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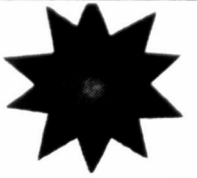
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## Good Evening!

### AREA

**PAMPA** — Pampa Fire Department is conducting its annual spring evaluation of nearly 600 city water hydrants, according to Capt. Kim Powell.

Along with the annual hydrant check, firefighters will check every inch of water hose owned by the department, she said.

Hoses will be examined for rips, tears, poor coupling and integrity under pressure.

Hazard elimination surveys and pre-fire planning sessions are ongoing, she said.

**GROOM** — An Arkansas truck driver suffered minor injuries today when the tractor-trailer rig he was driving overturned near Groom.

Danny Gerald Cook of Pangburn, Ark., was westbound on Interstate 40 before dawn today when the semi-truck he was driving swerved off the south side of the highway.

The truck, loaded with frozen chicken, skidded west on the grassy median before turning over. It came to rest on the driver's side of the truck in the left-hand lane of the highway about three and a half miles west of Groom, partially blocking traffic in the westbound lanes of Interstate 40 this morning.

Cook was taken to the emergency room of North-west Texas Hospital in Amarillo for treatment of his injuries. Hospital officials reported his condition as stable at mid-morning. Pending examination of X-rays, officials said he would probably be released later today.

**PAMPA** — Dead cattle were stacked like cord wood at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Texas 70 this morning after a cattle truck overturned, killing a dozen bovines.

A 1989 Peterbilt truck pulling a 1993 Wilson livestock trailer failed to negotiate a curve in U.S. 60 late Wednesday night and overturned, Pampa police said today.

Douglas Kelsie Wylie, 36, of Lott, was released by medical personnel after being taken to Coronado Hospital emergency room for treatment of minor injuries.

The tractor-trailer rig, owned by Thigpen Trucking Inc. of Chilton, Texas, was westbound on U.S. 60 shortly after 11 p.m. Wednesday when it failed to make a curve where the highway intersects with Texas 70 in Pampa. Officers said the truck sheared off a traffic light and then turned over on its left side.

Officers said the truck was loaded with 74 head of cattle at the time of the accident. The dead cattle were picked up by Hereford By-Products this morning.

### STATE

**AUSTIN (AP)** — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$11 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 21, 27, 30, 31 and 33.

State lottery officials in Austin say 119 tickets matched five of the six winning numbers and are worth \$2,068 each. They say another 7,596 tickets contained four of the numbers drawn, for a \$116 prize. More than 157,799 tickets had three numbers for an automatic \$3 prize.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$18 million.

## South side traffic stop ends in fray

By **CHERYL BERZANSKIS**  
 News Editor

Law enforcement officials today are continuing to sort out details of a Wednesday night disturbance on Neel Road which developed after a policeman stopped a car suspected of carrying crack cocaine.

Police officers working a drug-related tip became embroiled in a fracas which drew 150 bystanders and required a call for back-up help from other agencies and off-duty officers. Two officers, one of whom is a member of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, received minor injuries in the resulting fray.

Three men and a 14-year-old girl were taken into custody just after 8 p.m. Wednesday in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Arrested were:

- Nathan Williams, 17, 1161 Varnon Dr., who is today free on bond charged with disorderly conduct, no seat belt and no driver's license;

- Kerrance Brown, 25, 1033 Huff Rd., charged with resisting arrest, evading arrest, two charges of assault with bodily injury on a police officer and theft. Bonds were set at \$2,500 on resisting arrest - Class A, \$1,500 on evading arrest, \$4,000 on each assault charge, and \$1,000 on theft \$20-\$500.

- Tyrone Evans, 29, 846 S. Somerville, who stands charged with interference with a police officer and two counts of assault with bodily injury. His bond was set at \$1,000 on the interference charge and \$4,000 on each of the assault charges.

Evans and Brown are in city of Pampa jail.

The 14-year-old girl was released to the custody of her parents after officers observed her driving a car without a license, said Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols. Her involvement in the fracas continues under investigation, he said.

According to Pampa Police Chief Chuck Flemings, three more arrests are expected today for

people who attempted to interfere with officers who stopped a late model maroon Cadillac reported to be hauling a baseball size chunk of suspected crack cocaine.

Flemings today was unraveling details of the original traffic stop of the Cadillac, the subsequent arrival of a Geo suspected of having a stolen radio inside and being driven by an unlicensed driver, and the ensuing flight of some of the cars' passengers. The suspected drugs were seen, confirming the validity of the tip, he said.

"This is one of those damned confused things," he said. Causing trouble were occupants of the two cars, rather than the majority of bystanders.

"I didn't hear any derogatory remarks but there was a group of young people who were really escalating in their language," he said.

He described the disturbance as a diversion designed to focus attention away from what began as an attempt to stop the flow of narcotics in Pampa.

"This had nothing more to do than an accumulation of people watching an arrest on a drug deal. ... We are going to go down and do our job. We had a load of drugs coming in last night. We had people interfering and as a result we had two officers injured. ... We are going to do our job. The department is not going to be intimidated by a few people in a good neighborhood," Flemings said.

"We live in a society governed by laws. People in Prairie Village on numerous occasions have asked the police department to do something about crack on their street corners. That's exactly what our units were doing," he said. "Our system of laws do not allow for people to interfere while the police department does its job. To cause bodily injury to an officer is a tally unacceptable behavior."

Both the Cadillac and Geo have been impounded, he said.

A preliminary investigation of the fracas has been completed.

"I've done a prelim and we did our job," he said.

## Federal building to be demolished

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — The federal building wrecked by the tremendous blast of a 4,800-pound bomb will be brought down Tuesday by the relative whimper of 100 pounds of dynamite.

The explosives will be used to demolish the scarred shell despite concerns that a second blast might further traumatize residents, city officials said. They said dynamite would be safer and quicker than a wrecking ball.

Suspect Terry Nichols was due in court today for a prelim-

inary hearing, where his case is likely to be turned over to a grand jury.

Nichols and his Army buddy Timothy McVeigh have been charged in the April 19 attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. They face the death penalty if convicted.

The death toll was lowered to 167 after medical examiners determined that remains thought to be those of an unidentified woman belonged to another victim.

## Ready for the prom



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Angie Everson, 1994-95 Pampa High School homecoming queen, and her beau, Jeff Beyer, are prepared for the Pampa High School senior prom this weekend. The prom will start at 8 p.m. Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. The theme, as Angie and Jeff are demonstrating, is Mardi Gras.

## House approves property rights bill

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The state House today gave final approval to a bill that would give Texans the power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property.

The bill, dubbed the "Property Rights Preservation Act" by its backers, was approved by the House on a voice vote. It now goes to the Senate for consideration of House changes. The Senate earlier approved a similar bill.

The measure would allow landowners to sue over government action restricting their use of private property and reducing market value of the property by 25 percent or more.

Its sponsor, Rep. Susan Combs, said the bill addresses "a sense of helplessness and frustration" landowners have experienced when government seizes their property and does not provide sufficient compensation.

She said the bill would make governmental entities think

twice before taking a Texan's property.

"It will require us to do a look-before-we-leap analysis," said Ms. Combs, R-Austin.

Said co-sponsor Bob Turner, D-Voss: "It will provide security to those who own land."

Opponents contended the bill would subject the state to a slew of lawsuits and cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

"It's a lawyer's dream," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. "Many people look to the state as a bag full of money."

Combs disagreed: "We do not intend for this to be a lawyer's dream bill. ... We do not intend to, nor will this bill, bankrupt the state. It is not a free-for-all."

Others said the bill would threaten policies aimed at protecting the environment.

"This will gut any regulation that protects public health," said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin. "We're talking about the health of our citizens, the health of our children."

Although the bill includes an exemption against actions that threaten public health, Maxey said the provision is too narrow to have any real effect.

Ken Kramer, state director of the Sierra Club, agreed.

"The language of her bill right now doesn't protect pollution control regulations," said Kramer.

Combs said the bill does nothing to inhibit efforts to protect the environment. "You do not have a right to pollute, and this bill does not give you that right," she said.

The bill pertains only to actions by state agencies and cities that adopt ordinances treating people outside their limits — or in extrajurisdictional jurisdictions — differently than city residents.

It includes dozens of exemptions, including city zoning and annexation ordinances and actions taken to address "a real and substantial threat" to public health and safety.

## Texas could become first state to have home-rule school districts

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Texas apparently would become the first state to free entire school districts from a laundry list of regulations through home-rule charters if a pending education reform bill becomes law.

"To my knowledge, it has not been done anywhere else," said Andrea DiLorenzo of the National Education Association.

Others, including Gov. George W. Bush's spokeswoman Karen Hughes, also said they hadn't heard of another state trying home-rule school districts, an idea championed by Bush.

"This plan puts Texas on the leading edge of education reform across the country, and it's based on the idea that local

teachers and educators know best how to educate children from their communities," Ms. Hughes said Wednesday.

But minority lawmakers, teacher groups and others say they're worried.

"We've had a concern around the fact that the driving force behind the home-rule movement seems to be economics," said Richard Kouri of the NEA-affiliated Texas State Teachers Association.

"Given the budget crunch we're going to see in a lot of districts over the next couple of years, that's going to be the engine driving decision-making in an awful lot of cases," he said.

Some black and Hispanic lawmakers have

expressed concern that home-rule districts are untried, would lead to school segregation and would allow freedom from such important regulations as class-size limits.

"Don't throw me back to the 1950s," Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, who is black, said during a House debate.

The home-rule idea is related to proposals for school campus charters, which are being tried in a dozen states. They also are included in the Texas bill, which is awaiting a final OK by a House-Senate conference committee.

The school charter idea would allow groups of parents, teachers or other entities to create schools with public money

but without having to follow many state regulations.

The home-rule district takes the idea to a bigger scale: It would allow a local charter commission made up largely of educators and parents to draw up an education plan for an entire Texas school district.

If approved by voters, home-rule districts would be freed from numerous areas of state regulation, such as educator rights and benefits; requirements for dealing with disruptive students; and, for the most part, limits of 22 students per teacher in the lower grade. Class-size restrictions would apply only to campuses performing below acceptable academic levels.



# Pampa Academy of Christian Education honors students in awards assembly

Students of Pampa Academy of Christian Education were honored with academic, sports, scripture memory and character awards Tuesday at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Honored were:  
 Cheerleading: Angie Edmondson and Summer Ferguson. They are coached by Majuanta McKean.

Girls basketball: Angie Edmondson, defensive player; Rainy Hopson, fighting heart; Jessica Mattox, offensive player. They are coached by the Rev. Mike Sublett.

Boys basketball: Avery Taylor, leading scorer; Andy Edmondson, best defense; Brooks Ferguson, fighting heart. They are coached by Terry Ferguson.

Girls volleyball: Amy Buck and Caryn Hendrick, best servers; Amy Buck, most valuable player; Jessica Mattox, best bumper. They are coached by Jean Terry.

Boys volleyball: Mike Curfman, best server; Andy Edmondson, most valuable player; Christian character, Brooks Ferguson. They are coached by David Harris.

Graduating from kindergarten were Jarod Barrett, Jeremy Coffman, Clint Devoll, Melissa Lewis, Lauren Parsley and Josiah West.

Named to the "B" honor roll were Mike Curfman and Louis Smith. Named to the "A" honor roll were Miah Ebel, Jeremy Simpson and Bryce Taylor.

Earning spots on the PACE "B" honor roll with at least 60 stars earned and a 88 to 93 percent score were Mayla Conner, Andy Edmondson, Caryn Hendrick, Natalie Rummerfield, Avery Taylor, Ashley Degner, Angie Edmondson, Jeremy Herndon, Amy Rose, Brianna Taylor, Austin Smith and Misty Vick.

Earning spots on the PACE "A" honor roll with at least 60 stars earned and a 94 to 100 percent score were Amy Buck, Amanda Daugherty, Eric Morgan, Cody Franks, Rolan White, Jarod Barrett, Jeremy Coffman, Melissa Lewis and Lauren Parsley.

Earning positions on the principal's "B" honor roll with at least 72 stars and 88 to 93 percent scores were Christina Buck, Kazia Parker, David Donnelly, Jackie Eastham, Kelly Ebel, Kristal Lee, Josh Rasco, Steve Terry and Schanta Platt.

Earning positions on the principal's "A" honor roll with at least 72 stars and 94 to 100 percent scores were David Foreman, Rainy Hopson, Donna Salgado, Beth Platt, Chad Platt, Heather Vick, Elisha Lane, Devin Knaub, Meghan Lewis, Sarah Platt, Tisha Platt, Billy Terry, Josiah West and Micah West.

Members of the Four Star honor roll were Meghan Lewis, Sarah Platt, Tisha Platt, Billy Terry, Josiah West and Micah West of the lower learning center.

In the intermediate learning center, Beth Platt, Chad Platt and Heather Vick were named the Four Star honor roll and in the Junior High Learning Center, Rainy Hopson earned the designation.

Members of the "100" club for those who earned 100 percent on one to nine "pace tests" are Ashley Degner, David Donnelly, Jackie Eastham, Jeremy Herndon, Kristal Lee, Austin Smith, Brianna Taylor, Avery Taylor, Louis Smith, Jeremy Simpson, Natalie Rummerfield, Kazia Parker, Caryn Hendrick, Miah Ebel, Mike Curfman and Mayla Conner.

Members of the "1,000" club are Kelly Ebel, Angie Edmondson, Schanta Platt, Josh Rasco, Amy Rose,

Steve Terry, Misty Vick, Devin Knaub, Elisha Lane, Bryce Taylor, Andy Edmondson, David Foreman, Eric Morgan, Christina Buck and Amy Buck. They scored 100 percent on 10 to 19 "pace tests."

Members of the "2,000" club are Rolan White, Jarod Barrett, Jeremy Coffman, Melissa Lewis, Lauren Parsley, Donna Salgado and Amanda Daugherty. They earned 100 percent on 20 to 29 "pace tests."

Member of the "3,000" club is Rainy Hopson. She earned 100 percent on more than 30 tests.

Members of the "4,000" club are Billy Terry, Chad Platt, Heather Vick.

Members of the "5,000" club are Micah West, Meghan Lewis and Beth Platt.

Members of the "7,000" club are Sarah Platt and Josiah West.

Member of the "8,000" club is Tisha Platt.

Graduating from fifth grade were Chad Platt and Bryce Taylor. Eighth grade graduates are Kristal Lee, Amy Rose and Brianna Taylor.

Elementary awards in scripture memory went to Jarod Barrett, Devin Knaub, Meghan Lewis, Tisha Platt, Josiah West, Micah West, Elisha Lane, Melissa Lewis, Lauren Parsley, Sarah Platt, Beth Platt, Chad Platt and Heather Vick.

Earning scripture memory awards in the junior high learning center were Kelly Ebel, Angie Edmondson, Rainy Hopson, Kristal Lee, Schanta Platt, Amy Rose, Donna Salgado, Brianna Taylor, Austin Smith, Steve Terry, Misty Vick and Rolan White.

In the upper learning center, scripture memory awards went to Natalie Rummerfield, Miah Ebel, Caryn Hendrick, Andy Edmondson, Kazia Parker and Avery Taylor.

Perfect attendance awards went to Sarah Platt, Tisha Platt, Jarod Barrett, Rainy Hopson, Chad Platt, Beth Platt and Schanta Platt.

Overall winner of the spelling bee was Tisha Platt. Participating were Chad Platt and Steve Terry.

Earning community service recognition were Andy Edmondson, Avery Taylor, Brian Kimbrell. A trophy went to Chad Platt.

In the lower learning center, grades kindergarten through third, students honored for most "paces" completed were Meghan Lewis, Sarah Platt and Tisha Platt.

In the intermediate learning center, fourth and fifth grades, Beth Platt earned an award for most "paces" completed.

In the junior high learning center, grades six through eight, completing the most "paces" were Rainy Hopson and Rolan White.

In the upper learning center, high school grades, completing the most "paces" were Kazia Parker and Andy Edmondson.

Highest "pace" averages were Josiah West and Tisha Platt in the lower learning center.

Highest "pace" average was Beth Platt in the intermediate learning center.

Highest "pace" averages in the



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Tisha Platt is the only member of the "8,000" club for scoring 100 percent on 80 or more "pace tests."

junior high learning center were earned by Rainy Hopson and Rolan White.

In the upper learning center, Amy Buck and Miah Ebel earned the highest "pace" averages.

Citizenship awards went to Tisha

Platt, lower learning center; Chad Platt, intermediate learning center; Brianna Taylor and Steve Terry, junior high learning center; Amy Buck, Natalie Rummerfield and Jeremy Simpson, upper learning center.

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Students named as most improved were Meghan Lewis, lower learning center; Beth Platt and Bryce Taylor, intermediate learning center; Schanta Platt and Josh Rasco, junior high learning center; Christina Buck and David Buck, upper learning center.

Outstanding Christian character awards were earned by Jarod Barrett and Tisha Platt in the lower learning center; Chad Platt and Beth Platt, intermediate learning center; Rolan White

and Donna Salgado, junior high learning center; Avery Taylor and Kazia Parker, upper learning center.

Eagle awards chosen by student vote and which reflect outstanding character went to Sarah Platt in the lower learning center; Chad Platt, intermediate learning center; Rainy Hopson, junior high learning center and Kazia Parker in the upper learning center.

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Opinion

Policy towards Cuba a mystery

The Clinton administration continues its tradition with respect to policy toward Cuba - i.e., it is confused to the point of incomprehensibility, constantly changing, imbued with little sense of history and profoundly anti-humanitarian. One shudders to contemplate the next twist or turn.

Attorney General Janet Reno was given the unenviable task of calling an about face a continuation of previous policy, and did so with her customary aplomb and verbal dexterity. In brief, the administration will allow some 20,000 Cuban refugees who have been held at the U.S. base at Guantanamo to come to the United States, but it will treat future Cuban refugees who find their way to U.S. soil as candidates for deportation. The U.S. government will also actively patrol the high seas, intercept Cuban boat people and return them to Cuba.

The one sensible aspect of the new policy is allowing the refugees at Guantanamo to come to the United States. Keeping them at Guantanamo was cruel and expensive - costing some \$1 million per day. Cuban dictator Fidel Castro had announced that they wouldn't be welcomed back in Cuba, and they had to go somewhere.

There is a large and responsible Cuban-American community in the United States experienced in helping refugees and fully capable of easing the absorption of this group. The process shouldn't require any taxpayers' money.

The other aspects of the new policy reverse what has been U.S. policy since the early 1960s. Since that time, Cubans able to escape Castro's island prison-camp have been treated as refugees from tyranny and allowed to stay.

Ah, but the Cold War is over, and Cuba isn't as geopolitically dangerous to the U.S. government as it used to be, say some. But the crumbling of Cuba's former sugar daddy, the Soviet Union, hasn't meant the end of Castro or noticeable improvement in the lives of ordinary Cubans. If anything, life for Castro's subjects has gotten worse, giving them even more plausible reasons to try to flee.

To be sure, the previous policy, which accorded virtually automatic refugee status to people fleeing communist dictatorships but intercepted and returned those fleeing non-communist dictatorships was inconsistent and often cruel.

A more humane, more consistent policy would be to welcome refugees from dictatorships of all political stripes, without making the false and invidious distinction between "political" and "economic" refugees. Such refugees have historically been more of an asset than a liability to this country.

The administration policy betrays an attitude that views people as a problem and potential liability, to be kept away from our tightly-controlled and fragile little country rather than as potential assets and problem-solvers who can build and contribute. That attitude held by people in public life will do more to hasten the decline of the United States than almost any other real or imagined danger this country faces.

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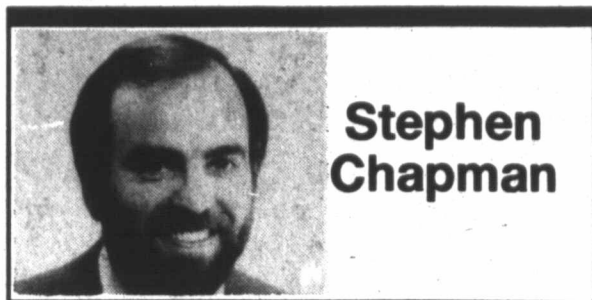
During the 1983 mayoral campaign in Chicago, a whisper campaign against Democratic nominee Harold Washington wasn't doing the job. So, the allegation that had been passed orally from one person to another - that Washington was a child molester - was written up and passed out in a desperate (and futile) effort to defeat him.

The flyer, as you might guess, was not printed on the letterhead of some organization, published in the newspaper or signed by some prominent citizen. It was anonymous. The author wanted the phony charge circulated, but he had no desire to accept responsibility for it.

That is the reality of anonymous leafletting, which the Supreme Court recently insisted is "not a pernicious, fraudulent practice, but an honorable tradition of advocacy and dissent." The six justices in the majority, unfortunately, were not merely expressing their idle opinion of this custom. They were discovering in the Constitution a new right to keep your identity secret while engaging in electioneering, a decision that will help the malicious and hinder democracy.

Disclosure lies at the heart of our campaign laws. We require candidates to reveal how much money they raise, who they get it from and how much they spend. People who give to office-seekers have to make their names public. Even those who spend their money independently to promote candidates must file detailed reports with the Federal Election Commission.

The Supreme Court upheld these regulations in 1976, concluding that disclosure helps voters evaluate candidates, deters corruption and makes it easier to detect violations of contribution limits. It does place a burden on people who want to promote their views by helping candidates, but the inconvenience is minor compared to the benefits to the democratic process.



Stephen Chapman

The same, of course, is true of the law the court struck down in this case. Like 48 other states, Ohio says campaign literature has to include the name and address of whoever issues it. After Margaret McIntyre passed out unsigned flyers opposing a school tax, she was fined \$100. She sued, arguing that the law violated her free-speech rights, and last month, the court said she was right.

Justice John Paul Stevens, writing the majority opinion, reminded us that "great works of literature have frequently been produced by authors writing under assumed names" and that many political thinkers of the revolutionary era used pseudonyms - including James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, whose Federalist papers bore the byline of "Publius."

But to say something was once common and legal is not to say that it is a constitutional right. It used to be common and legal for candidates to take secret campaign contributions, but no one thinks that deeply rooted tradition enjoys the protection of the Constitution. And the policy of banning anonymous campaign leaflets has its own long history, going back more than a century.

What purpose does it serve? The worthy one of fostering honest and reasoned debate, while discouraging lies and malicious gossip. People who

have to put their names on what they write, you can be sure, will behave more responsibly than those who can escape accountability. (The most vulgar hate mail I get always comes without a signature, much less a return address.)

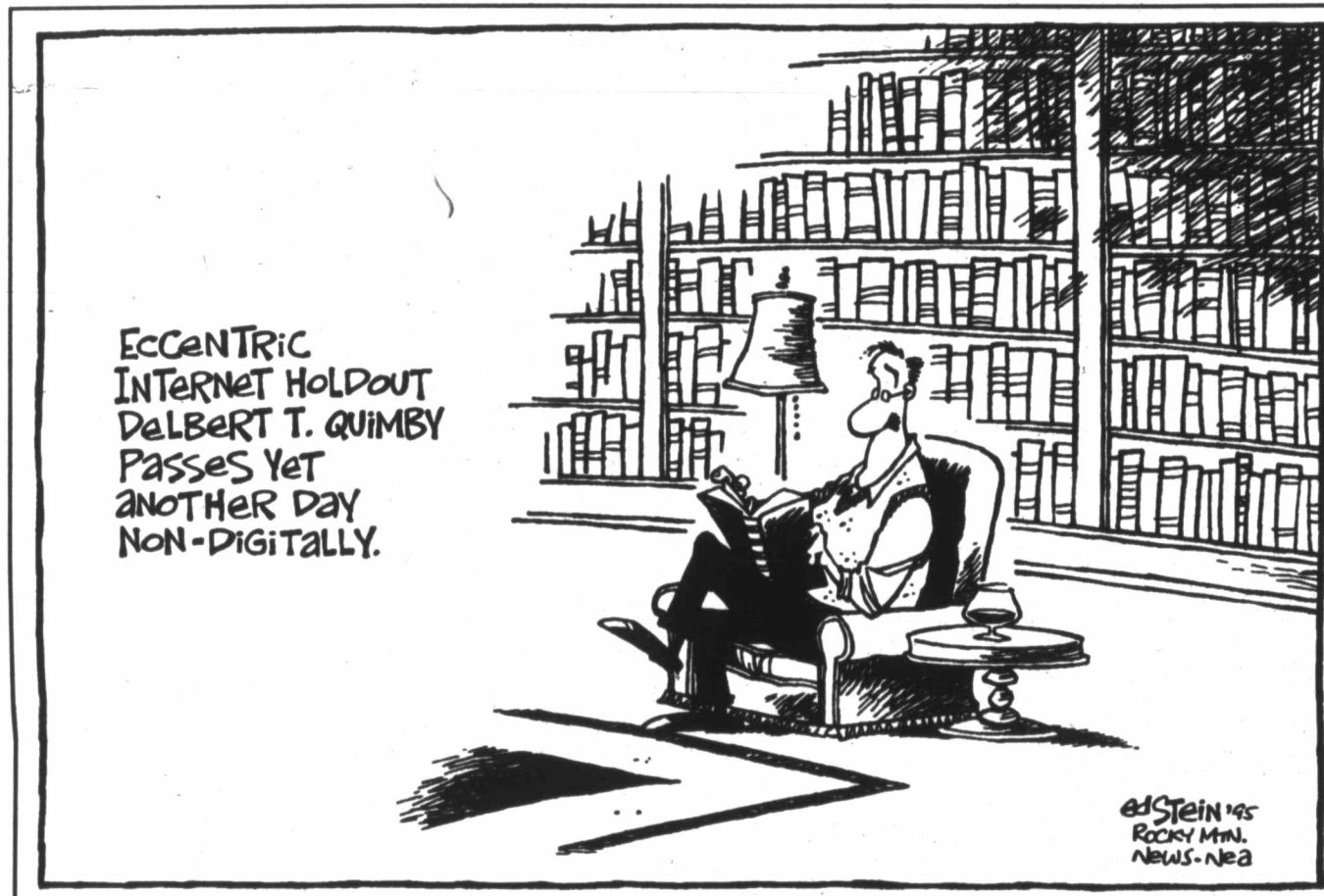
As Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in his powerful dissent, newspapers have to publish the names and addresses of their officers and owners to get second-class postage rates. Is that law now unconstitutional? "Must a parade permit be issued to a group that refuses to provide its identity or that agrees to do so only under assurance that the identity will not be made public?" he asked. "Must a municipal public-access cable channel permit anonymous (or masked) performers?"

Justice Stevens quoted his revered predecessor Hugo Black, who said that persecuted groups "throughout history have been able to criticize oppressive practices and laws either anonymously or not at all." But that is a reason to exempt despised organizations from disclosure rules - not to scrap such laws entirely.

The court acted sensibly, in 1958, in excusing the NAACP from giving its membership list to the white racist government of Alabama. But even then, it saw no reason to spare all organizations the requirement by overturning the law.

There are occasional instances, even today, when anonymous leaflets are the only safe way to expose wrongdoing - and in those cases, the courts can protect the vulnerable. Far more often, it protects wrongdoing.

"I can imagine no reason," wrote Scalia, "why an anonymous leaflet is any more honorable, as a general matter, than an anonymous phone call or an anonymous letter." Pretending otherwise, as the court did, yields a trivial gain for free speech and a substantial loss for the system of government designed to protect all our freedoms.



Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, May 18, the 138th day of 1995. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On May 18, 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded. The blast took 1,300 feet off the top of the mountain, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

On this date:  
In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded.

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

In 1860, the Republican Party convention in Chicago nominated Abraham Lincoln for president.

In 1910, Halley's Comet appeared to move across the sun.

In 1911, composer Gustav Mahler died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson mysteriously vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

Politicians flock to bombing to hog spotlight

Charley Reese

A failing of many modern politicians is that they can't stand to be out of the television lights.

No sooner did the U.S. Senate reconvene after its spring recess than it passed a resolution condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City.

Really, ladies and gentleman of the Senate, don't you have better things to do? I believe all Americans know that none of you approve of mass murder. You do not need to go on record on that score. It is also a safe assumption that people calloused enough to kill innocent people do not give a fig whether you condemn them or not.

You wasted time. You postured. You accomplished nothing, except to remind people that you are prone to posturing.

In cases like this, legislators have no function. Law enforcement is an executive branch function. The federal law enforcement agencies are doing a good job. The rescuers are doing a heroic job. There is no law Congress could pass now that would help this investigation. At the pace the Senate operates, it's likely the culprits will be found, tried and convicted and the building restored before they could pass anything significant. So Congress should go on about its business - but it won't.

The key to getting into the television lights is to peg yourself to a breaking news story, and the bombing is the breaking news story. So, while the work goes on by men and women out of the spotlight, we will be stuck with legislative posturers

holding press conferences and hearings. To do what? To run off at the mouth. To let us know they don't approve of terrorism (who does besides terrorists?). To proclaim that they are going to "do something." What? They're not sure.

What needs doing is being done by the men and women in Oklahoma City, by FBI and other federal agents, by local law enforcement officers, by rescue workers, by private citizens engaged in charity. There are already laws on the books which take care of every aspect of the situation from enforcement to prosecution to sentencing to federal assistance in rescue operations.

What Congress should do is stay out of the way and not tie up any executive branch people by summoning them to Capitol Hill to hold those silly hearings in which Senators, under the pretense of asking a question, make banal speeches to the TV cameras.

Government is a lot less complicated than politicians like to pretend it is. The legislative branch has the duty to pass laws. The executive branch has the duty to enforce them. The judicial branch has the duty, in case of dispute, to apply the law to the facts of a particular case.

Obviously, the activist branch, is the executive. There is no need for a perpetual stream of laws, nor does it make sense for Congress to try to micromanage the affairs of the United States under the pretense of oversight and legislative hearings. If we truly had a competent Congress, it would do its job and go home for most of the year.

But we have too many legislators who can't stand not being on camera. Even though this is clearly an executive branch business, even though that's where the public spotlight properly belongs, these guys will try to figure out a way to muscle in on the media interest. Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the minority leader, has already made a fool of himself by promising "swift action." When asked on what, he said he was not exactly sure. Brilliant.

Perhaps he meant telling a confused world that, by cracky, the U.S. Senate does not approve of people murdering children with homemade bombs.

Well, we are all relieved to know that. But if the Senate and House really want to do something useful, they ought to vote a pay cut for themselves and a pay raise for federal law enforcement officers. They ought to cut their own and executive branch staffs, and add law enforcement officers where needed. They ought to make sure the families of those killed in federal service are taken care of.

We already have enough laws, policies and posturing.

Top ten Brilliant Excuse Award winners in the alibi age

This being the approximate mid-point of the Not-Me Decade, also known as the Alibi Age, perhaps it is an appropriate time to assess the quality of the excuses dreamed up so far.

Maybe we should even hand out some awards. Let's see, what can we call them? I know, how about the Prozac Prizes?

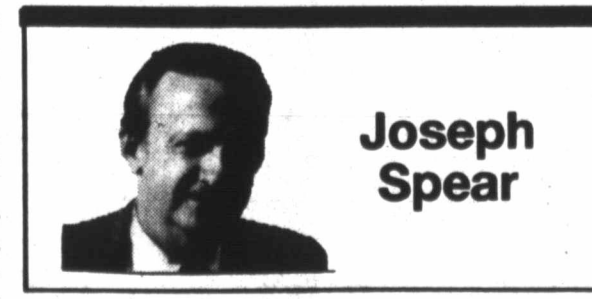
The popular drug does seem to symbolize the '90s, don't you think? In an era when nobody seems willing to take responsibility for anything, an antidepressant pill comes along that provides a handy excuse for any aberrant behavior. Remember the Florida prostitute who claimed Prozac turned her into a nymphomaniac? Or the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing employee who pleaded guilty to stealing \$1.6 million in test currency and said he was the victim of Prozac-induced impulses?

Welcome, then, to the first Prozac Prize ceremonies, designed to honor the most creative excuses of the current decade. We are here to have fun, so we will salute no alibis that people have used to explain away heinous acts - no "urban survival syndrome" and no "parental abuse." Nor will we consider all-purpose, never-fail and exceedingly mundane alibis like the media, or the music, or the video game did it.

OK? Here we go, then. At the halfway mark, the top 10 most creative excuses of the 1990s are:

10. The demands of celebrity did it, by baseball player Darryl Strawberry. This explained his drug and alcohol problem.

9. The "patriarchy" did it, by Gloria Steinem.



Joseph Spear

They forced girls to be cheerful and that is why they dot their "i's" with little hearts.

8. The weather did it, by the U.S. Postal Service. Yes, the agency that once defied rain and snow and gloom of night to deliver the mail suffered a decline in performance in 1994. They were stymied by storms, they said.

7. The lady lay person burden did it, by Ellen Cooke. The former treasurer of the national Episcopal Church embezzled \$2.2 million and spent it on jewelry, clothing, airline flights and limousines, but there was a reason. She suffered a "breakdown precipitated by many factors external to me and related to the workplace," namely "the pain, abuse and powerlessness I have felt during the years I worked as a lay woman on a senior level at the church headquarters."

6. The autopen did it, by Federico Pena. The Secretary of Transportation retracted a statement, made in a letter, that was at odds with Clinton administration policy. But he didn't sign the letter.

Some damned machine signed it.

5. The ghostwriter did it, by Newt Gingrich. Yes, the draft of a novel that will bear his byline was a bit racy, and yes, it did describe a character named George Bush as "goofy." But Newtie neither wrote, saw, nor approved" it.

4. The failure-to-file syndrome did it, by some taxpayers in New York state. An innate inability to act in their own interest, their attorneys, and psychiatric experts argued, explained why they did not get their tax returns in on time.

3. An atrophied brain did it, by William Aramony. The former president of United Way said he stole \$600,000 from the charity's coffers because he took a bad fall in the mid-1980s and his gray matter subsequently began wasting away.

2. The stress of political life did it, by a local California government official. He managed to garner numerous benefits and a lifetime disability pension with this argument. The possibility that members of the U.S. Congress might attempt to emulate his example so disturbed Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., that she introduced a bill to prohibit it.

1. "I can't take it, anymore," by Tracy Hampton. With these words, this young juror persuaded Judge Lance Ito to take her off the O.J. Simpson case.

Do you realize what this woman has done for us? No matter how sorry an act we may commit all we have to do is say that after a year of O.J., we "just couldn't take it anymore."

Not a jury in the country would convict.

Lifestyles

Scholarship recipient



James Race, agency manager for Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, present Virgil "J.R." Neil with a certificate for the 1995 Ronald Maul scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was presented by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau. The runner-up was Trishelle Miller of Miami. Neil plans to attend West Texas A & M. University in Canyon.

(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)



Sarah Porter, Au

"Heal The World. Make It A Better Place" — Sarah Porter, Austin Elementary School, third place in the fourth grade category of the Tralee Crisis Center coloring contest, "Imagine A World Without Violence." The Tralee Crisis Center, a non-profit organization, helps victims of violent crime. To show our readers how some of the youngsters in our community envision what our world would be like without violence and to show them what hope our children hold, *The Pampa News* is running drawings entered in the contest twice a week.

PHS students attend conference

Pampa High School Sophomore student, Jennifer Lynn Jones and Lefors High School Sophomore student, Karla Michelle Murray were this year's representatives to the Eighth Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar in Amarillo held April 28, 29 and 30th at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center in Amarillo.

Approximately 100 outstanding sophomores, each representing a different high school throughout the Texas Panhandle, attended, for a weekend of being in an educational environment that teaches, through discussions and demonstrations a variety of subjects relating to profit, economics, business, self-improvement, motivation, and leadership skills.

The Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar, an affiliate with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY), is one of five seminars held in Texas. There are a total of 92 seminar

sites in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Each provides a setting of education and motivation for sophomores who have exhibited leadership qualities. Jennifer and Karla became eligible by being nominated by their principle this past fall.

All discussions and presentations centered on the theme: "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow".

Seminar Topics included: News Media, Does it Report or Create the News? Entrepreneurship — Making Your Own Way; Land is it Yours?; The Future—Hi-Tech Health Care; Cost of Healthcare, is it out of Control?; The American Dream, does it still live?; Exploration of Space.

The emphasis was on motivating the young people to make a positive contribution to their school and community and to be aware, active and responsible citizens of their world.

The effectiveness of give-and-take workshops is pointed out by the most recent survey of HOBY Alumni. As a direct result of the Seminar experience:

\*93% of alumni are more willing to make decisions and be responsible for the effects of those decisions.

\*98.8% began to think about new career possibilities.

\*71% have received awards for school or community activities.

\*Those still in high school or college have a grade average of A-.

National supporting organizations are: Optimist International, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Secondary Schools Principals, American Association of School Administrators, National Catholic Educational Association and National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Organization wants older Americans recognized

WACO — Green Thumb, Inc., a Senior Community Service Employment Program, calls upon community leaders, employers, public officials, and citizens of all ages to join in recognizing the vast contributions of older Americans.

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million Americans had reached their 65th birthdays. There was no Medicare, no Older Americans Act, and no Administration on Aging. Today, there are almost 33 million older Americans - representing roughly one in eight - and a wide array of programs to serve their needs.

This May, the Older Americans Month theme, "Aging: Generations of Experience", complements the mission of the

1995 White House Conference on Aging, emphasizing the interdependence of generations.

Older Americans Month is also an appropriate time to focus upon the continuing importance of our senior work force who are skilled, dependable, and productive partners in business and industry. As a U.S. Department of Labor funded program, Green Thumb, Inc. provides seniors in 132 Texas counties and in Quay and Curry counties in New Mexico with the opportunities to showcase their experience and abilities through community service employment.

For more information regarding senior community service employment, contact Green Thumb, Inc., at P.O. Box 7898, Waco, TX 76714.

Exhibitors needed for Dalhart bazaar

DALHART — The sixth annual XIT Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, during the 59th annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration in Dalhart.

The bazaar is co-sponsored by the Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association and the XIT Rodeo and Reunion.

It will be in the Dalhart Elementary School on the main route to the rodeo grounds.

The hours will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Mike Breitling, this year's chairman, said there were over 50 booths with exhibitors from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado who participated in last year's event.

"This year we will be limited to 46 spaces," he said. "Over 20,000 visitors are in our city during this event."

Exhibitors are encouraged to get their booths reserved as soon as possible.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 31.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should write to the XIT Arts and Crafts Bazaar c/o Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association, Box 9376, Dalhart, Texas 79022 for an entry form or call (806) 249-4434.

Linda Marshall is this year's booth reservation chairman and she may be contacted at (806) 249-6708 after 5 p.m.

Seeking the friskiest cat in Texas

One out of every four households in Houston and Dallas includes a frisky feline. San Antonio boasts one out of every three.

But only one Lone Star cat with a frisky sense of fun, and with an owner with a flair for the pen, will be the Friskiest Cat in Texas.

The makers of Friskies Cat Food are searching for Texans who can turn the funny, unique things their cats do every day into first-rate cat tales.

They promise a handsome reward for the best cat and storyteller team in the entire state.

The roundup began last year when Friskies set out to find the Friskiest Cat in Texas with a photo/video contest.

Now, the search is back on, and the Texan with the Friskiest Cat, and tallest tale wins

\$10,000.

"Writing about your own special feline is easy because cats do funny and fascinating things all the time," says local Texan Amy D. Shojai, president of the Cat Writers' Association. "We write about cats because we love them, and because there's nothing more rewarding than telling others about these wonderful creatures who share our lives."

To enter, Texans simply tell their frisky, humane cat story in 250 words or less.

Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, creativity and ability to best communicate Friskiness.

All entries must be double-spaced and include the cat's name at the top of the story.

Along with a frisky cat tale, Lone Star residents must send along a UPC symbol from any

size bag or box of Friskies dry cat food and three labels from any size Friskies canned cat food. Entries must be post-marked by June 30 and mailed to: The Friskiest Cat in Texas Contest, P.O. Box B-1286, Young America, MN 55594-1286. Entry forms are available at most local grocers or Texans can also call (800) 207-0699 to request an entry form and contest rules.

In addition to the Grand Prize Winner who receives \$10,000 in cash and a six-month supply of Friskies cat food, five First Prize Winners will be awarded \$1,000 cash and a six-month supply of Friskies cat food.

Cats now outnumber dogs 64 million to 53 million as America's most popular pets. Texas is home to nearly four million of those frisky felines, so competition will be fierce.

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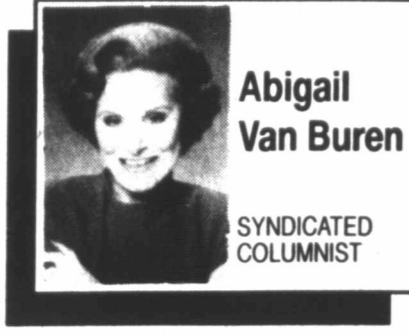
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## 'Silly' Advice to Pregnant Teen Meets With Stern Disapproval

DEAR ABBY: I have been a faithful reader of your column for many years. I felt I must write to you concerning your response to the 15-year-old girl signed "Sorry." She was in her seventh month of pregnancy, the baby's father was seeing another girl, and she said the only person who had treated her "halfway decent" was the nice lady at Planned Parenthood.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

While the girl's story certainly serves as a sad example of the moral state of our society, I find it hard to understand why you did not take her at her word when she stated her purpose in writing was to "convince other young girls to say no to sex until they get married." She did not ask you for advice, and it seems obvious to me that, considering the fact that the Planned Parenthood Federation is the largest provider of abortions in the world, the "nice lady" who befriended her there has already taken care of her little problem. This is, of course, a tragedy since an innocent infant has been murdered. But your endorsement of this organization is also tragic.

I hope to God I am mistaken — that she is still pregnant. However, if this is the case, your suggestion about her contacting a "state agency" about child support is laughable. Don't you realize that, considering her story, her chances of collecting child support from her boyfriend are literally nonexistent?

Please, think before offering a minor in dire straits such silly advice. If, by some miracle, you publish this letter, I should be proud to have my name attached to it.

THOMAS M. D'ALESSANDRO, STRATFORD, N.J.

DEAR MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I think it's safe to assume that the girl is still pregnant, since she stated in her letter that the baby is due in June.

But thank you for giving me the chance to point out that Planned Parenthood offers a wide range of reproductive health services that go far beyond abortion — although the agency prides itself on being a pro-choice organization.

Among the other services Planned Parenthood provides are breast and pelvic exams; screening for sexually transmitted diseases for both men and women; premarital blood testing in those states that require

it; contraceptive services; sterilization consultation and procedures for both men and women; and prenatal care, including professional advice on nutrition, exercise, pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum care.

I recommended that "Sorry" return to Planned Parenthood and speak to the "nice lady" because I knew the young woman would receive the reproductive health care she needed in a supportive atmosphere, as well as guidance through the maze of the child support bureaucracy. My advice still stands.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student who, like thousands of others, never thought I'd be writing to you. Here's my problem:

My stepsister is getting married on May 27, which is the same day that a close friend of mine is graduating from high school. This friend invited me first. Because of transportation problems, there is no way I can attend both events.

If you were in my place, which one would you attend? This is my stepsister's first wedding.

UNDECIDED IN ANDERSON, S.C.  
DEAR UNDECIDED: I would attend my stepsister's wedding. In all probability, your friend will have more occasions to celebrate, but your stepsister will have only one first wedding.

## Horoscope

Friday, May 19, 1995

In the year ahead, your imprint will be felt in more areas than it has been in the past. Success is now possible in venues where you previously met with only disappointment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Collective ventures look especially promising for you at this time. See if there is room for you in a certain coalition that offers unique possibilities. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** One of your best assets today will be your ability to bring divergent interests together for a mutually beneficial purpose. You can do

this instinctively.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you've been considering a change to improve your working conditions, try to implement it today. Delays could reduce its impact.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Snap decisions you make today will prove better than those you ponder over with long deliberations. Trust your judgment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Timing will be extremely important today, especially if you are trying to close some type of deal. Do not act too quickly or wait too long to play your trump card.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Improving upon the ideas of others could be your best asset today. You may not be able to come up with the original concepts, but you'll know how to polish them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Conditions in general look favorable for you today, but you'll have the best luck when you attempt to make or save money.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** This could be an extremely enjoyable day for you if you select your companions. Do not wait for others to put something together; take charge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Persons with your best interests at heart will watch out for both your material and your emotional needs today. They will do all they can to help you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Remain optimistic regarding the outcome of today's events. You are now in a cycle where expansive hopes have very good chances of being gratified.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your chances for success will be better today than they will be tomorrow. For best results, strike now while the iron is hot.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Focus your energies and efforts on endeavors that give you a lucky feeling. Your expectations will probably be gratified in just the way you'd like.

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"Does my face go all the way to my ears?"



"There's a nose print in the mashed potatoes."

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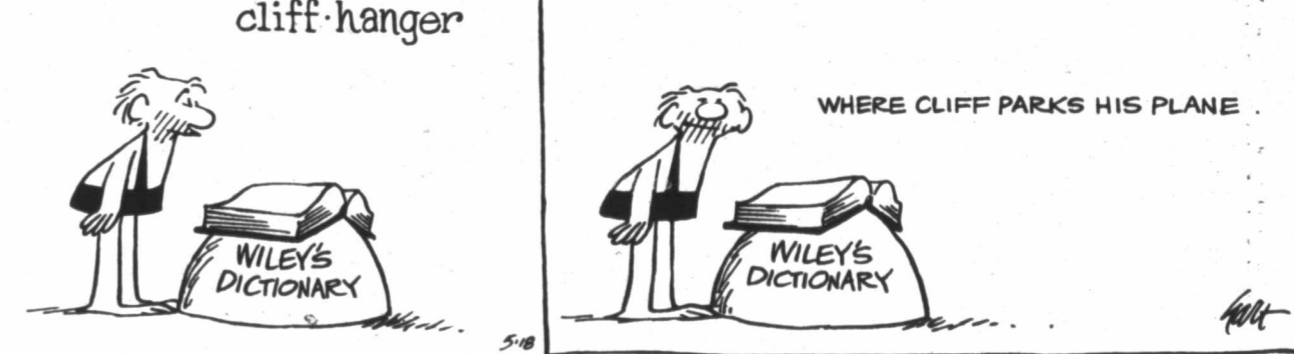
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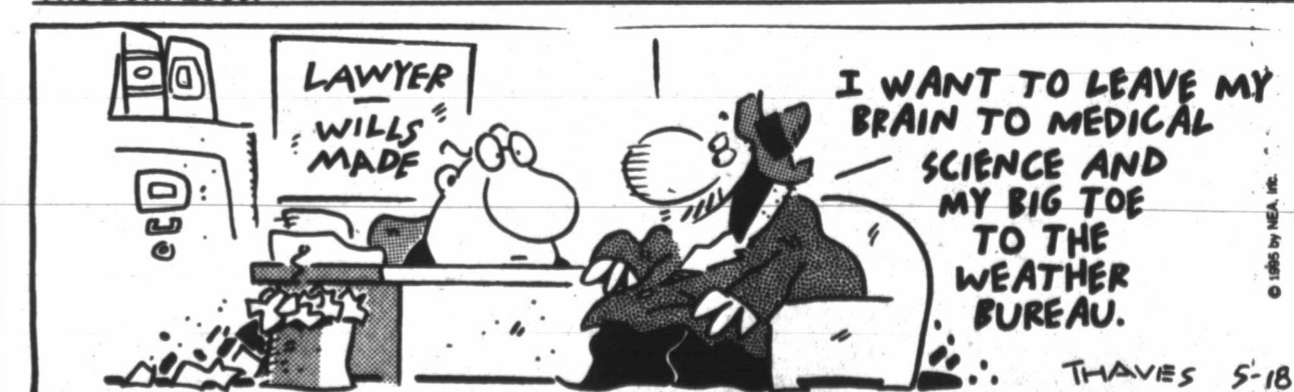
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SOFTBALL

**PAMPA**—In Lady Harvesters softball action, the Maroon defeated the Blue, 22-3, Monday. Kimberly Clark and Sondra Wright combined to allow only five singles and three runs over four innings. A stingy defensive effort was responsible for no extra base hits. Good control by Clark and Wright allowed only two walks during the contest. Maroon recorded 20 hits. Those with hits were Tina Dwight, homerun and single; Clark, triple and two singles; Wright, three singles; Tandi Morton, two doubles; Jill Forman, two singles; Kelsee McCann, two singles; Nichole Cagle, double; Tina Vance, double; Cassi Scott, Amanda White, Anne Gaddis and Heather Garner, one single each. With the win, Maroon improved to 5-2-1.

OPTIMIST BASEBALL

**PAMPA**—Dunlap remains unbeaten in the Bambino Major Leagues. Dunlap beat Curtis, 19-11, in the 11-12 year-old tilt Wednesday night at Optimist Park. Dunlap had 41 at bats with eight hits, 15 walks and two hit by pitches. Curtis had 30 at bats, four hits and nine walks. Grand opening day for the Optimist baseball and girls' softball programs at Optimist Park. A barbeque and a full schedule of baseball games are planned. Games begin at 11 a.m.

BASEBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Players and owners are working toward an agreement that would ensure this summer's All-Star game is played, according to a source familiar with the negotiations. The source, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the parties are attempting to resolve the unfair labor practice complaint issued against owners for failing to make a \$7.8 million payment to the union's benefits plan last Aug. 1. In December, the National Labor Relations Board charged that owners illegally withheld the payment. Teams claimed they had the right not to pay the money because the benefit agreement expired, but the union said the money was due because players appeared in the All-Star game. **MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Boston placed Jose Canseco on the 15-day disabled list because of a strained groin. The move is retroactive to May 15. Canseco, acquired in an off-season trade with Texas, is hitting .231 with one homer and eight RBIs in 12 games.

BASKETBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Dallas guard Jason Kidd and Detroit forward Grant Hill shared the NBA Rookie of the Year award in the first tie in 24 years. Hill and Kidd each received 43 of a possible 105 votes from a media panel. Milwaukee's Glenn Robinson was third with 15 votes.

FOOTBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Joe Montana joined NBC as a commentator, a month after the four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback retired from the Kansas City Chiefs. He will be a studio analyst on "NFL Live." **EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)**—The New York Giants released offensive lineman William Roberts, the last remaining player from the team's 1987 and 1991 Super Bowl champion squads. Roberts, 32, was to earn \$1.1 million this season.

NCAA votes for bowl game overtimes

By DOUG TUCKER  
AP Sports Writer

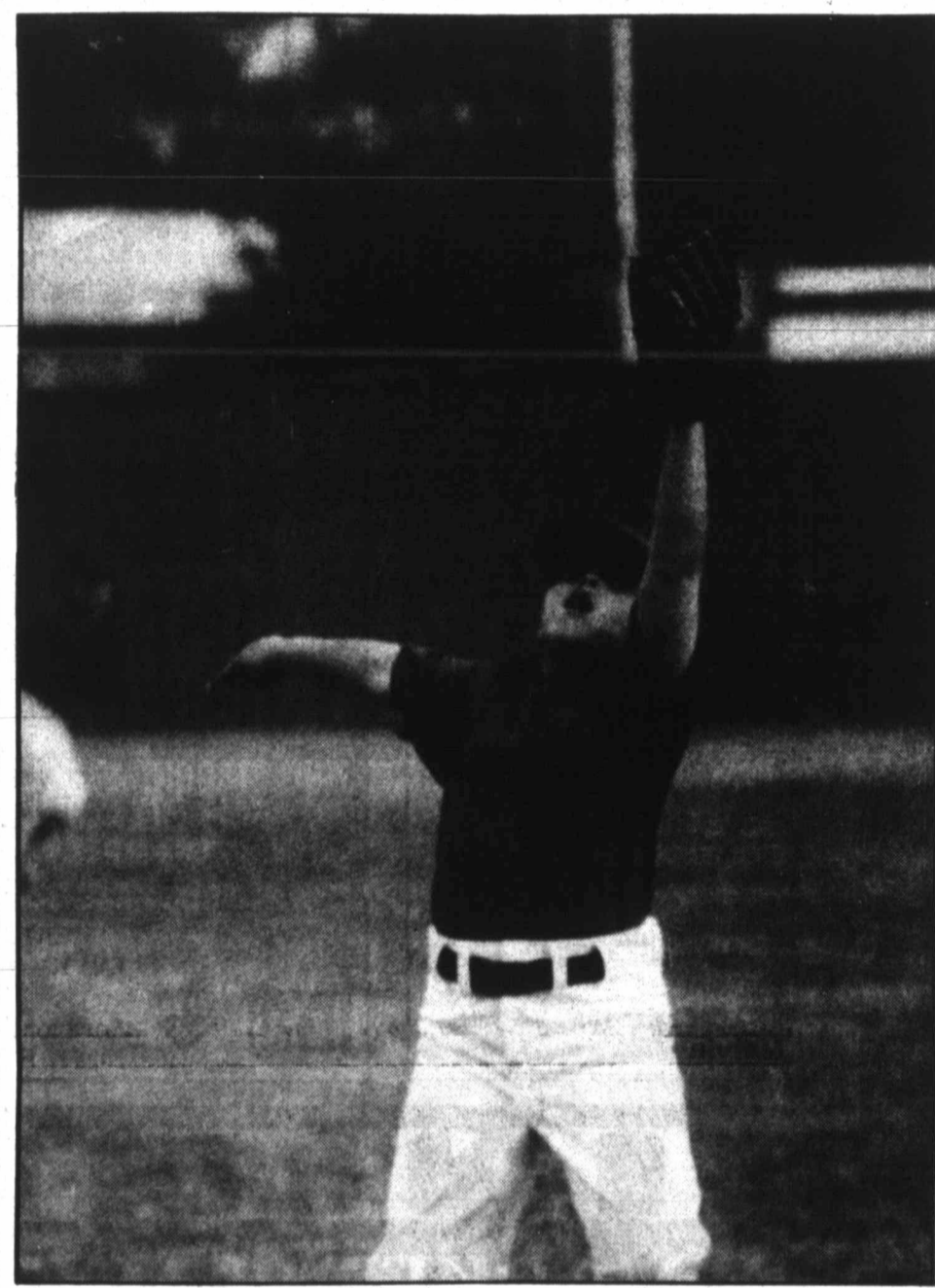
Fans and players and television sponsors are sure to love it. At least one former Orange Bowl MVP, however, wonders about the wisdom of the NCAA's new tie-breaking system for postseason football games. "Do we really have to declare a clear-cut winner every time?" said Prentice Gautt, associate commissioner of the Big Eight. "That seems to be the trend." Beginning next season, every bowl will be required to put in the same tie-breaking system lower-division NCAA schools use in their playoffs. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, the game clock is turned off, a coin is tossed and the teams begin an overtime period.

The ball is placed at the opponent's 25-yard line and the teams keep playing until the tie is broken after both have had possession. The NCAA's special events committee, acting on a recommendation by the football rules committee, decided this week to require all bowls to use the overtime tie-breaking system, which lower divisions already use in NCAA playoff games. "I like it a lot," Oklahoma athletic director Donnie Duncan said. "It will add a lot of excitement." As a running back and MVP of the 1960 Orange Bowl, Gautt would have loved it. "But now I'm a 57-year-old and I've got mixed emotions," he said. "The players, especially the aggressive ones, will love it. Fans will certainly love it. "But you see games where two evenly matched teams play their hearts out and give everything they have and end up in a

tie. At times like that, you might think neither team deserves to go away a loser. Let's pat all the coaches and players on the back and say congratulations for a terrific game. "That's the other side to it. But when I was 21, I wouldn't have seen the other side. From the players' perspective, especially the ones who instinctively want the ball in their hands when the game is being won or lost, they'll love it." The football rules committee decided in February to let the tiebreaker be optional for bowls. The higher-ranking special events committee took it a step further and made it mandatory. The NCAA staff, deciding the rule change does not involve image, finances or safety concerns, let the decision become official without passing it up the chain as it normally would. Duncan remembers working for ESPN several years ago in a Division I-AA play-

off game where the tiebreaker was used. "They put the ball on the 25-yard line, and it was exciting. It was very entertaining," he said. "I remarked at the time, 'Can you imagine how exciting this would be if it was Michigan and UCLA in the Rose Bowl?'" "It makes the last two minutes of the game more exciting if you have a chance to tie," said Vanderbilt's Rod Dowhower, a former NFL coach. "That's what it's all about. People come to see excitement, be a part of it and that will certainly enhance it." Hawaii coach Bob Wagner thinks the idea is "great" — as far as it goes. "I'd like to see it in regular-season games. It would be exciting for the fans," Wagner said. "A tiebreaker is certainly needed when you put No. 1 against No. 2. I think it's positive for college football."

Leaping try



Brandon Espinosa of Chase makes a leaping try for a line drive during a 9-10 year-old baseball game against Mean Mothers Used Cars. Opening day ceremonies for the Optimist baseball program is set for Saturday with a barbeque and a full schedule of games, starting at 11 a.m.

Wheeler's Newland inducted into Texas Sports Hall of Fame

**SAN ANTONIO** — Wheeler High girls' basketball coach Jan Newland was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies earlier this month at the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches convention. Newland, who has coached at Wheeler for 14 years, was a two-time, all-state player at Claude. The Lady Mustangs won two state championships with Newman playing a starring role. She played at the collegiate level at Parsons College and was later a member of the U.S. team in the World Festival in

1973 and 1974. She made the Kodak All-American Team in 1975 while playing at William Penn College in Iowa. It was Kodak's first All-American Team. "It was a neat feeling to get the honor and a little of a surprise as well," Newland said. Newland has coached the Mustangettes to nine district championships during her 14-year stint. Before coming to Wheeler, Newland had coached at Eddyville, Iowa for four years. Newland's late husband, Mike, had nominated her for the hall of fame honor. Mike, who died of cancer in 1993, coached the Wheeler boys' basketball team and was later principal at Wheeler Elementary School. A scholarship, in memory of Newland, is given out each year to a Wheeler student. Former Tulia coach Bud Roberts was also inducted into the hall. Roberts, 86, retired from coaching in 1974 after 32 years as a coach. Roberts has had seven state championship teams. During the ceremonies, Randall boys' coach Leslie Broadhurst was named the new TABC president. Broadhurst has been coaching the Raiders for the past seven years.

Pampa swimmers help Amarillo team to victory in ABC Meet

**AMARILLO** — Several Pampa swimmers competed in the Amarillo Swim Team ABC Meet held recently at the WT pool. The Pampa swimmers listed below are members of the Amarillo Swim Team, which placed first at the meet. **Boys' Senior Division**  
Dakota Tefertiller: 400 free, 8th place, 5:09.58; 100 breast, second place, 1:18.49; 50 free, 15th place, 31:23; 100 back, fifth place, 1:12.82; 200 breast, first place, 2:51.01; 100 free, 14th place, 1:10.66.  
Bobby Vena: 400 free, fifth place, 4:54.80; 200 free relay, first place, 1:49.60; 200 back, 7th place, 2:41.90; 50 free, seventh place, 28:12; 100 fly, fourth place, 1:11.71;

200 free, seventh place, 2:22.89; 100 free, seventh place, 1:03.24.  
Jakob Bullard: 400 free, 12th place, 5:30.54; 200 free relay, first place, 1:49.60; 100 breaststroke, first place, 1:17.91; 50 free, fourth place, 27.92; 200 breast, fourth place, 2:56.78; 100 free, 13th place, 1:06.91.  
Matt Haesle: 50 free, 16th place, 36:01; 100 fly, 11th place, 1:33.08; 100 free, 16th place, 1:21.26.  
Girls' Senior Division  
Ashlee David: 200 IM, fourth place, time unavailable; 400 IM, fifth place, 6:39.73; 200 free relay, first place, 2:04.85; 100 breast, fourth place, 1:36.08; 50 free, third place, 30.83; 200 free, fourth place, 2:37.76; 100 free, fifth place, 1:10.27.  
Girls' 13-14 Division  
Ashley Higgs: 200 breast, fifth

Dodgers' Nomo whiffs 14, but Pirates rally for 3-2 win

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Sports Writer  
Thus far, here's the line on Hideo Nomo: Four starts, no decisions, no dull moments. Nomo struck out 14, the most in the majors this season, and allowed only two hits in seven innings Wednesday night. But he was relieved after throwing 106 pitches and the Dodgers bullpen blew a two-run lead as Pittsburgh rallied for a 3-2 victory. No matter what Nomo threw Wednesday night, the Pirates didn't have much luck hitting it. He was both overpowering and dazzling, mixing an assortment of hard breaking pitches with a true major-league fastball that had hitters guessing and lunging all night. Nomo got a standing ovation after recording his 11th strikeout in the fifth inning, then heard the crowd chant "No-mo, Nomo" in the seventh. "It's a really good feeling," he said through an interpreter. "I'm not frustrated, but I'm a little

disappointed because I want to pick up wins for the team. ... Maybe I could have gone longer." But Nomo ended up this game the same way he finished his three previous starts — with a no-decision. In his other three starts, Nomo pitched five innings of one-hit ball at San Francisco, allowed seven runs and three homers at Colorado and pitched four hitless innings against the Cardinals last Friday, allowing three runs and seven walks. This time, Nomo allowed only three walks and lowered his ERA almost two points to 3.48. The 14 strikeouts gave him the National League lead with 33, and Pittsburgh's comeback was almost an afterthought to anyone who witnessed the pitching performance. "He was spectacular. To pitch the way he did and not win that ballgame is really a sad, sad situation," manager Tom Lasorda said. Pittsburgh evened the game 2-

2 on RBI singles by Dave Clark and Jeff King. Then in the ninth, Mark Parent opened with a single off Todd Williams (2-1). Pinch-runner Angelo Encarnacion was sacrificed to second and scored the winning run on Brumfield's line single to center off Antonio Osuna. In other games, Philadelphia beat Florida 3-1, Colorado beat Atlanta 6-5, Cincinnati beat Montreal 6-2, San Francisco beat Chicago 2-1, Houston beat New York 7-2 and San Diego beat St. Louis 2-1. Nomo, who threw at least 140 pitches in a game 61 times during his five seasons with the Kintetsu Buffaloes, said he could have gone longer against the Pirates. "He didn't have any pitch limit," Lasorda said. "We just felt he hasn't pitched very long, and he hadn't gone more than five innings before. So we weren't going to push him any farther."

Instead, Lasorda handed the game to his bullpen. And the bullpen handed Nomo another no-decision. **Phillies 3, Marlins 1**  
At Miami, not even six innings of no-hit ball could stop the Phillies. Chris Hammond took a no-hitter into the seventh, but the first hit of the game was Mariano Duncan's RBI double that tied the game 1-1. Mickey Morandini hit a pinch-hit, two-run homer off Richie Lewis (0-1) in the top of the 13th inning, and Heathcliff Slocumb got the final three outs for his ninth save. Ricky Bottalico (2-0) notched his second victory in less than a week, pitching one inning of relief. Philadelphia (15-5) has the best record in baseball.

**Rockies 6, Braves 5**  
At Atlanta, the Rockies beat the Braves for just the third time in 26 games since they joined the league in 1993. Mike Kingery had three RBIs, including the tie-breaking hit in the eighth, and Colorado scored six runs off Greg Maddux, doubling the number of runs the three-time defending Cy Young Award winner has allowed this season. "It's no fluke the Rockies are second in the league in hitting," said Maddux (2-1). "They did hit me pretty well, but I made some mistakes. I walked a guy with two out in the seventh. I put them in position to tie the game." Darren Holmes (3-0) worked the final 2 1-3 innings and got the win.

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## NRA apoloigizes for controversial letter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backing away from its defense of a recent fund-raising letter that described some federal agents as "jack-booted thugs," the National Rifle Association is offering an apology.

"I really feel bad about the fact that the words in that letter have been interpreted to apply to all federal law enforcement officers," NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said in a telephone interview from Phoenix.

"If anyone thought the intention was to paint all federal law enforcement officials with the same broad brush, I'm sorry, and I apologize," LaPierre said Wednesday.

LaPierre's apology comes after a week of steadily mounting criticism of the NRA. It began May 10 when former President Bush revealed he had resigned from the group in protest of the LaPierre's letter. Earlier this week, President Clinton joined the critics and praised Bush for his action.

On Wednesday, as NRA officials were gathering in Phoenix

on the eve of the organization's annual meeting, there was another rebuke. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., a longtime NRA member, said the letter contained the "ludicrous and offensive implication" that federal agents are encouraged by the government to commit acts of violence against ordinary people.

LaPierre insisted that the fund-raising letter was intended to criticize only isolated actions, primarily involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

But at least one section of the letter offered a more sweeping condemnation of federal law enforcement efforts.

The letter, sent to the NRA's 3.5 million members in March over LaPierre's signature, referred to federal law enforcement agents as "jack-booted government thugs" and said that "in Clinton's administration, if you have a badge, you have the government's go-ahead to harass, intimidate, even murder law-abiding citizens."

"Not too long ago, it was

unthinkable for federal agents wearing Nazi bucket helmets and black storm trooper uniforms to attack law-abiding citizens," the letter said.

Asked whether the NRA was changing its tack in apologizing, LaPierre said the organization hadn't been able to get its true message out because of the uproar caused by the letter and Bush's resignation.

"That letter was intended to apply to a number of specific cases where we thought the government's conduct was improper," LaPierre insisted. "We've always been pro-law enforcement. There are heroes out there doing their jobs every day, under impossible circumstances."

Earlier this week, the NRA defended the fund-raising letter.

In full-page ads in Tuesday's editions of *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and other major newspapers, NRA President Thomas L. Washington listed cases in which ATF agents allegedly harassed private citizens.

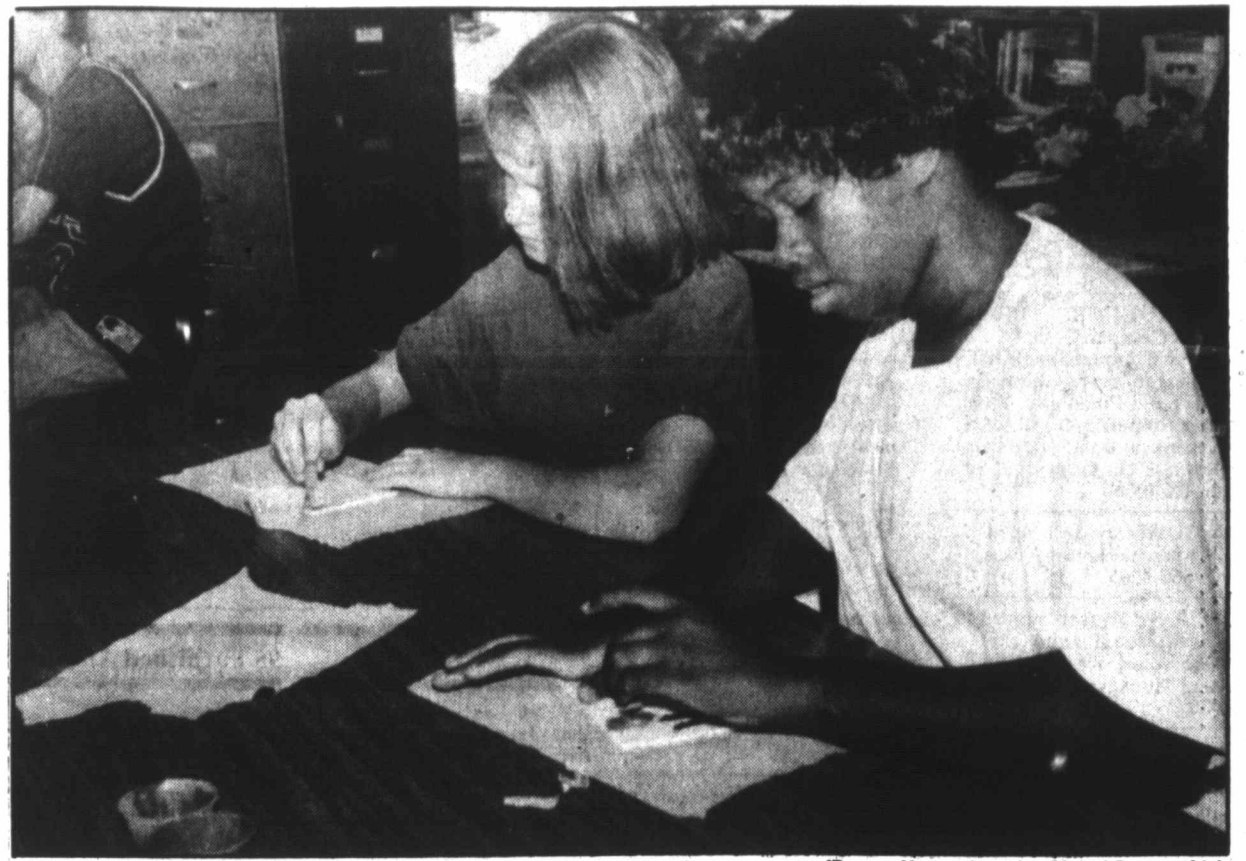
## Learning to use 911



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Jimmy Craig, Brenden Carpenter and Aaron Pepper from Noah's Ark Day Care listen to Cory Powell of American Medical Transport tell them how to use 911 to summon help. The 911 instructions were given to children at area day care centers as part of Emergency Medical Services week, which began Sunday. The week will end with an area wide picnic for emergency service providers hosted by AMT.

## Memorial tiles



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Amber Doyle and Teresa Brown, seventh graders at Pampa Middle School, paint ceramic tiles for an Oklahoma City memorial dedicated to the 168 people who died in a bomb blast which destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19. Doyle painted a bright yellow sun shining down on children on her four-by-six inch tile. "Because the kids that died, they can't play in the sun," Doyle said. Brown painted a tree with swing set in memorial to the children. Other children in Barbara Bigham's art class painted hearts, roses, landscapes and crosses on their tiles. Three thousand tiles are expected to be prepared locally.

## Fired worker charged with killing three at old job

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Two days after he was fired for fighting with co-workers, James Floyd Davis went into a pawn shop and bought an M-1 carbine and 90 rounds of ammunition.

Then he drove to his old job, parked his white Toyota pickup at the side door, grabbed the carbine and a .38-caliber pistol and walked inside.

In the next two minutes, police say, Davis killed three people and wounded two. Dozens escaped by hiding under their desks.

"I heard gunfire, then someone yelled, 'It's James!' and then everyone ran," said Larry Short, who fled outside as the gunman blasted at him. "I heard the bullets hitting the ground around me and hitting the street."

After the shooting stopped at the Union Butterfield Division plant, the gunman stood just inside the front doorway smoking

a cigarette. When the police pulled up he talked to them for a few minutes, then threw out his guns, a clip and an ammunition belt.

"Then he dug into his pockets and took out some loose shells. He did that two or three times," said witness Lynn Yarbrough, vice president of Daniels Graphics, which shares the building with Union Butterfield.

The gunman's only request: that he be allowed to keep his cigarettes.

Davis, 47, was charged with three counts of murder. The district attorney said he would seek the death penalty.

"A dangerous guy, and we knew it," Short said.

Lt. J.R. Emory suggested Davis targeted certain employees. "The three victims all were management and it appears he was looking for them," he said. "He did not get along with some of his co-workers."

"He was very, very much a classic loner," Short said. "We would see him talking to himself. He was out there, no doubt about it. He always talked about his guns. He always talked about his knives."

Davis had worked at Union Butterfield, a sales and distribution center for high-speed drills and precision cutting instruments, since 1991. Short said that a few years ago, he and Davis had an argument over which radio station to listen to and ended up in a fistfight.

Howard Reece, who was wounded in the shooting, said the gunman appeared calm.

"He went about it very methodically as far as I could see. He hollered 'Don't anybody move,' he was pointing the gun toward us," he said. "He didn't seem to be highly agitated. He wasn't waving the gun around or anything."

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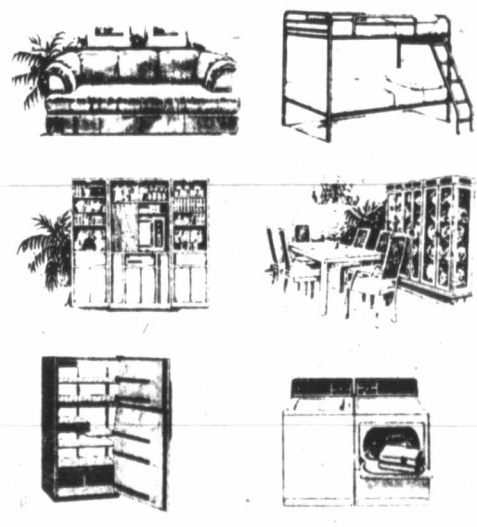
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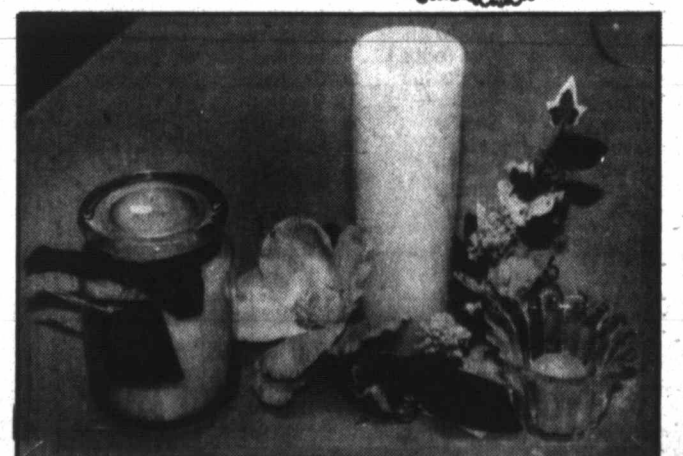
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