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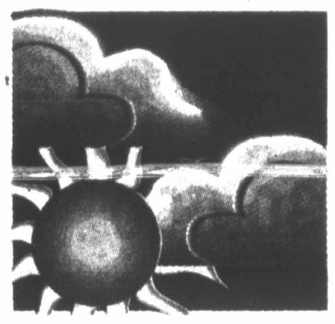
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SHAMROCK — A movie theater, closed for most of this decade, is expected to reopen later this month in this Wheeler County city.

The Texas Theater, located on North Main, is being refurbished and is expected to open later this month under new management.

The closed theater was given to Shamrock's Economic Development Board several years ago, according to officials, who repaired the roof of the building and refurbished the outside of the structure. The board is leasing it to Judy Campbell and her daughter Jenny Avery, both Shamrock residents, who reportedly have pumped more than $17,000 into new projection and sound systems for the movie theater.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, the state lottery announced.

The ticket, worth an estimated $4 million, was sold in Bastrop.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 6, 8, 15, 30 and 50.

If sales continue as expected, Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

- **Maurice W. Boggess, Sr., 79,** owner Boggess Concrete Materials and Construction.
- **Rena Henderson, 87,** longtime Wheeler County resident.
- **Gerald L. Kent, 75,** retired employee of Tri-State Baking and Tradewind Airport.

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Man gets probation in baby's death

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The jury sentenced Sloan to two years probation and a $3,000 fine in the 1990 death of the 6-month-old girl.

Larry Edward Sloan was preparing to return to his California home today after being found guilty Wednesday afternoon of criminally negligent homicide.

The four-man, eight-woman jury sentenced Sloan to two years probation and a $3,000 fine in the 1990 death of his girlfriend's baby, Amber Raye Hall.

The 6-month-old infant died of head injuries suffered eight years ago when Sloan was alone at the house he shared with the baby's mother. Sloan said he was holding the baby in March, 1990, when the infant squirmed out of his hands and fell on the floor at 116 Wells Street. Sloan rushed the baby to the Pampa hospital where emergency medical personnel sent the unconsciencious infant on to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she died. The baby's mother had gone to the store and a fast food restaurant to get supper.

The jury took about three hours Wednesday to decide that Sloan was guilty of criminally negligent homicide. They took about another hour to determine his sentence.

During the punishment phase of the trial Wednesday afternoon, Sloan took the witness stand to tell the jury that he had never been convicted of a felony. Sloan testified that he made between $70,000 and $80,000 last year as a crane operator and truck driver in Hunting Beach, Calif., where he lives with his wife, their three children, ages 4 years, 3 years and 7 weeks, and Amy Hall Sloan, Amber's mother.

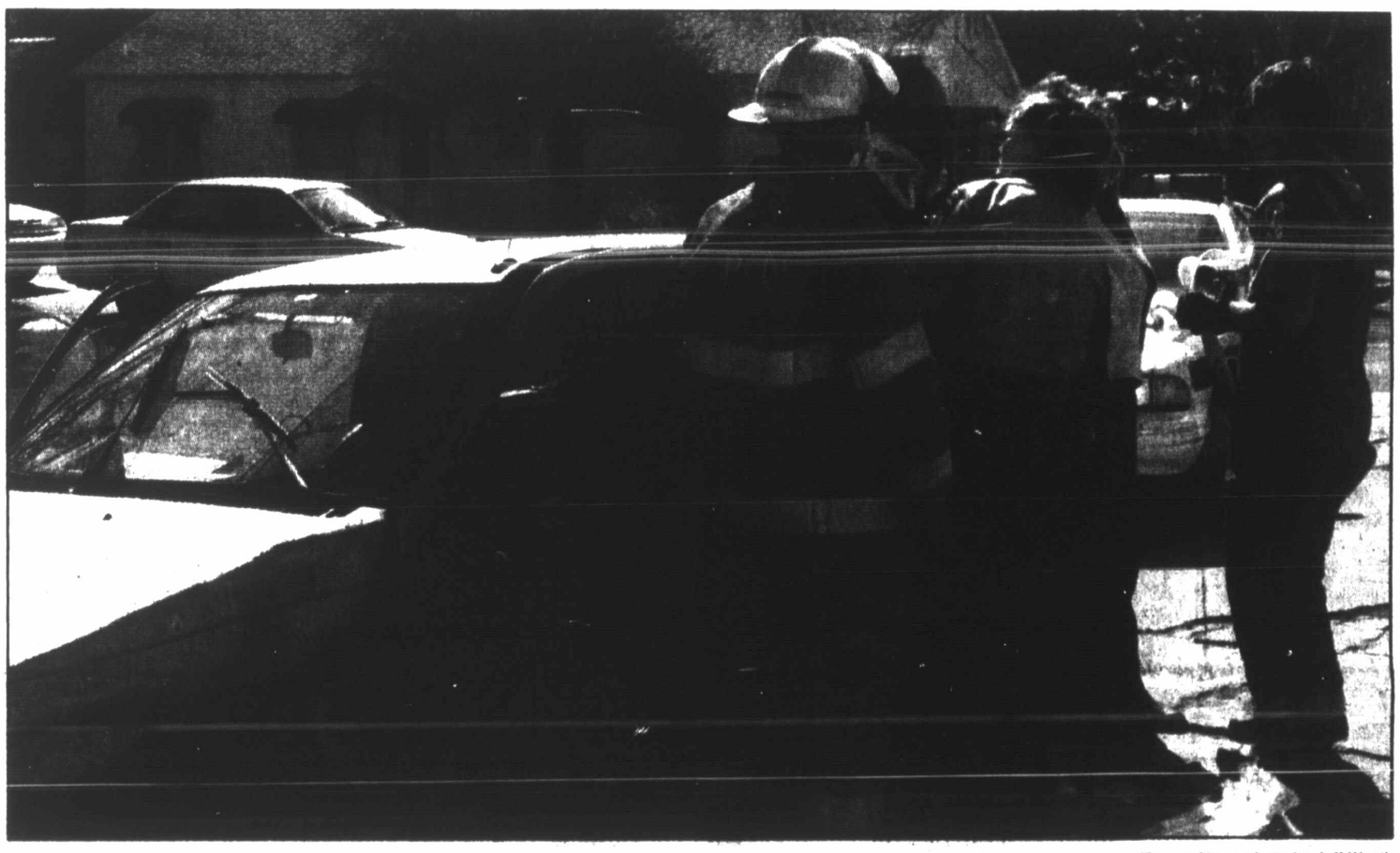
Amy Sloan tearfully pleaded with the jury for a probated sentence during the punishment phase of the trial, saying that despite her skills she could not provide for her family like her husband could.

Both Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan's mother, Jayne Barnhart, who lives with the couple and their three children in California, testified Wednesday afternoon that the three children adored their father.

"He loves the kids," Mrs. Sloan said, "and they love him."

Barnhart testified that the children become excited when Sloan returns home after a trip.

"They love their daddy very much," Barnhart said.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Three people were taken to Columbia Medical Center after a mid-morning wreck yesterday at Browning and West Streets. Back braces were strapped onto Bertram Reynolds and his passenger, Jennie Towe, because of possible neck injuries. The driver of the other car, Willie L. Ballard was also taken to Columbia Medical Center. All three have been released from the hospital.

Minnow latest threat to water group

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Just when the 11 West Texas cities, including Pampa, that comprise the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority thought they'd have flowing taps for decades, along swam the Arkansas River shiner.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club is convinced the little minnow is imperiled and is demanding the fish be declared an endangered species in a New Mexico federal lawsuit filed last month.

"The loss of the shiner, which depends on that kind of habitat, is an indicator that concerns us," said Sierra Club spokesman Scott Royder.

"We're basically concerned about the continued decline of an (Ogallala) aquifer that supports animals and humans. We cannot continue to draw water from an aquifer that cannot recharge. I would hope most people would not want the aquifer to go extinct."

Royder said the Sierra Club, which also sued to force pumping restrictions on the Edwards Aquifer in Central Texas, is targeting the Interior Department to force action on the shiner. Yet CRMWA officials said during a Wednesday meeting they feel the crosshairs, too.

"We don't really have a part in the suit as it's filed now," general manager John Williams said. "But if it takes the same course as others we've seen, we need to protect our ability to participate."

Directors support intervention even though the CRMWA isn't mentioned. Legal costs could

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Woman quizzed in burglaries, forgeries

Gray County deputies were questioning a short blonde woman this week in connection with forged checks and burglaries across six counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Officers from Gray County, the Pampa Police Department, Hansford County and a Texas Ranger were questioning a woman described only as a white female, about 5-foot-4 to 5-foot-6, weighing 130 to 140 pounds with short blonde hair in connection with checks taken from homes in as many as six counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Authorities said the woman had been driving a gray four-door Mercury Sable or Ford Taurus.

Officers said the woman apparently would knock at a door of various homes in the area and, if someone answered the door, would ask for directions. If no one was at home, officers said, they suspect she would enter the home and take checkbooks, then write from half a dozen to two dozen checks, forging the owners signature.

Deputies said they are seeking people who may have seen or talked to the woman and for people who may be missing checks or may have forgeries reported in their accounts.

"We need help in gathering information concerning these cases and others," said Lt. Jim Scott with the Gray County Sheriff's office.

Scott can be contacted at 806-669-8022.

Lake clean-up volunteers sought

FRITCH — Over 1,500 people are expected to take part in this year's Texas Lakeshore Cleanup effort at Lake Meredith National Recreation Saturday, April 18.

The National Park Service reports over 1,200 people having preregistered to help in the annual cleanup of the panhandle's largest water recreation area and additional 300 are expected to register on the morning of the event.

A long list of participants, including Girl Scouts, 4-H, Boy Scouts and church groups, come from communities as far away as Guymon, Booker, Stratford and Wellington. They join families and groups from Fritch, Borger, Pampa and Amarillo in a day of work and fun. The spring cleanup prepares the park for the heavy recreation use season in May through September.

To preregister, contact Susan Spurlock-Rawlins at (806) 857-9138. On site registration and organization begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 and lasts until about 3 in the afternoon.

Safety briefings, area assignments and supplies and equipment is issued by the National Park Service coordinators. Work will begin at 9:30 a.m. throughout the area. A hot dog lunch with ice cream and soft drinks will be served to all volunteers at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater at noon. Registered volunteers will be eligible for prizes.

"Texas Lakeshore Cleanup at Lake Meredith is truly one of the great examples of citizenship in action in the panhandle. We are very grateful to all the folks who will be taking their Saturday to join us in this worthwhile effort," said Superintendent John Benjamin of the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Helping raise money for Meals on Wheels are (from left) volunteer Juanice Fergerson, Bettany Cisneros, and Patron Coordinator Donna Powell. The garage sale at 318 Cuyler is open every Monday.

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Services tomorrow

HENDERSON, Rena — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

KENT, Gerald L. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Obituaries

MAURICE W. BOGGESS, SR.

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Maurice W. Boggess, Sr., 79, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at University of Iowa Hospital. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Estherville, Iowa, with Father Tom Nash officiating. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Henry-Olson-Fuhrman Funeral Home in Estherville. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery at Estherville under the direction of Henry-Olson-Fuhrman Funeral Homes, Inc., of Estherville.

Mr. Boggess was born April 8, 1918, at Estherville, to Lester and Mary Boggess. He attended school at Estherville, graduating from high school in 1937. He later attended Estherville Junior College. He married Doris May Hollenbeck on Aug. 19, 1942, at Shelfridge Field Air Force Base near Mount Clemons, MI.; she died July 5, 1997. He established Estherville Sand and Gravel, eventually selling the company and moving his operation to Wallingford and Emmetsburg, where he started Boggess Concrete Materials and Construction Company. In 1976, he opened Quality Ready Mix in Estherville. He moved to Emmetsburg in 1976, returning to Estherville in 1996.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving as a pilot in the South Pacific during World War II and attaining the rank of major. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elks Lodge. He was instrumental in forming a bereavement support group in Esterville and was grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Emmetsburg in 1984.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Maurice Boggess, Jr., in 1979; and a brother, Nolan Boggess.

Survivors include six daughters, Christy Hoganson of Pampa, Leslie Umscheid of Kenosha, Wis., Katy Johnson of Spencer, Iowa, HOlly Lair of North Liberty, Iowa, and Mary Moorman and Margaret Evans, both of Esterville; two sons, Jim Boggess of Omaha, Neb., and Tom Boggess of Estherville; a sister, Virginia Johnson of Estherville; a brother, Francis Boggess of Esterville; 19 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

RENA HENDERSON

SHAMROCK – Rena Henderson, 87, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Henderson was born at Charlie, Texas, and had lived most of her life in Wheeler County. She married Vernon Alva Henderson on June 11, 1932, at Sayre, Okla. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Shamrock.

Survivor sinclude a daughter, Judy Coward of Canadian; two sons, Vernon Carroll Henderson of Rogers, Ark., and Alva Dean Henderson of Loomis, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

GERALD L. KENT

AMARILLO – Gerald L. Kent, 75, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Miami Cemetery at Miami with Wes Welborn, of First Baptist Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Kent was born at Gainesville. He married Jennie Hosier in 1957 at Amarillo. He had been an Amarillo resident for the past 41 years. He worked for Tri-State Baking for many years and was also employed with Tradewind Airport. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and was a former member of First Baptist Church of Miami.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie; and a brother, Dale Kent of Joplin, Mo.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie at 665-1206, or after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

47TH ANNUAL KENTON EASTER PAGEANT

Saturday, April 11, 6 p.m. Mountain time and Sunday, April 12, 6 a.m. Mountian time. Supper will be served: $4.50 for adults, $2.50 for children under 12. Breakfast will also be served: $3.50 for adults and $2.00 for children under 12. Located 1 1/2 miles East of Kenton, OK. Follow road signs. Meals will be served at nearby Camp Billy Joew following the two performances. Camper hookups available at Kenton, Camp Billy Joe and Lake Etling.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Everyone is cordially invited to Easter Sunrice Service at Open Door C.O.G.I.C this Sunday, April 12. The speaker will be Rev. Thomas J. Patterson of New Hope Baptist Church. Service begins at 6 a.m. sharp. Elder Hubert Kelly is the Host Pastor.

Police report

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

Wednesday, April 8

Gilberto S. Castillo, 32, 738 Reid, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief.

A report of theft was reported in the 1500 block of W. Kentucky. Compact discs valued at $300 was reported stolen.

A report of criminal mischief was taken in the 1700 block of Kentucky. A car window valued at $50 was reported broken.

A report of criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Huff. Damage of $348 was reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, April 8

Graves Bryan Presson, 67, 904 S. Banks, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Emmitt D. Beasley, 32, 129 Price Road, was arrested on charges of parole violation and warrants.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, April 8

Willie L. Ballard, 26, 825 1/2 W. Kingsmill, was cited for failure to yield the right of way, no valid drivers license and no liability insurance when his 1985 Delta 88 ran a stop sign at Browning and N. West, and was struck by the 1989 Daihatsu driven by Bertram W. Reynolds, 50, 419 N. Somerville, who was driving north on West. Three people were transported to the hospital one other possible injury was reported.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, April 8

8:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Browning on an automobile accident and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

11:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Browning on an automobile accident and transported two to Columbia Medical Center.

8:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager. No one was transported.

Fires

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

Wednesday, April 8

11:07 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to Browning and West on an automobile accident.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.82
Milo	3.69
Corn	4.19
Soybeans	5.62

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

Occidental	29 1/8	up 1/4

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

Magellan	109.17
Puritan	21.05

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

Amoco	85 3/8	up 5/8
Arco	76 1/16	up 9/16
Cabot	37	up 3/16
Cabot O&G	22 9/16	up 1/16
Chevron	79 9/16	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	78 7/16	up 3/8
Columbia/HCA	33	up 5/16
Enron	46 7/16	up 1/2
Halliburton	50 3/8	dn 1/16
IRI	11 1/4	NC
KNE	58 5/16	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	66 7/8	up 1/16
Limited	30 1/2	up 5/8
Mapco		NA
McDonald's	60 11/16	dn 5/16
Mobil	76 5/16	up 3/16
New Atmos	29 7/16	up 7/16
NCE	49 3/16	dn 3/16
Penney's	74 1/4	NC
Phillips	50 1/16	dn 7/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	24 3/4	up 1/4
SLB	74 7/16	up 5/16
Tenneco	42 15/16	dn 1/16
Texaco	60 7/8	dn 1/4
Ultramar	34 13/16	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	50 3/4	up 3/4
New York Gold		308.60
Silver		6.26
West Texas Crude		15.50

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
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Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
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range between $25,000 to more than $200,000 if the authority gets involved, but Borger board member Tom Edmonds said the cost could be devastating if it doesn't.

"It puts you in a position that you almost have to show up and say, 'We think we have an interest that needs to be protected, because we're really not sure why you're having this lawsuit,'" said Edmonds, a lawyer and engineer. "... We're going to protect our rights."

A committee of CRMWA board members will decide whether or not to apply for intervention.

CRMWA cities, which include Amarillo and Lubbock, fear that if the shiner is listed as endangered, the government might limit proposed pumping from underground resources in Roberts County, which the authority fought for years to use in the first place.

The Roberts County water is needed to blend with the salty Lake Meredith water the member cities currently receive. Williams said he expects up to 30 percent of the water flowing down the pipelines someday to come from underground.

The CRMWA has performed a series of environmental impact reports that have determined heavy pumping from Roberts County won't drastically affect the region, but the Bureau of Reclamation hasn't approved the studies yet.

For the authority to begin using the Roberts County water, either the bureau must accept the impact statements or the CRMWA must obtain title to the bureau's pipeline system. A bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, proposes just that.

The $70 million-plus Roberts County project is designed to ensure plenty of fresh water for the member cities until a separate desalination plan can, the cities hope, defeat the natural brine spring seeping into the Canadian.

Construction on the $10 million salt diversion project could begin this summer in New Mexico, where a huge brine aquifer is seeping into the river. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service already has decided desalination won't hurt the shiner.

"We'll be watching closely to see if the Fish and Wildlife Service acts to protect the shiner and its habitat," Royder said.

Dallas suburb spent $130,000 to accommodate Taiwanese sect

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — The Dallas suburb of Garland spent about $130,000 in taxpayer money accommodating a Taiwanese religious sect that came to town and waited for God to appear.

Police provided crowd control around the home of Hon-Ming Chen, leader of God's Salvation Church, who predicted God would appear at his south Garland house.

The prophecy went unfulfilled, but city officials said the money was well spent because the episode brought the city $1 million worth of publicity.

"We literally had the eyes and ears of the world watching our community," City Manager Jeff Muzzy told The Dallas Morning News.

About 150 sect members moved to Garland in December, setting the stage for Chen's prophecy of God's appearance at 10 a.m. March 31. When the time came, Chen instead told reporters they were all God.

It cost the police department $93,000 to provide space for members of the media and control traffic into the neighborhood. The fire department spent about $20,000 providing fire engines and ambulances in case of an emergency.

The city also spent $19,400 on administrative planning, public relations, transportation and media monitoring, officials said.

As for the sect, members say they plan to sell their homes and leave. Many plan to move to Buffalo, N.Y., police Lt. Don Martin said.

"They went up there to scope out a new area, and they say they're going to slowly start putting their houses up for sale. A couple of them are already up for sale," he said.

Police baffled by disappearance of mother, 3-year-old daughter

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Detectives are looking for clues today in the disappearance of a Fort Worth woman and her toddler, which relatives failed to report.

Neighbors called police Wednesday after no one claimed 33-year-old Shari Galvan's van for an entire day and night in the parking lot of the Handley United Methodist Church, police said.

The lot is about two blocks from the east Fort Worth house Mrs. Galvan shared with her mother and her 3-year-old daughter, Faith.

Police found keys in the ignition, and Mrs. Galvan's purse and diaper bag were inside. Someone had taken money, identification and major credit cards but left the rest of the purse intact, said police spokesman Lt. Mark Krey.

"There was no sign of violence," he said today.

Mrs. Galvan's estranged husband, who lives near Fort Worth, "has been extremely cooperative and helping us all he can," Krey said.

Mrs. Galvan's mother, Betty Lee, did not report her daughter and granddaughter as missing until Wednesday when police approached her, Krey said. She said she saw them off Tuesday morning, when she believed they were on their way to Mrs. Galvan's estranged husband's home, Krey said.

Police were investigating today whether there were any child custody issues involved in the Galvans' separation. There was no evidence Mrs. Galvan had a history of depression or mental instability, Krey said.

Investigators are questioning friends and relatives today in their search for clues.

Pharmacist support group speaker tonight

Pampa Pharmacist Dean Copeland will be speaking about medications at a Pampa support group meeting of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Thursday night.

Copeland graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a B.S. degree. He moved to Pampa in 1965 and has owned various pharmacies in Pampa and the area. He has also served on the Board of Trustees for TPMHA since Sept., 1989 and became chairman in Sept., 1995.

"Clients and family members are always interested in learning more about medications," said Carol Ann Vaughn, B.A., Adult Family and Community Education Liaison.

"We are fortunate to have Mr. Copeland coming to talk about psychiatric medications," she said.

Support group members unite to help each other cope with mental illness, educate the public and themselves, advocate for mental-health services and support research into causes and treatment of neurobiological disorders.

"Pampa-area residents deserve the opportunity to be part of a group that is easily accessible, rather than having to drive to Amarillo," Vaughn said. "The emotional support and practical information that one receives from being with other people who are experiencing similar challenges are invaluable," she said.

Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties are served by the Pampa Center of TPMHA. Interested persons in the Pampa area as well as families and clients receiving services at the center are invited to attend the meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Sheriff's Office.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high near 70 and variable winds from 5-15 mph. Tonight, clear and a low of 43. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high of 80.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low around 40. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high 75 to 80. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows 35-45. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 75-80. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows 40-45. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 80-85. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear. Lows 45-50. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 80-85. Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows near 40. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows 35-55. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 70s mountains to 90-95 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear and cool. Lows 45 to 49. Friday, sunny and a little warmer. Highs 75 northeast to 81 south.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear. Low in the 40s to near 50. Friday, sunny. High in the 80s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clear. Low in the 40s and 50s. Friday, sunny. High in the 70s and 80s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight and Friday, patchy late night and early morning fog along the coast. Otherwise mostly clear. Low in the 50s inland to the 60s coast. High in the 80s inland, 70s to near 80 coast.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, clear south. Skies fair to partly cloudy north. Lows upper teens to lower 30s mountains and northwest, 30s to mid 40s east and south. Friday, warmer. Sunny south. Skies fair to partly cloudy north. Locally breezy in the afternoon. Highs mid 50s to around 70 mountains and northwest, 70s to lower 80s east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear. Lows 35 to 45. Friday, sunny. Highs in the 70s.

City briefs

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Economy: Producer prices tumble in March

WASHINGTON (AP) – Prices paid to producers such as factories and food processing plants fell 0.3 percent in March, the sixth consecutive month without an increase.

As was the case in previous declines, the biggest price restraint came from energy costs, down 1.9 percent, and computers, also down 1.9 percent. Meat prices also fell sharply, pushing food costs down by 0.4 percent.

For the year so far, the Producer Price Index has fallen at a 4.2 percent annual rate, compared with a 1.2 percent drop for all of 1997, the Labor Department said today.

Energy plunged at a 25.9 percent annual rate during the first quarter and food fell at a 1.5 percent rate. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, prices were unchanged in March and unchanged for the first quarter as a whole.

In a separate report, the department said the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits inched down to 308,000 last week, from 310,000 the week before. Both numbers depict a thriving job market with most employers anxious to maintain full staffs.

Both prices and the economy's vigor this year have been influenced by an unusual mix of overseas turmoil, domestic strength and weather.

Energy prices are down because demand is down in financially troubled Southeast Asia, because warm weather associated with the Pacific Ocean current El Nino has curbed heating oil use and because oil-exporting countries haven't been able to agree on production cuts.

Prices paid to gasoline producers tumbled 7.6 percent in March and are 29.5 percent lower than a year earlier. As a result, on Wednesday, Transportation Department officials predicted a record summer for auto travel.

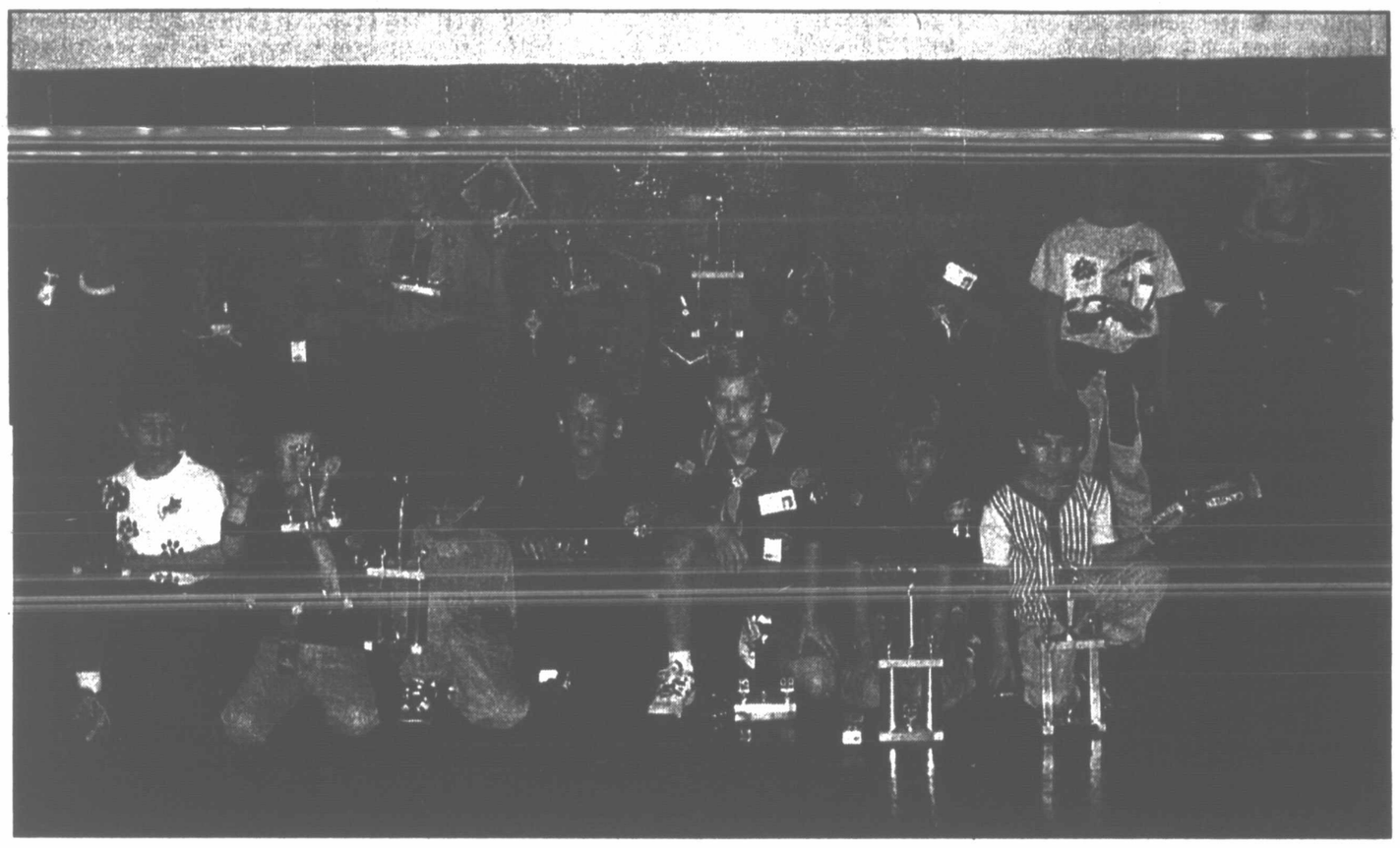
Heating oil fell 4.5 percent in March, and residential electric power, 0.4 percent. Natural gas, however, rose 1.8 percent.

Food prices too have been influenced by El Nino's warmth. Because feed remained available through the winter, ranchers and farmers slaughtered fewer animals than usual, leaving an abundant supply as spring began.

Beef and veal fell 4.7 percent in March, the biggest drop in 6 1/2 years. Pork was down 5.5 percent.

El Nino's rains have drowned vegetable crops in California. Vegetables rose 5.5 percent last month, including increases of 115.8 percent for cauliflower and 58.9 percent for onions.

Pinewood Derby



(Community Camera photo)

The 1998 Santa Fe District Pinewood Derby winners are as follows: First place: Benjamin Tyler, Lucas Web, Ryan Olson and Tim McKuen; second place: Dusty Neef, Jacob Davis, Derek Spohn and Chase Guyer; third place: Matthew Grange, Vance McCain, Trenton Packard and Russel Kelley; fourth place: Cole Buyer, Jackson Bilbrey, Danny Milburn and Devin Brown; fifth place: Gage Carruth, Kenny McEntire, Robbie Dixon and David Putman. Also submitted was the "Best of Show" winners. Winning first through fourth place in "Best Design" were Gage Carruth Anthonly Galaviz, Robey Focken and Ryan Olson. First through fourth places in "Best Finish" were Matthew Martinez, Colby Copeland, Jacob Davis and Andrew Van Houten. First through fourth places in "Most Unique" were Colby Stevens, Walter Everson, Austin Bruner and Kevin Brown.

President Clinton, Congress vow make tobacco companies pay

WASHINGTON (AP) – With or without the industry's cooperation, President Clinton and members of Congress say they will fight for legislation to force tobacco companies to pay billions of dollars to make up for practices that encourage teen-agers to smoke.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., whose Senate Commerce Committee approved a tobacco bill last week, scoffed at an assertion Wednesday by a tobacco company executive that much-touted national tobacco settlement between the industry and states was "dead."

"I think we're a long way from, quote, falling apart," said McCain, chief author of the Senate bill. "I am convinced that if the tobacco companies are not willing to go along with this agreement we will still act in the best interests of the American people."

Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., the House Commerce Committee chairman who also is working on a bill, said the industry's position was "unfortunate, but not a reason for inaction."

. In a speech Wednesday criticizing the Senate bill, the White House and Congress, Steven Goldstone, chief executive officer of No. 2 tobacco maker RJR Nabisco, said brokering a settlement had become impossible and that he was abandoning the effort.

Three other tobacco companies quickly announced that they were giving up too.

But Clinton and the lawmakers – angered by the retreat – said they remained focused on reducing youth smoking and would pursue a bill with or without the industry's support.

"I think they ought to rethink their position because we're going to get this done one way or the other," Clinton said after returning from a trip to Chicago.

"I'm not trying to put them out of business. But I am trying to put them out of the business of selling tobacco to children," added the president, who today was visiting a tobacco warehouse in Kentucky. "And I think that if I were them I would reconsider and I'd be a part of this."

The tobacco companies vowed to fight efforts by Clinton and Congress to increase prices and fashion tougher restrictions on advertising.

"Those price increases will destroy the domestic tobacco business, and I don't just mean my company," Goldstone said in a speech at the National Press Club.

But Clinton and congressional leaders insisted they would press forward with efforts to pass a comprehensive law meant to curb teen smoking and compensate states for treating sick smokers – with or without the industry's cooperation.

The window for action in Congress this year appears limited by a short schedule since both houses plan to wrap up by early October to focus on the fall elections. Fiscal 1999 spending bills also must be passed, which could leave little room on the agenda for tobacco.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., already has predicted that the tobacco bill must reach the Senate floor by June 1 or "it's going to be pretty hard" to schedule a vote later in the year.

The House is further behind in its work, although Bliley said several committees, including his own, soon would begin drafting their version of the tobacco bill.

Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky., said he understood the tobacco industry's frustrations. He said the tobacco company pullout "will either cause the legislative process to disintegrate or inject some needed fiscal responsibility into the debate. Only time will tell."

Others said the industry's bailout could result in even stronger legislation.

Exxon drilling plans challenge slump

DALLAS (AP) – A $1.2 billion drilling project in the Gulf of Mexico is planned by Exxon Corp. despite weakening oil prices that the company says don't affect its long-term plans.

The Irving, Texas-based energy company is joining British Petroleum PLC for the project in 4,800 feet of water, expected to establish a world record on water depth for a drilling and production platform with an associate subsea development.

The two fields Exxon has targeted have combined reserves of 300 million barrels of oil equivalent.

"Price volatility is expected," Exxon spokesman Bob Davis told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "Exxon business is capital-intensive and the company takes the long-term view."

Analysts believe that smaller companies performing land drilling in the United States and Canada have felt the brunt of low oil prices.

Meanwhile, oil giants have pushed ahead with many energy projects.

Exxon operates both the Diana and Hoover fields, 160 miles south of Galveston, with a 67 percent interest. British Petroleum is its partner with a 33 percent stake.

Made about a year ago, the Hoover discovery is primarily oil while the Diana find from 1990 is mostly natural gas.

After the average price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate neared $21 in 1997, crude oil prices have plunged this year. Futures contracts for crude oil rose 33 cents Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange to close at $15.55 a barrel.

But Exxon, with interests in 10 gulf discoveries, also recently announced major drilling plans in the North Sea and off the Angolan coast.

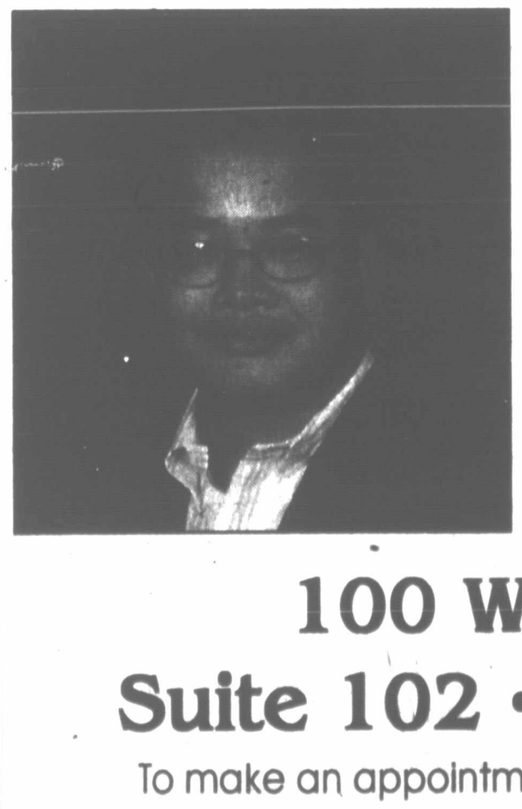
The energy company has also participated in other drilling projects at record-breaking water depths.

"The outlook for the future is positive and there will be increased demand," Davis said.

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Opinion

Bill Clinton adopts his Nixon strategy

➥The strategy that the president's lawyers have chosen is reminiscent of the path taken by Richard Nixon.

A "riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" is how Winston Churchill described Russia in 1939.

The Clinton White House's fight to fend off questions about scandal by cloaking itself in the doctrine of executive privilege offers a similar study in layers of mystery and deceit.

The president won't even say whether he has formally cited executive privilege to keep Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office from putting questions before a grand jury to Hillary Clinton and two of the president's aides. But the White House has not denied reports that such a claim has been invoked, so it is safe to proceed on the assumption that Clinton is following in the grand tradition laid out by Richard Nixon and refusing to cooperate with a criminal investigation.

The Supreme Court slapped the Watergate president down in a famous decision, U.S. v. Nixon, declaring that executive privilege applied only to sensitive matters of state, not a president's personal affairs, most particularly not when the claim is asserted to stifle a criminal inquiry.

Yet the Whitewater inquiry and related investigations are focused precisely on alleged personal wrongdoing, not on official presidential duties, let alone policy issues that rise to the level of national security for which the Nixon decision allowed its only firm presidential privilege.

As things are now going forward, the name of Clinton is destined to appear in the law-school texts, just as U.S. v. Nixon is now studied as a seminal case defining the limits of presidential prerogative, the principle that the chief executive is, along with the rest of us, but another citizen under the law. A Supreme Court ruling in U.S. v. Clinton would doubtless reaffirm that rule and Clinton's stone wall around his wife and his aides would be torn down.

But why must Clinton drag the country through such a protracted and unedifying reprise of Nixon's ill-fated assertion of an imperial presidency? Has he not pledged time and again that he will cooperate with the investigations? How does an assertion of privilege do anything but make those pledges look like deceit and telegraph that there are dark secrets that he must hide at all cost?

Clinton should stop stonewalling about whether he is stonewalling: He owes the American people an answer to whether or not he has formally signed a court claim of executive privilege. He then owes it to the nation to rescind any such claim and to embark on a new commitment to cooperate so that the investigations can move swiftly to a close.

—Odessa American

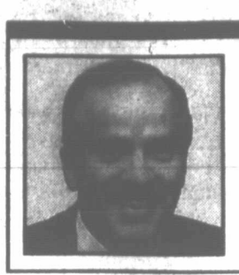
Thought for today

"Whatever you would make habitual, practise it; and if you would not make a thing habitual, do not practise it, but habituate yourself to something else."
Epictetus

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Pol wants less time with family



Stephen Chapman

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(The following is a transcript of a recent campaign announcement speech by Rep. Frank Candor.)

I am today announcing my candidacy for re-election to the United States Congress. I'm running for all sorts of familiar reasons: because I would like to continue serving my country, because I would like to advance the ideals of my party and because I hope to someday get a lucrative job as a Washington lobbyist. But perhaps the most important reason is one that may surprise you: I want to spend less time with my family.

I know this puts me out of step with many current and former elected officials who have selfishly forsaken the demands of public life. Not long ago, Bill Paxon, a congressman from New York, quit so he could devote his undivided attention to changing diapers. Before that, his wife, Susan Molinari, had left Congress so she could spend more time with her family.

Why, even Joe Kennedy is retiring from Congress for the same reason – even though a Democratic convention is nothing more than an expanded version of the Kennedy family reunion.

I have just one word to describe these people: wimps. Did Jack Kennedy ever let Jackie tell him whether he should stay in politics? Did Richard Nixon fret that he wasn't getting to see Tricia and Julie in the school play? Whatever else you can say about Bill Clinton, you can't say he's ever let family get in the way of his desires, political or otherwise.

Real politicians know that the right place for family is up there on the stage, gazing adoringly at the star. I should know. My own father was a politician, and we have to be introduced to each other every Thanksgiving dinner. The only occasions we kids spent much time with Dad was when he had to tape campaign commercials with him tossing the football with us. Now, that's a fond memory. If we had gotten to do it every weekend or every year, it just wouldn't have been as special.

What did these folks think they were getting into when they went into this line of work? Anybody who knows anything about life in Congress knows you spend 40 percent of your time in committee hearings and floor debates, 40 percent making speeches and meeting with constituents in your district, and 40 percent making phone calls to raise money. I know that comes out to more than 100 percent, which is just my point: It takes all your time and then some. You're lucky if you can get home before midnight, never mind helping the kids with their homework.

Sue me if you want, but I don't think it's so terrible to neglect the wife and kids. Maybe the family could use my attention, but I have my needs, too. Let's be honest – shaking hands with strangers is emotionally far more satisfying than standing on the sideline watching third-grade soccer games. Marching in Fourth of July parades beats the heck out of spending the day with relatives. In every campaign, I go to events and crowds of people applaud. Let me tell you, that doesn't happen at home when I take out the garbage or mow the lawn.

Public office has nice perks: good tables in restaurants, a free parking space, those cool license plates and a staff that caters to me all day long. Another thing I really like is when some big-shot from my district comes hat in hand to my office, flattering me for all he's worth and practically begging for my help on something that could make or break him. It's nice to be treated with the respect I deserve. I don't always get it at my mother-in-law's house. Or at mine.

If you want to know my honest opinion, the kids will grow up fine even if I'm not there every time they have a birthday party. It might be important for them to have dinner as a family so they can tell me how school went, but what's important to the country is for me to be at the subcommittee hearing on the Commerce Department appropriation bill. Husbands and fathers are a dime a dozen. But members of Congress – well, we're 435 people out of 260 million. And every one of us is indispensable. Except the ones in the other party.

I know Paul Tsongas, who used to be a senator from Massachusetts, once said that nobody on his deathbed ever said, "I wish I'd spent more time at the office."

Probably not. But I sure don't want to go to my grave kicking myself for passing up any opportunities to be on "Face the Nation."

Maybe that means I'll be away from home a lot, but I can live with it. I'm not one to let obligations at home get in the way of serving my country and my constituents.

If my wife and kids want more time with me, they can get it the old-fashioned way: make a big contribution to my re-election campaign. Wherever they want me, I'll be there. But I suggest they wear name tags.

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Stephen Chapman is a columnist and editorial writer for the Chicago Tribune. His twice-weekly column on national and international affairs appears in some 60 papers across the country.

He came to the Tribune in 1981 from the New Republic magazine, where he was an associate editor. His column was first syndicated nationally in 1982. He has contributed articles to several national magazines, including the Atlantic, Harper's, Reason and the American Spectator.

Born in Brady, Texas, in 1954, Chapman grew up in Midland and Austin. He attended Harvard University, where he was a member of the editorial board of the Harvard Crimson. He graduated cum laude from the university in 1976 with a degree general studies and later did graduate work in business administration at the University of Chicago.

Chapman lives in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, with his wife and three children.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 1998. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1833, the first tax-supported public library was founded, in Peterborough, N.H.

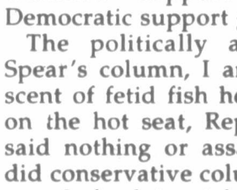
In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March that claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.

Capitol Hill chock full of hyprocrites



Joseph Spear

Spear is a nationally syndicated columnist.

If the Lord loved hypocrites, he'd hug the denizens of Washington, D.C., to death about now. The town is a swarm with charlatans – left wing, right wing, you want 'em, we got 'em.

The issue that has them all in an uproar, of course, is Bill Clinton's storied love life. The right wing portrays him as a predator of pulchritudinous maidens, and the more perfervid critics believe he ought to be impeached for his wanton ways. The left defends him as a devilish but essentially harmless soul who is besieged by women who find him irresistible.

Seven years ago, of course, just the opposite was the case. Conservative Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas was the accused and Anita Hill was the accuser. The right thought Thomas virtuous, while the left saw him as Beelzebub incarnate.

Put succinctly, consistency is not the long suit of the politically obsessive. Truth is a partisan thing, and principles are the rules the other fellow ought to play by.

Under the most intense attack at the moment are liberal feminists, who are being accused of having a double standard. They trashed Clarence Thomas on the say-so of Anita Hill, but have been reluctant to accept the word of Clinton's accusers.

Editorial writers, columnists and political foes are having a field day with the feminists' apparent inconsistencies. Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., to cite but one, has taken to the airwaves to press the attack. "There is a lot of selective outrage here," she said on Fox News recently. "I'm worried that women's support groups are really Democratic support groups."

The politically astute readers of Joe Spear's column, I am sure, will detect the scent of fetid fish here. When Thomas was on the hot seat, Republican women either said nothing or assaulted his accusers, as did conservative columnists and commentators. Indeed, it might be instructive to compare the attitudes of yesterday to the sentiments of the present.

Phyllis Schlafly, president of the conservative Eagle Forum, speaking then: Anita Hill was "that character from Oklahoma," and "the ... evidence makes it look like she's chasing him."

Phyllis Schlafly, now: "No one in the media, not even his friends, believes Bill Clinton's denials that he had an improper relationship with Monica Lewinsky."

Linda Chavez, conservative columnist, then: Judge Thomas "is being charged, tried and convicted without one iota of evidence."

Linda Chavez, now: "I believe (Paula Jones) is telling the truth. ... The actions she describes are gross and disgusting and make Mr. Clinton unfit to be president."

The conservative Washington Times, then: "Miss Hill moved with Mr. Thomas from the Department of Education to the EEOC. ... Mr. Thomas' secretary ... testified tellingly that Miss Hill was eager and enthusiastic to follow Mr. Thomas' 'rising star' to the EEOC. This is not the sort of behavior that can be reasonably attributed to a woman who experienced ... harassment."

The Washington Times, now: "Like an adult very well might, (Kathleen Willey) decides it is in her interest to pretend that nothing ever happened. And so she writes a string of notes and letters to the president, alternately asking for jobs and praising his execution of his official duties. ... Willey was very sensible indeed when she tried to ignore what had happened."

Charles Krauthammer, conservative columnist, then: "It is one thing for someone who has been sexually harassed not to resign her job. ... It is quite another ... to follow the harasser to his new job. ... And what are we to make of the telephone logs of the calls (Anita Hill) ... continued to make to Thomas?"

Charles Krauthammer, now: "The (Kathleen Willey) affair has pathos. ... Willey stands out because she brought three things to the table – coercion, class and credibility."

For the record, Joe Spear fiercely defended Judge Thomas then, and he thinks Bill Clinton is getting a raw deal now.

Joe may be wrong, but he's no hypocrite.



(Special photo)

The following 4-Hers participated in the Gray County Fashion Show this past weekend: (left-right) Lindsey Price, Lori Stephens, Emily Nusser, Sarah Schwab, Sarah Myers, Brianna Roberts, Kaylee Shank, Jennifer Myers, Julie Davenport and Andrea Shank. Not pictured: Angie Davenport and Emily Elliott.

4-Hers participate in Gray County Fashion Show

Twelve Gray County 4-H members competed in this year's Gray County 4-H Fashion Show this past Saturday at the Gray County Annex.

Selected to represent Gray County at the District 4-H Fashion Show on April 25 in Pampa were: Brianna Roberts, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Junior Dressy Daywear (construction); Jennifer Myers, McLean, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Jr. Casual Daywear (construction); Emily Elliott, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Jr. Casual (buying); Andrea Shank, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Intermediate Dressy Daywear (construction); Kaylee Shank, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Intermediate, Casual Daywear (construction); Julie Davenport, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club – Intermediate, Dressy (buying); Emily Nusser, Pampa Prime Swine 4-H Club – Intermediate Casual (buying); Sarah Myers, McLean, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Senior Casual (construction); Lori Stephens, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club – Sr. Dressy (construction); and Angie Davenport, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club – Sr. Casual (buying).

Sarah Schwab of Pampa, member of the Lefors 5-H 4-H Club, was alternate in the Junior Dressy (construction) Division; Lindsey Price, Pampa Prime Swine 4-H Club, was alternate in the Intermediate Dressy (buying) Division; and Julie Davenport, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club, was alternate in Intermediate Casual (buying).

Special award winners included: Best Rookie – Emily Elliott; and sewing machine for the High Point Senior – Lori Stephens.

4-H members participating in the 4-H Fashion Show have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following: (1) Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection; 2) clothing construction or comparison shopping; 3) fashion interpretation and understanding of style; 4) good grooming and poise in front of others; and 5) modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

Sarah Myers served as mistress of ceremonies. Lori Stephens and Andrea Shank narrated the style show. Judges for this year's contest were Angie Huff, Hemphill County Extension Agent; Joan Gray, Wheeler County Extension Agent; and Eileen Kludt, member of the State 4-H Clothing Board and Gray County Leader.

For more information on the 4-H youth development program, contact your Gray County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Groom father, sons featured in national farm publication

DES MOINES, Iowa – Patrick Weinheimer and his sons Pat, Benjamin, Luke, Jarret and Paul of Groom were featured in the March issue of Successful Farming magazine.

After 17 years with the same shop design, Weinheimer and his sons decided to maximize the space of their shop. The 8,550-square-foot structure already sat in an innovative L-shape layout, which Weinheimer constructed in 1981.

"At that time I decided to combine all my needs for a shop, machinery storage, office and garage in one location," explains Patrick. "At the time I erected the building, I never thought I'd fill it." Currently, the shop consists of a 30x80 foot building housing an office, power tool area, small equipment service area and garage. There's also a 60x 100 foot structure providing room for machinery storage and a large equipment service area.

While they revamped the shop, the Weinheimers also created a separate power tool room, welding station, storage platform and distribution port for fuels and special chemicals. These changes increased workspace by as much as 50 percent. The article and photograph appear in the March issue.

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IRS says extensions, installment agreements available, to taxpayers missing deadline

DALLAS – Texans who can't file their federal tax return on time can get an extra four months if they mail Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," to the Internal Revenue Service by April 15.

More than 1.1 million North Texans will wait until the last minute to file their tax returns. The IRS Austin Service Center estimates 278,600 North Texans will file for extensions.

According to IRS Director Glenn Henderson, the automatic extension is only an extension of time to file the tax return. It does not, however, give the person extra time to pay the taxes due on the return. Texans need to estimate the amount of tax they will owe and send that with the Form 4868, he said.

Texans who are able to file by the April 15 deadline, but who can't pay the tax due can request a monthly payment plan when they file. To request the payment plan, attach Form 9465 to the front of their tax return and show the amount they propose to pay each month and on what day. To set up the installment payment plan, the IRS charges a $43 fee which will be billed at a later date. "To reduce interest and penalty charges, people should pay as much as they can when they mail the extension or installment agreement forms," Henderson said.

Anyone who finds that they owe money this year may want to consider adjusting their W-4 "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate" at work to have more money taken out each pay day.

Extension and installment agreement requests forms are available at many volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites across North Texas. For the location of the nearest VITA site or IRS office, North Texans can call 1-800-820-1040. For locations of nearby TCE sites, people can call toll-free 1-888-227-7669. The forms are also available on the IRS Home Page on the Internet at www.irs.ustreas.gov and through the IRS's fax-on-demand service at (703) 368-9694.

Gem Theatre Children's Theatre Class to present 'Velveteen Rabbitt'

CLAUDE – The Children's Theatre Class at Gem Theatre will be performing two back-to-back matinees at Claude Elementary School at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively Saturday, April 18. In addition a performance is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. April 18. Tickets will be $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and $3 for children.

This Community Heritage Theatre project is directed by Carale Manning-Hill and is ably staffed by Jeromy Collins, technical director, Sarah Cartwright, choreographer, Bill Burcham, master carpenter and Kathy Blodgett, stage manager.

Manning-Hill said of the effort, "... community spirit and willingness to build memories and fun for children is why I came to Claude. I love the family feeling here, the fact that people smile and ask about the next show. And these kids! They're the best! Don't miss the Velveteen Rabbit!"

The Armstong Museum and the Gem Theatre are undergoing extensive renovations; consequently, during the transactions the phones may be out of order, so for more information or to make reservations call (806) 944-5383.

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Lovett Memorial Library Staff Picks

"Blood Work" by Michael Connelly

Named the head of the class of new mystery writers by The Los Angeles Times, the author follows up his bestsellers, "Trunk Music" and "The Poet," with a slam-bang thriller introducing a new protagonist on a personal quest for justice. Former FBI agent Terril McCaleb's plans for a quiet retirement on Los Angeles Harbor are capsized when he learns that the donor of the heart that beats in his chest was not an accident victim but a murder victim. His search for the killer proves more harrowing than anything he has experienced in his long career chasing serial killers.

"Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen

A stunning novel about a marriage that begins in passion and becomes violent, by the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author of "Thinking Out Loud." After she runs away from her abusive husband, Fran Benedetto lives in fear of discovery, yet also with increasing confidence, freedom and hope as she struggles to create a new life for herself and her son.

"Cuba Libre" by Elmore Leonard

Set in Cuba just before the Spanish-American war, Elmore Leonard's latest novel is filled with high adventure, history, romance, and, of course, nefarious undertakings. Circumstance, nonchalance and a remarkable streak of bad luck have turned Ben Tyler from cowboy to bank robber to convict, without ever changing his genial disposition. On yet another crooked attempt to return to the straight and narrow. Tyler finds himself in Havana agreeing to complete a series of deals that will completely turn his luck around.

"Thrill" by Jackie Collins

Gloving with all the fun and glamour Jackie Collins is famous for, this highly charged novel has got it all – sex, lust, fame, violence and obsession. Its seductive cast of characters includes a handsome small-time actor with a shady past, a drugged-out Tinseltown has-been, a 15-year-old wild child and an infamous Hollywood madam. Set in some of the world's most exotic locales, "Thrill" edges toward an explosive finale that will leave Jackie's fans cheering!

"A Kind of Grace the Autobiography of the World's Greatest Female Athlete" by Jackie Joyner-Kersee

In an uplifting autobiography, three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee tells the inspiring story of her triumphs not only in sports, but over poverty, family tragedy and illness.

"Numbered Account" by Christopher Reich

In his gripping debut thriller, the author draws on his own background to tell the story, set in the secretive world of Swiss banking, of a young man willing to risk everything, including his life, to hunt down his father's killer. Nicholas Neumann seems to have it all: a dream job, a beautiful fiancee and a bright future. But when new evidence is discovered implicating the United Swiss bank in his father's death, he leaves it all behind to travel to Zurich, where he becomes immersed in a world where everything, even life and death, has its price.

◆ Other New Non-Fiction Books

O'Connor – "I Think I'm Outta Here"
College Board Scholarship Handbook 1998
Perret – "Ulysses S. Grant"
Kolata – "Clone"
Van Praagh – "Talking to Heaven"
Sherr – "Tall Blondes and Giraffes"
Cunliffe – "The Ancient Celts"
Holland – "From the Mississippi Delta"
Tucker – "May God Have Mercy"
Baker – "Ancient Greeks"
Matson – "Earth Ponds Sourcebook," "Eagles, Masters of the Sky"
McCormack – "A Friend of the Flock"
Helfer – "Modoc, True Story of the Greatest," "Elephant That Ever Lived"
Gentry – "After the Accident"
Ivins – "You Got to Dance With Them," "What Brung You"

◆ Other New Fiction Books

Rice – "Pandora"
Conwell – "The Ghost of Blue Bone Nesa"
Elton – "Popcorn"
Hoffman – "Hungry Eyes"
Cookson – "The Upstart"
Lovett – "A Desperate Silence"
Parker – "Sudden Mischief"
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Silva – "Mark of the Assassin"
Clark – "Twanged"
Dawson – "Witness to Evil"
Kalner – "Tight as a Tick"
Robarts – "The Senators Wife"
Greeley – "Irish Whiskey"
Braun – "The Cat Who Sang for the Birds"
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Vidal – "The Smithsonian Institution"
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Moore – "The Magician's Wife"
Steward – "The Young Savages"
Campbell – "Singing in the Comback Choir"
Woods – "Perfect Harmony"

Clarendon College to launch Spring Sneak Peek

CLARENDON – Clarendon College will hold its first ever Spring Sneak Peek April 16-17. High school seniors and their parents are invited to attend. Overnight accommodations are available for students.

Spring Sneak Peek participants will tour the campus and meet with faculty, students and financial aid officers.

Sneak Peek will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 16 with a registration in the Bairfield Activity Center. Participants will be given complimentary passes to a production of "Grease," as performed by CC's College of Fine Arts division. Following the performance, a free street dance will be held from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. in front of the Activity Center.

Activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. the 17th with a registration period. CC President will give a special welcome from 9-11 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to visit with instructors in their area of interest as well as student organizations and their leaders.

A financial aid workshop will also be offered and parents will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with financial aid staff – to ask questions, complete applications and turn in federal aid applications.

CC Student Ambassadors will provide a walking tour of the campus and all visitors will be treated to lunch in the college's Dining Hall.

High school seniors interested in drama, choir and band are invited to audition for college fine arts scholarships administered by Fine Arts Chair Jim Stewart. Auditions will be conducted in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. Choir auditions will begin at 1:30 p.m. Students will need to provide their own accompaniment music and prepare to sing one song of their choice. Band auditions will be at 2:30 p.m. Students will need to prepare an etude and be ready to sight read. Theatre auditions will be at 3:30 p.m. Theatre students will need to complete an application and provide a recent, close-up photograph and will be expected to perform 90-120 seconds of prepared monologue material. Students must call CC at 1-800-687-9737 to reserve a tryout position for choir, theatre and band scholarship auditions.

For more information, call Jaylia Bitner, admissions coordinator, or Joyce Davis, admissions assistant, at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

State briefs

Alligator found in San Antonio river in downtown River Walk area

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An alligator was spotted swimming upstream in downtown San Antonio.

The alligator was spotted along the River Walk between the Bayous Riverside Restaurant and the Naked Iguana lounge.

Park Rangers Robert Diaz and Cpl. D.P. Rodriguez summoned animal control officers, who wrestled the American alligator out of the San Antonio River.

An official with the city parks and recreation department theorized that the 3 1/2-foot alligator had been someone's pet that had grown too large or was used in a prank before it was set loose in the river.

The alligator's tail had been painted orange — probably so the owner could find it in a backyard pond, officials theorized.

Book about world's best known Holocaust victim returned to school shelves

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A book about the world's best-known Holocaust victim has been returned to the shelves of middle school after being removed for about two months when two parents complained that it was pornographic.

"Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl," was back in the library at Baker Middle School on Wednesday, about two months after it was removed following the complaints, school officials said.

School officials reviewed the book and returned it to the shelves.

The parents had complained about what they called "homosexual content" in passages where Anne Frank said she once kissed a girl friend and was curious about her friend's body.

George Wetzel, executive director for instruction and special programs for the school district, said a district committee on Monday upheld a recommendation by the middle school staff to keep the book.

Florida authorities refuse to let Texas fugitive 'King Con' get better of them

MIAMI (AP) — He impersonated judges, lawmen and doctors to scam his way out of custody, but Florida authorities weren't going to let the Texas con man talk his way out of going back to the slammer.

Steven Jay Russell, 40, was captured Tuesday night as he walked to his car. He at first denied he was one of Texas' foremost fugitives, the man the media calls "King Con" and that prison officials dubbed "Houdini."

Agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement had been forewarned of the Houston man's manipulative powers.

"We told them in Florida if he comes out of the apartment and says he is Bill Clinton don't believe him even though you may want to," Glen Castleberry, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Wednesday.

"He has a diabolically creative mind."

Jackson visits woman on Texas death row who had volunteered to die

GATESVILLE (AP) — Death row inmate Erica Sheppard won the attention of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the condemned woman's mother says that convinced her to pursue appeals rather than continue plans to volunteer for death.

"It's important that the legal process be exercised to its fullest, that the judicial process be honored, that her humanity be shared with the world," Jackson said Wednesday after meeting with Ms. Sheppard for the first time at the female death row. "And we intend to do just that."

Ms. Sheppard, Jackson, her mother and her three children — 8- and 6-year-old boys and a 5-year-old girl — met for about an hour at the Mountain View Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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Oil cuts in the future

Many countries have recently decided to produce less oil in hopes that lagging oil prices will rebound. (Figures are in barrels per day.)

Country	Quota/Actual Production (in millions of barrels)	Promised cut
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Indonesia	1.46/1.39	Won't cut
Iran	3.94/3.62	140,000
Iraq	1.31/1.70	Won't cut
Kuwait	2.19/2.21	125,000
Nigeria	2.04/2.32	None announced
Saudi Arabia	8.76/8.48	300,000
U.A.E.	2.36/2.47	125,000
Venezuela	2.58/3.36	200,000
Egypt*	.84	20,000
Mexico*	1.85	100,000
Oman*	.85	30,000

*Actual production only; no quotas apply to these countries

Source: Energy Information Administration, Dow Jones, Associated Press, International Energy Agency

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While cutbacks in oil production have not always had the intended effect in the past, both members and nonmembers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries recently decided to lower their output, hoping that oil prices will rise.

WTAMU Ribbonfest to 'Rock the Cause,' benefit PASO

CANYON – KWTS 91.1, West Texas A&M University's campus radio station, will host Ribbonfest, a music festival designed to promote AIDS awareness, from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Terrill Lawn on the WTAMU campus. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised in Ribbonfest go to support the Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (PASO).

Students from KWTS and WTAMU Student Activities Council began planning for the event in September. Proceeds from Ribbonfest have amounted to nearly $20,000 for PASO in previous years.

This year's show, "Rock the Cause," will feature several bands and artists from around Texas including "Elyusim" from Fort Worth, "Copper" from Amarillo, "61 Arms" from Dallas, Mike Fuller from Amarillo, "that statue moved" from Amarillo, "Groobees" from Amarillo and Wes Lang from Canyon.

"The main focus of KWTS is community service," Matt Muir, a sophomore mass communications-broadcast major from Canyon and director of Ribbonfest '98, said. "We feel that AIDS is a problem that needs more attention. Raising awareness and support for PASO is a great way of supporting our community."

Local celebrities including Channel 10 news anchor Kari King and J. from Z-Rock are only two of the guest masters of ceremonies for the event. Between performances, emcees will raffle prizes and other speakers will share testimonies about the impact of AIDS and HIV in their own lives.

Patti Chesser, PASO fundraising representative, said that Ribbonfest is a tremendous help for her organization.

"We have clients who will need help with their rent or to pay bills or who are in need of food," Chesser said. "We use the money brought to us to help our clients survive. Many times our clients simply cannot do the things that everyone else does, and that is why we are here to help them."

Chesser said that in 1996 PASO registered 57 new clients and 34 deaths. Those numbers dropped in 1997 with 19 new clients and 14 deaths. So far this year, PASO has registered two new clients and two deaths.

"Ribbonfest is a great event that helps a very needy cause," Chesser said. "We appreciate everything that is being done."

The PASO community quilt and two panels of the National AIDS Quilt, which consists of handmade sections dedicated to people who have died from the disease, will be on display from 1-5 p.m. in Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

Admission to the all-day event is the purchase of a $1 PASO raffle ticket or the donation of one can of food for PASO. Prizes include a stay at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, music from Camelot Music, dinner from Gardski's Restaurant and gift certificates from Blockbuster Video, Hill's Sport Shop and Guys and Dolls Hair Design. The grand prize will be a trip for two to Disneyland.

Ribbonfest has been recognized by the National Association of College Broadcasters as one of college radio stations' top community service projects in the nation.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact the KWTS staff office at (806) 651-2797 or PASO at (806) 372-1050.

Tornado rips Alabama, leaving death and chaos

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) – Rescue crews frantically searched through the rubble of homes for survivors today after a tornado ripped through one town after another just outside Birmingham. At least 20 people were killed.

The same storm system was also blamed for one death in Mississippi and one in Georgia. At least 17 National Guardsmen were injured at Georgia's Fort Stewart.

Hardest hit was Alabama's Jefferson County, west of Birmingham, with 18 dead and devastation in several tiny communities. Two others died in St. Clair County east of Birmingham.

Leon Hyche lost his niece, Deb Helms, and her two sons, Colby, 8, and Carson, 4, in Wednesday night's storm. They were killed as they hid in their basement just down the street from him in Rock Creek.

"It's supposed to be the safest place," he said. "The whole wall collapsed on them."

Hyche said his niece's husband, Dave Helms, was not home at the time.

"He's crushed," Hyche said. "He's lost everything."

More than 160 people were taken to Birmingham hospitals, where officials said many required surgery. At least two people were partially paralyzed and still others, at least six, were in critical condition.

In the glare of spotlights, bodies lying along the road could be seen in the early-morning dark in Rock Creek. Chain saws buzzed as searchers desperately tried to get to homes cut off by felled trees, overturned cars and the bricks and timber of ruined homes.

The Rock Creek Church of God was turned into a trauma center.

The powerful storm system sparked warnings an hour before sunset and then began a twisted, random trail of destruction across Alabama two hours later, at 8 p.m.

Homes of wood and brick in Rock Creek were reduced to their foundations, with household appliances scattered across yards, limbs and power lines across streets. Ambulances had difficulty reaching the dead.

The tornado destroyed the home of Leon Harmon and left a boat atop his garage. He recalled how quickly it struck.

"I was sitting in the recliner and my daughter called my wife and said a tornado had touched down at Oak Grove," he said. "My wife ran into the bathroom. I started, but the roof caved in."

Clarendon College to host children's dance recital

CLARENDON – Clarendon College's Children's Beginning Dance class will present its spring recital at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25 in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. The recital is open to the public and free of charge,

According to instructor Jackie Boyd, this is the first year Clarendon College has offered a Children's Beginning Dance class.

"All of the kids have worked very hard and have enjoyed the ballet and tap classes," Boyd said. "The recital will include routines to 'The Circle of Life' from the 'Lion King,' and 'My Heart Will Go On' from the blockbuster movie 'Titanic.' "

For more information, contact Boyd at (806) 874-9126 or Clarendon College at 874-3571.

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DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter (I'll call her "Alexis") is being married this year. She is planning a very large, expensive, fairy-tale wedding. Her father and I recently divorced after 29 years of marriage.

I have told Alexis and my ex-husband that I don't have a lot of money for this occasion because the divorce wiped out most of my savings. My daughter claims she doesn't want to hear it. I have offered to pay for her wedding gown. My ex insists that he expects me to pay for half the wedding, even if I have to take out a loan from him to do it.

I have tried to be upfront, but no one is listening. I'm 50 years old and need to save toward my retirement. I can't possibly afford to risk my entire future. Also, we have two more daughters — so it's likely there will be more weddings in the future.

Please keep in mind that it won't be possible for me to volunteer to pay for only "my" invited guests. Almost everyone on the bride's side will be mutual friends and family both of my ex and myself.

Give me some desperately needed advice that won't hurt my daughter's feelings. I love Alexis very much and don't want to be responsible for spoiling a very special time in her life.

What are my responsibilities in this matter?

NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: It is extremely unwise to jeopardize your future for the sake of one day. I have always advised parents not to go into debt for a wedding. A wedding should be a gift from the parents, not an obligation.

Don't allow Alexis' unreasonable demands and those of your ex to intimidate you. Pay for what you can reasonably afford, and let your daughter adjust expenses accordingly.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Examining Life in Ohio," from the woman who was married to a decent man but didn't consider him her "soul mate," prompts this letter.

I met my soul mate, and on our first date we both knew it. I figured it was the greatest love in the history of the world. I would have died for this man.

We were the perfect match! We had our ups and downs, and his family threw barbs at me every chance they got, but I withstood it because I knew I had his love.

So what happened? After 38 years, I finally admitted what I had been denying for decades (and he still denies): My husband is a more or less functioning alcoholic. He absolutely refuses help, and things are getting worse. The clues have been there for a long time.

Now I am envious of older couples enjoying their later years, while I live with a man who is dishonest and lies constantly. I cannot trust him. I dread holidays with our children and grandchildren. I'm embarrassed and ashamed of him. Not only do I no longer love him — I don't even *like* him.

A decent man in one's "golden years" must be wonderful.

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DEAR M.P.C.: You have my sympathy. Please do not allow yourself to remain submerged in your husband's alcohol problem.

If you haven't already done so, consider attending meetings of Al-Anon. The members are nonjudgmental and supportive. They offer first-hand experience to help you put your life back in order — whether or not your husband chooses to admit his problem and sober up.

Al-Anon is worldwide, and you can locate a chapter by checking your telephone book.

Horoscope

Friday, April 10, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generally speaking, your one-to-one relationships should be rewarding for you today, with a few exceptions. You might have to contend with two individuals who are wave makers. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your workload might be a trifle heavier today than usual. Fortunately, it can be lightened substantially if you use your brain in lieu of your brawn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It could be wise to take a back seat socially today if you're in the company of a forceful individual who wants to take center stage. Incidentally, a low profile will attract far more attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Everyone should be heard today regarding a matter that concerns the entire family. A problem might result if a member of the clan doesn't get his/her two cents in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your positions or ideas are opposed by others today, don't react in a angry fashion. Use your wiles, wit and tact rather than an ineffective hostile response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your important business dealings today, don't leave anything up to chance. Instead, insist upon a complete disclosure of all relevant facts and figures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Persons with whom you'll have sensitive dealings today will be more eager to cooperate with you if you take time to point out how things will benefit them. Don't assume they understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your probabilities for success will be substantially enhanced today if your objectives are clearly defined and you don't disclose your intentions prematurely to one who isn't involved.

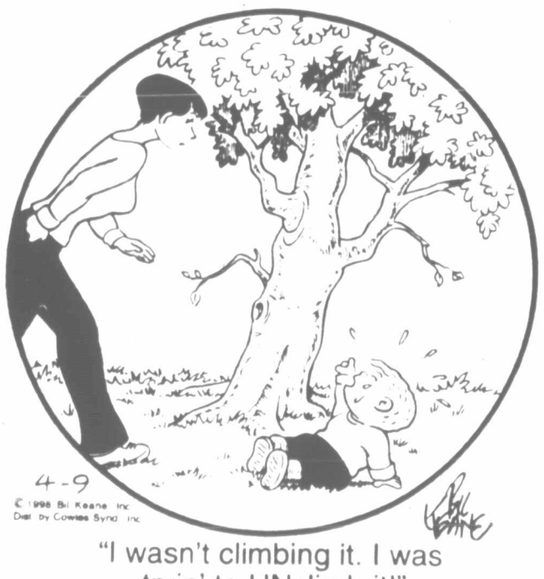
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Conditions look favorable today for any important affairs you personally manage. However, don't gamble on developments that shift control of matters to someone else.

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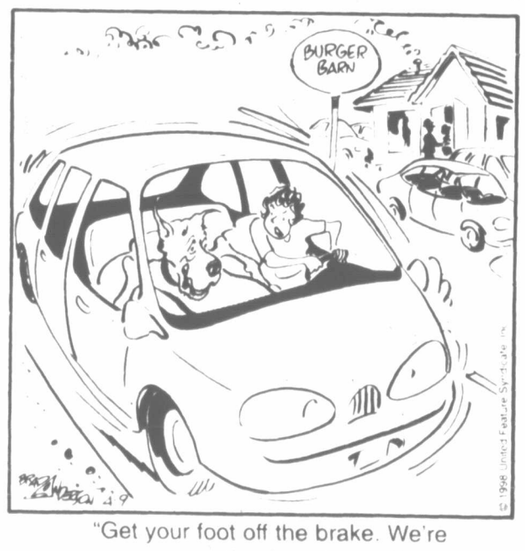
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your financial position can be strengthened in this cycle if you focus on ways to overcome small unnecessary expenditures. Trivial improvements become impressive when compounded.

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"I wasn't climbing it. I was tryin' to UNclimb it!"



"Get your foot off the brake. We're not stopping for a burger!"

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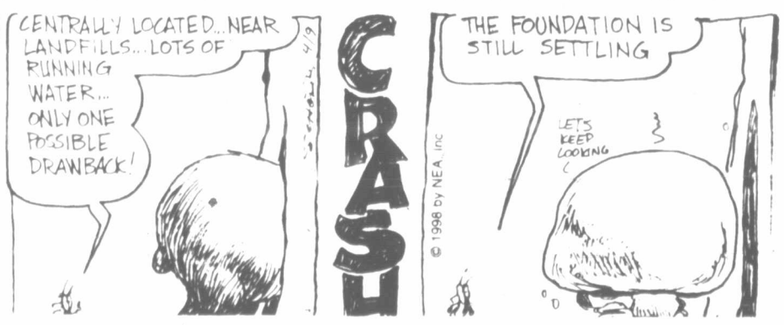
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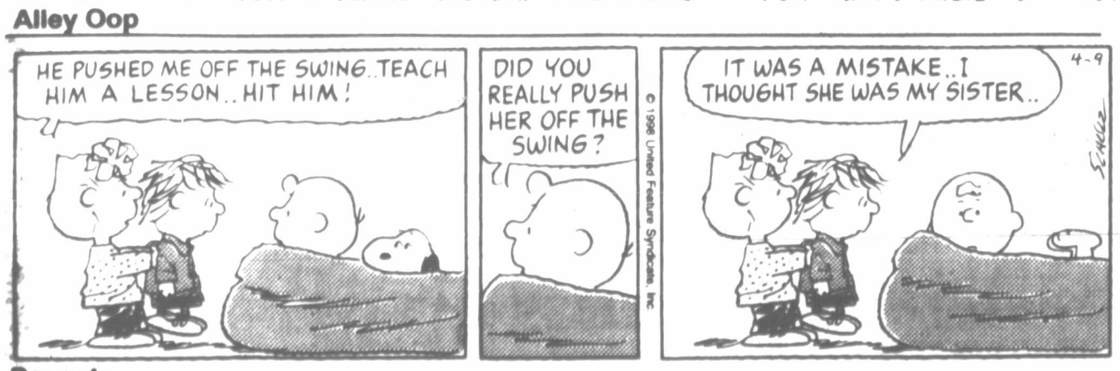
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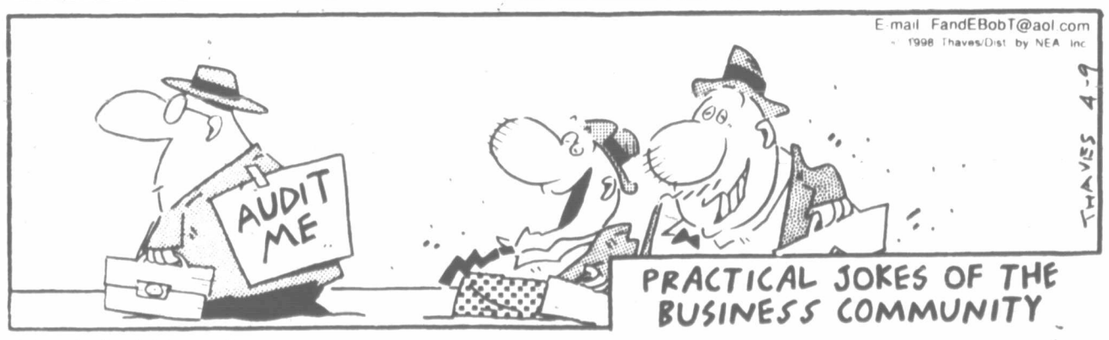


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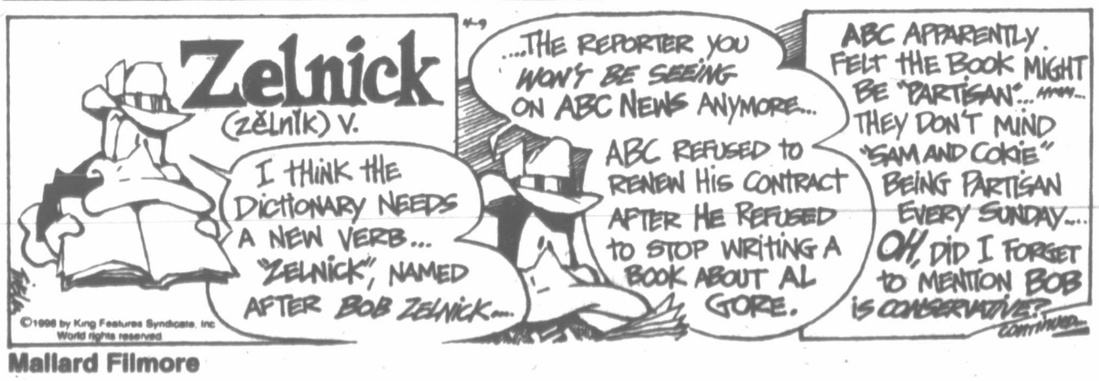
The Born Loser



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SPORTS

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvester softball team has recorded its first ever no-hitter in their inaugural high school season. Kimberly Clark pitched the run-rule shortened contest, striking out seven, issuing one walk and allowing no hits as Pampa defeated Canyon, 12-0, last Monday night at Optimist Park.

Clark helped her own cause in the second inning after a Lady Eagle had reached base on an error. Clark fielded a hard-hit groundball, then turned and threw to an alert Cassi Scott at shortstop to record one of the three force-outs at second during the game.

Solid defensive plays made in the middle of the infield helped preserve the no-hitter as Scott and second baseman Jennifer Quintana combined to force runners advancing to second twice in the fourth inning.

In the nightcap, Heather Petty turned in another dominating pitching performance as Pampa defeated Canyon, 26-2.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Sirotka's bid for his first 1998 victory will have to wait.

The White Sox lefty was scheduled to pitch Wednesday night but the game with the Texas Rangers was rained out. It will be made up Aug. 28 as part of a doubleheader.

Sirotka (0-1) was expected to be passed over today in favor of right-hander James Baldwin (1-0).

Aaron Sele (1-0), the Rangers' scheduled starter Wednesday, was to pitch today.

Sele was the winning pitcher last week when Texas beat the White Sox 20-4 in the right-hander's debut with the Rangers.

Neither team has played since Monday and there is more rain in the forecast today, meaning pitchers could get backed up.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brian Anderson pitched eight strong innings, and Jorge Fabregas and Brent Brede homered on consecutive pitches as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Anderson (1-1) allowed seven hits, walked none and struck out four in eight innings. He was supported by three double plays and never faced more than four batters in an inning.

Felix Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his second save.

Fabregas and Brede connected with one out in the fourth off Hideo Nomo (0-1) to give Arizona a 3-0 lead. It was the first homer for both, and the first back-to-back homers in the Diamondbacks' short history.

TRACK & FIELD

WHEELER — Wheeler hosts a boys' and girls' track meet Friday and Saturday at the Mustangs' complex.

Wheeler boys tuned up for their own meet by taking second in the 11-man division at the Groom Tiger Relays last weekend. The Mustangs won three events.

Panhandle won the boys' title.

Wheeler placed seventh in the girls' division. Panhandle also won the girls' title.

Wheeler's results at the Groom Relays are as follows:

Boys Division

Shot: Hudgins, third place, 36-10.

Discus: Davis, first place, 126-5; Hudgins, third place, 119-2.

High jump: Masters, second place, 6-5.

400 relay: Wheeler, second place, 45.96.

100: Judd, first place, 11.94; Darrin, second place, 12.25.

400: Masters, third place, 54.68.

300 hurdles: Dunnam, first place, 42.31.

1600 relay: Wheeler, second place, 3:51.09.

Girls Division

High jump: Verden, third place, 4-8.

800: Jolly, second place, 2:37.31.

100 hurdles: Verden, second place, 17.21.

300 hurdles: Verden, third place, 51.43.

Tiger hunt begins at 62nd Masters tourney

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Davis Love III looked like he was staring down a 6-foot putt in a playoff as he contemplated the question. If Tiger Woods is on his game, is everyone else at the Masters playing for second?

"I'm not even going to answer that," he finally responded, his steely eyes making it perfectly clear that while Woods may own a green jacket and the tournament scoring record, he doesn't own Augusta National.

At least not yet.

The 62nd Masters began today with the same anticipation as when Woods's 4-foot par putt on the 72nd hole fell into the cup for a record 18-under-par 270 and a 12-stroke victory.

Augusta National officials didn't narrow the fairways and grow rough, the kind of conditions that tamed the Tiger in other major championships. They didn't make it longer or add more fairway bunkers or make a rule that Woods had to play with one arm tied behind his back.

There were a few tweaks to the course, but that's always the case. The message from the green coats simply was that if Woods can go even lower — and no one else can go with him — then so be it.

On a course softened by a late burst of rain Wednesday that pushed starting times back one hour today, Woods set out on his attempt to become only the third player to successfully defend his title.

And there were several hungry players in pursuit of him.

"I had that feeling last year until the final round, when I had that big lead," Woods said when asked if he felt the entire field was trying to hunt him down. "But this year, it's up for grabs. We're all here, and we've all got to play. We're all at even par and looking pretty good."

A year ago, when an already firm and fast course seemed to hit warp speed when the first round began, Woods toured the first nine holes in 40.

What he faced today figured to be a much more benign Augusta course, although the forecast called for sunny, dry conditions when the weekend arrives.

"I really enjoy playing firm and fast golf courses," said Justin Leonard, who proved that by winning the British Open at Royal Troon and The Players Championship two weeks ago.

"I'm not real happy to see it raining, but the course plays the same for everybody."

It didn't seem that way last year, when Woods used his considerable length to his advantage. He didn't have anything more than a 6-iron into the par-4s and reached three of the par-5s with an 8-iron or less.

But part of the anticipation is whether Woods can have another perfect week on the penalizing greens. Woods never three-putted, and never missed a putt inside 10 feet.

"All you need to do is miss one of those things ... and you start getting a little gun-shy on these greens," said Tom Watson.

If that's the case, any number of players could be ready to meet Woods' challenge.

Leonard, Love and Ernie Els have emerged as his chief rivals after winning the other three majors in 1997, while David Duval and Phil Mickelson are two others in their 20s who have the game, but not yet a major championship.

A generation behind are Nick Faldo, who believes his game is "ready for a burst," and Greg Norman, who hasn't played a competitive round in five weeks, but no longer feels the pressure now placed on Woods.

"A lot of us are interested to see what happens," Love said. "After all the talk, what will Tiger Woods do? Can he prove it playing under all of this. Last year he had a chance to win. Now, it's like he has to win."

Lady Harvesters enter Amarillo Track Relays

PAMPA — Pampa's unbeaten girls' track team hammered out another easy victory last weekend at the Demonette Relays in Dumas. Their 94-point margin of victory could have been even wider.

Pampa sophomore Lavonne Evans, who has been next to invincible in the 200 this spring, finished second at the Dumas meet. She wasn't quite herself, even though that second-place medal provided her team with some solid points.

"Evans was a little under the weather, but she still held her own," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez.

Evans had been unbeaten in the 200 in four previous meets going into last weekend.

Evans still pulled off wins as a member of the 400 and 800-meter relay teams. Audrey Wilbon, a member of the two relay teams, was held out of the meet due to a pulled muscle. But Joy Young filled in and did an outstanding job running the third leg.

The Lady Harvesters won seven events and scored 182 points for their sixth meet championship.

"It was another good meet for us," Lopez said. "We showed lots of improvement."

Pampa senior Katy Cavalier continued her assault on the triple jump and long jump events. Cavalier won both events at Dumas and had a personal best 17-10 in the long jump.

"Cavalier had a jumper's dream," Lopez said. "She really looked good."

Cavalier has won both the triple jump and long jump in five meets this season.

Pampa junior Barbara Wine has her sights firmly fixed on another state appearance. Her 43-6 1/2 throw in the shot put at the Demonette Relays was the best in Class 4A this year. Wine finished third at the state meet a year ago.

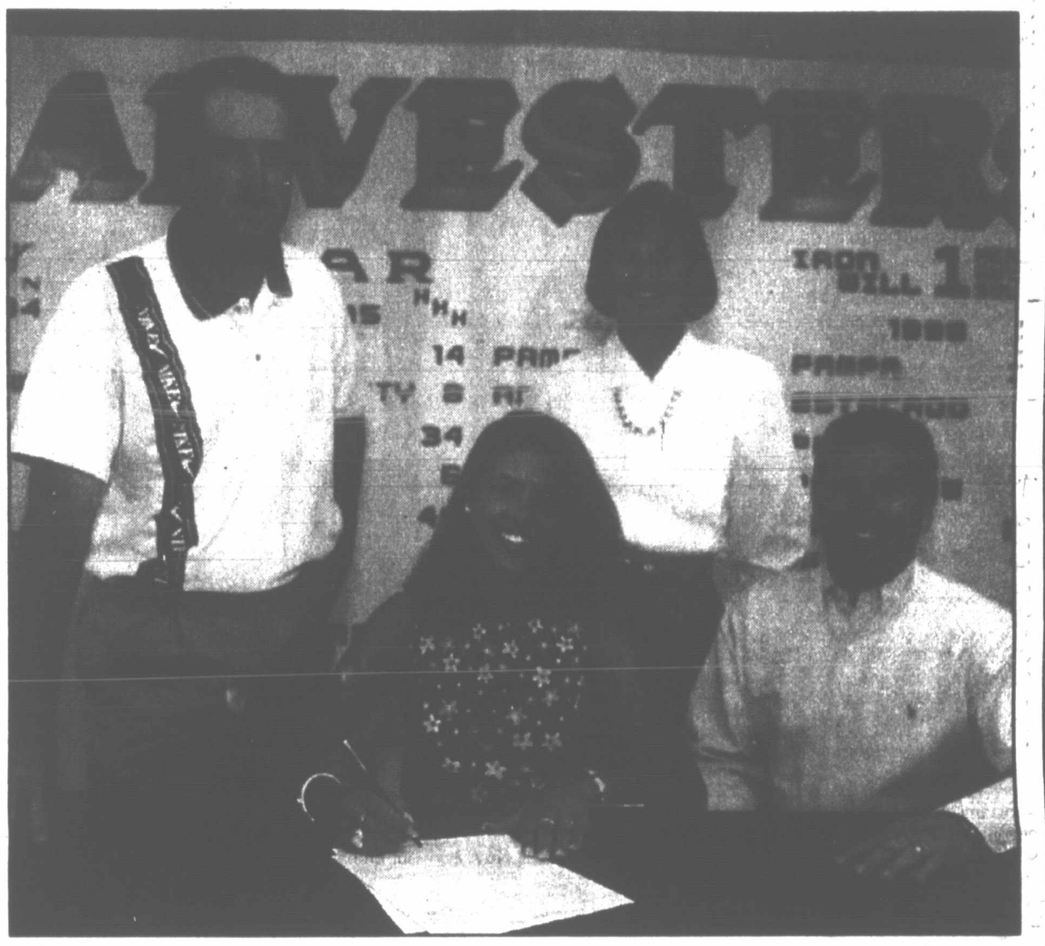
"Wine had another great meet," Lopez said. "That wasn't a personal best for her, but it was the best throw in Class 4A this year."

The District 1-4A meet is scheduled April 17-18 in Borger. To get ready for district, the Lady Harvesters are entered in the Amarillo Relays on Friday and Saturday in Dick Bivins Stadium.

"We're looking at the Amarillo Relays as a tuneup for the district meet," Lopez said.

Starting time is 2:30 on Friday with the finals set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Signs tennis scholarship



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa High School senior McKinley Quarles signs a scholarship Wednesday to play tennis for Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan. Looking on are Mckinley's parents, Chuck and Carolyn Quarles, and PHS tennis coach Larry Wheeler (standing). "We are really excited about McKinley and what she will add to our tennis program and to our university. She is a quality person as well as being very athletic," said Fort Hays coach Brian Flax. Fort Hays State has an enrollment of approximately 6,000 students and competes in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Quarles has the most career wins in Pampa school history in the girls' division. She is second overall on the school's all-time victories chart with 137 wins. Quarles helped lead Pampa to the district tennis championship last fall. She plans on majoring in Special Education.

Pampa 7th grade girls take first at Canyon

CANYON — Pampa Middle School girls' teams recently competed in the Canyon Junior High Track Meet.

Pampa scored 228 points to win the 7th grade division while Dumas placed second with 102. Pampa won 12 of the 16 events.

Pampa placed second behind Borger in the 8th grade division.

Pampa results are as follows:

7th grade division

Team totals: 1. Pampa 228; 2. Dumas 102; 3. Canyon 84; 4. Westover 84; 5. Borger 73.

Shot: Sara Blankenship, third place, 24-4 1/2; Lindsey Ledbetter, fourth place, 23-10.

Discus: Kayla Conner, fourth place, 64-2 3/4.

Triple jump: Abby Cavalier, first place, 29-10; Teryn Stowers, second place, 28-9.

High jump: Erin Coffey, first place, 4-7.

Long jump: Teryn Stowers, first place, 14-5 1/2; Shaunta Reed, third place, 14-0 3/4; Abby Cavalier, sixth place, 13-5 1/2.

2400: Sarah Porter, first place, 9:58.8; Meagan Craig, second place, 10:01; Vanessa Orr, third place, 10:06.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Casey Fisher, Abby Cavalier, Teryn Stowers and Shaunta Reed), 55.71.

800: T'Andra Holmes, first place, 2:46.3; Helen Brooks, second place, 2:50; Mary Alice Warner, fourth place, 2:53.78.

100 hurdles: Cassie Gibson, sixth place, 19.15.

100: Teryn Stowers, first place, 13.56; Abby Cavalier, fifth place, 13.93.

800 relay: Pampa, first place (Casey Fisher, Abby Cavalier, Teryn Stowers and Shaunta Reed), 2:02.7.

400: T'Andra Holmes, first place, 1:10.06.

300 hurdles: Mary Alice Warner, second place, 56.57.

200: Shaunta Reed, first place, 30.45.

1600: Helen Brooks, first place, 6:25.65; Andrea Lee, second place, 6:27.1; Hollie Gattis, fourth place, 6:57.39.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Meagan Craig, Vanessa Orr, T'Andra Holmes and Sarah Porter), 4:50.16.

8th grade division

Team totals: 1. Borger 184; 2. Pampa 176 2/3; 3. Valleyview 85; 4. Dumas 70 1/3; 5. Canyon 63.

Shot put: Micki Petty, second place, 29-2 1/4; Marquita Nickleberry, fourth place, 26-3; Samantha Ford, sixth place, 25-11 1/2.

Discus: Micki Petty, first place, 81-5 1/2; Samantha Ford, sixth place, 25-11 1/2.

Note: More 8th-grade results will be published in Friday's edition of The Pampa News.

Marcus Allen calls it quits

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Allen, one of the most honored running backs in NFL history, is retiring after 16 years to take a job as a national television commentator for CBS.

A source close to Allen told The Associated Press today the Kansas City Chiefs will announce the move at an afternoon news conference at Arrowhead Stadium.

The 38-year-old back, who holds the NFL record with 123 touchdowns, has had a popular weekly show with the CBS affiliate in Kansas City.

Allen is the winner of the 1982 Heisman Trophy and MVP award in the 1984 Super Bowl. He became the first back to gain both 10,000 yards rushing and 5,000 yards receiving,

Allen told Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer last week while golfing in Las Vegas that he would return for a 17th season, but he resumed negotiations with CBS, which has regained NFL rights after a four-year absence.

Astros put on power ball show

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With the top half of their lineup stocked with sluggers, the Houston Astros are intent on playing power ball this season.

They showcased their offensive style Wednesday night, with Derek Bell and Sean Berry each hitting home runs to back another solid pitching outing by Jose Lima in a 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

"That's the kind of attack we're going to have," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "You don't necessarily want to count on homers all the time because some pitchers have a way of stopping them. But when you do hit them, there's no defense against them. I think we'll hit a lot of them this year and luckily, tonight we hit them with men on base."

Bell was 3-for-5 with an RBI double and two-run homer, and Berry connected for a three-run shot. They are part of a top five, along with Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and newly acquired Moises Alou, that produced 120 homers last year, an average of 24 homers each.

"They're a very dangerous lineup," said losing pitcher Kirk Rueter (1-1).

"Houston is definitely a team to be reckoned with," added San Francisco catcher Brian Johnson. "They have plenty of offense. I thought Kirk pitched them very well. The six runs he gave up were not indicative of how he pitched. Sometimes you have a hard luck night."

Rueter, who beat the Astros in his season debut last week, went 6 2-3 innings and gave up 10 hits, including both homers on a virtually windless night at 3Com Park. He struck out three and walked two.

"I've never pitched here when it was so still," Rueter said. "The ball just carried."

Lima (2-0) was able to keep the Giants in the park, despite a shaky start that saw him give up a two-run single to Stan Javier in the first inning.

"He's doing a great job for us, giving us a big lift tonight and he picked us up last week," Berry said. "He's one of those guys who's got really good stuff. If he stays focused, he'll be strong for us all year."

Lima, who pitched in the Houston bullpen for all but one game last year, allowed three runs on eight hits in 6 2-3 innings while striking out five and walking three. Billy Wagner struck out Charlie Hayes with two runners on for the reliever's second save.

"I had never been a reliever until last year," Lima said. "Now, they're giving me an opportunity to be a starter and I'm going to take advantage of it. I feel like I have to go out there and prove it to them. But whatever they want me to do, I'll do. I'm not going to complain."

Lima, who blamed his first-inning problems on overthrowing, settled down to work his way out of trouble, escaping a two-out, bases-loaded jam in the fourth by getting Darryl Hamilton to ground out. In the fifth, Lima allowed a leadoff single to Bill Mueller but then induced Barry Bounds to ground into a double play and fanned cleanup hitter Jeff Kent.

"I told myself after that first inning, 'Lima, you've got to pitch better,' " Lima said. "I always try to keep out of big innings and that's what I was able to do. I kept the ball down and got a lot of ground-ball outs."

Colts get assurance Manning's knee is OK

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts left nothing to chance.

With the first pick in the April 18 draft, the Colts are expected to take either Peyton Manning of Tennessee or Ryan Leaf of Washington State. Either would likely be the starting quarterback for what last season was the worst team in the NFL.

First the Colts had to convince themselves they won't be getting damaged goods.

"I know the Colts don't want any surprises," Manning said. "I've said all along my knee's fine. I haven't had any problems with it."

Manning, who was hospitalized before the Orange Bowl with a ruptured bursa sac in his right knee, was cleared by every other team besides the Colts during physicals at the annual Scouting Combine at the RCA Dome in February. He did not participate in any drills at the combine in order to give the knee more time to heal, but he had a private workout for the Colts last week in Knoxville, Tenn.

Source: Odom among those being considered by Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Wake Forest's Dave Odom has joined the list of basketball coaching candidates being considered by the University of Texas, according to a high-ranking university source.

The search, which has included Utah's Rick Majerus, Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson and then centered on Washington coach Bob Bender, was expanded to include Odom on Wednesday, said the source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday, members of the Texas screening committee had focused their attention on Bender.

Longhorns athletic director DeLoss Dodds had indicated he wanted to hire someone by Wednesday, if possible, because it marked the first day of the national signing period for high school recruits.

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BASEBALL

National League At A Glance

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	6	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	3	.571	1
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	1
Florida	1	8	.111	5
Montreal	0	7	.000	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	6	1	.857	—
Chicago	6	2	.750	1/2
St. Louis	5	2	.714	1
Houston	5	4	.556	2
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Cincinnati	3	5	.375	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	6	2	.750	—
San Francisco	5	3	.625	1
Colorado	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	3 1/2
Arizona	2	6	.250	4

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee 6, Montreal 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 12, Colorado 11
Los Angeles 9, Arizona 1
San Francisco 5, Houston 4, 10 innings
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 2, 10 innings
Philadelphia 9, Florida 8, 10 innings
Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 3

Wednesday's Games
Montreal at Milwaukee, ppd., rain
N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 9, Florida 5
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 13, Colorado 9
Houston 6, San Francisco 3
Arizona 3, Los Angeles 0
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 3

Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 1-0) at San Diego (Langston 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 0-1) at Philadelphia (Green 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 0-1) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 1-0) at Colorado (Thompson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Suppan 0-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 1-1) at Montreal (Moore 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 0-1) at Philadelphia (Schilling 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Silva 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-0) at Milwaukee (Juden 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Weathers 1-0) at Colorado (Kile 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 1-0) at Los Angeles (R.Martinez 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Adamson 0-0) at San Diego (Brown 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 1-0) at San Francisco (Darwin 1-0), 10:35 p.m.

American League At A Glance

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	6	1	.857	—
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	2
New York	3	4	.429	3
Toronto	3	4	.429	3
Boston	3	5	.375	3 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	6	1	.857	—
Chicago	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Kansas City	3	4	.429	3
Minnesota	3	4	.429	3
Detroit	2	5	.286	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	5	3	.625	—
Texas	3	3	.500	1
Seattle	3	5	.375	2
Oakland	2	4	.333	2

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 11, Kansas City 7
Minnesota 12, Toronto 2
Anaheim 6, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 13, Seattle 7
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 6, Oakland 5, comp. of susp. game
Oakland 3, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 3
Toronto 9, Minnesota 6
Texas at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain
Anaheim 2, Boston 1
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay (Saunders 0-0) at Detroit (Worrell 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 0-0) at Kansas City (Rapp 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 0-1) at Minnesota (Radke 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Anaheim (Watson 0-1) at Cleveland (Colon 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 0-1) at Boston (Rose 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Drabek 1-0) at Detroit (Keagle 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Morgan 0-0) at Kansas City (Haney 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gorecki 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 1-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-1), 8:35 p.m.

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National Basketball Association At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	53	24	.688	—
New York	42	36	.538	11 1/2
New Jersey	40	38	.526	12 1/2
Orlando	39	38	.506	14
Washington	38	38	.500	14 1/2
Boston	34	42	.447	18 1/2
Philadelphia	30	47	.390	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	69	17	.776	—
y-Indiana	53	23	.697	6
y-Charlotte	47	29	.618	12
y-Atlanta	45	30	.600	13 1/2
Cleveland	43	33	.566	16
Milwaukee	35	42	.455	24 1/2
Detroit	34	43	.442	25 1/2
Toronto	15	61	.197	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	58	18	.763	—
y-San Antonio	52	25	.6756	1/2
y-Minnesota	40	36	.526	18
y-Houston	38	38	.500	20
Dallas	19	58	.247	39 1/2
Vancouver	17	59	.224	41
Denver	9	67	.118	49

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	57	19	.750	—
y-L.A. Lakers	56	20	.737	1
y-Phoenix	51	25	.671	6
y-Portland	43	33	.566	14
Sacramento	27	49	.355	30
Golden State	16	60	.211	41
L.A. Clippers	16	60	.211	41

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 82, Cleveland 80
Atlanta 92, New York 79
Minnesota 92, Miami 89
Chicago 103, Washington 85
Milwaukee 114, Toronto 105
Portland 99, Dallas 91
Houston 104, Denver 87
Vancouver 110, L.A. Clippers 94
Utah 101, Golden State 99
Phoenix 103, Sacramento 97

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey 117, Boston 104
Milwaukee 107, Toronto 100
Philadelphia 109, Charlotte 101
Orlando 95, Detroit 87
New York 83, Miami 80
Utah 98, San Antonio 88
L.A. Lakers 113, Vancouver 102

Thursday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Orlando at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-New Jersey	46	22	9	101	210	152
x-Philadelphia	40	25	11	91	226	178
Washington	36	28	12	84	204	191
N.Y. Islanders	28	38	10	66	200	211
N.Y. Rangers	23	37	18	64	188	220
Florida	23	41	12	58	185	234
Tampa Bay	17	51	9	43	145	250

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Pittsburgh	37	23	17	91	210	177
Montreal	36	30	11	83	224	194
Boston	35	28	13	83	202	180
Buffalo	34	27	15	83	195	171
Ottawa	30	32	14	74	177	188
Carolina	32	36	8	72	187	199

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	44	21	11	99	223	157
x-Detroit	42	20	15	99	235	184
x-St. Louis	41	27	8	90	230	184
Phoenix	31	33	12	74	208	210
Chicago	30	35	12	72	185	187
Toronto	27	41	9	63	179	224

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	37	25	16	90	218	195
Los Angeles	35	30	11	81	213	205
San Jose	32	37	8	72	196	205
Edmonton	31	36	10	72	195	210
Calgary	25	37	14	64	200	228
Vancouver	24	40	13	61	214	261
Anaheim	24	40	12	60	187	241

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games
Phoenix 2, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 4, Ottawa 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Toronto 3, Florida 1
Detroit 5, St. Louis 3
San Jose 6, Calgary 0

Wednesday's Games
Late games not included
Buffalo 3, Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2
Philadelphia 6, Tampa Bay 1
Washington at Dallas, (n)
Edmonton at Anaheim, (n)

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27, and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ART. 2001 et seq. (1998), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on APRIL 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art..2001 et seq. (1998). For room assignment,of the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Unit Petroleum Company for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code 3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) and a density exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative code 3.38 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38)to drill Well No. 1, Rogers "A" Lease, 640 Acres, Section 11, Block M2, H & Gn RR Co. Survey, A-108, Wildcat and Shreikey (Morrow) Fields, Roberts County, being 5 miles northeast from Miami, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:

650' from the south line and 2450' from the east line of lease and survey.

This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 11,300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kelly Ryan, at (918) 493-7700. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, of subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and establishment of the amount of acreage of the applicant;s tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

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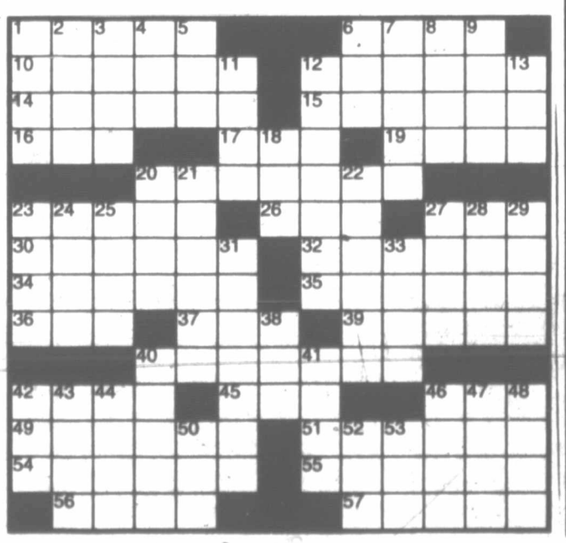
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6 Existence
10 Rootlessness
12 Asian monkey
14 Ripe
15 Correctly, old-style
16 — out (stretch)
17 Builder's site
19 Part of a yard
20 African-style robe
23 Pertaining to birth
26 Dollar bill
27 Singing sound
30 Head garland
32 Engraved
34 Animal's coat
35 Gaseous fuel
36 Parisian season
37 Dancer Miller
39 Countries
40 Joined (plants)
42 Jacob's twin
45 Actor Gulager
46 Apiece
49 Domestic establishment
51 Certain electron tube
54 Sleep noises
55 Ideal place
56 Florida county
57 Ancient chariot

DOWN
1 Dick or Jane
2 Biblical tribe
3 Table d'—
4 Baking pit
5 Russian space station
6 Hearing organ
7 Fiction genre
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9 Reverberate
11 Slippery fishes
12 Afternoon show
13 Baseball player Mel —
18 Cry of surprise
20 School of modern art
21 Fermented liquid
22 Stove sight
23 Back of the neck
24 Dillseed
25 Story
27 Better — ever
28 Rip
29 Fruity drinks
31 Threatens
33 Actor Everett
38 Gridders' grp.
40 Word used after coast or security
41 Dancer's costume
42 Printers' measures
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48 Enjoy a book
50 Golly!
52 Map abbr.
53 Greek island

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Weekend box office:

Sunk! 'Titanic' no longer tops

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) – It took three months to find a movie to stop the record-setting, box-office run of "Titanic." It took "Lost in Space."

The Robinson family's space adventure defeated "Titanic" by nearly $9 million over the weekend, easily claiming the top spot in its debut.

Not that "Titanic" has anything to be ashamed of – it won 11 Oscars, has earned more than $500 million in North America alone and the 15 weeks spent atop the box office charts was the longest stint since studios began publishing weekly tallies in the early 1980s.

The weekend's other new film in wide release, the Bruce Willis thriller "Mercury Rising," finished third with $10.1 million.

Playing in limited release and with few nighttime showings, "Barney's Great Adventure" finished in 11th place. And in only a handful of cities, "The Butcher Boy" and "Spanish Prisoner" did well in their debuts.

"Grease" was relatively popular in its second weekend, but "Primary Colors" dropped 33 percent from a week ago. "Meet the Deedles" and "Ride" collapsed in their second weekends.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data:

1. "Lost in Space," New Line, $20.2 million, 3,306 locations, $6,096 average, $20.2 million, one week.
2. "Titanic," Paramount, $11.5 million, 3,265 locations, $3,532 average, $530.4 million, 16 weeks.
3. "Mercury Rising," Universal, $10.1 million, 2,386 locations, $4,235 average, $10.1 million, one week.
4. "Grease," Paramount, $5.5 million, 2,064 locations, $2,649 average, $20.1 million, two weeks.
5. "Primary Colors," Universal, $4.7 million, 1,976 locations, $2,380 average, $28.9 million, three weeks.
6. "Wild Things," Sony, $3.6 million, 1,981 locations, $1,826 average, $23.6 million, three weeks.
7. "The Man in the Iron Mask," MGM, $3.5 million, 2,504 locations, $1,401 average, $49 million, four weeks.
8. "As Good as It Gets," Sony, $3.3 million, 1,556 locations, $2,140 average, $136.4 million, 15 weeks.
9. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax, $3.2 million, 1,576 locations, $2,011 average, $126 million, 18 weeks.
10. "The Newton Boys," Fox, $2.3 million, 1,969 locations, $1,170 average, $7.6 million, two weeks.
11. "Barney's Great Adventure," Polygram, $2.2 million, 540 locations, $4,081 average, $2.6 million, 1 1/2 weeks.
12. "U.S. Marshals," Warner Bros., $2.18 million, 1,979 locations, $1,102 average, $52.9 million, five weeks.
13. "Ride," Miramax, $1.4 million, 509 locations, $2,775 average, $4.5 million, two weeks.
14. "The Wedding Singer," New Line, $1.2 million, 1,026 locations, $1,148 average, $72.9 million, eight weeks.
15. "L.A. Confidential," Warner Bros., $1.1 million, 643 locations, $1,654 average, $61.2 million, 29 weeks.
16. "Mr. Nice Guy," New Line, $961,000, 1,091 locations, $881 average, $11 million, three weeks.
17. "Meet the Deedles," Disney, $948,000, 1,763 locations, $538 average, $3.4 million, two weeks.
18. "Everest," MacGillivray, $814,000, 30 locations, $27,146 average, $4.9 million, five weeks.
19. "The Apostle," October, $560,000, 488 locations, $1,147 average, $18.7 million, 16 weeks.
20. "The Big Lebowski," Gramercy, $486,000, 356 locations, $1,364 average, $16 million, five weeks.

Box office
Top weekend movies
Weekend of April 3-5, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
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Titanic — $530.4, 16 weeks, 3,265 screens	$11.5
Mercury Rising — $10.1, one week, 2,386 screens	$10.1
Grease — $20.1, two weeks, 2,064 screens	$5.5
Primary Colors — $28.9, three weeks, 1,976 screens	$4.7
Wild Things — $23.6, three weeks, 1,981 screens	$3.6
The Man in the Iron Mask — $49.0, four weeks, 2,504 screens	$3.5
As Good as It Gets — $136.4, 15 weeks, 1,556 screens	$3.3
Good Will Hunting — $126.0, 18 weeks, 1,576 screens	$3.2
The Newton Boys — $7.6, two weeks, 1,969 screens	$2.3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

Nation briefs

Hospital worker now claims he made story up because wanted to die

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former hospital worker who told police he hastened the deaths of up to 50 patients now says he made the story up in hopes of getting the death penalty because he wanted to die.

Skeptical authorities aren't dropping the investigation, though.

"I wanted the system to do to me what I couldn't do to me," Efren Saldivar, 28, told the ABC-TV news show "20/20," according to a network news release Wednesday. "I was looking to die, ... but I didn't have the courage."

No charges have been filed and Saldivar remains free, but police have opened a wide-ranging investigation to find evidence to corroborate his original claim that he killed patients over several years while working as a respiratory therapist at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Dog owners frothing over Kennel Club's slight to popular breeds

NEW YORK (AP) — For almost 70 years, the American Kennel Club's "The Complete Dog Book" has been considered the bible for dog lovers.

But the venerable Kennel Club is recalling the book's latest edition amid howls from pet owners who objected to its descriptions of some of the nation's most popular dogs — including Scotties, Dalmations, dachshunds and 37 other breeds — as unsuitable for children.

Some breeds with more dangerous reputations, like the American pit bull and the Doberman pinscher, were listed as good with children. And in some places, the book's "not good for children" lists don't jibe with remarks about which breeds make good family pets.

Within days of the new edition's release, breeders and owners complained that the new classifications were unfair and uninformed.

The Kennel Club reacted as if it had been caught sleeping on the furniture, apologizing for the unintentional errors in the $33 book and announcing a recall of the entire 30,000 first printing of the book that has sold 2 million copies since 1929.

Couple charged with chaining son to bed at night to keep him home

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — At least a dozen times, a couple's 18-year-old, emotionally disturbed son would sneak off at night and stay away for days, turning up with drunks or drug addicts.

So they chained him to his bed at night, bolted his door shut and put plywood over his windows.

On Tuesday, after the teen-ager complained at his high school, police arrested his parents and charged them with false imprisonment.

"I'm trying to be a good parent. What we did was probably wrong, but we were trying to keep our son safe," Ann Workman, 35, said Wednesday.

"I did what's best for my family so we all could get some sleep at night, so we wouldn't get a call from police at 4 a.m. saying my son's in Springfield with the drug addicts."

She and her husband, Robert Workman, 71, were released after each posted $25,000 bond.

Their son, Nicholas Peace, who authorities said functions at no more than a 6th-grade level, said his parents should go to jail.

"I'm 18 years old, and I'm allowed to be out of the house if I want. I felt like an animal chained up," he said.

Later, however, he told a state caseworker he wanted to stay with his parents.

"They went about it the wrong way, but it's not like Nick was being tortured in a torture chamber. Their intentions were to keep Nick off the streets and safe," said Terry White, who runs the high school's program for disturbed children.

New York police sergeant alleges cover-up in beating inquiry

NEW YORK (AP) — A police sergeant alleges in a federal lawsuit that his commanders urged him to conceal evidence when two detectives were investigated in the beating of a man in 1994.

Sgt. Gil Q. Alvarez, a prosecutor in the New York Police Department's office, says he was demoted for criticizing the department's handling of the beating allegations.

Alvarez, 36, also claims police officials "intentionally undercharge officers accused of serious acts of misconduct and brutality so as to avoid the officers' dismissal from the NYPD."

Alvarez's suit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. It seeks unspecified damages and a restraining order against the department.

According to the complaint, Alvarez, a 15-year veteran, was stripped of his position, in which he trained other departmental prosecutors, after he objected to the department's decision to reduce brutality charges against the detectives.

In that case, Alvarez brought photographs of the unidentified man, taken in November 1994, to the medical examiner. The photos showed the man, who had been in police custody, with blackened eyes that were nearly swollen shut, and Alvarez asked experts if such injuries could have happened accidentally as the arresting detectives had said.

Scientists offer guidelines for teaching evolution, say theory should be mandatory part of education

WASHINGTON (AP) – Evolution must be taught in public schools if children are to understand biology at all, a panel of scientists and educators said today.

"There is no debate within the scientific community over whether evolution has occurred, and there is no evidence that evolution has not occurred," the National Academy of Sciences asserted in a guidebook aimed at keeping the subject from being watered down or eliminated from the classroom.

It says that understanding evolutionary change is essential to understanding vital processes, such as how bacteria become resistant to antibiotics.

How to go about teaching evolution has plagued education in this country since the 1920s, when John Scopes was convicted of violating a Tennessee law against teaching any account of the creation except the biblical version. The Supreme Court ruled in 1987 that schools cannot teach creationism.

"Many students receive little or no exposure to the most important concept in modern biology," said the National Academy of Sciences guidebook, intended for teachers, parents, school administrators and policy makers.

Just to show how touchy the issue is, the Arizona Board of Education dropped the word "evolution" from its 1996 science standards, although they call for students to learn "how organisms change over time in terms of biological adaptation and genetics." Scientists protested the omission, and a committee will study the question this year.

The North Carolina House last year passed a bill requiring that evolution be presented as theory, not fact. And a Christian publisher in Richardson, Texas, Jon Buell, says he's been getting plenty of orders for a biology textbook, "Of Pandas and People," presenting the view that the world is the way it is by design – a term that critics say is a code word for creationism.

> *"It says that understanding evolutionary change is essential to understanding vital processes ..."*

Moreover, a number of university scholars, including law professor Phillip E. Johnson of the University of California at Berkeley and biochemist Michael Behe of Lehigh University, have published books and articles challenging evolution. Critics suggest that creation is so complex, starting with the molecular structure of cells, that there had to have been a purpose.

"Our contention is that there is reasonable evidence of intelligent design," said Raymond G. Bohlin, who holds a doctorate in molecular biology and heads the Probe Ministries, based in Richardson, Texas.

But the panel says that the "scientific consensus around evolution is overwhelming." Without mentioning names, it says opponents of teaching evolution quote prominent scientists out of context to claim that scientists do not support evolution.

Among the points raised in the guidebook:

—People can still believe in God and accept evolution. "Religion and science answer different questions about the world," it says.

—Less than one-half of American adults believe humans evolved from earlier species, according to one survey. Another found that more than half wanted creationism taught. "But there are thousands of different ideas about creation among the world's people" and the study of comparative religions does not belong in a science class, the book says.

— Children should not be penalized for not believing in evolution, but they should be graded on their understanding of the basic ideas of evolution. "It is quite possible to comprehend things that are not believed," the guidebook says.

— And, to set the record straight, "Humans did not evolve from modern apes, but humans and modern apes shared a common ancestor, a species that no longer exists."

The guidebook also explains that theory in the scientific sense — an explanation that has been well-substantiated — is different from the everyday explanation — a guess or hunch.

But that helps get some teachers off the hook.

"Just this year a parent asked me if I was teaching evolution as a theory or as a fact," said Elizabeth Carvellas, a biology teacher in Essex Junction, Vt. "I explained that I taught it as theory. That seemed to settle that problem."

Rep. Mac Thornberry posts 'Tax Season Survival Kit' on Internet

WASHINGTON – With April 15 just around the corner, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) recently posted a link on his website designed to answer some questions about the current tax system and provide some assistance to people as the income tax filing deadline approaches.

The link is called the "Tax Season Survival Kit." Designed by the House Majority Leader's office, the link contains some general – and sometimes lighthearted – information about the current tax system and the burden it places on the American people. Also included is background on two of the main tax reform proposals being discussed as alternatives to the current system – the flat tax, and the national sales tax.

In addition, the "Tax Season Survival Kit" contains a link where people can view and – if they want – download IRS forms and a copy of the tax code for themselves.

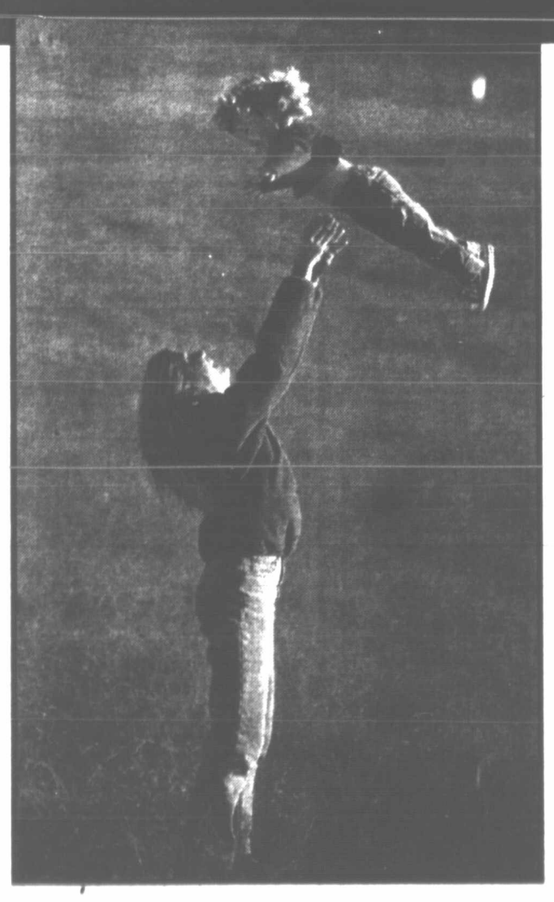
Thornberry said he hopes that people find the site of some use.

"People are hard-pressed enough this time of year getting their taxes done and all," Thornberry said. "But if they do have some spare time, and do have an interest in changing the current tax system and replacing it with something else, they may want to check out this site and see what it contains. Besides having some information about the tax system which people might find surprising, it also contains a link to federal tax forms which people can use."

"Either way, I think it contains some interesting information which is of particular relevance with April 15th just around the corner."

The "Tax Season Survival Kit" can be accessed by visiting Thornberry's website, located on the Internet at http://www.house.gov/thornberry/. Those without access to the Internet can obtain copies of the kit by contacting Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515. The phone number is (202) 225-3706.

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