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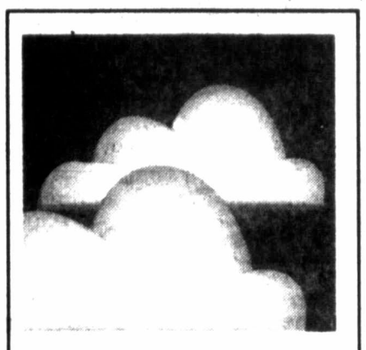
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Low tonight in mid 30s. High tomorrow in mid 50s. See Page 2 for weather detais.

PAMPA — The NAACP Pampa Branch will have a members only meeting at 7 p.m. promptly on Tuesday, March 25.

The meeting will be held at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford.

EL PASO (AP) — An El Paso man plunged to his death early Monday while trying to catch a companion who was slipping off an apartment balcony where the two had been watching the lunar eclipse.

Kenneth Hunter and Kimberly Ammons had either been sitting or leaning on the railing of the third-story balcony at 12:10 a.m. MST when Ms. Ammons felt it begin to move, said police spokesman Sgt. Bill Pfeil.

"She started to go backwards, he tried to grab her and went with her," Pfeil said.

Hunter, 30, died at the scene, apparently of head injuries, Pfeil said. An autopsy has been ordered.

Ms. Ammons, 30, was transported to Providence Memorial Hospital with lacerations and low back injuries, Pfeil said.

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said.

The latest drawing was worth an estimated $22 million.

Numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 14, 16, 28, 33, 48 and 49.

There were 172 tickets purchased matching five of six numbers, with a prize each of $1,611.

Matching four of six nymbers were 8,407 tickets, winning $119 each.

If sales continue as expected, Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $31 million.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Authorities seized more than eight metric tons of marijuana in northern Mexico, the government news agency said.

Federal agents found the drug in a cargo truck during a routine search in recent days in the border city of San Luis Rio Colorado, in Sonora state just south of Arizona, Notimex news service said late Sunday night.

Authorities arrested the truck driver, Romulo Pina Cuevas, 44, of Mexico state. Pina Cuevas told agents he was bound for Baja California.

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Roberts County water case prompts conservation bill

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) – Roberts County, perfectly content to remain a throwback to when the Panhandle was mostly unfettered range, didn't mean to set an example for water law in Texas.

Nonetheless, the statewide water conservation bill that's expected to clear the state Senate this week in many ways mirrors the experiences of folks here, where the Ogallala Aquifer runs deep and tempers once ran short.

"My dad would tell me that there's two things that kept him on the High Plains: One was the cool summer nights, and the other was the good drinking water," lifelong area farmer Lewis Davis said over coffee one morning. "He didn't know whether, once the water was gone, if the cool nights would keep him here."

The Ogallala extends from Texas up into South Dakota, quenching thousands of farms and towns along the way. Most of the Roberts County land is too gouged and harsh for farming, but the water below is unusually plentiful.

That's why Southwestern Public Service Co., the regional power provider, bought a slew of water rights around here in the 1970s. The reservoir below was perfect to help cool the nuclear power generator it planned nearby.

The Carter Administration nixed the plant, and the rights remained dormant until 1993, when SPS subsidiary Quixx Corp. sold them to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The water authority wanted to pipe water from area ranches to 11 cities in the Panhandle and South Plains, including population centers Lubbock and Amarillo.

That didn't go over well with many locals.

"My grandfather bought this ranch in 1907, and the water and mineral rights went with it. That was just standard," said former U.S. Rep. Bob Price, a rancher who sold most of his rights to SPS in the early 70s.

"No one ever thought water would ever be worth anything, but it's worth more than oil, because human beings can't do without water."

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Firefighters battle house, grass fires

The Pampa Fire Department was kept busy by two fires on Sunday.

Five units and nine personnel responded to the first call to a structure fire at 2201 N. Nelson.

The fire was confined to a large metal building at the rear of the property and its contents. Lost in the fire was a 1978 Savannah motor home and a late '60s model collectors pickup, various tools, fishing, camping and hunting equipment.

Fire Marshal Gary Stevens conducted an investigation of the scene and determined the blaze was caused by a juvenile playing with fire works.

Apparently a spark ignited the dry grass, which then moved to a wooden fence and traveled to the metal building burning everything in its path.

The juvenile was questioned and admitted to having fire works.

The damage to the property is estimated at $30,000.

Charges against the juvenile will be filed with the Gray County Juvenile Probation authority.

Firefighters were on the scene three minutes after receiving the call at 1:46 p.m. and left the scene at 3:57 p.m.

Three units and nine personnel responded to the second call, received at 3:51 p.m., for a grass fire located three miles north and one half mile west of highway 70.

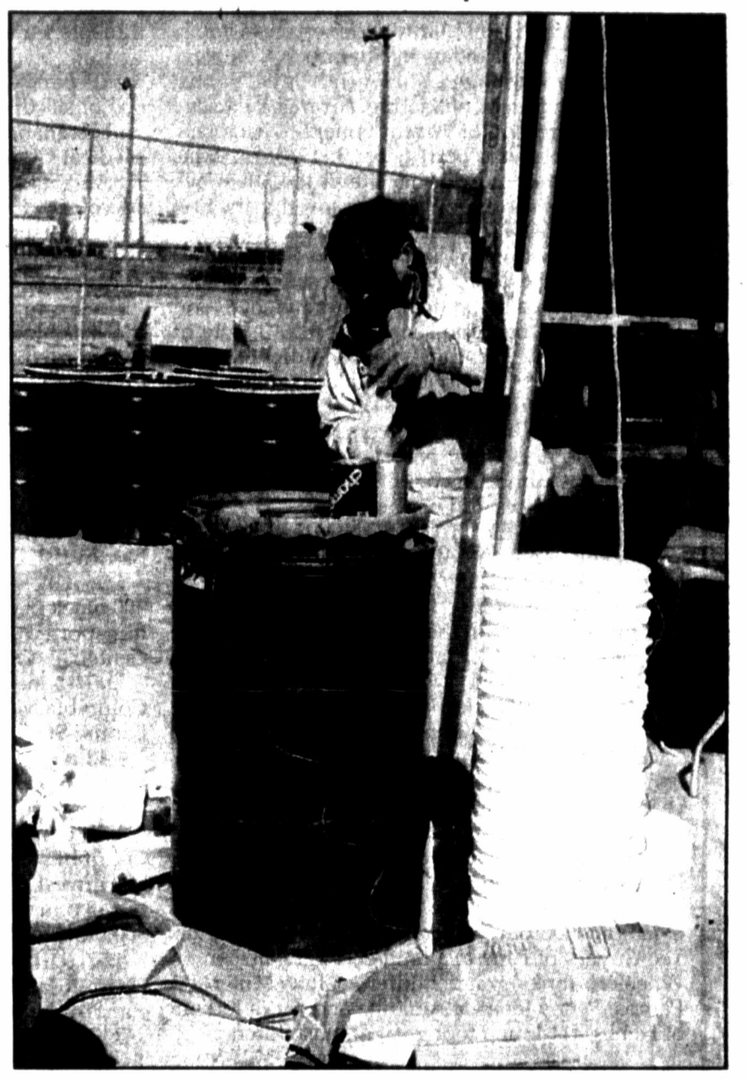
The fire, started by someone using a cutting torch, burned approximately 200 acres of grassland. No structures were damaged.

In addition to the Pampa units, Hoover responded with four units, one tanker and 15 personnel. Roberts County sent in five grass units, two tankers and 15 personnel. Canadian sent two grass units and four personnel. The 2B Ranch sent in one grass unit and a water tank.

The fire was considered under control at 4:54, but firefighters remained on the scene until 6:46 p.m.

Captain Kim Powell of the Pampa Fire Department said, "With the decrease of moisture, people need to be really careful about any flammable material. Cigarette butts or welding are always a hazard, but with the dry conditions we need to be more careful than usual."

Powell advises people to use extreme caution when doing controlled burns or using any type of machinery that might cause a spark.



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

This employee of Laidlaw Environmental prepares the hazardous waste materials collected Saturday for proper disposal. Many of the city's residents participated in the collection day, dropping off leftover hazardous materials from their homes.

Hundreds show up to dispose of their hazardous waste

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Vehicles lined the street of Hobart Street Park Saturday morning as residents waited to rid of their household hazardous waste.

Because this is the last year of a three-year grant for the collection event, the coordinators were hoping it would be even more successful than the previous two years. And they were not disappointed.

"It was a total success," said Stone.

High school students in the science club conducted surveys and kept track of the number of vehicles unloading their hazardous waste. The final count, said Stone, was 280 vehicles, which surpasses the numbers of the previous two years. Exact figures of the amount of each item collected is not yet available.

However, event sponsors were shocked and surprised when one resident brought in three drums of DDT, a very toxic pesticide that has been banned in the United States for 29 years.

The resident, said Stone, had been keeping the DDT stored in his shed and used the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day as an opportunity to rid of the material. The collection of just this one item was considered a plus for holding the event.

"We're very glad to get this out of circulation because it's been banned from several years," said Stone.

Coordinators of the event, which was sponsored by the City of Pampa, Clean Pampa Inc., Hoechst Celanese and the Top O' Texas Household Hazardous Waste Committee, is hoping this year's success will lead to future collection events in the city of Pampa.

Stone said he would like to continue to have the event every year and the city will reapply for a grant to help fund future events. If this is not granted, Stone said that he hopes businesses and citizens will make donations to help fund future collection days.

Other residents also took advantage of the hazardous waste collection day and turned in tires, batteries, oil, oil filters, paints and other various items.

Laidlaw Environmental, King Tire Recycling, Interstate Batteries and E&E Enterprises were contracted to help with the collection and recycling of materials. Representatives of Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, Jimmy Walker and Mike Hull, were also on hand to ensure proper measures were taken.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Christi Lee, playing the role of Claranelle, is scared and threatened by two town boys, Jeremy, played by Adam Warren, and Timmy, played by Steve West, while their friend Maddie, Christi McCullar, looks on during a rehearsal of the UIL competition play 'They Dance Real Slow in Jackson.'

Drama students taking play to UIL event

The Pampa High School Drama Class is preparing for district competition, which will be held at Amarillo College on Tuesday, with a highly rated, but very controversial one act play – *They Danced Real Slow in Jackson.*

The play encompasses the everyday hangups society has with handicapped people, fear of the unknown and often inappropriate stereotypes of good, bad and different individuals.

Vanessa Fisher portrays Elizabeth Willow, a girl bound to a wheel chair and destined to suffer at the hands of the ignorant and uncaring citizens of small-town Jackson, pays the ultimate price for her handicaps, while the stereotyped bad kid, Billy, played by Jeff Sublett does the unexpected and shows the handicapped girl the only kindness in the play.

The 12-member cast develops the plot and setting with few props and only costumes that could be found in any small town – cotton shirts and denim jeans. The braces worn by Fisher were built by Warren Smith of the high school metal shop.

The school approved the play prior to beginning rehearsals, but some controversial issues have been deleted.

Drama teacher Matthew Gantz said, "UIL rules allow us to delete sections of the play, if we find them offensive. We just can't move it around or change it."

"We're not trying to weird anyone out. We want a good play and we want to make a point of society's blindness in regards to handicapped individuals," he said.

The drama class went to district last year and hope that this play will get them to regional and beyond.

By UIL rules, the play can last no longer than 40 minutes and the performers must follow the script, minus any offensive deletions, exactly.

Gantz said that for anyone who enjoys theater, the UIL drama competition is a wonderful way to see a number of excellent plays.

Former president plans to jump

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) – Former President George Bush is 72, but that won't stop him from leaping out of a plane and free falling in a parachute jump this week at Yuma Proving Ground.

Bush plans to make the jump Tuesday with members of the Golden Knights, the Army's precision parachuting team, said Jim McGrath, spokesman for Bush's office.

The event is not open to the public, but Bush will explain his reasons for wanting to make the jump to the media after the scheduled jump.

"He is looking forward to it very much," McGrath said late last week.

Bush will arrive Monday in Yuma for some training, McGrath said. His wife, Barbara, will accompany him to Yuma, but she will stay on the ground.

Bush will make one jump before he and Mrs. Bush return to Houston, McGrath said.

At Bush's request, two members of the Golden Knights will assist with training and participate in the jump, McGrath said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LOCKHART, Helen Helton — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.

CALCOTE, Ina Juanita Calcote — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

Obituaries

INA JUANITA CALCOTE

SHAMROCK – Ina Juanita Calcote, 78, died Friday, March 21, 1997. Graveside services were to be held at 2 p.m. today in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Kris Riggs, of Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Calcote was born Sept. 9, 1918, in Arlie, Texas. She lived most of her life in the Shamrock and Wellington area. In 1980, she moved to the East Texas area. She worked in a bakery and as a professional seamstress in a sewing shop. She was also a member of the Wellington Pentecostal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Nora Calcote; one sister, Lovella Calcote of Wheeler; three brothers, Alva Calcote, Roy Calcote and PFC John Dell Calcote, who died June 21, 1945 during World War II in Okinawa.

Survivors include two sisters, Lorene Nelson of Amarillo and Ruby Needham of Amarillo; a brother, Raymond Calcote of Farmington, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

IMOGENE JAMISON MILLER

Imogene Jamison Miller, 75, of Pampa, died Monday, March 24, 1997. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Miller was born May 10, 1921 in South Bend, Texas. She was a resident of Pampa for 50 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church and a poet.

She was preceded in death by her son, Glen Dale Miller, in 1956.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Duane and Dorothy Miller of Pampa; a sister, Nettie Vee Guynes of Pampa; a brother, Virgil Jamison of Wheeler; three grandchildren, Clint Miller of Pampa, Penny Jones of Amarillo and Sarah Jordan of Hobbs, N.M.; and four great grandchildren.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212..

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

RED CROSS DISASTER CLASSES

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding disaster classes every Tuesday evening from Jan. 28 through March. The classes, held at the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell, begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 669-7121.

AMARILLO INVENTORS

The Amarillo Inventors Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at Boatmen's First National Bank, lower level, in the Presidents Room at 8th and Taylor in Amarillo. An update on current legislation concerning the patent system will be discussed, as well as other important matters. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are welcome.

TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Furr's Cafeteria. Susan Tripplehorn will be the guest speaker. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-8018.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, March 23

A 21-year-old female reported an assault in the 400 block of West Harlem. No injuries were reported.

An aggravated assault on a public servant was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells. A juvenile suspect was arrested.

A 20-year-old female reported an assault in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Theft of a smoker grill valued at $247 was reported from the Country General Store at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

Theft of two chairs and one table was reported in the 1300 block of North Hamilton.

A 38-year-old male reported an assault at 1076 S. Varnon Dr. Only minor injuries were reported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	[illegible]
Milo	[illegible]
Corn	[illegible]

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

Occidental	24 7/8	In [illegible]

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

Magellan	82.85
Puritan	17.79

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

Amoco	89 7/8	up 1/2
Arco	130 1/2	up 1/8
Cabot	24 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	16 1/8	NC
Chevron	69 5/8	up 3/8
Coca-Cola	59 7/8	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	38 5/8	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	32	up 1/4
Enron	40 1/2	dn 1/2
Halliburton	69	up 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	47	dn 1/8
KN	59 7/8	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	64	dn 3/4
Limited	19 1/8	NC
Maxco	31 7/8	up 1/4
Maxus		NA
McDonald's	46 7/8	dn 3/8
Mobil	134 3/8	up 3/8
New Atmos	26	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	30	up 3/8
Penney's	49 3/4	up 1/8
Phillips	42 1/8	dn 1/4
SLB	110 5/8	up 5/8
SPS	36 1/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	49 1/2	up 1/8
Texaco	103 3/4	up 1 1/2
Wal-Mart	29 5/8	dn 1/8
New York Gold		350.2
Silver		5.09
West Texas Crude		21.69

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 22

10:34 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:03 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Wells on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

8:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Lefors on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

8:08 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Lefors on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

SUNDAY, March 23

12:51 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of West Foster on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:42 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of north Wells on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:33 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:56 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Frederic on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:34 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

1:48 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

3:48 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.

2:43 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a lifting assistance.

4:57 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Hwy. 70 and Gray County Line road on a fire standby. No injuries were reported.

5:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Texas 152 and Gray 21 on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

6:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Russell on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

11:35 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a medical transport to Northwest Texas Hospital.

MONDAY, March 24

3:12 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a location in Gray County on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, March 21

A 1981 Ford Grenada driven by Ella Gray Owen, 44, 504 Yeager, and a 1986 Chevy Van driven by Enriqueta Garcia Silva, 34, 917 S. Banks, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Buckler. Owen was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign and failure to maintain liability.

A 1995 Ford F150 driven by Truman Courtney Lowrance, 16, 921 S. Nelson, and a 1971 Ford F100 driven by Brandon Michael Helms, 16, Pampa, collided at the intersection of Browning and Hazel. Lowrance was cited for driving in prohibited area.

A 1992 Chevy 1500 driven by Sandra Jo Veach, 35, 504 Lefors, and a 1995 Chevy 1500 driven by Juan Anguiano Jr., 18, 600 Sloan, collided at 500 Lefors. Anguiano was cited for not being restrained by safety belt, minor in possession of alcohol and no proof of financial liability. Veach was cited for unsafe backing.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 22

8 p.m. – Three units and seven personnel responded to 500 Lefors for a motor vehicle accident.

SUNDAY, March 23

1:46 p.m. – Four units and nine personnel responded to 2201 N. Nelson on a structure fire.

3:51 p.m. – Three units and four personnel responded to three miles north and one half mile west of Hwy. 70 on a grass fire.

6:01 p.m. – Three units and five personnel responded to 2218 N. Nelson on a grass fire.

MONDAY, March 24

3:13 a.m. – Two units and three personnel responded to one and one half miles west of city on 23rd on a medical assist.

8:01 a.m. – Two units and four personnel responded to 633 S. Reed on a medical assist.

Sheriff's Office

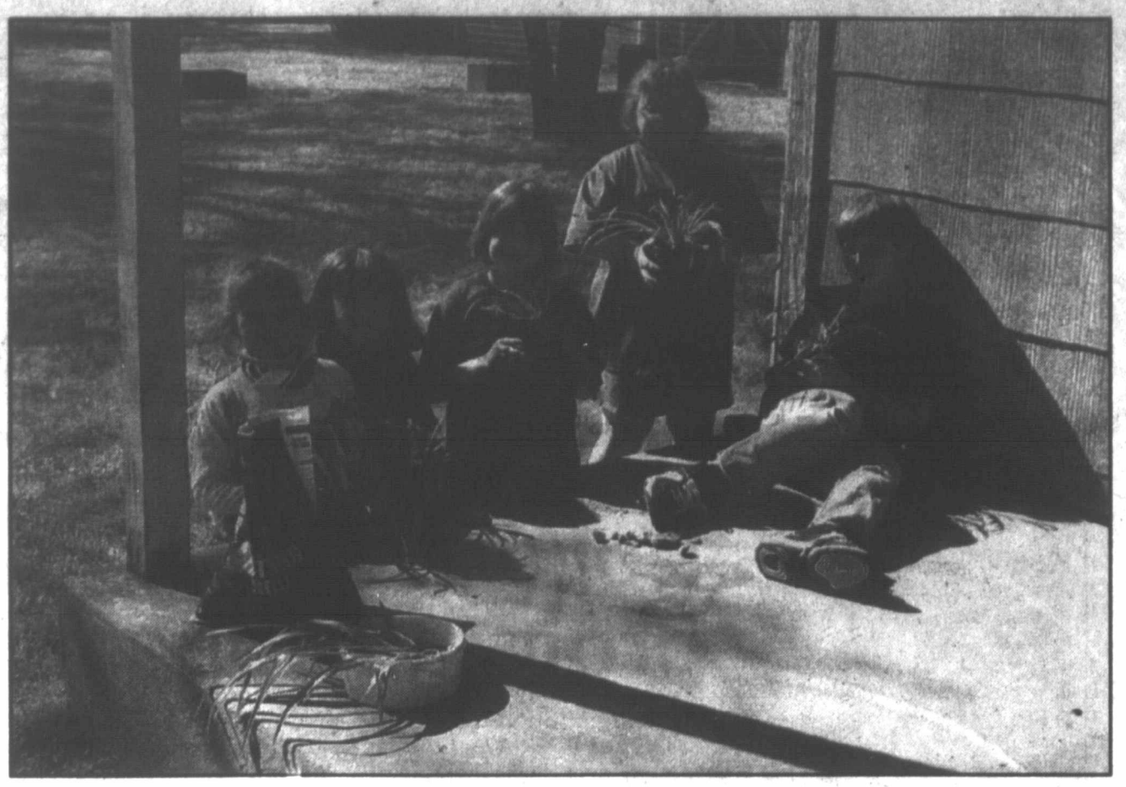
The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, March 23

Arrests

Weldon Tyrone Evans, 30, 512 Oklahoma, was arrested on charges of no Texas driver's license and failure to appear. He was released on bond.

Michael Robbins, 46, Pampa, was arrested on charges of an animal at large and no rabies vaccine. He was released on bond.



(Special photo)

Putting plants into the clay pots they painted during activities on the arts are Girl Scout members, from left, Erica Wendt, Aly Mackie, Tasha Tripplett, Nichole Bryan and Lauren Cook.

Girl Scouts study worlds of art and people

Pampa Girl Scouts explored the world of arts and the world of people during recent activities.

For the world of arts, girls painted T-shirts and clay pots. They then planted airplane plants in their pots.

In other arts, they also experienced the area of music by making a kazoo and a one-string bass fiddle. With their instruments, the Girl Scout members played "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

The girls also learned how to make Batik patterns from the country of Thailand and mosaics from Greece. They ended the day by making square knot bracelets.

For the world of people, the girls discussed the differences in people. They participated in a "Blind Walk," learned the letters of the alphabet and the Girl Scout Promise in sign language and went through an obstacle course with a wheel chair.

They also played a game from the Philippines and read a story from the Arapaho Indian Nation about how the shape of the Big Dipper constellation was formed in the sky.

During the activities, 12 girls and two adults learned some new and exciting things about the world of arts and the world of people in the spring break event, according to local Girl Scout representative Paula Goff.

For more information about Girl Scout membership, call 669-6862.

City commissioners to meet Tuesday evening

The city commissioners will hold their regular meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers, third floor of the City Hall.

Items on the agenda for approval include a resolution electing unopposed candidates to office, a bid for the 23rd Street drainage ditch construction, a bid relating to the purchase of refuse containers, a disbursement to Four R Industrial and a disbursement to Pampa Concrete Co.

Items on the consent agenda for approval at the meeting include minutes of the March 18 special meeting and work session, a resolution authorizing the closing of the landfill on Sundays, a resolution authorizing the donation of surplus curtains to the Pampa Independent School District, a resolution concerning improvements to the Lovett library and the Feb. 28 list of disbursements in the amount of $470,000.

Commissioners will also attend a public work session prior to the regular meeting in the third floor conference room, at which time they will discuss budget amendments and the city's financial analysis.

In addition, the proposed construction of a Sonic at the corner of Somerville and Hobart will be discussed by commissioners, the owner of the Coronado Inn and members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Customer services issues for Energas and SPS will also be discussed in the work session.

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Water

The 460,400 human beings in cities served by the water authority need a lot more water than the 940 residents of Roberts County. Most of those live in Miami, the only town among the county's scenic hills and gorges.

People here always had resisted joining the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District for fear that it would exert unwanted controls upon them. But the prospect of their water flowing as far as 220 miles south changed their minds, and the conservation district won a heated election in 1994 to represent their interests.

With the threat looming that their water transfers would be curtailed, the water authority fought back. Opponents then agreed to a compromise rather than risk losing a court fight and the possibility that they would lose all control over the water.

The compromise allowed the water authority to tap the aquifer but only with certain conservation measures and pumping limits.

The deal is similar to what would be enacted statewide with Senate Bill 1, which encourages regional water districts to develop extensive management strategies.

"I don't think the way it's currently drafted would have made a significant difference in what we ended up with," said C.E. Williams, manager of the White Deer-based Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

"The stuff we did was kind of a forerunner to this bill. We just looked at it a little earlier than the rest of the state."

Once the equipment is in place by mid- to late-1999, the water authority is permitted to pump up to 13 billion gallons from the aquifer annually, and another 3.3 billion in times of acute need.

The state has estimated that there are about 9 trillion gallons beneath Roberts County.

John Williams, general manager for the water authority, said the goals of pro- and anti-pumping forces can coexist.

"We can't afford to do anything to endanger or damage the agricultural economy of the area," he said. "It's certainly not a matter of opposing agriculture at all. We're simply trying to find the best use of a resource."

El Paso believes it knows the best use for water under some land it purchased near Van Horn and Valentine. Those towns have fretted that their big neighbor to the west will leave them high and dry.

City briefs

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GOLDEN AGERS Luncheon, Tuesday 25th, 12 noon, Salvation Army. Everyone 55 or older or handicapped welcome.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy and cooler, with a low in the mid 30s and gusty, northerly winds 25-35 mph. Slight chance of showers. Tuesday, decreasing clouds and cooler with a high in the mid 50s. Sunday's high was 71; the overnight low was 49.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy and cooler. Lows in low to mid 30s, with strong gusty northerly winds. Slight chance of showers. Tuesday, decreasing clouds and cooler, with highs in low to mid 50s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Lows 35-45. Tuesday, breezy and cooler. Mostly sunny. Highs 55-60.

North Texas – Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, more numerous central sections. Some storms possibly severe and with heavy rain west and central. Lows 44 northwest to 65 southeast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and cooler. A chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs 56 northwest to 72 southeast.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, becoming cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms late. Lows in the 50s Hill Country, near 60 south central. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, breezy and cool with a good chance of mainly morning showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s Hill Country, near 70 south central. Upper Coast: Tonight, becoming cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms towards morning. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with showers or thunderstorms likely, a few may be severe with locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the 70s to near 80 inland, 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, becoming cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 80, 70s coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, colder. Variable cloudiness north with increasing cloudiness south. A chance of lowland rain and higher mountains snow showers north with a slight chance of showers southcentral and southeast. Lows in the teens and 20s mountains and northwest with upper 20s to low 40s elsewhere. Tuesday, a few early morning snow showers northern mountains otherwise decreasing cloudiness and cooler north. Partly cloudy and cooler south with a slight chance of showers until early afternoon. Highs in the 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 50s to mid 60s east and south.

Oklahoma – Tonight, thunderstorms likely. Some severe with heavy rainfall. Turning cooler with lows low 30s northwest to near 50 southeast. Tuesday, a chance of rain east. Partly cloudy west. Cooler with highs mostly in the 50s.

State briefs

Firefighters battle home blaze to save children

TYLER (AP) — Three Tyler firefighters made repeated trips into a burning house fire to save three children, officials say.

When firefighters arrived at the home early Sunday, still inside the residence were Marie Chester, 32, and three children, all of whom had been rendered unconscious by the smoke.

The woman's husband, Rico Chester, 36, and one of their children, Terry Chester, 11, had managed to escape the flames.

Firefighter Tracy Cheatham entered the burning home through a broken window and found Mrs. Chester lying on the floor near the window.

Tyler Fire Capt. Ron Caldwell said firefighter Brent Hail found later was able to get in the home through the front door, where he located one of the three children.

Knowing that at least two children remained trapped in the home, Cheatham continued searching through the heavy smoke and heat.

Cheatham brought one child to safety, then re-entered the home, rescuing the second child, Caldwell said.

"Tracy didn't think twice; he went in," Caldwell said. "He is to be commended (for his efforts)."

Millionaires now living conservatively in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — This time around, Houston's wealthy are keeping their millions to themselves.

Unlike the flashy spendthrifts of the 1980s, today's Houston millionaire is a lot more inconspicuous about exhibiting affluence.

"People are wiser now because they've been through the bust," said David Hanson, a financial planner at Financial Synergies. "They're thinking, 'Maybe this is the second boom I hoped for, and I'd better be more conservative.'"

Millionaires in Houston has more than doubled in the past two years, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday. There are about 81,000 millionaires in the city, according to Payment Systems Inc., a research firm that monitors wealth.

This time, the new wealth comes not from oil, but from the bull market on Wall Street.

Three dead in another spring break crash

HOPE (AP) — For the second time in as many weeks, North Texans have been killed in a one-car accident on a spring break trip to South Padre Island.

In the latest incident, officials said three men were killed Saturday evening on U.S. Highway 77 in Lavaca County when their BMW left the roadway and slammed into a tree.

Jason Zachary Wright, 20, of University Park; Peter Edward Barnhill, 18, of Dallas; and Todd Lawrence Dino, 17, of University Park, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Officials said Wright tried to pass another vehicle at a high rate of speed on the shoulder when the car's right wheel slipped off the road, sending the vehicle careening into a ditch. The car then smashed into a tree just outside the community of Hope, about 30 miles north of Victoria.

In Lubbock, charges don't always match names

LUBBOCK (AP) – A cranky county computer has resulted in some minor traffic scofflaws being listed in official records as drug offenders, child molesters or burglars, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reported Sunday.

The newspaper said the computer has been mismatching the names and charges of some defendants, including one man who was cited for not wearing a seat belt but listed in the county computer as an accused child molester.

Other cases seem to have disappeared altogether from the computer.

Man claims Texas and half of New Mexico independent

DAVIS MOUNTAINS, Texas (AP) — Richard Lance McLaren, who calls his trailer home the Republic of Texas embassy, says more than half of New Mexico and parts of four other states are an independent nation.

McLaren said he has sent an official republic document to New Mexico's Gov. Gary Johnson, ordering him to hand over everything east of the Rio Grande.

And he seeks $93 trillion from the United States in reparations from the Civil War.

He says the U.S. violated terms of the federal Constitution in 1845 and signed an illegal resolution accepting Texas as a state.

Texas – which sided with the Confederacy in the Civil War – was considered a captive nation by the U.S. after that war. Congress has never acted, said McLaren, to officially make Texas a state and end its independent status as a sovereign nation.

McLaren also sent letters with similar demands to Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Spokesmen for Johnson said the governor would have no immediate response to McLaren's claims.

McLaren has also contacted the German government, ordering that nation to remove it's Air Force pilot training center at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, N.M.

"Germany has military forces on our soil without permission, and they have refused to recognize the Republic of Texas," he said. "We've asked them repeatedly. If they fail to recognize us, we're going to file liens on all assets of German-held companies in Texas."

McLaren, 43, is supported by about 200 active followers across Texas, according to law enforcement agents.

He is the subject on an investigation at the Texas Attorney General's office for allegedly filing illegal liens against state leaders including Gov. George Bush and Attorney General Dan Morales.

He's also made a number of purchases on checks drawn on the "Republic of Texas Trust," based on assets that the Texas Attorney General's office says don't exist.

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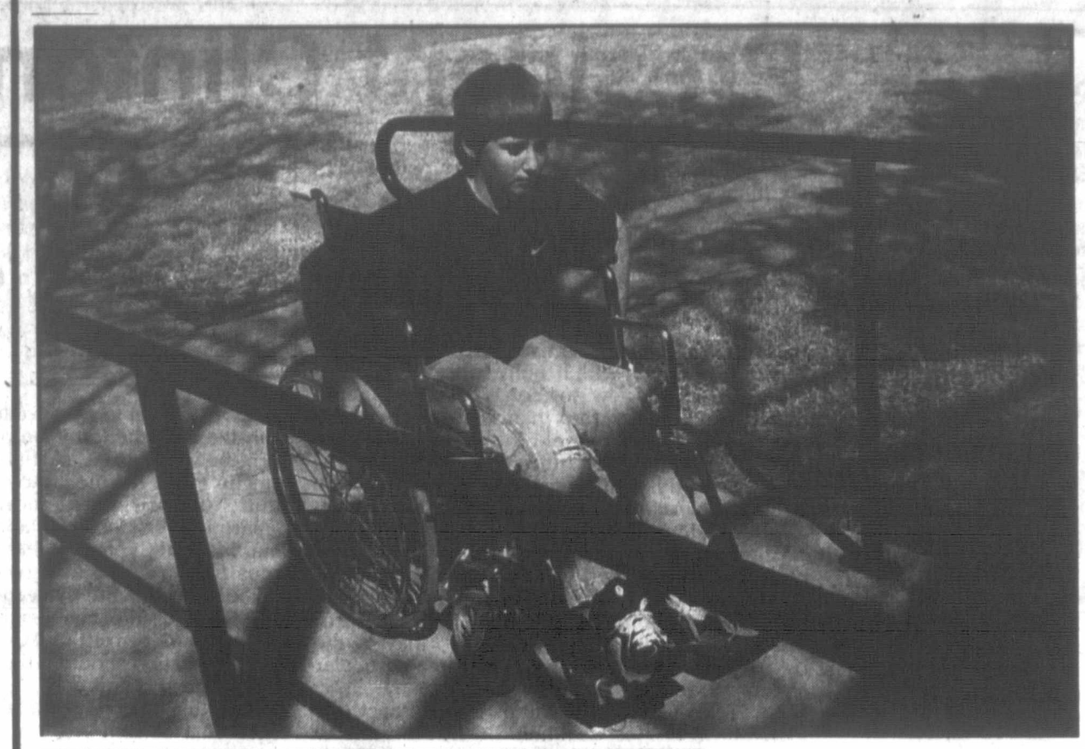
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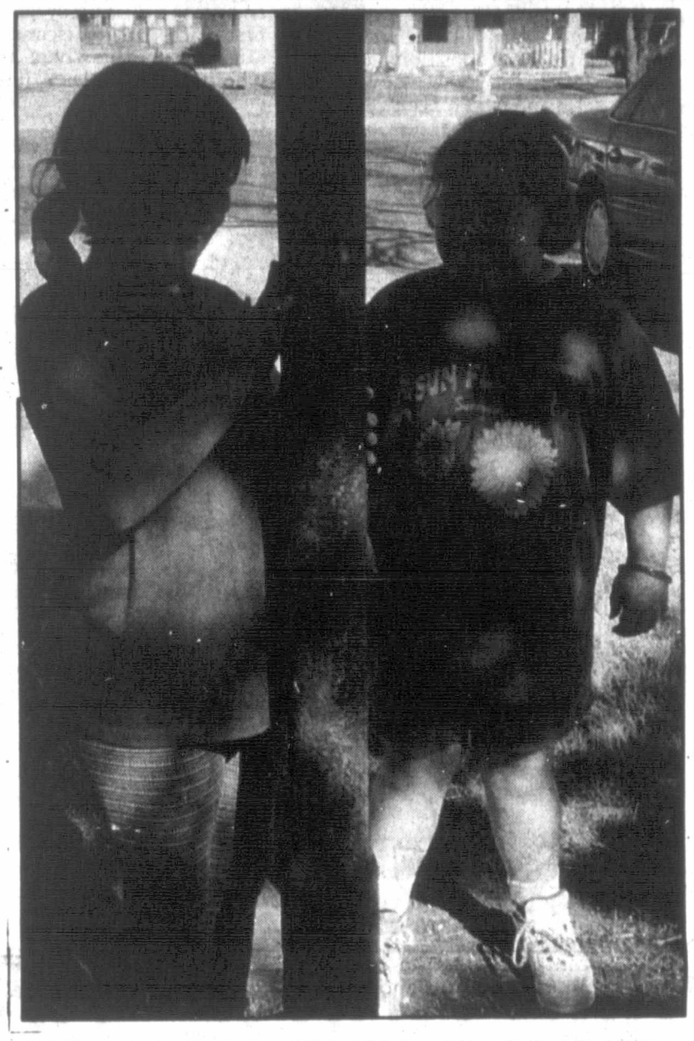
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The world of people



(Special photos)



Pampa Girl Scout members recently participated in projects to learn about the world of people, including the differences and obstacles some face in their day-to-day living. Two of the activities focused on the problems sometimes faced by those who may have handicaps. Above, Lauren Cook negotiates an obstacle course in a wheel chair. At left, Nichole Bryan guides Tasha Tripplett, wearing a blindfold, in a "Blind Walk" activity. In related activities, the girls participating in the special activities also learned the letters of the alphabet and the Girl Scout Promise in sign language. (See related story and photo on Page 2.)

Seguin mulling how to resolve problems in downtown parking

SEGUIN (AP) – For years, downtown parking has been one of the biggest problems for Seguin – a town of 17,000 on Interstate 10, 35 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Monica Mochado remembers the day last month when she got two $15 parking tickets on the Seguin square while she worked inside Covington Credit.

After payroll deductions, her salary for the day barely covered the cost of the tickets, she said. It was like she worked all day for nothing.

"Thirty dollars, that's grocery money. That's a day's work," she told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

"Being employees who have to work downtown, we should get a permit."

But just a couple of doors down, Gene Vivroux, owner of True Value Hardware Store, has a different perspective.

He remembers the day last month when the four parking spots right in front of his business were taken up all day by people who work on the square – people he knew would not be shopping in his store.

"It's been a problem for many, many years," he said. "I have customers tell me they had to drive around the whole square three or four times trying to find a place to park.

"I wish people who worked on the square would not take those parking spots. It hurts business."

Like many small cities, Seguin removed the downtown parking meters several years ago, Mayor Mark Stautzenberger said.

Business owners said it was unfair for customers to have to pay to park, while shoppers at strip shopping centers parked for free. It put downtown businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

So the parking meters came down and two-hour parking limit signs went up.

But shoppers continue to complain they can't find a place to park when they want to shop downtown.

Business owners complain that workers just move their cars whenever the parking attendant is spotted.

"It's pretty funny," courthouse employee Kathy Pape said. "We keep our eyes open for the parking attendant. She marks the tires and we move the cars. She marks and we move. It's just a game we play. I haven't gotten a ticket in months. I'm beating the city at their own game by doing it."

Several downtown workers said an informal warning network has developed.

"All you have to say is 'she's walking' and everyone knows what you mean," one worker said.

"There are usually three or four of us parked in a row," Pape said. "The front one pulls out and backs up to the rear and everyone else moves up one space."

Police Chief Gary Hopper said moving cars one space is a legal way around the two-hour limit, but it is frowned upon.

Melinda McCulloch was the city's parking attendant for three years before getting a job in the county courthouse last November.

"Sometimes it seemed like I was the most hated person in town, but I took the job knowing I'd never win any popularity contests," she said, noting she gave her mother-in-law two tickets.

Senate may accept tax plan without changes

AUSTIN (AP) – Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said today that the Senate may be willing to accept House tax and school funding proposals without major changes.

Bullock said the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Financing has done a good job on its tentative tax and funding options. He also said lawmakers are facing a tight deadline as the end of the session nears.

"The Senate may be very inclined because of the excellent work that they have done, favorably inclined, to accept or to follow their recommendations ... without really major changes," Bullock told the Texas Daily Newspaper Association's 76th annual convention.

House Speaker Pete Laney, who also spoke to the group, said Bullock's staff and senators have been involved in the process and that House members have asked Bullock for advice.

In a statement, Bullock added that the House committee has "tackled these issues in a very short time, covering more ground and offering more alternatives in two months than the governor's committee did in nine months."

Gov. George W. Bush appointed a committee last summer to take testimony on rising school property taxes. The committee also sought public input on how those taxes could be lowered and replaced by more state school funds.

Bush this year proposed a half-cent state sales tax increase, a new business tax and the use of $1 billion to pay for a $3 billion cut to local school property taxes.

The House committee reviewed the plan and now is working on its own proposal. It would eliminate numerous exemptions to the state sales and business taxes, expand the current business tax, lower local residential school property taxes to 50 cents per $100 of property value and lower business school property taxes to $1 per $100 value.

Managed care means shorter hospital stays, critics contend

HOUSTON (AP) – The rise of managed care programs has meant drastically shorter hospital stays and, possibly, inadequate care for psychiatric patients, critics contend.

"It's pure hypocrisy when people are discharged quicker and sicker to the bosoms of their families, ill-equipped to care for them," American Psychiatric Association President Harold Eist is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the *Houston Chronicle*.

Eist says managed mental health care companies – not doctors – are the culprits.

"The managed care companies are the modern-day robber barons attempting to reap profits for their shareholders," he said.

That's a reverse of the situation in 1991, when critics blamed hospitals for keeping psychiatric patients longer than necessary in order to take advantage of generous insurance policies.

The average private hospital stay for psychiatric treatment, for example, has dropped from 26 days nationwide in 1990 to less than 10 days now.

A third of the for-profit psychiatric hospitals in the nation and half those in Texas closed during the period, including nine in Houston.

Texans such as Rebecca Munday of Marlin are now turning to the courts to help bring about change.

Mrs. Munday says her son David was a casualty to the new psychiatric care approach.

Distraught over his half-brother's 1993 suicide, David Munday Jr. slit his wrists with a beer bottle, then stepped into his car and accelerated to 100 mph before police stopped him.

He told officers he planned to kill himself by crashing into a bridge.

Admitted to a Dallas hospital, the 17-year-old told an emergency room nurse and doctor he wanted to "blow off his head" with a shotgun.

Within 48 hours, David Munday was discharged without any medication or follow-up treatment, according to a lawsuit filed by Mrs. Munday and her husband.

A few days later, on Aug. 31, 1993, David Munday hanged himself as his half-brother had three months earlier.

"It was totally ridiculous to have released a suicidal teenager so soon," Mrs. Munday says. "They didn't have a chance to save his brother, but they had a chance to save David. They didn't even notify us, (but) just released him out on the street."

An attorney for the hospital and managed care company involved in the Munday case declined comment when approached by the *Chronicle*.

In Texas, eight new laws have been proposed, including legislation that would allow patients to hold managed health care organizations liable for malpractice.

Under current law, Texans cannot sue corporations, including managed care plans, for medical malpractice.

Industry officials acknowledge there have been problems, but they say there's already a self-policing mechanism in place: companies too quick to deny coverage will lose contracts with business clients who want healthy workers.

"To deny care to inflate profits would be self-defeating for an HMO," said Geoff Wurzel, executive director of the HMO Association in Texas. "If you deny care, someone gets sicker and sicker and they are a greater medical expense to the HMO."

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Opinion

FDA's reach needs limits

The Food and Drug Administration's latest rules are so absurd that only a bureaucrat is likely to understand the rationale behind them.

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to buy most tobacco products, so the FDA wants tobacco vendors to "card" anyone under 27 who attempts such a purchase. If a store clerk thinks a 26-year-old cigarette buyer looks 30 and fails to card him, the merchant can face federal fines of $250.

The agency's zeal in protecting our health may seem commendable, but it is nothing more than a power grab. The FDA, like other federal agencies, apparently is under no obligation to use common sense, conduct a cost vs. benefit analysis of any proposed rules or even respect basic freedoms.

Under our existing regulatory regime, the FDA decides and Americans must listen. Why did the agency settle for carding people who look under 27? It could have selected 35 or 50, or chosen to impose $5,000 fines.

Most opponents of the new laws concentrate on practical matters. The rules impose undue burdens on store employees, cause infuriating delays at the checkout counter and impose unfair penalties. Those points are true, but they skirt the main issue.

That issue is freedom. Where in the Constitution is a federal agency granted the power to decide such matters? Those pundits who pooh-pooh such concerns as ideological ranting should consider the ramifications of regulatory excess. What business is it of the federal government to presume to regulate a $2 transaction at a store in Pampa?

With its gaggle of bureaucrats and bloated budget, the FDA is likely to continue to draft new and more expansive rules in the name of public health and to lobby for more funds to pay for more inspectors to insure that the latest rules are followed.

Smoking certainly is a dangerous habit. But that doesn't justify any means to reduce the number of smokers. The sad irony is that the rules are unlikely to have much impact on the number of teenage smokers. Underage smokers will find others to buy cigarettes for them, and we may even see the rise of an underground cigarette market.

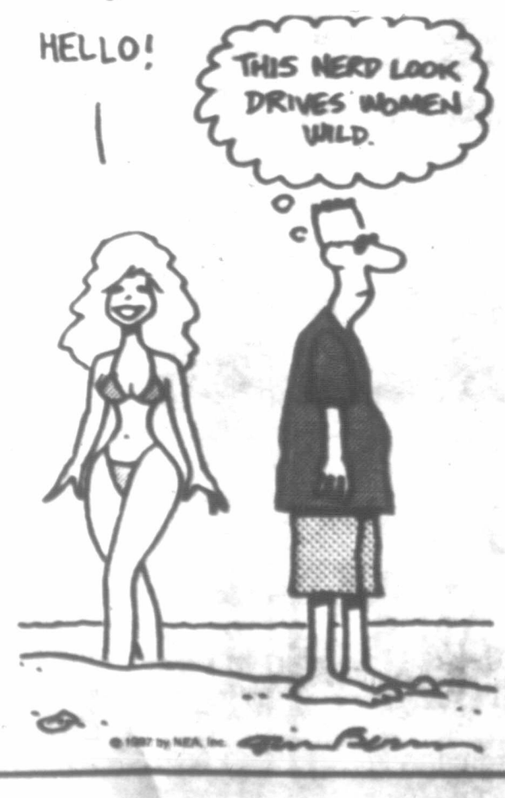
"Clearly, existing laws are not working well," *The Economist* wrote in its recent issue. "Neither retailers nor teenagers feel threatened by the existing law ... Further, enforcement falls to the local police, who worry more about children killing others with guns than themselves with cigarettes."

In the logic of the FDA, when people ignore existing laws, that means America needs more stringent laws. In the process, it undermines self-government. Congress should limit the FDA's reach.

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President Clinton's high ground



Mona Charen

President Clinton has adjusted his explanation for continuing to oppose a ban on partial-birth abortions.

The president's original rationale – that the procedure was extremely rare and used only to save the life or health of the mother and in cases of severe fetal abnormality – has withered in the face of Ron Fitzsimmons' admission that the pro-abortion "party line" was a lie. There are about 5,000 of these abortions performed annually, most of them on healthy women with healthy babies.

The president's new position is this: Even if only a handful of women find themselves in situations where they "need" partial-birth abortions to preserve their lives or their future fertility, he will veto any ban. By this stratagem, he hopes to move the debate to what he hopes will be the moral high ground for him – protecting needy women.

Clinton will probably rely on a Jan. 12 statement circulated by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, saying that while partial-birth abortion is never the only option to save the life or preserve the health of the mother, it "may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance."

A doctor's group calling itself Phact, or Physicians Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth, wrote to ACOG expressing dismay at this unsupported and unscientific assertion. "Many of our members," they wrote, "hold teaching positions or head departments of obstetrics and gynecology or perinatology at universities and medical centers. To our knowledge, there are no published, peer-reviewed safety data regarding the procedure in question ... If ACOG ... has such data, we would, as teachers and practicing ob/gyns, certainly like to review it."

ACOG has yet to produce the clinical studies, or even the hypothetical examples, that would support the claim that partial-birth abortion may sometimes be required. According to Dr. Pamela Smith, director of Medical Education in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Chicago, ACOG's position stems from a desire to ensure that Roe vs. Wade will be protected. But the leadership of ACOG may not speak for the membership. A recent survey found that 62 percent of ACOG members thought the organization should adopt a pro-life or neutral position on abortion.

Smith, like other doctors associated with Phact, urges that partial-birth abortion is never the answer to a difficult or dangerous pregnancy. In the first place, it is not clear that these procedures are safe for women. There are examples of women who experience later fertility problems exactly because their cervixes were forcibly dilated during this procedure.

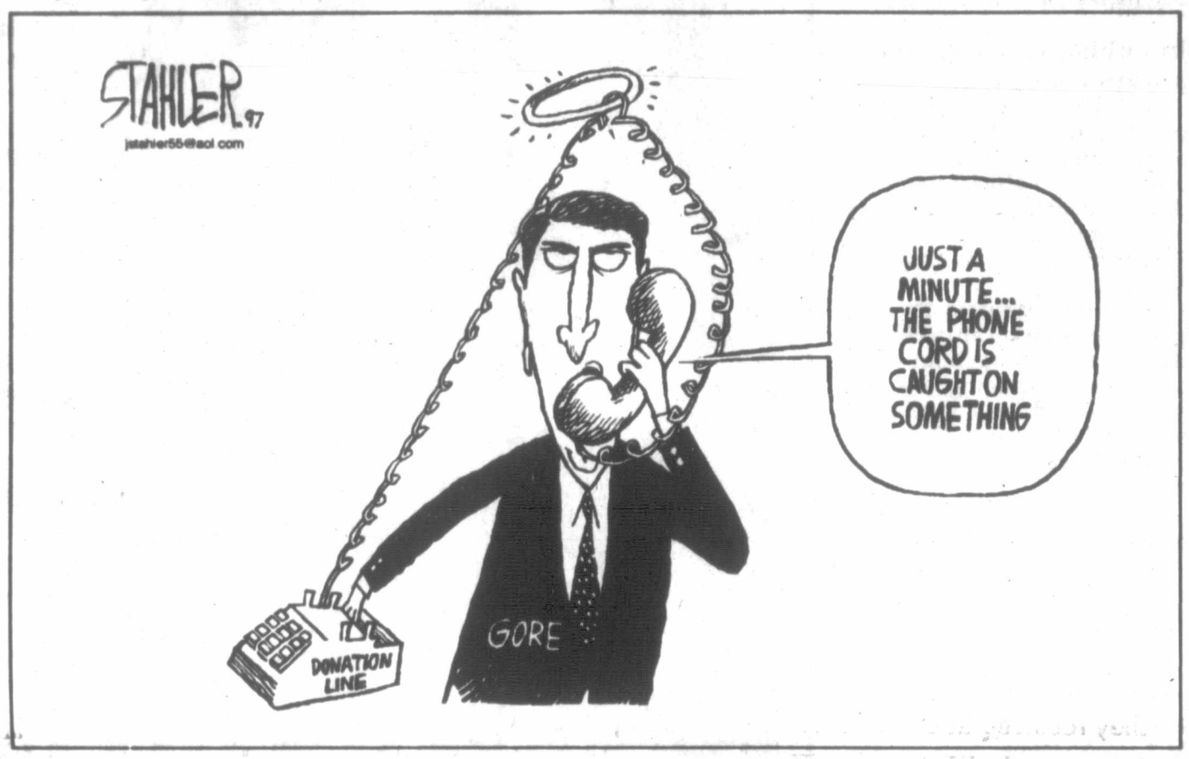
As for women carrying babies with enlarged heads due to prenatal hydrocephaly (water on the brain), there is a recognized medical procedure called cephalocentesis, which safely drains fluid from the baby's skull and permits a safe vaginal or Cesarean delivery. There are other procedures for polyhydramnios (too much amniotic fluid) and arthrogryposis (stiffened baby) that do not compromise a woman's future fertility.

Neither abortion supporters nor ACOG has yet offered a single example of a maternal or fetal condition that would require the feet first delivery of a child and the puncture of the baby's skull. The only purpose of suctioning out an infant's brains is to ensure the delivery of a dead fetus.

The original legislation the president vetoed did contain an exception for cases in which the mother's life is in danger. But pro-life obstetricians say that this was for public relations alone. In fact, they say, some situations do require that mother and baby be separated in order to save the mother's life. But those situations never require the baby to be killed. Other options include induction of labor and Cesarean section.

The women who posed with Clinton during last year's veto ceremony told moving stories. Their situations were indeed tragic. But they were all terribly misled.

It is not the lives of women with problem pregnancies that will be complicated by a ban on partial-birth abortion – but the lives of abortion providers. If the ban passes, their options for second-trimester and third-trimester abortions will be more limited. They will have to rely on more difficult techniques, like inserting a needle into the heart of the fetus, injecting a drug to stop the heart and then inducing labor. Some women, knowing that the options for later abortions are narrowing, may choose life.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1997. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

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In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

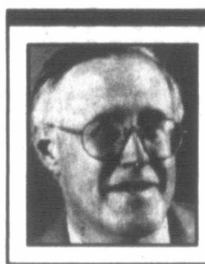
In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1932, a New York radio station (WABC) broadcast a variety program from a moving train in Maryland.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

White House: Defining deviancy



William Murchison

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, the canny old New York Democrat, came up with a neat way to describe how permissive attitudes lower cultural standards. "Defining deviancy down," he calls it. As society lowers the threshold of unacceptable conduct, a profound moral offense – say, living in unwed bliss – becomes just another human "choice."

At lower and lower levels, we define the range of human deviancies until one day, perhaps under the influence of a new Harvard U. study, we just give up the whole idea of deviancy.

In his own way, at his own pace – increasingly rapid – Bill Clinton is defining *political* deviancy down. We might reasonably have expected it of Clinton, who, you understand, never dodged the draft, never hassled Paula Jones, never made the White House a stage for campaign solicitations, never let the majesty of the U.S. presidency be used improperly. Even though mean spirited people keep saying he did such things.

Of deeper interest, and significance, is what the voting public makes of the fundraising ruckus – namely, not much. Opinion polls show the ruckus failing to dent Clinton's high popularity ratings.

Nothing too surprising here. Polls during the campaign showed voters – Clinton voters anyway – heroically unconcerned about the "character" issue Bob Dole tried to raise. Even then, we were defining deviancy down.

Pardon me half a second while I head off the Clintonites at the pass. Here they come, crying, "See – the real people don't care what scandals those Republicans cook up because they know the Republicans do the same as the man they're criticizing." Maybe two wrongs don't make a right, the Clintonites concede. But, then, who's counting?

As it happens, campaign money *is* too abundant – for Republicans as well as Democrats. There is a reason: The modern-day federal government, and the people who run it, enjoy colossal power, especially over the economy. Given all that power, where is the surprise that outsiders want some of it? The better heeled outsiders are going to try to buy their share of power by helping elect their friends. Well, I mean ... they should help their foes?

The rock bottom answer to the problem – cut government power sharply; repeal laws; repeal regulations – doesn't receive much of a hearing. Though it should, and we ought to get back to it. For the short run, it suffices to worry about defining political deviancy down.

Would George Washington have boarded campaign contributors in the White House (had there been a White House)? Clearly not. We've changed the rules. And not upward – downward. To be sure, the degenerative process didn't start with Clinton. Henry Adams, descendant of two extravagantly upright presidents, observed that the presidential succession from Washington to Grant overthrew Darwin's theory of evolution.

Bill Clinton's achievement has been to make the brazen solicitation of campaign money on government property seem as routine as, come to think of it, coffee and Danish. He is defining political deviancy down. It's OK, he says. "I don't think there's anything wrong with a president – me or anyone else –reaching out to his supporters." As if "reaching out" were the issue, and not, for instance, having Al Gore, on government property, smilin' and dialin' for campaign cash.

Voters who yawn over this latest achievement of Clinton's (as at so much else he encourages them to regard as normal) should remember what goes on here. The Clinton administration is lowering the bar – depressing the standard for presidential performance. The next White House occupant could raise the bar; he could also lower it farther, depending on what the voters regard as normal.

Clinton's gift for smiling his way out of trouble may or may help him this go-round. The larger trouble, in any case, isn't his, it's ours – the American people's. Our fearless leader is debasing the already-debased coinage of politics. And we ourselves? We're whistling while he works.

Should journalists ever hold back?



Joseph Perkins

Back in my college days, when I was summering at the *Washington Post*, Bob Woodward posed a seemingly hypothetical ethical question to me and my fellow interns:

Suppose we happened to find out an embarrassing, if not devastating, secret about a prominent political figure. We go to the individual, who confirms it, but begs us not to print it, arguing that it was a one-time mistake that had not been repeated and that had no bearing on the duties of his office.

Do we run the story? asked the legendary investigative journalist.

Most of us aspiring muckrakers said "yes" we would. But when Woodward actually faced this decision, he told us, he decided not to. He cut the grateful politico a break, but warned him that if he ever committed the "mistake" again, the *Post* would not hesitate to expose everything they knew about him.

This was a meaningful lesson to me. It said that the very best journalists do not necessarily rush to print or to air with each and every piece of "news" they unearth. They exercise judgment. In most cases, their judgment tells them to run with a story, but in certain cases they decide to hold their fire.

The Dallas Morning News was presented with such a rare case when it came upon documents, apparently culled from the computer files of lawyers representing Timothy McVeigh, suggesting that the Oklahoma City bombing defendant privately confessed to the heinous crime.

Attorney Stephen Jones, who defends McVeigh against charges that could send him to the gas chamber, has called for a federal investigation to determine whether the *Morning News* broke the law by accepting and publishing confidential defense files.

"They knew or should have known they had stolen documents," said Jones. "They had no authorized release from Tim McVeigh, Judge (Richard) Matsch (who is presiding over the federal trial in Denver) or myself. There is no justification whatever for this criminal act."

The *Morning News* pleads innocent. "We obtained the information through lawful news-gathering techniques," said the paper's lawyer Paul Watler although he declined to share those "techniques" with other interested news-gatherers.

And while Watler insists, "We have engaged in no wrongdoing of any kind," the *Morning News* announced that, upon reflection, it has decided not to run with any more stories based on the confidential defense documents.

Gee, this line of defense, "We did nothing wrong, but we won't do it anymore," sounds suspiciously like the Clinton White House trying to defuse its growing fundraising scandal. Wonder if the *Morning News* editors have noticed the similarity?

Leaving that aside, the *Morning News* controversy forces all journalists to ask themselves a hard question. How far do you go for a story and at what cost?

Some of my journalistic colleagues believe that the First Amendment gives them the right to use any means necessary to report a story, no matter the cost.

So they go "undercover" in the meat department of a supermarket chain, with hidden cameras, pretending not to be journalists. Or they identify a security guard as a terrorist bomber. Or they pay someone down at the morgue for grisly photos of a murdered little girl. Or they publish the contents of confidential files that they know to be either stolen or unlawfully disclosed.

It mattered not that they compromised their integrity to "get the goods" on Food Lion. That they stoked public hatred for Richard Jewell, who later proved innocent. That they exploited the brutal slaying of JonBenet Ramsey by publishing her autopsy photos. That they may have tainted the jury pool that will decide McVeigh's fate, depriving him of his con.titutional right to a fair trial.

The American public expects members of the Fourth Estate to behave more responsibly. To not blindly and recklessly publish or air any and everything deemed "newsworthy," but to consider the consequences of what is reported to readers or listeners or viewers.

Sometimes the public interest is best served by not running with a certain story. The disclosure of McVeigh's purported "confession" clearly falls into that category.

Poll: Fewer baby boomers attending church, but faith still strong

By STEVE RAY
Harte-Hanks Texas Poll Syndicate

Texas baby boomers who joined a national back-to-church movement in the late 1980s are leaving the church in about the same numbers as they joined a decade ago, according to The Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

The state is following a nationwide trend that has found church attendance at an 11-year low despite widespread belief among evangelical Christians that the church is on the verge of a national revival.

But analysts say the poll also showed that church attendance had little effect on the faith of Texas believers.

Seven in 10 Texans believe the Bible is God's Word and think all its prophecies – like the end of the world and the return of Jesus Christ – will come true, according to the poll.

The belief in Bible inerrancy is widespread, stretching into all age groups, economic levels, Christian denominations and regions of Texas.

"A lot of people have drifted away from the church," said Robert Kane, a University of Texas philosophy professor who specializes in religion and ethics. "But they haven't lost their beliefs."

The poll shows that Texans' belief in the Bible is much higher than national trends but that they are following a nationwide tendency to drop out of church.

Fifty-three percent of Texans are going to church at least two times a month compared with 15 percent who go once a year or never. Church attendance has dropped since Spring 1990 when 78 percent of Texans attended church at least twice a month. In Summer 1995, 58 percent attended church at least twice a month.

Analysts say the drop in Texas church attendance over the past decade indicates a lack of religious commitment by baby boomers who went back to the church in droves in the late 1980s.

The poll found that 47 percent of Texas baby boomers between the ages of 40 and 49 attended church at least twice a month. But 71 percent of them believed in the Bible and its prophecies.

Chris Ellison, a University of Texas sociologist who is researching religion and church attendance, said Texans are much more likely to believe in the Bible than Americans nationwide. "It shows the bedrock religious conservatism of Texas," Ellison said. "It is the Bible Belt."

A 1988 National Survey of Families and Households showed that about 49 percent of Americans agreed that the Bible was God's word and everything in it has happened or will happen.

That compares with 73 percent of Texans this year who agreed with the same statement, according to The Texas Poll.

Since the late 1980s, evangelical and Pentecostal churches have insisted that the modern-day church is on the verge of a national revival.

Baby boomers – the generation born between 1946 and 1964 – began bringing their families back to the church of their youth and growth was noted in such groups as Promise Keepers, a Christian men's group, and a worldwide prayer movement.

Church attendance – especially in non-denominational and charismatic churches – increased.

But in 1996, church attendance nationwide hit an 11-year low after a steady five-year decline, according to the California-based Barna Research Group. It found that fewer than four of 10 Americans attended church once a week and church attendance among baby boomers dropped from 50 percent in 1990 to 31 percent last year.

The Texas Poll shows that the number of Texans who attended church several times a month or more rose from 57 percent to 78 percent from 1987 to 1990 and then dropped to 58 percent and 53 percent in 1995 and 1997.

"There was a time when (church attendance) was a ... sign of salvation," Kane said. "That idea is less and less held. It may now be more tied to social interaction and relations. People are less likely to link it so closely to being saved or not saved."

The group of baby boomers who are now between 40 and 49 dropped from a high of about 77 percent in 1990 who attended church at least twice a month in 1990 to 61 percent in 1995 and 47 percent in 1997.

"The surge back to churches at the end of the 1980s could have been made by a bunch of baby boomers bringing up their children," Kane said. "Now maybe those very people who went back ... are showing that they are not completely committed and have drifted away from the church."

Analysts said that the drop in church attendance could also be linked to economic factors and growing pressure to spend more time with children.

"Church attendance goes up among families with small children," said Lamar University sociologist Stuart Wright, who does work for both the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association. "Parents use the church as an agency for moral instruction and that is to be expected."

But Kane and Wright agreed that as Texans work longer hours and more women enter the workforce, families trade-off time at church for leisure time with their children.

That has hurt church attendance, they said, because women are thought to be more religious and faithful in going to church. The Texas Poll showed that 78 percent of Texas women are likely to believe the Bible is God's Word and 61 percent attend church at least twice a month. That compares with 69 percent of men who believe the Bible and 47 percent of men who attend church at the same frequency.

Strong Bible believers are most likely to be from East Texas, live in small towns or rural areas, attend the Baptist Church and be elderly, black, women and widowed.

Meanwhile, Democrats are more likely to believe the Bible is God's Holy Word than Republicans or Independents. But Republicans are more likely to attend church at least twice a month.

The Texas Poll, conducted Feb. 3-15, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas surveyed 998 adult Texans for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc.

GOP leaders say they will get tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) – House Republican leaders are standing behind embattled Speaker Newt Gingrich, saying his proposal to put off tax-cut legislation was only a strategic retreat and the GOP remains "bedrock solid" for lower taxes.

But former Republican vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp, a chief spokesman for lower taxes, contended Sunday that Gingrich is leading the party astray by saying a balanced-budget agreement with the Clinton administration should come before tax reductions.

"This week, we had a discussion about strategy and there was a little emotion, surprising for Republicans on that issue, but our goals are bedrock-solid," Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., a member of the House GOP leadership, said on ABC's *This Week*.

He said those goals remain tax relief, a balanced budget and government deregulation.

Gingrich set off a storm within GOP ranks last week when he suggested that the party should work out a balanced-budget deal with the administration before taking up tax-cut legislation.

Gingrich and other Repub-licans argued that they got hammered during the last Congress when they tried to put their top priorities – including tax cuts, Medicare and welfare reform – in one big budget package vetoed by President Clinton, and it was smarter to achieve one goal at a time.

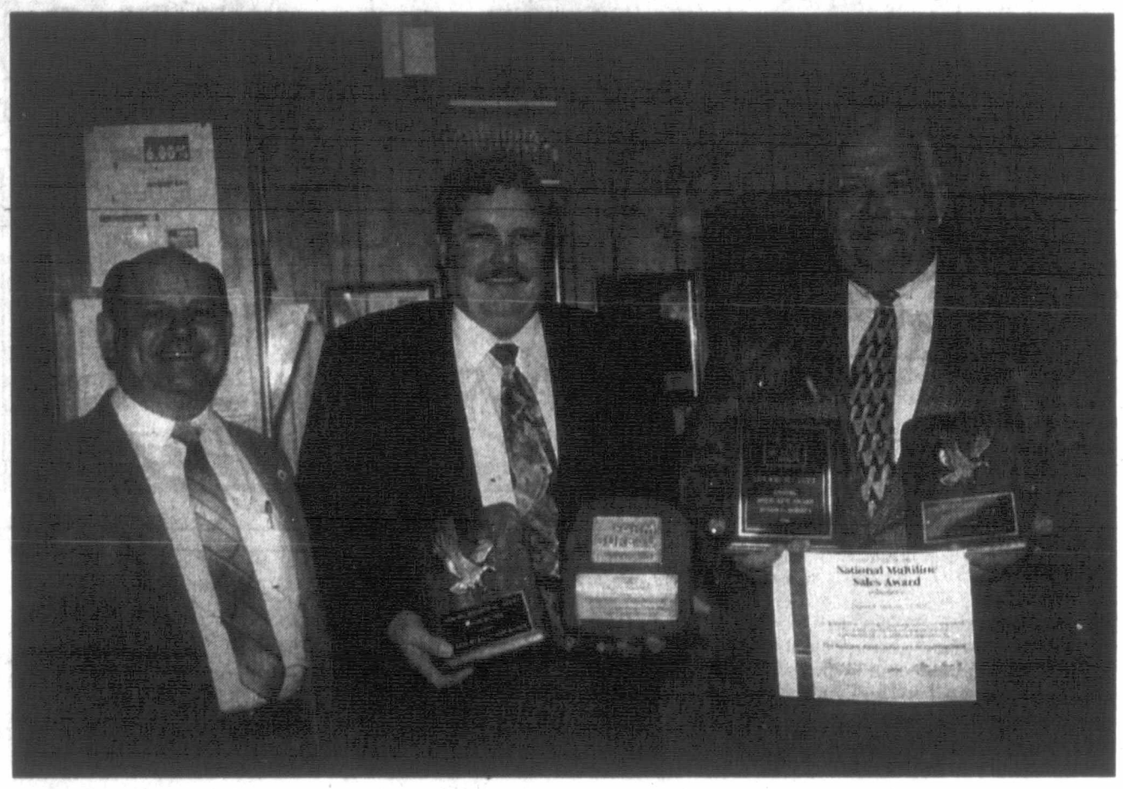
The idea was endorsed earlier by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. But the open criticism of Gingrich from Republicans both in and out of Congress raised further questions on whether the speaker, battered by ethics charges and complaints about the legislative pace this year, can hold onto his job.

Kemp, one of the first to criticize Gingrich, said on ABC that it is time for Gingrich to exert his leadership. "He's got to step forward, in my opinion, and not get wobbly in the knee about this very important issue facing America."

Kemp said his concern was that "by putting budget and balance first and tax rate reductions second, we never get to the tax rate reductions."

But DeLay, speaking on "Fox News Sunday," insisted that "we're not giving up a commitment to cut taxes."

DeLay said Kemp, an advocate of supply-side economics, "worships at the alter of tax cuts. ... What I'm saying is Jack has always said that deficits don't matter. We think deficits do matter."



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

James Race, manager; David Haynes, agent, and Don Whitney, agent, display the awards they received at the District I Awards Banquet in Amarillo on March 7.

Local Farm Bureau agents earn honors

Three members of the local Texas Farm Bureau insurance office recently attended the District One awards banquet in Amarillo and came home as winners.

James Race, LUTCF, agency manager; Don Whitney, LUTCF, service agent, and David Haynes, service agent, brought home awards for outstanding service for 1996.

Whitney claimed the National Multiline Sales Award, a national award; Multiline winner, Division I, a Texas Farm Bureau company award; a Big 10 Blazer Award for placing No. 2 out of 3,909 agents in the entire company; a Million Dollar Round Table winner; Professional Agent Award winner in Texas; and two additional diamonds for his company Million Dollar Ring.

Haynes also brought home several awards including Million Dollar Round Table winner, Professional Agent Award winner in Texas and two additional diamonds for his company Million Dollar Ring.

The honors were handed out at the March 7 banquet.

The three agents form the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau at 1132 S. Hobart in Pampa.

They expressed thanks to all of their customers in the area for helping them achieve their accomplisments in the past year.

South African professor visiting WTAMU

CANYON – What do South Africa and the Texas Panhandle have in common?

The answer to that question is the reason behind Dr. Deon Raubenheimer's visit to the Alternative Energy Institute (AEI) at West Texas A&M University.

Dr. Raubenheimer, professor and head of the physics at Vista University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, arrived at WTAMU in February courtesy of a Fulbright Senior Research grant to study and research the AEI renewable energy programs. Renewable energy includes non-depletable forms of energy such as solar, wind and bio-gas.

Raubenheimer said he wants to return to Vista University and implement a renewable energy class. Vista University has seven campuses with a total of 37,000 students.

"I want to do something for the people of the Republic of South Africa," he said. "I hope to present a full renewable energy course at the graduate and undergraduate level at Vista University."

He said AEI is a perfect place to study wind energy.

"The wind here is the same characteristically as it is in South Africa," he said. "I chose WTAMU because, in my opinion, this is one of the best wind research institutes in the United States."

Raubenheimer said he was overwhelmed by a 1995 visit to Cape Town, South Africa, by Dr. Vaughn Nelson, dean of the WTAMU Graduate School, research and information technology and director of AEI, and Ken Starcher, assistant director of AEI.

"Dr. Nelson and Ken conducted two weeks of wind energy courses to a group of 35 university academics," he said. "Everyone present was enamored because here was something South Africa was very much suited for."

Raubenheimer said it was after that visit that he applied for the Fulbright Senior Research Grant. He said everything then fell into place.

"In 1996 Dr. Nelson came back to Cape Town to present the same two-week course, except Ken stayed behind and I was to take Ken's place alongside Dr. Nelson," he said.

Raubenheimer said he was awarded the Fulbright grant and arrived in the United States in July 1996. He spent six months at New Mexico State University (NMSU) and during that time he traveled to Carbondale, Colo.. and Denver, Colo.. to institutes where he studied solar energy.

Raubenheimer will be at WTAMU until April 15.

Supermarkets questioning value of using coupons

WASHINGTON (AP) – Supermarkets and food manufacturers agree coupons aren't worth the paper they're printed on, and shoppers are clipping fewer than ever.

The American passion for bargains and gimmicks is thwarting companies that try to replace coupons with promises of lower prices.

"It's a hard sell to customers, because ... they like that tangible piece of paper," said Barry Scher, spokesman for the 175-store Giant Food grocery chain based in Washington.

Giant stopped putting store coupons in local newspapers and has argued for years at food industry conferences that better ways can be found to give shoppers a break. But the chain doesn't dare quit honoring manufacturer's coupons.

"I think a lot of customers would say, 'We're going to shop elsewhere,'" Scher said.

Continuing a five-year downward trend, fewer than 2 percent of the 286.5 billion manufacturer's coupons distributed last year were redeemed, according to a survey by Illinois-based coupon processor NCH Promotional Services.

Prodded by such studies, Procter & Gamble, makers of a wide array of household products including Jif peanut butter, Tide laundry detergent and Crest toothpaste, experimentally pulled coupons from stores in three upstate New York cities last year.

"We look at couponing as a wasteful practice," said P&G spokeswoman Linda Ulrey. "There's nothing from our point of view that is efficient about a practice that fails over 90 percent of the time."

The P&G test, in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, was accompanied by a more than 50 percent reduction in the company's coupon spending nationally in favor of "everyday low pricing."

Ulrey said P&G lowered the prices to retailers by $2 billion.

Although P&G won't disclose the results of its experiments, there is evidence that what consumers noticed most is not savings but the missing coupons.

New York shoppers have written angry letters to the editor, expressing doubts that their $20 to $40 weekly coupon savings would be matched by "everyday low prices" if other companies were to follow the P&G lead.

Ann Palmer, who oversees a Cooperative Extension program near Buffalo that shows people with low or fixed incomes how to save on grocery bills, put it this way: "I think that the P&G product is a good product, but we continue to encourage consumers to utilize coupons."

Despite waning redemption rates, industry surveys suggest more than half of shoppers can be tempted with coupons to switch brands.

National briefs

Cosbys threaten to sue tabloid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill and Camille Cosby are demanding a retraction from the *National Enquirer* over statements suggesting Mrs. Cosby hired gunmen to find her only son's killer, the family's publicist said.

The Cosbys, who want an apology and a correction, claim that the Feb. 4 edition of the weekly newspaper also falsely suggests Mrs. Cosby was being sedated and on the verge of a nervous breakdown, family spokesman David Brokaw said.

"The Cosbys would never take the law into their own hands," Brokaw said. "The *National Enquirer* has always had a fine relationship with Bill because they checked out rumors with him before rushing to print. This time they never checked it out."

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death Jan. 16 while changing a flat tire on his Mercedes-Benz convertible. The tabloid offered a $100,000 reward for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer.

A subheadline that ran on the cover of the Feb. 4 edition read: "The grieving mom: She hires $ million gunmen to hunt son's killer."

David Perel, the newspaper's executive editor, said the subheadline refers to the Cosbys' hiring of private investigator Gavin DeBecker to help find the killer.

"The firm is licensed to use guns," Perel said. "And at times they do carry guns."

Woman protests slaying of bisons

GARDINER, Mont. (AP) — A woman protesting the killing of hundreds of bison outside a national park dumped animal organs on a table, spraying blood on the nation's agriculture secretary, Montana's governor and two U.S. senators.

As Delyla Wilson of the Bison Action Group was led out of the building, she shouted, "Next time, clean up your own mess."

She was referring to the practice of shooting bison that wander north looking for food outside Yellowstone National Park. Montana officials fear the spread of disease to cattle, and say even its threat could cripple the livestock industry.

Ms. Wilson was charged with misdemeanor assault Sunday night and released on a $500 bond.

"We are not some primal band of Neanderthals running around making sure every living animal is being put in the cross hairs," Gov. Marc Racicot said Sunday. "We are not afforded with a lot of discretion."

Accidental deaths blamed on access to lethal drug

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Two elderly women died in the last six months because nurses accidentally injected them with a chemical used to execute death row prisoners, the *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* reported.

The chemical, undiluted potassium chloride, was stored on patient floors in two Sonoma County hospitals, the newspaper reported Sunday. Nationwide warnings called for it to be restricted to hospital pharmacies.

Irene Fox, 80, of Santa Rosa, was undergoing tests for pancreatic cancer at Community Hospital in October when a nurse began cleaning an intravenous line leading to Fox's heart.

Instead of using a harmless saline solution, the nurse used a vial of undiluted potassium chloride, according to the coroner's report.

Fox's daughter, Colleen, recalls hearing her mother cry out, "This hurts," as the drug was injected.

"My mother sat up in bed, seizured and died within a few seconds," she said. "It was pretty awful."

FDA reviewing drug to help baldness

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new drug awaiting federal approval could be what millions of balding men are waiting for: a pill they can pop to grow back a full head of hair.

The drug Propecia stimulated hair growth for 65 percent of men who took a pill a day for a year, compared with 37 percent of men who took a placebo, said Kevin Kaufman, a Merck & Co. research director.

But beating hair loss may carry a price beyond money. The drug's side effects include decreased libido and difficulty achieving erections.

Kaufman presented his initial findings at the American Academy of Dermatology's annual meeting Sunday. The researchers tattooed a 1-inch-diameter circle on the scalps of 1,553 men ages 18-41 in the study. They found a 107-hair improvement among men taking Propecia.

Federal Reserve may hike interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the United States enters a seventh year of economic expansion, the Federal Reserve is preparing to do something it has never before accomplished – bring the $7 trillion economy in for a second "soft landing" to keep both inflation and recession at bay.

Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the central bank will meet behind closed doors Tuesday, and the betting is they will emerge with an announcement that interest rates are going up. The purpose will be to keep the expansion from overheating, and thus extend its life.

While a rise in rates is not totally assured, Greenspan seemed to be sending some strong rate-increase signals last week.

"He left no uncertainty in my mind that he is going to tighten," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

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Heads-up Reaction At Crime Scene Results In Falling Down



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: A few days ago here in Eugene, a woman was abducted from a small one-employee store. She was forced at gunpoint into the gunman's vehicle. It is unlikely she will ever again be seen alive.

Here is a suggestion that could possibly save lives under these circumstances:

Fall down! That's right — fall down. And stay down. Anything is better than getting into a thug's vehicle and vanishing. Very few men are capable of lifting a limp body and putting it into a vehicle. And a few screams might help, too.

MR. HOLLY K. ROBINSON,
EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR HOLLY: I checked with the police, who said that in general, "playing 'possum" — going limp or pretending to faint — can be an effective way to keep from being taken from "crime scene A" to "crime scene B." The police stressed that one should avoid getting into a perpetrator's vehicle if at all possible. Calling attention to the crime by screaming or crying for help can also scare off some assailants.

They cautioned, however, that every crime situation is unique. The unfortunate store employee had no options, but usually the best way to avoid becoming a victim is to stay alert in the first place.

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DEAR ABBY: I was suddenly awakened to the fact that nowhere else did I see or hear of George Washington on Feb. 22, except for reading the heading of your column, "Happy Birthday, George."

It made me stop and think about what has happened to our country when we overlook respectful recognition in exchange for our three-day holiday weekend. It's a sad day for us when we fail to even mention the birthday of the father of our country.

Abby, your "Happy Birthday, George" revived my proud-to-be-an-American spirit, so I hung my American flag out on the balcony of my apartment for all to see. Thank you, Abby, for reminding me and many others, I hope, of our precious American heritage.

JACK R. ROBINSON,
KENNEWICK, WASH.

DEAR JACK ROBINSON: Thank you for your thank-you. Perhaps some formerly forgetful folks will remember to mark their calendars at the beginning of 1998 that on Feb. 12 we honor Abraham Lincoln and on the 22nd we honor George — and President's Day honors them both.

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DEAR READERS: Earlier this month, an incorrect address for ordering "PLEASE CALL POLICE" banners for your car was printed. The post office box number contained an error, and the shipping and handling cost was omitted.

The post office has assured me that orders mailed to the incorrect box number will be forwarded to the correct one, and WCIL has agreed to ship those orders without the $1 for shipping and handling. (One banner is shipped as a premium for a $5 donation, plus one banner per each additional $4.)

In the future, please send your orders to: WCIL, P.O. Box 92501, Los Angeles, Calif. 90009, and include $1 per order for shipping and handling.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 25, 1997

Several ideas that did not work well for you this past year should be refurbished and given another try. You might be surprised by what a second effort might accomplish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Allies who have proven themselves loyal might support you even more today. Request them as back ups if you have to make a power play. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your greatest gratification today could come from protecting the interests of those you love. You will know before it is requested who needs your help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Accept friends for what they are today, warts and all, and they in turn will do the same for you. Embrace others, do not judge them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Ambitions can be fulfilled today if you're prepared to pay the price, so put forth a concerted effort. You will handle challenges well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a marvelous disposition that friends will find very appealing today. You will know how to buoy their spirits and turn annoyances into fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something of substantial benefit to yourself and others could be your principle interest today. Because of its possible ramifications, it's worth going all out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A well-conceived plan might not work out exactly as you planned today. However, your on-the-spot revisions could make it even more appealing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck may be inclined to favor you financially and socially today. However, don't expect her to put up with frivolous pursuits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Timing and pacing are major requirements today for turning hopes into reality. Start with a slow jog before breaking into a speedy gallop.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A low-key approach should work very well for accomplishing your objective today, especially if your opposition is comprised of noisy individuals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have been neglecting some close friends recently, this is a good day to restimulate these associations. Get in touch with as many friends as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions look hopeful today where joint endeavors are concerned, but it is going to be up to you to call the shots and run the show. Maintain a dominant role.

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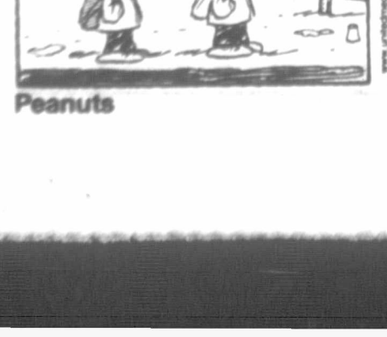


"Mommy and Daddy went to a movie starring Al Cappuccino."

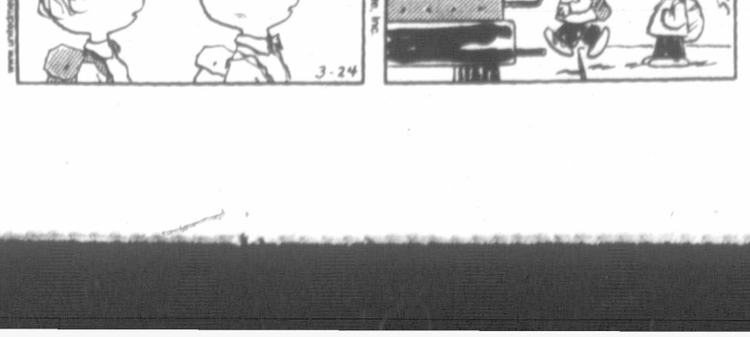


"Cookies? Believe me, if I had any cookies, he'd be the first I'd give some to."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells

Alley Oop

Peanuts



For Better or For Worse



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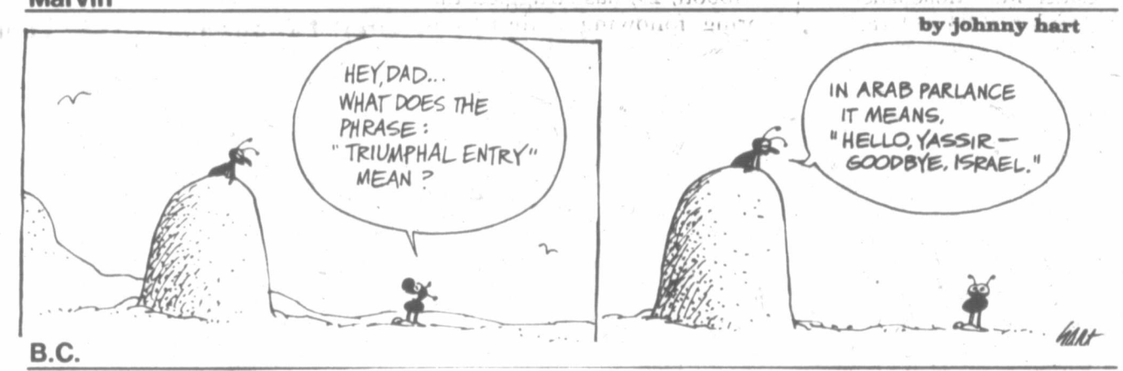


Walnut Cove



Marvin

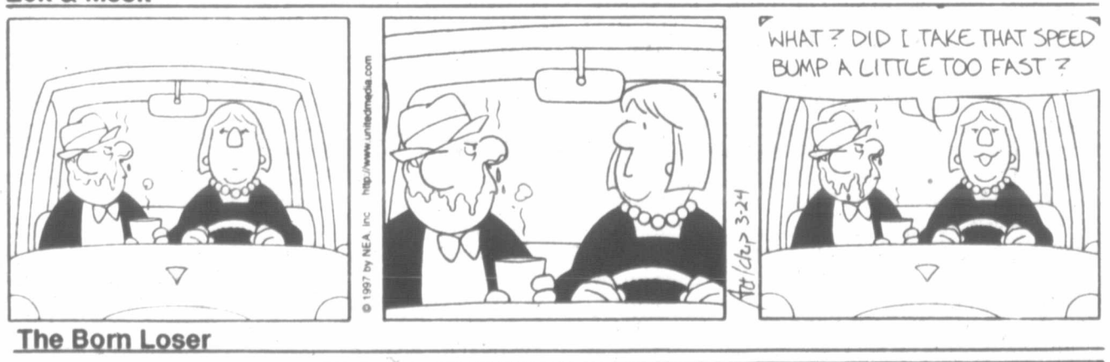
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser

Frank And Ernest

Mallard Filmore

SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

CANYON — West Texas A&M swept a doubleheader from College of the Southwest Saturday.

WT won the opener, 6-1, as Jason Patrick posted his fourth mound win without a loss.

Outfielder Mike Ohm led the Buffs in hitting with a pair of singles in four trips.

WT ripped 12 hits in winning the second contest, 18-8.

Sean Heffner (2-0) was the winning pitcher.

Catcher Javier Reyes was three for three at the plate and drove in three runs.

WACO (AP) — Baylor pitcher Kris Lambert's no-hit bid ended in the sixth inning on the first of six Texas Tech home runs as the Bears fell to the Red Raiders 8-5 on Friday.

Texas Tech scored all eight of their runs on home runs, as six batters each hit one home run.

The Red Raiders improved to 20-2 on the season, as Baylor fell to 15-9. Lambert held the Red Raiders scoreless through four innings before Brandon Toro led off the fifth with his third home run of the year.

Lambert had ten strikeouts through four innings, and he finished with 12. Texas Tech pitcher Jason Gooding held the Bears scoreless into the ninth, when Baylor scored five.

Right fielder Jeremy Dodson drove in three with his ninth home run of the season and fifth in five games.

AUTO RACING

PHOENIX (AP) — Tony Buffomante won his fourth Formula Mazda race in as many starts this season, beating 27 other drivers in a 48-mile run at Phoenix International Raceway.

Buffomante improved from a third-place start, passing polesitter Ken Mollenauer in the 14th lap on the restart after an accident. He led the rest of the way.

The series rule requires that the last three laps be run under a green flag, so the field reverted to 48 laps.

Mikel Miller was second and Michael Conte, who started 17th, finished third.

Rich Stephens, the defending series champion, was fourth, Scott Fullmer fifth and Mollenauer sixth.

With his four straight titles, Buffomante holds a huge lead in the 13-race Western regional series.

TENNIS

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys and girls combined for 101 points to win the Pampa Invitational Tournament Saturday.

Individual results will be published in Tuesday's Pampa News.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Phil Mickelson was known until last year as a player who won all his golf tournaments west of the Rockies.

The reason was simple. Mickelson grew up in Southern California and went to school in Arizona. Winning PGA Tour events in San Diego, Tucson and Phoenix held special meaning because it came in front of family and friends.

Mickelson finally ended his jinx in Florida on Sunday with another tournament that took on added significance.

The Bay Hill Invitational was Arnie's tournament.

"It's even more special because it's here at Bay Hill, at Arnold Palmer's tournament, and it's the week he came back," Mickelson said. "And that's what makes it so special."

Mickelson, who had missed the cut in seven of 11 previous tournaments on the Florida swing and had never played on the weekend at Bay Hill in two previous appearances, shot a 7-under-65 to win by three strokes over Stuart Appleby.

North Carolina, Arizona prepare for rematch

By The Associated Press

FINAL FOUR

North Carolina and Arizona, which met in their season opener, will play a rematch at the Final Four.

The top-seeded Tar Heels beat sixth-seeded Louisville 97-74 Sunday in the East Regional to advance to their 13th Final Four. Fourth-seeded Arizona recovered after blowing a big lead and edged No. 10 Providence 96-92 in overtime at the Southeast Regional to reach its third Final Four in nine years.

Shammond Williams scored 22 points for North Carolina (28-6), which will play Arizona (23-9) in the national semis next Saturday in Indianapolis. The Wildcats beat the Tar Heels 83-72 in the Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic on Nov. 22.

North Carolina, which has won 16 straight, turned around its season following an 0-3 start in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This was a great feeling to cut down those nets after the way we started the ACC season," forward Antawn Jamison said. "We came together as a team and put all our differences aside. It shows how hard we worked and that hard work pays off."

Arizona, which finished fifth in the Pac-10 with an inexperienced lineup, squandered a 10-point deficit in the final 3 1/2 minutes of regulation before rebounding to beat Providence. Miles Simon scored 30 points for the Wildcats, who knocked off top-ranked Kansas in the previous round.

"Certainly, this was not expected," said coach Lute Olson, whose team began the season with four new starters and has no seniors in the playing rotation. "Everybody kept saying, 'Next year, they're going to be pretty good.' Well, next year got here a little early."

The other Final Four matchup on Saturday is defending national champion Kentucky (34-4) vs. Minnesota (31-3). The semifinal winners will play for the championship on Monday night.

Kentucky, down to eight players because of injuries, pressured Utah into poor shooting and 17 turnovers for a 72-59 victory Saturday in the West Regional final at San Jose, Calif.

Ron Mercer scored 21 points for Kentucky, which limited All-American Keith Van Horn to 15 points on 5-for-12 shooting.

Minnesota wore down UCLA 80-72 to win the Midwest Regional at San Antonio. Five Gophers scored in double figures, led by Bobby Jackson's 18 points. And nine Minnesota players played more than 10 minutes as the school advanced to its first Final Four.

North Carolina built a 21-point halftime lead against Louisville, then pulled away again in the second half after the Cardinals (26-9) cut the margin to three with 8:19 left.

"That win came over a courageous, gutty team that was down by 21 points and came back," said coach Dean Smith, who has guided the Tar Heels to four Final Fours this decade. "You also have to hand it to our players for the way they responded and played great over the last seven minutes. You have to admire that for a team that's been like that all year."

Louisville star DeJuan Wheat, playing with a sprained ankle he injured in his previous game against Texas, scored only six points on 2-for-11 shooting.

"I just wanted to play," Wheat said. "If we were going to lose, I wanted to be out on the court."

Alex Sanders scored 20 points for Louisville, which lost for the first time in seven regional finals under Denny Crum.

"Even without DeJuan at full strength we didn't play bad," Crum said. "They just played very well."

Providence (24-12), trying to become the lowest-seeded team to reach the Final Four since No. 11 LSU in 1986, had a chance to beat Arizona in the closing seconds of regulation after stealing the ball. But Corey Wright's 3-pointer was off target and the game went to overtime, where the Friars finally ran out of steam.

Abbott leaves California A's

By The Associated Press

Jim Abbott may have thrown his last pitch for the Anaheim Angels.

Abbott, who lost 18 games last season and has a 13.50 ERA this spring, left the team's spring camp in Tempe, Ariz., and returned to his home in California.

Abbott, who has a 1-2 record in three exhibition starts, will not dress or participate in any drills with the club.

"By mutual agreement, Jim Abbott has left spring training for a short period of time while he and the Angels evaluate his current situation on the club," Angels general manager Bill Bavasi said in a statement Sunday.

The Angels would not comment on whether Abbott was given the option to go to Triple-A Vancouver or anywhere else in the Anaheim organization.

Abbott, 29, has struggled this spring following a disastrous 1996 season during which he went 2-18 with a 7.48 and was briefly demoted to the minors.

In his most recent appearance, the left-hander, who once pitched a no-hitter for the New York Yankees, allowed five runs and four hits with six walks in a three-inning relief outing.

"In the last two outings, he struggled with his command. In the two outings before that, I thought he was making strides," Angels manager Terry Collins said. "In consideration for Jim, I want to wait a few days before I say anything more."

Mark Langston, Abbott's longtime teammate, said he had an emotional conversation with Abbott on Sunday but didn't know what the future held for his close friend.

"Jim worked so hard to get back to this level, harder than anyone in this locker room worked," Langston said. "He had to go out and prove he could pitch, and there were moments when he did, and there is no doubt in my mind that he'll be a major league pitcher again.

"Guys like me and Chuck (Finley) can go out there and struggle once or twice and know we'll still be in the rotation. But Jim didn't have that luxury after last year and he knew that," Langston said.

Even if the Angels release him, they would be obligated to pay Abbott $2.6 million in 1997 and $3 million in 1998.

In Sunday's exhibition action:

Orioles 9, Braves 7

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Chris Hoiles broke a seventh-inning tie with a run-scoring single for Baltimore.

The expected pitching duel between Atlanta's Greg Maddux and Jimmy Key never materialized. Maddux allowed six runs and 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings, and Key gave up six runs and 12 hits in six innings.

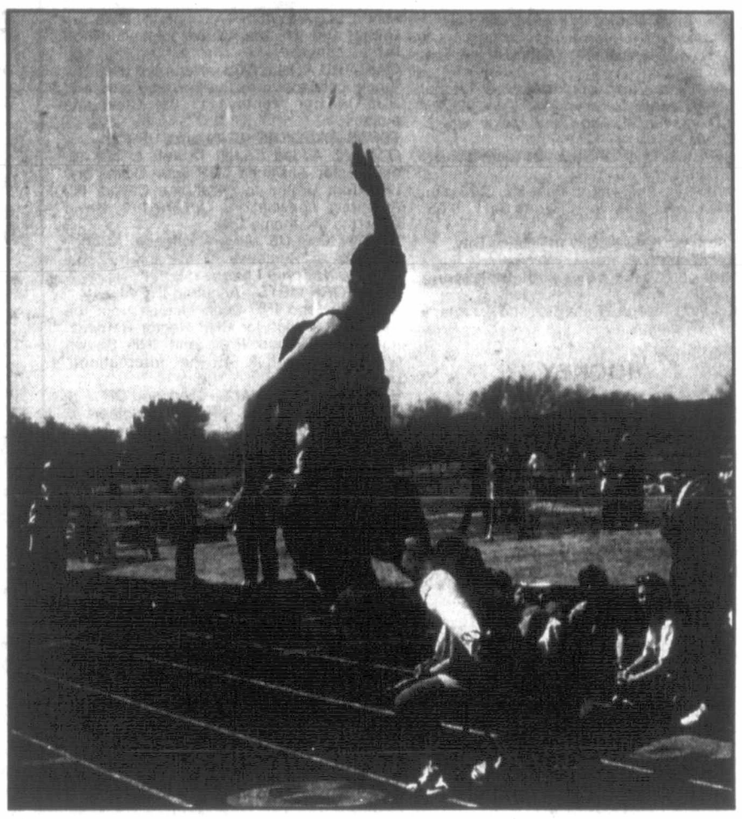
Cardinals 4, Indians 1

At Winter Haven, Fla., Mark Petkovsek gave up one run in five innings and outdueled Orel Hershiser.

Royals 5, Reds 3

At Plant City, Fla., Yamil Benitez homered and singled to start a two-run ninth-inning rally for Kansas City.

The Royals' 10th victory in 13 games improved their record 12-12-1.



(Pampa News photo)

Brett Montgomery of McLean competes in the long jump at the Pirate Relays.

Groom boys, Channing girls win Pirate Relays

LEFORS — Justin Ritter won three events as the Groom boys won the Pirate Relays last weekend.

Ritter won the 800, long jump and 400 as the Tigers amassed 132 points. Miami finished second with 106 points. Channing was third with 70 points.

Channing won seven of 16 events to claim the girls' title. Groom was second and Higgins was third.

Silverton won the boys title and Higgins the girls title in the junior varsity division.

Pirate Relays
at Lefors
Boys

Team totals: 1. Groom 132; 2. Miami 106; 3. Channing 70; 4. Silverton 62; 5. McLean 57; 6. Higgins 47; 7. Fort Elliott 18; 8. Adrian 17; 9. Allison 12; 10. (tie) Hartley and Hedley 10; 12. Samnorwood 2.
Shot: 1. May, Miami, 39-4 1/2; 2. Mason, Channing, 38-8 1/2; 3. Barr, Fort Elliott, 38-5.
Discus: 1. Neighbors, Miami, 122-6; 2. Prather, Hroom, 115-1; 3. Crump, Groom; 111- 3/4.
High jump: 1. Wall, Channing, 6-0; 2. Hall, Adrian, 5-10; 3. Montgomery, McLean, 5-10.
Long jump: 1. Ritter, Groom, 19-10 1/2; 2. Ivory, Silverton, 19-3 3/4; 3. Sustaire, Groom, 18-6 1/4.
Triple jump: 1. Ivory, Silverton, 40-10 1/2; 2. Ritter, Groom, 39-3 3/4; 3. Booker, Higgins, 38-11.
Vault: 1. Wood, Silverton, 9-0.
3200: 1. Vega, Groom, 11:22.22; 2. Heesch, Higgins, 11:31.60; 3. Scott, Groom, 11:41.31.
400 relay: 1. Miami, 46.16; 2. McLean, 47.83; 3. Silverton, 47.43.
800: 1. Ritter, Groom, 2:05.63; 2. Booker, Higgins, 2:06.97; 3. Hurst, Miami, 2:15.93.
110 hurdles: 1. Flowers, Miami, 15.87; 2. N. Ritter, Groom, 18.63; 3. Rentfro, Channing, 19.03.
100: 1. Castillo, Groom, 11.50; 2. Barr, Fort Elliott, 11.51.; 3. Murray, Miami, 11.88.
400: 1. Ritter, Groom, 51.66; 2. Ivory, Silverton, 55.18; 3. Dishong, Hedley, 55.90.
300 hurdles: 1. Wall, Channing, 42.93; 2. Murray, Miami, 44.10; 3. Crain, Channing, 44.16.
200: 1. Booker, Higgins, 23.41; 2. Mitchell, Miami, 23.81; 3. Ivory, Silverton, 24.25.
1600: 1. Booker, Higgins, 5:05.68; 2. Vega, Groom, 5:06.81; 3. Scott, Groom, 5:08.44.
1600 relay: 1. Groom, 3:43.47; 2. Channing, 3:48.50; 3. McLean, 3:50.56.

Girls

Team totals: 1. Channing 123 1/4; 2. Groom 78; 3. Higgins 58; 4. Silverton 57 1/2; 5. (tie) Fort Elliott, Lefors, Samnorwood 54; 8. Adrian 44; 9. McLean 21; 10. Allison 20; 11. 11. Hartley 4; 12. Hedley 1.
Shot: 1. Reynolds, Samnorwood, 32-6; 2. Matthews, Samnorwood, 30-10 1/2; 3. Greene, Allison, 28-3 1/2.
Discus: 1. Bonnell, Miami, 92-1/2; 2. Gill, Miami, 84-7; 3. Meller, Higgins, 83-0.
High jump: 1. Grant, Channing, 5-4; 2. Gill, Miami, 4-8; 3. (tie) Kirchofner, Silverton; Kingery, Silverton; Gates, Channing; Locke, Miami, 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Shields, Fort Elliott, 14-7 1/2; 2. Britten, Groom, 14-6; 3. Krichofner, Silverton, 14-3.
Triple jump: 1. Britten, Groom, 31-6; 2. Brown, Adrian, 30-5 1/2; 3. Dukes, Fort Elliott, 30-3 1/4.
3200: 1. Dukes, Fort Elliott, 14:40.95; 2. Howard, Lefors, 14:55; 3. (tie) Murray, Shelly, Lefors, 15:43.
400 relay: 1. Channing, 53.35; 2. Groom, 54.12; 3. Higgins, 56.97.
800: 1. Booker, Higgins, 2:42.41; 2. Gates, Channing, 2:44.82; 3. Grayson, Allison, 2:45.28.
100 hurdles: 1. Kirchofner, Silverton, 17.82; 2. Davis, Groom, 18.72; 3. Bussard, Higgins, 19.15.
100: 1. Figuerra, Channing, 13.46; 2. Pool, Higgins, 13.56; 3. Oldham, Samnorwood, 28.88.
800 relay: 1. Channing, 1:55.59; 2. Groom, 1:57.09; 3. Samnorwood, 2:01.90.
400: 1. Gregory, Channing, 66.97; 2. Murray, Lefors, 67.97; 3. Pool, Higgins, 68.00.
300 hurdles: 1. Kirchofner, Silverton, 51.69; 2. Dukes, Fort Elliott, 55.31; 3. Booker, Higgins, 55.75.
200: 1. Grant, Channing, 28.09; 2. Britten, Groom, 28.56; 3. Oldham, Samnorwood, 28.88.
1600: 1. Adame, Adrian, 6:23.90; 2. Dukes, Fort Elliott, 6:32.85; 3. Grayson, Allison, 6:37.09.
1600 relay: 1. Channing, 4:37.94; 2. Lefors, 4:40.65; 3. Adrian, 4:49.90.

Jarrett wins at Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Dale Jarrett wondered for years what it would feel like to win at Darlington Raceway. But when the time came, he had other things on his mind.

"All I could think about was keeping my foot down and staying ahead," he said. "All I could see in my mirror was Ted Musgrave's car."

Musgrave, like a shadow in the South Carolina sun, clung close to Jarrett's Ford the final 58 laps at the TranSouth 400 on Sunday. He got as close as Jarrett's window on the final lap, but could not pass.

The winning realization hit Jarrett in Victory Lane, where his father, Ned, was teary, knowing they share wins at Darlington and Daytona, two of the most respected tracks among NASCAR drivers.

"He's pretty emotional," said Jarrett, who won from the pole. "He knows that this is where a driver puts a notch in his belt. It's the toughest place by far that we run at."

Jarrett earned $142,860 and increased his series points lead to 87 over Jeff Gordon.

Gordon's Chevrolet was third, almost 15 seconds behind. The 25-year-old was trying for history of his own after winning the past three races at the historic 1.366-mile oval. But Gordon glanced the wall early while leading on lap 38 and could not catch up to the Fords.

Depth pays off again for Lady Harvesters

HEREFORD — Depth is an important element for a track team. The Pampa girls team pointed that fact out to the rest of the field at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce meet last weekend.

The Lady Harvesters won only one event, but placed in 11 others to scored 102 points and edge out Palo Duro for the meet title.

"I felt like the girls had an outstanding meet despite some adversity. We had some girls that really came through for us," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "Leshica Evans stepped up to be a leader for us in the relay and sprints," Lopez said. "She's an outstanding athlete."

Evans filled in for the injured Lacrease Ford in the 400-meter relay, which finished second with a time of 51.21. Ford was unable to compete because of a knee injury.

The Lady Harvesters scored the winning points in the 1600-meter relay with Audrey Wilbon, Lavonne Evans, Jenny Fatheree and Robin Williams combining for a 4:12.18 time.

Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Track Meet
at Hereford
Girls

Team totals: 1. Pampa 102; 2. Palo Duro 97; 3. Odessa 81; 4. Hereford 70; 5. Dumas 50; 6. Canyon 42; 7. Caprock 41; 8. (tie) Clovis and Randall 37; 10. Tascosa 32.

Pampa results

Long jump: Katy Cavalier, fifth place, 16-2.

Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, fourth place, 33-10.

Shot: Barbara Wine, second place, 39-9.

3200: Anna Resendiz, second place, 12:48.04; Amanda White, third place, 12:50.01.

400 relay: Pampa, second place, (Lavonne Evans, Audrey Wilbon, Leshica Evans, and Katy Cavalier), 51.21.

800: Jenny Fatheree, second place, 2:24.05; Beth Lee, third place, 2:26.08.

100 hurdles: Tandy Morton, second place, 16.18.

100: Leshica Evans, fifth place, 13.10.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, fifth place, 49.86; Lori Lindsey, sixth place, 51.10.

200: Katy Cavalier, sixth place, 28.36.

1600: Jenny Fatheree, third place, 5:41.07; Anna Resendiz, fifth place, 5:45.06.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Audrey Wilbon, Lavonne Evans, Jenny Fatheree and Robin Williams), 4:12.18.

Clippers complete sweep of injury-riddled Spurs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Malik Sealy scored a season-high 30 points as the Los Angeles Clippers completed a four-game season sweep of the injury-ravaged San Antonio Spurs with a 106-91 victory Sunday night.

Rodney Rogers added 17 points and seven rebounds for the Clippers, who have won the last five meetings with the Spurs after losing the previous 10.

Los Angeles' season sweep was its first from San Antonio since the Spurs moved from the ABA to the NBA for the 1976-77 campaign.

The victory gave Los Angeles 1 1/2-game lead over Phoenix and two-game advantage over Sacramento for seventh place in the Western Conference playoff race.

Monty Williams and Vinny Del Negro each scored 17 points for the Spurs, who have played 36 of their last 39 games without four or more players because of injuries or illness.

San Antonio has lost five straight and 18 of its last 24.

Two free throws each by Cory Alexander and Vernon Maxwell, followed by a layup by Carl Herrera, brought San Antonio within 92-86 with 1:34 remaining. But the Clippers made all nine free throws in the final 1:22 to seal the win.

After consecutive 3-pointers by Sealy and Brent Barry gave Los Angeles an 82-72 lead with 8:19 remaining, Herrera's jumper and Will Perdue's short hook got the Spurs as close as 82-76 with 7:05 left.

But the Clippers reeled off eight straight points to open a 14-point lead with 5:29 remaining.

Los Angeles shot 59 percent from the field in the first half and got 18 points from Sealy for a 53-41 lead at the break. Sealy made nine of his first 10 shots.

Notes: Spurs forward Charles Smith, who went AWOL following Thursday's loss at Phoenix and missed Friday's loss at Sacramento, rejoined the team at Sunday morning's shootaround. He was docked a game's pay, but was not disciplined any further according to a team spokesman. ... Avery Johnson missed his sixth consecutive game with a throat abscess, which required surgery on March 17. He will be re-evaluated Tuesday and is expected to play that night at home against Cleveland. ... Loy Vaught was honored at before the game for breaking the Clippers' club record for career rebounds on March 16 against Portland. ... San Antonio's Dominique Wilkins needs 22 points to pass John Havlicek as the NBA's seventh all-time leading scorer. ... Williams returned to the Spurs' lineup after going to Virginia, where his father's house burned down earlier in the week.

Stars are peaking at right time

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Dallas Stars are peaking at the right time.

Jere Lehtinen scored twice Sunday as the Stars beat the St. Louis Blues 4-1 to extend their unbeaten streak to eight games. The streak is the longest since 1993-94, when Dallas went 11 games without a loss.

"Things are going well," said Mike Modano, who had a goal and two assists. "We're staying real positive. It's a great motivation just to keep winning. You get that feeling of winning and you want to keep it."

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Sunday, March 23
North Carolina 97, Louisville 74

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.
Sunday, March 23
Arizona 96, Providence 92, OT

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Saturday, March 22
Minnesota 80, UCLA 72

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At San Jose Arena
San Jose, Calif.
Saturday, March 22
Kentucky 72, Utah 59

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 29
North Carolina (28-6) vs. Arizona (23-9), 5:42 p.m.
Minnesota (31-3) vs. Kentucky (34-4), 35 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 9:12 p.m.

National Basketball Association At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	51	17	.750	—
x-New York	49	20	.710	2 1/2
Orlando	39	29	.574	12
Washington	33	35	.485	18
New Jersey	21	46	.313	29 1/2
Philadelphia	18	49	.269	32 1/2
Boston	13	57	.186	39

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	59	9	.868	—
x-Detroit	48	20	.706	11
x-Atlanta	47	22	.681	12 1/2
Charlotte	45	24	.652	14 1/2
Cleveland	36	31	.537	22 1/2
Indiana	31	36	.463	27 1/2
Milwaukee	28	39	.418	30 1/2
Toronto	25	44	.362	34 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	17	.754	—
x-Houston	45	23	.662	6 1/2
Minnesota	33	35	.485	18 1/2
Dallas	22	45	.328	29
Denver	19	49	.279	32 1/2
San Antonio	16	52	.235	35 1/2
Vancouver	12	59	.169	41

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	48	20	.706	—
x-L.A. Lakers	45	23	.662	3
Portland	41	29	.586	8
L.A. Clippers	30	37	.448	17 1/2
Phoenix	29	39	.426	19
Sacramento	29	40	.420	19 1/2
Golden State	25	43	.368	23

x-clinched playoff spot
Saturday's Games
Washington 108, Portland 104
Charlotte 100, Golden State 93, OT
Chicago 103, Detroit 88
Cleveland 75, Dallas 72
Phoenix 104, Houston 99
Milwaukee 80, New York 79
Utah 107, L.A. Clippers 94
Seattle 113, Sacramento 99
Sunday's Games
Orlando 110, L.A. Lakers 84
New Jersey 100, Boston 91
Atlanta 90, Toronto 79
Miami 113, Minnesota 108
Portland 94, New York 88
Utah 120, Denver 103
L.A. Clippers 106, San Antonio 91
Seattle 106, Vancouver 92
Monday's Game
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer At A Glance

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Eastern Conference

	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0
NY-NJ	0	1	0	0	0	0

Western Conference

	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	1	0	1	1	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

Saturday's Game
San Jose 1, New York/New Jersey 0, SO (4-3)
Saturday, March 29
San Jose at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 3 p.m.
New York/New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Washington, D.C. at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Exhibition Baseball At A Glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	15	8	.652
New York	15	9	.625
Texas	16	10	.615
Oakland	13	12	.520
Seattle	13	13	.500
Kansas City	12	12	.500
Toronto	12	12	.500
Milwaukee	10	12	.455
Chicago	10	15	.400
Cleveland	10	16	.385
Boston	8	14	.364
Detroit	8	15	.348
Minnesota	9	18	.333
Anaheim	7	17	.292

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Florida	21	4	.840
St. Louis	16	9	.640
San Francisco	16	10	.615
Philadelphia	14	9	.609
San Diego	15	10	.600
Houston	13	9	.591
Los Angeles	11	10	.524
Colorado	13	12	.520
Chicago	12	13	.480
Cincinnati	12	13	.480
Pittsburgh	11	12	.478
New York	7	11	.389
Montreal	7	12	.368
Atlanta	6	15	.286

(NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.)
Sunday's Games
Los Angeles 4, Houston 3
Montreal 8, New York Mets 0
Kansas City 5, Cincinnati 3
Baltimore 9, Atlanta 7
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 1
Florida 5, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 5, New York Yankees 3
Texas 9, Philadelphia 4
Minnesota 7, Boston 6
Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 1
San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Oakland 5, Colorado 1
Anaheim 8, San Diego (ss) 5
Milwaukee 10, Seattle 3
San Diego (ss) 4, Las Vegas (ss) 3
Monday's Games
Florida vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
New York Yankees vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7:10 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 7:35 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
New York Mets vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Philadelphia	41	21	11	93	247	190
x-New Jersey	39	20	13	91	203	165
Florida	33	24	17	83	201	179
N.Y. Rangers	34	30	9	77	236	206
Washington	29	36	8	66	185	204
Tampa Bay	28	37	7	63	194	226
N.Y. Islanders	25	36	11	61	202	215

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Buffalo	38	23	11	87	216	182
Pittsburgh	34	31	7	75	251	242
Montreal	26	33	14	66	221	252
Hartford	27	35	10	64	194	225
Ottawa	24	33	15	63	200	212
Boston	24	40	9	57	211	263

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	44	23	6	94	228	174
Detroit	34	23	15	83	229	174
Phoenix	35	34	5	75	213	222
St. Louis	31	33	9	71	214	223
Chicago	29	32	12	70	193	187
Toronto	26	41	6	58	210	253

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	45	19	9	99	248	178
Edmonton	33	33	7	73	225	220
Anaheim	31	31	11	73	216	208
Calgary	31	35	8	70	198	208
Vancouver	30	39	4	64	224	248
Los Angeles	26	38	9	61	192	240
San Jose	24	41	7	55	182	238

x-clinched playoff spot
Saturday's Games
Ottawa 5, Boston 4
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 3, tie
Washington 3, Montreal 1
Florida 3, Buffalo 2
Phoenix 3, Toronto 0
Vancouver 3, Tampa Bay 2
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 1
Sunday's Games
Anaheim 4, Edmonton 1
Chicago 5, Detroit 3
Dallas 4, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2, Colorado 0
Monday's Games
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Colorado at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Assigned RHP Pete Janicki, C Chris Turner, INF Robert Eenhoorn and RHP Shad Williams to their minor-league camp.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Assigned C Mike Durant and INF Jon Shave to their minor-league camp.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Returned INF Frank Catalanotto to the Detroit Tigers and RHP Wilmer Montoya to the Cleveland Indians.
TEXAS RANGERS—Released OF Tom O'Malley. Added C Jeff Tackett to the 40-man roster. Assigned LHP Scott Bailes and LHP Tom Urbani to Oklahoma City of the American Association. Optioned C Kevin Brown to Oklahoma City.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned C Sandy Martinez to Syracuse of the International League. **National League**
NEW YORK METS—Acquired INF Manny Alexander and INF Scott McLain from the Baltimore Orioles for RHP Hector Ramirez. Assigned C Todd Pratt and INF Shawn Gilbert to Norfolk of the International League.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Optioned OF Terry Bradshaw and INF Aaron Holbert to Louisville of the American Association.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired OF Mike Darr and RHP Matt Skrmetta from the Detroit Tigers for 2B Jody Reed.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed LHP Shawn Estes on the 15-day disabled list.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Activated C Alonzo Mourning from the injured list. Placed C Matt Fish on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed CB Richard Woodley and OT Jeff Jones. Signed LB Rick Hamilton.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned RW David Nemirovsky and C Steve Washburn to Carolina of the American Hockey League.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled C Chris Ferraro and D Dallas Eakins from Binghamton of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled RW Nathan LaFayette from Syracuse of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled LW Josef Beranek from Vsetin of the Czech League.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Eric Charron from Portland of the AHL.

Texas' Penders looking at vacant job at Rutgers

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Penders, who has led the Texas Longhorns to eight NCAA Tournament appearances in nine seasons, will interview this week for the vacant coaching job at Rutgers, he told The Dallas Morning News.

The newspaper reported in Sunday editions that Penders is the leading candidate to succeed Bob Wenzel and that Rutgers will make a strong push to get the Texas coach.

Wenzel was fired at after Rutgers went 11-16 during the regular season.

Rutgers athletic director Fred Gruninger confirmed that he will speak with Penders but declined further comment. Penders said he spoke with Gruninger late Saturday and that they agreed to set up an interview.

Rutgers officials already have interviewed Old Dominion's Jeff Capel and Drexel's Bill Herrion and will meet with Xavier's Skip Prosser on Monday or Tuesday, Gruninger said.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said he gave Rutgers permission to contact Penders.

Penders has rebuilt basketball programs at three prominent East Coast universities: Tufts, Columbia, Fordham and Rhode Island. He interviewed with Rutgers while he was at Fordham in 1985. He spoke with Rutgers again while at Rhode Island, before taking the Texas job in 1988.

"They know me and I know them," Penders said. "I spent most of my adult life in New York. I'm happy at Texas. I have the greatest relationship in the world with DeLoss, and I'm very happy coaching at Texas.

"But in this profession, that's just the way things are. You see all those ex-coaches on TV, and it's rare to find anybody coaching at one place for 10 years."

The News quoted an unidentified source as saying that the university in New Brunswick, N.J., is prepared to pay Penders a base salary of about $700,000.

Roadrunners capture NCAA Division II championship tilt

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Winning championships are still special for California State Bakersfield.

"This is going to be the super highlight of my career," center Kebu Stewart said after scoring 18 points and pulling down 21 rebounds to lead the Roadrunners to a 57-56 victory over Northern Kentucky in the NCAA Division II title game Saturday.

It marked the third championship in five years for Bakersfield.

For Northern Kentucky (30-5), it was the second straight year to lose in the final.

Bakersfield (29-4), which led by as many as 15 points in the first half, had to battle off a determined Northern Kentucky comeback in the final minute.

"We just wanted to keep it close," said Bakersfield coach Pat Douglass. "All year long with five minutes to play, if we're close or have the lead, we're the best team in the nation. If the game is close in the last five minutes, we usually win it."

But the Roadrunners nearly let it slip away.

Stewart, named the tourney's Most Outstanding Player, gave Bakersfield a 57-54 lead when he hit one of two free throws with 1:05 to go. Northern Kentucky's Cliff Clinton came back 13 seconds later to bank in an off-balance jumper in the lane to slice the margin to one point.

Stewart went to the line again with 36.9 seconds left, but missed the front end of a one-and-one and Northern Kentucky rebounded.

Northern Kentucky then worked nearly 32 seconds off the clock before Shannon Minor missed a 3-point attempt from the corner. Stewart was there for the rebound with 3.9 seconds to go, but again missed the front end of the bonus to give the Norse another opportunity for a victory.

After a timeout, Northern Kentucky's Todd Clark threw the inbounds pass the full length of the court, but it was deflected out of bounds under the Norse basket by Bakersfield's Marlon Johnson with 2.5 seconds left. Listerman took the inbounds pass from his brother, Kevin,, but under heavy defensive pressure his shot fell short of the basket as time ran out.

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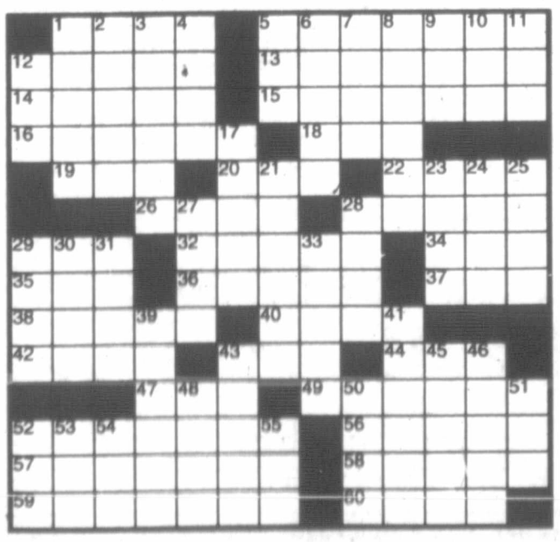
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Palestinian police clash with rioters

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) – Hundreds of Palestinian police formed a human chain and fired in the air today to separate Palestinian stone-throwers from Israeli troops, moving decisively for the first time in several days to end riots in Hebron.

Israel has accused Yasser Arafat and his security forces of encouraging violence against Israel, a charge denied by the Palestinians. "My guys were in the streets to try and control the situation, not to stir trouble," Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's West Bank security chief, said today.

Israel braced for more attacks by Islamic militants following a suicide-bombing in Tel Aviv last Friday that the Hamas group claimed responsibility for. Top security officials complained that Arafat has ignored Israeli demands for his forces to crack down on the militants.

Israeli troops patrolled shopping centers and parks today and enforced a blanket closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring Palestinians from entering Israel.

"We will face more terrorist attacks in the coming days" unless Arafat makes it clear to Islamic militant groups that they no longer have a green light to carry out attacks, said Maj. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, head of Israeli military intelligence.

Israel's government stopped short Sunday of suspending the already faltering peace talks with the Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the condition for getting back on track was a new Palestinian approach to violence.

"There cannot be peace if this goes on," he said. "If we rein in the terrorists, we can proceed with peace."

Arafat, speaking to a conference of Islamic leaders in Islamabad, Pakistan, in turn accused Israel of bowing to "extremist religious parties, who we know are hostile to the peace process and to the rights of the Palestinian people."

In Hebron, several dozen Palestinians threw stones at Israeli troops on the fourth day of clashes in the city. However, while riots raged for hours at a time over the past three days, police moved quickly today to disperse the crowd.

Some 200 Palestinian officers formed human chains to keep the protesters from the Israeli positions. "If you don't stop throwing stones, the Jews will attack you," one officer said over a megaphone.

In the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Palestinian police did little to stop some 200 Palestinians who threw stones at Israeli troops at Rachel's Tomb, an Israeli enclave within the city. Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets, and three Palestinians were hurt.

The different approaches in Hebron and Bethlehem signaled some disagreement among the Palestinians over how to respond to Netanyahu's policies, including his decision this month to build a neighborhood for 30,000 Israelis in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a capital.

World briefs

Cult members die in group suicide

ST. CASIMIR, Quebec (AP) — Five followers of the Order of the Solar Temple, a cult that says death enables people to transport themselves to other planets, died together in a fiery mass suicide.

The bodies of two men and three women were found in a burned-out home in this town 50 miles southwest of Quebec City. Investigators said the victims had used propane tanks and gasoline containers to set fire to the wood-paneled house Saturday night.

The mass suicide led authorities in Switzerland to contact cult followers there in case further ritual deaths were being planned. Over the past 2 1/2 years, murder-suicides by followers of the Order of the Solar Temple have resulted in 74 deaths in Europe and Canada.

Police hope to learn more about the suicide from the children of two victims, homeowners Didier Queze and Chantal Goupillot. The three, boys 13 and 16 and a 14-year-old girl, were found unconcious in a nearby shed after apparently being given medication or drugs by their parents, police said.

Pope opens Holy Week with open-air Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Dedicating Palm Sunday to the world's young people, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass before at least 200,000 followers in St. Peter's Square.

"You can say that the first World Youth Day was in Jerusalem, when Christ entered the Holy City," John Paul said in his homily. The pope referred to the church's youth day, which this year will be held in Paris in August.

Palm Sunday, which begins the Roman Catholic Church's most solemn period, marks Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, when his followers laid palm branches in his path, before his crucifixion.

Many in the square held sprigs of olive leaves and palm fronds.

John Paul did not take part in a procession as he has in past years and instead was driven into the square. But the 76-year-old pope appeared relatively fit during the two-hour ceremony as he began a rigorous Holy Week schedule that culminates with Easter Sunday.

U.S. protests expulsion of American diplomat

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — The U.S. Embassy protested today over Belarus' expulsion of an American diplomat who was accused of being a spy and of organizing an anti-government rally.

Serge Alexandrov, an ethnic Belarusian and first secretary of the U.S. Embassy, was preparing to leave Belarus today in compliance with the expulsion order.

Police detained the diplomat Sunday at an opposition rally in Minsk. State-run news quoted the Foreign Ministry as saying Alexandrov was an "American spy" who used his diplomatic post to help organize the protest.

"After confirmation of his diplomatic status, Alexandrov was freed," the ministry said.



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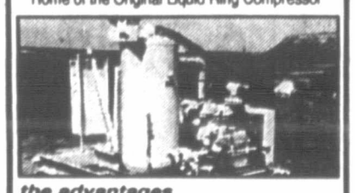
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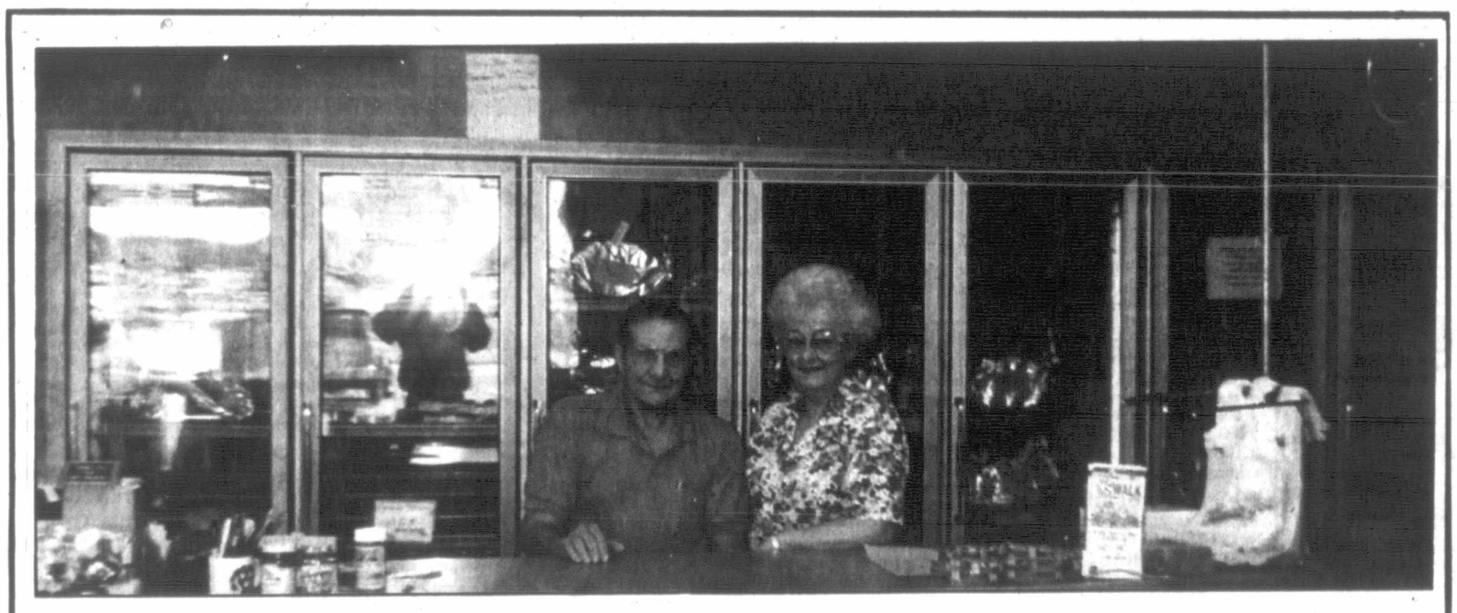
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