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PAMPA — Bands from five middle schools and six high schools are taking part in the Region I U.I.L. AAAA concert and sight reading contest today and tomorrow at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Middle school bands performed today, including the Pampa Middle School Patriot and Concert Bands. Bands from Borger, Hereford, Dumas and Amarillo Valleyview Middle Schools also performed today.

High school bands from Pampa, Caprock, Borger, Dumas, Hereford and Randall High Schools perform Wednesday.

The Pampa High School Concert band will play at 9 a.m. and the PHS Symphonic Band will play at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The concert portion of the contest is open to the public.

PAMPA — Pampa High School counselors will be conducting an informational meeting with parents of prospective seniors beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium.

Some of the topics scheduled to be discussed include graduation requirements, expenses normally incurred during the senior year, post-secondary school options, financial aid, admissions testing and the school's honors program.

For more information, contact John Middlebrooks, a counselor at the high school, at 669-4806.

PANHANDLE — Carson County commissioners will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Impact Statement on the Pantex Weapons Plant.

The briefing will take place in the Commissioner's Court Room located on the second floor of the courthouse.

DALLAS (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan says the United States is doomed to destruction because the country's white forefathers enslaved blacks.

"When America did that, she sentenced herself to death," Farrakhan said Monday night at a "men's only" meeting attended by more than 10,000 blacks.

"I don't care how long you remain on death row, unless somebody who's bigger than the governor can pardon you, then the death sentence remains and will be carried into force at the appropriate time," he said.

Farrakhan, whose past speeches have been called sexist and anti-Semitic, was continuing a national tour during which he urged black men to "stand in unity."

The enthusiastic crowd exploded in applause repeatedly during Farrakhan's speech, during which he sported his trademark shaded glasses and bow tie.

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Layovers could get expensive at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The airport could have its own shopping mall with as many as 96 specialty shops and 100 food vendors by this time next year, officials said.

D-FW's board of directors adopted a plan last week for the shops and restaurants, including six fast-food courts. They could line the walls of the airport's four terminals by mid-1995.

"The goal is to change the perception of D-FW Airport, to make it the airport of choice," said Jeff Fegan, airport executive director.

"To do that, we have to make the airport into a pleasant experience for our customers," he said.

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock County Sheriff D.L. "Sonny" Keese says he will seek an injunction against the operation of a Seagraves, Whiteface and Lubbock Railroad locomotive following a fire allegedly started by sparks from the locomotive.

Keese said Monday he decided to take action after sparks from the train allegedly started a fire that burned 1,200 acres and endangered 10 homes near Wolfthorpe.

Brad Moore, a lawyer representing the railroad, said the engines are routinely inspected by the Texas Railroad Commission and a federal regulatory commission, and none have been found defective.

"I have a serious problem with this fire being the fault of the railroad. It just seems highly suspicious to me that on our entire line, we seem to only have fires in this one particular area," Moore said. "And it seems that when ever there is a fire near the tracks, the sheriff automatically assumes that it is caused by the train. And that is not necessarily correct."

The sheriff said he is convinced the train started the fires.

Skinner asks judge to order mail privacy Order awaiting judge's signature

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

An order agreed to by attorneys for accused murderer Henry Watkins Skinner and the district attorney at noon today awaited a district judge's signature before requiring Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield to refrain from opening Skinner's privileged mail outside his presence.

Any evidence gleaned from privileged mail correspondence relating to Skinner's capital murder accusation would be suppressed by the court, the proposed order says.

During pretrial motions Monday on Skinner's behalf, District Judge Kent Sims was asked to sign an order to bar Stubblefield and his employees from opening, reading, copying or confiscating

the defendant's privileged mail.

Privileged mail includes that to or from state and federal government officials, attorneys, legal advocacy groups, news media and clergy.

Sims today said he had not yet seen the order, which prosecuting and defense attorneys said they had agreed to.

If the proposed order is signed, the sheriff and those who work for him would be prohibited from opening, except in Skinner's presence, any mail from privileged correspondents. Any mail sent by Skinner to privileged correspondents must not be opened, the proposed order says.

Skinner is accused of the New Year's Eve bludgeoning death of Twila Jean Busby and the stabbing deaths of her two sons, Randolph Busby Jr., and Elwin Caler

in their Campbell Street home.

The proposed order further states that incoming and outgoing general correspondence may only be opened for the purpose of determining whether it contains information about escape plans or violations of state or federal law.

Sims appointed Pampa attorney Mark Buzzard as a referee should Skinner protest the confiscation of any incoming, outgoing, privileged or general correspondence.

"What we're talking about here is Mr. Skinner's day-to-day access to his counsel, his clergy, to the press ... It's relevant now to get it settled," Skinner's defense attorney Harold Comer told the court.

He claims the practice of the sheriff opening privileged mail

outside Skinner's presence is in violation of the First, Sixth and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution.

District Attorney John Mann responded that the proper vehicle for remedying alleged civil rights violations is a civil rights lawsuit filed in federal or state court.

"It is not the jurisdiction of the district attorney to defend the sheriff in a civil lawsuit," Mann said.

"We have no wish to take the sheriff to federal court for unconstitutional practices. We just want a ruling on what he can do with inmates' mail," Comer said.

Sims told Comer that if he filed a motion for a temporary injunction, he would hold a hearing within a few days because there are valid claims to address.

Mann said he refused to sign

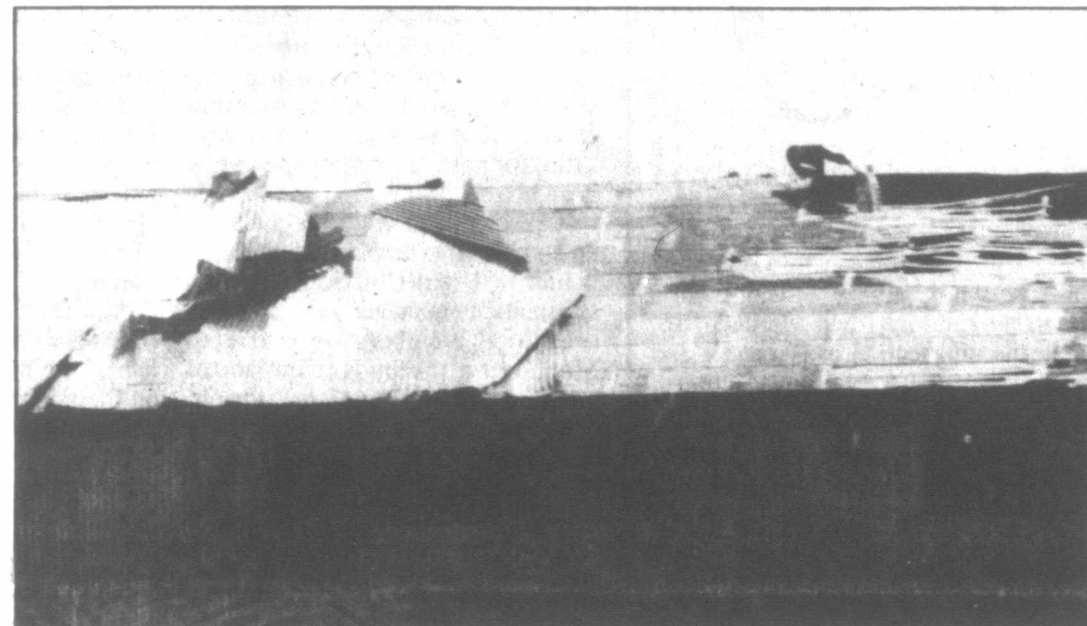
an order acknowledging that Stubblefield violated Skinner's civil rights. However, he said, he would agree to sign an order delineating prisoner's mail rights as set out by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The district attorney also said that no evidence against Skinner has been obtained from any of his mail.

During a court recess, Stubblefield said he did not open Skinner's privileged mail. He said that according to the Commission on Jail Standards, mail from clergy and churches is not privileged.

Comer said that six pieces of privileged mail were delivered to Skinner in jail previously opened. Photo copies of privileged correspondence were also turned over to Skinner Monday, Comer said.

High winds sweep area



Sheet metal roofing flaps in the wind Monday afternoon in the 600 block of West Atchison. (Pampa News photo)

Firefighters battle with grass fire

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Area firefighters continued their battle with a grass fire today, trying to extinguish the last remaining hot spots of a blaze that has scorched parts of three counties since it began Monday during the high winds that swept across the area.

"It was like nothing I'd ever seen before," said Fire Chief Mike Tice of the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department. "If you can imagine a fire tornado, that's what we had."

The fire which began early Monday afternoon apparently started in Hutchinson County, north of Skellytown, and spread quickly fueled by winds gusting up to 65 mph.

Firefighters from Skellytown, White Deer, Phillips Petroleum, Hutchinson County, Fritch, Stinnett and Miami as well as ranchers responded to fire which was located on the Brainard and Duncan ranches, Tice said.

An exact amount of damage from the fire was not available, according to Tice. However, he did say that around 7 p.m. Monday night he heard reports that the fire had traveled at least 25 miles from where it began.

The cause of the fire has not been established, according to Tice.

As for any structures being destroyed in the blaze, Tice said he hadn't heard of any buildings being destroyed although a corral had suffered some light damage.

In Carson and Roberts counties little if any damage was reported by dispatchers who said winds had been gusting from 55 to 65 mph.

Damage from the winds seemed generally heavier in Gray County as a number of roofs and carports were reportedly destroyed in McLean and Pampa.

In addition, a number of people reported thick tree limbs and small structures like play

houses and sheds blown about in Pampa and others reported shattered windows.

Damage to Pampa's parks seemed mostly limited to Central, West Central and Highland parks, which are located in the central part of the city near Clarendon College, said Reed Kirkpatrick, Pampa's parks director.

Crews from the city will be collecting the fallen limbs and will then repair the trees as best as possible, he said.

Most of the saplings recently planted in the parks escaped being damaged as the larger trees took the brunt of the damage, Kirkpatrick said.

Ernest Ramirez, Pampa's district manager of Southwestern Public Service, said moderate damage was done to electrical lines as antennas from private homes came loose and were entangled in the lines.

In one case, power went out to one section of Pampa for 16 minutes, he said.

Outside of Pampa, Ramirez said that two poles were downed from the high wind near the Hoechst Celanese chemical plant.



A tree branch lies in the street near St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, blown down by the wind Monday. (Pampa News photo)

Pampa man charged in kidnapping case after allegedly forcing ride for him, buddies

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A Pampa man is in custody today charged with aggravated kidnapping after he allegedly forced another man to drive him and some buddies to a Davis-Street residence late Sunday.

Raul Rudy Rodriguez, 19, 221 Lefors, was arrested shortly after midnight today and taken to city of Pampa

jail, where he was awaiting a bond hearing today on the charge of aggravated kidnapping, said Sgt. Katie Gerhardt of the police department.

According to police officials, Lance Ferland, 18, was changing a flat tire for a friend in a parking lot at First Baptist Church about 11 p.m. Sunday when he was accosted at knife point by four Hispanic males who walked up to him on foot.

Taken from Ferland was about \$5 and a 1990 Chevrolet Z.24.

Originally, one of the four men was left guarding Ferland at knife point while the other three drove off in the car.

They returned and picked up Ferland and demanded he drive them to the 400 block of Davis, where Ferland was released uninjured and his car returned to him.

Nation prepares for the funeral of former president

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — The pattern of ruin and renewal that defined Richard Nixon repeats itself in his final journey.

The same Boeing 707 that took the 37th president home after he resigned rather than face impeachment over the Watergate scandal was carrying his body to California from New York today for a lavish state funeral in the town of his birth.

Nixon, who spent a political lifetime battling Democrats, will be buried Wednesday on the grounds of his childhood home. One of the eulogies will come from President Clinton, the baby boom Democrat who protested Nixon's Vietnam War policies as a student in Britain. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was a lawyer on the House Judiciary Committee as it considered impeachment charges against Nixon.

Those who knew Nixon say the funeral arrangements are fitting for a man who resigned in disgrace only to emerge from political exile as an elder statesman whose counsel was sought by his successors, both Republican and Democrat.

"Politics are full of ironies," said former Nixon aide Ken Khachigian, "and Richard Nixon's politics are probably fuller than most."

The first stop in California today was a Marine base that is closing, the casualty of a defense budget that shrank with the end of the Cold War that shaped Nixon's career.

Nixon's final resting place is the nine-acre Nixon Library and Birthplace, built on the citrus farm once run by his family. The grave is near the site of the house where Nixon was born 81 years ago. He referred to in the opening line of his memoirs: "I was born in the house my father built."

The farmland failed the Nixon family; the lemon trees never took to the soil, one of the first of many setbacks and disappointments in Nixon's life.

Nixon will lie next to his wife, Pat, who died last year of lung cancer after a lifetime in the harsh glare of the political spotlight.

Though he was born in the state, California never entirely warmed to Nixon, nor he to it. His "last press conference," in which he told the press it wouldn't "have Nixon to kick around anymore," came after he lost the 1962 governor's race.

Soon after, Nixon went East on the path that would lead him to the White House and, finally, back home again.

The former president's town is steadfastly proud of its native son, the only California-born president of the United States.

"This is his home. This is his hometown. The circle is now complete," said Mayor Barbara Kiley.

It is here where Nixon chose to have his casket viewed today, not in the Capitol, where he served as a representative and senator before Congress became his enemy. Nixon library officials set aside 23 hours straight for the public to walk by the closed casket.

And it is here, in this bedroom community of 57,000 people, that Nixon chose to invite the world's most powerful people, drawing them from Washington.

Nixon didn't want a funeral in Washington because it would have been only a backdrop for diplomacy and politics rather than a tribute to the man, said Dimitri K. Simes, a foreign policy expert and Nixon confidant.

"This is not a place where the future of Washington is going to be determined," Simes said. "This in my view is a very different funeral, and that is how President Nixon wanted it."

Government, stock markets to close for Nixon's funeral

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most federal offices and many of the nation's major financial markets will close Wednesday, out of respect for the late President Nixon.

Nixon's funeral is scheduled Wednesday at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

President Clinton has ordered the closing of most federal agencies that day as a mark of respect. Congress will recess as well.

The Supreme Court will also be closed, but the decision whether to close other federal courts was left up to the chief judge in each circuit.

The Postal Service will suspend regular mail delivery and window service for the day, although mail processing and transport will continue. Special Delivery and Express Mail will be delivered.

All U.S. stock, bond and commodities markets are expected to close.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported before press time today.

Obituaries

VERGIL TRUITT McPHERSON

HEDLEY — Vergil Truitt McPherson, 78, the brother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 24, 1994. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ellis LeForce officiating. Burial will be in the Roe Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Home of Clarendon.

Mr. McPherson was born in Bray and was a long-time Hedley farmer, rancher and businessman. He was the owner of Ver-Wyn Motel on Highway 287. He was a former deputy sheriff of Potter and Donley counties.

Mr. McPherson was a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church, the Lions Club and the Hedley Senior Citizens. He also served on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Water Authority.

Survivors include his wife, Opal McPherson; four daughters, Carolyn Kirkland and Beverly McPherson, both of Amarillo, Kathy Blackwell of Comanche, Okla., and Becky Edmonson of Springfield, Mo.; his twin sister, Verlin McCracken of Pampa; a brother, W.E. McPherson of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church.

The body will not be available for viewing.

Police report

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

MONDAY, April 26

Lance Ferland, 2405 Evergreen, reported aggravated kidnapping at First Baptist Church.

Lewis Junior Dinkins, 1085 Varnon Dr., reported accidental shooting.

Donita Mae Herver, Panhandle, reported criminal mischief at Russell and Kingsmill.

Teresa Ramirez, 949 Barnard, reported information about damage to a vehicle.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Erica L. Free, 434 Carr, reported information about forgery at 1017 Love.

Brian Louis Bailey, 600 N. Ward #A, reported criminal mischief in the alley at 600 N. Ward.

Jess Huebert Baker, Groom, reported information at 2300 N. Hobart.

Arrest

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Sheriff's Office

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Exxon, Alanreed, reported theft.

Diane Gray Pearson reported lost or stolen property at Gray County Courthouse.

Arrest

MONDAY, April 25

William Chris Fox, 18, 1104 S. Sumner, was arrested on a charge of assault by threat. He was released to appear in court.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, April 25

1 p.m. — A 1978 Buick driven by Opal Bynum Mahanay, 73, 240 Tignor, was in collision with a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Ferrel Richard Yearwood, 68, 2425 Cherokee, in the 100 block of East Foster. Mahanay was cited for backing when unsafe.

7 p.m. — A 1972 Chevrolet driven by James Lee Middleton, 18, 501 N. Ward, was in collision with a 1989 Nissan driven by Lindsay Rhea McBride, 16, 1326 N. Russell, at the intersection of Harvester and Russell. Middleton was cited for failure to control speed.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.08
Milo	4.09
Com	4.65

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

Serico	4 1/8	dn 1/8
Occidental	17 1/2	up 1/4

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

Magellan	70.07
Puritan	15.66

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

Amoco	56 1/2	dn 1/2
Arco	99 1/4	NC
Cabot	52 1/2	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	22 1/8	dn 1/4

Chevron	92 1/2	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	40 3/8	dn 1/4
Diamond Sham	27 3/4	up 1/8
Enron	30	up 1/8
Halliburton	30 1/8	dn 1/2
HealthTrust Inc.	28 7/8	NC
Ingersoll Rand	35 1/8	NC
KNE	22 7/8	NC
Kerr McGee	46 3/8	up 1/8
Limited	18 7/8	up 3/8
Mapco	62 3/4	NC
Maxus	4 3/4	up 1/4
McDonald's	59 1/4	dn 3/8
Mobil	80	NC
New Amco	28 1/8	up 3/8
Parker & Parsley	26 3/8	up 1/8
Penney's	53 5/8	dn 1/8
Phillips	32 3/8	dn 3/8
SLB	55 7/8	up 1/4
SPS	28 1/2	dn 1/8
Tenneco	52	dn 1/4
Texasco	65 1/8	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	25 3/8	NC
New York Gold	374.40	NC
Silver	5.17	NC
West Texas Crude	17.22	NC

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa	Abraham of Canadian, a baby boy.
James Franklin Bryant	Dismissals Pampa
Edgar Dean Carson	Carly Ray Allen
James Marvin Douglas	Andrea D. Baker and baby girl
Dorothy Inez Gattis	Willie Belle Guill
Ines Jeanette Griego	Patty Ann Trevino
Jessie L. Magee	Steven D. Weatherly
Dorothy Jean Morris	Skellytown
Willie Belle Guill (extended care)	Alta Mae Novotny
Birth	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
To Mr. and Mrs. Salem	No admissions or dismissals were reported.

Calendar of events

PAMPA TOASTMASTERS

The Pampa Toastmasters Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hi-Land Church, 18th and Banks. Those interested in improving their public speaking skills are invited to join the club.

LEFORS SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT

Lefors sixth grade, junior high and high school choirs will be in concert at 7 p.m. today in the Lefors High School auditorium.

Fires

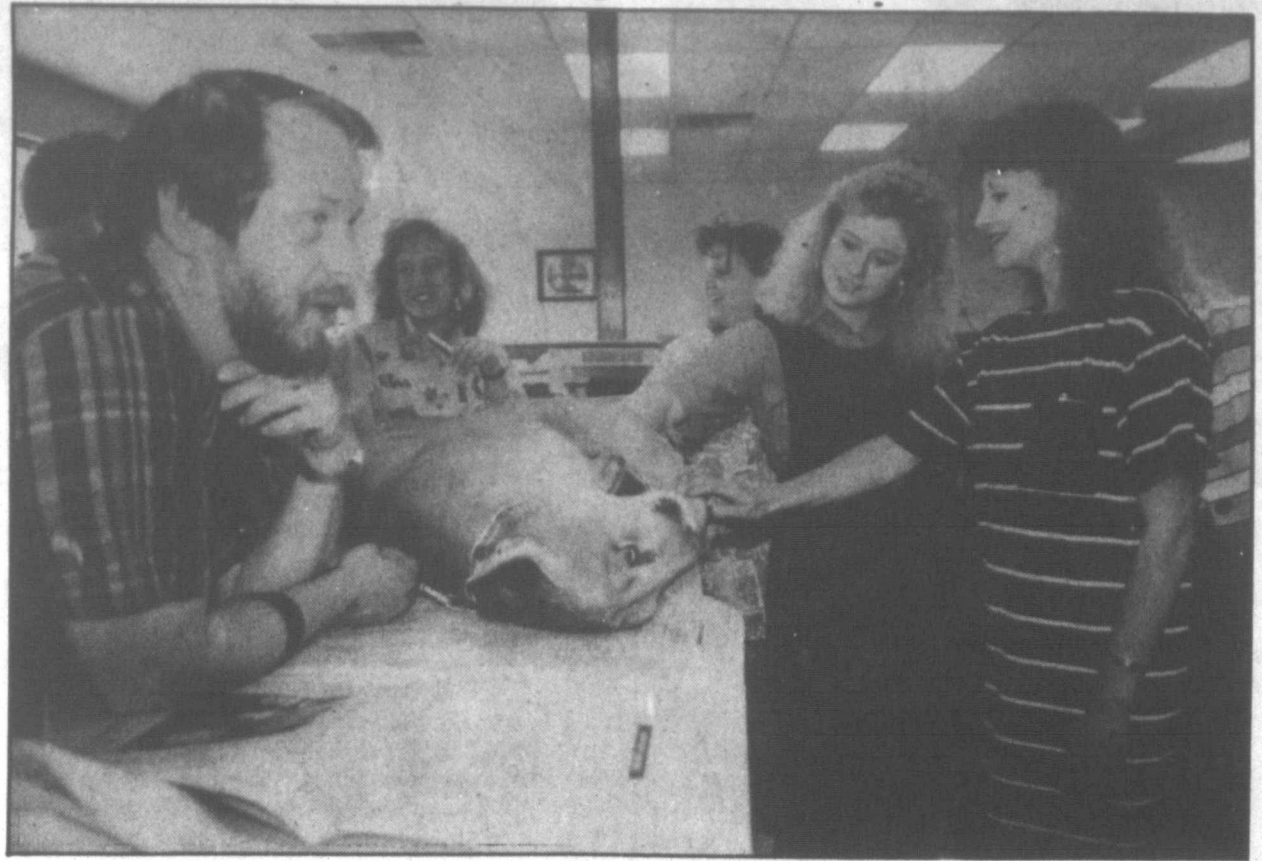
The Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, April 26

9:21 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 908 S. Hobart.

5:56 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1085 Varnon Dr. Damage to the house was heavy. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to a representative of the fire department.

A purrrrrrr-fect day



Jake, a two-year old 125 pound cougar, enjoys having Pampa News front office personnel Karla Mitchel, left, and Beverly Taylor, right, lavish some attention on him during a visit to the newspaper. Tom Lease, far left, founder of Cougars Unlimited, is in town doing a promotional and educational tour at local schools that is sponsored by a car dealership. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Dallas balks at proposed same-sex coverage

DALLAS (AP) — City employees involved in same-sex relationships will have to wait at least a year before getting insurance coverage for their partners.

A suggestion to extend those benefits went nowhere before the Dallas City Council on Monday, officials said.

"If it doesn't bubble up to the top from the people who would be affected by it, I'm not going to pursue this in terms of political grandstanding," said council member Craig McDaniel, who said he is gay.

So, for now, the matter apparently is on hold.

"We did what we were asked to do and we have no plans of pursuing it further," said Cliff Keheley, first assistant city manager.

Council members were briefed Monday on the budget impact of such extended benefits, which, although it did not explicitly address homosexual couples, Keheley said it would have applied to gay and lesbian partnerships.

Common-law spouses of city workers already qualify for benefits.

"All we're doing is informing the council of the nature of policies of other jurisdictions," Keheley said.

McDaniel said he and council member Chris Luna asked the staff in February to check into the budget impact of extending benefits to all domestic partnerships.

McDaniel said he did not see the issue as involving gay-rights concerns, but supporters of the benefits idea disagree.

"My immediate reaction is, it's about time," said Jamie Schield of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

"If they've (people with AIDS) got a spouse that's working, that's contributing tax dollars, why can't their partner take advantage of that, especially when it's so needed?" Schield said.

City research showed that AIDS-related claims would not necessarily increase program costs.

But council member Donna Blumer opposed such a program.

"It will be a distraction and will polarize the city and the council," said Ms. Blumer, former president of the conservative Dallas Eagle Forum.

At a time when the council must focus on crime and budget problems, "we're going to have to go off on these rabbit trails on somebody's personal agenda," she said.

Keheley said Dallas already spends more than \$40 million on employee health benefits, the same amount as the city's anticipated budget shortfall for the fiscal year.

City officials estimate the cost of extending benefits to all domestic partners would add \$186,000 to the annual costs.

A similar plan recently was passed in Austin.

The Austin plan defines a domestic partner as an "individual who lives in the same household and shares the common resources of life in a close, personal, intimate relationship with a city employee."

Opponents of the Austin plan gathered more than 15,000 signatures to fight a proposed charter revision that restricts benefits to legally married couples and their children.

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Panel returns DWI counts

Three Pampa men were indicted Monday on charges accusing them of drunk driving. Indicted by a 31st Judicial District grand jury were:

- Malcome Bryan Nichols, 32, 331 N. Davis. He is accused of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which is alleged to have occurred April 4. His bond is \$2,500.

- Ronald Ray Browning, 47, 2205 Williston, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which is alleged to have occurred Feb. 3. His bond is \$5,000.

- Rickey Dee Vaughn, 40, HCR 2 Box 359, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which is alleged to have occurred Dec. 3, 1993. His bond is \$5,000.

A fourth indictment accuses Donna Minaryard, 42, 1216 Darby, of forgery by making which is alleged to have occurred Oct. 6, 1993. Her bond is \$2,000.

Lawyers near plea bargain in Ames spy case

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors are on the verge of obtaining guilty pleas from veteran CIA official Aldrich Ames and his wife as part of a deal in which he would spend life in prison for spying for Moscow but she would serve only a few years, according to four sources familiar with the case.

If a deal is reached, prosecutors plan to ask a federal grand jury in suburban Alexandria, Va., to return

narrow, formal charges against the couple later today, the sources, inside and outside the government, said Monday night.

A government official said an indictment today was "a real possibility." A source outside the government said of the plea negotiations, "Nothing is final until it is final."

Under the proposed deal, Ames, 52, would plead guilty and cooperate fully with U.S. investigations of his spying by describing how he operated, what he turned over and any help he received, according to

the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ames, who has worked for the CIA for 31 years, is the highest-ranking CIA official ever charged with spying for a foreign government. Once head of counterintelligence in the spy agency's Soviet-East Europe section, he is accused of spying for the Soviet Union and then Russia from May 1985 until his arrest Feb. 21.

In return for his life sentence, Ames' wife, Rosario, 41, was offered a five-year prison term.

House fire



Firefighter Randy Dunham extinguishes the last remnants of a fire that heavily damaged a home at 1085 Varnon late Monday afternoon. Three units and five firefighters responded to the blaze, which is still being investigated by the fire department. (Pampa News by Melinda Martinez)

City briefs

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

EASY'S SOUTHSIDE, 201 W. McCullough. You now have another place to buy beer and wine on Sunday. Open 12 noon on Sunday. Adv.

PAMPA COUNSELING Service is offering Free 12 week course to teenage pregnant mothers and mothers of minor children on Substance Abuse effects to unborn children, April 28-July 14th. Register, 665-5151 or at 1st session. Adv.

EAGLE RADIATOR Shop has Re-Opened!! 516 W. Foster. Adv.

4 PINK Floyd concert tickets, April 28. 669-9437. Adv.

CLOSE-OUT on Ceiling Fans and Light Fixtures. Sanders Sewing Center, 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383. Adv.

EASY'S SOUTHSIDE Now Open, 201 W. McCullough. Hot dog and 16 oz. drink 99¢. 32 oz. Coke 49¢. Watch for our Grand Opening. Open 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Adv.

VINE RIPENED Tomatoes. Bob's Fruit Market, 736 N. Banks. Adv.

REMEMBER YOUR Secretary with a bouquet from Rolanda's Silk Flowers & Gifts. Adv.

THE ULTIMATE tanning machine - for sale 1952 MG Convertible Kjt Car, English racing red with tan interior. Mint condition. For more information call 665-2213 after 4 p.m. Adv.

FOR SECRETARIES Day, give a gift or gift certificate from All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Free delivery in Pampa. Adv.

FENCE REPAIR, Joe Johnson, 665-3368, 669-9232. Adv.

NUMEROUS PAPER Routes opening May 1st. Apply Pampa News today. Adv.

ESTEE LAUDER Fragrances and Skin Care, great gift ideas for Secretary's Day and Mother's Day. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Wednesday 27th, 6-9 p.m. Hamburger Station. Adv.

LET ARCHIE'S Aluminum repair or replace windows - doors - glass - fences and miscellaneous other things that has been damaged by the wind. 401 E. Craven. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of perennials and bedding plants arriving today. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

MOM N Me always has something new at our new location at 318 E. Foster. Come in for a special gift for Mom on her day. Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 5:30, 665-7132. Adv.

BASKETS OF Love & Party Too. We are open - Don't forget your Secretary. Combs-Worley. Adv.

REMEMBER YOUR Special Secretary with a gift basket or a candy bouquet. Call Celebrations, 665-3100. We deliver. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 40 and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph and gusty early, becoming northwest 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Wednesday, partly cloudy, breezy and cooler with a high in the upper 50s and northwest wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Caution will be advised on area lakes. Monday's high was 73; this morning's low was 45.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, fair. Lows near 40 northwest to upper 40s southeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60 northwest to near 70 southeast. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 35-40. South Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 50-55. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 70s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 45-50.

North Texas — Tonight, a chance

of thunderstorms central and east, partly cloudy west. Lows in mid 50s west to upper 60s east. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms area-wide. Highs in low to mid 80s. Wednesday night, cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 50s west to upper 60s southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight through Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, 60s Hill Country. Highs in the 80s and low 90s. Coastal Bend: Tonight through Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Highs in low 90s inland to near 80 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight through Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s inland to 80s coast.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Tonight, partly

cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms extreme east and southeast. Lows from upper 40s extreme north to mid 60s southeast. Wednesday, partly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly in afternoon. Cooler north with highs in upper 60s to mid 70s. Still warm in southeast with highs in low 80s.

New Mexico — Tonight, cold. Variable thunderstorms with scattered snow showers northwest third. Skies mostly fair elsewhere. Lows in teens to low 30s mountains and northwest, 30s and 40s east and south. Wednesday, cool with brisk winds and variable clouds. Scattered showers and mountain snows north. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north, 60s and 70s south. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with lingering snow showers north. Fair skies south. Lows teens to mid 30s mountains and northwest, mid 30s to 40s east and south.

At least three killed in suburban Dallas twisters; rescue workers search rubble

By ROBERT G. WIELAND
Associated Press Writer

LANCASTER (AP) — Rescue workers searched for more bodies early today in the rubble of this Dallas suburb where at least three people died when a tornado roared from the stormy night sky.

Department of Public Safety trooper Robert White said this morning that only three people are confirmed dead, but authorities suspect up to six more were killed, he said.

"We've got a team of search dogs looking through the rubble for other bodies," White said. Based on an aerial survey, it appears that the tornado's path was 6 miles long and a half-mile wide. Five to six blocks were leveled and about five more sustained severe damage. Two hundred to 300 homes are uninhabitable, either because they were destroyed or sustained heavy damage, White said.

"Eighty percent of the buildings downtown were destroyed," he said.

Utility crews worked through the night to restore power and telephone lines knocked down by the storm while gas utility workers cut service to buildings blown apart by Monday's powerful storm. Gaitner said most electricity had been restored by dawn.

Structures on the south side of the square were shredded. Those on the northern edge had broken windows, awnings and shutters. Bricks, shingles, iron lamp posts

and utility lines littered the streets.

Damages were being computed this morning, said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service in Austin. On Monday night, before the twister touched down, Johns said, "This is easily a \$100 million storm and could probably go much higher."

"Our building is the only one with four walls still standing," said David Montgomery, owner of the Lancaster Opry on the town's Historic Square, where 1930s gangsters Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow once robbed a bank.

Between 100 to 200 homes were destroyed. A local disaster emergency had been declared so Lancaster residents may seek government assistance, Gaitner said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, arrived at the Lancaster emergency command center shortly before 9 a.m.

She said the Federal Emergency Management Agency is prepared to move into the storm-stricken area "as soon as they hear from the governor's office."

FEMA official Gary Jones said the agency was coordinating with Texas emergency officials to assist people in the tornado-ravaged area.

Recovery teams from the state were en route to Lancaster, Jones said.

The U.S. and Texas flags were tattered but still flying at the Vietnam Memorial. The city of Lancaster flag was hanging from its pole by a thread.

About 20 people were treated at Midway Park Medical Center for cuts and bruises, said Kim L. Schmidt, chief nursing officer. She rode out the storm in the pantry of her home in DeSoto.

"I had my cellular phone in one hand and my TV control in the other and I kept trying to make the volume louder so I could hear it over the storm," she said.

The twister was part of a system tracked more than 30 miles from the west side of Fort Worth. It dropped baseball-sized hail near The Ballpark in Arlington, where the Texas Rangers were forced to postpone a game with the Detroit Tigers. Fans were actually swimming along the aisles in the bleachers.

Dallas County emergency officials sounded sirens when funnel clouds were spotted as the storm approached Cedar Hill on the southeast corner of the county.

An amateur radio operator reported a touchdown along Interstate 35 between DeSoto and Lancaster and then the twister retreated into the sky.

The DeSoto City Hall and the DeSoto Civic Center both suffered severe damage. About 30 people attending square-dancing lessons in the civic center were secured in the kitchen just before the tornado hit.

"It tore the ceiling out," said Lee Gentry, a DeSoto real estate agent who was among the square dancers. "All the ceiling tiles fell upward and came back down. Some mortar and pieces of blocks fell through."

"We were very lucky," he said, adding that he had

some nicks and cuts and his wife needed stitches for her head injury. DeSoto, which borders Lancaster to the west, has a population of 30,000.

The storm struck again at the heart of Lancaster, a city of 22,000 located a dozen miles south of Dallas.

"It hit at exactly 9:38 p.m.," said Barbara Montgomery. "That's when our clock, Big Ben, was broken."

Although the tornado damaged the Lancaster Opry's roof, instruments on the stage weren't even dented.

"My baby grand is safe and sound," said Mrs. Montgomery, who was on her way home when the storm struck.

"It's a good thing it didn't hit earlier," she said. "The square pretty much closes by 7 and we left after shutting things down."

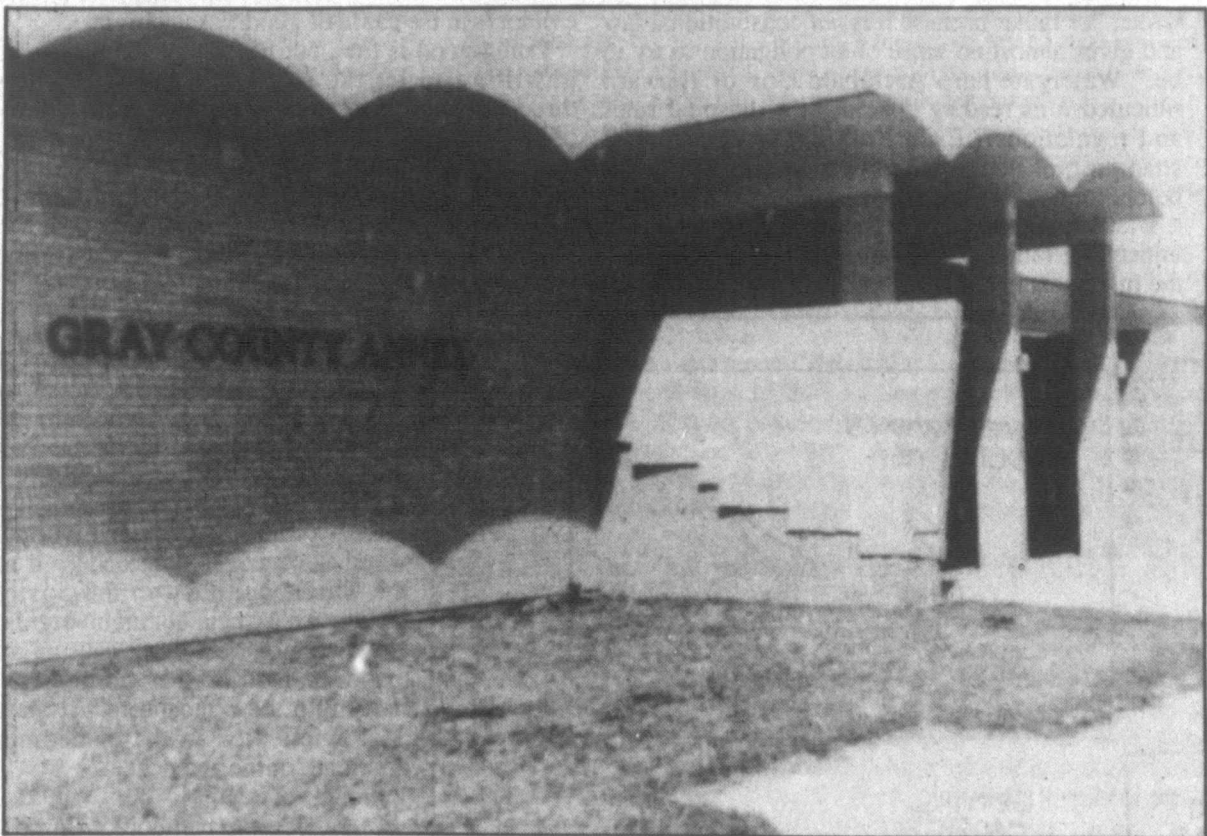
Other structures around the square were reduced to rubble.

"It looks like a bomb hit," Mrs. Montgomery said.

Police quickly sealed off the area to protect the contents of specialty shops such as Quilter's Corner, Amaya's Grill and Hair Creations. Spectators were discouraged from entering the area because of potentially hazardous debris like broken glass, metal fragments and live wires.

"We managed to dodge the bullet," said Von Ray Pogue, whose ancestors settled the area in the mid-1800s. "But a lot of my friends and neighbors, well, they weren't so lucky."

Wind damage



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Monday's high winds, reportedly gusting up to 70 mph, wreaked havoc on the cinder block entryway shelter at the Gray County Annex Building east of Pampa on Highway 60. Above, the cinder block structure leans against the pillars after the winds caused a zigzag crack to appear. Below, the cinder blocks lie strewn on the ground after county employees used equipment to tear the structure down to prevent it from falling across the entryway.

(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)



Pesticide overhaul bill ready after seven months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protecting the safety of children is a key goal in pesticide-control bills being introduced today for the Clinton administration.

Seven months after describing its proposals, the administration has put them into bills that will be considered by four congressional committees.

The proposals will run up against a less-restrictive bill, supported by the food industry and American Farm Bureau Federation, that has 220 sponsors — a majority — in the House and 20 in the Senate.

The administration proposal would curtail the system of considering economic impact on farmers in deciding whether a pesticide should be allowed in the food supply.

The health-based standard would be the only one used. It would replace often-conflicting standards in food-safety laws, some of which allow

several levels of pesticide residue while others allow none at all.

The tolerances would have to recognize the eating habits and size of infants and children, who, for their body weight, eat more fruits and vegetables than do adults.

"We do believe this bill represents a step forward over current law," said Carolyn Brickey, speaking for the National Campaign for Pesticide Policy Reform.

The National Food Processors Association says the risk-benefit standard can be preserved, assuring an ample, inexpensive food supply without threatening human health. The group calls the administration proposal "costly and unworkable."

The proposal says the Environmental Protection Agency would allow some pesticide residue in foods

unless the chemicals posed "a potential dietary risk of cancer in humans."

When setting levels, the EPA would have to consider "all other anticipated consumer exposures for which there is reliable information" — such as exposure through drinking water, lawn chemicals and household bug killers.

Instead of examining one chemical at a time, regulators would look at the presence of similar chemicals in deciding whether tolerances are safe.

The proposal also addresses other health risks from pesticides, including chemicals that resemble the human sex hormone estrogen. Environmentalists have raised concerns that such chemicals have had an impact on breast cancer in women, sperm counts in men, and other problems.

IMF hopes to approve new aid for Russia

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top officials of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank hope Russia will qualify for billions of dollars in additional support from the West as long as its reform program remains on track.

But the two lending institutions say more progress in reducing inflation and the budget deficit is needed to halt a free fall in the Russian economy.

"The costs of delays in implementing comprehensive economic programs are starkly evident," the IMF's policy-setting interim committee said in a final communique Monday.

The annual spring meetings of the two multinational agencies was scheduled to conclude after another full day of talks today.

In its statement on Russia, the IMF said it welcomed the adoption of an economic program by Russian President Boris Yeltsin's government that aims to reduce the inflation rate to 7 percent a month by the end of this year and curb the government's budget deficit.

It said progress in implementing this program would "pave the way for a more comprehensive" IMF assistance program totaling \$4 billion.

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said that this broader support could be in place by the end

of the year. World Bank officials said they are ready to proceed in the next two months to approve more than \$1 billion in new loans for specific projects in Russia.

World Bank President Lewis Preston said he believed Russia's latest economic program had a better chance for success because of the backing from Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

"What you have got now is a prime minister who is committed to reform, and I think he has a better working relationship with the (Parliament) than some of his predecessor governments," Preston said Monday.

Preston said he planned to present to his institution's board of directors by May 19 a \$200 million loan to provide technical support to 20 Russian commercial banks as a key step in modernizing the country's banking system.

Officials said that other loans awaiting board approval before the bank's fiscal year ends on June 30 included a second \$600 million loan to modernize Russia's oil and gas industry and two loans totaling about \$325 million to support the agricultural sector.

Earlier this year, the World Bank announced approval of a \$300 million highway improvement loan for Russia.

World Bank officials said that there was also a possibility that the institution would provide up to \$600 million in the second half of the

year to support purchases of critically needed imports.

The IMF and the World Bank are expected to provide the bulk of Western assistance to Russia as it struggles to transform from communism to a free-market system.

But much of that assistance depends on Russia's setting and then meeting various economic targets such as restraining inflation and its budget deficit. Twice before the IMF has begun providing assistance to Russia only to halt those programs when Russia failed to live up to its commitments.

For 1993, the West had pledged \$55 billion, including \$19 billion in support from the multinational lending institutions. However, only \$3 billion of the IMF and World Bank support was delivered because Russia fell out of compliance with its IMF program.

IMF officials said their latest estimate put the amount of assistance needed by Russia for 1994 at around \$34 billion. The IMF estimates that \$26 billion of that needs to come from debt relief provided by Russia's creditors, both Western governments and commercial banks.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said in his address to the IMF that the United States and other creditor countries must work quickly to reach a new debt rescheduling agreement with Russia. He said Yeltsin's government must do its part by implementing the reform agreement it has negotiated with the IMF.

Convicted killer executed for bar manager's death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Larry Anderson was executed early today for the abduction, robbery and fatal stabbing of a Houston bar manager more than a dozen years ago.

Anderson, 41, was pronounced dead at 12:42 a.m. CDT, eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms. He declined to make a final statement.

The execution was delayed about 15 minutes because officers had some difficulty finding suitable veins in the arms of Anderson, who had a history of illegal drug use, prison spokesman Charles Brown said.

At least one of the two needles was placed into his wrist. The normal procedure is for the needles to be inserted in the inside elbow area of the arms.

Anderson was put to death for killing Zeldia Webster, 28, who was stabbed 15 times, including four wounds to the heart, after she was abducted from a Houston bar she managed. Her body was found on the side of a road about six miles from where she worked.

At the time of the slaying, Anderson was on parole from Arkansas for a similar abduction where the female victim survived.

Defense lawyers challenged Texas' capital murder statute, contending it was vague when applied

to Anderson's case. They also argued that prosecutors improperly instructed jurors and that Anderson's trial attorney was incompetent.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected Anderson's last appeal about an hour before he was put to death.

Anderson was pulled over by state troopers March 28, 1982 while driving his truck in the dark without lights. Police found him splattered with blood and carrying a hunting knife. He told officers he had been skinning rabbits.

Police, however, found no rabbits but several money bags in his truck and he was arrested. Anderson eventually told police where he left the woman's body. The money, about \$1,000, came from the bar.

Anderson contended he had an

argument with Ms. Webster stemming from a \$5,000 illegal drug deal and killed her after she threatened to file a rape complaint against him. Authorities said she was abducted after closing the bar. One of her shoes was found in the bar parking lot.

Prison records show Anderson was on parole from Arkansas for less than four months at the time of the slaying. He came to Houston in 1973 after serving two years of a 10-year Arkansas prison sentence for kidnapping, grand larceny and robbery.

His parole lasted just three months when he was returned to Arkansas with a 21-year term for possession of stolen property and robbery. He was paroled December 1981. The Webster killing was the following March.

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Opinion

Administration's assault on religion

Freedom of speech and religion could be in for a drubbing by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which is due to consider proposed rules to outlaw "religious harassment" in the private workplace.

What, you might ask, is religious harassment? The proposed guidelines are vague enough, it seems, to let the enforcers come up with their own definitions on a case-by-case basis, guided by whatever whims or prejudices move them at the moment.

Dianna Johnston, a top EEOC lawyer, reveals how fluid the standards would be, by offering her own elastic interpretation of the crime. "You certainly can wear a cross or a yarmulke to work under these guidelines. Something rises to the level of a violation only when it is hostile and denigrating or abusive." Hostile? Denigrating? Who's to decide what that means? The bureaucrats — and the courts, of course.

People who want to talk about their religion had better watch out for Big Brother, if Johnston has her way. She's generous enough to say that asking someone to church or posting a piece of Scripture on the wall shouldn't be a crime. But "when that person says, 'No, I don't want to go to church with you,' and you keep on and keep on and keep on asking, at some point, a court may find that rose to the level of harassment."

Interesting, isn't it, how these Clinton administration bureaucrats are singling out obnoxiousness in the name of religion for punishment. We can imagine an annoying employee bugging a co-worker again and again to accompany him to a ball game, or to a weight-control class, or to the swap meet. The EEOC hasn't yet singled out such activity as meriting a federal caning. No, it's religion that gets on these people's nerves, for whatever reason of philosophy or bigotry animates them.

Now, private employers ought to have the freedom, if they feel called, to chide or discipline employees who hinder productivity or disturb others by making a nuisance of themselves on the job. A worker who pushes religion aggressively, or someone who's always starting political arguments, or a zealot of some multi-level marketing scheme, might fall into this category, depending on the needs and norms of the particular workplace. But for the feds to step in and dictate what people can say and what they can't abridges the rights of employers and employees alike. It encourages resorting to court when people have difficulty in relating to one another, rather than the more mature process of working to accommodate and respect differences.

By seizing on religious expression as some kind of unique "danger," the Clinton brigade demonstrates a contempt for basic constitutional protections, among the chief of which is liberty to worship a higher power without fear of persecution by "lower powers" in Washington.

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Blackmun: Beyond the blather

It is said that a man of small consequence died, and the Rev. T.K. Beecher was asked to preach the funeral sermon — a man who abhors the lauding of people, either dead or alive, except in dignified and simple language, and then only for merits which they actually possessed or possess, not merits which they merely ought to have possessed.

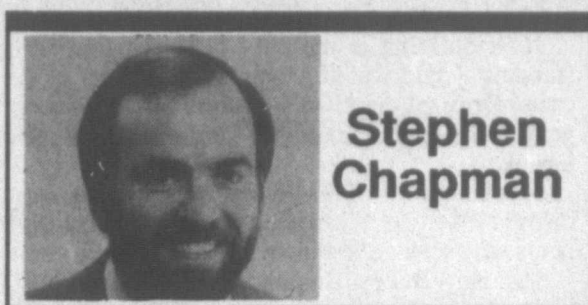
— Mark Twain, "Post-Mortem Poetry."

No one wanted to emulate the Rev. T.K. Beecher when Justice Harry Blackmun announced his retirement from the Supreme Court. Bill Clinton extolled him for serving "with majesty and reason, with scholarship and grace." Blackmun "labored to make the law the servant of justice and decency," declared Justice John Paul Stevens. "He grew and grew in the job," gushed *The New York Times*.

You would never know from listening to all this that Blackmun was notable mainly for his shortcomings and that even his allies sometimes found him an embarrassment. It isn't considered polite to mention unflattering facts at times like this, but good manners can't excuse the sort of whoppers that were told to make Blackmun look like a judicial giant.

Occasions of retirement and death stimulate an urge to be charitable and a tendency to exaggerate the significance of the person passing on, so some of this blather was understandable. Still, the praise was much more restrained last year upon the departure of Byron White — who was no Oliver Wendell Holmes but was, by most evaluations, a justice of more influence and intellectual heft than Blackmun. A *New York Times* editorial curtly dismissed White as "more a witness than a moving force."

The disparity is not exactly a puzzle. Blackmun was a Nixon appointee who turned out to be a liberal. White was a Kennedy appointee who turned out



Stephen Chapman

to be comparatively conservative. Most important, Blackmun was the author of the Court's opinion of *Roe vs. Wade*, which legalized abortion from sea to shining sea. White dissented from that ruling and never gave up trying to overturn it. Such a shame, how White refused to grow.

The *Roe* opinion, Blackmun's chief claim to fame, exemplifies his weaknesses. It is windy, rambling, mostly irrelevant to the issue at hand, annoyingly self-indulgent and entirely unpersuasive. You would expect it to be criticized by conservatives. But *Roe* has found few defenders, even among liberals.

Stanford law professor John Hart Ely called the opinion "frightening," with no basis in the language, intent or general values of the Constitution. "It is bad because it is bad constitutional law," he wrote, "or rather because it is *not* constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be." Watergate hero Archibald Cox of Harvard ridiculed it as reading "like a set of hospital rules and regulations." Even Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a champion of abortion rights, was critical of *Roe* before joining the court.

Blackmun defended it, when announcing his impending retirement, as an essential step "toward the full emancipation of women." He was pandering

to current fashion, not restating the logic of *Roe* — which was less concerned with the status of women than with the prerogatives of doctors (Blackmun had served for years as house lawyer at the Mayo Clinic). You will search in vain through the opinion for any phrase remotely resembling "the full emancipation of women."

As the years passed, Blackmun's reputation for rigor did not improve. He gave the appearance of deciding great legal issues by gazing inquisitively at his navel. Self-absorption and melodrama became central features of his opinions.

"I fear for the future," he announced in a 1989 dissent from a verdict allowing modest restrictions on abortion. "I cannot remain on this court forever," he revealed in 1992, concurring with a decision to preserve *Roe*. In a recent case, Blackmun reversed his long-standing view that capital punishment is constitutional, proclaiming grandly that "from this day forward, I no longer shall tinker with the machinery of death." The abolition of capital punishment is a noble cause which deserves better than this.

But this is the kind of prose you get from someone who has stopped seeing himself as a judge, acting within a limited charter to interpret the constitution and resolve legal disputes, and started seeing himself as the hero of a novel, valiantly battling evildoers in the cause of goodness and right.

Doing good is fine, but Blackmun too often was unwilling to let the American people, acting through their elected representatives, get in the way of what he thought was good. Supreme Court justices, who wield vast potential power and are accountable to no one but themselves, have a grave duty not to let mere personal preference take the place of constitutional reasoning. It's a duty that held no charm for Harry Blackmun.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 26th, the 116th day of 1994. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

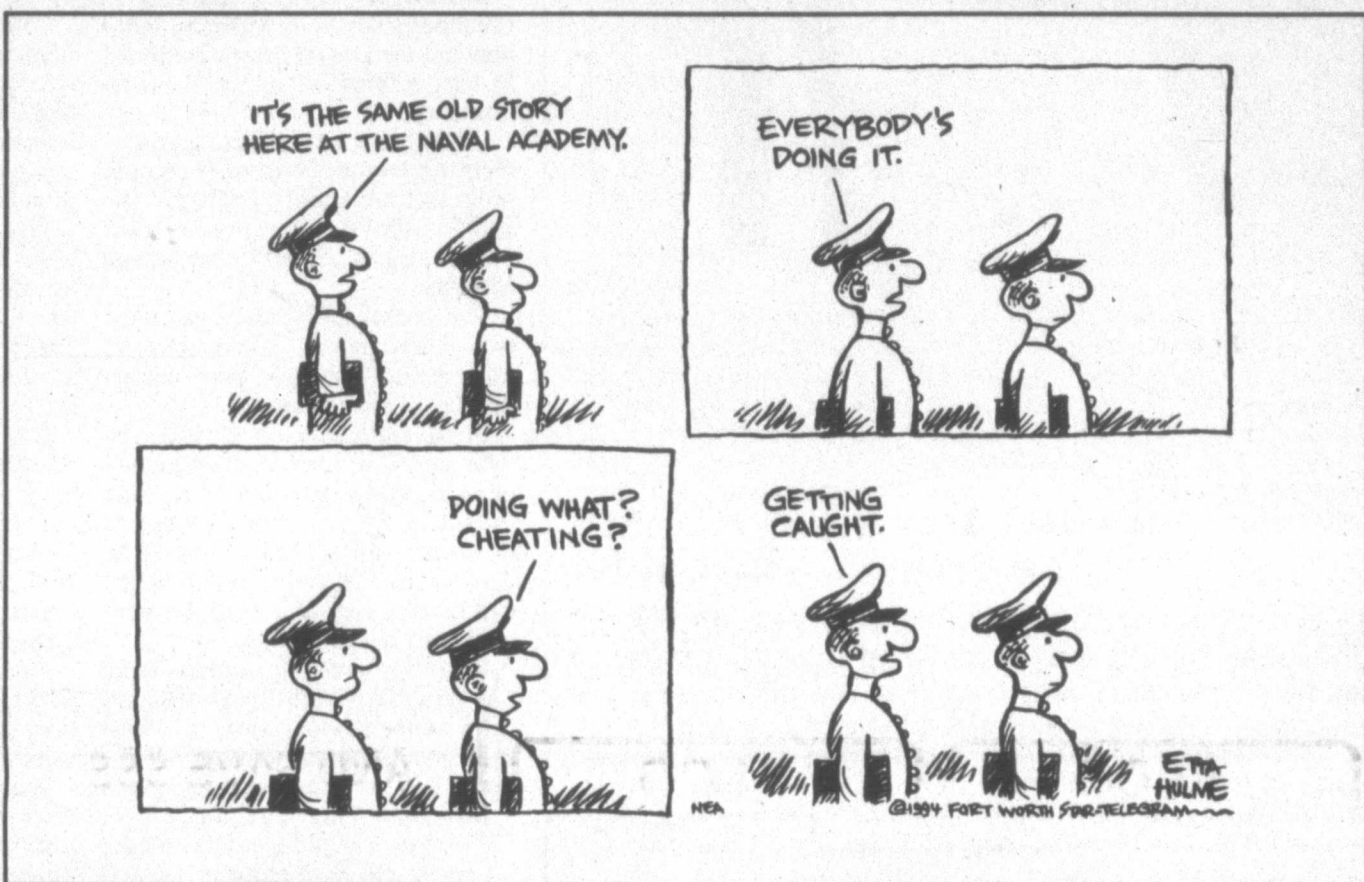
On April 26th, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An experiment involving the No. 4 reactor went awry, causing an explosion and fire that sent radioactivity into the atmosphere. At least 31 Soviets died in the immediate aftermath of the accident.

On this date:

In 1607, an expedition of English colonists, including Capt. John Smith, went ashore at Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1785, the American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.



The good old insensitive days

It's heck being insensitive in a sensitive age.

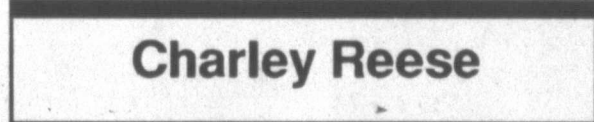
The other day I tried out a line on a female co-worker to see if it passed the sensitivity test. It didn't. She grimaced and shook her head. "Barroom only," she observed.

The problem is that when I was growing up, the only people expected to be sensitive were young girls and English poets. Everybody else was expected to be tough.

When I started in the news business, newsrooms were full of cigarette and cigar smoke, old typewriters, clattering Teletypes, drunks, eccentrics and an occasional madman. Editors gave instructions in language heavy on the profanity, sarcasm and ridicule. The only part of your existence they were interested in was the copy you wrote. I loved it.

Now, of course, your average newsroom looks like a data-processing center at an insurance company. Editors are expected to practice the touchy-feely style of management and to be as sensitive as a sore toe. And there are more sacred cows than longhorns on the King Ranch. I knew the business was doomed when they put a salad bar in the lunchroom. Real newsmen don't eat salads.

So you can see my problem. Hey, I was born in the Great Depression and grew up in World War II, when the politicians and dictators were slaughtering 55 million people. Following the progress of the



Charley Reese

slaughter was the main business of the daily news, and glorifying our share of it was the chief aim of the motion picture industry. Also, I grew up in the upland South, where violence is considered normal, something you learn how to do — like learning how to drive a car or chop wood.

There are people today, believe it or not, who think violence is abnormal. There are grown men, working right here in this newspaper building, who have never fired a gun. It's hard for me to believe. I got my first rifle at the age of 8 and my first shotgun at age 10. And nobody in my family had ever heard of the National Rifle Association or shooting at bull's-eyes on paper targets. Guns were for killing animals or people, whichever was appropriate under the circumstances. You learned to shoot so that if you got into a scrape or wanted game for the table, you wouldn't miss.

So, as you can see, I have lingered around so long that I'm a dinosaur — a living anachronism. The world has changed and I haven't. It's lucky I don't give a damn what the world thinks.

Still, to keep my job, there is a certain amount of

conformity I have to swallow. Hence, the need to consult with my more sensitive co-workers. It's not that I wish to hurt people's feelings, it's just that my standard is still that if you aren't dead or dying, quit sniveling and get on with it and what have feelings got to do with the subject under discussion.

Frankly, I miss the old days. I miss guys like the sports editor who was my first boss. He was a prodigious drinker, starting usually about 9 a.m. One afternoon, when he came back from lunch and we had to discuss something, I asked him if he would like to get a cup of coffee.

"Listen, kid," he growled. "I just spent \$17 getting a buzz on and I (expletive) sure ain't gonna ruin it with no (expletive) 10-cent cup of coffee."

I miss the colorful characters like a cop who said of a well-known local fellow, "That (expletive) is so mean, he'd rape a deaf-mute and cut her fingers off so she couldn't testify against him."

To me what's funny are incidents like the time this very overweight cop found himself being shot at by a drunk killer with only a 6-inch pine tree for cover. He was sticking out on both sides of the tree and the drunk was taking careful aim at the exposed target area. Even the backup cop laughed at the spectacle before he snuffed the shooter with a load of buckshot.

But don't worry. I've got sensitive friends — one or two anyway.

Journalists are sinking to lower depths

I dressed in black to write this column. I did it because I am mourning the impending death of an honorable trade.

I speak of journalism (OK, so I should have said a *reasonably* honorable trade), with which I have been associated for nearly 30 years. It used to be a vibrant, noble thing in my eyes; now it has deteriorated and I fear for its survival.

Perhaps the word death is too strong. Maybe I should say I am mourning the devolution of my business. And, as in all evolutionary processes, it has degenerated by degree. From the heady days of Watergate, when I participated in the worthy endeavor of deposing the evil Richard Nixon, through the trashing of Clarence Thomas, to the terrorizing of Bill Clinton, we have retrograded a long way, baby.

If you're thinking, there he goes again with his alibis for Bill, you're wrong. I think Clinton is a major improvement over Ronald Reagan and George Bush in a lot of ways, but I don't have strong feelings about him. Indeed, the central theme in his governing philosophy — spend, spend, spend — utterly turns me off.

Nor am I about to argue the press lacks objectivity, which it does, but that is irrelevant. What I am contending is that we have lost sight of the bedrock axioms to which our business was bolted: Fairness, accuracy and responsibility. They are no more.

Fairness? *Time* magazine's cover of April 20, 1992, featured a photographic negative of Clinton



Joseph Spear

and candidate that made him look like he had consumed a radioactive moon pie. *Time's* cover of June 7, 1993 — less than five months into his presidency — featured an itty-bitty Bill staring up at the words, "The Incredible Shrinking President." *Time's* cover of April 4, 1994, featuring a distraught-looking Bill Clinton and aide George Stephanopoulos apparently pondering this Whitewater woes.

If you've been following the news, you know the truth by now: The photograph had nothing to do with Whitewater. It was an official White House photo taken last November during a scheduling meeting. Other people in the picture had been cropped out. Plain dealing people might regard this as deception, but not the folks at *Time*. "I don't think the readers of *Time* expect the cover photo is going to be a representation of that event," a spokesman told the *Washington Post*.

Accuracy? In late March, *Newsweek* accused

Hillary Clinton of profiting from a "sweetheart" commodities deal in which she had put up no money of her own. The magazine even issued a press release to flaunt its "exclusive." There was just one problem: It was wrong. Hillary had invested her own money — albeit a small sum relative to the profits reaped. *Newsweek* had not called the White House for comment before going to press.

Responsibility? When Gennifer Flowers called a press conference to make the uncorroborated claim she had once been Clinton's lover, CNN carried it live. When two Arkansas state troopers with suspect histories charged, without substantiating evidence, that they had helped arranged trysts for Gov. Clinton, CNN carried the story without any apparent effort to confirm it.

And now, caught up in the Whitewater frenzy, the erstwhile responsible press is taking daily feeds from such famously accurate and objective sources as right wing motormouth Rush Limbaugh, who repeated the ridiculous allegation that "Vince Foster was murdered in an apartment owned by Hillary Clinton"; sociopath cum bladderjock G. Gordon Liddy, who said he talked to a man who saw Foster's body when he stopped to relieve himself in the park where Foster died; and slimeball artist Floyd Brown, the man who slung the Willie Horton albatross around Michael Dukakis' neck.

Pardon me while I grieve. My business is going to hell.

Berry's World



"I find myself hoping for a SLOW NEWS DAY, of late."

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All-race elections begin in South Africa amid fears of more attacks by terrorists

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Determined to make history, black South Africans climbed out of hospital beds and left their squatter shacks today to vote for the first time to replace white rule with democracy.

They refused to be cowed by two days of bomb blasts that killed 21 people and injured more than 150 in an attempt to disrupt the election that will install Nelson Mandela as president.

Voters of all races poured into polling stations in gritty townships, in leafy suburbs and in the mountainous solitude of eastern Natal province. The elderly, sick and disabled voted first in the three-day election.

"The question of being afraid is out. Even if there are some forces which are opposed, they made us more determined than ever before to vote," said 52-year-old Tom Motlaha, who wore his checked hospital robe to vote at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital, where he was being treated for a kidney ailment.

More than 100,000 police and army troops — well over double the number originally planned — were deployed to protect voters, who were electing a 400-seat National Assembly and a 90-seat Senate.

Scattered problems were reported due to bomb threats and delayed ballot papers.

At Settlers, a farm town north of Pretoria, khaki-clad whites were said to be occupying the voting station. The Independent Election Commission said the men barred the local election official and vowed no one in the area would vote.

Otherwise, balloting was peaceful. "Today is a day like no other before it," Mandela, the head of the African National Congress who is virtually guaranteed of becoming president, said in a statement to the nation. "Today marks the dawn of our freedom."

"Standing together, let us send a message loud and clear: we will not let a handful of killers steal our democracy," Mandela said.

Suspicion over the bomb blast Sunday and Monday focused on white extremists who are boycotting the vote and have vowed to wage war rather than live under black rule.

Across the country, people lined up before dawn for their first taste of democracy.

Near the black township of Guguletu, outside Cape Town, where white American student Amy Biehl was killed by a black mob last year, 53-year-old Mabel Nceyabo arrived at 4:15 a.m. to be first in line. Behind her was 67-year-old Korma Madikane, who was hoping for a "very nice life ... no more struggling" after the election.

At an old-age home near Durban, Nelli Zimema, 89, was misty-eyed as she voted. "I never thought this day would come and I'm so pleased because my people have never had this chance before," she said.

Because of rugged conditions in many areas, and the newness of voting to most people, three days of balloting were planned for the 23 million voters, most of them black.

South Africans living overseas also voted today, and the first to do so was Mandela's niece, Nomaza Paintin, in New Zealand.

Another early voter was Corrie de Klerk, 89-year-old mother of Presi-

dent F.W. de Klerk, who accompanied her to the poll at a Pretoria home for the elderly. "I feel a sense of achievement," said de Klerk, whose introduction of reforms led to the vote that will put him out of office.

Counting begins Friday, with final results expected May 1. The new president will be sworn in May 10.

At stake is the future of a country struggling to escape a vicious past which left it fractured along racial lines and reduced its economy to Third World levels. There was little question the ANC would win, based on Mandela's popularity among blacks, who make up 30 million of the country's 40 million people.

Polls predicted the ANC, which has promised jobs and housing to blacks, could get up to 60 percent of the vote.

De Klerk, who in 1990 freed Mandela from 27 years in prison, was expected to become a vice president in the next government. His National Party could win up to 20 percent, based on support from party loyalists and from mixed-race and Indian voters who fear subjugation under a black government.

Third place was up for grabs: Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party, whose rivalry with the ANC is blamed for 10,000 deaths in the past three years; the conservative white Freedom Front, representing mostly Afrikaners who want their own homeland; or the black militant Pan Africanist Congress, which vows to seize white land. A potpourri of smaller parties, mostly appealing to liberal whites scared of the ANC's communist ties, also fielded candidates.

Fried-chicken chain taking down offensive billboards

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A fried-chicken chain, bowing to a complaint on behalf of breast cancer victims, is taking down dozens of billboards advertising "The best breasts in Southern California without plastic surgery."

"I think it was real insensitive, especially with all the things going on today with breast implants," said Carol Forhan, who belongs to Ladies of

Courage, a support group for those who have had breast cancer.

Sherry O'Riley, a field marketing manager at Pop-eye's Chicken and Biscuits, said the message was "tongue-in-cheek. We didn't think it would offend."

But she said the billboard and about two dozen others will be removed next week.

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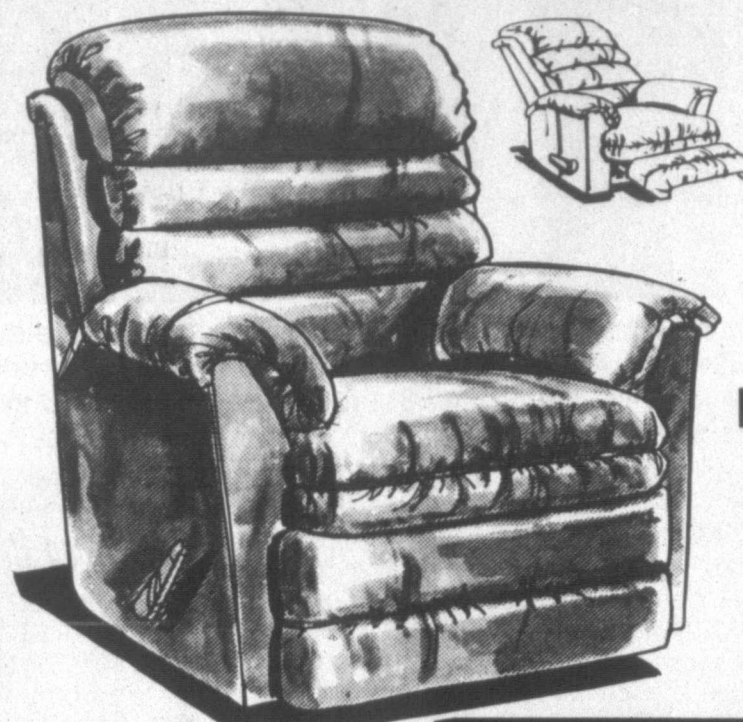
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152 die as Taiwanese jetliner crashes at Japanese airport

TOKYO (AP) — A Taiwanese jetliner carrying hundreds of people crashed and caught fire at an airport in central Japan Tuesday night, and fire officials reported 152 people died.

The China Airlines A300-600R crashed on landing at Nagoya airport after a flight from Taipei, Taiwan.

A Transport Ministry official said Flight 140 was carrying 255 passengers and 14 crew members when it crashed at 8:13 p.m. The fire was

put out about 40 minutes later. The Nagoya fire department announced at least 152 people were killed and at least 27 were taken to two hospitals.

The fate of the others on board was not known.

Television footage showed the twisted wreckage of the twin-engine, wide-body jet and the bright lights of dozens of ambulances and rescue vehicles on the runway. Rescue personnel searched the wreckage for survivors.

Japan Broadcasting Corp. quoted a witness as saying the jet hit nose-first near the beginning of the runway and appeared not to have its landing gear down. Three explosions followed, and the plane erupted in flames, it quoted him as saying.

Another witness, identified by the network only as Mr. Nomura, said the plane failed in an attempt to pull up just before landing.

Nagoya is 170 miles west of Tokyo.

Bosnian Serbs let food convoys pass to Gorazde

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs let a food convoy reach hungry residents of Gorazde today as a NATO ultimatum loomed for Serb forces to withdraw heavy weapons from around the Muslim enclave or risk airstrikes.

Serbs have until 2:01 a.m. Wednesday local time (7:01 p.m. CDT today) to meet NATO's deadline to pull 12 1/2 miles from Gorazde. Reports conflicted as to whether the Serb forces were complying.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, speaking in London, said Serbs were lagging in their withdrawal from the enclave 35 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

But U.N. officials, which must consent to any strikes, said it appeared the Serbs were complying.

"The situation is getting better in Gorazde," said a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, Cmdr. Eric Chaperon. He said Serbs had pulled "a significant portion" of their weapons from the zone.

It was the second of two deadlines NATO imposed Friday after a three-week Serb pounding of Gorazde, a U.N.-declared "safe area." The first deadline, effective Sunday, ordered Serbs to withdraw 1.9 miles from Gorazde. Chaperon said it appeared heavy weapons had been removed, although a few Serb soldiers remained.

A U.N. aid convoy that was blocked Monday by the Serbs was allowed to reach Gorazde early today with 80 tons of food. Another convoy left Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, with more food for Gorazde.

"They seem to have the go-ahead to pass today," said Peter Kessler, a spokesman in Sarajevo for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Aid officials planned to airlift 83 more wounded people from Gorazde today on French and British helicopters, despite French objections to a Serb requirement that each flight land at a Serb checkpoint for inspections.

The French Foreign Ministry said French pilots were ordered not to submit to the searches. It was unclear how that order would be put into practice.

Aid officials said 174 wounded people had been brought out since the airlift began Sunday.

Airstrikes looked increasingly unlikely, despite doubts that all Serb troops and weapons would be out of the Gorazde exclusion zone by NATO's deadline.

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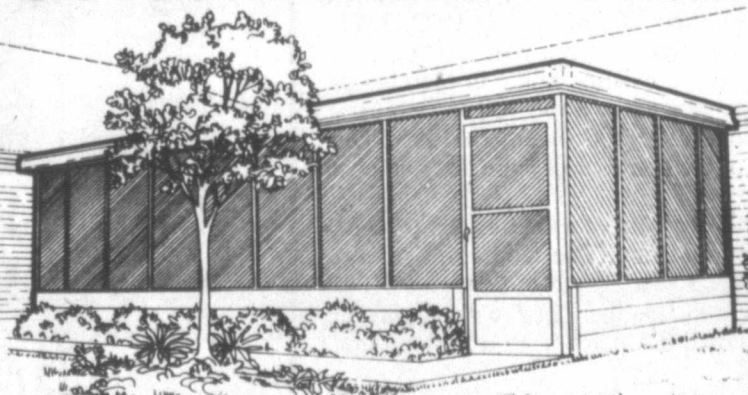
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Victims split over assault weapon ban

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suzanna Gratia saw her 71-year-old father killed during a deadly shooting spree in a Killeen, Texas, cafeteria 2 1/2 years ago and later learned her mother was also among the 23 who died.

But banning 19 types of assault weapons and limiting ammunition clips to five rounds, as a pending House bill proposes, would do no good, she told the House Judiciary subcommittee on crime Monday.

"It takes one second to switch a clip," the 34-year-old chiropractor said, demonstrating with a pantomime in the air.

Ken Brondell Jr. of Canyon Country, Calif., said whatever short time it does take and the fact that each clip contains fewer bullets can make a difference.

"If it would save one life ... obviously the law is worth it," said Brondell, whose sister, Los Angeles Police Officer Christy Brondell Hamilton, was killed Feb. 18 when a teenager fired an assault-style weapon through the door of her squad car.

Seven victims of gun violence who testified favored the bill. Three were opposed.

At the White House, President Clinton threw his weight behind the bill, which would spare 650 listed sporting firearms from the ban.

During a Rose Garden ceremony with crime victims, the president held aloft an AR-15 automatic rifle. "These weapons were designed for the battlefield, not the streets of America," he said.

Grim-faced, Clinton eyed the long, black weapon and criticized the House for so long resisting such legislation.

"Who are we trying to kind?" he asked. "There is an air of unreality about this debate."

Stephen Sposato — whose wife, Jody, was among eight people slain July 1, 1993, when a gunman invaded a San Francisco law firm with an assault weapon — emphatically supported the ban.

"How long must the parade of amputee families be?" he asked, at the House hearing. "How long must the march of the participants be, the mourners and maimed? How long, before our government takes action?"

The Senate passed an identical bill last November as part of its crime bill. The House passed a crime bill last week without voting on the gun ban.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., subcommittee chairman, said he believes 15 to 20 more votes are needed for passage of a separate ban bill in the House, which has never supported any ban on assault-style weapons.

In the audience, prepared to help push the bill, was former Rep. John Anderson, R-Ill., a one-time presidential candidate.

"I have long been convinced that one of the principal components of the crime emergency we have in America today is because of the flood of guns," Anderson said in an interview. "None is more vicious or more unnecessary than these assault weapons."

Jacque Miller — shot four times during a co-worker's 1989 attack with an AK-47 assault-style weapon at the Standard Gravure Printing Co. in Louisville, Ky. — opposes the ban.

"It completely enrages me that my tragedy is being used against me to deny me and all the law-abiding citizens of this country the right to the firearm of our choosing," Miller said.

Gratia, meanwhile, said she was fed up with those offering a "sporting purposes" requirement for guns.

"The Second Amendment is not about duck hunting," she said. "It's about our right to protect ourselves from you guys up there."

Egyptian police kill Muslim extremists

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Police killed a leader of the main radical Islamic group on Monday in a raid on his Cairo hideout. They killed four suspected members of the group in another raid in the southern city of Assiut.

Talaat Yassin Hamam, known as the "Tiger," exchanged fire with officers before dawn and was killed, police said. Weapons were seized at the hideout.

He was the Cairo head of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, a security source said. He was responsible for planning most of the attacks against police and banks in the past year, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hamam, 31, had been convicted in absentia of attempting to overthrow the government and sentenced to death by a military court in 1992.

In Assiut, the militants' stronghold, four suspected members of the group were killed when police raided their hideout in a

Friends of the Library officers



The Pampa Friends of the Library recently elected officers for the coming year. Seated, from left, are Ann Watson, secretary; Linda Moore, vice president; and Ed Marshall, president. Standing are Adelaide Colwell, left, corresponding secretary, and Mary Jo Fiveash, treasurer. The new officers will serve for the 1994-1995 year. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Clinton: Social Security should be independent agency

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a break with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, President Clinton has decided to support legislation making Social Security an independent agency.

According to congressional and administration aides, Clinton notified key members of Congress last week that he endorses taking the Social Security Administration out of the Department of Health and Human Services.

With 65,000 employees, a budget of over \$300 billion and a network of 1,300 field offices, Social Security is the biggest department in HHS and touches the lives of almost all Americans.

Funded with payroll taxes on 135 million workers, Social Security provides retirement, disability and survivors benefits to 42 million Americans. The agency also runs Supplemental Security Income, a fast-growing welfare program for seniors and the disabled.

The Senate voted March 2 to take Social Security out of HHS, while the House has approved similar legislation three times in recent years.

Shalala had been the bill's primary opponent. Testifying before Congress last year, she said separating Social Security from HHS

would "run counter to the public's demand for a leaner, more efficient and more cost-effective government."

On Monday, Shalala's spokesman, Victor Zonana, took a different tack.

"This department is in favor of anything that would bolster public confidence in the Social Security system," he said.

The troubled agency has been declared "brain-dead in the policy sense," by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who has also accused Shalala and the Clinton administration of giving Social Security short shrift.

Clinton's support of independent agency status virtually assures the bill's passage, said a senior White House official who confirmed that the president thinks it is a good idea to move forward with the bill. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to take up its version of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Andy Jacobs, D-Ind., on Thursday.

Backers of the plan, including the American Association of Retired Persons, the country's largest and most influential seniors group, say the agency has seen high turnover in its highest ranks — including 12 commissioners in 17 years — and that service to the public has suffered.

Moynihan and the bill's other supporters say independence will make Social Security more visible and accountable, less vulnerable to budget-cutting and will insulate the New Deal program from politics.

"This bill will provide more stability and energy in leadership, qualities sorely needed at the agency," Moynihan said when his bill passed.

Since the 1980s, when its work force was slashed by 20 percent, Social Security has been unable to answer its telephones without putting many callers on hold.

It has also been unable to cope with a tidal wave of applications for disability benefits, and as a result, ill and injured Americans have died, lost their homes or gone on welfare while they waited for their first check from Social Security.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, have complained that the agency has shown little initiative in dealing with allegations of fraud and abuse by immigrants on the rolls, as well as the growing numbers of alcoholics and addicts who collect benefits but fail to receive any treatment.

The agency has also virtually abandoned a requirement that it periodically review the health of disability recipients to find those who have recovered enough to work, at an estimated cost to the trust funds of \$1.4 billion.

Home sales, prices up for March as weather improves

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pent-up demand and concern about future mortgage rates drove sales of previously owned homes up 5.7 percent in March, reversing a two-month decline attributed to bad weather, a real estate trade group said Monday.

Sales totaled 4.06 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, compared with a revised 3.84 million a month earlier, the National Association of Realtors reported. The February rate initially was estimated at 3.83 million.

Every region except the Northeast participated in the rebound.

"The recent up-tick in mortgage interest rates combined with pent-up demand has triggered more buyers to make a move now into home ownership for fear that rates might continue upward," said Robert H. Elrod, president of the Realtors' association.

Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages averaged 7.68 percent in March, compared with 7.15 percent a month earlier, according to surveys by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

Rates have continued to climb, reaching 8.49 percent on Thursday, the highest since they averaged 8.54 percent in June 1992.

"We are experiencing some catchup in the market from sales that had been deferred during the winter," Realtors economist John A. Tuccillo said.

Existing home sales had peaked at a record 4.35 million rate in December, but then dropped 2.3 percent in January and 9.6 percent in February because of the harsh winter. Other areas of the housing industry — sales of new homes and housing starts — also slowed.

Strong demand, coupled with rising consumer confidence, should keep the housing market healthy, Elrod said. "We anticipate that home sales will hit near-record levels this year."

The Realtors are forecasting sales of 3.92 million this year, up 3.2 percent from 3.8 million in 1993, which had been the highest since 3.83 million in 1979. Sales in March were up 18.4 percent from a year earlier.

The median price of an existing home in March was \$107,400, up 0.5 percent from \$106,900 in February and 2.2 percent from \$105,100 in March 1993. The median means half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

Regionally, sales in the Midwest shot up 9.8 percent, to a 1.01 million annual rate. The median price was down 0.9 percent from a year ago, to \$84,600.

In the South, where the median price rose 3.6 percent to \$94,400, sales surged 8.5 percent, to a 1.54 million rate.

Sales rose 2.2 percent, to a 920,000 rate, in the West, where the median price was \$145,800, up 1.1 percent from March 1993.

But in the Northeast, sales slipped 1.7 percent, to a 580,000 rate. The median price there was \$140,200, up 1.4 percent from a year ago.

Children exposed to radiation mark Chernobyl anniversary

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — About 200 Jewish children exposed to the world's worst nuclear plant accident marked the eighth anniversary of the Chernobyl explosion by releasing 1,000 balloons on Monday.

The balloons symbolize the children from Ukraine and Belarus who have been brought to Israel for treatment from radiation.

"My mother sent me here because she was afraid I would become sick and there would be no doctor to take care of me," said 12-year-old Zelman Chenov. "I'm glad to be here, but miss my mother and my friends. They are not as lucky to be here as I am."

Chernobyl reactor No. 4 exploded on April 26, 1986, releasing a cloud of radioactive particles. The explosion killed at least 32 people, and thousands may have died from radiation exposure. The accident contaminated a huge area and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

According to the World Health Organization, thyroid cancer among children in the Chernobyl contaminated area is a thousand times above the norm and is expected to increase over the next 50 years.

Since August 1990, the ultra-Orthodox Chabad movement has brought 950 children to Israel. A group scheduled to arrive in June will bring the 1,000th child. Chabad is a movement of Lubavitcher Hasidim, followers of the New York-based Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

In Moscow, a solemn memorial service for Chernobyl victims was

held Monday in the ornate Epiphany Cathedral.

In Kiev, only 50 miles south of the plant, Greenpeace announced plans to erect a model of the sarcophagus enclosing the damaged reactor Tuesday on St. Sophia Square.

French and German researchers have warned that the concrete and steel shell, eroding from severe weather, might not last more than five years.

"We must close Chernobyl. We must stop the reactors as soon as possible ... for them and for us," France's environment minister, Michel Barnier, said at a forum in France on Monday.

In Bonn, inspectors from the private Society for Reactor Safety said radioactive contamination at the site is worsening by the day.

Western leaders have long urged Ukraine to shut the plant, which the International Atomic Energy Agency says does not meet safety standards. But Ukrainian officials say they simply can't afford to close it.

Chernobyl generates 7 percent of Ukraine's electricity and is said to be vital for a nearly bankrupt country which depends on foreign — mostly Russian — oil and gas and other-energy sources.

In 1991, a fire closed down the No. 2 reactor. It is still closed. The other two operational reactors have been plagued with problems.

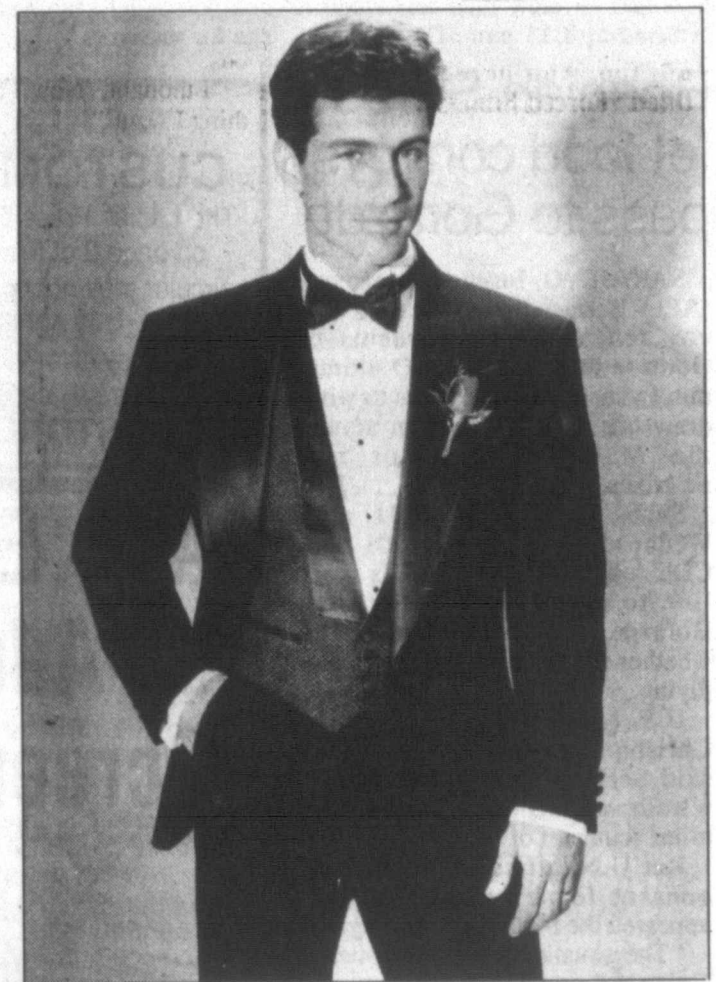
More than a dozen Chernobyl-type, graphite reactors are scattered across the former Soviet Union. Although there have been modifications since Chernobyl, most experts say the design has serious, inherent problems.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: On March 2, Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh signed a bill that will require convicted child molesters to register with local law enforcement in this area.

This law, called "Zachary's Law," was named for Zachary Snider, a Cloverdale, Ind., boy who was sexually molested, then murdered. It was signed by Gov. Bayh on what would have been Zachary's 11th birthday, and will go into effect July 1, 1994.

The signing of this law was televised statewide. Gov. Bayh signed it through his tears, then he hugged Zachary's mother. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

This law sends the message that society will no longer sit back and do nothing while children are sexually abused, and murdered to silence them.

These are senseless crimes, and many families suffer while the alleged perpetrator enjoys the protection of the law with regard to their rights.

MRS. SALLY TROUTMAN-MCINTOSH, MOORESVILLE, IND.

DEAR MRS. TROUTMAN-MCINTOSH: Hats off to the state of Indiana and its able governor, Evan Bayh. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 29 other states already have laws on the books similar to the Indiana law, and I am informed that other state legislatures are moving in that direction.

DEAR ABBY: I cracked up when I read this in Letters to the Editor in the Ventura (Calif.) Star-Free Press. If you think your readers will enjoy it, here it is.

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DEAR READER: I cracked up, too. And here's the piece, titled "Forced Fitness":

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"I was wondering if you could talk to the person who delivers my paper and have him start throwing it on the roof, maybe two or three times a week. I think that I am ready for a more strenuous workout now.

"In the old days when I was a paperboy, we used to throw the paper on the customers' porch or at the end of their driveway. Little did we know that we were depriving our customers of the benefit of a good morning workout.

"Fortunately, we now live in the '90s, and everyone is more concerned for their health. Again, I would like to thank you and your staff for doing their part to keep your customers healthy. Keep up the good work."

TRUK AHLERS,
SANTA PAULA, CALIF.

Painting triptychs for Cowboy HOF

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Albuquerque artist Wilson Hurley has never done anything quite as huge as the five triptychs he's working on for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

Hurley, known for his large-scale realistic landscapes, is about halfway through the \$2.5 million commission. The commission is believed to be one of the largest of its kind, both in the size of the art and the amount paid, said Bill Wyles, the hall's development director.

Hurley said that when he accepted the commission in 1991 he told hall officials, "I've painted my whole life for this job."

Each of the five three-paneled paintings is the same size: The middle panel is 16 feet tall by 16 feet wide; each wing panel is 16 feet high by 10 feet wide. All five triptychs will be mounted in a single room in the center.

Keep grass green by keeping it healthy

By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS
For AP Special Features

A healthy lawn needs three things: sunlight, water and nourishment.

Sunlight—several hours a day—is important. There are grass seeds available for shady areas, but even that type of grass needs some sunlight.

A healthy lawn also needs at least 1 inch of water a week. An inexpensive rain gauge can tell you how much water your lawn is getting. Or you can use a spade to open a slit 6 to 8 inches deep; the soil should be damp at the bottom.

A simple test: if your footprints stay on the lawn, it needs water. Well-watered turf springs back; dry grass doesn't.

Grass normally goes dormant and turns brown in the hot, dry days of summer, then revives with the next good rainfall. To keep your lawn

green in dry spells, give it a thorough weekly soaking, preferably during the morning. Frequent light waterings make roots shallow and encourage weeds.

Since grass regularly loses its leaves to mowing, it needs a high nitrogen fertilizer, such as 10-6-4 (the percentages of nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium).

An average lawn needs 3 to 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet a year to encourage leaf growth. A 10-pound bag of 10-6-4 contains 10 percent (or 1 pound) of nitrogen. Thus you'll need three or four such bags for each 1,000 square feet of lawn. Switch to 5-10-5 in the fall when the high phosphorus content (10 percent) benefits the roots.

In wintry areas, give the main feeding in early autumn, a booster just before winter sets in, and a light feeding in midspring. In warmer climates, give the main feeding in

early spring with a small midsummer booster.

Most grasses do best in neutral to slightly acid soil (pH 7 to 6). With a kit from a garden center, test the soil from several places in your lawn. If the pH is lower than 6, add ground limestone in late fall. Do not apply fertilizer within two weeks of applying lime and wait at least three years before applying lime again. If you've already limed too much, and your soil is too alkaline (higher than pH 7), spread gypsum, powdered sulfur, peat moss or well-rotted manure.

Don't mow a lawn too short; grass needs its leaves to produce food. The ideal height for most grasses is 2 1/2 to 3 inches in hot weather and one-half-inch shorter in cool weather. Remove only one-third of the blades' length at a time.

If the grass is badly overgrown, mow it twice, three or four days apart. Clippings less than 1 inch

long may be left on the ground. Rake longer clippings for the compost pile.

The best defense against weeds, disease and insects is a well-nourished, properly tended lawn. When weeds do appear, pull them before they go to seed, using a long weeder to get all the roots.

Herbicides are available for both crabgrass and for such broad-leaved weeds as dandelions, hawkweed and plantain. When using herbicides, follow the manufacturer's directions carefully. Small doses applied directly to the weeds are better than large-scale applications which may injure or kill many desirable plants.

If your lawn gets heavy foot traffic, loosen the soil once a year with a garden fork; push the fork into the soil every few inches and wiggle it back and forth. Or wear strapped-on "spiker shoes," available at garden centers, to aerate soil while mowing. For a large lawn, use a mechanical

aerator. When buying grass seed, it's worth paying a higher price for brands with the lowest percentage of weeds. Check the labels.

Here are some tips:
— If moss grows in your yard, it's a clue that your lawn needs better drainage, more frequent fertilization and the addition of lime.

— If moles are tunneling your lawn, there are grubs in it. Treat the lawn with an insecticide to rid it of grubs and the moles will depart.

— Patches of turf mysteriously torn up overnight? Quite likely the work of insect-seeking raccoons or skunks. A sprinkling of moth crystals may help to persuade them to dine elsewhere.

— If grass tips turn white after you've mowed, your mower blades probably need to be sharpened. Rotary blades should be honed monthly and reel-types annually.

Artist draws inspiration from many sources

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Mary L. Cook's interest in oil painting was sparked when she took an art class in high school in 1949. "I would look at the beautiful paintings and wonder if I could ever do that," she said.

"It was just an elective and something I was interested in." The class she took was mainly a theory class in which they studied colors and styles of painting, and it wasn't until 1978 that Cook had the chance to paint.

"I signed up for a painting class with Cora Lee Heckman," Cook said. Heckman owned a hobby shop in Pampa across the street from the telephone company where Cook worked. Cook's interest grew more from there and she began studying with other teachers in Amarillo and elsewhere.

In 1989 she started a painting program in Springfield, Mo., with renowned artist Bob Ross in which she learned different methods of painting. In June of 1990, Cook completed the course and received certification to teach in those methods.

"I thought, 'Now I can paint anything I want'" She received a contract with seventeen stores in Dallas to teach painting for a year, and she also taught in Oklahoma and Amarillo. In 1991, one of her paintings was featured on the cover of the local magazine, *Focus*.

Cook later went to Inverness, Fla. in 1992 to study with world-renowned artists Gary and Katherine

Jenkins, and later received her certification from them in June of 1993.

"They have a beautiful 10 bedroom home with a painting studio and gallery. All students stay with them."

Cook decided to take the class because she said, "As all artists know, you can never learn enough."

"This was a wonderful experience," she says of the time she spent with them. "We painted all day then had a special guest for the evening session."

One guest she remembers well is Bill Blackman of California, an artist famous for his paintings of landscapes and seascapes.

In her growth as an artist, she became interested in portrait painting after her friend Venita Chambers, introduced her to it. Later on, she studied portrait painting with the esteemed portrait artist John Thamm in Florida and Mary Carole in Georgia.

"I think you can learn from everyone while developing your own style," Cook said. "I am fortunate to have studied with so many different artists."

Cook has now been a teacher for six years and runs her own studio in town where she teaches people of various ages how to paint. She enjoys teaching her students to put their dreams on canvas.

An art show featuring Mary L. Cook's paintings will be held April 29 through May 1 at the Lovett Memorial Library. She is nominated for the Heritage



Mary L. Cook

Art Club's artist of the year award. In late September, Cook is going to Venice, Italy, and Paris, France, and visit a few museums.

Free skin cancer screening set for May 7

AMARILLO — Amarillo area dermatologists, the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society will be conducting a free skin cancer screening clinic on May 7.

The clinic will take place that date from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., in Amarillo. The free clinic is open to everyone.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer that occurs in humans. It is estimated that 627,000 cases of skin cancer occurred in the United States during 1990, for

example. About three out of every eight new cancers is a skin cancer.

Melanoma skin cancers are far more deadly than the non-melanomas, accounting for nearly three-quarters of all deaths from skin cancers, especially in the malignant form. The rate of increase in the number of deaths from malignant melanoma is second only to the rate of increase in lung cancer. Almost all of the remaining deaths from skin cancer are due to squamous cell carcinoma.

The risk of nonmelanoma skin cancer is increasing, probably due to

increased exposure to UV-B, a form of ultraviolet radiation, according to Harrington Center officials. Even though basal cell carcinoma is readily cured, one out of 16 squamous cell cancers metastasize (spreads to other parts of the body), and 40 percent of patients with this condition will die of the disease.

The risk for malignant melanoma has increased from one in 1500 in 1935 to an estimated risk of one in 90 for caucasians born in the year 2000. It is probable that sunburn, rather than total sun exposure, is a significant factor for this form of

skin cancer.

Harrington officials said awareness of skin cancer is essential to the prevention of unnecessary morbidity and mortality. Being careful about overexposing the skin to direct sunlight, knowing to use sunscreens of SPF 15 or greater, and monitoring any moles for change in size and shape can assist people to help themselves prevent a disease that is highly curable when found in the early stages.

For information regarding the free skin cancer screening, please call Karen Woodward at (806) 359-4673.

Newsmakers

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas M. McGarr, son of John P. and Diana J. McGarr of Canadian, is participating in a major fleet exercise in the western Atlantic Ocean.

McGarr is stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Va., the lead ship in the USS George Washington Joint Task Group.

The exercise, known as FLEETEX, involves more than 20 Navy ships, nearly 100 aircraft, and about 13,000 personnel off the southeastern Atlantic coast.

The 1988 graduate of Canadian High School joined the Navy in August 1988.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey P. Davis, son of Alta J. Davis of Wheeler, recently departed for a six-month western Pacific and Indian Ocean deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, Calif.

While on his deployment, Davis and his crewmembers may be called upon to assist in a variety of conflicts and humanitarian operations to protect U.S. national interests.

The 1978 graduate of Wheeler High School joined the Navy in March 1984.

Club news

Philanthropic Organization

Chapter CS of the Philanthropic Organization (PEO) meet April 12 in the home of Betty White, with President Cinda Lafferty presiding. Past President Betty Hallerberg installed Elice Sailor as recording secretary.

After reports from the officers and committee chairmen, the exemplification program was given by chapter officers.

The next meeting was held in the home of Lois Harvey in Borger on Tuesday, April 26.

Group members met in March at the home of hostess Cinda Lafferty for installation of new officers by Past President Betty Hallerberg.

New officers are Cinda Lafferty, president; Carolyn Miller, vice president; Milene Paulus, corresponding secretary; Donna B. Turner, treasurer; Lois Strong, guard; and Betty White, chaplain.

After the installation meeting, members were invited to Hallerberg's home for a luncheon.

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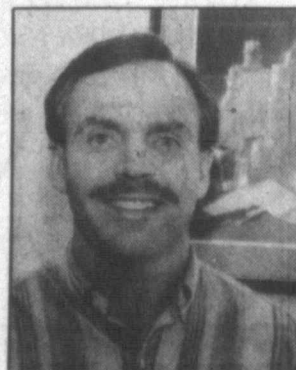


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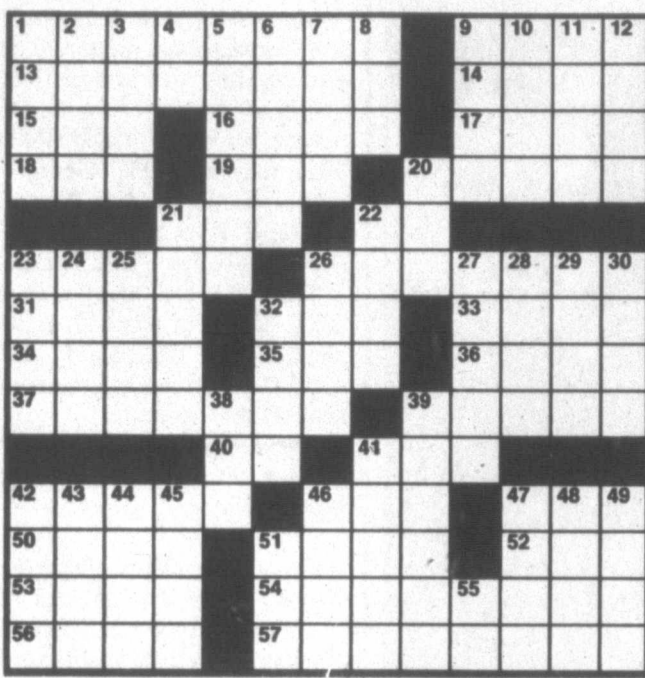
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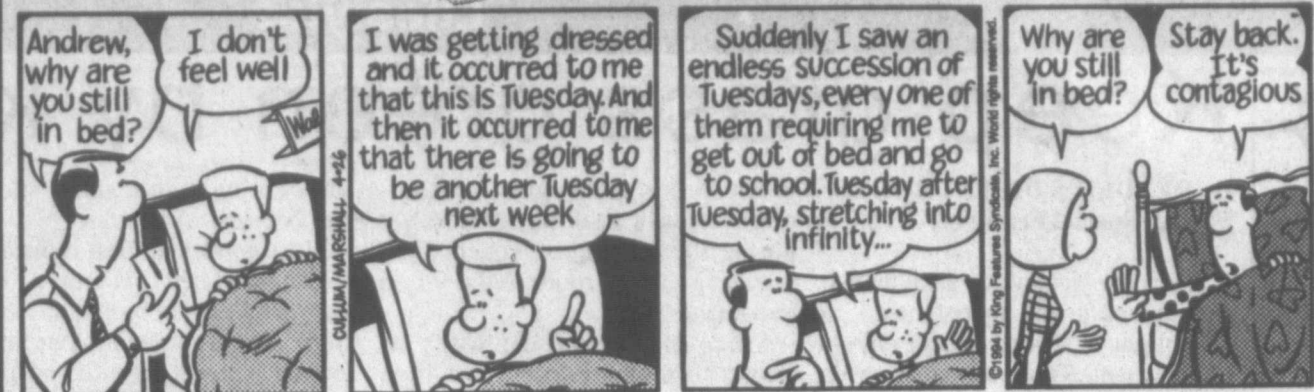
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 - 26 Dame Myra —
 - 27 Citrus fruit
 - 28 Tennis player — Lendl
 - 29 — bone
 - 30 Equipment
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 - 38 Finish
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 - 41 Of sound quality
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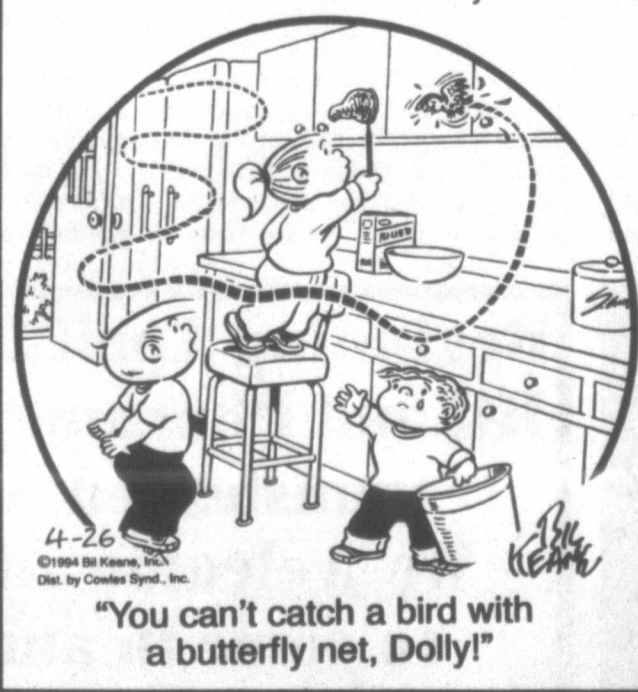
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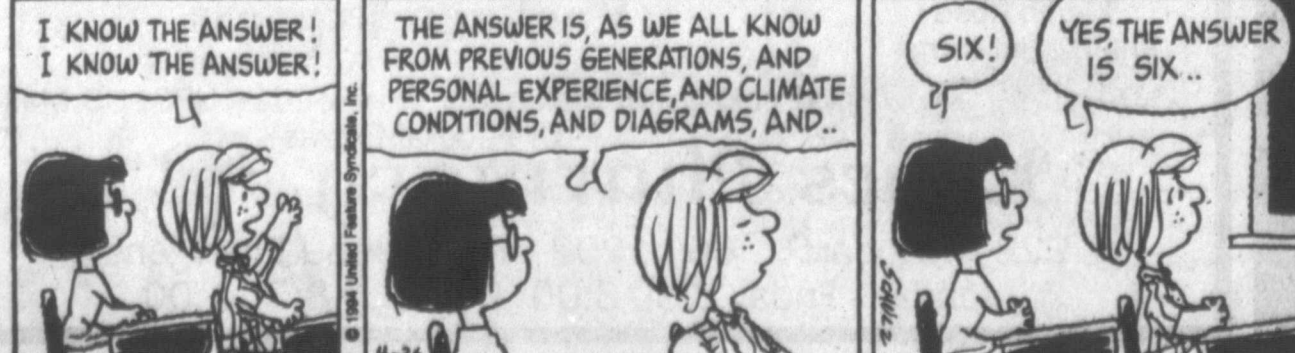
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though your investigative or probing faculties are astute today, you might be too negative to take full advantage of your discoveries. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A friend who recently went to bat for you might be in need of your help today. Go out of your way to assist this pal regardless of how much it inconveniences you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Gratifying your ambitions will provide the motivation you need today to get what you go after. Just be sure you'd be proud to sign your name to your tactics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be exceptionally open and friendly. This is well and good, provided you're cautious regarding whom you take into your confidence. One you'd least expect might be an adversary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your best asset today could be your talent for transforming that which is outmoded into something functional and useful. This gift could apply in both your material and social world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) More impressive achievements than usual are probable today if your mate's goals and aims are in harmony with yours. Sing off the same song sheet where major issues are concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Continue to focus your dependency on yourself instead of on others. Lady Luck still likes you best when you are standing on your own two feet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Meet your challenges head on today and don't be afraid to take a chance to better your lot in life. However, don't bet a dollar in order to win a dime. Be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general are actually rather good for you today, although you might find this hard to believe. Don't let negative thinking screen opportunities from your view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your pre-conceived ideas about how to handle things pertaining to your commercial involvements might be more detrimental than constructive today. Your thoughts are good, but your methods need help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might be more daring than you should be where a chance for personal gain is concerned. Be absolutely certain you know what you're doing before you light the rocket on a flyer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll not be afraid to defend that which you believe to be right today. Make certain, however, you acknowledge the viewpoints of others with the same intensity.

Sports

Notebook

TENNIS

SAN ANGELO — The Pampa boys' doubles team of Stefan Bressler and Brooks Gentry advanced to the semifinals of the Class 4A Tennis Tournament.

Seeded No. 4 in boys' doubles, Bressler and Gentry defeated Josh Pitts and Troy Clark of Plainview, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (8-2) in Monday's quarterfinals at Angelo State University Courts. Bressler, a senior, and Gentry, a sophomore, won the District 1-4A title this season.

Bressler and Gentry played the No. 1 seeded team of Mark Burton and Nikhil Mankodi of Wichita Falls in the semifinals Tuesday morning.

"Bressler and Gentry performed very well. It was a good start for them," said Pampa coach Larry Wheeler.

Pampa's other doubles team of Aaron Witt and Billy DeWitt won their opening round, defeating Shawn McCall and Sean Cisco of Fort Worth Arlington Heights, 6-0, 6-1. They fell to Vuong Dao and Keith Jordan of Fort Worth Boswell, 7-5, 6-0, in the quarterfinals.

In girls' singles, Pampa's Jamie Barker defeated Becky Hernandez of Lubbock Estacado, 6-2, 6-0, in first-round action. She lost to Anna Ulrich of Wichita Falls, 6-3, 6-3, in the quarterfinals.

In boys' singles, Pampa's J. B. Horton played Plainview's Zach Gibson for the fifth time this season. Gibson won the first-round match, 6-0, 6-3. Horton was the District 1-4A singles champion and Gibson was the District 2-4A champion.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward, also one of the nation's top point guards in basketball, became the first Heisman Trophy winner to be bypassed in the NFL college draft since Mike Rozier in 1984.

While no team was willing use a pick on Ward, the Minnesota Vikings said they would offer him a contract. Rozier went to the USFL after his junior season at Nebraska and was later selected in the supplemental draft. Army's Pete Dawkins was not taken in 1959 because of his military commitment.

Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley, who engineered a stunning upset of Notre Dame, was selected in the eighth and last round by the New York Jets as the league concluded the final six rounds of the two-day draft.

Shortly after the draft resumed, New England acquired fullback Marion Butts and the 13th pick in the third round from San Diego for the fifth pick in the third round and sixth pick in the fifth.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas, last in the NBA at 13-69, will have 250 of a possible 1,000 chances for the No. 1 pick in the May 12 draft lottery. Detroit, Milwaukee and Minnesota, which finished with 20-62 records, will split 491 combinations for the second-, third- and fourth-poorest records.

The NBA said it drew 17,984,014 fans for 1,107 games this season, an increase of 1.68 percent over last season's record of 17,778,295. Average attendance was 16,246, breaking last season's mark of 16,060.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks activated All-Star guard John Starks and returned suspended forward Anthony Mason to the roster for the playoffs.

Starks underwent surgery and missed 21 games after damaging cartilage in his left knee March 12. He replaces Eric Anderson on the roster. Mason was suspended for the last three games of the regular season for what coach Pat Riley termed detrimental conduct to the team.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana activated guard Vern Fleming and removed forward Malik Sealy from its playoff roster. Fleming cut his right knee earlier this month.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton says Rick Pitino intends to remain as coach and Pitino told USA Today in a story in today's editions that reports that he was about to sign a five-year contract worth \$21 million with the Los Angeles Lakers were wrong.

CONWAY, S.C. (AP) — Former Coastal Carolina player Michael Hopkins is returning to the school to replace Russ Bergman, who left in March amid allegations of NCAA violations. Hopkins, 34, was an assistant at East Carolina the past three seasons.

BASEBALL

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Toronto pitchers Dave Stewart and Todd Stottlemyre were charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest for their part in a scuffle with police outside a nightclub in February. The third-degree felony charges were filed by the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office. No arraignment date was set.

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto manager Cito Gaston was suspended for three games by American League president Bobby Brown for bumping umpire Rick Reed and disorderly behavior during an April 15 game in California. Gaston said he will appeal at a hearing scheduled for late May.

NEW YORK (AP) — San Diego's Tony Gwynn, who tied a team record with eight straight hits and hit .586, is the NL player of the week. Toronto's Joe Carter, who hit .474 with three homers and 12 RBIs, won the AL award.

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden will be sidelined four to six weeks with ligament and cartilage damage to right big toe. Gooden is 2-1 with a 6.35 ERA in three starts.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Ojeda's career with the New York Yankees ended when the team designated the left-hander for assignment. Ojeda, 36, made two starts with no decision, allowing eight runs and 11 hits in three innings. The Yankees have 10 days to trade Ojeda or place him on waivers.

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a two-run single in the fifth inning of Birmingham's 7-6 loss to Greenville in the Southern League. He's hitting .320 in 50 at-bats.

BOXING

ATLANTA (AP) — Evander Holyfield, who lost the heavyweight title to Michael Moorer on Friday night, has undergone tests for a possible heart condition. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported today. The newspaper said results of the tests were to be announced today at a news conference.

Johnson likes Cowboys' first-round pick

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — For those who question whether the Dallas Cowboys should have taken Shante Carver in the first round of the NFL draft, Jerry Jones got a second opinion.

It was from former coach Jimmy Johnson, who is currently retired and living on \$2.5 million in Florida with his exit money from the Cowboys.

The Cowboys owner says Johnson praised his work in the NFL draft, previously a facet of the Dallas operation run by the coach.

"I spoke to Jimmy and he congratulated us," Jones said. "It was a good visit. He congratulated us on getting Shante Carver. Jimmy thinks he's a good player."

It was the first conversation between the two since a split in which Johnson got his freedom and millions and Jones got total control of the team, including the draft.

Carver, chosen 23rd in the first round, arrived at Valley

Ranch on Monday and sounded confident that he can help right away.

"I'm not going to be a flop," the defensive end from Arizona State said. "I'll be the first person on the practice field every day and I'll live up to expectations."

Carver will be expected to give the Cowboys a pass rush and fit quickly into the seven-man defensive front rotation.

Dallas coveted Willie McGinest of Southern California but couldn't make a trade to get him.

Carver says no matter, he's better than McGinest.

"I'm not putting (McGinest) down, but I think I'm a better player," he said. "He's more the prototype end as far as size. But if you look at our stats over four years, mine are much better. I think I play harder and I know the game better."

The Cowboys hope so because they ranked 18th in the NFL last year in sacking the passer. Carver had 10 sacks last year and holds the school's career record with 41 sacks.

"He reminds me a lot of Charles Haley," scouting director Larry Laceywell said. "Before we get carried away, though, he's still got some growing up to do."

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound Carver batted down four passes and had 49 solo tackles last season.

However, Carver wasn't even among the 13 players the Cowboys invited to Valley Ranch for physicals and one-on-one interviews.

Carver wasn't expected to be too difficult to sign. "I just need a house, a car, a dog and some food," he said.

Carver said he looked forward to playing for Barry Switzer.

"He seems like a guy who won't BS you," Carver said. "All I know about Barry Switzer is that he won a lot of national championships and I read his book."

Dallas needs defensive line help because it lost Tony Casillas and Jimmie Jones to free agency.

The Cowboys spent the sec-

ond and third rounds drafting large offensive linemen to help protect their \$50 million investment in quarterback Troy Aikman.

They took 315-pound Larry Allen of tiny Sonoma State in the second round and 355-pound tackle George Hegamin of North Carolina State in the third round.

Both Allen and Hegamin are considered projects, but the Cowboys need help because they lost John Gesek and Kevin Gogan to free agency.

Allen is recovering from a tear in his left rotator cuff.

Hegamin was second team All-Atlantic Coast Conference and was rated a good pass blocker by the Cowboys.

Although the Cowboys kept Alvin Harper, they took wide receiver Willie Jackson of Florida with the 109th pick in the fourth round. The 6-foot, 205-pound Jackson was Florida's second all-time receiver with 162 catches for 2,172 yards and 24 touchdowns. He was clocked at 4.55 in the 40.

Harper, who thought he was

going to be traded to either Cleveland or the Los Angeles Rams, will play for about \$850,000 this year for the Cowboys.

"If Jerry still wants to trade me I'll be happy to play for somebody else, but if I'm with the Cowboys I'll give it my best," Harper said.

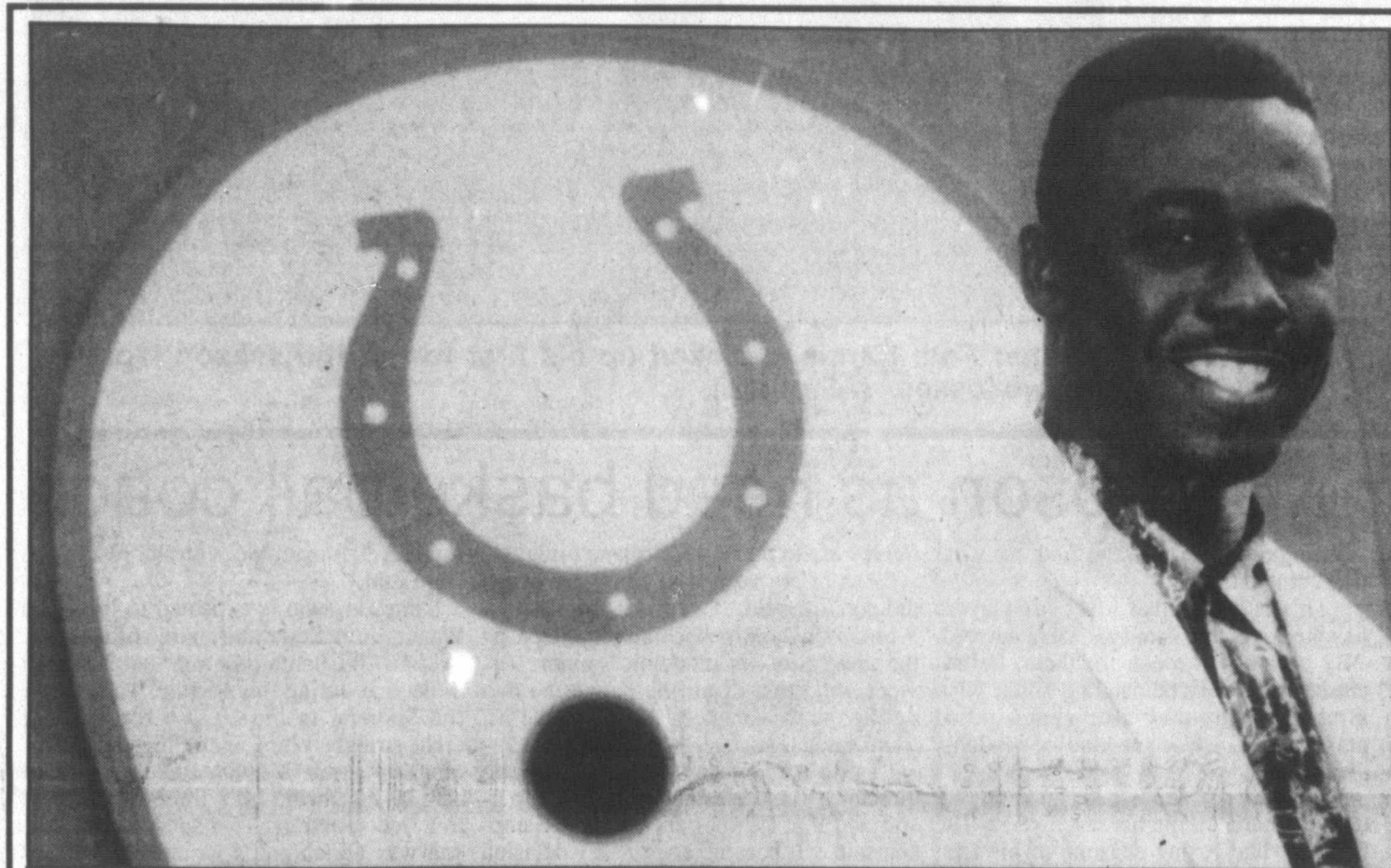
Michael Irvin was excited about the no-trade.

"The best thing that happened on draft day was keeping Alvin Harper," Irvin said.

Another fourth-round pick Monday was linebacker DeWayne Dotson, a 6-foot, 250-pounder from Mississippi. Dotson made 92 tackles last year and could fill a need on the inside where the Cowboys lost Ken Norton to San Francisco.

In the sixth round, the Cowboys took West Virginia quarterback Darren Studstill, who will be tried as a defensive back.

In the seventh round, Dallas drafted 6-3, 270-pound defensive end Toddrick McIntosh of Florida State.



Marshall Faulk of San Diego State waits outside the Indianapolis Colts' complex before being interviewed by the local media Monday. Faulk was the Colts' first pick and second overall in this year's NFL draft. (AP photo)

NFL teams want instant help

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In Year 1 of the salary cap, the theme of the NFL draft was clear: get rookies who can help right away.

While veterans are being cut, resigned at lesser salaries or dealt to teams more willing or able to absorb big contracts, NFL teams apparently don't want rookie projects. They want players who will step in and learn on the job.

That's why so few quarterbacks (nine) were chosen — it generally takes two or three years before they are ready to contribute — and why kickers (three) were virtually ignored. So was Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, whose indecision about whether to pursue football or basketball meant no action in the draft for the Florida State star.

"I've done everything I could possibly do to get drafted by the NFL," Ward said Monday. "Now the NBA draft is coming up and I have a chance to prove myself in that sport. The NFL has given me the first step to see what my options are."

But one team, the Minnesota Vikings, did show interest in Ward as a free agent. Their only backups for Warren Moon are Gino Torretta, the 1992 Heisman winner, and Brad Johnson; neither has thrown a pass in an NFL game.

"Whether or not he accepts it, that's up to Charlie Ward," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "A free-agent contract is not very lucrative, but what it gives you is opportunity. If he's interested in the opportunity to play in the National Football League, then he'd have that chance. If not, then he'd move on and we would also."

The draft moved through its final

five rounds Monday. Fullback Jeff Cothran of Ohio State was the first pick of the day, by Cincinnati, and linebacker Marty Moore of Kentucky was the final pick, going to New England.

"I'm sure the Patriots wouldn't have drafted me if they didn't think I could play," Moore said.

Among the All-Americans taken on the second day were LeShon Johnson, a running back from Northern Illinois who went to Green Bay in the third round; center Jim Pyne of Virginia Tech (No. 200, by Tampa Bay); and defensive tackle Rob Waldrop of Arizona (fifth round, Kansas City).

Also selected on Day 2 was Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley, who engineered a stunning upset of Notre Dame, robbing the Irish of a national championship. He didn't go until the final round, to the New York Jets, because NFL personnel men felt he was immature and overconfident.

"I really like this guy because he is a winner, fiery and cocky," coach Pete Carroll said. "Maybe some people don't like that, but I do."

In general, though, teams wanted instant help and went to fill needs. New England, worried about its running game if it can't get Leonard Russell re-signed, traded for an established power fullback in Marion Butts, sending third- and fifth-round choices to San Diego. On Sunday, Philadelphia acquired linebacker Bill Romanowski from San Francisco for two picks; Atlanta sent its second-round selection and 1995 first-round pick to Minnesota for a second-round pick and Chris Doleman; and the Broncos traded a third-round pick and a 1995 first-round selection to the Falcons for receiver Mike Pritchard.

"It would signal the end of Leonard Russell in New England," his agent, Steve Feldman, said. "They made a

business decision that's in their best interests. Likewise, Leonard Russell will make a decision in his best interests, which is to request a trade."

As for acquiring Doleman, new Falcons coach June Jones said, "The dimension he brings is a pass rusher we haven't had since Claude Humphrey. We think he's going to make everybody else better."

Who got better in this draft? Certainly Indianapolis, with game-breaking runner Marshall Faulk and linebacker Trev Alberts in the first five choices. Both should have immediate impact.

"We've always talked about a big-play guy," coach Ted Marchibroda said of Faulk. "We've needed a back and wanted to improve our running game, and he without question is the answer for it."

Also vastly improved is San Francisco, which has been a power for nearly 15 years. The 49ers desperately needed a defensive lineman to complement 1993 rookie of the year Dana Stubblefield. They got the best one available — other than No. 1 pick Dan Wilkinson, who went to Cincinnati — in Bryant Young of Notre Dame.

Then the Niners added a young fullback who can catch, William Floyd of Florida State; an injury-prone defensive back, Tyrone Drakeford of Virginia Tech, who was considered a possible first-round pick if fully healthy; a needed placekicker, Doug Brien of California (85); and a solid possession receiver in Cory Fleming of Tennessee.

"I think I've been accustomed to a lot of expectations coming from a school like Notre Dame," Young said. "We have high standards. I think Notre Dame and San Francisco are pretty comparable places as far as standards are concerned."

PHS golfers shoot 307 in regionals

SAN ANGELO — The Pampa Harvesters are within striking distance of the leaders after first-round play in the Class 4A regional golf tournament Monday at Brentwood Country Club.

The Harvesters, led by a pair of 73's by Fred Barnabe and Chris Duncan, shot a 307 to grab sole possession of fourth place in the team standings. Andrews leads the field with a 303, followed by Borger and Plainview at 304.

"Fred has been playing steady all year long. He could have had a 71 or 70, but his ball hit a tree after a good drive and bounced out of bounds," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "Chris was a pleasant surprise for us. He's been real close to that kind of score for a long time."

Other Pampa scores were Phil Everson with an 80, Chad Ziegelbruber 81 and Kyle Sparkman 87. Barnabe and Duncan are in a four-way tie for second in the medalist standings, just one stroke behind the leaders.

The final round is today with the top two teams and top two individuals advancing to the state meet in Austin.

"Our kids are real excited," McCullough said. "They feel like they can play well again today."

Following Pampa in the standings are Burkburnet at 311, Granbury 313, Snyder 320, Monahans 322, Justin North-west 328, Fort Worth Arlington Heights A 329, Brownwood 332 and Fort Worth Arlington Heights B 410.

Leading the girls' division after the first round is Andrews A with a 321, 17 strokes ahead of Snyder.



Fred Barnabe

Oilers looking for backup players after first two rounds of draft

HOUSTON (AP) — As a sophomore at Arizona, Roderick Lewis moved from linebacker to backup tight end.

On Monday, the Houston Oilers drafted him in the fifth round of the NFL draft for the same reason.

After filling needs by select-

ing defensive ends Henry Ford of Arkansas and Jeremy Nunley of Alabama in the first two rounds, the Oilers went for backup help at other positions.

They took Fresno State wide receiver Malcolm Seabron in the third round spent two fourth-round picks on cornerback

Michael Davis of Cincinnati and running back Sean Jackson of Florida State, then used their two fifth-round picks on Lewis and tackle Jim Reid of Virginia.

The Oilers signed free agent Pat Carter to become their starting tight end, a rarity in the run-and-shoot offense.

Houston also has made a run at Minnesota quarterback Sean Salisbury. The two have agreed to terms on a one-year deal with a team option for a second season.

Salisbury is expected to sign the offer in a few days, then the Vikings will have the chance to

match it because of a clause in his last contract with them, Oilers spokesman Chip Namias said. Terms were not disclosed.

It would be ironic for Salisbury to leave Minnesota for Houston considering he lost his chance at starting for the Vikings.

Harnisch hurls Astros past Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — For Pete Harnisch, spring training lasted four games into the regular season. On his fifth start Monday night, Harnisch pitched more like the way he did last season to lead the Astros to a 7-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I can't say what it means mentally," Harnisch said. "But it means a lot. I went out a couple of times this year and didn't give us a chance to win. Tonight, I gave us a chance."

Harnisch led the National League with four shutouts and a .214 batting average against him last year when he went 16-9.

He began this season 0-2 after four starts and was pulled in the first inning against Florida two weeks ago.

That seemed to end Monday as he went nine innings, scattered six hits and struck out eight for his first win of the season.

"He made pitches tonight and he kept the ball down in the strike zone," manager Terry Collins said. "He got a lot of first strikes. He pitched the way we know he can. I'm glad to see him back in form."

Harnisch's teammates were glad to see him improve to 1-2. He went all nine innings, allowing three runs on six hits and three walks. He struck out eight and lowered his ERA to a still-embarrassing 7.71.

"Tonight Pete was back in his old form," said Craig Biggio, who hit a two-run home run, his second of the year.

"This is the Pete we knew last year and the Pete we need. He got in a little trouble, but he pitched his way out of it. His velocity was up and he was ahead of the hitters. That's a good sign for us."

The difference, Harnisch thought, was being more relaxed.

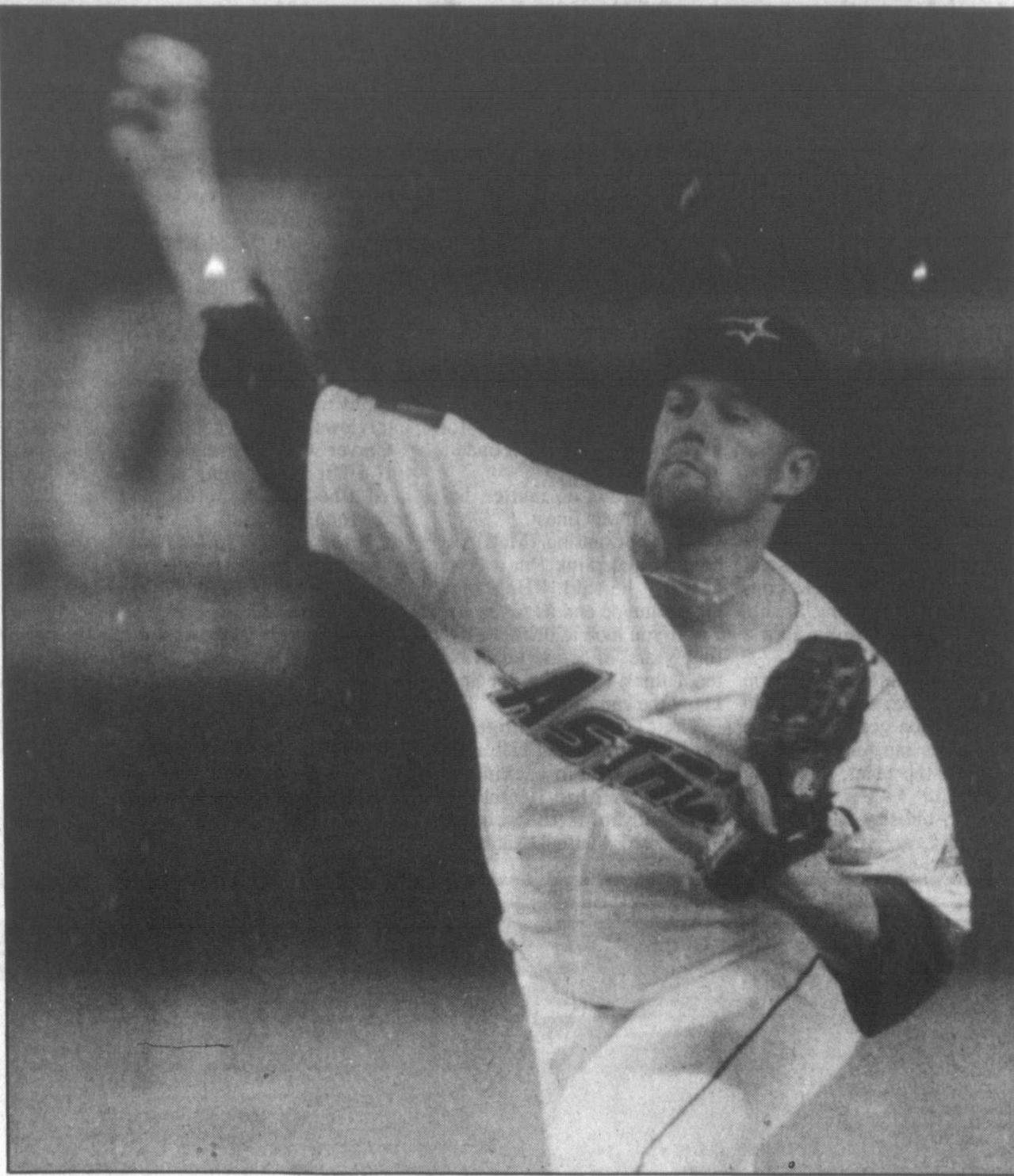
"I was concentrating a lot and I've been fighting myself on the mound," he said. "I don't know if I'm back yet but I had a lot of improvement. This is about as good as I was any time last year."

Pittsburgh's Al Martin couldn't help but notice how effective Harnisch was. Martin was 0-for-3 with a strikeout.

"I don't know what he was throwing, but it was effective," Martin said. "He pitched a good game. He threw a lot of strikes. I know he pitched me good. There's not much you can say. He just came at us and today was his day."

Pittsburgh's Denny Neagle (1-3) also pitched well over six innings, despite being stuck with the loss. He allowed four runs on four hits, two walks and a career-high eight strikeouts.

"He pitched a great game," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said. "He did what he was supposed to do. He had an outstanding changeup. We just had a couple of tough plays behind him."



Astros' pitcher Pete Harnisch picked up his first win of the season Monday night after two losses. (AP photo)

Sooners name Sampson as head basketball coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma ended its two-week search for a new basketball coach Monday by announcing that Kelvin Sampson of Washington State was the choice to replace Billy Tubbs. It turned out to be an easy pick.

The 38-year-old Sampson, along with his wife, Karen, wowed athletic director Donnie Duncan and others on the search committee during an interview Saturday.

"They (committee members) walked out and the only question they had was, 'Can we get this guy?' because of his feelings for Washington State," Duncan said. "This is an individual, wherever he is, he makes a difference with people."

That was apparent Sunday night, when the phone at his hotel room wouldn't stop ringing. One after another, his players at

Washington State called to find out what was going on.

"This is a man that loves his players like he loves his family," Duncan said. "By caring that much for them, he has an ability to be very demanding about what kind of people they are, what kind of players they are, what kind of students they are."

Sampson departs a program that he turned around during his seven years. The Cougars had losing seasons in his first three seasons, but none after that. They reached the NIT in 1992, and last season finished 20-11 and went to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1983.

Sampson said the seven years he spent rebuilding the program and building relationships in Pullman, Wash., made it dif-

icult even to board the airplane Friday.

"Part of me wanted to do it, part of me did not," he said.

Sampson said he became impressed by the university, its academic support services and most of all the people he met during the weekend. At the top of the list was Duncan.

"I don't know how great an athletic director he is, but I think he's a great person and that's important to me," Sampson said. "It became a very easy decision to accept this job because of him and his commitment to this university."

Sampson will receive an annual salary of \$115,000. The deal also includes a shoe contract, summer camps and radio and television shows that could raise that figure significantly. Duncan would only

say it is "competitive with the rest of the Big Eight."

Sampson, who is expected to bring his Washington State staff with him, takes over an Oklahoma program that has been in decline during this decade. Tubbs took the Sooners to the NCAA tournament eight straight years, including the championship game in 1988. But they wound up playing in the NIT three of the past four years, and the 15-13 record last season was Oklahoma's worst since 1980-81.

"I think you win basketball games when you get good enough to win," Sampson said. "Is Oklahoma good enough to win? I'll tell you in October. If I didn't think Oklahoma was good enough to win, I wouldn't be here."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League Standings

All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	13	5	.722	—
New York	10	7	.588	1/2
Toronto	12	7	.632	1/2
Baltimore	11	7	.611	2
Detroit	6	12	.333	7

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	11	7	.611	—
Cleveland	10	8	.556	1/2
Chicago	11	8	.579	1/2
Kansas City	8	9	.471	2 1/2
Minnesota	7	13	.350	5

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
California	9	12	.429	—
Oakland	7	12	.368	1/2
Seattle	6	11	.353	1/2
Texas	5	11	.313	1

Monday's Games

Minnesota 9, Cleveland 7
New York 11, California 1
Baltimore 8, Oakland 6
Kansas City 4, Toronto 3
Detroit at Texas, pop., rain
Milwaukee 13, Chicago 4

National League Standings

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Atlanta	14	6	.700	—
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Montreal	9	10	.474	1/2
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	1/2

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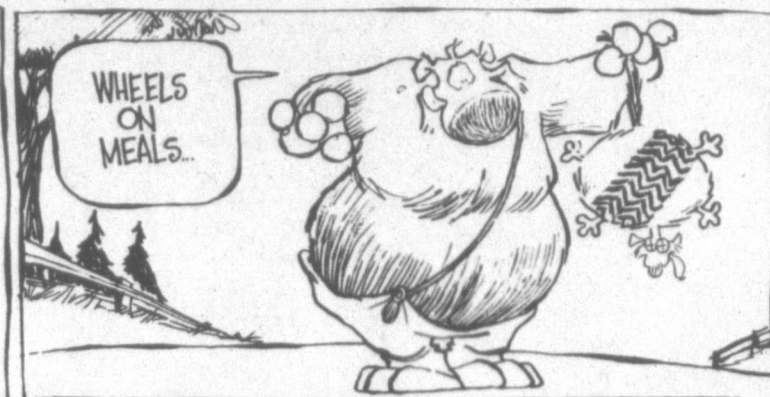
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TV special takes aim at youth violence

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Kids Killing Kids* is a children's call to arms.

Stop the gunplay destroying your lives by choosing new weapons — reason and responsibility — suggests tonight's CBS special hosted by former-*Cosby* kid Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

The approach of *Kids Killing Kids* is simple and non-preachy. It dramatizes four conflicts that end in violence, then replays each with a weaponless resolution.

Dare to break the monotony of adult problem-solving, in which heroes find bigger, better arms to destroy their villains; you youngsters can do better, reads the program's subtext.

In a rare and commendable move, *Kids* is airing commercial-free on both CBS and Fox Broadcasting Co. at 7-8 p.m. CDT. It's also showing simultaneously on cable television's Faith & Values Channel.

It comes not a moment too soon. For the networks, under fire for airing excessive violence, it shows a willingness to do more than mutter about unfair accusations; TV can try to be part of the solution.

Whether they were pushed into righteousness, or they jumped, credit is due.

For children, the situation is desperate. Gunshot wounds are the leading cause of death among teen-age boys in America today, Warner tells us in *Kids*. Among black men, one

out of every 25 will die by a gun. Killings among young people are rising, federal statistics show. From 1986-91, the homicide rate among those age 14 to 24 rose by 62 percent; the rate jumped 124 percent among those 14 to 17.

The disheartening, almost unbearable truth: the most frequent victims of firearm violence are teen-agers between 16 and 19, according to a Justice Department report released last year.

"The topic certainly deserves (network attention), because it's really an out-of-control problem," says executive producer Arnold Shapiro, whose work includes the powerful documentary *Scared Straight* and the *Rescue 911* series.

Kids Killing Kids dramatizes the most common situations in which young people use guns, according to research, said Shapiro.

A youth tries to keep a gang from inducting his kid brother; a boy carries a gun to school to impress a girl; a depressed teenager has easy access to a weapon; another, fearing for his safety, brings a firearm to school.

Each ends tragically. But then, like a VCR-controlled nightmare, we see the crisis roll back to just before the point of violence. The players have to chance to make a different choice.

The approach was inspired, ironically, by a movie comedy, Shapiro said. Given the assignment of creating a multi-story program on youth violence, the producer was initially stymied.

"I was flying back from New York on business and I was watching

the film *Groundhog Day*, about reliving your day so you could get it right. ... I thought 'Wow, we could do that here.'

"Show what happens when they carry a gun, then give them a second chance to relive their day," he said.

Warner was sought as host from the outset, partly because of his popularity from his days on *The Cosby Show* and because of the actor's involvement in community causes, Shapiro said.

He's more than a talking head, the producer said: "I call him a talking heart. He's reading the words we prepared for him, but he's really feeling it. He was very committed to it."

Shapiro recommends the program for children 7 and older — and for their parents: "Ultimately, most of these problems get back to parental responsibility, to being a good parent."

CBS was so pleased with the project, initially developed as a part of its afternoon *Schoolbreak Special* series, that it bumped it to primetime and decided to omit commercials.

That left a 13-minute gap. Shapiro has filled it with a companion piece, *Kids Saving Kids*, a documentary about children working in their schools and communities to reduce violence and make their lives safer.

"It really shows that there are kids out there doing something," he said. "The fact is, if every one of us doesn't make a commitment to do something about the problem, each in our own way, it won't go away."

Priest convicted of raping altar boy gets four life terms

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP) — A Roman Catholic was sentenced to four life terms Monday for sexually assaulting an altar boy.

The Rev. John R. Hanlon, 65, was convicted last month of raping William Wood, now 27, at a summer cottage in Scituate south of Boston in 1980 and 1981.

"You had to be stopped at all cost. The sentence you receive will be minuscule compared to mine," Wood

said in a statement before the sentencing. "I still wish him dead. There is no forgiveness for what he did," Wood said after the sentencing.

Wood, who gave reporters permission during the trial to use his name, was an altar boy at St. Mary's Church in Plymouth where Hanlon was pastor. Hanlon, now retired, was convicted of two counts of rape of a child and two counts of assault with intent to rape.

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More sea turtles found dead on Texas beach areas

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Biologists are worried about a jump in the numbers of dead sea turtles reported on Texas beaches this month, including the rare Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

Sixty-six sea turtles have washed up on Texas beaches so far this month, the most in any April in the past six years, turtle researchers say.

Even more troubling to them, they say, is that 40 of the stranded turtles found this month, or 60 percent, were Kemp's ridleys. The normal figure would be 40 percent.

"We don't like to see the loss of so many individuals in such a depleted population," said Donna Shaver, a biologist studying sea turtles at Padre Island National Seashore.

There are estimated to be only 400 adult female Kemp's ridleys in the world.

"Maybe it will just be a blip (in statistics)," said Shaver, who works for the National Biological Survey.

"But certainly, a lot of folks are concerned about this right now. ... Collectively, when you start seeing

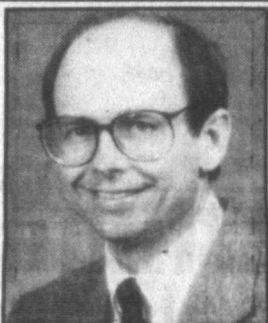
losses like what we're seeing here, they can definitely be detrimental to efforts to increase the numbers of these animals," she said.

No one seems to know the reason for the surge or whether it is related to a recent spate of dolphin deaths along the coast, said Tony Amos, a research associate with the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas.

Sea turtle strandings are most common in March, April, July, August and September.



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