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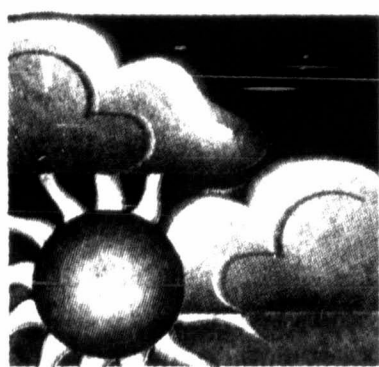
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details.

PAMPA — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry will be in Pampa this evening to hold one of three town hall meetings he has scheduled in the area this weekend.

Thornberry will be at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, at 6:30 p.m. today to provide a legislative update on such issues as the budget and taxes.

He will be in Canadian at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Boatmen's Bank, 115 N. Main, and in Wheeler at 2 p.m. at Maxey's Steak House, Highway 83 South.

LEFORS — The Lefors PTO will sponsor a roast beef dinner on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Lefors Cafeteria.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under and senior citizens.

PAMPA — Two Pampa Middle School bands will travel to Amarillo Tuesday to compete in UIL concert and sight reading contests.

The Red Band performs at 9:50 a.m. The Blue Band performs at 2:50 p.m.

All competition will be at the Amarillo Civic Center.

LEFORS — The Lefors school district will hold a kindergarten roundup on Thursday, April 24, at the Lefors Elementary School.

Children with last names beginning with A-L should pre-enroll from 1-2 p.m. and M-Z should register from 2-3 p.m. Parents should bring the children's birth certificates, Social Security cards and immunization records.

PAMPA — The city Sanitation Department will once again begin curbside grass pickups for the summer and fall months.

The pickups will begin May 5 and last until Oct. 31. Routes and days of pickup are as follows:

Ward 1 — which includes residents from Willow Road south to Kentucky, from 23rd Street south to Kentucky and Hobart Street west to Lynn Street — will be picked up on Mondays.

Ward 2 — which includes residents from 32nd Street south to Harvester, from Seminole west to Hamilton and from Harvester south to Central Park between Mary Ellen and Red Deer Creek — will be picked up on Tuesdays.

Ward 3 — which includes residents from Harvester south to McCullough and from Tignor Street west to Cuyler — will be picked up on Wednesdays.

Ward 4 — which includes residents from Kentucky south to McCullough and from Cuyler west to Rider Street — will be picked up on Thursdays.

All grass clippings must be bagged and on the curb for pick up.

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President OKs reorganization for agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has approved a post-Cold War reorganization of federal agencies, a decision that may help satisfy Republicans who have used the issue in tying up administration foreign affairs moves.

The overhaul, ending the independence of the U.S. Arms Control Agency that for four decades led the drive to cut nuclear arsenals, has long been sought by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Clinton's decision came the same day that Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave up his opposition to a vote on a treaty to ban chemical weapons. The Senate on Thursday scheduled a vote for next week, with Helms still insisting on changes the administration says would kill ratification.

Helms has sought the reorganization for years as a means to shave bureaucracies and decrease U.S. government spending overseas. He had demanded the reorganization as a condition

for letting the chemical weapons treaty come to a Senate vote.

At the White House today, press secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton's decision on the reorganization did not automatically mean the treaty would be ratified. "We do not draw that linkage directly," he said.

The arms control agency, along with the U.S. Information Agency would be folded into the State Department. That would eliminate the independent voice and direct access to the White House of both, officials said Thursday speaking on the condition of anonymity.

An agency that distributes U.S. foreign aid to other countries also would be more closely aligned with the State Department but would remain somewhat independent. Instead of reporting directly to Clinton, the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development would report to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, officials said.

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Teaching kids to save



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Rosa Cenicerros, from the National Bank of Commerce, leads an instructional period to teach the elementary students about banking, saving and federal money printing Thursday at Baker Elementary School. Employees from NBC spoke to fourth and fifth graders at the school as part of the National Teach Children to Save Day program sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation.

Area cities schedule elections for mayor, city council positions

City elections will be held in Lefors, Groom, McLean, Mobeetie and White Deer while other cities have sidestepped their elections because of unopposed candidates.

Elections in each city will be held May 3. The candidates for each election are as follows:

In Lefors there are three council seats open with nine candidates. Those filing for election are Ken Purvis, Ben Watson and Danny Gilbert (all incumbents). Others filing against the incumbents are Butch Murray, Liz Flores, Lindy Forsyth, Pat Lee, Craig Harkcom and Homer Caston. The three council seats will be filled by those candidates receiving the top three

number of votes.

In Groom mayoral candidate Joe Homer is running unopposed. However, there are four candidates — Jack Barnett, Jimmy Britten, Mary Margaret Brooks and Diane Bruso — in contention for two alderman positions. Two candidates — Ellis Stapp and Nellie Painter — are running to fill a one-year unexpired alderman position.

In McLean, Charles McClendon is running unopposed for mayor, and Gordon Shepler, Ford Smith Jr. and incumbent Gary Jackson are running to fill two alderman positions. Those with the top two number of votes will fill the alderman seats.

In Mobeetie, only one candidate,

Dale Corcoran, is running for mayor. In position one on the city council, both incumbent Wanda Estes and Tommy Forbes have filed. Ray Forbes is running unopposed for position two on the city council.

In White Deer, four residents have filed to fill three council positions. Incumbents Dean Wyatt and Tommy West will be running against newcomers Rex McKay and Carl Mynear. Those with the top three number of votes will fill the council positions.

Other cities in the area — Miami, Shamrock, Skellytown and Wheeler — will not be holding elections as their candidates are unopposed.

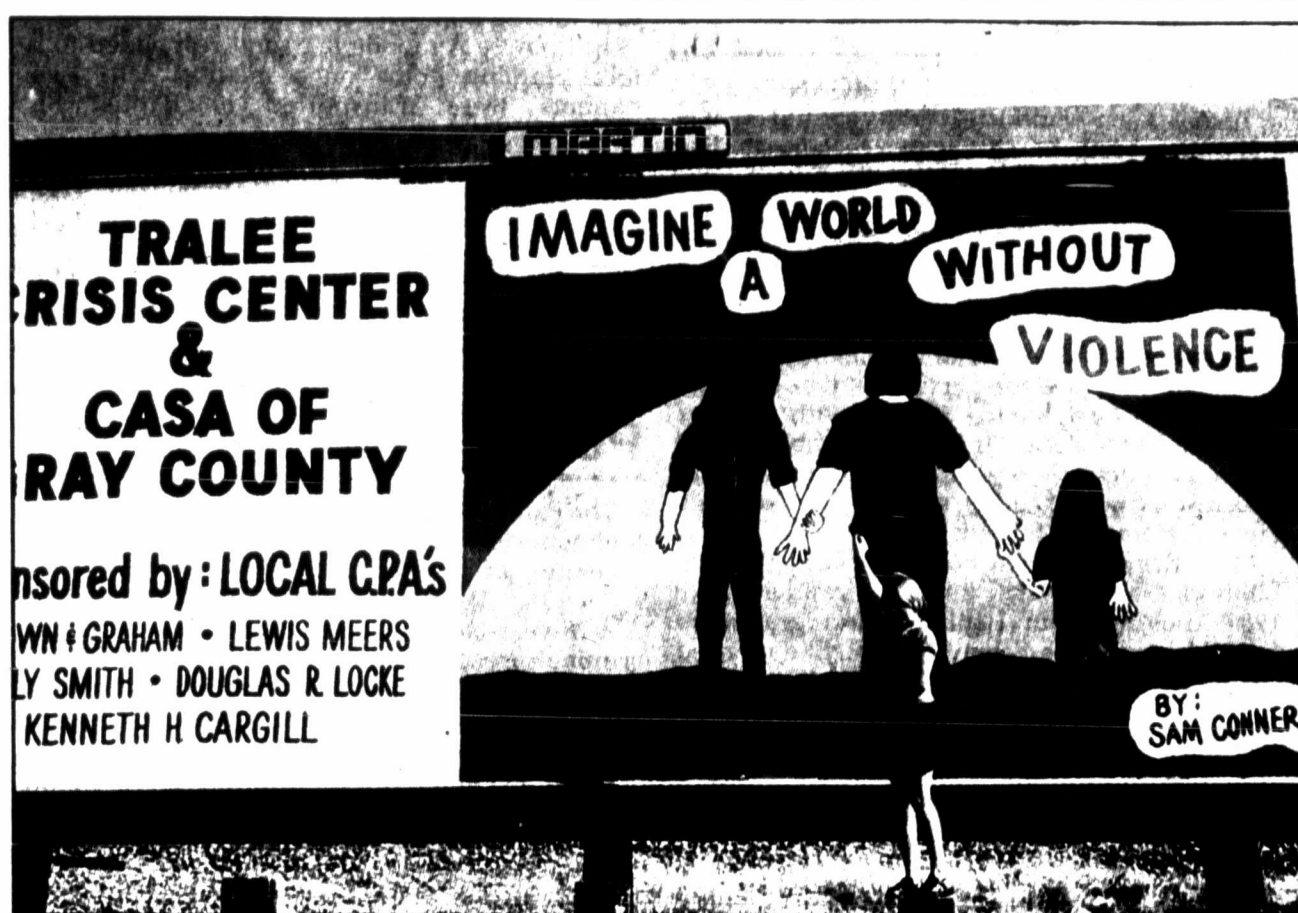
In Miami, Gene Hodges has been

appointed mayor and Raymond Bryant and Joe Seuchs have been appointed to fill the two vacant city council seats. All three candidates are incumbents.

In Shamrock, all three incumbents, Toby Brooks, F.C. Hilburn and Richard Kincannon, have been reappointed to their council seats.

In Skellytown, incumbent Mike Tice was reappointed to the council. Newcomer Johnny Doan was also appointed to a council seat and former council member Ralph Tice was appointed mayor.

In Wheeler, all three incumbents, Barbara Koelzer, Walter Simmons and Mark Frankenbery, have been reappointed to their council seats.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Travis Elementary School fifth grader Samantha Conner admires the larger than life size replica of her 1996 winning poster displayed on the billboard at the Santa Fe overpass on South Cuyler Street.

Billboard highlights winning design in poster contest for Tralee, CASA

Motorists along South Cuyler should take special note of the new colorful billboard at the Santa Fe underpass.

The billboard is an enlargement of last year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victim's Rights Week coloring contest, sponsored by Tralee and CASA of Gray County.

Samantha Conner, a fifth grader from Austin Elementary School, designed the poster titled "Imagine a World Without Violence" while in the fourth grade.

This year, participating students were given the theme

"Listen to the Children, Stop the Violence." The winners of this year's contest, from all grade levels, will have their posters displayed in the courthouse until next year when the overall winner will be placed on the billboard.

The overall winner of the 1997 contest was Miranda Woodruff, a third grader from Travis Elementary. This poster will be displayed next year on the billboard.

The 1997 contest winners and their respective schools were: third grade winner's first and first overall, Mirand woodruff, Travis; second, Marcus Dudley,

Austin; and third, Lindsey Rhoades, Austin. Fourth grade winners: first and second overall, Greg Steele, Austin; second, Marisela Kamacho, Baker; and third, Kaysi Knight, Austin. Fifth grade winners: first and third overall, Nikki Brown, Austin; second, Chelsea Lusk, Travis; and third, Anna Johnson, Austin.

Local CPAs Brown & Graham, Kenneth H. Cargill, Douglas R. Locke, Lewis Meers and Billy Smith sponsored this year's billboard. McDonald's, Putt-A-Round, Block Buster and Hoechst Celanese provided prizes to the top three winners in each grade level.

Law officers continue warrant roundup

A combined effort of the Pampa Police Department and the Gray County Sheriff's Office resulted in 22 arrests and 51 warrants being served on the first day of a county-wide warrant sweep.

This is an effort by both law enforcement agencies to remove the backlog of warrants in Gray County.

The following people were arrested on Thursday, April 17:

Charlie Edward Broadbent, 39, 312 N. Ward, was arrested on one municipal warrant. He paid the fine and was released.

John Franklin Ellis, 18, 210 N. Gillespie, was arrested on three municipal warrants. He paid the fines and was released.

Courtney Nickleberry, 27, 1036 Varron Dr., was arrested on warrants for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and no driver's license, all from Randall County. She remains in custody.

Clarence Reed Jr., 21, 1036 Varron Dr., was arrested on two municipal warrants. He was sentenced to community service.

William Dane Clark, 33, Lefors, was arrested on municipal warrants, public intoxication and failure to appear. He was sentenced community service.

Clinton Michael Oldham, 19, Lefors, was arrested on two municipal warrants and failure to appear. He remains in custody.

Amparo Moreno Ortega, 36, 807 E. Crane, was arrested on warrants for simple assault and failure to appear. He bonded out.

Otis A. Lee, 78, 112 Craven, was arrested on a warrant for issuance of bad checks. He remains in custody.

Ronnie L. Atkinson, 27, 400 E. Foster, was arrested on a parole warrant. He remains in custody.

James A. Seludcoe, 1301 W. Somerville, was arrested on warrants for probation violations, assault causing injury and possession of marijuana. He remains in custody.

Sande Russell Smolin, 26, 715 N. Frost, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants. He was sentenced to community service.

Mark Applegate, 28, 331 Davis, was arrested on a warrant for

theft by check from Hockley County. He was released on bond.

Patrick Lee Edwards, 23, 1164 Varnon Dr., was arrested on warrants for attempted murder and probation violations. He remains in custody.

Robert Joe Brown, 37, 511 N. Oklahoma, was arrested on warrants for disregarding a barricade, no driver's license and failure to appear. He remains in custody.

Larry Gene Ragan, 21, 1032 E. Francis, was arrested on warrants for improper restraint, no rabies vaccinations and two municipal warrants. He remains in custody.

Esmeralda M. Ortega, 17, 807 E. Craven, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, no insurance and failure to appear. She remains in custody.

Tandra Wilbon, 27, 1127 Neel Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft by check. She remains in custody.

Brent Bradford 34, Abilene, was arrested on 21capias pro fines warrants. He remains in custody.

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Services tomorrow

MORGAN, Leslie Meloy Sr. — 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.
REYNOLDS, Sherrie Renee — 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.
SAUNDERS, Janis K. — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SAY, Margaret Chandler — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

TANNER GLEN MULLICAN

Tanner Glen Mullican, eight-year-old son of Jerry and Michelle Mullican of Pampa, died Friday, April 18, 1997, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

SHERI RENEE REYNOLDS

McLEAN — Sheri Renee Reynolds, 20, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Quenton Newton, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Reynolds was born July 28, 1976, at Lubbock. She had been a McLean resident since 1988, moving from Lubbock, and graduated from McLean High School in 1994. She married Clay Reynolds on Aug. 11, 1995, at McLean. She was a homemaker, a mother and a member of the Assembly of God Church in McLean.

Survivors include her husband, Clay, of the home; a son, Mason Reynolds; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Jasper of McLean; a sister, Holly Jasper of McLean; a brother, Rickie Jasper Jr. of McLean; her maternal grandparent's, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hindman of McLean; and a paternal grandmother, Esther May Jasper of Roswell, N.M.; paternal great-grandmother, Pearl Lerner of McLean.

BRODY RAY WATERS

Brody Ray Waters, two-week-old son of Monty Ray and Crystal Waters of Pampa, died Friday, April 18, 1997, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include his parents; his paternal grandparents, Speck and Cheryl Waters of Pampa; his maternal grandparents, Harold Gideon of Amarillo and Trudy Lundahl of Pueblo, Colo.; his paternal great-grandmother, Maude Wheeler of Pampa; an uncle, Roy Waters of Pampa; and an aunt and uncle, Tena and Mike Martin of Canyon.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

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

CLEAN AIR AL-AATEEN

Clean Air Al-Aateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

MOBILE MEALS

The Southside Senior Citizens Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, April 19, will be tuna casserole, spinach, stewed tomatoes, rolls and banana pudding.

WEST TEXAS SINGLES

The West Texas Singles will have a dance on Saturday, April 19, at the Buena Vista Community Hall with a potluck supper at 7 p.m. followed by the dance at 8 p.m. with a live band. Admission is \$5. No smoking and no alcohol permitted.

HILAND CHURCH YOUTH MEXICAN FOOD DINNER

The Hiland Pentecostal Holiness Church Youth Group will be having a Mexican food dinner from 5-8 p.m. today at the fellowship hall at 18th and banks. Menu is enchiladas, rice, beans, picante, sauce, chips, tossed salad, dessert and tea. Carry-outs available. Adults, \$5; children under 12, \$2; children under 3 eat free. Proceeds benefit Youth Group trip.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, April 17

10:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a residence.

10:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

2:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a nursing home in Panhandle.

4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical call. Two patients were transported to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

7:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Grape on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

9:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Murphy on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, April 17

A 28-year-old female reported an assault and a criminal trespass in the 700 block of South Barnes. Minor injuries were reported.

A theft of undetermined items was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

An assault and domestic violence was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Arrests

Due to the warrant sweep being conducted by the Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office, all arrests are listed separately.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, April 17

Deputies responded to Gray County Road N and 30 for a vandalism report.

Deputies responded to the Allsup's at Price Road and Hwy. 152 for a theft report.

Arrests

Due to the warrant sweep being conducted by Gray County Sheriff's officers and Pampa police, all arrests are listed separately.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, April 17

7:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Grape for a medical assist.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	4.57	Chevron	64 5/8 up 1/8
Milo	4.41	Coca-Cola	58 7/8 up 3/8
Corn	5.08	Columbia/HCA	36 1/4 up 3/4
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.			
Occidental	22 5/8 up 1/8	Enron	37 1/8 up 7/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.			
Magellan	80.56	Halliburton	68 up 7/8
Puritan	17.47	Ingersoll Rand	46 1/8 dn 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Amoco	80 5/8 up 1/2	KNE	37 1/8 up 1/8
Arco	130 1/4 up 1/2	Kerr-McGee	58 up 1/2
Cabot	24 5/8 up 1/8	Limited	17 3/4 dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	15 7/8 NC	Mapco	29 1/4 dn 1/8
		McDonald's	49 7/8 NC
		Mobile	124 1/2 up 1 7/8
		New Atmos	24 1/8 up 3/8
		Parker & Parsley	30 1/2 up 1/4
		Penney's	46 1/2 up 1/8
		Phillips	38 1/4 up 3/4
		SLB	106 1/2 up 1 1/8
		SPS	36 1/4 up 1/8
		Tenneco	39 3/4 dn 3/8
		Texaco	103 3/8 up 1 5/8
		Ultramar	30 5/8 dn 1/4
		Wal-Mart	28 up 1/8
		New York Gold	341.90
		Silver	4.67
		West Texas Crude	19.32

Emergency numbers

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

Colorado concerned after unusual events

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's trial, a missing warplane and a mysterious threat against the nation's air defense agency have created an air of cautious concern across much of Colorado.

Many residents are wondering what to make of the three unusual, unrelated events as Saturday's anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and the Waco, Texas, raid approaches.

"It seems a funny coincidence that it all happens at once," said Marilyn Winders of Montrose, who was in Denver for a weekend visit. "You kind of wonder if it's all tied together."

Denver Police Sgt. Mark Lewis said the anniversary date has triggered speculation, but he does not believe the events are linked.

"It's probably coincidence, but yet, it's all coming on a certain weekend and that's what makes it look like they're connected," he said. "We don't think so."

On Thursday, security intensi-

fied at the federal courthouse here, where McVeigh is on trial in the April 1995 bombing.

Police patrols were more frequent, both on foot and in vehicles. U.S. marshals escorted prosecutors from their office down the street to the courthouse door.

"We're at increased awareness. That (courthouse) building is at the highest security and is above the national standards for top security for federal building with civilian employees," said Polly Baca, regional administrator of the General Services Administration.

McVeigh, 28, is charged with detonating a bomb in a rental truck outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building two years ago. The blast killed 168 people, injured more than 500 others and destroyed the nine-story building.

Authorities believe McVeigh's motive was to retaliate against the government for the 1993 Waco raid, which killed 81 peo-

ple. He has pleaded innocent.

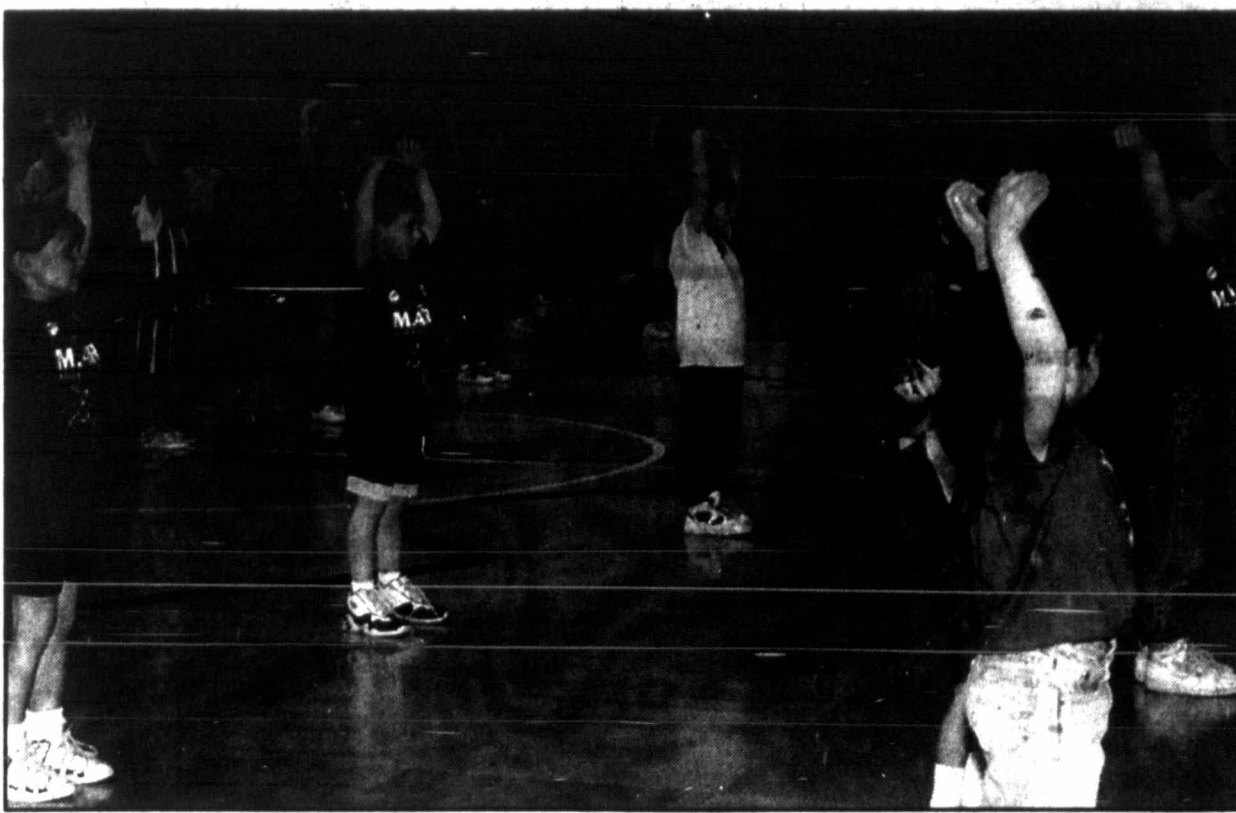
Since McVeigh's trial began March 31, the courthouse has become a fortress, surrounded by concrete barriers and patrolling officers. Small, metal fences have been installed to funnel pedestrian traffic along main sidewalks.

Baca said security employees will be the only occupants of the federal buildings downtown and the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Air Force crews continued to search Thursday for an A-10 Thunderbolt piloted by Capt. Craig Button that vanished April 2 while on a training mission in Arizona.

At Colorado Springs, authorities tightened security at the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which houses air defense facilities for the United States and Canada, on Wednesday because of an unspecified security threat.

Horace Mann Family Night



(Pampa News photo by Dianne F. Dandridge)

The bold blue and gold colors of Horace Mann Elementary School shined nearly as bright as the students themselves as each grade performed increasingly difficult dance routines for their parents Thursday night. The students performed to such songs as "Respect," "YMCA" and "Hot, Hot, Hot." Family night ended with Principal Tom Lindsey performing the Macarena with the entire student body.

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Agencies

The reorganization must be approved by Congress to take effect.

A similar proposal was considered during Clinton's first term but was rejected after interest groups associated with each agency protested.

Abolishing the arms control agency would take about a year, with its experts transferring to the State Department and its senior officials reporting to Albright, one official said.

Moving the U.S. Information Agency and its Voice of

America into the State Department would take about two years, the official said.

Ever since its formation, the small but energetic Arms Control Agency has struggled to fight off conservative critics who were suspicious of its mission. In promoting disarmament, conservatives said, the agency too often was willing to reduce the capability of the United States to use nuclear weapons as a deterrent to a Soviet attack.

Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher was at first receptive to the idea of folding the three agencies into the State Department

during Clinton's first term but finally shied away from it. Albright, his successor, renewed the administration's interest after her appointment in January.

Jack Mendelsohn, a retired senior foreign service officer and deputy director of the private Arms Control Association, said the consolidation would strip each agency of its voice and diminish U.S. public diplomacy abroad.

"It's an invitation to cut the budgets of the agencies, and these agencies will in turn starve those functions they find least interesting or important," he said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, generally fair with a low near 50. Southerly winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high near 80 and a slight chance of evening thundershowers. Thursday's high was 72; the overnight low was 51.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from low 40s to near 50. Saturday, partly cloudy with highs from mid 70s to around 80. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from near 50 to mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs from mid 70s to low 80s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of thundershowers south and west, slight chance elsewhere. Lows 53 to 59. Saturday, decreasing cloudiness

west. Mostly cloudy central and east with a chance of thundershowers southeast, a slight chance of thundershowers elsewhere. Highs 73 southeast to 82 west.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers and a few thundershowers. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Saturday, decreasing clouds and warmer with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers. Highs in the 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thundershowers. Lows near 60 inland to the 60s coast. Saturday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thundershowers. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thundershowers. Lows in the 60s to near 60 inland. Saturday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and

thundershowers. Highs in the 70s coast to near 80 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, isolated to widely scattered early evening showers and thundershowers, then skies becoming fair. Lows mid 20s to 30s mountains and northwest with mid 30s to 40s elsewhere. Saturday, fair skies in the morning. Partly cloudy during the afternoon with isolated showers and thundershowers near the mountains. Highs mid 50s to near 70 mountains with 70s to low 80s lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Widely scattered showers and thundershowers mainly north central region. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thundershowers. Highs around 80.

City briefs

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KATCH-UM BAIT Shop 665-4732, west on Hwy. 60. Water Dogs. Adv.

ACT 1 presents "God's Favorite" April 18, 19, 25 and 26th, 7:30 p.m. in the theatre at Pampa Mall. Also Sunday Matinee April 20th. Reservations call 665-3710. Adv.

PLANT SALE by 20th Century Club. Our outdoor and indoor plants and cuttings. 2015 Charles. Saturday, 9-3. Adv.

TRALEE RESALE Shop - 308 S. Cuyler, End of the Month Clearance. \$1 Bag Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Monday. Adv.

B&B FLEA Market 915 W. Wilks, 665-4303. Good selection of used appliances, sofas, sleepers, TVs, and collectables. We buy used furniture. Adv.

PERM SALE at Julie's Family Haircare will run until April 30th. Call us for an appointment, 665-1190. We also do men's and children's hair. Come see us! Adv.

JUST ARRIVED: Candles, room sprays, angelic fragrance hand cream, picture frames, acid free Mrs. Grossman's stickers and lots of new gift ideas at Celebrations, 1617 N. Hobart, 665-3100. We deliver. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, turkey and dressing, chicken fried steak, cobbler. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

GOLF CLUBS - Ping ISI-K Black Dot, 2 months old. 2 thru Sandwedge. \$600 or best offer. 665-8000. Adv.

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES Come see what Granny had packed away for years. Granny Had One, 1337 N. Banks. Saturday 10-5. Adv.

RED BARN Sale, herb plants, mints, thymes (wooley, silver, creeping) lavender, golden oregano, rosemary, scarlet, much more. 10 a.m. Saturday. 1414 S. Barnes. Adv.

KITCHENS, BATHS, cabinets, tops reface, marble. We update. Gray's Decorating. Adv.

WE SURVIVED the freeze! Our plants are blooming and need your home. New shipment of trees, shrubs and Rugosa roses. Hanging baskets, dish gardens, garden ornaments, stepping stones. Watson's Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

MOTHER'S RINGS, Crystal Kids necklaces - order now for Mother's Day, May 11th, Rhea's Diamond Shop. Adv.

TOP O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk For Life, April 26, Central Park, 9 a.m. Adv.

HOME DELIVERY. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carriers. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period. For your protection make checks payable to The Pampa News.

NEED SNOW Cone Fl. rors? Call M & H Leasing at 665-1841. http://www.cctx.com/mh. Adv.

NATIONAL SECRETARIE'S Week starts Monday! Remember your special secretary with a gift basket, blooming plant, balloon bouquet or a dish garden. Call Celebrations 665-3100. We deliver. 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

1979 FORD Courier, good shape, new tires. 665-0234. Adv.

REMEMBER YOUR Secretary with a gift basket of Camille Beckman products from All Its Charm, 109 W. Foster. Adv.

GRADUATION MONOGRAMING: The Stitches' Barn has hanger, tote bags and shaving kits in school colors, large laundry bags and towel wraps. Bring us your letter jackets, bath and beach towels, robes, etc. 669-3543 (located in Walnut Creek). Adv.

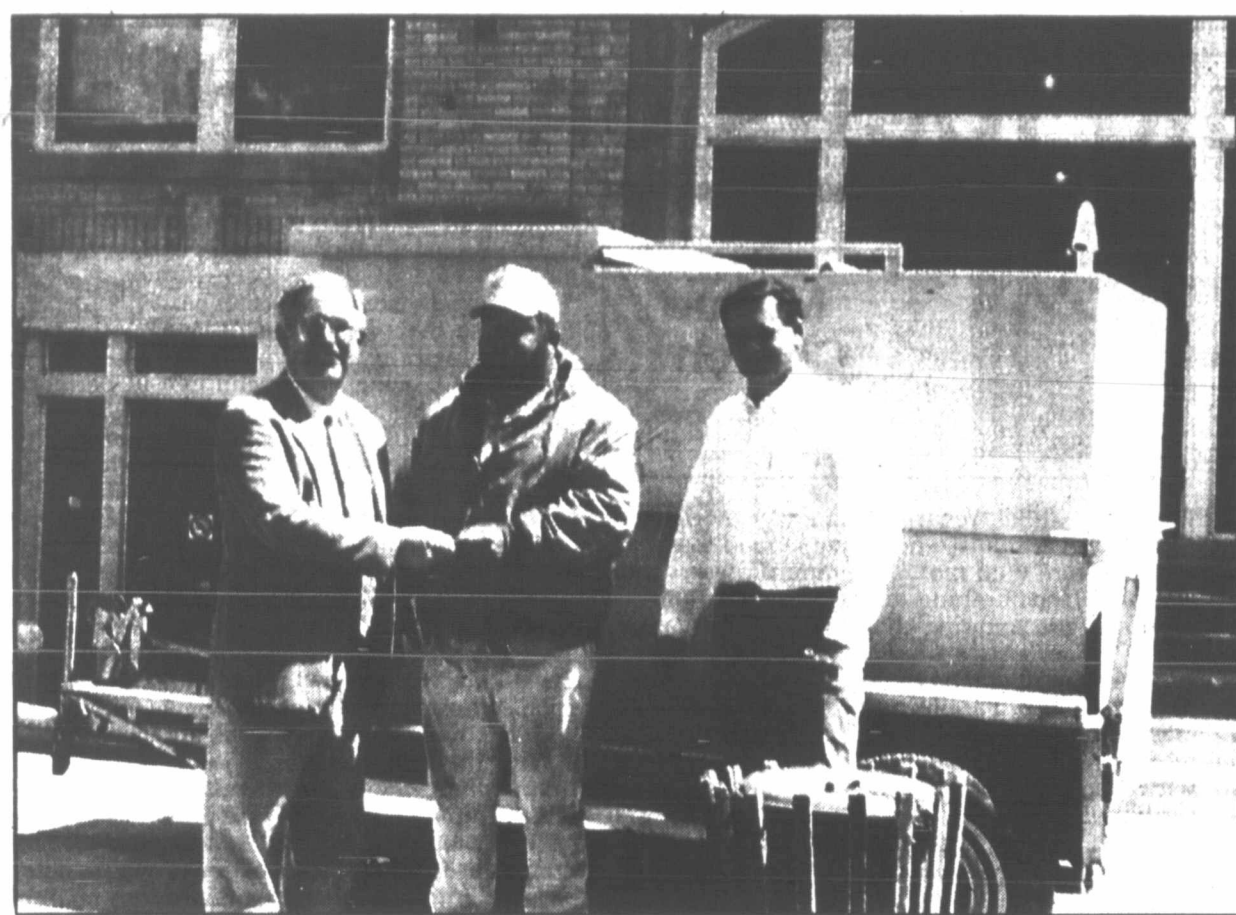
PARTIAL ESTATE Sale of Denamay L. Bolin - ivory china service for 8, silverware service for 8, jewelry, Avon collectables, 30 pieces Cape Cod ruby red glass, 15 porcelain figurines. 50 pieces of crystal, much more. Call 665-2254 between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for appointment. Adv.

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Judicial legislation may be dead on arrival

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to change the way appellate judges are selected in Texas may be dead after minority lawmakers refused to support the proposal and the measure's sponsor rejected a compromise.

At issue is a proposed constitutional amendment to set up a system under which appeals court judges would be appointed, then subject to election to keep their seats. Currently, appellate judges are elected.

Minority lawmakers oppose the measure, sponsored by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, because they say it does not address ethnic and racial disparities in the judiciary.

Ninety percent of the state's appellate judges are white, while 88 percent of the district court judges are white.

At a news conference Thursday, black and Hispanic legislators repeated vows to kill Duncan's proposal unless lawmakers also consider a plan to change how district judges are selected.

"What we want to do is make sure there are people who look like us in the judiciary. It ought not remain all white," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who is black.

Ellis has proposed legislation that attempts to boost minority representation by having district judges run in nonpartisan elections and, in the largest counties, be

elected from smaller districts.

However, Ellis said he doesn't have enough support for his proposal to be considered by the Senate. Duncan says he does have enough support to pass his measure, but Ellis has threatened to filibuster the proposal if a compromise is not worked out.

On top of that, minority House members promised to kill Duncan's measure should it reach their chamber.

"This plan is going to meet very stiff resistance because it does not address the whole problem; it is only piecemeal," said Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, chairman of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus.

Duncan, however, rejected the possibility of a compromise and acknowledged that the chances of passing a judicial reform measure this session were dwindling.

"It's very clear to me that a comprehensive approach dealing with the district courts at this time is not feasible. There's not the political

support of any plan at the district court level," he said.

"I never will foreclose the possibility of coming up with something that will work, but right now, we're not there."

Minority lawmakers argue that appointing judges would not necessarily increase diversity on the bench. They point to Republican Gov. George W. Bush's judicial appointments, noting that of the 67 judges he appointed since January 1995, 57 are white, five are black and five are Hispanic.

Carson County residents gather with officials to discuss important issues

PANHANDLE — Carson County commissioners, County Judge Jay Roselius and residents of the county discussed contamination of ground water in the county, installation of several natural gas lines and communication lines, and emergency management procedures in the commissioners court session Monday, April 14.

Lee Cockrell, who farms and ranches in Carson County and lives east of the D.O.E. Pantex Plant, met with the commissioners to discuss past and future testing of ground water in the area east of the plant. According to Roselius, Cockrell pointed out various mistakes which he thinks have been made in the past concerning the test results of the project. He also pointed out possible health risks which could be associated with any contamination of the water table. Cost of the work also was addressed.

Roselius and commissioners agreed that their number one objective concerning the testing was to insure health, safety and welfare of the citizens. Roselius said test information provided by federal and state authorities is continually monitored and evaluated as to safety concerns.

The court also expressed concern over the amount of installations of natural gas pipelines and telecommunications lines laid in the county in past months. It was noted that numerous requests for additional easements have been requested from the county in the past several weeks from various companies.

Roselius requested the commissioners to check on the installation sites to be sure work is being

done in accordance with the approvals given by the court.

Commissioners are requested to do a survey of any new dwellings in Carson County, outside the city limits, in order that they may be added to the current 911 emergency response maps. This survey will apply to dwellings that have been removed or vacated in the county and rural areas.

Carson County Library supervisor and staff representative Terri Koetting, and commissioners acknowledged receipt of the \$2,500 award from the Texas Book Festival.

Koetting recently attended the Dallas librarians' meeting and book festival, where she was granted the award. The money will be used to purchase library materials in the area of junior non-fiction books, science and geography.

The court acknowledged payment of revenue in the amount of \$9,088.65 P.I.L.T. received by the county for 1997. The Panhandle Independent School District and the Ground Water District will also receive revenue from the program.

Other discussion concerned:

• The summer youth work program coordinated for the county. Local businesses that might wish to hire through this sponsored program are encouraged to contact the county judge's office for further details at (806) 537-3622.

• Bids for depository pledge contracts for Carson County fund accounts will be advertised, and such bids are to be opened in court May 12 for consideration.

Senate endorses bill targeting welfare fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill cracking down on welfare and Medicaid fraud that seeks to save the state \$27.4 million over the next two years has been approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would centralize fraud investigation and prosecution efforts under the Health and Human Services Commission's newly-created Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

It would tighten the screening process for welfare benefits providers through the use of background checks and on-site inspections; require health and human services agencies to use advanced fraud-detection technologies; and enact stiffer penalties for fraud,

especially for fraud against the elderly, disabled and children.

The measure was approved 31-0 Thursday and forwarded to the House.

"This will greatly improve the state's welfare system," Ms. Zaffirini said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock told sena-

tors, "This is one of the most important bills you will consider this session."

"By streamlining referrals, investigations and the prosecution of welfare thieves, we are pooling our resources toward the ultimate goal of getting Texans off welfare and into jobs," Bullock said.

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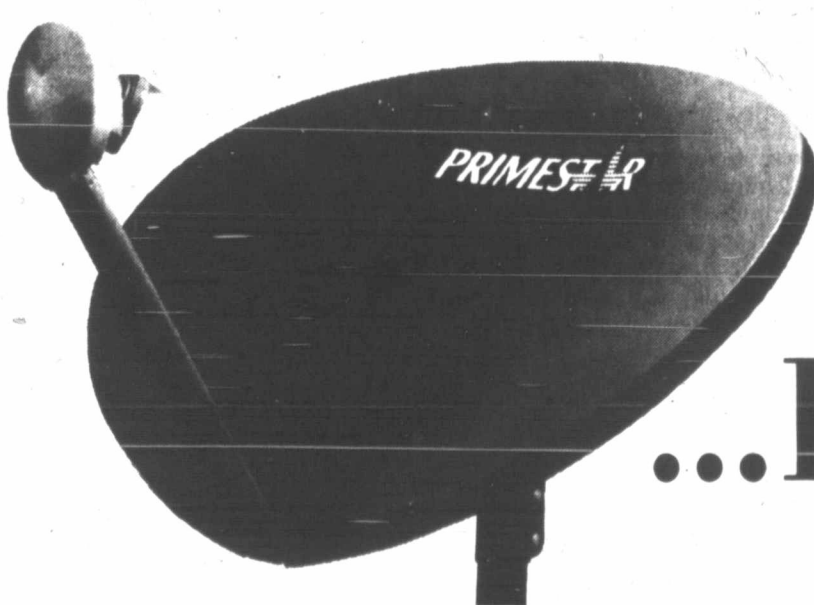
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Texas Editorials

El Paso Herald-Post on Clinton and Hubbell:

If what the White House was doing in helping Webb Hubbell was so innocent, why didn't the president and his top aides own up to it at the time? Instead, there was a cover-up of an action that was most certainly wrong and maybe criminal.

Although the magnitude is uncertain, a cover-up is what we have in a White House-orchestrated effort to provide a financial cushion for Hubbell, a Clinton intimate, between the time he resigned from the Justice Department amid scandal and the time he went to jail for bilking his former law partners — among them, Hillary Clinton.

In January, President Clinton said he knew nothing of any such money-raising efforts and in any case they would be "improper." He was right about "improper." He was wrong — to use the most charitable word — about not knowing.

Indeed, the president, the first lady and top White House aides discussed ways to help Hubbell on the eve of his resignation. The latest explanation for this improper conduct was, according to Clinton, "human compassion" for a comrade fallen on hard times.

That argument might be plausible if the White House had shown similar compassion for other aides who resigned under a cloud. But, to the contrary, the White House has a proven track record of throwing people overboard and never looking back. ...

San Antonio Express-News on protecting security of taxpayer files:

The federal government is having difficulties keeping unauthorized people from snooping into confidential files about taxpayers.

For years, the Internal Revenue Service has had serious weaknesses in its internal security systems, allowing unauthorized employee snooping into taxpayer data.

"Unless these serious weaknesses are corrected, IRS runs the risk of its tax processing operations being disrupted and taxpayer data being improperly used, modified or destroyed," the General Accounting Office warned.

Federal law currently prohibits IRS workers from snooping in taxpayer records if they use that information for unauthorized or illegal purposes.

The Taxpayer Browsing Act, now pending before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, would deny IRS employees access to taxpayer information not directly related to their jobs. Inspecting taxpayer files without authorization would be penalized by one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Congress should pass this measure.

Congress also should bar the Social Security Administration from putting taxpayer files on the Internet without adequate safeguards to prevent unauthorized access.

The agency wanted to make it easier for taxpayers to retrieve information from their own Social Security files by putting them online. Unfortunately, according to computer and privacy experts, snoops could gain access, too.

The Social Security Administration has shelved this plan for 60 days of further study. Unless the agency can ensure adequate security, Congress should make the delay permanent.

The Monitor (McAllen) on high density TV channels:

Media moguls have sold out to the U.S. government. The broadcasters are celebrating the government's decision to "loan" them new high density digital channels rather than sell them.

The broadcasters should have tried to buy the channels. Analysts say the federal government could have brought in up to \$70 billion by auctioning off the channels. And the broadcasters will make many times that amount once they start using the new part of the electronic spectrum that will carry the channels.

Not only will the new bands allow movie-quality signals, but broadcasters can carry up to five channels on the same-size band that currently carries just one signal.

Auctioning the channels would have paid off this year's federal budget deficit some 500 times over. ...

This is not simply a matter of giving away an asset that could bring in billions to federal coffers. It's more about property rights and freedom. For this reason we're baffled that the broadcasters wouldn't want to own the bands outright — unless they're resigned to federal oversight. ...

The broadcast industry should have sought to buy the new channels, then fought for the freedom to use its property as it best saw fit. Instead it sold its soul to save a few billion bucks.

GOP should focus on children

For too long, Democrats and their liberal allies in the policy world have held the moral high ground on the subject of children.

It's time for Republicans to stop being intimidated. The liberal child-welfare regime in America has been a terrible disaster, and only those unblinkered by ideological commitment to the status quo can achieve the reforms that are so urgently needed.

According to a new study by Dr. Carol Statuto Bevan of the National Council for Adoption, five children die every day at the hands of their parents or caregivers. Fully half of the 2,000 children killed this way every year are already known to the child-welfare systems of their states. For every child who is killed, many more are beaten, starved and raped. How is it possible that so many children are being left in clearly dangerous homes by a social-service system that is meant to protect them?

Bevan explains it. The current child-welfare regime, enshrined into federal law in the (ironically titled) Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, is based on the liberal illusion that there are no bad parents, only bad circumstances. If people are torturing or starving their tiny babies, it is because the "system" has failed to give them adequate support. The short-term infusion of services (so-called "family preservation") will help to get the family back on its feet, and the abuse will stop. Foster care and adoption, by contrast, represent "failures" of the system and are to be avoided at all costs.

As Elizabeth Barholet, a family law specialist at Harvard Law School, has written, "Policy makers in this country are overwhelmingly committed to family preservation ... The Children's Defense



Mona Charen

Fund, the Child Welfare League of America and the Clinton administration have tended to equate child welfare with biological family preservation and have done nothing to promote adoption as a means of guaranteeing children's rights to a nurturing home."

Abundant research now bolsters what common sense suggests: Family preservation is a failure. Having a bunch of social workers show abusive mothers how to shop for groceries and punish with "time outs" does next to nothing to prevent further abuse. Some families are simply not salvageable. But the children must be rescued.

Bevan's proposed reforms give a flavor of how bad the current regime is. She suggests a child-welfare system based upon the safety and well-being of the child rather than the family. "A child-centered model," she writes, "would establish a 'one strike and you're out' policy for some egregious forms of maltreatment. For example, a baby that has been sexually abused should never be returned ... There should be a presumption to terminate parental rights when a child has been tortured, abandoned, or a sibling has been killed.

Parents should not be given repeated chances at rehabilitation before termination of parental rights is considered in cases of starvation or incest."

Has it really come to this? It has.

Because the system is so biased — financially and ideologically — against terminating parental rights and placing needy children in permanent adoptive homes, children are spending more time than ever in foster care, while the percentage of children who leave the system through adoption is declining. A 1991 report on adoptions in 20 states found that foster children wait an average of five years to be adopted.

The data on those kids lucky enough to be adopted are gratifying. Adopted children score well (better indeed than biological children raised by single mothers) on all measures of well-being. Even kids who are adopted transracially show good self-esteem and positive views of their racial heritage by the time they reach adolescence.

Why the bias in favor of biological ties over child welfare? How can liberals, who pride themselves on their concern for the poor and the weak, have created a system that sends victims back to their abusers? Is it perhaps an unwillingness to pass judgment on the poor (since they make up the largest percentage of abusers)?

Whatever the cause, Republicans can find an excellent guide to reform in Bevan's monograph, which you can order through the National Council for Adoption (202-328-1200). If Republicans can stand up for abused and neglected children, lives will be saved. And it just might give the Republicans themselves some much needed moral confidence.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 18, the 108th day of 1997. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date:

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.



Time for a foreign policy change

Vice President Gore's recent trip to China affords the occasion for some general reflections on U.S. policy toward that important part of the globe.

Oddly enough, the first time I ever met President Clinton was in Taipei, in October 1985, when we both happened to be attending Taiwan's annual "Double Ten" celebration of the birthday of the Republic of China. (He was governor of Arkansas at the time.) We were introduced in a side room at the Presidential Palace that had been set aside for American guests, and I remember only that he had a lot of hair.

But the incident serves to remind me that Clinton has been totally ignorant of Chinese affairs, as I might otherwise have assumed, when he was nominated and elected president in 1992. His campaign speeches, therefore, in which he savaged President Bush for being too easy on the Communist mainland regime, and swore that he would deny it "most favored nation" trading status until it improved its record on human rights, cannot be written off by his apologists as the product of pure ignorance.

And yet, once elected, Clinton reversed himself on this issue 180 degrees, deciding, after a particularly prolonged battle with his lower lip, to "delink" the issue of human rights from that of trade. What happened, it seems, is that the many American businessmen who have visions of Chinese sugar plums in their heads threw him



William Rusher

down and pounded on his chest until he changed his mind.

Anyway, since then the Clinton administration has been gung-ho for trade with China, while Beijing's human rights performance has deteriorated from bad to awful. Clinton's Commerce Secretary, the late Ron Brown, personally escorted dozens of eager businessmen to China (and, by the way, Indonesia) to sign theoretically lucrative contracts. Meanwhile, an alarming number of Asian and Asian-American businessmen, and at least one high-ranking Chinese Communist military official, have turned up at White House "coffees" with the president at times seemingly connected with huge cash contributions to the Democratic National Committee and the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

Small wonder, then, that the Communist regime thought in March 1996 that the time was ripe to show a little muscle over Taiwan's insolence in

holding a free presidential election, and began lobbing high-explosive missiles into the sea near Taiwan's two major ports.

But that just demonstrated the fallacy of assuming that what President Clinton is doing today bears any necessary relation to what he may do tomorrow. Two American carrier task forces suddenly showed up not far from Taiwan, and Beijing quieted down.

I have no more idea than the Chinese what Clinton's next policy move on China may be, and the alarming fact is that he may be as uncertain as we are. But it is crystal clear that America badly needs a dependable policy of some sort for that critical area of the world, and that Clinton's current "policy," which amounts to what sailors call point-to-point navigation, is dangerous in the extreme.

It is preposterous to suppose that sheer economic greed (the assumed Chinese response to our similarly motivated businessmen) will somehow tame the aggressive impulses of the Chinese generals who are now backing Jiang Zemin. The regime is expanding its military power as fast as it can, with considerable technical aid from Western sources, while its diplomats are using arms sales to Pakistan, Iran, and other potential allies to lure them into its orbit. Meanwhile, around the perimeter of China itself, from Japan and Korea to Vietnam and Thailand, nervous governments are looking to the United States for leadership and protection.

Sometime early in the new century, China will make its move. America had better be ready.

Congress takes annual shot at IRS

Denouncing tax burdens and tax collectors on April 15 is a ritual in Congress — which laid down the rules in the first place and has made the system so complicated that most taxpayers hire help in preparing their returns.

It happens every year at this time, with speeches, votes and demands for tax cuts and a simpler system. Ironically, the tax breaks congressional Republicans want, and the rival proposals the administration is offering, would add new lines to be computed and checked on tax forms, and lengthen a tax code that already is 2.8 million words long.

Steps like the \$500 a child credit and retirement savings deductions that are among GOP proposals would have to be implemented by Internal Revenue Service rules. So would President Clinton's tax cut proposals, which include his version of a tax credit for each child in a family and for tuition expenses, an expansion of individual retirement accounts, and incentives for homeowners. He would offset them with increases, mostly on corporations, described as steps to close loopholes.

Tax simplification is in, but so is a push for tax changes that would put new wrinkles, and complexities, into the system.

At the same time, the IRS is under scrutiny, and sometimes attack, over its acknowledged problems, but also as a symbol of the tax system it oversees.

That's an occupational hazard for the tax collector, and always has been. The most ambitious of tax overhaul proposals would eliminate the IRS, which isn't going to happen any time soon, if ever. Advocates of a flat tax or a national sales tax say the IRS wouldn't be needed, at least not in anything like its present size and scope.

It is the second largest of federal agencies, with an

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

annual budget of \$7 billion, employing about 106,000 people to handle about 200 million returns, involving 480 different tax forms.

A national commission on restructuring the agency is due to issue its findings and proposals this summer. The Clinton administration has recommended steps to improve IRS management and efficiency, and it issued a relatively modest tax simplification plan on Monday.

"As part of our effort to serve the taxpayers better, today we are announcing a package of more than 60 measures to simplify the tax laws and enhance taxpayer rights," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said. "Our goal is clear. We want to make life easier for the American taxpayer."

Republicans say the administration is only tinkering, and that more basic changes are needed. House Speaker Newt Gingrich says the IRS should be cut to no more than 44,000 employees, and the tax system should be simple enough to get the agency out of the lives of average Americans.

But the tax collector didn't make the system complicated. There's nothing in it Congress didn't pass and a president didn't sign.

Proposed legislative fixes don't deal with that. One, a sure thing in the House, would make it a crime for IRS employees to browse or snoop into individual returns, misconduct the General Accounting Office said happened at least 1,515 times in 1994 and 1995.

Twenty-three people have been fired for it.

Another would amend the Constitution to require a two-thirds vote to approve any tax increase. This is an idea that attracts majority support, but not the two-thirds margin it takes to approve a constitutional amendment. In the Senate, a majority will suffice for a non-binding resolution to endorse such an amendment.

Tax code complexities stem in large part from congressionally approved efforts to use the system to influence the way people spend their money, not just to raise the revenues to finance the government. There are tax breaks to encourage some kinds of spending and investment, which means discouraging others.

Twenty years ago, Jimmy Carter became president after promising a total overhaul of a tax code he called a disgrace. He got nowhere. And Carter himself had tax incentives written in for energy conservation, which meant new rules, new lines, on new forms.

A flatter, fairer tax system was a Republican campaign promise in 1996. But the administration argues that the flat tax agenda would unfairly raise the burden on middle income Americans.

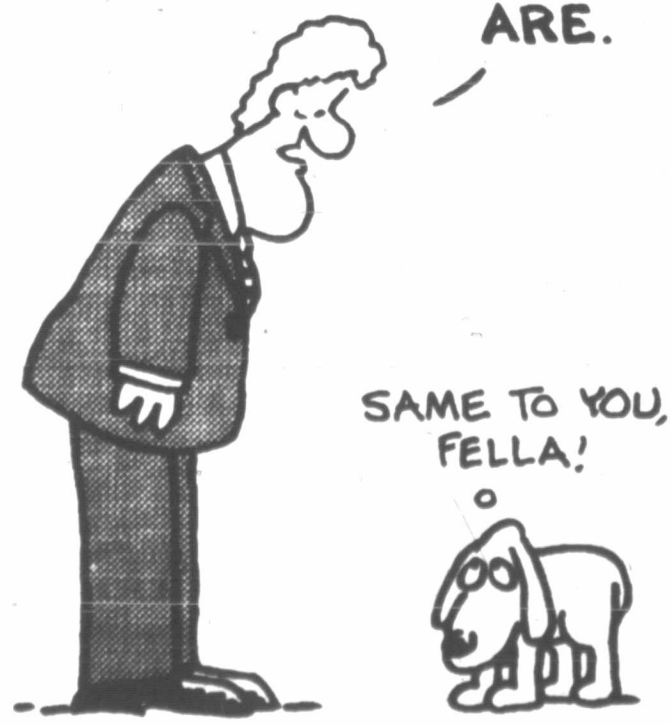
In any event, it isn't getting simpler yet. Only three minor tax bills passed Congress in 1996, but according to the Brookings Institution, they added about 655 changes to the tax code.

"We need to scrap our current income tax system and start over from scratch," said Rep. Dick Armey, the House majority leader, who favors a flat tax.

Armey acknowledges that the complexity of the system now "is primarily the fault of Congress, not the IRS."

But there's no consensus for an overhaul. It's easier to complain about the tax collector.

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Tiny waterborne organism kills fish; does it harm humans, too?

By SCOTT MOONEYHAM
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Millions of fish in North Carolina's marshlands have turned up dead with ugly, open sores caused by a microorganism that feeds on their blood. Now some scientists suspect the organism preys on humans, too.

More than a dozen fishermen, divers and others have found open sores on their bodies, reported feeling faint or complained of memory loss after coming into contact with brown water fouled with dead fish.

The organism killing the fish is known as *Pfiesteria*, and biologists call it "the cell from hell."

Pfiesteria has been likened to the piranha of the microbial world. Yet a piranha wouldn't stand a chance against this bloodthirsty menace.

Scientists say the tiny organisms secrete a toxin that eats holes in fish, then slowly paralyzes their muscles and suffocates them.

North Carolina State University researcher JoAnn Burkholder, who helped discover the one-celled organism in 1990, is convinced that *pfiesteria*'s toxins sickened her and as many as nine other researchers. She and a fellow researcher said they suffered severe neurological symptoms, including memory loss, after handling the organism in a lab in 1993.

But she said state health officials seem more concerned with avoiding bad publicity that could harm tourism than investigating the possible danger to humans. Although the state committed \$585,000 to study *pfiesteria* in 1995, the money is just now making its way to researchers.

"We still need to know an awful lot," Burkholder said. "It's an unfortunate tragedy that we don't know more by now."

State officials defended their efforts, saying that they are collecting evidence and studying the problem and that there is no proof the organism attacks humans. "We continue to try to gather information within the limits of our resources," said Mike Moser, director of epidemiology.

Pfiesteria, a one-celled organism called a dinoflagellate, has existed for thousands and perhaps millions of years. It has been found as far north as Delaware and as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. It can live in either fresh or salt water.

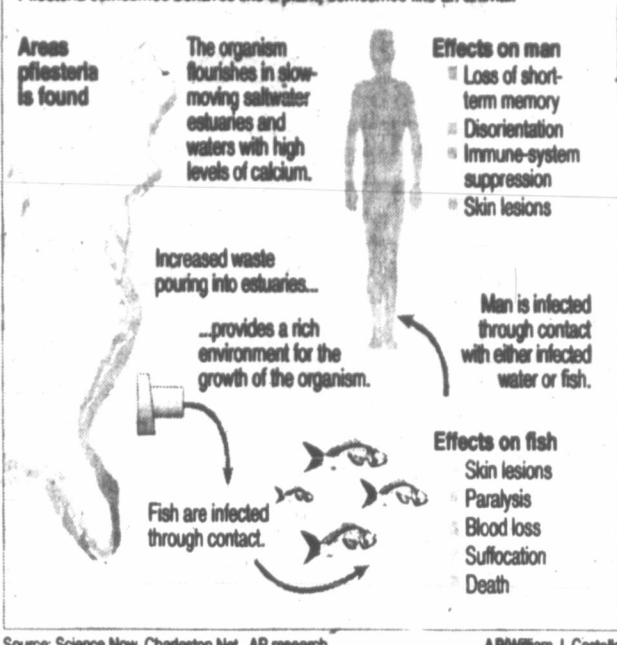
Nowhere has the tiny killer been more prevalent than in North Carolina's huge estuaries, where slow-moving saltwater is captured behind the islands of the Outer Banks. It has left millions of menhaden, shad and flounder dead and rotting on the shores of the Neuse and New rivers.

Burkholder's research indicates that the tiny creatures proliferate and take on a deadly form when exposed to high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus — byproducts of human and animal waste.

She and others believe the organism became a

Pfiesteria

This one-celled organism has killed millions of fish and may harm humans. *Pfiesteria* sometimes behaves like a plant, sometimes like an animal.



Source: Science Now, Charleston Nat., AP research. AP/William J. Castello

problem in North Carolina waters as the state's hog farming industry and population rose dramatically over the past decade.

David Jones, a New Bern fisherman who once ran a wholesale fish market on the river shores, is convinced *pfiesteria* is responsible for the severe memory lapses and other neurological problems he says he suffers.

Jones said his problems began in 1988, when he experienced what he thought was heat stroke while working his crab pots during a fish kill.

"This stuff is real, and it's bad, and I certainly wouldn't want you or anyone else to have it," he said. "What's inside of me eating me alive?"

Questions about *pfiesteria*'s effects on people have grown since a book tracing its discovery, "And the Waters Turned to Blood" by Rodney Barker, was released earlier this month. State officials have criticized the book and complained that it created hysteria.

Burkholder said proving that people's health problems are caused by *pfiesteria* is difficult because researchers have yet to isolate and identify its toxins.

Until then, doctors won't be able to test people's blood or tissues for evidence that the sores and other symptoms have been caused by *pfiesteria*.

Dr. Chris Delaney, a New Bern physician who has treated two people with skin sores, criticized the state's handling of the issue.

"I don't see this as high science, but the political lay of the land is such that there is a lot of resistance to change," he said.

State briefs

Woman found shot to death by husband, twin daughters

HOUSTON (AP) — The bullet-torn body of a woman who had filed for divorce but continued to live with her husband has been found in their River Oaks home.

Doris McGown Angleton, 46, was found dead in her home Wednesday night after her husband and their twelve-year-old twin daughters returned from a softball game. She had been shot seven times in the head and five times in the chest, police said.

Police said she had also been at the softball game where daughters Nicole and Alessandra were playing and her husband, Robert, 48, was coaching. She left to go to the home to get a bat, police said.

She had left the softball game about two hours before her body was found, police were told.

50's era blood-pressure drug may show new promise

DALLAS (AP) — A study is prompting some doctors to consider dusting off a 40-year-old drug that may be able to treat high blood pressure complications as well as modern drugs — but at a fraction of the cost.

Researchers concluded that extremely small doses of hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) can be effective, while avoiding the side effects that led doctors to phase it out in the 1960s.

If cardiologists are willing to give the drug another chance, some patients could

save thousands of dollars.

"The general impression is that you get what you pay for. But that's not true in this case," said John Gottdiener, a cardiologist and professor of medicine at Georgetown University who is lead author of the study.

The research was coordinated by the Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center in Hines, Ill., and published in the April 15 edition of the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

Schools would start on Sept. 1 under bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Public schools in Texas could not start classes before Sept. 1 unless they obtained a waiver from the state under a bill approved by senators.

The bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, is backed by the tourism industry, which wants to leave families free to travel to vacation spots such as South Padre Island and amusement

parks through the Labor Day holiday.

Lucio said the bill, approved 25-6 Thursday and sent to the House, would also allow more time for students to earn money from summer jobs and enable teachers to enroll in summer college courses.

The measure would make Sept. 1 the starting date for classes unless a school district asked the commissioner of education to begin earlier.

The bill was criticized as "frivolous" by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the Senate Education Committee chairman.

"This is a terrible idea," Bivins said. "It forces school districts to jump through yet another bureaucratic hoop in order to run their business."

"Forty-five other states allow local school districts the autonomy to decide when their calendar starts. And it doesn't change the mandatory number of days in a school year, so that means you are going to run into a similar problem in June," Bivins said.

Prominent Houston attorney indicted

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — One of the nation's richest personal-injury lawyers denies he illegally solicited clients and hired "accident runners" after a deadly airline crash three years ago.

John M. O'Quinn of Houston was indicted Thursday along with three other Texas lawyers for allegedly recruiting clients after the USAir Flight 1016 crash.

They are accused of improperly soliciting the business of four victims' families, state Attorney General Charlie Condon said. They also face felony conspiracy charges in hiring "accident runners" to recruit clients.

South Carolina bars lawyers from personally soliciting accident victims.

"I have done nothing wrong, and I am innocent of these charges," O'Quinn said. "Not one client has complained about me. Nobody I represent in the USAir case has complained about me."

Flight 1016 was traveling from Columbia when it went down in a thunderstorm near a Charlotte, N.C., airport, killing 37 of the 57 people aboard. Most of the victims were from South Carolina.

Of the five families O'Quinn represents, three have settled their claims. The others are in settlement talks.

O'Quinn also is charged with splitting fees or agreeing to split fees with non-lawyers and

soliciting legal business in South Carolina without having been admitted or sworn to practice law in this state.

He could face a maximum 23 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Attorneys Carl D. Shaw and Charles Benton Musslewhite Sr. were indicted on charges of conspiracy, solicitation, splitting fees with non-lawyers and practicing law without being admitted or sworn.

Charles Benton Musslewhite Jr. was indicted on a solicitation charge. He referred calls to his attorney, Charles Burton, who was in a meeting Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

Shaw rejected the charges.

"I think it's unfounded," said Shaw. "And at the end of the day they'll find that we did not do anything wrong in South Carolina."

Betty Edward of Houston, who allegedly was a runner, was granted immunity in exchange for information on the lawyers, Condon's spokesman Robb McBurney said. He refused to comment on O'Quinn's allegation that Condon's office also struck a deal with Musslewhite Jr.

"Basically I'm finally glad that they're trying to get this done," said the elder Musslewhite. "I say get a jury in the box because that jury is not going to believe Betty Edward."

Ag official: Farm exports up due to NAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years into the North American Free Trade Agreement, U.S. farmers and agribusiness are exporting record levels of goods to Mexico and Canada, a top Agriculture Department official told Congress on Thursday.

While it's too soon to grade the pact's overall impact on agriculture, said the head of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, the early indicators have been promising.

That said, department officials and lawmakers noted that sticking points remain between the three trading partners — among them Canada's 300 percent tariffs on U.S. dairy and poultry products and Mexican delays in processing U.S. grains and livestock.

And, remaining agricultural tariffs won't be fully phased out until 2008.

"If we measure progress by the issues still on the table, we have a long way to go under NAFTA," Foreign Agricultural Service chief August Schumacher Jr. told the House general farm commodities subcommittee. "But if we measure progress by the issues that are resolved, by the growth in access, growth in sales, particularly growth in the market share ... by these measures NAFTA is broadly working."

U.S. agricultural exports hit a record \$60 billion last year, nearly

\$12 billion of which came in sales to Canada and Mexico.

One sign of NAFTA's success is that U.S. exports to Mexico bounced back quickly after the peso devaluation, Schumacher said. Agricultural exports to Mexico hit \$5.4 billion last year, a nearly \$2 billion hike over 1995.

The United States accounts for three-quarters of Mexico's agricultural imports.

Last year, U.S. producers sent record amounts of corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton and rice shipments to Mexico. Between 1993 and last year, beef exports rose nearly 50 percent.

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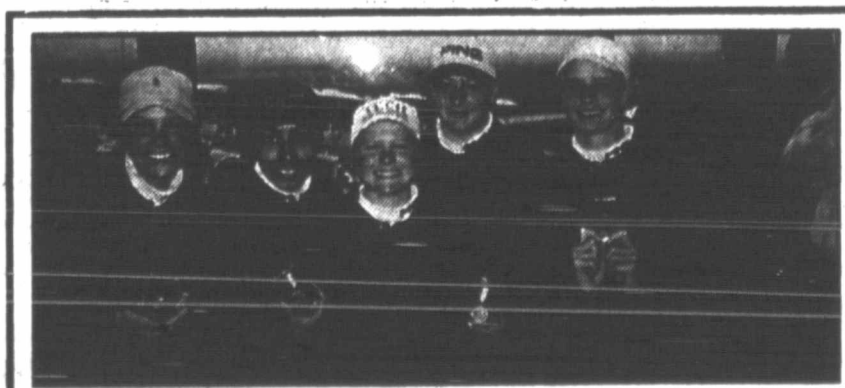
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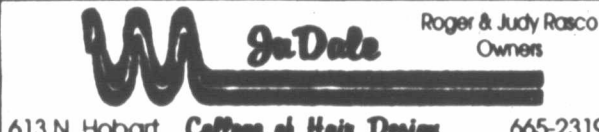
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PAMPA — Hiland Pentecostal Holiness Church youth group is hosting a Mexican food dinner today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church's fellowship hall, 18th and Banks Streets.

The menu, prepared from family recipes, includes enchiladas, rice, beans, picante sauce, chips, tossed salads, dessert and tea. Carry out boxes will be available.

Adults and students are charged \$5 per plate, and students under 12 to preschoolers are charged \$2 per plate. Children under three eat free.

The HPHC youth are holding various fund-raising events throughout the year, in preparation for their trip to Kansas City, Mo., in August to attend the Youth Quest '97 young people's convention. Funds raised will cover fees for those attending the convention plus other activities, meals, motels and travel expense.

For more information, contact Pastor Nathan Hopson at 665-1459.

PAMPA — Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, is having a memorial service on May 5 for women who have experienced a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, still birth or abortion.

Mommie's Empty Arms is a women's only ministry to help those who need an opportunity to complete the grieving process of their loss.

Mommie's Empty Arms is very private and confidential. This service of dignity allows women to get through this unfinished time of grief and loss.

If you have suffered through such a loss, regardless of age, and you are ready to begin the healing process, call the Women's Ministries Department of Calvary Baptist Church, at (806) 665-0842.

Registration must be made by May 2.

LEFORS — The Lefors First Baptist Church will be having revival services beginning Sunday, April 27, and continuing through Wednesday, April 30.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with the week-day services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Evangelist will be Dr. Claude Cone, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pampa, now serving as executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Music director will be the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor and music director of the First Baptist Church in Pampa.

PAMPA — The Macedonia Baptist Church youth will be sponsoring a catfish dinner starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

The menu will be catfish, french fries, salad and iced tea. The dinner will be served at the church, 441 Elm.

The Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor, and the church family invite the public to come dine with them or call 665-4926. Donations are accepted.

Catholic annulments go from few to tens of thousands each year

BOSTON (AP) — Henry VIII had to create his own church when he couldn't get his first marriage revoked by the Roman Catholics, and annulments remained almost unheard of for the next four-and-a-half centuries.

Not anymore. In the past few decades the number of unions dissolved with the church's blessing has risen from hundreds to tens of thousands each year in the United States as Roman Catholic leaders have adopted a more modern view of marriage.

Once granted in only extreme cases, such as a spouse's refusal to have children, the church now recognizes there may be more abstract psychological reasons for ending the sacrament of matrimony.

Observers say tribunals, the bodies charged with acting on annulment requests, are simply recognizing a fact of life — marriages aren't necessarily forever.

"We're all concerned, across the board, about divorce. But it is our intent to try to help the people in this situation," said Monsignor Robert Deeley, judicial vicar at the Archdiocese of Boston's marriage tribunal,

which granted about 700 annulments last year.

Tribunals don't consider a request until a civil divorce has been granted. An annulment declares that a marriage never really existed in the eyes of the church because something essential was missing.

While only 338 marriages were annulled in the United States in 1968, 54,463 of them were declared void in 1994, according to the *Statistical Yearbook of the Church*.

Pope John Paul II has been critical of the numbers of annulments granted. Most of them — 75 percent in 1994 — have been in the United States.

The Second Vatican Council, which ended in 1965, made it easier for tribunals to consider psychological factors in their decisions.

"There was a major turn away from looking at morality in legal terms, in terms of rules," said Stephen Pope, an associate professor of theology at Boston College. "It became more personal."

However, church officials say decisions based on psychological and behavioral factors, while being given greater attention, do not indicate a softening of the attitude toward the permanence

of marriage.

"They affirm, rather, that some persons who have married were really not capable of doing so," according to the *Catholic Almanac*.

Annulments drew attention recently due to the former wives of Massachusetts congressmen.

Sheila Rauch Kennedy, former wife of Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, D-Mass., saw her 12-year marriage annulled on the grounds he lacked "due discretion" at the time of his well-attended and widely publicized wedding.

She has appealed to the Vatican for a reversal.

"It was important to me that our children know they were offspring of a real marriage, not some mishap," she wrote in *Shattered Faith: A Woman's Struggle to Stop the Catholic Church from Annuling Her Marriage*. The book about her annulment struggle and those of other women is to be released May 1.

Ms. Kennedy is supported by Julia Thorne, the former wife of U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who called the annulment of her own 14-year marriage "devoid of any sense of the humanity of what this means to me and the children."

Voyager class graduates 11 men at Jordan Unit

On April 8, 11 men graduated from the Voyager class at the Rufe Jordan Unit in Pampa.

The Voyager class is a 51-week, 102 in-class hour course designed to strengthen the living skills, social skills and spirituality of those who participate.

Chaplain D. Schlewitz opened the ceremony with an invocation stressing the men's success in completion of such a difficult course, and made note of the fact that to the best of his knowledge, this was the third graduating Voyager class in the history of TDCJ.

Chaplain Schlewitz said he is very pleased with Voyager class format and the results he has seen in the 11 graduates.

This graduating class was taught by Minister Glen Walton, a volunteer chaplain for the Rufe Jordan Unit. Walton preaches at the Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo.

Walton praised the graduates for their growth in attitude and the new living and social skills they acquired, which will benefit them for their entire adult life.

Inmates Michael S. Williams and Charley Hawkins praised the year-long class and all that they learned. They both agreed that this class should be taken by all inmates in TDCJ. They stressed that living skills taught will be a valuable tool for themselves and all who attend the Voyager class.

The graduation ceremony concluded with each man receiving a Certificate of Completion and a barbecue dinner.

The graduates were Michael S. Williams, Charley Hawkins, James Busby, Mark Bowser, Charlie Horton, Melvin Bush, Clarence Scott, Chauncey Cox, Rudolph Mendoza, Michael Simpson and Carl Sabino.

Information provided by Unit reporter Jerry Guthrie.

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Breaking Up Is Hard To Do With Boyfriend's Parents

DEAR ABBY: For the last seven months, I was involved in a serious relationship with "Rocky." I became close with his parents as well. I baked cookies with his mother, watched television with his father and was considered part of the family.

Rocky and I began having difficulties. In the middle of one of our "breakups," his mother called me and told me how much she missed me. Even considering our young ages (16 and 17), she confessed she had hoped to see us marry one day. Her concern for my well-being touched me and I was grateful for her attention.

My relationship with Rocky has finally ended. It was my decision because I think he has a lot of growing up to do, and I don't see myself in his immediate future. But I miss the bond I had with Rocky's parents. Am I expected to remain friends with them, or do I now ignore their existence? I would appreciate any advice you can give me.

C.F. IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR C.F.: You may find that as time passes, you will not be so eager to spend time with Rocky's parents. However, in the meantime, there is nothing to prevent you from maintaining a friendship with them if everyone is comfortable with the arrangement. Ask them how they feel about staying in touch with you.

DEAR ABBY: Why aren't you more honest with your readers and tell them why so many men are ner-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

vous about marriage? It's because the price of marriage is simply too high for most men. The majority lose 50 percent of their assets and 100 percent of their children when they divorce. They are the ones who pay child support. They are the ones who pay alimony. Men are the defendants in 70 percent of divorce cases and are blamed for most of the problems in a relationship.

Nobody would expect a man to invest in a business with a 50 percent failure rate and long-term financial and emotional consequences. So why are women surprised when men balk at such a foolhardy commitment as marriage?

For the sake of candor, please publish my letter.

WISER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WISER: Anyone who considers marriage a "foolhardy commitment" should stay single. Most people enter into marriage thinking it will work, and when it doesn't the fault is rarely one-sided.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are retired senior citizens. We occasionally like to take short trips, and we don't have to answer to anyone or worry about anything when we leave home.

On our recent anniversary (45th), our daughter and her family gave us a housebroken poodle, which they had purchased for themselves two months ago. (They live only two houses from us, so we knew about the dog and thought she was adorable.)

When my daughter gave us the dog, I told her I absolutely did not want the responsibility. I was really upset and made myself quite clear. Well, my wife, just to keep peace in the family, said that she would take care of the dog, so we kept her. And guess who is taking care of her?

Abby, was I wrong about the way I felt — and still feel? My wife thinks that there wasn't anything wrong with giving us this unexpected gift, but I am about ready to say, "It's either the dog or me!"

Please tell me what you think about this, but do not use my name, initials or location.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR IN THE DOGHOUSE: Your wife had no business accepting the dog, knowing that you did not want the responsibility of caring for a pet. Ask your veterinarian if he or she knows a family who would like to adopt your adorable poodle.

as the underdog, just the opposite is true. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be getting good news today about a promising endeavor in which you've become involved. Keep your eyes and ears open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a fortunate day for you where your material interests are concerned. You'll not be overlooked if anything is to be awarded or given away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The probability that you will do well in competitive situations today is high, whether it be in sports, commerce or romance. In fact, you might make your mark in each one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you could be the proud recipient of a surprise gift. A generous friend might give you something you've always wanted but never dreamed you'd receive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Doing things on your own has its rewards, but today you'll have more fun being part of a small group. Put something together with companions you truly appreciate.

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Horoscope

Sunday, April 20, 1997

The possibility for personal accumulation will be much greater this year. However, even though you'll increase in material worth, you're also apt to be more of a spendthrift!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not hesitate to experiment with new efforts today if you feel they can further your ambitions. If you put your mind to it, you could be quite ingenious at achieving goals. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Innovative thinking might get you out of a tight spot today. However, take care not to make a habit of waiting until the last minute to act.

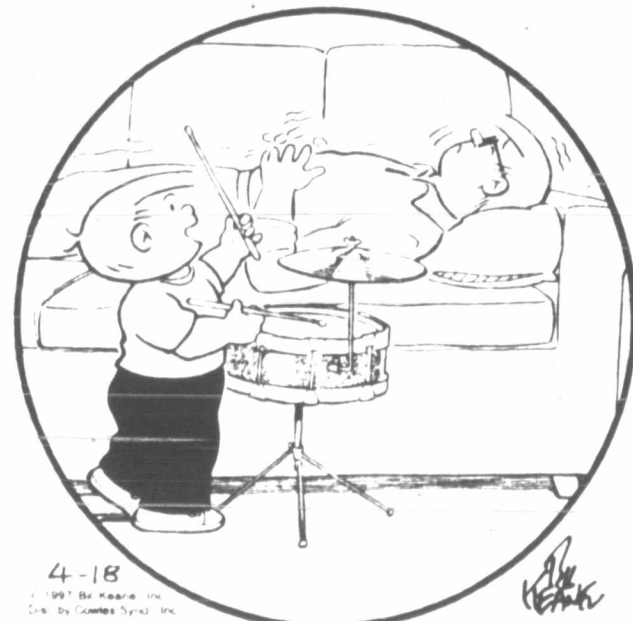
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though everything may look dark today, keep up the pace. Victory and success will come to you through persistence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An associate who is never in accord with your suggestions might surprise you today by throwing his or her full support behind your cause.

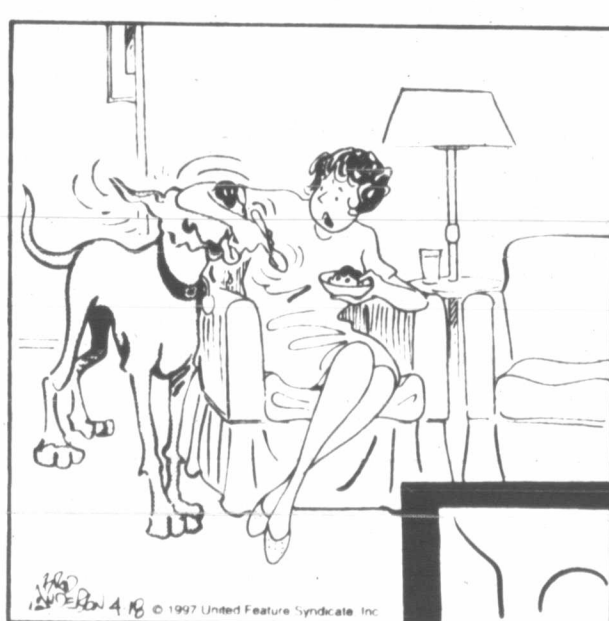
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Funds might suddenly become available for something you've been wanting to do but felt was too expensive. Think positive thoughts and be watchful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The involvements which may turn out to be the most enjoyable today could be those that develop in an impromptu manner. Leave some openings in your social agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're unduly concerned today about the outcome of an event, your thinking may be distorted. Though you may see yourself



"Next, the same tune as played by Butch Miles."



"You seem to be under the impression that we're sharing this ice cream."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



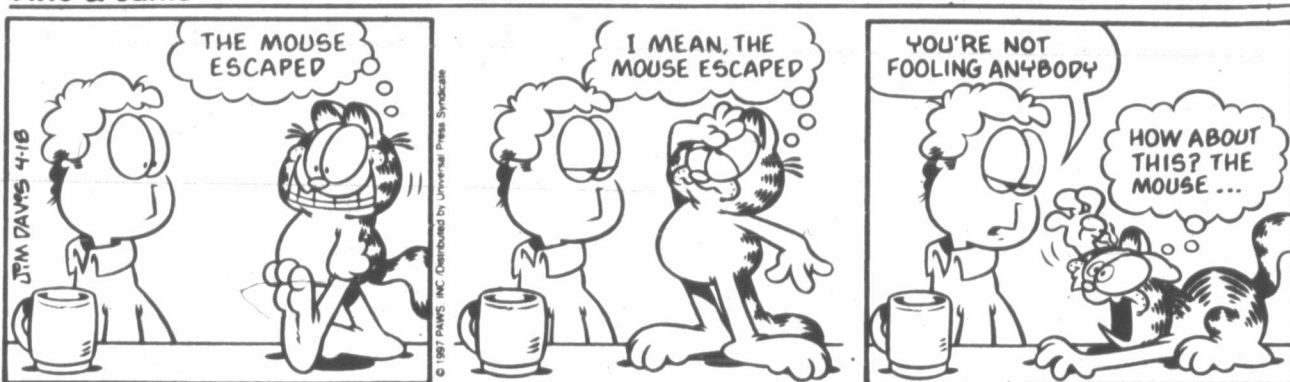
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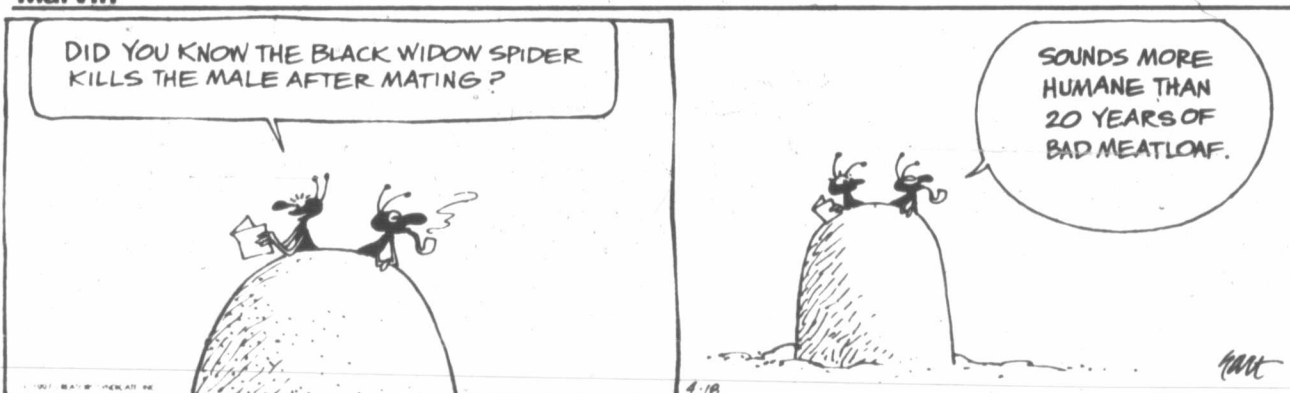
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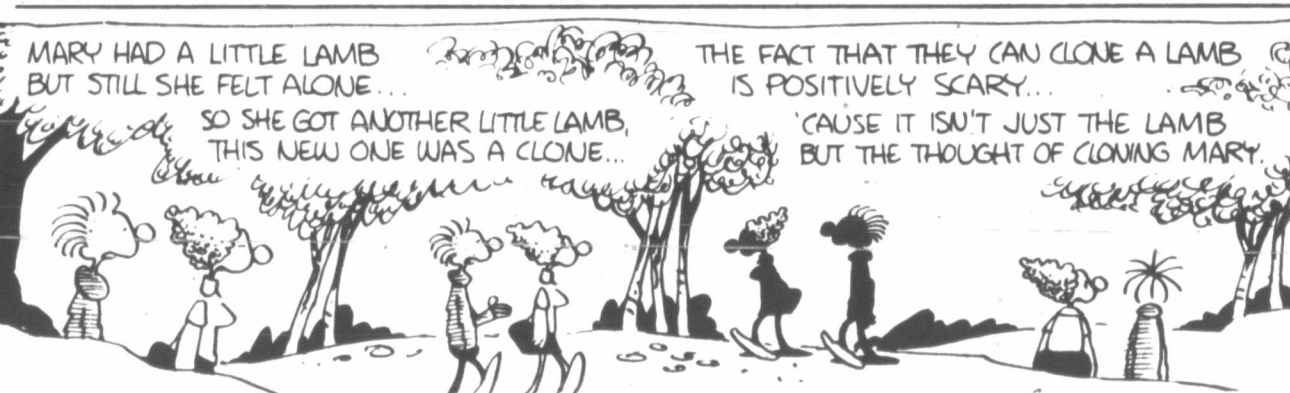
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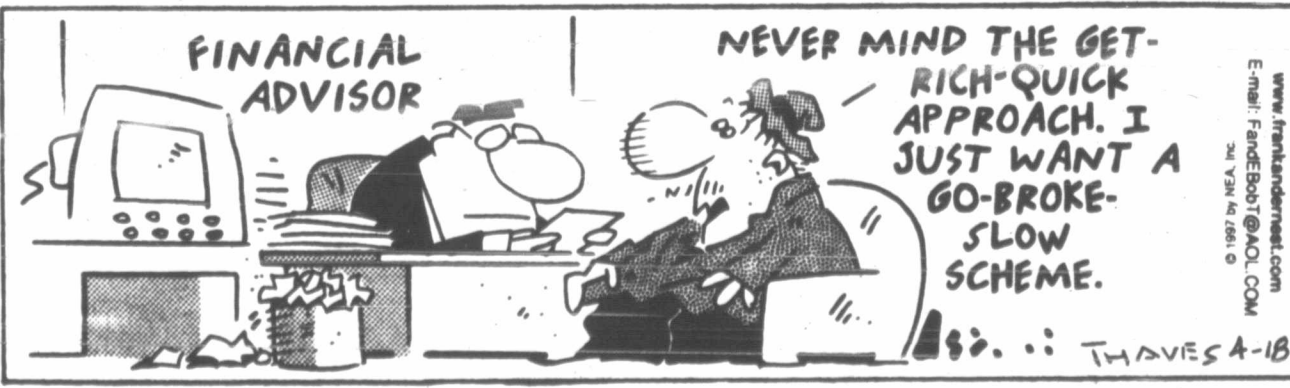
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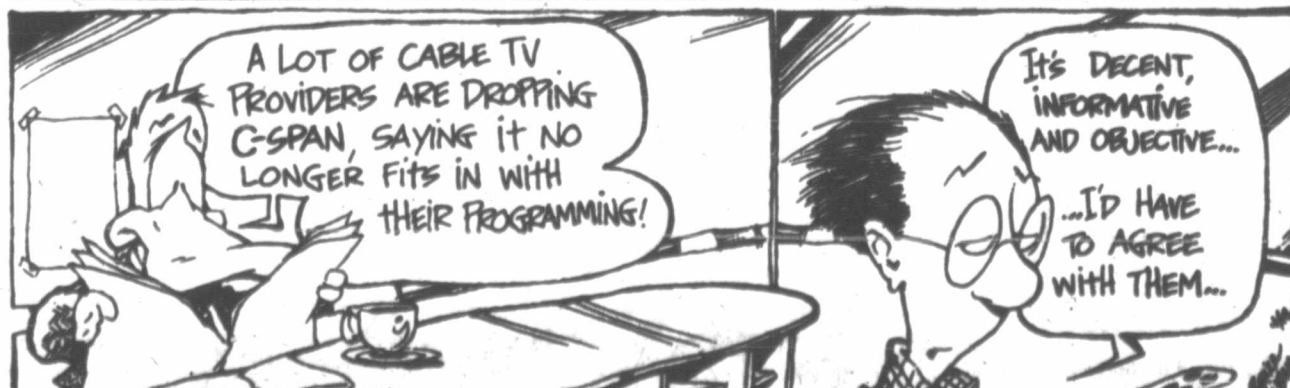
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — There were 60 senior players who competed in a four-man scramble earlier this week at Hidden Hills public course.

Results are listed below:

First place: Jim Cantrell, Oscar Sargent, John McGuire and Troy Bennett, 61.

Second place: Whitey White, Irvin Williams, Bob Brandon and Mike Porter, 64.

Third place: Buzz Tarpley, Bob Lyle, Jack Davis and Calvin Lacy, 65.

Fourth place: Bill King, Reeve Fields, Bill Abernathy and Gene Gates, 65.

Travis Taylor was closest to the pin on No. 6.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas survived a Game 1 scare from the Edmonton Oilers, but the Stars were far from satisfied with their performance.

That's especially true of their ailing power play, which went 0-for-5 and allowed a short-handed goal in Wednesday's 5-3 victory over the Oilers.

The Stars made their power play a priority in Thursday's workout to prepare for Friday's Game 2 of the best-of-7 Western Conference first-round series.

They admit they've been pressing, looking for the perfect pass rather than taking a basic approach. Dallas finished the regular season in a 4-for-41 slump with a manpower advantage.

"We look a little disorganized out there," said Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk, who had his first playoff goal in a Dallas uniform on Wednesday. "It's an area of concern for us. When things aren't going quite the way you want them to, sometimes the best thing to do is shoot it at the net, converge for rebounds and get some ugly goals. Those are just as good as the pretty ones."

BOWLING

PAMPA — Pampa bowlers Rita Steddum and Nancy Looper are playing the waiting game.

Back on March 26, they combined to bowl a 1,211 series to take over the number one spot in Division 1 doubles at the Women's International Bowling Congress national championship tournament in Reno, Nev. Steddum also leads in all-events with a combined score of 1,826 in singles, doubles and team competition. Their scores are still atop the leaderboard, but they've got a long wait. The tournament doesn't end until July 14.

"There's no feeling like it (being in first place), but we've got a long way to go," Mrs. Steddum said. "Wherever we end up will be an honor."

FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Can a starting quarterback competition resurrect the New Orleans Saints?

The Saints, who haven't had a winning season since 1992, spent a couple of draft choices Thursday to find out.

New Orleans traded Washington's No. 5 draft choice this year — No. 132 overall — and its No. 3 pick in 1998 for Redskins backup quarterback Heath Shuler, the No. 3 overall choice in 1994.

Saints president-general manager Bill Kuharich called it "a win-win situation for both sides."

Shuler signed his contract Thursday night and faxed it to New Orleans. He said Shuler would be in New Orleans today to meet with the team.

The Saints and Shuler agreed to a four-year, \$7.6 million contract on March 29 that includes a \$1 million signing bonus and base salaries of \$200,000 a year for the first two years, \$3 million for the third year and \$3.2 million for the last year.

Shuler, 25, faces the challenge of unseating Jim Everett, 34, as the Saints' starter. The two should begin their competition at the team's minicamp April 25-27.

Aggies hope to rebound from 6-6 campaign

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — If any good can be gleaned from a soured 6-6 season in 1996, Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum found it in spring drills, which he called one of the most enthusiastic he's experienced.

The Aggies seemed determined not to allow a repeat of last year's disappointment.

"Normally, there are one or two days you just have to grind it out and get them through it — but they showed up every day ready to work," Slocum said. "The key was, we kept the players on the field without many injuries and we came out of it with some good progress."

The Aggies hoped to compete for the national championship last season behind their new quarterback Brandon Stewart, who transferred from Tennessee.

Instead, they lurched into the season, losing three of their first four games to Brigham Young, Southwestern Louisiana and Colorado. Stewart struggled in his first role as a starter and the Aggies had to win three of their final four games just to finish even.

Now they have a head start on 1997 although the defensive line is still thin and incoming freshmen may have to step in and play immediately. The Aggies are still trying to bolster their passing attack.

But at least, juniors are playing this year where sophomores were a year ago. Slocum said the Aggies' youth was overlooked last

season.

"I kept saying last year there was no way Brandon could live up to the expectations people had for him," Slocum said. "It was unfair to put those expectations on him. I think he tried to press and make things happen."

"Brandon was inexperienced and the guys around him were inexperienced. But he came back in the spring and he'll be more mature this season. He will make some big plays for us but he realizes he doesn't have to make all the plays."

Defensive line is a critical area for development. Zerick Rollins and Brad Crowley seem solid at the ends, but nose guard is undecided.

"Stephen Young is a redshirt freshman and Marcus Heard is a player who has to develop (at nose guard)," Slocum said. "We will bring in seven freshmen to compete for defensive line spots."

"With any freshman, you don't know who's going to step in and compete. You don't know who to redshirt and who to play but we'll find out. I'm not afraid to play a freshman. Sam Adams came in as a freshman and contributed to the team."

The Aggies lost their best receiver, Albert Connell, who caught 57 passes and six touchdowns last season, but Slocum liked his receivers in the spring.

"As a group, the wide receivers may have been the most pleasant surprise this spring," Slocum said.

Golf champions



(Pampa News Photo)

The Pampa High School girls golf team is getting ready for the Region 1-4A Tournament after winning the District 1-4A championship last weekend. Team members are (front, left to right) Lori Walling, Alison Piersall and Christina Gage; (standing, left to right) Melissa Gindorf, Patti Montoya and Shelby Allison. Five PHS golfers were in the top 10 in the district medalist standings. Gage was second, Allison third, Gindorf fourth, Piersall fifth and Montoya ninth. The Lady Harvesters won the district title by 88 strokes over Hereford. The regional tournament is scheduled Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

NBHA holds final race of season

PAMPA — The National Barrel Horse Association has held its last race of the season, finishing up at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

The 39 contestants competed March 29 and had to battle the wind throughout much of the day, according to NBHA official Judy Morriss.

"The day started out like it was going to be beautiful, but it wasn't to be. The wind blew hard, then so did the dirt. The grounds were good, the runs were fast and we only had four knocked-down barrels," Morriss said.

The contestants competed for \$1,460 in prize money, including \$500 additional money. There were seven youth 3D racers and

\$50 was added to their class.

In behalf of the NBHA, Morriss wanted to thank Ann Lowe, Susan Raney, Betty Wilson, Ricki Preager, Jim Reeves, Dora and Alvin Reeves for their help with the barrel race.

For more information on the NBHA, Morriss can be contacted at 806-835-2934. Man can also join the association.

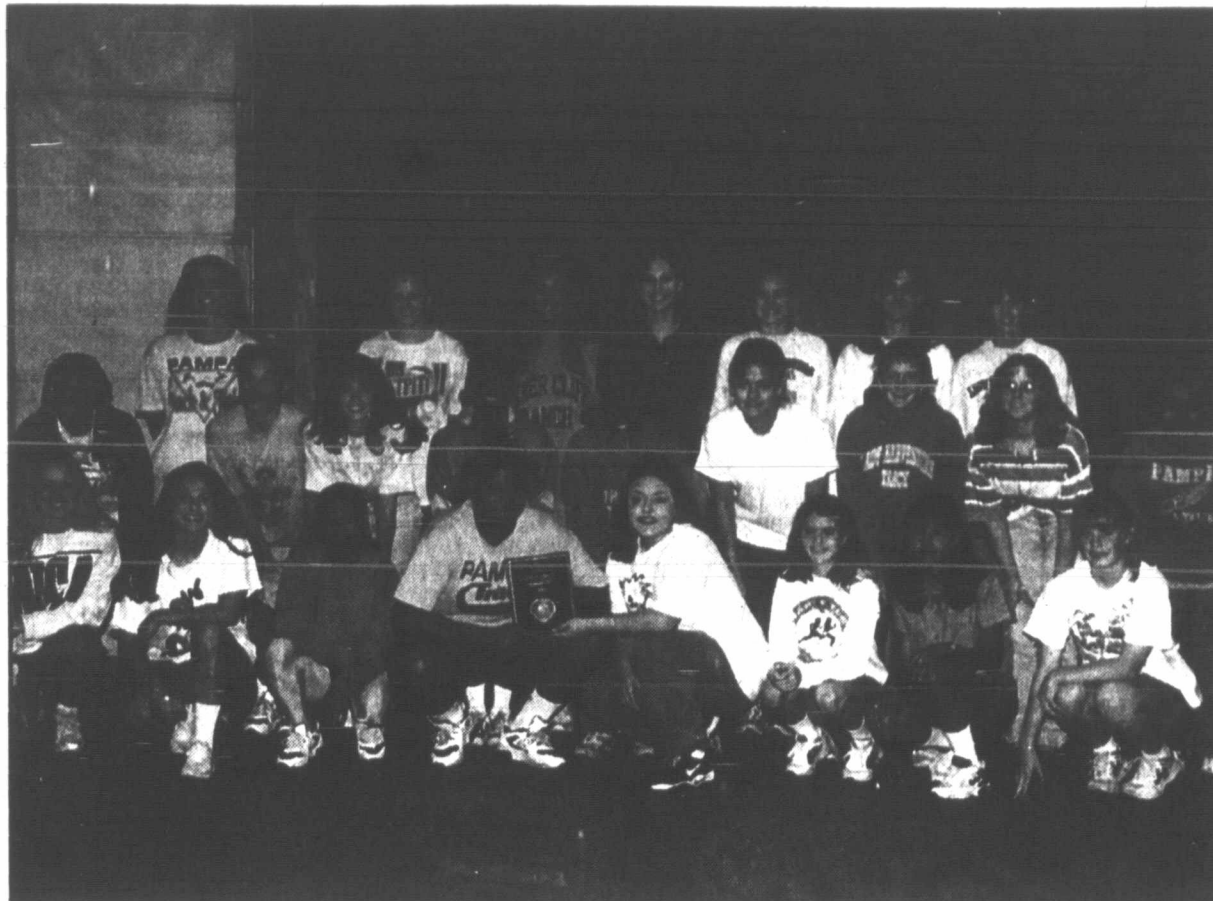
"This is an organization where losers can be winners," Morriss said.

NBHA Race results

Open 1D

1. Gail Elliott, 17.621, Stinnett; 2. Jamie Mears, 17.715, Pampa; 3. Alicia Karr, 17.890, Amarillo; 4. Kelly Garrison, 17.895, Channing.

District track champs



(Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Pampa High girls track team displays the District 1-4A championship plaque they won last weekend at Dumas. The Lady Harvesters compete in the Region 1-4A Meet April 25-26 in San Angelo. It was the third consecutive district track title for the Pampa girls program.

Caprock holds off Harvesters

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvesters traveled to Amarillo on Thursday to hook up with the Caprock Longhorns in a game that went the seven-inning distance.

The Longhorns used the opportunity to strengthen their spot in District 1-4A, besting the Harvesters, 11-7.

Pampa started pitcher Aaron Whitney on the mound, who posted a win against Borger last Monday afternoon.

Whitney started the game shaky, allowing Caprock to surprise the Harvesters by connecting on pitch after pitch, eventually scoring seven runs.

The first inning proved to be the deciding point of the game as the Longhorns posted an early 7-1 lead.

After a quick second inning that saw Caprock go down 1-2-3, the Longhorns again found Whitney's number, adding four more runs in the third for an 11-1 advantage.

After relief pitcher Blane Northcutt came in, Pampa's defense came alive to shut down Caprock for the remainder of the game.

Pampa's offense started to produce much-needed runs in the late innings. Ryan Schumacher capitalized for Pampa, hitting a strong shot off the wall that drove in baserunners Jerren Miller and Jamisen Hancock.

But most of Pampa's offense was posted by Duane King, who used a show of force to help the Harvester cause. King drilled back-to-back home runs in the 6th and 7th innings.

King's first shot was single that put a much-needed run on the board for the Harvesters. His second shot followed Schumacher's two RBI double for the final runs of the game.

In the end, Caprock's monster first inning proved to be the difference, boosting the Longhorns to 3-4 in district play.

Playoff hopes diminished for the Harvesters, who drop to 2-5 overall in district.

Pampa plays Hereford Saturday in Hereford.

Texas rookie making history

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Television crews and baseball historians would be smart not to let Marc Sagmoen out of their sight.

Everywhere the rookie outfielder goes in this first week of his major league career, history finds him.

While the Texas Rangers were beating the Royals 5-1 Thursday night for their first-ever sweep in Kansas City, Sagmoen became one of the few men in baseball history to get an inside-the-park home run for his first major league hit.

Moreover, fate picked Tuesday night for Sagmoen to make his major league debut while wearing, of all things, No. 42. On that same night in New York, baseball honored Jackie Robinson on the 50th anniversary of his groundbreaking debut and announced it was retiring No. 42 forever in honor of the man who broke the color barrier.

"Oh, my goodness. I can't believe it," Sagmoen said Thursday night. "First being called up — now this. It's really special."

"I don't know if he set a record, but he surely tied one," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

The outfielder became at least the fourth player ever to get an inside-the-park home run for his first major league hit.

Sagmoen, in his ninth at-bat for Texas, lifted a towering shot to right in the fifth inning. The ball hit the wall on a fly and Joe Vitiello, a DH-first baseman pressed into duty for injured outfielder Jermaine Dye, let the carom get past him as it rolled back toward the infield.

By the time Vitiello caught up with the ball, he had no chance to stop Sagmoen from speeding home with the tying run.

"I knew I had third," Sagmoen said. "When I got to third and saw (third base coach Jerry Narron) waving me, the adrenaline kicked in and I thought, 'Oh, boy, the first one's going to be an inside-the-parker.'"

"When I got to the plate I saw the catcher was just kind of standing there, so I knew I had it. The guys were laughing and saying good job. I think they were as excited for me as I was."

Sagmoen was randomly assigned No. 42 when he was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma City. After the Jackie Robinson tribute retiring No. 42,

he gave up the number because he said he did not "feel worthy" to wear it.

Now wearing No. 37, he was asked what noteworthy milestone he planned next.

"How about a hit off Roger Clemens tomorrow night?" he said with a wide grin. "That would be nice. But actually, I just want to keep contributing to the team."

The victory was the fourth in a row for the Rangers, who entered the game hitting just .210. Texas had never swept a series of any length at Kauffman Stadium, which opened in 1973 as Royals Stadium.

In the next inning after Sagmoen's shot, Royals manager Bob Boone replaced Vitiello, who was hitting right-handed against left-handed Texas starter Darren Oliver. He said he had planned to make the move anyway.

"The reason for Vit is to get his bat in there," Boone said. "We've got at least four tough left-handers coming up. I'm aware, he's aware that we're a little short defensively with him out there."

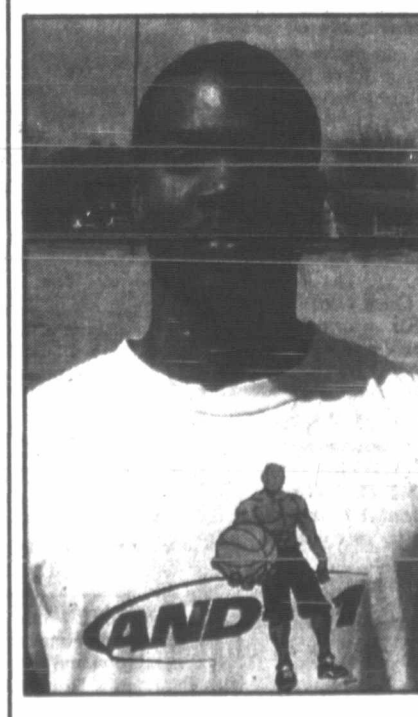
Oliver (1-1) gave up five hits in eight innings, striking out four and walking one.

Pampa triple jumper going to regionals

Pampa junior Gabe Wilbon (pictured) will be participating in the regional track and field meet April 25-26 in San Angelo.

Wilbon qualified for the regional meet after taking second in the triple jump at the District 1-4A meet in Dumas.

Wilbon had a 41-3/12 jump to take second behind Tony Powell of Borger at 41-5. Wilbon was the only Harvester to qualify for regionals.



Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League

At A Glance

All Times EDT

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	11	3	.786
Florida	10	4	.714
Montreal	5	7	.417
New York	4	10	.286
Philadelphia	3	10	.231 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	9	6	.600
Pittsburgh	6	7	.462
Cincinnati	5	10	.333
St. Louis	4	10	.286 1/2
Chicago	0	12	.000 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	10	3	.769
San Francisco	10	3	.769
Los Angeles	9	4	.692
San Diego	8	5	.615

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 1

Los Angeles 5, N.Y. Mets 2

Colorado 4, Chicago Cubs 0

San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 5

Florida 2, St. Louis 1

San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5, 10

innings

Houston 10, Montreal 2

Thursday's Games

Florida 2, St. Louis 1

Montreal at Philadelphia, p.p.d., rain

Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Montreal (Bullinger 0-2) at Philadelphia

(Maduro 0-2), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Burba 2-1) at Pittsburgh

(Cordova 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 0-2) at N.Y.

Mets (Clark 0-1), 7:40 p.m.

Atlanta (Glavin 2-0) at Colorado

(Wright 2-0), 9:05 p.m.

Houston (Hampton 1-2) at Los Angeles

(Martinez 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Florida (A. Leiter 2-1) at San Francisco

(Gardner 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Schorek 0-2) at Pittsburgh

(Schmidt 0-1), 1:35 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Traschel 0-2) at N.Y.

Mets (Jones 2-1), 1:40 p.m.

Atlanta (Neagle 1-0) at Colorado (Ritz 1-

2), 3:05 p.m.

Florida (Saunders 0-0) at San Francisco

(Estes 2-0), 4:05 p.m.

Montreal (C. Perez 2-0) at Philadelphia

(M. Leiter 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Kile 0-1) at Los Angeles

(Nomo 2-0), 10:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Al. Benes 1-1 and Morris 0-0)

vs. San Diego (Hamilton 1-1 and

Hitchcock 2-0), at Honolulu, 2, 10:05

p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 2, 1:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.

Atlanta at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.

Houston at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.

Florida at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

American League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	10	3	.769
Boston	8	7	.533
Toronto	6	6	.500 3 1/2
Detroit	7	9	.438 4 1/2
New York	5	10	.333 6

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	7	4	.636
Minnesota	8	7	.533
Kansas City	6	7	.462
Cleveland	6	8	.429 2 1/2
Chicago	4	10	.286 4 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	10	5	.667
Texas	7	5	.583 1 1/2
Oakland	7	8	.467 3
Anaheim	6	8	.429 3 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Boston 11, Cleveland 6

Milwaukee 7, N.Y. Yankees 4

Seattle 7, Detroit 3

Toronto 4, Oakland 3

Chicago White Sox 9, Baltimore 3

Texas 2, Kansas City 0

Thursday's Games

Toronto 5, Oakland 4

Seattle 8, Detroit 6

Minnesota 4, Anaheim 3, 10 innings

Milwaukee 5, N.Y. Yankees 4

Cleveland 4, Boston 3

Texas 5, Kansas City 1

Baltimore 1, Chicago White Sox 0

Friday's Games

Oakland (Telghader 0-1) at Detroit

(Brocal 0-1), 1:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Key 2-0) at Boston (Gordon

1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (McDonald 1-1) at Cleveland

(McDowell 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 0-1) at Chicago

White Sox (Navarro 1-0), 8:05 p.m.

Toronto (Hentgen 0-1) at Texas (Pavlik

1-1), 8:35 p.m.

Minnesota (F. Rodriguez 0-2) at Seattle

(Sanders 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 2-0) at Boston

(Wakefield 1-1), 1:05 p.m.

Oakland (Adams 0-1) at Detroit

(Thompson 1-0), 1:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Eldred 2-0) at Cleveland

(Nagy 1-1), 1:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Langston 1-1) at Kansas City

(Appier 1-1), 2:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 0-1) at Chicago

White Sox (Alvarez 0-3), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Clemens 2-0) at Texas (Hill 1-

1), 8:35 p.m.

Minnesota (Tewksbury 0-2) at Seattle

(D. Martinez 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

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Oakland at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Miami	60	20	.750
x-New York	55	25	.688
x-Orlando	45	35	.563
Washington	42	38	.525
New Jersey	24	56	.300
Philadelphia	22	58	.275
Boston	14	66	.175

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	60	12	.852
x-Atlanta	55	25	.688
x-Charlotte	54	26	.675
x-Detroit	53	27	.663
Cleveland	41	39	.513
Indiana	39	41	.488
Milwaukee	32	48	.400
Toronto	28	52	.350

Western Conference

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
z-Utah	62	18	.775
x-Houston	55	25	.688
x-Minnesota	59	41	.488
Dallas	24	56	.300
San Antonio	20	60	.250
Denver	20	61	.247
Vancouver	13	68	.160

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Seattle	56	25	.691
x-L.A. Lakers	55	25	.688
x-Portland	48	33	.593
x-Phoenix	39	41	.488
x-L.A. Clippers	38	44	.459
Sacramento	33	47	.413
Golden State	30	51	.370

Thursday's Games

Seattle 108, Boston 102

New York 96, Atlanta 92

Philadelphia 113, New Jersey 105

Washington 103, Indiana 90

Cleveland 78, Orlando 63

Detroit 92, Milwaukee 85

Miami 102, Chicago 92

Dallas 92, Minnesota 77

Portland 107, Denver 63

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Portland 105, Vancouver 73

L.A. Lakers 108, Sacramento 99

Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Orlando at Washington, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at L.A.

Conradt agrees to new 5-year contract at Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Jody Conradt would serve as coach of the University of Texas women's basketball team and women's athletic director for the next five years

under terms of a tentative \$1.275 million contract. Officials say Conradt tentatively agreed to the new contract Thursday.

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The address of record for DAVID SWIRES and GLORIA JEAN SWIRES is:

% Phil N. Vanderpool
Attorney at Law
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Pampa, Texas 79066-2455

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: April 11, 1997.

DAVID SWIRES

Guardian of the Person and Estate of RANDY LEE SWIRES, an Adult, an Incapacitated Person

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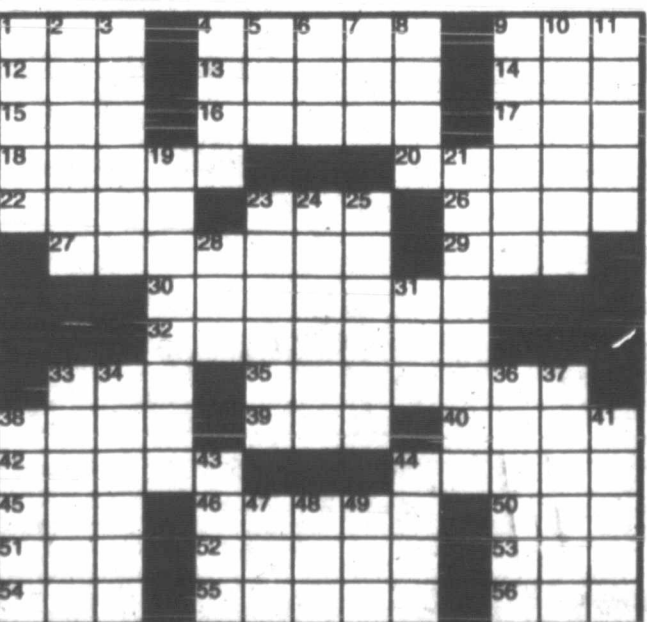
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13 Carmen or Alde
14 Year (Sp.)
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17 Compass pt.
18 Coin-toss call
20 - of (in conflict with)
22 Words of under-standing
23 Actor
26 Electric fishes
27 Russian government
29 Ninny
30 Young chicken
32 Monogram part
33 Acting signal
35 Rectify (a wrong)
38 Makes lace

DOWN
39 Bridge expert
40 Lingerie purchase
42 - as lunch
44 Water willow
45 Miao - tung
46 elegant
50 Dornier - (latest fashion)
51 Above, to a poet
52 Martini garnish
53 Sea eagle
54 Curvy letter
55 Of certain areas
56 Used a chair
1 Desert plants
2 Tabla linen
3 Muscadin Cugat
4 People with beets?
5 - tree (cornered)
6 Brother or sister (abbr.)
7 Before, poetically
8 School of modern art
9 Light boats
10 Invalidates
11 Cries mournfully
19 Most wary
21 Bold
23 Actress - Bloom
24 Narrow band on a building
25 Disorderly
26 Cal. abbr.
31 Hearing organ
33 Makes happen
34 Speaks
36 Broad units
37 - Leone from head - Word-processing command
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No fingerprints of value on gun in Cosby case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — No fingerprints of value were found on the gun police say was used to kill Ennis Cosby, the latest glitch in a case already troubled by the absence of an eyewitness, a defense lawyer said.

A preliminary report indicated that the gun found near the scene of the slaying lacked identifiable fingerprints, attorney Charles Lindner said Thursday.

Also lacking is an identification of the 18-year-old suspect, Michael Markhasev. A key witness could not pick Markhasev out of a lineup.

Police Chief Willie Williams has said that ballistics tests on a handgun found in brush near the killing scene showed the gun was used in the Jan. 16 killing. A knit cap also was retrieved from the area.

Cosby, the 27-year-old son of Bill Cosby, was killed when he stopped on a freeway off ramp to change a

flat tire on his Mercedes-Benz convertible.

Markhasev, who was arrested March 12, has pleaded innocent to murder and other charges.

Man accused of attacking Girl X found hurt in cell

CHICAGO (AP) — A man accused of raping a nine-year-old girl and spraying roach killer down her throat was injured from a possible fall in jail.

Patrick Sykes, 25, was hospitalized for blunt trauma Thursday after a guard found him lying face-down in a solitary confinement cell, the Cook County sheriff's department said. He was released from the hospital today.

Officials at the county jail said Sykes has a history of seizures and appeared to be in convulsions when he was found bleeding from the nose and mouth.

The girl, who came to be known as Girl X, was walking home Jan. 9 at the crime-ridden Cabrini-Green public housing complex when she

was dragged into an apartment and attacked.

Sykes, a high school dropout, was charged with sexual assault, predatory sexual assault, heinous battery and kidnapping, among other charges.

Judge calls victim a 'jerk,' reduces killer's sentence

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man who antagonized his neighbors and was gunned down in a hail of bullets was a "jerk" who got what was coming to him, a judge said, and set aside a jury's murder conviction.

Danny Palm, a retired Navy commander, faced 15 years to life in prison for the November 1995 slaying of John Harper Jr.

But Judge William Mudd said Thursday that the jury was wrong to convict Palm of second-degree murder and such a long sentence would be cruel. Mudd reduced the conviction to manslaughter.

"Occasionally, in the real world, victims bring about

their own death," Mudd said.

Under state law, Palm, 51, must serve about 8 1/2 years of the 10-year sentence, getting credit for the year he has already spent in custody.

Palm cornered Harper and emptied a clip of ammunition into him, loaded another clip and fired until all the bullets were used. Prosecutors argued it was premeditated murder; Palm claimed he blacked out before the shooting.

Mudd, who said he has never before set aside a jury verdict, called the 48-year-old Harper a "jerk" and "ne'er-do-well" who "set the wheels in motion for his own death."

Harper moved into his parents' house in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley about 2 1/2 years before his death.

During his time there, he tailgated drivers and tried to run them off the road, neighbors testified. He also swore at neighbors, threw rocks and threatened to burn down a home.

Physicists claim space bears similarities to a grain of wood

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Like the grain of wood, space itself may have an inherent quality that makes it behave differently depending on which way it's cut.

That's the contention of two physicists anyway, whose study of distant galaxies has led them to violate a physics taboo by proposing that there's a difference in the universe's properties depending on which direction you're looking.

"Everything we say and do is based on the assumption that there isn't," said Robert Kirshner, an astrophysicist at Harvard University.

Nevertheless, John Ralston of the University of Kansas and Borge Nodland of the University of Rochester are confident in their analysis. They collected 160 observations of distant galaxies made with radio telescopes.

The universe has an axis, Nodland and Ralston suggest in a paper to be published Monday in the journal *Physical Review Letters*, giving it an ordered structure that extends billions of light-years across space.

That may not sound too revolutionary to the average person, accustomed to concepts such as up and down, left and right, north and south. But to physi-

cists, the idea of directional orientation in the universe is a mind bender.

"If this were true it would be important," Kirshner said. "It would mean that somehow the magnetic field in the universe wasn't the same in all directions."

Several possible reasons emerge for why the universe might have a preferred direction, said Nodland, all of them profound.

"It could indicate that maybe the origin of the universe was not as perfect as we thought," Nodland said.

That is, the big bang could have bulged out more in one direction than in others.

Then again, it could be that hypothetical particles known as axions are affecting the radio waves. But nobody's ever seen physical evidence for an axion, so that one's a little sketchy.

And then there are the really wild explanations. The radio waves could be traversing things called "domain walls" that separate parts of the universe having different fundamental properties. Or maybe physicists have just missed a physical force up until now.

"If it's a real physical effect, there's something awesome there," Ralston said. "We never know, right?"

Feds investigate complaints about faulty Chrysler seat belts

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Lynn Beaty hit the brakes on her 1992 Dodge Caravan to avoid two deer, the child seat holding her 18-month-old daughter was sent flying toward the front seats.

The seat landed upside down with her daughter still in it, wedged between the minivan's two front bucket seats.

"I was terrified," Mrs. Beaty said in an interview. Her toddler escaped injury, but the Clinton, S.C., woman was irate when she found the seat belt securing the child seat in the minivan's second row had detached from its floor anchor.

Beaty and other owners of older Chrysler minivans are complaining that some seat belts are breaking apart on children and adults who are riding buckled up.

The case has the attention of investigators at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is responsible for government-ordered safety recalls.

NHTSA has received 171 complaints about belts becoming unhooked from a floor anchor in the middle row of the popular minivans, according to agency records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Chrysler dominates the minivan market, and the problem could affect up to 1.1 million minivans made from 1991 through March 1993.

Most of the minivan owners who filed complaints said the belt disconnected while somebody was riding buckled up in the seat.

Agency investigators suspect the belt failure could be more widespread, based on spot checks of other vehicles, an April 10 agency memo says. They are studying the belt's design.

Chrysler Corp. spokesman Jason Vines in Auburn Hills, Mich., said the company was working with the agency in reviewing the complaints to "see what has to be done."

Some owners, like Mrs. Beaty, have refused to let passengers sit in the right middle-row seat, which is closest to the sliding door.

The same belt design was used in the 1991-93 Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager and Chrysler Town and Country minivans.

At least five children suffered minor bruises and cuts when a seat belt came undone and they slid forward during braking, hitting the back of the front seat, records indicate.

Unlike other seat belts in the minivan, the belt for the right-side seat in the middle row was anchored with a hook so that it could be clipped on to one of two anchor locations depending on whether a two-passenger bucket seat or a three-passenger bench seat was installed.

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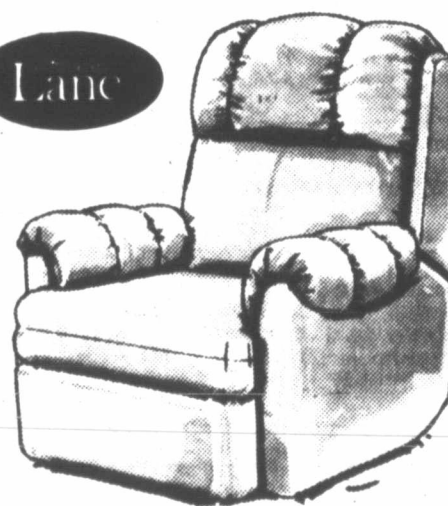
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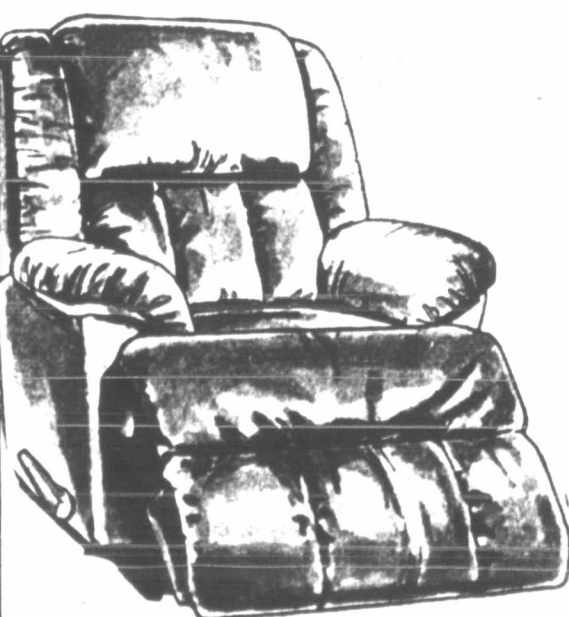
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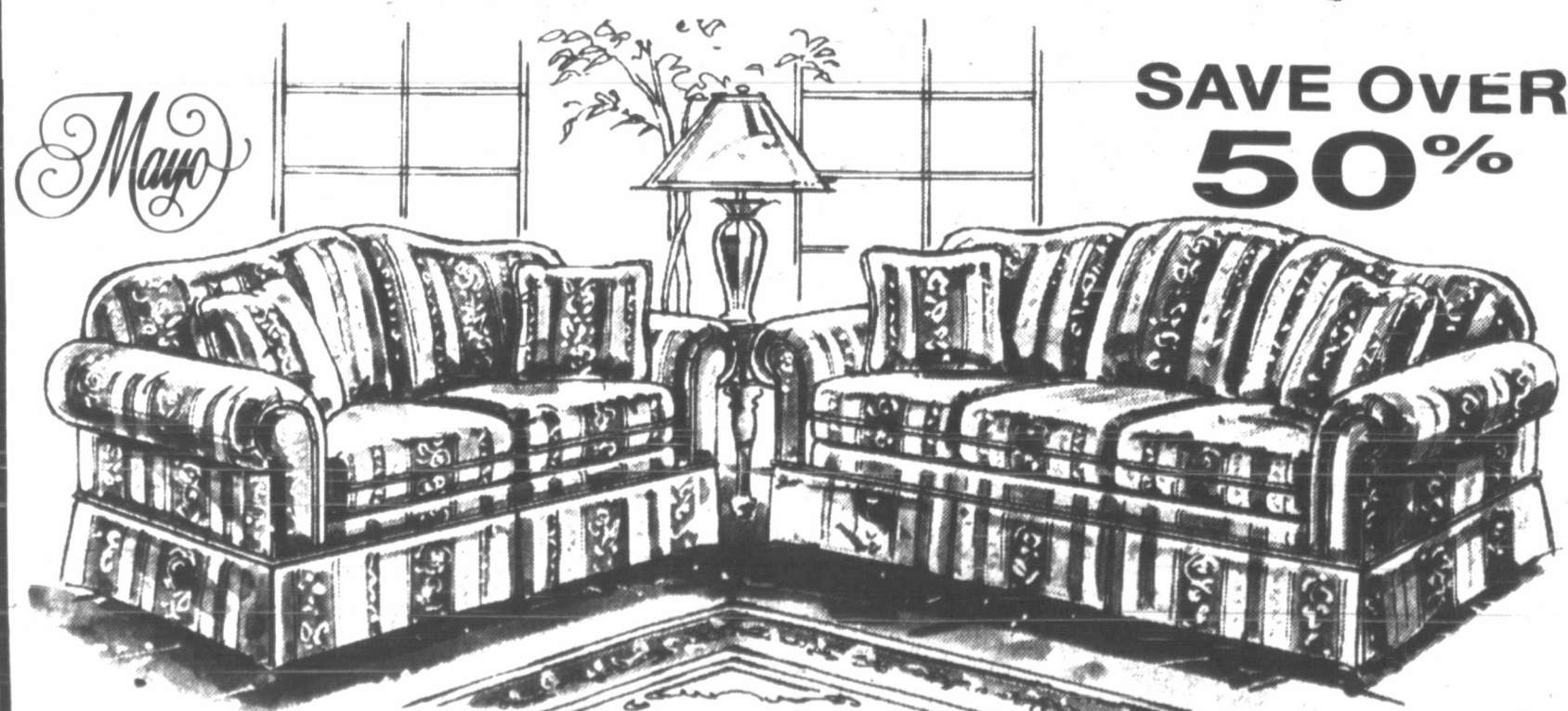
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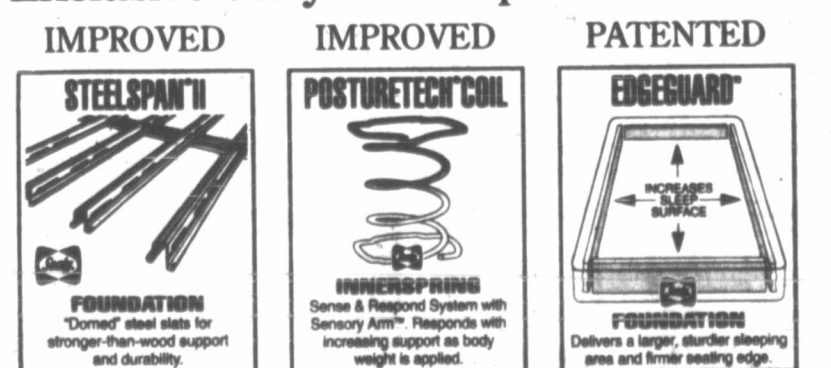


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