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FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines will be cutting its flight schedule by about 4 percent beginning next month to protect itself from future work actions by pilots, according to airline officials.

American officials said they will reduce flights by about 2 percent — or 45 to 50 flights a day — and shave minutes from flights times to make up the rest.

American CEO and chairman Donald Carty said the change is an effort to protect the airline from future pilot actions.

"We have to build some buffer into what we're doing," Carty said. "The system as we've got it structured today doesn't allow us any buffer."

The airline had to cancel thousands of flights this month when pilots, frustrated with contract talks, called in sick. A federal judge issued an order Feb. 10 to get the pilots back to work.

American and the Allied Pilots Association are fighting over how the airline will absorb recently acquired Reno Air Inc. The union insists that its contract with the airline forces American to pay higher wages to the Reno pilots and those American pilots who are due promotions. American had said it will bring the pilots up to the contract rate as soon as each pilot is retrained, a process that could take a year.

- Gladys Lee Alexander, 79, homemaker
- Juan T. Arreola, 21, U.S. Marine Corps reservist
- Juanita P. Hubbard, 82, avid quilter, bridge player
- Roy McLaury, 67, horse-shoer
- Rudon Stephenson, 58, security officer
- Velma Wright, 68, former dry cleaner employee

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Board hires new president for local CofC

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Armed with the board's directive to help make the Pampa Chamber of Commerce "strong and vibrant," newly-hired president Clay Rice will be on the job March 8 with that goal in mind.

The 40-year-old native Pampian was the unanimous

choice of the board last week when they voted to Rice over about 20 other applicants vying for the paid executive post.

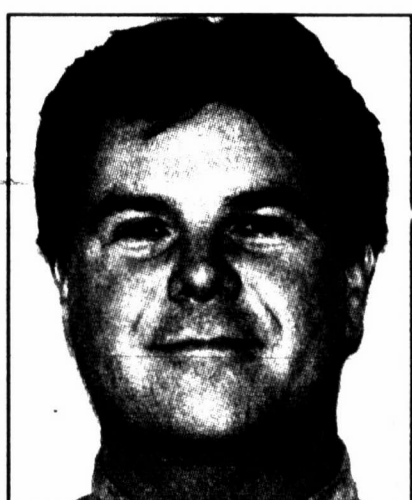
"I'm very excited," Clay said in an interview last week. "This is a very promotion-oriented job and I like that. The first thing I will be doing is meeting the members of the Chamber and visiting their businesses."

Rice is a 1977 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1983 graduate of Texas Tech University where he earned a degree in marketing. He is the son of Bill and Doris Rice of Pampa.

His wife, Beth, manages Travel Express in Pampa. Like her husband, she was also reared here. Her parents are Tommy and Nita Hill of Pampa.

The couple have two children, Jennifer, 17, a junior at Pampa High School where she plays on the tennis team and Brenden, a 5-year old kindergarten student, who likes baseball and soccer.

Rice now is in charge of inside (See CHAMBER, Page 2)



Clay Rice

Citizens ask how to prepare for Y2K problems

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

(This is the second part of a story on the city's February Y2K informational meeting)

"I want to know how much food and supplies to save for?" one Pampa citizen stood up and asked at the city's second Y2K informational meeting in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room late last week.

Representatives from area businesses and organizations as well as members of the public gathered to discuss current Y2K issues with representatives of the city.

"Nobody knows," answered Ken Hall, the city's local emergency management director.

"A couple of weeks, a few months — you research this to your satisfaction and decide," he added.

■ The next Y2K meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 25 at 10 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room

Y2K what?



Stories on the Year 2000 computer bug

Helping hands ...



Calvin Menefield (on the ladder) and John Carter put new siding up on the Pampa Community Youth Services building. The siding is needed to better weatherproof the building as well as for appearance.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

It's off to state prison for probation violators

Probation violations are sending three convicted felons from the freedom of the streets to prison.

Four cases were held in Judge Lee Waters 223rd court last week where he made the rulings.

Three of the cases were probation revocation hearings while one involved a plea bargain.

Kenneth Lloyd Dean, 38, 713 N. Wells, pled guilty to one count of forgery and received a four-year prison sentence. The case involved a check drawn on the account of Mildred D. Andrews of Pampa late last year. Dean took a check made out to him for \$22 to Sanders Sewing Center and

bought a vacuum cleaner bag. Since the check was for more than the bag, Dean received the change in cash.

The check was refused at the bank and returned to the business. Andrews said it was not her signature on the check. Normally the charge would be a state jail charge, meaning a stay in county jail, but because Dean has been twice convicted of felonies the forgery charge was enhanced to a second-degree felony resulting in the prison term.

Ronnie Blair Campbell, 53, 433 Hughes, was on (See VIOLATORS, Page 2)

PISD board filing deadline March 17

Three of the seven Pampa ISD Board of Education positions are expiring this spring making Wednesday, March 17, the deadline for candidates to file an application for a place on the board ballot.

School board incumbent members John Curry, entrepreneur; Pat Kennedy, homemaker; and Dr. Jay Johnson, dentist, filed Thursday night to keep their positions on the board.

"No one else has filed yet," said Executive Director of Personnel Jack Bailey this morning.

Significant dates for the 1999 election are listed below:

• **February 15** — First day for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot.

• **March 17** — Deadline for candidates to file an application for a place on the ballot.

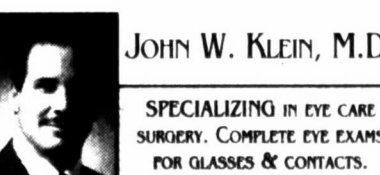
• **March 18** — Ballot Position Drawing, 10 a.m. in Jack Bailey's office if more than one person files for vacancy or seat.

• **April 14** — Early voting by personal appearance begins at Carver Center.

• **April 27** — Last day of early voting by personal appearance.

• **May 1** — Election Day at the M.K. Brown Auditorium

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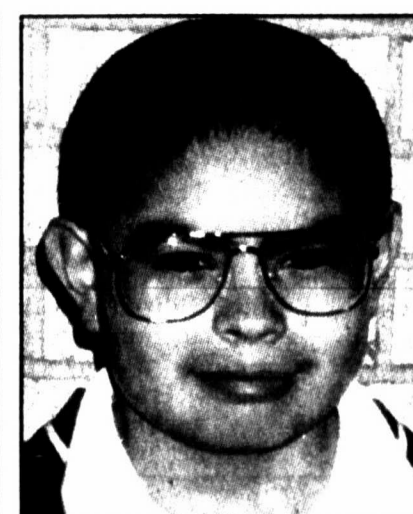
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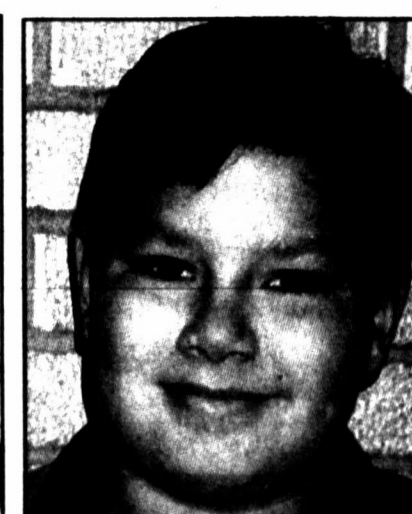
"Upside Down Frosted Oatmeal cookies."

-- Jackie Gerber



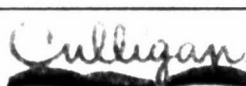
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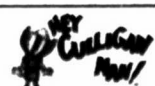


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Daily Record

Obituaries

GLADYS LEE ALEXANDER

BORGER — Gladys Lee Alexander, 79, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999, at St. Ann's Nursing Home at Panhandle. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains with D. Jay Lewis, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander was a native of Sterling, Okla. She had been a Borger resident for the past 38 years and was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Alexander, on Dec. 30, 1989, and by a daughter, Edwanna Opdenhoff, on Sept. 18, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Myrna Orr of Pampa; a sister, Inez Bridwell of Lawton, Okla.; a brother, Marvin Pannell of Lawton; six grandchildren, Regina Akst of Cedar Park, Janet Fleming of Borger, Vickie Schoenhals of Fritch, Dee Orr of Pampa, Gary Opdenhoff of Borger and John Orr of West Bountiful, Utah; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

JUAN T. ARREOLA

GRUVER — Juan T. Arreola, 21, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999. Services are to be at 3 p.m. today in Cristo Redentor Church with the Rev. Scott Raef, parish priest, officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Arreola was born in 1977 at Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. He was a lifelong Gruver area resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was currently serving in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Survivors include his parents, Rosalio and Rosa Arreola of Gruver; three sisters, Anna Borunda, Ruth Arreola and Rachel Arreola, all of Gruver; and three brothers, Louis Rosalio Arreola Jr. and Ricky Arreola, both of Gruver, and Guillermo Arreola of Mexico.

JUANITA P. HUBBARD

CHEYENNE, Okla. — Juanita P. Hubbard, 82, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Strong City Baptist Church at Strong City, Okla., with Aubrey Cowan officiating assisted by Kenneth Gamble. Burial will be in Silent Home Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Cheyenne.

Mrs. Hubbard was born Feb. 26, 1916, in Hall County, Texas, to Belle Donia and John Wesley Nesmith. She moved with her parents to Roger Mills County. She married J.E. "Shorty" Hubbard on July 22, 1935, at Cheyenne. The couple lived in Strong City for over 50 years, moving to Cheyenne in 1993. She was a member of Strong City Baptist Church and was an avid quilter and bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Jerry Randall Hubbard; three brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Everett Hubbard, of the home; two daughters, Carolyn Bradley of Cheyenne and Anita Davis of Pampa; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

ROY McLAURY

BORGER — Roy McLaury, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Plainsman Room of the Fine Arts Building at Frank Phillips College.

Mr. McLaury was born Jan. 25, 1932, at Dumont. He had been a Borger resident for the past 41 years and was a horseshoer in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. He belonged to First Baptist Church of Stinnett.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gale McLaury, on Sept. 19, 1984.

Survivors include three daughters, D'aun Brown of Carbon, Cindy Brazeal of Amarillo and Tammy Weiser of Cisco; a stepson, John Robinett of Vega; and eight grandchildren.

RUDON STEPHENSON

Rudon Stephenson, 58, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 1999. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Willow Cemetery at Willow, Okla., with the Rev. Jim Hollifield, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Mangum, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Greer Funeral Home of Mangum.

Mr. Stephenson was born Aug. 9, 1940, at Willow, to Austin and Ruby Stephenson. He was formerly a resident of the Willow-Mangum area. Following finishing school, he did various types of work, most recently in the security field. He was affiliated with the Methodist Church.

Survivors include five children, Ricky Don Stephenson, Robbie Kent Stephenson, Randall Keith Stephenson, Mandy Michelle Stephenson and Shawn Cameron Stephenson; his mother, Ruby Jaunet Brashier; a sister, Paula Son; and nine grandchildren.

VELMA WRIGHT

CANADIAN — Velma Wright, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser, senior minister, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stuckley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Wright was born April 20, 1930, at Canadian, to William Brice and Gladys Pierson

Andrews. She had been a lifelong Canadian resident. She married Tom Wright on Sept. 24, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. She worked for Canadian Laundry and Dry Cleaners for 30 years and was a member of First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her father and by a granddaughter, Trisha Hope Wright, in 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Tom, of Canadian; five sons, John Wright, Donald Wright and Terry Wright, all of Canadian, Ronny Wright of Hollis, Okla., and Tommy Wright Jr.; her mother, Gladys, of Canadian; five sisters, Faye Lindsey of Griffith, Ind., Frances Carpenter of Munster, Ind., Carolyn Hall of Sealbeach, Calif., Glenda Hilton of Middlebury, Ind., and Betty Kleinschmidt of San Antonio; and 10 grandchildren.

Police report

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

Monday, February 22

Theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Murphy.

Fires

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

Monday, February 22

8:26 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of Lefors.

2:26 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to an investigation in the 1100 block of Varnon.

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 22

George Pandellas, 44, 1204 Darby, was arrested on charges of no drivers license and failure to stop at stop sign.

Bobby Lee Cole Jr., 43, 1031 N. Sumner #209, was arrested on charges of failure to provide proof of liability insurance.

Deborah A. Enloe, 45, 708 N. Gray, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Stocks

Stocks were unavailable from the source today.

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furs Cafeteria. **TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN** Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Each Wednesday at the times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials that will help you get your child ready for school.

- Frank's Thriftway #1 300 E. Brown 10-11 a.m. & 3-4 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Woodrow Wilson School 801 E. Browning 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Albertson's 1233 N. Hobart 10-11 a.m. & 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Community Day Care 1100 Gwendolyn 4:30-6 p.m.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life event will take place at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Feb. 26 at 12 noon with the community leaders, past team captains, volunteers, and our sponsors. This is a team event to fight cancer and a free lunch will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. with Vivian or Ottolene at 669-6522 or 669-7662 by Tuesday, Feb. 23.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild regular meeting, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, please call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library membership drive will be Mar. 10 at the Post Office.

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CHAMBER

sales for IRI and will leave that job on March 5, he said. He was also employed in sales in Pampa shortly after college graduation at Lone Star Babbitt and Machine. After that came stints in Dallas and Houston where he was division manager for an architectural product import company.

"I really enjoy sales," he said. "At the Chamber it will be sales but I will be selling a service rather than a product."

Rice expects he'll soon sit down with the board to

get more direction about what he will be charged with accomplishing. But he knows that included on the list is to "develop the Chamber to its fullest potential."

"I will also be looking to the membership for some of their ideas and suggestions," he said. "And I want to take a look at some successful chambers and take cues from how they do things."

As a native Pampian working for his hometown Chamber, Rice says he sees "nothing but positives" in that aspect. "I just can't think of any negatives. I want to work for only the best for Pampa. My family's roots here go back to the early 1900s."

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VIOLATORS

probation for assaulting a police officer in 1993. The original sentence was seven years probation but Campbell was arrested in 1996 and his probation was continued. Part of his probation was to abstain from alcohol but he was arrested again in 1998 for public intoxication when he was seen walking down the middle of the street. Waters sentenced Campbell to 76 days in jail giving him credit for time served and continued him on probation.

Kimberlynn Kaye Ramby, 31, Pampa, was sentenced to probation in January 1989 for delivery of a controlled substance. Her probation was extended after she was arrested on charges of public intoxication and failure to report to her probation officer. Last year she was arrested in Odessa for

public intoxication. The Ector County officials reported that she did not report for drug tests as required and may have associated with known criminals there. In the hearing last week she had her probation revoked and must serve four years in prison.

Terry Lee Boaz, 32, Skellytown, was sentenced to eight years probation in 1991 for aggravated assault of a police officer. His probation was continued in 1997. In July of last year he was arrested on charges of assaulting a Borger Police officer. He was sentenced to five years in prison by a Hutchinson County Jury on Nov. 25. He was brought before Waters with prosecutors asking that his probation be revoked. Waters granted the motion and sentenced Boaz to serve the original sentence of eight years in prison.

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Y2K

has said he is planning on preparing for a month of food and supplies for himself and his own family.

Linda Whatley and Carolyn Stroud, leaders of a Y2K committee at Trinity Fellowship Church, informed those at the meeting that they are encouraging their own church membership to prepare for three months.

"Then you won't have to buy groceries for a long time, or you can bless your neighbors ... this is like insurance," said Whatley.

She also encouraged the public to live for two days in the conditions that could arise from Y2K problems.

"See what you need ... see what it takes for your way of life," she said.

Whatley then talked a little bit about the demand for supplies going up. She said the Wal-Mart in Pampa is currently out of oil lamps, for example, and a Wal-Mart in Amarillo told her they wouldn't be getting any more.

Resident Shirley Winborne stood up and advised people to get prescriptions in advance. Another member of the public agreed, saying many organizations are encouraging people to stagger their resources.

City officials and residents shared personal insights learned from the recent area ice storm which left many resident without power for days.

"One thing I noticed (during the ice storm) was that the older the phone, the better it worked," said the appraisal district's Pat Bagley.

He had less problems connecting with people on his rotary telephone, he said, than with modern telephones.

"Have a hand-cranked can opener!" said one resident. A battery-operated radio also proved useful during the storm for one citizen.

"I could hear Darrell Sehorn saying, 'Please don't call 911,'" she said.

Residents calling 911 to report minor incidents was another problem that city officials said they had to deal with during the ice storm.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny today with a high in the mid 60s and west-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight a low in the low 30s. Tomorrow, sunny with a high in the mid 70s and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 63, the overnight low 26.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low around 30. South to southwest winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, sunny with a high 70 to 75. Southwest winds 10-20 mph. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows from the mid 20s to lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny and warmer. High 70 to 75. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows 30 to 35. Wednesday, sunny and warmer. High 70s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny and warmer. High 70s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows from the mid 20s Marfa Plateau to upper 30s big bend. Wednesday, sunny. High 70s from the upper 60s mountains to the lower 80s along the Rio Grande. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy. High 60s mountains to the mid 80s along the Rio Grande. Lows in the mid 30s to near 50.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight. Clear. Lows in the 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 66 to 72. Extended forecast, Wednesday night, clear with lows in the 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. Friday, increasing clouds with lows in the 50s. High 70s. Saturday, mostly cloudy

with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 50s. High 70s.

SOUTH TEXAS

Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows from the upper 20s Hill Country to middle 30s south central. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 70s in the low to middle 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clear and cool. Lows in the mid to upper 30s inland, Near 50 at the coast. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 70s in the lower 70s inland, upper 60s at the coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy in the morning, mostly

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, mainly clear. Lows from near 8 to near 20 mountains and north-west, 20s to mid 30s lowlands east and south. Wednesday, fair skies. A little warmer. High 60s to mid 60s mountains and north, 60s to mid 70s lowlands south. Lows teens to low 30s mountains and north, mid 20s to 30s lowlands south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the lower and mid 30s. Wednesday, sunny. High 70s from the mid 60s to lower 70s. Wednesday night, fair skies. Lows from the upper 30s to mid 40s.

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Committee considers FOI bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Private companies that take over bureaucratic tasks would be forced to open their records to public scrutiny under legislation being considered by a House committee.

Private firms aren't required to follow laws regarding open meetings and records even if they accept state dollars, Glen Maxey, an Austin Democrat sponsoring the bill, told the House State Affairs Committee Monday.

"When public dollars move to the private sector all of the sudden ... the public no longer knows how decisions are made for spending

those public dollars," Maxey said. "We don't know how decisions are made and whether we got the best deal, whether it was done in the most efficient way."

"There's a lot of things that are shut off because now those public dollars and decisions about tax payer dollars are being made by a private company."

Maxey's bill would expand the open records law to include private companies doing business with the state. It wouldn't affect personnel records or trade secrets.

Altrusa



(Special photo)

Altrusa Club of Pampa hosted a Valentine party recently at the Schneider House. Residents were served punch and cookies and bingo prizes were awarded by Altrusa members. Top photo: (left-right) Mary Woodward, Betty Farmer and Pat Johnson. Bottom photo: (l-r) Johnson, Mary McDaniel and Farmer.

Pampa woman recipient of AWN Career Achievement Award

AMARILLO — Donna Brauchi of Pampa was among five area women recently honored with Career Achievement Awards by Amarillo Women's Network.

Brauchi — currently serving the 21-county Panhandle Extension District as District Extension director, Family and Consumer Sciences — formerly served the Extension Service in Gray and Hemphill Counties. She is currently based in Amarillo.

A certified trainer for Family Community Leadership for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University System, she is involved in various community and civic organizations including Pampa Meals on Wheels, Pampa Rotary Club, Pampa ISD Teen Parent Program and has been a board member on many of the organizations.

She was a recipient of Epsilon Sigma Phi State Distinguished Service Award in 1997 and Texas Extension Specialist's Association 4-H Achievement Award in 1996 in addition to many other awards and honors.

Brauchi and husband, Ronnie, and two sons, Brian and Barry, all reside in Pampa.

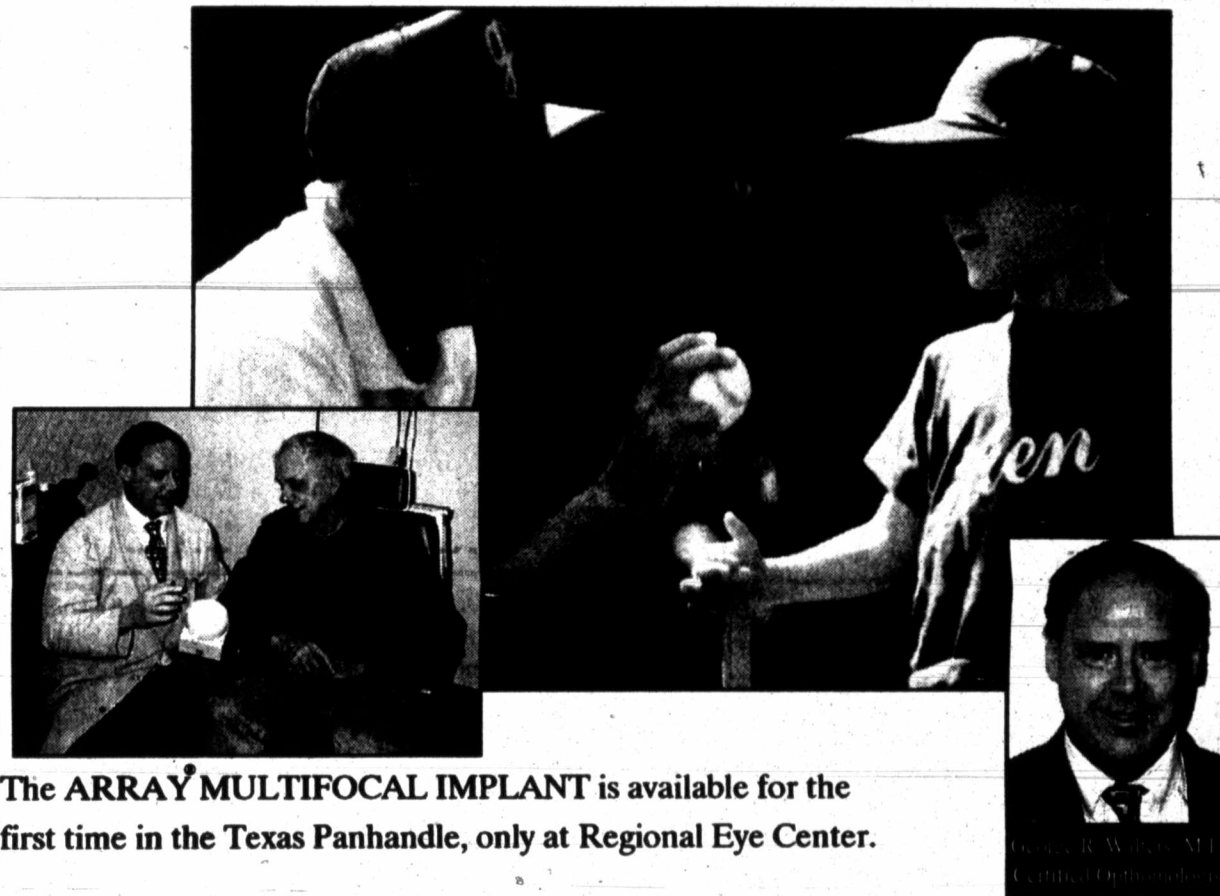


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#4191, 832' from South & 2798' from East line of Sec.

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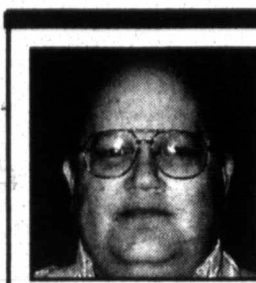
Well, I have to this column to write and it's late and I'm in a hurry. Of course, that's nothing new, I'm almost always in a hurry and often running late. Of course, so are you.

Actually, you're probably in a bigger hurry than me, at least some of the time. I run like crazy when I'm working (and faster than that when there are sirens in the air,) but once I get off work I don't get out, go anywhere, do anything. I bet you do.

I bet if you have children you're running all over to get them places, so they can be in constant motion, doing things. There's certainly nothing wrong with that, if you and they are really enjoying it.

Of course, you're big boys and girls. Hopefully you've grown up enough to stop doing things you don't want to do. If not, then what you need to do is learn to say no to things you don't really want to do. But are you letting your kids have that same option? I read or heard somewhere that many kids are getting stressed out because they have so much stuff to do. Recent studies also show more homework is being assigned earlier in school, plus there's sports and band and dance and, well, just a whole lot of stuff. Growing up is stressful enough, without worrying about handling too many additional activities. If there's something that a kid really wants to do, fine. Kids have a lot of energy. But is it their idea or yours?

I've also noticed the same thing magnified with spouses. I mean a lot of really frantic



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Pampa News staff

activity to accomplish something the other spouse wants done. I'm not married so I won't really go there, except to say, occasionally, I'm really glad I'm not married. Of course I've heard some complaints that one spouse won't help do something that the other spouse wants. The spouse then complains because there's no help.

Why am I the only one who dusts the widgets?

Maybe it's because you're the only one who cares if the widgets are dusty, or if there are widgets at all.

But perhaps the worst treatment is heaped on ourselves. We see all these things that need to be done, or we think need to be done, and ask who will do them if we don't? Sometimes they are things that we need to do right then. Often the answer is, somebody else will do it, on their own timetable, or they don't really need to be done, or they need to be done but tomorrow has such a nice ring to it. I some-

times think next week has a nicer ring to it but it doesn't fit into song lyrics as well. I occasionally think about all the things that have been done (some even by me) that really would have been better to leave alone.

Take yard work for instance. How many billions of hours have been spent mowing the yard, raking up the grass and carefully tossing it out. Now, one is considered a bad person to do that, especially the tossing grass out part. But many people who care about such things say it's better to leave the grass alone to let it fertilize the soil. Some have gone so far as to say that not cutting your grass as often is better for the environment. Not only does the longer grass help clean the air, so does not starting up the ol' gas mower. So maybe some weekend when you don't have time to do everything you can let the yard work go, for the environment, of course.

Now, I may not be the best judge of stuff like that, I also feel not vacuuming as often is good for the environment, but I hear the TV uses very little electricity and is therefore environmentally friendly.

Of course, those who know me (lucky devils all), know I'm more about saving one's peace of mind than the environment, so just ask yourself when you are feeling harried is it because there's too much to be done, or just too much that you feel has to be done? Just a thought.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 23, the 54nd day of 1999. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1945, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.

On this date:

In 1822, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo

began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1847, U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died of a stroke at age 80.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office after an assassination plot was foiled in Baltimore.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1905, the Rotary Club was founded.

In 1927, President Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1965, Stan Laurel, the "skinny" half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team, died in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly."

Ten years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee voted against recommending the nomination of John Tower to become secretary of defense.

Opinion

Nutritious ruling for free speech

■ A court has made a decision that is to adhere to the Constitution.

The founders anticipated that the most important function of the federal courts would be to remind government and its various entities and agencies to abide by the U.S. Constitution. Unfortunately, courts all too often grant government latitude to chip away at constitutional liberties. So when a court tells a federal agency to stop what it's doing because it violates the Constitution, it's cause for celebration.

That's what the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia did in the case of *Pearson v. Shalala*. It ruled against the Food and Drug Administration's policy of virtually forbidding health claims for dietary supplements. It specifically ruled that the FDA's rules about such claims are forbidden by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The ruling could have important implications for other forms of "commercial speech" that are currently regulated or restricted by various federal agencies.

The case was brought by Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw, authors of the early-1980s bestseller, "Life Extension," one of the first books to explain the scientific research, behind the idea that anti-oxidants such as Vitamin E can be helpful in extending life and preventing disease. They challenged FDA rulings that prevented vitamin makers from making truthful claims based on scientific research about the properties of certain nutritional supplements.

Eight years ago Congress passed the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, which required the FDA to review and approve the wording of health claims for nutritional supplements. Since that time the FDA has approved only two claims and rejected all the rest.

The court could have overturned the FDA's rulings on fairly narrow grounds. The FDA refused the requests by claiming there was not "significant scientific agreement" about the claims but refused to define what "significant scientific agreement" meant. That vagueness by itself would have been sufficient for the court to order the FDA to come up with a less arbitrary standard. Most courts, when they can reach a decision simply, prefer not to address constitutional issues.

But the D.C. Circuit court — the highest-level federal court besides the U.S. Supreme Court, which makes the decision binding nationwide unless the Supreme Court overturns it — chose to go directly to the constitutional issue. "We invert normal order here to discuss first appellants' most powerful constitutional claim, that the government has violated the First Amendment by declining to employ a less draconian method — the use of disclaimers — to serve the government's interest of protecting the public from misleading information," said the 3-0 majority of the justices.

The court ridiculed the FDA's arguments that potentially inaccurate claims, even if accompanied by a disclaimer to the effect that the FDA disagreed with this claim, were inherently misleading. "It would be as if the consumers were asked to buy something while hypnotized, and there fore are bound to be misled. We think this contention is almost frivolous," the court scoffed.

Plenty of federal agencies write rules based on the implicit assumption that consumers are easy to mislead and must be protected from the all-too-adult agony of gathering information and making choices. This decision could have a wide impact.

One small step for free speech.

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Miranda doesn't hinder justice

In its famous 1966 Miranda decision, the Supreme Court announced that henceforth, police would have to inform criminal suspects of their rights before interrogating them — or else their confessions could not be used in court. The police reacted as if they had been told to trade in their service revolvers for feather dusters.

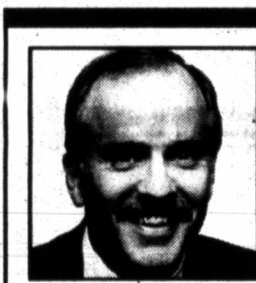
The Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association said telling suspects they weren't required to answer questions and could consult a lawyer gave "aid and comfort only to the criminal." The police chief of St. Paul, Minn., predicted that the verdict would "make murder practically an unsolvable crime." Police officials throughout the country were virtually unanimous in warning that confessions would become extinct and killers would routinely go free.

So it was no surprise that in 1993, when the Supreme Court was considering whether to take another look at the issue, law enforcement bodies were eager to see that their needs were taken into account. The Police Foundation and other groups filed a "friend of the court" brief putting forth their views in no uncertain terms.

And what did they say? They urged the Supreme Court to leave Miranda alone.

After a few years of living with the new policy, they found they could manage just fine without habitually violating the rights of people in their custody. By laying down simple rules, the court let cops know exactly what they had to do and assured them that if they did it, any confessions they obtained would hold up.

The French diplomat Talleyrand said the problem with France's royal family was that it had learned nothing and forgotten nothing. The same is true of the judges on a federal appeals court in Virginia who recently invalidated the Miranda decision in the five states



Steve Chapman
Syndicated columnist

under their jurisdiction. Despite the positive sentiments of police, Judge Karen Williams invoked the complaint of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia that the original decision was a favor to "dangerous felons, enabling them to continue their depredations upon our citizens."

In fact, the limits also help innocent citizens who are wrongly arrested, protecting them from the intimidating and coercive tactics that once were commonplace in precinct houses. And though it may grieve some conservatives, our Constitution says clearly that even criminals may not be abused by cops. By Scalia's logic, we should scrap the Fifth Amendment's ban on compulsory self-incrimination. If someone is guilty of a serious crime, why shouldn't he be forced to tell everything he knows, even if it takes a night stick or two?

Contrary to myth, the rules have not impeded law enforcement or prevented guilty suspects from confessing. Studies show that confession rates remained stable or rose after Miranda. University of Chicago law professor Stephen Schulhofer has noted that the average police officer solved 35 percent more crimes in 1969 than he had in 1964 — "scant evidence that Miranda 'handcuffed' police."

The appeals court says it doesn't matter because Miranda is defunct, having been over-

ruled by Congress. In 1968, it passed a law decreeing that confessions could be used in federal trials as long as they were "voluntarily given," even if the defendant was not informed of his rights.

That was the very standard the Supreme Court rejected in *Miranda*. The Department of Justice has never implemented the law for the simple reason that it is flagrantly unconstitutional. But the judges in Virginia have made the amazing discovery that the Supreme Court didn't mean *Miranda* to be read as constitutionally required — in which case Congress is free to repeal it.

They base this interpretation on the court's admission that "we cannot say that the Constitution necessarily requires adherence to any particular solution for the inherent compulsions of the interrogation process." The appeals judges pointed out that the *Miranda* opinion invited Congress and the states to experiment with other ways of protecting the rights of suspects.

But the fact that the *Miranda* warning is merely a method of protecting a constitutional right, not a constitutional right itself, doesn't mean it can be junked on a legislative whim. The Supreme Court said the Fifth Amendment requires police to take some affirmative measures to offset "inherently compelling pressures which work to undermine the individual's will to resist and to compel him to speak." Those safeguards can be the *Miranda* warnings or procedures that are "at least as effective" — but they can't be nothing, which is what the 1968 law would replace them with.

No safeguards would be fine with critics of *Miranda*, who would rather mutilate the Constitution than let criminals escape. They ignore the inconvenient lesson of the last 33 years, which is that we don't have to do either.

Presidential hopefuls hove into sight

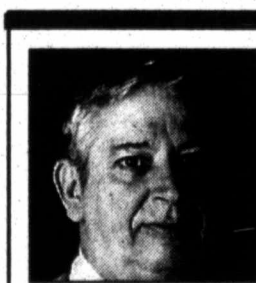
Well, here it is only February 1999, and the presidential candidates are already starting to mill around the starting gate.

Al Gore, the current No. 2, is promising people stuff at such a rate that he'll have \$3 trillion in promises racked up before the leaves turn in the autumn of 2000.

Some say former Sen. Bill Bradley may challenge him for the Democratic nomination. I hope somebody does. The Washington press crowd really likes Bradley, as well as Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican who's making candidate-like noises. Of course, the admiration of the Washington press corps is not a good recommendation to anybody looking for a conservative horse. I've been around the game a good while, and I've never seen the Washington press like a conservative.

Bradley seems like a nice fellow, but he sure takes a long time getting around to a point when he talks. I don't need any generalities — which is what most politicians and he in particular deal in — because I have a garage full of my own. Besides, Bradley is one of those Rhodes scholars, and they're all on my suspicious list this year. I'd like an "America First" president for a change.

McCain is being called a war hero, but what he mainly did was get shot down, and he was too eager to kiss and make up with the people who shot him down to suit me. He's also a bad legislator. His performance on the tobacco issue



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

stunk worse than a cheap cigar. He's the guy who ruined the settlement deal by piling on more and more punishment until not even the tobacco lawyers who wanted a settlement could go along with it.

Gary Bauer, of the Family Research Council, is thinking about running, but I figure he's got as much of a chance of winning as a team of club-footed midgets would have in the National Basketball Association. People, especially conservatives, forget sometimes that political races are popularity contests. Bauer's like a priest at a pornographer's convention who hasn't noticed who the delegates are and what they do for a living.

Then there's Mrs. Bob Dole. She's kind of a stereotypical Republican woman of her generation — a little long in the tooth but well preserved, coiffured and dressed. She's rich as six lottery winners and has got a resume that impresses people who don't know how politi-

cal appointments are made. Trouble is, most Americans won't vote for a woman to be president, and those who will are steely-eyed liberal Democrats.

Come to think of it, though, that may make her an ideal Republican nominee. Republicans of late have been about as astute as Homer Simpson. So it would not surprise me for them to nominate a woman when most feminists are Democrats; a rich woman when most conservative women are blue collar and middle class; an old Washington Beltway type when most people are looking for new blood; and an elderly woman when the party desperately needs to attract younger voters. D'oh!

The two well-heeled horses, of course, are Steve Forbes and Gov. George Bush of Texas. Forbes doesn't look presidential, and I don't know how he can overcome that. Bush is a moderate Republican, which is to say a corporate liberal who knows how to make conservative speeches and say a few words in Spanish. We can all do the Spanish now thanks to that cute little Taco Bell dog.

Finally, there is former vice president Dan Quayle. The press, most of whom are a whole lot dumber than Quayle, will nevertheless ridicule him to pieces, and I'm not sure there is a defense against that in a nation of couch potatoes and parrot heads. What I plan to do is pray every day that we do not get the kind of leader we deserve again.



(Photo by Jerry Hensley)

A ruptured main sent water spurting into the air Sunday in the park near Evergreen and Dogwood where city workers used a back hoe and other equipment to facilitate repairs.

Mauled zookeeper may have left door open, report says

DALLAS (AP) — Serious injury three months ago to zoo keeper Jennifer McClurg at the hands of a gorilla triggered two investigations and the resignation of a senior administrator.

Now, it appears the 25-year-old employee may have been responsible for leaving a door open that allowed the gorilla access to her. She was attacked in her work station on Nov. 28 by Hercules, a 340-pound silverback gorilla who escaped from his compound.

A written statement about the incident from Dallas Zoo director Rich Buickerood suggests that Ms. McClurg left the door open in violation of her training.

Buickerood's statement was among dozens of statements by zoo staffers involved in the incident, released by the city under an open records request.

Buickerood wrote that his belief that Ms. McClurg left the door open led to a strategy of "trying to protect Jennifer from stories in the media about human error, but it seems as though she is the person who left the door open and allowed Hercules to get out."

In a brief interview from home Monday, Ms. McClurg declined to confirm or deny that she left the door open.

"I'd rather not because I know things will get twisted. There're a lot of things that went wrong there that day," she told The Dallas Morning News.

City and zoo officials say that knowing for certain how Hercules got through the door will help them revise work procedures and operation policies so that no human life is endangered again.

Documents released by the city show that doors being left open in primate areas had been a problem in the months leading up to the November attack. Zoo officials say they had been trying hard to crack down on such lapses, considered life-or-death mistakes in the zoology world.

Four more students expelled for drinking

THE COLONY, Texas (AP) — For the second time in as many months, officials in the Lewisville school district have expelled students for drinking alcohol on campus.

Last month's incident involved 11 girls from Lakeview Middle School in The Colony who drank a mixture of Cherry Seven Up and grain alcohol.

Monday, four eighth-grade girls from Griffin Middle School, also in The Colony, were expelled for drinking rum-laced Gatorade before the start of classes on Thursday. A fifth girl was reprimanded but not expelled.

The school district adopted a zero-tolerance policy last month for drinking alcohol on campus.

Officials said one girl took the rum concoction to school and shared it with four other girls before the start of classes on Thursday. About mid-morning, one of the girls vomited in class.

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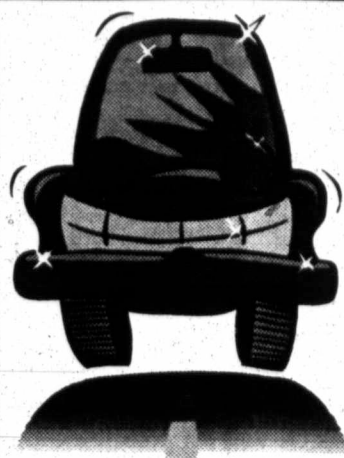
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New Wife Cannot Understand Husband's Generosity to His Ex

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, I married "Earl," a man with two children. We had both been single parents for years. Earl divorced in 1982. I divorced in 1987. I have four children. Only one is still living at home, and he's in college.

Abby, every Christmas since his divorce, Earl has given his children money to buy their mother a present. I assumed he had discontinued this after we married. However, this year I discovered that Earl gave them a blank check to buy something for their mother. (Her gift wound up costing \$215.)

Earl insists he's teaching them an important lesson about Christmas, and giving, Abby, his children don't have to pay for college, gas, clothing, food or car insurance. They each drive a sport utility vehicle.

I don't understand the lesson he's trying to teach them, and he seems unable to explain it to me. Can you?

HURT IN KANSAS

DEAR HURT: Old traditions die hard. Your husband has probably always "slipped" his children money to buy their mother a Christmas present. He apparently can afford it. Perhaps on some level he feels guilty about the breakup of the marriage — or he simply may want to stay in her good graces. If he's taking good care of you, don't make an issue of it.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Your ability to reach out and touch others is magnified. Don't let another hold you back. Your sense of what is right is important. Build stability. A family member gives you important information. Abundance surrounds you, if you are ready to accept it. Tonight: Consider some new home decor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

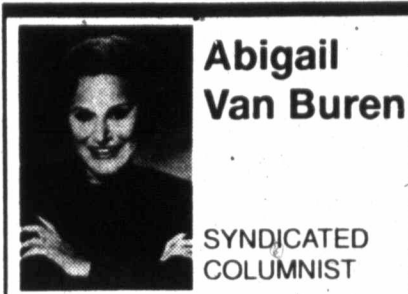
***** Intuition serves you well, especially with a boss or someone you find a bit confusing. Your sensitivity to others and your willingness to take a leap of faith opens doors. Avoid being critical or difficult. Let your positive, trusting nature come forth. Tonight: Meet friends at a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your happier side emerges and allows you greater options. A dream paves the way for you. Make a phone call; be willing to take a new course. Your sense of direction and dedication will pay off, if it hasn't already. You'll get something you really want. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Take a back seat. Let others express their financial and professional ideas. You make headway because you are willing to risk and do things differently. A boss



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently left our 2-year-old daughter with my mother-in-law while we went shopping. When we returned, we reclaimed our daughter and went home.

After we arrived, I noticed my mother-in-law had cut my daughter's bangs. I have been growing her bangs since she had hair, and I intended for her hair to be all one length without bangs. (I kept her hair pulled back deliberately while it was growing out.)

Abby, I am furious. I feel that as her mother I have a right to choose my daughter's hairstyle without outside interference. My husband agrees with me, but he is unwilling to speak to his mother. He says that I can "chew her out" at my peril. How should I handle this?

EXASPERATED IN INDIANA

DEAR EXASPERATED: The nicest thing about hair is that it grows constantly. The damage isn't permanent. I agree that your mother-in-law should not have cut your daughter's bangs

without your permission, but it's not worth a scene.

To prevent it from happening again, tell your mother-in-law that you're trying to grow your daughter's hair to one length, so please refrain from trimming it.

DEAR ABBY: I want to thank you for a wonderful gift you gave me. Let me explain:

When I was a small child, my father would insist that my twin sister and I read aloud to him. He'd sit us on his lap at the dining room table, and we'd each take turns reading your column aloud to him. That special time with my father was a very precious gift.

Abby, Dad is now terminally ill and doesn't have the promise of tomorrow. Your columns presented us with a golden opportunity to spend time with our father, and for that I thank you. Sign me ... BLESSED AND LOVES TO READ, LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR BLESSED: I am touched by the use to which your father put my column, and impressed that at this difficult time you are dwelling on the happiness you shared with him. Thank you for the compliment.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

could load way too much work on you. Look at it this way: he trusts your judgment. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Aim for what you want. Your imagination allows you to draw a partner in. Share your vision. You are able to walk another through a plan. Network and reach out for friends. Your ability to touch others lets you get what you want. Do some needed research. Tonight: A night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Maintain a high profile. Exchange information with others. Sometimes you don't want to hear others' opinions, but right now, great ideas are in the morsels of conversations. Build better unity within the workplace. Schedule an important meeting. Tonight: Tell others what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Take an overview, even when brainstorming. Your ingenuity surges. A loved one or friend understands much more than you realize. He sometimes indulges you, allowing you to weave your own world. Take a reality check, especially before dealing with another in charge. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You don't have to agree with a partner, but today, you might prefer peace. Be realistic about what you want, especially concerning a domestic matter or your work. Emotional extremes punctuate communication. Tonight: Talk to a loved one or friend about a special project or trip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You might be energized to go in a certain direction. However, logic might not get you there. Thinking might nullify a psychic premonition. Creativity and caring mix. You aren't apt to make an emotional

mistake. A partner urges you to take a gamble. Tonight: A midweek romp.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Sometimes money decisions elude even you. Stay on target. Stay connected to what is important. Spending money on your home and enhancing the caliber of your life are important. Allow a family member to nudge you in the right direction. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Let your imagination loose. You come up with amazing ideas and solutions. High charisma and creativity place you in the winner's circle. Don't forget to do the mundane tasks at work, though other things will appeal to you. Tonight: Getting it ALL done!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Handle a domestic matter first. Be fastidious in handling funds. Leave nothing up in the air. You can't carry your checkbook balance in your head, no matter what you think. Build on solid ground, not on elusive ideas or thoughts. Creativity remains important. Tonight: Be a little naughty!

BORN TODAY

Actress Helen Shaver (1951), actor Edward James Olmos (1947), singer Rupert Holmes (1947)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Got by
- Actress Rene
- Banish
- Cager Shaquille
- Pool feature
- Fuss
- Golf need
- Slag party guest
- Hears again
- Rink surface
- Nincom-poop
- Sediment
- On the up and up
- "Oh, God!" star
- Bus sch. course
- Nearest star
- Sprite
- Way back when
- Carnival city
- Pen contents
- Conflict
- Gymnast's aid
- Actor's comment
- Slur over
- Grand — National Park
- Hamper

DOWN

- Fragrant wood
- Rust, for example
- Turn
- Actor Wallach
- Crown repairer
- Judges' attire
- Numero —
- More sor-did
- Mideast-erner during The Crusades
- Age
- Cousins of "Golly!"
- April weather
- Breathing apparatus
- Ogles
- Astro-nomical event
- "Try!"
- Camp furniture
- Ditty
- Sheet material
- Be pending
- Avant —
- Law's partner
- Altar promise
- Bullfight cry

CIDER PLUS
OLIVA LAKER
MINER AGREE
MAG EAT ASS
ADDOUBLE LIFE
PIE UNIT
FIRST DIETS
I SEE DIG
LOST HORIZON
ETC USE OWE
TOURS CARLS
SPEAK TIBET
ERGS SLATS

Yesterday's answer

Marmaduke



"Take Hillside Road if you can. It has the fewest hydrants."

The Family Circus

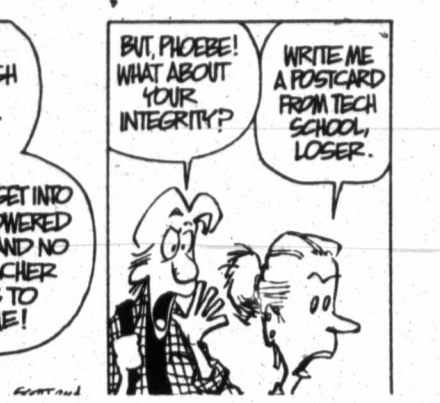
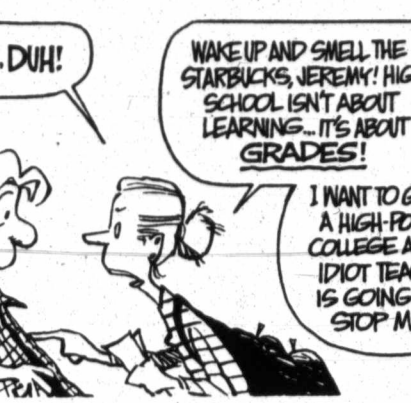
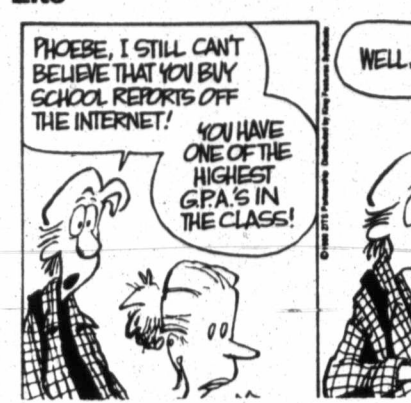


"Live with it, Jeffy. We don't have enough parents to go around."

For Better or For Worse



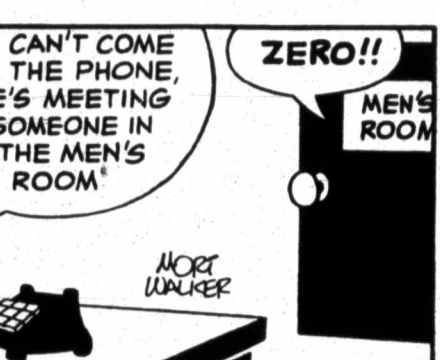
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Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



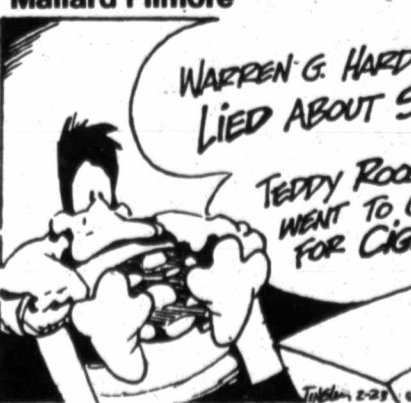
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Mallard Filmore



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SPORTS

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Dumas at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in a fastpitch softball game at Optimist Park. It will be the first home game of the season for the Lady Harvesters, who are off to a 2-0 start.

The Pampa-Dumas matchup will be the final non-district game of the season. The two teams meet again on March 9 in what will be considered a district game.

Pampa's district opener is at home Saturday against Hereford.

This is first year for girls' softball to be sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League. Pampa is joined by Dumas, Borger, Canyon, Randall, Frenship and Hereford in the same district.

Other schools in the Amarillo-area have softball teams, but school officials have decided to keep the sport in the club or intramural category for at least another year.

OBITUARY

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Chip Myers has died of a heart attack. He was 53.

Myers was promoted to offensive coordinator just a month ago after Brian Billick left to coach the Baltimore Ravens.

He was a receiver for eight years with the Cincinnati Bengals, and made the Pro Bowl one year.

Vikings spokesman Bob Hagan, who announced Myers' death, said he had no further details.

Myers, whose given name was Phil, was a graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — C & H Supply slipped by Subway 69-66 in a City League men's basketball game last weekend at the Pampa Middle School gymnasium.

Toby Northcutt had 18 points and Brett Newton followed with 17 to lead C&H in scoring.

Shawn Young topped Subway in scoring with 27 points while Leo Ramirez added 22.

Subway led by three (33-30) at halftime.

Others scoring for Subway were Johnny Salazar with 11, Rene Granillo 4 and Gonzo Salazar 2.

Ramirez and Young each hit a pair of 3-point goals and Salazar had one.

Subway plays First State Bank at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

City League games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Big Three were sluggish early, then disappeared late.

And the Minnesota Timberwolves still made the San Antonio Spurs look more like a nuisance than the Western Conference contenders they were supposed to be.

Kevin Garnett, Stephon Marbury and Joe Smith combined for five points in the fourth quarter Monday night, but Sam Mitchell scored 12 and Malik Sealy had nine as the red-hot Wolves extended the best start in franchise history with a 95-89 victory over the sagging Spurs.

"They're a heck of a team," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich.

Second best in the West, to be precise.

Only the two-time defending conference champion Utah Jazz have a better record than Minnesota, which is 8-2 after winning its 12th consecutive regular-season home game.

The Wolves trail the Jazz by one game in the Midwest Division, and they are starting to put daylight between themselves and the division's other contenders, Houston (two games) and the Spurs (3 1/2 games).

Cougars advance

PAMPA — Curt Smith scored 24 points and Nathan Hefley added 15 as Fort Elliott downed Booker 58-48 in a Class 1A bi-district game Monday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Brad Frame paced Booker with 22 points; Travis Rogers added 11 points.

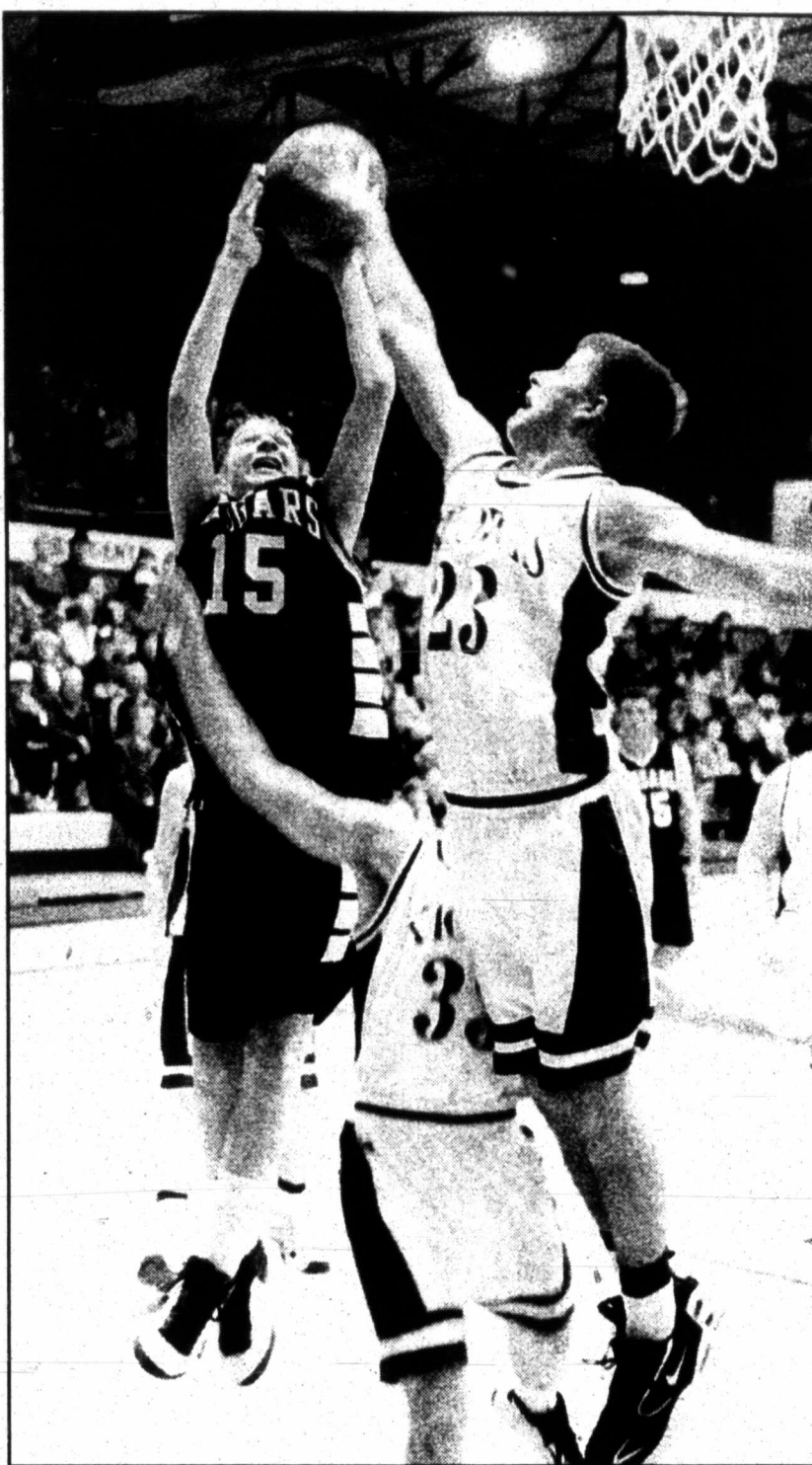
Others scoring for Fort Elliott were Richard Rowe with 8 points, Michael Hilburn 6, and Clay Zybach 5. Smith, a 5-10 junior, connected on three 3-point goals. Hefley, a 5-10 sophomore, scored all of his points in the second half to help the Cougars pull away.

Booker held a 17-13 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Fort Elliott went on top by four (27-23) at halftime. The Cougars led by five (45-40) after three quarters and went in front by as many as 12 in the fourth quarter.

"Booker has a good team. They matched up pretty well against us," said Fort Elliott coach Curtis Smith. "We were able to hang in there. Curt (Smith) hit some big shots for us. Nathan (Hefley) got into early foul trouble, but he really stepped up big for us."

Fort Elliott is 32-1 for the season while Booker finishes at 12-15.

The Cougars will meet Sudan at 7 p.m. Thursday night in Amarillo Caprock Activity Center in the area round of the playoffs.



Fort Elliott's Curt Smith (15) battles Booker's Brad Frame for a rebound in a bi-district game at McNeely Fieldhouse.

(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Texas makes Top 25 for first time this season

DALLAS (AP) — Texas was in chaos less than a year ago. The season had a dismal ending with two players leaving for other schools, the head coach resigning and a record that set the Longhorns near the bottom of the Big 12.

This season was not expected to be much better, but new coach Rick Barnes had turned Texas around. In addition to being one win away from clinching the top seed in the conference tournament, the Longhorns (17-10, 12-2) have moved into the AP college basketball rankings for the first time this season at No. 22.

"We didn't gawk about it. It was the farthest thing from our mind," Barnes said Monday after practice. "But I'm happy for our players. I think they worked hard for it,

but all we're concerned about right now is finding a way to keep winning."

Despite a slow start, Texas has won eight of its last nine games and holds a two-game lead over Big 12 rivals

North Carolina would give Duke, which beat Florida State by 26 points and Clemson by 27 last week, the first 16-0 regular season in the ACC.

Auburn (25-1), which beat

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Oklahoma and Kansas.

At the top of the poll is Duke, winner of 22 straight games and one victory shy of Atlantic Coast Conference history. The Blue Devils (27-1) were first on 70 ballots and received 1,774 points from the media panel.

A victory Saturday night at

Vanderbilt in its only game last week, moved up one place to No. 2 with 1,685 points. The ranking matches the highest in school history, a one-week stay at No. 2 in February 1959.

Michigan State (25-4), which won the Big Ten regular-season title Sunday with a 56-51

victory over Wisconsin, also moved up one place and received the other No. 1 vote and 1,617 points.

Connecticut (23-2), which lost to Miami 73-71 on Saturday, dropped from second to fourth, the first time this season the Huskies haven't been ranked either No. 1 or 2.

Maryland held No. 5 and was followed by Stanford, Arizona, St. John's, Cincinnati and Ohio State.

The Second Ten was Miami, Utah, Kentucky, North Carolina, UCLA, Wisconsin, College of Charleston, Iowa, Florida and Indiana.

The last five teams in the Top 25 were New Mexico, Texas, Purdue, Syracuse and Temple, with the last two tied for 24th.

Temple (18-8) was No. 7 in

the preseason poll, but fell out of the rankings four weeks into regular season after losing four straight games. The Owls returned to the rankings after winning five of six.

Missouri (18-7) and Miami of Ohio (19-6) both lost two games last week to fall out of the poll after returning for one week.

Kentucky, which beat Georgia and lost to Arkansas, had the week's biggest drop falling from No. 6 to 13th and out of the Top Ten for the first time this season. Purdue, which was the third ranked team to lose two games last week, fell from 17th to No. 23. The week's biggest jumps were the moves of Miami from 15th to No. 11 and Florida from 23rd to No. 19, the highest rankings for both this season.

Astros' Alou tears ACL, may miss whole season

By The Associated Press

The Houston Astros knew Moises Alou would be absent for the start of spring training. Now, the NL Central champions might be missing him for the whole season.

The Astros learned Monday that their All-Star outfielder, who fell off a treadmill last week, has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

"This is a devastating blow for our team," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said from training camp in Kissimmee, Fla. "Clearly, this was the worst-case scenario we could have imagined."

"He's probably facing missing most of the year, possibly the whole season," Hunsicker said. "I think the best we could hope for is that he returns sometime in late August or early September."

Alou, 32, hit .312 with 38 home runs and 124 RBIs. Carl Everett and young Richard Hidalgo will try to take Alou's place in left field.

Alou was hurt last Thursday at his home in the Dominican Republic when he lost his balance trying to adjust a treadmill that was going too fast. He hoped the injury was not serious, but an MRI in Houston showed the damage.

The Anaheim Angels and Texas Rangers also were struck by injuries, though nothing as serious as the one to Alou. And Florida rookie Mike Lowell was recovering after undergoing surgery for testicular cancer.

Angels shortstop Gary DiSarcina will miss at least a month after breaking his left forearm in a freak accident at camp in Tempe, Ariz.

DiSarcina, a sound fielder who batted .287 last season, was hurt Sunday. After taking batting-practice swings, he blindly turned and walked into the swing of first-base coach George Hendrick, who was hitting ground balls to infielders.

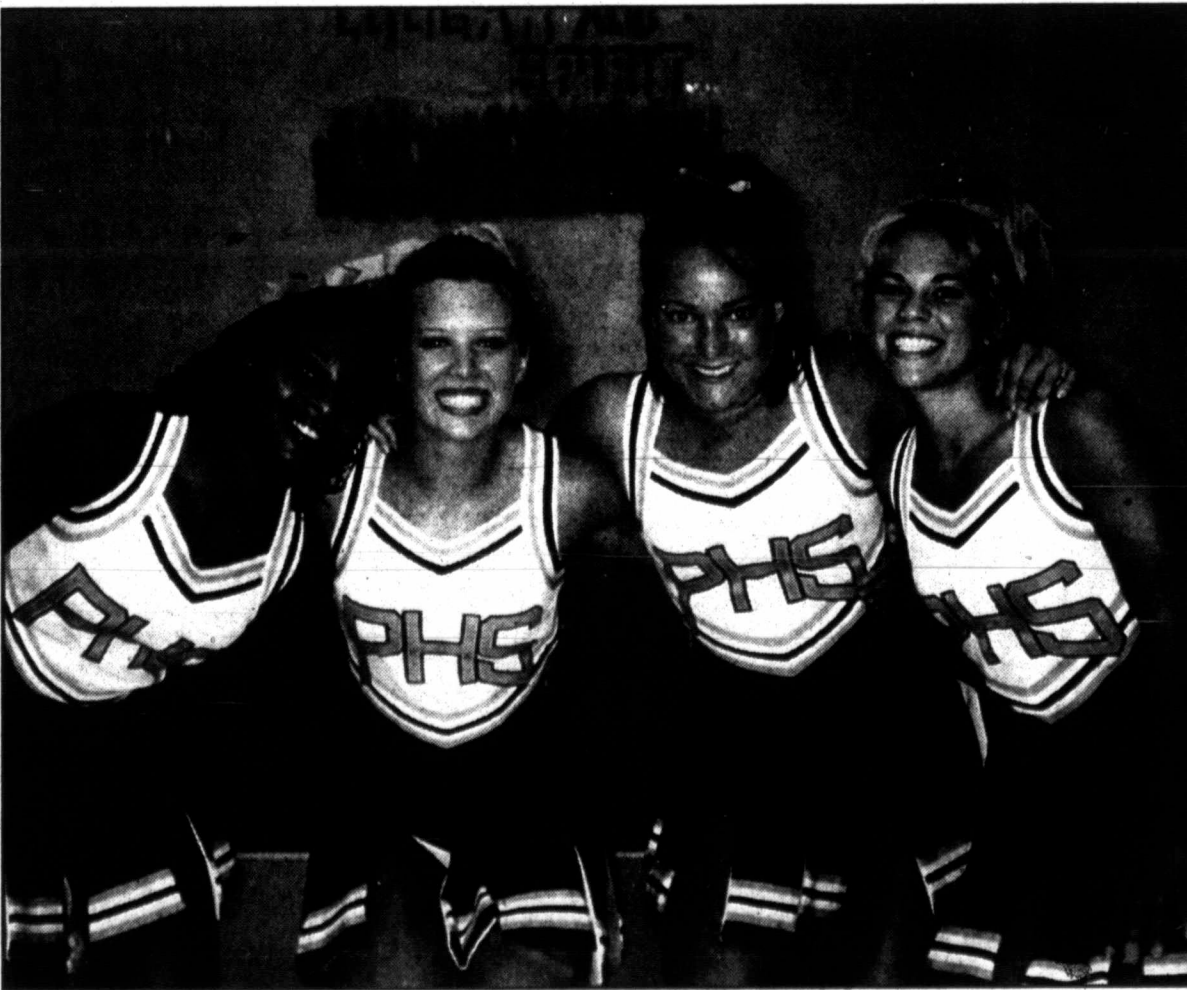
DiSarcina was confident he would be back before the Angels' opener April 6.

"I'll be around all the time, running a lot, because I want to be with the guys," he said. "This is not going to ruin our frame of mind entering the season. I'm determined to make sure of it."

Texas will be minus closer John Wetteland for the next week or two after he strained his right ankle during a workout at Port Charlotte, Fla.

"It's frustrating because I put in a lot of sweat and hard work to get back to where I was feeling pretty good," Wetteland said. "It just shows that the ankle is an important part of the body, too."

All-American cheerleaders



(Special photo)

The Pampa High School varsity cheerleading squad includes four All-American Cheerleaders this year. They are (from left) Lacrese Ford, Courtney Lang, Lori Lindsey and Emily Curtis. Ford was named All-American for the second year in a row. The four girls were recognized during the National Cheerleaders Association camp at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Suns rip Mavericks

By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — A cold and flu couldn't stop Jason Kidd from getting another triple-double.

Kidd had 17 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds Monday night for his third triple-double in five games to lead the Phoenix Suns to a 101-83 victory over the road-weary Dallas Mavericks.

"He's just an unbelievable player," the Suns' Rex Chapman said. "A lot of guys wouldn't even suit up. You've got to have a real passion to play the game, to not only go out there and play but get a triple-double. There aren't too many of those players."

Kidd had his 23rd career triple-double. He left the game for good right after his 10th rebound with 4:20 to play gave Phoenix a 89-72 lead. His bigger teammates boxed out for him so he could get that 10th rebound.

"The ball has to bounce my way. That last rebound, I wasn't going to jump for it," Kidd said. "It came to me, fortunately. D (Danny) Manning and Cliff (Robinson), they'll box out for me when they know I'm close, and they don't have to do that."

Kidd said he never thought about not playing.

"I thought I'd give it a try, give it a whirl," he said in the locker room, draped in white towels. "My chest was on fire. Rex said he outran me — with the ball — so he knew something was wrong. He knew that I was struggling. But I'm going to try to help my teammates as much as possible, and tonight they really helped me."

Kidd has not been named to the U.S. Olympic team, but Suns' coach Danny Ainge thinks his point guard would be a perfect fit.

"I can't think of anybody who's more fun to coach than Jason Kidd," Ainge said. "You could put the Reggie Millers, and the Glen Rices and the Steve Smiths, the incredible shooters like that around him. I'd like to see anybody in international basketball keep up with that team. Jason definitely belongs on that team."

Chapman, shooting just 26 percent from the field entering the game, was 7-for-12 for 18 points for the Suns, who beat Dallas for

the seventh consecutive time. Danny Manning scored 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for Phoenix.

Cedric Ceballos scored 21 and Michael Finley 17 for the Mavericks, who were playing their seventh road game in 11 days, the longest trip in franchise history.

Dallas trailed by 18 in the second quarter, cut it to four early in the third, then fell behind by 19 in the fourth.

Kidd wasn't the only one feeling ill. Dallas point guard Steve Nash had the flu and eventually left the game with a sinus headache. He had one point and four assists in 23 minutes.

"We burned ourselves out trying to get back into the game," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Nash had the flu, so he couldn't do very much. You know, it was one of those games where I don't think anybody played well."

The Suns, who hadn't led after one quarter in their previous seven games, shot out to a 12-2 lead and were up 23-15 at the end of the period.

Dallas, which finished the road trip 1-6, made just three of its first 17 field goals and shot 28 percent in the first quarter.

Rookie Pat Garrity scored four during an 11-0 run that gave the Suns a 38-20 with 6:45 left in the half. But the Mavericks outscored Phoenix 14-6 over the last 4 1/2 minutes of the half and cut the lead to 49-41 at the break.

Dallas scored the first four points of the third quarter, but the Suns went on a 14-5 run, punctuated by Kidd's spectacular one-handed slap pass on a rebound to Luc Longley for a dunk to put Phoenix up 63-50 with 5:21 left in the third.

Manning scored eight during a 10-4 spurt to start the fourth quarter to boost the Suns' lead to 81-65.

Notes: Kidd is second to Grant Hill among active players in triple-doubles. Hill has 28. ... Nine of Kidd's triple-doubles have come since he was traded to the Suns by Dallas in December 1996. Three of them have been against the Mavs. ... The Suns own Dallas' No. 1 pick in the draft as part of the trade that sent Nash to the Mavs. ... Five former Suns play for Dallas. ... Phoenix is 3-3 at home, 3-1 on the road.

Prairie View wins in overtime

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Gregory Burks scored 29 points to lead Prairie View to an 85-84 overtime victory over Alabama A&M Monday night.

The Bulldogs (10-15, 7-8 Southwestern Athletic Conference) led 47-40 at halftime, but Prairie View (6-18, 4-10) battled back to outscore the visitors 38-31 in the second half and send

the game into overtime. The Panthers edged Alabama A&M 7-6 in the extra period.

Free-throw shooting made the difference for Prairie View, which sank 85 percent of its foul shots compared to 57 percent for A&M.

Jocquinn Arch scored 20 points and had 11 rebounds for Prairie View. Aron Thompson added 14 points and Jamarus Graves had 10.

Scoreboard

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA

Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Lanes	13	3
Deaver Construction	13	3
McCarthy Hull	10	6
Canadian Motel	7	9
Cox Enterprise	6	10
Dorman Tire	6	10
Davis Minit Mart	5	11

Week's High Scores
Team
High series: Deaver Construction 2,001; High game: Harvester Lanes 733; High handicap series: Cox Enterprise 2,432; High handicap game: McCarthy Hull 814.

Individual
Men
High game: Ray Deaver 232; High series: David Livingston 559; High handicap game: Ray Deaver 258; High handicap series: Chris Smith 700.

Harvester Couples League
Team
Won
Lost
Team Nine 12 4
Red's Pro Shop 11 5
Team 11 5
Davis Minit Mart 10 6
Peggy's Place 9 7
Harvester Cafe 9 7
Wolf Pack 8 8
Wendell's Roofing 7 9
ECS Inc. 7 9
Coyote Club 5 11

Week's High Scores
Team
High game: Peggy's Place 784; High series: Peggy's Place 2,159; High handicap game: Peggy's Place 903; High handicap series: Peggy's Place 2,516.

Individual
Men
High game: Jim Logan 227; High series: Jim Logan 591; High handicap game: Joe Trullinger 245; High handicap series: Richard Helmer 649.

Women
High game: Belinda Nottle 215; High series: Belinda Nottle 567; High handicap game: Belinda Nottle 247; High handicap series: Belinda Nottle 663.

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

EAST
Connecticut 72, Providence 65
SOUTH
Alabama St. 75, Texas Southern 64
Bethune-Cookman 95, Norfolk St. 88
Coppin St. 94, Md.-Eastern Shore 73
Hampden-Sydney 84, Florida A&M 71
Miss. Valley St. 76, Grambling St. 55
Morgan St. 81, Delaware St. 75
Prairie View 85, Alabama A&M 84, OT
S. Carolina St. 73, Howard 67
SW Louisiana 93, Texas-Pan American 81
Valparaiso 74, Belmont 62

MIDWEST
Bradley 58, S. Illinois 56
Creighton 76, Wichita St. 65
Evansville 68, SW Missouri St. 65
Indiana St. 65, Illinois St. 64
Kansas 67, Oklahoma St. 66, OT
N. Iowa 83, Drake 57

SOUTHWEST
Jackson St. 79, Ark.-Pine Bluff 70
FAR WEST
Texas Christian 76, UNLV 7

The Women's Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Pts	Pv
1.	Purdue(38)25-1	1,021	2
2.	Tennessee(1)25-2	973	1
3.	Louisiana Tech(1)22-2	951	3
4.	Colorado St.(1)27-1	893	4
5.	Old Dominion 27-3	842	5
6.	Connecticut 23-4	802	6
7.	Rutgers 24-4	775	7
8.	Duke 23-5	710	8
9.	Virginia Tech 25-1	674	10
10.	Nebraska 22-7	651	9
11.	Texas Tech 23-3	633	11
12.	UCLA 20-6	478	13
13.	North Carolina 24-6	464	12
14.	Georgia 21-5	441	14
15.	Penn St. 20-6	432	16
16.	Clemson 21-5	423	14
17.	LSU 20-4	417	23
18.	Oregon 22-4	324	18
19.	Virginia 19-7	304	17
20.	Iowa St. 19-5	288	19
21.	UC Santa Barbara 21-3	259	20
22.	Kansas 20-7	137	21
23.	Auburn 19-7	113	22
24.	Alabama 17-9	57	25
25.	Fla. International 20-5	46	23

Others receiving votes: Tulane 36, Toledo 33, SW Missouri St. 30, Cincinnati 19, W. Kentucky 17, Boston College 16, Marquette 16, Texas 16, Arizona 6, Stanford 6, St. Mary's, Cal. 5, Arkansas 4, Utah 4, Illinois 3, Kentucky 3, George Washington 1, St. Joseph's 1, Xavier 1.

PRO BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
At A Glance
By The Associated Press

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	9	2	.818	—
Miami	6	3	.667	2
New York	6	3	.667	2
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	3 1/2
Washington	4	4	.500	3 1/2
Boston	3	5	.375	4 1/2
New Jersey	2	7	.222	6

Central Division
Indiana 7 3 .700
Milwaukee 5 3 .625
Atlanta 6 4 .600
Cleveland 5 4 .556
Detroit 4 6 .400
Toronto 3 5 .375
Chicago 2 8 .200
Charlotte 1 7 .125

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	9	1	.900	—
Minnesota	8	2	.800	1
Houston	6	4	.600	3
San Antonio	6	6	.500	4 1/2
Vancouver	5	6	.455	5 1/2
Denver	2	8	.200	7
Dallas	2	9	.182	7 1/2

Pacific Division
Seattle 7 2 .778
Portland 6 2 .750
Phoenix 6 4 .600
L.A. Lakers 6 5 .545
Sacramento 5 5 .500
Golden State 4 6 .400
L.A. Clippers 0 8 .000

Sunday's Games
Washington 86, Boston 75
New York 79, Chicago 63

San Antonio 85, Detroit 64
Toronto 102, Vancouver 89
Orlando 106, Houston 83
Minnesota 102, Sacramento 90
Indiana 80, New Jersey 79
Seattle 92, L.A. Lakers 89

Monday's Games
Orlando 107, Sacramento 96
Chicago 77, Atlanta 68
Philadelphia 106, Cleveland 97
Minnesota 95, San Antonio 89
Denver 117, L.A. Lakers 113, OT
Phoenix 101, Dallas 83
Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 89

Tuesday's Games
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
Monday's Sports Transactions
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BASKETBALL
NBA—Fined Los Angeles Lakers C Shaquille O'Neal \$10,000 and Houston Rockets F Scottie Pippen \$5,000 for criticizing officials.

Named Horace Balmer senior vice president of security, Bill Daugherty senior vice president of business development, Joel Livin senior vice president and general counsel, Heidi Ueberroth senior vice president international television and business development, Gregg Wink senior vice president of programming and executive producer, Ken Adelson vice president of production, Mike Bantom vice president of attractions, Chris Brenza vice president of sports media relations, and Robert Lanier special assistant to the commissioner.

ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed G Steve Smith on the injured list. Signed G Jeff Sheppard. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Claimed G Michael Haskins off waivers from the Portland Trail Blazers.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with DE Antonio Edwards on a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Steve Mooshagian wide receivers coach. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed G Raleigh McKenzie and QB Matt Hasselback to multi-year contracts. Signed WR Tyrone Goodson. Waived LB Anthony Hicks.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Terminated the contract of QB Heath Shuler. HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Fired Dirk Graham, coach. Named Lorne Molleken interim coach and Trent Wrenney assistant coach. COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled G Marc Demont from Hershey of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled G Steve Passmore, C Chris Ferraro and LW Dan LaCouture from Hamilton of the AHL. Returned D Todd Reirden and C Boyd Devereaux to Hamilton.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned G Todd MacDonald to New Haven of the AHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Radim Bicanek from Grand Rapids of the IHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled C J.F. Jomphe and C Trevor Letowski from Springfield of the IHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned RW Chris Kenady to Hartford of the AHL. ST. LOUIS BLUES—Traded RW Chris Kenady to the New York Rangers to complete an earlier trade.

HOCKEY
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Philadelphia	30	14	13	73	178	122
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N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	53	142	132
N.Y. Islanders	18	34	7	47	130	178

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Anaheim 24 25 9 57 155 147
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Sunday's Games
Detroit 4, Buffalo 4, tie
Boston 6, Chicago 3
Colorado 1, Dallas 1, tie
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Rangers 2, Edmonton 1, OT

Monday's Games
Washington 4, Toronto 3
New Jersey 3, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 4, Phoenix 1
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 1
Calgary 6, N.Y. Rangers 2

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Purdue back on top in women's cage poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Purdue once again was the beneficiary of a Tennessee loss.

For the second time this season, Tennessee fell out of the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll. And for the second time, Purdue replaced the Lady Vols at the top.

Purdue returned to No. 1 on Monday, one day after Tennessee suffered a 72-69 loss at LSU. The Boilermakers gained their first-ever No. 1 ranking in the second poll of the season after beating Tennessee in their opener, but they lasted only one week in that spot.

While coach Carolyn Peck wouldn't mind staying there a little longer this time — there are only two more polls this season — she insisted that's not her team's primary concern.

"As I said in November, it's a tremendous honor to be ranked No. 1 and it's a real tribute to the commitment by our 16 players," Peck said. "But the ranking is not going to help us score any points or come up with any steals. Our focus is on the Big Ten tournament, where everyone is 0-0."

Purdue (25-1) received 38 of 41 first-place votes and 1,021 points from a national media panel. Tennessee (25-2) slipped to second

with one first-place vote and 973 points.

It was the fourth time this season the lead has changed hands. The poll has not seen that many changes at No. 1 since there were four in the 1992-93 season.

Tennessee, winner of the last three national championships, was No. 1 in the preseason poll. Then came Purdue, which lost at Stanford by one point less than a week later and was replaced at No. 1 by Connecticut.

Connecticut held the lead for seven weeks before a loss to Tennessee sent the Lady Vols back to the top.

Tennessee routed Memphis by

74 points and Vanderbilt by 36 before stumbling at LSU, the Lady Vols' first loss to a Southeastern Conference team since the 1997 league tournament.

The only other change in the Top 10 was a switch in positions by No. 9 Virginia Tech and No. 10 Notre Dame. There were few big changes in the rest of the list except for LSU's jump from 23rd to 17th.

Louisiana Tech (22-2) held at No. 3 with one first-place vote and 951 points, while No. 4 Colorado State (27-1) received its first-ever vote for No. 1 and had 893 points. Old Dominion was fifth, followed by Connecticut, Rutgers, Duke, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame.

Rambling Rodman says he's ready to join Lakers

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Rodman laughed and he cried. He ranted and he railed. At times, he was obnoxious, using four-letter words and speaking far too candidly of his sex life.

The dominant rebounder of the '90s managed to jam a lot into 20 minutes of telling the world he was ready to play basketball again.

Yet when it came down to it, his reason for returning is a simple one.

"What got me over the hump is I'm bored," Rodman said in one of his few moments of clarity at the news conference he called Monday to announce his desire to join the Los Angeles Lakers. "I'm tired of not doing anything."

And why, pray tell, did it take him several weeks to make a decision — something that prompted criticism from former Lakers star Magic Johnson?

"It just don't come overnight," Rodman replied. "I wasn't sure I was ready to go back."

A source close to Rodman said late Monday that while a contract hasn't been finalized, the deal is basically done. The source also said Rodman expects to make his debut with the Lakers on Friday night against the Los Angeles Clippers.

The source said Rodman, who turns 38 in May, was expected to begin practice Wednesday — even though the team will be coming off three road games in three nights.

The Lakers issued a statement within minutes after the news conference ended, saying they hoped to have The Worm signed and in uniform "very soon."

Among other things, before he abruptly ended the news conference in tears, Rodman said the Lakers weren't a championship team now and must change their approach.

Several hours later, they inadvertently supported his argument, losing a 117-113 overtime decision at Denver, their fifth loss in 11 games this season. The Nuggets won for just the second time in 10 games.

"All the guys want to be superstars," Rodman said. "Everybody has to play a role. This team doesn't understand that right now."

A seven-time NBA rebounding champion and member of five championship teams in his career, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls, Rodman hopes to help them understand.

The Lakers made it clear three weeks ago they wanted to sign the man who also leads the league in tattoos and body piercings.

An exasperated Johnson, now a part-owner and vice president of the Lakers, criticized Rodman on David Letterman's show last Thursday night, saying he was causing a distraction. Johnson said he hoped the Lakers would "just forget it."

After Monday's news conference, Johnson expressed relief.

"I was tired of it dragging on because it was doing nothing but being a distraction for our players, the coach, as well as our franchise," he said from Indianapolis.

Accompanied by his wife, actress Carmen Electra, agent Steve Chasman and sister Debra, Rodman arrived 30 minutes late for his news conference.

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Microsoft witness was doubted by Gates, too

WASHINGTON (AP) — After Microsoft's Daniel Rosen returned from a meeting with rival software executives, he told Chairman Bill Gates that they "seemed OK" with his company's plans to give away a product similar to theirs as part of its popular Windows operating system.

Gates didn't trust Rosen's assessment of that disputed June 1995 meeting with Netscape Communications Corp., which a coworker cautioned was "bunk." Gates agreed, confiding in e-mail to another senior executive that Rosen was "being a little naive."

As a witness in the government's landmark antitrust case against Microsoft, Rosen saw his credibility questioned again Monday but not by his own company. He testified before a judge clearly unimpressed with his answers and even to muted laughter from the courtroom audience.

Justice Department lawyer David Boies was so confident he had successfully discredited Rosen to the judge that he abruptly ended his cross-examination in the middle of a response from Rosen after the Microsoft executive had spent only a few hours on the witness stand.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who will decide the verdict, didn't comment in open court about Rosen's performance. But at various times, the judge appeared to roll his eyes, shake his head in disbelief and grimace at some of his answers.

Halfway through Rosen's testimony Monday, the judge urged Boies to "accelerate the process." Moments later, when Boies complained in a private meeting among lawyers and the judge that Rosen's answers were causing delays, Jackson empathized: "I know exactly what he is doing, Mr. Boies."

Microsoft planned to question Rosen today.

In written testimony released today, Microsoft's next-to-last witness denied government claims that the company imposes illegal restrictions on computer makers to stifle software competitors.

Joachim Kempin, a senior vice president, argued that Microsoft allows the nation's computer makers to install whatever rival software they choose and make it easily accessible for consumers.

Kempin defended the company's limits on removing or hiding any part of its Windows software, saying, "The value of Windows is largely dependent on Microsoft's ability to maintain it as a single, coherent operating system standard."

He warned that computer makers deciding to remove parts of Windows, such as the company's Internet software, could result in the failure of the entire operating system.

"The risk that Windows would not work properly if ... (computer makers) were allowed to disassemble the product, installing some parts but not others," Kempin said.

Horse shooting suspects booted from Marines

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Despite their claims of innocence, two Marines accused of shooting 34 wild horses have been discharged from the service.

Lance Cpls. Darien Brock, 20, and Scott Brendle, 21, were discharged last week while awaiting a May 19 preliminary hearing in the criminal case in Nevada, The Associated Press learned Monday.

"The killing of these animals was a despicable act that represents not the Marine Corps, but a complete rejection of our core values of honor, courage and commitment," Maj. H. W. Frank said in a Feb. 16 letter from Marine headquarters in Washington.

"These acts are completely unacceptable and are not tolerated in the Marine Corps," he said in a copy of the letter obtained by AP.

The discharges — formally listed as "other than honorable" — came as a surprise to both suspects, who maintain their innocence, a lawyer for one said Monday.

"It's unfair because they haven't been tried," said Jerry Polaha, a Reno defense lawyer for Brock.

Clinton administration rejects Hughes satellite export

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major policy reversal, the Clinton administration has rejected the export of a commercial communications satellite to China because of concerns the deal could leak valuable military information to Beijing, administration officials said today.

Although the decision to reject export of the Hughes Electronics satellite could be appealed, administration officials today characterized the rejection as final and said the move signaled a new, tougher philosophy toward export of high technology to China.

"This was a decision on a (single) case," said a senior Commerce Department official who spoke today on condition of anonymity. "But we believe that the Asia Pacific Mobile Telecommunications deal could have been used as a model." Commerce sup-

ported the export deal but failed to convince a majority of other key government agencies to back it.

Commerce could appeal the rejection, which was made at the assistant secretary level, to the secretaries of State, Defense and Energy and the head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. But such a move appears highly unlikely.

Commerce moved quickly to bring the export matter to a vote because it knew the State Department was opposing a separate license needed to allow the launch of the U.S.-made satellite into space on top of a Chinese rocket.

"It would surprise me if an agency that opposed it would change its mind," the Commerce official said.

"We'd been advised that there were concerns with those launch licenses at State and that there would not

likely be an approval in the near future," the Commerce official said. "It doesn't make sense for Commerce to approve its licenses unless and until we had indication that State had approved launch licenses."

A senior administration official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House was allowing the export debate play itself out at the agency level without presidential interference.

When it became clear to Commerce, which generally takes a pro-export stance on these matters, that State was adamantly opposed, Commerce hastened a decision as a courtesy to Hughes.

"It's good government to provide a company with an answer, yes or no," the Commerce official said.


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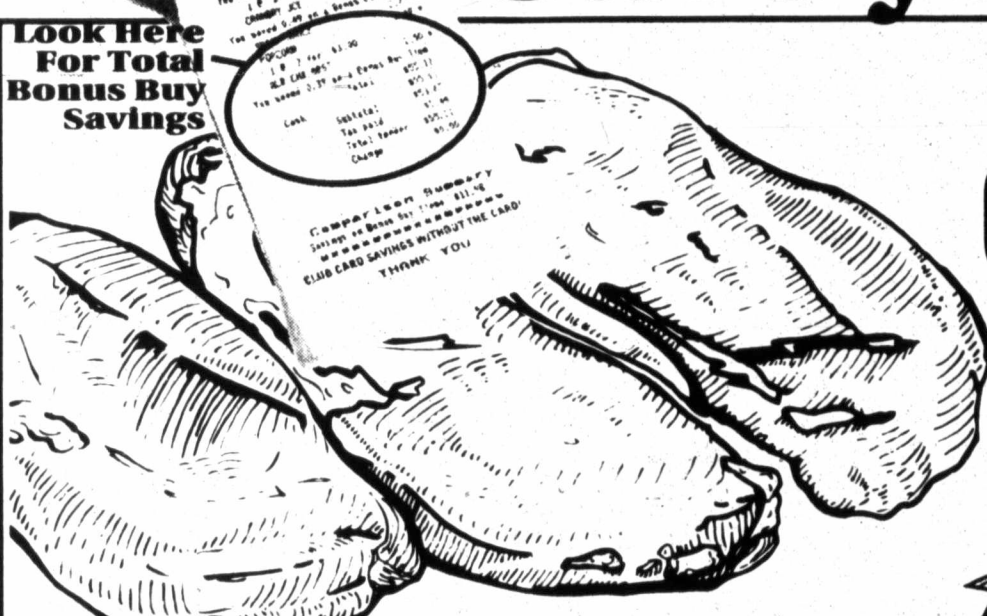
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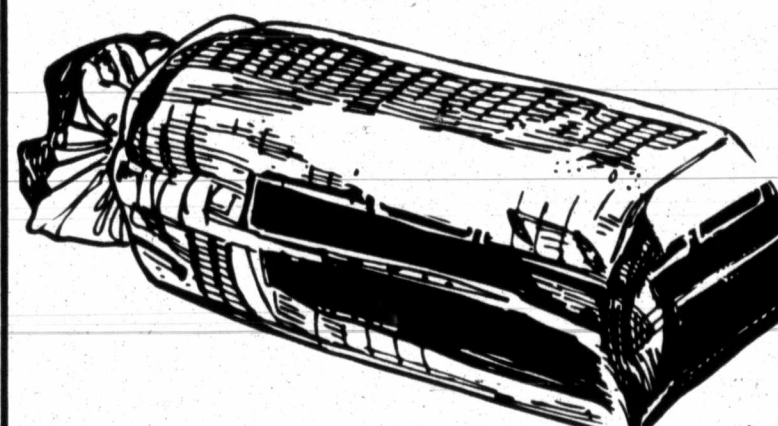
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