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PAMPA — Pampa Middle School Principal Jerome Stewart has asked that his contract not be extended past June 30, 1995, said Pampa School Superintendent Dawson Orr today.

Orr said Stewart, who came to the district in 1992 from Amarillo, is actively pursuing other employment possibilities and has applied to the doctoral program at Baylor University, Waco.

"He is under contract to the district to June 1995," Orr said, "He is looking for employment elsewhere."

Should Stewart find another job, he will be released from his contract, the superintendent said. The district and leadership staff is preparing for the possibility of hiring a new principal for the next year, Orr said.

"I fully anticipate that Mr. Stewart will complete and finish out this school year," he said.

Orr explained that when Stewart was hired by PISD, he said that his long-term career goals indicated doctoral work and central administration.

PAMPA -- Following Wednesday's deadline to file for the upcoming May election, it appears Pampa's City Commission is bound for some changes in personnel.

Neither Commissioner Jerry Wilson, who represents Ward 2, nor Commissioner Gary Sutherland, who represents Ward 4, have filed as candidate.

Jeff Andrews was the only candidate to meet the filing deadline for Wilson's seat on the commission and will run unopposed. Two candidates have filed to run for Sutherland's seat. Faustina Curry and Gene Winegeart both filed Wednesday.

In the election for two seats on the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education, incumbent Phil N. Vanderpool faces Doug Locke for Place 4.

Place 5 incumbent James Frugé faces opposition from Greg Sims and Albert L. Nichols.

Early voting in both elections begin April 18 and ends on May 3.

PAMPA -- Col. John Ellen, the deputy chief of the Pampa Police Department, will be the featured speaker Friday at the noon meeting of the Downtown Kiwanis Club in the First United Methodist Church.

Ellen will be speaking about how the recently enacted Brady Bill affects local law enforcement. In addition, he will talk about the role of law enforcement in applying the law and discuss its potential effectiveness.

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who was mistakenly freed on parole 16 months early shot two people to death with a shotgun and shot another man during a carjacking within three weeks after he was paroled, authorities say.

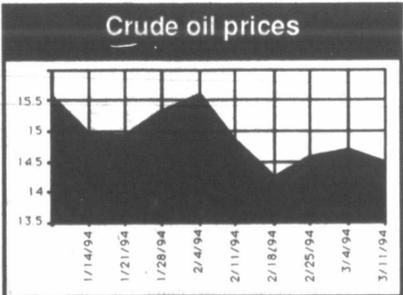
Ronnie Dee Hall pleaded guilty in December, 1990, to dealing cocaine in exchange for an eight-year sentence that required to spent at least two years in prison. Prison officials apparently overlooked paperwork indicating that he had used a deadly weapon during the commission of a drug deal, a prison spokesman confirmed Wednesday. Because of the weapon, state law required him to serve a minimum of two years.

It was not a harmless slip, local authorities say. Hall went on a crime spree within three weeks after he was paroled, officials say.

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AP) — An abandoned fighter jet careened across a runway after a collision with a transport plane, hurling flaming debris at paratroopers waiting for a jump. At least 16 people were killed and 82 injured.

"I saw a huge fireball rolling at us. I only had a second to try to run," Army Sgt. Gregory Cowper, told the Fayetteville Observer-Times. "The fire caught up with me and I started rolling. ... Ammunition was going off."

"I couldn't tell where it was. I looked to my left. There was a man on fire. I looked to my right, and there was a man on fire."



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Miami school official hails court challenge

From staff and wire reports

MIAMI — A recent decision by the state to challenge a judge's order for lawmakers to come up with an equitable way to pay for school construction is being hailed as a step in the right direction by one local school administrator.

"We are glad the state is appealing a section of Senate Bill 7 showing that it's faulty throughout," Allan Dinsmore, superintendent of the Miami

School District, said today.

Dinsmore said that he would have no problem with the entire financial section of the law being done away with and added that it would be best if the entire law was struck down.

"If the entire bill itself was done away with (that) would probably be the best way to go," he said. "Then we could start from scratch."

Last year, State District Judge F. Scott McCown upheld the school finance reform law

which requires school districts with the most property wealth to share with poorer districts.

In his decision, however, McCown said the law doesn't complete reform of the school system which relies on state aid and local property taxes.

He said lawmakers must come up with an equitable way to pay for school facilities by Sept. 1, 1995, or face an order halting issuance of new school bonds. In the past, McCown said, construction expenditures

have come "almost solely from local tax dollars and almost solely by borrowing."

At the last board of trustee meeting of the Miami Independent School District, board members authorized an election for the issuance of \$400,000 worth of bonds. Dinsmore said the bonds would be used for remodeling and renovation of school facilities and were in response to McCown's deadline.

Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter said earlier this

week the state is appealing that part of McCown's ruling to the Texas Supreme Court "as a precaution."

If the Supreme Court doesn't agree with McCown that the law is constitutional, she said, the state doesn't want to waive its right to complain about the separate order on construction costs.

In addition, she said, the state has made construction funding more equal, and so the halting of all school bonds on Sept. 1, 1995 "is too far-reaching of a penalty."

Easter Bunny visits Pampa health center



The Easter Bunny was there today to comfort 17-month-old Shanda Roberts as she got a round of shots while sitting in the lap of her father, Monty Roberts. Carolyn Hill, left, was busy today with the Texas Department of Health immunization clinic in the Hughes Building. To calm some of the youngsters getting their immunizations, Melinda Hillman dressed as the Easter Bunny. Hillman is a student nurse with the department. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Killing of presidential candidate deepens crisis in Mexico

By AMANDA COVARRUBIAS Associated Press Writer

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari appealed for calm and unity today after an assassin lurking at a campaign rally murdered the embattled governing party's presidential candidate.

The assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio on Wednesday in Tijuana threatened to plunge the country into a new political crisis just five months before elections and less than three months after a peasant uprising.

Colosio was shot in the head and stomach while in a crowd of supporters and died three hours later. Authorities first said two men were arrested as suspects, but the attorney general's office said today that only a 23-year-old mechanic was considered a suspect and the other man was held as a witness.

Salinas, who handpicked Colosio in November as the ruling party's candidate for the Aug. 21 election, called the slaying a "cowardly attack." The grim-faced Salinas went to the Mexico

City airport this morning to meet the Mexican Air Force plane carrying Colosio's body.

The president declared today a national day of mourning, with the stock market and all banks, government offices and schools closed.

"I call on all my compatriots to share their indignation in serenity and calm," Salinas, who by law is limited to a single term, said in a statement. "I call on them to reaffirm our shared conviction that within the framework of institutions and of the law we can overcome this offense."

Colosio's death was a stunning blow for the embattled leadership of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which is still reeling from the New Year's Day uprising by Indian peasants in southern-most Chiapas state.

The rebels were seeking improved living conditions and reforms to clean up Mexico's fraud-ridden electoral system through which the ruling party has won every presidential election for 65 years.

With only five months before the election, PRI will now have to go through the process of selecting another candidate, but how it would do that was not clear since there is no established selection process.

There was no immediate frontrunner to replace Colosio, but possibilities included Manuel Camacho Solis, who is the government's negotiator with the rebels in Chiapas. Camacho had been considering running for president as an independent, but announced Tuesday he would not do so. Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe also was seen as a possibility.



Mexican presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, above, moments before he was shot, right, in Tijuana during a campaign stop. (AP photo)



Texas Eastern pipeline explodes

EDISON, N.J. (AP) — An explosion today in a natural gas pipeline running near an apartment complex destroyed at least nine buildings in a fierce blaze. One resident died of a heart attack and 29 were injured.

The explosion in the 36-inch pipeline rocked northern New Jersey shortly after midnight. A pillar of flame could be seen from 20 miles away.

"It sounded like three 747s were revving up their engines," said Jim Nemeth, a tenant. "I ran out and all I saw was red. It was like daylight. I thought we had been bombed."

Most of the injured, all residents of the Durham Woods Apartment complex, were treated for smoke inhalation or burns on their feet. The heart attack death of a woman resident, whose identity was not released, was being counted as explosion-related, authorities said.

Sheriff's dispatcher John Matty said at least nine of the more than 30 buildings in the complex were destroyed, including one that was "vaporized."

The cause of the blast was not immediately known, said John

Barnett, spokesman for the line's owner, Texas Eastern



Flames shoot from a New Jersey apartment complex after a pipeline explosion. (AP photo)

Transmission of Houston.

The company closed valves on both ends of the ruptured section and the remaining natural gas eventually burned off. Firefighters spent the rest of the night and early morning hours battling fires at the apartment complex.

The pilot of an American Airlines flight from Dallas-Fort Worth to New York saw the fireball from 11,000 feet and 20 miles away.

Oil producers ask for help

AUSTIN (AP) — One of Texas' most famous oilmen, Clayton Williams, dressed as a dinosaur to tell government regulators that without some help, independent producers are going to become extinct.

"I live in a very hostile environment," Williams, owner of a Midland energy company, told the Texas Railroad Commission during its annual hearing on the state of the oil and gas industry. "If my environment doesn't improve, I will be more than an endangered species. I will be gone," he said.

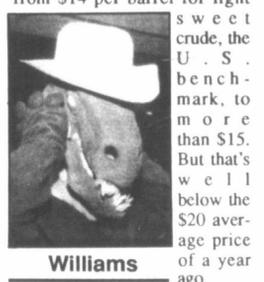
Williams outlined a "stay alive" strategy for independent producers.

The proposal calls for tax breaks, fewer regulations and incentives to maintain marginal wells when the price of oil fell below \$20 per barrel.

He said a federal oil import fee would help, but was not politically possible.

Oil prices have been nearing their lowest levels in five years.

In recent days, prices have risen from \$14 per barrel for light



Williams

sweet crude, the U.S. benchmark, to more than \$15. But that's well below the \$20 average price of a year ago.

Williams called himself "dinosaurian, damn-near extinct" as he roared into the meeting room and talked about his company's layoffs and pay cuts due to cheap oil. Independent oil producers drill approximately 85 percent of the oil wells in the U.S. and produce about 37 percent of the crude oil and 63 percent of the natural gas, according to the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

Clinton to face questions tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Clinton goes before reporters tonight in the East Room, he is sure to face questions about Whitewater, an obscure Arkansas land deal that has evolved into a big political headache.

The White House is billing Clinton's 7:30 p.m. EST news conference as a forum for him to report to the nation on his legislative agenda before Congress begins its Easter recess and Clinton embarks on a Western vacation.

"It's an opportunity for him to talk about some significant developments in Washington and around the world," said Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers.

Questions about Whitewater are inevitable, however. The failure of Arkansas' Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan and the related Whitewater land deal has been the focus of intense media scrutiny and is under investigation by special counsel Robert Fiske. Congress plans hearings on the subject as well.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CRUTCHER, Ruth I. — 1 p.m., Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Okla.

Obituaries

RUTH I. CRUTCHER

SALEM, Ark. — Ruth I. Crutcher, 73, a former Lefors resident, died Tuesday, March 22, 1994. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Highland Cemetery under the direction of Becker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Crutcher was born April 21, 1920 in Cloud Chief, Okla. She was a Lawton, Okla., resident from 1940 to 1945. She moved to Lefors in 1945 and then to Missouri and then to Arkansas in 1984. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Preston A. Crutcher of Maynard, Ark.; a son, David Crutcher of Lawton; two brothers, Carroll Hull of Vernon and Johnny Hull of Pasadena, Calif.; two sisters, Marie Moot of Pampa and Glendora Hunt of Medicine Park, Okla.; and a niece, Sharon Clark of Pampa.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Miami
Admissions	Joseph Allan Huff
Pampa	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Elmer Willie Ammons	Admissions
Ola Pearl Burney	McLean
Ethel Mary Coombes	Rebecca Simmons
Juanita Parker	Birth
Skellytown	To Mr. and Mrs. Mark
Clesta Hayworth	Simmons of McLean, a
Dismissals	baby girl.
Pampa	Dismissals
Marsha Ann Coffee	Shamrock
and baby girl	Alice Faulk
Krissy Lee McCloskey	Leedey
Lugusta Sargent	Eugene Blacketter

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.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Republicans from the area will be holding their Gray County Republican Convention this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at Austin Elementary School.

PAMPA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL M*A*S*H BLOOD DRIVE

The Pampa Army National Guard, in conjunction with Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo, will be having its annual M*A*S*H Blood Drive Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Pampa National Guard Armory east of Pampa. T-shirts will be available for all blood donors.

ELAINE LEDBETTER RECEPTION

Pampa Friends of the Library will host a book signing party for Elaine Ledbetter on the occasion of the publication of her autobiography, *Called to Teach*. The reception will be held Friday from 12:30-5:30 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium.

DEMOCRATS COUNTY CONVENTION

Gray County Democrats will convene their county convention Saturday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Lovett Memorial Library.

Stocks

The following gain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.05	
Milo	4.40	
Corn	5.01	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Serco	4 1/4	NC
Occidental	17 1/4	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	74.79	
Pagan	16.10	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Ammo	55	dn 1/8
Arco	100 1/4	NC
Cabot	54 5/8	up 3/8
Cabot O&G	21 3/4	dn 1/4
Chevron	90 3/4	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	42 1/8	up 1/4
Diamond Sham	28 5/8	dn 1/4
Enron	32 1/4	dn 3/4
Halliburton	32 1/2	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	32 5/8	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	38 1/2	dn 3/4
KNE	23 1/4	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	46 1/2	dn 1/4
Limited	21 1/8	up 1/2
Mapco	61	NC
Maxco	47 7/8	NC
McDonald's	60 3/8	dn 1/4
Mobil	79 3/8	dn 1/4
New Atmos	28 1/2	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	22 3/8	dn 1/8
Perney's	56 7/8	up 1/8
Phillips	28 5/8	dn 1/2
SLB	57 3/4	up 1/4
SPS	28 7/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	56 3/8	dn 5/8
Texasco	66 1/4	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	27 3/8	NC
New York Gold	390.30	
Silver	5.69	
West Texas Crude	14.90	

Two Somali warlords agree to work on cease-fire

By PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Somalia's two most powerful warlords agreed today under international pressure to take a step toward peace and hope that the other factions follow.

Previous peace agreements have fallen apart quickly and the one signed today by Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohammed does not herald a swift end to the country's tensions.

It came only after the United Nations, exasperated by the failure of two weeks of talks in the Kenyan capital, said it would stop paying food and hotel costs for the negotiators from Somalia's 15 rival factions.

The agreement calls for a cease-fire and for Aidid and Ali Mahdi to meet next month in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, to lay out rules for a "national reconciliation conference" that would form a government.

Somalia has not had a government since Gen. Mohamed Siad Barre was toppled in January 1991 and the country was divided into fiefdoms and fell into anarchy.

Despite the ensuing violent misery, which killed hundreds of thousands of people through war or famine, the 15 factions have been unable to resolve their differences.

This week, all factions were to sign a peace agreement, but signing ceremonies were postponed five times in four days. On Wednesday, the United Nations said it would stop the talks.

Officials said that after the U.N. decision, Somalis met through the night and decided only Aidid and Ali Mahdi would sign a plan in expectation that the other, weaker factions would come aboard.

"International pressure has been recognized by the leaders," said U.N. spokesman George Bennett. "They don't want to go back to Mogadishu without an agreement."

A reconciliation plan signed in a March 1993 conference by all 15 leaders failed almost immediately. The United Nations also brokered a peace agreement between Aidid and Ali Mahdi in March 1992.

In their fighting to control the country, the militias of Aidid and Ali Mahdi destroyed two-thirds of Mogadishu before the March 1992 agreement was reached.

A multinational military force came in December 1992 to stop the looting of relief food after it was estimated that 350,000 Somalis had been killed in the war or died of starvation because of fighting and a drought.

Many of the countries that contributed to the force are withdrawing

their soldiers. The last U.S. servicemen are to depart the country on Friday.

Although some 19,000 peacekeepers will remain after the U.S. pullout, "We're all apprehensive about what will happen in the near future after the Americans depart," Maj. Chris Budge, the U.N. military spokesman, told reporters today.

The agreement signed today calls for a cease-fire, although it does not say when it would take effect. It also calls on all factions to meet April 15 to set up rules for a conference a month later that will elect a president, vice president and prime minister.

About 500 U.S. soldiers left Mogadishu today by air and sea, most of them aboard the Empire State, a naval reserve vessel operated by the Maritime College of New York.

By nightfall, fewer than 200 soldiers will remain ashore, protected by some 1,100 U.S. Marines who have provided a rear guard as the American military presence has steadily dwindled over the past weeks.

The last soldiers will board flights for home Friday morning and within hours the Marines will return to their ships offshore in helicopters, amphibious assault vehicles and Hovercraft.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents and arrest in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, March 23

Donald Ross Haynes, 628 Roberta, reported burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred at 1233 N. Hobart.

Vicki Phillips, 1601 W. Somerville #1103, reported narcotics violation at 1601 W. Somerville #810. James Winkleblack, 1000 Sirroco, reported hit and run at 2238 N. Duncan.

Pizza Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill, reported theft over \$50.

Debra Kay Escobedo, 312 Jean, reported criminal mischief.

Cydney Renee Morriss, Lefors, reported assault by threat in the 1700 block of Montagu.

Hardee's, 2505 Perryton Parkway, reported disorderly conduct — bomb threat.

James Thomas Bolin, 403 N. Somerville, reported theft of motor vehicle.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1800 block of North Coffee and 1100 block of North Hobart.

Pampa Police Department Officer Morse Burroughs reported failure to identify at 1041 S. Clark.

THURSDAY, March 24

Domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Starkweather.

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, March 23

Elizabeth Kay Posey, 29, was arrested at 1041 S. Clark on six warrants.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, March 23

2:12 p.m. — A 1985 Subaru driven by Michael McKinney Jones, 45, 1112 S. Sumner, was in collision with a 1977 Chevrolet pickup driven by Christopher Mark O'Neal, 29, 2109 Zimmers, at the intersection of 25th Street and Mary Ellen. Jones was cited for failure to present proof of financial responsibility and failure to yield at stop sign. Wanda F. Jones was transported by American Medical Transport ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Unknown — An unknown vehicle struck a fence owned by Paul Wesley Duncan at 2238 N. Duncan, causing an estimated \$150 damage.

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.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, March 23

Edward Earl Holt, 42, 1101 E. Frederie, was arrested for violation of probation.

Abel Rios, 22, 501 1/2 N. Ward, was arrested for violation of probation.

Alfonso Luis Poot, Madisonville, Va., was arrested for violation of probation.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, March 23

8:18 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a bomb scare at 2505 Perryton Parkway.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition of *The Pampa News* it was incorrectly reported that Commissioner Gary Sutherland owned property in Roberts County. Instead, as part of his business, he has a listing for property in Roberts County. We regret any inconvenience the mistake might have caused.

Emergency numbers

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

Dole predicts Whitewater hearings by May 1

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate could begin Whitewater hearings by May 1, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole predicts.

Appearing Wednesday night on CNN's *Larry King Live* program, Dole said he expected separate hearings in each chamber of Congress, rather than a combined House-Senate panel as in the Iran-Contra inquiry.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said earlier in the day he also expected separate hearings in each chamber.

In another development, a federal grand jury investigating possible White House interference with federal regulators and the suicide of White House lawyer Vincent Foster met again this morning to hear from senior presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey.

Dole, asked when the congressional hearings would begin, responded, "By the first of May."

But Dole said "there shouldn't be five or six hearings in the Senate and five or six in the House."

The Senate last week, and the House on Tuesday, voted to hold Whitewater hearings but instructed leaders to decide on the time and format.

Dole denied that he was trying to

injure the presidency or make any advance judgments of wrongdoing.

But he said the White House was still in a "campaign mode ... a campaign attitude" in dealing with Whitewater.

"If somebody disagrees with you, you take it all personally. You send (Democratic political consultant) James Carville or somebody to attack Bob Dole. ... They don't know the election's over. I think they're going to have to bring in more people in the White House."

The White House said Wednesday that Clinton would hold the second evening news conference of his administration tonight. Whitewater was bound to be a topic.

A new poll, meanwhile, indicated Clinton's job approval rating has slipped 11 points in less than a month and fallen below 50 percent for the first time this year.

The ABC-News-Washington Post poll attributed the drop to the Whitewater controversy and noted Clinton's standing was falling even as consumer confidence in the economy was rising.

Forty-seven percent of those polled approved of the way Clinton "is handling his job as president." Forty-five percent said they disapproved, while 7 percent had no opinion.

That was down from the 52 percent approval rating Clinton got in a

ABC-Post poll two weeks ago, and down markedly from the 58 percent approval rating he received in its Feb. 27 survey.

The latest ABC-Post poll surveyed 1,004 adults March 18-22. The results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

In Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday, a grand jury was selected that will hear evidence in the investigation of Whitewater real estate venture of Clinton and his wife, its links to a failed savings and loan and improper government-backed small business loans.

Mary Buford, the grand jury coordinator, said the jury would not work this week. Special counsel Robert Fiske will set up a schedule with the 23 grand jurors, but it was unknown if it would be made public.

The grand jury meeting in Washington is separate from the Little Rock grand jury, but also is hearing evidence presented by Fiske and his staff.

Lindsey did not talk to reporters after appearing before the grand jury this morning, but has said previously he had met with Treasury Department officials to discuss how to handle press questions about Whitewater.

He said he did not discuss the substance of the case with the officials.

Governor touts lower crime rate in Texas

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards is touting a decrease in the state's overall crime rate, but her Republican rival's campaign says Texans don't feel safer.

Richards, a Democrat, announced the second consecutive drop in the crime rate at a Wednesday news conference at Texas Department of Public Safety headquarters.

"These statistics ... tell us that we are not helpless, that we can fight back against crime, and that

we can win," she said.

But candidate George W. Bush's press secretary, Deborah Burston-Wade, said, "Gov. Ann Richards is out of touch if she thinks Texans feel safer today than they did a few years ago."

"Crime in Texas is becoming more violent, more random and the criminals are getting younger than when she took office."

The total number of violent crimes is higher than it was in 1990, the last year before Richards took office, Ms. Burston-Wade said.

DPS statistics show the only crime to increase from 1992 to 1993 was rape. One official said that could be due to more reporting by victims.

The overall number of crimes — including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft — went down 6.8 percent, to 1.16 million. Violent and property crimes both went down.

There were 6,438.5 crimes per 100,000 Texans, a decrease of 8.8 percent, according to the DPS.

Crime also dropped overall from 1991 to 1992, Richards noted. In 1992, the total number of listed

crimes was down 8.2 percent, and the rate dropped 9.7 percent that year.

According to the DPS, the total number of violent crimes was 129,345 in 1990. That rose to 145,718 in 1991, then fell to 142,353 in 1992 and 137,428 in 1993.

Asked why Texans would be fearful of crime even though the rate is now decreasing, Richards cited its portrayal through the intimate medium of television.

"It is like sitting there watching a personal assault," she said.

Coverage and re-examination of crimes "makes news exciting," Richards said. "It does not accurately, though, represent what is going on in the state of Texas."

Ann Arnold of the Texas Association of Broadcasters said people are more concerned about crime because many attacks are brutal, victims are picked randomly "and driveway murders occur in areas such as North Dallas previously thought to be safe from violence."

"The media — print and broadcast alike — report about the kinds of things that are of most concern to their audience," Ms. Arnold said.



Wednesday's winning numbers are:
8 - 13 - 27 - 29 - 38 - 47

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

NAILS BY Shannon: Special set \$25. 665-0075, 665-6720. Adv.

MOW AND EDGE Yards. Call Rudy Jenkins 665-8397. Adv.

UNTOUCHABLE'S SALON: With this ad receive 15% discount. 316 S. Cuyler, 669-0703. Adv.

AMMUNITION FOR Sale: For information call 669-0479. Adv.

CALF FRIES, Moose Lodge, Thursday night 7 p.m. Members and guests. Adv.

FRIDAY NIGHT Delivery at Kevin's Catering, Green Chili Beef Enchiladas, \$6. 669-1428 after 4 thru Thursday. Adv.

GOLF SALE: Used clubs, balls, clothes, shoes, drivers, putters, etc. All must be sold. Marked down to move. March 25 and 26 at Pampa Mall next to Bealls. Adv.

COME JOIN The fun at the MS Rally, March 31st at 7 p.m. at Malcolm Hinkle Inc. (The Super Cities Walk) to be held April 9 in Canadian. For more information, 665-1841. Adv.

BLUE SAGE appearing at City Limits Friday and Saturday night. Adv.

ALL PROM Dresses 35% Off, Thursday and Friday only! Mane Attraction, Coronado Center, open til 8 p.m. nightly. Adv.

BIG CALIFORNIA Strawberries, \$9 flat. Hamburger Station. Adv.

ST. MATTHEW'S Day School Annual Rummage Sale, March 26, Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 727 W. Browning. Lots of wonderful treasures at low, low prices. Adv.

ONLY 2 Days Left. Cost or below. Granny's Hobbies & Gifts. Adv.

EASY'S CLUB, appearing live Lost Injun, Friday, Saturday, \$4 cover. Free chips and dips daily. Adv.

LOST PUPPY, Travis area, child's pet, brown with flea collar. 665-7218, 669-9634. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s and winds becoming southeast 10 to 20 mph. Friday, partly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and southeast to south winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Caution will be advised on area lakes. Wednesday's high was 80; this morning's low was 41.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows low to mid 30s. Friday, partly sunny. Highs in upper 50s to around 60. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Patchy low clouds and fog possible late. Lows mostly in the 40s. Friday, low clouds and fog possible early, otherwise partly sunny. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms east portion. Highs in the 60s except low to mid 70s southeast portion. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 40s.

North Texas — Tonight and Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Cooler, all but the extreme southeast. Lows 44 north to 62 southeast. Highs 65 north to 81 southeast. Friday night, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows 54 to 65.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy and mild with drizzle developing late south central. Widely scattered thunderstorms south central. Lows in mid 50s Hill Country to low 60s south central. Friday, mostly cloudy and continued mild. Highs upper 70s to low 80s. Friday night, cloudy with drizzle developing late. Lows near 60 Hill Country to mid 60s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, cloudy and mild. Lows in upper 60s inland, low 70s coast. Friday, cloudy during the morning, becoming partly cloudy by afternoon. Warm with highs in mid 80s inland, near 80 coast. Friday night, cloudy and mild. Lows in upper 60s inland, 70s coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy and mild. Lows near 70. Friday, cloudy during the morning, becoming partly cloudy by after-

noon. Warm with highs in upper 80s inland, low 80s coast. Friday night, cloudy and mild. Lows near 70.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy north with a chance of showers, snow level near 6500 feet by morning. Partly cloudy south. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains with mid 30s to 40s at lower elevations. Friday and Friday night, variable cloudiness. A chance of showers north, snow level near 7500 feet lowering to 6500 feet at night. Breezy to windy Friday afternoon. Highs mid 40s to low 60s mountains and north with mid 60s to mid 70s lower elevations south. Lows 20s to low 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy with lows from near 30 north to near 40 along the Red River. Friday, increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 50s north to 60s south. Friday night, scattered showers and thunderstorms with lows mostly 40s.

Texas officials saddened by candidate's death

By LINDA LEAVELL
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Assassinated Mexican presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio showed extraordinary promise as both the leader of his party and his country, Texas officials said.

Gov. Ann Richards and other Texans offered their condolences Wednesday night after learning that Colosio had been shot to death during a campaign appearance in the border city of Tijuana.

"I was stunned and profoundly saddened to learn of the tragic death of Mexican presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio," Richards said in a statement.

"In Texas we share in the sadness of our friends and neighbors in Mexico who have lost one of their very best to a cowardly act of violence. We extend our prayers and our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Colosio's family."

Colosio, 44, was expected to become the next president of Mexico. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari named him Nov. 28 as standard-bearer for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has won every presidential election for the past 65 years.

Richards' spokeswoman, Leticia Vasquez, said the governor had met Colosio on at least three separate occasions before he was named officially as the heir apparent. Ms. Vasquez said Colosio impressed Richards, who also felt he was highly regarded within his own government.

San Antonio Mayor Nelson Wolff, who met Colosio in July during a three-day Border Infrastructure Financing Conference, said his death was disturbing.

"He represented a new voice for Mexico in their political (and) social system with the work he did with solidarity and the openness he was bringing to the election process," Wolff said. "I just don't know what the motives are from the people who did this."

Border Congressman Ron Coleman, who had met Colosio, said today that the United States should do everything in its power to help Mexico through its current turmoil.

"I think we at this point need to be just as supportive as we can in this country," said Coleman, D-El Paso. "There are a lot of us that remember the Kennedy assassination and we know that these incidents happen everywhere in the world and we cannot let the violence of a few inhibit the progress of democracy."

And he added: "I for one don't think it will stop Mexico's progress."

Dallas Mayor Steve Bartlett said he had corresponded with Colosio, but never met him personally.

"It's shocking and I'm very saddened for the people of Mexico and the people of North America," he said.

The city of Dallas was heavily involved in the lobbying for the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect Jan. 1 and

aims to remove nearly all barriers to trade and investment among the United States, Mexico and Canada.

It was announced this month that Dallas had been selected as the site of a three-national panel on labor issues related to NAFTA.

The trade pact likely will not be affected by the candidate's death, Bartlett said.

"The current policies will go on because they're supported by the vast majority of the Mexican people," he said.

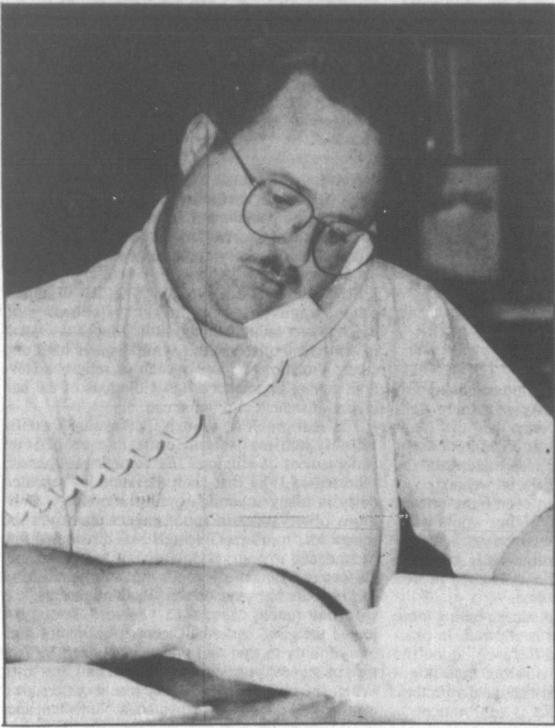
Ms. Vasquez concurred. "I think this will make the Mexicans redouble their efforts to do all they can to make the North American Free Trade Agreement successful for themselves and also for the United States and Canada," she said.

Along the Texas-Mexico border, agents kept a look out, but saw no signs of unrest prompted by the news of the killing.

"There's nothing all," said Deputy Chief Patrol Agent Richard Marroquin, of the U.S. Border Patrol in Laredo. "We don't expect anything, but we'll be keeping tabs on everything. There's no heightened activity."

Ms. Vasquez said she expected that U.S. citizens would offer only support and respect for their friends on the other side of the border.

"The border is sort of a special place. People on both sides ... they share a life down there. I don't think they're going to do anything to make life more difficult for themselves," she said.



Pampa CPA Kenny Cargill talks with a client about a tax return. (Pampa News photo)

Accountants urge early preparation of tax returns due to new changes

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

As April 15 looms on the horizon for some, local accountants say most taxpayers in the Pampa area are not seeing a dramatic increase in their overall taxes.

But taxpayers may see less of a refund or have to pay some in this year since federal withholding schedules for the 1993 were not implemented until well into the year.

Pampa certified public accountant Karen Heare, of Grantham, Cory, Call and Heare, said this was a one-time shock.

"I feel the problem has already been corrected with the new charts that came into effect Jan. 1," she said.

Heare said upper income households that pay federal taxes on a quarterly basis were able to compensate for the mid-year change in rates.

Some people may be paying a little less this year while upper-income households will feel the most bite from of the 1993 federal tax increase, said Pampa CPA Ed Simmons.

More taxpayers can take advantage of the earned income tax credit due to an expansion in the credit's upper limit to the neighborhood of \$23,000, said Kenneth Cargill of Smith and Cargill CPAs.

This could mean a reduction in taxes of as much as \$1,400 for those

who qualify, he said. Another plus to this year's tax picture is an increase in the amount of the deduction small businesses may take on the purchase of new equipment — the maximum deduction has been raised by \$7,000 to \$17,000.

"Don't procrastinate," Cargill said, urging people not to put off preparing their returns.

"We have a lot more extensions each year. People are getting more apathetic and not wanting to mess with it," he said.

Simmons said taxpayers keeping good records and accurate information is the best way to help out their accountant.

Heare said taxpayers who fear they may owe money can at least prepare their returns now and wait to send them until April 15.

"If they're worried, I suggest finding out now, and then you have a around a month to figure out how to pay," she said.

For those who cannot send in all that they owe at the filing deadline, the Internal Revenue Service has a payment schedule that taxpayers can enter into with form 9465. The form is an agreement that, pending acceptance by the IRS, allows the taxpayer to set a date for the first installment and the amount and schedule of subsequent payments.

Heare suggested one other thing for taxpayers.

"Have patience with their accountant," she said.

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — People buying hamburger for a Memorial Day cookout will see a label telling them how to avoid food poisoning — if the Agriculture Department has its way.

But those buying steak or chicken won't get that kind of information until weeks later under labeling rules announced Wednesday by the Agriculture Department.

In its second attempt to require labels, the department had hoped for all uncooked meat and poultry, from ground beef to whole turkeys, to carry the consumer information by April 15.

But like some slow taxpayers, the industry got an extension. In exchange, the department may avoid the kind of lawsuit that crippled its first effort, which would have had labels in place Oct. 15, 1993.

A federal judge agreed with the food industry last fall that the department imposed the labels too quickly.

The department had said it acted in response to a public health emergency that included the deaths of children who ate hamburgers contaminated with E. coli O157:H7.

The department proposed new rules in November. But this time, the department also took more time than it needed to publish the final rules.

Under the rules announced Wednesday, the department gave businesses 60 days instead of the 30 it proposed last November to put the labels on ground products.

Thus, businesses would be required to have labels on ground meat products 60 days after the rules are published in the Federal Register. Since the rules are expected to be published early next week, labels would be required on ground products in late May.

The department allowed labels for all other raw products such as roasts and whole chickens to be in place July 6, and won't require safe-handling leaflets to be available in stores before then.

July 6 is the deadline for mandatory nutritional labeling of multi-

ingredient raw products, such as self-basting turkeys and hamburger patties with binder. The industry wanted the two labeling requirements to coincide.

The labels will tell consumers how to handle and cook raw meat and poultry in a way to lower the risk of disease from salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria found in animals and responsible for up to 9,000 deaths a year.

About the size of a credit card, the labels contain the same wording that the department attempted to require last fall.

They say the product was prepared from "inspected and passed" meat or poultry, and some "food products" may contain bacteria that can cause illness unless the food is handled and cooked properly.

The label tells users to keep the product refrigerated or frozen, thaw it in a refrigerator or microwave, cook it thoroughly, and immediately refrigerate or discard leftovers.

The label also tells users to keep the raw product separate from other foods; and to wash hands,

working surfaces and other utensils after they come into contact with the raw product.

The information must be presented wherever it is "likely to be read and understood," the rules state. But the department says the labels can appear on the outside bottom of the plastic trays in which most meat is sold, or on the plastic wrap that surrounds whole chickens.

"This label does not affect our continuing responsibility to improve the meat and poultry inspection system," added Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, also noting departmental efforts to make safety inspections more scientific.

Although industry groups had argued that only ground products should be labeled, the new rule appeared acceptable to one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit last fall.

"This should allow enough time for law-abiding businesses not to have to go out of business as a result of governmental action as the earlier rule might have done," said Bruce Gates, spokesman for the National-American Wholesale Grocers' Association.

UT orders audit after drug charges made

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas has ordered an audit of all campus operations that buy, store and dispense chemicals after federal agents charged that a drug ring used school supplies to make speed.

The main chemical storeroom at UT's chemistry and biochemistry department is at the center of a federal probe following the drug-related arrests this month of the storeroom supervisor, a former storeroom employee and a third man.

UT officials want to determine whether they have "any other potential problems or weaknesses at other locations on campus," said G. Charles Franklin, business affairs vice president.

The school's internal audit will examine how chemicals are handled on campus.

Franklin also said that Michael

Mott, who oversaw the purchase and use of most chemicals for the chemistry department, never would have remained in that position had university officials known of an earlier drug-related arrest. Mott, 44, is one of those charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Mott's attorney, Michael Thompson, portrayed his client as a scapegoat in the current case.

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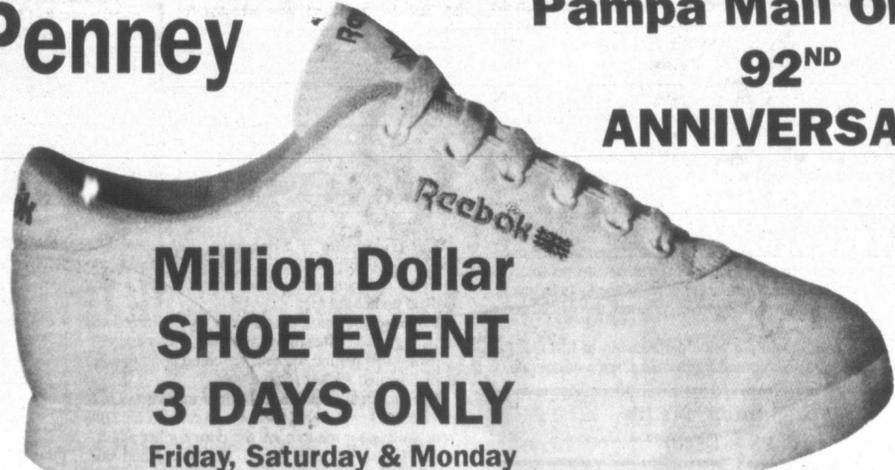
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Opinion

Let Whitewater hearings begin

When a foul odor invades your kitchen, you crack open a window. With the stench from Whitewater growing daily, Congress should open its own window on the affair by holding hearings.

Even though the Clinton administration, congressional Democrats and even special counsel Robert Fiske have rejected calls for such hearings, Congress seems to have made the decision to go ahead with the hearings. The Clintonites, however, have argued that the questions raised by Whitewater aren't serious enough to justify hearings, or that Congress must be careful not to complicate the special counsel's ongoing investigation.

These aren't arguments, they're excuses. It should be obvious to all but the most partisan Democrat that Whitewater is serious business. Among the many questions raised: Did the Clintons use their political influence in Arkansas to keep friend James McDougal's failing Madison S&L afloat, potentially costing taxpayers millions of dollars? Were Madison funds diverted to Whitewater Development, a real-estate partnership between the Clintons and McDougal? Were Madison funds diverted to Clinton's campaign coffers while he was governor?

The questions don't end there. Did Clinton pressure an associate to make a \$300,000 federally sponsored loan to a Whitewater partner? What role did this whole mess play in the death of deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster? Did Treasury Department officials improperly brief White House staff on an impending criminal investigation into Madison?

These questions may not involve violations of law, but they do cast a shadow on public trust. Even though some of these issues go back a decade or more, they beg the question of whether the Clinton presidency will follow the same loose mores and cynicism that characterized the Clinton governorship in Arkansas.

As a rival branch of government, Congress has every right to use its powers of investigation and oversight into executive-branch behavior. After all, this is the same sort of oversight Congress exercised in the Iran-Contra affair. When a Republican was in the White House, the Democratically controlled Congress routinely held hearings on matters far less weighty than Whitewater, including the involvement of President Bush's son Neil in a failed savings and loan.

Congressional hearings need not interfere in the special counsel's work. To avoid the sort of problems raised by the Iran-Contra hearings, Congress would only need to refrain from granting immunity to witnesses. Republicans on the House Banking Committee have already given Fiske a list of potential witnesses so the special counsel can talk to them first.

So far, the special counsel's investigation has been more of a hindrance than a help in exposing the facts of Whitewater to public scrutiny. It has given Clinton administration officials an excuse to duck questions rather than answer them and it has blocked public access to documents. Congressional hearings would help to lay out the facts for everyone to see and judge. If criminal wrongdoing occurred, the special counsel would still be free to build a case.

Congressional leaders should put aside partisanship in favor of full hearings. Americans want answers and explanations, not a stone wall.

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School prayer issue returns

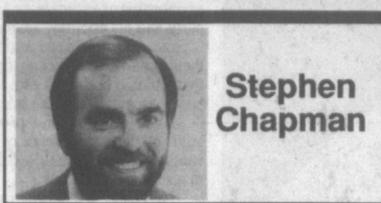
"You can pinpoint when the decline of this country actually began," North Carolina Republican Sen. Jesse Helms informed his colleagues recently. The day Jesse Helms was elected to the Senate? No, the day the Supreme Court barred official sponsored prayer in public schools.

Whether or not that decision put the nation on a downward slide, it did nothing to raise the level of political debate, which for 32 years has been corroded by politicians pretending to rescue the faithful from a hostile and godless government. I have yet to meet anyone who has been prevented by the Supreme Court from engaging in regular communications with Providence, but some believers will never be content until their rituals carry a government endorsement.

The school prayer issue is back with a new twist, thanks to a 1992 Supreme Court decision that left the door open just a crack for certain expressions of religious faith in certain settings. The decision held that a school could not include a prayer led by a rabbi in a junior high school graduation ceremony.

At the time, the ruling was taken as a victory for those who believe in keeping a healthy distance between church and state. But groups on the other side thought it left some room for prayers if they were initiated by students rather than administrators and led by students rather than a cleric. And the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed: If a majority of kids in a graduating class vote to include an invocation in their own commencement exercise, the court said, they're allowed to do so.

That was the opportunity for Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice to send letters to 15,000 school districts around the country informing them that they had a legal duty to let stu-



Stephen Chapman

dents lead prayers during graduation ceremonies. It has also formed a team of lawyers to help fight school boards that disagree. Since the 5th Circuit verdict, other courts have taken a different view, but at least until the Supreme Court addresses the matter, the religious right has a useful weapon.

The Senate wants to make it even more powerful. The amendment offered by Helms would withhold federal education funds from any school district that interferes with "constitutionally protected prayer," and due partly to the assistance of Ted Kennedy, it passed by a 75-22 vote.

On the face of it, the measure does nothing more than say that what is allowed is allowed. In practice, it may not make any difference, since the dilemma educational administrators face is not deciding whether to permit constitutionally protected prayer but figuring out what is constitutionally protected prayer.

The Helms amendment offers no help in divining the inclination of the Supreme Court, which is ultimately what matters. School boards will still have to choose between getting sued by Pat Robertson and getting sued by the American Civil Liberties Union, with a price to be paid if they choose wrong.

But the amendment would tilt the scale a little. The conspicuous fact about this proposal is that it mandates no punishment for a school that allows constitutionally forbidden prayer. Helms and his fellow senators worry about only one type of misbehavior.

So if the threat achieves anything, it will induce school boards to err on the side of allowing too much prayer rather than too little. Maybe the intent is only symbolic, but the symbolism is loud and clear: Violations of free speech or religious freedom cannot be tolerated, but violations of the ban on establishment of religion can.

The real problem, though, is that many public schools habitually ignore the ban on official endorsement of religion. *The Wall Street Journal* reported in 1984 that such defiance is "repeated daily in many schools around the country. Religious observances include prayers read over the school loudspeakers, Gideon Bibles distributed free to students, roving students giving weekly gospel classes or evangelical youth ministers conferring locker-room blessings on school athletic teams."

In one recent case, a 12-year-old Texas girl joined the girls' basketball team at her junior high school, only to find that prayer was a regular feature of games, practices, pep rallies and bus trips. When she objected, her history teacher interrupted class to call the girl a "little atheist." In Minneapolis, a first-grader was punished for refusing to participate in daily prayers led by his teacher.

All these abuses have supposedly been stopped, but plenty of other kids no doubt suffer similar ones that go unreported and unchecked. They can expect no sympathy from the Senate, which upholds only those constitutional protections it likes.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1994. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Fifty years ago, on March 24, 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

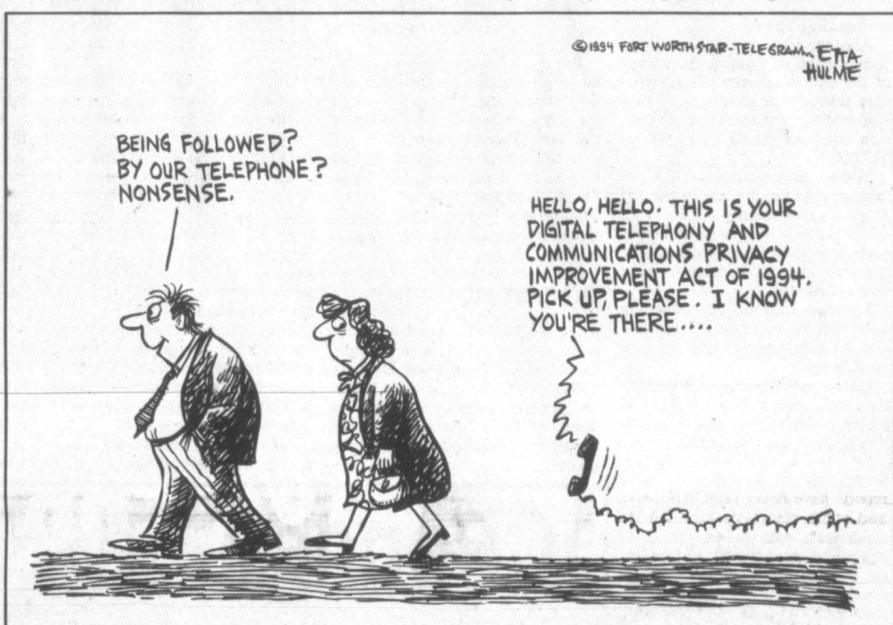
On this date:
In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

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

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

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

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* opened on Broadway.



Question: How to treat a lady

This is a reprint of a previous column that first ran in November 1988:

I was entering a building recently and a lady walked up behind me.

I opened the door, stood back and allowed the lady to go first. She smiled and said, "Thank you."

I followed behind her and we came upon another door. I waited for her to go ahead.

But she just stood there. For a moment, I was puzzled at her delay. Then, it occurred to me: She was waiting for me to open the door for her again — which I promptly did. Again, she smiled and said, "Thank you."

How refreshing. It had been a long time since I had run across a woman — and a fairly young one at that — who seemed to want and expect a bit of chivalry from the opposite sex.

I think I can speak for most American men and say we are terribly confused in this day of liberated women. We're not sure if women want us to treat them in the old mannerly way, or not.

If I open a door for a woman, will she take it to mean I think she's not strong enough to open it for herself, and then kneel me in the groin?

Judging from the incident I described above,



Lewis Grizzard

there may be, in fact, a number of women out there who still do appreciate a bit of gallantry now and then.

Realizing I might be a bit rusty in this area, I asked around among my female acquaintances until I found one from the old school who could reprogram me a bit on how to treat a lady.

"Do you know," she began, "how to handle it when you approach a revolving door with a woman by your side?"

I had no clue.

"You go first," she explained, "and push the door so the lady can simply walk behind you without having to put out any effort of her own."

There were others:

• **Walking on the sidewalk.** "A man should always walk nearest the curb, in case a car might come along and splash water."

• **Lighting a cigarette.** "Not that many people smoke anymore, but in case you meet a lady who does, it is quite appropriate to light her cigarette. If you both are smoking, light hers first if you have a lighter. If you are using a match, it is appropriate for the man to light his first, so as to take the noxious fumes that erupt when a match is struck."

• **Standing when a lady enters the room.** "I still appreciate that. It makes me feel special."

• **Helping a lady out of the car.** "Offer her one hand and then put the other gently behind her back. Never put both hands on her."

• **On elevators.** "When leaving an elevator, if it is not crowded, stand aside and allow the woman to walk out first."

I had just one more question:

What if I follow all those rules, but run into a woman who is offended by them, and she kneels me in the groin?

"Once you catch your breath," said my friend, "tip your hat and offer her a cigar."

Please, lighten up about heavy people

Odd as it may sound at first, Deborah Birdwell's story is why we have an Americans With Disabilities Act.

Birdwell, at 5 feet, 4 inches tall and 360 pounds, was denied access to a movie theater last summer, even though she'd brought her own chair and wanted to sit out of everyone's way in the wheelchair section.

The ADA was enacted not just because some legislators believed we have to make all things equal for all people. It was made law after a long history of so many of us being so reluctant to offer any accommodation at all to the disabled: No phone service for the deaf, even though technology was available and the added costs would have come to pennies per regular customer. Multimillion-dollar companies refusing to retrofit even one restroom so a person in a wheelchair could work for the firm. Cities fighting tooth and nail against equipping just one or two buses to carry disabled riders.

After years of staying out of theaters because she was too large to fit into the seats — and ashamed of it — Birdwell finally decided to buck embarrassment to see a movie. She didn't ask the theater to spend money trying to accommodate her. But the theater manager said "No."

Birdwell has filed a suit under a provision of the ADA that mandates that public places accommodate the disabled.

In November, the government determined that the ADA protects "morbidly obese" people — those weighing 100 percent over normal weight — from



Sarah Overstreet

discrimination. The ruling applies regardless of the cause of the obesity.

If the theater had allowed Birdwell to sit in the special section reserved for those who can't use the regular seats, no one would have been troubled and there would be no lawsuit. Now she's asking \$1.5 million damages. Birdwell claims she was humiliated, subjected to a harangue from the theater manager in front of other patrons.

Is any humiliation worth \$1.5 million? Birdwell says her aim is to show other obese people that they don't have to be subjected to the treatment she endured. I don't know if you can put a price on a lifetime of humiliation, but I do know that if I'd been standing in that theater line, I'd be out on bail awaiting a hearing on assault charges. I'd have picked up Birdwell's chair and tried to wallop the theater manager with it.

Obese women in this society are the last absolutely unprotected minority. If I hadn't known that already

from years of observation, I've watched too televised exposes recently by thin reporters who went undercover wearing "fat suits" to make them appear quite overweight. Both "fattened" reporters endured repeated "hatefulness and outright disdain," in one reporter's words. A man yelled "you fat pig" at her from a cab, and a young woman asked the reporter's male companion what he was doing with "a fat pig." Over a period of several weeks, she had a difficult time separating her real self from the woman in the "fat suit" and she became severely depressed.

"I'm sure being an obese man is no day at the beach, either, but I've never seen men singled out for the ridicule heaped on obese women. Men tend to feel sympathetic toward obese men, as if they're just large-economy-size good ole boys with an eating problem. Yet I've heard lots of pretty nice guys mumble derogatory comments as obese women pass by, as if they're fair game because they "let themselves go." Ironically, I've heard a lot of pretty nice women even make fun of obese women, and treat obese men with more respect than they treat heavy women.

The jury's out on the causes of obesity, as scientists work overtime testing metabolism and genetics. But even if much obesity is largely a disease of overeating, we don't discriminate against other substance abusers to the extent we do against the obese. Smokers, alcoholics and drug abusers cause us more psychic grief and cost us more in medical care than overweight people, yet we treat the heavy with less respect.

It's way past time we lightened up.

Berry's World

Jim Berry
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Bosnian Serbs hijack nine U.N. relief trucks

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. workers negotiated with Bosnian Serbs today to try to recover nine U.N. trucks hijacked while carrying food and medicine to the besieged northern town of Maglaj.

The first relief convoy in five months got through to the Muslim town Sunday. But Serb gunmen stopped another U.N. convoy Wednesday and terrorized the drivers before driving off with the trucks, a U.N. official said.

The International Red Cross said it got 60 tons of supplies, mostly food, into Maglaj in six trucks Wednesday.

But that success was overshadowed by the raid on the U.N. convoy.

Peter Kessler, a U.N. spokesman, told reporters the hijacking was the work of a renegade Serb commander. The Danish drivers were lined up at gunpoint and ordered to empty their pockets, he said. They "were sure they would be shot."

The Serbs showed the drivers a narrow path through a minefield and ordered them to walk toward Bosnian Croat lines, while being warned of snipers, Kessler said.

He said Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic had expressed regret and promised an investigation.

Three U.N. aid workers traveling with the hijacked convoy were talking to Bosnian Serbs to try to recover the stolen goods and trucks.

The convoy of 10 trucks carrying relief supplies left Zagreb, Croatia, on Tuesday, threading its way through Serb-held territory in Croatia and northern Bosnia toward Maglaj.

Bosnian Serbs stopped the convoy about 10 miles from Maglaj. The gunmen threw medicine into a nearby river and packed food into their own trucks before seizing the U.N. vehicles, said Kris Janowski, a U.N. spokesman.

Three relief workers who were with the convoy when it was stopped went to Teslic, a nearby Serb checkpoint, to talk with Serb leaders there, Kessler said.

When they wanted to return to the convoy they "were told that they will be shot if they try," he said. The three saw the hijacked trucks

being driven through Teslic with all U.N. marks removed, he said. They recovered one truck, whose civilian driver fled. The other nine trucks are still missing.

Bosnia's three warring sides signed an agreement in November guaranteeing safe passage to humanitarian convoys.

Maglaj, a town of 19,000 people, has been under siege for nine months. Serb and Croat forces have often refused to let aid convoys pass, leaving the town reliant on air-dropped supplies.

Meanwhile in Sarajevo today, a handful of civilians lucky enough to get the complex permissions needed were able to cross over the Brotherhood and Unity Bridge between Serb- and government-held territory.

"It may not look like a big deal, but to us it's a big deal," said Viktor Andreev, U.N. chief of civil affairs in Bosnia. The ultimate goal is "to make the city an open city" again, he said.

The bridge opened to civilians Wednesday for the first time since war broke nearly two years ago.

The next step is to open the road between Sarajevo and Mostar, about 50 miles to the southwest. That is being delayed by negotiations over releasing prisoners of war, Andreev said.

A U.N. worker investigating human rights abuses said Bosnian Serbs continue to drive non-Serbs from the region around their northwestern stronghold of Banja Luka.

Before the war, there were about 550,000 non-Serbs in the area, said Joran Bjallerstedt. Today, just 45,000 to 50,000 Muslims and 25,000 to 30,000 Croats remain, he said.

More than 200,000 people are dead or missing in Bosnia's war, which erupted in April 1992 when armed Serbs rebelled over a Muslim-Croat vote to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

The Muslim-Croat alliance, which broke apart a year ago in fierce fighting for territory not held by the Serbs, has reformed under pressure from Washington.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic urged his assembly today to reject offers to join the new Muslim-Croat federation.

Class of '59 reunion planning



Members of the Pampa High School Class of 1959 gather Wednesday night to discuss plans for the upcoming 35th class reunion, scheduled July 1-2 at the Pampa Country Club. From left are Fred Hughs, Carol Simmons, Pat Litthaler, Sandra Waters, Martha Jonas, Mary Duenkel, Kay House, Alma Lamberson, Betty Lou Love, Phyllis Johnson and Larry Holmes. The reunion committee currently is seeking to locate addresses for all classmates and finalizing registration information to be distributed in April. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Victim's parents stunned by sentence for 14-year-old killer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The 4-year sentence handed down for a 14-year-old boy who was convicted of capital murder in a botched carjacking has been criticized by the victim's parents, prosecutors and San Antonio residents.

A jury Wednesday set the 4-year term as punishment for Johnny R. Hernandez, the youngest person ever charged with capital murder in Bexar County.

He had been found guilty of delinquent conduct on Tuesday in the Jan. 23, 1993, shooting death of Michael Guynes, 19, of the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch.

District Judge Andy Mireles said he started getting calls from irate cit-

izens after news accounts of the jury verdict were broadcast Wednesday afternoon.

Prosecutors Bert Richardson and Mike Ramos had asked the jury to assess a minimum sentence of 33 years.

"What it means is that somebody got away with murder," Ramos said after the sentence was announced. "I don't know what the jury could've been thinking. I was expecting something like 30 or 40 years."

Guynes' parents, Larry and Joellen Guynes, who had sat through the trial, said they did not think the sentence was severe enough.

Capital murder committed by adults is punishable with death by

injection or life in prison. The maximum sentence for a juvenile convicted of the same charge is 40 years.

A 16-year-old accomplice who entered a plea bargain in the case received a 15-year sentence. As part of the agreement with the state, he testified against Hernandez and identified him as the triggerman.

Hernandez will receive credit for the six months he already has served at the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center.

He will be placed in the custody of the Texas Youth Commission until his 18th birthday at which time a judge can decide if he will be transferred to adult prison, left at TYC or released from custody.

Mother charged with killing babies two decades ago

OWEGO, N.Y. (AP) — A woman was charged with suffocating her five babies, one by one, more than two decades ago.

Waneta E. Hoyt faces five second-degree murder charges for the deaths of Erik, James, Julie, Molly and Noah between 1964 and 1971. She was arrested Wednesday and held without bond, pending a court hearing later today.

James lived the longest, just past two years. The rest didn't live past six months. Julie, born in July 1968, lived only 48 days.

At the time, authorities blamed the deaths on sudden infant death syndrome, the unexpected deaths of infants generally under 1 year old. District Attorney William J. Fitzpatrick said Mrs. Hoyt had Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, a mental illness in which a parent is driven to harm his or her children to get attention and sympathy from doctors, friends and family.

Fitzpatrick was investigating a similar but unrelated case about 18 months ago, when he read a 1972 article in Pediatrics about Mrs. Hoyt's case and became suspicious.

Mrs. Hoyt, 47, was identified only as "H" in the story, but Fitzpatrick learned her identity and alerted local authorities. State police soon joined the effort to re-examine the children's deaths.

Police wouldn't say whether the bodies were exhumed. Mrs. Hoyt's background was scrutinized and forensic experts were called in.

"The down side is there are numerous infant deaths that are not suspicious and this will no doubt cause great pain for those people. You always hate to suggest a mother could do this to her own children," Fitzpatrick said.

Each charge of second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of 25 years to life. New York has no statute of limitations on murder.

Mrs. Hoyt is married and has an adopted son in high school. It wasn't clear whether she was married at the time of the deaths.

NASA releases asteroid moon photos

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Galileo spacecraft has yielded photographic proof that asteroids can have moons — in this case, a sphere one mile in diameter that orbits a potato-shaped asteroid named Ida.

The unmanned, Jupiter-bound Galileo took pictures of the moon when it flew past Ida on Aug. 28, but their transmission was delayed by a faulty antenna.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Dr. Torrence V. Johnson, a Galileo scientist who showed a fuzzy black and white photograph of Ida and the moon on an overhead projector Wednesday at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

For years, amateur astronomers have observed what they thought

could be asteroid moons, but such reports have never been confirmed, and some scientists doubted the existence of such moons.

"I think the fact that we see one makes us reassess these unconfirmed indications," said Dr. Clark R. Chapman, a member of Galileo's imaging team.

Ida's moon has been designated 1993 (243) 1 but will be formally named later by the International Astronomical Union. It was spotted about 60 miles from Ida, an oblong rock about 35 miles long.

Ida lies in the main asteroid belt that orbits the sun between Mars and Jupiter. Scientists believe both Ida and the moon are made up mostly of silicate rocks.

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Congressmen have doubts about space station allies

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's off-again, on-again space station program has shaken the enthusiasm of European partners in the project, according to a congressional report.

"European confidence in the U.S.-led space station program is at an all-time low," Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., ranking Republican on the House subcommittee on space, said in a report released Wednesday.

The report, based on a congressional committee tour of the European and Russian space communities, said that Europeans have grown weary of U.S. changes in the international space station project. There also is European uncertainty about the U.S. plan to take Russia in as an equal partner in the effort.

The European Space Agency, Italy, Canada and Japan have been partners with the United States in the international space station effort for years. Last December, the United States signed an agreement to include Russia as a full partner.

America's space station has undergone six redesigns, including one completed as recently as last

year, and still another new design will be announced on Thursday. The Clinton administration required NASA to redesign the station last year in order to cut costs.

"Based on the experience of the 1993 redesign, Europe has grown increasingly reluctant to tie even mundane scientific projects to U.S. space policy," Sensenbrenner says in the report.

The report said that unexpected space agreement between the United States and Russia, signed last December, is viewed widely in Europe as only a bilateral "foreign policy program of the U.S." and that officials of the European Space Agency "are not prepared at this time to make specific commitments for their level of participation."

In another part of the report, Rep. George E. Brown Jr., D-Calif., chairman of the subcommittee, expressed concerns about how well the Russians can support their end of the space station agreement.

The Russians have agreed to launch some space station hardware from the complex Russia built at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Republic of Kazakhstan, one of the states of the former Soviet Union.

The Cosmodrome continues to be operated by the Russians, but offi-

cials in Kazakhstan are pressing for more participation, the report said. Also, Russia has withdrawn thousands of soldiers and construction workers from the area.

Brown said he found the Baikonur Cosmodrome in good condition, but that the nearby facilities, including the town of Leninsk, were in serious disrepair.

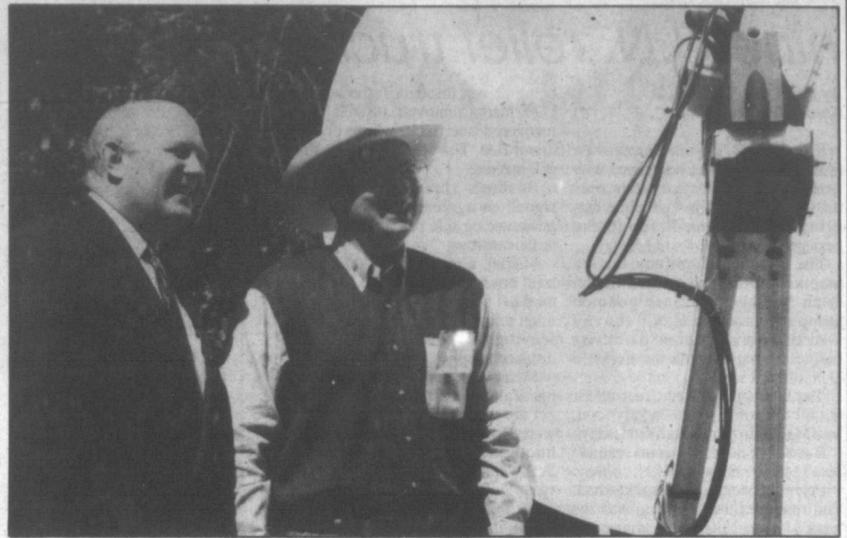
"The surrounding infrastructure, including transportation and living facilities, is in need of major upgrade and investment in order to guarantee" continued launches from Baikonur, the report said.

A decline in space activity at Baikonur, the Brown report said, has resulted in disruptions of food supply, utilities and sanitary conditions at Leninsk and there have been power outages and riots.

There is political conflict, Brown said, between ethnic Kazakhs and ethnic Russians and unresolved issues over the military control of the Cosmodrome.

"Taken together, the potential for political unrest and the need to undertake expensive modifications at Baikonur should cause great concern over the approach to building the space station in the manner currently envisioned by the White House," Brown said in the report.

Farm Bureau satellite network



Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau President Greg Acker of Pampa, right, visits with Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director Vernie R. Glasson on a recent visit to the TFB office in Waco. Standing by a satellite dish, Glasson explains to Acker how instant two-way communication via computer is attained between state and county offices through a satellite network. The system also features one-way video communication. (TFB courtesy photo)

Black caucus assails 'ineffective' policy on Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid charges of racism against Haitians, the Congressional Black Caucus demanded Wednesday that President Clinton scrap his Haiti policy and threatened political reprisals if he fails to act.

"We are declaring war on a racist policy," said Rep. Major R. Owens, D-N.Y., one of a parade of speakers who blasted Clinton and his administration at a news conference for failing to reinstate ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Several speakers demanded the resignation of the State Department's top aide on Haiti, Lawrence Pezzullo.

The State Department responded by saying that the Haitian military, and not the administration, is to blame for the prolonged impasse in Haiti.

"They are the ones that are block-

ing the implementation of accords that have been agreed to and they are the ones responsible for the conditions that now exist in Haiti for the citizens of Haiti," spokesman Mike McCurry said.

The 40-member caucus sent a letter to Clinton charging that his policy is "ineffective, counterproductive and encourages the continued torture and murder of civilians" by the coup regime that ousted Aristide in September 1991.

It proposed an 11-point program including tighter sanctions against Haiti and punitive measures against other countries that do not follow suit.

The administration says existing sanctions are the toughest ever imposed on any Western Hemisphere nation.

Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume,

D-Md., said Clinton cannot count on continued caucus support for his policies unless he moves more decisively to restore democracy. He noted opposition of the caucus could doom parts of the president's program.

Joining the caucus in opposition to the administration's policy were other groups and individuals who were largely supportive of Clinton in his election campaign.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said the policy toward Haiti is one of a number that reflect hostility to black interests. He cited the crime bill as another. "There is a race-based swing in national politics," he said.

Randall Robinson, head of the lobbying group TransAfrica, called the administration's policy "nothing short of a disaster" and said acts of civil disobedience will take place unless Clinton's policies change.

New Appropriations Committee chairman brings combative edge to decisions on federal spending

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. David Obey got angry a few years ago when a labor union leader complained about a vote he'd cast in Congress, and threatened to try to defeat him in the next election.

"Go to hell in a handbasket, and take your single-issue approach to politics with you," wrote back the Wisconsin Democrat, with characteristic acidity.

"If you want to work out a reasonable accommodation on this issue, I will be happy to discuss it," Obey wrote. "If you want an all-out war on it, I'm happy to oblige. I can belly bump with the best of them and I expect to be around a while."

Obey's confidence in his position has been a strength throughout his 25-year career in Congress, but his rough-edged way of dealing with others has sometimes been a weakness. And it causes colleagues to anticipate a combative era as he takes over chairmanship of the House Appropriations Committee.

The panel, one of Congress' most important, has long been a bastion of practical back-room politics where lawmakers divvy up hundreds of millions of federal dollars.

Obey (pronounced OH-bee) was elected acting chairman of the panel on Wednesday, defeating the more senior Rep. Neal Smith, D-Iowa, by a 152-106 vote in the House Democratic caucus. He takes over from the current chairman, Rep. William Natcher, D-Ky., who is 84 and has been hospitalized much of the past month.

Obey, 55, vowed to get on with the work of the committee and said his job will be to lead it through tough spending choices in "an age of austerity."

Smith, a quiet-mannered inside player, said the contest revolved around style and reflected "a lot of dissatisfaction with the leadership" of the caucus. Other lawmakers said the caucus longs for an aggressive response to the increasingly confrontational Republicans, and Obey represents that style.

"It will probably make life Appropriations Committee more of a focal point for the Democratic agenda," said former Rep. Mickey Edwards, an Oklahoma Republican who worked closely with Obey on the panel.

The conservative Edwards called Obey "a true, old-fashioned liberal. He often has a sense of outrage at what people like me believe in."

Many colleagues believe the way Obey sometimes expresses that outrage has cost him opportunities to ascend in the House leadership. His outspokenness can be aimed at allies as well as adversaries.

"The only thing tougher than being Dave Obey's enemy is being his friend," said one Democratic veteran.

"But ultimately everybody knows he's a straight shooter."

"This is the place where ideas are supposed to clash," Obey said in an interview. "We are not supposed to play kissy-face every day. ... We are supposed to bring honestly held views and debate them in a full and fair way."

At the end of the 1992 congressional session, conservative Republican William Dannemeyer of California forced an abrupt adjournment of the House, precluding lawmakers from offering the customary speeches in tribute to departing colleagues.

Obey stormed across the chamber and confronted Dannemeyer. "Above all others, you have absolutely no redeeming social value," he fumed.

It was a demonstration both of Obey's temper and his respect for the House and its traditions.

"I think my greatest impatience is with people who simply attack the system for temporary benefit to themselves," Obey said. "I am a romantic about the American system of government, the Constitution, the founding fathers and what we're sent here to do."

Obey almost always is well prepared on major issues; as he walks between meetings, a brown file is tucked under his arm and he reaches in to retrieve documents, charts and even cartoons that bolster his points.

Some wonder how his affinity for policy making will work on the Appropriations panel, a committee set up not for that purpose, but to allocate money and set spending priorities. They fear Obey will be tempted to try to use the power of the purse to reshape federal programs — particularly to expand his favorites, those aiding children and the poor.

He dismissed such worries. The role of the panel is simply to decide the best use of tax dollars within the bounds set by Congress' other committees and its rules, Obey said. And his real strength, he contended, has been as a consensus builder among Democrats.

One issue close to his heart has been congressional reform, and that, too, has sometimes alienated older colleagues. In the late 1970s he headed a commission that recommended a series of changes, among them a limit on outside income that lawmakers could earn.

Obey narrowly missed becoming chairman of the Budget Committee in 1981, and he attributes the loss to enmity from senior lawmakers over the reforms.

But that history also proved a benefit during Obey's seven-week campaign for the Appropriations chairmanship. It gave him common ground with the large freshman class of Democrats, who see him as a mentor in the move away from back-room politics.

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AIDS explosion feared in India's prostitute villages as they struggle to survive

By RANJAN ROY
Associated Press Writer

NANDLALPURA, India (AP) — In this village down a three-mile dirt track from a busy highway, every woman is or was a prostitute and every girl child probably will become one.

It is how people of the Rajnat tribe survive these days.

Generations of Rajnat were traveling minstrels and dancers, dressed in brilliant turbans and swirling skirts of rainbow colors, welcomed in the sandstone fortresses of the maharajahs and queens who ruled the western desert.

Then Indian royalty slipped into history, television put wandering folk troupes out of business and the Rajnat traded footloose make-believe for seamy reality.

Naina, who is 8, dreams of being a doctor. More likely, she will become like her sister Usha, a chubby-cheeked 13-year-old who approaches visitors with a seductive amble, fluttering eyelashes and pouting lips reddened with betel juice.

One day, Usha stood with her head down coquettishly as an aunt struck a deal with a man who had arrived on a motor scooter. She sent them into a family bedroom.

"The girls brought up in this atmosphere are soon putting on rouge and lipstick and are eager to earn their own money," said Kusum Jain, a social worker who visits Nandalpura to encourage the use of condoms.

After she managed to persuade village women that unprotected sex was dangerous, their way of promoting condom use was simple: Charge men who refuse them the equivalent of \$2.25 instead of \$1.60, the standard fee.

If India is an AIDS time bomb, as scientists believe, Usha and Naina



Three women of the Bhediya tribe pose with their children in the village of Ambah in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. (AP photo by Sherwin Crasto)

are among the fuses. India has tried to curb prostitution along its highways and spread the word about condoms, but with little success.

"What can we do? We have to earn a living," said Shyama, the eldest sister, brushing Naina's hair outside their three-room home of mud bricks. "The choice is dying of AIDS or dying of starvation."

Shyama, 30, was a prostitute for more than 15 years in the village and Bombay.

"I have six sisters and one brother," she said. "For years I supported them. Now that I am too old, they look after me."

Most men in Nandalpura are unemployed, except for ferrying customers in jeeps from the highway. They pass the time playing cards and drinking locally distilled liquor. Dust-caked children play in other villages. The prostitution is part of life.

Hundreds of Nandalpuras just off the major highways of India serve the sexual appetites of truck drivers

and men from towns close by, in this case Jaipur and Ajmer.

The government tends to ignore them because of their reputations. Engineers laid power cables to nearby villages four years ago, but bypassed Nandalpura.

Bhawani Shanker, who heads a social organization that conducted a two-year study of village prostitution, said the Rajnat and four other tribes operate 144 sex centers in Rajasthan state that range from villages to small towns.

He said at least 20,000 women were involved in the sex trade in the state's eastern provinces, the area his study covered. Most have never heard of AIDS or seen a condom and more than 2,000 are HIV-positive, meaning they carry the AIDS virus.

Highway prostitution is one of the biggest factors in the spread of AIDS all across India. The World Health Organization has identified India, Thailand and Taiwan as "the smoldering volcanos" of AIDS in Asia.

In 1986, shortly after the first AIDS case was discovered in southern India, a study in Bombay indicated that fewer than 1 percent of the city's 100,000 prostitutes were HIV-positive. The figure has grown to 35 percent.

Socially conservative India has been slow to heed the warning. Many Indians believe AIDS is a disease of the decadent West and does not threaten a country where contact between men and women outside marriage remains taboo.

Boy children are preferred elsewhere in male-dominated India, but in Nandalpura and other sex villages, they are neglected, scruffy and ill-fed. The girls wear clean frocks, their hair is brushed and braided, and, said Ms. Jain the social worker, they "are always given better food."

Nandalpura has no medical clinic. Few of the children attend the nearest school, in a village a mile away, because they are teased by classmates and treated

badly by the teachers. Women in the village can earn middle-class incomes of 5,000 rupees, about \$160 a month. In the last few years, some have begun saving to buy farmland for their families.

"In the old days, once in a while a prince would fall in love with one of the tribal girls and keep her in the palace in return for a piece of real estate for her family," Shanker said. "Otherwise, these people have been nomads."

Tribe in India lives by prostitution of its women

By ARTHUR MAX
Associated Press Writer

MORENA, India (AP) — When a girl from the Bhediya tribe reaches puberty, her nose is pierced with a decorative pin. It is her initiation into prostitution.

Before she takes her first man, who pays a high price for the young virgin, the pin is removed at a tribal celebration. Afterward, she is sent to a city, usually Bombay or Calcutta, to earn her living.

When she becomes pregnant, the tribe conducts a marriage ceremony, with this difference: The bride gives her wedding vows to a one-rupee coin, not to a man.

The Bhediya of Madhya Pradesh state are one of at least a dozen tribes and low-caste communities that live entirely from prostitution, like the Rajnat in neighboring Rajasthan. Few of the men work,

beyond soliciting for the women.

Bhediya tribesmen were highway robbers for centuries until the British colonizers classified them as a "criminal tribe" 200 years ago and hunted them down.

Seeking protection, they asked wealthy landowners for the right to live on their property. In exchange, they gave their daughters for the landlord's pleasure.

The fair-skinned, comely girls learned singing, dancing, all the arts of the courtesan, and were in great demand. They also learned that there was money to be made in the cities.

"There was no stigma," said Ram Sanahi Chhari, a Bhediya who has spent 45 years trying to reform the tribe. "It was a matter of pride for a girl to enter the profession. She was doing it for the welfare of her family."

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have been paid for with the earnings of the Bhediya women.

Others looked down on the Bhediya. Chhari recalled his mother, from a different tribe, being angry with his father and calling him a Bhediya as if it were a dirty word.

"You eat from the earnings of a woman," she would say with contempt.

"That got it into my head that what the Bhediya is doing is wrong," Chhari said.

He is persuading some of the young to adopt new ways.

Fifteen months ago, the government gave him money for a boarding school. His face creases with delight as the 150 pupils, aged 6 to 12, sing patriotic Indian songs and chant slogans against crime and drugs.

All are fatherless children of Bhediya prostitutes

Pollution from ancient smelters still threatens health

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Belching silver smelters spewed lead into European skies more than 2,000 years before the Industrial Revolution, leaving toxic fallout that remains a threat to modern humans, a study says.

Researchers examined layers of sediment from 19 lakes in Sweden. They found that lead, a byproduct of silver refining, began settling on Europe's lakes and soils 2,600 years ago, when the ancient Greeks began refining silver for coins.

Lead emissions rose to a pre-industrial peak 600 years later, under the Romans, but then declined again as the Romans exhausted their mines, the sediments showed.

Lead pollution soared with the arrival of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. But the total amount of lead released before then is at least as large as what has since been released, the study found.

The study by biologist Ingemar Renberg and colleagues at the University of Umea in Sweden was being published today in *Nature* magazine, a British scientific journal.

Sulphur and other toxic metals were probably injected into the atmosphere along with the lead, Renberg said. Studies are under way to measure those other pollutants, he said.

The toxic metals released in the pre-industrial era

remain a threat to human health, he said. "Metals are metals and can't be destroyed, and they must be somewhere in the soils or the systems," Renberg said in a telephone interview.

The Swedish study provides the most complete historical record of lead emissions, said Claire C. Patterson, an emeritus professor of geochemistry at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

"This is quite new," Patterson said. Patterson said he has looked for evidence of lead pollution in Greenland ice cores, which also provide a historical record of the atmosphere. But the new study "shows details for the Roman and Greek periods that we did not have in the ice cores," he said.

The silver ores mined in pre-industrial times often contained 200 to 300 times as much lead as silver, Patterson said. The lead was an unwanted byproduct that was sometimes mixed with copper or brass to make castings, he said.

Lead poisoning is a chronic condition that can lead to kidney disease in adults and to retardation or seizures in children.

Common sources of exposure to lead include paint chips eaten by children, foods and beverages stored in some lead-glazed ceramics and leaded gasoline. American cars now use unleaded gasoline.

People also can be exposed to lead through contaminated dust and soil.

Texas A&M bans alcohol purchases for its offices

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The Texas A&M University System banned any official purchase of alcoholic beverages Wednesday, a month after two Board of Regents secretaries were accused of falsifying purchase vouchers for alcohol.

A memo from Board of Regents Chairman Ross Margraves and A&M Chancellor William Mobley told system officials that, "effective immediately no alcoholic beverages may be purchased, and no purchases may be reimbursed" through any Texas A&M office.

"In addition, alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in any building or on any campus of any system university, any service unit facility, or any other public property," said the memo, which was faxed to reporters.

The new policy exempted faculty clubs licensed to sell alcohol as well as students of legal drinking age, who are now allowed to consume alcohol in their dormitory rooms.

Genevieve Stubbs, an associate general counsel at Texas A&M, said

the policy would remain in effect until regents can form a permanent policy on alcohol purchases.

Vickie Running and Sasha Walters, secretaries for the board, were indicted last month for falsifying government documents. Officials say they misrepresented alcohol purchases as purchases of food and soft drinks.

Mobley last week said responsibility for the actions alleged against the two women "rests with the institution and the institutional leadership."

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The Hutus outnumber the Tutsis, their traditional rulers, five to one and acquired political power for the first time in the country's first multiparty elections in June. The Tutsis dominate the military.

The diplomat said troops fired shells into some homes in Kamenge, a predominantly Hutu neighborhood, setting them on fire. Shooting continued Wednesday afternoon, the diplomat said.

He said the Hutus had been acquiring grenades and small arms from neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania and Zaire, either from sympathetic Hutus or small-arms dealers.

"The situation is dramatic and catastrophic in Bujumbura," Nyangoma said in the Rwanda radio interview. "A climate of uncertainty and fear prevails as the army perpetrates violence."

The violence between the rival ethnic groups erupted after a failed coup by elements of the military in October. President Melchior Ndadaye, the first Hutu to lead Burundi, was slain.

About 100,000 people were killed and another 1 million forced to flee to Zaire, Rwanda and Tanzania.

Ethnic violence has continued sporadically even after another Hutu, Cyprien Ntaryarima, assumed the presidency and appointed a Tutsi prime minister.

The president in an address on state radio called for calm amid the increasing violence and confirmed there was a heavy death toll. "Enough is enough," he said Wednesday.

Communications Minister Cyriac Simbizi in a radio interview claimed an unidentified group of soldiers are planning a military coup.

Sheriff takes aim at new Brady law

DEL RIO (AP) - Val Verde's sheriff has become the first Texas law enforcer to challenge the legality of the Brady law, saying his department can't afford to conduct background checks on people seeking to buy handguns.

Sheriff J.R. Koog's bid for a temporary restraining order against the law was rejected March 14. A hearing on a temporary injunction is scheduled for April 15 in San Antonio federal court.

"Congress passed a law aimed directly at chiefs of police and sheriffs, and we have nothing in our budgets to cover it," said Koog, whose legal expenses are being paid by the National Rifle Association.

The Brady law requires a five-day waiting period and background checks of people attempting to purchase handguns.

Koog's lawsuit claims that Congress has mandated duties on local law officers without providing funds to carry out the work.

He also objects to the law because it does not say what constitutes a "reasonable background check" of gun buyers. And, he said, he faces a fine of up to \$1,000 and a year in prison for failing to enforce the law properly.

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Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "An Avid Reader in Woonsocket, R.I." wrote you about a funeral home that charged \$1,200 for a casket when the deceased was to have been cremated: Perhaps you didn't know that if the deceased is to be cremated, it is possible to rent a casket for the viewing. I have two experiences with this — one in Florida, where the rental was \$500, and one in Rhode Island, where we paid \$1,200. (The cost covered the use and refurbishing for later use by someone else.)

The \$700 difference is easily explained. In Florida, the funeral home had one casket that was used only for rental. In Rhode Island, we were allowed to choose what we wanted, and we chose something a little more elaborate.

I have spoken to many people who have never heard of this practice. Perhaps it would be worthwhile to inform your readers.

ANOTHER AVID READER
IN NEWPORT, R.I.

DEAR ANOTHER AVID READER: Perhaps you're right. Yours was one of many letters sparked by that column. I checked with John Blake, executive director of the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, who informed me that the average price range for casket rental is between \$400 and \$600.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the couple who was burned up over the cost of a cremation casket: Many families purchase a casket when choosing cremation for a loved one. The casket containing the body is placed in the retort (cremation chamber) and will be cremated with the body. Our statistics show that approximately 17 percent to 20 percent of all cremations in the United States include a casket.

Many funeral directors offer rental caskets to be used for visitations and religious services. The body is then cremated in an inexpensive, combustible, closed, leakproof container.

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DEAR MR. SPRINGER: Those who wish to burn the casket along with the deceased will be pleased to know they are in good company. However, the rest should know that for a cremation, all that is needed is an original combustible container, which costs approximately \$50. If you don't have a viewing, only the combustible container is necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I am the wife of a funeral director and want to set you and your readers straight. You are correct that the FTC prohibits funeral directors from telling customers that cremation requires a casket. However, you failed to tell your readers that the crematory requires a container of some sort for the protection of their staff. (These containers normally cost \$125.)

You made it sound like all funeral directors are crooks when you said, "If the funeral director misleads a customer and sells him (or her) a casket, he is in violation of federal law." My husband always explains the FTC law, but has to explain the crematory requirements.

When people use our services, they are not always in the best of shape emotionally. They are dealing with the shock of their loss and don't always hear what has been told to them. An experienced funeral director will take time to explain the correct procedures whether he is dealing with a full funeral service or a cremation.

We live in Minnesota, and all the cremation facilities require a container for cremation.

KRIS MARKHAM

Blooming flowers give quick garden results

By JAMES E. WALTERS
For AP Special Features

Buying flowers already in bloom can be an expensive way to achieve quick results in the garden. Even worse, sometimes it works well and sometimes it doesn't. But certain precautions simplify the problems and shave the costs.

First, make sure it's the proper time for what you're planting (cool-season or warm-season types).

Second, check that the plants will do well in your climate. Wholesale growers are mass production specialists, so consult a reference for suitability before selecting, particularly if you are new to a region.

While many annuals now are bred to withstand transplanting in bloom,

they usually will flower faster if existing flowers are pinched off before transplanting.

So look for compact, healthy plants that are just starting to show bud color. That way you can be sure the label's color description is reasonably close, and you avoid much of the transplant shock.

Look also for well-proportioned, uniform plants with stocky stems. Avoid those that are leggy or limp. Leaves should have a rich, green color. If the foliage is mottled or leaf edges curled, pests are likely to be present.

If lower leaves are yellow, it could be because the soil mix became too dry. In that case, the root system may be damaged and the plants may never flourish.

Be convinced in your own mind, too, that the retail nursery's staff is familiar with the care of seedlings. Seeing them watering wilted plants is a good tip to go elsewhere.

It's usually not a good idea to buy plants kept in a sunny location, either. The amount of soil mix in small packs can heat up tremendously, damaging the roots.

To cut costs, watch for sales. Many garden centers offer weekly specials. Perhaps what you want will be discounted a week or two later. Be sure to follow selection guidelines.

Seeds, of course, are the most economical way to start flowers. They also provide the most possible choices. However, some degree of skill is needed. It also takes time,

often many weeks. There is no instant gratification.

The same difficulties apply to cuttings.

So for the average home gardener, the nursery or garden center six-pack has become the most common route to floral displays, even with the cost.

In general, low-maintenance, easy-to-grow flowers include African daisy, ageratum, sweet alyssum, begonia, celosia, cleome, coleus, cosmos, dusty miller, flowering kale, impatiens, lobelia, nicotiana, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia and catharanthus (vinca). They won't do well in every climate, so be sure to check if you are not sure.

Also, some flowers are easier to

care for than others because they don't require removal of fading blooms to stimulate new ones (dead-heading) and they don't need pruning to avoid becoming spindly.

Marigolds, snapdragons and zinnias need to be regularly dead-headed while ageratum, alyssum, begonia, portulaca and catharanthus do not. Grandiflora petunias, snapdragons and zinnias are among those needing pruning while pansy, catharanthus (vinca) and verbenas do not.

Many flowers are low-water users. Where possible, it makes sense to opt for those that don't require regular watering. Such a list includes longtime favorite such as achillea, centaurea, coreopsis, gailardia, gazania, oenothera, rudbeckia, salvia and statice.

Committee oversees mental care

The Public Responsibility Committee is an independent, impartial, third party whose function it is to advocate for and promote the health, welfare and rights of persons who receive mental health services via the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

The committee is composed of interested individuals from the TPHMA's 21 county service area.

A current member of the PRC include Essie Mae Walters of Pampa.

Other members are Arlis McBee of Dumas, Faye Ridgeway of Amarillo, Frank Smith of Borger, Barbara Waterbury of Perryton, Rev. O.K. Bowen of Memphis and Chairperson Joe Russell of Amarillo.

TPHMA operates a variety of mental health programs based in Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and Perryton.

Between 200 and 300 people have been served by the authority in the Pampa area.

Questions, comments or complaints may be directed to any committee member or mailed to Public Responsibility Committee, PO Box 3303, Amarillo, Tex., 79116.

Inventors meeting

The Amarillo Inventors Association will meet Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Boatmen's Bank at Eighth and Taylor Streets in Amarillo.

The speaker at the meeting will be Mary Blendenman, product development specialists with Southwestern Public Service Company.

Also, videos will be shown on Nordic Trac Inc. and on licensing.

For more information, contact Worth Hefley at 376-8726.

A woman called to teach

Recognized nationally during her 40 years of work in science classrooms and revered by former students and the community, retired Pampa school teacher Elaine Ledbetter has written her autobiography to review what has happened to her and others this century.

She will be honored with a reception by Pampa Friends of the Library on Friday from 12:30-5:30 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. Ledbetter will be on hand to sign copies of her latest work.

Ledbetter said one of the purposes of writing the book, *Called to Teach: The Story of My Life*, was to "have a way to pay tribute to the people who have helped me all the way."

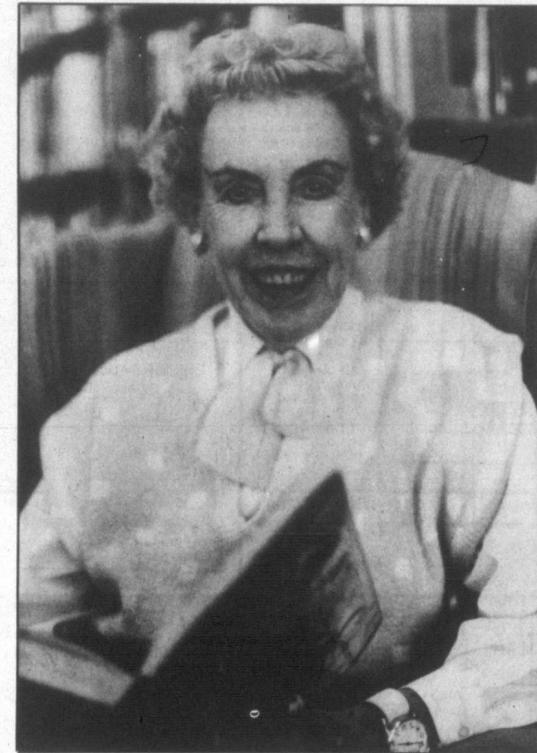
The 172-page book includes chapters on Ledbetter's early years, pictures from her childhood, the texts of two major addresses she delivered to science teacher conventions and passages on more than 40 families and individuals who live in Pampa and American Field Service students who spent time in the city.

"I felt like this has been a century in which many great and unusual things have happened," she said recounting another motivation for writing the book.

The poetry passages come from three earlier all-lyric works by the author.

Her other previous publications include two science textbooks, several journal articles and a report she compiled during her tenure as President of the National Science Teacher Association.

For Ledbetter, holding that office was her most important accomplishment. She recalled her presidential address — her second major speech to the organization —



Called to Teach author Elaine Ledbetter

in which she called for "teachers to come out prepared for the real world of the classroom."

Ledbetter, who taught at Pampa High School from 1956 until her retirement in 1980, said the instructor is more important than any technology in the classroom.

"Unless the individual teacher is caring and dedicated, we're not going to make progress," she said.

Among her numerous awards are two of the most prestigious in the world of chemistry, the Conant and Catalysts Awards which are presented by the Manufacturer Chemists Association.

The book's cover is based on the motto Ledbetter said she has always lived by: "Students are lamps to be lighted and not cups to be filled."

Newsmakers

Benny Cooper, of Pampa, were named to Texas State Technical College Amarillo President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 point average for the winter quarter.

Jennifer Sims

of Pampa is among 58 Northwestern State University education majors who are practicing in public school classrooms throughout northwestern Oklahoma and southern Kansas.

Dr. Hazel McCord, director of student teaching, said the group began their 12-week practice teaching sessions Monday, Feb. 7. They will return to the Northwestern campus March 25 for a mid-term seminar and field trip to Langston University as part of their multicultural training. Their last day in the classroom will be May 5 and their final seminar to discuss their experiences will be May 9.

Sims is practice teaching kindergarten and first grade at Washington School in Alva, Okla., with the cooperation of Drue Washburn and Dawn Self.

Marine Sgt. Stacy D. Phillips, whose wife, Latonya, is the daughter of George M. and Sue Burrow of McLean, recently deployed with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., for a cold-weather exercise in Alaska.

The battalion departed for the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., and then flew to Fort Wainwright, Alaska. There, the battalion served as the ground combat element of the 2nd Marine Regiment and was a portion of the total force of the U.S. Army's 6th Infantry Division for the exercise.



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A colleague counted another 40 bodies in the suburb of Kinana, the diplomat said. There was no immediate word on casualties in Cibitoke, another neighborhood where disarmament was carried out.

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The Hutu outnumber the Tutsis, their traditional rulers, five to one and acquired political power for the first time in the country's first multiparty elections in June. The Tutsis dominate the military.

The diplomat said troops fired shells into some homes in Kamenge, a predominantly Hutu neighborhood, setting them on fire. Shooting continued Wednesday afternoon, the diplomat said.

He said the Hutus had been acquiring grenades and small arms from neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania and Zaire, either from sympathetic Hutus or small-arms dealers.

"The situation is dramatic and catastrophic in Bujumbura," Nyangoma said in the Rwanda radio interview. "A climate of uncertainty and fear prevails as the army perpetrates violence."

The violence between the rival ethnic groups erupted after a failed coup by elements of the military in October. President Melchior Ndadaye, the first Hutu to lead Burundi, was slain.

About 100,000 people were killed and another 1 million forced to flee to Zaire, Rwanda and Tanzania.

Ethnic violence has continued sporadically even after another Hutu, Cyprien Ntaryarima, assumed the presidency and appointed a Tutsi prime minister.

The president in an address on state radio called for calm amid the increasing violence and confirmed there was a heavy death toll.

"Enough is enough," he said Wednesday.

Communications Minister Cyriac Simbizi in a radio interview claimed an unidentified group of soldiers are planning a military coup.

Sheriff takes aim at new Brady law

DEL RIO (AP) - Val Verde's sheriff has become the first Texas law enforcer to challenge the legality of the Brady law, saying his department can't afford to conduct background checks on people seeking to buy handguns.

Sheriff J.R. Koog's bid for a temporary restraining order against the law was rejected March 14. A hearing on a temporary injunction is scheduled for April 15 in San Antonio federal court.

"Congress passed a law aimed directly at chiefs of police and sheriffs, and we have nothing in our budgets to cover it," said Koog, whose legal expenses are being paid by the National Rifle Association.

The Brady law requires a five-day waiting period and background checks of people attempting to purchase handguns.

Koog's lawsuit claims that Congress has mandated duties on local law officers without providing funds to carry out the work.

He also objects to the law because it does not say what constitutes a "reasonable background check" of gun buyers. And, he said, he faces a fine of up to \$1,000 and a year in prison for failing to enforce the law properly.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "An Avid Reader in Woonsocket, R.I." wrote you about a funeral home that charged \$1,200 for a casket when the deceased was to have been cremated: Perhaps you didn't know that if the deceased is to be cremated, it is possible to rent a casket for the viewing. I have two experiences with this — one in Florida, where the rental was \$500, and one in Rhode Island, where we paid \$1,200. (The cost covered the use and refurbishing for later use by someone else.)

The \$700 difference is easily explained. In Florida, the funeral home had one casket that was used only for rental. In Rhode Island, we were allowed to choose what we wanted, and we chose something a little more elaborate.

I have spoken to many people who have never heard of this practice. Perhaps it would be worthwhile to inform your readers.

ANOTHER AVID READER
IN NEWPORT, R.I.

DEAR ANOTHER AVID READER: Perhaps you're right. Yours was one of many letters sparked by that column. I checked with John Blake, executive director of the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, who informed me that the average price range for casket rental is between \$400 and \$600.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the couple who was burned up over the cost of a cremation casket: Many families purchase a casket when choosing cremation for a loved one. The casket containing the body is placed in the retort (cremation chamber) and will be cremated with the body. Our statistics show that approximately 17 percent to 20 percent of all cremations in the United States include a casket.

Many funeral directors offer rental caskets to be used for visitations and religious services. The body is then cremated in an inexpensive, combustible, closed, leakproof container.

JACK M. SPRINGER,
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OF NORTH AMERICA

DEAR MR. SPRINGER: Those who wish to burn the casket along with the deceased will be pleased to know they are in good company. However, the rest should know that for a cremation, all that is needed is an original combustible container, which costs approximately \$50. If you don't have a viewing, only the combustible container is necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I am the wife of a funeral director and want to set you and your readers straight. You are correct that the FTC prohibits funeral directors from telling customers that cremation requires a casket. However, you failed to tell your readers that the crematory requires a container of some sort for the protection of their staff. (These containers normally cost \$125.)

You made it sound like all funeral directors are crooks when you said, "If the funeral director misleads a customer and sells him (or her) a casket, he is in violation of federal law." My husband always explains the FTC law, but has to explain the crematory requirements.

When people use our services, they are not always in the best of shape emotionally. They are dealing with the shock of their loss and don't always hear what has been told to them. An experienced funeral director will take time to explain the correct procedures whether he is dealing with a full funeral service or a cremation.

We live in Minnesota, and all the cremation facilities require a container for cremation.

KRIS MARKHAM

Blooming flowers give quick garden results

By JAMES E. WALTERS
For AP Special Features

Buying flowers already in bloom can be an expensive way to achieve quick results in the garden. Even worse, sometimes it works well and sometimes it doesn't. But certain precautions simplify the problems and shave the costs.

First, make sure it's the proper time for what you're planting (cool-season or warm-season types).

Second, check that the plants will do well in your climate. Wholesale growers are mass production specialists, so consult a reference for suitability before selecting, particularly if you are new to a region.

While many annuals now are bred to withstand transplanting in bloom,

they usually will flower faster if existing flowers are pinched off before transplanting.

So look for compact, healthy plants that are just starting to show bud color. That way you can be sure the label's color description is reasonably close, and you avoid much of the transplant shock.

Look also for well-proportioned, uniform plants with stocky stems. Avoid those that are leggy or limp. Leaves should have a rich, green color. If the foliage is mottled or leaf edges curled, pests are likely to be present.

If lower leaves are yellow, it could be because the soil mix became too dry. In that case, the root system may be damaged and the plants may never flourish.

Be convinced in your own mind, too, that the retail nursery's staff is familiar with the care of seedlings. Seeing them watering wilted plants is a good tip to go elsewhere.

It's usually not a good idea to buy plants kept in a sunny location, either. The amount of soil mix in small packs can heat up tremendously, damaging the roots.

To cut costs, watch for sales. Many garden centers offer weekly specials. Perhaps what you want will be discounted a week or two later. Be sure to follow selection guidelines.

Seeds, of course, are the most economical way to start flowers. They also provide the most possible choices. However, some degree of skill is needed. It also takes time,

often many weeks. There is no instant gratification.

The same difficulties apply to cuttings.

So for the average home gardener, the nursery or garden center six-pack has become the most common route to floral displays, even with the cost.

In general, low-maintenance, easy-to-grow flowers include African daisy, ageratum, sweet alyssum, begonia, celosia, cleome, coleus, cosmos, dusty miller, flowering kale, impatiens, lobelia, nicotiana, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia and catharanthus (vinca). They won't do well in every climate, so be sure to check if you are not sure.

Also, some flowers are easier to

care for than others because they don't require removal of fading blooms to stimulate new ones (dead-heading) and they don't need pruning to avoid becoming spindly.

Marigolds, snapdragons and zinnias need to be regularly dead-headed while ageratum, alyssum, begonia, portulaca and catharanthus do not. Grandiflora petunias, snapdragons and zinnias are among those needing pruning while pansy, catharanthus (vinca) and verbenas do not.

Many flowers are low-water users. Where possible, it makes sense to opt for those that don't require regular watering. Such a list includes longtime favorite such as achillea, centaurea, coreopsis, gailardia, gazania, oenothera, rudbeckia, salvia and statice.

Committee oversees mental care

The Public Responsibility Committee is an independent, impartial, third party whose function it is to advocate for and promote the health, welfare and rights of persons who receive mental health services via the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

The committee is composed of interested individuals from the TPHMA's 21 county service area.

A current member of the PRC include Essie Mae Walters of Pampa.

Other members are Arlis McBee of Dumas, Faye Ridgeway of Amarillo, Frank Smith of Borger, Barbara Waterbury of Perryton, Rev. O.K. Bowen of Memphis and Chairperson Joe Russell of Amarillo.

TPHMA operates a variety of mental health programs based in Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and Perryton.

Between 200 and 300 people have been served by the authority in the Pampa area.

Questions, comments or complaints may be directed to any committee member or mailed to Public Responsibility Committee, PO Box 3303, Amarillo, Tex., 79116.

Inventors meeting

The Amarillo Inventors Association will meet Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Boatmen's Bank at Eighth and Taylor Streets in Amarillo.

The speaker at the meeting will be Mary Blendenman, product development specialists with Southwestern Public Service Company.

Also, videos will be shown on Nordic Trac Inc. and on licensing.

For more information, contact Worth Hefley at 376-8726.

A woman called to teach

Recognized nationally during her 40 years of work in science classrooms and revered by former students and the community, retired Pampa school teacher Elaine Ledbetter has written her autobiography to review what has happened to her and others this century.

She will be honored with a reception by Pampa Friends of the Library on Friday from 12:30-5:30 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. Ledbetter will be on hand to sign copies of her latest work.

Ledbetter said one of the purposes of writing the book, *Called to Teach: The Story of My Life*, was to "have a way to pay tribute to the people who have helped me all the way."

The 172-page book includes chapters on Ledbetter's early years, pictures from her childhood, the texts of two major addresses she delivered to science teacher conventions and passages on more than 40 families and individuals who live in Pampa and American Field Service students who spent time in the city.

"I felt like this has been a century in which many great and unusual things have happened," she said recounting another motivation for writing the book.

The poetry passages come from three earlier all-lyric works by the author.

Her other previous publications include two science textbooks, several journal articles and a report she compiled during her tenure as President of the National Science Teacher Association.

For Ledbetter, holding that office was her most important accomplishment. She recalled her presidential address — her second major speech to the organization —



Called to Teach author Elaine Ledbetter

in which she called for "teachers to come out prepared for the real world of the classroom."

Ledbetter, who taught at Pampa High School from 1956 until her retirement in 1980, said the instructor is more important than any technology in the classroom.

"Unless the individual teacher is caring and dedicated, we're not going to make progress," she said.

Among her numerous awards are two of the most prestigious in the world of chemistry, the Conant and Catalysts Awards which are presented by the Manufacturer Chemists Association.

The book's cover is based on the motto Ledbetter said she has always lived by: "Students are lamps to be lighted and not cups to be filled."

Newsmakers

Benny Cooper, of Pampa, were named to Texas State Technical College Amarillo President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 point average for the winter quarter.

Jennifer Sims of Pampa is among 58 Northwestern State University education majors who are practicing teaching in public school classrooms throughout northwestern Oklahoma and southern Kansas.



Sims

Dr. Hazel McCord, director of student teaching, said the group began their 12-week practice teaching sessions Monday, Feb. 7. They will return to the Northwestern campus March 25 for a mid-term seminar and field trip to Langston University as part of their multicultural training. Their last day in the classroom will be May 5 and their final seminar to discuss their experiences will be May 9.

Sims is practicing teaching kindergarten and first grade at Washington School in Alva, Okla., with the cooperation of Drue Washburn and Dawn Self.

Marine Sgt. Stacy D. Phillips, whose wife, Latonya, is the daughter of George M. and Sue Burrow of McLean, recently deployed with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., for a cold-weather exercise in Alaska.

The battalion departed for the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., and then flew to Fort Wainwright, Alaska. There, the battalion served as the ground combat element of the 2nd Marine Regiment and was a portion of the total force of the U.S. Army's 6th Infantry Division for the exercise.

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14 Desert rodent
15 Epic poem
16 Theater sign (abbr.)
17 Many (2 wds.)
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26 Falseness
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33 Gathering of ex-students

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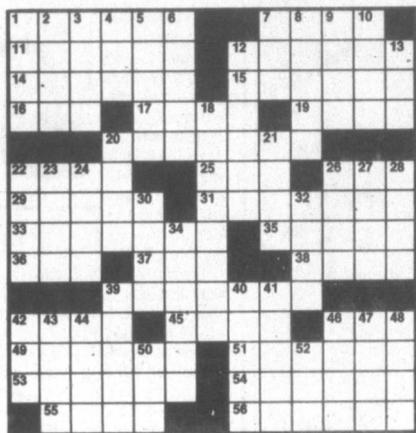
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53 Declares
54 Show plainly
55 Snake's sound
56 Smelled strongly

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2 Roman road
3 Bull, in Spain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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41 Audacity
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43 Pledge
44 Small monkey
46 Pale red
47 A single time
48 Grew older
50 Bitter vetch
52 Compete



WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Environment

Lori, do you think genetics or environment has the biggest impact on child development?

Do you say that because of the influence your parents have had on your family?

No, I say that because my big brother has a hole in his ozone

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHAT I TOLD YOU?

GENE, I'M TALKING TO YOU!

WELL? MMM

I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN HE ARGUED WITH EVERYTHING WE SAID!

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

I WENT OUT WITH A GUY LAST NIGHT WHO THINKS THE WORLD IS GOING TO END SOON

HE SAID THERE WAS A LOT WE HAD TO DO BEFORE IT WAS ALL OVER

REALLY... SO WHAT DID YOU DO?

NOTHING! I TOLD HIM IT WAS ALL OVER

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WAS REALLY TOUGH.

HOW TOUGH WAS IT?

INSTEAD OF "WALK" OUR TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAID: "MAKE MY DAY."

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

WHEN HE'S LYING THERE SLEEPING, HE LOOKS SO CUTE AND INNOCENT...

YOU FORGET ABOUT ALL THE THINGS HE DID DURING THE DAY THAT DROVE YOU CRAZY!

IT'S ALMOST A SHAME TO WAKE HIM UP.

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Somebody is smelling the flowers on your hat."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT CAN OUTSTARE A CAT:

IF THIS THING DOESN'T BLINK SOON I'LL FAINT!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WHAT'S GERTIE TRYING TO DO OOP? COMMIT SUICIDE?

HEY, COME BACK HERE, YOU CRAZY LITTLE LIZARD!

MY GOSH, SHE'S GOT THE BIG ONE BY THE TAIL!

WELL, I'LL BE DANGED!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

I TOLD MY DAD I'M SICK OF GOING TO SCHOOL. I SAID...

THERE MUST BE MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST SCHOOL, SCHOOL, SCHOOL...

AND HE SAID THERE IS... THERE'S WORK, WORK, WORK.

BEATTIE BLVD.

By Bruce Beattie

"Great! Now the carpet really needs to be cleaned!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Whitney is lucky. She's been schooled at home and gets to use her own bathroom."

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

ENNN! WHAT'S THIS, SOMETHING SCRAPED OFF THE BOTTOM OF BOOTS? I'M NOT EATING IT!

CALVIN, I MADE THIS LAST WEEK AND YOU SAID IT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEAL OF ALL TIME AND YOU WISHED WE COULD HAVE IT EVERY DAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

WELL, NOW I HATE IT.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER GRAY HAIR FOR MOM!

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

EVERYONE THINKS I'M TOO OPINIONATED

I AM NOT TOO OPINIONATED

I'M JUST ALWAYS RIGHT!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

WELL, WHAT DID HE EXPECT?! HE SAID, "ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE" AND THEN PASSED A PLATE OF MONEY!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

YES SIR, I'M SUPPOSED TO INTERVIEW A BUSINESSMAN SO I HAVE THESE QUESTIONS...

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED AS A BARBER?

IS THERE ROOM FOR ADVANCEMENT? WHAT ABOUT HEALTH CARE? IS IT A GOOD CAREER FOR WOMEN?

Y'ALL COME BACK NOW, Y'HEAR?

YOU DID A NICE JOB ON THAT GUY...

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

WHEN CATS WANT SOMEONE TO WAKE UP, WE WALK ACROSS HIM

UAAH!

IN GOLF SHOES

CLOP CLOP CLOP

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be one of those days when you might not perform too well under pressure, be it in the business world or the social world. Try to keep pace with events. 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 \$2 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends you feel are a trifle too assertive or dictatorial should be avoided if possible today. You won't respond well to persons telling you what to do or how to do it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Ambition and drive are admirable characteristics, provided one doesn't attempt to achieve his/her purposes at someone else's expense. Do your thing today, but do it honorably.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't want anyone to impose their ideas or politics on you today, so you must be careful you're not accused of the same infraction. There's a chance you could get careless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in a cycle where you must guard against overextending yourself financially. Look for ways to limit your spending instead of adding to your debt. Relief can be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you strive to be a helpful and fair person, but today could be an exception where you get so enveloped in your own self-interest that you're not aware of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be on guard today or else co-workers might try to unload onto your shoulder some distasteful chores they are trying to avoid. This may occur if they think they can get away with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today's peer pressure might make it hard for you to do things the way you may want to do them. Buckling under will be a big mistake if you act in opposition to your better judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against inclinations today to blame things you do wrong on innocent bystanders, especially family members. Be adult where your shortcomings are concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If there is something you are trying to learn today that you might have to use in the immediate future, don't leave anything up to chance. Make copious notes if necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This might not be one of your better days for going bargain hunting. If you see something you like, there's a chance you'll pay more for it than you should and regret it later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll be more effective and productive today if you can operate independently of others. Alliances or partnership arrangements could severely slow you down.

Sports

Notebook

HOCKEY

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky scored his 802nd career goal, overtaking Gordie Howe as the greatest goal-scorer in NHL history.

The Los Angeles Kings center beat Vancouver goaltender Kirk McLean with a wrist shot from the left circle with 5:13 left in the second period.

Gretzky raised his arms as the Kings rushed off the bench. The game was held up for a 10-minute ceremony.

Howe, who retired in 1980, scored 801 goals in 1,767 games over 26 seasons. Gretzky set the record playing in his 1,117th game over 15 seasons.

It was the 62nd record of Gretzky's career, and he has every major NHL offensive record, including 2,448 total points.

NEW YORK (AP) — Ottawa Senators defenseman Dennis Vial was suspended one game and fined \$500 by the NHL for an incident in Sunday's game with Buffalo.

Vial was assessed a game misconduct for deliberately shooting the puck into the Sabres' bench as time expired.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma City hockey player was hospitalized after at least two off-duty police officers sprayed him with pepper gas and used a chokehold during a Central Hockey League playoff game with Tulsa.

Bruce Shoebottom was listed in serious condition at St. Francis Hospital. Witnesses said the officers, hired by Tulsa for security, subdued Shoebottom after he pushed an official while trying to leave the penalty box.

Police Lt. Burney York said Shoebottom pushed an official, then head-butted off-duty officer Ron Herwig. Herwig's partner, Chris Witt, used the chokehold on Shoebottom.

BASKETBALL

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Magic Johnson returned to the NBA as coach of the struggling Los Angeles Lakers, the team he took to five championships before retiring with the virus that causes AIDS.

Both Johnson and Lakers general manager Jerry West indicated Johnson's coaching tenure may be short during a news conference in the Forum.

Johnson, one of the most popular players in NBA history, will try to revive a franchise that likely will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1975-76. The team is just 28-37, fifth in the Pacific Division, and trail Denver by five games for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Johnson, 34, replaces Randy Pfund, who earlier this month signed a one-year contract extension through the 1995-96 season.

Johnson's first game as coach will come Sunday at home against Milwaukee. Assistant Bill Bertka coached the Lakers to a 112-109 victory over Dallas and will coach against Houston tonight.

NEW YORK (AP) — A business agreement between PepsiCo and USA Basketball cleared the way for Shaquille O'Neal to play on the U.S. team at this summer's world championships.

The Orlando Magic center was one of 10 players on the team before dropping out over a sponsorship dispute. The agreement makes him eligible to be one of the last two players named by USAB.

O'Neal, the NBA's leading scorer, would join Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson of Charlotte, Joe Dumars and Isiah Thomas of Detroit, Shawn Kemp of Seattle, New Jersey's Derrick Coleman, Los Angeles Clippers' Dominique Wilkins, Cleveland's Mark Price, Steve Smith of Miami and Dan Majerle of Phoenix. Thomas replaced Tim Hardaway because of a knee injury.

The 16-nation championships will be Aug. 4-14 at Toronto.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Jason Kidd, California's dazzling point guard, will forego his final two years of college eligibility and enter the NBA draft.

Kidd, who announced the decision on his 21st birthday, is projected to be picked as high as second.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore All-American led Cal to 21- and 22-win seasons. Kidd's final game was a 4-for-17 effort in a loss to Wisconsin-Green Bay in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Kidd set the Pacific-10 season-record for assists with 272. This season he averaged 16.8 points, 9.1 assists, 6.8 rebounds and 3.1 steals.

NEW YORK (AP) — Felipe Lopez, the nation's top high school basketball player, ended months of speculation, announcing he will attend St. John's this fall.

The 6-foot-5 swingman from the Dominican Republic averaged more than 20 points a game in four years at Rice High School and was named high school player of the year by Scholastic Coach and Parade Magazine.

During his senior year, Lopez averaged 26.1 points and 10.5 rebounds a game, leading Rice to a 23-4 mark and the city Catholic championship.

FOOTBALL

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The NFL unveiled four possible scenarios for realignment with traditional have-not teams doing most of the shifting.

The four plans are designed to absorb the expansion Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars beginning in 1995. If owners can't agree, commissioner Paul Tagliabue has authority to insert Carolina and Jacksonville into the two divisions with four teams.

Most of the proposals shift teams traditionally toward the bottom of the standings or less attractive on television while leaving more attractive and successful teams in place.

The owners also approved for at least two years the sale of the Miami Dolphins to Wayne Huizenga, contingent on changing league policy of prohibiting ownership of teams in more than one sport. They also approved use of a radio allowing coaches to send plays to quarterbacks.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles signed free-agent tackle William "Refrigerator" Perry to two one-year contracts.

Perry joined the Eagles in November, one day after being released by Chicago. In the last eight games, he had 37 tackles and one sack as starting right defensive tackle.

Losing streak may have helped Michigan

By The Associated Press

Michigan coach Steve Fisher thinks a late-season losing streak may have helped the Wolverines, even though it cost them a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"If you're the No. 1 seed you're going to be favored in every game," Fisher said. "And there's always the self-pressure. You've got to live up to that."

NCAA preview

Michigan (23-7), which plays Maryland (18-11) on Friday night at Dallas, already has pressure as it attempts to advance to the NCAA final for the third straight time. The Wolverines lost to Duke in 1992 and North Carolina last year.

"Once we put everything together it could become real scary, and that's what we're hoping on," Michigan forward Ray Jackson said.

If Michigan wins, it advances to Sunday's Midwest Regional championship against either top-seeded Arkansas or Tulsa (23-7).

"I feel good about how we're doing right now. But we've been in this long enough to know anything can happen," Fisher said. "The best team doesn't always win. We've proven that and so have others."

In Friday night's other games, Boston College (22-10) plays Indiana (21-8) in the East Regional at Miami, followed by Florida (27-7) vs. Connecticut (29-4).

Tonight, the Southeast Regional at Knoxville, Tenn., has Marquette (24-8) vs. Duke (25-5) and Purdue (28-4) vs. Kansas (27-7). The West Regional

at Los Angeles has Missouri (27-3) vs. Syracuse (23-6) and Louisville (28-5) vs. Arizona (27-5).

Indiana goes into its game hurting. Sherron Wilkerson is in the hospital with a broken leg, Damon Bailey's painful midsection has to be wrapped for every game, Brian Evans has worn a shoulder harness half the season and Pat Graham has another foot injury to go in his bulging medical file.

"It's not a big surprise. We're not trying to hide that we're hurt," said Graham, a fifth-year senior who missed one season because of a broken left foot, now held together with a screw and two pieces of bone implanted from other parts of his body. "We're trying to get some rest and get as good as we can."

Wilkerson, a freshman guard, broke his leg in Sunday's second-

round victory over Temple. Bailey tore abdominal muscles several weeks ago and hardly has practiced. Evans dislocated a shoulder twice during the season.

"Boston College is coming off a huge win," Graham said of the Eagles' 75-72 upset of North Carolina. "I don't see how you can be any more pumped up than they are."

Glenn Robinson, the Kansas All-American who led the nation in scoring at 30.3 points a game, said he doesn't mind the attention going into the Jayhawks' game against Purdue.

"I know I have to be on top of my game," he said. "If they're going to feature me, a lot of people are going to watch. And if I don't do well, a lot of people are going to be disappointed."

Marquette (24-8) hasn't been to the Final Four since winning the tourna-

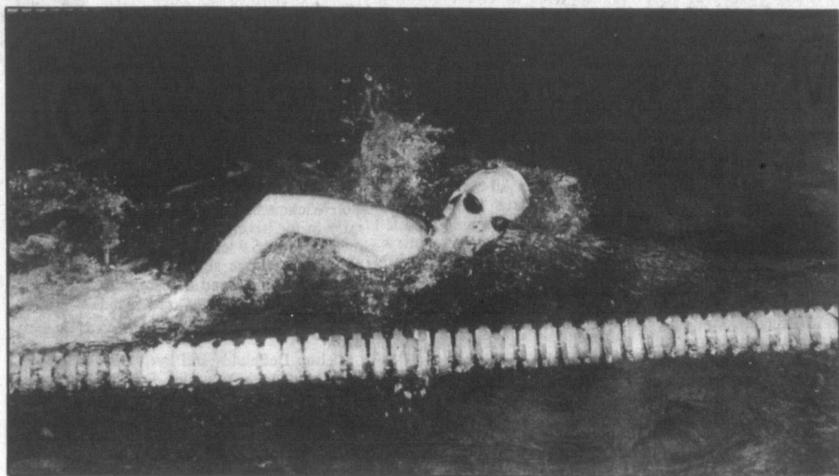
ment in 1977 under coach Al McGuire.

"We were 5 and 6 years old when Marquette won it all," forward Damon Key said. "They had their day in the light and now we're looking for ours."

Melvin Booker, Missouri's leading scorer with an 18-point average, said the Tigers will have to lay off their outside shooting against Syracuse's zone defense.

"We have a tendency of standing around in a zone just looking for 3-point shots instead of working our inside players like Jevon (Crudup)," Booker said. "Going into this game, we've got to work and just keep moving like its a man (defense)."

Crudup, a 6-foot-9 forward, and Mark Atkins, a 6-6 guard, give Missouri a decided height advantage.



Regional finalist Talitha Pope returns to the Pampa swim team next season. (Pampa News photo)

PHS swimmers had record-breaking year

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Improved times as the season went along, including some record-breaking outings, vaulted the Pampa High swim team to a successful 1994 campaign. And it looks like the best is yet to come.

"Our program really came a long way from where we started at the beginning of the year. Most of our boys are coming back and the girls team should be stronger next season," said Pampa coach Cody Huckaby.

Although Pampa failed to qualify any athletes for the state meet, they still swam well enough to set school records in the District 3 meet in Lubbock. For the Pampa boys, Jeremy Nunn set a new school record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:07.95. Nunn teamed up with Clay Partain, Bryan Stout and Bobby Venal to set a new school mark in the 200 medley relay (1:48.12).

Pampa's 200 medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay

all qualified for the regional meet in the boys division. In individual events, Nunn, Venal, Matt Piersall, Partain and Stout all qualified for regionals.

For the Pampa girls, their three relay teams also qualified for regionals. Talitha Pope, Janet Dancel, and Ketrina Thompson made it to regionals in individual events.

Pope and the boys 200-medley relay were regional finalists. Pope, a junior, was the top finisher for Pampa at regionals, placing fifth in the 50 freestyle. The boys relay team placed sixth.

"We're only losing two seniors (Stout and Partain) from the team, so we should be in pretty good shape next year. Most of the boys on the team will be competing in the age group U.S.S. program (the Amarillo Swim Team) this summer. Six of the 12 involved will be in high school next year and that should help us," Huckaby said.

Huckaby believes the girls squad can top their fifth-place finish in this year's district meet, especially with 8th grade

standout Ashley David moving up to the high school team.

"Ashley is a good scorer and she'll be able to help out on our relays," Huckaby said. Talitha Pope is another strong swimmer. With her, Janet Dancel, Peggy Williams and Shannon Schakel coming back, we've got a solid nucleus. The girls should be much more competitive."

The off-season is very important in developing a winning swim program, Huckaby said.

"With the season ending around March 1, you've got to get in the water as soon as possible. You can't go six months without working and expect to be competitive," he said.

Huckaby, an Amarillo native, is in his first year as Pampa coach. He also coaches the Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Swim Team. Those interested in competitive age group swimming are urged to see him at the Pampa Youth and Community Center Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 6:30.

Commodores beat Clemson in NIT action

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Billy McCaffrey scored 27 points and Chris Lawson added 16 Wednesday night as Vanderbilt downed Clemson 89-74 in the quarterfinal round of the National Invitation Tournament.

McCaffrey was perfect in the first half, hitting 8 of 8 from the field, including three 3-point shots and his only free throw attempt.

The Commodores (19-11) fell behind 7-0 in the opening minutes before nullifying the Tigers' large front line with the 3-point shooting of McCaffrey and Frank Seckar.

The Commodores, members of the Southeastern Conference, caught the Tigers (18-16) at 12-12 on a jumper from the free throw line by Chris Lawson and the teams traded the lead three times before Vandy went on top for good 17-16 on an inside basket by Malik Evans with 12:35 left in the opening half.

Vandy took charge with a 16-7 run late in the half, moving ahead 43-29 after a jumper by McCaffrey, who scored 9 points during the Commodore surge.

The Tigers, playing their last game under coach Cliff Ellis, who announced he was leaving Clemson at the end of the season, pulled within 43-33 but Vandy put the final 6 points of the half for a comfortable 49-33 lead.

Clemson made its run at Vanderbilt early in the second half after falling behind 52-33 on a 3-point play by Ronnie McMahan.

Deven Gray, who finished with 24 points to lead the Tigers, then ignited a 14-2 Clemson surge with three consecutive baskets.

Jeff Brown's basket with 14:02 still to play left the Tigers trailing 54-47.

The Commodores quickly reassumed control with an 8-2 run a few minutes later with a 4-point play by Seckar the critical play.

A tip by Evans pushed the Vandy lead to 68-53 with 9:16 remaining.

Memories linger for Texas Tech's Swoopes

By WHIT CANNING
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

LUBBOCK — A year has passed since the great march through Atlanta, but of course, memories linger.

As Sheryl Swoopes sits in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum waiting to do a live television spot before a regional playoff game, an elderly woman leaning heavily on a cane makes her way, painstakingly, up two levels of temporary seats.

Just to stand near the former Texas Tech All-American, hold her hand for a moment, and say, "I just wanted you to know how wonderful I think you are, and to wish you luck."

"In a world she acknowledges is 'kind of like a dream come true,' it is a sentiment Swoopes hears often — especially in Lubbock, where she someday might be the mayor. She responds graciously, helping the small, frail woman back down the stairs to level ground.

And so, in the wonderful world of Sheryl Swoopes, there is only one thing missing, really.

"Well, to be honest, it hurts," she says, in response to a query about how it feels, watching another group of Lady Raiders launch its quest for a berth in the Final Four. "I would just really love to be out there with them."

Last year, Swoopes WAS the Final Four — scoring 78 points in two games and slamming home 47 in the title match, breaking Bill Walton's all-time record — in leading an improbable band of small-town kids from West Texas to the NCAA championship.

It culminated a season in which she was selected national player of the year by just about every-

one, and she has since amassed a large collection of "Woman of the Year" awards.

She has also taken a fling at professional basketball, European style; signed a contract with Nike; visited the White House; had her jersey number retired; and returned to school.

In fact, Swoopes' days and nights seem filled with everything except basketball.

"Oh, no," she says, "I still work out every day, if possible. Sometimes, three times a day. I try to get into the gym whenever possible. But I have to admit that it seems like I'm a lot busier now than when I was playing."

She is back in school at Tech, finishing up work on her degree, and does a sports talk show — "One-on-One with Sheryl Swoopes" — for a local TV station. She also has a lucrative contract doing promotional work for Nike, in addition to her motivational speaking appearances.

"I've really enjoyed the TV job," she says. "I was a little uptight at first, because I was so used to being the subject rather than the interviewer. But I've become a lot more relaxed at it now. Back when everyone was interviewing me, I learned that some interviewers can make you feel relaxed immediately, and others you just never feel comfortable with. So I try to make every-one relax."

"I also do a few speaking engagements, talking to kids, mostly. People ask me to come speak, and basically, I talk about whatever they want me to — staying in school, staying away from drugs, coping with a one-parent home, which is how I grew up myself (her mother lives in

nearby Brownfield). It's something I like doing."

There was also a three-month stint with a professional basketball team in Italy, with which Swoopes was not particularly enthralled.

"Well, it's over, and I really can't talk about it," she says. "I'm glad I went, because it gave me a chance to see a different culture and a different part of the world. But I didn't really enjoy it much. It's a very different place, and I just never got used to it."

She also visited the White House and met the president — a rather pale event when compared with spending a few days at Michael Jordan's basketball camp.

"That was really one of the highlights of the year for me," says Swoopes, of Jordan's invitation. "He was really great — from the first moment we met, he treated me like he'd known me all his life. Someday, if there was a pro league for women, I would like to be like Michael Jordan."

Someday, says Swoopes' agent, Nancy Lieberman-Cline, it might happen.

"Sure, I think that with all the increased interest in women's basketball at the college level, it could happen," says Lieberman-Cline, "although I think this time the logical outlet for it would be the NBA. ... They have the marketing, the contacts, the financing — they would be the logical choice."

As for Swoopes, Lieberman-Cline says the European option remains open.

"I think the future looks very bright for competitive women's basketball," she says, "especially if your name is Sheryl Swoopes."

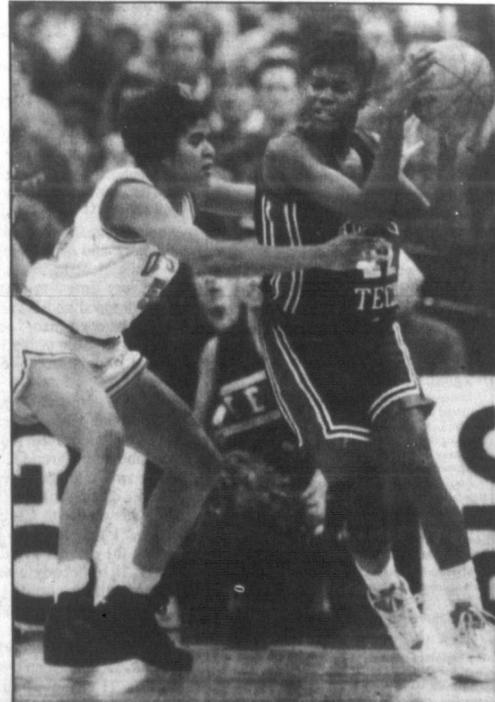
For the moment, Swoopes says

she would love to play pro basketball (in this country) or maybe coach. Meanwhile, life has other rewards.

"It's just a wonderful thing to me," she says, "the way all

these people feel about me. And I really consider it an honor that kids look up to me as a role model.

"This is almost like a dream world."



Sheryl Swoopes (right) during her 47-point performance against Ohio State in last season's NCAA women's championship game. (AP photo)

Scoreboard

Basketball

NCAA GLANCE
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL

First Round
At Nassau Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Thursday, March 17
Connecticut 64, Rider 46
George Washington 51, Alabama-Birmingham 46
Pennsylvania 90, Nebraska 80
Florida 64, James Madison 62

At USAir Arena
Landover, Md.
Friday, March 18
North Carolina 71, Liberty 51
Boston College 67, Washington State 64
Temple 61, Drexel 39
Indiana 84, Ohio University 72

Second Round
At Nassau Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Saturday, March 19
Connecticut 75, George Washington 63
Florida 70, Pennsylvania 58

At USAir Arena
Landover, Md.
Sunday, March 20
Indiana 67, Temple 58
Boston College 75, North Carolina 72

Regional Semifinals
At Miami Arena
Friday, March 25
Boston College (22-10) vs. Indiana (21-8), 7:38 p.m.
Florida (27-7) vs. Connecticut (29-4), 30 minutes following

Regional Championship
At Miami Arena
Sunday, March 27
Florida-Connecticut winner vs. Boston College-Indiana winner, 1:40 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

First Round
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Thursday, March 17
Wake Forest 68, College of Charleston 58
Kansas 102, Tennessee-Chattanooga 73
Purdue 98, Central Florida 67
Alabama 76, Providence 70

At The Suncoast Dome
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Friday, March 18
Marquette 81, Southwestern Louisiana 59
Kentucky 83, Tennessee State 70
Duke 82, Texas Southern 70
Michigan State 84, Seton Hall 73

Second Round
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Saturday, March 19
Purdue 83, Alabama 73
Kansas 69, Wake Forest 58

At The Suncoast Dome
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Sunday, March 20
Marquette 75, Kentucky 63
Duke 85, Michigan State 74

Regional Semifinals
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Thursday, March 24
Marquette (24-8) vs. Duke (25-5), 7:38 p.m.
Purdue (28-4) vs. Kansas (27-7), 30 minutes following

Regional Championship
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Saturday, March 26
Purdue-Kansas winner vs. Marquette-Duke winner, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round
At Kansas Coliseum
Wichita, Kan.
Thursday, March 17
Maryland 74, Saint Louis 66
Massachusetts 78, Southwest Texas State 60
Michigan 78, Pepperdine 74, OT
Texas 91, Western Kentucky 77

At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Friday, March 18
Oklahoma State 65, New Mexico State 55
Tulsa 112, UCLA 102
Georgetown 84, Illinois 77
Arkansas 94, North Carolina A&T 79

Second Round
At Kansas Coliseum
Wichita, Kan.
Saturday, March 19
Maryland 95, Massachusetts 87
Michigan 84, Texas 79

At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Sunday, March 20
Tulsa 82, Oklahoma State 80
Arkansas 85, Georgetown 73

Regional Semifinals
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Friday, March 25
Arkansas (27-3) vs. Tulsa (23-7), 8:02 p.m.
Michigan (23-7) vs. Maryland (18-11), 30 minutes following

Regional Championship
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Sunday, March 27
Michigan-Maryland winner vs. Arkansas-Tulsa winner, 4 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL

First Round
At The Dee Events Center
Ogden, Utah
Thursday, March 17
Syracuse 92, Hawaii 78
Wisconsin-Green Bay 61, California 57
Missouri 76, Navy 53
Wisconsin 80, Cincinnati 72

Friday, March 18
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Friday, March 18
Virginia 57, New Mexico 54
Arizona 81, Loyola, Md. 55
Louisville 67, Boise State 58
Minnesota 74, Southern Illinois 60

Second Round
At The Dee Events Center
Ogden, Utah
Saturday, March 19
Syracuse 64, Wisconsin-Green Bay 59
Missouri 109, Wisconsin 96

At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Sunday, March 20
Arizona 71, Virginia 58
Louisville 60, Minnesota 55

Regional Semifinals
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Thursday, March 24
Missouri (27-3) vs. Syracuse (23-6), 8:07 p.m.
Louisville (28-5) vs. Arizona (27-5), 30 minutes following

Regional Championship
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Saturday, March 26
Missouri-Syracuse winner vs. Louisville-Arizona winner, 3:40 p.m.

The Final Four
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
East champion vs. Southeast champion
Midwest champion vs. West champion
Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners

Canseco displays power as Rangers tie Red Sox

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Jose Canseco hit two home runs and drove in the game-tying run in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday, helping the Texas Rangers to a 7-7 tie with the Boston Red Sox.

Canseco capped a three-run ninth with a run-scoring single through a drawn-in infield. Gary Redus drove in one run in the ninth and the other scored on a wild pitch by Jeff Pierce.

Boston scored four unearned runs in the top of the ninth to take a 7-4 lead behind Bob Zuppic's run-scoring double and RBI singles by Mike Greenwell and Damon Berryhill.

Canseco and Chris James hit back-to-back homers off Jeff Russell in the sixth inning. Canseco also had a solo homer in the eighth, his fourth of the spring.

Boston first baseman Mo Vaughn hit his eighth spring homer in the sixth, a two-run shot off Texas starter Kenny Rogers.

Rogers went 5 2/3 innings allowing seven hits and two runs. Red Sox starter Aaron Sele went five innings, allowing five hits and one run while striking out six.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 2
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Allen Watson held Pittsburgh scoreless, and Brian Jordan went 3-for-4 with his second home run in as many games as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pirates 4-2 Wednesday.

In his longest outing of the spring, Watson pitched 5 2-3 innings, struck out five and walked one. He allowed three hits and lowered his spring ERA to 2.37.

Jordan has three home runs and is tied for the team lead with 12 RBIs, also had an RBI single.

Pirates starter Paul Wagner had his worst outing of the spring, giving up four runs — two earned — in five innings. Entering the day, he had allowed one run in 9 2-3 innings but he lasted only a third of an inning in his previous start Sunday against Cincinnati after being struck on the outside of his left knee by a Hal Morris grounder.

The Pirates have lost six of their last seven.

Gregg Jefferies and Jordan had three run-scoring singles in the third,

John Mabry had an RBI single in the fourth and Jordan homered in the fifth for St. Louis.

Orlando Merced had a run-scoring single and Gary Varsho a run-scoring groundout for Pittsburgh in the ninth off Mike Perez. Both runs were unearned because of an error by shortstop Tripp Cromer.

Spring training

Indians 5, Reds 2

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Charles Nagy, injured most of last season, pitched a strong game, and Jim Thome had a homer among three hits as the Cleveland Indians beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2 Wednesday.

Nagy came into the game with a 10.29 ERA through four starts, but limited the Reds to six hits and didn't yield a run until third baseman Thome threw wildly to first on Joe Oliver's two-out grounder in the sixth — Nagy's final inning.

In addition to Thome's fourth homer, Albert Belle drove in two runs for Cleveland. Belle has 21 RBIs in 17 games.

Last season, Nagy had shoulder surgery and was on the disabled list from May 17 until he returned to pitch the Indians' final game at Cleveland Stadium in October. He went 2-6 with a 6.29 ERA one year after making the All-Star team.

Cincinnati starter Tim Lincecum gave up one run in five innings and left with the score tied 1-1. But reliever Ken Patterson yielded two runs in the sixth, walking the first two hitters and giving up an RBI single by Belle and a sacrifice fly by Eddie Murray.

Patterson has a 13.37 ERA in nine appearances.

Scott Service, the Reds' third pitcher, gave up Thome's home run in the seventh and Belle's RBI single in the eighth.

Willie Greene doubled home a run for Cincinnati against Brian Barnes in the eighth.

Astros 13, Tigers 8
LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Bass drove in four runs with three run-scoring singles in the third,

Detroit pitchers, and the Astros defeated the Tigers 13-8 Wednesday.

Rookie James Mouton had a three-run homer for the Astros.

The Tigers scored six runs in the fifth inning off Houston starter Darryl Kile, who still got credit for the victory. The Astros scored three runs in the third off Detroit minor leaguer Justin Thompson, making his first start for the Tigers.

The left-handed Thompson, one of the Tigers' brightest young pitchers, will probably pitch at Triple-A Toledo this season. He retired the minimum six batters through the first two innings, striking out two. But he but left with two outs in the third, complaining of a sore elbow.

Kile, 15-8 for the Astros last season, gave up all but one of his eight hits in the Detroit fifth.

Andy Stankiewicz had two doubles for the Astros.

Dodgers 18, Yankees 10
VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Raul Mondesi had four hits, and Darryl Strawberry and Mike Piazza had homers and three RBIs each in a 21-hit assault as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees 18-10 Wednesday.

Mondesi also scored three times, drove in two runs and stole two bases as the Dodgers beat up Jim Abbott and three relievers.

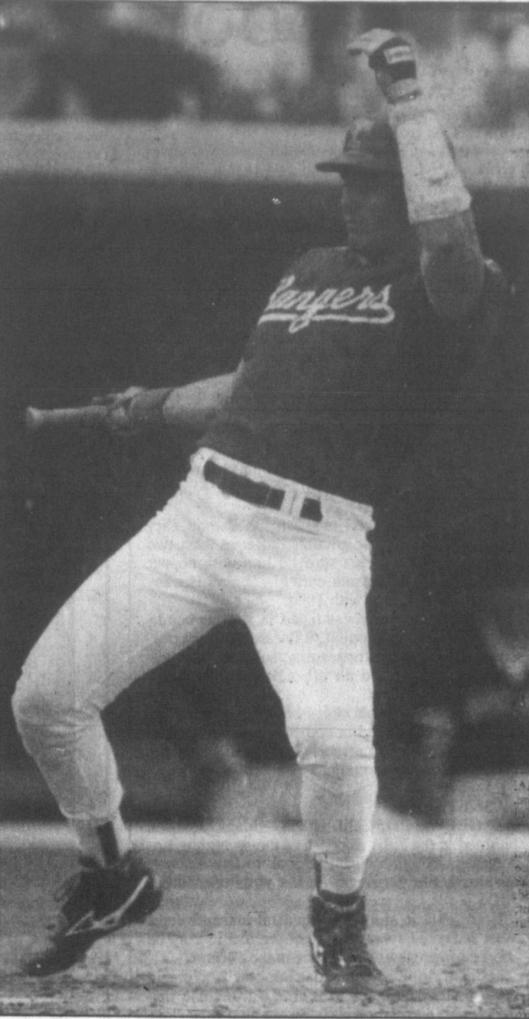
Strawberry's three-run homer, his third of the spring, came off reliever Bob Wickman. It capped a four-run rally in the seventh inning, giving the Dodgers 16-9 lead.

Piazza, whose seventh spring homer tied him lead all National Leaguers, drove in three runs as did Carlos Hernandez and Jose Offerman.

Delino DeShields and Brett Butler added three hits each for Los Angeles.

Pat Kelly had two singles, a double and a home run, and drove in three runs for the Yankees. Luis Polonia had two hits and Darryl Boston drove in two runs for New York.

Abbott allowed 11 hits and 10 runs, all earned in four-plus innings. He walked three and struck out one.



Rangers' designated hitter Jose Canseco backs off from a close pitch in the fourth inning Wednesday against the Red Sox. (AP photo)

Harvesters host high school tennis tourney

Four members of the Pampa tennis team will be looking to extend huge winning streaks in this weekend's Pampa Invitational Tournament. Jamie Barker is riding a streak of 11 matches in girls' singles, while J.B. Horton has recently racked up six consecutive wins in boys' singles.

Meanwhile, the duo of Stefan Bressler and Billy DeWitt took victory in 11 of their last 13 matches in boys' doubles. Barker, Horton, Bressler and DeWitt are all coming off division wins at the Canadian Quad Tournament Saturday.

Eight teams are entered in the tourney along with Pampa's varsity and junior varsity teams, including Borger, Plainview, Randall, Perryton, Borger JV and Plainview JV.

"I definitely think we'll finish in the top three," Pampa coach Larry Wheeler said, noting that Plainview is a favorite for tournament

champion. "For us I'll look for Jamie and J.B. to do really well in singles."

Barker boasts a near-perfect 33-1 season record, where her sole loss came a month ago at the hands of a player from Abilene Cooper, the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

"If we get her out of district she should go to state," Wheeler said, adding that Horton is expected to go beyond the regular season as well. "He's favored to win our district in singles."

Bressler and DeWitt haven't always played together, yet each has 25 doubles wins under their belts.

"They've played with just about everybody," Wheeler said, noting that this combo has been the most successful, with a 13-6 record.

The tournament is set to start at 8 a.m. Friday, kicking off with the doubles division and ending Saturday with the singles' competition.

Where there's Will, there's a way

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers didn't look only at statistics when they signed first baseman Will Clark and said goodbye to Rafael Palmeiro.

"It's tough to praise one without implying you're downgrading the other," General Manager Tom Grieve said. "I don't think you can only look at statistics to determine the best player for a certain team."

Clark missed 62 games in his last three years with San Francisco and his production declined to several career lows with 14 home runs, 43 extra base hits and tied his career low of 73 RBIs.

Palmeiro, who signed with Baltimore after the Rangers after posting career highs of 37 homers, 105 RBI and 79 extra-base hits.

But the Rangers looked deeper than numbers.

"Rafael is a good guy and had a role in the clubhouse," Grieve said. "I don't mean to suggest Will is better in any way but there are things that he brings to

the party that are positive and that's not being negative about Rafael."

Clark is a come-early-stay-late, 100 percent player whose passion for the game rubs off on teammates.

"We had to have a first baseman of the quality that we had," Kennedy said. "We didn't get it done with Rafael but we did with Clark. I don't know what numbers he'll put up. All we've asked him to do is be Will Clark."

Clark doesn't even feel the need to demonstrate his leadership qualities.

"The leadership issue is a little overrated," Clark said. "When the season starts you've got 25 guys who take care of themselves. Everybody on this team knows I'll be out there with them all the time. I'm here to have a good time and to win."

Clark doesn't plan to spend the season under the shadow of Palmeiro, who departed amid harsh words for the Rangers and Clark, his former teammate at Mississippi State.

"There was no war of words, it was a one way thing," Clark said. "It wasn't any back and forth. Its a dead dog as far as I'm concerned."

"The only thing that I need to prove is that the Texas Rangers are winners," Clark said. "I'm not doubting anything about my own ability. I'll go let it hang out like I always do and help us win."

The Rangers expect Clark's leader qualities to balance out any statistical differences.

"I think he'll develop into leader as the season goes on as people watch and see the way he plays," Grieve said. "It's inevitable that he'll develop into that."

Clark hit .379 in his final 58 at-bats with the Giants last season. The Rangers, obviously, feel he can continue the upsurge this season.

"He's been a guy not afraid to speak mind, he plays hard every day and his primary goal every second is to win," Grieve said. "His stats are secondary to winning and that's very positive."

Outside shooting lifts Magic past Jazz, 98-93

By The Associated Press

The Utah Jazz couldn't stop their slide by surrounding Shaquille O'Neal.

The Jazz blanketed O'Neal, holding him to 11 shots, but the strategy made room for Orlando's outside shooters, and the Magic won 98-93 Wednesday night.

"Every time I touched the ball, guys dropped and I was just trying to hit the open man," said O'Neal, who made seven of his 11 shots and scored 19 points, 10 under his average.

O'Neal's frustration surfaced late in the game when he was whistled for a technical foul with 2:02 left for elbowing Tyrone Corbin. Utah made two of the three resulting free throws, closing to 89-87.

Of his elbow to Corbin, O'Neal said, "I just have to let people know they can't grab on me all night. If somebody's not going to do something about it, I guess I have to. My name's Shaq, not Tree."

Anfernee Hardaway scored 21 points, Dennis Scott 18 and Scott Skiles 11, nine of them in the fourth quarter, for Orlando. Skiles had a 3-pointer with 2:44 left and hit a 17-footer with 11 seconds remaining, giving the Magic a 94-91 advantage.

Karl Malone had 27 points and 17 rebounds and John Stockton 22 points and 12 assists for the Jazz, who lost for the sixth time in seven games after winning 10 straight.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Chicago 99, Philadelphia 87; Atlanta 100, Charlotte 92; Detroit 111, the Los Angeles Clippers 107; Indiana 78, Cleveland 77; and the Los Angeles Lakers 112, Dallas 109.

After Skiles' jumper with 11 seconds left, Stockton's 3-point attempt for a tie bounced off the rim, and Orlando's Jeff Turner was fouled on the rebound. Turner converted both free throws to make it 96-91 with 6.4 seconds remaining.

Utah coach Jerry Sloan said his team let up when it gained the lead in the third quarter.

"It comes back to haunt you when you think you can turn the game on and off," Sloan said. "We're not as sharp executing as we were when things were going pretty well for us. We seem to be satisfied playing on the perimeter."

Orlando coach Brian Hill said it was important for his team to bounce back after losing by a point to Golden State on Tuesday night on a controversial play at the end.

"This was really a character win for us," Hill said. "Our guys were really down after Tuesday night."

Lakers 112, Mavericks 109

Los Angeles, which officially announced the hiring of Magic Johnson as coach earlier in the day, outscored Dallas 13-2 in the final minutes.

Longtime assistant Bill Bertka won his coaching debut for the Lakers, who play tonight at Houston before returning to Los Angeles to meet Johnson for his first game against Milwaukee on Sunday.

Nick Van Exel, who scored 28 points, led the visiting Lakers down the stretch, scoring five points in the game-winning run before passing for their final three baskets.

The Mavericks, who lost their 12th straight, trailed 65-55 with 8:24 left in the third quarter, but they charged back behind Doug Smith, who scored a career-high 36 points, to lead 107-99 with 2:29 left.

Hawks 100, Hornets 92
Atlanta became the first Eastern Conference team to clinch a playoff berth as Kevin Willis had 32 points and 16 rebounds against Charlotte.

Willis had five points and an assist in a 7-0 run that gave the Hawks an 85-75 lead with 7:40 remaining. Atlanta extended the margin to 95-81 on Willis' tip-in with 3:54 left before Eddie Johnson's 3-pointer with 56 seconds remaining made it 96-92.

But a free throw by Willis and three by Stacey Augmon closed the scoring as the Hawks extended their winning streak to four games.

Alonzo Mourning led the Hornets with 25 points and 15 rebounds. Augmon finished with 20 points and Mookie Blaylock 18 points, 14 assists and five steals for Atlanta, which improved to an NBA-best 29-4 at home and took a half-game lead over the New York Knicks for first place in the East.

Bulls 99, 76ers 87
Scottie Pippen scored 31 points on 14-for-19 shooting as Chicago handed Philadelphia its eighth straight home loss.

Pippen scored 10 points during an 18-8 run that gave the Bulls a 59-44 halftime lead, and they led by as many as 17 in the second half. The Sixers, who lost for the 20th time in 21 games overall, got no closer than eight after halftime.

Tim Perry led Philadelphia with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Pistons 111, Clippers 107
Detroit's reserves outscored the Los Angeles Clippers' bench players 53-23 and Isiah Thomas got his 9,000th assist.

Terry Mills had 21 points and 14 rebounds, while reserves Lindsey Hunter had 19 points and Chilcutt 12 in the Pistons' sixth win in eight games after they lost 32 of 37 out-

ings. Ron Harper led all scorers with 27 points for the Clippers.

Los Angeles led 69-61 at the half and increased that margin to 92-82 in the third quarter. Detroit then took control in the fourth period thanks to reserves Chilcutt, Mark Macon and Charles Jones.

Those three scored nine straight Pistons points, pulling them to 96-93 with 7:26 to go. The Clippers led 105-104 before Mills' jumper with 1:51 to play put Detroit ahead.

JV's drop first game

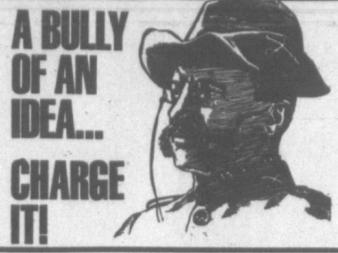
Pampa junior varsity lost its first game of the season while the freshmen team won its season opener Monday against River Road.

The JV fell 6-5, as Mike Weatherly and Jerren Miller each scored two runs and Ross Watkins crossed the plate once. Ford White pitched the first five innings while Duane King relieved for the last two.

Harvester frosh came away with a big 13-5 win which saw Blane Northcutt pitch 4 3/4 innings and strike out seven while allowing three hits. Weatherly, who went two-for-four, and Duane King both notched doubles.

Pampa's JV record moves to 2-1 while the freshmen are 1-0. Both Harvester teams will play next at Randall Friday.

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Bruce Anderson, an anthropologist working for the Army, discusses objects found from a U.S. bomber that had been shot down during the Vietnam War and that are being analyzed at the Army's Central Identification Lab at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. (AP photo)

Giving bones life: Identifying remains of Vietnam MIAs

By BEN DIPIETRO
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — A few skeletal remains. Some teeth. A Sears credit card, dog tags, a pistol and boots.

This was once a U.S. airman, shot down over Vietnam. Now these are the only clues to who he was, and the Army's Central Identification Laboratory must piece together the puzzle of his identity.

Acting as detectives, scientists and historians, the lab's workers try to humanize the remains of U.S. military personnel listed as killed, missing in action or unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam War.

"I look at my family, my wife and children, and putting them in the same situation, if I had not returned, I would want somebody doing what I'm doing," said Lt. Col. Johnnie Webb Jr., a Vietnam veteran who served as the unit's commander for 11 years and has been with the unit since its inception in 1973.

The goal, he said, is "to try and provide a family with answers to let them know what happened and, if possible, to bring them back so they would have a grave they could visit."

More than 2,200 servicemen are listed as unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, more than 8,000 from the Korean War and nearly 79,000 from World War II. There have been 563 individual identifications; 40 to 50 cases are pending.

The process of sorting out bone fragments and other possible clues is painstaking; despite recent advancements in computer and medical technology, cases can take years to resolve.

In the case of Army Sgt. Frank Morales, an infantryman killed in the Korean War in November 1950, identification was made less than two months after the remains were repatriated by North Korea in December. Dental records were the key — Morales had bridge work, and many front teeth but few back teeth.

For the unknown airman, there was no easy/medical identification.

Parts of the downed plane were repatriated with the remains last year, and this allowed officials to trace the four-man crew.

Checking the records, a forensic dentist matched an overhang in a filling of a tooth that was among the remains with an X-ray taken when the work was done on one of the four crewmen.

This wasn't enough proof, so the lab had bone samples analyzed by scientists who extracted DNA and compared it with a DNA sample from a maternal relative of the airman.

A match was made and the case

soon may be forwarded for the mandatory review process all cases must pass before identifications are approved.

The lab's staff of 152 is based at Hickam Air Force Base and is divided into three units: search and recovery, casualty data analysis and laboratory.

Three search and recovery teams, which also include personnel from other military branches, conduct excavations and collect evidence from battle areas and crash sites. Once the remains are sent home, they are divided as best as possible into separate individuals.

The Casualty Data Analysis section studies records and military historical data to verify information provided by the country that repatriated the remains, or tries to match information from battles and crashes with information recovered from excavations.

Using a computer database, workers scan records to see how many of the people listed as unaccounted for were in that particular area on a mission, or on a particular flight if remains were recovered from a crash site.

Working independently, anthropologists and experts in dentistry try to identify the remains, looking for clues to help determine age, size and other characteristics that may aid in identification.

Using the database, they narrow the possible choices to those who fit the description, and then begin to check individual medical and dental records of people the computer says may fit the profile.

When the results of that work still leave a handful of possible matches, bone samples are taken when possible and sent to labs for possible DNA matching. Not all bones yield DNA because of deterioration and other factors.

Once a recommendation is made for positive identification, it's sent for approval to the Armed Services Graves Registration Office, and the material is reviewed by an independent group of board-certified forensic consultants.

If the consultants agree with the recommendations, they are sent to the Armed Forces Identification Review Board for final approval.

A family can have the case reviewed at government expense by an independent expert of their choice, and can refuse to accept the remains.

"We try to put them at ease," Webb said. "We often establish identity with a very small amount of remains of that individual, so it's very difficult for the families to accept that this is their loved one."

"These families have lived with the uncertainty for a long time. We can relieve a lot of that uncertainty."

Gorilla's first offspring named 'Kudzu'

ATLANTA (AP) — It's a ... Kudzu. Perhaps because six weeks after Kudzu's birth, zookeepers still don't know if the baby gorilla is a girl or boy.

The offspring of Willie B. was given the gender-ambiguous name after the fast-growing Southern vine.

"We hope that this baby gorilla will be as successful and prolific as its namesake," Terry Maple, Zoo Atlanta's director, said Wednesday.

The name was the top choice among the 104,000 people who voted in the final phase of the zoo's "Name

the Gorilla" contest, which ended Sunday. It was one of six names selected by judges from among 60,000 submitted.

Kudzu was born Feb. 8 to longtime Zoo Atlanta star Willie B. and mate Choomba. Its sex is still undetermined because zookeepers do not want to handle the infant until they have to.

Zoo officials were excited by the birth because Willie B., 35, and Choomba, 30, both originated from the wild gorilla population in Africa. It was the second offspring for Choomba and only the first for Willie.

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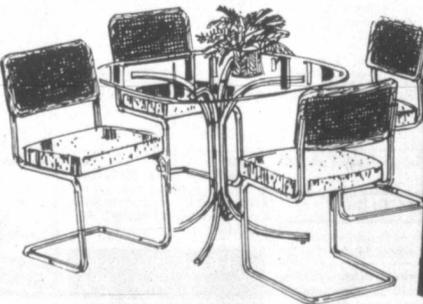
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