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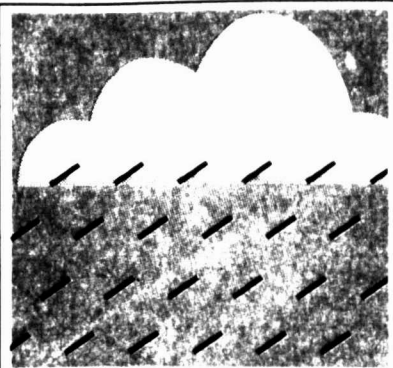
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PAMPA — The Salvation Army Womens Bible Study, will be opening the army's thrift store at special hours — from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, March 7 — to benefit a world service project. All the proceeds made during this time-frame will go toward three children's orphanages in Mexico.

PAMPA — A fifth grade orientation will be held Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School auditorium. For more information contact the school at 669-4900.

PAMPA — Paphandle Community Services is taking applications March 5-6 and Monday, March 9 for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. Applications will be taken at 411 N. Cuyler, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 2 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Misty Perez at 665-0081.

PAMPA — Community Christian School is having a stuffed Potato Supper tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. Stuffed potatoes, salad, rolls and cobbler included. Tickets can be purchased at the door — \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

PAMPA — Pampa Concert Directors will kick off the 1998-99 membership drive of the Community Concert Association at a 10 a.m. brunch Saturday in the First Baptist Church. The Nashville Bluegrass Band, concert pianist Jan Gottlieb Iracek, the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater and the New York Ballet Theatre are the concerts scheduled. The Bluegrass Band is sponsored jointly with the Borger Concert Association and will be presented in Borger. Other concerts will be in M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information call 806-665-0343.

- Ray Boyd, 84, farmer and oil field worker.
- Paul George, 84, self-employed in the oil and gas industry and ranching.

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Dairy business coming to Pampa for springtime

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Gray County and Pampa will soon be in the dairy business — a business that the studies show the area is well suited for.

Pampa Economic Development Corporation board member Richard Stowers, made the announcement at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce meeting Thursday night that the Kirk Carrell Dairy will be opening a dairy operation in Gray County soon. The dairy will continue to operate at its location in Godly, Texas and the operation here would be an additional site.

The exact location is still undetermined, according to Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of the PEDC. Kirk Carrell is still looking at possible sites.

Carrell has several different businesses besides the dairy; he also has feeder cattle, a trucking company, and has a custom harvesting operation.

Mollenkamp said the company considered moving to New Mexico, but the incentive package the PEDC offered, which will be finalized this afternoon at a special PEDC board meeting, drew him to this area.

The dairy will open here in three phases, according to Mollenkamp. The first phase, which will take two years to complete, will involve 2,000 head of dairy cattle, and will create forty jobs. Phase two will bring in another 2,000 head of cattle and twenty more jobs.

Phase three, which is tentative and not part of the agreement between the PEDC and the dairy, would involve processing milk and involve many more jobs.

While Carrell told PEDC officials that the company used local resources as much as possible, Mollenkamp said some of the work is very specialized and trained personnel will have to be brought in.

The company said it hopes to be into production before next winter and to begin construction in a couple of months.

Mollenkamp said he wanted to especially thank Paul Williams of Hughes-Roth Capital Markets Inc.

Williams is acquainted with the PEDC and offered



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)
(left) The PEDC's Lew Mollenkamp, dairy owner Kirk Carrell, and NationsBank President Chris Koop pause for a picture last night.

Carrell a copy of a PEDC study showing this area's suitability for the dairy business.

While the deal won't be officially approved until the vote of the PEDC board of directors today, Mollenkamp, who has spoken with the board, said he believes it will be approved.

Act I current show full of suspense, sounds and effects

By DARLENE BIRKES
For the News

"Boogie, boogie, boogie, boo!" So goes ACT I's current production, full of suspense, sounds and lighting effects. "It's A Scare!" by David DeBoy will be presented Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7, 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa Mall. The entrance is at the rear, west side of the mall.

The cast of five players includes the arrogant new head of a major motion picture studio, Spencer Pierce, an accountant who finally gets where he wants to be via the death of his director father, is aptly played by Chris Johnson, an ACT I newcomer.

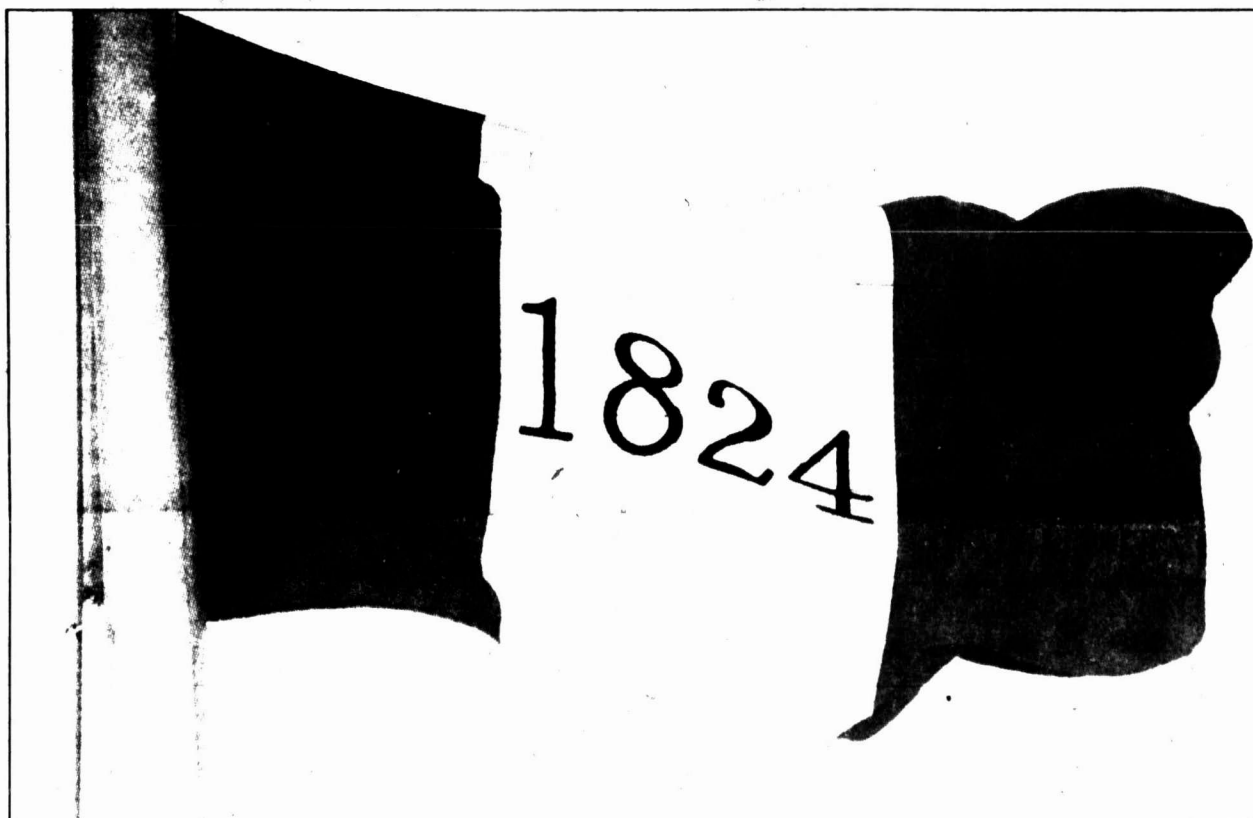
The comedy thriller takes place in the California home of Alexander Moreau, performed by ACT I veteran Ace Acevedo. The elderly, horror film star is being tormented by the new director Moreau has maneuvered the director into his home for an evening's event to scare the director and prove that he, Moreau, is not a "has been." The new director considers Moreau "as frightening as the three Stooges."

Horror props of former years are appropriately displayed about Moreau's living room. A noisy seance, a screaming phone, a "wormed" car plus the glaring eyes of Moreau's eccentric housekeeper, well played by Sandra Keeton, all contribute to the mood that Moreau is creating.

Stealing the show is newcomer Jimmie D. Collier, who plays the easily frightened chauffeur, Maxie, always "afraid of the dark." Collier's previous stage experience in college is easily recognizable, and he generates continual laughter throughout the play.

Plaudits also go to Keeton with her strange accent, and to Valerie Bruner, the awkward aspiring actress seeking a job. The play's director, Jimmy K. Lindsay, has a well-executed play with characters who speak distinctly and effectively. He was fully supported by the Lindsay family, who assisted with the stage set.

Artist Regina Brumley's penciled display of cowboys and children rounds out an enjoyable evening of entertaining suspense.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A replica of the flag that flew over the Alamo graced the flag pole of William B. Travis Elementary School today. It was 162 years ago today that the Alamo fell to Mexican forces under the command of Santa Ana. William B. Travis commanded the Texas forces in the Alamo. Doug Rapstine, principal at Travis and a history major, explained that the flag was flown over the Alamo to celebrate the Mexican Constitution of 1824.

Pampa Police make two arrests for suspects wanted on rape charges

Two Pampa men were in Gray County jail today after being arrested on rape charges.

Michael Terrell Williams, 26, 1033 Neel Road, and Jayson Dwight Williams, 24, 520 Oklahoma Street, were arrested Thursday afternoon on warrants charging them with sexual assault, a second degree felony.

Authorities said the pair were arrested about 4 p.m. Thursday by Pampa police and Gray County deputies. Officers said Michael Williams was arrested in the 200 block of West Brown. Jayson Williams was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

The two were arrested in connection with an incident during

the last of February, officers said.

Police said today that the charges stem from an incident in late February involving a 17-year-old girl. The girl was assaulted at a Pampa residence about 9 p.m. Feb. 20.

Officers said they developed information Thursday that led to the arrest of the two Pampa men.

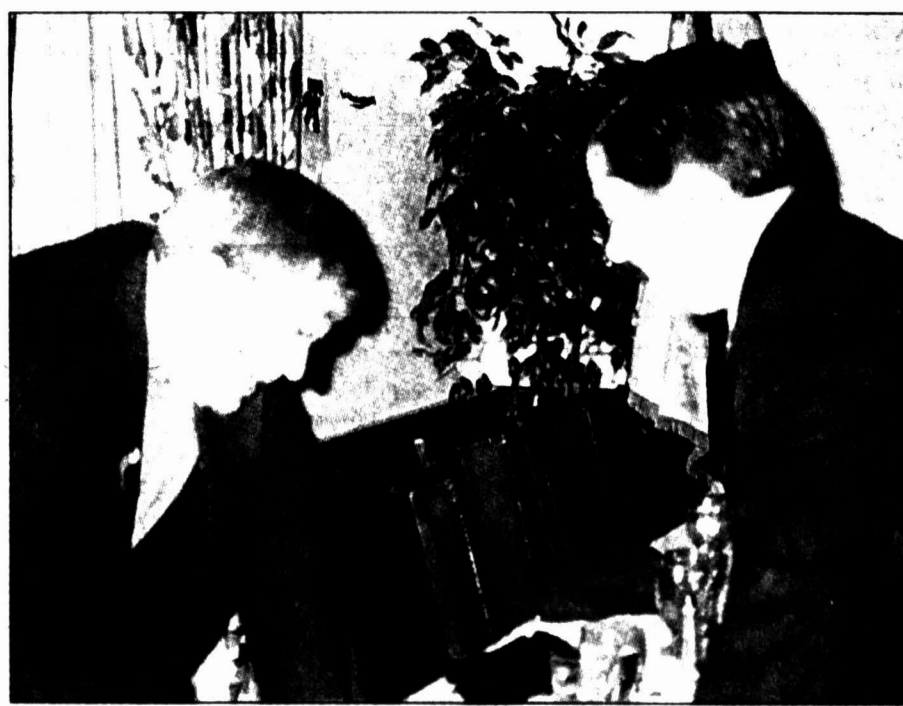
Chamber of Commerce 69th Annual Meeting



(Pampa News photos by Miranda Bailey)

(Left) Curt Beck was honored as the chamber's pick for the 1997 Citizen of the Year. Beck holds on to his plaque as well-wishers gather around.

(right) Texas Tech Head Coach Spike Dykes (from left) chats with Larry White at last night's banquet. Dykes presented attendees with an inspirational talk on the A.B.C.'s of success.



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BOYD, Ray — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

GEORGE, Paul — 2 p.m., Eleventh Street Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

RAY BOYD

Ray Boyd, 84, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 5, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Boyd was born Feb. 25, 1914, at Odell, Texas. He married Freda Lawson on Jan. 4, 1941, at Altus, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1954, moving from Vernon. He was a farmer and worked in the oil field for many years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Freda, of the home; three daughters, Linda Whitmarsh, Kathy Crawford and Phyllis LaRue, all of Pampa; two sons, Danny Boyd and Kevin Boyd, both of Pampa; a brother, Seth Boyd of Vernon; 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 616 N. Frost in Pampa.

RANDALL BRITTON

Randall Britton, 39, of Pampa died Friday, March 6, 1998. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

PAUL GEORGE

SHAMROCK — Paul George, 84, died Thursday, March 5, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Eleventh Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe G. Iernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, and Marion Fry of Ada, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. George was born in Paris, Texas. He married Dorothy Jo Clark in 1954 at Wellington. He was self-employed in the oil and gas industry as well as in ranching.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karla Janella Pope, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, Bumbly Hiltbrunner of Shamrock, a son, Matthew Joseph George of Azle, two sisters, Bonnie Bidwell of Letors and June Zitterbach of Weatherford, Okla., two brothers, Noel George of Olustee, Okla., and T.D. "Whitey" George of Perryton; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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.

THREE PLACE

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted. The next breakfast is in March 7. The following items will be served: ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, grits, coffee, juices and seasonal fruit.

GANGS 247/365

A parent/adult conference presented by Corporal Steve Powers, Fred Courtney, and Melissa Nichols will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas. For more information and reservations call 665-0842.

BOOKER FUMC WILL HOSTS RUSHING WIND EMMAUS

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the First United Methodist Church in Booker Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 412 S. Eastern. An agape meal will be served followed with a service of praise, worship, and communion. All churches in the tri-state area are invited to participate. The public is invited, and a nursery will be provided. Sponsor's training will be given at the ends of the service for those who wish to participate. For more information call Wanda Scott, (806) 435-2749.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth

Police report

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

Thursday, March 5

Bobby Dale Preston, 18, 111 4th Street, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

Michael Terrell Williams, 26, 1033 Neel Road was arrested on charges of sexual assault.

Jayson Dwight Williams, 24, 520 Oklahoma was arrested on charges of sexual assault.

Jorge Ruiz, 39, 608 Wynn, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, March 5

Michelle Christine Bybee, 19, 1319 Coffee, was arrested on charges of issuance of worthless checks.

Thomas Wane Tyosh, 36, McLean, was arrested on charges of assault.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 5

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported one to a local nursing facility.

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

Friday, March 6

4:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of E. Frederic and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland. No one was transported.

Fires

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

Thursday, March 5

8:43 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 200 block of Kingsmill on a smoke scare.

9:04 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a dumpster fire at Gray "N" and Gray "2".

2:44 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 300 block of Anne on a medical assist.

Friday, March 6

5:43 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of Garland on a medical assist.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.96	Chexcon	84.7	dn 1.8
Milo	4.11	Casa Cola	70.1	up 4.2
Corn	4.63	Columbia/HCA	28.15	up 2.0
Soybeans	8.87	Enrich	46.7	dn 5.6
		Halliburton	48.1	dn 1.2
		IRI	13.1	up 5.8
		KSI	52.1	up 1.4
		Kerr McGee	68.13	up 1.8
		Limited	29	up 1.6
		Magna	62.15	dn 5.6
		McDonald's	53.13	up 3.8
		NE	72.14	up 0.6
		New Atmos	29.34	SC
		NE	47.5	SC
		Petco	71.49	up 1.6
		Pioneer Sat Res	21.7	dn 1.8
		SLB	74.5	dn 1.5
		Tenneco	42.3	up 1.4
		Ultramat	57.9	up 7.6
		West Texas Crude	50.1	up 1.6
		W.M. Mart	29.7	up 2.0
		W.M. Mart	29.7	up 2.0
		W.M. Mart	29.7	up 2.0

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

Occidental	26.14	up 1.4
Magellan	102.20	up 1.4
Puritan	20.19	up 1.4

The following 90-day N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Fidelity Investments of Pampa.

Amstar	84.9	dn 1.4
Arco	77.1	dn 1.6
Cabot	36.1	up 7.2
Cabot O&G	21.1	dn 1.6
New York Gold	6.21	
Silver	15.35	

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

Lawyers for Ramsey, tabloid want suit moved

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — John Ramsey and the National Enquirer want a federal court to hear a libel and slander lawsuit brought by a man who says he was accused of killing or helping kill JonBenet Ramsey.

Photographer Stephen Miles filed a lawsuit in Boulder District Court claiming Ramsey made statements between Dec.

26, 1996, and last November that falsely accused Miles of either murdering the 6-year-old girl or being involved in the murder. He also claims Ramsey falsely called him a pedophile and sex offender.

Miles said the Enquirer published the claims in October and November, putting him on the cover of the Oct. 21 issue with an article presented "in a man-

ner and with headlines that directly suggest (Miles) killed JonBenet," the lawsuit says.

The defendants filed a motion Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Denver saying the case should be heard in federal court because it is an action between residents of different states and the amount of damages claimed exceeds \$75,000.

Kevorkian and associate drop off body at Michigan hospital

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A man whose body was left at a hospital by Jack Kevorkian suffered from a painful but nonfatal muscle disorder, according to a note left by the doctor.

Kevorkian and an associate, Dr. Georges Reding, brought the body Thursday evening to the emergency room at Huron Valley Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Leigh Sullivan said.

A note with the body identified the man only as a 42-year-old from Boston. The note said the man suffered from fibromyalgia, a painful muscle disorder that Ms. Sullivan said is not considered fatal.

The county medical examiner was to perform an autopsy today.

Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, said the man was Kevorkian's patient, but Fieger had no other information.

Kevorkian, a 69-year-old former pathologist, has refused to disclose the number of suicides he has attended. At a Dec. 31 news conference, he put the number at between 80 and 100. Since then, he has been connected to at least five more deaths.

Out in the spring-like weather ...



Employees of Wendell's Roofing Co. as they enjoy the spring-like weather while replacing the roof at 1020 Mary Ellen.

Shootings result over lottery

NEWINGTON, Conn. (AP) — A disgruntled employee killed four workers at state lottery headquarters today, chasing the lottery chief into the parking lot and gunning him down before fatally shooting himself.

"He came in with a gun and lots of ammunition. He was heavily armed," said Master Sgt. Gregory Chelso of the state police. The gunman, 35-year-old Matthew Beck of Cromwell, killed three employees in the building, then shot lottery chief Otho Brown in a parking lot about 100 yards away, Chelso said.

Beck, a eight-year lottery employee who had returned from medical leave Feb. 25, then shot himself in the head. He died at Hartford Hospital.

Beck had filed a grievance in August claiming he had been given a job outside his work classification. It was unresolved. "Yes, he has been troubled, but I don't want to talk to you right now," his father, Donald Beck, said in a telephone interview.

Also among the victims was Linda Mlynarczyk, the lottery's chief financial officer and a former one-term mayor of New Britain. The other two victims were Rick Rubelmann, vice president of operations, and Michael Logan, a data processor.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Areas of fog this morning and mostly cloudy this afternoon with a high of 50. Southeast winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a low of 37. Tomorrow, cloudy, a high of 52 in the morning, temperature falling to the 30s by the mid-afternoon. A 20 percent of snow projected for Saturday night.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy with a 40 percent chance of showers or possibly thunderstorms, mainly after midnight. Low in the middle 30s. South wind 15-25 mph with occasional higher gusts. Caution advised on area lakes. Saturday, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Turning windy and colder in the afternoon. High 50 to 55 then temperatures falling into the 30s by late afternoon. West to northwest wind increasing to 20-30 mph with higher gusts. Caution advised on area lakes. Saturday night, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow. Low in the middle 20s. 3 to 5 day forecast, Sunday, snow ending in the morning, then becoming partly cloudy. High around 45. Monday, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 20s. High in the middle 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Low near 30. High in the middle 50s. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 40-45. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy and very windy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High near 60 to the lower 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Low lower 40s to near 50. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy and very windy. A slight chance of

showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s to near 70. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 50-55. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy and windy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 30s and 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 50s. Guadalupe Mountains to the mid 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, Cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Some storm severe. Lows 49 west to 60 southeast. Saturday, Thunderstorms ending by late morning west, during the afternoon central and southeast. Becoming partly cloudy and windy. Highs 62 north to 69 south.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, possibly severe late. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Saturday, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely, some severe, turning partly cloudy late. Highs in the 70s south central to 60s Hill Country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Saturday, cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms, some severe with locally heavy rain. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with

a chance of showers or a few thunderstorms. Low in the 60s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms turning partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 80s. Deep South Texas — Tonight, Mostly cloudy and warm. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Saturday, mostly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 80s east to near 90 west.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Winter storm watch tonight and Saturday west central and northern mountains, Sandia/Manzano mountains and central high plains. Winter storm watch Saturday north-east. High wind watch Saturday east central and all of the south. Tonight, cloudy. Occasional snow showers mountains and north, snow possibly becoming heavy higher terrain central and north. Partly cloudy southeast with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 20s mountains and far north, 30s and 40s central and south. Saturday, windy statewide and strongest east and south. Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers or areas of blowing snow mountains and north, isolated morning showers south. Colder with highs 30s and 40s mountains and north, 50s and 60s south. Saturday night, showers ending northeast, partly cloudy west and south. Colder with zero to teens mountains and north with 20s to lower 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s. Saturday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 40s northwest to mid 60s south. Saturday night, mostly cloudy and turning colder. A chance of rain becoming mixed with or changing to snow all but the Red River valley. Lows in the mid-20s to mid 30s.

City briefs

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RESERVATION LINE open for Act 1 production "It's A Scram". March 6, 7, 13 & 14. 665-3710, 665-9369 leave message. Adv.

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LADIES NIGHT Sat. night 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Julian's Bar!! 323 W. Foster. Adv.

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SATURDAY SPECIAL Bag of Old Fashion Burgers \$8 (10 per bag). Dixie Dog Drive-In, 725 N. Hobart, 665-4061. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Adv.

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Pampa High School graduate, Sylvia Grider, to be honored with reception

by DARLENE BIRKES
Guest Writer

Pampa High School graduate Dr. Sylvia Grider will be honored with a reception open to the public at 2 p.m. March 15 in Lively Hall at First United Methodist Church. Dr. Grider is the daughter of R.C. Grider of Pampa and the late Mildred Holt Grider. She will be speaking on Texas Panhandle writers.

Grider recently co-authored the book "Texas Women Writers: A Tradition of Their Own," a reference book published by the Texas A&M University Press. Autographed copies will be available at the reception.

Grider will be at Amarillo College Thursday, March 12, for the Creative Mind Humanities Lecture Series. She will present "Women Writers and the Rise of Texas Literature" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the College Union Building. That evening she will speak at 8 p.m. on "The Wind Was the Cause of It All: Dorothy Scarborough and Texas" at the Business and



Sylvia Grider

Industry Center, 1314 Polk St., Amarillo. The lectures, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Texas Council for Humanities, are free and open to the public.

The Pampa native holds bachelor's of arts and master's of arts degrees from the

University of Texas, Austin, and a PhD in folklore from Indiana University. Her teaching fields are in folklore, cultural anthropology, professional ethics, Texas and the Southwest.

She has been on the faculty at Texas A&M University since 1976, first in the Department of English, and since 1986 in the Department of History and later the Department of Anthropology. For four years she was assistant dean in the Graduate College at Texas A&M. Before earning her PhD, she taught in Amarillo, Abilene, Dallas and at SMU.

Her articles are numerous, including subjects pertaining to Texas history, folklore and "The Wendish Texans." Of local interest are her writings on early White Deer Land Company manager C.P. Buckler, the shotgun shacks of the Texas Panhandle and the black duster of April 14, 1935. Her current research is on the life of the late prominent Texas author and professor Dorothy Scarborough, who wrote "The Wind."

Senate moves to vote on longstanding affirmative action construction program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 15-year-old program to help women and minorities win construction contracts is under attack in the Senate in a move that could lead to a presidential veto of a \$173 billion highway spending bill.

Opponents of an amendment to eliminate the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program said they had the votes to defeat it. But there also was strong sentiment for standing up against the affirmative action program.

"Congress has a historic opportunity to take a small step toward equal protection for all citizens," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Thursday.

McConnell is chief sponsor of an amendment, attached to a six-year highway spending bill, that would end a program signed into law by President Reagan in 1983. It sets a goal of awarding 10 percent of federal construction contracts to traditionally disadvantaged groups such as women and minorities.

McConnell wants to replace it with an outreach program to help emerging small businesses.

But Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, as well as the man responsible for getting the highway bill through the Senate, urged his colleagues not to make the bill a platform for a showdown on affirmative action.

The administration has made clear that approval of the McConnell amendment could lead to a veto of the entire bill.

"That is just too high a price to pay," Chafee said. McConnell cited the Supreme Court's 1995 ruling in Adarand vs. Peña, which said that racial preferences in government programs must serve a compelling governmental interest and be narrowly tailored to further that interest.

A subsequent U.S. District Court ruling, now under appeal, said the program did not meet those criteria and was unconstitutional.

"The United States government has no business making distinctions based on skin color or sex, period," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

But supporters argued that the program sets goals, not quotas, and that the Transportation Department has made adjustments to comply with the court decisions.

"This is not a quota," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. "It is a set-aside of a specific amount of money, but there is no specific direction on who gets that money."

McConnell acknowledged that ending entrenched programs was difficult.

"It's very, very clear that quotas and preferences are going to die hard in this country," he said.

While divided on the affirmative action issue, the Senate did make progress Thursday on two major funding matters.

By voice vote, it decided to increase highway construction spending over a six-year period to \$173 billion, up from \$147 billion when the bill was first considered last fall. Senate leaders also agreed to increase the previously determined funding for mass transit by \$5 billion, to \$41.3 billion.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., stressed that transportation funding could be increased without breaking the budget caps set in the balanced budget act last year.

No one, however, was saying what other programs might have to be cut, including President Clinton's priorities, to come up with the money.

Theatre department hosts trash-treasure day

CANYON — Does your closet resemble a landfill? Or maybe your garage is too full to park your car?

Well, it's time to start spring cleaning a little early this year and take your "trash" to the West Texas A&M University's Theatre Department's "Your Trash-Our Treasure Day."

WTAMU's chapter of the United States Institute of Theatre Technology will sponsor this event in order to collect props and costumes for future plays and musicals in the Branding Iron Theatre. The event will be from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 in the BIT, located in the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus.

"If you have clothes, housewares, furniture or knickknacks that you would like to see put to good use, then bring them to the theatre," John Landon, BIT technical director and assistant

professor of theatre, said.

The costume department uses dresses, hats, shoes, boots, ties, coats and uniforms from different time periods. Set dressings for plays will use rocking chairs, sofas, dining tables, sideboards, area rugs and lamps from several different styles. The props for musicals may require table settings, glassware, bicycles, garden tools or children's toys from great-grandparents' youth.

The items are carefully stored in the costume, prop or storage areas, Landon said.

"Having a well-stocked inventory of ready-to-use items helps lower the cost of producing plays and musicals in the BIT," Landon said.

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Judge assumes direct role in Lewinsky testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has taken a direct role in arrangements for Monica Lewinsky's grand jury appearance while presidential friend Vernon Jordan, in an important prelude to her testimony, says there was no improper motive when he began a job search on her behalf.

While Jordan finished a second day of testimony Thursday on the third floor of the federal courthouse, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson held a closed hearing one floor below — almost certainly involving arrangements for Ms. Lewinsky.

It is not known when Ms. Lewinsky will testify, but before she does, the circumstances of her appearance must be made clear.

Her attorney, William Ginsburg, has been trying to enforce an immunity deal that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr says was never sealed. The judge had Starr, Ginsburg and their associates in her courtroom to argue the immunity issue — raising the possibility that she will decide the matter or force the two sides to reach agreement.

The normally talkative Ginsburg would not comment to reporters after he left Johnson's hearing, except to say, "I follow court rules. That's not unlike me at all." Prosecutors said nothing.

Jordan's testimony and Johnson's hearing came on an extraordinary day.

Details of President Clinton's deposition testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against him were published in The Washington Post. The president's lawyer in that case, Robert

Bennett, appeared at the courthouse for a previously scheduled luncheon with law clerks — but ended up facing a throng of reporters to deny leaking the material.

Adding to the circus atmosphere, a group of women held a rally to say they were concerned about Clinton's behavior and wanted the case brought to a close soon.

Clinton, meanwhile, denounced the leak of his deposition in the case brought by Mrs. Jones, a former Arkansas government clerk who contends she was denied proper raises and advancement after she refused Clinton's request for sex in 1991.

In a brief exchange with reporters at the White House, Clinton refused to discuss his answers in the deposition.

"The court has made it absolutely clear it is illegal to leak and discuss it. I'm going to follow the law. That's what I wish everyone else would do," Clinton said.

Two individuals familiar with

Clinton's deposition said he acknowledged under oath that he and Jordan discussed efforts to find a job for Ms. Lewinsky. Clinton testified that the job-seeking effort was initiated by his personal secretary, Betty Currie, according to the individuals, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Also in Clinton's deposition, he discussed another woman, former schoolmate Dolly Kyle Browning, who has claimed they had a lengthy affair, the Post reported in today's editions. Clinton denied having a sexual relationship with Ms. Browning but said she threatened to write a book falsely claiming they did, according to the newspaper report.

Ms. Browning is a Dallas real estate attorney who wrote a novel about a woman who has a romantic relationship with a Southern governor who becomes president. She told the Post she was outraged by Clinton's testimony. "He is lying and has committed perjury," she said.

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State joins FBI in allegations against lawmaker

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The Travis County District Attorney's office has subpoenaed state Rep. Gilbert Serna's office manager as part of its probe, Serna's attorney, Luis Aguilar, said Thursday.

The attorney said the investigation likely centers on allegations that Serna, D-El Paso, offered to give employees raises if they gave some of the money back to him. Aguilar said his client was heartened by the legal action.

"He felt this would give Travis County the opportunity to hear his side of the story. He said he hasn't done anything wrong," said Aguilar.

El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza said his office is cooperating in the probe.

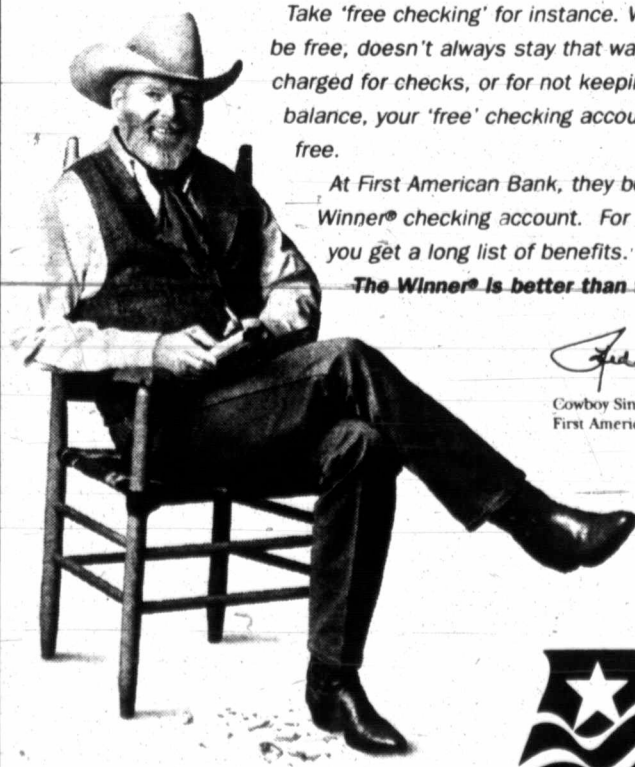
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Dallas Morning News on Oprah victory:

Hook 'em, Oprah. From the moment the judicial chute opened a month ago until the moment jurors acknowledged she had lassoed their hearts and minds, Oprah Winfrey proved to be a class act.

But her successful defense against a lawsuit filed against her by Amarillo cattlemen symbolized much more than personal triumph for the popular media maven. As she said of her win Thursday, it meant that "free speech not only lives, it rocks."

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson may yet deem unconstitutional Texas' overdrawn 1995 agricultural product disparagement law under which lead plaintiff Paul Engler brought the suit. At issue was a 1996 Oprah Winfrey show that raised the question of whether mad cow disease could make its way from Great Britain to the United States. Texas cattlemen claimed that statements made on the show caused beef prices to plummet.

In a possible prelude to a finding that the state law protecting the perishable food products industry failed to pass constitutional muster, Judge Robinson said last week that the plaintiffs had failed to prove their case under its provisions. That left the plaintiffs' lawyers with having to try to prove their case under an alternative statute, a common product disparagement law. It requires evidence of intent to bring economic harm to specific individuals, which is fair.

But the Texas veggie libel law deserves to be trashed. It raises the specter of having courts second-guess editorial decisions about stories and shows on a panoply of consumer issues.

Mr. Engler promises to appeal Thursday's verdict, but that idea should be put out to pasture. The cattle and beef industry would be wise to acknowledge that the lawsuit has already boomeranged on it, and that prolonging the case won't help. The veggie libel laws passed by more than a dozen states in recent years stand revealed for what they really are: maverick attempts to stifle criticism of agribusiness. If the Winfrey case is still on appeal next time the state Legislature meets, lawmakers in Austin should repeal the veggie law swiftly.

The only hero in this court episode turned out to be Ms. Winfrey, who stood tall for the right to express opinions. Her legal bills went up, but so did her ratings, her fans and the public's understanding of a free speech issue.

Austin American-Statesman on Texas pride:

Reflecting on what makes Texas what it is and Texans what they are, the late Joe B. Frantz came up with a theory that makes sense.

The more loquacious Southerners drifted into what was to become Texas during the period of western expansion, while the more taciturn Midwestern types tended to choose California.

Had it been the other way around, Frantz reasoned, we'd be telling rich Californian jokes today.

It feels good, after all, to be a Texan — to be a part of something big and grandiose and part of a sweep of history that began with the first Indians to set foot on this part of the world. People have been coming here ever since.

Each has left a mark on the state that we know and love today. Whether we were born here or moved here from somewhere else, those with a soul soon give it to Texas.

Like the old saying goes, you can always tell a Texan, but you just can't tell him much.

And we're damned proud of it.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on minimum wage:

In election years, it is difficult to get a majority of those in Congress to appear hard-hearted toward the working poor. In 1996, the last time that an increase in the minimum wage was approved, 160 House Republicans supported it, even though many of them surely doubted the wisdom of it.

That year saw a two-step increase from \$4.25 to the present \$5.15. It was justifiable because it was the first increase in seven years and barely enabled minimum-wage earners to catch up with inflation. Things are different now. A \$1 increase (19 percent) would outstrip today's almost nonexistent rate of inflation. But the best argument against a need to raise the minimum is that not many full-time workers are receiving the minimum. The nation's long-term economic expansion and 4.9 percent unemployment rate means that many employers are paying more than the minimum in order to attract even minimally skilled employees.

The traditional wisdom is that a minimum wage increase means a certain number of lost jobs. If, as President Clinton seems to believe, that wasn't true of the recent increase, it is again because of the booming job market, not because the wisdom is wrong. If Employer A did let an unskilled employee go rather than pay more, Employer B was there to hire him or her. That will not always be the situation.

All in all, while we supported an increase in 1996, we think this year's proposal needs to be taken with a heavy dose of caution. The underlying economic laws about job losses are merely temporarily, not permanently, suspended.

Starr ambush reeks of collusion

From the very beginning of the Monica Lewinsky business, you have been told that what it's all about is crime. No, silly, not sex. Perjury. Subornation of perjury. Crime.

This is the line that independent counsel Kenneth Starr fed to Attorney General Janet Reno when he sought permission to expand the focus of his land swindle probe. It's about lying under oath, Madame Attorney General, he said. The fact that he would have to expose Clinton's ribald conduct was coincidental.

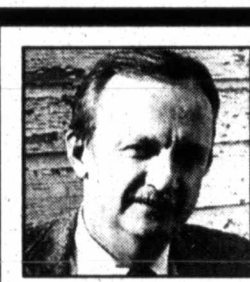
This is the line the media has been feeding you to excuse their prurient interest in the scandal. Oral sex? Semen stains? Heavens no, that's not what it's about. It's about crime.

Well, pardon my impertinence, but I say that is a lot of hogwash. I say this whole episode has been a politico-religious crusade from the start. I say that Kenneth Starr is Carrie Nation and Anthony Comstock and Pat Robertson rolled into one.

Every follower of news knows the politics of it by now: Right-wing appeals judge David Sentelle, who heads the panel that chooses independent counsels, lunched with right-wing senators Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina, after which moderate Republican prosecutor Robert Fiske was dismissed and right-wing ex-appellate judge Starr was appointed.

It was a political ambush, pure and simple. It may have been tacit, but Starr's mission was clear: Get Bill Clinton.

After three years and the expenditure of more than \$30 million, Starr and his band of



Joseph Spear

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monomaniacal prosecutors had failed to make a case against the Clintons. They had put away some minor characters and coerced the cooperation of two self-confessed liars and jailed a woman who refused to tell them what they wanted to hear, but they were about to become failures when, hallelujah, a sex thing fell into their laps.

How perfect for the pious ideologue Kenneth Starr, son of a Church of Christ minister, a former Bible salesman, a man who sings hymns aloud on his morning jog. How perfect for top deputy Hickman Ewing, a teetotaling fundamentalist. They had begun last summer to pry into Clinton's storied sex life. And now God, known to work in mysterious ways, had delivered unto them a means of overthrowing the infidel William Jefferson Clinton. All they needed was an excuse to investigate, some way of transforming Clinton's alleged lax morals into a crime.

Through Monica's Judas Iscariot, Linda Tripp, Starr's gang began working with the lawyers who represent Paula Jones in her

harassment suit against Clinton. They set a perjury trap. In his deposition, Clinton would be under oath. All they had to do was ask about Monica. They did. Clinton denied a sexual liaison. Presto, the president's morality was criminalized.

How common is it for prosecutors to investigate perjury charges in pending civil actions? Former independent counsel Lawrence Walsh, writing in the New York Review, put it this way: "In 60 years of practice, I have never known this to happen."

It is a snow job. Starr and the Moral Polizei need an alibi to investigate Clinton's personal life. The media need an alibi to report it. So they feed us the crime ruse.

What howling pretense. What an outrageous lie.

Where are we going with this politico-religious crusade? Where will we be in Kenneth Starr's America circa the year, say, 2006? Will the Moral Polizei be roaming the streets, like the Arabian mutawa, whacking women on the knees because their skirts are too short? Will the inspection of presidential bedsheets for semen stains become standard prosecutorial procedure? Will the politicians of tomorrow, as the Baltimore Sun suggests, be forced to sign sexual disclosure forms swearing to their purity?

The partisans and wowsers are humiliating a great nation, and they are destroying a flawed but fundamentally decent man.

It is insanity, and someone has to step up and stop it.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 6, the 65th day of 1998. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

On this date:

In 1806, poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham, England.

Toronto.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La

Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, in its Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court held that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on

Berlin during World War II.

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported being gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern; four men were later convicted.

In 1987, 189 people died when a British ferry, Herald of Free Enterprise, capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Ten years ago: The board of trustees at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a liberal arts college for the deaf, selected a hearing woman to be school president. Outraged students shut down the campus, forcing the selection of a deaf president instead.

Five years ago: As a standoff at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended its first week, authorities appealed publicly to David Koresh and his followers to give themselves up.

Overthrowing Saddam poses risk

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

But neither air strikes nor the crushing defeat of Iraqi forces in the Persian Gulf War of 1991 forced Saddam from power, although it was widely assumed at the time that he couldn't survive.

The Republican administration decided then against invading to oust him, although the troops were there, with the road to Baghdad in front of them. The United Nations resolution that backed the Gulf War was to expel Iraqi invaders from Kuwait, and President Bush said an invasion against Saddam would have exceeded that franchise.

Clinton's GOP critics say he has subcontracted American foreign policy to the United Nations, and have denounced the Annan deal as appeasement.

The United Nations and an international coalition were keys to the Bush policy in 1990 and 1991, and while there were conservative reservations, the critics then were primarily Democrats who wanted to wait and see whether economic sanctions would force Iraq to quit Kuwait short of war.

Now the complaints are that the air strikes which haven't happened yet wouldn't suffice if and when they are waged, that boxing Saddam isn't enough, and that long-term policy has to be to oust him.

But Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen

said two weeks ago, before the U.N. deal, that "what we are seeking to do is not to topple Saddam Hussein," only to enforce international weapons inspections.

"Ultimately, biology will work and he will disappear," Albright said. That may be a while. Saddam, who took power in Iraq in 1968, is only 60. He's outlasted five U.S. presidents; Clinton is the sixth.

The advocates of U.S. steps to oust him now would seek to stir an Iraqi uprising against his regime.

They would recognize a provisional government, support it and arm an insurrection by releasing Iraqi assets now frozen in the United States. They also would expand the current no-fly zones to protect insurgents, toughen sanctions against Baghdad, lift them in areas held by Saddam's opponents.

Once launched, those operations would add up to a commitment, and the options that are narrow now would be even narrower.

"If you encourage and almost incite people to rise up against their government, you incur a moral obligation to come to their defense at a moment of peril," Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security advisor, has cautioned.

He cited the Bay of Pigs in Cuba in 1961, the Hungarian uprising in 1956, and earlier Iraqi insurgencies as situations "where perhaps our rhetoric has gone ahead of what we are prepared to do."

Berger said the administration is being careful not to let that happen again.

So are the prospective Iraqi rebels. They want open, not covert, American backing.

Meredith House



Bud Hodges, left, and Loretta Robertson, both of Meredith House, joined in Mardi Gras 1998 celebration at Meredith House recently.

McLaren tried 'biggest corporate takeover ever,' prosecutors say

DALLAS (AP) — A group of Texas separatists don't deny they passed millions of dollars in Republic of Texas "warrants" to pay their bills. But they claim the self-issued currency was valid because it was backed by \$80 billion in state assets.

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren and eight followers went on trial Thursday on federal charges they tried to bilk banks and creditors of \$1.8 billion in what they plotted as "the biggest corporate takeover ever."

Prosecutor Mike Uhl said McLaren boasted to group members about his plan in a 1996 meeting at his headquarters in the West Texas mountains.

"There, Mr. McLaren says, this was going to be the biggest corporate takeover ever," Uhl said, referring to a videotape of the meeting.

At that meeting, separatists devised a scheme in which some members flew to Puerto Rico and attempted to open bank accounts using bogus currency the group had printed, Uhl said.

Members allegedly ran up their credit card bills on such expenses as a Lear jet lease for McLaren and a \$300 Neiman Marcus sweater for his wife, Evelyn. Then they tried paying the tabs with the so-called "warrants," prosecutors said.

Charges against the nine include various counts of conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting.

McLaren's defense attorney, Tom Mills, said in his opening statement that the separatist leader honestly believes what he espouses.

Specifically, McLaren claims the Republic of Texas was never properly annexed by the United States and that it has legitimate claim to more than \$80 billion in state assets.

"McLaren had historical and legal beliefs that because of procedural irregularities that happened in the 1800s, that Texas had become an independent republic and not annexed by the United States," Mills said.

Prosecutors started their case by calling witnesses to show how the group tried to capitalize their "government" by placing liens on state property.

The group continued filing such liens, including one against Gov. George W. Bush, even after they were ordered to stop by U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton.

Michelle Carmona, formerly with the Texas Secretary of State's office, said she was shocked when McLaren filed a lien against Bush and the state.

"Mr. McLaren said he eventually was going to take over the state government and then he would become my boss," she said.

McLaren already is serving a 99-year prison term for his role in last year's kidnapping of a neighbor in the remote Davis Mountains Resort. The incident triggered a weeklong standoff with 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers.

Mrs. McLaren, who is representing herself, said in her opening statement that she mailed the warrants because she needed to pay the group's credit card debts.

"I do not deny that we sent those things (warrants)," she said as her husband leaned forward intently, cradling his chin in his hands. "We sent them under the color of government."

"I believe, my husband believes, that the Republic of Texas did exist and does exist."

Defendant Richard George Kieninger, a trustee for McLaren's Republic of Texas faction, said the trial went to the heart of important issues for the group.

Teens arrested in church fire said they believed they were vampires

DALLAS (AP) — Four teenagers who said they thought they were vampires have been arrested in connection with vandalism and a church fire that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Authorities said the teens went on a drug-fueled spree early Thursday, vandalizing parked cars, spraying satanic graffiti and setting fire to a church in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas.

Bethany Lutheran Church, which lost its fellowship hall and office to fire, was hardest hit. Satanic graffiti was scrawled in hot pink and white paint on exterior brick walls.

"My sadness is not for us; it is for those people who don't know the joy of life," said Carol Spencer, Bethany Lutheran's interim pastor.

Authorities filed felony arson charges against the teens late Thursday and a U.S. attorney from Washington who specializes in hate crimes was expected to join the investigation today.

Officials from the FBI's Evidence Response Team and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were at the scene Thursday.

"We still have a very strong interest in it," said Special Agent Marjorie Poche, an FBI spokeswoman.

Charged with felony arson were a 16-year-old who was not identified because he is a juvenile, Lucas Charles Simms, 17, Brandon Lee Ramsey, 18, and Charles Randal Kinnard, 19.

Authorities said car tires were slashed, windows were broken and vulgarities were spray-painted on cars, homes and fences.

"It's shocking," said Mike Pappas, whose Jeep Cherokee was hit. "The whole neighborhood is upset."

Acid commonly used to treat swimming pools was spread on some cars.

"It can cause some real corrosion," said Kevin Long, who manages Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies. "It's going to cause some damage. It can turn a Coke can into liquid."

One of the cars was a black Mustang that Oliver Howard bought only a week ago. Spray-painted graffiti was on the side of the car and one of the tires was slashed, Howard said.

"I'm one of the lucky ones,"

said Howard, 25. "I think they just got me as an afterthought on their way back from the church."

The vandalism and arson spree came to light at 4 a.m. Thursday when Dallas police responded to a burglary alarm at the church.

When officers arrived, the back side of the church was in flames. Firefighters and dozens of officers from state and federal law enforcement agencies quickly converged.

Evidence led authorities almost immediately to a nearby residence where the 16-year-old boy lives. The boy and the three others were taken into custody about eight hours after the spree was discovered.

"We have strong evidence linking these individuals to the fire and other crimes in the neighborhood," deputy fire chief Tom Oney said.

Officials would not discuss specific evidence but said the four suspects had given statements.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that one suspect told detectives the teens believe they are vampires.

"They have marks on their

arms," the newspaper quoted a source as saying. "They sucked the blood out of each other's arms."

The newspaper said the teens were said to have smoked marijuana laced with an unknown substance before embarking on the vandalism rampage.

The 16-year-old suspect was led through police headquarters Thursday afternoon. He wore dark clothing and had gauze wrapped around one wrist. His family, through an unidentified friend, declined to comment on his arrest.

The other suspects also wore black or dark clothing when they were arrested.

Fire official Oney said some of the teens sat in lawn chairs on top of a carport and watched as authorities went through the ruined portion of the church Thursday morning.

"It appeared to me that they were savoring the fruits of the damage," Chief Oney said. "They were enjoying watching us look at it."

Medical officials warn about strep on border

EL PASO (AP) — The strep infection that has killed 18 people in Texas poses a unique threat on the border, where many residents are prone to treat themselves with products bought in Mexico, a health official says.

The most common scenario revolves around someone who purchases over-the-counter antibiotics in Mexico, then fails to finish the dose or even neglects to visit a doctor, said Dr. Jorge Magana, director of the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District.

In many cases, the bacteria only grows stronger while an early diagnosis and comprehensive treatment could have brought the illness under control.

"The access of 'automedication' has me very concerned," Magana said. "It's very hard to play doctor and, in some cases, it could be like playing Russian roulette. You can end up with very bad problems."

He said people who self-medicate are making assumptions about what is wrong with them.

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RELIGION

Catholics celebrate 400th anniversary of American arrival

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Four hundred years ago, on a mission to evangelize and baptize America's Indians, eight Franciscan friars trekked through the desert with Spanish explorers.

While most people think Christianity came to America on the Mayflower, the first permanent Catholic settlers actually arrived earlier, in 1598, to what is now New Mexico, establishing a tiny enclave about 80 miles from Albuquerque called Espanola — "New Spain."

It takes a 10th generation New Mexican, the Rev. Jerome Martinez y Alire, to get the perspective right: "It's nine years older than the establishment in Jamestown and it's 22 years older than Plymouth Rock."

This year, the Roman Catholic Church is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the priests' arrival with explorer Don Juan de Onate. A highlight of this Cuarto Centennial is a reconciliation with Indian leaders, planned for Aug. 8, to heal lingering ill will of historic and deadly battles between the Spanish and the Indians.

"There were times when the Spanish settlers were unfair to the native people and even cruel," said Archbishop Michael Sheehan, "and for these failings we should all seek reconciliation."

After crossing the Rio Grande on April 30, 1598, the Spanish celebrated Mass and declared New Mexico for the king of Spain and the Lord. They then headed north for the village of Ohkay Owingeh, now the San Juan

Pueblo Indian tribe.

In April, hundreds of teen-agers carrying crosses will run a relay along the route the priests took to first meet the Indians. The three-day journey along El Camino Real — the Old Royal Road — will begin in Las Cruces.

Some 200 teen-agers from the state's three dioceses will each run a leg of the relay. Bernadette Jaramillo, youth and young adult director for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, sees this as an opportunity for them to better understand being Catholic, being part of a church — and knowing its history. "It's really that important and it's that simple, too," she said. "It's a whole sense of identity."

With air-cushioned sneakers and bottled spring water, the group will have benefits their predecessors, a wagon train of 123 families accompanying the friars, lacked during their two-month journey.

An Indian prayer will bless the runners before the event in recognition of the presence of God in the Southwest before the Spanish arrived. The Pueblos worshiped a Great Spirit long before ever meeting a Catholic priest.

The runners will be greeted with a feast with other Catholics and Indians at the San Juan Pueblo. "It will be lovely," Martinez y Alire said.

It will also be a far cry from the original experience.

The Spanish endured New Mexico's fickle spring weather of searing heat, pouring rain, blasting cold and whipping winds. The friars,

wearing sandals and blue robes, made the entire trip on foot, when their vow of poverty barred them from owning a horse.

For those accustomed to Mexico and Spain's semitropical weather, the journey "must have been something akin to coming to the moon," Martinez y Alire said.

Earlier, in 1539 and 1583, explorers came to New Mexico searching for glory, gold and God. But the Indians killed off the priests who accompanied them, and the fabled seven cities of gold never panned out.

Spain sent the 1598 group in the hope of converting Indians. "In some places they were treated quite well and in some places they lost their lives," Martinez y Alire said.

The Spanish wanted the Indians to convert to European customs as well as to their religion. The Indians resisted this and many rejected the evangelical efforts, too.

With the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, the Spanish were banished from Indian territory. But, in 1692 a reconciliation allowed the return of much humbler priests.

Though the Spanish had little success winning over migratory Navajo and Apache Indians, many of the Pueblo converts merged aspects of Catholicism and their own faith. "They don't see any contradiction," Martinez y Alire said. "It's the same God."

And, in the centuries that followed, the church provided cultural cement in the desert of New Mexico. "In an area that's been marked by scarcity and poverty," he noted, "... it has been a harbor of hope."

Religion briefs...

Fellowship Baptist Youth Group is raising funds for summer camp by selling tickets for a barbecue plate for Friday, March 20. Two local businesses are donating and cooking the briskets. They will serve brisket, beans, cole slaw, and/or potato salad, a roll and dessert. You can dine in at the Family Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 622 East Francis or have it delivered. Tickets are \$6 each. For more information call 665-5976 before noon and 665-5864 after noon.

Calvary Assembly of God invites the public to join the Anointing with Unction, an alternative Friday night activity for the younger generation. The meeting will consist of praise, worship, testimonies and more. Unction meets at 8 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Friday nights of the month at Calvary Assembly of God, on the corner of Crawford and Love. For more information call 669-7207 or 669-0455. Come and receive a blessing.

St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm Ave., is hosting a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The next breakfast March is 7. Donations will be accepted. The following items will be served: ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, grits, coffee, juices and seasonal fruit.

Pray or play?

BOSTON (AP) — As more children play soccer and other organized sports on weekends, they and their families may have to choose between turf and church.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches has asked schools, sports leagues and charity organizers to rethink their schedules, noting a "pattern of public insensitivity to the religious traditions of our churches." Some 1,700 parishes throughout the state received the statement.

The Rev. Diane Kessler, executive director, said the council decided to speak out when a minister described how a public parade disbanded on his church's lawn during Sunday worship.

Noting how the conflict "touched on a very raw nerve," she said: "It's clear that the problem has not gone away. If anything it's gotten worse."

The Catholic Church also commented recently in The Pilot, the newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese: "The fact that most Catholic parishes have a Saturday evening vigil Mass does not excuse us from being part of the ecumenical attempt to rescue Sunday as the 'Lord's Day.'"

Discriminating for not meditating?

FAIRFIELD, Iowa (AP) — A woman has sued her former employer, claiming religious discrimination because she did not practice transcendental meditation.

Abby Kisling, of Onslow, said USA Global Link Inc. denied her promotions and other benefits and caused her "severe humiliation and emotional distress."

Kisling was fired for undisclosed reasons last June after 18 months of employment.

In her lawsuit, Kisling identified most of the company's 200 employees as meditators. She also claimed that followers of transcendental meditation received favorable treatment, as did graduates of nearby Maharishi University of Management, where an emphasis is placed on meditation.

Followers of transcendental meditation say their practice is not a religion. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission has not taken a stand, but director Don Grove did identify a precedent. "If a person suffers because of his or her beliefs," he said, "it has been found to be religious discrimination."

The Fairfield company denies any wrongdoing.

Religious references bother rivals

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Political rivals of Republican Dan Lungren, who is running for governor of California, view his campaign references to religion as alarming and inappropriate. But for others, it's alarming that anyone should question that a candidate for high office could rely on religious beliefs for moral guidance.

Lungren, the state attorney general, cited his beliefs as he announced his candidacy. Comments included: "If we are to be a successful people, we have to be a religious people as well." And: "Separation of church and state doesn't mean separation of public debate and religious values." And: "I'm a Catholic. I believe in penance and redemption."

Elena Stern, spokeswoman for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Al Checchi, said Lungren "is trying to mask his extremism in religion."

Checchi, she said, is also Catholic, but he's "running for governor, not archbishop." For Checchi, she said, religion is a personal matter, not a campaign issue.

Kam Kuwata, campaign manager for another Democratic candidate, Jane Harman, said he felt "a little queasy" about Lungren's remarks as "dangerously close to saying we need to have a state religion."

Lungren's pollster, Dick Dresner, didn't see any damage from the religious themes, saying his announcement resonates with many voters. Besides, he added, "To me, that's just who he is."

Texas congregation discusses ministry to gays

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Outside the University Baptist Church, across the street from the University of Texas, the sign proudly proclaims: "Our Doors Are Still Open."

Inside over a chicken dinner, about 50 church members talk out their feelings after the Baptist General Convention of Texas voted Feb. 24 to oust the small congregation for embracing gays and lesbians.

Church members are not happy about how they were treated. But neither are they deterred from what they see as their ministry to spread God's love for all people.

Ken Steele, chancel choir director, tells

of support from friends across the state and down the block — including a mother who visited with her gay son.

find out his sexual orientation," says Steele. "I can't help but feel that God is working through what we're doing."

In a majority vote, the convention's executive board severed ties with the 90-year-old church, condemning the church's ministry as an affirmation of the homosexual practice.

"She is so proud of the fact that we are giving him a place to come worship where he knows that he will not be excluded from everything the moment that they

In a majority vote, the convention's executive board severed ties with the 90-year-old church, condemning the church's ministry as an affirmation of the homosexual practice. An estimated 10 percent of the church's 200 active members are openly gay, says the Rev. Larry Bethune, church pastor.

"It's not accurate to say we endorse homosexual behavior, but we do embrace homosexual persons as persons beloved of God," he says.

Christian contemporary music artist, Dallas Holm, and his lifetime career

Note: This is the first of a two-part story. Dallas Holm will be performing in the M.K. Brown Auditorium on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. A \$3 donation will be taken at the door. Canned foods or non-perishable items will also be collected to help fund the needy. The concert is being put on in association with Trinity Fellowship Church, KJRT and KPDR. For more information call 665-3255 or 669-5790.

Not many people can say that they were making contemporary Christian music before it was ever termed. But while the Jesus Movement was igniting in the 1970's in California with rock-'n-roll from Larry Norman, Randy Stonehill and others, midwest native Dallas Holm was writing and playing easy going, adult contemporary tunes that remain mainstays in the genre, even today.

Dallas' passion for the outdoors—hunting, fishing, and camping—leads him to laugh that maybe he was born a few hundred years too late. But this ministry-minded songwriter and performer, who jokes that his fantasy life would be a frontiersman, has broken boundaries and traversed new frontiers in this day and age by creating contemporary music for Christ,

and becoming the first contemporary artist to win Dove Awards for "Song of the Year," "Songwriter of the Year" and "Male Vocalist of the Year," as well as the first contemporary Christian artist to receive a Recording Industry Association of America gold-certified record, for sales of over 500,000 units of "Dallas Holm And Praise...Live".

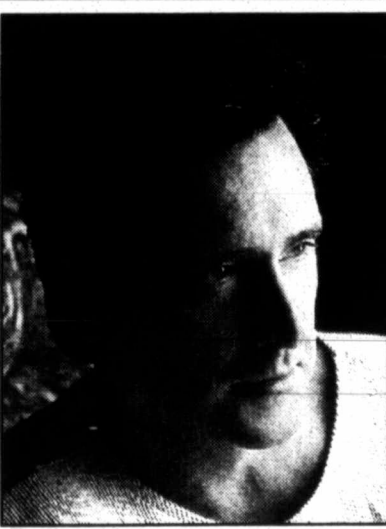
Since his introduction to Christian music with his major label self-titled debut 25 years ago, this messenger has reached millions with such standards as "Rise Again," "I Saw the Lord," and other early works that have become his trademark sound. However, there's another side to Dallas Holm that's yet to be fully discovered, but is heard through a sneak peek at his latest release, "Face of Mercy," which is filled with passionate worship songs that build on his already solid foundation as a writer, but with a more progressive, lighter feel. Certainly for Dallas Holm, time has only served to enhance his musical ability, as shown on this timeless collection of tunes.

Like many teenage boys, Dallas started off his introduction to music as a rocker in a high school band prior to giving his life to the Lord at the age of 16. Thirty albums later, he recalls one of his earliest heroes,

"It sounds almost hokey to say now, but when people ask who influenced your music, I have to say Elvis: I watched him on television playing the guitar and singing, and there was excitement and energy. I wanted to do that."

"In those days there was such a conservative perception of this new kind of music. They invited us to come in the church and perform, but leave our guitars at home," adds the songwriter and performer. "Out of a realization of what I think was then a tremendous lack in the church of more contemporary music, some of us [artists] decided that as we grew in the Lord, we could create meaningful and yet contemporary music for the young people that were coming to hear us sing. I played some traditional songs but tried to treat them in a way that better related to young people. Finally, we began to write our own music and slowly became more acceptable. It was a fairly slow process, and the opportunity to become an overnight success in this new form of music was highly unlikely."

"I had played the guitar, and always liked good up tempo music," he explains. "But when I became a Christian, along with the commitment of my life to the Lord was a commitment of my music—I



Dallas Holm

would only write and sing for Him. Consequently, I spent the first four or five years of my Christian life singing in jails, rest homes on street corners and in little churches of ten or fifteen people." These humble beginnings, however would help to build the foundations and mold the character of a man who would ultimately reach millions over the next 30 years of his life.

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Deadbeat Boyfriend Departs But Herpes Legacy Lives On

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend (I'll call him Harry) and I broke up recently, so now I'm a single mother of a 3-year-old daughter. Harry gives me no money for our little girl and refuses to help me pay off the bills we accumulated together on my credit cards.

He immediately moved in with the girl he cheated on me with during our relationship. He was unfaithful from the beginning, abusive at times, and was never able to hold a job.

So, why do I feel like I still need him? Harry gave me herpes. That's why. Deep down I feel like no one else will ever want me.

I just don't know what to do anymore. Although Harry moved out months ago, and even though I hate him for what he did to me, I'm still making excuses for him. Please help me. I'm

LOST IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LOST: Harry is not the answer to your problems; he's the reason you're in this fix. It's time to rebuild your self-esteem and stop making excuses for a man who wasn't much of a man in the first place.

Since Harry is a deadbeat and the credit cards were yours, face the fact that you'll get no help from him. Focus on your daughter and paying your bills.

As for no one else ever wanting you, that's not necessarily so.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

An estimated one in five people age 12 and older in this country (approximately 40 million to 50 million) have genital herpes, so you are far from alone.

For a packet of information on herpes, write the Herpes Resource Center, American Social Health Association, Dept. PR85, P.O. 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709, enclosing \$1 to cover postage and handling. ASHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stopping sexually transmitted diseases.

Please write again in six months and let me know how you are. I care.

DEAR ABBY: Here's a funny piece a friend gave me. I hope you like it.

RICHARD J. KOVAR JR., BERE, OHIO

DEAR RICHARD: It is very funny, and I have printed it sev-

eral times. I liked it so much I included it in my booklet titled "Keepers." A number of readers request it each year, so here it is again - enjoy!

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Old folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do - all the time. No matter where I am - in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement - I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

Horoscope

Sunday, March 8, 1998

Successful endeavors are indicated for the year ahead either with or through people you've helped before. Something significant could happen because you were once kind enough to care.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you might go out of your way to help someone who lacks gratitude. Do not let this person's behavior sour you on the rest of the world. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An acquaintance who's rarely well-received socially

might try to butt into your affairs today and identify with you in a personal matter. Find a kind way to keep your distance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It benefits you today to dress and conduct yourself in harmony with your peers. Setting yourself apart in any manner could represent a poor choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against inclinations today that urge you to take the path of least resistance in either work or play. If you don't put forth the proper effort, the results will reflect it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Carefully check the credentials of anyone you permit to handle your commercial affairs today. An improper advocate could end up costing you whatever you had gained.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Showering an associate with unearned perks today could establish a bad precedence. He or she might expect this treatment as standard procedure from now on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you're tasteful, articulate and imaginative, but today these qualities might lie dormant and you could behave in ways that won't

enhance your image.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be very careful today how you handle a sensitive friend. This person holds you in high esteem and your pal's feelings will be hurt if he or she is taken for granted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Being yourself today will be far more effective and attractive than trying to imitate someone else's style. Do not play roles that don't suit you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Everyone likes to hear nice things said about themselves, but be careful today because you might not be able to discern between sincerity and flattery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're spending more than your budget allows, keep in mind the bills will be due eventually. Do not set yourself up for a case of spender's remorse.

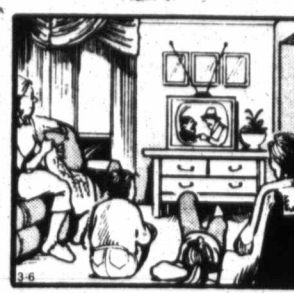
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) People you treat politely will respond accordingly today, but be prepared for rude reactions from people to whom you forget to say "please" and "thank you."

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EVEN WHEN TIMES GOT BETTER, SHE NEVER WANTED ANOTHER RING.



THE TEN-DOLLAR WEDDING BAND WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER.



IN 50 YEARS, MOM HAD NEVER TAKEN IT OFF HER FINGER.



AND DAD SAID SHE WASN'T GOING TO TAKE IT OFF NOW.



For Better or For Worse

LASSIE STOOD IN THE MOUNTAIN PASS LICKING THE GREASY ROADKILL.



RIN TIN TIN, CRAZED BY THE PUTRID STENCH, TRIED TO SHOVE LASSIE ASIDE.



SNARLING AND SWAPPING, THEY DID NOT SEE THE RUNAWAY LOG TRUCK...



THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TIME FOR TODAY. JOIN US AGAIN TOMORROW...



Arlo & Janis

BIG DATE TONIGHT, GARFIELD?



IT MUST BE



HE'S USING THE "GOOD" MAGAZINE COLOGNE SAMPLES



PAT PAT!



Garfield

You keep using the word "perhaps." That's not a word, Joey.



But English is an evolving language



I know...



That's just what frightens me sometimes.



Walnut Cove

DON'T WORRY, LADY, I'M AN EXPERT AT GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF ANY PLUMBING PROBLEM!



HE CERTAINLY LOOKS AMPLY QUALIFIED!



WILEY'S BAR



YOU AND MAYOR GIULIANI.



Marvin

I'D LIKE A PERFECT MANHATTAN.



YOU AND MAYOR GIULIANI.



WILEY'S BAR



YOU AND MAYOR GIULIANI.



B.C.

WHAT HAPPENED ON YOUR DATE WITH THE JUDGE?



I CAN'T TELL YOU...



HE ISSUED A GAG ORDER ON IT



HE ISSUED A GAG ORDER ON IT



Eek & Meek

IS BREAD PERMITTED ON YOUR NEW DIET, GLADYS?



NO, IT ISN'T!



BUT IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT TOAST!



BUT IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT TOAST!



The Born Loser

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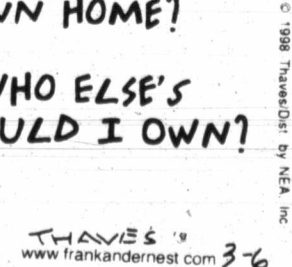
AND DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME?



WHO ELSE'S WOULD I OWN?



WHO ELSE'S WOULD I OWN?



Frank & Ernest

Meanwhile, over at the RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY...



MALLARD! I THINK MY COVER'S BLOWN!



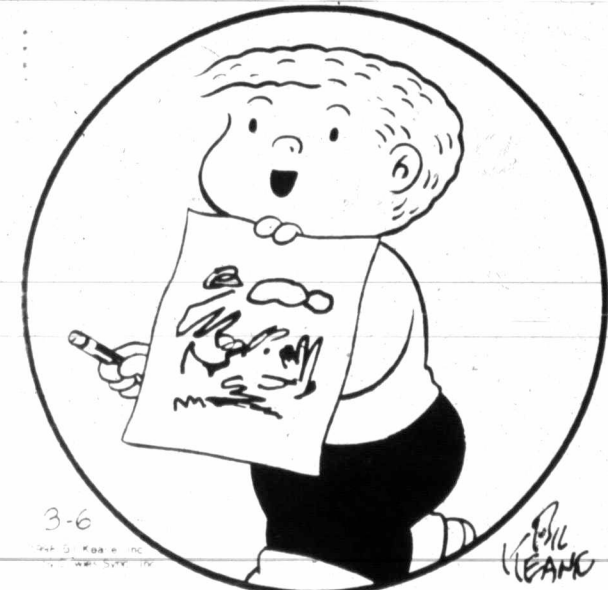
DON'T PANIC, BUDDY! WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF...



SHE'S COMING. GOTTA GO...



Mallard Filmore



"Grandma, will you buy a frame for this?"



"I raised the shade and look who's all ready here."

The Family Circus

WANT TO TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY A LITTLE POKER? CUT THE DECK, GUNTHER!



Marmaduke

DID I WIN? WHY NOT?? HEH HEH... BEGINNERS LUCK!



Grizzwells

THE DRUG HAS DONE ITS WORK. "EXCELLENCY!"



GOOD! SEE THAT THEY'RE TAKEN TO THE HOLD AND LOCKED IN!



I WANT THEM GUARDED AT ALL TIMES! BUT... DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



Alley Oop

IT'S ONLY A LITTLE SHOWER! IT'S LETTING UP! WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?



IS THIS ANY REASON TO QUIT? WHY SHOULD WE STOP PLAYING?!



BECAUSE YOUR DOG IS GETTING WET...



Peanuts

IT'S ONLY A LITTLE SHOWER! IT'S LETTING UP! WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?



SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — There were 54 golfers who participated in the Hidden Hills Senior Golf Association's 4-man scramble this week.

Results are as follows:

First place: John Darby, Jerry Davis, Bill Stephens and Troy Bennett, 61.

Second place: Jack Combs, Richard Abbott, Jack Davis and Jim Osborne, 64.

Third place: Elmer Wilson, Butch Reynolds, Steve Kiser and Norman Allen, 64.

Fourth place: Howard Musgrave, Harvey Malone, Jerry South and Bob McGinnis, 64.

Fifth place: Dale Haynes, Ralph Ridgway, Charles Terrell and C.C. Lewis, 63.

Closest to the hole: Bob Brandon, No. 15.

BASKETBALL

GROOM — Four Groom players were named to the All-District 6-1A Girls' Team for 1997-98.

Groom seniors Mary Hutsell and Angie Conrad were first-team picks. Jessica Stapp, a junior, and Jessica Friemel, a senior, were named to the second team.

In the boys' division, junior Josh Evenson and senior Jimmy Chavado were first-team all-district picks. Wyatt Weinheimer, a junior, was named to the second team.

Lacy Brunson of Silverton and Jack Cherry, also of Silverton, were named the district's most valuable players.

GOLF

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Nike Tour doesn't have many days like the one Casey Martin had in his first appearance since he beat the PGA Tour in court for the right to ride his cart.

There were crowds and heavy media coverage. And the way Martin played, it showed he can draw fans to the sport with his personality and shotmaking.

He has another chance to show his skills today in the second round of the Greater Austin Open.

The PGA Tour gave him cart No. 162 with the initials "C.M." and no roof on Thursday.

Martin, playing for the first time since he won the right in court to use a cart as a professional, shot a 3-under-par 69 Thursday with Tiger Woods-like charisma.

MIAMI (AP) — About the only thing decided in the first round of the Doral-Ryder Open was that nothing was decided.

The fact that Curtis Strange was tied with four other players for the lead after Thursday's play was a mere hint at how jammed the field was going into today's second round.

Five more players were one stroke back. Another 13 were two shots off the pace and a whopping 19 more were only three shots behind.

That's 42 players under par after the first round. That's 42 players bunched within three strokes of each other.

None of those 42 players was likely to be happier to be in contention — even if it was only the first round — than Strange.

Battling allergies, just recently over Bell's palsy, which paralyzed the left side of his face for more than a month, and not having won since the 1989 U.S. Open, Strange played brilliantly before stumbling with consecutive bogeys to slip into a tie with Mark Calcavecchia, Bob Tway, Mike Brisky and Ronnie Black at 4-under-par 68s.

The question now is whether Strange, one of the best closers in the game in the late 1980s, can win after so many years without a victory.

"Yeah, I really do," Strange said. "I don't say that with a lot of confidence, but every year you have a couple of chances and I still think I can win."

Randall girls advance to Class 4A finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Keisha Cornelius scored 15 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, as Canyon Randall defeated McKinney 53-42 Thursday night in the Class 4A semifinals of the girls' state tournament.

Randall (28-6), which won the state title in 1992, will play in Saturday's championship game against Bay City, a 54-45 winner over San Antonio Sam Houston in the other semifinal.

McKinney, led by Kristin Tramonte with 21 points and 15 rebounds and Tracy Gahan with 13 points and six rebounds, finished the season 31-4 after making its second state tournament appearance.

After McKinney went up 15-13 with 6:59 left in the second quarter, Randall answered with an 11-2 run capped by consecutive baskets on a drive and jump shot by Mindy Norman, giving Randall a 24-17 lead with 2:31 left in the half.

McKinney fought back in the third quarter, pulling within 30-29 on a free throw by Gahan with 1:37 left in the period.

But 3-pointers by Christie Bryant and Norman and two free throws by Cornelius helped Randall rebuild its lead to 40-30 with 5:14 left in the game.

McKinney never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Norman had 12 points and Courtney Gilmore added nine points for Randall.

Bay City 54, San Antonio Sam Houston 45

Chandi Jones scored 25 points and Demetria Tipps added 22 as Bay City defeated San Antonio Sam Houston.

Bay City (33-1), making its second state tournament appearance, will play in Saturday's title game against the Canyon Randall (28-6), which won the 4A title in 1992.

Sam Houston, led by Tai Dillard's 25 points, finished the

season 27-8 after making its first state tournament appearance.

Sam Houston rallied behind Dillard, who scored 11 points in the third quarter and helped pull her team within 33-30 with 1:43 left in the period.

But she left the game with her fourth foul with nine seconds left in the third, and Bay City took advantage, going on a 12-3 run fueled by six points each from Jones and Tipps and taking a 45-33 lead with 4:49 left to play. Sam Houston never threatened the rest of the way.

Class 3A Semifinals

Comanche 58, Dripping Springs 44

Nicole Harlmon scored 13 of her 16 points in the second half and Comanche never trailed in upsetting top-ranked Dripping Springs.

Comanche (32-5), making its 10th state tournament appearance,

will play in Saturday's state title game against Winnsboro (35-3).

Dripping Springs, which finished the season 32-3, never got its offense going as Comanche stifled the Tigers' inside game by collapsing on interior players and taking away passing lanes.

Without inside scoring, Dripping Springs needed perimeter shooting. But 3-point specialist J.J. Riehl, who averages 17 points per game, was hounded by Comanche defenders Amber Ward and Gracie Dudley and went 1-of-12 from the field, finishing with six points.

Julie Hurlbut and April Koehler each had 12 points to lead Dripping Springs.

While both teams were 35 percent from the field, Dripping Springs turned the ball over 31 times, compared to 21 for Comanche, was 14-of-25 from the free throw line and was 0-of-10 from 3-point range.

In the other semifinal, freshman Sara Hinkley scored 24 points, including two free throws with 36.7 seconds left, as Winnsboro nearly gave up a 23-point third-quarter lead but held on to defeat Lufkin Hudson.

Hudson, which got inspired play down the stretch from April Earley, who had 17 points, and Dee Johnson, who had 13, finished the season 34-5 after making its first state tournament appearance.

Earley scored on a slashing drive with 42 seconds left, pulling Hudson within 51-50. But Hinkley converted both free throws with 36.7 seconds left for a 53-50 lead.

Hudson's Kelli Campbell, who finished with 10 points, missed a 3-point attempt with 27 seconds left, and Winnsboro's Kim Jones hit one of two free throws left with 15.3 seconds to play, giving Winnsboro its final margin.

Dumas hands Lady Harvesters first softball setback of season

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvester softball team faced its third opponent of the season Thursday night in a doubleheader against Dumas at Optimist Park.

Dumas proved to be one of the teams to watch this inaugural softball season, defeating Pampa, 12-3, in the first game.

The sun came out before the first pitch, lending a sunny atmosphere to the otherwise cold conditions.

Dumas took advantage of the Lady Harvesters early and held a lead throughout the entire contest, adding more runs in each of the five innings. Two runs driven in on three hits boosted the Demons to an early lead in the contest. Stolen bases hurt the Lady Harvesters early as the

Dumas girls were able to steal their way into scoring position. The Demons were able to break the contest open in the fourth inning, scoring five runs and rotating almost entirely through their lineup.

Kimberly Clark was the ace on the mound for the Harvesters early, but was replaced halfway through the contest in favor of Heather Petty, who had played the first half of the contest in the outfield. Clark's record is now 2-1.

Pampa looked as though they might be able to keep up with Dumas early, answering Dumas' two runs with a run of their own in the bottom of the first inning. After Cassi Scott, was able to draw a lead-off walk and advance to second on a Keili Earl sacrifice, Lisa Dwight was able to drive her in batting in the fourth slot. Dwight slugged a pitch into the outfield and high-

tailed it around the bases for an RBI triple. But the offense just wouldn't quit for the Demons and before long Dumas had a solid lead.

A comeback attempt late in the game produced the Harvesters' other runs. Batting in the third slot, Lisa Kirkpatrick drove in a runner with a triple and was soon driven by another Dwight triple.

But with two outs, the comeback run was shortlived and Dumas went on to claim their first victory over the Pampa squad this season.

The Harvesters, now 4-1, had decisive wins over Borger and Frenship before being stopped by Dumas. The team is now entered in the Midland Tournament today through Saturday.

Pampa hosts Randall at 5 p.m. next Thursday at Optimist Park.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa pitcher Kimberly Clark goes into her windup.

Workers needed Saturday for Top O' Texas Invitational

PAMPA — Track workers for the Top O' Texas Invitational, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Randy Matson Field. Interested persons can call Mike Lopez or Tad Smith at 669-4830.

The Lady Harvesters are the defending Top O' Texas champion and won the Frenship Relays last weekend to open the 1998 track season.

In the boys' division, Tascosa is the defending Top O' Texas champion.

Saturday's weather forecast doesn't look good. It's supposed to be cloudy and cold with a chance of rain or snow and a high in the lower 40s.

Top Of Texas Invitational schedule Preliminaries

Time	Division	Event	Area	Running events	Time	Division	Event	Area
9:30	Boys	Triple jump	East side	9:15	Boys	3200	West side	
9:30	Boys	Pole vault	East side	9:40	Girls	400 relay	7 to	
9:30	Girls	High jump	East side	9:50	Boys	400 relay	7 to	
9:30	Boys	Shot	South ring, practice field	10:00	Girls	100 hurdles	7	
9:30	Girls	Long jump	East side	10:15	Boys	100 high hurdles	7	
9:30	Girls	Discus	West ring, practice field	10:30	Girls	100	7 to finals	
11:00	Boys	High jump		10:45	Boys	100	7 to finals	
11:00	Girls	Triple jump		11:00	Boys	400	7 to finals	
11:00	Boys	Discus	West	11:15	Girls	400	7 to finals	
11:00	Girls	Shot	South ring, practice field	11:30	Girls-Boys	300 T. hurdles	7	
12:30	Boys	Long jump	East side	11:40	Girls	200	7 to finals	

11:50 Boys 200 7 to finals

12 Girls 3200

Finals: All running events will be run in the following order: Girls followed by boys except the 400-meter dash.

Finals (2 p.m. starting time)

Girls-Boys 400 relay

Girls-Boys 800

Girls 100 hurdles

Boys 110 hurdles

Girls-Boys 100

Girls 800

Boys-Girls 400

Girls-Boys 300 hurdles

Girls-Boys 200

Girls-Boys 1600

Girls-Boys 1600 relay

White Deer twins sign with OPSU

WHITE DEER — White Deer twin brothers Donny and Dale Adams have signed national letters of intent to play football for Oklahoma Panhandle State.

Both brothers started at defensive end and offensive guard for the Bucks' 1997 team that went 10-2.

Dale (6-1, 191 pounds) had 49 unassisted tackles, three blocked field goals and two blocked punts.

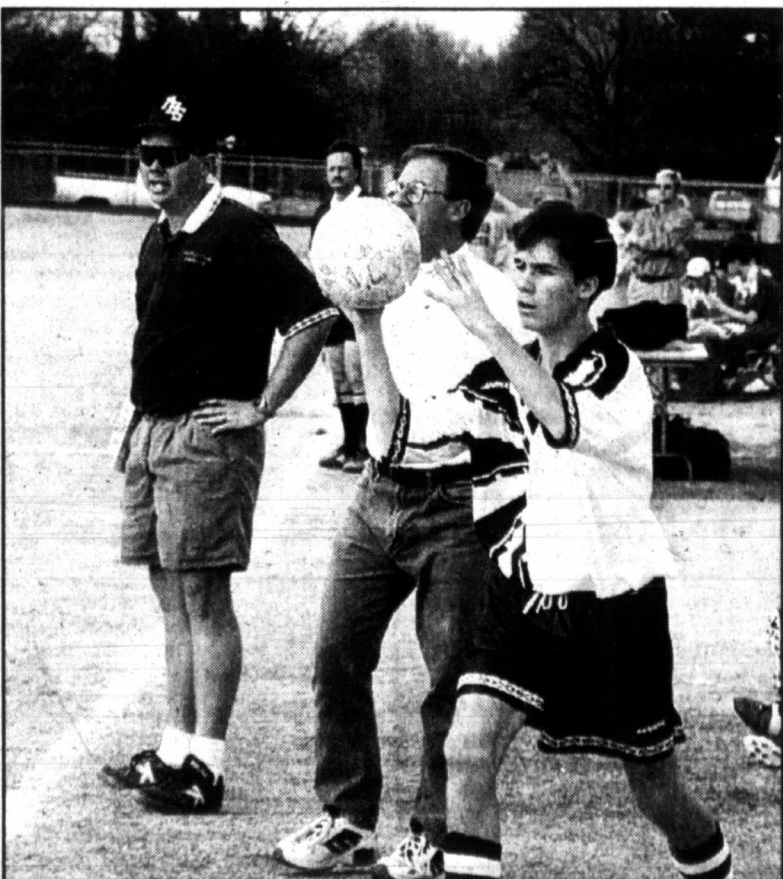
Dale was named to two all-state teams and second team all-district 2-2A.

Donny (6-1, 195 pounds) had 34 unassisted tackles and three fumble recoveries, one for a 48-yard touchdown.

Donny was named all-district first team at both defensive end and offensive guard.

The Adams brothers were coached by Ralph Samaniego.

Soccer season ending



The Pampa soccer teams close out the season against Canyon with matches starting at 12 noon in Canyon. Bryan Johnson (left photo) for the Pampa boys throws the ball in-bounds as Pampa coaches Warren Cottle (far left) and Scott Lewis watch the action during a recent match. Team captain Lucy Silva (right photo, light jersey) tries to take control of the ball for the Pampa girls in a recent match. Silva, a senior, finishes her four-year career with the Lady Harvesters.



(Pampa News photos)

Mo's back, hits three homers for Red Sox

By The Associated Press

Mo Vaughn's bargaining power shot up as quickly as his three homers flew out of the ballpark.

He showed Thursday that the two-day trial in which he was acquitted of a drunken-driving charge didn't distract him from his main job — hitting for the Boston Red Sox.

Vaughn returned to the field and hit three homers, including a grand slam, and the Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 12-9.

"I know what I've got to do when I pick up a bat," Vaughn said. "Two or three days off isn't going to hurt."

In his first at-bat since the acquittal, Vaughn led off the second with a homer off Dwight Gooden.

"You get a pitch up to a hitter like Mo and he's going to hurt you," Gooden said. "He got his arms extended and there it went."

Vaughn's grand slam was a towering shot to right off left-hander Jason Jacome during a five-run fourth that put Boston ahead 7-4.

His third homer was a line drive over the wall in right that put Boston ahead 10-8 in the sixth. It was Vaughn's fifth homer this spring. He has a .778 (7-for-9) batting average, 11 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 2.444.

And one of his two outs was a fly to deep left field.

Perhaps Boston general manager Dan Duquette should re-open negotiations for a long-term contract before Vaughn delivers another long-ball message. His three-year, \$18.6 million contract expires after this season and he can become a free agent.

"I have a message for all general managers," Vaughn said. "The price just goes up every day."

In other games Thursday:

White Sox 17, Angels 8

Greg Norton homered from both sides of the plate and drove in six runs, and Mike Cameron homered, tripled and had six RBIs for the White Sox, who have 32 runs in the last two games.

Norton hit a solo homer from the left side in the fourth inning. In the fifth, he batted right-handed and hit a three-run homer.

Angels reliever Pep Harris was shelled for eight runs and six hits with three walks while retiring just two batters in the seventh.

Cardinals 5, Expos 3
Cliff Politte, trying to jump from Double-A to St. Louis, pitched three more shutout innings as undefeated St. Louis kept Montreal winless.

Politte, a combined 15-2 in two minor-league stops last season and 29-8 over the last two years, blanked the Expos on one hit in three innings of work last Saturday. This time, he gave up four hits and struck out five while becoming St. Louis' first two-game winner of the spring.

Dodgers 10, Marlins 2
At Vero Beach, Fla., Darren Dreifort hit a two-run homer — the second in as many days for a Los Angeles pitcher — and worked four strong innings.

Dreifort allowed a run and two hits, struck out five and walked three. Dreifort homered during the Dodgers' four-run second. Pitcher Chan Ho Park connected in the Dodgers' 7-6 victory Wednesday over the New York Mets.

Blue Jays 3, Royals 2
Shannon Stewart's single capped a two-run seventh inning for Toronto, which handed Kansas City its fifth straight spring loss. Stewart also stole two bases, giving him four in five tries this spring.

Tony Fernandez homered for Toronto and Dean Palmer for Kansas City in the game at Dunedin, Fla.

Devil Rays 2, Twins 0
At St. Petersburg, Fla., Jerome Walton homered and doubled, and scored both runs, and Bryan Rekar had three shutout innings in Tampa Bay's fifth straight victory.

Walton, who rejoined the team Wednesday after the birth of a daughter, doubled and scored on John Flaherty's single in the fifth. He also led off the seventh with a homer off Mike Trombley.

Orioles 11, Mets 7
Pinch-hitter Roberto Alomar snapped a tie with a two-run double in the eighth inning as Baltimore beat error-prone New York.

Al Leiter pitched three scoreless innings for the Mets, who committed six errors and blew a 4-0 lead at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky dropped by the Orioles' training complex to chat with Cal Ripken and watch Baltimore take batting practice.

Phillies 3, Astros 2

Mark Lewis went 2-for-3 and drove in a run as Philadelphia handed Houston its first exhibition loss. Sean Berry knocked in both runs for the Astros (4-1-1) with a homer in the fourth-inning at Clearwater, Fla.

Bobby Estalella drove in the winning run in the fifth with an RBI single that scored Rico Brogna, who had doubled.

Pirates 6, Tigers 2
Rookie Freddy Garcia, bidding to become Pittsburgh's third baseman, homered, tripled and scored three runs. In six games this spring, Garcia has six hits in 17 at-bats, including four homers and two triples.

Ron Wright and Chance Sanford also homered for the Pirates, and Esteban Loaiza had a strong pitching performance at Lakeland, Fla.

Rockies 2, Brewers 1
At Phoenix, John Thomson and Jamey Wright had three scoreless innings apiece as Colorado pitchers recovered from a shelling 24 hours earlier, and the Rockies beat reeling Milwaukee.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

By The Associated Press
Thursday's Semifinals

Zephyr-Karnack, Box Class A Semifinals
Zephyr (32-7)

Byers 2-0 0-4, King 5-8 0-10, Moore 9-10 4-22, Bartee 3-10 2-3 8, Bufo 1-5 0-0 2, Whisenand 0-0 0-0 0, Wallace 1-3 0-0 3, Totals 21-42 6-7 49.

Karnack (31-1)
Allen 8-19 2-3 20, Natas Thomas 5-8 2-2 12, Washington 6-11 0-0 12, Gadsden 0-1 0-0 0, Natas Thomas 3-7 1-2 8, Irving 3-7 0-0 6, Totals 25-53 5-7 58.

Zephyr 16 5 16 21 — 49
Karnack 16 5 16 21 — 58

3-point goals—Zephyr 1-7 (King 0-2, Bartee 0-2, Wallace 1-3), Karnack 3-6 (Allen 2-4, Natas Thomas 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Zephyr 19 (Moore 9), Karnack 31 (Washington 12). Assists—Zephyr 12 (King, Bartee 3), Karnack 7 (Natas Thomas 5). Fouls—Zephyr 9, Karnack 12. A—2,560.

Nazareth-Ponder, Box Class A Semifinals
Nazareth (30-5)

Wethington 2-3 0-6, Birkenfeld 1-5 3-3 5, K. Gerber 4-5 8-9 16, S. Gerber 4-12 2-2 11, Pohlmeier 0-4 2-3 2, Schulte 1-2 0-0 2, Hoeltzel 1-1 0-0 2, J. Schumacher 1-1 0-0 2, Klemm 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 14-34 15-17 46.

Ponder (31-5)
Corder 4-10 7-12 15, Crockett 4-10 5-6 14, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0, Gall 1-4 0-0 3, Khoury 1-4 0-0 2, Howell 2-3 0-0 4, Knarr 1-4 2-5 5, Totals 13-35 14-23 43.

Nazareth 10 14 8 14 — 46
Ponder 12 8 2 10 19 — 43

3-point goals—Nazareth 3-14 (Wethington 2-2, Birkenfeld 0-1, S. Gerber 1-6, Pohlmeier 0-1, Klemm 0-1), Ponder 3-13 (Corder 0-1, Crockett 1-4, Gall 1-2, Khoury 0-3, Knarr 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Nazareth 23 (Birkenfeld 7), Ponder 23 (Corder 7). Assists—Nazareth 10 (Birkenfeld, Pohlmeier 3), Ponder 6 (Corder 3). Fouls—Nazareth 16, Ponder 13. A—2,987.

Class 3A Semifinals
Lufkin-Hudson-Winnsboro, Box Lufkin-Hudson-Winnsboro (33-5)

Earley 5-11 7-9 17, Johnson 4-12 5-7 13, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0, K. Campbell 2-11 2-2 6, Ke. Campbell 4-12 0-0 10, Branch 0-3 0-2 0, Schanfish 1-1 0-0 0, Totals 17-55 14-20 50.

Winnsboro (35-3)
Ross 2-6 0-6 6, Jones 1-4 3-7 5, Stephens 4-9 1-2 9, Fowler 0-0 0-0 0, Hinkley 10-16 4-6 24, Cain 0-2 0-0 0, Keller 0-2 0-0 0, Mitchell 4-9 2-4 10, Totals 21-48 10-21 54.

Hudson 10 14 7 19 — 50
Winnsboro 14 19 7 14 — 54

3-point goals—Hudson 2-17 (K. Campbell 0-8, Ke. Campbell 2-8, Schanfish 0-1), Winnsboro 2-9 (Ross 2-6, Jones 0-1, Keller 0-2). Fouled out—K. Campbell, Stephens. Rebounds—Hudson 38 (Earley 13), Winnsboro 37 (Stephens 8). Assists—Hudson 6 (Ke. Campbell 2), Winnsboro 16 (Stephens 4). Fouls—Hudson 18, Winnsboro 15. A—5,071.

Class 3A Semifinals
Comanche-Dripping Springs, Box

Ward 4-15 5-7 13, Harlmon 6-12 4-5 16, Tyson 4-6 5-6 13, Williams 1-2 2-3 4, Dudley 1-3 0-1 2, Newhouse 0-1 1-2 1, Glasgow 0-0 0-0 0, Martinez 2-8 0-5, Debussk 2-10 0-0 4, Totals 20-57 17-24 58.

Dripping Springs (32-3)
Riehl 1-12 4-4 6, Koehler 6-10 0-1 12, Miller 1-1 4-3, Farmer 2-7 5-9, Huribut 4-9 4-10 12, Kezar 0-0 0-0 0, Stacey 0-0 0-0 0, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Flowers 0-2 0-0 0, Cox 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 15-42 14-25 44.

Comanche 20 11 16 11 — 58
Dripping Springs 11 10 17 6 — 44

3-point goals—Comanche 1-3 (Ward 0-1, Martinez 1-2), Dripping Springs 0-10 (Riehl 0-6, Farmer 0-3, Flowers 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Comanche 36 (Harlmon 8), Dripping Springs 38 (Huribut 11). Assists—Comanche 13 (Dudley 7), Dripping Springs 8 (Farmer 4). Fouls—Comanche 16, Dripping Springs 20. A—6,852.

Class 4A Semifinals
Sam Houston-Bay City, Box Sam Houston (27-8)

K. Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Washington 0-7 0-0 0, Hastings 6-8 3-5 15, Darden 0-1 0-0 0, Dillard 11-21 0-2 25, L. Johnson 0-6 0-0 0, Hurd 0-0 0-0 0, Hayes 2-4 1-2 5, Totals 19-47 4-10 45.

Bay City (33-1)
Jones 6-8 13-16 25, Pettie 0-2 0-1 0, Reed 0-1 0-0 0, McCarthy 1-3 2-2 4, Pettit 0-1 1-4 1, Slack 1-2 0-0 2, Tipps 10-19 2-2 22, Totals 18-43 18-27 54.

Sam Houston 6 8 17 14 — 45
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3-point goals—Sam Houston 3-14 (Washington 0-4, Dillard 3-5, L. Johnson 0-5), Bay City 0-0. Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sam Houston 33 (Hastings 13), Bay City 28 (Jones, Tipps 6). Assists—Sam Houston 7 (Washington 4), Bay City 7 (Jones 3). Fouls—Sam Houston 19, Bay City 8. A—4,112.

Class 4A Semifinals
Canyon Randall-McKinney, Box Canyon Randall (28-6)

Cornelius 5-8 4-4 15, McPherson 1-2 0-0 3, Gilmore 4-8 1-2 9, Norman 3-7 5-8 12, Burrows 1-6 2-4 5, Trevino 0-2 0-0 0, Adams 1-2 0-0 2, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Benson 3-4 0-0 6, Totals 18-41 12-18 53.

McKinney (31-4)
Gahan 4-10 4-7 13, Tramoto 9-14 3-10 21, Ruetz 1-4 0-0 2, Critchfield 1-5 0-0 2, Dodson 1-9 0-2 2, McGuire 0-0 0-0 0, Adams 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 17-44 7-19 42.

Canyon Randall 11 15 7 20 — 53
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas-Texas Tech, Box TEXAS 86, TEXAS TECH 83

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20, Perryman 1-3 4-4 6, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, Clark 4-7 0-1 8, Totals 30-65 19-26 86.

TEXAS TECH (13-14)
Owens 4-8 4-4 12, Carr 5-15 6-8 20, Phillips 3-6 1-2 7, Young 6-11 2-2 18, Bonewitz 3-13 8-10 17, Roberts 1-3 0-0 2, Myers 2-3 0-1 5, Carmichael 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 25-53 21-27 83.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
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MIAMI DOLPHINS—Re-signed QB Craig Erickson to a two-year contract.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Traded CB Eric Allen to the Oakland Raiders for an undrafted 1998 draft pick.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Announced the retirement of OL Kirk Scrafton.

HOCKEY
NHL—Suspended Philadelphia Flyers F Daniel Larocq for three games and fined him \$1,000 for a cross-check against New York Islanders D Rich Pilon in a March 3 game.

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COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned RW Christian Matte to Hershey of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned D Scott Ferguson and D Craig Miller to Hamilton of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled RW John Druce from Philadelphia of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned LW Darren Sinclair to Raleigh of the ECHL.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia 87, Milwaukee 80
Chicago 83, St. Louis 83
Charlotte 112, Minnesota 102
Cleveland 122, Toronto 88
Utah 110, Boston 94
Sacramento 109, Detroit 89
Golden State 90, San Antonio 83
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Atlantic Division

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Miami 42 19 .689 —
New York 34 24 .586 6 1/2
New Jersey 33 27 .550 8 1/2
Washington 31 29 .525 10 1/2
Orlando 30 29 .508 11
Boston 28 31 .475 13
Philadelphia 20 37 .351 20

Chicago 44 16 .733 —
Indiana 41 18 .695 2 1/2
Charlotte 36 23 .610 7 1/2
Atlanta 34 24 .586 9
Cleveland 32 27 .542 11 1/2
Milwaukee 29 29 .500 14
Detroit 27 33 .450 17
Toronto 13 45 .224 30

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W L Pct GB
Utah 41 16 .719 —
San Antonio 40 19 .678 2
Minnesota 28 25 .525 11
Houston 29 30 .492 13
Vancouver 14 44 .241 27 1/2
Dallas 13 47 .217 29 1/2
Denver 5 55 .083 37 1/2

Pacific Division
Seattle 45 14 .763 —
L.A. Lakers 40 18 .690 4 1/2
Phoenix 39 20 .661 6
Portland 34 24 .586 10 1/2
Sacramento 25 36 .410 21
Golden State 13 46 .220 32
L.A. Clippers 12 47 .203 33

TRANSACTIONS
Thursday's Sports Transactions
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BASEBALL
American League

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MINNESOTA TWINS—Renewed the contract of OF Matt Lawton. Agreed to terms with RHP LaTroy Hawkins, LHP Travis Miller, RHP Dan Naulty, RHP Todd Ritchie, INF Denny Hocking and OF Alex Ochoa.

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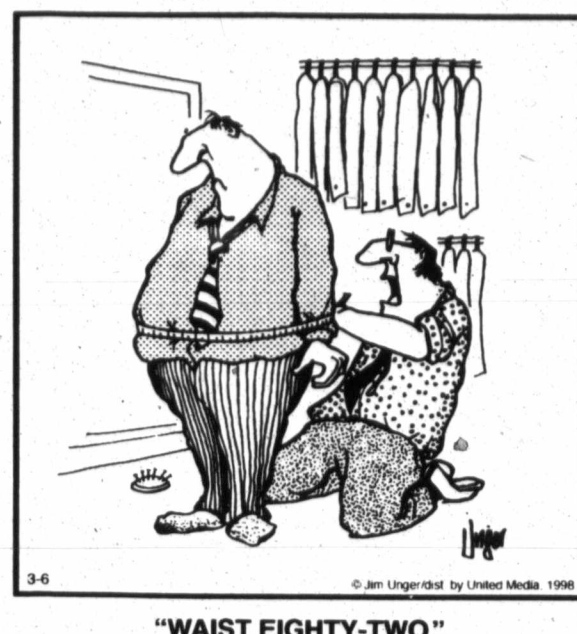
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Senate panel reveals details of fund-raising probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-awaited report by the Senate panel investigating campaign finance abuses concludes that Democrats may have compromised national policy in its "recklessness" in raising money for the 1996 elections.

The report by the Republican-controlled Senate Government Affairs Committee wraps up nearly a year's worth of hearings but offers very little new information. The panel, which has spent \$3.5 million investigating possible fund-raising violations, approved the report Thursday by an 8-7 vote along party lines.

The report repeats allegations that key figures in the Justice Department's campaign fund-raising probe served as agents of the People's Republic of China. It offers circumstantial evidence but "cannot determine conclusively whether the PRC government funded, directed, or encouraged certain illegal contributions made in connection with the 1996 election cycle."

Democrats on the panel have responded by presenting their own report, which urges reform of laws regulating campaign donations.

According to a summary of the GOP report, Democrats offered to sell access to the White House in a frenzy to boost funds for President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

"They often eviscerated or ignored federal campaign finance laws and reduced the White House, the Administration and the precedence itself to fundraising tools," the summary said. "Ultimately, the sale of access may have led to the sale of policy as well."

The report found that the Democratic National Committee's "eagerness to raise unprecedented sums for President Clinton's re-election, its recklessness in ceasing to check the origin of such funds, and its entrusting its fundraising efforts among Asian-Americans to lawbreakers ... led to numerous abuses. Among them, the DNC's heedless pursuit of contributions allowed wealthy and well-connected foreign nationals to arrange almost unlimited access to the president and other top U.S. policymakers."

Other "favors merchandised" included presidential appointments to commissions and administration jobs, as in the case of

fund-raiser John Huang, a Democratic fund-raiser who became a deputy assistant secretary of the Commerce Department.

Democrats said they had no choice but to release their own report.

"We've done this because it was left to us to bring some balance," said Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio. The Democratic report doesn't deny wrongdoing by its party members, he said.

"But we also don't shy back from criticizing Republicans and the problems ... are on both sides," he said.

Glenn said his biggest disappointment with the committee was its refusal to come up with a bipartisan plan to investigate fund-raising abuses in both parties and to provide suggestions to close loopholes in campaign finance laws.

Other Democrats denounced the timing of the report, calling it an attempt to hide last week's GOP rejection of a bill to revamp

campaign finance laws.

James E. Kennedy, a spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said the report "reads more like a campaign press release than an official government document."

Referring to the committee's chairman, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., Kennedy said: "Senator Thompson and the committee Republicans squandered a historic opportunity to move the Congress and the country closer to the goal of reforming the way in which campaigns are run. 'And they squandered millions of taxpayer dollars in partisan pursuit of political points.'"

The report recommends the Justice Department review its contents to determine whether perjury charges are warranted for several Democratic witnesses accused of lying to committee investigators under oath.

"We're not a grand jury and our primary purpose is not one of making accusations of criminal activity," Thompson said. "Ours is trying to disclose information, then handing that information off to the relevant authority, and I think that's been done."

The complete report will be released publicly over the Internet by Monday.

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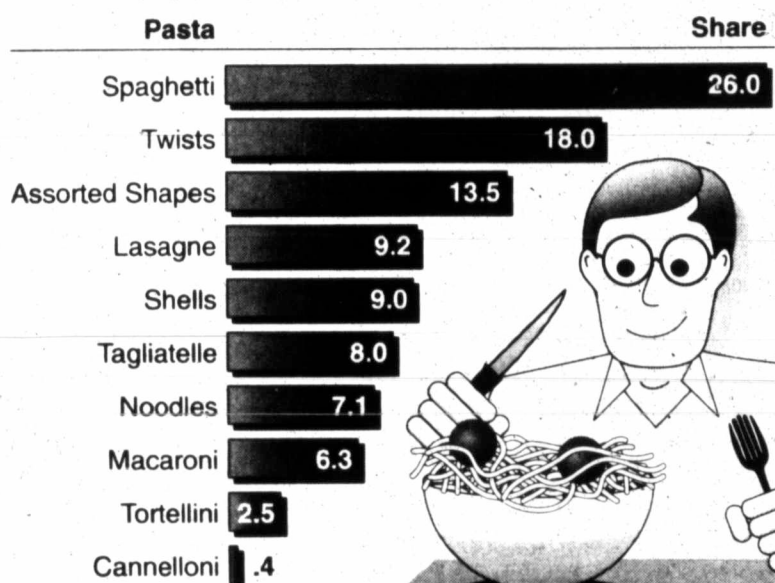
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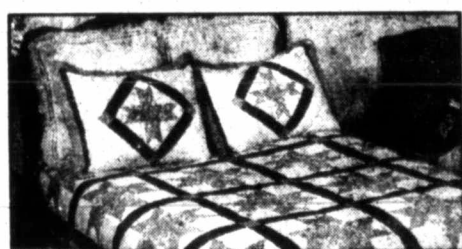
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