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McLEAN — Early voting will continue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Lovett Memorial Library in McLean, said County Clerk Wanda Carter.

It will be the last Friday Carter will travel to McLean for early branch voting, she said.

Any registered voter may take advantage of the opportunity, she said.

WASHINGTON — Congressman Bill Sarpalus, D-Amarillo, was formally elected today as chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities of the Committee on Agriculture.

This is the first time in 53 years that a member of Congress from the 13th District of Texas has chaired a subcommittee of a major standing committee, according to a spokesman for Sarpalus's office.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia must launch a crash effort to combat crime in 1994 and make free-market reforms less painful, President Boris Yeltsin told parliament today in his first annual State of the Nation address.

"The problem of the year is curbing crime," Yeltsin told both houses of parliament, meeting together for the first time in the Kremlin. "Organized crime ... is trying to take the country by the throat."

Looking healthy and speaking energetically, the 63-year-old Russian president said free-market reforms must continue, but the government should help the poor and make sure that economic changes are bearable for ordinary citizens.

"Our task is to find a reasonable balance between the pace of reform and the social cost," he said.

HAMAR, Norway (AP) — Gone was the terrified young woman who wailed, "Why me? Why now?" as she crumpled in pain. In her place was a confident athlete who told herself before she went on the ice: "This is it. This is the Olympics."

With one cathartic performance, Nancy Kerrigan chased memories of the assault that severely bruised her knee seven long weeks ago, silenced those who doubted her guts and showed up Tonya Harding by virtue of pure skill.

What came out of Kerrigan on Wednesday night was the performance of her life. It was more than enough to put her ahead of world champion Oksana Baiul of Ukraine, who was second, and European champion Surya Bonaly of France, who was third heading into the free skate, worth two-thirds of the total score.

Harding, whose ex-husband admitted he plotted the attack on Kerrigan in Detroit, was out of the running, in 10th place after miffing two jumps.

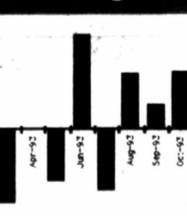
WASHINGTON (AP) — The more Americans learn about health care problems, the more willing they are to consider paying higher taxes or even limiting their own health care choices to correct them, according to a study that also suggests the public remains leery of any government role in health care reform.

"Most respondents seemed to believe that government might play a useful role in mandating coverage, but their comments also suggested that the idea of government driving a better bargain for consumers struck them as ludicrous," said John Immerwahr and Jean Johnson, co-authors of the Public Agenda Foundation study released today.

The study was based on surveys of 564 people before and after they learned about various health care reform alternatives. The study from the New York-based research group aims to give policy makers a sense of how Americans' views on health care are likely to change as they learn more about it.

"Rather than rejecting difficult choices, respondents seemed relieved — finally — to learn more about what their choices were," the report concluded. "They were eager to hear opposing views and ready to struggle with a problem replete with less-than-perfect solutions."

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Knives confiscated at Pampa Middle School

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

School officials investigating why student brought knives to class

A 14-year-old student at Pampa Middle School is in the custody of his mother today after apparently taking four knives to school.

Officials said they discovered about 3 p.m. Wednesday that the student was carrying four knives in his book bag.

The knives, which included two daggers with three-inch blades, a hunting knife with a 4-1/2 inch blade and a seven-inch blade with no handle, were confiscated from the boy by a

school official, said Pampa Police Department assistant chief Col. John Ellen.

Pampa Middle School Principal Jerome Steward said today that he was unsure which school employee received information about the knife-carrying student, but the incident was reported to an adult by another student.

The official removed the boy

from class, looked in his book bag and discovered the knives and then called the police, according to the police report.

Why the boy brought knives to school is unclear.

"That's one of those things we're still investigating," Stewart said.

No students were harmed or threatened in the inci-

dent, the principal said.

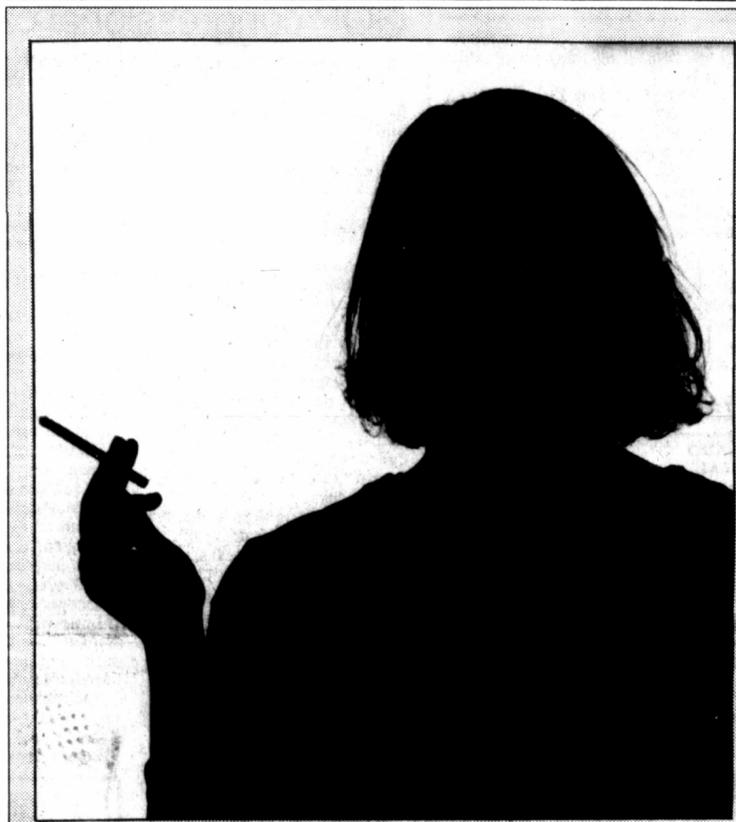
He declined to say how the student might be disciplined for the offense. He also declined to say whether the student is in school today.

"Those things are very, very serious," he said. "We take them as serious. We do everything we can to communicate to students that these incidents are not tol-

erable, and we do everything we can to prevent them."

The principal said the zero tolerance policy for weapons and fighting has been excellent in bringing to the students' attention that such things are not acceptable at school or in society. Information about the policy is given to students during assembly and other times, Stewart said.

The student was detained by police at school and taken to the police department, then to the county juvenile probation office where he was released to his mother, Ellen said.



"It's a teen thing," said a Pampa High School student today with regard to why teenagers turn to tobacco. "It's a symbol of our rebelliousness." (Pampa News photo)

Surgeon General's warning: most smokers get hooked as teens

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most smokers are hooked by the time they are 20, and quitting can be just as hard for teen-agers as it is for adults, the surgeon general said today.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, in a 314-page report to Congress, said "young people face enormous pressures to smoke," with some of that pressure applied by the nearly \$4 billion the tobacco industry spends to promote it wares.

The 23rd surgeon general's report was devoted entirely to the topic of adolescent smoking and how to prevent it.

"Clearly, young people are being indoctrinated with tobacco promotion at a susceptible time in their lives," Elders wrote in a preface to the study, "Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People."

She called for higher taxes on cigarettes, strict enforcement of laws against selling tobacco to minors and other steps to discourage teen-agers from trying their first cigarette.

The report prepared by the Office on Smoking and Health concluded that "most adolescent smokers are addicted to nicotine and report that they want to quit but are unable to do so." They experience relapse rates and withdrawal symptoms similar to those of adults.

"Early addiction is the chief mechanism for renewing the pool of smokers. Most people who are going to smoke are hooked by the time they are 20," Elders said.

Thomas Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, said the industry "agrees with many points in the current surgeon general's report. We have worked hard to prevent tobacco use among young people."

But "there's little in this report that would substantiate the allegation that we're trying to hook kids," Lauria added. Cigarette ads are "aimed at the 46 million to 50 million American adults who smoke."

The government's own data indicates "that

almost 60 percent of smokers start after they are age 18," said Lauria.

Among the report's major conclusions: —Tobacco is often the first drug used by those young people who use alcohol, marijuana and other drugs.

—Adolescents are more likely to smoke if they do poorly in school, have friends who use tobacco and have lower self-images.

—Cigarette advertising appears to increase young people's risk of smoking by creating the perception that more people smoke than actually do and by making it, in Elders' words, "look cool."

The report could fuel demands for new restrictions on tobacco advertisements, including the "Joe Camel" cartoon ads that Elders' predecessor, Antonia Novello, inveighed against. Camel, buoyed by a sales rise, has just added a Josephine Camel to its cast of characters.

The first surgeon general's report in 1964 opened an ongoing war against smoking. Millions of Americans have quit and smoking is now forbidden in many offices and public places.

Just Wednesday, McDonald's announced a ban on smoking in its 1,400 company-owned U.S. restaurants.

The report said one out of three adolescents (ages 12-18) uses tobacco by age 18.

At least 3.1 million adolescents — one in eight — are considered current smokers, meaning they had smoked within 30 days of being surveyed in 1991. By that same definition, one in four high school seniors were current smokers.

Seven percent of all adolescents and 10 percent of the seniors were heavy smokers — at least half a pack a day. White adolescents were more likely than black or Hispanic teens to smoke.

The report said young people remain "a strategically important market for the tobacco industry."

"Cigarette advertising frequently uses human models or human-like cartoon characters to display images of youthful activities, independence, healthfulness and adventure-seeking," it said.

PHS meeting on class changes set for tonight

Pampa High School officials will hold a public meeting tonight to answer questions concerning a proposed change in class schedules.

Anyone interested in voicing their opinion on a proposed restructuring of the class schedule at Pampa High School next school year can do so tonight at 7 p.m. in a forum on the subject at the school's auditorium.

Principal Daniel Coward will join other Pampa Independent School District officials at 7 p.m. today at PHS to present the plan which could reduce the number of classes most students at the high school take per semester.

The average student's day is now divided into seven class periods, each lasting 50 minutes. Coward's proposal would reduce the number of classes to

four per day, but increase each class to 90 minutes.

First proposed at last week's PISD Board of Education meeting, the change would benefit students by allowing them to concentrate on fewer subjects during the day, Coward said.

"It cuts down on fragmentation and lets the kids concentrate," Coward told the school board.

Earlier this year, school board officials, teachers, staff and parents traveled to Mansfield High School to see the effects of the change in action. Coward said the changes in the class schedule in Mansfield improved teaching, student discipline and attitudes of many of the teachers, students and parents.

If adopted, the change could be implemented as soon as the 1994-1995 school year.

Sales tax receipts down in Gray County

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

For the second time since the fiscal year began, the monthly sales taxes collected by Pampa are down.

The city received a check for \$224,492.03 this month from the Texas Comptroller's Office, 10.47 percent less as compared to the same period last year.

For the year, the city is 2.28 percent over budget and has collected almost 20 percent more than last year at this time.

"If the trend continues as it has in prior months, we'll be OK," said John Horst, Pampa's director of finance. "We're not going to be over budget a lot of dollars, but we should at least hit our budgeted figure of \$1.9 million."

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected in December sales and reported to the state in January by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Lefors' check from the state totaled \$658.52, 22.44 percent less than last February when the city collected \$849.10. For the year, Lefors has collected 11.85 percent less than the same period in 1993.

In McLean, the state returned \$2,076.93, a decrease of more than 50 percent from last February's check of \$4,294.77. McLean collected 46.6 percent less this year than last year.

In Carson County, the aver-

age monthly returns were 6.79 percent less than in February of last year as the four cities in the county collected a total of \$18,768.82 this month.

For the year, Carson County has collected 6.22 percent less this fiscal year than last fiscal year, according to the state.

In Hemphill County, Canadian reported monthly totals were down almost 20 percent as the city collected \$14,418.18 this month as compared to \$18,001.83 collected in February 1993.

Hemphill County and Canadian collected nearly 4.44 percent less this fiscal year than at the same period last year.

Roberts County reported an increase. This month, the state returned \$2,073.87 in sales tax, an increase of 12.7 percent compared to last February's total of \$1,840.07.

For the year, Roberts County, in which Miami is the only reporting city, has received more than 13 percent more this fiscal year than last.

In Wheeler County, Mobette, Shamrock and Wheeler reported sales tax totals are down almost 21 percent this month.

Combined, the three cities reported collecting \$26,098.53 this month and a total of \$43,106.73 this year. Last February, Wheeler County collected \$33,017.42 in sales taxes from local consumers.

17th birthday brings jail time for 98 tickets

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Court officials and police had been awaiting Darrell Dunford's 17th birthday.

And when it arrived they gave him a rude introduction to legal adulthood — throwing him in jail Tuesday for failing to pay \$20,012 owed for 98 tickets collected over the past 29 months.

"I told him, 'Happy birthday,'" Municipal Court Judge Thomas W. Youngblood Jr. said Wednesday. "He didn't seem to be too appreciative of that, though."

Dunford's violations involved a wide range of municipal offenses, court officials said.

Dunford, a student at Galveston Ball High School, appeared alone in Youngblood's court after his arrest early Tuesday. Dunford got tickets for curfew violations, driving without a license, no proof of automobile insurance, possession of alcohol as a minor, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, fleeing from police and even littering, according to court officials.

Filing for Pampa school board candidacy ends March 23

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BASTON, Kristy Leigh — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
CATES, Connie — 4:30 p.m., Briarwood Church.
CHAVEZ, Gustavo Madrid — 3 p.m., Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Borger.
GIPSON, Howard Eugene — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, McLean.

Obituaries

CONNIE CATES
Connie Cates, 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, in Amarillo. Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Briarwood Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, and the Rev. Gene Allen, a retired minister, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Cates was born on July 15, 1933 at Electra. She was a resident of Pampa most of her life. She was a member of the Briarwood Church and worked as a volunteer at Coronado Hospital.
Survivors include a daughter, Kim Bye of Pampa; two sons, Rick Cates of Dallas and Vellie Glen Cates of Nowata, Okla.; a sister, Lillian Holder of Pasadena; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
The family will be at 926 Love St.
GUSTAVO MADRID CHAVEZ
BORGER — Gustavo Madrid Chavez, 28, son and brother of Pampa residents, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Guillermo Barraza, pastor of the Asamblea de Dios, officiating.
Mr. Chavez was born in Santa Cruz de Mayo, Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been a Borger resident since 1982.
Survivors include his wife, Ruby Chavez; three sons, Josh Ramon, Jesus Abel Chavez and Gustavo Andres Chavez, all of the home; three daughters, Roxanne Ramon, Isabel Chavez and Maridel Chavez, all of the home; his parents, Gustavo and Socorro Chavez of Pampa; four brothers, Mario Chavez and Gonzalo Chavez, both of Perryton, Isaias Chavez of Borger and Juvenal Chavez of Elk City, Okla.; and six sisters, Aqueida Silva, Cecilia Rosendiz, Maria Chavez and Anabel Chavez, all of Pampa, Lupe Gallegos of Elk City and Lucy Loya of Wheeler.

HOWARD EUGENE GIPSON
McLEAN — Howard Eugene Gipson, 63, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church of McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.
Mr. Gipson was born in Kress and graduated from Plainview High School in 1949. He had lived in McLean for 33 years and was a retired self-employed mechanic. He married Davie Burch in 1950 at McLean. He had served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1961, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was vice commander of the American Legion post in McLean and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8565. He was a member of the McLean School board for six years and served as president of the board for five years.
Survivors include his wife; three sons, Keith Gipson of Trinidad, Colo., Dale Glenn Gipson of Mesquite and Tommy Gipson of Midland; two sisters, Evodia Collis and Nelda Gorman, both of Plainview; a brother, Glenn Gipson of Olton; and six grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to the Senior Citizens Center in McLean.

CARL HAZEN MAYES
Carl Hazen Mayes, 63, of Nacogdoches, a former resident of Pampa, died Feb. 24, 1994, in Nacogdoches. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
Mr. Mayes was born on March 31, 1931 in Erick, Okla., and reared in Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1948 and the University of Texas at Austin in 1952 with a degree in business. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He has been a resident of Nacogdoches for the past 25 years.
Survivors include his wife, Hazel Mayes, of the home; a son, Michael Mayes of Austin; two daughters, Amanda Mayes of Nacogdoches and Jessica Ferguson of Lufkin; parents, Jesse and Cordelia Mayes of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-law, Laddie and Linda Mayes of Dothan, Ala.; a sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Lloyd Church of Haysville, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

STOCKS
The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.
Wheat 3.21
Milo 4.60
Corn 5.17
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:
Sercfo 3 7/8 NC
Occidental 18 3/8 dn 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:
Magellan 73.43
Puntan 16.30
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.
Amoco 52 3/8 dn 3/8
Arco 101 5/8 dn 3/4
Cabot 51 3/4 dn 1/2
Cabot O&G 20 3/4 dn 1/4
Chevron 88 1/4 dn 3/8
Coca-Cola 42 5/8 NC
Diamond Shamrock 27 5/8 dn 1/4
Enron 31 3/8 dn 3/8
Halliburton 32 dn 3/8
HealthTrust Inc. 29 3/8 up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand 37 3/4 dn 1/2
KNE 24 1/8 dn 1/4
Kerr-McGee 46 dn 1/8
Limited 19 dn 3/8
Mapco 60 1/8 up 1/4
Maxus 4 5/8 dn 1/4
McDonald's 60 dn 3/8
Mobil 80 1/8 dn 1/4
New Atmos 29 3/8 NC
Parker & Parsley 23 1/4 dn 1/4
Penny's 54 1/8 dn 1/4
Phillips 28 3/8 dn 1/4
SLB 57 7/8 dn 3/8
SPS 27 3/4 dn 1/4
Tenneco 57 1/4 dn 3/4
Texasco 66 1/2 dn 1/4
Wal-Mart 28 7/8 dn 1/8
New York Gold 376.70 dn 1/8
Silver 5.17 dn 1/8
West Texas Crude 14.44 dn 1/8

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23
Moses Kirkland, 345 Miami, reported hit and run.
Robin Boswell Music, 500 N. Perry, reported assault with bodily injury which occurred at 842 S. Sumner.
Pampa Police Officer A. Johnson reported a sick or injured prisoner, Martin Dale Bruer, 801 E. Gordon.
Bank One Texas, Amarillo, reported forgery and counterfeit which occurred at 600 W. Foster.

Arrest
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23
Martin Dale Bruer, 57, 801 E. Gordon, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault. He was taken to Gray County jail.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
Arrest
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23
Shanda Renee Richardson, 34, Buffalo, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23
11:45 p.m. — A 1987 Chevrolet truck driven by Larry Eugene Shuck, 43, 1933 N. Zimmers, and owned by the city of Pampa, 201 W. Kingsmill, was in collision with a 1993 Chevrolet van driven by David Thomas Thaxton, 34, Dallas, at the intersection of 1100 W. Alcock and 300 N. Sumner. Shuck was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop intersection.
5:16 p.m. — A 1976 Oldsmobile driven by Tommy Thurmond, 324 Miami, was in collision with a fence post owned by Moses H. Kirkland, 345 Miami, in the 900 block of East Beryl. Thurmond was cited for failure to exchange information, failure to control speed and having no driver's license.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Pampa
Palmer C. Cotham
William B. Cox
Louise Hause
Linda S. Justice
Essie Robinson
Faye Whitney
Ruby Violet Callis (extended care)
White Deer
Kimberly Faye Gaines
Birth
To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaines of White Deer, a girl.
Dismissals
Pampa
Ruby Violet Callis
Delbert Glenn Foster
Amy L. Headley and baby boy
Ernest Howard
William Pat Massey
Candida H. Moreno
Enda Louise Nail
Oma H. Schaffer
Essie Robinson (extended care)
Ethel G. Wilson (extended care)
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
No admissions were reported.
Dismissals
No dismissals were reported.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.
MCLEAN REPUBLICAN FORUM
The Gray County Republican Party will hold a candidate forum Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the Devils Rope Museum in McLean. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. All local Republican candidates and spokespersons for congressional candidates and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison are invited to attend.

GRAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS
The Gray County Democratic Party will host an open house with red beans, cornbread, coleslaw slaw, cobbler, iced tea and coffee on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the party headquarters, 116 W. Foster. A donation of \$5 is requested. Officeholders and candidates in the March 8 primary will be on hand.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23
4:27 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 824 Beryl.
10:50 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1717 Williston.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance 911
Crime Stoppers 669-2222
Fire 911
Police (emergency) 911
Police (non-emergency) 669-5700

Kiwanis fertilizer sale



Downtown Kiwanis Club member Dick Stowers, left, and vice president and fertilizer committee chairman Stanley Stabell watch Joel Hernandez unload fertilizer at Bob Douthit Motors. The club is conducting its annual spring fertilizer sale. Fertilizer can be purchased for \$9 per 50 pound bag through any Downtown Kiwanis member. Proceeds benefit the club's civic and charitable activities. (Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

GOP congressional candidate Flavious Smith accuses rival of leading deceptive campaign

By JEFF CARRUTH Staff Writer

Flavious Smith went on the attack this week in Pampa against his principal opponent in the Republican congressional primary.
"It's important before March 8th that people realize that the important issue is beating Bill Sarpalius and fielding a Republican candidate that can win," Smith said in an interview Wednesday.
"The issue is who's the best candidate," Smith said.
The Amarillo businessman and former Pampa resident contends Thornberry is running a deceptive campaign by laying claim to farm and ranch ties in the Clarendon area.
Smith says Thornberry registered to vote in Clarendon just before entering the race although his residence is in Amarillo.
"Thornberry lives and works as a lawyer in Amarillo. ... You can be sure Sarpalius will jump all over this," Smith said.
In refuting a Thornberry charge that he doesn't understand Texas agriculture, Smith highlighted his growing up on a farm in Tennessee.
Smith also called Thornberry a career politician. He said the third Republican in the race, Wayne Collins of Dimmitt, doesn't have the support neces-

sary to defeat Sarpalius.
Despite his claim to be running even with Thornberry, Smith characterized himself as the underdog in the race.
Thornberry referred to Smith's campaign as "desperate" in a press release that also said Smith

"ought to stick to the issues that really matter."
In response to charges that he is not really a cattleman, Thornberry said his and his father's ranches are maintained by the family without hiring any help for either place.

One winner gets \$40 million Lotto prize

AUSTIN (AP) — The single Lotto Texas winner in Houston has seized a jackpot of \$40 million, or \$2 million a year for 20 years. That's \$166,666 a month. About \$5,480 a day. That's \$685 an hour if you put in a good eight-hour day.
Less 28 percent for the Internal Revenue Service, of course, which would reduce the take after taxes to only \$1.44 million a year, \$120,000 a month, \$3,836 a day. Bummer!
Only one ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
Lotto tickets sold quickly and waiting lines grew lengthy as Texans scrambled at the last minute for chances at the \$40 million jackpot.
The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 8, 32, 36, 37 and 50.
Lottery spokesman Steve Levine

said the Lottery recorded its first \$3 million hour between 6 and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sales were wildest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, when they were ringing up at \$60,000 per minute.
Wednesday's sales reached \$21.7 million, the third-best sales day in the history of Lotto Texas.
Sales on Sunday and Monday both set records, Levine said. Sunday sales totaled \$755,000, while Monday's was \$2.8 million.
Tuesday sales hit \$6.1 million, second only to the record \$6.8 million sold the week of July 7, 1993, when the Lotto Texas jackpot was its largest ever at \$50 million.
Total sales from Saturday to Wednesday's draw was 31.3 million, Levine said.
Wednesday was the third time since the Lotto Texas game began in November 1992 that the jackpot had climbed to \$40 million or more.

LOTTO
Wednesday's winning numbers are:
6 - 8 - 32 - 36 - 37 - 50

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.
REMINGTON PARK Bus Group, March 5, 6th. Call Travel Express for details 665-0093. Adv.
1987 NISSAN Maxima, automatic, 4 door, sunroof. Excellent condition. \$4825. 665-7967. Adv.
TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 614 Davis, 665-8074, 274-2142. Adv.
PERSONAL TOUCH only 1 day left for Fall markdown. 50, 60, 75% off, plus a \$10 rack. Adv.
CHANGING VEHICLES? Need your cellular phone moved? Call Hawkins Communications - 669-3307. An authorized Dobson Agent. Adv.
TAX SERVICE: Mary Jane Mynear and Mary McBee, 669-9910, 421 N. Perry. 1040A \$25, 1040EZ \$15. Electronic filing. Adv.
HOUSECLEANING: REFERENCENCES Available. 665-5309. Adv.
FRIDAY NIGHT Delivery at Kevin's Catering - Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, \$5.95. Call 669-1428 after 4 to order. Adv.
CALF FRIES: Moose Lodge, Thursday 24th, 7 p.m. Members and Guests. Adv.
FINAL CLOSING Days at the J&J Flea Market. All books 10¢, Watkins 25% off and everything else 50% off. Bed rails and frames, new mattress and box springs, office desk and chair, dryers, tools and 1000 other things. Open 9-5, Thursday-Saturday, 409 W. Brown. Adv.
COME BY after church for beans, cornbread, slaw, cobbler. 11:30 to 2:00, 116 W. Foster \$5 adults; 10 & under \$2.50. By Democratic Club. Adv.
ALL YOU CAN Eat Pancake Breakfast, \$3, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday 26th. Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster, KHIVA Temple Cripple Children Travel Fund. Adv.
NEW SHIPMENT of Wind Chimes are in at Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.
IN BUSINESS for yourself? Find out the income tax consequences from H&R Block, 1301 N. Hobart, 665-2161. Adv.
EASY'S CLUB Lingerie Show, tonight 8:30 p.m. Adv.
PAMPA'S NEWEST Complex, Lakeview Apartments. On sight manager and maintenance, quiet, spacious, well maintained. References required. 2600 N. Hobart, 669-7682. Adv.
ACT I will hold auditions for "Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got The Will" at the Theatre (Pampa Mall) at 3 p.m., Sunday, 27th and 6:30 Monday, 28th. Cast requirements: 5 women, 3 men. (Various ages). Adv.
TIME TO apply Pre-Emergent Weed Control to your lawn, available at Watson's Feed & Garden 665-4189. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, fair with a low in the upper 20s with west winds 10 to 20 mph becoming north after midnight. Friday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the upper 40s with northeast winds 10 to 20 mph becoming southeast late. Wednesday's high was 45; this morning's low was 24.
REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight: Fair. Lows 20 north with 30s elsewhere. Friday: Partly cloudy and cooler. Highs mainly in the 40s. Friday night: Partly cloudy. Lows 20-25. South Plains: Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows near 30 to upper 30s. Friday: Partly cloudy and cooler.

Highs 50-55. Friday night: Fair. Lows in mid to upper 20s.
North Texas - Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows 40 to 46. Friday: Partly cloudy, windy and cooler west and north. Highs in mid 50s west to mid 60s southeast. Friday night: Fair and cooler. Lows in the 30s.
South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s south central, 30s Hill Country. Friday and Friday night: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s. Coastal Bend: Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in upper 40s inland to low 50s coast. Friday and Friday night: Mostly cloudy. Highs in low 70s. Lows in the 50s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight and Friday: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the

50s. Highs in the 70s. Friday night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s to near 60.
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New Mexico - Tonight: Partly cloudy north and fair south. Lows zero to mid 20s mountains and north with 20s to low 30s south. Friday and Friday night: Partly cloudy. Cooler northeast. Highs upper 30s to mid 50s mountains and north with 60s to low 70s south. Lows 5 to 25 mountains and north with mid 20s to mid 30s south.
Oklahoma - Tonight: Mostly sunny. Lows from upper 20s in northwest Oklahoma to low 40s south of the Red River. Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs from the 40s northwest Oklahoma to mid 60s southeast Oklahoma.

Muslims, Croats agree to latest cease-fire proposal

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. peacekeepers reported today that fighting increased in parts of central Bosnia, where a truce is to take effect Friday under a new accord between Bosnia's Muslim-led government and Croats.
The fighting intensified Wednesday at the same time the military leaders for the government and Bosnian Croats were signing the cease-fire agreement. There are high hopes the truce will take hold and

add to the momentum for an end to all fighting in the former Yugoslav republic.
A U.N. spokesman, Lt. Col. Bill Aikman, said exchanges of mortar and machine-gun fire escalated near Vitez, a frequent flashpoint between government troops and Croat militiamen in central Bosnia 35 miles northwest of Sarajevo.
He said two U.N. aid convoys came under fire near Gornji Vakuf, a town 40 miles west of the capital

that also is contested by Croats and the government. British troops escorting the convoy returned the fire, which appeared to come from Croat positions, Aikman said. There were no reported injuries.
Previous cease-fire accords have quickly collapsed. But that was before NATO's threat of air strikes silenced Serb guns around the capital, Sarajevo, and increased diplomatic efforts to end the 22-month war.

Lawmakers call for Russian aid cutoff after allegations over CIA spy arrests

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With members of Congress calling for a suspension of U.S. aid to Russia over a major spying incident, the Clinton administration awaited a reply from Moscow to its demand that Russian officials involved in the alleged espionage be withdrawn from Washington.

As of this morning, the Russians had not responded, said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A retired CIA officer and a congressional official also said Wednesday that the alleged betrayal by CIA counterintelligence officer Aldrich Ames resulted in the deaths of at least two officials of the former Soviet Union who spied for the United States. (See related story, Page 12.)

An administration official this morning said U.S. officials had no confirmation of a *New York Times* report that at least 10 Soviet citizens were killed, including the first two intelligence officers the FBI had ever recruited from the Soviet Embassy in Washington and a senior Soviet counterintelligence official in Moscow responsible for catching American spies.

And in an apparent major break for investigators, Ames' wife, Rosario, began cooperating with the government after she and her husband were arrested Monday, an official disclosed Wednesday.

It was unclear how much light she could shed on the extent of damage

caused by Ames' alleged spying over nearly a decade, or whether her assistance would be useful mainly in buttressing the case against her husband.

U.S. officials said they had demanded in a number of contacts in Washington and Moscow that Russia withdraw its intelligence officials who were directly involved with Ames.

"If they don't take action, we will," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Wednesday.

President Clinton tried to strike a balance between tough talk about the spying and assurances that the case won't disturb the post-Cold War thaw in U.S.-Russian relations.

Clinton characterized the case as a very serious security breach, but he said it did not "undermine in any way shape or form the policy we have followed the last year toward President (Boris) Yeltsin and his government and the forces of change in Russia."

"The relationship is bigger than handling this espionage case," State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said in a telephone interview. While the United States is demanding a serious response from Moscow, he added, "We have manifest interests that go far beyond this particular case."

In the Senate, Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas called for a halt to aid to Moscow unless the Russians cooperate in the Ames prosecution and stop spy activities in this country. "This affair threatens the foundation of our relationship with the new republic of Russia," he said.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and other lawmakers joined in the call for an aid freeze.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign assistance, said the Senate is not scheduled to vote on aid to Russia for several months, but if it were taken up today, "it wouldn't pass."

McCurry rejected a suspension of aid, saying that move would thwart U.S. goals of helping Russia complete market reforms and democratization.

Clinton suggested he was reluctant to interrupt aid since much goes to projects such as disarming Russia's vast nuclear weapons arsenal.

Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, a Russia specialist, took a long view of the spying incident, saying it highlighted a historical internal struggle "for Russia's future and Russia's soul."

Some Russian intelligence operatives "are conducting their clandestine business as if the Cold War never ended," he told a conference of the U.S.-Russia Business Council. "We know it will be true long after today's headlines have faded. The good news is that those forces are not calling all the shots, or even most of the shots."

Talbott's boss, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Russia's "intelligence service may have changed its name, but it's probably not changed its method of operation. So we need to be very vigilant."

Thousands of immigrants faking mental illness to get benefits, investigators say

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of immigrants are faking mental illness, with the help of middlemen and translators, to qualify for federal disability benefits, congressional investigators say.

Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, estimates the cost to taxpayers in the millions of dollars. Pickle, chairman of the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee, planned a hearing today on the problem of translator fraud.

According to his panel, such abuses of the Supplemental Security Income program are national in scope and may be growing. The schemes involve translators, attorneys and storefront businesses that help refugees and other legal immigrants apply for SSI benefits.

Under the law, SSI pays disability benefits to poor people who can't work because they have fatal or long-term disabling conditions. Of the 6 million disabled and elderly recipients of SSI, 601,000 are non-citizens.

The Social Security Administration provides SSI benefits to qualified refugees and other legal immigrants. No application fee is required. It is a misdemeanor to accept a fee to assist or represent someone seeking Social Security benefits without the agency's prior approval.

But the subcommittee says that is just what is happening with some of the middlemen, who market their services to immigrants, sometimes in foreign-language advertisements.

Some recruit their customers in overseas refugee camps.

Investigators say the middlemen help and sometimes encourage immigrants to fill out applications for disability benefits and refer them to physicians who will certify the immigrants are too sick to work.

They also may translate for the immigrants at examinations with physicians or during interviews with Social Security.

The middlemen may coach the immigrants to fake symptoms of mental illness, retardation or depression, or they may tell the applicants to wear their clothes upside down, wet their pants, spit or claim headaches, stomachaches or other problems resulting from stress or from being in Southeast Asian prison camps.

In some cases, the applicants appear to be drugged when they are examined.

The immigrants pay the middlemen a fee, generally \$2,500 to \$3,000, or a portion of their lump-sum payments from SSI. Benefits are retroactive to the date a person applies for assistance, so many recipients collect an initial payment of several thousand dollars.

Once eligible for SSI, which pays a maximum monthly benefit of \$446, recipients also qualify for Medicaid and may receive a state supplement and food stamps.

Allegations of abuses involving translators were initially concentrated in several Southeast Asian communities in southern California. But the Department of Health and Human Services has received similar complaints from around the

country and involving other nationalities, including Armenians and Russians, according to a Dec. 10 letter to Pickle from HHS Secretary Donna Shalala.

Pickle said he believes thousands of SSI recipients got on the rolls using such schemes and thousands more have applications pending.

"The U.S. Treasury has already paid out millions to these SSI recipients and will be paying millions more to them every month, unless some effective steps are taken," he said.

Investigators have no precise estimates on the number of such cases. But in the past year alone, the Social Security Administration referred more than 1,000 cases of suspected fraud involving several translators to HHS investigators.

In Tacoma, Wash., documents filed in federal court accuse two men of helping more than 200 Southeast Asian immigrants fraudulently apply for public assistance.

The use of translators is only one type of fraud facing the SSI program. Some lawmakers allege that parents are coaching their children to act up at school so that they can be classified as disabled and eligible for benefits.

Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater said the agency "cannot and will not tolerate any fraud."

"We will continue working closely with the HHS office of the inspector general, the federal agency responsible for investigating fraud, to deter, detect and seek prosecution against those who commit such acts," she said.

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers 10 Most Wanted

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Eight people remain on Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Ten Most Wanted List for February. Individuals selected for the "ten most wanted" are chosen on the basis of the seriousness of their charge and difficulty in apprehension, said Crime Prevention Officer Brad Love of the Pampa Police Department.

Those with information about felony crimes may be eligible for a reward between \$50 and \$300. Information may be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

Captured earlier this month were Rudolph Lavaugh Jenkins and Shanda Nestor Richardson.

The Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Ten Most Wanted are:

• Larry Frank Jones, white male, born Aug. 28, 1954, 5 feet 10 inches, 120 lbs., blond hair and blue eyes. He is wanted for driving while intoxicated-third offense. His last known address is 2230 Christine.

• Fredrick H. Thompson, white male, born April 4, 1951, 6 feet 2 inches, 180 lbs., brown hair and eyes. He is charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

• Archie Willis Balay, white male, born July 1, 1957, 5 feet 5 inches, 160 lbs., green eyes and brown hair. He is wanted for delivery of marijuana.

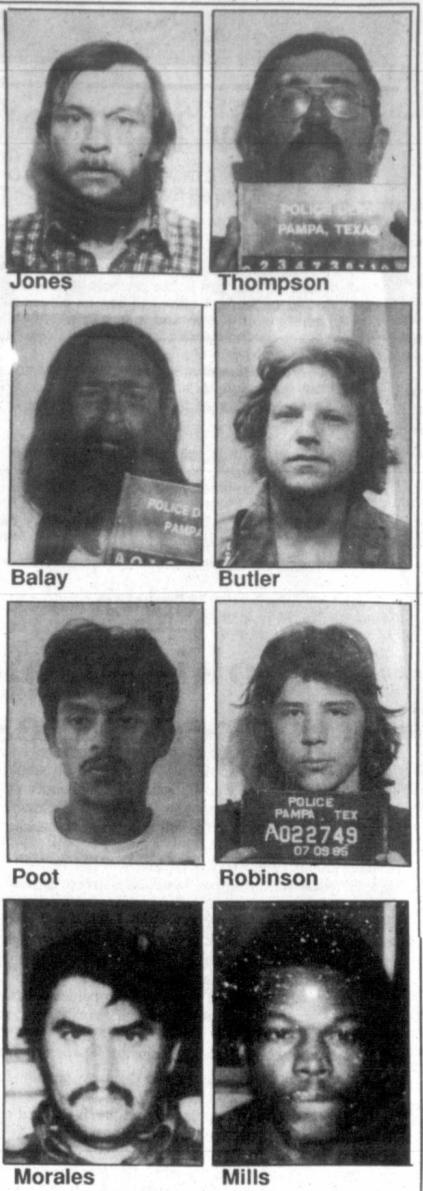
• Tracy Scott Butler, white male, born Sept. 22, 1960, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 lbs., blue eyes, red hair. He is wanted for forgery.

• Luis Alfonso Poot, white male, born Jan. 11, 1967, 5 feet 3 inches, 115 lbs., brown eyes and black hair. He is wanted for burglary.

• Charles Emil Robinson, white male, born Jan. 21, 1967, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair, last known address Pampa. He is wanted for violation of probation on a charge of burglary of a building.

• Armando Borunda Morales, also known as Israel Borunda and other aliases, Hispanic male, born Jan. 3, 1959, 6 feet 1 inch, 195 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. He is wanted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Willie D. Mills Jr., black male, born Oct. 26, 1961, 6 feet 3 inches, 260 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, last known to be in Houston. He is wanted on a charge of unlawful delivery of marijuana.



Jury deliberating Branch Davidian murder case

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Once again, the apocalyptic legacy of David Koresh lingers in a wait-and-see quagmire.

The world watched a deadly 51-day standoff end last year when the Branch Davidian compound burned with Koresh and 78 followers inside.

Waiting this time centers on a courtroom.

Jurors today resumed deliberating the fate of 11 Davidians accused of ambushing and murdering four federal agents. If convicted, the defendants face up to life in prison.

"I gave up trying to guess how long juries will take, or what they're going to decide, years ago," U.S. District Judge Walter Smith said today on the courthouse steps.

The jury could sort through more than 1,400 items of evidence and the testimony of more than 130 witnesses since the trial started Jan. 12.

"They've paid attention, taken notes," said defense attorney Dan

Cogdell. "I expect careful and slow deliberations."

"I feel good," said defense attorney Jeff Kearney. "I like the court's instructions."

A key portion of the instructions from Smith stated that if a defendant believed he or another was in "imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm," deadly force can be used in self-defense.

Defense attorneys contend that the Davidians feared for their lives when 75 armed federal agents attempted to arrest Koresh and search his Waco-area compound for illegal weapons Feb. 28. The raid turned into a shootout that left four agents and six Davidians dead.

But prosecutor Ray Jahn, in closing arguments Wednesday, said the Davidians had been stockpiling guns, grenades and gas masks for a war on the government.

The agents "died because they made one fatal mistake. They misjudged the zeal and the murderous intent of those who followed 'David Death,'" Jahn said.

Prosecutor John Phinizy disputed

claims that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms used excessive force.

"They didn't use enough force. They went up against an armed camp — not a home, not a church — an armed camp," Phinizy said.

Earlier for the defense, Cogdell displayed photographs of FBI-driven tanks bashing in the compound in an attempt to end the standoff April 19 with tear gas.

"This is not an assault. We will not be entering the house. ... Promise ya, we will not be entering the house. We're here to help you. ... Come on out — no tanks, no assaults," said Cogdell, sarcastically paraphrasing an FBI message broadcast outside the battered compound.

He urged jurors to send a message that they won't tolerate what he called governmental arrogance and misconduct.

"A blanket conviction of everybody at that (defendants') table will give everybody in law enforcement a blank check ... it will tell them, 'Whatever you want to do is fine,'" Cogdell said during closing arguments.

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Feds capture fugitive from Northern Ireland

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A convicted murderer who escaped in a mass 1983 prison breakout in Northern Ireland was arrested, finally, after slipping past federal agents nearly two years ago.

Terence Damien Kirby, 37, was captured at his suburban home in Concord on Wednesday, and jailed to await extradition proceedings along with three other fugitives from the Maze prison near Belfast.

Kirby, who was serving a life sentence for a bombing-murder, was among 38 escapees in the largest breakout in British history.

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Opinion

A smoking ban that trespasses

A proposed, new assault by Washington on smoking nationwide should have everyone worried, whether they happen to light up or not. More to the point, anti-smoking legislation in Congress that has the Clinton administration's blessing represents an attack on fundamental property rights.

This month, Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders and five of her predecessors endorsed a bill that would slap sweeping smoking restrictions on virtually every nonresidential building in the country. The Smoke-Free Environment Act, premised partly on a 1993 Environmental Protection Agency study classifying so-called secondhand tobacco smoke as a carcinogen, would ban smoking in every building regularly entered by 10 or more people at least one day a week.

An exception would be granted to properties establishing separate, specially ventilated smoking rooms. Private residences would be exempt. How tolerant.

This is not about smoking etiquette — when and where smokers should yield out of consideration to the many people who have had the good sense not to take up tobacco.

Nor is this about the tentative and much-debated evidence on the harmful effects of "passive" smoke on nonsmokers. At issue is whether the ever-longer arm of government should be able to intrude further into private property, like a tavern or a diner, to check yet another public-health concern arbitrarily anointed by our federal philosopher-kings.

This is particularly problematic where the jury is still out on a potential hazard like secondhand smoke. Disturbingly, many state and local governments already are meddling in such matters.

The real rub in such a highhanded policy at any level of government is that it pre-empt private clubs, businesses and so forth from making decisions that are best suited to their patrons and employees. Indeed this is an area in which, as usual, the private sector in the free market has already taken the lead anyway.

Assorted bans or restrictions on smoking, effected by property owners rather than by government, are already in force in various publicly used buildings, from large employers to small cafes.

Only the proprietors of such places, after all, truly understand what need there is for smoke-free areas.

Why, for example, should the feds force a smokeless environment on bars where, in so many cases, the majority of patrons smoke? They do so in an enclosed setting posing no threat to anyone outside, and whatever the danger of secondhand smoke, it can't be worse than what those smokers already inhale.

In such an establishment, smokers have made a conscious decision to surround themselves by and large with other smokers. Clearly, any patrons' objections could most fairly be handled by that business's owner. But under the proposed federal law, such an establishment likely would lose its clientele.

Praise is of course in order for the many employers and other private property owners nationally who have seized the initiative to curtail or even ban smoking on their premises in the interests of health, comfort or public taste. But they're the ones equipped to make such decisions and they alone should do so.

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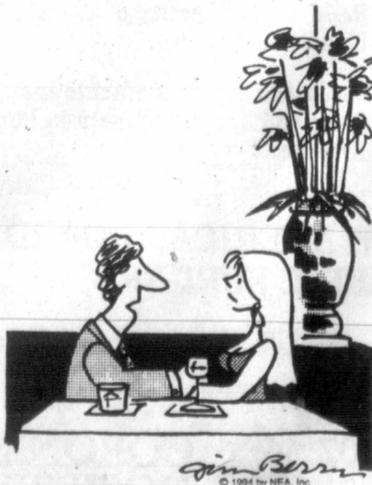
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"Let me tell you about my mommy."

Why worry about how we die?

It is often said that American culture engages in a persistent denial of death, to which my reaction is, "Good for American culture!" When you're confronted with something unpleasant, undesirable and unavoidable, denial seems like exactly the right response.

Spending part of the life dwelling on the prospect of dying strikes me as spending several minutes of your wedding ceremony discussing the likelihood of divorce. I've heard that death awaits us all, but I'm still hoping to wriggle off on a technicality.

So you will not be surprised that when a free copy of a new book called *How We Die* landed ominously on my desk, it immediately went to the top of the list of Books I Am Least Likely to Open. The jacket laments that "there are few reliable accounts of the ways in which we die" and says this volume provides an "intimate account of how various diseases take away life."

How We Die, in other words, fills a much-needed gap. I anticipate learning more than I ever wanted to know about this subject long before I am ready. Anyone who wants me to read a book about death had better title it 101 Foolproof Ways to Avoid Dying.

But apparently there is an audience for previews of close encounters with the Grim Reaper. The author, a surgeon named Sherwin B. Nuland, has gotten a long, admiring review in *The New York Times Book Review* and an even longer and more admiring profile of himself in *Newsweek*. What's next? The cover of Life?

Newsweek praises his book as "stunningly frank." Saying Nuland is frank about death is like saying Marilyn Chambers is frank about sex. He puts it all right in your face in glorious, clinical detail.

Take his account of how you can expect to expe-



Stephen Chapman

rience death from choking on a piece of food: "The pulse quickens, the blood pressure rises and the level of carbon dioxide make the frightened victim appear blue ... He makes increasingly strenuous attempts to pull air past the obstruction, which only serve to wedge the plug even more firmly in place. Just as in a hanging, unconsciousness supervenes, and sometimes convulsions triggered by the unoxynated and hypercarbic brain. In a short time, the efforts to breathe become weaker and shallower. The heartbeat becomes irregular, and finally stops." I think I'll just have soup.

Nuland complains that, in *Newsweek's* words, doctors "have forgotten their 'pastoral function': to minister to the dying." I have no use for medical personnel who calmly defer to the approach of death, though I suspect it's what I'll get once Hillary Clinton is through with the health care system. Give me a physician who would consume the entire gross domestic product of the United States to keep me on this side of the Great Divide.

If you want to make peace with your own mortality, this is the book for you. I'd much rather my mortality make peace with me. Failing that, I have no interest in knowing all the distasteful physiological events I will endure upon departing this vale of

tears. I would prefer to spend my last moments doing something like watching my life flash before my eyes, not straining to recall what Sherwin B. Nuland advised would happen next: "Oh, yes, he said that when you're choking to death — no, wait, that was drowning ..."

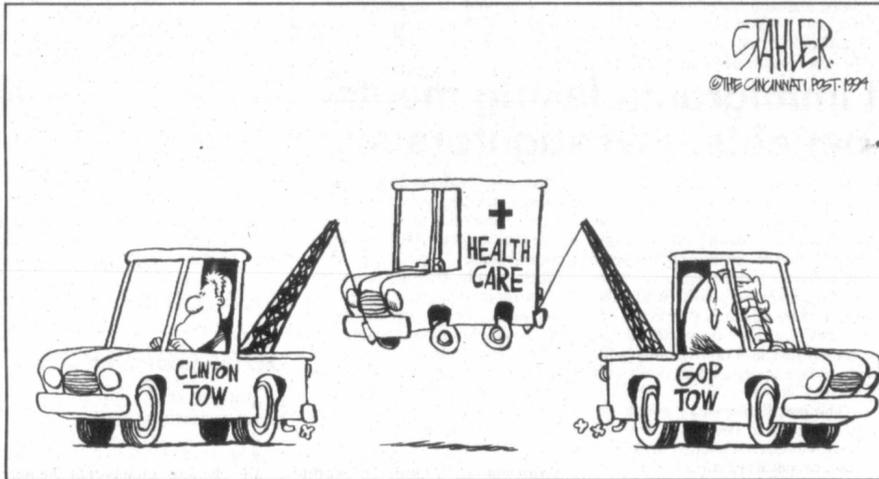
Religion is supposed to furnish some solace by promising life after death, but I have some bones to pick with the Almighty. For one thing, He refuses to provide a guarantee in writing. It's a mystery why an unconditional money-back policy is within the resources of every catalogue house in America but an excessive burden to the Lord of the Universe.

I also see some problems with heaven. One is that it may not exist. Another is that if it does, I may not get there. From the accounts I've read, the doorkeepers can be maddeningly selective. Not only that, but decisions are made without benefit of counsel, right of appeal or other normal requirements of due process. You're entitled to go to court to contest a parking ticket, but get exiled to the fiery depths till the end of time, and Chief Justice Rehnquist himself can't help you.

Nor is it a sure thing that if I do get to heaven, I will like it. Sounds like an Arizona retirement community, only more sanctimonious, and I'll bet there are no college football telecasts.

The alternative is no bargain either. The one redeeming feature of hell is that you're assured eternal life. Unfortunately, the whole point is that you're so miserable you'd be better off dead. Which, by the way, you are.

If you're the kind who can gaze serenely into the face of death, then maybe you'll learn something valuable from reading *How We Die*. It would be pointless for me, since I already know exactly how I'll die: unwillingly.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 1994. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 24, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:
In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. The Gregorian Calendar is in general use today.

In 1803, in the case of *Marbury vs. Madison*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

Athletes that didn't make cut

College football recruiting season is finally over. I'm happy to note my alma mater, the University of Georgia, is reported to have snared one of the top recruiting classes in the country.

I'm also happy God helped us. One young man said he had narrowed his choices to Georgia and Notre Dame but still hadn't made up his mind when he stepped to the podium at a press conference.

"But God put Georgia in my mind," he said. We need God on our side. God doesn't go 5-6 as Georgia did last season.

This also must be one of the few times Notre Dame has ever lost in anything sporting in which God has shown an apparent interest.

Not every young man who plays high school football is also able to get a scholarship to play college ball, however. Some simply aren't big enough, fast enough or good enough.

Others aren't able to move up to college play for various other reasons. From my many recruiting and coaching contacts, I managed to obtain a list of some of the outstanding high school athletes who won't be performing on campus next fall, and the reasons why not.

It is an interesting list:
Farley Gimpleheimer, 6-2, 195, defensive back, Low Rent, La.

Made *Parade* magazine high school all-American team. Also made Louisiana State Hospital mental ward after hijacking Roto Rooter van and demanding to be taken to the planet Mundo,



Lewis Grizzard

where he claimed to be from.

Subsequent shock treatments indicated he was suffering from overdose of Midol tablets he had found in his girlfriend's pocketbook and thought were peppermint LifeSavers his second cousin, Jimmy Swaggart of Baton Rouge, had healed shut. Still undergoing observation.

Garth "Mack Truck" Wartman, 6-0, 217, full-back, What The Hell, Ga.

"Could run through a brick wall," said college recruiters. Tried to run through a brick wall while fleeing liquor-store robbery. Now behind a brick wall at Georgia State Prison.

Tyrone Pollard, 6-2, 195, defensive back, Mosquito Junction, Fla.

Known for his head-hunting style of defensive play. Also known for howling at the moon, tattoo on right arm and penchant for going into the swamp at night to wrestle alligators.

Interest as a recruit dropped off, however, after he

lost his tattoo, not to mention his arm, in a swamp mishap. Alligator involved signed with Florida State.

Lottie "Big Mama" Pugmeiroebor, 5-5, 244, offensive (very offensive) lineperson, Suck Egg, Tenn.

Became first female high school football player to be actively recruited by colleges. NCAA outlawed her patented knee-to-the-groin area block, however, causing her to lose appeal with recruiters.

Joined armed forces instead, and expects to be first woman in combat, or in her words, "I'll double over the Pentagon."

Arnold Skitz, 6-3, 225, tight end, Two Potato Three, Idaho.

Football career tragically ended due to logging accident during summer job. Forgot foreman had warned him not to use chain saw below his feet at top of tree.

Willard "Mad Dog" Fritzhammer, 6-8, 360, defensive lineman, Goatville, Ark.

Failed SAT after he ate the test. Hired as new bodyguard for Tonya Harding.

Leroy Tidis Shakimro, 6-1, 190, running back, Big Cracks, Calif.

Fell through one.

Johnny John, 6-2, 195, quarterback, Snake Oil, Mich.

Great passer. Of bad checks. Hung paper all over South Bend on visit to Notre Dame. Will enter either priesthood or politics after prison.

Offering hope to lost generations

In eloquent prose that won him applause even from some conservatives (and you have to admit, he can almost out-Reagan Reagan in the use of anecdotal symbolism), President Clinton has mapped out the state of our union. Among the prescriptions are two he hammered away on in his campaign: We must get much tougher on crime and reform welfare as we know it.

Only this time, Clinton seems to at least have part of the answer treed, even if he isn't quite ready to point. "I urge you to consider this: As you demand tougher penalties for those who choose violence, let us also remember how we came to this sad point," he said. "In our toughest neighborhoods, on our meanest streets, in our poorest rural areas, we have seen a stunning and simultaneous breakdown of community, family and work, the heart and soul of civilized society."

The president went on to say that as we say "no" to crime, we have to give people something to say "yes" to: "We have got to stop pointing our fingers at these kids who have no future and reach out our hands to them." Although he didn't draw the connection between cause and effect as strong as it merits, he doffed his hat to a major part of the solution: "Many of our initiatives, from job training to welfare reform, to health care, to national service will help to rebuild distressed communities, to strengthen families, to provide work ..."

Finally: acknowledgment that things won't improve in the inner cities until we offer young people jobs with a living wage. In his book *Streetwise*,



Sarah Overstreet

sociologist Elijah Anderson studied the causes of inner-city decay and came to the same conclusion. Anderson, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, says the young men he interviewed can't find "family-sustaining" jobs, the traditional mark of manhood, and instead make a costly substitution: "Partially in response, the young men's peer groups emphasize sexual prowess as a sign of manhood, with babies as evidence."

The service-industry jobs available to these men don't pay enough for them to support families; crime does. To rise above this dynamic takes a whale of a will and belief, something hard to inherit from a generation that already feels hopeless.

You doubt? The majority of this underclass is black, and it doesn't take much study of American history to follow the generations that came from slavery: set free, possessing nothing. Struggling to survive in separate-and-grossly unequal Jim Crow social conditions. State laws denying them basic civil rights, employment and education. A slow three

decades of legally enforced opportunity that many non-blacks see as a time of, unbridled favoritism toward blacks.

Still, it is unfair and useless to try to visit the sins of the fathers on the sons. This generation of white Americans can in no way be held responsible for the slavery that ended over 130 years ago. But what slavery did in this nation was to start a chain reaction whose consequences are still being visited on all of us. To ignore those consequences is stupid, and to do something about them means a much better society for all of us.

Here are examples of programs that offer hope to inner cities:

In Nashville, Tenn., the Dollar General Corp., in conjunction with the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority, has taken advantage of federal funds to build a center to help residents train for and find jobs.

Two professors of criminal justice at the University of Missouri at St. Louis have applied for federal funds to create teams made up of neighborhood residents, police officers, educators, clergy and specialists. These teams would monitor key neighborhoods, intervene in situations where violence may occur, and "mentor" young offenders. Can it work? It can't hurt.

The inner cities are too far gone to heal themselves. It will require thousands of the rest of us taking our businesses, our training programs and hours of our own volunteer time to offer hope to these forgotten children.

Jury gets Trade Center bombing case — finally

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After five months, more than 200 witnesses and more than 1,000 exhibits, the fate of four Muslim fundamentalists accused of bombing the World Trade Center finally rests in the hands of a jury.

Use your common sense, U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy told the anonymous jurors late Wednesday before deliberations began. Political beliefs are not on trial, he said.

The jury got the case just three days before the anniversary of the bombing that killed six people, injured more than 1,000 and shook Americans' confidence that terrorism was a foreign problem.

The alleged motive, to protest U.S. aid to Israel, came in a telephone message to one newspaper and a letter to another threatening future attacks.

Lawyers on both sides urged jurors to carefully review the transcripts and exhibits. Doing so could take weeks; the prosecution brought on 207 witnesses and an avalanche of forensic evidence, including 2,233 fingerprints. At one point, even the judge said the trial was boring.

Defense lawyers, in contrast, offered little evidence, preferring to stress what they called weaknesses in the government's efforts to link the four men in a web of conspiracy.

The trial's biggest surprise came at the very end, when attorney Robert Precht, confronted by a wealth of evidence against his client, Mohammad Salameh, argued that Salameh was an unwitting dupe of the bombing's mastermind, a professional terrorist named Ramzi Yousef.

It was the first time a defense lawyer acknowledged there was a conspiracy, much less that his client was involved. Two other defense attorneys unsuccessfully requested a mistrial. And Salameh wrote the judge a letter saying he objected to everything his lawyer said in the summation. The letter was entered into the court record, but kept out of the jurors' sight.

The government's case began with the core facts: that on Feb. 26, 1993, a 1,200-pound bomb went off in a van parked beneath the 110-story twin towers.

Two days later, bomb sleuths picking through a crater half the size of a football field found an identification number on a piece of a van. It was the only vehicle in the garage to be blown to bits from the inside out.

That led investigators to the man who rented the van — 26-year-old Salameh — and to his world of immigrants in New Jersey. Within weeks, three other suspects were in custody — Nidal Ayyad, 26, of Maplewood, N.J., Mahmud Abouhalima, 34, of Woodbridge, N.J., and Ahmad Ajaj, 28, of Houston.

Some witnesses made the prosecutors' job easier, like a Secret Service agent who suddenly recalled seeing a yellow van in the very spot where the bomb exploded.

Others, like gas station attendant Willie Hernandez Moosh, did not. Moosh made prosecutor Gilmore Childers turn red when he pointed out two jurors as the men he saw with the yellow van on the eve of the bombing. Moosh corrected himself the next day and pointed instead to Salameh and Abouhalima.

The government said the conspiracy began in April 1992 when Ajaj went to Pakistan and was trained to build bombs.

He returned to the United States five months later on the same plane as Yousef, a 26-year-old explosives expert who settled in Jersey City with Salameh. Ajaj was arrested for using a false Swedish passport and was jailed until March 1, 1993 — a week after the bombing.

Prosecutors showed the jury bomb-making manuals found in Ajaj's luggage, saying they contained the recipe for the urea nitrate-based explosive. His bags also contained a bomb-making videotape with footage of a fictitious American embassy being blown up.

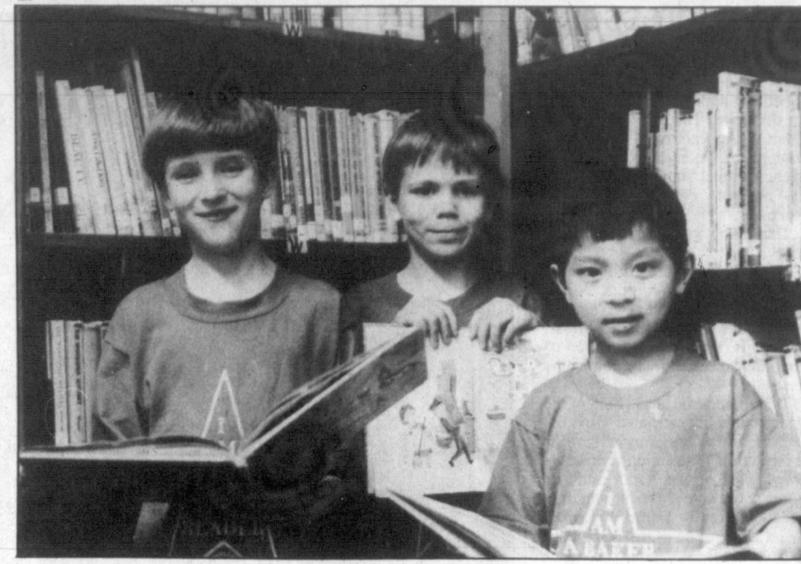
Ajaj's lawyer, Austin Campriello, said Ajaj couldn't have participated in a conspiracy because he was in jail and had no visitors, no mail and only innocent phone conversations. But prosecutors said Ajaj encouraged Yousef to continue the plot in at least one of the conversations.

In October, prosecutors said, Salameh and Ayyad opened a joint bank account from which money was drawn to rent the van and a 10-by-10 storage shed that held chemicals used in the bombing. Witnesses recalled seeing Yousef, Salameh and Abouhalima at an apartment where the bomb was made.

The FBI found a letter similar to the mailed threat on a computer disk Ayyad thought he had erased at AlliedSignal Inc., where he worked as a chemical engineer.

Yousef fled the country the night of the bombing, and is believed to be in Iraq. The U.S. government has issued a \$2 million reward for his return.

Young readers



From left, David Tucker, Joshua Mason and John Nguyen, first graders at Baker Elementary School, stand surrounded by books in the school's library. The shirts they are wearing read "I Am a Baker Reader" and were provided to the students by the Altrusa Club to help promote reading. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Jurors convict third-time killer Kenneth McDuff

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

SEGUIN (AP) — Family and friends of murder victim Colleen Reed say they want to make sure Kenneth McDuff is never free again. And if that takes executing him, they say he should be executed.

McDuff, 47, one of the most notorious criminals in Texas history, escaped the death penalty as a young man, only to win parole and kill again.

On Wednesday, a Guadalupe County jury convicted McDuff in the rape-slaying of Miss Reed, 28, who was abducted from an Austin carwash Dec. 29, 1991.

For McDuff, it was the third time he has been convicted of capital murder. "I expected it," he said after the verdict was announced in Miss Reed's case. "I'm not upset."

For Miss Reed's family and friends, the verdict is just the first step. The punishment phase of McDuff's trial starts Friday and is expected to last a week.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. "There are certain people who deserve the death penalty, and we feel like he's one of them," said David Counts, assistant district attorney.

"Death or life, at this point, I don't care as long as he's never free again. I don't want that man ever, ever to hurt another family again," said Miss Reed's sister, Lori Bible.

Miss Reed's former fiancé, Oliver Guerra, said he doubts McDuff will ever be free but, he added, that's what people said in 1968 when he was sentenced to die for the slaying of a teenage girl near Fort Worth.

"It's important that we get him off the streets forever. And if the only way the state can guarantee that is through lethal injection, then so be it," he said.

"It's not revenge," Guerra added. "It's more trying to protect our families and our friends that are still out there who can some day become victims because people like this beat the system over and over again."

McDuff said he is innocent in Miss Reed's death. Although her body has never been found, she is presumed to be dead.

The main evidence in the case was the testimony of Alva Hank Worley, 36, who said he and McDuff abducted Miss Reed. What followed was a night of rape and torture of Miss Reed, Worley said.

He said the last time he saw Miss Reed, McDuff was placing her in the trunk of his car and said he was going to "use her up."

Worley said he confessed to police because he felt guilty.

Woman accuses theater of obesity discrimination

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deborah Birdwell just wanted to see the movie *Jurassic Park*, but she was too large to fit into the seats and the theater wouldn't let her bring her own chair.

So, in a test of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Tennessee woman has gone to court to try to force theaters to accommodate obesity.

"We're sort of the last group of people that society has said, 'Well, it's OK to hurt these people,'" said Ms. Birdwell, who at 5-foot-4 weighs 260 pounds. "That has to stop."

In November, the government declared that people who are morbidly obese are protected from discrimination under the disabilities act regardless of whether the weight was caused by disease or poor diet.

Morbid obesity is a medical term that means 100 percent over normal weight.

Previously, only people whose weight stemmed from disease were protected. But in a brief filed in an employment lawsuit in Rhode Island, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said morbid obesity from any cause qualified.

Now, Birdwell will become the first person to test that ruling under another provision of the disabilities act — that public places must accommodate the disabled. For her, that means a big enough theater seat.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court in Cookeville, Tenn., Birdwell is asking that Carmike Cinemas immediately be forced to accommodate obese patrons. She also seeks unspecified damages, which her lawyer hopes will total \$1.5 million.

Birdwell, 38, of Cookeville, has been overweight since childhood and obesity runs in her family. She sought escape in the movies but in 1991 became too large for the seats. She said she was so ashamed, she became a recluse.

"I had just hibernated," she said in a telephone interview.

Then last summer, she took her niece to see *Jurassic Park*. She called Highland 4 Theater in Cookeville, a Carmike Cinemas theater, explained her weight problem and asked if she could sit in her own chair in the wheelchair section, out of the way. A woman on the phone said yes.

But the suit alleges that theater manager Dewey Dodson spotted Birdwell in line and yelled that she couldn't bring in the chair, calling it a fire hazard that violated theater policy. After several minutes of

public haranguing, an embarrassed Birdwell collapsed in tears, the suit says.

Michael Patrick, president of Columbus, Ga.-based Carmike, did not return phone calls. Calls to the theater were unanswered.

The disabilities act requires that public places accommodate anyone with a physical condition that "substantially limits a major life activity."

And obese people are now demanding that accommodation, said Birdwell's attorney, Jim Goodman of the Persons with Disabilities Law Center in Atlanta. He also is preparing a lawsuit against an airline that charged an obese customer for two seats because she couldn't fit in one.

"People that are obese don't like to be included in something that says they have a disability," he said. "But once they get over the terminology they realize they actually have rights."

Birdwell says telling her story is further humiliation but it's necessary.

"My hope is to let other people know you don't have to take this," she said. "There's a huge class of people who don't come out ... because they're fat. It would make a better world for everybody ... to take down those barriers."

First Northeast case of hantavirus kills Rhode Island college student

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A respiratory virus that killed dozens of people in the Southwest last summer has claimed its first victim in the Northeast, health officials confirmed.

The hantavirus was responsible for the Jan. 20 death of David Rosenberg, a 22-year-old student at the Rhode Island School of Design, said Dr. Bela Matyas, director of disease control and prevention for the state Health Department.

Officials said Wednesday they did not know where Rosenberg, a New York resident, had been exposed to the virus.

Matyas said Rosenberg went to a Providence emergency room in January with flu-like symptoms, returned two days later "and died very rapidly thereafter."

Fifty-nine hantavirus cases have been identified in the United States since the disease was first recognized in May. Most of the victims came from the Four Corners area of Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.

Hantaviral pulmonary syndrome is characterized by flu-like symptoms with fever, muscle aches,

headache and cough, followed by rapid respiratory failure as the lungs fill with fluid.

The disease is fatal about 60 percent of the time.

The incubation period for hantavirus ranges from three days to six weeks, and averages about two weeks.

Officials believe the hantavirus is spread through airborne particles from the urine and feces of infected rodents, particularly deer mice.

There are no known cases where one human has passed the virus to another, said Rhode Island and New York health officials, who are investigating the death with the Centers for Disease Control.

Rosenberg's family lives in Roslyn area, a New York City suburb, and has a second home on Shelter Island, a small island near Long Island's eastern end.

Authorities said that Rosenberg filmed a movie for a school project in late December and early January in portions of a New York City factory owned by his father.

Employees of the factory would be tested for the hantavirus, Hamburg said.

Celanese to help build recycling plant

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Hoechst Celanese Corp. and Molten Metal Technology Inc. have signed an agreement to build a plant on the Texas coast for recycling and processing manufacturing wastes.

Building the plant could cost up to \$25 million and is slated to begin operating in 1996.

The plant will be built, owned and operated by Molten Metal, based in Waltham, Mass., an environmental technology company.

Hoechst Celanese, based here, will provide the site and infrastructure for the plant at one of its three facilities located on the Texas Gulf Coast, said Andrea Stine, spokesperson for Hoechst Celanese, one of the largest chemical companies in the United States.

The plant will help Hoechst Celanese phase out its deep injection wells, which currently collect waste water from the company's six Texas facilities, Stine said.

The company is currently building above-ground treatment plants for the waste water at the sites, and so far one has been completed at the Bishop, Texas, facility,

Stine said Wednesday.

Once the waste water is treated, the residue, called biosolids, will be transported to the planned recycling plant, Stine said. The recycling plant will turn the biosolids into raw materials by putting them through a molten metal bath. The process, developed by Molten Metal, is known as catalytic extraction processing, or CEP.

The raw materials can be used for industrial processes, which Hoechst Celanese will purchase, Stine said.

William M. Haney III, president and chief executive officer of Molten Metal, said Hoechst Celanese is the first chemical company to use its CEP system.

Hoechst Celanese chose to use CEP technology "because it offers an economically and environmentally superior route for conversion of waste streams back into raw materials needed for the manufacture of many of our chemical products," said Karl G. Engels, a senior vice president at Hoechst Celanese.

Hoechst Celanese is a subsidiary of the German chemical giant, Hoechst AG.

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Justices: Federal agencies may refuse to give home addresses of employees to union leaders

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agencies may refuse to supply the home addresses of their employees to unions who request the information while attempting to sign up new members, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The unanimous decision said a federal law that generally ensures such information remains secret applies to labor unions seeking the information for organizing purposes. At issue in disputes from Mississippi and Texas was the interplay of two federal laws, the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Freedom of Information Act. The cases involved the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Dallas and the Navy Exchange in Gulfport, Miss.

The 1974 law, which generally bans disclosure of personal information, has an exception that allows agencies to disclose all information that must be disclosed under the FOIA.

And the FOIA itself contains an exception that bars release of files if disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Wednesday, the high court said releasing home addresses to unions constitutes such an invasion of privacy.

"The relevant public interest supporting disclosure in this case is negligible," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court.

"Whatever the reason that these employees have chosen not to become members of the union or to provide the union with their addresses, however, it is clear that they have some nontrivial privacy interest in nondisclosure," he said.

Thomas added: "Because the privacy interest of the bargaining unit employees in nondisclosure of their home addresses substantially outweighs the negligible FOIA-related public interest in disclosure, we conclude that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Researcher: Giving jobs to inner-city teens could increase risk of crimes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Giving jobs to inner-city high-school students can increase their risk of committing crimes, but providing decent jobs for their parents could lower the risk, a researcher reported Wednesday.

Doing well in school is a key to avoiding crime, and teenagers who get after-school jobs tend to do worse in school, said Robert D. Crutchfield, a sociologist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

At the same time, teens whose parents have decent jobs do better in school, because they see a payoff, Crutchfield said at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The conclusions were based on a study of 6,000 teens across the country, he said.

In a separate study, Jeffrey Fagan, a criminologist at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J., found that an important cause of rising crime in the inner cities was the loss of manufacturing jobs in recent decades.

Both researchers emphasized that to reduce crime it is crucial to replace those lost jobs with jobs that are similarly stable, offer at least some chance of advancement and provide benefits.

Unskilled construction jobs or jobs in fast-food restaurants and sweatshops won't reverse the slide into drugs and crime, they said.

"The choice between lousy jobs and short-term gains and crime is

Jurors find Cook guilty in slaying of secretary in third retrial of case

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Kerry Max Cook was found guilty Wednesday in his third capital murder trial in the 1977 slaying of Tyler secretary Linda Jo Edwards.

After an initial conviction was thrown out in 1991 and a second trial ended in a hung jury, Cook was again convicted in the fatal beating and stabbing of Ms. Edwards, 21.

Jurors who deliberated the case over four days sent out several notes saying they were split before finding Cook guilty.

The graying, 37-year-old former bartender showed no reaction as the verdict was read. He kept his eyes on his mother, who sat in the audience.

The punishment phase of the trial begins today. Prosecutors and defense lawyers, who are under a gag order, did not comment on the verdict.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Jurors deliberated about 29 hours over four days, interrupted by a long weekend.

On Wednesday morning, the six-man, six-woman jury sent out a note saying they still were divided and that a "very small number" of

Federal appeals courts had split on the issue. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in the Mississippi and Texas cases that federal agencies must supply, when asked by unions, employees' home addresses.

That ruling was reversed Wednesday.

Local 1657 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which represents Navy Exchange employees in Gulfport, Miss., sought in 1988 the addresses of nonunion members working at the exchange.

That same year, Local 1345 of the American Federation of Government Employees sought similar information. The union represents employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which is headquartered in Dallas and operates a store at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

Both exchanges supplied the names and work stations of all employees in the bargaining unit but refused to give out the home addresses, basing their refusals on the Privacy Act.

The Clinton administration and the Federal Labor Relations Authority, which oversees labor relations involving federal employees, disagreed over an agency's authority to withhold such information.

Administration lawyers said the addresses could be withheld; the FLRA said withholding them was an unfair labor practice.

Wednesday, the high court agreed with the administration.

Thomas noted that unions organizing private industry employees have a right, under federal labor law, to obtain home addresses.

But private industry employees, unlike federal employees, are not protected by the Privacy Act.

"To the extent that this (ruling) leaves public sector unions in a position different from that of their private sector counterparts, Congress may correct that disparity."

The case is U.S. Department of Defense vs. FLRA, 92-1223.

pretty clear," said Fagan. "Kids told us over and over again they had no vision of the future."

Providing tougher penalties for crime can clean up the streets, but housing people in jails is expensive and doesn't do anything to provide that crucial vision of the future, said Crutchfield.

Likewise, public health measures such as gun control, parenting classes and anti-violence campaigns can reduce crime, but they do not offer a long-term solution, he said.

"There might be elements of both we need to use," he said. But "the larger social and economic issues need to be part of the solution, because they're part of the cause."

Fagan's research was based on observations of eight inner-city neighborhoods in Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, New York and Atlanta.

He found that when parents lose jobs they also lose the social networks that helped teenagers find jobs after they finished school.

In the past, he said, "older men would help younger men get jobs." But as manufacturing jobs left the inner cities, the most prosperous residents left with them, leaving the unemployed behind and breaking the link with the next generation, he said.

Inner-city neighborhoods become increasingly isolated. "We talked to kids in L.A. who said the only white people they ever saw were cops," Fagan said.

Jurors were not convinced the prosecution had proven its case.

The jurors asked to again hear testimony from a state expert witness, David Gomez, an FBI special agent who does crime-scene analysis.

After working through lunch, they found Cook guilty.

Cook, who was originally sentenced to die for Ms. Edwards' murder in 1978, served 13 years on death row before his conviction was thrown out in 1991 by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The state's highest criminal appeals court found that a psychiatrist who interviewed Cook had not warned him that their conversations could be used in court.

Cook was tried for a second time in 1992, but a mistrial was declared when the jury deadlocked. That trial also was in Georgetown, where the case was moved from Smith County because of the public attention it had received.

Ms. Edwards was beaten in the head with a small plaster statue and stabbed with a knife and scissors. Prosecutors also say her assailant cut off part of her lip and vaginal area and a lock of her hair.

Blue and Gold Banquet



Boy Scouts and leaders participate in ceremonies Tuesday night at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scout Pack 404 held at the First Christian Church. Featuring a Hawaiian theme, the banquet included an awards ceremony and honored Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos.

Skirmish erupts over teacher certification proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home and private school advocates pressed forward Wednesday with their assault on a controversial teacher certification provision, tying up phone lines and fax machines all over Capitol Hill.

And Rep. Dick Arme, R-Texas, retaliated in the escalating battle over a once-obscure sentence that a California Democrat inserted into the 700-page Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The House will consider the bill today.

Home school advocates, conservatives and others fear the language offered by Rep. George Miller effectively would require state certification of all teachers, including those in private schools and parents who educate their children at home.

Miller contends that wasn't his intention and plans to amend the legislation to make clear that the certification requirement would apply only to public schools.

But Arme will offer an amendment of his own today that would explicitly exempt all private and religious school teachers as well as parents who educate their children at home.

The Texas Education Agency now does not require home schooling parents and private teachers to be certified by the state.

Arme said Wednesday that he's confident his measure will pass because lawmakers want a chance to express on the record their opposition to any limits on home or private schooling.

"The members of Congress are calling saying 'I need my chance to vote on the Arme amendment,'" he said.

Lewisville lawmaker said.

Arme said he understands the heated emotions generated by the debate. "I think people that are anxious out there will greatly have their concerns assuaged by seeing me rise and pass the amendment," he said.

The phone-calling and letter-writing campaign, which began in earnest last Thursday, is "one of the most phenomenal things we have ever seen," Arme said.

Supporters are blanketing Capitol Hill with calls, letter and faxes urging lawmakers to support Arme's measure. Arme's office hasn't been exempted from the intensive lobbying campaign.

"We're getting calls from people telling us to support the Arme amendment," said Arme spokesman Brian Gunderson.

The phones in Miller's Washington office became so overloaded that they've been answered by an answering machine for several days now. When Arme wanted to talk this week to Miller, a courier had to be sent over to Miller's office to notify him Arme wanted to talk to him.

In a letter to his colleagues Saturday, Miller blamed Arme for fanning the flames that sparked the controversy.

"Home schoolers are the innocent victims of this episode," Miller wrote. "They have been unnecessarily scared into believing that their rights are threatened."

Miller said the callers "have been victimized by scare tactics designed to further the political agenda of the Far Right."

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I applaud your response to "17 and Well-Informed." You said that abstinence is the only foolproof protection against venereal disease and unwanted pregnancies.

In an era and in a society where it is assumed that adolescents and young adults are having sex anyway, your statement bears repeating. If all sexually active young people would be motivated to cease their sexual activity outside of a committed, monogamous relationship, a host of national crises such as teen-age pregnancies, abortions, and unwanted and abused children could be virtually eliminated.

Today's youth needs to realize that sexual activity does not need to preclude finding an identity and proving maturity. It can, in fact, inhibit both. I challenge my peers to take offense at the assumption of our educators that we do not have control over our own bodies.

I am not writing from a nursing home or a monastery. I am a 19-year-old college girl who recently met a wonderful man whom I hoped to marry someday. And when we do marry, we will consummate our marriage in complete confidence that neither of us is infected with a venereal disease, nor will we have to struggle with guilt feelings from past sexual encounters. He is 20, and also a virgin.

19 AND PROUD TO BE A VIRGIN,
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DEAR "19 AND PROUD": Thank you for helping to convince sexually active young people that the only safe sex is no sex. And although condoms reduce accidental pregnancies and venereal disease, they are not foolproof.

DEAR ABBY: Here is what happened to me: I sat down one morning and wrote out Christmas cards. When I got to the W's in my address book, my fingers were numb. (I have the start of carpal tunnel syndrome.)

I sent my brother and his wife a Christmas card, but on the envelope, I addressed it using his first and last name. On the inside of the card, I addressed it to all the family and sent a gift certificate, and wished them a happy trip, as they were going away.

Two weeks went by, and I got the card back marked "refused." I checked the address, and it was right, so I phoned my sister-in-law who said she rejected it because it had only my brother's name on the envelope!

Was I wrong to have addressed it that way? I addressed it like that on several other holiday cards and no one complained. (They were happy to get a card.) Is my sister-in-law hung up on manners and protocol?

PATTY H.
BONITA, CALIF.

DEAR PATTY: You should have addressed the card to both your brother and his wife: Mr. and Mrs. (). However, your sister-in-law was petty and rude to have returned it marked "refused."

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to Patricia Murchek's letter regarding the abortion issue. I don't understand how, after editing five years worth of videos and writings concerning abortion, she could have come to a conclusion about the pro-life movement that is so completely wrong.

Pro-life does encourage information on birth control (not just abstinence) and sex education. It also promotes the fact that all children, born and unborn, are precious — and all human life should be afforded the respect and dignity that it deserves.

MARY MASSINPOLE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Double-decker tram is a joy of a ride

By JENNIFER MERIN
For AP Special Features

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong, the city on the island that is part of the British colony off the south China coast, isn't easy to get around in. As an international trade center, it runs full-tilt day and night with its million-plus people cheek by jowl on the sidewalks, their cars bumper to hubcap on the streets.

The easiest way to experience the city, its shopping and sightseeing is aboard a double-decker tram that runs from one end of Hong Kong Island to the other. The tram, in operation for 90 years, serves about 130 million people annually along its 20.5-mile route.

It runs along the island's northern coast, from the Shau Kei Wan section in the east to Kennedy Town in the west, passing through Western, Central and Wan Chai districts, as well as Causeway Bay, North Point and Quarry Bay, each a neighborhood intriguing in its own right.

The entire route, round trip, can take up to 2 1/2 hours depending upon traffic. But you can hop off at any of the 113 stops for a closer look. It'll cost you to reboard, but the tariff is affordable at 20 cents a ride.

The best seats are front row, upper deck. It may take a few stops to work your way into one, but this second-story vantage puts you close to the street scene without the risk of being run down by the herd of pedestrians.

The tram makes its way through Hong Kong's perpetually heavy traffic, bells clanging and brakes squealing. Street hawkers abound, as do aromas from fast food stalls.

Catch the tram at any stop along the route. Most tourists hop aboard near the Star Ferry Terminal or Hong Kong Tourist Association headquarters in Central District, where the Landmark Building and other high-rises and the Mandarin Oriental and other smart hotels form the hub of sophisticated street life.

If you ride east from Central District, you'll pass through Wan Chai, locale of "The World of Suzie Wong." This red-light district was cleaned up recently, its bars tamer and lights dimmer. Wan Chai, with tiny traditional shops all but hidden among the modern high-rises, is a visual contrast of Hong Kong's old and new.

Continuing east, between Wan Chai and Causeway Bay, specially marked trams loop around Happy Valley, the horse race course. The arena is surrounded by pleasant and pricey residential towers.

Causeway Bay is great for shopping and night life, with big Japanese department stores and dozens of restaurants. As you pass Victoria Park, you'll see people old and young jogging or working out with Tai Chi in the morning and strolling in the evening.

On to North Point and Quarry Bay, with their collections of residential towers, local shops and waterfront activities.

If you travel west from Central District, you'll head for Western District and Kennedy Town, Hong Kong's oldest sections. The British colony was founded in Western District in 1841 when a British naval officer from HMS Sulphur hoisted the Union Jack on a promontory dubbed Procession Point. Thanks to landfill, the point is now inland, and its only memorial is Possession Street, just off Queen's Road West.

Many Western District buildings are new, but the layout remains haphazard and the flavor of old Hong Kong is retained with arcaded and terraced shophouses, 19th-century town mansions, stone quays and balconies, winding lanes lined with traditional shops where tea chests and barrels of rice are sold or acupuncturists and fortunetellers ply their trade.

Further west is Kennedy Town, Hong Kong's oldest section that has escaped redevelopment. It has even more 1840s vintage buildings than Western District and is the western terminus of the tram.

New ambassador is old hand at diplomatic game

By TOWN & COUNTRY
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Pamela Harriman, who as American ambassador to France is the first woman to run the Paris embassy, describes herself as European by birth and American by choice.

How would her father, the 11th Baron Digby of Dorset, react if he could see her now, Joseph Fitchett asked in an article in the current issue of Town & Country, and she replied: "He'd be surprised, I guess. But Daddy was always surprised by me."

Although new to the diplomatic profession, Harriman was married to the son of Winston Churchill, and later to American diplomat Averell Harriman. She first lived in France as a schoolgirl in the 1930s, speaks fluent French and impresses the French with her anecdotes about Charles de Gaulle. At first she feared being considered just another decorative political appointment, then said: "But I realized after a week here that there are certain advantages to being a political appointee. The State Department is very carefully structured, as it should be. You have to go through channels, but sometimes, if you're an appointee, you can go straight to

the top and get a decision not in 24 hours but in one hour, and that can help a great deal. Now I can see that there are big advantages to being able to cut through the red tape.

"That's one thing that the president said to me. 'Call me anytime, whenever you feel like it.'"

As for French acceptance of a woman diplomat, Harriman said:

"It's something I find so interesting, because it's the Americans who ask me how I'm managing and how the French are reacting, and you can tell they're thinking that the French would have a problem with the fact that I'm a woman.

"In point of fact, France takes women in powerful jobs much more in its stride than we expect. They've always had lots of powerful women here.

"I know one lovely thing is that women are pulling for me. It matters to them how I do and, if I fail, it will hurt them. I'm surprised by some of the snide things still said about women taking a full place. Hillary Clinton, for example, is qualified for almost any job you can think of in the government. So some of the critical things said about her appall me."

Harriman's day begins at 6:30 a.m., often with a swim. Usually she has a working breakfast, reads messages from Washington and glances at her newspaper before chairing daily sessions with key embassy strategists.

Any free time is spent signing cables to Washington and managing the embassy's staff of 500 Americans and 600 local employees. Afternoons often involve public appearances. Most evenings entail official socializing. Occasionally, Harriman manages to dine casually with friends such as Henry Kissinger or Arthur Schlesinger.

As for Franco-American relations, Harriman said, "When you've lived as long as I have, you understand that there's a kind of love-hate thing with any country as powerful as America is now. But I don't think there are signs of anti-Americanism. Things have changed so in recent years, with travel and investments on both sides of the Atlantic. All of these things mean business deals, and people are not going to allow them to be interfered with, in the end."

Black mariners accepted at sea

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)

The whaling industry that once flourished in this port city was one of America's few integrated occupations. Yet the role of black mariners is largely unknown, even in families that prospered.

"A ship's needs are color-blind, and the captains couldn't indulge in racism," said Glenn Gordinier, a research associate with the Mystic Seaport Museum.

"They wanted the best people and the maritime trades were the only businesses in which a black man could get equal pay for equal work," Gordinier said.

Scholars are trying to fill the large gaps in the historical record with help from the Paul Cuffe Memorial Fellowships, named for the son of a former slave and his Wampanoag wife who became a maritime entrepreneur in the late 18th century. For the past six years, the Seaport has awarded stipends to researchers seeking to detail minority contributions to seafaring.

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Welcomes Elaine Cook, M.D. Dermatologist



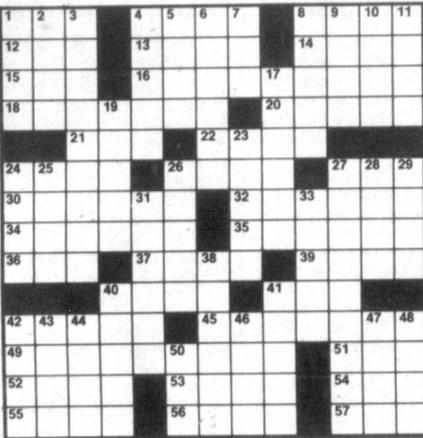
Dr. Cook is welcomed to Pampa from Tucson, Arizona where she was in private practice. Dr. Cook comes to us with excellent credentials having received her Medical degree from the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. She completed a internship and residency in pediatrics at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson. She also served a residency in Dermatology at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. Dr. Cook is certified by both the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Dermatology; however, her practice is limited to dermatological care. Dr. Cook officially opens her practice Monday, February 21. She is officed in the Coronado Medical Building, just south of the hospital, pending completion of her office in the Medical Office Building-North. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 5:00.

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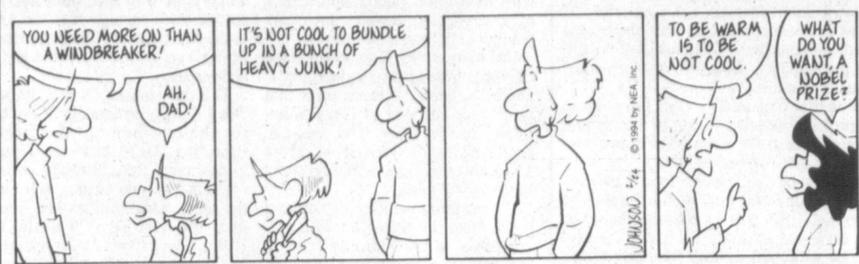
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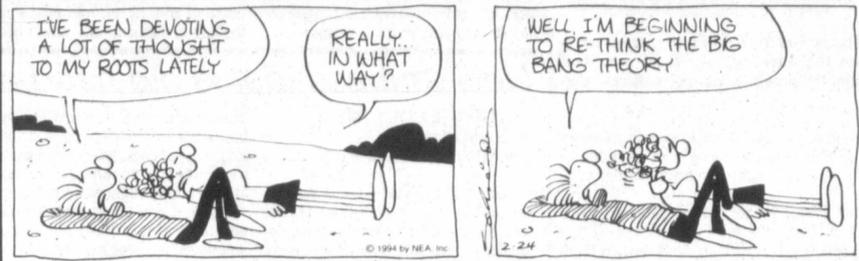
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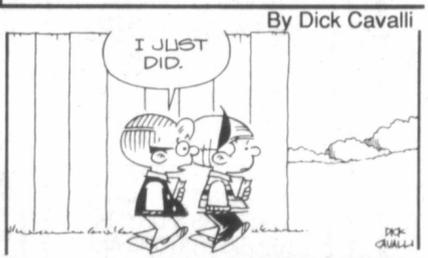
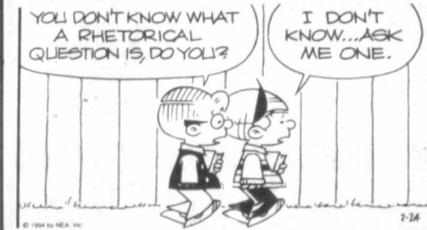
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Persons with whom you'll be involved today will be taking their cues from you and if you treat them in an uncooperative manner, don't be surprised if they treat you similarly. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might not be too good a judge of your own talents and abilities. There's a chance you could take on something serious that you may not be able to manage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you inadvertently offend a friend today, make a quick apology and let the matter drop. If it is reheated, the pal who forgave you might get angry again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't throw your weight around today when functioning in a managerial capacity. Your control over subordinates may be only marginal to begin with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to articulate your position might be severely restricted today, not necessarily by others, but by you. If you have something to say, say it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In all money related matters today, be sure to set up accurate records with appropriate receipts. Later on your numbers and someone else's might be in conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against incursions today to fight windmills or go against odds that are stacked against you. Before attacking, wait until you have a more leveled playing field.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An assignment you tried to slip through as completed might have to be done all over again today. If you don't do it right this time, you'll just have to do it again a third time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Strive to be diplomatic and tactful in social situations today. If not, there is a possibility you may bring up issues that's very divisive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those days when it might be best not to volunteer. For example, you could do something for another and if it doesn't live up to his/her expectations, be severely criticized for your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today if you're required to do any mental work that deals with facts and figures, you'd better have someone reliable check your accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A need for instant gratification might lead you into a position today where you take on a long term obligation that could turn out to be extremely burdensome.

Sports

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa High baseball team travels to Perryton Friday afternoon for its second outing of the season. Gametime is 4.

The Harvesters opened the season Monday with a 6-2 win over Palo Duro.

Pampa pitchers Todd Finney and Danny Frye gave up just two hits and two unearned runs. Jeff McCormick had two of Pampa's four hits, knocking in two runs.

Pampa's first home game is at 4 p.m. March 1 against Canyon. The District 1-4A season gets started March 29 when the Harvesters host Randall at 4 p.m.

OLYMPICS

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — Nancy Kerrigan put seven nightmarish weeks behind her to grab first place in a women's figure skating competition rife with intrigue and excitement.

With rival Tonya Harding looking on, Kerrigan flashed a wide grin after completing a near-perfect run over the ice in Hamar. Once the best scores were posted, she waved to a cheering crowd, relishing her moment of triumph.

The first head-to-head competition between Tonya and Nancy since the attack on Kerrigan Jan. 6 drew more attention and more security than any other event at the Games.

Kerrigan was followed by Oksana Baiul of the Ukraine, Surya Bonaly of France and Lu Chen of China. The sentimental favorite, Katarina Witt, was sixth, Harding 10th.

Bonnie Blair, in her farewell after four Olympics, skated to a record-breaking fifth gold medal in the 1,000 meter speedskating to end the greatest career of any American Winter Games athlete and any U.S. woman Olympian ever.

Undeclared Finland cruised to a 6-1 victory over the American hockey team in the quarterfinals, ending U.S. hopes of their first medal since 1980's gold. Finland — which has outscored opponents 31-5 — now plays Canada, with the winner playing for the gold medal.

Alberto Tomba of Italy missed a gate to drop out of the giant slalom, where German Markus Wasmeier surprised with his second gold in seven days. Wasmeier won by the slimmest margin of victory in Olympic Alpine history — two-hundredths of one second. Urs Kaelin of Switzerland finished second; Christian Mayer won Austria's first Alpine medal of the Games with a bronze.

Blair's medal lifted the U.S. total to nine (five gold, three silver, one bronze), fifth behind Russia's 21 (10-7-4), Norway's 17 (8-7-2), Germany's 16 (6-4-6) and Italy's 15 (4-3-8).

Canada defeated the Czech Republic 3-2 on a power play goal at 5:54 of overtime; Russia defeated Slovakia by the same score at 8:39 of OT. Sweden eliminated Germany, 3-0, setting up a Swedish-Russian semifinal.

Myriam Bedard of Canada won the closest biathlon finish in Olympic history.

NEW YORK (AP) — Even without the results of the eagerly awaited technical program of women's figure skating, CBS was on a gold medal pace for Olympic television viewership.

The network was riding high with an average of a 25.8 rating and 39 share of the audience in prime time shows through the first 11 days of competition.

The records for a Winter Olympics are a 23.9 rating and 37 share at the 1980 Lake Placid Games and the records for any Olympics are a 24.4 rating and 44 share at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

One ratings point equals one percent of the nation's 94.2 million TV homes. A share is the percentage of sets in use.

It represented a 37 percent increase over the 1992 Games at Albertville, France.

COLLEGE

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — Coastal Carolina, last year's Big South champion, pulled out of postseason play, citing an NCAA recruiting investigation.

Athletic director Andy Hendrick made four Coastal players ineligible after talking with the NCAA. Three later regained eligibility, but star forward Mohammed Acha remains unable to play.

Coastal is 10-6 in the conference and 15-9 overall. The team has two regular-season games left, against Charleston Southern and Campbell.

The NCAA is investigating several allegations of major rules violations.

BASKETBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Chicago Bulls traded backup power forward Stacey King to the Minnesota Timberwolves for backup center Luc Longley, 24 hours before the NBA trading deadline.

King, a four-year veteran, averaged 17 minutes, 5.5 points and 4.3 rebounds for the Bulls and missed 15 games with a sprained right ankle. King has career averages of 6.6 points and 3.3 rebounds.

Longley, a 7-foot-2 center from Australia, was the Timberwolves' first-round pick in 1991. He was averaging 6.6 points and 6.0 rebounds in 49 games this season.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Charles Barkley was in court defending himself against charges of hitting a fan at Meadowlands Arena last season.

Dennis McKeever, 30, of Yonkers, N.Y., testified that the Phoenix star struck him in the face with the back of his hand after the Suns defeated the New Jersey Nets Dec. 8, 1992.

McKeever, a New York City firefighter, said he extended his hand to tell Barkley "nice game," but the 6-foot-6 forward hit him as he left the court following a postgame interview.

McKeever said he did not know why Barkley addressed him, but a friend, James McCaffery, testified that perhaps Barkley was yelling at him. McCaffery said he was yelling at the player about his bald head and telling him to sign autographs.

McKeever said the blow knocked him down, caused his nose to swell and gave him a severe headache.

Under cross-examination, McKeever said he had several beers during the game, but denied he was drunk.

He also denied he had called for a lawyer while on the ground or bragged that Barkley hit him.

Baylor jumps to Big Eight Conference

By JOHN McFARLAND
Associated Press Writer

WACO (AP) — Baylor wasted little time accepting the Big Eight's invitation to jump from the Southwest Conference, and Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech are believed to be right behind.

Baylor, the smallest of four SWC schools asked to join the Big Eight, on Wednesday became the first to leave the nearly 80-year-old conference. The university's regents voted unanimously to accept the invitation.

Baylor president Herbert Reynolds says the other three SWC schools that were invited also are leaning toward acceptance. The three have scheduled teleconferences this week to announce their decisions.

"We (the schools' presidents) have had conversations. I think

there are some very strong inclinations on the part of the other three," Reynolds said after a 2 1/2-hour regents meeting.

"I do think the other presidents will present everything to their boards, just as we did to our board, with the belief that they will see the wisdom of this," Reynolds said.

Baylor's decision likely spells the beginning of the end of the SWC. Baylor, A&M and Texas all are original conference members, and Tech is a long-time member.

"We are delighted and excited that our board unanimously voted to accept the invitation that's been offered," said Thomas Powers, chairman of the Board of Regents.

"We think the financial possibilities of this new alliance are exciting," Powers said. "We're certainly saddened by the demise of the Southwest Con-

ference. I think it was something that was going to happen sooner or later."

Reynolds said Baylor received the invitation late last week after the Big Eight schools voted unanimously to ask the four schools to join. A formal announcement of the merger appeared to need only the rubber-stamp of the regents at the schools.

"We're looking forward to the challenge," Reynolds said. "I believe it's a new era for us."

Disintegration of the SWC began in 1990 when Arkansas left to join the Southeastern Conference. Reynolds said the 16 presidents of the SWC and Big Eight began meeting informally shortly after Arkansas' departure.

If Texas, Tech and A&M accept the Big Eight's offer, Houston, Rice, Southern

Methodist and Texas Christian will have to fend for themselves.

The offer was designed to find the best possible television contract beginning in 1996-97. The Big Eight, with other conferences already signed with networks, decided having the four SWC schools would make for a more lucrative offer.

Texas A&M regents were scheduled to speak by conference call today, and boards at Texas Tech and Texas will discuss the offer Friday.

That's the Big Eight's deadline for the SWC's so-called "have" to accept or reject its invitation, sources told The Associated Press, but only the beginning of the merger.

"We're on the very first step of a long ladder toward this merger," said Baylor athletic director Dick Ellis.

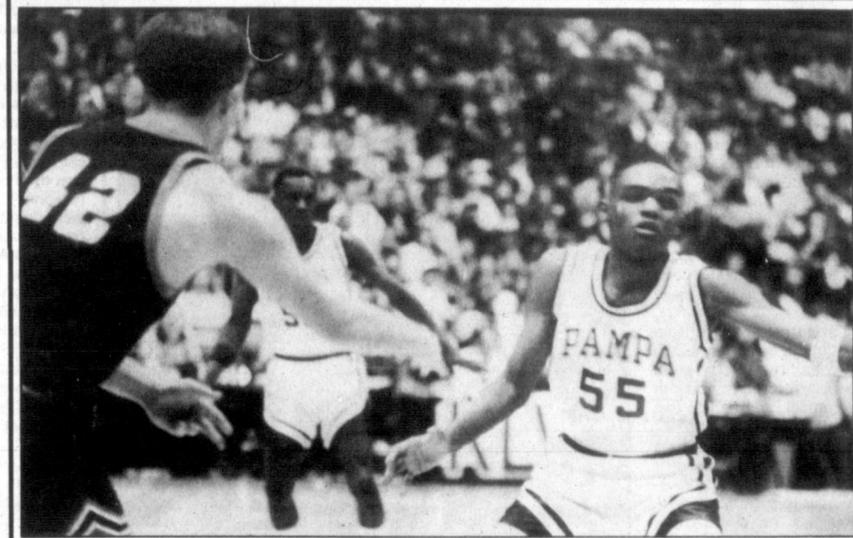
Ellis said the four SWC

schools still have two years remaining to work out details of their transition to the expanded league, which would begin play in 1996.

Ellis said several details — including what to do with each conference's agreements on football bowl games — still must be worked out. The SWC's champion plays in the Cotton Bowl, and the Big Eight champ goes to the Orange Bowl.

Reynolds acknowledged that Baylor would have to spend more money to compete with the larger schools. He said the athletic budgets at the 12 schools ranged from \$10 million to \$20 million. Baylor's budget is about \$10 million.

"We'll have added costs of joining the new conference, but we'll also have increased revenue," Ellis said.



Sophomore guard Rayford Young (55) defends against Levelland's Tres Lair in the bi-district game Tuesday night. (Pampa News photo)

Pampa meets Big Spring to decide Area championship

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Big Spring, Pampa's Area round opponent, dug themselves out on an early-season hole to make the playoffs as the No. 2 seed out of District 3-4A.

Playing a rugged preseason schedule, the Steers won just three of their first 17 outings, but bounced back to gain a share the district championship with Sweetwater. Both teams had 8-2 district marks, but Sweetwater won both encounters with Big Spring to be the No. 1 seed. Big Spring finished with an 13-16 record for the season and drew a bi-district bye in the playoffs.

Big Spring isn't a tall team, but the Steers will have more overall height than the Harvesters. Much like the Harvesters, they rely a lot on quickness and speed Tyrone Banks, a 6-0 guard, averages 18.2 points per game to lead the Steers in scoring. Trey Terrazas, a 6-2 wing, is Big Spring's tallest starter. Big Spring plays a double post with 6-1 junior Dustin Waters and 6-2 senior Torbin Lancaster in the middle. Wes Hughes, a 6-1 guard, rounds out the starting lineup.

Big Spring finished fourth in the district standings last season, com-

Tickets on sale

Tickets for the Pampa-Big Spring Area contest are on sale today at the Pampa High School Athletic Office.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The Area round will be played at Frenship High School, which is located on the southwest edge of Lubbock.

The winner advances to the regional semifinals.

piling an overall 6-16 record.

The Pampa-Big Spring Area game is set for 7 Saturday night at Wolforth Frenship High School.

If statistics tell the whole story, then Pampa was destined to beat Levelland in the bi-district round.

With 6-6 Justin Collingsworth and 6-4 Seivern Wallace manning the boards, Pampa had a 26-20 advantage in rebounds. Collingsworth had 10 rebounds to go with his 8 points. Wallace had 8 rebounds and 7 points.

Pampa's defense caused a dozen turnovers, including five in the last quarter when the Harvesters outscored the Lobos, 17-9. Pampa had seven turnovers.

With the score tied, sophomore guard Rayford Young canned a pair of free throws with 13 seconds left to give Pampa a 52-50 win over Levelland. For the game, the Harvesters went to the foul line four more times than the Lobos did and hit two more free throws.

"Rayford's a cool customer. A one and one is the toughest shot to shoot in that situation and he really did a great job of it," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Young led Pampa in scoring with 13 points. Junior guard Duane Nickelberry backed him up with 10. Junior forward Hank Gindorf also played a big part in Pampa's rally. Gindorf hit for 8 points in the second half after going scoreless in the first. Two of his baskets were from the three-point range and he had more points than anybody on both teams the second half.

Pampa trailed Levelland most of the game and were down by as many as nine in the fourth quarter. During a timeout with 1:32 remaining and Pampa trailing by just two (50-48), the Harvesters felt victory was within their grasp.

"We knew if we just went out and played good fundamental defense, we would win the game. That's what we did," Nickelberry said.

Arkansas close to becoming No. 1 seed

By HARRY KING
AP Sports Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Now that Arkansas has disposed of Georgia, the Razorbacks are well on their way to becoming a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The Razorbacks have home games left against Auburn and Mississippi State and a road game at Louisiana State University (11-11). A sweep would keep Arkansas on top of the poll for two more weeks — a total of nine during the year.

No matter what happened in the Southeastern Conference tournament, Arkansas would be a No. 1.

Historically, it means a first-round win but no free pass to the Final Four.

Since the NCAA tournament was expanded to 64 teams in 1985, no No. 1 has ever lost a first-round game. On the other hand, only four

of the 36 No. 1s have won the tournament.

In fact, only 16 have reached the Final Four. But, 75 percent (27) won three games and made the Elite Eight.

Last year, North Carolina, Michigan and Kentucky — all No. 1 seeds — were in the Final Four along with No. 2 seed Kansas. Temple, a No. 7, was the only team below a 3 to make the fourth round.

On the other hand, 1990 was wild. Arkansas and Georgia Tech, a couple of No. 4 seeds, were in the Final Four along with Duke (3) and UNLV (1). In the quarterfinals, Arkansas beat 10th-seeded Texas, Tech beat sixth-seeded Minnesota, Duke defeated top-seeded Connecticut and UNLV defeated 11th-seeded Loyola, Calif.

Here's a look at recent tournaments, including the seeds of the Final Four teams:

1992: Duke (1), Indiana (2),

Cincinnati (4) and Michigan (6).

1989: UCLA (1) and Ohio State (1) knocked out in the fourth round, did Kentucky (2), Memphis State (6) was the other quarterfinalist.

1991: UNLV (1), Duke (2), North Carolina (1) and Kansas (3). Temple (10) was the only team below a 4 to make the Elite Eight.

1990: Georgia Tech (4), UNLV (1), Duke (3) and Arkansas (4).

1989: Illinois (1), Michigan (3), Duke (2) and Seton Hall (3). Virginia (5) was the lowest seed in the Elite Eight.

1988: Kansas (6), Duke (1), Arizona (1) and Oklahoma (1). Villanova (6) was in the Elite Eight along with Temple (1), North Carolina (2) and Kansas State (4).

1987: Indiana (1), UNLV (1), Providence (6) and Syracuse (2). Georgetown (1) and North Carolina (1) got knocked out in the fourth round. LSU (10) and Iowa (2) were the others.

Spurs' streak ends

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs' franchise-record 13-game winning streak came to an end Wednesday night as Karl Malone and John Stockton each scored 31 points for the Utah Jazz in a 106-103 double-overtime victory.

It was the Spurs' first loss since Jan. 20 and their third loss in as many games this season against Utah.

Stockton and Jeff Malone each scored six points in the second overtime, and Utah took the lead for good on a layup by Stockton that made it 97-95.

Jeff Malone then hit a 16-footer from the baseline to put the Jazz in front 99-95, but Vinny Del Negro made a jumper to make it 99-97 with 1:49 left.

Stockton again answered with a drive and layup on the left side, and Dale Ellis missed a jumper before Jeff Malone hit from 18 feet to put Utah up 103-97 with 43 seconds remaining.

Lloyd Daniels brought the Spurs to 103-100 with a 3-pointer from the corner with 28 seconds to play but Karl Malone hit one of two free throws, Willie Anderson missed a 3-point attempt and Stockton made two free throws to wrap it up. David Robinson added a meaningless jumper with 1.2 seconds left.

Robinson led San Antonio with 25 points and 16 rebounds. Ellis scored 15 points, including a 3-pointer with 6.2 seconds left in regulation that sent the game into overtime.

Mitchell, Rojas late for spring training

By The Associated Press

The start of spring training always means a few latecomers, and this year's list includes Kevin Mitchell and Mel Rojas.

Mitchell, usually among the last players to show up at camp every year, was the only no-show Wednesday when the Cincinnati Reds began workouts at Plant City, Fla.

Mitchell, however, is not required to report until March 1. The outfielder hit .341 with 19 home runs and 64 RBIs despite several injuries last season.

"Once in the winter, I was able to track him down out in the desert where he was riding his dune buggy," Reds manager Davey Johnson said.

Rojas was absent when Montreal's pitchers and catchers opened camp, and the Expos had no explanation.

Rojas, nephew of Expos manager Felipe Alou, lost a salary arbitration hearing earlier this month and will make \$850,000, rather than the \$1.2 million he sought. He said after the hearing that he would likely seek a trade once he got to training camp in West Palm Beach, Fla., because he wants to be either a starter or the main reliever.

"I'm disappointed he's not here," Alou said. "He didn't contact the ballclub. I read somewhere that he wanted to be a starter or No. 1 reliever, but I don't want to jump to conclusions for his absence. He never mentioned anything about that to us."

"He has still managed to save 20 games in two years, even though a guy like John Wetteland has 80 saves over the same period. But as long as Wetteland is here, he's not going to be the No. 1 stopper out of the bullpen. I hope that's not the reason why he's not here," he said.

Alou added that Rojas might simply be having a visa problem getting out of his native Dominican Republic, a common occurrence each spring for players from Latin-American countries.

A week before the start of exhibition games, New York Yankees manager Buck Showalter took care of some business by naming Jimmy Key to start the regular-season opener.

Key and the Yankees open at home on April 4 against Will Clark, Juan Gonzalez, Jose Canseco and the Texas Rangers. Key, 18-6 overall last season, is 4-0 on opening-day assignments.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Key, 8-2 in the Bronx last season. "It's a matter of my style of pitching and the ballpark sets up great with the grass and the big alleys."

With pitchers and catchers reporting to Atlanta's camp in West Palm Beach, Bill Pecota decided to show up.

Pecota, primarily a backup to second baseman Mark Lemke last season for the Braves, wants to enhance his value by filling in as a catcher. He originally signed with the Kansas City Royals in 1981 as a catcher, but he hasn't caught in a major league game since 1990, when he was still with the Royals.

"Being a catcher is very demanding," he said. "There's not any phase of the game that I'm comfortable with."

Bullpen coach Ned Yost said he thinks Pecota can handle the role of backing up catchers Javier Lopez and Charlie O'Brien, as well as being a backup infielder.

"Pecota is the consummate utility player," Yost said.

Scoreboard

Basketball

NBA STANDINGS
By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	16	.692	—
Orlando	31	20	.608	4 1/2
Miami	27	25	.519	9
New Jersey	27	25	.519	9
Boston	20	33	.377	16 1/2
Philadelphia	20	33	.377	16 1/2
Washington	16	37	.302	22 1/2
Central Division				
Atlanta	36	16	.692	—
Chicago	36	16	.692	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	7 1/2
Indiana	26	25	.510	9 1/2
Charlotte	23	28	.451	12 1/2
Milwaukee	15	38	.283	21 1/2
Detroit	13	39	.255	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	37	13	.740	—
San Antonio	39	15	.722	—
Utah	35	19	.648	4
Denver	26	27	.491	12 1/2
Minnesota	15	36	.294	22 1/2
Dallas	7	46	.132	31 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	37	14	.725	—
Phoenix	34	16	.680	2 1/2
Golden State	31	21	.596	6 1/2
Portland	31	21	.596	6 1/2
LA Lakers	19	31	.380	17 1/2
Sacramento	18	34	.346	19 1/2
LA Clippers	17	33	.340	19 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 93, New York 82
Miami 123, New Jersey 97
Cleveland 114, Minnesota 81
Indiana 107, Dallas 101
Golden State 117, Milwaukee 113
Houston 98, Denver 97
Sacramento 95, Boston 93
Portland 120, LA Clippers 117

Wednesday's Games

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Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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LA Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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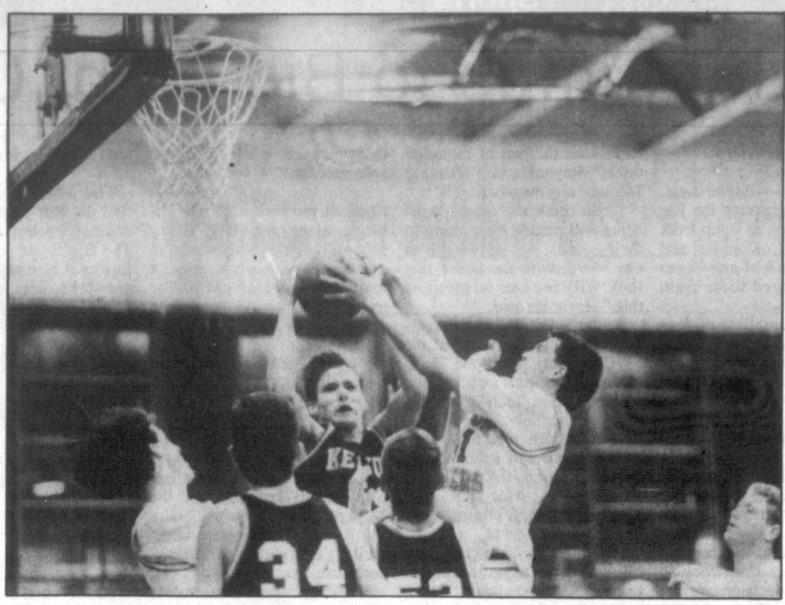
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Kelton and Groom rebounders J.W. Ray (center) and Wes Hall (right) battle for the ball during a recent game. Bi-district playoff games are on tap for Groom tonight and Kelton Friday. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Area boys tip off bi-district games

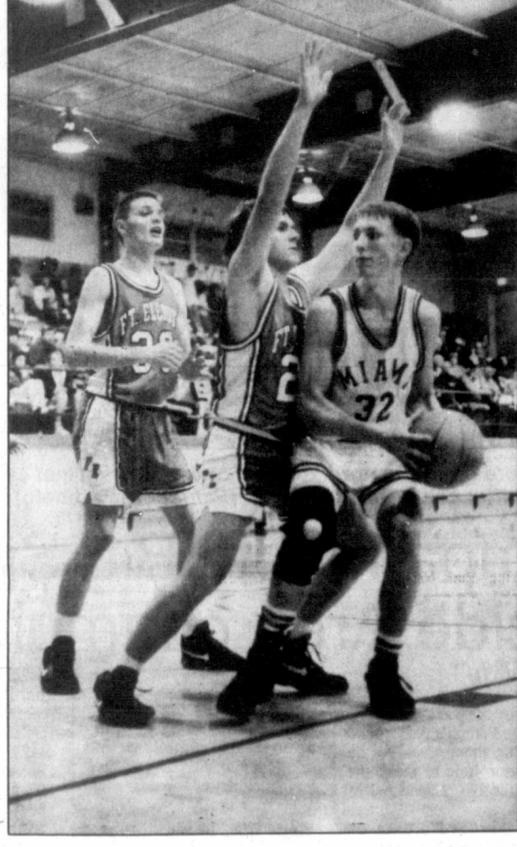
BOYS 1A BI-DISTRICT MATCHUPS

Groom (19-11) vs. Silverton (14-15), 7 p.m. Thursday at Clarendon College - The Tigers kick off bi-district action tonight, and in the process will be shooting their 20th win of the season. Taking down the Owls may sound easy, given their sub-.500 record, but Groom may be in for a tough match.

"They are a pretty quick team overall," Groom coach Jay Lamb said. "He has two pretty good inside people that we're going to have to control, and he has two exceptional perimeter players."

The Tigers will, of course, have to generate a strong offense of their own and find some consistency in order to pull out the win. All thoughts of a lopsided matchup are going out the window for Lamb.

"You never know when you reach this level how the players are going to react," he said.



Fort Elliott defenders Jason Wesbrooks (left) and Jimmy Nelson (center) pour on defensive pressure for Miami's Brock Mayberry during the season's final game. Both district 3-1A teams will try to get past bi-district opponents Friday night. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Kelton (23-4) vs. Valley (16-11), 7 p.m. Friday at Clarendon College - Coming off a 78-75 victory over Claude, during which Brian Kirkland racked up 40 points, the Lions are set to battle Valley tomorrow.

"I heard that they were pretty talented and very athletic," Kelton coach Brad Slatton said, noting the Patriots boast a scholarship-bound 6'6" post in Josh Scoggins.

"We're going to have to keep the big kid off the boards," Slatton said. "We're going to have to shoot the ball well. It just depends on if we get intimidated."

But the Lions are trying to forget about the intimidation factor and the fact that leading rebounder J.W. Ray is suffering from a bruised tailbone. Slatton feels that Ray is very much up for the game and the Lions burning drive will be tough for Valley to ignore.

"They don't play scared," he said of his team. "They want to win."

Fort Elliott (23-7) vs. Claude (17-12), 8:30 p.m. Friday at Pampa - "They hustle and they're very active," Fort Elliott coach Curtis Smith had to say about Claude. "They're not real tall, pretty quick and they like to play man-to-man."

FE's advantage lies in size, with Jimmy Nelson and Justin and Jason Wesbrooks topping the lineup. Both teams employ a similar style of play, sure to make the game more intense.

"We both like to run the ball up and down the court," Smith added. "It'll be a good tight game. We have to play good defense and we have to block out."

Claude suffered a three-point loss to Kelton in its Tuesday warmup while the Cougars are coming off a 63-51 warmup-game win over Silverton.

"We didn't play that well," Smith said of the scrimmage, noting that after two tough tilts with Miami, "it's hard to get up for a warmup game."

"[Tuesday's] workout was real good," he added. "We're doing what we need to do. I think mentally we're prepared - it's just going to be whether we can handle the pressure that Claude's going to put on us."

Miami (21-8) vs. Booker (19-9), 7 p.m. Friday at Pampa - Friday night marks the third matchup between these two teams. So far they've split the season series, the latest episode a Booker win which ended a seven-game Miami win streak.

"They're big and well-coached," Warrior coach Dwight Rice said. "It should be a close one."

"We're going to have to defensively play well," he noted, adding that 6'5" Toby Winn will be a huge factor for the Miami defense.

"He's going to get points, but we're going to have to keep him from getting like 40."

As for offense, the Warriors are going to try to steer clear of relying on regular high-scorer Andrew Neighbors for half of their point total. Rice noted he would rather the scoring duties fall more evenly.

"It's going to take a total team effort," he said.

Tar Heels down Notre Dame, 80-71

By HANK LOWENKRON
AP Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Eric Montross, a 54 percent free-throw shooter for his career, made 11 of 12 Wednesday night and scored 23 points to lead No. 4 North Carolina past Notre Dame 80-71.

The Irish, seeking their fourth upset of a ranked team this season, battled on nearly even terms until the final minutes.

There were five lead changes and three ties in the second half before Jeff McInnis put the Tar Heels (22-5) ahead to stay, 59-57, by making a pair of free throws with 7:39 to play.

Notre Dame (10-16) struggled after twin brothers Jon and Joe Ross fouled out, giving the defending NCAA champion Tar Heels a huge height advantage inside. The Irish went nearly four minutes without a field goal down the stretch.

Notre Dame trailed 64-62 when Keith Kurovski made one of two free throws with 4:11 left. But North Carolina responded with seven straight points — on a free throw by Montross, a steal and dunk by Jerry Stackhouse, a layup off an offensive rebound by Montross and a basket by Donald Williams.

A 3-pointer by Carl Cozen with 1:14 remaining cut North Carolina's lead to 71-65 with 1:14 left.

The Tar Heels, who outscored Notre Dame 27-7 from the free throw line, then held off the Irish by hitting 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch.

Monty Williams topped Notre Dame with 20 points, while Kurovski added 17.

North Carolina won its second straight game without starting point guard Derrick Phelps, sidelined by a sprained right knee.

Stackhouse scored 17 point, while Donald Williams and Jeff McInnis had 12 apiece.

There were five ties and four lead changes in the first half, which ended with North Carolina overcoming a 12-4 deficit to lead 37-31 at the break.

Depression in Detroit

Poor pro teams cause Motor City fans to suffer

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — It has been a comedy of errors for the folks who run Detroit's pro sports teams this winter. Yet nobody is laughing.

Why is it so difficult to make a trade?

Before adult collectors ruined everything, kids used to trade bubble-gum cards every day. You made your best deal. You made the swap.

Yet the Red Wings, Tigers, Lions and Pistons (twice) make it seem like brain surgery.

The Pistons, of course, are the easiest to pick on.

Their trade two weeks ago with Houston was called off when Sean Elliott failed to pass the Rockets' physical. Elliott was shipped back to Detroit.

Then, last week, it happened again. A trade between the Pistons and Sacramento was rescinded when the Pistons' medical staff didn't pass 7-foot center Duane Causwell.

Causwell has missed 38 games with a stress fracture of the left foot, but he was on the Kings' active roster.

"Everybody's aware of the pre-existing injury," said Billy McKinney, the Pistons' director of player personnel. "The doctors just felt there could be some ramifications from the problem sooner or later. The risks were too great."

Olden Polynice and David Wood, who flew to Sacramento, had to fly back.

But not for long.

Sunday, the Pistons sent Polynice winging his way back to Sacramento in exchange for Pete Chilcutt and something called conditional first- and second-round draft picks.

Elliott, who was really looking forward to living in a warm-weather city again, still doesn't have his name sewn back on his Detroit warmup jacket. And, needless to say, Polynice is less than thrilled with the way the Pistons treated him.

For starters, he heard about the trades from McKinney's secretary.

"I heard stuff from everybody but Billy, and that's not cool," Polynice said. "I mean, have some decency. Be professional. Now I know what Alvin (Robertson) went through."

"Maybe we should have let Alvin strangle him."

The Lions made it abundantly clear, even before he signed as a free agent with the Chicago Bears, that they didn't want Erik Kramer as their quarterback. All he ever did for them was win two NFC Central championships in three years.

But the Lions were never happy with Kramer.

"We know what we need, OK?" said Ron Hughes, the Lions' personnel director. "I mean everybody knows. The plumber, the butcher, the candlestick maker. But to find that guy..."

Hey, there are guys out there.

Washington's Mark Rypien and the Los Angeles Rams' Jim Everett are reported to be up for trade. The Houston Oilers would entertain an offer for Warren Moon. And, goodness, Jim Harbaugh just became available at Chicago.

At the moment, the Lions' only quarterback is Chuck Long, whom they cut after training camp last season. Instead of trading, the Lions now seem intent upon romancing some free agents, none of whom has ever won anything — unless you consider that aging sidcarner, Bernie Kosar.

"I think the only thing different in us and a Super Bowl contender is a quarterback," Hughes said. "I'm talking about a Jim Kelly-type guy, a Dan Marino-type guy. Who would beat us?"

Do the Dallas Cowboys ring a familiar note?

Things are less urgent with the Red Wings and Tigers. But no less puzzling.

The Red Wings have been shopping all season for a goalie. It seems they're unhappy with Tim Cheveldae. He is 15-8-1 with a 3.36 goals-against average. But the guy they are romancing, Winnipeg's Bob Essensa, is only 17-28-5 with a 3.93 average.

Hello!

It certainly has Chris Osgood, the Red Wings' backup goalie, scratching his head.

"Me and Tim just want to get a little credit, that's the bottom line," Osgood said. "Despite everything that everybody has said, we haven't played that badly. We have the No. 1 offense in the league. You can't have it both ways."

The Tigers have needed a top-notch pitcher ever since Jack Morris walked away after the 1987 season. This winter, they stayed away from the bidding war for Sid Fernandez and Dennis Martinez. And they decided against trading for either Bret Saberhagen or Terry Mulholland.

Instead, the Tigers fired general manager Jerry Walker. They gave the job to Joe Klein, who signed Tim Lincecum for one year.

"The addition of Belcher, along with the opportunity to retain our offense, makes us better," Klein said. "The next addition to our pitching staff will make us a far better team."

Sure. But when?

Harding's off-ice antics much more exciting

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

HAMAR, Norway (AP) — Watching her run barefoot down a Portland street chasing a tow truck was definitely more fun.

Waiting to see if she'd crack during a 10-hour interview with the FBI was considerably more suspenseful.

And wondering how she'd finally cut loose from Jeff Gillooly was infinitely more intriguing.

After seeing Tonya Harding actually skate Wednesday night at the Olympics, this question rushes to mind before all the others: Is that all there is?

"I tried to think of this as another competition," Harding said afterward. "I know it's not, but that's what helps me make it through."

"And then as soon as it's all over," she added, "I'll be like, 'Wow! I'm really here.'"

Hey Tonya, as remote as your medal chances are now, why bother waking up at all?

And anyway, by the time this all shakes out after the long program, the rest of us will be like, "Wow! Was she really here at all?"

If ever someone chose an appropriate bit of music to perform to, Harding was that skater and this was the number: "Much Ado About Nothing." And if this telecast does turn out to be the highest-rated sports show of all time, maybe ABC should look into buying batons for the Buffalo Bills in time for next year's Super Bowl.

"You can't be perfect every time," Harding said, defending her uninspired effort. "I was happy with it."

Unfortunately for her, very few other people were — including the nine judges scoring the technical program. The highest number

Harding managed to wrest from that panel for technical merit was a 5.3 from Canadian judge Audrey Williams. Fortunately for Tonya, Williams' largesse didn't stop there; she also provided the only 5.6 Harding earned for presentation.

The problem with living a life on the edge is that sooner or later you're bound to fall. Messing up coming out of the first jump in her combination, and wobbling on the next, Harding fell all the way to 10th place before the night was through.

Considering the crash-and-burn nature of her existence these past few weeks, 10th might not have seemed that bad.

Then again, considering that Nancy Kerrigan finished a convincing first on both the judges' scorecards and in the hearts of the 6,000-strong crowd at the Olympic Amphitheatre, maybe it was worse than bad.

Still, Harding has no one but herself to blame. It wasn't as if she didn't get the fair shot she and her coach and her coach's husband (who also happens to be her lawyer) fought long and hard for.

When she stepped on the ice for the warmup session, Harding was greeted with a few cheers and none of the howls, hisses or boos some had predicted. Instead, at the top of the south end of the stands, one sign read "Frank Loves You, Tonya." And near the middle of the rink were two others, the first one reading, "Go For The Gold, Tonya" and the second, "U.S.A. Loves Tonya and Nancy."

All three signs presumably were made by Americans, though truth be told, the last one more likely was the handiwork of some overly polite Norwegian hoping there was still time to strike a compromise deal.

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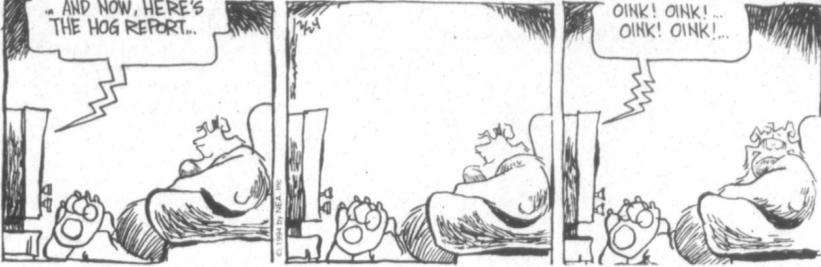
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Jane's believes U.S. has secret new stealth plane

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. Air Force apparently has developed a new stealth aircraft capable of spying or bombing, an authoritative British defense journal reported Wednesday.

Jane's International Defense Review published a drawing of the diamond-shaped plane, which strongly resembles a smaller version of the B-2 stealth bomber.

The unidentified aircraft has been seen in flight in several places across the southwestern United States and was captured on two videotapes, one made near Groom Lake Air Force Base in Nevada, the magazine said in its March issue.

The Air Force "is not in a position to comment on the story, one way or another," according to spokesman, Col. Doug Kennet, in Washington.

American aviation writer Bill Sweetman, who wrote the report, said he believes the plane is a superior, all-weather successor to the F-117 stealth fighter, the world's first radar-evading warplane.

The new aircraft flies at medium or low altitude at over 500 mph, said Clifford Beal, the magazine's features editor who viewed the videotapes.

The F-117, conceived in 1978 and first tested in 1981, was the only aircraft to attack heavily defended Baghdad during the Gulf War in 1991. The \$46 million jets destroyed more than 40 percent of their targets, and were never hit by Iraqi fire.

The F-117 was put into service so quickly that some features of conventional fighters were omitted.

"Compared with the F-117, the new aircraft would have greater range, all-weather sensors, greater weapons capacity" and perhaps new measures to frustrate advanced radars, Sweetman said.

"The F-117 does not have any ability to hit targets that are covered by cloud. This aircraft could very likely do that," he said in an interview.

The sketch is based on the

assumption that the single-seat, twin-engine aircraft has a wingspan of about 66 feet and is no less than 40 feet at the center line. It probably weighs just over 30 tons fully loaded and could be powered by two General Electric F404 engines, Sweetman said.

He said the U.S. Air Force acquired 250 F404 engines during the F-117 program. Since 59 F-117s were built, there would be enough extra engines for between 35 and 40 twin-engined aircraft, leaving a 20 percent allowance for spares, he said.

Observers first assumed the aircraft was designed for reconnaissance, but other sources have identified it as an attack aircraft, Sweetman said.

He said it could be both — an attractive proposition when costs are rising and Pentagon budgets are shrinking.

Jane's has known about the plane for over a year but waited for "a sufficient body of evidence" before publishing, said Beal, the editor.

In addition to the videotapes and eyewitness reports, Beal said there is a continuing Air Force requirement for stealth aircraft, which have become essential to modern warfare.

No more F-117s are being built and only 20 B-2 bombers have been authorized.

"The F-117 was always designed as an interim aircraft and it shows. The stealth science has gone much further than the F-117," Beal said.

"After the Gulf War, Congress asked the Air Force if they wanted more F-117s because of their success rate, but the Air Force did not request additional F-117s. They were obviously reluctant to build more F-117s, when they could do better," he said.

"These are all threads, but if you put them together it makes a strong case that there is a follow-on that they are testing."

Earlier this month, CIA Director R. James Woolsey denied the United States is building a new high-speed, high-altitude spy plane to replace the SR-71 Blackbird. But he did not specifically deny that a new generation spy plane was being developed.

Japan says it will support new analog HDTV system after all

By PETER LANDERS
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's analog high-definition TV system sprang back to life Wednesday, only a day after the top broadcasting administrator delivered a death sentence for the country's attempt to lead the next wave in electronics.

The suggestion that the government would switch its support to a digital HDTV system being developed elsewhere drew angry protests from the public broadcasting network and electronics companies, both of which have invested heavily in analog HDTV.

So Akimasa Egawa, director of the Broadcasting Administration Bureau, on Wednesday retracted his statement and said the government will still promote the Japanese system.

The debate illustrated the difficulty of redirecting a huge, decades-long effort that has brought together just about everyone with a stake in Japanese broadcasting — even when a more advanced technology is emerging in the United States and Europe.

High-definition televisions, long seen as the next major leap in broadcasting, have a much sharper picture and a wider screen than conventional TV.

Japan is the only nation now broadcasting regular high-definition programs, nine hours a day in an experiment begun in 1991 that was once considered a sign of Japanese

technological dominance. Now, critics say the Japanese system is inferior to ones under development elsewhere because transmissions are in conventional analog format. That makes it difficult to integrate a Japanese HDTV with computer-based multimedia equipment, a problem the digital systems will not have.

But those who have invested in analog were not about to give up without a fight.

"We've spent several hundred billion yen to a trillion yen (several billion dollars) and we've spent all this time, and now we've got the best in the world," said Tadahiro Sekimoto, head of the Electronic Industries Association of Japan and president of NEC Corp.

Mikio Kawaguchi, the president of the public Japan Broadcasting Corp., which developed the Japanese system, said it would be "entirely wrongheaded" to believe the decades-long development of HDTV was a mistake. He noted that "there is no digital system in existence" at this time.

In retreating, Egawa said plans to begin full-time regular broadcasting in the format in 1997 will go ahead as scheduled.

HDTVs were predicted to be a consumer hit when they were introduced in Japan in 1990, but sales have been disappointing because of high prices and lackluster programming. The cheapest sets now sell for about \$6,200.

Study: Nature may boost greenhouse effect

NEW YORK (AP) — Average temperatures from North America to Europe go through long-term natural cycles that may boost the effect of global warming there in coming decades, a new study suggests.

The cycles, where they occur, may now be adding to the effect of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, said Michael E. Schlesinger.

But he cautioned that scientists cannot yet predict how fast the cycles will warm or exactly how long the warming phases will last. He also said climate is influenced by many things, making it difficult to predict temperature trends.

The oscillations, which take 50 years to 88 years to complete a warming-and-cooling cycle, appear over the North Atlantic Ocean, North America, Western Europe and Northern Africa in data from 1858 to 1992, the study said.

Their combined statistical effect produces a cycle lasting 65 to 70 years in global average temperatures, Schlesinger and Navin Ramankutty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign report in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The cycles apparently explain why global average temperatures rose sharply from 1908 to 1946 but then reversed themselves until about 1965, the researchers said.

Syukuro Manabe, who studies climate at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University, said he was not convinced that the study had truly discovered regular temperature cycles.

He said the time period covered by the data was too short to show whether the data revealed regular cycles rather than irregular fluctuations. He also said data from early in the time period were sparse.

Schlesinger said the study used statistical techniques to address those concerns.

The cause of the cycles is not clear but apparently involves ocean circulation patterns, Schlesinger said. The researchers analyzed temperature data after subtracting out the influences of greenhouse gases and sulfate particle pollution, as estimated by simple computer models.

Officials: Alleged CIA mole's disclosures cost two lives

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least two Soviets who spied for the United States were killed after being exposed by the career CIA officer who has been accused of selling national security secrets, American officials said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the accused officer's wife has been cooperating with the government since she was arrested along with her husband on Monday, according to one official, commenting only on condition of anonymity.

The official would not say what Maria del Rosario Casas Ames has disclosed. But her cooperation could be crucial to the government's effort to learn how much damage she and her husband, CIA operations officer Aldrich H. Ames, might have done.

The Clinton administration seemed determined not to allow the issue to ruin relations with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

President Clinton said the case involved a "very serious" breach of security "because of issues that I am not at this time at liberty to discuss." But he cautioned against a drastic change in U.S.-Russia relations.

"I do not think the facts of this case at this time undermine in any way shape or form the policy we have followed the last year toward President Yeltsin and his government and the forces of change in Russia," Clinton said.

The administration has asked the Russians to defuse tension over the spy case by voluntarily removing from Washington one or more of the Russian intelligence officers connected to the alleged 1985 recruitment of

Ames and his wife, Rosario.

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas called the case "as damaging as any in U.S. intelligence history." He said that at a minimum the Russians should "cease and condemn efforts to penetrate American intelligence."

In Moscow, officials played down the importance of the case and said it should not provoke "excessive political emotions." Some said the United States continues to spy on Russia.

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service chief, Yevgeny Primakov, told The Associated Press he had never heard of Ames.

The Ameses were charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit espionage, a charge that carries a potential penalty of life in prison. The couple are scheduled to appear at a hearing in federal court in Alexandria, Va., on Friday.

The Justice Department accused Ames, 52, and his wife, 41, of funneling U.S. national security secrets to the Soviet Union and later the Russian government in exchange for cash payments totaling \$1.5 million. The spy operation is alleged to have continued until the two were arrested by FBI agents on Monday.

Vincent Cannistraro, a retired CIA officer, said in an interview Wednesday that the Central Intelligence Agency knew of at least two U.S. agents — officials in the Soviet government who were working for the CIA — who were killed after being revealed by Ames.

A congressional official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said separately that at least two U.S. agents allegedly revealed by Ames had been killed. CIA spokesman Dave Christian said he could not confirm the deaths.

An FBI affidavit released Tuesday alleged that Ames in 1990 had passed to the Russian intelligence services the identity of a Russian counterintelligence officer who had been working as an agent for the United States. It did not identify the agent and did not indicate whether others were compromised.

Cannistraro, who said he had known Ames slightly at the CIA, said that judging by the duration of Ames' alleged association with the Kremlin and the scope of his access to top secret information, the damage to U.S. security interests probably was "massive."

"This is the first time a serving staff officer in the clandestine service has been a mole — that we know of," Cannistraro said. He added that unless Ames chooses to cooperate with the Justice Department, the government may never be able to fully understand the damage caused.

If Ames decides to cooperate, he might be able to shed light on one of the larger spy mysteries of recent years: the three-month defection of Soviet KGB officer Vitaly Yurchenko who was deputy chief of spy operations aimed at the United States.

Ames participated in the U.S. interrogations of Yurchenko in the fall of 1985 before Yurchenko unexpectedly decided to return to the Soviets, according to a source familiar with the case who declined to be identified by name.

One senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House expects Moscow to act quickly in a way that would convey contrition. He and several other administration officials who discussed the matter Wednesday stressed a desire to continue building a relationship with Moscow.

Spanish monks go global with 'Best of Gregorian Chants'

By CIARAN GILES
Associated Press Writer

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Still spinning from the unexpected popularity in Spain of their double compact disc of Gregorian chants, the singing monks of Santo Domingo de Silos are going global.

EMI-Odeon records announced Wednesday that *The Best of Gregorian Chants* will soon be available in 18 countries. It has sold 300,000 copies and rocketed to the top of the pop charts since it hit Spanish stores just before Christmas.

"We thought it would be a modest success but nothing like it has been," said Rafael Gil, president of

EMI Music Spain. "Since it's been such a success here we can't help but think that it will do as well elsewhere."

The CD will be on Japanese shelves on March 1 and the U.S. market on March 15, with staggered release dates in Latin America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in Asia. In Europe, it will be sold in Great Britain, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark and Greece.

Fame has surprised the 36 monks who live a cloistered existence in Santo Domingo de Silos, a small town in north-central Spain.

Now the monks appear with the likes of Gloria Estefan and Frank

Sinatra at the top of the Spanish charts — a stunning achievement for a recording of monophonic, liturgical music used to accompany the text of the Roman Catholic Mass.

The chants take their name from Pope Gregory I (590-604) under whose reign the music was first collected.

When the Second Vatican Council authorized Roman Catholics in 1965 to celebrate the Mass in languages other than Latin, the monks faced the possibility that the prayers they chant seven times a day would disappear.

Because they felt the selection of Spanish prayers in song was skimpy, the brothers chose to stick with their

Latin chants, a decision that led to their first recording contract in 1973 and now to a wealth of royalties well beyond their simple needs.

"We prefer not to need money," said Abbott Clemente Serna. "But you can be sure that it will be put to very good use, for example, in helping out other cloistered monasteries, particularly where there are nuns in need."

"You can be sure this will (also) go to help the Third World," Serna added.

Neither the monks nor EMI has revealed the terms of their contract.

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