.m., Open Meditation from 11-12 p.m., soup luncheon and meditation from 12-1 p.m. and Closing Meditation from 1-2 p.m. The Rev. Robin Gantz, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will give the meditations for the day.

Seven children sickened by E. coli in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Seven children, including five who attend the same day care, have been sickened by E. coli bacteria. One was critically ill.

The critically ill 18-month-old was hospitalized, Dr. Kim Thorburn of Spokane Regional Health District said Monday. The others were not as sick

and were not hospitalized.

The children range in age from 18 months to 6 years old, she said.

Of the seven cases in Spokane, five are among the 154 children who attend the downtown YMCA day care center, Thorburn said. Another is the cousin of a day care attendee.

Food drive winners



(Community Camera photo)

The following classes won the recent USDA Food Drive which netted a total of 3,000 pounds of food: Mrs. Kuhn's first grade class, Wilson Elementary, top; Mrs. Simpson's fourth grade class, middle; and Mrs. Wells's third grade class.

CINEMA

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Titanic	7:00	(PG-13)
The Wedding Singer	7:30	(PG-13)
Sphere	7:00	(PG-13)
Good Will Hunting	9:00	(R)
Mr. Magoo (Held Over)	7:10	(PG)

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GOP

from the plant.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said challenger Gene W. Lewis previously stated his wishes to eliminate the position.

But Lewis, in later interviews, has said he isn't sure he still wants to do that. Hahn showed a copy of a state statute that requires elected officials who advocate eliminating an office to refuse any salary. Lewis indicated at the forum he no longer supports abolishing the office.

When county Republican Chair Tom Mechler spoke of what he views as accomplishments, he turned to a reporter from *The Pampa News* and asked

to be off the record before saying in the public meeting, "I don't even think the Democrats will have a primary in four years."

His opponent, Dr. Joe Lowery, said he believes the primary difference between himself and Mechler is the issue of abortion. Mechler describes himself as pro-life.

While Lowry said he does not personally favor abortion, he is not in favor of the government regulation of abortion. He said he will advocate whatever position the majority of his party members choose.

Many of the unopposed candidates asked that the audience of around 150 at M.K. Brown Auditorium to vote for them to show their support heading towards the November general election.

Starr subpoenas Clinton aide over contacts with reporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is being accused of trying to silence his critics by seeking grand jury testimony from a White House aide and presidential lawyer concerning their contacts with reporters.

The attorney, Mickey Kantor, successfully argued attorney-client privilege to fight off an attempt by Starr to subpoena him. Senior White House aide Sidney Blumenthal was scheduled to appear before a grand jury today, though his attorney hoped to quash the subpoena first.

"I'm incensed, outraged," Blumenthal said Monday night.

The move by Starr escalates an already tense situation between the prosecutor's office and backers of President Clinton. Starr wants to know whether the president had an affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky and tried to cover it up.

Both the president's attorney and Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers have accused Starr's office of illegally leaking of secret grand jury evidence. Last week, stories began to surface about the backgrounds of two Starr prosecutors who played key roles early in the Lewinsky investigation.

News reports cited court records indicating that both prosecutors had supervised earlier cases in which prosecution conduct was sharply criticized by courts.

Starr apparently is looking into whether there is an effort at the White House to obstruct his investigation.

Eager to shift focus from Clinton's refusal to explain his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, presidential advisers clearly hoped to benefit from the latest subpoenas by portraying Starr as out of control. The prosecutor's office had no immediate comment Monday night.

"This subpoena is an assault on the First Amendment," Blumenthal said. "Ken Starr has demanded me to name every one of my contacts

with reporters, what I spoke to them about, details of my conversations and my phone logs — reporters' names."

His attorney, Jo Marsh, said the broad subpoena served Friday sought information on any conversations or documents pertaining to Starr's office.

Marsh said she would argue that Starr has exceeded his authority "in order to silence his critics." If she fails to quash the subpoena, Marsh said Blumenthal was prepared to testify today.

"I think this is obviously intended to ... intimidate the press," she said.

Prosecutors also moved late last week to subpoena Kantor, the former commerce secretary, according to an official close to Clinton's defense team. Kantor has been working as a private attorney for Clinton in the Lewinsky matter.

Kantor's California law firm objected on grounds of attorney-client privilege and Starr's office did not push the matter after it was determined Kantor was working as a private lawyer for Clinton — as opposed to a government employee.

The Kantor and Blumenthal subpoenas weren't the only legal battles taking place. When the grand jury recessed last Thursday, White House officials were negotiating with Starr and the court over a possible claim that conversations between Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey and the president were privileged. Lindsey testified before the grand jury for two days last week.

Also, the Justice and Treasury departments were negotiating with Starr over what questions may be asked of Secret Service agents Starr has subpoenaed.

And on Monday, there was a closed-door court hearing over the interrupted grand jury testimony of Monica Lewinsky's mother.

Marcia Lewis "is going through hell" and "it is a difficult time for her," her attorney, Billy Martin, said after meeting with U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson.

TDH: More Texans infected with strep than first thought

AUSTIN (AP) — Health officials now believe 41 Texans have been infected with a deadly strain of bacterial streptococcus, almost twice as many as reported late last year.

More reports of infections of A streptococcus are trickling in from across the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

Officials initially reported 26 people had been infected, but that figure has climbed since Dec. 1 to 41.

Health officials originally said 10 people have died from the recent outbreak, but now say the toll should be nine; the 10th person actually died of something else, officials said.

A member of the team investigating the cases said Monday the outbreak appears to be tapering off. She said infections have been more widespread in the eastern half of the state.

"It's starting to go back down. Whether it will

stay down, I don't know. We're hoping we're on the downhill slide of it," said Beverly Ray, a nurse epidemiologist in the health department's infectious disease division.

"But it could make a liar out of me tomorrow," she said.

Ms. Ray said in years past, group A strep cases increased in December, peaked in January and started going down in February. This latest episode is two to three times the size of the usual outbreak, she said.

State officials attributed part of the increase to publicity surrounding the outbreak, allowing doctors to recognize it.

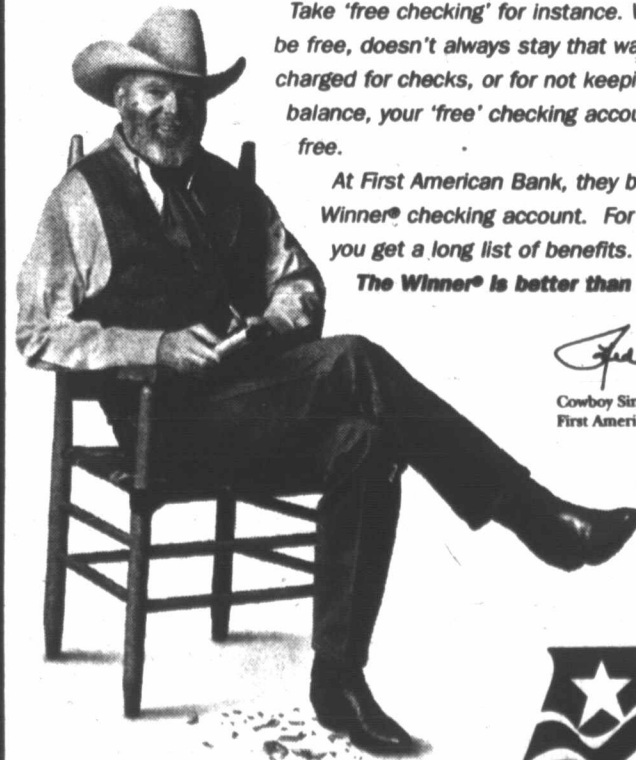
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Opinion

Good intentions create bad law

➤An emotional response to the death of Princess Diana shouldn't be used to limit free speech.

The tragic death in a car accident last year of Princess Diana directed people's attention to the sometimes obnoxious behavior of the paparazzi — tabloid journalists, especially photographers, who chased her car through a Paris street. Unfortunately, her tragedy is being used as a reason to advance legislation to reduce the right of free speech.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has announced she is sponsoring new legislation, the Personal Privacy Protection Act. The PPPA would prohibit "persistent chasing or following" of celebrities — but only if the pictures taken during such chases were to be sold. However, amateur photographers taking the pictures for their private use would not be subject to such limits.

The PPPA includes another dubious element. The proposal allows the application of trespassing laws as a basis for civil lawsuits involving distance photography. A photographer would be breaking the law if he or she stood outside a celebrities' private property and used a zoom lens to photograph the private home or activities. Trespassing laws traditionally involve someone physically crossing onto private property. And these laws typically have been set by states, not the federal government.

In a significant improvement from similar legislation talked about last year shortly after Princess Diana was killed, the PPPA would not prohibit media from publishing any photographs, even those taken by photographers who violate the act. This certainly is a sensitive area. But the issues need to be sorted out.

It is important not to use an immediate tragedy to enact sweeping new legislation that reduces civil liberties. The facts still are being collected by French authorities looking into exactly what happened to the princess. The paparazzi might be getting a bum rap in an accident in which the driver of her car, Henri Paul, apparently was legally drunk.

The Feinstein bill would be "punishment of thought because it addresses motive," Bob Levy, senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute, said. "There's an old common law maxim that if something is not wrong per se, then it's not wrong for a bad intention." That means there's no difference if the celebrities are chased to take pictures "for profit or for a home library."

He said there are two conflicting rights at issue, the right to free speech and the right to privacy. "The question is, what is the real expectation that celebrities should enjoy with respect to privacy? My own view is that their very status as celebrities compromises any expectation which they might have endured. Indeed, they're usually embarked on a concerted campaign to get publicity. To suggest that they have some super-privacy concerns seems to me to be contrary to the nature of their profession."

Laws already are on the books prohibiting violence against celebrities. Two paparazzi were recently convicted of ramming Arnold Schwarzenegger's car last May and face up to two years in jail.

A final point is that whatever improvements might be needed in laws to protect celebrities should be taken at the state level, not the federal.

In the Boerne, Texas v. Flores decision handed down last year, the court found that the federal government should step in and enact special laws only in two circumstances. In Levy's paraphrase, "There has to be either an actual violation by the state of people's rights which requires a remedy by the federal government. Or there has to be an imminent violation if the federal government didn't step in to stop it."

Because she represents a state with the world's largest number and highest concentration of celebrities, it's understandable that Feinstein might advance such a bill. But the constitutional right to free speech must not be eroded.

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PBS explores Reagan legend

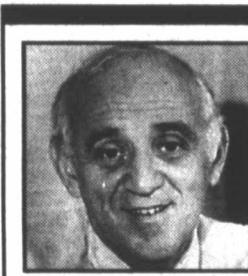
By BEN WATTENBERG AND DANIEL WATTENBERG

The Republican Congress gave Ronald Reagan an airport for his birthday. Now, PBS presents "Reagan," a new four-and-a-half-hour television biography premiering on its "American Experience" series on Feb. 23 and 24.

"Reagan never bragged about himself, and he never whined," says historian David McCullough, the host of "Reagan." He was different in other ways, too. He won two landslide elections for president and left office with dizzying approval ratings, but he never came close to winning the respect of America's media and academic elites. "Reagan" may mark the cautious beginning of a major upward reappraisal of Reagan's legacy. That's important; historical memory helps shape the debates of the political future.

Typically, nonfiction television feeds off the print media. The evening news echoes the front pages. Historical and biographical documentaries mirror the consensus views of academic biographers and historians. By contrast, "Reagan" is self-confident, boldly reinterprets historical television. Most establishment historians cling — for now — to a view of Reagan as a mediocre man and middling president. "Reagan" dispels the facile image of Reagan as an "amiable dunce" who, by an accident of history, sat in the Oval Office and dozed as the Soviet empire came unglued.

Producers Austin Hoyt and Adriana Bosch sketch a different portrait. Their Reagan is an emotionally sealed but personally authentic and genuinely religious man; he is a conviction-driven president who squeezed the Soviets, hard, then negotiated — and helped nudge a tottering empire off the precipice into historical oblivion. It neither fawns over Reagan nor sentimentalizes his presidency; it presents critical as well as positive voices. Indeed, it slights the global importance of his anti-Leviathan state, free market evangelizing and the long-term economic recovery from the



Ben Wattenberg

stagnant '70s. With the indispensable insights of Reagan biographer Edmund Morris, "Reagan" chronicles the man from his insecure, "gypsy" boyhood when he withdrew "inside himself." It continues through his career on the national and world stages, until the beginning of the sad denouement, when Alzheimer's encloses him once again within himself.

Originally scheduled for three hours of airtime, "Reagan" was approved for broadcast at its current four and a half hours when WGBH-Boston executive Peter McGhee saw a rough cut at that length and declared it an "act of discovery." Discovery is not nostalgia, and those pining for a return visit to Morning in America or a highlight reel of Reagan's great flights of rhetoric will be disappointed. As a result, the shopworn image of Reagan as Great Communicator morphs into a picture of a steely-eyed statesman of fixed purpose and unbending will.

Not that he's without charm: "When my father turns the high beams on, even somebody like Gorbachev tends to melt," says son Ron Reagan who, along with Nancy, Maureen and Patti Davis Reagan, appears for the first time in a television biography of the former president. (Son Ron's gentle intelligence and charm are themselves a discovery.)

For those weaned on the popular myth that Reagan was no more than a B actor who reinvented himself overnight as California's governor, the film surprises. By his mid-30s, Reagan had already developed a consuming passion for politics. In fact, his first wife, actress Jane Wyman, divorced him because she didn't share

his political obsession. The continuity between Reagan's early and late careers aside, his early career itself was hardly negligible: He was a radio announcer in the mid-'30s when radio was king, a movie star in the golden age of Hollywood, a union president (the Screen Actors Guild) who stood up to studio bosses and communist labor organizers alike, and a television host in the early years of the new medium that would transform American culture and politics.

But the film's central political story deals with Reagan and the Cold War. Citing Reagan's agreement with Mikhail Gorbachev on a treaty cutting intermediate-range nuclear missile forces in half and the groundwork he laid for later cuts in long-range nukes, the film opines that Reagan's policy of "building up to build down" produced results that made the goals of the (nuclear) freeze movement seem modest.

In its narration and McCullough's introductory essays, "Reagan" remains officially neutral on the question of how much Reagan's policies led to communism's downfall. But just barely. "There is no question he wanted to end the Cold War," McCullough says. "He took advantage of opportunities when they came, he spent a staggering sum, and the Cold War ended."

The film presents a parade of historical witnesses who argue that Reagan saw a core of economic and political weakness behind Soviet military might. His policies, including "Star Wars," were designed on the assumption that the West could go from perpetual check to checkmate in its global struggle with communism.

There is no better place for an elite reappraisal to begin than on public television, and if "Reagan" does start one, it's a better birthday present than an airport.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 1998. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempt to dismiss Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; the

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Johnson.

On this date:

In 1803, the Supreme Court ruled itself the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1903, the United States signed

an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the

gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

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We are just one of many agencies and organizations dedicated to giving seniors the care and protection they deserve. Older people who need help — and their families — can start with the following resources.

To report suspected elder abuse or to ask for help, call the 24-hour statewide toll-free hotline of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services at 1-800-252-5400, or call your local Adult Protective Services office. If a senior is in immediate danger, dial 911 (if that service exists in your area) or call the local police or sheriff.

An alternative, in case of incidents involving death, sexual assault, serious injury or medical neglect, is to call the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General toll free at 1-800-252-8011 (in Austin, call (512) 463-2011). For the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to



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Attorney General of the State of Texas

investigate, the resident must be Medicaid-eligible or in a facility with residents who are on Medicaid.

To complain about a nursing home, call the Texas Department of Human Services toll free at 1-800-458-9858 or, in Austin, call (512) 438-2629. To contact the State Consumer Advocate for Facility Residents, call 1-800-252-8016 or (512) 438-2633 in Austin. To obtain information on a nursing home's history of compliance (inspection reports), call the Texas Department of Human Services toll free at 1-800-458-9858 (or in Austin call (512) 438-2633).

For information about social services such as meals, home care, referrals to government pro-

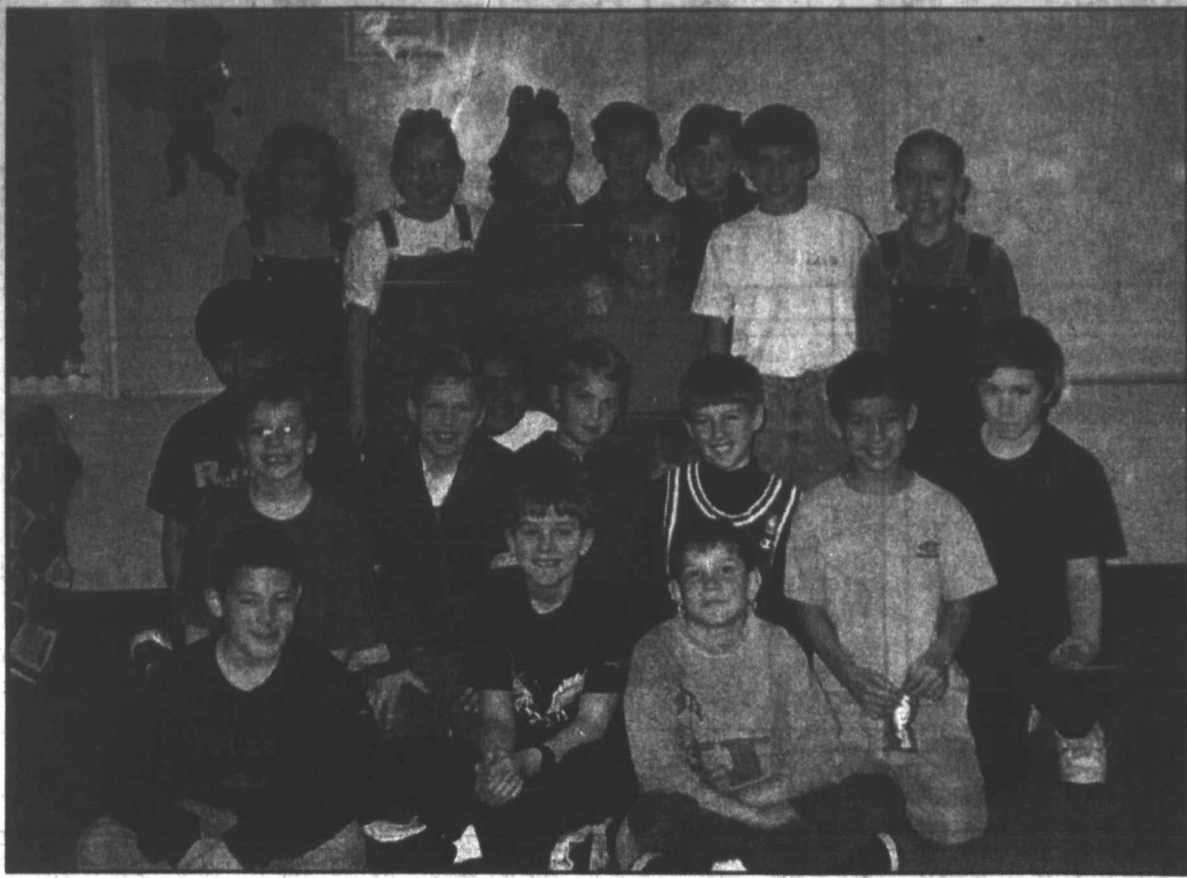
grams, information on guardianships, etc., call the nearest Area Agency on Aging. There are 28 of these helpful centers in the state. For the phone number and location of the one nearest you, call the Texas Department on Aging toll-free at 1-800-252-9240 (or in Austin call (512) 424-6840).

The U.S. Administration on Aging serves as an advocate for the elderly within the federal government and is working to encourage and coordinate a responsive system of family and community-based services throughout the nation.

The American Association of Retired Persons serves seniors through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services.

Seniors can call the Legal Hotline for Older Texans for a consultation over the telephone or referral to a private attorney for more complex legal matters. For Texans age 60 and over with low incomes (eligible for Legal Aid), this organization will also fill out complaint forms to be filed with the Office of the Attorney General. In the Austin area, call (512) 477-3950. Or call 1-800-622-2520 toll free.

Food drive winners



The following classes won the recent USDA Food Drive which netted a total of 3,000 pounds of food: Mrs. Slaybaugh's fourth grade class, Austin Elementary and Mrs. Watson's Pre K afternoon class, Lamar Elementary.

(Community Camera photo)

Lake Meredith receives 80 percent park share, renovates restroom facilities

FRITCH — National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, recently announced Lake Meredith received 80 percent park share of the 1997 boat permit sales. First and second park projects received \$34,762.

Three solar lights have been added to the Harbor Bay boat ramp and parking lot and two solar lights installed at Blue West boat ramp. Two solar lights have been ordered for Fritch Fortress boat ramp and a sodium vapor light is on order for Cedar Canyon boat ramp. In addition, a wind warning strobe light has arrived and will be installed on Sandy Point. Additional wind warning lights will also be installed on the lake.

Additional funding was received in 1997 for the purchase and installation of 14 composting vault toilets. Seven have arrived at the park. Three will be installed at the Rosita Flats area, two in McBride Canyon and two in Mullinaw Canyon. Plans for the second

shipment include: Blue West boat ramp, 1, Chimney Hollow, 1, Blue Creek bridge area, 1, and Plum Creek, 3. These toilets will replace the portable type facilities in use at these locations.

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WTAMU Student Government proposes new scholarship/internship initiative

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Student Government has proposed a scholarship/internship initiative this semester from which WTAMU students could benefit for many years to come.

SG has proposed creating an on-going endowment for WTAMU students to receive scholarships and internships. In order to create the endowment, the student service fee would increase 50 cents per credit hour its first two years, 75 cents per credit hour the next two years and one dollar per credit hour for the next five years, unless the goal of \$2 million is reached first.

"This endowment will be different from other endowments," J.B. Horton, WTAMU student body president, said. "It would be a fund provided by students and used by students."

This program has already overcome two important hurdles — approval by both students and administration. The WTAMU student body voted 77 percent to 23 percent in favor of the proposal. The next step for this proposal will be March 26-27 when The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents votes.

SG is looking for private support to match the first year's income. The first year's projection is figured at approximately \$80,000, an amount estimated by last year's WTAMU student enrollment per credit hour at a 50-cent per-credit-hour fee. The

money from a corporate sponsor could be used as early as spring 1999. Without a corporate sponsor, scholarship disbursement would be delayed until after the fall semester in 2002.

The money will be invested in the A&M System's investment pool, which has a guaranteed five percent interest paid per year on any investment. The current return rate on investments in the pool is 18.5 percent, Horton said.

The private support would help solve three problems, according to Horton. It would give the students more incentive to support this endowment because they will see quick results because of scholarship disbursements; it would make the proposal much stronger when it is presented to the board of regents; and it would help jump-start this program and allow it to be financially sound from the start.

Dr. Russell C. Long, president of WTAMU, will present this endowment proposal to the board of regents next month.

"The WTAMU administration has been very supportive of this proposal," Horton said. "I think students here deserve to benefit from this endowment, and I feel that the WTAMU Student Government deserves to pat itself on the back because a lot of hard work went into this proposal."

For more information, call J.B. Horton, WTAMU student body president, at (806) 651-2385.

Lawsuit accuses church of not reporting abuse

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston teen-ager has filed a lawsuit accusing the national Jehovah's Witness organization of failing to tell authorities that her brother was sexually abusing her.

Now 19, she says her brother,

three years older than she, began sexually abusing her in the mid-1980s.

She alleges that in 1988, her family sought counseling by church elder Kerry W. "John" Landers and told him of the assaults.

The lawsuit, filed by attorney John T. McDowell, alleges:

"Despite this knowledge and/or suspicion, Landers was instructed by the national Jehovah's Witness organization to handle the matter in-house rather than report such sexual abuse to the authorities, as required by Texas law."

The brother was counseled to stop the inappropriate activity, but the church was advised that he was continuing to molest his

sister, the lawsuit alleges.

The local Jehovah's Witnesses leadership in 1992 appointed Landers and two other elders "to investigate" the matter as a "judicial proceeding," McDowell said in the suit.

The lawsuit also alleges that during that action, the brother confessed, "apologized, said he wouldn't do it anymore, and the elders put the matter to rest without reporting the matter to the Texas authorities."

The brother was convicted of sex abuse and sentenced to prison, McDowell said Monday.

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Creative Approach To Cursing Helps Swearers Kick Habit

DEAR ABBY: You recently advised readers to substitute an acceptable word or phrase for curse words. Your examples were "Holy Moses!" and "Gosh darn son-of-a-sea-cook!"

My dad, Dale Lynk, must have had a wider repertoire because he had a longer list of substitutions. However, even they were suspiciously close to the original. His standard line went like this: "Cheese and rice, got all muddy, got damp by a stone on the beach." It must have worked, because I do not remember that he said much worse than that. Thanks for the memory.
ALLAN LYNK, WADENA, MINN.

DEAR ALLAN: I admire your father's creativity. Read on for another suggestion:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was a "Cursing Mom" — mostly in traffic. When my two sons were old enough to start imitating me, I set up a system of fines. This worked both ways since spanking and time-outs don't work so well. They were fined for "not listening to Mama or Daddy," for hitting, etc. I was fined if they caught me swearing. Each boy would get 50 cents each time he caught me. Both collected, even if only one heard me. It got to be a family joke. I'd put the money in their savings accounts, and once I took them shopping with it. I haven't had to pay out in a while, and neither of my sons



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

swears, nor do they seem the least bit interested in doing so. (They are now 9 and 7.) I've gotten quite creative in venting frustration. Now, if I get angry in traffic, I make up obnoxious songs about the other driver's bad habits. I hope this helps other frustrated moms.
TONI BROWN, VIRGINIA BEACH

DEAR TONI: An excellent solution, but not a new one. I recall a famous movie and television star of the '50s, Loretta Young, who had a "swear box" on the set of her show because she wouldn't tolerate bad language. I have also received mail from readers who feel that substituting other words for swear words is still swearing — and that those who strive to rid themselves of the habit should refrain from uttering oaths of any kind.

DEAR ABBY: In commenting on

your advice to "Sad Mom-to-Be," the woman signed "Been There, Done That" said her husband was also selfish, inconsiderate and inflexible, and her son is "now stuck with a name that means nothing to him."

I am always amazed that people who hate their names feel that they are stuck with them forever. "Been There" should look at her own "flexibility." My ex-husband and I have both changed our names, and so have at least five other relatives and several friends.

There are very few possessions, physical or acquired, that are not changeable nowadays, and my name was a lot easier to improve than my nose!

GERTA FARBER, OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR GERTA: I salute your honesty — and what an interesting and unusual name you chose. I'll wager that changing your name was a lot less expensive than your nose job.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998

In the year ahead, you might participate in something in which you'll play a minor but significant role. What you will gain materially will be more gratifying than your 12 minutes of fame.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have to resolve a complicated problem today, the answers might come more easily if you can concentrate in solitude. Isolate yourself. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be optimistic

regarding your affairs today, but continue to keep your expectations within reason. Be appropriately grateful for each little victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is not who you know but what you know that will be of critical importance to your career today. If your knowledge base is greater than your opponents, you'll win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Beginning today, make a concerted effort to expand your objectives. The broader your horizons and linkage, the greater your probabilities for opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your talents for research, probing and detection are sharper than usual today. Investigate in-depth developments you believe have potential benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you'll operate more effectively if you keep everything in balance. Do not overemphasize work or underemphasize play. Each should play a key role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're going to attempt something today you've never tried previously, have backup avail-

able to correct matters if you should make a mistake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Leadership qualities and organizational skills could be your most valuable assets today. Take over peer involvements that need supervision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What you fail to get done today could bring complications tomorrow. You will have the proper motivation because you'll understand the rewards involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you might be more mentally than physically restless. Utilize these urges properly; let the inner you establish the agenda.

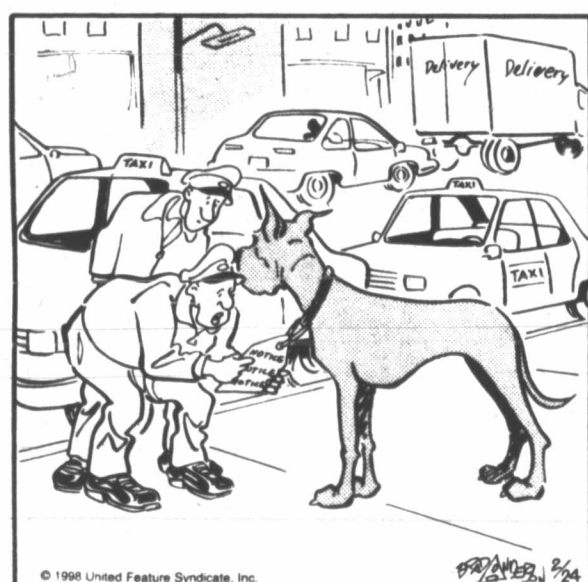
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An opportunity might arise today that will enable you to lay a foundation for something constructive in the near future. Take advantage of this open window.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Appearances are enormously important today, so put on a positive demeanor. If you want to direct others, it's essential you look and act like a leader.

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"We're docking at the space station."



"The back of the tag says, 'Owner not responsible for any taxi fares.'"

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



For Better or For Worse



Ario & Janis



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Walnut Cove



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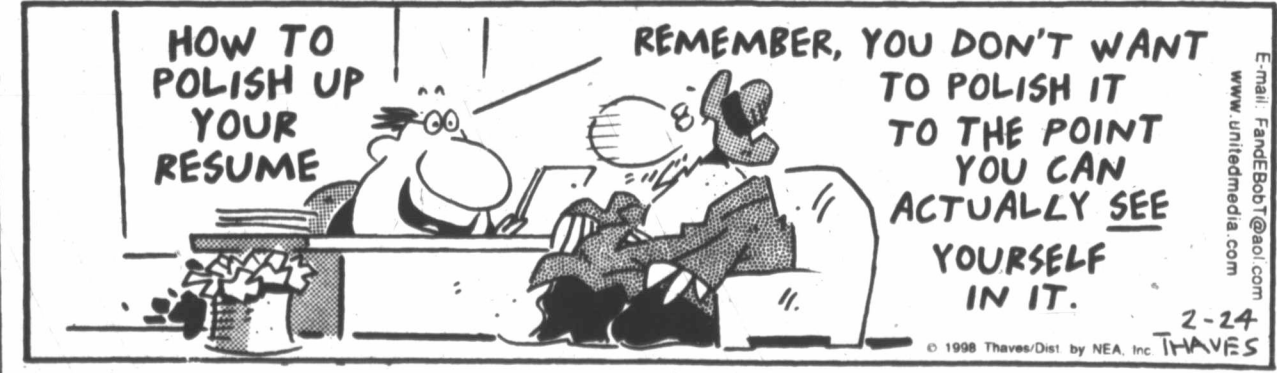
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Fort Elliott meets Booker in a boys' Class 1A bi-district game at 7 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Fort Elliott has a 20-9 record while Booker is 13-14.

HOUSTON (AP) — Randy Bolden and Leland Redmond scored 15 points each to lead Texas Southern to an easy 101-83 victory over Alcorn State Monday night to clinch the SWAC regular season championship.

Texas Southern (13-14, 12-3 SWAC) took the lead at 4-2 less than two minutes into the game and never trailed. They held a 50-27 halftime lead over Alcorn State (11-14, 7-8 SWAC).

It was the ninth regular season SWAC championship for the Tigers.

Redmond dislocated his left toe in the final minutes of the game and was taken to Houston Methodist Hospital for further evaluation.

Karl Jones led Alcorn State in scoring with 21 points and teammate Brian Adams added 20.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech travels to Nebraska on Wednesday night for a Big 12 Conference game. The game is scheduled to be broadcast on the All Sports Radio Network, which is KGNC (710 AM) in Amarillo.

The Red Raiders slipped by Texas A&M, 86-83, on Saturday in their last game.

Rayford Young of Pampa had 15 points for the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech has a 12-11 record while Texas A&M drops to 6-17.

PAMPA — A Class 2A boys' bi-district game will be played Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

West Texas High and Clarendon meet at 7. WT has a 20-10 record while Clarendon is 23-7.

WINTER OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Water cannons shot streams in Olympic colors over the jetliner carrying the Olympic flag as the aircraft taxied to a stop at Salt Lake International Airport.

A crowd of 1,500 cheered and fireworks went off after an honor guard unfurled the white Olympic flag with five, interlocking rings.

The flag arrived via a special charter flight Monday.

"We're about to witness history," said master of ceremonies Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback and a graduate of Brigham Young in Provo, Utah. "For the first time on Utah soil, the Winter Olympic flag."

"What more can one say than wow!" said Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, who was presented with the Olympic flag during the closing ceremonies at Nagano, Japan, and carried it home.

"The eyes of the world now turn from Nagano to Salt Lake City," she said.

"What an exciting moment for all Utahns," said Lt. Gov. Olene Walker. "This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the state of Utah."

A motorcade carried the flag to the City and County Building, where a Salt Lake 2002 flag will be flown while the real thing goes into a bank vault for safekeeping until 2002.

The procession included Eric Bergoust, an Olympic gold medalist in freestyle aerials; Shelley Looney, a member of the gold-medal winning hockey team; and Bill Demong and Johnny Spillane, members of the Olympic Men's Nordic Combined team.

Former Olympic skiers Stein Ericksen and Holly Flanders and aerialist world champion Trace Worthington were also among the athletes on hand.

The flag was a long time coming.

Utah began its quest for the Olympics in 1966, but lost bids to Sapporo, Japan, for the 1972 games; Innsbruck, Austria, for 1976; and Nagano for 1998.

Harvesters take second at Plainview Invitational

PLAINVIEW — Miserable weather may have spoiled Pampa's chances of winning the Plainview Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Pampa was holding onto the runnerup spot when rain postponed last weekend's tournament. Dumas was in first place, followed by Pampa, second; Snyder, third; Sweetwater, fourth; Plainview, fifth; Andrews, sixth; Levelland, seventh, and Randall, eighth.

Pampa junior Russ DuBose won both of his boys' singles matches in reaching the semifinals while sophomore Matt Rains upset the No. 3 seed in the first round before falling in the quarterfinals. Rains has a 7-11 singles record.

In girls' singles, junior Amanda Browning reached the semifinals and junior Valerie Lee advanced to the quarterfinals before falling. Lee boosted her singles record to 17-5 while Browning is 5-2.

Senior McKinley Quarles and sophomore Emily Curtis reached

TENNIS

the semifinals of girls' doubles.

The boys' doubles teams of seniors Dustin Laycock-Jason Vickery and senior Brandon Coffee-junior Bryce Hudson both won two of their three matches.

Players of the week are DuBose and Curtis. DuBose has a 15-9 record in singles while Curtis is 11-2.

The team next plays a challenging 16-team tournament Friday and Saturday in Odessa.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Andre Agassi will return to the site of his 1996 Olympic gold medal performance when he represents the United States in its first-round Davis Cup match against Russia. The three-day event will be held April 3-5 at the International Tennis Center at Stone Mountain, Ga.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jonathan Stark beat fourth-seeded Julian Alonso of Spain 6-1, 6-7

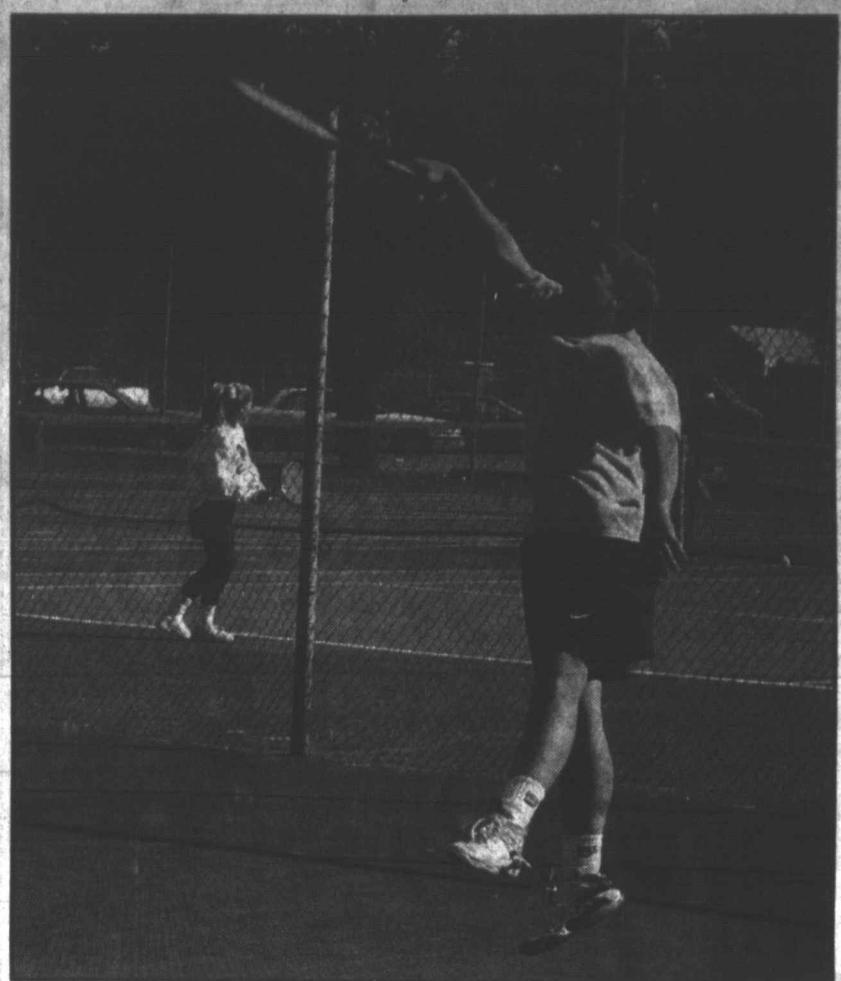
(5-7), 6-3 in the first round of the Advanta Championships.

In other other matches, South Africa's Grant Stafford beat seventh-seeded Richard Fromberg of Australia 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4), and Todd Martin defeated ninth-seeded Byron Black of Zimbabwe 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

LONDON (AP) — Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands beat sixth-seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) in the first round of the Guardian Open. No. 8 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia beat Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark 6-1, 6-2.

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Seventh-seeded Sabine Appelmans of Belgium beat Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Austrian Open. Argentina's Florencia Labat also advanced, beating Austria's Marion Maruskain 7-5, 6-0.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Fourth-seeded Joannette Kruger of South Africa beat Australia's Rachel McQuillan 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the first round of the IGA Classic.



Pampa junior Russ DuBose won two matches in reaching the semifinals of the Plainview Invitational.

Kansas puts on a show

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — It was a fitting sendoff for the seniors who never failed to stand their ground at home.

Rae LaFrentz, Billy Thomas and C.B. McGrath, who never lost in 58 games at Allen Fieldhouse, were honored with emotional and grandiose tributes before and after the fourth-ranked Jayhawks beat Oklahoma 83-70 Monday night.

Tears flowed, flower petals littered the court and fans' chests swelled with pride.

"I didn't know if they were knighted kings or honoring seniors," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I mean, I've seen some celebrations, but my goodness."

In the only other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 5 Utah beat Nevada-Las Vegas 79-68 and No. 6 Connecticut defeated Providence 77-68.

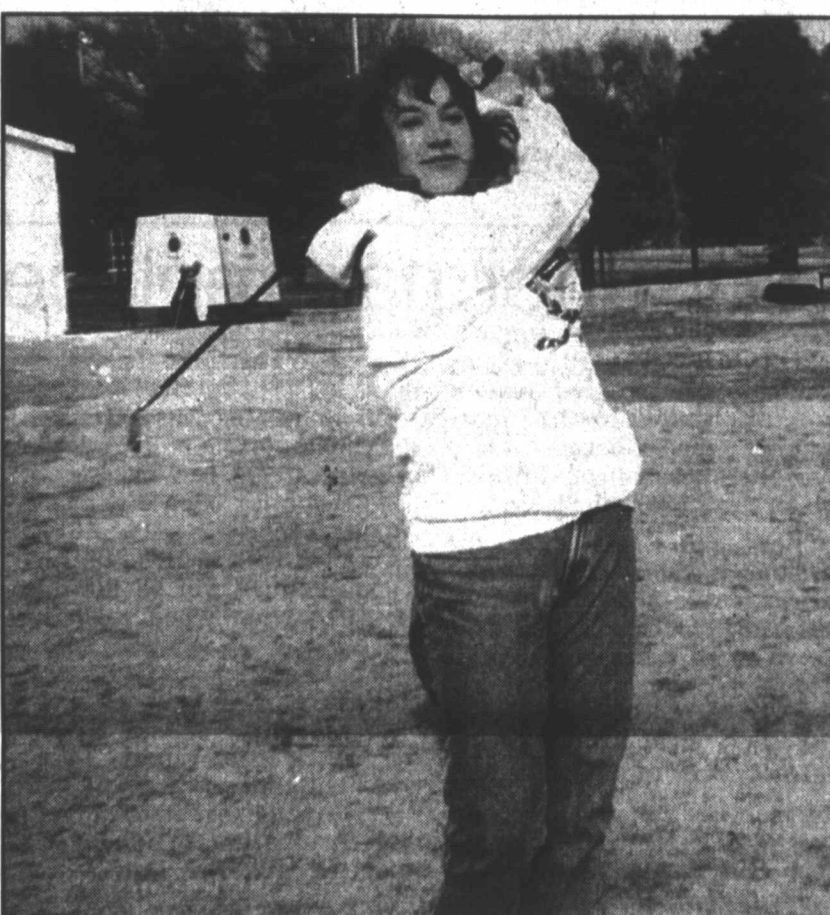
The Kansas seniors ended their careers with a 58-0 home record and four conference championships. They also helped the Jayhawks post back-to-back 30-win seasons for the first time and run their unbeaten home streak to a school-record 60 games overall.

"A couple of years back, we were talking one night in the locker room after everybody had gone," said the 6-foot-11 LaFrentz, the Jayhawks' No. 2 career scorer and rebounder.

"We decided that we hadn't lost at home that far, and we didn't ever want to. There haven't been too many players in college basketball who never lost at home."

Paul Pierce, a junior who also might have been playing his last game at Allen Fieldhouse, put on show of his own.

The 6-7 junior, who could enter the NBA draft and forego his senior season, scored 15 straight Kansas points during an eye-popping 6-for-6 surge in the second half.



Pampa senior Melissa Gindorf helped lead the Lady Harvesters to a second place finish at the Snyder Invitational.

PHS golfers finish near the top at tournaments

SNYDER — The Pampa High girls' golf team will compete in their third tournament of the season March 6-7 at the Midland Invitational.

The Lady Harvesters placed second behind defending state champion Snyder in last weekend's Snyder Invitational.

There were nine teams in Pampa's division. Alison Piersall paced Pampa with a two-round total of 159 (79-80). She tied for third-place medalist, but lost the third-place spot in a playoff.

Melissa Gindorf was second for Pampa with a 167 (81-86), followed by Shelby Allison 168 (86-82), Maggie Cowan 198 (96-102) and Cortnie Allison 207 (96-111).

Pampa's first round of District 1-4A play is scheduled April 2 at Hereford.

Snyder Invitational

1. Snyder 660; 2. Pampa 692; 3. Midland Lee 699; 4. Dallas

Highland Park 711; 5. San Angelo Central 719; 6. (tie) Abilene High and Abilene Wylie 382; 8. Lamesa 754; 9. Hereford 808.

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa boys' golf team grabbed third place in the Plainview Invitational last weekend at the Plainview Country Club.

Amarillo High A was first while Lamesa placed second in the 16-team tournament.

Grady Locknane led Pampa with a 118. Other Pampa scores were Jordan Fruge 120; Nathan Banner 121; Matt Heasley 125; Barry Brauchi 127.

Plainview Invitational

Team scores: 1. Amarillo High A 457; 2. Lamesa 461; 3. Pampa 480; 4. Frenship 480; 5. Tascosa 481; 6. (tie) Snyder 490; Amarillo B 490; 8. Plainview A 491; 9. Floydada 502; 10. Canyon 504.

Olympic exodus brings sadness, relief

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — The games are over and the athletes have scattered. Still, many Nagano residents haven't gotten over the idea that the Olympics actually came to this mountain-ringed city.

For Fumitake Takemura, the Olympics seemed to touch everyone he knows.

His daughter was one of more than 36,000 people who worked as volunteers. His employer was the games' official bank. Virtually all his friends were involved in some way or other.

And now that an Olympic exodus has begun, the city is beginning to feel that post-party mix of joy, sadness and relief.

"I never imagined that a place like this out on the countryside would ever be the focus of such excitement," he said. "We all were so caught up in it. It will be hard to see it all quiet down here again like it was before."

Nagano's transformation to the quiet town it was before the games, which ended Sunday, is already well under way.

The main train station, which

had become a gathering place both for thousands of arriving tourists and an odd mixture of scalpers, hawkers and street performers, is again quiet at night.

The stage at Central Square — where more than 100,000 people gathered during the two-week games to watch athletes receive their medals — is now empty and silent.

As the games left town, they left behind lingering concerns over their cost.

The games brought a massive infusion of public spending

money into Nagano. The area now has a major super-express railroad link to Tokyo, new highways and wider roads.

Most of the venues for the games had to be built from scratch. The construction bill for Nagano city stands at \$693 million.

Just how well this city of 360,000 will be able to put those facilities to use remains to be seen.

"To be honest, it worries me," said Takao Nakazawa, a middle-aged office worker. "I feel like the party is over, and now all we are left with is the bill."

Indians' pitching woes continue in spring training

By KEN BERGER
AP Sports Writer

This year, the Cleveland Indians couldn't even get out of camp without a pitching injury muddling their starting rotation.

A year after losing Jack McDowell for the season following "routine" elbow surgery, the Indians learned that Ben McDonald probably won't be ready to pitch until at least June because of an ailing shoulder.

Now, general manager John Hart may have to go out and find another pitcher.

"You never know," Hart said, "but I want to see how camp unfolds first."

McDonald, 30, acquired from Milwaukee in December, headed to Los Angeles on Monday for tests on his shoulder. The 6-foot-7 right-hander stalled in his rehab program following rotator cuff surgery in his throwing arm July 29.

After feeling pain during throwing sessions last week, McDonald went to Cleveland to be examined. An MRI showed no new damage.

"He's hit the wall in his rehab program," Hart said. "So something is going on in there."

When pitchers reported to camp, Indians doctors thought there was an 80-85 percent chance McDonald could join the rotation by May.

"Now we're dealing with 15-20 percent," Hart said. "We have to figure out how we're going to address the problem."

That leaves the Indians with a starting rotation of Jarret Wright, Charles Nagy, Chad Ogea and Dwight Gooden. When a fifth starter is needed, the choices within the organization are Bartolo Colon and Steve Karsay, with recently signed veteran Melido Perez a longshot.

One bright spot for the Indians: As part of the trade, the Brewers agreed to pay half of McDonald's \$4.5 million salary if he does not pitch 133 innings this season. And if he spends 90 days on the disabled list and needs another operation, insurance will pay a portion of it.

Last year, McDowell was thought to be lost for 4-5 weeks following minor surgery on his

elbow. He missed the rest of the year.

The Indians are hoping the similarities between McDowell and McDonald end with the fourth letter in their names.

The usual fun and games of spring training were overshadowed by tragedy on Monday. At least 38 people were killed when Florida was struck by its deadliest swarm of tornadoes on record.

The Houston Astros called off practice after a twister swept by their facility at Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee, Fla. After shredding a campground behind the stadium early Monday, killing eight, the tornado dipped beside the Astros clubhouse, smashing a batting cage and ripping up two sections of artificial turf. No players were injured in the storms.

Shane Reynolds, likely the Astros' opening day pitcher, was one of six Astros players staying in homes nearby in Lakeside Estates, along with starting pitchers Mike Hampton and Chris Holt, outfielder Ray Montgomery, and infielders Bill Spiers and Tim Bogar.

"If the tornado had gone a little

to the left of its path, I don't think a lot of us would have been here," Holt said. "We would have been pummeled. I've been in and around tornadoes before, but I've never seen anything like this."

In Clearwater, Fla., J.D. Drew's holdout has cost the Phillies' 1997 first-round draft choice more than just money and a year's development.

The outfielder who rejected a multimillion-dollar offer from Philadelphia is losing the respect of his would-be teammates.

"He's in dangerous waters right now," Lenny Dykstra said. "He's a good player, but you make it hard on yourself when you've got people going against you."

"I think a lot of guys resent him. Wouldn't you?" Mark Parent said. "I wouldn't cover his butt."

In Fort Myers, Fla., the Boston Red Sox were talking about taking a chance on Danny Tartabull.

The outfielder got \$2.2 million from the Phillies last year, broke his foot on opening day and had seven at-bats the entire season.

So it's hard to believe a team was even considering signing him. Red

Sox general manager Dan Duquette appeared to say no Monday.

"I'm not expecting him to call back. I'm not expecting to call him either," said Tartabull's agent, Steve Schneider.

The seven outfielders on Boston's 40-man roster have a total of just 99 career homers. Tartabull, 35, has 262 homers in 14 seasons.

"He's ready," Schneider said. "I think it would be a great fit for him."

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa arrived at the Cubs training camp and predicted a reversal for Chicago.

"I think this year it's not going to be 0-14 like it used to be," Sosa said, referring to last year's record-setting losing streak to start the season. "People probably are going to play a different way, and we'll see what happens."

Sosa, who starts a \$42.5 million, four-year contract this season, hit .251 with 36 home runs and 119 RBIs last year.

"It was a bad year for me last year with all that happened," Sosa said.

Iowa returns to AP women's top 25 poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

After starving for players early in the season, Iowa coach Angie Lee is feasting now. And loving it.

Iowa returned to The Associated Press women's basketball poll at No. 25 on Monday for the first time since late November, the result of a late-season surge that carried the Hawkeyes to the Big Ten championship.

They were ranked as high as 11th early in the season before getting hit by injuries and stumbling to a 3-6 start. But with the injured players returning, Iowa has won 13 of its last 16 and takes a six-game winning streak into the Big Ten tournament.

Texas Tech was ranked No. 2 and Stephen F. Austin was No. 6.

"We used to have a bunch of street clothes on the bench. Now we have uniforms and bodies," Lee said. "It's kind of like sitting at a smorgasbord finally. I was sitting there in front of a single plate for so long. Now you can sit there and eat as long and as much as you want."

Tennessee remained a unanimous No. 1 in the poll after completing the school's first unbeaten regular season. The top six teams stayed the same and Iowa was the only newcomer.

Five Iowa players have missed games because of injuries this season, including seniors Angela Hamblin and Tiffany Gooden. The Hawkeyes also had point guards Cara Consuegra and K.K. Johns out at the same time, forcing Lee to start senior Kari Knopf, an All-America softball player who didn't come out for basketball until this season.

The results were oftentimes

ugly: an 83-57 loss to Arkansas, an 83-58 loss to Louisiana Tech and a 74-57 loss to Iowa State. But Lee had always felt that her team could make a run if everyone was healthy, and the Hawkeyes have proven her correct.

"It really has been a long haul," Lee said. "That's the difference between two years ago when we were 27-4 and this year. We've had to dig and scrape and claw all season long. That's how it felt, anyway. It seems like the preseason was a year ago."

Iowa's seniors were hailed as the nation's top recruiting class four years ago, creating expectations that have been difficult to meet. Lee, who gained some unwelcome publicity in November when she was accused of bumping a Connecticut state trooper, is just glad the Hawkeyes are winning now.

"We've been called everything from underachievers to I don't know what," she said. "But in the end, we always find ourselves to be there, to be where we want to be."

Tennessee swept all 39 first-place votes from a nationwide media panel after beating LSU 90-58 to complete a 30-0 season. Although Tennessee has won five NCAA titles, it had never before gone through the regular season without losing.

The Lady Vols will try to maintain their perfect record in the always tough Southeastern Conference tournament, which begins Thursday.

Connecticut (27-2) remained second, 55 points behind Tennessee, but suffered a costly loss that could affect the Huskies' chances of advancing into the late rounds of the NCAA tournament.

UIL committee hands down final realignment rulings

AUSTIN (AP) — The Assignment Appeals Committee of the University Interscholastic League has handed down the final rulings involving appeals to the league's biennial realignment process.

On Monday, the appeals committee unanimously voted to grant an appeal made by the Amarillo and Lubbock school districts to place San Angelo Central back in District 3-5A for football.

Central originally was assigned to District 3-5A, but was moved last week at Central's request by the UIL's State District Assignment Review Board to District 4-5A with Abilene, Abilene Cooper, Midland, Midland Lee, Odessa and Odessa Permian.

District 3-5A now consists of Amarillo, Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock, Lubbock Coronado, Lubbock Monterey and San Angelo Central.

In a case involving District 16-3A, the appeals committee overturned the decision of the review board to move:

Quitman from District 15-3A to 13-3A; Bullard from 16-3A to 15-3A; and Linden-Kildare from 13-3A to 16-3A.

District 13-3A now includes Clarksville, Daingerfield, Linden-Kildare, Mount Vernon, Pittsburg and Wimborsboro.

District 15-3A now consists of Brownsboro, Emory Rains, Lindale, Mineola, Quitman and Van.

District 16-3A consists of Bullard, Gilmer, Gladewater, Gladewater Sabine, Jefferson, Longview Spring Hill, Tatum and White Oak.

The committee also granted an appeal made by District 48-1A to place Kennard back in District 46-1A for basketball.

Kennard originally was assigned to District 46-1A but requested to be placed in District 48-1A with Elkhart, Slocum, Latexo, Neches, Normangee and Oakwood.

District 46-1A now includes Broadus, Goodrich, Kennard, Livingston Big Sandy and Zavalla.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA Ladies Trio League			
Team	Won	Lost	
Engine Parts & Supply	52 1/2	39 1/2	
Schiffman Machine Co.	52	40	
Ward's Tree Service	50	42	
Cheney's Cafe	48	44	
3 B's & an A	41	51	
SMCO 2	32 1/2	59 1/2	

Week's High Scores
High game: Carla Schiffman 232; High series: Carla Schiffman 593; High handicap game: Carla Schiffman 254; High handicap series: Elizabeth Johnson 695.

Wednesday Night Mixed League			
Team	Won	Lost	
Davis Minute Mart	19	5	
Ogden & Son	16	8	
Harvester Lanes	14	10	
Cox Enterprise	13	11	
Dorman Tire	12	12	
McCarthy Hull	11	13	
Canadian Motel	10	14	
Deaver Construction	9	15	
Harbison Fischer	8	16	
Graham Furniture	8	16	

Week's High Scores
Men
High game: Warren Dahn 227; High series: Warren Dahn 622; High handicap series: Ray Deaver 682; High handicap game: David Helms 245.

Women
High game: Marilyn Dahn 224; High series: Marilyn Dahn 593; High handicap game: Marilyn Dahn 266; High handicap series: Marilyn Dahn 722.

PRO BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
At A Glance

All Times EST By The Associated Press			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct GB

Monday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jerrod Washburn and RHP Steve Sparks on one-year contracts.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Joe Randa and OF Troy Beaman.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Kolb on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jim Brunke on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
CHICAGO BEARS—Re-signed TE Ryan White to a three-year contract. Signed LB Sharkey Peoples.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB Jay Kirschoff.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed OL Everett McIVER to a five-year contract.

DENVER BRONCOS—Re-signed OL Mark Schlereth.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Jeff Herrod.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Re-signed WR Brett Perriman to a one-year contract, and signed P

Scoreboard

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct GB
Seattle	42	13	.764 —
Phoenix	37	18	.686 4
L.A. Lakers	36	19	.662 4 1/2
Portland	32	22	.593 9 1/2
Sacramento	24	32	.429 18 1/2
Golden State	11	42	.208 30
L.A. Clippers	11	44	.200 31

Monday's Games
New York 92, Houston 74
Milwaukee 79, Cleveland 71
Toronto 113, Vancouver 105, OT
Orlando 98, L.A. Lakers 94
Minnesota 113, Sacramento 95
Indiana 97, Philadelphia 92
Seattle 88, Denver 68
Phoenix 97, San Antonio 79
Miami 90, Golden State 82
Portland 121, Boston 98

Tuesday's Games
Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Connecticut 77, Providence 68

SOUTH
Alabama 103, Norfolk St. 74
Alabama St. 92, Miss. Valley St. 83
Chattanooga 71, Belmont 46
Coppin St. 77, Md.-E. Shore 59
Hampton U. 78, Delaware St. 65
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Ray Sherman replaces Gailey at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ray Sherman plans to give quarterback Kordell Stewart more options when Sherman takes over the offensive coordinator's job for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I'm going to run the Pittsburgh Steelers offense," Sherman said Monday after he was named to the post. "We were No. 1 in the rushing attack last year. That's something we want to continue, but we also want to add some flavor in the passing game."

Sherman, the Minnesota Vikings' quarterbacks coach, replaces Chan Gailey, who became head coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Feb. 12.

Vikings coach Dennis Green promoted receivers coach Chip Myers to quarterbacks coach. The Vikings are expected to hire longtime receivers coach Hubbard Alexander to replace Myers.

In his six seasons with the Steelers, coach Bill Cowher has had three defensive coordinators and three offensive coordinators. In each case, he has insisted that the new coaches adapt to the team, not vice versa.

"We had to make a decision: Is it worth changing the system for one individual?" Cowher said Monday. "Really, pretty quickly we decided we had to get a guy

to come in and leave the system the same."

Sherman, 46, was offensive coordinator for the New York Jets in 1994. In 1990, he was assistant head coach for offense with the Atlanta Falcons.

One of Sherman's biggest responsibilities will be tutoring Stewart, who helped take the Steelers to the AFC Championship game in his first year as a starter.

"We're going to take advantage of using his running backs and tight ends underneath, and not putting himself in a situation where he has to take off and run with (the ball)," Sherman said.

"I want to have a balanced attack, but when you have a big guy like Jerome Bettis in the backfield, you want to take

advantage of that."

Bettis stopped by the news conference long enough to say: "As long as he wants to run the ball, he's the greatest."

When Sherman interviewed with Cowher last week, he met with Stewart and the holdover offensive assistants to show Cowher that they would mesh.

"I was going to make the final decision, but I'm not going to be naive and hire somebody without giving them an opportunity to feel comfortable with him," Cowher said.

Sherman said he has had his eye on Stewart for a couple years.

"I was hoping that we were going to draft him in Minnesota, but unfortunately for us and fortunately for the Steelers, he landed here," he said.

Sherman said he will have extensive film study sessions with Stewart.

"I'm glad that he's living here in Pittsburgh because that gives me an opportunity to be closer to him and get started a little earlier," Sherman said.

Sherman also has been an assistant with the Houston Oilers and the San Francisco 49ers in his nine-year NFL career. At the college level, he was an assistant at Georgia, Purdue, California, Wake Forest and Michigan State.

The other finalist for the Steelers' job was Galen Hall, the coach of the Rhein Fire in the World League. The only other person interviewed was Alan Borges, offensive coordinator at UCLA.

Report: Oilers may be leaving Memphis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Oilers' playing days in Memphis might be nearing an end.

The team with the NFL's worst attendance last year was waiting for a vote today by the Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority on a proposal letting the Oilers buy out of their two-year contract to play in Memphis.

John Ryder, an attorney who spent much of the weekend talking with Oilers officials, told The

Associated Press terms of the agreement were being finalized Monday night in anticipation of the authority's meeting.

"I expect to have a document to present to the authority (this) afternoon," said Ryder, who refused to discuss details.

Oilers spokesman Dave Pearson declined to comment when asked about the proposal.

Last week, authority member Reggie Barnes said it would cost the Oilers \$1.466 million to end

the contract a year early. The price included a \$500,000 penalty.

The Oilers moved to Tennessee from Houston last year and signed a two-year contract to play at the Liberty Bowl while a new stadium is built in Nashville.

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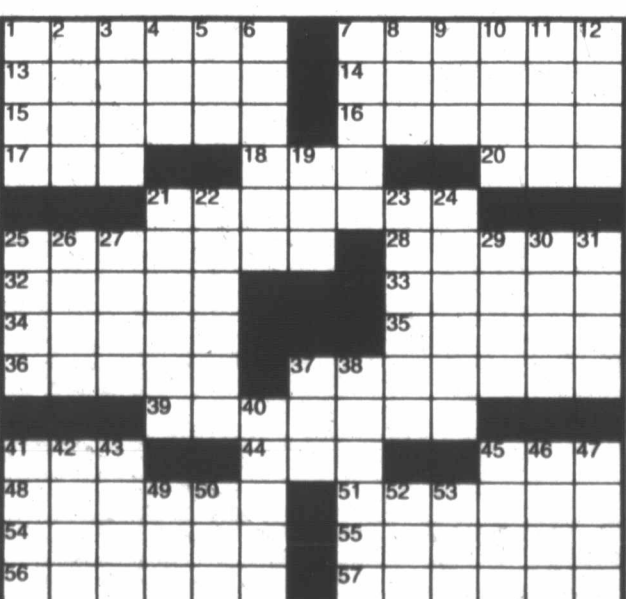
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WT Branding Iron Theatre to produce popular musical 'Guys and Dolls'

For the third time in West Texas A&M University Branding Iron Theatre history, "Guys and Dolls" will be center stage, and Royal R. Brantley, director and head of the department of Art, Communication and Theatre at WTAMU, will be a part of it again.

According to Brantley, the play was first performed at WTAMU in 1957 under the direction of William and Margaret Moore, directors of musical theatre and Royal L. Brantley, director of opera musical workshop. The second production was staged in 1978 under the direction of Royal L. Brantley. In that production, local choir director Billy Talley played Sky, Amarillo City Commissioner Kevin Knapp played Big Jule and Royal R. Brantley was Harry the Horse. Royal L. Brantley retired in 1985 after serving almost 30 years to the University.

"The musical comedy, 'Guys and Dolls,' opened on Broadway Nov. 24, 1950. It ran for 1,200 performances and became an American musical theatre classic," Royal R. Brandey said. "Guys and Dolls" started off as a serious, dramatic musical. The producers Cy Feuer and Ernest Martin felt that a serious, romantic musical could be built around two of Damon Runyon's short stories, specifically the characters of Sarah Brown and Sky Masterson.

According to Brantley, it is an unlikely romance between a pure-at-heart mission girl and a slick gambler.

"Abe Burrows, a television and radio comedy writer without any theatrical experience, wrote the script for laughs," Brantley said. "Its mastery comes not so much from all the stage business as from its heart and soul, which are Frank Loesser's clever and humorous lyrics that he composed almost 50 years ago."

One of the great traditions of the musical, according to Brantley, is the use of local officials, friends and celebrities in the opening sequence. Some performances will feature cast members from 1978 as well as production staff family members, WTAMU faculty and staff and administration, BIT Hall of Fame members and several other surprises.

Among the performers in the musical production are Mitzi Mechler of Pampa, playing the role of a woman in a group, and Ty Mote of Pampa, playing the role of a gambler.

Other members of the production staff include Joe Ella Cansler, music director and instructor of music; Julie Petruccione, choreographer; James D. Kemmerling, scenic designer and professor of speech and theatre; John H. Landon, technical director and assistant professor of theatre; Larry Hunter, a graduate student in general studies and scene shop foreman; Terry Beckett, scenic artist and part-time instructor of theatre; and Robert Caruthers, graphic designer and professor of art.

The show opens March 4 and continues through March 8 at the Branding Iron Theatre in the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus. Performance times are at 8 p.m. March 4-7 and at 3 p.m. on March 8.

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Union Pacific seeking extension of emergency order

HOUSTON (AP) — Union Pacific Railroad has asked the federal Surface Transportation Board to extend for 60 days an emergency order that was issued because of massive traffic congestion.

The emergency order is scheduled to end on March 15.

Attorneys for the railroad said in a letter to the board that by mid-May, the benefits of recently implemented programs to end the tie-up should be evident.

The board has the power to give the carrier more time. An emergency order can last up to 270 days, and March 15 will mark half that amount of time.

The order was enacted in October and extended in December. At the time, the

railroad said the order, which was "directed for the first time in history at a financially viable railroad, was not justified."

Now the carrier says it's too soon to end the order.

The move to extend the order, critics say, is an admission by the carrier that it doesn't know how to relieve the traffic jam.

In the letter to the board, railroad attorney Arvid Roach wrote:

"Though we continue to adhere to those views, we feel that it would not well serve the Board, the shipping public, or the parties to this proceeding to conduct at this particular time a plenary view of the state of Western rail service and of whether further remedial steps" are warranted.

In the letter, the railroad admitted that "service remains impaired in the Houston/Gulf region."

Shippers at a recent National Industrial Transportation League meeting agreed, saying in some cases service had worsened.

In its weekly service report to the board, the railroad continues to show signs of slowing traffic.

Union Pacific has begun new programs that it says should alleviate the congestion — such as directional running, where all the trains on a track go in a single direction like a one-way street, and joint dispatching with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

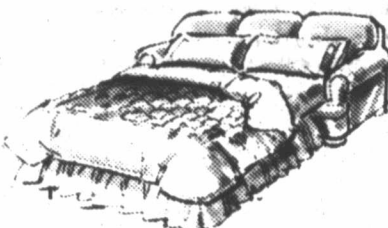
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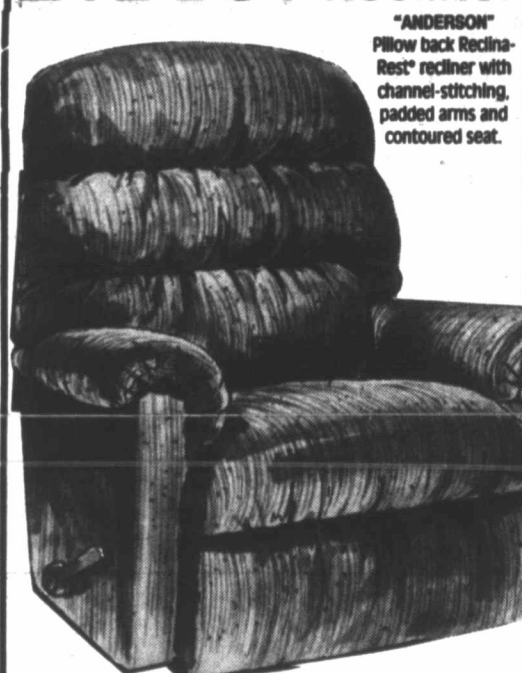
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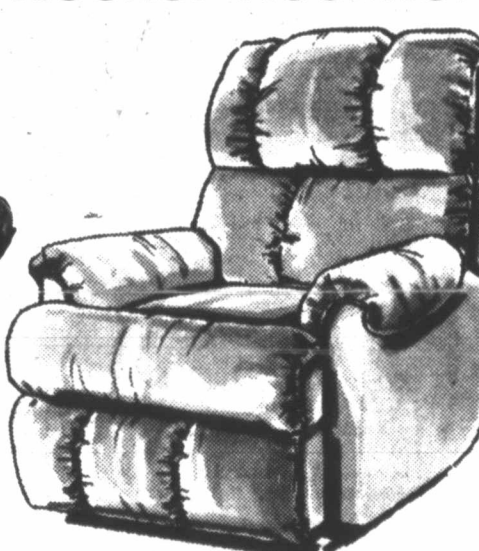
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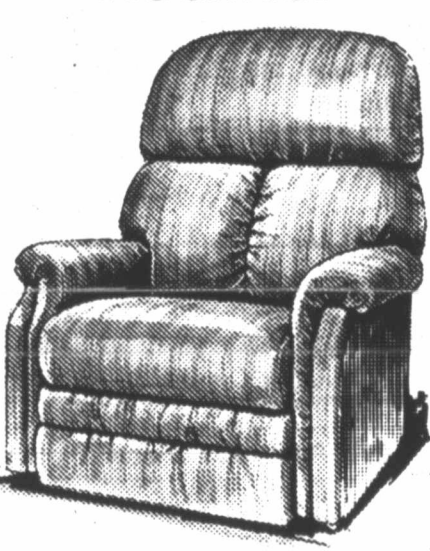
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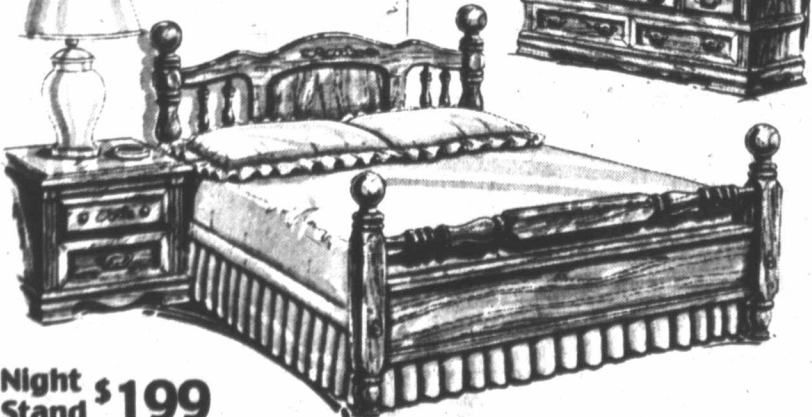


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