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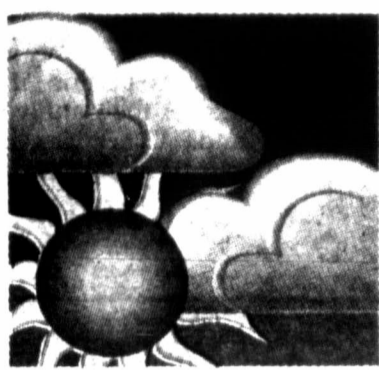
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PAMPA — Pampa High School Principal John Kendall was resting comfortably this morning after undergoing open heart surgery Thursday.

Kendall was doing "remarkably well" in the intensive care unit of High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, according to Ramona Hite with the Pampa School District.

He was sitting up and eating ice this morning, Hite said, adding that doctors don't expect Kendall to have to remain long in the ICU.

PAMPA — Reservations are being taken for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. The banquet will include the naming of the Citizen of the Year.

Guest speaker will be cowboy poet and storyteller Dan Willis.

Tickets are \$15 a person. Catering is by Texas Rose Steakhouse.

For reservations and tickets, contact the Chamber office at 669-3241.

CANYON — March 3 is the deadline for students to apply for all West Texas A&M University academic scholarships for the 1997-98 academic year.

Two letters of recommendation and a high school or college transcript are required for submission with the scholarship applications.

High school seniors must have a minimum score of 21 on the ACT or a 950 on the SAT or be ranked in the top quarter of their graduating class.

Transfer and currently enrolled students are generally expected to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

High school seniors should contact their counselor for an application.

WTAMU students and transfer students can get an application by contacting the Office of the Assistant to the President in Old Main, Room 304 or at (806) 656-2097.

PAMPA — A Practical Parenting Workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Horace Mann Elementary School from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Lamar Elementary School.

Discipline will be the focus of the workshops, and there will be a guest speaker to talk on effective discipline methods.

This is a free seminar and all parents are welcome.

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Deadline nears for preventing strike by pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal mediator today reported progress in talks between American Airlines and its pilots union but warned that "major problems" remain to be resolved before a midnight strike deadline.

Kenneth Hipp, the chief federal mediator, said the two sides have worked around the clock and would continue meeting throughout the day.

"We are somewhat more encouraged," he told reporters. But, he added, "There are major problems that have to be resolved between now and midnight."

American, which already canceled most overseas flights to avoid stranding planes on foreign soil, canceled about a dozen domestic flights today.

Travelers said they were happy to be flying before the possible strike.

"As long as we get home, we'll be happy," said Joyce Trzaska of Dix Hills, N.Y., waiting to board a flight at Miami International.

"We're just glad they didn't move up the strike time," said Maxwell Henry, who was heading home to St. Croix.

Both sides in the negotiations started the day reporting little progress but said they would keep trying.

"We'll be at this until the last possible minute," Michael Cronin, speaking for the pilots, said on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

"There's no progress to report," said Tim Smith, an American Airlines spokesman. "We're certainly not giving up. No one is on either side."

Airline and pilots representatives and federal mediators began to talk-around-the-clock Thursday night with just hours left in their scheduled negotiations.

Both sides said they were willing to find middle ground, as President Clinton urged

them to, without shutting down the airline, which handles about 20 percent of the nation's air traffic.

"We have a long way to go and a short time to do it in," the airline's president, Donald Carty, toothbrush and shaving kit in hand, said as he arrived at a hotel negotiating site.

The Allied Pilots Association's board of directors had not voted to authorize union president Jim Sovich to call a strike. But Sovich said he expected a vote today.

Clinton, at a news conference Thursday, gave no indication whether he would exercise emergency powers to prevent pilots from striking at 12:01 a.m. Saturday — a deadline pilots had set on Monday in their dispute with the airline over pay and job security.

The president was urged to do so by the airline's chief executive officer, Robert Crandall, and by mayors and some members of Congress from areas that would be particularly hard-hit by a strike.

The Transportation Department on Thursday estimated the strike would cost up to \$200 million a day and could strand up to 40,000 passengers.

The airline canceled most overseas flights and about a dozen round-trip domestic flights today so that aircraft would not be stranded at airports with no room to store them for an extended period.

John Hotard, an airline spokesman, said the canceled flights included those to and from White Plains, N.Y., and Orange County, Calif. He said passengers booked on the canceled flights were notified Thursday to rebook on other flights to the same destinations.

The airline canceled scheduled flights today to Japan, Central and South America and most of Europe. The only exceptions were flights to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and London.

Making valentines



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Students in the new Teen Leadership class at Pampa Middle School strive to promote leadership, citizenship and a more caring attitude for their community. As part of the class, students made Valentine's greetings for the residents of the Meredith House. Jessica Gonzales, Amy Newhouse, Mandy Poole, Megean Coutts and April Brown share the craft items they used to make the valentines.

Lottery panel OKs lawsuit settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission this morning settled a lawsuit filed by former executive director Nora Linares that provides her no financial compensation but declares she did nothing wrong before she was fired.

The three-member panel unanimously approved the deal, which does not allow her to refile her lawsuit against the commission. She does not get her job back.

Ms. Linares and her attorneys have concluded that she was damaged by lottery operator GTECH and "an appropriate cause of action for damages should be asserted against GTECH," the settlement states.

Neither she nor her lawyers were present. Reached at home this morning, Linares said she couldn't discuss the deal, but said: "I'm glad to have my name back."

Linares was fired from her

\$82,867-a-year job as executive director on Jan. 7. That came after months of controversy surrounding a contract between a close friend of Linares' and GTECH, the lottery's main contractor.

Linares said she didn't know about the contract until just before it became public. But after weeks of related questions, the commission said Linares could no longer be effective as executive director, and fired her.

Before being fired, Linares sued the commission. She said the board was illegally interfering with her day-to-day work as executive director and illegally imposed a gag order against her speaking to the media.

After being fired, Linares amended her lawsuit, claiming wrongful dismissal. She asked for her job back and back pay.

Sources familiar with the situation said the settlement was negotiated during a weekend meeting

with representatives from the Texas attorney general's office.

Charles Soechting of San Marcos, one of Linares' lawyers, said his client was never pursuing money from the commission, but will seek damages from GTECH.

"It's an acknowledgment by the commission that Nora never did anything wrong," he said of today's settlement. "And notwithstanding everything that had been speculated about in the past, there was nothing that Nora ever did wrong."

Soechting approached GTECH officials in Rhode Island last week to notify them that Linares would be pursuing a claim against the company.

Soechting was told "in no uncertain terms that it was the company's opinion there was no foundation or basis for any kind of claim or settlement," GTECH spokesman Bob Rendine said.

Two Miami men recall their days with Methodist Church

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Bud Hodges and Dr. Stonewall Jackson Montgomery, old friends and neighbors, past and present, enjoy their continued friendship and share fond memories of raising their families in the small town of Miami, Texas.

They are well into retirement, and widowed, and are living in the Meredith House in Pampa.

During a recent visit, those memories were again brought to life when the two men talked about their first years of living in the Miami community and being active in their church, the First United Methodist Church of Miami.

When the Hodges family first joined the Miami church, Bud was a child. The congregation met in the original white frame-board building. His father, George Washington Hodges, was one of the construction workers on the new building. Using his mule team and a fresno (digging tool), he helped dig the cellar-basement for the church.

Hodges said he was nine years old in 1922 when he joined the Miami United Methodist Church, and he has never belonged to another church or denomination, although he and his brother were once members of the BYPU League in Miami.

"One year when my brother was named president of the BYPU organization, the Baptist preacher objected because we



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Meredith House residents Dr. Stonewall Montgomery and Bud Hodges visit with one another, sharing memories of their home church, First United Methodist Church of Miami, and the years their families gave to their church and community.

were Methodist," he said.

Hodges and his wife, Carrie Lee Seitz, a native of Miami, were married at Canadian in 1932. He was a lifetime farmer in Roberts County, and he and his wife raised their two children in the county.

During his young days, Hodges raised cattle on his land and farmed wheat on a section of land for W. D. Allen.

"From my house located north of Miami on the head of Chicken Creek I could see nothing but grassland for as far as my eyes could focus. I run about 60 head

of cattle most all the time."

According to Hodges, he and his wife and their children, Gene and Caroline, always took part in Sunday School and youth activities of the church.

"My son, Gene, is Miami's present mayor, and he is still active in that church, and I would be if I could," Hodges said.

He says he still attends his church anytime he is provided transportation.

Hodges believes in the Miami United Methodist Church and expresses his pride in the congregation.

"It is the best church I've ever been in and the best congregation of people in Miami. I have lots of friends in Miami, and not all are in my church, but the people are always cooperative with each other and help each other, regardless of their station in life," he said.

Dr. Montgomery opened his medical practice in Miami in 1934 and provided local patient care for over 50 years in his resident home.

"I always made trips to in-town homes and out in the country to see my patients when they needed me," Montgomery said.

"I had to change cars pretty often because I wore those cars out bouncing over those roads, and the Miami and Roberts County people were my first concern, so I made the trips when it was necessary," he said.

"The doctor traveled over those dirt roads and sometimes across fields in his cars, using first a Model A or Model T Ford, and also a Chevrolet, I believe," said Hodges, reminding Dr. Montgomery of a few calls he could remember himself.

Hodges reminded the doctor of the time he came to aid his baby daughter, who was having difficulties breathing and swallowing, and was near death — giving him credit for saving her life one Sunday night.

Dr. Montgomery was born to Stonewall Jackson and Anna Laura Montgomery, natives of Kansas.

In June 1930, he had his practice in Howard, Kan., and that year he married Lucile Montgomery, daughter of Lawrence and Sarah Spease of Howard. He came to Texas in February 1934, when he moved his new wife to Dalhart, from Cedarville, Kan.

Later, on request from W.H. Craig, he was asked to come to Miami because Mr. Craig said they were desperately in need of a doctor.

"We raised three children in Miami who grew up loving that church. We've always belonged to the Methodist denomination, and joined the Miami First Methodist Church as soon as we moved there," Montgomery said.

All three of his children were born in Roberts County, attended schools there, graduated from Miami High School and earned their college degrees, Montgomery said. His two daughters are public school teachers — Sarah Ann lives in Bay City and Myrna lives in Fredericksburg. His son, Richard, is a chemist and lives in Dallas.

Dr. Montgomery is proud to reminisce about Miami and his Methodist church home.

"There are nice people in Miami and in the Miami Methodist Church ... and they serve good ole country cook'n there on certain Sundays. I am proud to say, too, that my children all became Christians in that church. It will always be our church," Montgomery said.

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Services tomorrow

BOWMAN, Lurline - 1:30 p.m., Eubank Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, Mabank.
EVERETT, Vergie H. - Graveside services, 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.
MADDOUX, Laura Gene - 10:30 a.m., Sayre First Baptist Church, Sayre, Okla.
PHILLIPS, Jewel - 11 a.m., Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, Plainview.

Obituaries

LURLINE BOWMAN

MABANK - Lurline Bowman, 86, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997, in Dallas. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Eubank Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Flurry officiating. Burial will be in Dream Land Cemetery at Canyon under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home of Mabank.

Ms. Bowman was born Nov. 19, 1910, at Kress, Texas, to Robert Tullie and Pearl (Clark) Bowman. She graduated from Canyon High School in 1927 at the top of her class and attended West Texas State University, receiving a degree in Spanish and English in 1931. She was also awarded the Agnes Charlton Scholarship in 1931. She earned a master's degree in 1939 in English and education and later received a degree in library science. She taught school for 21 years, retiring in 1955. She moved to Mary Treu Retirement in March of 1992. She was saved when she was 11 years old and was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa. She was active in Professional Women's Class, Pampa Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and Senior Citizens Association.

Survivors include two sisters, Florine Dean of Gun Barrel City and Helen Morelan of Cedar Hill; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

CLARA NORTHRUP EGLESTON

CANADIAN - Clara Northrup Eggleston, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 4:30 p.m. today in Higgins Cemetery at Higgins with Shawn Davis, intern minister of Canadian Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stuckley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Eggleston was born Oct. 10, 1909, in Indian Territory, Okla., to Harry and Kate Sprouse Northrup. She graduated from Higgins High School and attended Draughon's Business College. She married Harvey Martin Eggleston on Dec. 7, 1933, at Woodward, Okla.; he died in 1969. The couple moved to Higgins in 1960 and farmed and ranched south of the community on Littlerobe and operated a Texaco service station. She had been a Canadian resident since 1995, moving from Higgins.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers and two great-grandsons.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Billy Schafer of Canadian; a son, Harvey Eggleston Jr. of Lubbock; a sister, Lois Powledge of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Ray Northrup of Canadian; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014; or Hemphill County Hospital at the same address.

VERGIE H. EVERETT

McLEAN - Vergie H. Everett, 98, of McLean, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church in McLean, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Everett was born July 19, 1898, in Jack County, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of McLean. She married Perry Everett Sr. on June 12, 1917, at Amarillo; he died in 1980. She had been a lifelong McLean resident. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church of McLean.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, James Ewell Everett and Kenneth Bee (Petie) Everett.

Survivors include two sons, Dick Everett of McLean and Perry Everett Jr. of Fort Worth; a sister, Vesta Williams of Andrews; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Hillcrest Cemetery Association.

LELA BERTHA JONES

Lela Bertha Jones, 88, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 14, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with graveside services courtesy of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jones was born April 2, 1908, near Leedy, Okla. She married Thomas E. Jones on Jan. 23, 1927, at Leedy. They were longtime residents of Groom until 1978, when they moved to Pampa. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas E. Jones, of the home; two sons, Billy E. Jones of Pampa and Bobby L. Jones of Groom; a brother, Merlin Johnson of Elk City, Okla.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13

3:53 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 2545 Perryton Parkway on an alarm.

9:54 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a one-car roll-over on Loop 171.

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5:58 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare at 1121 S. Wells

Obituaries

LAURA GENE MADDOUX

SAYRE, Okla. - Laura Gene Maddoux, 73, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997, at Sayre Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sayre First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Lone Oak Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mrs. Maddoux was born Oct. 31, 1923, at the Lone Oak community near Sayre, to John Emery and Mary Beatrice Hubbard. She attended school at New Liberty and Sayre, graduating in 1941. She married R.L. Maddoux on Nov. 1, 1941, in the Lone Oak Baptist Church parsonage. The couple resided in Lone Oak until moving to Sayre in 1974. She worked in Sayre schools for 20 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Sayre First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Dianna Sanders of Pampa, Pam Couch of Corn, Okla., and Neta Brauchi of Sayre; two sons, Raymond Maddoux of Chinle, Ariz., and Brad Maddoux of Sayre; seven grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

JEWELL PHILLIPS

PLAINVIEW - Jewell Phillips, 88, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, at Plainview's Prairie Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Resthaven Chapel with the Rev. Tim Winn, of New Deal's First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Phillips was born Nov. 18, 1908, at Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Charles and Nancy Parsley. She married H.E. Phillips on Jan. 26, 1929, at Sulphur Springs; he died April 4, 1983. She moved to West Texas in 1933, having lived in Wilson and Slaton prior to moving to New Deal in 1954. She had been a Plainview resident for the past two years. She was a homemaker and a member of New Deal's First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Juana Taylor, on June 30, 1993.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Phillips of New Deal and Claudie Phillips of Pampa; two sisters, Alma Harms of Burkburnett and Christine Richard of Portales, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Foundation, First Baptist Church in New Deal or a favorite charity.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13

Gray County deputies responded to Crockett Conoco at I-40 exit 35 for a reported theft.

Gray County deputies responded to Allsup's #184 on Price Road on a theft report.

Arrests

Buddy Lynn Hoover, 24, 421 Magnolia, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and breath test refusal. He was released on bond.

Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 18, 1500 Coffee, was arrested on a parole warrant. He remains in custody.

Ricky Allen Busden, 18, 204 S. Nelson, began serving time as a condition of his sentence.

Jose Silva Jr., 18, 910 E. Browning, began serving time as a condition of his sentence.

Kenneth Ray Black, 41, 408 N. Sumner, began serving time as a condition of his sentence.

Alfredo Escajedo, 27, El Paso, was sentenced to serve out time on a fine for theft. He served his time and was released.

Teresa Ann Jernigan, 31, 1108 Prairie Dr., was arrested on a charge of failure to identify. She was released on bond.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13

10:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to 821 Letors on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

3:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

5:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to 18th and Banks on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

9:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Loop 171 on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

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6:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Wells on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:

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| Wheat | 4.18 | dn | 18 |
| Milo | 4.04 | dn | 18 |
| Corn | 4.85 | dn | 18 |

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

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| Occidental | 26 | up | 18 |
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

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| Magellan | 84.48 | dn | 18 |
| Parsian | 18.44 | dn | 18 |

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

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|----------|--------|----|----|
| Amso | 66.04 | up | 12 |
| Amgen | 129.78 | dn | 18 |
| Ciba | 24.12 | up | 18 |
| Ciba OMO | 17.58 | dn | 18 |

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

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|------------------|--------|----|----|
| Chevron | 68.12 | dn | 18 |
| Coca Cola | 69.12 | dn | 18 |
| Columbia/HCA | 43.58 | dn | 14 |
| Enron | 42.58 | up | 18 |
| Halliburton | 70.78 | up | 18 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 48.58 | dn | 18 |
| KNI | 39.14 | up | 14 |
| Kerr McGee | 66 | dn | 18 |
| Limited | 17.12 | dn | 18 |
| Mapco | 13.58 | up | 18 |
| McDonald's | 46.14 | dn | 14 |
| Metrol | 111.12 | dn | 18 |
| New Atmos | 23.12 | dn | 18 |
| Parker & Parsley | 30.14 | up | 18 |
| Pennex | 49.18 | dn | 18 |
| Phillips | 44 | dn | 14 |
| SLB | 107.58 | up | 18 |
| SNS | 15.14 | dn | 18 |
| Tenneco | 40 | dn | 18 |
| Texaco | 102.58 | dn | 18 |
| Ultran | 29.14 | dn | 18 |
| Wal Mart | 24.12 | dn | 18 |
| New York Gold | 543.00 | dn | 18 |
| Silver | 5.12 | dn | 18 |
| West Texas Crude | 21.68 | dn | 18 |

Couples trek to Vegas for Valentine weddings

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Goin' to the chapel may be the norm for marrying on Valentine's Day. But this is Las Vegas, so five couples said their vows on a 1,149-foot tower today before being catapulted upward 160 feet at 45 mph.

"I don't want to hear any more puns about the ups and downs of marriage," said Joy Sandhofer, after taking the plunge on the bungee-style ride with her new husband, Paul Terry II of Kent, Wash.

Later today, another couple was to don wet suits decorated with tuxedo and wedding gown trimmings and marry in a six-foot deep tank in front of Dive, a restaurant where they work on the Las Vegas Strip.

With Valentine's Day falling on a Friday and Washington's Birthday being celebrated on Monday, Las Vegas is expecting its busiest wed-

ding weekend in years. The Clark County Marriage License Bureau was issuing licenses around the clock beginning this morning, with couples fanning out to 50 wedding chapels in locations from downtown's Glitter Gulch to some of the Strip's top hotels.

Five Washington state couples said their vows just after 7 a.m. near the top of the 1,149-foot Stratosphere Tower while seated on the Big Shot, the tower's thrill ride.

Before being rocketed upward, they had to shed shoes, veils and flowers for safety reasons.

They held hands and exchanged rings, but when the minister said, "You may kiss the bride," the grooms could only kiss their own fingers and place them on the brides' lips, because they were strapped into their seats.

To the strains of Elvis Presley's

"Viva Las Vegas," the ride shot the screaming couples upward. Brecky Wright and new husband Dutch Bihary of Bothell, Wash., were disheveled as they exited the ride.

Couples are drawn to Las Vegas by the most liberal marriage laws in the country - no blood test or waiting period required for the \$35 license. Nevada had the highest marriage and divorce rates in 1994, the Census Bureau said.

Charlotte Richards has performed thousands of weddings over the past 38 years and now has five chapels here. Why do so many people pick Valentine's Day?

"A lot of grooms tell me they get married on that day because it is easier to remember their anniversaries," she said. "Otherwise, it's just a romantic day for sweet-hearts."

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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A forged check in the amount of \$300 was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

A forged check in the amount of \$300 was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Williston. The complainant reported lug

nuts loosened on a 1985 Ford Escort.

A failure to identify a fugitive from justice was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Arrests

William Kent Courson, 37, Perryton was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting. He remains in custody.

Carlos Regalado, 22, 421 Doucette, was arrested on two capias warrants, failure to identify and disorderly conduct.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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A 1989 Lincoln Continental driven by T.G. Reames, 64, Wheeler, collided with a 1980 GMC Sierra Classic Pickup driven by James Earl Johnston, 48, 818 Reed. Reames was cited for unsafe backing.

A 1995 Ford Mustang driven by Duane Curtis

King, 18, 412 Jupiter, and a 1992 Mercury Cougar driven by John Joseph Mathis, 19, collided in the 1400 block of Duncan. No citations were issued.

A 1995 Buick Park Avenue driven by Nina Sparks Dubose, 73, 1308 N. Russell, and a 1987 Buick LeSabre driven by Diane Gray Pearson, 44, 1624 N. Dwight, collided at the intersection of Banks and 18th St. Dubose was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERARY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN

Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

MOBILE MEALS

The Southside Senior Citizens Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, Feb. 15, will be baked chicken, blackeyed peas, cabbage, bread and cookies.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Fair tonight with a low in the upper 20s and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, sunny and warmer with a high in the upper 50s and westerly winds 10-20 mph. Continuing warming spell expected with a high Sunday in the low 60s and Monday in the mid 60s. Thursday's high was 32; the overnight low was 22. Pampa received 0.12 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from near 20 to near 30. Saturday, becoming mostly cloudy north to partly cloudy

elsewhere. Highs from near 50 to upper 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 20s to low 30s. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in low to mid 20s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid to upper 50s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in mid 20s.

North Texas - Tonight, clear west. Decreasing clouds elsewhere. Cold with lows 27 to 32. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 54 to 59.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in low 30s, mid 20s Hill Country. Saturday, sunny. Highs near 60, mid 50s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Tonight, decreasing cloudiness becoming mostly clear and cold. Lows in mid 30s inland to low 40s coast. Saturday, sunny and

warmer. Highs in low 60s inland to mid 50s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Breezy near the coast. Lows in low 40s coast to upper 30s inland. Saturday, sunny. Highs in low 60s coast to mid 60s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy northern mountains. Fair skies elsewhere. Lows near 5 to mid 20s mountains and north, upper teens and 20s southern lowlands. Saturday, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Warmer south Saturday. Highs 30s to low 50s mountains and north, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.

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House approves family planning in face-off over abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The international family planning issue moves to the Senate after the House narrowly approved an administration request to release family planning funds without imposing abortion restrictions.

In the first abortion-related vote of the new Congress, the House on Thursday voted 220-209 to begin releasing, without abortion restrictions, \$385 million in family planning funds.

House members then seemingly contradicted themselves by voting 231-194 for a bill offered by anti-abortion leader Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., that released the funds but reinstated a Reagan-era policy barring aid to private groups that perform or promote abortions overseas.

But it was the first vote that was crucial. The Senate is expected to approve

the administration bill, which Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said will come up for a vote on Feb. 25. The Smith bill, on the other hand, has little support in the Senate.

The Smith bill, said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation, was "a way to give, as they say in Washington, cover to those members who do consider themselves anti-choice. We do have hope and belief that the Smith bill will not go anywhere in the Senate."

The administration bill passed on the strength of 44 mostly moderate Republicans joining 175 Democrats and one independent. Supporters stressed that family planning aid was an essential element in preventing abortion.

Rep. Jim Greenwood, a Pennsylvania

Republican, spoke of how shocked he was on a recent visit to Bolivia when he was told that 50 percent of hospital beds are filled by women suffering from botched or illegal abortions. "Every year 7 million infants die on this planet because their mothers were not healthy enough for their pregnancies or they lacked obstetric care," he said in support of the bill.

Another Republican, Constance Morella of Maryland, cited a report estimating that the 35 percent cut in U.S. family planning funds since fiscal 1995 has resulted in an additional four million unintended pregnancies and two million more abortions worldwide.

Thursday's vote was the outcome of a dispute over abortion that nearly brought down last fall's negotiations

between the White House and congressional Republicans over the fiscal 1997 budget.

In a compromise, the two sides agreed to fund family planning at \$385 million without abortion restrictions, but to freeze the release of the money until July 1, nine months into the fiscal year, and then mete it out at only eight percent of the total a month.

The agreement also gave the president the authority to certify that the delay was seriously affecting family planning programs, moving up the release date to March 1. He did so on Jan. 31 and the House vote Thursday confirmed that.

Smith's bill would reinstate the so-called Mexico City policy in effect during the Reagan and Bush administra-

tions but revoked by Clinton early in his first term. That policy goes beyond a 1973 law banning all direct U.S. funding for abortion overseas and prohibits aid to private groups that perform or promote abortion.

Sixteen Republicans and twelve Democrats voted for both the administration and Smith bills.

Smith warned that a vote for the administration bill "pours hundreds of millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars into organizations that have made the toppling of pro-life laws and policies in developing countries their mission and explicit goal."

He promised to keep trying to attach Mexico City language to family planning spending bills. "That will not be the end of it, I can assure you."

Astronauts outfit telescope with its powerful new eyes

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Working through cycles of night and day as they sped around Earth, astronauts outfitted the aging Hubble Space Telescope today with two powerful new eyes to enhance its view of the universe.

Spacewalkers Mark Lee and Steven Smith, in bulky space suits and breathing heavily, went about their business with a minimum of chatter. They removed two scientific instruments from the Hubble and replaced them with two others more powerful and up to date.

But there were a few asides as Lee and Smith worked in the shuttle's open cargo bay against the background of a blue Earth. "Beautiful planet," said one of the astronauts.

"Beautiful telescope," responded the other.

Theirs was a high wire act. Smith standing on a platform attached to the shuttle crane; Lee, on a tether, using handrails to move around.

The spacewalk time was recorded officially as lasting 6 hours, 42 minutes. It was prolonged a few minutes when the astronauts encountered difficulty tightening two latching bolts on the door to the instrument compartment.

The two new components passed initial tests. They will be put to use after an alignment period lasting weeks.

"You accomplished absolutely everything in the timeline ... which is a great way to start," Mission Control's Jeff Hoffman told the spacewalkers.

"From an astronomical point of view it is almost impossible to imagine the Hubble Space Telescope being any better than it has been the last three years," he said. "You guys have made it so."

The instrument swap was the primary focus of the 10-day mission of space shuttle Discovery. The astronauts on Wednesday pulled the telescope, which had been orbiting Earth for seven years and nearly a billion miles, into the cargo bay and placed it on a rotating platform.

Three consecutive nights of spacewalks remain to upgrade nine other Hubble parts.

Lee was surprised to find that yellow paint from shuttle handrails rubbed off on his glove and he warned his partner: "I wouldn't try to get some on you."

One of the new instruments, a spectrograph, will allow the Hubble to make two-dimensional observations. With a new generation electronic light sensor it will be able to look for faint companions of very bright stars — possibly planets.

The other instrument, a near-infrared camera and spectrometer, will give astronomers their first clear view of the universe at wavelengths that can't be seen with the human eye.



Science Fair winners from Travis Elementary School, grades K-5, will be taking their projects to the Regional Science Fair in Amarillo.

Travis science winners to participate in Regional Science Fair in Amarillo

Travis Elementary School recently held its Science Fair. Following are the winners from the various classes participating in the event.

Kindergarten: 1st, Taylor Hugg - Mrs. Morris' class; 2nd, Rachel Lee - Mrs. Troxell's class; 3rd, Jonathan Cook - Mrs. Troxell's class.

First Grade: 1st, Landon Moreland - Mrs. Parnell's class; 2nd, Rachal Nunn - Mrs. Hupp's class; 3rd, Josh Mulkey - Mrs. Hupp's class.

Second Grade: 1st, James Coffee - Mrs. Simon's class; 2nd, Dustin and Justin Curtis - Mrs. Carter's and Mrs. Simon's class; 3rd, Andrew Van Houten - Mrs. Peurifoy's class.

Third Grade: Mrs. Zemanek's class - 1st, Amy Youre; 2nd, Nick Foust; 3rd, Jordan Hugg and Jessica Palmateer. Mrs. Forister's class - 1st,

Laura Haley; 2nd, Heather Willis; 3rd, Seth Peerson. Mrs. Wells' class - 1st, Zachary Edens; 2nd, Krissie Alexander; 3rd, Stacie Youngblood.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Moore's class - 1st, Austin Morgan; 2nd, Erick Williams; 3rd, Erin Winegeart. Mrs. Street's class - 1st, Chase McCarthy; 2nd, Kendall Stokes; 3rd, Breanna Roberts and Jennie Rogers. Mrs. Watson's class - 1st, Skye Niccum; 2nd, Christopher Moody; 3rd, Mitchell Crow.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Wyatt's class - 1st, Erika Skinner; 2nd, Dennis Shuck; 3rd, Haley Bowen. Mrs. Babcock's class - 1st, Stephanie Nelson; 2nd, Ashley Schroeder; 3rd, Robert Lee. Mrs. Lane's class - 1st, Zach Hucks; 2nd, Cristina Elliott; 3rd, Joel Palmateer.

'Star Wars' breaks \$400 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Star Wars* surpassed *E.T. — The Extraterrestrial* to reclaim the all-time No. 1 spot at the box office, and became the first film to break the \$400 million mark.

Twenty years after its initial release, and two weeks after its reissue with several minutes of new scenes, *Star Wars* crossed the \$400 million mark Thursday. George Lucas' futuristic blockbuster has now taken in \$400.1 million.

E.T. director Steven Spielberg saluted the space classic by plac-

ing an advertisement in a trade magazine today that read: "Dear George, Congratulations for renewing the most enduring motion picture in cinema history. Your pal, Steven."

The ad, on *Daily Variety's* back page, depicted *E.T.* placing a crown on top of R2D2, the lovable *Star Wars* robot.

Lucas is re-releasing all three installments in the *Star Wars* trilogy. *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* come out Feb. 21 and March 7.

Legislators ready to counter affirmative action

AUSTIN (AP) — Several lawmakers want to stall state funding for public universities and colleges if any minority students are denied access because of a recent court opinion.

Attorney General Dan Morales last week told the state's public schools to use only race-neutral policies in determining admissions, scholarships and student retention programs.

That came after a federal court ruled unconstitutional the University of Texas Law School's former admissions policy, which was meant to boost minority enrollment.

Morales said the court's decision applied to all Texas schools and all policies related to students. He said it doesn't affect state programs meant to increase the roll of minority-owned businesses in state projects.

School officials have said using race-neutral policies only will leave up to 50 percent of potential minority students without access to higher education.

Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston and chairman of the black legislative caucus, Thursday said he'll try to block 1998-99 funding for state schools unless there's a way to make sure those students aren't left out.

"I'm saying that I will not, and I'm going to try and influence every other legislator here — on both sides of the aisle — to do the same thing," Edwards said of supporting higher education funding.

Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston and a member of the House Higher Education Committee, agreed.

"If we can't remedy this we ought to take a look at the appropriations process and not fund schools that are going to negatively impact students of that type (minorities)."

Al Kauffman, a lawyer with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said Morales' opinion went further than the federal court case, known as Hopwood after a lead plaintiff.

"Even Hopwood did not try and change this longstanding and clear law that if you have a

history of discrimination (and) present effects, you can remedy it," Kauffman said. "I don't think anyone in this room is going to deny there's been a history of discrimination in Texas. It's clear what the law is and Texas has followed it."

Army at sea in floating warehouses

CHARLESTON S.C. (AP) — Hundreds of Army trucks, bulldozers and tankers rumbled across the windswept wharf, ascending one by one up a steep ramp and vanishing into the cavernous hold of the giant cargo ship.

In a historic mission shift, the Army this week began a process which, by 2002, will see half of the traditionally land-based service's equipment permanently moored at far-flung anchorages around the globe.

Pointing at the USNS Gordon, the first of a new class of 19 "roll-on, roll-off" vessels that will serve as floating warehouses, Vice Admiral Phil Quest declared: "It gives the U.S. Army the flexibility to go wherever the action is."

Foreign military observers invited to see the ship at a Navy base near Charleston were awed by the massive operation, and by the shipbuilding program — now the largest in the world.

But some were skeptical.

"Ships of this size can carry a lot, but they are also very vulnerable, a huge target," noted Maj. Gen. Yair Yoram of Israel.

The 58,000-ton Gordon was being loaded with support equipment for armored and mechanized infantry units. The manifest included 14 tracked vehicles, mostly bulldozers; 921 wheeled vehicles; 300 containers; and 174 pieces of general cargo.

With the Army no longer focused on fighting the Soviet Union in Europe, "a complete change in strategic thinking" has occurred in the past five years, said Quest, who heads the Navy's Military Sealift Command.

The shift is an outgrowth of the post-Cold War doctrine that calls for America's armed forces to prepare to fight two regional wars roughly at the same time. As a result, a massive supply concept known as "prepositioning" was devised for volatile regions of the world.

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Monument could be years in the making

CRAZY HORSE, S.D. (AP) — A family of dreamers has spent most of 50 years carving a Black Hills mountain into what will be the world's largest sculpture: Sioux warrior Crazy Horse, astride a stallion, pointing to his sacred land.

But it could take another 50 years to finish the monument, which is so big that all four presidents from nearby Mount Rushmore National Memorial could fit inside Crazy Horse's head.

"When it's all said and done, there will be something left for centuries," said Casimir Ziolkowski, the son of the original sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, who died in 1982.

Sioux Chief Henry Standing Bear suggested the project in 1939 to Ziolkowski (pronounced jool-CUFF-ski), a self-taught sculptor who worked on Mount Rushmore.

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Texas Editorials

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on schools vs. state:

State Sen. Bill Ratliff has had about all the "foolishness" that he's going to stand from Texas school districts, which had the effrontery to sue the state for withholding \$89 million in surplus funds for classroom technology.

Ratliff, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, pounded out a bill last week that would deny the districts any of the money. Then he got a helping hand from an Austin district court that ruled against the 89 school districts.

Alas, Austin's conspiracy against schoolchildren continues.

In 1995, the Legislature earmarked surplus money to be spent for classroom computers and software. The surplus appeared, but the State Board of Education refused to allocate the money, citing the lack of specific authorization in the appropriations bill to disperse the surplus. The school districts sued, arguing unsuccessfully that the money already had been appropriated, so the surplus should have been released for the purchase of technology, as the Legislature supposedly intended.

"I am just about up to here with any time a school district feels the slightest bit misused by the Legislature... they run to the courthouse and file a lawsuit," Ratliff said.

Lawmakers in 1995 could be commended for being visionary beyond their normal stingy performance by targeting extra money for much-needed technology for Texas schoolchildren. They also may never have dreamed that a surplus would develop from a quirky, temporary decline in enrollment and just tossed in the provision as a political gesture, never really intending to make good on the funds.

From the tenor of Ratliff's little huff, the Legislature's white-knuckled parsimony in properly financing public education hasn't changed at all. Sorry, kids.

Austin American-Statesman on mortality rate of youths:

"Our children are getting killed or killing themselves at higher rates than any other country." That was the startling summation of a new report from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta by CDC epidemiologist Dr. Etienne Krug, reported by the Associated Press last week.

Novelist John Updike was asked a few years ago to write in *Forbes* magazine about why, when we have it so good in this country, we feel so bad.

No longer does American society devote a generous share of its resources and attention to the young, he said.

"Their high schools no longer look like castles but like second-rate airports, low slung and shabby, while the society's riches are reserved, in a curious gerontocratic shift, to the old, with their Social Security, their pensions, their Medicare and the government entitlements that account for close to 30 percent of the national budget," Updike wrote. "A nation where the old are coddled and the young are deprived of both purpose and means is surely one where people are entitled to feel bad."

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We're all cold warriors now

In his State of the Union address, President Clinton said of the Cold War: "One of the greatest sources of our strength throughout the Cold War was a bipartisan foreign policy... Because our future was at stake, politics stopped at the water's edge."

What? Politics did not stop at the water's edge. That's where politics truly heated up.

The bipartisan consensus on fighting the Cold War lasted approximately from 1945 to 1965. The period of 1965 to 1989, it seems absurd to have to remind people, was a period of profound and bitter division over foreign policy.

The Republican Party remained committed to opposing communism. That commitment took many forms. It meant support for a very strong and technologically advanced American military. (The Democrats decried spending for weapons "we don't need and that don't work.") It meant support for the government of South Vietnam (which Democrats opposed and which spelled Vietnam's doom.) It meant support for the various freedom fighter movements around the globe - the Contras in Nicaragua, the mujahadeen of Afghanistan and Jonas Savimbi's forces in Angola.

Most of all, opposition to world communism meant a muscular and firm antipathy to the Soviet Union and its interests.

Date it however you like (the Tet offensive of 1968), but at a certain point between 1965 and 1970, most of the Democratic Party simply resigned from fighting the Cold War. There is no other way to say it.

For the Democratic Party, the Vietnam War was not just an unsuccessful or unfortunate move on the Cold War chessboard. It marked instead a sea change in the way Democrats saw the United



Mona Charen

States. For Democrats, Vietnam undermined the entire anti-communist enterprise. The struggle for South Vietnam's freedom came to be seen as pointless or, worse, an effort to impose America's corrupt system abroad. And Democrats began viewing the Cold War in terms of moral equivalence - merely two giants maneuvering for power.

Starting with the cutoff of aid to South Vietnam in 1974, the Democratic Congress opposed nearly every significant Cold War policy. Richard Perle, assistant secretary of defense during the Reagan administration (and dubbed the "Prince of Darkness" by those who preferred a softer line toward the Soviets), recalls that during sensitive arms-control negotiations with the Soviet Union, the Democrats in Congress were constantly undercutting the administration's position by floating alternative policies of their own. One such, called "build-down," would have required each side to destroy two old weapons systems for every new one introduced. In a private moment, Reagan quipped, "How about for every new Democratic congressman, we dismantle two old ones?"

Does anyone remember the nuclear freeze or the massive national argument over deployment

of Pershing missiles in Europe? Do the words Strategic Defense Initiative ring any bells? Has everyone forgotten the clash over Central America?

There was a time, before the Cold War was won, when the term "cold warrior" was a term of derision. It was applied to people who were too one dimensional to recognize the subtlety of relations with the Soviet Union and too xenophobic to appreciate other ways of approaching issues like human rights and insufficiently committed to "peace."

Has President Clinton perhaps forgotten the "Dear Commandante" letter then-House Majority Leader Jim Wright wrote to the communist leader of Nicaragua when Reagan was seeking aid to the Contras? The letter expressed support and hoped that he'd tone down the internal repression a bit to help defeat Contra aid. Has he forgotten that Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) traveled to Nicaragua to urge then-editor Violetta Chamorro to accept press censorship in the interests of peace? Has he forgotten the scorn with which Reagan's speech labeling the Soviet Union an "evil empire" was greeted in Democratic circles?

President Clinton has forgotten none of this. Heck, he was demonstrating against America's Vietnam policy in Oxford, England. But the Cold War has since been won. The former Soviets have acknowledged that they were an evil empire and that Reagan's saying so - and strengthening the American military - helped bring it down.

The debate over how or indeed whether to fight communism dominated the last 25 years as did no other issue. The cold warriors turned out to be right - which is why President Clinton, who was on the other side, is obscuring the history now.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1997. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1929, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship *Ranger* carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray

applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established.

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park.

In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1984, 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (she died in November 1990).

In 1985, Cable News Network reporter Jeremy Levin, who was being held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, was freed.

Ten years ago: Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov addressed a closed-door session of a Kremlin-

sponsored peace forum. Participants quoted Sakharov as calling for more democracy in the Soviet Union, while expressing his support for Mikhail Gorbachev.

Five years ago: American speed skater Bonnie Blair won her second gold medal of the Albertville Olympics, in the 1,000 meters event. The former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan rejected a proposal for a unified army, sharply rebuffing Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin.

One year ago: Texas Sen. Phil Gramm bowed out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination following his poor showings in the Louisiana and Iowa caucuses.

Marriage column provokes outrage

I've written a few columns over the years that have provoked surly letters. But none more so than my recent essay on welfare moms.

My argument boiled down to this: Welfare moms are far likelier to escape the public rolls and rise above poverty by getting married than by getting a job.

So instead of enrolling welfare moms in government jobs programs - as California Governor Pete Wilson has proposed - I suggested that it would be far more effective for the government to offer welfare moms a five year \$50,000 cash bonus for getting married.

Of course, this was a facetious notion. But I was making a serious point: that marriage - not jobs - is the key to solving the welfare problem.

The feminist types out there - and their politically correct male empathizers - don't like to hear this.

How dare I suggest that welfare moms ought to get married. Aren't I aware that there just aren't any good men out there? Would I force these welfare moms to take lazy, good-for-nothing husbands who are probably prone to domestic violence anyway?

Give me a break. No one is suggesting that a welfare mom should marry the first male who darkens her doorway. She should be as selective (within reason) as nonwelfare moms. Her potential spouse should love her and her children. He should be gainfully employed. He should be drug-free and law-abiding.

Of course, the feminists recoil at the notion that any single mother - on welfare or not - should need a man for any reason (other than to provide child support payments, thank you very much.) Well, maybe some single mom's don't. Maybe they are affluent enough to afford the "lifestyle choice" of remaining unmarried.



Joseph Perkins

But welfare moms don't have that upper-middle-class luxury. Most are on the public rolls because they are either unwed or divorced mothers. And, as I mentioned in my previous column, three-quarters of women who manage to leave the rolls do so, not because of their government aid, but because they get married.

That's why the latest welfare "reform" proposals - both Republican and Democratic - are a waste of time and tax dollars. They are predicated on the fallacious notion that welfare moms can be weaned from dependency, can rise above poverty. If Uncle Sam helps them get their G.E.D., enrolls them in some job program, and provides them with child care and health insurance.

But even with such assistance, the best most of these welfare moms could expect is to join the ranks of America's working poor. They would no longer be on the welfare rolls (which would allow the politicians to declare victory; the "end of welfare as we know it.") But the former welfare moms and their children would still be struggling near the poverty line.

I hardly view this as meaningful welfare reform. To my mind, the goal ought to be elevating single moms above welfare, above poverty, to a standard

of living somewhere close to the national median. I expressed it before, and I'll express it again (at the risk of hostile letters): The very best way to accomplish this is to encourage welfare moms to get married.

I will not repeat my facetious proposal of a \$50,000 marriage bonus. But I will say this: It would yield more benefits to welfare moms and save the taxpayers more welfare dollars in the long run than current welfare programs, like Aid to Families With Dependent Children and food stamps.

Because the \$400 to \$500 AFDC checks that welfare moms receive each month don't move them any closer to self-sufficiency. Nor does the \$100 or so worth of food vouchers.

But if that welfare mom meets a solid man and decides to marry him, she doesn't need the government's handouts anymore. Because an upstanding man does not leave his wife and children to the tender mercies of the government. He goes out and works to support them.

That's not to say that the mom must be tethered to the homestead, waiting for hubby to bring home the bacon. They can both get out there in the workforce. But whether the mom works or stays home with her children, she simply is better off if she has a man by her side.

I know it may be anachronistic, not to mention politically incorrect, to suggest that mothers with children - on welfare or not - ought to have husbands. But my proposal is not to disparage single moms, who may be unmarried through absolute no fault of their own, who may desire nothing more than to have a loving, supportive spouse.

I only mean to say that marriage is the key to upward mobility in our society - especially for women mired in poverty and welfare dependency.

President revisits old spending concept

Rest assured, President Clinton's money-back guarantee reads, the budget will be balanced in 2002 or there'll be automatic spending curbs and tax increases to get it done - after he's gone.

Clinton's budget draftsmen say it won't be necessary, that his budget is based on sound economic projections. Republicans are wary of a warranty that would take effect only at the end of the five year plan when, their skeptics say, an automatic suspension of promised tax cuts would be a more than likely outcome.

Either way, the proof won't be in, and any cuts wouldn't be triggered until 2001, at the end of Clinton's second term.

Since this is a proposal about a proposal based on projections, the whole debate is theoretical at this point. And the entire budget awaits bargaining between the administration and the Republican Congress.

The idea of automatic spending cuts to compel deficit curbs and get the budget balanced is not a new one. A 1985 law set deficit reduction targets, with spending cuts triggered unless they were met. That was supposed to have delivered a balanced budget by 1991. There hasn't been one since 1969.

The guarantee mechanism was written into the Clinton budget message, but in general, not detailed terms, to deal with recurring differences over the economic assumptions on which long term budgeting is premised.

With the economy up and deficits down during his first term, Clinton said administration projections already have been proven more accurate than the more pessimistic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office.

But relatively minor changes in economic

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

growth or inflation rates are enough to markedly alter federal costs, revenues and therefore deficits. So the Clinton budget includes a provision - "a mechanism," in bureaucratic parlance - to close any gap left by differences between his assumptions and theirs.

Clinton's budget director, Franklin D. Raines, said that would be a last resort, if all else failed, and that he was confident it wouldn't be needed.

Clinton's budget message said that were there a deficit difference as the 2002 target for balance neared, most of the tax cuts the president proposes would be suspended, and there would be an across-the-board cut in spending on everything, with only Social Security payments exempted.

"With this mechanism in place, the American people can rest assured that we will reach balance in 2002 - no matter which set of assumptions are used in the budget process," the Clinton message said.

The contingency plan could undo the 2001 and 2002 installments of the \$98 billion in tax cuts Clinton is proposing over the next five years. It also would involve a 2.24% reduction in projected spending on all federal programs except Social Security.

It is a good faith guarantee that won't be needed, economic adviser Gene Sperling said. But should congressional instead of administration

projections prove accurate, there would be a \$49 deficit gap to close in 2002.

Sen. Phil Gramm, the Texas Republican who co-authored the earlier law for automatic deficit reduction cuts in spending, told Raines the system would be more credible with decisions made on each budget, not only at the end.

"Why not do this at the end of every year and have a mechanism that if we don't get the job done, either we have to agree to go back and do it again on a bipartisan basis, or these triggering mechanisms go into effect?" he asked.

That would revive something akin to the old system of deficit-cutting targets, with spending cuts triggered unless they were met. That system ended in 1990, far short of its balanced budget aim.

Clinton's backup guarantee assumes that economic projections will come close to performance over the next five years. Both he and the Republicans assume continued, if modest, economic expansion. A recession would undo all game plans now on the table.

An annual dip in economic growth of just 0.1 percentage point this year and over the next five years would add \$12 billion to the deficit in 2002. Should the inflation rate go up a point a year, the deficit would be \$25 billion higher. An extra point on interest next year would cost \$18 billion in deficit dollars.

Conversely, better times would ease the way to a balanced budget.

That's already happened, to Clinton's good fortune. He points to the 63% decrease in the annual deficit since he took office. By Republican accounting, nearly two-thirds of that stems from economic expansion.

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Nation briefs

Sporting goods companies join to fight child labor
 NEW YORK (AP) — Dozens of sporting goods companies, including Nike and Reebok, are joining a campaign to halt soccer ball production by Pakistani children. *The New York Times* reported today.

As many as 10,000 children under 14 spend ten hours a day stitching the balls for pennies. Last summer, the U.S. government began a campaign to discourage Americans from buying child-made balls.

A new coalition of sporting goods companies and labor groups were to announce a plan today to try to end soccer ball production by Pakistani children within 18 months.

Boulder DA promises arrest, conviction in JonBenet case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A prosecutor expressed confidence that the killer of six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey will be caught and urged people to be patient while police compile evidence.

Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter, who has enlisted the help of two key members of O.J. Simpson's defense team, said Thursday that the list of suspects is narrowing.

"You will pay for what you did, and we have no doubt that will happen," Hunter said, directing his statement to the "person or persons that took this baby from us."

Hunter cautioned residents it could take months to solve the slaying and said prosecutors have girded for a "David vs. Goliath" legal battle.

He later said he wasn't referring to the girl's parents, John and Patricia Ramsey, who have hired a team of experts including handwriting analysts and a former FBI profiler.

Instead, he said he was addressing those who have accused investigators of making mistakes reminiscent of the O.J. Simpson case.

Among the criticisms are that police have still not formally interviewed the parents, didn't search the home for eight hours after JonBenet was reported kidnapped, and sent the girl's father, a potential suspect, to search for clues.

Buster the crab discovered in remote wetlands

UPPER TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — An eight-month search for a stolen town landmark ended this week with the discovery of its dirty, deflated carcass in some remote wetlands.

Buster — a 90-by-70-foot inflatable Alaskan king crab — is back home.

The crab was crouched outside Obadiah's Seafood Market for about two years before it disappeared suddenly one July night.

Children sent letters and pictures inquiring about Buster. A reward of \$1,000 was posted and the sheriff's office put up 100 posters seeking leads.

"It was like finding out one of your kids was kidnapped," said Lynn McIntyre, whose family owns Obadiah's.

On Tuesday, state wardens patrolling wetlands near Strathmere found Buster — damaged but mostly intact.

But he may have lost his job during his absence. A smaller crab has replaced Buster, and the original may not be worth repairing.

Still, the McIntyres plan to have a welcome home celebration where there is a chance Buster may rise again.

Casino Fun Night



(Special photo)

Beta Sigma Phi Preceptor Theta Iota chapter members left, Nancy Broggin, and Carolyn Smith show some of the giant cards prepared as decorations for the Casino Fun Night portion of the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Benefit Dance set for Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Providing music for the dance will be Kracker Jack of Amarillo. In addition to the Casino Fun Night, other activities include the presentation of the chapter sweethearts, snacks, set-ups, drawings for gifts and the raffling off of three fun-night packages. Tickets are \$25 per couple in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Beta Sigma Phi members in Pampa, or at First Landmark Realty or Rhearns Diamond Shop, or at the door. For tickets or more information, call 665-5158 or 665-6037. All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Experts: Other lifeforms likely underground

SEATTLE (AP) — If 21st-century explorers are to find life on other planets, they'll probably have to dig.

Experts in the field of extraterrestrial life said at a scientific meeting Thursday that several places in the solar system, though barren on the surface, have the potential to harbor underground life.

Mars could have underground hot springs that never see the light of day, inhabited by microbes similar to the ones that live in the boiling pools of Yellowstone and other geothermal areas, said John Delaney of the University of

Washington in Seattle.

And Europa, a moon of Jupiter about the size of Earth's moon, could hide an inhabited ocean beneath its icy shell. There have even been some recent suggestions that Venus could harbor life.

Committee subpoenas White House officials, Democratic contributors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration and Democratic donors who gained White House access with big contributions were the chief recipients of 52 subpoenas issued by a Senate panel investigating 1996 campaign fund.

Among those subpoenaed Thursday by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee were companies owned by Lippo Group, an Indonesian conglomerate whose U.S.-based executive gave large sums to the Democratic National Committee.

Over Democratic objections, the State and Commerce departments were subpoenaed for documents on foreign trade missions led by the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. The panel wants to determine if John Huang, a former Commerce Department official who became a DNC fund-raiser in late 1995, rewarded large party donors with coveted slots on trade missions led by Brown or others.

The Commerce Department on Thursday confirmed that a similar wide-ranging subpoena for documents had been received in the last two weeks from the Justice Department task force investigating campaign irregularities for possible criminal violations.

The Senate panel also subpoenaed phone records of Huang and Lippo Group entities to determine if Huang, a former Lippo executive, called his former employer while working for the Commerce Department, said Senate aides who described the subpoenas

on condition of anonymity.

Before the committee vote, Democrats led by Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, accused Republicans of abandoning their promise to conduct an evenhanded investigation of wrongdoing by both parties.

"It's very hard to see how this in any way could be bipartisan when the list has 50 Democratic subpoenas and two Republican subpoenas," Glenn said.

The only subpoenas involving Republican campaign contributions were for records of a Boston businessman who may have pleaded guilty last year to illegally funneling \$120,000 to President Bush's campaign in 1992 and Bob Dole's campaign in 1996.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., accused Democrats of obstructing the inquiry by quibbling about some of the subpoenas as well as the investigation's budget.

Among others, records were subpoenaed from:

—The office of Comptroller of the Currency Eugene Ludwig, the nation's top bank regulator who attended a White House coffee klatsch with Clinton and bankers. Ludwig says he would not have attended had he known it was arranged by the DNC.

—The California Buddhist temple where the Democratic Party raised \$140,000 at an event last spring attended by Vice President Gore. The DNC has returned some of the money because it could not verify the source and reimbursed the tax-exempt temple for \$15,000 to cover the cost of the event.

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Club news

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met Feb. 3 in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Rohde with Gloria Norris, president, presiding. Minutes from the preceding meeting were read by Secretary-Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood.

New business included a discussion of possible hostess gifts for coming meetings.

Members enjoyed a social evening. Present were five members and a special guest, Lois Walker, sister of Mrs. Rohde, from Arvada, Colo.

The next meeting will be at the home of Helen Smith.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Feb. 6 in the home of Louisa Britton. Vice Regent Betty White led members in the opening ritual assisted by Chaplain Mary Nace.

The national defense report was read by Lillian Skelly, new officers were elected and pamphlets concerning the art history wall at M.K. Brown Auditorium were distributed.

In other business, Carolyn Gerik gave an account of William Franklin and Nancy Coffee spoke of her family's history and migration to the West.

Nine members were present.

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Feb. 3 at Lovett Memorial Library. Vice President Marge Holland called the meeting to order.

The following were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Johnnie Price, Polly Benton and Marie Smith.

Mary Cook presented a program on making a spring wreath.

The next meeting will include a tour of the Square House Museum and a luncheon.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Feb. 10, in the Crown and Shield Room of the Biarritz Club. President Doria McAndrew called the meeting to order with the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests Diana Dandridge and Pat Pierce were introduced.

The accent - an historical perspective of Valentine's Day - was presented by Myrna Orr.

Mary Wilson distributed packets for homebound elderly individuals to be delivered Feb. 15 and reported on the financial status of the Senior Center.

Members were reminded of the following make-up meetings:

- Feb. 20, Chamber of Commerce banquet

- April 21, Borger Bi-City meeting.

Becky Holmes gave an account of the Nominating Committee: Jeanne Mitchell, president; Judy Rutledge, president-elect; Mayda King, vice president; Traci Stackhouse, recording secretary; Kadda Schale, corresponding secretary; Carla Carter, treasurer; Holmes, director.

King read the board's acceptance of the resignations of Connie Lockridge and Sarah Reagans and its approval of Delynn Gordelik and Julie Cooke as new members.

The meeting was adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Starlight Room of Coronado Inn.

Twentieth Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Feb. 11 at the home of Betty Johnston with Johnston serving as hostess.

The business of raising funds for the club will include a plant-garage sale in early May in Dorothy Stowers' garage. Potted plants, vases and other plant related articles will be for sale. The proceeds will be used to finance the club's yearly project to be co-chaired by Martha Tiedt and Grace McGrath.

Dr. Jerry Lane, LCDR, of the recently opened Amarillo Council on Drug Abuse Pampa Center, 1224 N. Hobart, gave a brief description of services available at the center. Lane is the only counselor in this part of Texas to perform hypnotherapy - a procedure used to combat stress as well as emotional or ner-

vous symptoms. Lane spoke with a deep religious conviction. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the home of Vonna Wolf.

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen met Feb. 4 at the Irish Inn in Shamrock with President Darena Begert presiding.

Amelia Sims gave the invocation and read minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Louise Coulter gave the treasurer's report.

The first order of business was an error on page 49 in the club's cookbook. The cookbook says to add a half-cup of shortening but should instead read a half-cup of sugar. Nadyne Williams moved that 300 additional cookbooks be purchased with the correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion by Coulter to set-up a booth at the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Shamrock to sell cookbooks and give away a \$25 Beef Gift Certificate was approved.

Members voted to travel to the Ivomec Merck luncheon. The dinner is to honor scholarship winners. Scholarships offered by the club in this area are currently being sought. A committee is overseeing the distribution of scholarship rules and information to area schools. The entry deadline will be April 30.

Diane Buckingham moved to limit future ads in the *Amarillo Globe News* to \$100.

The motion was carried.

Begert announced the State Cattlewomen's spring meeting will be March 23-24 in Fort Worth and encouraged local members to attend. Reservations are necessary.

Begert brought a sheet for members to fill out to allocate volunteer hours. Begert and Coulter made yearbooks with dates and places of meetings.

The president then showed a video on buying groceries titled "Beef is what's for dinner."

The March 4 meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Hughey House in Pampa. Members from Pampa, White Deer, Panhandle and Groom are instructed to attend.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Feb. 4 in the home of Frances Hall with Hall serving as hostess. Three guests were present.

A workshop on burnt brown bags was conducted by Madeline Gawthrop.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18 in the Nona

Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building with Peggy Palimenter to act as hostess.

Delta Kappa Gamma

Delta Kappa Gamma met Feb. 8 in First Assembly of God Church with Betty Cain, Irene Sanders and Cheryl Free, all of Pampa, serving as hostesses.

Carol Nicklaus, associate professor of humanities at Amarillo College, gave a program on Japan. In her presentation Nicklaus gave a capsule history of the isolated country from its inception to the present. She discussed the love/hate relationship with China, and the periods of movement from a strong central government to feudalism and then to small family units (shogunates).

The population of Edo, as Tokyo was originally called, built up to over a million as early as the 1800's and still is the largest city in the world.

Japan began building its military power during World War I and then looked to expand its

colonial power during World War II in Hawaii. After the Japanese were defeated, American occupation did not last long. "We were surprised at how much we liked each other," Nicklaus said.

Japan supplies the most foreign aid in the world, she said. Both America and Japan export more to each other than any other nations.

"When we understand Japan, we understand more about ourselves, too," Nicklaus said. "I think our futures are tied together."

Cheryl Robbins, of Pampa, gave the meditation on a prose piece called *Love In Action* by Charles Stanley. It was about a Sunday School teacher who involved himself into the whole lives of his students.

The next meeting will be March 1 at which time the group will vote on new members. March 31 has been set as the deadline for student scholarship applications.

Pampa members in attendance besides Cain, Sanders, Free, and

Robbins were Mary Dea Dozier, Retta Sue Durham, Sarah Carton, Betty Tom Graham, Edyth Jackson, Mary Lou Lane, Tamara Lane, Lillian Mullinax, Jana Vinson, Essie Mae Walters and Ann Watson.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met Feb. 7 in the home of Mary Grubin with President Alice Gray presiding. Eight members and one guest, Sandra Waters, were present.

Ruth Barrett cautioned that the time is approaching to clean flower beds at the Post Office to ready for the arrival of spring perennials. She also discussed when and what type of trees are to be ordered this spring.

Gray presented a program on flower preservation and arrangement - basic needs and considerations such as the size of the pot, different types of bases and the various types of containers (simplicity is often best) that can be used.

The next meeting will be March 10 in the home of Clara Quary.

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World briefs

European city left in control of Bosnian Serbs

BRCKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — An international mediator said today he was leaving Brcko in the hands of Bosnian Serbs, putting off for a year a decision on who should control the hotly disputed city.

In Rome, Roberts Owen said three possible candidates for controlling the area were discussed by arbitrators — the Bosnian Serbs, the Muslim-Croat federation and the joint government of Bosnia-Herzegovina — but that none was considered "sufficiently stabilized."

But he said an international supervisor with police powers would oversee the disputed area in northwestern Bosnia.

The fate of the city was so contested that peace negotiators in Dayton, Ohio, in late 1995 put off resolving the issue, and set up the arbitration panel.

Police arrest suspected cannibal

St. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Police have arrested a man suspected of killing three of his drinking partners and eating their internal organs, a newspaper reported today.

Police say Ilshyat Kuzikov killed at least three people after they came to his apartment and drank shot of vodka, the daily Izvestia reported.

After eating some of their organs, he dismembered the bodies and put them in a garbage dump.

Kuzikov confessed to cannibalism and said he had killed his first victim in 1992 according to the newspaper.

Scientists unveil fossil that is 220 million years old

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Scientists today hailed the discovery of a 220 million-year-old fossil amphibian as one of the most important finds in Australia this century.

Australian Museum experts said the fossil, almost six feet long, probably belonged to a species of amphibian that was the ancestor of today's frogs and salamanders and existed before the dinosaurs.

Paleontologist Stephen Godfrey said fossils from the Triassic Age are extremely rare, especially in such good condition. The fossil shows jointed bones and the even rarer outline or impression of the body.

Godfrey said the amphibian may have resembled a giant Japanese salamander, though it would have been much larger. It would have fed on fish, other amphibians and any small reptiles that got too close to the water.

Official accused of bigamy feels obligated to share himself

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A Honduran congressman accused of bigamy tried to explain it to the public: he's handsome enough for two women — or more.

"Because I have many admirers I have problems with my wife, even though she knows a handsome man is not for one woman but for several," National Party congressman Julio Villatoro said in remarks that outraged church leaders and women's groups.

Villatoro's wife of 17 years has accused him of being married to a second woman and is seeking a divorce.

Villatoro, who has asked for a leave from the assembly, has not responded directly to the charges. Last week, he sought to explain his predicament.

"God gave me a physique attractive to women and I take advantage of it," he said, adding that he is also a nifty dancer.

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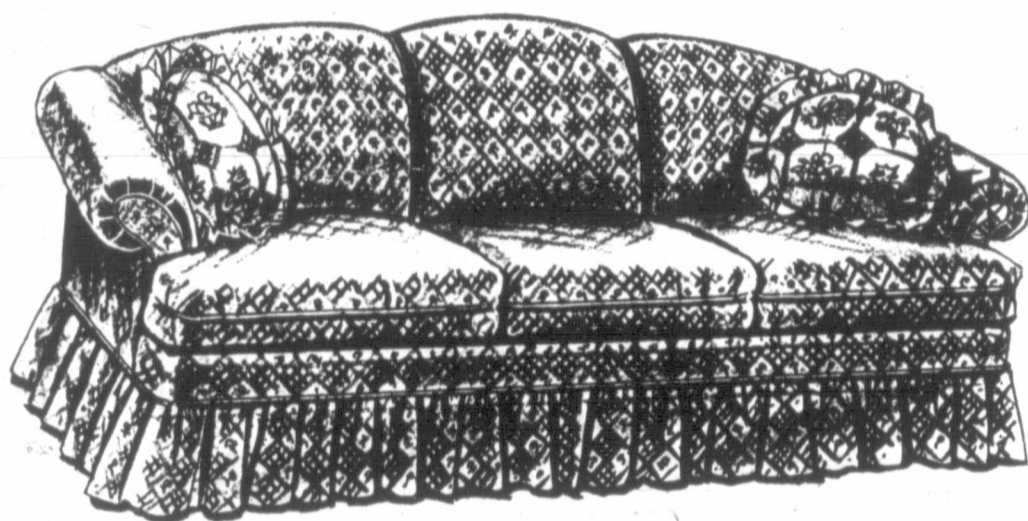


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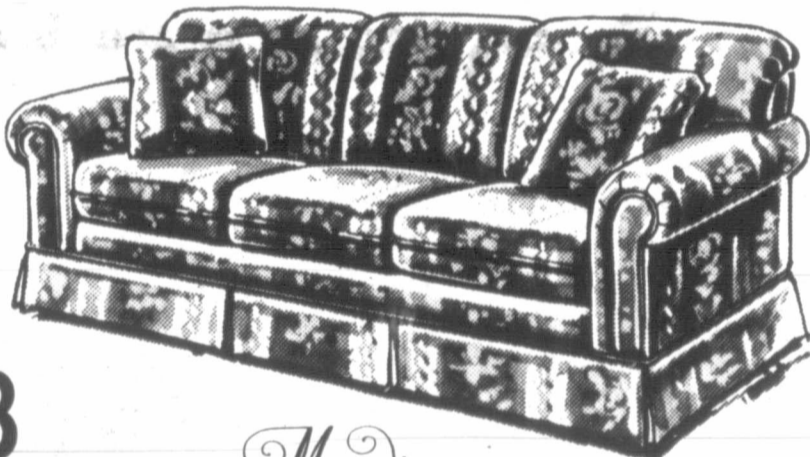


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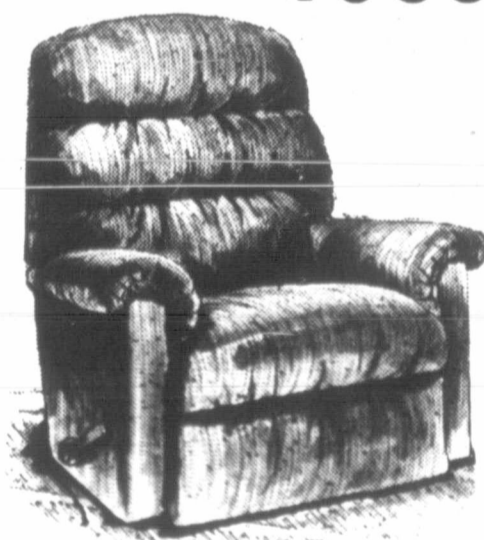
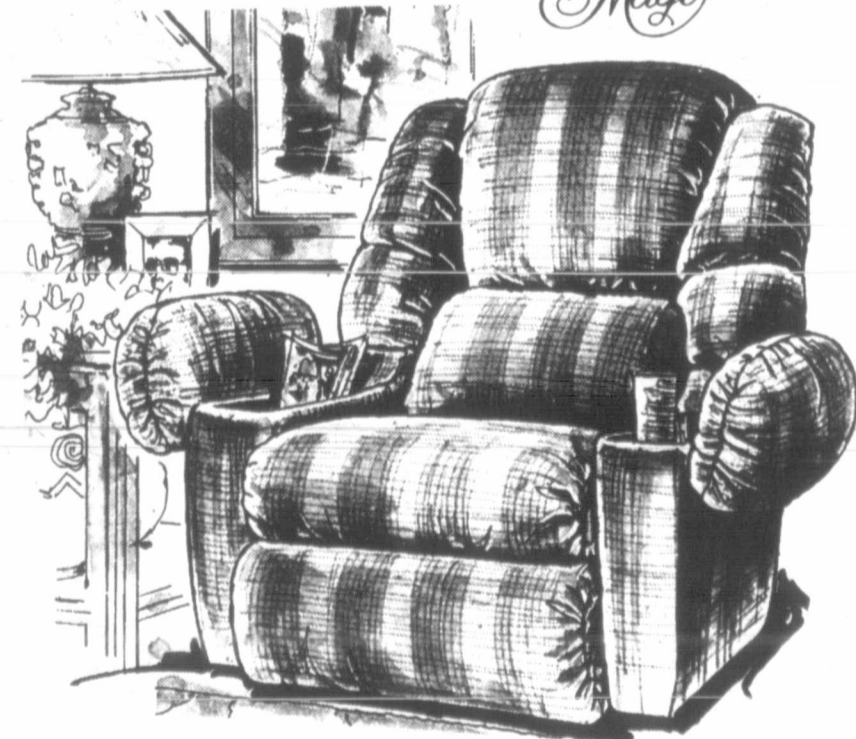


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Religion

Miami First United Methodist Church to give recognition to older members

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

MIAMI — The older generation will be honored this Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church, giving special recognition to those who joined the congregation and were baptized into the church before 1930.

The Miami Methodists are celebrating the history of their church in its first 100 years throughout 1997.

There are family members of our church who are now in the fifth generation. Some of the folks

we will be honoring are part of those families. These people who are still attending our church represent our church's strength," said a member of the Miami church's century committee.

Those who will be introduced Sunday, and their years of membership include Effie Jenkins, 1915; Clyde "Bud" Hodges, 1922; Esther Bower, 1922; Eleanor Gill, 1923; Mildred Cunningham, 1925; Helen Philpott, 1925; Newt Cox, 1926; Faye Smith, 1928; Therman Chisum, 1929; and J. Robert "J-Bob" Pickens, 1929.

Bonnie Dunsworth, minister at Hereford Wesley United Methodist Church, is the guest speaker

Sunday, assisting Rev. Daniel Moore in the regular scheduled worship services.

"I used to live in Miami from 1987 to 1995, when my family attended the church. I was member of the church when I got my call to the ministry in the spring of 1993," Dunsworth said.

She has been serving the church in Hereford since June 1996, as a student licensed minister. Along with providing full-service ministering to her congregation, she is a full-time student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Dunsworth is the mother of three children, who are Army Pvt. 2nd Class David Dunsworth, sta-

tioned in Ft. Riley, Kan.; another son, Brent, a freshman in Hereford High School; and a daughter, Angel, a junior in Hereford High School.

Dunsworth said she is a native of Laverne, Okla. A job opportunity brought the family to the Texas Panhandle in the mid 1980s.

"My hometown is Laverne, Okla., but Miami is like my second hometown, and I am looking forward to seeing my church friends. I remember how much the members nurtured and disciplined me and my family, caring for us when we lived there. They helped prepare me for the ministry," she said.

St. Matthew's to have Lenten 'Quiet Day'

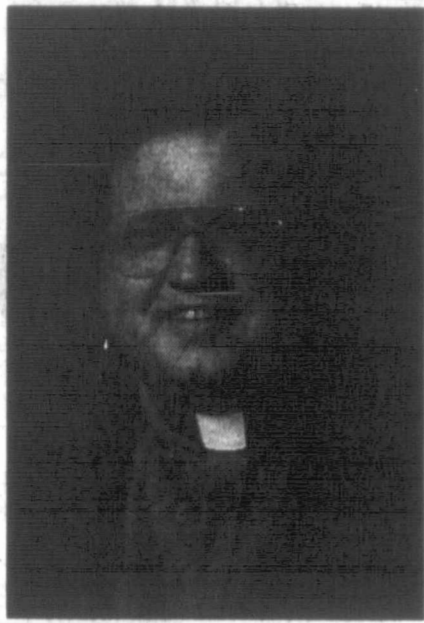
By EDYTH JACKSON

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, plans a Lenten "Quiet Day" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, with the Rev. David Scott from All Saint's Episcopal Church in Perryton as the leader.

The Rev. Jake Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's, said, "David is one of the most insightful persons I know. We will benefit by his presence among us."

Father Scott was born in 1958 in Fort Worth to Boyce and Wanda Scott of Perryton. He graduated with a bachelor of arts in religion from McMurry College in Abilene in 1980 and was awarded his doctor of jurisprudence law degree from Texas Tech University in 1983.

He practiced law in Abilene and Victoria before opening his



Rev. David Scott

law office in Perryton. He was ordained a deacon in October of

1993 and priest in May of 1994. He is a vicar at All Saint's, serving since 1993.

Scott said, "I have the distinction of being the first in the Diocese of Northwest Texas to have a secular job — I'm a trial lawyer — while serving as priest. I believe that many small churches in the future will follow this pattern."

The schedule for "Quiet Day" is as follows: 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist; 10:45 a.m., break; 11 a.m., first meditation and quiet time; noon, break for meditation and lunch at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray; back to St. Matthew's at 1 p.m. for final meditation and quiet time, followed by closing devotions and prayers.

The public is invited to attend the Lenten "Quiet Day" at St. Matthew's. A nursery will be provided.

'Glory and Fire'

First Assembly of God, located at the corner of Hwy. 60 and South Cuyler in Pampa, will be presenting *The Glory and The Fire* at 7 p.m. daily Sunday through Wednesday, Feb. 16-19.

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For information or reservations, call Pastor Mike Moss at 665-5941 or 665-6060.

Wayland Baptist professor to speak at Calvary Baptist

Dr. Gary Manning, professor of religion and religious education at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, will be speaking at the Early Riser's Service and the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, Feb. 16, at Calvary Baptist Church.

Dr. Manning, who is also the golf coach of WBU's men's golf team, is

a 1969 graduate of Howard Payne University. He received his master's of religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. In 1982, Dr. Manning received his doctorate of education from SWBTS. In 1994, his doctorate of education was changed to a doctorate in philosophy degree.

Dr. Manning is married to Paulette Manning, an HPU alumna. They have two children, Troy, 25, and Tami, 19. Dr. Manning and his wife are very involved in leading Marriage Enrichment Events throughout Texas.

Dr. Manning has written lessons for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He was

one of the editorial team and an author of one of the chapters of the 1996 publication *Baptist History, Distinctive, Relationships*.

The public is invited to join the congregation at the 8:30 a.m. Early Riser's Service and the 11 a.m. Morning Worship to hear Dr. Manning. For further information, call 665-0842.

First Baptist Church to present 'Bring Back the Glory' program

Sunday evening, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. the all-media version of *Bring Back the Glory* will be presented in the auditorium of First Baptist Church located at Kingsmill and West Streets.

This exhibition re-creates scenes from three Great Awakenings that took place in America during the 18th and 19th

centuries during the days of Jonathan Edward, George Whitefield, Timothy Dwight, James McGready and Jeremiah Lanphier.

Those attending the presentation will travel back in time to experience some of the extraordinary things that took place in those remarkable periods that

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Rules Of Love Are Mandatory On This Day For Sweethearts

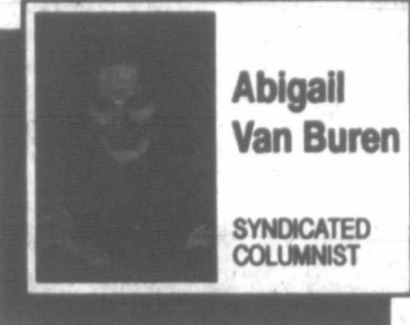
DEAR READERS: A Happy Valentine's Day to one and all! There may be snowdrifts on the ground or rain clouds in the forecast, but regardless of what the weatherman says, there is sunshine and springtime in our hearts.

Years ago, in celebration of Valentine's Day, I decided to write my own Ten Commandments of Love. Actually, at the time I was so enthusiastic that I wrote 20 — one set for men and another for women. But then I received a letter from Mandy Stiffman, a lawyer from Milwaukee, insisting that there be only one set of commandments.

She was right, of course. And here they are for your review:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

- Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter. Your mate is your lifelong companion.
- Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goes into your arm or up your nose.
- Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.
- Willingly share all of your worldly goods with your mate.
- Do not forget to say, "I love you." Even though your love may be constant, your spouse needs to hear those cherished words often.



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• Remember that the approval of your spouse is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers, so be true and forsake all others.

• Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your children. The most precious gift a parent can give is time.

• Keep your home in good repair, because out of it come the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value).

• Forgive with grace, because who among us does not need to be forgiven?

• Honor the Lord your God every day of your life, and your children will grow up and bless you.

Today, be a sweetheart. Call someone you love and say, "I love you." (Make two or three calls; who says you can't love more than one person — in different ways, of course.)

Go through your closets and give all those clothes you've been saving

until you lose 10 pounds to your favorite charity. Call someone who's lonely and say, "I'm thinking of you." Or, better yet, say, "I'll be over tomorrow to take you to lunch — or to run some errands for you — or to give you a ride."

Visit a sick friend. Say a prayer. Donate some blood. Adopt a pet. Will your eyes, your kidneys and all your usable organs to someone who can use them after you're gone. Forgive an enemy. Hug your teen-ager. Write a fan letter. Listen to a bore. Pay your doctor. Tell your parents you think they're wonderful. Spay your dog. Neuter your cat. Quit smoking. Drive carefully. If you're walking, watch where you're going. And don't wait until next year to be a sweetheart again.

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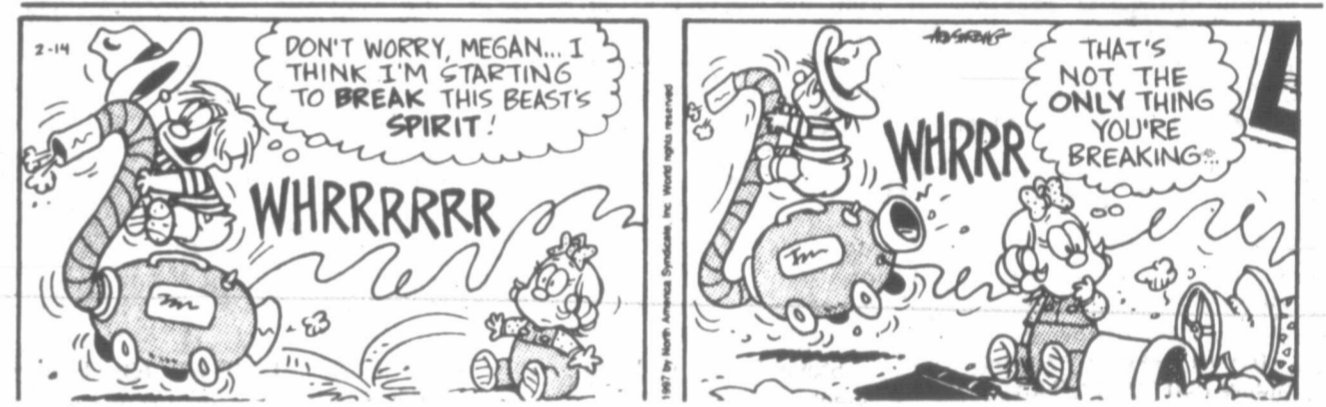
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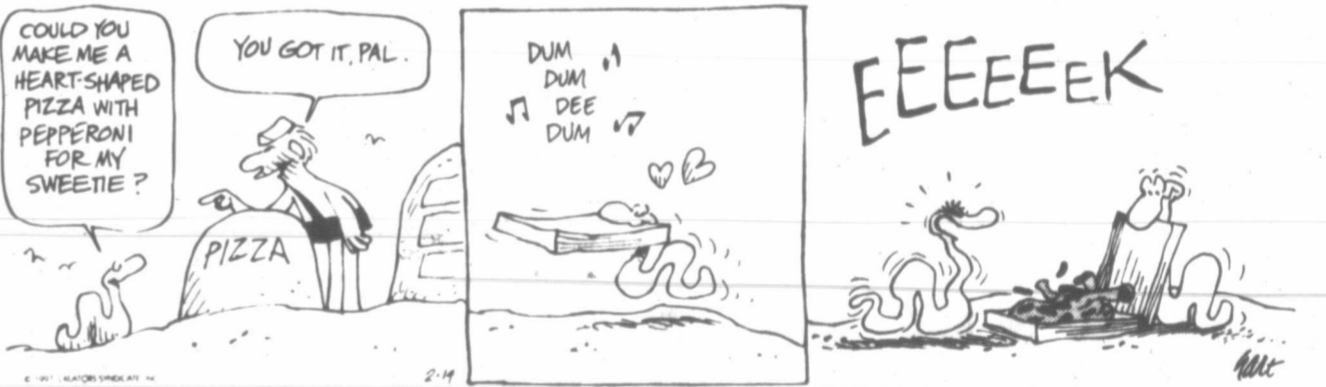
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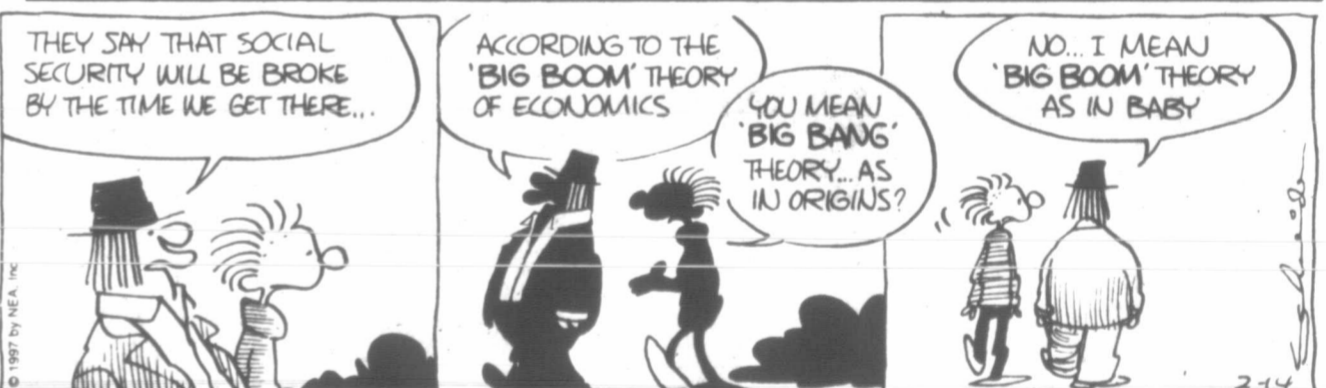
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 16, 1997

In the year ahead, you might make several significant and beneficial changes in your lifestyle. Each of these changes will be triggered by an event you will not be able to control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment regarding ideas presented to you by others might not be up to par, so don't make hasty decisions. Take extra time if necessary. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial conditions might be difficult to understand today. Take extra precautions to ensure that your hard-earned gains do not slip through your fingers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be as self-reliant as possible today. The people you count on for help might not have time for you right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to keep your priorities in order today. If you spend too much time on frivolous activities, you might not have enough time for your responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When socializing with friends today, keep one eye on the clock. Others will appreciate your companionship, provided you don't wear out your welcome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not take anything for granted today. If you get careless, an agreement you have worked hard to conclude will begin to unravel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will have

good fortune in most of your endeavors today, but don't push your luck. Use logic and common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you will get a lot of mileage out of your money if you spend it on your family. You will not feel fulfilled if you act selfishly.

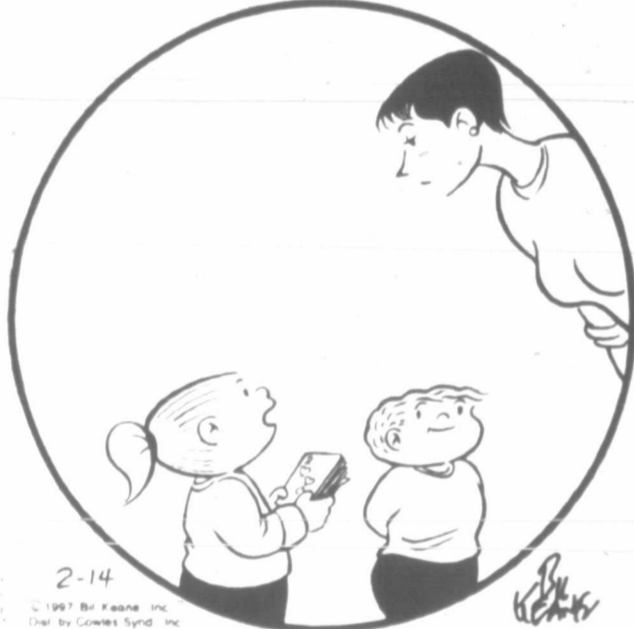
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today your initial assessment of a development will be accurate. However, if you overanalyze the problem, your indecisiveness could impede your progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you take control of the situation, everything should work out well for you today. Tasks you delegate to others will not have the same degree of success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, avoid being put into a position that will force you to support a new acquaintance rather than an old friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, focus your attention on situations which have the potential to bring you immediate returns. Do not try to do too many things at once.

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Sports

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BASKETBALL

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University women's basketball team (21-1) maintained its No. 1 ranking in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Poll released Feb. 12. The Lady Buffs have held the top spot for three weeks during the 1996-97 season, including the last two polls.

Abilene Christian (21-2), WTAMU's opponent in the regular-season finale on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., is second in the poll. Missouri Western State (17-5), which advanced to the Elite Eight two years ago, moved up to third. Pittsburg State (16-6) and Washburn (17-6) are fourth and fifth, respectively. Central Missouri State (17-6) tumbled from third to sixth from last week after a loss to Missouri Western State at home.

The top six teams in the final regional poll advance to the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament on March 6-8.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa Soccer Association will hold spring sign-ups one day only. Sign-ups will be at Pampa Mall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

New players must be at least four-years-old by Jan. 1. Please bring a copy of their birth certificate and the registration fee is \$30. The spring season will begin March 15 and end April 26, barring any weather complications.

Players who sign up in the spring will first be added to any existing teams that have vacancies, and then new teams will be formed if there are sufficient players.

If you played on a team in the fall, you do NOT need to sign up. You still are on that team and should contact your coach if you have not already been contacted.

If you have any questions, please call 669-1273 and leave your name and phone number.

GOLF

HONOLULU (AP) — A 29 on the front nine and a birdie on the 10th would be enough for anyone to start thinking about golf's magic number: 59.

Brian Claar did during the first round of the Hawaiian Open on Thursday with disastrous results. Still, he wound with a 10-under-par 62 and a share of the lead with Mike Reid.

"I was getting excited," Claar said. "I started thinking about 59, which is the kiss of death. That's what you get for thinking about something like that."

A bogey on the 11th hole brought Claar back to reality.

As for Reid, he said, "I never had a locker number this low."

AUTO RACING

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A \$4 million purse offered by Texas Motor Speedway developer Bruton Smith is not going to lure NASCAR to bring a second race to the new speedway next year, a NASCAR official says.

NASCAR president Bill France Jr. said Thursday that the 1997 schedule, which includes the inaugural Interstate Batteries 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, is complete.

"A second IRL (Indy Racing League) might be a good one down there," France said. "We've got a plateful."

The IRL has scheduled its inaugural Longhorn 500-kilometer event at the new speedway north of Fort Worth on June 7.

Smith told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Thursday that he would have liked to have NASCAR stage a second race at the Texas track on Nov. 9, an open date on the 32-race Winston Cup schedule.

"I keep hearing some excellent rumors about some car owners wanting to run there (in Texas) in November," Smith said Thursday at Dayton, Fla.

By **DAVE GOLDBERG**
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Yes, there will be a free-agent season this year.

The old Michigan passing combination of Elvis Grbac and Desmond Howard will be available. So will Jerome Bettis, Rod Woodson, Gilbert Brown, Chad Brown, Daryl Johnston, Neil Smith and Larry Centers, all standing to cash in now.

But with the salary cap up just \$700,000 from last season to about \$41.45 million, 1997 looks like a stop-gap year. The real fun starts next year, when billions of dollars from a new television will start giving even the most cap-strapped teams room to maneuver.

"The good players will still get

a lot of money this year," says Bill Kuharich, general manager of the New Orleans Saints.

"There will just be a lot fewer of them getting it."

All this is subject to late developments. Teams continued to negotiate with their own players until the midnight deadline and others were prepared to slap "franchise" and "transition" labels on players they want to keep.

Oddly, the highest-paid free agent may be one who's been a free agent since early last season — Jeff George, the talented but troublesome quarterback who was cut by Atlanta last season after a spat with June Jones, then the Falcons' coach. He's set to sign a contract with the Raiders for an estimated \$25 million over four years.

George is one of four intriguing quarterbacks available along with Grbac, Heath Shuler and Rick Mirer.

And George's arrival in Oakland will turn loose another — Jeff Hostetler, although at 36 and injury prone, Hostetler may have to be a backup.

The only true free agent in the group is Grbac, who proved as Steve Young's understudy in San Francisco the last two seasons he has the talent to be a starter.

He could become the latest ex-49er quarterback in Kansas City — the aging Joe Montana and career backup Steve Bono preceded him. The Chiefs also talked Tuesday to Chris Chandler, who still is under contract to Houston but will probably give way to Steve McNair.

Or he could go to Chicago if the Bears decide the price is too high to pry Mirer from Seattle in a trade.

Unlike many free agents, Grbac will take his time signing — the signing period extends until April 15.

"It's not like it's going to be that one day there's Elvis and the next you find out he's with another team," says his agent, Jim Steiner. "This is going to be done judiciously with anyone we talk to."

Mirer and Shuler are more iffy. Mirer, who could go to the Bears for their first-rounder, was the second overall pick by Seattle in the 1993 draft and Shuler was third by Washington in the 1994. Yet each lost their jobs — Shuler to Gus Frerotte and Mirer to John Friesz — and

are on the trading block.

Other big names are likely to return to their old teams.

Bettis, for example, was negotiating with Pittsburgh up to the midnight deadline and the Steelers also hope to keep Woodson and Chad Brown, who had 13 sacks after being moved from inside linebacker to the outside.

Derrick Thomas appeared set to re-sign with Kansas City, although the Chiefs were making less of an effort to re-sign Neil Smith, their pass-rushing defensive end.

And Gilbert Brown is at the top of Green Bay's re-signing list. Overshadowed by Reggie White, Brown is the 325-pound rock that holds the Super Bowl champions' defensive line together.

Pampa girls win first district soccer match

BORGER — Pampa's Candace Cathey was a scoring machine for both teams in a District 5 soccer match Thursday.

Cathey, just a freshman did all the scoring for the Lady Harvesters and she turned out to be Borger's best offensive player. She not only scored three times in Pampa's 3-1 win, but she also accidentally kicked in Borger's only goal.

Pampa head coach Matt Gantz looked like a genius after moving Cathey up from the junior varsity when one of the varsity players became ill. However, Gantz admitted it wasn't his idea.

"I told myself there would never be a freshman on my varsity team, but some of the girls

talked me into moving her up. I was really impressed with her and she's just a freshman," Gantz said.

Cathey also helped the Lady Harvesters win their first district match after two setbacks.

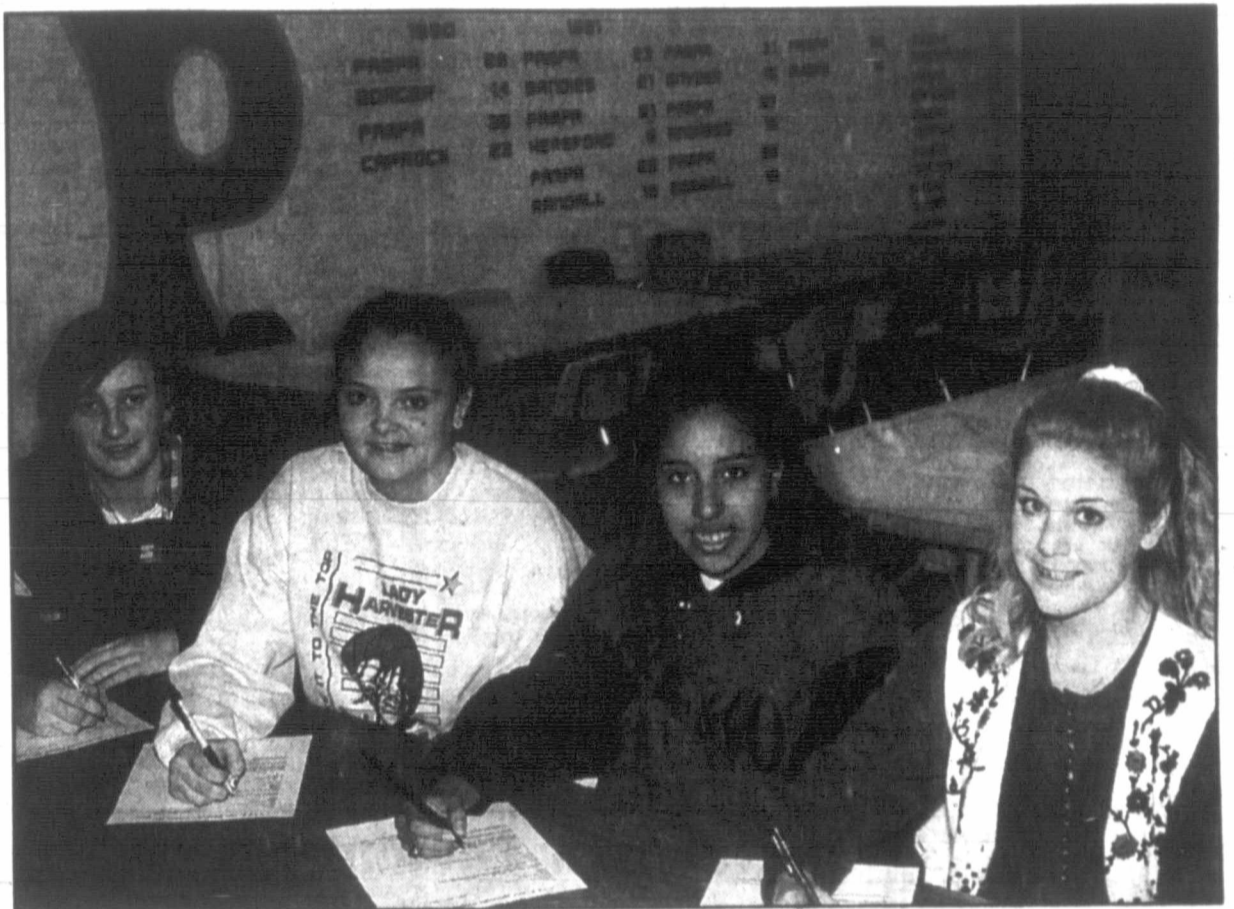
Gantz said Annette Botello had an outstanding match on defense.

In the boys' division, Borger defeated Pampa, 1-0, in a shootout. It was the Harvesters' first district loss after two victories.

Jason Vance's scored Pampa only goal to tie the score at 1-1 at the end of regulation play.

Pampa hosts Canyon at 2 p.m. Saturday in more district soccer action.

Softball signups



Lady Harvesters girls fastball softball league signups were held at the Pampa High School fieldhouse as (l-r) Shanna Buck, Jessica Conner, Patti Montoya and Kimberly Clark join 40 players who have signed up so far. No signups will be accepted after March 26. Late signups will be assigned to a summer league. A player's fee of \$30 will be assessed each player. Weekend clinics start Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. at Hobart Street Park. To sign up or if more information is needed, call 669-7782.

UCLA completes sweep of 11th-ranked Arizona

By **The Associated Press**

Steve Lavin is having a great week.

Two days after signing a four-year contract as UCLA coach, Lavin's 24th-ranked Bruins beat No. 11 Arizona 66-64 Thursday night on J.R. Henderson's jumper in the lane with 18 seconds left.

Charles O'Bannon scored a season-high 26 points as the Bruins (14-7, 9-3 Pac-10) kept pace with Southern California in pursuit of their third straight league title. UCLA, which beat Arizona in overtime on Jan. 18, also completed a sweep of the Wildcats for the first time since Lute Olson became Arizona coach in 1983.

"I felt we needed a spark, and I was the one to do it," said O'Bannon, who was 10-of-14 from the field.

Miles Simon scored 24 points for Arizona (15-6, 7-4), which lost despite forcing UCLA into 28 turnovers.

"To force them into 28 turnovers and not win the game is incredible," Olson said. "Defensively, they

really did a good job."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 5 Utah 84, SMU 63; No. 8 Cincinnati 69, Saint Louis 56; No. 10 Maryland 73, Florida State 57; No. 13 New Mexico 81, Rice 64; No. 22 Stanford 87, Oregon State 54; Alabama-Birmingham 64, No. 23 Tulane 61; and No. 25 College of Charleston 85, Florida International 81.

No. 5 Utah 84, SMU 63

At Salt Lake City, Michael Doleac had 19 points and nine rebounds as Utah defeated Southern Methodist. Leading 41-29 at half-time, Utah (18-3, 10-1 WAC) opened the second half with an 11-2 run to break the game open. Keith Van Horn added 18 points for Utah, while Jay Poerner led SMU (13-9, 5-7) with 15.

No. 8 Cincinnati 69, Saint Louis 56

At Cincinnati, Darnell Burton scored 21 points and the Bearcats overcame a sluggish start and four problems to win their fifth straight. Cincinnati (19-4, 7-1 Conference USA) outscored Saint Louis 16-3 in the final five minutes.

Keeping up with TCU's Jones

FORT WORTH, Texas — On most afternoons, the most intense portion of basketball practice for TCU shooting guard Mike Jones begins after his teammates have hit the showers and three members of the four-man coaching staff have headed to their offices.

That's when Jones and assistant coach Richard Bacon engage in heated 3-point shooting battles, often highlighted by verbal challenges best appreciated on the playground.

For Jones, these sessions are part of his desire to outwork other players and prove that, "I'm the best college basketball player you've never heard about."

Jones, a junior, said it's all about effort.

"I've been working hard all my life, and that's all I really know," Jones said. "Whenever I do something, my goal is to be the best I can be personally."

"Every place I've ever been — whether it's been in life, the classroom or the basketball court — I tried to work extra hard to be successful, because I believe hard work pays off."

As one of TCU coach Billy Tubbs' prize junior-college transfers, Jones has displayed an all-around game and turned into the Frogs' most consistent player this season.

"Some nights, I know that my shot isn't going to be there," said Jones, who spent two seasons at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. "That's why it's important for me to do other things, such as break down my man (on defense) and make the extra pass or go in for the rebound."

"I just try to add a level of consistency without trying to do too much. My thing is to keep it real and keep it steady."

His highlight games this season have to be considered more than steady:

— Against then-No. 18 Texas Tech in December, it was the 6-foot-4 Jones who went up strong against 6-11 Tony Battie for a put-back basket that changed the

momentum in favor of TCU during the final two minutes of the Frogs' victory.

— Jones earned Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors after scoring 20 of his 25 points during the second half against SMU on Jan. 25, helping lead the Frogs to their only league road victory this season.

— Playing against Tulsa's Shea

Seals two weeks ago, Jones limited the projected NBA lottery pick to 6-of-23 shooting and 17 points in TCU's losing effort.

— And last week, Jones placed the defensive clamps on UT-El Paso's Kimani Jones-Young and New Mexico all-time career leading scorer Charles Smith, assuring TCU of consecutive WAC victories for the first time this season.

Pampa merchants, beware!

PAMPA — Local merchants are urged to be cautious of telephone advertising solicitations from sales persons who say they represent the Pampa High School Athletic Department.

"They say they represent Pampa High School, but it's a misrepresentation," said PHS Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier. "The school does sell calendars, but we don't do it over the phone. If one of our coaches goes door-to-door, he'll have a letter of introduction signed by me."

The problem has surfaced again in recent days and Cavalier says it's something that happens every spring.

"I've already had a couple of businesses call me about it. There's nothing I can do from a legal standpoint, but I can warn people. What they're selling may be legitimate, but the proceeds won't help our athletic programs," he said.

Merchants can call the high school athletic office at 669-4830 if more information is needed.

PHS swimmers compete in regional championships

LUBBOCK — The Pampa High swim teams completed in the Region I Swimming and Diving Championships last weekend with the boys' team finishing in a three-way tie for sixth.

Pampa's Bobby Venal and Dakota Tefertiller both placed fourth in individual events.

Region I Swimming and Diving Championships
(at Texas Tech Aquatic Center, Lubbock)

BOYS

Team totals: 1. El Paso Eastwood 72; 2. El Paso Franklin 55; 3. San Angelo Central 53; 4. Lubbock High 39; 5. Amarillo Tascosa 33; 6. Midland 20; 7. Lubbock Monterey 14; 8. Pecos 9; 9. (tie) Pampa 6, El Paso Hanks 6, El Paso Andress 6; 12. Midland Lee 5; 13. Lubbock Coronado 4; 14. (tie) Monahans 3 and Abilene High 3; 16. Andrews 2.

Pampa individual results

200 freestyle: 15. Justin Nelson, 1:59.41.

200 medley relay: 12. Matt Brown, Dakota Tefertiller, Bobby Venal and Justin Nelson, 1:50.25.

200 intermediate: 9. Bobby Venal, 2:10.11.

100 fly: 4. Bobby Venal, 56.27.

500 freestyle: 16. Matt Haesle, 5:41.23.

100 freestyle: 13. Justin Nelson, 52.89.

200 freestyle relay: 26. Matt Haesle, Dakota Tefertiller, Waylon Griffin and Matt Brown, 1:48.67.

100 breaststroke: 4. Dakota Tefertiller, 1:02.63.

100 backstroke: 13. Dakota Tefertiller, 1:00.53.

400 freestyle relay: 24. Bobby Venal, Matt Haesle, Justin Nelson and Waylon Griffin, 3:51.96.

GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. El Paso Franklin 94; 2. Lubbock High 59; 3. Midland Lee 34; 4. El Paso Eastwood 28; 5. (tie) San Angelo Central 25, Midland High 25; 7. Amarillo High 21; 8. Monahans 16; 9. Abilene High 10; 10. El Paso Coronado 6; 11. Big Spring 4; 12. Lubbock Coronado 3; 13. (tie) Odessa High 2; Amarillo Tascosa 2; 15. El Paso Burgess 1.

Pampa individual results

200 intermediate: 24. Stacy Huddleston, 2:46.84.

100 fly: 24. Stacy Huddleston, 1:18.06.

100 freestyle: 7. Ashlee David, 58.69.

200 freestyle relay: 22. Holly Brooks, Kelly Stokes, Lindsey Mitchell and Tiffany Mote, 2:08.31.

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Miami | 36 | 12 | .750 | — |
| New York | 32 | 14 | .720 | 2 |
| Orlando | 24 | 22 | .522 | 12 |
| Washington | 22 | 26 | .458 | 15 |
| New Jersey | 14 | 34 | .292 | 23 |
| Philadelphia | 12 | 36 | .250 | 25 |
| Boston | 11 | 37 | .229 | 26 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Chicago | 43 | 8 | .878 | — |
| Detroit | 35 | 13 | .729 | 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 32 | 15 | .681 | 10 |
| Charlotte | 30 | 20 | .600 | 13/2 |
| Cleveland | 27 | 22 | .551 | 16 |
| Indiana | 25 | 25 | .500 | 19/2 |
| Milwaukee | 22 | 28 | .438 | 20/2 |
| Toronto | 17 | 31 | .354 | 25/2 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| Utah | 35 | 14 | .714 | — |
| Houston | 33 | 18 | .673 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 23 | 28 | .449 | 12 |
| Dallas | 16 | 30 | .348 | 17/2 |
| Denver | 16 | 34 | .320 | 19/2 |
| San Antonio | 12 | 36 | .250 | 22 |
| Vancouver | 10 | 43 | .189 | 27 |

Pacific Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| L.A. Lakers | 37 | 13 | .740 | — |
| Seattle | 33 | 15 | .688 | 3 |
| Portland | 26 | 24 | .520 | 11 |
| L.A. Clippers | 20 | 26 | .435 | 15 |
| Sacramento | 22 | 29 | .431 | 15/2 |
| Golden State | 18 | 29 | .383 | 17/2 |
| Phoenix | 18 | 32 | .360 | 19 |

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 113, New Jersey 100
Atlanta 106, Toronto 84
Cleveland 83, Indiana 75
Detroit 96, Orlando 87
L.A. Lakers 100, Minnesota 84
Vancouver 106, San Antonio 101
Phoenix 131, Boston 100

Thursday's Games

New York 107, Philadelphia 92
Miami 106, Indiana 90
Golden State 107, Dallas 99
L.A. Lakers 132, Denver 117
Utah 110, Portland 86
Sacramento 105, L.A. Clippers 98

Friday's Games

Milwaukee vs. Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens, 7 p.m.
New Jersey vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit vs. Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens, 12:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1997 NASCAR

Winston Cup stock car racing schedule:

Feb. 16 — Daytona 500, Daytona, Fla.
Feb. 23 — Goodwrench Service 400, Rockingham, N.C.
March 2 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va.
March 9 — Primaster 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 23 — TransSouth Financial 400, Darlington, S.C.
April 6 — Interstate Batteries 500, Fort Worth, Texas
April 13 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 20 — Goody's Headache Powders 500, Martinsville, Va.
April 27 — Winston 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 4 — Save Mart Supermarkets 300, Sonoma, Calif.
May 17 — x-The Winston, Concord, N.C.
May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 1 — Miller 500, Dover, Del.
June 8 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 15 — Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 22 — California 500, Fontana, Calif.
July 5 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 13 — Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 20 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 2 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 10 — Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 17 — ITW Daviess 400, Brooklyns, Mich.
Aug. 23 — Goody's Headache Powders 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 1 — Mountain Dew Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 8 — Winston Cup 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 14 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 21 — MBNA 500, Dover, Del.
Sept. 28 — Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 5 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 12 — Sears Roebuck 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 26 — AC Delco 400, Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 2 — Dura Lube 500, Phoenix, Ariz.
Nov. 16 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.
x-non-points race.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| Team | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Philadelphia | 31 | 16 | 8 | 70 | 177 | 138 |
| Florida | 28 | 15 | 3 | 69 | 161 | 128 |
| New Jersey | 28 | 17 | 9 | 65 | 146 | 130 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 28 | 23 | 7 | 63 | 198 | 182 |
| Washington | 22 | 27 | 6 | 50 | 144 | 152 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 18 | 28 | 10 | 46 | 154 | 167 |
| Tampa Bay | 19 | 28 | 6 | 44 | 142 | 198 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Buffalo | 29 | 19 | 9 | 67 | 159 | 141 |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 20 | 5 | 65 | 206 | 173 |
| Montreal | 21 | 27 | 11 | 53 | 185 | 210 |
| Hartford | 21 | 27 | 7 | 49 | 157 | 181 |
| Ottawa | 18 | 25 | 12 | 48 | 153 | 165 |
| Boston | 20 | 29 | 7 | 47 | 160 | 196 |

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| Dallas | 32 | 21 | 4 | 68 | 172 | 143 |
| Detroit | 26 | 18 | 10 | 62 | 170 | 129 |
| St. Louis | 27 | 25 | 6 | 60 | 178 | 178 |
| Phoenix | 25 | 24 | 4 | 54 | 158 | 175 |
| Chicago | 22 | 27 | 8 | 52 | 150 | 151 |
| Toronto | 21 | 34 | 2 | 44 | 164 | 201 |

Pacific Division

| Team | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Colorado | 34 | 14 | 8 | 76 | 190 | 131 |
| Edmonton | 28 | 24 | 5 | 61 | 180 | 182 |
| Vancouver | 25 | 28 | 2 | 52 | 178 | 189 |
| Calgary | 23 | 28 | 6 | 52 | 152 | 165 |
| Anaheim | 22 | 28 | 6 | 50 | 159 | 172 |
| San Jose | 20 | 30 | 4 | 46 | 146 | 166 |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 31 | 7 | 45 | 152 | 195 |

Wednesday's Games

CS Northbridge 78, E. Washington 75
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California 73, Oregon 66
Colorado St. 87, San Diego St. 74
Gonzaga 53, San Francisco 50
Hawaii 70, Wyoming 68, OT
Idaho 67, North Texas 58
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Newsmakers

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has announced its President's List and Dean's List honor rolls for the 1996 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.85 or higher while enrolled in twelve or more undergraduate semester hours. Among students named to the President's list were: Elizabeth Johnston, Misty D. Perez and Rogena L. Rice, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a GPA of 3.25 while enrolled in twelve or more undergraduate semester hours. Among students named to the Dean's List were:

Erin K. Alexander, Jennifer E. Barker, Dena A. Brasler, Stefan C. Bressler, Jason D. Clark, Jessica A. Dawes, Larry W. Franks, Melissa D. Holt, Kyle W. Parnell, Jennifer R. Paulson, Merle A. Peoples, Andrea J. Phillips, Barry M. Richards, Christopher L. Strickland, Grace M. Sutton, Cody F. Wagner, Amy M. Watson, Danica E. Weeks and Angela M. Woelfle, all of Pampa.

FULTON, Mo. — Westminster College has announced its Dean's List for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 grade point average while

enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Shayna Lotman, 1993 Miami High School graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lotman of Pampa, was named to the Dean's List. She attends Westminster on a Trustee's Scholarship.

OKLAHOMA CITY — The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Nursing has announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a junior/senior must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours of nursing. Among students named to the

list was Kenzi Burger of Pampa.

WHEELER — Toby Wendell Henson of Wheeler has been included in the 1996 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Since 1966, OYMA has honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 based on the following qualifications: community service, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, civic and political participation. Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders and civic organizations.

McVeigh's sister talked of revolution

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's sister spoke of revolution and her knowledge of making bombs at a Christmas party months before the Oklahoma City bombing, according to court documents.

Two witnesses claimed to have heard Jennifer McVeigh's remarks at a party on Dec. 23, 1994, an FBI agent said in the documents, which were released Thursday.

Both witnesses said Ms. McVeigh, who was studying to be a teacher at Buffalo State College, spoke repeatedly about overthrowing the government.

One witness quoted Ms. McVeigh as saying: "There's going to be a revolution, and you're either going to be with us or against us. I know I'm going to be ready."

"You'll see in either April or May something big is going to happen with my brother. I don't know what it is, but it's going to be big."

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols are charged in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

At the request of *The Buffalo News*, U.S. District Judge Leslie Foschio unsealed the FBI affidavit and a warrant he signed three days after the bombing allowing a search of the McVeigh family home in Pendleton, N.Y.

FBI Agent Gregory Jennings said in the affidavit that the reliability of both witnesses, whom he did not identify, was "unconfirmed but unchallenged."

The unsealed documents include a list of 32 items taken from the McVeigh home in the search. Among the items were batteries, a flag, notes, photos and a videotape apparently about the 1993 federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

State briefs

Tourist businesses already counting losses

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Joey Arroyo was fuming. The New York City dock worker was supposed to be enjoying his vacation, but instead he was at the airport trying to figure out how he'd get home without American Airlines.

"I'm furious. I have to go back — for my house, my family, my job," said Arroyo, who was booked to fly American on Monday and hoped to get a seat on another airline. He said he'd lose his job if he wasn't back at work Tuesday morning.

Hundreds of tourists cut short their vacations and hoteliers began counting their losses as the prospect of a pilots' strike at American loomed. The Caribbean Tourism Organization estimates strike losses would reach \$15 million a day.

The impact was felt well beyond the Caribbean, where American and its American Eagle subsidiary dominate 70 percent of the market.

"The business is almost dead," said Nila Rodriguez, who runs the Caribe Travel agency in New York and mostly books flights to the Dominican Republic. "I sell almost all American Airlines."

Prosecutors consider next step in Mowbray murder case

HARLINGEN (AP) — State prosecutors are weighing their next move in the legal saga of Susie Mowbray, who could get out of prison after an appeals court reaffirmed its decision to toss out her 1988 murder conviction.

Mrs. Mowbray, who has been imprisoned almost nine years for killing her husband even though she insists it was suicide, said in an interview from prison Thursday that she isn't worried about what that next step might be.

Instead, she is focusing on returning to life outside of prison.

"In so many ways, we'll all be starting over. What it will be like, I can't tell you, but I'm going to try to stay as positive as I can about it," she said. "We've worried enough. We're going to enjoy this moment."

In December, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned Mrs. Mowbray's conviction in the 1987 death of Bill Mowbray and ordered a new trial based on findings that prosecutors suppressed evidence that might have exonerated her.

Senators to look at doing away with 'Robin Hood'

AUSTIN (AP) — The "Robin Hood" education funding system, which funnels money from wealthy to poorer school districts, may turn from the hunter to the hunted.

Senators next week will look at proposals to ax the system, says Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

"My feeling is that we ought to be able to begin working toward doing away with Robin Hood. I don't know if we can get entirely out of Sherwood Forest in this legislative session," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Thursday.

His committee is scheduled to meet jointly Wednesday with a panel created by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock to study taxes and public school finance.

House Speaker Pete Laney earlier named a similar panel in response to Gov. George W. Bush's push to lower local school property taxes and raise state taxes for education.

Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, has repeatedly said lawmakers who oppose the share-the-wealth school funding system have a chance to scrap it this legislative session because of the emphasis on tax changes.

Researchers locate gene capable of extending life in worms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene mutation that causes a type of worm to live up to 50 percent longer than normal has been found by researchers searching for the secrets of aging.

Although the research has no immediate application to humans, Siegfried Hekimi of McGill University in Quebec said the discovery does suggest a fundamental process of aging that may apply to all animals.

"This suggests that aging is something that happens in each individual cell and is not the result of just a breakdown of major organ systems," said Hekimi. He was lead author of a study being published today in the journal *Science*.

In the study, Hekimi said he and his colleagues proved that mutation of a gene called CLK-1 caused a type of nematodes to live up to 48 days, compared to about 30 days for the longest-lived of the normal worms. The mean lifetime of 50 of the mutated worms was 28.1 days, compared to a mean lifetime of 20.4 days for the unaltered worms.

Hekimi said the CLK-1 gene appears to slow metabolism in cells, which causes the cells to live longer.

"You cannot carry this over to humans in any way, but it does give us some fundamental understanding of the aging process," he said.

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