

Perry names panel to influence Texas role in U.S.-Mexico trade pact

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HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry says he wants to ensure that producers and ranchers — not "just some bureaucrats" — will have a say in how the state will benefit from a planned U.S.-Mexico free trade agreement.

Tuesday, Perry named 13 agriculture business experts to a panel that will recommend how Texas can best take advantage of the new open market on its border.

Tyler cattleman James B. Owen, president of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, will lead the panel.

"This group is to help formulate the opinions that the individuals in Washington, D.C. have as we go toward this agreement, that they have some good solid producer input and it's not just some bureaucrat somewhere that maybe doesn't have a bit in background in agriculture making a decision that's going to impact these men's and women's lives and livelihoods," Perry said at a news conference.

Owen said he and fellow committee members would

be pushing to open more markets for Texas agriculture products.

"We represent all facets of production agriculture and seek to develop a consensus position to bring to him (Perry) as he represents Texas agricultural interests," he said.

If tariffs and other trade barriers are lifted under a free trade agreement, vegetable and fruit growers say, they could face far tougher competition from Mexican produce, which is harvested with far cheaper labor.

Perry said he believed U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and U.S. Rep. Kika De La Garza, both with ties to the Rio Grande Valley, would work to block any damage to Valley growers.

"They're not going to sell out," he said. "I think you'll see seasonal tariffs."

"Free trade is an interesting terminology. I think freer trade is the term we're all more comfortable with," he added.

Formal negotiations with Mexico are planned by the Bush administration this spring, with talks concluding by year's end.

Perry said he expects his group, which meets for the

first time next week in Austin, to complete its work in about a year.

"We have an opportunity in Texas to truly build an incredible import-export business that all the people of this state can be benefiting from, particularly the producers of agricultural products."

Perry noted that while the state is the nation's second-largest agriculture producer, it ranks only fifth in export value.

"We do a great deal of back and forth with them as we import and export products out of this state," Perry said. "We intend to do more and that's the reason why this U.S.-Mexico trade agreement is so important to Texas."

Besides Owen, others named to the panel include:

- Billy Bob Brown of Panhandle, president of the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association and activist in feed grain organizations.
- Dale Deberry of Mercedes, president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association.
- Tommy Funk of Harlingen, chairman and chief executive officer of Sebastian Cotton & Grain Corp.
- Kit Goldsbury of San Antonio, president and chief executive officer of Pace Foods, Inc.

- Ernie Morales of Devine, vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.
- Bob Nunley of Sabinal, co-owner of Nunley Brothers Ranches in South and West Texas and president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association.
- Bill Pfulger of San Angelo, past president of the National Wool Growers Association and operator of ranches in Tom Green, Fisher, Edwards and Irion counties.
- Arturo Torres of McAllen, an attorney and president of Maquilmex, a maquila consulting firm.
- S.M. True of Plainview, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.
- W.E. "Bill" Weeks of Los Fresnos, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus & Vegetable Association.
- Kenneth Wendland of Kerrville, president and owner of Royal Financial, a financial services firm involved in real estate and business finance.
- Gary Williams of College Station, a Texas A&M University agricultural economist and coordinator of the Texas Agricultural Market Research and Development Center.

House panel looks at school boards' decisions on hair

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee has threatened to subpoena the superintendent of Bastrop's school district, which isolated 8-year-old Zachariah Toungate because his ponytail violates the school's dress code.

The House Public Education Committee heard testimony Tuesday on a bill that would prevent a school board from suspending, expelling or removing a student to an alternative program for violating a school district standard on hair length.

No one from the Bastrop school district testified on the bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. It will be sent to a subcommittee.

The committee voted to ask Bastrop Superintendent Paul Fleming to testify before the subcommittee. It gave the subcommittee subpoena power in case he declines.

"I just wanted to get his attention" with the subpoena threat, said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, a committee member.

A secretary in Fleming's office said Tuesday he was not commenting on the controversy. Zachariah's parents have sued over the school's policy, saying the boy's rights have been violated.

He is one of several children in different Texas school districts who have run into problems because of their hair style.

Zachariah's mother, September Toungate, withdrew him from school last week after a pediatrician said he was being hurt emotionally by his isolation. The boy had been taught separately from his classmates since Oct. 5. His mother said she planned to teach him at home.

Ms. Toungate broke into tears while testifying Tuesday before the committee.

"He was not allowed any contact with his peers. He was not allowed to go to P.E. He was not allowed to go to music. He was not allowed to attend choir," she said.

"I would ask the school to please judge my son on his behavior and his performance in his school work, not on his looks," she said.

Committee chairwoman Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner said that under the state Equal Rights Amendment — a school board should have to show a bona fide reason for distinguishing between dress codes for male and female students.

"In this instance, it seems to me the board has gone against the Equal Rights Amendment of the state of Texas," said Ms. Glossbrenner, D-Alice.

Among those opposing Wilson's bill are the Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. They cited the need for local control.



(AP Laserphoto)

Bee traps, like this one in Harlingen, are the same type trap scientists have used to trap the first swarm of Africanized bees known to have crossed into the United States from Mexico last year.

Scientists and beekeepers preparing for killer bee spring swarming season

By JOEL WILLIAMS
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HARLINGEN (AP) — Scientists and beekeepers are preparing for new swarms of Africanized "killer" bees to invade South Texas from Mexico as soon as next month.

The ill-tempered bees were first spotted in the United States last October, when a swarm was trapped and destroyed in October near the border city of Hidalgo. None have been trapped in the United States since then.

That was at the end of the fall swarming season, but officials in Mexico reported Africanized honey bee movement as recently as December. The spring swarming season begins in March as flowers bloom and provide the pollen bees use for energy.

Huisache trees found throughout northern Mexico and southern Texas already have produced their yellow-orange blooms. Yuccas and other plants also are beginning to blossom.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see another detection (in Texas) next month or in April," Elba Quintero, manager of the Texas Africanized Honey Bee program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said Tuesday. "I'm preparing for more than one detection."

Her office in Harlingen is stocking up on supplies for sampling bee traps, arranging for people to survey

the vicinities of AHB trappings and keeping track of where beekeepers place hives.

Mexican agriculture officials in December trapped a swarm in the border city of Nuevo Progreso, near Weslaco, Texas.

Thirty-two Africanized bee swarms were reported in December in a 20-mile stretch near the San Fernando River in Mexico, about 70 miles south of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Ms. Quintero said.

Until December, the northernmost bee activity in Mexico had been concentrated in an area near the Gulf Coast about 150 miles south of the Rio Grande.

AHB information from Mexico has been sketchy since the end of 1990, when the USDA's funding expired for a cooperative program with the Mexican government.

Scientists estimate that the bees spread their range by about 200-250 miles a year.

"We might find some Africanized bees in March when we start doing our spring sampling," said Anita Collins, manager of the AHB program of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

Officials in the United States and Mexico over the past three years have placed hundreds of traps baited with a sex lure to track the bees and slow their advance. The highly defensive bees have expanded their range northward since they escaped from a breeding experiment in Brazil in 1957.

They earned the "killer" nickname because they attack intruders in swarms and chase them for long distances. European bees commonly used in America lost their fighting spirit through centuries of breeding for agriculture.

The USDA has estimated that the harder-to-manage Africanized bee could cause a 5 percent to 10 percent reduction in bee-pollinated crops. That would mean a cost to beekeepers of up to \$58 million and a cost to farmers of more than \$40 million.

The pioneer swarm trapped in Texas Oct. 15 triggered a quarantine of the state's eight southernmost counties. No bees may be taken out of those counties.

Jerry Newton of Mission, president of the Valley Beekeepers Association, said the more than 70 members of his organization plan to mark their queens and check hives regularly to ensure that AHB queens have not invaded.

Beekeepers also have kept up a public education program. They want to prevent hysteria that could provoke strict ordinances regulating bee hives when large numbers of AHB swarms inevitably inhabit South Texas. Beekeepers and scientists say that AHBs more readily spread to areas where there are no European bees competing for food.

"If we have to take our European bees out," Newton said, "it's going to create a void and the Africanized bees are just naturally going to go to it."

Woman charged with hiring hit man to help daughter be cheerleader

HOUSTON (AP) — A defense lawyer for a woman who is accused of trying to hire a hit man to help her daughter get on a cheerleading squad is expected to attempt to discredit the informant who alerted police to the alleged plot.

Wanda Webb Holloway, 36, of Channelview, was indicted by a Harris County grand jury Tuesday on a charge of offering a set of \$1,500 diamond earrings as a "down payment" to kill Verna Heath. Officers allege another \$1,000 would have been paid after Mrs. Heath was killed.

Mrs. Holloway faces up to life in prison if she is convicted.

Authorities say Mrs. Holloway tried extraordinary ways over a five-year period to get her daughter, Shanna Harper, on the cheerleading squad but the girl had lost out to Amber Heath, 13, daughter of the intended victim.

A probable-cause affidavit filed in court records says that county narcotics agent George Helton was alerted to the plot by Holloway's former brother-in-law, Terry Lynn Harper, described as "a credible person with no known criminal history."

But the *Houston Chronicle* reported today that county records show that Harper has a criminal record dating back to 1981 when he was granted probation for delivery of methamphetamine. He was sentenced for drunken driving in 1985 and also was accused of illegally carrying a weapon.

Defense lawyer Troy McKinney is expected to use that record in an attempt to discredit Harper, the newspaper reported.

The charges say Holloway hoped that by getting Mrs. Heath killed, Amber Heath might be so overcome with grief at her mother's death that she'd drop out of cheerleader competition at Johnson Junior High School.

Mrs. Holloway is free on a \$10,000 bond. The state's affidavit suggests the narcotics officer alone negotiated the alleged murder contract with Ms. Holloway but that Harper's voice may be contained on some or all of at least four recordings.

Helton described Mrs. Holloway as the "ultimate stage mother" for her five-year effort to get her daughter elected cheerleader.

At one point Mrs. Holloway challenged Amber Heath's eligibility to run for cheerleader by saying she hadn't been a Channelview school district resident for the required year, Asher said. School trustees allowed Amber to run and then instituted a strong one-year residency requirement.

Another time, Shanna was disqualified from running for cheerleader because of her mother's electioneering. Holloway had distributed pencils and rulers emblazoned with the words "Elect Shanna Harper Cheerleader" to students.

State OKs wheat farmers' use of insecticide against Army cutworms

AMARILLO (AP) — Texas farmers struggling to strengthen a weak wheat crop will be able to use a powerful insecticide created to wipe out one of their most dreaded enemies — Army cutworms.

The infestations have been reported in wheat crops that already were in poor conditions, officials said.

Carl Patrick of Amarillo, an entomologist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, said the accepted economic threshold for Army cut-

worms is "about 3 to 4 a foot a row."

"I personally have checked fields that have up to 10 a foot a row, and I've received reports of up to 20. And I have unsubstantiated reports from growers of up to 40 a foot a row in some parts of a field," Patrick told The Associated Press Tuesday.

"They can literally take small wheat that's starting to grow and kill it overnight. Or a few days at most," Patrick added.

The Texas Department of Agriculture on Monday granted an exemption that allows producers to use permethrin, a pesticide capable of a 90 percent kill rate when used on the worms, said Bill Nelson of Amarillo, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Association.

"We are talking about worms, some up to an inch long, eating a lot of material," Nelson said. "The plants are very small this time of year,

just starting to grow, so it doesn't take too many, and we have lots."

Permethrin is a synthetic pyrethroid that agriculture officials say would likely provide greater than 90 percent control of the worms.

The troublesome pests are not new to wheat farmers, Patrick said. "But historically, there have been major outbreaks, although there is no particular cycle to that. We apparently have a fairly major one this year," Patrick said.

Forces counting noses as speaker says lottery vote will be next week

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) — Forces battling over a state lottery proposal are counting noses and watching the clock as next week's deadline for action nears.

The House probably will wait until next week to vote on the lottery, Speaker Gib Lewis said Tuesday, while voicing doubts that the numbers game could raise as much money for the state as quickly as its supporters contend.

Lawmakers must complete action on the proposed constitutional amendment by March 1 if the lottery question is to be put before voters on the May 4 election ballot.

Gov. Ann Richards repeatedly has urged lawmakers to put lottery on that ballot so the state could begin making money off the games by January 1992 if voters approve.

"Lottery will probably be on the calendar sometime next week," Lewis said Tuesday, adding that lottery backers still haven't assured him they have lined up the needed 100 votes to approve the proposal.

"I think it's picking up maybe a little bit. You've still got, maybe, 10 or 15 people that don't know for sure how they are going to vote at this time," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

Because starting a lottery requires a constitutional amendment, two-thirds of the 150-member House and 31-member Senate must approve putting the question on the ballot.

Lottery opponents have said they believe more than 51 House members will vote against the proposal, thus killing it.

Lewis said he wasn't worried that a delay in taking the issue before the full House would keep the Legislature from meeting the March 1 ballot deadline set by the secretary of state.

He said two-thirds of senators are ready to approve a lottery if the House agrees first.

"The Senate is in a position where they can move on it a lot

quicker than we can. I think they'll probably be able to act on it very quickly," Lewis said.

At the same time, Lewis questioned estimates that a Texas lottery would generate more than \$700 million for the state Treasury during 1992-93 if it starts operating next January.

"I think it's going to be a while before you ever get to that level," the speaker said. "I think you're talking about two or three years."

Lewis said he wouldn't dispute Comptroller John Sharp's official estimate of \$731 million in lottery earnings for 1992-93. But he recalled horse and dog racing still haven't generated the money they were estimated to bring in when lawmakers debated pari-mutuel gambling.

"I've been bitten by horse racing, I guess. We had all this anticipation of all the revenue horse racing was going to bring in, and it just didn't take place," Lewis said.

Lottery opponents also are questioning why the Legislature now is considering only a constitutional amendment to legalize lottery — not a specific bill spelling out how such games would be operated and how the money would be used.

"No one in the public knows what they're being asked to vote on," said David Hudson, a former House member battling the lottery for the Baptist Christian Life Commission.

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Tough guy Clint



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Tough guy Clint Eastwood wears a flag-covered bra Tuesday night as he is honored by the Hasty Pudding Theatricals as their 1991 Man of the Year at the Hasty Pudding Theater in Cambridge, Mass. Eastwood was part of a stage show with two male theatrical members in drag as he was awarded the annual Pudding Pot Trophy.

GAO says S&L bailout needs more money with supervision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of Congress' watchdog agency is giving a mixed review to the government's savings and loan cleanup and advising legislators not to provide the program with an "open checkbook."

The official, Charles A. Bowsher, says the Resolution Trust Corp., created 18 months ago to conduct the bailout, definitely needs more money, but under careful supervision.

"Providing the RTC with an open checkbook would effectively eliminate controls ... written into" the 1989 S&L rescue law, Bowsher, comptroller general of the General Accounting Office, said in testimony prepared for delivery today to the House Banking Committee.

"American taxpayers need progress reports from the administration to ensure that the monies are being well spent. In other words, RTC can't just have open-ended access to funds," he said.

A copy of Bowsher's remarks was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

He said GAO doesn't disagree with the administration's request for \$30 billion to cover losses in failed S&Ls handled through Sept. 30, 1991, the end of this fiscal year.

Congress initially provided \$50 billion in 1989 and another \$50 billion will be needed in 1992, bringing the total to \$130 billion, he estimated.

While Bowsher opposed Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady's request for a permanent and indefinite appropriation, he said financing the bailout three months to six months at a time, as some in Congress advocate, "will prove inefficient and costly." Congress should provide enough money for the RTC to operate for a year, he said.

The Senate Banking Committee earlier this month approved \$30 billion. The full Senate and the House committee, however, have not acted yet.

"Such slowdowns simply add to the eventual cost of resolution by allowing failed institutions to continue operating and incurring losses," Bowsher said.

Meanwhile, he predicted the

RTC — scheduled to go out of business in 1996, seven years after its creation — would need up to 10 years to complete its jobs of selling loans, securities and real estate inherited from failed thrift institutions.

Also, he recommended that Congress and the Bush administration think about severing the RTC from its parent agency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Reviewing the RTC's performance, Bowsher said:

— Managing agents hired to run failed thrifts until the government can close or sell them are generally well qualified and have succeeded in disposing of \$78 billion in the S&Ls' assets, out of an original \$271 billion. However, the RTC has provided only inconsistent oversight of the agents' performance in running the S&Ls as ongoing businesses.

— The RTC has made "satisfactory progress" in selling or closing 352 of 531 S&Ls seized by the government in 1989 and 1990. And its process for selling them has been "fair and open." But it has been less effective in selling the assets it retains after the S&Ls are sold or closed.

— The agency lacks a comprehensive system for managing its portfolio of securities. Its efforts to sell securities secured by packages of loans it owns has been disappointing.

— Its performance in selling real estate "has generally been disappointing." The agency's system of using regional sales centers staffed by its own employees to sell real estate appears to duplicate another program of hiring outside consultants to manage large real estate portfolios.

— Efforts to sell low-cost housing to poor people have been "inconsistent," with the worst performance coming in the Southwest where half of its low-costing housing is located.

— The agency's contracting system "does not appear to adequately protect the interests of the government." In some cases, "the lack of contract oversight has already left the RTC in the position of paying its contractors in full when there is only partial or poor performance."

Albanians join in support of hunger strikers

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Tens of thousands of people in Albania's capital today staged a general strike and joined students at the main university to demand the resignation of the nation's Communist leadership, witnesses said.

The crowd on the campus chanted slogans in support of students and faculty, who were in the third day of a hunger strike.

The approximately 700 hunger strikers also are seeking to rename

Enver Hoxa University, named after Communist Albania's Stalinist founder.

Radio Tirana reporter Ilir Ikononi said the crowd chanted "Hoxa, Hitler," and "Ramiz, you don't know what hunger is."

They were referring to Ramiz Alia, Hoxa's successor who in December scrapped 45 years of Stalinist rule, promised economic reform and scheduled free multi-party elections March 31.

Consumer prices rise 0.4 percent in January

By DAVE SKIDMORE
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WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal taxes on alcohol, tobacco and luxury goods and a climb in fruit and vegetable costs kept consumer prices rising 0.4 percent in January despite falling oil prices, the government said today.

The rise in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, if continued for 12 consecutive months, would produce an annual inflation rate of 5.5 percent. Still, it was more moderate than the rate for all of 1990, 6.1 percent.

Most economists believe the factors pushing prices higher in January were one-time events. They believe the sluggish economy will curb demand and keep inflation under control this year.

The break in oil prices following the beginning of allied bombing of Iraq helped push energy prices down 2.4 percent in January, following a 0.4 percent drop a month earlier.

Gasoline prices, which had shot up 27.2 percent in the four months ending in November, dropped 6.9 percent in January and 0.4 percent in December. Fuel oil prices, which rose 52.6 percent in the three months ending in November, have now fallen 11.6 percent in the following three months, including a 5.6 percent drop in January. However, electricity costs rose 2.8 percent last month and natural gas was up 1 percent.

The outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf has pulled down crude oil prices to near the level before Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2. Oil traders, relieved that the long period of uncertainty was over, have pushed prices lower in the belief that allied bombing had destroyed Iraq's ability to disrupt oil production in Saudi Arabia.

Food and beverage prices rose a sharp 0.9 percent in January. It was the biggest increase since January 1990, when a severe freeze hit both the Gulf and West coasts. This year,

the cold snap hit only California. Fruit and vegetable costs, as a result, were up 2.9 percent. Prices for oranges rose 37.2 percent and lettuce prices were up 24.5 percent.

Prices for alcoholic beverages advanced a record 4.9 percent, reflecting in part the increase in federal excise taxes. Beverage manufacturers apparently also raised their prices to coincide with the tax increase.

Prices were down, however, for dairy products, beef, pork and fish. They rose for eggs, poultry, cereal and baked goods.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, prices rose a troublesome 0.8 percent, double December's 0.4 percent rise. Excise taxes also played a role here, pushing up tobacco by 1.2 percent and watches and jewelry by 4.3 percent.

Other notable price jumps included: out-of-town lodging, up 6.8 percent, reflecting higher winter rates in resort areas; new cars, up 1.3 percent, the steepest increase

since May 1981, reflecting the end of discounts on some models and the continued introduction of higher-priced 1991 models; clothing, up 1 percent, reflecting smaller price cuts than usual in after-Christmas sales; airline fares, up 0.7 percent, bringing fares 13.4 percent higher than five months ago, and medical care, up 0.6 percent.

The various changes put the index for all consumer items at 134.6 in January. That means a hypothetical selection of goods that cost \$100 in the 1982-84 base period would have cost \$134.60 last month, up from \$127.40 a year earlier.

Most economists are predicting mild inflation for the rest of 1991, in line with the 0.3 percent rises of both November and December. The sluggish economy eventually should restrain inflation even in areas where it has been stubbornly entrenched, such as medical care and higher education, according to economist Samuel Kahan of Fuji Securities Inc. in Chicago.

Pravda: Yeltsin pits Russian federation against nation

By LESLIE SHEPHERD
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MOSCOW (AP) — The main Communist Party newspaper today accused Russian President Boris Yeltsin of worsening the Soviet Union's political crisis by calling for the first time for Mikhail Gorbachev to resign.

Yeltsin — leader of the largest, richest and most populous republic — made the appeal in a nationally televised interview Tuesday. He said the Soviet president was sacrificing reform to gain personal power and establish a dictatorship.

"I warned in 1987 that Gorbachev has in his character a tendency to absolute personal power," Yeltsin said. "He has done all that and has led the country to a dictatorship, giving it a pretty name: presidential rule."

The Communist daily Pravda said it was a case of the pot calling the kettle black, that it was Yeltsin who was seeking power and glory.

"The position taken by Yeltsin doesn't inspire optimism," the newspaper commented. "Moreover, it makes the situation, which is

already tense, more strained.

"There is no doubt that Yeltsin is using all means to claim his own ambitions and aspirations that are far from the goals of democratization, renewal of our society and perestroika," Pravda said.

State-run television, seeking to present both sides of the issue, today broadcast a recording of Soviet legislators condemning Yeltsin. In speeches to the legislature, the Supreme Soviet, deputies accused the Russian president of seeking confrontation.

Gorbachev has acquired from the legislature the power to rule by decree and lately took a more law-and-order stand in dealing with a collapsing economy, restive republics and ethnic violence.

The moves have appealed to hard-line Communists but angered reformers, some of whom have quit his government. Yeltsin's remarks echoed those of Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who resigned as foreign minister in December warning of a coming "dictatorship."

Shevardnadze blamed Gorbachev's shift away from reform on intense pressure from the military and the Old Guard in the Communist

Party, but Yeltsin blamed Gorbachev.

Yeltsin said in the 40-minute television appearance Tuesday evening that his biggest mistake since becoming president of the Russian Federation in May 1990 was placing too much trust in Gorbachev's promises of economic and political reform.

The two men have frequently tangled over the pace and method of political and economic reform. Yeltsin, ousted from Gorbachev's Politburo in 1988, urges a faster transition to a market economy and the transfer of more power from the central government to the 15 republics.

Yeltsin, a 60-year-old silver-haired Siberian native, is one of the Soviet peoples' most popular politicians. But he has been under attack recently from hard-liners within the national government and the Communist Party which he quit last year.

"I distance myself from the position and policies of the (Soviet) president, I am in favor of his immediate resignation, with the power being transferred to a collective organ, the Federation Council," Yeltsin said in the live broadcast Tuesday.

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Astro-Graph

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions are a bit unusual where you are concerned today; you could be more fortunate in regard to things others do for you than in regard to what you attempt to do for yourself. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be called upon to help someone with a tedious assignment today. Try to respond willingly, and you should still have ample time to attend to your responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions in general should be rather pleasant for you today, with the broadest swings occurring where your financial interests are concerned. Ups and downs in this area are likely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually, you are quite capable of handling several matters simultaneously, but this might be one of your off days. Try not to spread yourself too thin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Credits or rewards should be equally shared today with those who helped you achieve something you couldn't do alone. If you don't, they might not be around the next time you need them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you'll be involved today may abuse your generosity. Conversely, however, there are indications that another might make up for it in a larger measure. The two events are unrelated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People who are eager to help you could turn out to be the ones who hinder you the most today. If you feel saddled with dead weight, try to disengage yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lack of proper preparation could create some problems for you today, but Lady Luck is your ally. She might intervene to help you over the rough spots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you feel inclined to take gambles today, rely on your own capabilities and not on someone else's. Lady Luck appears to hold you in higher esteem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It could negatively affect your image if, in the presence of others, you make promises today which you fail to keep later. Bear this in mind before making any commitments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Whether or not you'll be lucky in love today is rather "iffy," but, if you apply yourself properly, you should do well in fulfilling your material interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not ignore your better judgment today where your financial affairs are concerned. You might not be very successful at squeaking through situations where you leave too much up to chance.

MARVIN By Tom Armstrong

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

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Sports

Harvesters down Levelland to claim Class 4A bi-district title



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Harvester players display the Class 4A bi-district championship trophy after defeating Levelland Tuesday night.

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

CANYON — Levelland slowed the tempo with a deliberate offense, but the strategy didn't quite work against the Pampa Harvesters, who posted a 56-42 Class 4A bi-district win Tuesday night in the WT field-house.

The Harvesters, now 31-3, move onto the Area round against Sweetwater at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hutcherson Center in Plainview. Levelland's season ends at 12-19.

"Levelland did a pretty good job of controlling the ball, but I thought we did a good job of controlling the ball ourselves," said PHS coach Robert Hale. "We wanted to take the good shots too."

Levelland put up only 36 shots and Pampa was limited to the same number also, but the Harvesters never trailed in the game.

The Harvesters led 13-4 at the end of the first quarter. After the Lobos narrowed the gap to three points in the second quarter, the Harvesters went on a scoring spurt to take a 10-point lead, 23-13, at half-time.

The Lobos couldn't trim the lead below eight points the second half. A 3-point goal by Levelland's Brooks Broussard cut Pampa's lead to 48-40 with three minutes to go, but that was as close as the Lobos would get down the stretch. After the two teams traded baskets, Jayson Williams converted a pair of foul shots that started a string of six unanswered points by Pampa.

The Harvesters, led by Coderick Wilbon's 18 points, didn't get to shoot as much as they usually do

with their upbeat tempo, but they still hit 55.5% (20-36) of their field goal attempts. From the foul line, the Harvesters were 11 of 17 for 64.7%.

Levelland was 44.4% (16-36) from the floor and 77.7% (7-9) from the foul line.

Wilbon, who hit 6 of 11 field goal attempts, knew what to expect from the Lobos.

"We knew they were going to try and get us out of our tempo by controlling the ball on us, but we just went out and played hard the entire game," Wilbon said. "We played the way we've been taught and that is to go out and play as hard as we can."

The contest was also a rough and rugged affair. Wilbon went sprawling a couple of times when he was tripped up while driving toward the basket. Randy Nichols, who finished with 9 points, had to leave the game in the second half when he caught an elbow in the face.

"It got pretty rough out there," added Wilbon, showing off numerous scratches, bruises and blisters on his arms and hands.

"It was a very physical game," Hale agreed. "It fact it was about as physical a game as we've been in this year."

Jeff Young and David Johnson contributed 12 and 11 points respectively to Pampa's scoring attack. Johnson also canned three 3-point goals.

Jayson Williams and Quincy Williams added 3 points each for the Harvesters.

Topping Levelland in scoring was Cleveland Dawson with 12 points, while Craig Black chipped in 12.

Moon captures Thorpe Trophy

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon has been named the winner of the 1990 Jim Thorpe Trophy for the NFL's Most Valuable Player as selected by the NFL Players Association.

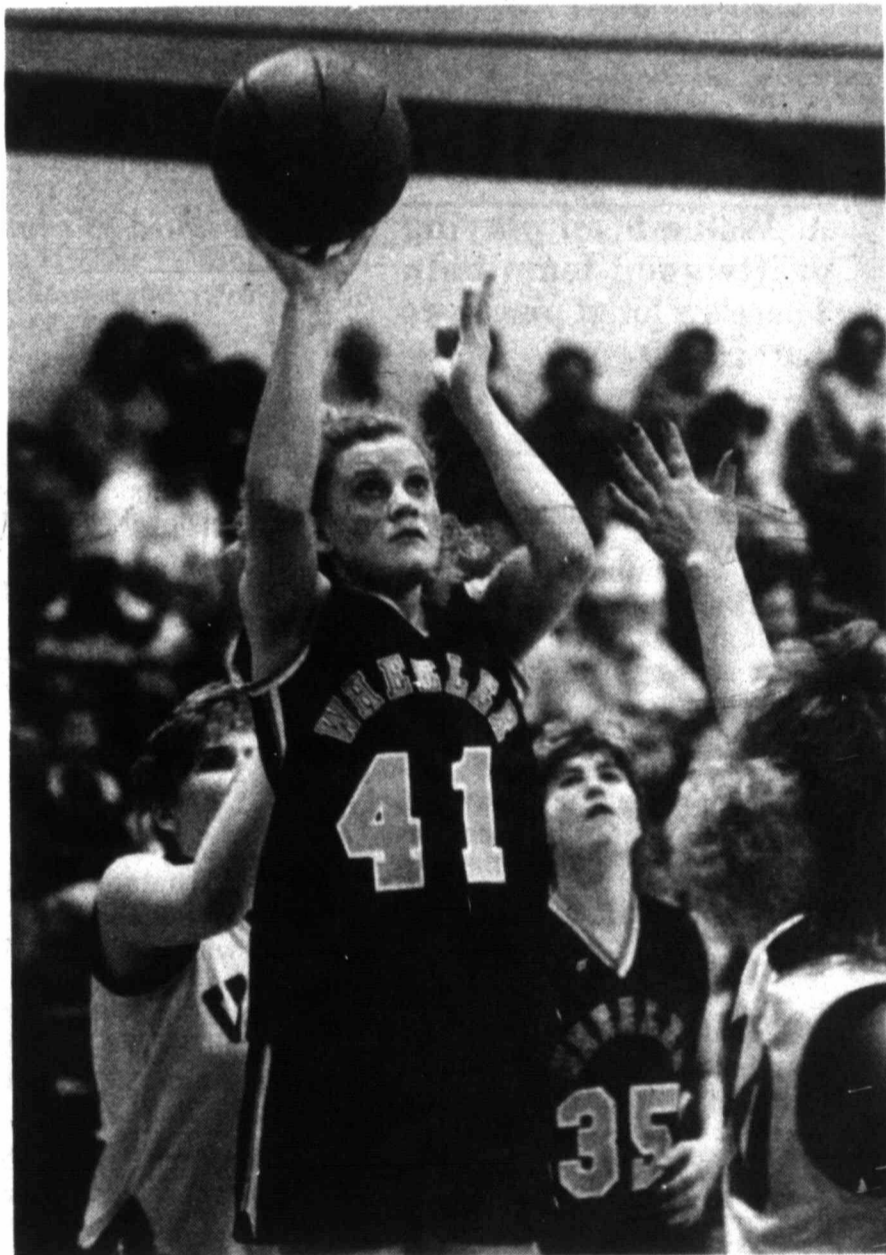
A representative of each of the NFL teams as well as eight Pro Football Hall of Fame members voted.

Moon was named on 32 percent of the ballots. San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana finished second. Detroit running back Barry Sanders, who played at Oklahoma State, and Philadelphia quarterback Randall Cunningham tied for third.

Moon will accept the trophy in April in Oklahoma City during the Jim Thorpe NFL Players Charity Golf Classic.

He led the NFL in passing last season, throwing for 4,689 yards, fifth best in NFL history. He threw 33 touchdowns. Moon also passed for 527 yards against Kansas City, the league's second highest single-game figure.

The Jim Thorpe Trophy is presented on behalf of the World Almanac and 140 co-sponsoring newspapers.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Wheeler's Liz Stiles puts up a shot as teammate Lori Vanpool (35) looks on.

Wheeler's Mustangettes fall to Channing in Class 1A playoffs

Blant, Hill lead Eaglettes' attack

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer

AMARILLO — A suffocating defensive effort lifted the Channing Eaglettes past the Wheeler Mustangettes 51-34 Tuesday night in postseason Class 1A girls' hoop action.

Channing raced to a 7-0 lead, dominating play at either end of the court with a distinct height advantage. The smothering Eaglette defense handcuffed Wheeler's attempts to fire off clean shots and set the tone for lopsided first-half play.

Wheeler, behind 34-9 at the half, whittled away at Channing's lead with a scappy second half effort, but it was too little too late.

"We were intimidated in the first half," said Wheeler coach Jan Newland. "They (Channing) were tough... especially with their inside blocking."

"We came out the second half and played a lot better," said Newland. "We started going after them a little more."

"Our girls gave it a good shot," she added. They don't have anything to be ashamed of; they had a good season (and) did a good

job." Wheeler, which has competed in postseason district playoffs in nine consecutive seasons, finished the year 21-10 overall and 10-0 as District 4-1A champs.

Channing, 25-4, moves on to Region 1-1A tournament play.

The Eaglettes' 5-foot-11 Cassie Blant put in an all-star performance, canning 18 points, blocking shots at will and grabbing offensive and defensive rebounds with authority. Channing's Amy Hill added 17 points and Ginger Gates contributed 11.

Wheeler's main scoring threats, Bobbie Kuehler and Liz Stiles, were held to 9 and 7 points respectively. Lori Vanpool hit for nine points.

Frustration set in early for Wheeler as Channing blocked shot after shot. The Mustangettes managed only two baskets and four successful free throws in the first period as Channing led 13-8 at the first break.

The Eaglettes feathered their nest, scoring 10 unanswered points to lead 23-8 midway through the second period.

A ferocious offensive attack mustered by Kuehler and Stiles was quickly stifled and an impressive rebounding effort by

Ginger Nelson proved unsuccessful as the half came to an end with Channing ahead 34-9.

The Mustangettes came out driving early in the second half.

A three-point play by Kuehler, a steal and two free throws by Dedra Dorman and a three-pointer by Lori Vanpool closed the margin to 11 as Channing led 38-17 mid way through the third period.

Channing countered with a tray and two more baskets to take a 45-19 into the final stanza.

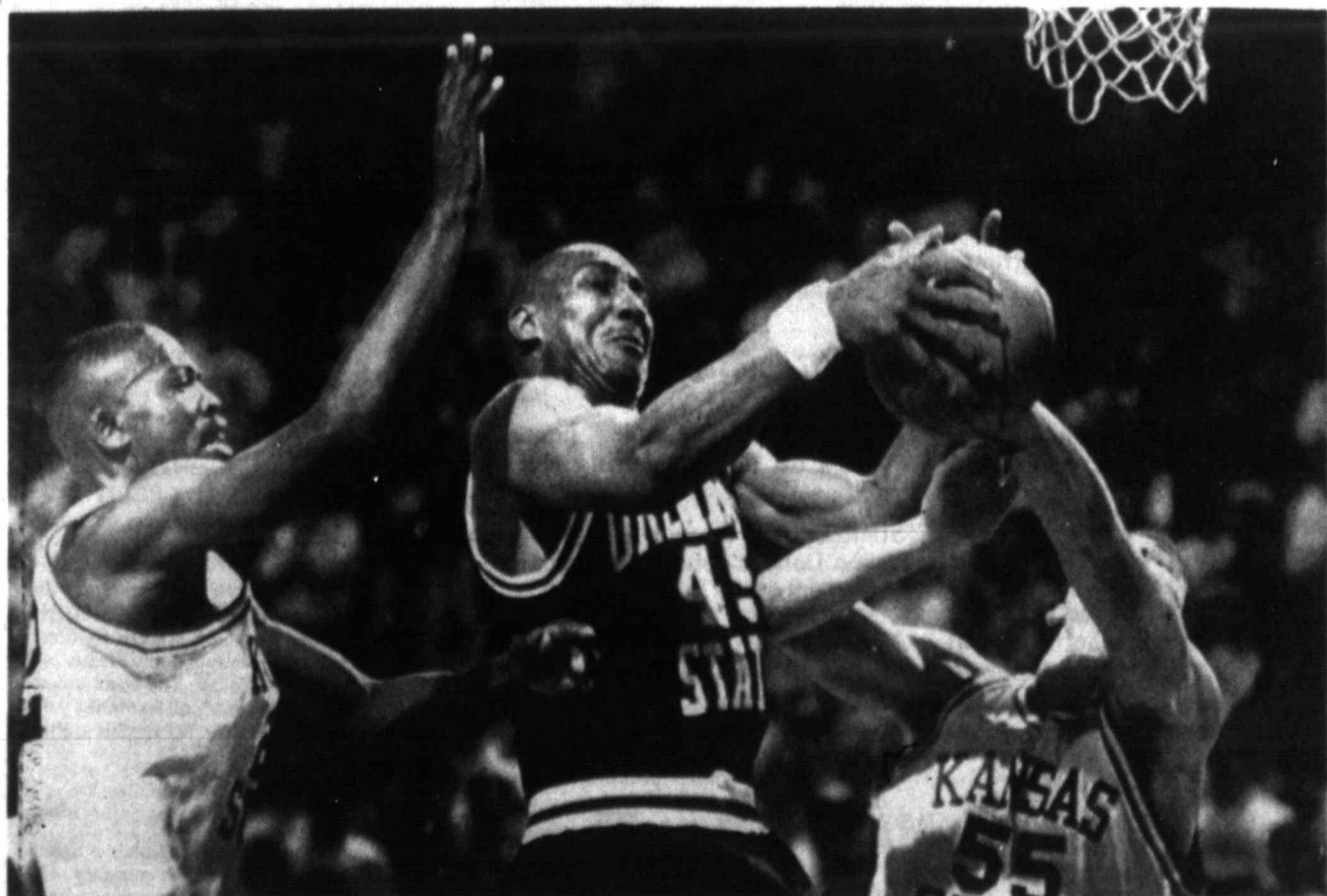
Wheeler outscored Channing 15-6 in the final period, but in the late going was forced to foul and take low-percentage three-point shots.

For seniors Kuehler, Stiles, Vanpool and Marcie Miles, it was their last game for the tremendously successful Wheeler girls' basketball program.

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W - Bobbie Kuehler 9, Lori Vanpool 9, Liz Stiles 7, Dedra Dorman 4, Ginger Nelson 3, Marcie Miles 2. C - Cassie Blant 18, Amy Hill 17, Ginger Gates 11.

Rice moves into three-way tie for fourth with 69-57 win over Texas Christian University



(AP Laserphoto)

Oklahoma State's Johnny Pittman (45) grabs a rebound away from Kansas State's University's Wylie Howard (22) and John Rettiger (55) in first-half action Tuesday night. Oklahoma State won, 76-65.

HOUSTON (AP) — It's a slow process, but Rice Owls coach Scott Thompson says the Owls are inching their way up the Southwest Conference basketball standings.

The Owls moved into a three-way fourth-place tie with Texas Christian and Southern Methodist following Tuesday's 69-57 victory over Texas Christian.

"This was a big game for us. We're inching our way up in the standings," Thompson said. "Tonight, we were able to get the lead, hold it and then to finish strong."

Rice's Dana Hardy scored 28 points, with 19 in the first half, to lead the Owls.

TCU concentrated its defensive effort on stopping the Owls' inside game, Thompson said.

"They collapsed on Brett (Scott) and Chase (Maag) so Dana picked up the slack. He may be the most underrated player in the conference," Thompson said.

Torrey Andrews added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Owls.

The win was Rice's sixth in its last eight games and improves its season record to 12-12, with its SWC record at 6-7.

Albert Thomas led the Horned Frogs with 22 points, followed by Reggie Smith with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Rice led 35-25 at the half, then stood at 50-35 with 13:18 left.

TCU cut its deficit to 7, at 62-55, with 3:02 left but Rice scored 7 straight, four by Hardy, to lead 69-55 with 1:48 remaining and secure the win.

Rice took a 17-11 lead with 9:50 left in the first half after 9 straight points by Hardy.

The Owls increased their lead to 29-17 after scoring 10 straight, eight by Hardy, with 3:15 left in the first half.

College scores

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American U. 71, George Mason 68
Boston U. 65, Army 49
Connecticut 70, Providence 66, OT
Duchesne 93, Hartford 88, OT
Fairfield 68, Loyola, Md. 66
Northeastern 82, Maine 73
Rhode Island 63, Temple 62
Rider 81, Wagner 69
Seton Hall 76, Niagara 61
Vermont 79, Dartmouth 66

SOUTH
Auburn 74, Tennessee 65
Georgia Tech 73, Virginia 60
James Madison 106, Navy 86
Maryland 82, Virginia Tech 67

MIDWEST
Oklahoma St. 76, Kansas St. 65
Wright St. 91, Xavier, Ohio 83

SOUTHWEST
Rice 69, Texas Christian 57

FAR WEST
S. Utah 106, Wis.-Milwaukee 105, 2OT



Mets' manager Bud Harrelson (right) gives some throwing techniques to infielder Kevin Elster at the Mets' training facility Tuesday in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Reds' Rijo newest member of baseball's \$3 million club

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — With two days left in arbitration season, the \$3 million club is at 39 and Jose Rijo is the newest member.

Rijo agreed Tuesday to a \$9 million, three-year deal with the Cincinnati Reds, while Jim Gantner and Cory Snyder lost their cases. At the same time, Jim Palmer continued his quest for the big bucks, with only a salary agreement keeping the Hall of Famer from joining the Baltimore Orioles for spring training.

"The Orioles have let us know they're interested in inviting Jim," said Palmer's agent, Ron Shapiro. "At this point we're talking about the terms of the invitation."

Rijo, who made \$700,000 last season, gets a \$250,000 signing bonus, \$2.25 million this year, \$3 million in 1991 and \$3.5 million in 1992. He can make up to \$500,000 more each season in performance bonuses if he starts 33 games and pitches 220 innings. He is the 16th pitcher to agree to a contract averaging \$3 million a season.

"It was important that we try to keep harmony on a team that won a world championship, and

Baseball notes

did so handily, and this is one of the ways to get it done," Reds general manager Bob Quinn said.

Pitchers Tom Candiotti and Mark Knudson agreed to one-year contracts, leaving six players in arbitration. Owners lead 8-5 in cases that have gone through to hearings.

Candiotti settled with Cleveland at \$2.5 million, a raise of \$1,437,500. Knudson and Milwaukee agreed to \$485,000, a raise of \$315,000.

Gantner, who made \$700,000 last season, had asked for \$2 million. But in Milwaukee's first-ever arbitration hearing, arbitrator Daniel Collins turned him down and picked the Brewers' offer of \$1 million.

While Gantner's case was decided, the Brewers invited free agent second baseman Willie Randolph to spring training.

"If Gantner won arbitration at \$2 million, you could be sure the club would release him in view of the fact Randolph is available for much less money," said Gantner's agent, Ron Simon.

"On the other hand, it's lose-lose if (the club) wins at \$1 million and (Gantner) thinks he's under-

paid. Does the club really win at a million when you have a player who has been a leader with a great attitude over 13 years and maybe has a sour attitude?"

Snyder, who also made \$700,000 in 1990, had asked for \$1.02 million. First-time arbitrator Nicholas Zumas instead chose the offer of \$800,000 by the Chicago White Sox.

Rose speaks

CINCINNATI (AP) — The time Pete Rose spent in a federal prison camp for cheating on his income tax were "the most wasted, most humiliating, longest and most educating five months of his life," the former baseball star said Tuesday night.

"He said playing in a World Series is tough, he said going before a federal judge is tough, but nothing was as tough as saying goodbye to his son," former Cincinnati Bengals player Dave Lapham said Rose told his first post-prison audience.

"That was very emotional. He sort of broke down a little bit there."

Rose spoke at the annual sports stag at the Western Hills Country Club in his old neighborhood.

Portland spurts past Mavericks

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland coach Rick Adelman says the Dallas Mavericks kept pushing his Trail Blazers off stride, but the Blazers put it all together in the final minute.

"At times, we ran well and defended well," Adelman said. "We kind of spurted all night. I'm just glad we spurted at the end."

The last spurt was just enough to give Portland the victory over Dallas Tuesday night, 107-100.

"I was worried about this game all day long," Adelman said. "They've been playing well, they walk the ball upcourt and they get you in a rut. The tempo they run can bother you."

The Blazers started slowly and trailed 15-13 halfway through the first quarter before Terry Porter began connecting.

Porter had three 3-point field goals in the first quarter and made five of his seven shots from the floor for 13 points.

Danny Ainge completed a rare four-point play — a 3-point field goal and a foul shot — and the Blazers had the Mavericks down 35-22 to begin the second period.

The Blazers had built their lead to 53-35 with 3:50 to go in the half when Derek Harper began a Mavericks rally. Harper had five of his 32 points in a 9-0 Dallas run to cut the lead in half, 57-48, by the break.

Portland missed its first five shots to open the second half and Dallas pulled to 57-52. The Blazers answered with a 10-0 spurt that shot them into a 67-52 lead.

But Dallas didn't fold. Trailing 72-57 late in the third quarter, the Mavericks crept to within 80-74 at the end of the quarter, scoring on Harper's shot at the horn.

After clutch baskets from Harper and Alex English, the Mavericks trailed 97-93 with three minutes to play.

Shootout expected in Miami-Groom boys' Class 1A bi-district clash

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer



Andrew Neighbors (21) and Don Howard (22) are part of Miami's balanced scoring attack.

Miami's Warriors begin the hunt for Class 1A bi-district boys' basketball honors against the Groom Tigers 7 p.m. Thursday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The postseason tilt could be a high-scoring affair run at break-neck speed.

"We've been playing pretty good team ball. There's a lot of places we can score from."

— Dwight Rice, Miami coach

The game features a Miami squad, highly capable of putting points on the board with four players shooting consistently in double figures, against a Groom team paced by two players contributing more than 50 points per game.

Groom grabbed the District 3-1A crown by defeating Shamrock in a district playoff earlier this month. The Tigers finished the regular season 22-5 overall and 9-2 in district play.

Miami placed second in District 4-1A regular season action, losing an overtime barn burner to Briscoe in a district playoff. Miami goes into bi-district play with a 17-10 overall and 9-2 dis-

trict record.

"We haven't played each other this year, but I think we match up really well," Miami coach Dwight Rice said in a Tuesday telephone interview.

"They have two real good guards," Rice said of Groom's Mike Conrad and Jeff Fields. "They are exceptional... all-around good ballplayers."

Conrad scored 35 points and Fields added 27 in Groom's 78-66 win over Shamrock in the playoffs.

Asked if he has varied his game plan to cope with Groom's guns, Rice said, "I don't think you can stop them, (but) we hope to slow them down a little bit."

"We've been playing pretty good team ball," Rice added. "There's a lot of places we can score from."

"We're going to have to shoot the ball and rebound well to win," he said.

Miami's balanced scoring attack includes senior Don Howard, who is contributing 17 points per game, and underclassmen Matthew Neighbors (17 ppg.), Andrew Neighbors (14 ppg.) and Aaron McReynolds (10 ppg.).

Groom coach Jay Lamb said, "We're pretty similar in size and

our styles are pretty much the same. I expect it to be a pretty good ballgame."

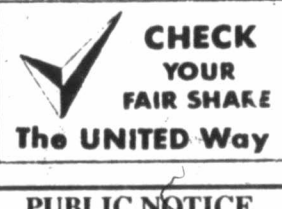
"Miami has a lot of quickness and they're good on the boards," said Lamb, who expects a fullcourt, high-scoring contest.

Seniors Conrad and Fields, averaging 27 and 26 points per game respectively, are the Groom Tigers' main scoring threat.

Lamb's main concern is Miami's Don Howard.

"He (Howard) is an excellent ball handler, has good quickness and can hit the open jumper," said the Groom coach.

"Groom plays well in the context of their offense," Lamb added.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Commissioners' Court of Gray County will consider sealed bids addressed to the County Judge, 230 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas, and received prior to 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 1991 for

Engineering services to plan and oversee the refurbishment of the county road to the planned prison site from its present condition to a farm to market quality surface and related improvements.
Proposals should include recommendations for county provided work and contracted work with time and cost estimates.
Hourly rates for engineering services and all other services and expenses that would properly be billed to such a project and time estimates for each should be provided.
Bidders should be familiar with the site and detail any and all needs that should be addressed by the County.
Bidders should provide as-built plans and specifications.
The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive objections based on failure to comply with formalities and to allow correction of obvious or patent errors.

Carl Kennedy
Gray County Judge
Feb. 20, 25, 1991

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Allene Coker, Deceased, were issued on 18th February, 1991 in Docket No. 7347 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas to J. Herbert Coker. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Gray County, Texas, the mailing address is:

J. Herbert Coker
417 Powell St.
Pampa, Texas 79065

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 18th day of February, 1991.

J. Herbert Coker
February 20, 1991

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NBA's Grant twins recall zaniest moments of seasons past

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Imagine "The Patty Duke Show" played out against the backdrop of the NBA.

When they were at their zaniest a few seasons back, identical twins Horace Grant of the Chicago Bulls and Harvey Grant of the Washington Bullets did more than imagine it. They switched uniforms during warmups to see how long they could go before teammates found them out.

"It was fun while it lasted, but it didn't last long," Horace Grant recalled Tuesday, moments before the brothers faced off for the 11th time in their pro careers. "And as a gag, it didn't rank up there with some of our others..."

"If I had to pick one, it would be the time we were both at Clemson and I was supposed to go

out with this girl who I didn't like, but who really liked me. So I told Harvey, 'This is your chance.'"

"Well, she didn't realize we'd switched until later that evening and she didn't like it a bit. The word Harvey still uses to describe her," Horace paused, flashing a grin, "is hysterical."

Needless to say, Harvey didn't remember that episode with similar fondness. And when asked to recount his favorite switch, he settled on the time he took Horace's place in Mrs. Boone's high school English class. Though by the time Harvey got to the end of the tale with both of them being punished, it would seem he got stuck with the short end of the stick. Again.

Until recently, it had been so since the day they were born.

On July 4, 1965, Horace arrived nine minutes

ahead of Harvey and still looks back at him, growing to 6-foot-10 and 235 pounds, compared to his brother's 6-9 and 215. Both starred at Hancock (Ga.) Central High, but Horace blossomed into a star at Clemson first. Harvey, told by the coaches after his freshman year there that he would see few minutes, spent a year as a redshirt and eventually transferred to Oklahoma.

Horace went to Chicago as the 10th pick overall in the 1987 draft; Harvey to Washington as the 12th pick in the 1988 draft. Horace renegotiated his contract before the start of this season to break the \$1 million-a-year barrier; Harvey, who has raised his per-game scoring and rebounding averages to 18.9 and 7.5 respectively and is among the most improved players in the league this season, will have to wait until his current deal expires to cross the threshold.

"Every time I call his house now, I ask for Donald Trump," Harvey said. "And he tells me, 'Don't call here until you're in the million-dollar club... Even when we played on the same team, we always tried to outdo each other. It will probably be that way until we both retire.'"

In Tuesday night's 118-113 win by Chicago, Horace spent most of the game chasing the Bullets' brilliant scorer, Bernard King, while Harvey was matched against the Bulls' rising star, Scottie Pippen.

But on at least a dozen occasions, one or the other got rubbed off on a switch or came around a pick and found himself looking in the mirror. For the record, Harvey played 43 minutes, scoring 18 points and grabbing five rebounds before fouling out. Horace, playing 39 minutes, scored just six points and collected eight rebounds.

"It's a fast passing game," he said. "It teaches you a lot about rushing the passer in a hurry."

Stautner said he won't be going one-on-one with the Denver defensive linemen like he used to do at Dallas.

"The demonstration days are gone," Stautner said. "I will show them a forearm to a sled. I'll be in Denver tomorrow."

Stautner said retirement from the NFL was hard on him.

Former Cowboys' defensive coordinator reunited with Reeves at Denver

DENVER (AP) — Ernie Stautner, former defensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys, has been named the defensive line coach of the Denver Broncos.

Stautner was the Cowboys' defensive line coach from 1966 to 1988 and was defensive coordinator for all but the first two seasons.

More recently, Stautner was head coach of the Dallas Texans of the Arena Football League last year. He was named Coach of the Year after leading the Texans to a 6-2 record and to the

championship game of the indoor league.

At Denver, Stautner will be reunited with Dan Reeves, the Broncos' head coach who is also a former Cowboys assistant. The announcement of Stautner's appointment was made Tuesday.

Stautner was an all-NFL defensive end and tackle with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he played from 1950 to 1964. He played in nine Pro Bowls and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1969, the first year he was eligible.

"I'm very excited about coming back to the

NFL. It just seemed there was something missing without it," Stautner told The Associated Press Tuesday in a telephone conversation from Dallas.

"I enjoyed Arena Football, and said I wouldn't leave it unless I could get a head coaching job in the NFL. But I talked to Danny and I really respect him. This is what I want to do. It sort of brings out the old war horse in me."

Stautner said he felt he learned a lot about defense in Arena Football.

Canizales meets Lora for World Boxing Organization's bantamweight crown March 12 at The Palace

By MIKE WAGNER
Laredo Morning Times

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Like two old familiar dance partners cutting across the floor to a well-known tune, Gaby Canizales and trainer Reynaldo

Infante prepare for glory.

Jose "Gaby" Canizales meets Miguel "Happy" Lora for the World Boxing Organization's bantamweight crown March 12 at The Palace in the Detroit suburb of Auburn Hills.

Infante helped Canizales through some paces here in Laredo before the 30-year-old boxer went to Detroit last week to finish preparations for his fifth title shot.

During a workout in Laredo, Infante

reminds Canizales to move his legs as he works over the speed bag in the Laredo Boxing Club's Canizales gym in an old fire station on Guadalupe Street.

"Las piernas, Gaby," Infante

calls out steps, jabs, bobs, ducks and various moves that are not only intended to inflict more hits upon Lora but avoid punches with natural motion.

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Blame Uncle Sam for high gas prices, not the war in the Persian Gulf

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If it seems like you're still paying too much to gas up the car these days, you can blame Uncle Sam instead of Saddam Hussein.

A gallon of gasoline now costs about the same as before Iraq invaded Kuwait — not counting about 5.6 cents in taxes added to the cost of a gallon of gas since the Aug. 2 invasion.

The average retail price of a gallon of self-serve unleaded regular on Tuesday was \$1.135, according to a weekly survey by the American Automobile Association.

That's 6 cents a gallon higher than the day before Iraq invaded Kuwait, when gas cost \$1.075.

But since the invasion, higher federal and state taxes have added about 5.6 cents, maybe more, to the price.

"We're pretty much where we were prior to the invasion," said Mike Doyle of Computer Petroleum Corp., in St. Paul, Minn., which tallies fuel prices for AAA and others. "I guess in the coming week or two, you're still going to see some downward pressure on retail prices. Not a lot, but a little bit."

Prices have been falling since the war against Iraq began Jan. 17. The AAA survey indicated gasoline

prices have come down 25.2 cents a gallon since peaking during the Persian Gulf crisis at \$1.387 per gallon in a survey on Dec. 4.

Minus taxes, Doyle said, the gasoline pump price is 3.8 cents cheaper than it was two weeks before the invasion. Thus, the "war premium" that sent oil prices soaring has vanished, leaving gasoline prices propped up mostly by more taxation.

The biggest bite came on Dec. 1, when the federal government imposed an additional 5.1-cent levy on each gallon of gas as part of a package of higher taxes intended to reduce the budget deficit.

Some state taxes have also taken effect recently. Doyle estimates they have added an average 0.5 cent to a gallon between September and January.

His numbers put the total cost of new taxes at about 5.6 cents a gallon. But at least one oil company official said the additional tax burden is probably closer to 5.8 cents a gallon, when one accounts for gasoline tax hikes in huge states such as California that have big shares of the gasoline market.

Regardless, when gasoline prices are adjusted for inflation, motorists are getting the best deal they've gotten in years, said Tom Burns, man-

ager of the economic staff at Chevron Corp. in San Francisco.

When adjusted for inflation over the last 30 years, Burns said, gasoline prices have only been lower during the early 1970s, before the Arab oil embargo of 1973, and in the mid 1980s, when crude oil prices collapsed as Saudi Arabia boosted production and created a world oil glut.

"This is really as low as it has ever been," Burns said.

Such claims don't wash with critics of the oil industry.

Since crude oil prices have fallen dramatically during the winter, traditionally the slow season for driv-

ing, gasoline should be even cheaper, said Edwin S. Rothschild, energy policy director for Citizen Action, a consumers group in Washington.

"Consumers are still paying a few cents more than they should be paying," Rothschild said.

But he acknowledged it would be too harsh to say motorists are being gouged by Big Oil these days.

"I think oil companies are still taking advantage of consumers," Rothschild said. "I think gouging is an emotive word that might apply to the beginning of August, when oil companies raised prices instantly."

Now, consumers are paying more than they should."

About two in three Americans oppose sending mothers to war

By HOWARD GOLDBERG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly two out of three Americans believe mothers of young children should not be sent to the Gulf War zone, an Associated Press poll found.

"It's very disturbing for people to think that mothers can be soldiers," said Christine Williams, author of the 1989 book "Gender Differences at Work."

While three-fifths of the 1,007 adults polled said most men are better suited for combat than most women, 56 percent said women in the U.S. armed forces should participate in the fighting against Iraq.

The poll was taken for the AP by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., on Feb. 13-17. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Only 45 percent would be willing to have a woman from their family fight, compared with 74 percent willing to have a man from their family on the line.

More than half the men but only 40 percent of the women would be willing to have a woman in their family fight. Polls generally have shown women less supportive of the Gulf War and other use of military force.

Judith Hicks Stiehn, provost of Florida International University and an expert on women in the military, cites another factor. Historically, fewer men than women favored a role for women in combat, until a flip-flop in the early 1970s. Men began feeling women should take responsibility for national defense as they won greater rights, she said.

The poll found 56 percent of both men and women support the participation of women in the fighting. That finding could reflect the war's image so far of one fought more with technology than brute force.

said Williams, a sociologist at the University of Texas at Austin.

"We're getting more used to seeing women toting rifles in the Army," she said. But sending mothers into combat may "violate some very deep ideas about appropriate sex roles in our society."

Although the U.S. forces in the gulf are all volunteers, 64 percent in the poll said they feel it is unacceptable for the United States to deploy women with young children to the war zone. Thirty-one percent said it is acceptable.

In contrast, deploying men who have young children to the war zone is acceptable to 68 percent and unacceptable to 28 percent.

With the move from a draft army to a volunteer army after the Vietnam War, military planners began warning that they had no mechanism to ensure a war would not create orphans, Stiehn said.

Members of Congress have questioned why the Pentagon did not offer exemptions to the 16,300 single parents and 1,200 military couples with children who are on duty in the Persian Gulf region.

The military's position is that the parents were volunteers who knew military service could involve war. The armed forces require single parents and military couples to keep up-to-date plans for the care of their children in wartime.

"If you're in charge of the military, one thing you have to be able to argue is that you're treating everybody uniformly. That's why they wear uniforms," said Stiehn, author of "Arms and the Enlisted Woman."

In the AP poll, 61 percent said that men are better suited for combat than women, less than 1 percent said women are better suited, and 35 percent said men and women are equally suited.

Texas trucker wounded in shoot-out

JESSUP, Md. (AP) — The condition of a Texas trucker who was wounded during a shooting that killed another trucker is improving, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

William Wilson, 38, of Pasadena, Texas, was in fair condition early today at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore with a gunshot wound to the chest. He had been listed in critical condition Tuesday night.

The Monday night's shooting stemmed from a dispute between a third truck driver and his girlfriend at a crowded bar at a truck stop near Interstate 95.

The man tried to force the

woman to leave the lounge, and the two truckers intervened, police said Tuesday.

Tommy Ray Robinson, 42, of Fort Collins, Colo., was arrested after his truck overturned on a ramp of Interstate 95 as he fled, police said. He has been charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, kidnapping and handgun charges, Howard County police said.

He appeared before a court commissioner Tuesday morning and was being held without bail at the county jail. A bond hearing was scheduled for this morning in District court.

Killed was Christopher Frey, 32, of Grass Lake, Mich., police said.

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