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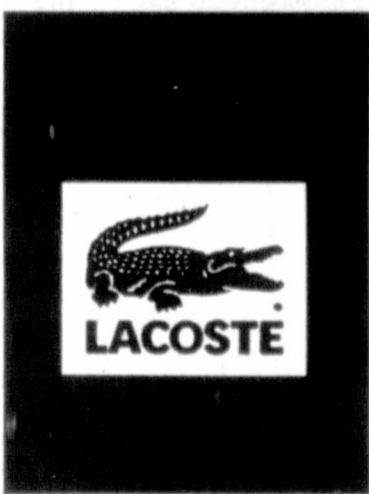
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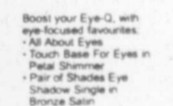


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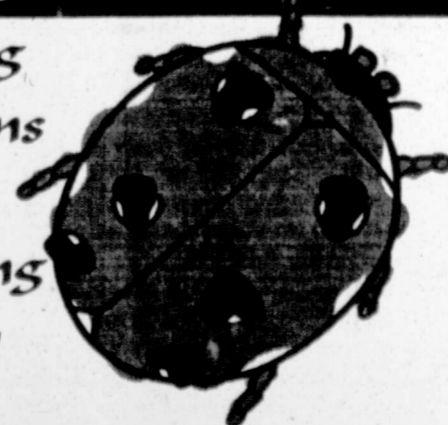
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Inside the Beltway with Sen. Hutchison

Campaign finance reform and reality

Political campaigns cost money. Any attempt to reform campaign finance laws has to take this reality into account. Reform can level the playing field.

Reform can make the election process more responsive to voters and more accessible to potential candidates.

But effective campaign finance reform has to acknowledge the central role played by legitimate, voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations.

Voters need information, the more the better, and getting that information to them costs money. Inherent in our democracy is the right and ability of candidates for public office to publicize their views before an election so the electorate is able to make an informed choice. I have introduced campaign reform legislation that addresses shortcomings in the current system. My bill targets specific problems with specific remedies.

Problem: Political action committees (PACs) overshadow individual contributors and concentrate fund raising in Washington.

My solution: Set a limit for both individual and PAC contributions of \$3,000 per candidate per election.

Problem: Inordinate amounts of campaign contributions coming from sources other than voters in a candidate's home district or state.

My solution: Strengthen politicians' home-state ties and encourage expanded grass-roots participation by requiring that at least 60 percent of a congressional candidate's campaign funds come from in-state individual residents in the case of the Senate, or from District residents, in the case of the House of Representatives.

This will ensure that the people of each state have the greatest say in the outcome of their congressional elections, and would help challengers, who rely more often upon individual contributions.

Problem: Candidates can loan their own campaigns unlimited sums of money, then reimburse themselves with contributions collected after they've been elected to office.

My solution: Set a \$250,000 limit on what self-financed candidates can reimburse themselves for campaign loans.

Problem: Incumbent elected officials enjoy the unfair advantage of franked (free) mass mailings, even during election years, up to 60 days before the election.

My solution: End the mass-mail franking privilege for Senators during election years.

My bill incorporates common sense into our campaign finance laws by targeting areas that have been subject to abuse and excess, while respecting freedom of expression. These are clear, workable reforms, designed to encourage broad political participation while addressing shortcomings that undermine public confidence. They would go a long way toward returning control of federal campaigns and elections to individual voters.

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VIEWPOINTS



Showing the evil of the age?

Newspaper editors say things like, "Show, don't tell," and, "Give me specific detail." Reality has fallen short of rhetoric, though, during coverage of the partial-birth abortion debate in recent years. Few newspapers have run vivid descriptions of the sharp instrument puncturing the skull of a mostly born child.

Another opportunity to practice classic "show me" journalism will arise soon when Congress again debates partial-birth abortion and probably sends a ban on the practice to President Bush's desk for what he has promised will be his signature. Will journalists depict the full horror of the partial-birth killing, even though that could grow the anti-abortion vote?

That's certainly what happened in 1870, when New York Times editor Louis Jennings began an anti-abortion crusade with a biblically referenced editorial titled, "The Least of These Little Ones." He complained that "the perpetration of infant murder is rank and smells to heaven." He tried to raise public outrage by assigning one of his reporters, Augustus St. Clair, to visit abortion businesses.

What St. Clair and a female friend learned in August 1871, while posing as an abortion-minded couple, came out in a hard-hitting feature headlined "The Evil of the Age." It showed how "thousands of human beings are murdered before they have seen the light of this world." St. Clair's specific detail skillfully contrasted powerlessness and power. He described the back of one abortionist's office: "Human flesh, supposed to have been the



Marvin Olasky

Syndicated columnist

remains of infants, was found in barrels of lime and acids, undergoing decomposition."

St. Clair also showed the affluence of one abortionist, Dr. H.D. Grindle, and quoted Madame Grindle as saying: "Why, my dear friend, you have no idea of the class of people that come to us. We have had senators, congressman and all sorts of politicians bring some of the first women in the land here." St. Clair was missing only one thing as he laid out the basic facts and made readers aware of a problem: a specific incident to galvanize the public.

Sadly, the journalistically useful horror story arose within the week and was headlined "A Terrible Mystery." The story described how the body of a young woman was found crammed inside a trunk in a railroad station baggage room, with an autopsy showing she had died after aborting her child: "Seen even in this position and rigid in death, the young girl — had a face of singular loveliness." She and her unborn child were victims of "the life-destroying arts of those abortionists, whose practices

have lately been exposed in the Times."

During the next few days, the Times kept reminding readers that the two deaths had occurred because of what went on in "one of the many abortion dens that disgrace New York." The Times attacked "men and women whose profession, if it means anything at all, means murder made easy," and asked whether "the lives of babes are of less account than a few ounces of precious metal, or a roll of greenbacks." Soon, the American Medical Association was circulating a report emphasizing "the safety of the child" and denouncing "the perverted views of morality" underlying abortion.

The AMA language was resolute in its defense of "human life. ... An honest judge on the bench would call things by their proper names. We would do no less." That's what journalists felt, also. Out of their emphasis on both sets of victims, mothers and children, arose new preaching, new legislation and a new development of "refuges" — 19th century crisis pregnancy centers — that helped save many lives.

Today, calling things by their proper names is politically incorrect, but it should be considered journalistically essential. The New York Times, regardless of its ideological position, should show journalistic integrity by describing the reality and letting readers make up their own minds. So should other newspapers — and they should resolve now to do that, before pro-choice lobbyists step up their pressure to suppress the news.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 1, the 60th day of 2001. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 1, 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the

first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from Boston's New England Female Medical College.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1932, the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. Remains identified as those of the baby were found the following May.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland. He died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: President Bush said "we've kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all" following the allied victory in the Gulf War. The U.S. embassy in Kuwait officially reopened. Edwin H. Land, inventor of polarizing filters and Polaroid instant photography, died in Cambridge, Mass., at age 81.

Five years ago: President Clinton slapped economic sanctions on Colombia, concluding authorities had not fully cooperated with the

U.S. war on drugs. The Food and Drug Administration approved a powerful new AIDS drug, saying ritonavir could prolong the lives of severely ill patients, at least slightly.

One year ago: Candidates in both major parties turned their focus to Super Tuesday, a day after Texas Gov. George W. Bush won primaries in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington state. A gunman in Wilkesburg, Pa., fatally shot three men and wounded two others. Classes were canceled at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., a day after 6-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader.

Israel has chosen national suicide

The Israelis have voted for war and against peace. That is the naked truth of the election of Ariel Sharon as prime minister.

Those who are trying to pretend otherwise are deluding themselves that Sharon, at age 72, will repudiate his whole life, which has been brutal and bloody. In fact, he has already killed the peace talks by taking Jerusalem off the table and telling the Palestinians that any new talks must start at ground zero. In other words, any agreements reached with the previous prime minister are considered null and void by Sharon.

It's a sad day. Israel was standing in the doorway that leads to peace. All it had to do was return to the long-suffering Palestinians only what is rightfully theirs — the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem and acknowledge the right of refugees to return or to receive compensation. Had Israel done that, peace would have followed.

But Israel stepped back from the door and turned to its dark past. Its lust for land is greater than the desire for peace. Israel's faith in the sword is greater than its faith in justice. It prefers oppression to cooperation.

It won't be immediately obvious, but what the Israelis have really chosen is national suicide. You're seeing the beginning of the end of the Zionist dream. Oh, they can kill thousands of Palestinians and probably will. Their deaths will not yield the Israeli peace. The French won the



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military battles in Algeria, but the French left. We won the military battles in Vietnam, but we left.

In a real sense, the Israelis have created their own unconquerable enemy. The Israelis have made the lives of Palestinians so miserable, so impoverished, so hopeless, that the Palestinians literally have nothing left to lose. It is a lot easier for them to die for freedom and independence than it will be for well-off Israelis to die to continue the occupation.

"Sharon will pose grave dangers not only for Palestinians, whom he is likely to brutalize, but also the entire region and possibly to world peace," Rabbi Michael Lerner said. "The path Israel is following is no surprise. Countries that seek to maintain by force the occupation over another people will eventually drift toward repressive or even fascist leadership. The

meanspiritedness in Israel that leads to a Sharon landslide makes many younger Israelis wish to leave Israel."

The formidable Jewish lobby, which has had a hard-enough time trying to rationalize the brutality of Ehud Barak, will really have its hands full trying to rationalize the actions of a man who once led a massacre of 82 men, women and children.

The Israelis might, in fact, push their American lobby to such extremes that a backlash occurs. After all, how many Palestinian children shot to death or beaten to death can you blame for their own deaths? How long can you maintain the myth that the people with 346 dead and 10,000 wounded are causing all the violence, and the people with only 46 dead are the pacifists?

How many times can you get away with crying anti-Semitism every time a church group, a human-rights group or an international organization criticizes Israel's brutality?

I've always believed that Israel's support in this country is 10 miles long and an eighth of an inch deep. It consists mainly of the lobby, the rapture cult and those cowards in Congress. In the past, nobody had to pay a price for supporting Israel. It was Israel's critics who had to pay the price.

Sharon, judging on the basis of his past, will probably reverse that.

Bush omits extra farm aid from his first budget

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers struggling with low crop prices and high production costs will have to wait to find out how much supplemental aid they will get this year from the government.

The budget that President Bush released Wednesday omits any special funding for farmers beyond that provided through existing support programs. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said the Bush administration doesn't know yet how much help farmers will need.

"We don't have a number at this point," she said. "We will be looking at what the need is, and we'll be working with ... other parts of the administration and the Hill to determine what amount of emergency funding will be needed."

The money would come from a contingency fund Bush wants to establish to cover new spending programs and other needs, she said. The contingency fund is supposed to total \$840 billion over 10 years.

Democrats questioned whether the contingency fund will materialize and said farm aid should have been included in the budget. "There's nothing in this budget to meet the needs we have in agriculture," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

A group of farm organizations, led by the American Farm Bureau Federation, has asked Congress for \$9 billion in additional aid this year to compensate for low commodity prices and soaring fuel and fertilizer costs. The groups want \$12 billion annually for each of the following nine years to expand existing farm programs. That money also would come out of the contingency fund.

Veneman refused comment on the spending proposal.

Crop prices plummeted in the late 1990s because of lagging exports and heavy worldwide produc-

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tion, and Congress responded by passing multibillion-dollar packages of supplemental assistance in each of the past three years, including \$8 billion in 2000 alone.

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The White House endorsed creation of special savings accounts for farmers that would allow them to put income away for withdrawal during economic downturns. Money put into the accounts would not be taxed until it was withdrawn.

Bush's budget would cut \$1.5 billion from the Agriculture Department next year, mostly by eliminating what the administration considers "one-time" emergency programs, such as firefighting, hurricane assistance and a program to control a citrus disease in Florida.

The administration also wants to eliminate special research projects earmarked in the budget by members of Congress. Earlier administrations have tried to stop such spending without success.

Altogether, the department's discretionary spending would drop from \$19.4 billion this year to \$17.9 billion. That does not include spending on mandatory programs such as food stamps, commodity price supports and payments to farmers for land conservation.

On the Net: Agriculture Department: <http://www.usda.gov/>

SMU to offer domestic partner medical benefits

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University next year will begin offering medical benefits and reduced tuition to same-sex partners of employees.

The Dallas-based school will become the second in Texas and one of a relatively few religious institutions nationwide to extend such benefits.

The university will join a growing number of private-sector companies offering same-sex benefits.

Morgan Olsen, SMU vice president for business and finance, said the benefits plan is a good business decision that will allow the university to remain competitive for top teaching talent.

"It was becoming clear that many employers nationally are offering this benefit," he told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "This is necessary to ensure SMU recruits and retains the best people."

The Faculty Senate last month unanimously approved the recommendation by members of the University Benefits Council.

"Not only is this important for certain people, but it sends a message that this is a place that's inclusive," said Patricia Davis, Faculty Senate president.

Beginning Jan. 1, same-sex partners will be eligible for medical and dental insurance and reduced tuition, with details to be developed during the coming months, Olsen said.

SMU estimates that about 19 of its 1,900 employees will sign up for the benefits at an annual cost of

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\$80,000 to \$100,000. About 150 of 3,300 higher education institutions nationwide have similar policies.

Rice University in Houston is the only other Texas university to extend benefits to same-sex partners, according to Human Rights Campaign research.

Emory University in Atlanta, which is also affiliated with the United Methodist Church, has a similar policy, as does Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., which was founded by the Southern Baptists Convention but has loosened its ties with the denomination in recent years.

The Methodist church voted overwhelmingly last year to maintain its policy against gay commitment ceremonies. The church also mandated discipline for ministers performing any such ceremonies.

This week, however, the bishop of the Nebraska United Methodist Church said an Omaha minister who said he had performed a covenant ceremony for two men will not face a church trial.

Governor: Economic losses from quake could top \$1 billion

SEATTLE (AP) — From the doorway of the downtown Sheraton Hotel, valet Mark Stanton watched glass-and-steel skyscrapers swaying and flexing in ways he never thought possible under the power of the region's strongest earthquake in a half-century.

"I watched this whole hotel shimmy," Stanton said. "I didn't know glass could flex like that."

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake, centered about 35 miles southwest of Seattle, was felt Wednesday as far away as southern Oregon and Canada. A mild aftershock with a preliminary magnitude of 3.4 was recorded early Thursday. There were no additional reports of damage.

Of the 250 injuries directly linked to the quake, all but a few were minor and none was considered critical.

Because the depth of the quake was 33 miles underground, the Earth's crust absorbed much of the shock, scientists said.

"We're just really, really lucky," Gov. Gary Locke said after surveying the region by helicopter.

Locke declared a state of emergency. He said Thursday that precise damage figures would not be available until buildings were examined by structural engineers, but it would easily top \$1 billion.

"We believe the damage could go into the billions of dollars when you calculate not only property damage and the cost of repair but also the economic impact of lost wages, people who aren't working, businesses not in operation," Locke said on NBC's "Today."

Locke, his wife and two children were among residents forced out of their homes by the earthquake. Cracks appeared in the brick walls of the governor's mansion and books and pictures flew off the walls, he said.

Officials said the million of dollars of investments the state and cities put into stabilizing buildings and bridges apparently paid off. While brick and shattered glass littered the streets, there was no widespread structural damage.

Most buildings constructed in Seattle since the mid-1970s were built to a uniform code designed to withstand strong earthquakes.

The Space Needle, where more than two dozen people rode out Wednesday's quake from 600 feet above the city, was built to handle a 9.1-magnitude quake. Twenty minutes after the shaking stopped,

the elevators and structure, a landmark dating from the 1962 World's Fair, were declared safe.

"It was like a rolling ship in the ocean," said Daryl Stevens, who was on the observation deck. The tower's facilities director, Rick Harris, declared it "the best ride in town."

"The code worked, but it wasn't tested to the full extent," said Bill Steele, a seismology lab coordinator at the University of Washington.

Vikram Prakash, an associate professor at the university's architecture department, said the devastation from January's 7.9-magnitude quake in India was partly due to contractors skimping on materials. Nearly 20,000 people died in that earthquake and entire cities were leveled.

Building codes here require structures to be able to withstand certain amounts of movement, Prakash said. If they hadn't been followed, he said, "I'm sure we would have seen a lot more (damage)."

The earthquake, the largest in the Northwest in 52 years, hit at 10:54 a.m., 35 miles southwest of Seattle and 33 miles underground, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

In Seattle and in Portland, Ore., 140 miles from the epicenter, the shaking sent people diving under desks and running into streets. Showers of bricks crushed cars, and three people in the Seattle area were seriously injured when they were struck by falling debris.

A woman in her 60s died of a heart attack at about the time of the quake. The medical examiner's office said it couldn't attribute her death to the earthquake with certainty.

"The ground felt like it was Jell-O, cars were swaying, trucks were swaying," said Tim Jacobson, who works at Seattle Air Cargo.

At the state Capitol in Olympia, 11 miles from the epicenter, people screamed as the lights went out and plaster fell from the ceiling. Cracks appeared in the supports of the massive stone dome.

Hundreds of thousands of people across the region temporarily lost power. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was closed for several hours, and U.S. Highway 101 buckled in several places.

The state Department of Transportation said there were no reports of major damage to bridges, as San Francisco faced after the deadly 7.1-magnitude World Series quake in 1989.



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Clinton foundation shares list of donors for library project

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators hunting for evidence of a pardons-for-dollars scheme at the Clinton White House got their first look on Wednesday at a list of 150 top donors to his presidential library project.

They looked at the list for about 45 minutes, but lawyers for the House Government Reform Committee would not disclose information about the contributors, or say how many of the names would prompt further investigation. All 150 people and organizations on the list contributed more than \$5,000.

The William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, which is raising money for the library to be built in Little Rock, Ark., initially resisted giving the donor list to the committee. The commission chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., then threatened to find foundation director Skip Rutherford in contempt of Congress.

But after several days of negotiations, the foundation and committee agreed on a way for top members of the committee to review the donor list, while protecting the privacy of donors not relevant to the probe.

"We have worked out an agreement, and Mr. Rutherford will not be required to testify" on Thursday, Burton said. "We think we'll have all the information we want by Friday, specific contributors, the amount and the dates. We've excused some of them because we don't think the information is necessary at this time."

The New York Times, meanwhile, reported on its Web site Wednesday night, that Tony Rodham, brother to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., pushed pardons for a Tennessee couple, Edgar and Vonna Jo Gregory. The Gregorlys, who live outside Nashville and own a carnival company based in nearby Smyrna, were convicted of bank fraud in 1982.

Rodham said he did not receive money for the pardons, which Clinton granted in March 2000. "I told the president about Ed Gregory and that he had applied for a pardon," Rodham said.

Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne acknowledged

Thursday that Rodham had pushed for the Gregorlys' pardons and two others which were not granted. "Many people approach the president about pardons," she said. "In his decision to grant pardons or not, the president decides on the merits of the case."

Mrs. Clinton's other brother, Hugh Rodham, has acknowledged seeking a pardon and a commutation for which he received nearly \$400,000. He has agreed to return the money.

Rutherford, the presidential foundation director in Little Rock, said a bipartisan meeting led to a compromise that addresses the committee's needs and the library foundation's privacy concerns. The Clinton foundation also is supplying a list of donors in response to a subpoena issued as part of a criminal investigation into the pardon by U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White in New York.

Members of the committee saw the names of donors, but on Friday will view the amounts and dates of various contributions, said Mark Corallo, committee spokesman.

Among other things, the committee wants to know whether Clinton's decision to pardon fugitive Marc Rich was influenced by contributions to the library. Rich, a billionaire, has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in 1983 on charges of tax evasion, fraud and making illegal oil deals with Iran.

His ex-wife, songwriter Denise Rich, contributed \$450,000 to the foundation, \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Clinton's bid for the Senate. Denise Rich and her friend, Beth Dozoretz, a former finance chairman for the Democratic National Committee who pledged to raise \$1 million for the library project, have both refused to testify before the committee.

The committee was forcing Dozoretz to attend Thursday's hearing to publicly refuse to testify.

While Rutherford is no longer required to testify, the committee expected to hear from other witnesses, including John Podesta, Clinton's former chief of staff; Beth Nolan, former White House counsel; and Bruce Lindsey, former aide and longtime Clinton confidant.

Federal investigators find no evidence of collusion in higher pump prices

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators found no evidence that oil companies conspired to gouge Midwestern motorists last summer, when pump prices in Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities rose above \$2 per gallon.

Investigators also concluded that the decline in gasoline prices after June was unrelated to the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry.

The FTC investigation "uncovered no evidence of tacit or explicit collusion among market participants," the agency's chairman, Robert Pitofsky, wrote Rep. Billy Tauzin, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Tauzin on Wednesday released the Feb. 26 letter, which Pitofsky had asked to remain private. An FTC spokesman had no comment. The full report is to be sent to Congress by the end of March.

To find sufficient evidence of collusion, investigators had to find that the companies agreed to manipulate inventories or restrict supply.

Tauzin, who represents a big oil-producing state, said the accusations against the oil companies were "politically motivated and without any merit whatsoever."

Representatives of the American Petroleum Institute, which represents large oil companies, did not immediately message Wednesday.

Pump prices in Chicago and Milwaukee are now paying prices close to the national average

of \$1.46 a gallon, according to the AAA.

But in May and June, prices in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit rose well above the \$2 mark — as much as 65 cents a gallon above the national average.

Republican leaders said the Environmental Protection Agency's smog-reduction program was largely to blame.

They said complications in making the required new reformulated gasoline blend, especially in Chicago and Milwaukee, where corn-based ethanol is added to make gas burn cleaner, were exacerbated when the Clinton administration refused to give refiners flexibility in meeting the standards.

President Clinton and other Democrats lawmakers defended the tighter rules, saying their extra cost — only a few pennies a gallon — could not account for the enormous price differential at the pump. They suggested that oil companies might be taking advantage of the regulatory changes to gouge the public.

The FTC, in an interim report to Congress in July, said it was unlikely that the stricter clean-air rules for the nation's smoggiest cities explained the price jumps. The FTC noted that prices for conventional gas blends rose more dramatically than for the reformulated fuel.

On the Net:
Rep. Billy Tauzin:
<http://www.house.gov/commerce>
AAA gasoline price charts:
<http://aaa.com/news12/prmain.html>

Farm Credit Board elects 2001 officers

AUSTIN — The board of directors of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) recently re-elected Ralph "Buddy" Cortese, a farmer and rancher in Fort Sumner, N.M., chairman of the board. Jon "Mike" Garnett of Spearman was re-elected vice chairman.

The two, who held the same positions in 2000, will direct policy for the \$5.3 billion lending cooperative, which finances farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural landowners and homeowners in

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Cortese has served on the six-member bank board since 1995 and was vice chairman in 1998. Prior to joining the board, he was chairman of the Production Credit Association (PCA) of Eastern New Mexico and a member of the 10th Farm Credit District PCA Stockholders Advisory Committee.

A graduate of New Mexico State University with a degree in agricultural economics, Cortese is

a former vice president of Roswell PCA.

Garnett produces alfalfa, forage crops, wheat and stocker cattle and operates a custom haying and baling business. He joined the bank board in 1999 after serving as a director of Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association for 22 years, including four years as chairman. He also served on the FCBT retirement committee.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural education, Garnett also previously served on the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and Spearman ISD board.

Other members of the FCBT Board of Directors include Kenneth Andrews of Madisonville, Texas; Joe R. Crawford of Baileyton, Ala.; James A. McCarthy of Rio Hondo, Texas; and Dr. William Staats of Baton Rouge, La.

Newly renovated galleries open at PPHM

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon opened its newly renovated art galleries recently during a Friends of Southwestern Art Annual Meeting. The renovation created three new galleries and spurred the reinstallation of all the galleries.

The former Eastern American and European Gallery has become the new Texas Gallery, a space nearly three times its former size, featuring Saltillo tile. Parts of the entrance vestibule (imported from England) were formerly in the now-raised Herring Mansion. These architectural touches acknowledge the European roots of Texas and highlight the Society's nationally-recognized Texas collection.

The Western American Gallery has become the Southwestern Gallery. The rough-sawn pine floor and New Mexican architectural details add a new dimension to the Society's Taos and Santa Fe collections.

The former Texas Gallery has become the H.D. Bugbee Gallery. The first installation in the newly-created gallery features selections from the personal collection of Olive Vandruff (Mrs. H.D. Bugbee), a renowned Texas artist in her own right.

The wall cases for decorative arts have been reinstalled with Indian arts. Silver, beadwork, baskets, and pottery comprise the new installation. Pieces are from the Bill Dee, Anna Wolfram Dove, Susan J. Allen and Robert Tansill collections. The Furniture Gallery has also been reinstalled, incorporating paintings into the overall design.

These changes were made possible by a generous grant from the Amos Molyneux Trust. This is part of a three-fold plan for the Arts Wing to keep pace with the museum's \$6.1 million renovation project, to emphasize the West in the Arts Wing and to exhibit more of the permanent collection.

Livestock show donation



(Special photo) Benny Baker, Panhandle - town operator, presented a check in the amount of \$200 recently to Phil Freeman in support of Carson County Junior Livestock Show.

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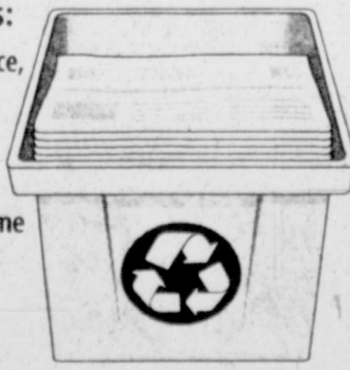
Keeping an Eye on Texas

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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).



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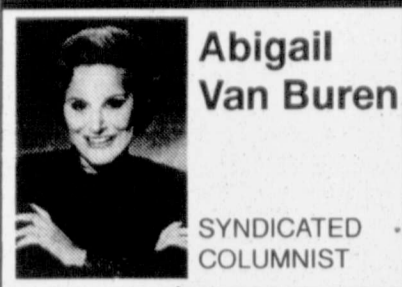
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Doctor's Wife Can't Convince Her Husband to Heal Himself

DEAR ABBY: I am an educated middle-aged woman who has not worked outside the home since my first child was born 12 years ago. My husband, "Jack," is a respected physician who makes a good living. We have two daughters, ages 11 and 9. Jack loves the girls and tries to make time for them in his busy work schedule. His career is demanding. Over the years it has taken more and more from him in terms of time, energy and emotions, which is why I have chosen to be at home. Jack has given up many of the things he used to do for fun and relaxation because he is tired all the time.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

to do to support myself since I no longer have any marketable skills. I'm afraid he'd be so angry he would leave me financially destitute.

Abby, I'm stuck. I don't know what to do.

TIRED OF IT ALL

My husband has become an angry, depressed man. He manages to hide it at work and functions very well. But when he is home, he is controlling and complains constantly. I have repeatedly asked him to see a therapist and consider taking an anti-depressant, but he absolutely refuses to do either. He says he can manage his problems. He can't. His constant criticism has killed any feelings I had for him. I am not interested in his thoughts or opinions, and I'm certainly not interested in having sex with him, which I do to keep the peace.

Jack says he is happy with me and doesn't want another wife. I am not happy with him and I don't want another husband. It's too much work!

If we didn't have children I would leave. But how can I take my daughters away from their father? If I left him, I wouldn't know what

trained in mental health disorders, about the change in his behavior. Depression is an illness, and he or she may be able to convince him, in a way you can't, to get help.

Medication and counseling do wonders in the treatment of depression. The sooner it is treated, the faster the patient (or doctor) gets better.

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, my mother sent me a birthday card with a penny inside. She died recently, and I'm still wondering why she sent me just a penny.

Is there an old adage connected to giving someone a penny as a gift? DAUGHTER OF A FRUGAL MOM

DEAR DAUGHTER: Have you never heard of "a penny for luck"? Your mother included the penny because she was wishing you good luck.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Tonight: Make it OK to be lazy! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** A meeting reminds you just how close the weekend is. You enjoy those around you with new zest. Someone inspires you to be even more playful. Let go of worries, and don't push so hard. Consider that it might be impossible to please a partner or associate.

Tonight: Kick up your heels. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Another does care, but right now he has an odd way of expressing his affection. Work with the present situation and refuse to be intimidated. An opportunity to increase your stature has only one response: yes. Go for what you really crave. Tonight: Work late, if you must.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You find someone cantankerous. Realize that you cannot always control others or their responses. Understand another's response by detaching yourself. You might do the same in his shoes. Stop putting pressure on yourself. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Deal with financial and partnership issues. Actually, you might not have a choice. You gain, as will another, if you work together. Increase your sense of well-being and security. Use care with spending. Tonight: Make nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You could come off a lot stronger than you realize. You might not intend to push anyone away, but you do. Allow someone to have more say if you would like to continue in a more positive way. Neither of you is right or wrong. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You might have difficulty focusing. Understand that you might not be getting all the information you need. At the same time, you could also be making some bad choices. Slow down and understand that you, too, could be off. No one is perfect. Tonight: Soak away your stress in a bubble bath.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Others give you their suggestions and opinions. If you can incorporate them, do so. Otherwise, don't worry about it. Use your ingenuity to clear the office early on. Join friends as soon as you can. Curb a tendency to go overboard or to spend way too much. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Pressure builds at work. You might need to do quite a juggling act. Count on your ability to burn the candle at both ends. Your instincts help direct your dealings with a family member. You might not be sure about which way to go, otherwise. You understand this person much better than you realize. Tonight: Mosey on home.

BORN TODAY

Author Dr. Seuss (1904), musician Jon Bon Jovi (1962), former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev (1931)

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Do whatever is necessary to curb your temper. Take a walk. Think about the person who might be triggering you. Reach out to someone at a distance. If possible, plan a getaway. Seek out information and feedback. Tonight: Let go of stress with some fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You still might not see eye to eye with someone at a distance. Your perspective could moderate or change substantially if you talk to another who has more understanding than you. Set a clearer path to long-term goals. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your magnetism speaks, but it also could draw the ire of someone who wants to be more like you. Discuss a criticism openly, especially if it might impact your outward image. Friends go to bat for something you all want. Tonight: Take charge and do what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Step back a little, especially if you feel pushed to the limit. Understand that your health and well-being must come first. Change plans if need be.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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The Family Circus



"While you're auctioning things, see how much you can get for my scooter."

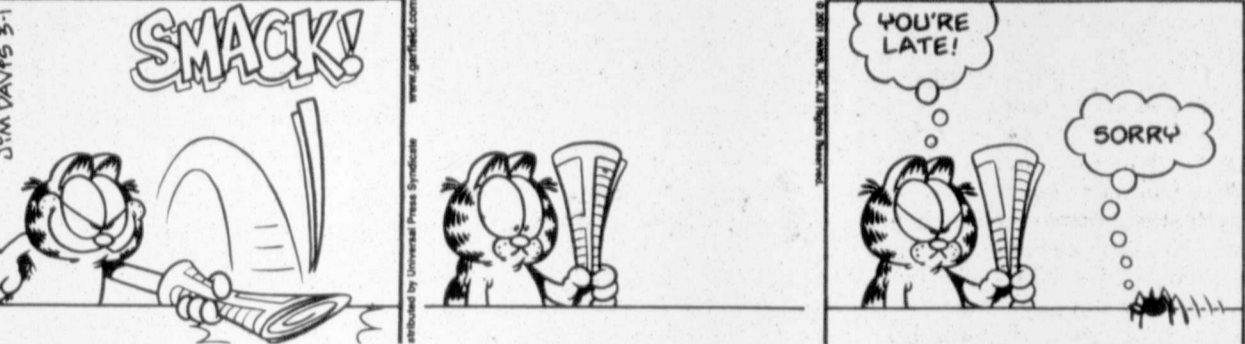
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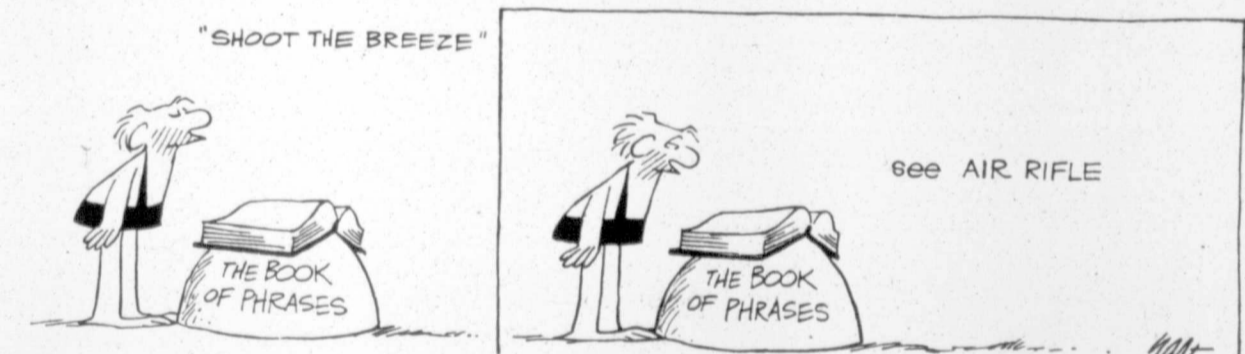
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SPORTS

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Church and Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team.

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

The entry deadline is March 21 at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 28 at the Recreation Office.

Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — For the sixth year in a row, the Randall Raiders have advanced to the Class 4A regional semifinals.

Randall beat Canyon 43-41 on Tuesday to move further into the playoffs.

Randall's scoring leader against Canyon was Keenan Hooker with 16 points. Calvin Nite added 11.

Canyon's Nate Lombard tossed in 24 points. Jay Roberts followed with 7.

BASEBALL

JUPITER, Fla (AP) — Big Mac is getting some big bucks.

Still, it's nowhere near what he would command on the free-agent market.

Mark McGwire and the St. Louis Cardinals agreed Thursday to a two-year extension worth about \$30 million.

"We could not be more pleased," Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said. "From day one, it has been a real pleasure working with Mark. He offers a great perspective when it comes to contract negotiations, and he takes a real interest in securing a deal that he believes to be fair not only for himself, but also for the team."

The new deal runs through 2003, the season McGwire could be approaching Hank Aaron's home-run record of 755.

"I had no desire to play anywhere other than St. Louis," McGwire said. "In my mind, there is no better place to be if you are a baseball player."

McGwire, 37, missed most of the second half of last season with a knee injury and had surgery during the offseason, but has been healthy this spring.

McGwire and the Cardinals were talking about an extension that would pay him \$14 million in 2002 and \$16 million the following year, according to two baseball officials familiar with the negotiations who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

McGwire negotiated the extension himself with the Cardinals and did not go through his agent, Bob Cohen.

Big Mac is seventh on the career home-run list with 554, just 201 behind Aaron, and would have to average 67 homers in the next three seasons to tie the mark.

McGwire set the single-season record with 70 homers in 1998, then hit 65 the following year. He hit 32 last season in just 236 at-bats.

With an average salary of about \$15 million, McGwire will rank about eighth in baseball.

Iowa State clinches tie for Big 12 crown

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Larry Eustachy is a tough guy to please, so tough that not even a share of a second straight Big 12 championship could brighten the Iowa State coach's somber mood.

The eighth-ranked Cyclones got 22 points from Martin Rancik and clinched at least a tie for the title by beating Texas Tech 80-63 Wednesday night, their 35th straight victory at home.

But no one was jumping up and down, donning caps or climbing ladders to cut down the nets, least of all Eustachy.

He didn't care for the fact that Texas Tech traded baskets with his team for most of the first half. Or that the Red Raiders shot 56 percent in the half. Or that, as he put it, his team's "commitment to defending is zero."

"I don't know what it is, but this team is average," Eustachy

said. "It should be real special, but I'm into having a team right, and right now, we're just not right."

Average? At 24-4 overall and 12-3 in the league? With 11 victories in the last 12 games? Assured of the school's first consecutive championships in 55 years?

That's what he said. "I have a completely different feeling from last year," Eustachy said. "Maybe it's Larry. Maybe I'm the only one screwed up in this whole coliseum and everything's neat. Don't discount that."

Actually, his players said they aren't feeling right, either.

"Last year at this point we were playing way better," guard Jamaal Tinsley said. "I don't know why that is. Some day, it's going to catch up with us."

Not on this night, though.

Iowa State scored the final 10 points of the first half to take a 44-34 lead, then blew it open with a 19-4 second-half run.

The Cyclones, who can clinch the title outright by beating Nebraska at home on Saturday, held Texas Tech (9-17, 3-12) to 38 percent shooting in the second half and the Red Raiders lost for the 10th time in 11 games.

"They're a great basketball team," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I really respect Larry and he's done a terrific job. They are leading the nation in 3-point shooting for a reason. They make big shots when they have to."

Though Iowa State was just 4-for-16 on 3-pointers, all four came in the second half to help keep the Cyclones in control.

Iowa State shot 55 percent overall, thanks largely to Rancik going 11-for-17 and Tyray

Pearson, who scored 12 points, going 6-for-7. Tinsley had 10 points and 12 assists.

Cliff Owens led Texas Tech with 16 points and Jamal Brown scored 13 — 12 in the first half. Brown's 5-for-6 shooting kept Tech in it during the first half, but the Raiders turned it over on four straight possessions at the end of the half and Iowa State pulled away.

Dickey was slapped with a technical foul with 5.5 seconds left in the half and Sullivan made two free throws to finish the 10-0 run. As he walked off the floor at halftime, Dickey shoved a television camera as the cameraman followed him. He later apologized to the cameraman.

"We had a superior first half and shot the ball extremely well," Dickey said. "Then that little run when we turned the ball

over, we didn't handle the crowd very well, they got some momentum and the second half I thought they did an excellent job of penetrating, pitching and finding some shooters."

Herd advances

PLAINVIEW — Slade Hodges scored 23 points and Cody Hodges added 19 as Hereford defeated Lubbock Estacado 67-55 on Tuesday night to advance into the Class 4A regional tournament.

The Whitefaces jumped out to an 11-0 lead four minutes into the game. Estacado never got closer than seven points.

Estacado's leading scorer was Corone Duvall with 23 points. Corey Morrison followed with 12.

JVs win

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Fritch 8-6 in a junior varsity baseball game earlier this week.

Pampa JVs are now 2-0 for the season after opening the season with an 8-6 win over Borger.

Tyler Ross led Pampa at the plate with two hits in four times at bat. Zach Cobb, Ryan Zemanek and Kevin Youree had one hit each.

Matt Driscoll started on the mound and was relieved in the fourth by Zemanek, who went the rest of the way. Driscoll gave up two hits and walked five while Zemanek gave up three hits and walked one. Both pitchers had two strikeouts each. Zemanek picked up the win.

Pampa and Fritch had five hits each.

Max Simon, Ross and catcher Hunter Craig played outstanding defense. Craig threw out a Fritch baserunner.

"We played good fundamental baseball. We made the routine plays and ran the bases very well," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Pampa meets Perryton in a doubleheader Saturday at Perryton.

4-H Champs



The Pampa Stars, a fourth-grade girls basketball team, recently competed in the Gray County 4-H Tournament held in Lefors. The Stars brought home the gold, winning all three games. Front row, from left, Kelby Doughty, Tabby Courter, Kamie Doughty and Libby Dyson; Back row, from left, Jessica Miner, Lilly Price, Lauren Smith, Riikki Beesley and Holly Winegeart. Not pictured is April Silva. The Pampa Stars are sponsored by Lineberger Law Firm and Celanese LTD.

Flutie, Leaf and Grbac become latest free agents

By The Associated Press

Doug Flutie went from popular leader of the Buffalo Bills to unemployed quarterback.

Flutie joined fellow quarterbacks Ryan Leaf and Elvis Grbac as free agents, and three-time Super Bowl champion Ken Norton Jr. was released Wednesday — a day when a slew of players were cut to clear salary cap room.

More players will be released as teams get down to the \$67.4 million salary cap before free agency begins Friday.

Record-setting running back Corey Dillon will be the most accomplished free agent available, but the Cincinnati Bengals used their transition tag on him, giving them the right to match any offer.

The long-brewing controversy that revolved around Flutie and Rob Johnson ended when the Bills announced that Flutie, a fan favorite, would be cut, making Johnson the team's hands-down starter.

The decision was made despite Flutie's 21-9 record as Buffalo's starter, compared to Johnson's 8-10 mark. Buffalo saved about \$3 million by releasing Flutie, 37. That's close to \$1.4 million more than the team would have saved by cutting Johnson, 27.

"Doug's certainly proven with what he's been able to do that he can play at this level,"

Bills president and general manager Tom Donahoe said.

"We felt we could win with both quarterbacks, but we felt we had to select the best quarterback for us. And we did that with Rob Johnson."

The Chargers had high hopes when they took Leaf with the second pick overall in the 1998 draft, right after Indianapolis took Peyton Manning. Instead, Leaf responded with poor play and boorish behavior.

Leaf leaves the Chargers with a 4-14 record as a starter, having thrown 33 interceptions and just 13 touchdown passes. The Chargers still owe him the final \$2.95 million installment of his \$11.25 million signing bonus, which was part of a deal potentially worth \$31.25 million that he signed in July 1998.

San Diego also released cornerbacks DeRon Jenkins and Darryll Lewis, and running back Robert Chaney. The Chargers signed quarterback Dave Dickenson from the Calgary Stampeders to a two-year contract just a few hours before releasing Leaf.

"We are preparing for free agency and the draft, and this allows these players to catch on with another team," Chargers general manager John Butler said.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who ended last season almost \$30 million over the cap, announced Grbac will become

a free agent.

Negotiations produced one offer from Steiner of a five-year contract averaging \$8 million a year, including a \$20 million signing bonus. Grbac's contract called for a \$10 million bonus if he was still on the roster Friday.

"We have been informed by Elvis Grbac's agent, Jim Steiner, that Elvis wants to pursue the free-agent market and would prefer to play somewhere else," Chiefs president Carl Peterson said.

The Chiefs also released two-time Pro Bowl cornerback James Hasty and four-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Chester McGlockton.

Norton spent six years with Dallas before joining the 49ers as a free agent in 1994. Norton is the only player in NFL history to win three consecutive Super Bowls — two with the Cowboys, one with the 49ers.

In other salary-driven moves, the Pittsburgh Steelers released center Dermontti Dawson, and the Carolina

Panthers released three players who were with George Seifert when he won a Super Bowl with the 49ers in 1995.

Carolina cut cornerback Eric Davis, fullback William Floyd and linebacker Lee Woodall. The moves were not unexpected for the salary-cap strapped Panthers, who also released offensive lineman James Dexter. Carolina needed to trim \$11 million to get under the \$67.4 million cap by Friday's deadline.

Several more prominent players could be released Thursday. Even teams under the salary cap were looking for ways to trim the payroll to get more flexibility.

"There are only so many slices to the pie," Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. "We're going to lose a couple of key guys. There's no way around that."

Six-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman John Randle is expected to be released by the Minnesota Vikings because he wouldn't agree to restructure

his contract.

The Steelers also released a player who had ties to their past. Dawson, 36, is the last Steeler to play for both Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher, and is the only player other than Mike Webster to play center for the team during the last 25 years.

The seven-time Pro Bowler was due a \$1 million bonus if he was still on the roster on March 9. The Steelers are trying to figure a way to keep running back Jerome Bettis.

"In order for us to sign some of our other free agents, we are forced to make some very difficult decisions," vice president Art Rooney II said.

The Dallas Cowboys saved \$7.5 million in roster bonuses by releasing cornerback Ryan McNeil and linebacker Joe Bowden.

The Cowboys are interested in re-signing both players if they can work out more salary cap-friendly deals. Both were free-agent signings last offseason.

Bennigan's Run set for March 10 in Amarillo

AMARILLO — The Eighth Annual Bennigan's St. Patrick's Day 5-K run is set for 8:30 a.m. March 10 at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern in Amarillo. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Cost for pre-registration by March 5 is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Entry forms are available at

Bennigan's.

The overall man and female winners will receive Bennigan's mugs. All paid participants will be eligible for door prizes, including four gift certificates for two from Bennigan's, and the continental breakfast following the race. There will also be a prize for the best St. Patrick's

Day costume. Pre-registration will ensure race day receipt of a T-shirt.

Race day entry is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. All proceeds benefit the West Texas A&M cross country scholarship program. For more information, call Kimberly Dudley at 651-2373.

BRIEFS

House Republicans move quickly on tax cut plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to act, House Republicans are moving with extraordinary speed to advance the income tax cuts at the heart of President Bush's economic program, overriding vehement Democratic protests as they go. "We believe that the president's plan is not only right but responsible," Rep. Bill Thomas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Wednesday as he announced the panel would convene Thursday to give its approval. A vote in the full House would follow by a week. "We are spending money we don't have. And Democrats will not be party to it," Democratic leader Dick Gephardt countered as key lawmakers labored to complete work on a less costly alternative they said was more prudent for the economy.

Report finds national health care system woefully lacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's health care system is a tangled maze that too often leaves Americans with inadequate, outdated, even unsafe therapy, according to a scathing report Thursday that recommends an urgent overhaul to bring 21st century care to more patients. U.S. specialists know sophisticated and effective ways to fight killers like diabetes, heart disease and breast cancer. But too many patients slog from doctor to doctor in search of one who can even fit a basic physical examination into their crowded schedules, much less one who understands and uses the best treatments, says the report by the Institute of Medicine. The report is a follow-up to the institute's groundbreaking 1999 announcement that medical mistakes kill from 44,000 to 98,000 hospitalized Americans a year.

Investigators search for bodies, clues in high-speed train crash

GREAT HECK, England (AP) — On a wreckage-strewn stretch of rural rail line, investigators searched Thursday for bodies and clues to a few fateful minutes that brought two trains and a car together in a high-speed crash. Thirteen people were confirmed dead and more than 70 injured in Wednesday morning's collision in northeast England.

Agents discover second drug tunnel

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Federal agents have discovered a second tunnel that was apparently used to smuggle drugs across the Mexican border.

The 30-foot tunnel discovered Wednesday leads from a sewer system to a car wash in Nogales, Ariz., about a half-mile from the border. Another tunnel had been found Monday leading from a sewer to a home in the same town.

Agents found the second tunnel while serving warrants in a drug investigation unrelated to the discovery of the first tunnel, said Jim Molesa, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman.

The tunnel took the form of a 16-inch-wide pipe through which drugs were pushed, authorities said. Agents searching the pipe found about 350 pounds of marijuana, with a street value of about \$300,000.

Four people were arrested, but no names or charges were immediately released because the warrants and indictments were sealed.

In all, authorities have found seven tunnels in Nogales since 1995. The discoveries highlight the scope of the drug-trafficking problem, Molesa said.

"They're out there, and we're looking for them," he said. "There's so many out there you can stumble on them."

Agents from the DEA, the U.S. Customs Service and the Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force had been investigating a drug operation for five months when they uncovered the second tunnel.

Molesa said drugs were brought from Mexico to the tunnel in Nogales through an underground sewage line. About 30 feet from the Los Amigos Car Wash, they were fed through the pipe. The pipe was too small to crawl through, unlike the 25-foot-long tunnel discovered Monday.

For reasons not yet explained, a Land Rover towing a car on a trailer went off a highway, down an embankment and onto a rail line. The frantic driver was able to get out of his car and call emergency services on his mobile phone. Less than a minute after the call went through, he shouted "The train's coming!" The passenger train, reportedly traveling at about 120 mph, hit the car at 6:12 a.m. and careened into an oncoming coal train.

EU worries about growing Albanian insurgency

BOGORODICA MONASTERY, Macedonia (AP) — Worried Macedonian leaders have established a wide exclusion zone to block access to the border village of Tanusevci, where government troops fought a three-hour battle with ethnic Albanian militants Monday. More border firefights erupted Tuesday and Wednesday in the same area, near the Kosovo

village of Debelde. Such clashes are heightening fears in Macedonia and in other European nations that this former Yugoslav republic could be the next scene of Balkan conflict. Ethnic Albanians insurgents are also fighting with Yugoslav forces in a neighboring part of southern Serbia, and there are concerns the two conflicts could upset the fragile stability established in Kosovo by NATO and the United Nations.

Comptroller: New companies join Texas 100 Stock Index

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today announced the Texas 100 Stock Index added nine new companies and dropped others during an annual revision to ensure that the index represents Texas' 100 largest employers with publicly traded stock.

In most cases, the companies leaving the Texas 100 have not suffered business setbacks or significant employment losses. They are being replaced by faster growing companies. The changes in the Texas 100 also reflect the overall shift in the Texas economy. All but two of the new companies can be found in the service and financial sector. ...

The revised index rose from 120.2 in December to 131.3 in January, a gain of 9.2 percent.

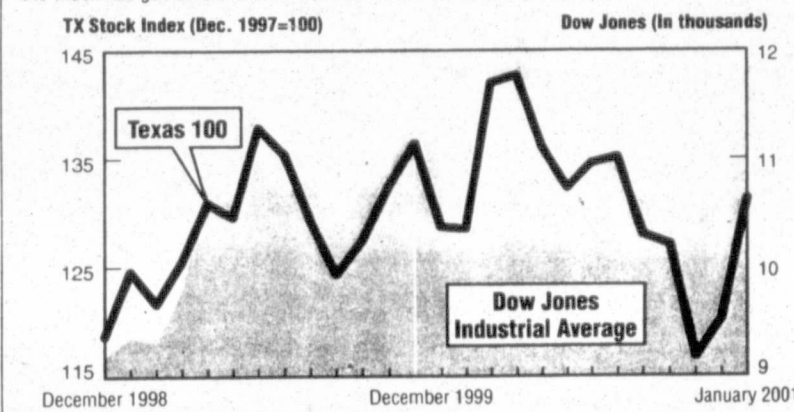
Citibank joins the Texas 100, after buying out Associates First Capital and replacing that company in the index. Also joining the Texas 100 are Aetna Inc., O'Reilly Automotive Inc. (Hi/Lo Auto Parts) and Sprint Corp. local and long distance telephone company. (Sprint wireless, a separate company, is not included in the Texas 100.) Five business service providers are also new to the index: Administaff Inc., an employee benefits provider; Labor Ready Inc., specializing in unskilled temporary workers; American Building Maintenance Industries Inc., a janitorial service company; Personnel Group of America (Staffinders), a temporary employment agency and Service Master Inc., which provides business services ranging from staffing to lawn care.

Companies departing the Texas 100 are Cullen Frost Bankers, Bridgestone Firestone, General Motors Corp. and American Standard, which manufactures Trane air conditioners in Tyler. Other departing companies are Bass PLC (Holiday Inn), Phoenix Restaurant Group (Black-Eyed Pea) and Conoco. Texaco will be

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Texas 100 Stock Index

The Texas 100 Stock Index rose 9.2% in January to a level of 131.3. Over the last 12 months, the index has gained 2.0% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials lost 0.5%.



Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

Sector	Change
Energy	+2.1%
Halliburton	+13.6%
BP Amoco	+7.6%
Lyondell	+6.1%
Texas Utilities	-14.9%
Reliant	-13.0%
Dupont	-9.5%
Other Manufacturing	+0.3%
Pilgrim's Prnde	+37.4%
Goodyear	+14.4%
Coca Cola Ent.	+6.4%
PepsiCo	-11.1%
Tromotiu	-5.8%
Temple	-4.9%
Entertainment & Travel	-3.3%
Tricon Restaurants	+9.2%
Continental Airlines	+1.0%
Luby's Cafeterias	+0.8%
Brinker International	-7.8%
Southwest Airlines	-6.6%
Delta Airlines	-5.9%
Retail	+14.8%
Best Buy	+68.5%
Kmart	+64.7%
Office Depot	+40.6%
Safeway	-18.9%
O'Reilly Automotive	-15.9%
Kroger	-9.3%
High Tech	+14.4%
Advanced Micro Devices	+78.1%
Compaq	+57.1%
WorldCom	+53.3%
Boeing	-11.4%
Telelobe	-7.5%
Texas Instruments	-1.3%
Service & Financial	+9.6%
Labor Ready	+79.6%
Xerox	+76.6%
Personnel Group of America	+68.9%
Columbia HCA	-15.0%
Alistate	-10.7%
Manpower	-9.9%

NOTE: The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997 would be worth today (\$131.29). SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

replaced on the index by the merging company Chevron Texaco.

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panies are in the energy sector and the "old economy" non-high-tech manufacturing sector.

The Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the monthly stock prices of Texas' 100 largest publicly traded employers. The index reflects the current value of one dollar invested in each of the component companies in December 1997. That investment would now be worth \$131.29.

Companion planting good idea

Excitement and anticipation course through the door each time it opens. Like a cold house warmed from family stirrings, mild breezes percolate through the greenhouse. The weather is warmer. When the Jackson & Perkins banner and the seeds

seeds, edible to decorative, arrived in huge, heavy boxes. All of which require unpacking, sorting, labeling, dispensing and description. Seed sorting in the dark underbelly of the nursery world, a necessary but tedious chore.

Without fail, I always spill seeds. If we watered the floor, we would have salad. The seeds have a new home this year — beautiful new seed bins. (Thank you, Kirk!) From aster to zinnia, broccoli to zucchini, these future plants wait patiently in their pretty bins to be planted.

Companion planting is gaining popularity. Native Americans practiced companion planting for centuries. Strangely enough, some vegetables do not work or play well with others. Others relish each other's company and provide protection from pests.

Cucumbers and potatoes are not buddies. The cuke attracts potato blight. Garlic inhibits bean and pea growth. Tomatoes and the cabbage family (Brassica) are allergic to one another.

On the other hand, a clove of garlic near tomatoes will repel red spider mites. Carrots taste sweeter nested between tomatoes. A few radish seeds sown

around a squash hill repel squash bugs. Sow the radishes first. After they sprout, plant the squash beans. Allow the radishes to go to seed.

Tomatoes transplanted near roses will protect the roses against black spot fungi. Garlic, onions and chives repel aphids on roses. Protect fruit trees from borers with a ring of garlic cloves or nasturtiums poked around their trunks.

Okra and corn protect squash, melons, pumpkins and cucumbers from sunburn. Viney plants guard the corn from raccoons. These corn thieves, I hear, dislike traveling through thick vines. Corn benefits from nitrogen producing peas and beans.

An excellent gardening tip came from a wise customer. After many years of ground-level gardening, her knees were bad. She graduated to raised beds and flowerpots. She also loved green onions. In every pot and bed, she tucked many onion slips.

This story ends well. She always has a ready supply of fresh onions, she never has aphids, and her knees improved.

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"Almost any garden, if you see it at just the right moment, can be confused with paradise." — Henry Mitchell

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arrive, we know that spring is upon us. UPS delivered them just the other day. The week's major chore involved vegetables seeds. The

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