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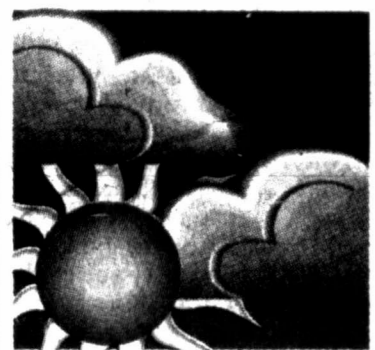
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PAMPA — Pampa United Way is giving applications for 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations to be included in the budget allocations process. Organizations may pick up applications at 200 N. Ballard, suite 105, or call 669-1001 for more information.

Deadline for picking up the applications is Feb. 12. Those accepted into the budget allocations process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed for the process.

PAMPA — The Pampa High School is having an eighth-grade parent meeting to discuss pre-enrollment in the PHS auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

The PHS Counselor's Office would also like to point out a correction for the parents who attended the ninth and tenth-grade parents meeting.

There is a correction on page 10 regarding the honor graduation page. Your students receive the revised coming homeroom, Friday, 13. Also, speech will not be a Fine Arts course beginning with the class of 2000.

If you have any questions concerning this, please call Karla Howell or Gail Cole at 669-4800.

PAMPA — A double page portrait of legendary Gray County lawman Rufe Jordan is in the Feb. edition of "Texas Monthly".

- Miona Vemda Clift, 77, former Pampa resident.
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Lefors students volley for change

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

After six Lefors High School girls made their case to the school board that girls volleyball be dropped in order to make more time for basketball, the board cast votes in agreement.

The six girls were at Monday night's regular meeting of the Lefors School Board where they asked the board to drop the girls volleyball program so they could concentrate on girls basketball longer.

The students had taken it upon themselves to circulate a questionnaire to others involved in the basketball and volleyball programs in both the middle school and high school. It revealed that most of them would prefer to concentrate on the one sport. Several cited the fact that few of the schools in their district have volleyball so there is less competition in the area.

Melody Seeley, one of the basketball players said, "We'd rather be good in one thing rather than to just play two sports."

Several members of the board complimented the girls' initiative in doing the questionnaire before voting to drop volleyball in order to have more time for basketball.

In their action, when reviewing the bills, Keith Roberson noted the higher-than-usual natural gas bill. He said several city residents, including himself, have had to have their meter re-read because of mistakes. Superintendent Tom Alvis said he will see about having the meters re-read.

The board also designated May 2, as the day of election for school board members. The first day a candidate for school board may register to be on the ballot was set as Feb. 16 and the final day for registration was set for March 18.

After a closed session, Principal Ronny Miller was rehired for one year.



David Scott shows his son James some of the joys of fishing...and stuff at Recreation Park this week.

2,900 boxes used to clear library shelves

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

It is taking some 2,900 boxes to move books and materials that covered over one mile of shelving at Lovett Memorial Library to temporary quarters at the now-vacant Baker Elementary School.

But all should be on go when the library re-opens its doors at Baker at 9 Monday morning.

That's just a few of the library renovation facts Pampa City Commissioners learned Tuesday afternoon as they reviewed, and unanimously approved, detailed plans for the \$700,000 renovation of the library.

Much of the work involves bringing the library up to code, especially where the Americans with Disabilities Act is concerned, architect Brad Waters of Providence Associates Inc., told commissioners.

But there will be more room — 981 additional usable square feet — once the project is completed in five-to-seven months and the staff will have better visual supervision of computers, book stacks and the second floor.

Waters said library users will enjoy new, improved and brighter lighting that will also

lower maintenance costs because they burn longer and use less electricity.

There will also be a larger, more functional work space for employees, a larger circulation desk with computer technology — the old card catalog system is a thing of the past — a dedicated children's story time/crafts room, another small meeting room, some new carpeting and additional power and data capabilities for computers.

Though not discussed, a letter from Bill Hildebrandt, director of community services, was included in commissioners' packets that addressed how the general contractor was picked for the project.

Hildebrandt wrote that he had received some calls from people who wanted to know about the process of selecting the contractor.

Because the Pampa Lovett Library Foundation is paying for the project, it is not required that bids be solicited, said Bob Eskridge, city manager.

Thus, the contractor, Page & Associates of Amarillo, was picked upon the recommendation of Waters after other firms were considered and two con-

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Gray officers in wild car chase

Area law enforcement officials had a busier than usual day Tuesday and a more painful one too.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Kenny Hays went to city court yesterday to serve a Texas Youth Authority warrant to Brian Keith Arzen, 18, 434 Hill, who had just plead not guilty to charges of driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.

In the back of the courtroom, he and another deputy handcuffed Arzen and for some reason then Arzen started fighting

them. During the struggle the suspect fell and broke Hays' ankle. It was a severe enough break that pins had to be inserted in his ankle.

"Don't know for sure when he'll be back. It's going to be one of those long term deals I'm sure," said Sheriff Don Copeland. "He's a good hand, he'll have a job when he gets back."

Later in the afternoon about 2:45 p.m., DPS Trooper John Nelson started chasing a vehicle after a routine traffic stop. During the stop, the trooper saw some merchandise he thought

might be stolen. He asked the driver to drive to the Gray County Sheriff's office to investigate.

While en route, the two youths started to flee heading south on U.S. 70. The officers of the Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office and Gray County Constables all joined in the pursuit, which at times reached near 130 miles an hour.

When the suspect's vehicle got to U.S. 70 and I-40 intersection, it went on the overpass to turn and lost control riding the guardrail until it ended flipping over sever-

al times.

During the search of the vehicle after the wreck, additional items were discovered that were known to be stolen from a burglary in Pampa. The driver was identified as Seth Lewis, 17, of Pampa. The passenger is a 16-year-old juvenile who can't be identified. Exact charges against the two are still pending.

Earlier in the day, Constable of Precinct 4, Joe Billingsley, got a busted lip trying to arrest Christopher John Bybee — who resisted arrest — said Sheriff Copeland.

Democratic party celebrates past and future

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

"First let me point out that I am running against Mac Thornberry," said Democratic primary Congressional candidate Mark Harmon. "There's a very nice gentleman who's also running in the Democratic primary named Ed True, I'm not running against him."

That was the only statement made by either candidate for the Democratic nomination for 13th Congressional District about the other.

Harmon is an associate professor at Texas Tech University teaching journalism and broadcasting. He is also serving as the chair of the Lubbock County Democratic Party.

"First we have a Congressman who gives very poor district service," he said. He said

Thornberry does not have offices in Lubbock or Denton. He says he will have offices in those two cities plus have a mobile office.

"My campaign has done in three weeks what he hasn't done in three years, get a toll free number, a web site and an e-mail address," Harmon said

Harmon pledged he would take no P A C money and would serve a maximum of six years if elected.

Ed True is a retired Air Force officer and lawyer practicing out of Wichita Falls. He has been in private practice about ten years.

"I've spent the last ten years helping people seeking social security benefits and over that period I've observed a shift in the way the government interacts with the citizens, with us," True said. "It has become meaner, there's a loss of



Mark Harmon from Lubbock and Ed True from Wichita Falls are running for the Democratic nomination for the 13th Congressional Seat.

common courtesy."

He said there is a need to return to honesty and to take into consideration what is fair.

"The other thing are the attacks, the pressure that is being placed on the Democratic Party. It appears the present leadership in Congress is bent on putting the Democratic Party out of business."

He also said he wants to supplement the present health care system so people who become injured or ill lose their jobs can keep health insurance.

He also wants a \$100 tax credit for people who contribute to political campaigns and limit the amount an individual can give. He would like to see any money left from a campaign be given to the federal government.

Also at the gathering last night John Warner was honored as outgoing chair of the Gray County Democratic Party with a plaque and gifts.

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Services tomorrow

CLIFT, Vemeda Miona — 2 p.m., Reydon Community Building, Reydon, Okla.
HAMILTON, Mildred A. Miller — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Wheeler.
SEITZ, Bryan Thomas — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WILLIAMS, Ruth Arzetta — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

Obituaries

MIONA VEMEDA CLIFT
 REYDON, Okla. — Miona Vemeda Clift, 77, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Reydon Community Building with Randy Allen officiating. Burial will be in White Rose Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Cheyenne.

Mrs. Clift was born at Dixie, Ark., and attended school there. She married Elston Charles Clift in 1943 at Paragould, Ark. The couple moved to Reydon and later to Pampa, returning to Reydon in 1957. She was a member of Reydon Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include six daughters, Bobbie Sue Parker, Jeannette Lerman and Jean Adams, all of Amarillo, Charlotte Cooper of Wheeler, Peggy Gettle of Reydon and Helen Yandell of Shreveport, La.; a sister, Dorothy Wheeler of Elk City, Okla.; two brothers, David Crockett of Joplin, Mo., and Billy Dan Crockett of St. Charles, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

MILDRED A. MILLER HAMILTON
 WHEELER — Mildred A. Miller Hamilton, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Church of Christ with Bill Morrison, minister, and the Rev. Andy Taylor of Sayre, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Hamilton was born Sept. 13, 1913, at Caddo, Okla., to Sanford and Sarah Miller. She married Novis Cecil Hamilton on Jan. 18, 1933, at Hollis, Okla.; he died Oct. 29, 1952. She had been a Wheeler resident since 1952. She was a homemaker, a waitress, a house cleaner and had pulled cotton. She had been a member of Wheeler Church of Christ since 1952.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ginger R. Taylor, in 1950; a grandson, Richard Earl Hamilton, in 1967; a great-granddaughter, Haley Alene Williams, in 1988; a great-grandson, Cord Reese Taylor, in 1994; and four brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Charlene Taylor of Wheeler, Shirley Wheatley of Leeton, Mo., and Cecil Bowers of Amarillo; two sons, Floyd Hamilton of Tucson, Ariz., and Herman Hamilton of Hamilton, Mont.; two sisters, Maurine Gilmer of Wheeler and Viola Blalock of Midland; 17 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

BRYAN THOMAS SEITZ
 GARLAND — Bryan Thomas Seitz, 26, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, at Dallas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Seitz was born Dec. 2, 1971, at Pampa. He had been an Amarillo resident prior to moving to Denver, Colo., in 1985 where he resided until moving to Dallas in 1988. He graduated from Rockwall High School in 1990 and was a 1995 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, receiving a degree in psychology. He was employed part-time as a bartender and a waiter while attending chiropractic school.

Survivors include his father, Tom Seitz of Round Rock; his mother, Linda Gail Brown of Rowlett; and his grandmother, Dorothy Brown of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.
RUTH ARZETTA WILLIAMS
 AMARILLO — Ruth Arzetta Williams, 85, a former Canadian resident, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Claud Tugwell, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Williams was born at Butler, Okla. She married Carl F. Williams in 1952 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1996. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1954, moving from Canadian. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Arledge of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Betty Hoynes of Mexia; a son, Jim Rowley of Henderson, Nev.; two sisters, Modell Andrews of Canadian and Jo Westbrook of Hobbs, N.M.; a brother, Sam Vandiver of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Police report

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

Tuesday, February 11
 Brian Keith Arntzen, 18, 434 N. Hill, was arrested for aggravated assault of a public servant, resisting arrest, Texas Youth Authority warrant.
 Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 18, no address given, was arrested for no proof of insurance, driving across a parking lot.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, February 11
 Marvin Messer, 70, 619 S. Ballard was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
 Christopher John Bybee, 17, 811 N. Walnut, was arrested for criminal trespass, assault on a public servant and resisting arrest/detention.
 Timothy Seth Lewis, 18, no address given, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, February 10
 8:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Jordan. No one was transported.
 9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to city hall and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 11:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 12:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a residence in the 800 block of E. Craven.
 12:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo and transported one to a local nursing facility.
 12:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 4:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Faulkner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 11:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 Block of Varnon Drive and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, February 11
 4:08 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of N. Faulkner on a medical assist.
 4:54 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded 12 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70 on a CO alarm.

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
 Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

TOASTMASTERS
 The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
 The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

VALENTINE FELLOWSHIP & DANCE
 The Pampa Academy of Christian Education is holding a "Valentine Fellowship & Dance" on Friday, Feb. 13 from 8 p.m. to midnight at M.K. Brown. The cost is \$4 a person and the dance is open to middle school age and older. For more information contact 665-2273.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE
 Pampa Area Singles Dance will be held Saturday Feb. 21, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The band will be Bordline. The admission will be \$5 and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Bring snacks and finger foods by 7:30 p.m. For more information call 665-2829.

API MEETING
 The February regular meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the API will be held at the Sportman's Club, Tuesday, Feb. 19. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Bob Neslage at (806) 669-2701.

Stocks

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

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| Wheat | 3.05 | |
| Milo | 4.25 | |
| Corn | 4.76 | |
| Soybeans | 6.28 | |

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

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| Occidental | 25 3/4 | dn 3/16 |
| Puritan | 19 9/16 | |

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

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| Amoco | 83 15/16 | up 1/8 |
| Arco | 74 | up 11/16 |
| Cabot | 32 5/16 | up 9/16 |
| Cabot O&G | 20 3/8 | up 1/8 |

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| Chevron | 75 7/8 | up 3/8 |
| Coca-Cola | 68 1/16 | up 1/8 |
| Columbia/HCA | 25 15/16 | up 3/16 |
| Enron | 42 3/8 | dn 1/16 |
| Halliburton | 48 1/8 | up 1/4 |
| IRI | 13 7/16 | up 1/16 |
| KNE | 50 3/4 | NC |
| Kerr McGee | 64 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| Limited | 29 3/16 | dn 1/4 |
| Mapco | 48 7/16 | up 5/16 |
| McDonald's | 50 1/16 | up 1/16 |
| Mobil | 69 13/16 | up 3/8 |
| New Atmos | 27 1/8 | up 13/16 |
| NCE | 45 3/4 | up 5/16 |
| Phillips | 65 15/16 | dn 1/16 |
| Pioneer Nat. Res. | 23 7/16 | up 5/8 |
| SLB | 75 13/16 | dn 1/4 |
| Tenneco | 41 7/16 | up 3/8 |
| Texaco | 54 13/16 | up 1/8 |
| Ultramar | 35 9/16 | dn 3/8 |
| Wal Mart | 42 15/16 | dn 3/16 |
| New York Gold | 300.00 | |
| Silver | 6.95 | |
| West Texas Crude | 16.44 | |

LIBRARY

tractors were interviewed at length, Hildebrand explained in his letter.

Though not required to hire local firms as subcontractors, Waters and Hildebrand told commissioners they expect Pampans to work on the project. A spokesman for the contractor told city

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representatives the company has used area firms in other projects. It was also noted that local subcontractor bids should be less expensive because travel won't be necessary.

Because the project should proceed quickly since the library will be empty, Waters said some decisions, such as paint and carpet colors, etc., must be made quickly by the Renovation

Overview Committee headed by Susan Dunigan. That committee — at personal expense to each member — is going to Dallas to the design center to make the selections.

The overview committee received praise from the council from their efforts which Commissioner Jeff Andrews noted, "...has taken four or five years of work."

Did Oprah cause the crash? Livestock expert says she was at fault

By CHIP BROWN

Associated Press Writer
 AMARILLO — Oprah Winfrey's attorneys today asked why an agricultural economics expert who testified that her talk show caused "a dramatic shock" in cattle prices never wrote about the episode in his newsletter.

Defense attorney Charles Babcock questioned Wayne Purcell, head of a research institute that emphasizes livestock pricing, about two weekly newsletters he sent out following the April 1996 show about dangerous foods. "You say in your newsletters on April 16th and April 23rd,

what's happening in the market," Babcock said. "And you make no mention of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' causing an unexpected shock."

"But once you're paid \$8,000 by the plaintiffs, you come in and blame everything on Oprah Winfrey. Isn't that hypocritical?" On Tuesday, Purcell testified that "a significant and rather dramatic shock from outside the normal influences of the market" caused cattle prices to drop from \$61.90 to \$55 per hundredweight in the days after the show.

Purcell is testifying on behalf of cattlemen suing Ms. Winfrey, her

production company and vegetarian activist Howard Lyman for defaming U.S. beef. He told Babcock that Virginia Tech, where he is a professor, "prevents me from naming a specific name or a specific show" in his newsletter.

Attorneys for Texas cattlemen have attempted to dub the drop, which brought cattle prices to 10-year lows, the "Oprah crash" during questioning, but Ms. Winfrey's attorneys have successfully objected to the phrase.

Purcell said the show's impact was so intense that the "shock" depressed cattle prices for 11 weeks "and may

still have an impact today."

Ms. Winfrey's attorneys contend cattle prices had already dropped to \$59 per hundredweight by the time the show aired and bounced back to that price within three weeks of the show.

They say any drop after the show was the result of drought, poor exports, oversupply and other negative media attention on mad cow disease.

Earlier, Paul Engler, a Texas cattleman who is a plaintiff in the case, called Lyman "a liar" and said the vegetarian activist should have qualified his statements on the show as opin-

Workshop appeals to area school board candidates

AMARILLO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service at a school board candidate workshop.

The workshop will provide school board candidates

and other interested citizens with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices

during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaign.

Participants will also view a video.

There are two Pampa school board positions that will be open as of the first Saturday in May, Executive Director

Jack Bailey. School board trustees terms for the Pampa ISD last for a three year period, he said.

The Amarillo workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members and current school board members. Admission is free. For more information call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6161.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Mostly sunny with a high of 60 and light winds blowing from the west and southwest. Low tonight at 30 with a 5-15 mph wind blowing from the southeast. Tomorrow, chance of rain with a high in the 40s.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, becoming cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow late. Low in the upper 20s. South to southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is less than 20 percent. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow at times. High in the middle 40s. East wind 5-15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain mainly after midnight. Rain possibly mixed with snow north-west. Lows near 30 to near 40. Thursday, cloudy with a chance of rain or rain showers. Rain possibly mixed with snow early

over the northwest south

Highs 50-55. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows 35-40. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs mid 50s to mid 60s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 60. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows mid 20s to mid 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs from near 50 mountains to the mid 70s along the river.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, increasing clouds west and central. Clear to partly cloudy east. Low 42 west to 35 east. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms west and central. High 55 to 62.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy.

Highs in the 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair skies and cool. Lows near 40 inland to near 50 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy, followed by increasing clouds in the afternoon. Isolated showers or a few thunderstorms west late. Highs in the 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 50 coast to the 40s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy followed by increasing clouds in the day. High near 70 coast to 70s inland. Deep South Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s coast to the lower 50s inland, near 50 inland west. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 70 coast to the 70s inland.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and snow showers. Decreasing west after midnight while increasing east. Lows teens and 20s mountains, 20s to mid 30s elsewhere. Thursday, dry west and north except for

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release, 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.
CHOCOLATES ADD Pounds, flowers wilt-give an Estee Lauder fragrance for a Valentine's Day Gift that says "I Love You!" Images, downtown, 669-1091. Free gift wrap. Adv.
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DANCE TO the music of Jerry Sparks at Moose Lodge, Sat. Feb. 14th. Members & guests. Adv.
PAMPA ACADEMY Christian Education invites everyone Middle School & Older to Valentine Fellowship & Dance, Feb. 13th, 8-12, \$4 person, MK Brown. Adv.

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1039 Sierra - \$55,000

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917 Terry - \$55,000
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423 Sonerville - \$49,900
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1309 Christmas - \$48,000
400 Conover - McLean - \$47,500
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Livestock judging contest



Nonnie James of Pampa (back row, far right) recently competed with the freshman Livestock Judging Team of Seward County Community College at the Sioux Empire Livestock Judging contest at Sioux Falls, S.D. James placed eighth in the cattle category. The team placed sixth overall. Approximately 18 teams participated in the contest representing several Midwestern states. The contest consisted of placing 12 classes of cattle, sheep and hogs and giving oral reasons to defend their placings on eight of the 12 classes.

Employee of the Year



Carol Williamson, LVN, was voted Employee of the Year for Agape Health Services by her co-workers. Williamson began her career with Agape as a home health aide in September 1996. After successfully passing her nursing boards in October 1996, she began working for the agency as an LVN. The award was presented to her at Agape's Annual Meeting by Charlotte Hall RN and CEO. Agape Health Services provides home health care to homebound patients in Pampa and surrounding areas.

Secret Service officer reportedly say Clinton, Lewinsky alone in Oval Office

WASHINGTON (AP) - With Monica Lewinsky's mother testifying about her daughter's alleged affair with President Clinton, a retired Secret Service officer reportedly says he saw the former White House intern alone with the president in the Oval Office.

According to today's editions of The Washington Post, Lewis C. Fox asserts Ms. Lewinsky spent at least 40 minutes alone with Clinton on a weekend afternoon in September, October or November 1995.

The newspaper reported that Fox, a retired uniformed officer posted outside the Oval Office door, said Ms. Lewinsky arrived with papers for the president to review and Clinton instructed Fox to usher her into his office.

Fox, who now lives in Waynesburg, Pa., told WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh last week that he saw Ms. Lewinsky in the White House.

WPXI news director Bob

Morford said the station asked Fox whether he knew of any personal relationship between Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky, but did not ask Fox whether he had ever seen the two alone together.

Fox's account to the Post is the first time someone has come forward publicly to say that the president and Ms. Lewinsky were alone together.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the information from Fox in the Post account "is at odds with the common standard procedure, where White House staff make decisions on access to the Oval Office, not security officers."

A Secret Service officer giving someone access "would be a real deviation from standard practice," the official said.

Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, spent nearly three hours before a grand jury Tuesday and

was expected to return today for more questioning.

William Ginsburg, the former White House intern's attorney, said his client would testify if compelled to do so by a court order.

"She will not defy either a federal court order or a subpoena," Ginsburg said in Los Angeles, where Ms. Lewinsky was visiting her father.

Ginsburg emphasized the close relationship between mother and daughter, saying that "she's going home to live with her mother in Washington. ... They're pals."

Ms. Lewinsky's anticipated arrival was Friday. She was scheduled to testify to the grand jury Thursday, but Ginsburg was expected to file secret court motions seeking to put off any appearance. Ginsburg insists that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr go through with a deal to grant Ms. Lewinsky total immunity from prosecution.

But instead of granting full immunity, prosecutors may obtain a court order compelling Ms. Lewinsky to testify or face jail if she refuses. Under such an approach

called "use immunity," Ms. Lewinsky's testimony could not be used against her, but she still could be prosecuted based on other evidence.

Mrs. Lewis is a New Yorker who rented a Watergate apartment in Washington where her daughter lived while working at the White House and Pentagon.

Ms. Lewinsky confided to her mother Marcia Lewis about an affair with the president, according to several individuals familiar with the relationship between mother and daughter.

Mrs. Lewis also was in constant contact with her daughter over the past two months, when Ms. Lewinsky was trying to figure out how to avoid testifying in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against the president, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Pastor accused of molesting girl

DALLAS (AP) - A pastor who was awaiting trial on a charge of sexually molesting an 11-year-old girl has been arrested in the alleged attempted sexual assault of a 3-year-old girl.

The Rev. Ronroyal Owens was arrested Monday afternoon after a friend who had invited him to her home reported that she found him nude and in bed with her 3-year-old daughter.

Police arrested Owens at his office at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in south Dallas on a charge of attempted aggravated sexual assault. He was confined to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center late Tuesday in lieu of \$300,000 bail.

Officials at the church did not

return calls, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said he would not comment on the latest charge against his client.

"There is still a presumption in America that people are innocent until proven guilty," West said. "People should not be too quick to jump to conclusions. Let the legal system work and then make a decision."

Owens was awaiting trial on an aggravated sexual assault charge after a March incident in which an 11-year-old girl reported that she was lured into the church parsonage and molested. Owens was free on \$35,000 bond on that charge.

American Cancer Society offers services for patients

The American Cancer Society of Gray and Roberts counties recently announced it now has a variety of services available to cancer patients without charge.

"A lot of people don't know about what we can do for cancer patients right here in the Pampa area," Kathy Gist, Patient Services chair for the local chapter, said. "And all we need in most cases is permission from the patient's doctor."

Loan equipment such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers and commode chairs are available as well as numerous gift items such as wigs and pillows.

"We also try to help patients and their families with literature and information on other agencies," said Gist. Sometimes people want to know more about cancer or need to know what assistance might be available in the area. Gist said when most people think of the American Cancer Society they think of cancer research.

"It is true that the American Cancer Society puts millions of dollars into cancer research, but we also feel it is important to work with local people and help cancer patients," Gist said.

The American Cancer Society also offers transportation, patient visitor programs, housing and support services for patients and their families.

For more information, call the local ACS office at (806) 353-4306 or Gist at (806) 665-4742.

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Opinion

U.S. drifts closer to conflict in Iraq

➤ A lot of thought should go into any military action against Saddam Hussein.

President Clinton in his State of the Union address substantially confirmed what one anonymous White House official referred to as "drifting toward use of force" against Iraq.

Any attack is likely to be supported not by "the will of the world," as Clinton put it, but by Great Britain and only reluctantly accessed to by France, Russia and other U.N. Security Council members, to be followed by ... well, nobody really seems to know.

It would be comforting to believe that members of Congress were holding the administration's feet to the fire, demanding proof that national security experts have thought through the issue carefully, that any military action involves clear and understandable objectives, assent from supposed allies and an unambiguous exit strategy.

Whatever the thinking, after a closed briefing recently, congressional leaders seemed to be leaning toward bipartisan support of possible military action against Iraq. Earlier, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott went out of his way to mention that "I hoped the president would take the necessary action in Iraq no matter what other distractions might be going on." And House Speaker Newt Gingrich had declared virtually unconditional support for whatever the president might have in mind for Iraq.

Such statements might be appropriate if, behind the scenes, members of Congress are demanding detailed justifications and asking what options are likely for a variety of possible responses by Saddam Hussein. There's little evidence, however, that congressional leaders are asking tough questions; it appears more like they're simply giving President Clinton a blank check.

There is, indeed, a very real likelihood that Saddam Hussein has made concerted efforts to stockpile weapons of mass destruction — anthrax and other lethal poison gases. That would hardly be surprising; the Clinton administration sent signals through most of 1995 and 1996 that it wasn't all that interested in Iraqi weapons. Such inattention — and the makeshift responses last fall — might well have emboldened the Iraqi leader.

To be fair, however, Clinton had few options. It is not at all clear that the strategic position of the United States in the wake of the Gulf War was ever stable or sustainable. Since 1990, the United States has assumed almost total responsibility for Persian Gulf security, although Europe and Japan are more reliant on the Gulf for oil and the oil-rich southern gulf states like Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia have plenty of resources to defend themselves.

Moreover, the U.S. has adopted a "dual containment" policy, designed to contain Iran and Iraq simultaneously, that is expensive and threatens constantly to embroil the United States in regional conflicts in a perennially unstable region.

The most sensible course would be to give Secretary of State Madeleine Albright a dual mission. As she musters support for a new military initiative against Saddam Hussein, she should also remind all and sundry that the current situation — in which the United States is the de facto military protectorate for the entire region — cannot last forever. She should notify the southern Gulf states that they, not American taxpayers, are primarily responsible for their own security, and make U.S. intervention a secondary resort, rather than the first resort.

It's unlikely alternatives will be suggested; it would be difficult to implement a new policy soon, even (or especially) if the crisis was created by U.S. inconsistency. Once this crisis is over, however — if it can be finessed without a full-scale war involving ground troops — the American people should demand fresh thinking about the Persian Gulf and Iraq.

—Odessa American



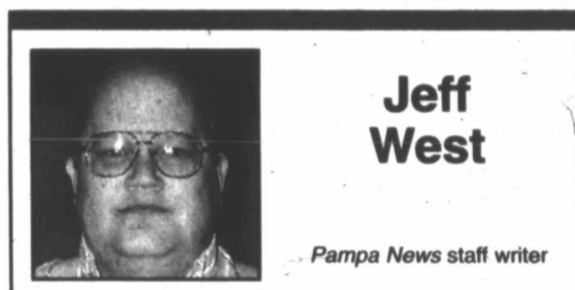
HILLARY'S RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY THEORY

The worst holiday of the year

I look at my calendar and the ads in the paper and on TV and notice that we're coming upon Valentine's Day. The worst holiday of the year.

This is a holiday that was invented solely by merchants and sadistic minds. Its only goal is to sell useless junk. Or to make people feel guilty if you don't have someone to give the useless junk to. Like me.

Some say that Christmas has become that way but there are still redeeming factors about Christmas. You can get by with giving something at least moderately useful at Christmas. Some appliances or clothes people will actually wear or computers, something that you'll see again after the holiday is over. Valentines Day? Flowers that will fade away in a week. Candy that will be eaten in a couple of days and dieted off for the next six months. Underwear that no one will wear except once and think it's stupid then. I bet you guys wear those boxers with the hearts and teddy bears on them about as much as she wears the naughty French maid thing. Then there's jewelry. Sure it lasts, almost as long as the pay-



Jeff West

Pampa News staff writer

ments. She'll love the necklace and won't mention it when trying to figure out why you can't make the house payment. Buy something practical for Christmas (along with a little junk) and things will be fine. By anything practical for Valentine's Day and frost is forecast.

But those who have that problem are nothing to compare to the social stigma of not having, "that special someone", as the ads put it. Heaven forbid that on that most special day you are alone. You say you're not alone? You have blood relatives, you have friends aplenty?

LOSER!

Gotta have some...body. Otherwise your nothin' noobody. Everybody has somebody. Don't believe me? Look at TV. In every ad, unless they have bad breath, everybody has somebody. Even then they can get somebody within 30 seconds. I know. I've seen it. Not necessarily in my life, except that my life consists mostly of TV so I know it's true.

There's somebody for everyone, that's what the ads say. Well, what if that somebody is a hermit in China, huh? What about that. Should you buy some sexy scivvys and address it to, "That special someone outside Peking"?

Do that and maybe you'll get a cute FBI agent knocking at your door. But probably not.

Next we'll discuss why everyone should be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Are we all supposed to be Canadian on Victoria Day? Besides I hate wearing green. But that's another topic entirely. Forget I brought it up.

Be good to one another and be good to yourself.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 1998. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a re-districting law that favored his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

On this date: In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed

for the first time to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary near Lourdes.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston

Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran, nine days after the religious leader returned to his home country following 15 years of exile.

In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was

freed after 27 years in captivity.

Ten years ago: President Reagan's onetime political director, Lyn Nofziger, was convicted of illegally lobbying top White House aides. However, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later overturned Nofziger's conviction, and the Supreme Court refused to reinstate it.

Five years ago: President Clinton announced his choice of Miami prosecutor Janet Reno to be the nation's first female attorney general, after two earlier candidates stumbled because they'd hired illegal aliens.

Clinton tactics echo Nixon scandal

Walter R. Mears
AP Special correspondent

This case isn't Watergate, but there are echoes of the scandal that forced Richard M. Nixon to resign the presidency in the tactics on both sides of the White House sex and cover-up investigation.

There are familiar protests against leaks. And there is a torrent of leaks.

President Clinton said "never" to the question of resignation, an idea presidents didn't confront until Nixon became the first one to quit. Nixon had said he wouldn't do it, surrendering when it was clear that otherwise he would have been expelled by Congress.

In both cases, politics shaped the arguments, Republicans rallying to Nixon in the beginning, but with increasing skepticism as the case wore on. Democrats generally have been more cautious in Clinton's defense, but his loyalists are there. And they are out front, complaining about the conduct of Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel, whose role dates from a law enacted by Democrats and signed by a Democratic president four years after Watergate felled Nixon.

To the Clinton camp, Starr is a partisan, misbehaving Republican, part of the right-wing conspiracy Hillary Clinton said is arrayed against her husband.

To the Nixon camp, Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor the president had to accept under political pressure, was a worst-choice Democrat, out to get him.

Cox didn't have time, but when Nixon had him fired, on Oct. 20, 1973, it was a turning point toward impeachment proceedings. A new special prosecutor went on with the case, producing the evidence that undid Nixon's congressional defense.

That case involved the misuse of presidential power. This one involves personal misconduct, the surreptitiously recorded account of a former White House intern to a friend,

that she had a sexual relationship with Clinton and he encouraged her to lie about it under oath.

She has sought immunity from prosecution, has not testified, and her account is still secondhand and untested. But within the week after the disclosure that Starr's franchise had been expanded to cover that inquiry, there was talk by commentators and, soon afterward, in Congress, that the president might resign the office or face impeachment.

And at his news conference last Friday, Clinton was asked whether he'd consider resigning at some point. "Never," he replied. "You know, I was elected to do a job..."

"I would never walk away from the people of this country and the trust they've placed in me," he said.

Nixon wrote in his memoirs that he had thought of resigning as early as April 1973, more than 15 months before he did it. But he certainly didn't act that way, then or in the year that followed.

"I have no intention whatever of walking away from the job I was elected to do," Nixon said on Nov. 7, 1973, a line he repeated in his 1974 State of the Union message.

He also said in his later writings that he had mused on the impact on future presidents. "Once the first president had resigned under fire, and thereby established a precedent, the opponents of future presidents would have formidable new leverage," he said.

Nixon said it would change the American system of government.

That hasn't happened, but the Nixon precedent made resignation an option open to political debate, not the unthinkable idea it once seemed. Indeed, the impeachment proceedings that forced Nixon to quit were worrisome to a Congress concerned they would traumatically unsettle the country.

After he quit, Nixon said the constitutional purpose had been served because, while the votes hadn't been cast in Congress, they had been counted, showing that he would have been impeached, evicted and expelled.

There's another thread in the complaint by David Kendall, Clinton's lawyer, about grand jury leaks he blamed on Starr, and wants a court to stop. He said Starr's office is "out of control." Starr said he will look into any leaks and take action. He denied Kendall's claim that the leaks reflect a cynical attempt to pressure and smear people.

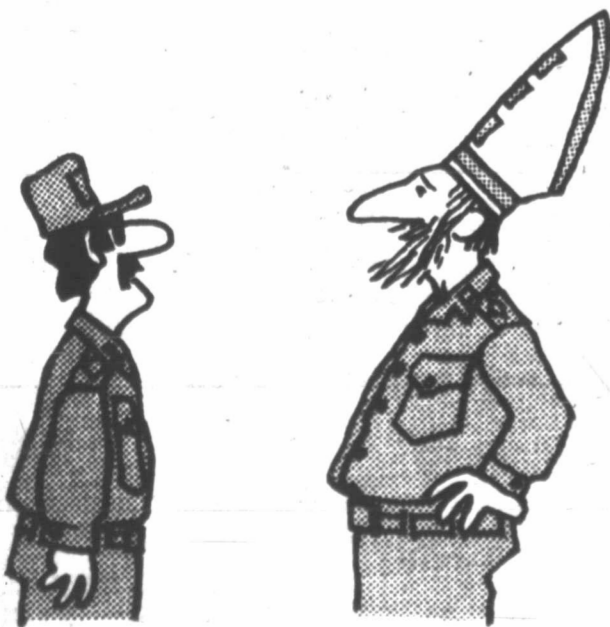
Nixon repeatedly protested what he called "prejudicial leaks" from the Senate Watergate committee.

And one more. Clinton refuses to go into detail beyond his denial of sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, the former intern, saying he is bound to silence during the investigation. Actually, there is no legal stricture of silence while Starr investigates, but as defense and political policy, it makes sense.

Early in the Watergate investigation, Nixon allies suggested he go on national television and tell everything he knew about the whole business. He knew too much, of course, but that wasn't evident at the time.

"If I gave a speech and said, 'I didn't do it,' the Democrats would say, 'The son of a bitch is lying.'" Nixon wrote later. "And the Republicans would probably say, 'Ho hum, he is probably lying, but he is our son of a bitch.'"

Berry's World



Jim Berry
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"It was a gift."

Weekend box office: 'Titanic' leads movie list again, passes 'Forrest Gump'

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" has now dumped Gump.

"Titanic" earned \$23 million over the weekend, boosting its North American take to \$337.5 million. It surpassed the \$329.7 million earned by "Forrest Gump" in becoming No. 4 on the all-time list.

"Titanic" has earned at least \$20 million every weekend and has held the top spot at the box office for eight weeks.

Of new films in release, "The Replacement Killers" was a distant second and "Blues Brother 2000" was fourth. "Great Expectations," "Desperate Measures" and "Deep Rising" fell sharply in their second weekends.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data:

1. "Titanic," Paramount, \$23 million, 2,956 locations, \$7,790 average, \$337.4 million, eight weeks.
2. "The Replacement Killers," Sony, \$8 million, 1,936 locations, \$4,156 average, \$8 million, one week.
3. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax, \$6.8 million, 2,157 locations, \$3,166 average, \$68.3 million, 10 weeks.
4. "Blues Brothers 2000," Universal, \$6.1 million, 2,507 locations, \$2,445 average, \$6.1 million, one week.
5. "Great Expectations," 20th Century Fox, \$5.3 million, 1,906 locations, \$2,782 average, \$17.1 million, two weeks.
6. "As Good As It Gets," Sony, \$5 million, 1,795 locations, \$2,802 average, \$92.3 million, seven weeks.
7. "Spice World," Sony, \$4 million, 2,272 locations, \$1,765 average, \$23.7 million, three weeks.
8. "Wag the Dog," New Line, \$3.4 million, 1,586 locations, \$2,127 average, \$33.8 million, seven weeks.
9. "Desperate Measures," Sony, \$3 million, 1,963 locations, \$1,531 average, \$10.3 million, two weeks.

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| Top weekend movies | |
| Weekend of Feb. 6-8, 1998 | |
| All dollar figures in millions | |
| Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens | Weekend gross |
| 1. Titanic \$337.4, eight weeks, 2,956 screens | \$23 |
| 2. The Replacement Killers \$8, one week, 1,936 screens | \$8 |
| 3. Good Will Hunting \$68.3, 10 weeks, 2,157 screens | \$6.8 |
| 4. Blues Brothers 2000 \$6.1, one week, 2,507 screens | \$6.1 |
| 5. Great Expectations \$17.1, two weeks, 1,906 screens | \$5.3 |
| 6. As Good As It Gets \$92.3, seven weeks, 1,795 screens | \$5 |
| 7. Spice World \$23.7, three weeks, 2,272 screens | \$4 |
| 8. Wag the Dog \$33.8, seven weeks, 1,586 screens | \$3.4 |
| 9. Desperate Measures \$10.3, two weeks, 1,963 screens | \$3 |
| 10. Deep Rising \$8.4, two weeks, 1,788 screens | \$2.5 |

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

10. "Deep Rising," Disney, \$2.5 million, 1,788 locations, \$1,408 average, \$8.4 million, two weeks.

11. "Fallen," Warner Bros., \$1.3 million, 1,705 locations, \$753 average, \$23.4 million, four weeks.

12. "Hard Rain," Paramount, \$1.2 million, 1,962 locations, \$617 average, \$18.4 million, four weeks.

13. "Tomorrow Never Dies," MGM, \$1.1 million, 983 locations, \$1,073 average, \$119.7 million, eight weeks.

14. "MouseHunt," DreamWorks,

\$972,000, 1,082 locations, \$898 average, \$57.8 million, eight weeks.

15. "The Apostle," October, \$966,000, 110 locations, \$8,781 average, \$1.9 million, eight weeks.

16. "Amistad," DreamWorks, \$959,000, 818 locations, \$1,172 average, \$40.9 million, nine weeks.

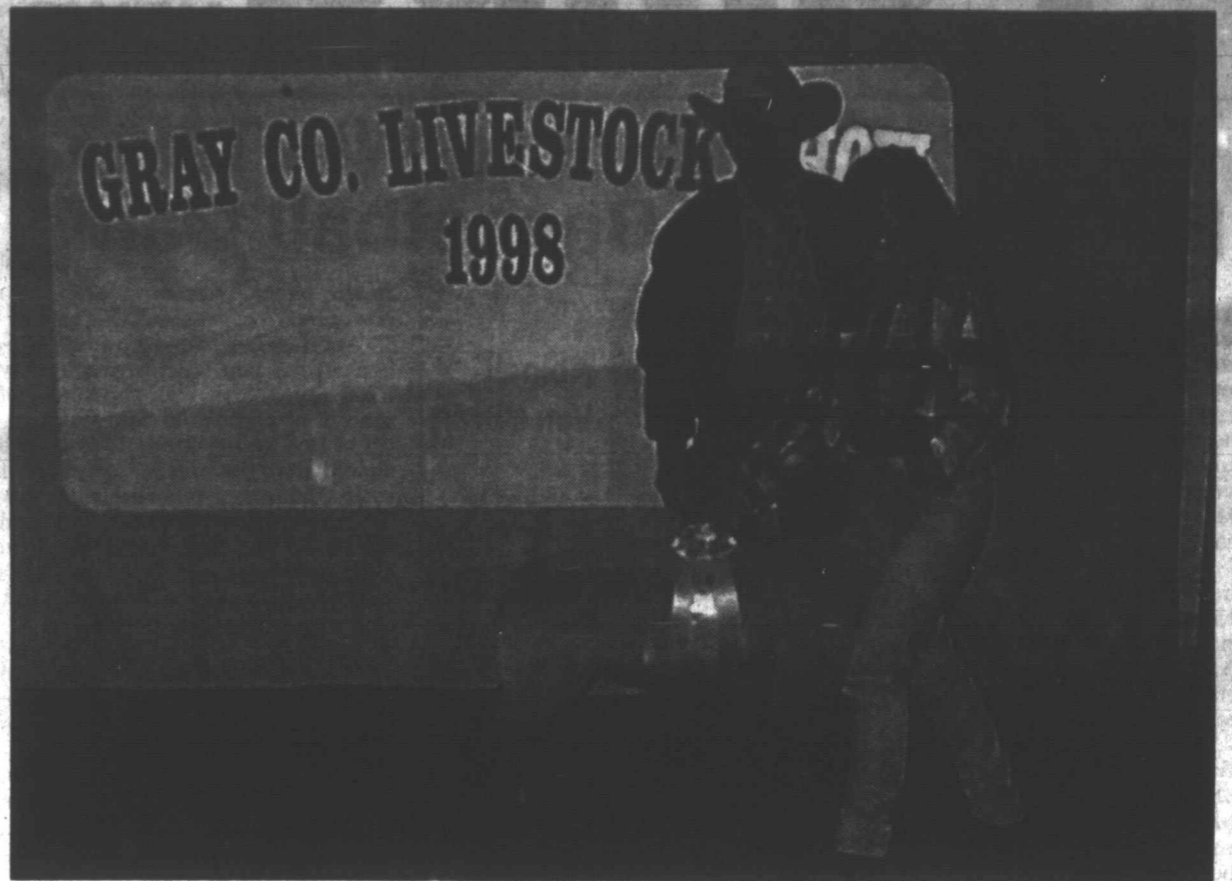
17. "Half Baked," Universal, \$792,000, 880 locations, \$900 average, \$16.2 million, four weeks.

18. "Zero Effect," Sony, \$451,000, 124 locations, \$3,634 average, \$1.1 million, two weeks.

19. "Star Kid," Trimark, \$449,000, 584 locations, \$769 average, \$5.6 million, four weeks.

20. "For Richer or Poorer," Universal, \$447,000, 573 locations, \$780 average, \$30.3 million, nine weeks.

Reserve Grand Champion



(Special photo)

Jessie Fish, right, with her Reserve Grand Champion lamb and her buyer, Caldwell's, represented by Joe Van Zandt.

Big bucks seldom influence Oscar voters, but 'Titanic' could be the exception

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With "Titanic" on course to become the biggest moneymaking film ever, Hollywood is speculating whether it can somehow avoid the mysterious iceberg that has sunk the Oscar hopes of other epics.

The nominations for the 70th Academy Awards on Tuesday produced an impressive 14 for "Titanic," tying the record of "All About Eve" in 1950.

That would seem to predetermine the results at the March 23 awards. But huge box office results have seldom translated into Oscars.

Of the top 20 films as judged by rentals — the money returned to the studio — only 1994's "Forrest Gump" was named best picture. In fact, the only others even in the top 30 are "Rain Man" (28th) and "Dances with Wolves" (29th).

Overlooked for major awards have been such smashes as "Star Wars" and its sequels, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," "Jurassic Park," "The Lion King," "Batman," "Home Alone," "Ghostbusters," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and its sequels and "Independence Day."

Can "Titanic" overcome this history?

The auguries are good. Though critics have carped about the story — producer and director James Cameron was not nominated for his script — "Titanic" seems to be on everyone's must-see list.

The success of Hollywood's most expensive film ever at \$200 million isn't expected to fade as Academy members vote.

Also, the field for best picture includes two comedies ("The Full Monty" and "As Good As It Gets") and two dramas ("L.A. Confidential" and "Good Will Hunting"). They could cancel each other out, to the favor of the only epic in the race.

Neglected were the two biggest hits of 1997, "Men in Black" and "The Lost World: Jurassic Park." They got only four nominations, all in minor categories.

As for "Titanic," the three-hour epic about a fictional love affair on the doomed ship was nominated for best picture, best actress for Kate Winslet, best director for Cameron and best supporting

actress for Gloria Stuart — at 87, the oldest performer ever nominated for an acting Oscar.

Cameron was flying from Moscow to New York when he learned about the nominations. The plane's captain came back to congratulate him and told him to look out his window.

"We were just approaching the coast of Greenland and there was a huge ice floe below us with hundreds of icebergs, big icebergs scattered in the ice flow, and I'd never seen an iceberg before," Cameron said. "So it was just such a strange confluence of a moment."

Curiously, the "Titanic" sweep did not include Leonardo DiCaprio as best actor. That category was marked by strong competition and the Academy's actors branch favored veterans Robert Duvall ("The Apostle"), Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold"), Dustin Hoffman ("Wag the Dog") and Jack Nicholson ("As Good As It Gets").

Ms. Winslet's competitors are Helena Bonham Carter ("The Wings of the Dove"), Julie Christie ("Afterglow"), Judi Dench ("Mrs. Brown") and Helen Hunt ("As Good As It Gets").

The nominees for direction demonstrate a changing of the

guard. With the exception of Cameron, those cited are little known in the mainstream: Peter Cattaneo, Gus Van Sant, Curtis Hanson and Atom Egoyan.

Overlooked were previous winners Steven Spielberg ("Amistad"), James L. Brooks ("As Good As It Gets") and Clint Eastwood ("Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"), as well as the eminent Martin Scorsese ("Kundun").

Among other Oscar snubs were "The Ice Storm" and "The Boxer," both on many film critics' Top 10 lists.

Errol Morris' acclaimed "Fast, Cheap & Out of Control," on more than 100 Top 10 lists, did not earn a documentary feature nomination. And Belgium's "Ma Vie en Rose," a story of a young boy struggling with his sexual identity, was not selected for the foreign language competition, despite winning a Golden Globe.

The writing nominations indicate the auteur theory of filmmaking lives on. Half of the 10 nominees were directors who wrote or co-wrote their own scripts: Brooks, Paul Thomas Anderson ("Boogie Nights"), Woody Allen ("Deconstructing Harry"), Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential") and Atom Egoyan ("The Sweet Hereafter").

EPA rules would require reports on drinking water contaminants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is moving a step closer to giving consumers for the first time detailed information about chemicals and potential health hazards in their tap water.

The Environmental Protection Agency today was proposing regulations — expected to become final later this year — that would require suppliers nationwide to provide annual reports on what's in their drinking water and whether it meets federal health standards.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner was to announce the new requirements at a news conference.

The expansion of federal environmental "right-to-know" regulations to drinking water for the first time will give people a detailed accounting — a "snapshot" in time — of what is coming from the water taps, agency officials said.

But don't count on the information just yet. The regulation won't be final until later this year,

and EPA officials said most water agencies probably wouldn't supply the new annual reports until sometime in 1999.

Congress last year directed the EPA to require the new reporting as part of an overhaul of the federal drinking water law — but not before contentious debate. Municipal water agencies said they were worried the information might cause unwarranted fears about health risks and would be costly.

The new reporting requirements "will ensure that Americans in the 21st century have the information they need about the safety of their drinking water," President Clinton said in a statement lauding the EPA rule.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration was considering whether to require "right-to-know" labeling on bottled water. The FDA was working with the bottled water industry on new guidelines for what information should be required in such labeling.

The EPA proposal, which still must undergo a 45-day comment period, would require more than 56,000 community water agencies to provide customers with an annual assessment of the quality of their tap water. The reports would have to be included with water bills, except in cases of systems serving fewer than 10,000 customers. In those cases the information could be posted at a central location or put into local newspapers.

Included in the annual report would be:

—What lakes, underground aquifers or rivers the water came from.

—What contaminants were in the water and whether the amounts exceeded EPA health standards.

—What health risks were posed by the contamination when federal standards were exceeded.

—What violations and enforcement actions had been taken against the water supplier during the year.

Museum exhibit focuses on man's best friend

PANHANDLE — U.S. military forces employed thousands of animals in World War II. They could be found in every theater of the war as workers and warriors and as soldiers' comrades-in-arms and companions in battle. "Buddies: Soldiers and Animals in World War II" will be on display through the middle of March in the Opal Weatherly Purvines gallery in the Square House Annex.

On Nov. 1, 1993, the National Archives opened an exhibition of photographs commemorating our animal allies in World War II. It was part of their ongoing commemoration of the 50th anniversary of United States participation in World War II. The exhibit has been traveling around the U.S. for the past four years. From the Texas Panhandle, it will return to Washington for some well-earned conservation, and then it is off for a tour of Canada.

The photographs, which are drawn from the National Archives extensive still picture collections, illustrate the various roles these animal companions

played in World War II. Horses and mules were enlisted to transport soldiers and supplies. War dogs guarded posts and equipment, carried messages and rescued downed pilots. Other animals served as mascots or pets. For the adopted dog, cat or bird, being in a soldier's care meant survival; for the soldier, the pet meant comfort and companionship.

Another exhibit of scenes from America's military history is on display in Freedom Hall. Wenona Goodwin, a Pampa artist, has painted a scene from the 1874 Battle of Adobe Walls. Complimenting the Indian charge are portraits of two of the participants in this fight, Quanah Parker and Billy Dixon, as well as a rendition of Dixon's famous long shot. The Adobe Walls paintings can be viewed through the end of March.

The Square House Museum is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

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Parents' Pressure to Win Takes Bounce Out of Basketball Game

DEAR ABBY: We recently attended our niece's sixth-grade basketball game at the YMCA. The game was supposed to be noncompetitive and fun — however, it was anything but that. The parents of the opposing team were yelling at our niece, screaming and cheering every time she missed a basket. At least three children broke down in tears during the game.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

To counter a written complaint the coach made, the wives of the other team's coaches made up lies and reported them to the director. (All the lies were subsequently refuted by the referees, kids on both teams and some parents.)

Abby, I can't believe that so much pressure could be put on young people. Girls are especially vulnerable at 11 or 12. While it's part of the game to get excited about winning, I wish more parents would consider the kids' emotions. What do you think?
CONCERNED MOM IN INDIANA

DEAR CONCERNED MOM: For parents to humiliate children on the opposing team in an attempt to give their own children a psychological advantage is shameful. The parents should consider what they are teaching their children by their example.

Aside from the obvious health benefits that sports offer children of both sexes, the children are supposed to be learning teamwork and good

DEAR ABBY: Recently a reader wrote telling you that she sees nothing wrong with listing toy preferences and clothing sizes on birthday party invitations. After all, she said, birthday gifts are expected. I am certain that she wrote this based upon her frame of reference, but I would like to respond from mine.

Last year, my son had a party to celebrate his 11th birthday. Written invitations — no mention of gifts — were distributed. The day of the party, one invited boy phoned to say he probably would not show up. Knowing a little about the boy and

his family, I suspected the problem was that he could not afford a gift — so I whispered a suggestion to my son while he was still on the phone. Then, continuing his conversation with the boy, my son said, "Come to the party. And don't worry about a present. I have plenty of toys. I just want you." The boy came

to the party, with no present. No one cared.

Another boy showed up and presented my son with an obviously used toy, which was the cause of tears that night in bed. My son was upset and trying to figure out if he should keep the present or return it to his friend, a classmate. A few days before the party, my son had found out the boy was living in a dilapidated shack with his family — a discovery that was anything but easy for my son to deal with.

Imagine if we had listed appropriate gifts on a party invitation! How unkind that would have been. None of us ever really knows what the circumstances are for others, and because we never know, perhaps it's best not to make assumptions.

CAROLINE IN ASTORIA, ORE.
DEAR CAROLINE: How true. Your letter illustrates that point very well.

DEAR ABBY: I thought you might enjoy this story. My grandson and granddaughter were invited to their grandmother's house for Christmas dinner.

Noting all the candles on the table, my grandson said there were enough for a menorah. His grandmother replied that she didn't really know what a menorah is used for, whereupon my 10-year-old granddaughter said, "Grandma, that's what you spread on the garden." **BUD IN ST. PETE**

Horoscope



Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998

Things you'd thought were unchangeable could undergo big transformations in the year ahead, owing to your new perspective on life and your ability to view matter from different angles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, your bark could be worse than your bite. Your gruff exterior is but a pale veil that hides a compassionate heart, eager to help friends. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A way to advantageously use your idea could become crystal clear today. A friend's chance comment might be the key that springs the lock on the enigma.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will be able to get your message across today to one who has an established mode of thinking. You will be able to present both sides of the coin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Commitments you make to others will be points of honor for you today. Even if they prove inconvenient or unnecessary, you will comply with them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be open-minded and willing to alter your opinions about something that appeared to be settled if you find a better approach for everyone concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A friend who can't get off dead center might need your help in liberating him or herself today. You can voice solutions that may not seem obvious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Companions will be responsive to your suggestions today

if they don't sound too critical. Make your points humorously, avoiding serious comments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tasks won't be a drudgery today if you utilize your resourcefulness. What you now think might be an arduous assignment could prove enjoyable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to wine and dine a friend to whom you're socially obligated but haven't had a chance to reciprocate yet. Make it a memorable experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to gratify your productive urges, do something constructive today that will provide you with both pleasure and profit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions aren't apt to have any difficulties determining your position on critical issues. You will not say one thing, then defend something else.

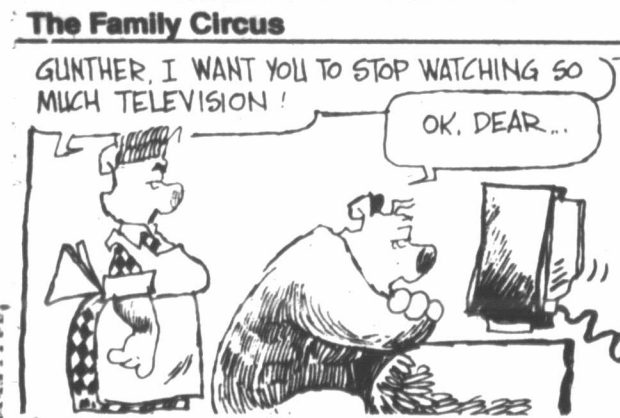
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When things get down to the nitty-gritty in the mundane world today, associates will be surprised by your commercial cleverness. ©1998 by NEA, Inc.



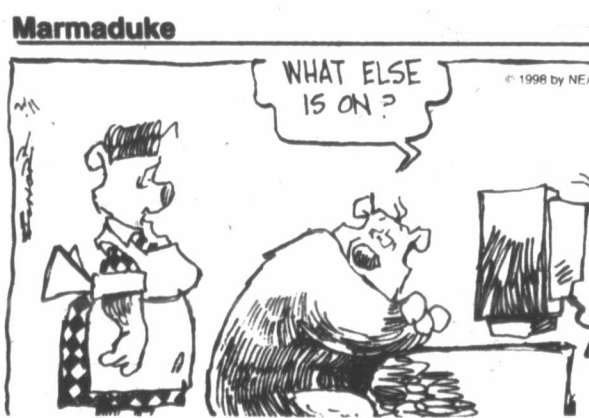
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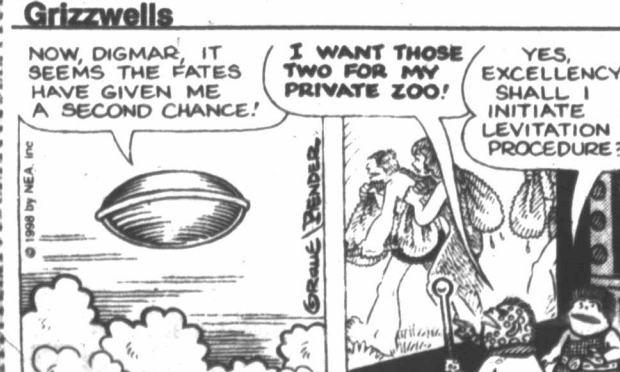
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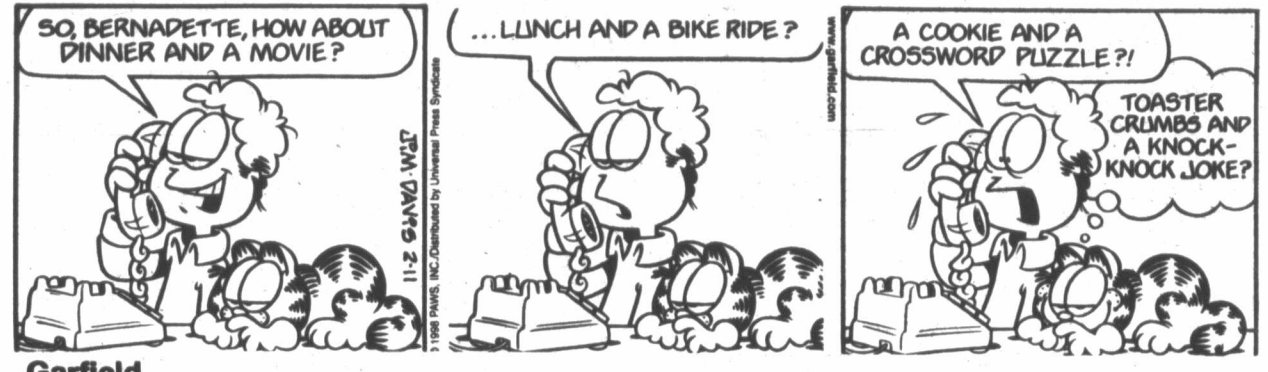
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SPORTS

Picabo is golden as U.S. breaks medal drought

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa 8th grade girls' team placed fourth in this year's District Tournament.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 36-27 win over Dumas.

Jennifer Lindsey was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points.

Pampa lost to Valleyview, 32-24, in the second game.

Lindsey had 9 points to lead Pampa.

Pampa lost to Canyon, 40-25.

Lindsey was again high scorer with 9 points.

Pampa 8th graders finished the season with a 7-8 record.

In the B team division, Pampa placed second and finished the season with a 9-7 record.

Pampa lost to Hereford by a 27-22 score in the tournament.

Michelle Hearron was high scorer for Pampa with 8 points.

Pampa came back to beat Borger, 19-10, with Morgan White scoring 8 points to lead the scoring.

Pampa lost to Canyon, 34-31, in the last game.

Hearron was high scorer with 12 points.

MIAMI — Lefors downed Miami, 30-23, Tuesday night in a District 5-1A girls' basketball game.

Melody Seely was high scorer for Lefors with 12 points while Nikki Bockmon added 6.

Amy Black had 11 points to lead Miami.

Lefors is 1-5 in district play and 6-15 for the season. Miami is 2-4 and 5-20.

GROOM — Both Groom teams clinched playoff spots with victories over Hedley Tuesday night in District 6-1A games.

Chris Ollinger tossed in 24 points as Groom slipped by Hedley, 64-63, in the boys' game. Josh Evenson added 17 points.

James Potts had 26 points and Cody Graves 20 to lead Hedley.

In the girls' contest, Groom romped to an 83-39 win.

Jessica Friemel and Melissa Anthony had 17 points to lead Groom's scoring attack.

Ashley Hill was high scorer for Hedley with 19 points.

SOCCER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While it wasn't the shot heard 'round the world, the booming kick unquestionably raised eyebrows in distant places, especially in Brazil.

The United States, which showed signs of coming of age in soccer during the 1994 World Cup, served notice Tuesday night that it has moved up another notch as the 1998 tournament nears.

The kick by Preki Radosavljevic, a second-half substitute, curled inside the left post early in the second half and turned out to be the game's only goal as the United States beat perennial power and reigning world champion Brazil for the first time.

The 1-0 victory put the U.S. team into Sunday's final of the CONCACAF Gold Cup against Mexico or Jamaica.

Not only was the win the United States' first over Brazil, the goal was their first in nine games against Brazil since a 4-3 loss at Rio de Janeiro in 1930. The United States was 0-8 against Brazil and had been outscored 19-0 since that loss in an exhibition game on Aug. 17, 1930.

In Brazil, many were dumbfounded.

"A defeat to be ashamed of," read a headline Wednesday in the Rio daily O Globo.

"Nightmare in the wee hours," blared the sporting daily Lance, referring to the game's 2 a.m. starting time in Brazil. "What nobody believed could happen, happened."

Brazil, which eliminated the United States from the 1994 World Cup, already was under intense criticism back

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — One down and one downhill to go for Picabo Street.

America's free-spirited skiing sensation won the race she wasn't supposed to win today, helping break a U.S. medal drought in the closest finish in Olympic Alpine history. She'll now be favored to win Saturday's downhill and become the first U.S. woman skier to capture two gold medals since 1952.

While the United States got its first two golds, Canada lost one, when snowboarder Ross Rebagliati tested positive for marijuana. And for the second Olympics in a row, Japanese ski jumper Masahiko Harada let a gold medal slip away.

With snowfall giving way to clear skies, the day couldn't have been more brilliant for American skiers who — along with the rest of their teammates — had been shut out of medals through four days of the Nagano Games.

Skier Jonny Moseley quickly pulled the U.S. team out of its Olympic funk by shaking and juking his way to the gold in the moguls competition.

Then Street shook off the lingering effects from a concussion and a mistake midway down to win the women's super-G by the slimmest of margins — .01 seconds — over Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria.

"It made me mad and I just went for it," Street said of her wobble. Street, whose specialty is the downhill and not the super-G, had strapped on her longer downhill skis and posted the time to beat as the second skier down the hill. She watched nervously as skier after skier failed to catch her for the gold.

"I don't believe what I'm seeing," she exclaimed in the finish area, then pumped her fist and screamed in delight as favorite Katja Seizinger of Germany was unable to beat her time.

The silver medalist behind

Seizinger in the 1994 Olympic downhill, Street finished in 1 minute, 18.02 seconds to edge Dorfmeister.

Alexandra Meissnitzer of Austria was six-hundredths of a second further back.

Street, who grew up in Sun Valley, Idaho, and now lives in Portland, Ore., returned to competition just last month after recovering from knee surgery. Only 12 days ago, she was knocked unconscious for two minutes in a scary accident in Sweden and had been suffering lingering headaches.

— DRUGS: What apparently was the first Olympic case involving marijuana cost Rebagliati the gold medal he won Sunday in snowboarding, the hippest and most rebellious sport in the games. Canadian officials said they would appeal after the International Olympic Committee board voted 3-2 to revoke the medal. A Canadian spokeswoman said Rebagliati told officials he had not

used marijuana since April 1997 but spends a significant amount of time "in an environment where he is exposed to marijuana."

— MOGULS: Moseley, of Tiburon, Calif., knew he had won when he landed his 360 Mute Grab Jump after doing a full "heli-copter" rotation. He was the last of 16 skiers to go down the bumpy hill and scored 26.93 points to edge Finland's Janne Lahtela, who scored 26.00. Another Finn, Sami Mustonen, took the bronze with 25.76.

"I wasn't thinking about the gold at the top," Moseley said. "But as soon as I landed the 'helicopter' at the bottom, I knew I was gold."

Things weren't so good for the U.S. women, who had been considered a threat for a possible sweep. Instead, they were shut out as little-known Tae Satoya won the second Japanese gold medal of the games. Donna Weinbrecht, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, came

in fourth after wobbling near the finish line.

— SKI JUMPING: The 90-meter jump may be remembered more for Masahiko Harada's second Olympic failure than the win by Finland's Jani Soininen. For the second Olympics in a row the Japanese jumper needed only a modest jump to win the gold after leading going into the final jump. And for the second Olympics in a row, he failed.

Harada paused for a minute on the takeoff slope, then sailed into the deep blue sky above a roaring crowd urging him to "fly to the end of space." His right ski wobbled, though, and Harada landed short, slipping from first to fifth.

"I'm very sorry for my result, but I had my chance," Harada said.

The host nation had to console itself with a silver medal, won by Kazuyoshi Funaki. Austria's Andreas Widhoelzl won the bronze.

Harvesters romp to home win over Demons

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Writer

PAMPA — The Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters put on a

show against the Dumas Demons Tuesday night here at The Pit. The Harvesters trampled the Demons for their most lopsided victory of the season, a 29-

point blowout, 77-48.

The Harvesters were led by senior guard Lynn Brown during the first half. Brown commanded the show offensively,

and showed great court vision by always seeming to find the open man.

Brown's penetrating drives and quick, split-second on the mark passes gave him five assists by the end of the first half. Brown also finished the game with 11 points, four rebounds and two steals. He added two more assists in the second half to end the contest with seven.

Seven 3-pointers in the first half helped establish the lead and six buckets in the paint contributed to maintaining the lead. Every Harvester played and scored during the first half of the contest, giving a new definition of "team" basketball. Ball movement was essential to the scoring rampage by the Harvesters, and Dumas was always kept wondering where the next shot would come from. The good ball movement led to a 19-point halftime lead, 39-20.

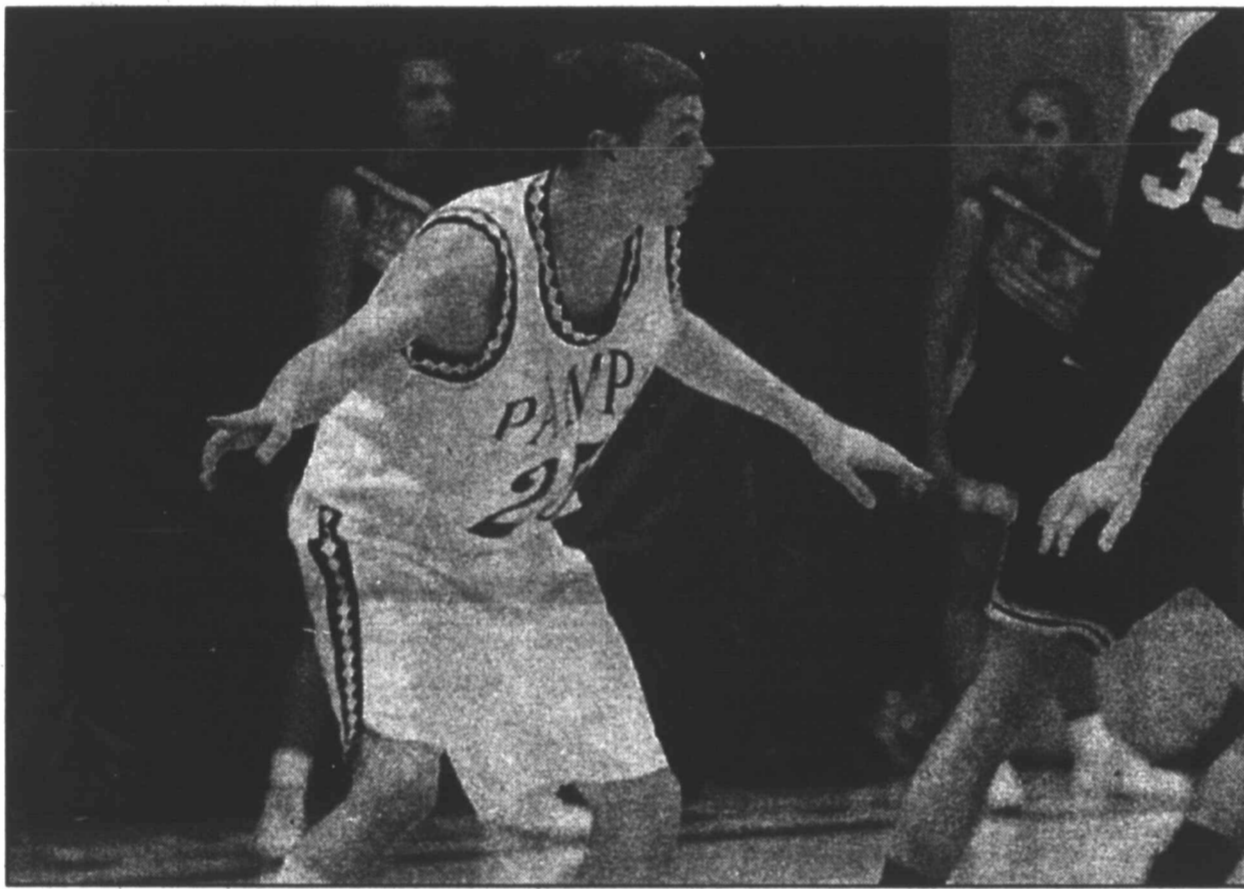
The relentless Harvester attack gained more steam in the second half and showed no signs of letting up for the Harvesters. Seniors Tyson Alexander and Sam Ledford helped keep the intensity level up on the court, realizing that this was their last home game as a Harvester.

The team effort to find the

open man also remained high priority for Pampa and corner 3-pointers by Zane Powers became deadly for Dumas. Sophomores Jesse Francis, Russell Robben and Jeremy Silva all played with added intensity and all contributed greatly, both offensively and defensively. Silva played aggressively under the boards, grabbing a team-high six rebounds for the Harvesters. His efforts were rewarded on the offensive end and Silva ended the game with 15 points.

Shawn Young and Bobby Holmes both created shots for other players by penetrating and dishing out and also remained threats from long range, burning defenders who didn't guard close. Young ended with a team-leading 18 points and also contributed three steals and four rebounds.

The wins splits the season series with Dumas and improves Pampa's District 1-4A record to 3-8, which includes two victories in a row. The Harvesters have only one contest remaining this season and is scheduled Friday at Caprock. Fans who want to catch a glimpse of this year's team are encouraged to make the trip and support the local cagers.



(Photo by Jerry Hoesley)

Senior Sam Ledford played his final home game as Pampa defeated Dumas, 77-48, Tuesday night in a District 1-4A contest.

Favorite Trick is selected as Horse of the Year

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Favorite Trick is Horse of the Year, the only 2-year-old other than the great Secretariat in 1972 to achieve racing's highest honor.

Joseph LaCombe's colt, unbeaten in eight starts, was voted the Eclipse Award as the top racehorse of 1997 over Skip Away, the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic winner.

His victory over Skip Away was announced Tuesday on ESPN's 7 p.m. EST Sports Center.

"I was surprised," said LaCombe. "I can't express how I feel, it's just a wonderful feeling. Favorite Trick is a marvelous athlete and I'm so happy to see him rewarded with this."

"I'm a little disappointed," said Sonny Hine, trainer of Skip Away, owned by Hine's wife, Carolyn. "How do you take a 2-year-old who races in allowance conditions all year?"

"I don't know what you have to do," said Hine, who had repeatedly pointed out that Skip Away won three times at the classic distance of 1 1/4 miles and in most of his races he gave away weight to his rivals. "I think he broke four track records this year. I thought it was always the best horse, maybe they changed it now. We'll live."

Favorite Trick's winning margin was 2-1. He got the votes of the Daily Racing Form and National

Turf Writers, while racing secretaries for Thoroughbred Racing Associations member tracks voted for Skip Away.

It was the second Eclipse Award for Favorite Trick, earlier voted champion 2-year-old colt. He and Skip Away, the champion older horse, and other equine and human winners were honored Tuesday night at the annual Eclipse Awards dinner.

Skip Away, also champion 3-year-old of 1996, posted four wins, five seconds and two thirds in 11 starts for earnings of \$4,089,000 in 1997. He already has started his quest for further honors, opening his 5-year-old campaign by win-

ning the Donn Handicap Feb. 7 at Gulfstream Park.

In becoming the early favorite for the Kentucky Derby May 2 at Churchill Downs, Favorite Trick won seven stakes, five of them graded. Three stakes wins — the WHAS, Kentucky Breeders' Cup and the Bashford Manor — were contested at Churchill Downs.

Favorite Trick, ridden in all of his starts by Pat Day, concluded his great year with a 5 1/2-length win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 8 at Hollywood Park. He is not scheduled to make his first 1998 start until the seven-furlong Swale March 14 at Gulfstream Park. That also would be his first start for Bill

Mott, who replaced Patrick Byrne as trainer when Byrne signed a contract to train exclusively for Frank Stronach of Canada.

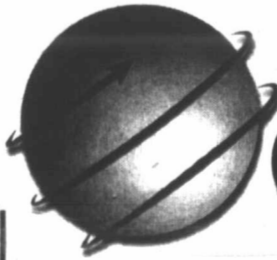
Favorite Trick's only other start before the Kentucky Derby is expected to be in the 1 1/8-mile Blue Grass.

Favorite Trick is the first horse ever owned by LaCombe, who now is majority owner. He bought the colt for \$100,000 at the Ocala (Fla.) Breeders' 2-year-olds in training sale in February.

Secretariat followed his Horse of the Year campaign in 1972 by winning the Triple Crown and another Horse of the Year Eclipse Award in 1973.

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Roosevelt Randon remembered

The past is fading fast away. Theodore Roosevelt Randon, who died Feb. 3, was the groundskeeper for the old Pampa Oilers professional baseball team. Randon told some interesting stories when he provided background for a series of Pampa News articles on the Oilers during the early 1980's. Randon worked 13 years at Oiler Park until the team disbanded, along with other teams in the West Texas-New Mexico League, in 1957.

"The young people quit coming. I guess there was just more things for them to do. The older people would come, but not to every game, especially when the weather was cool," Randon had said.

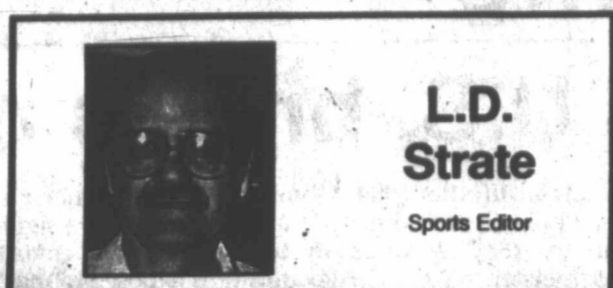
He was 85.

Rumors keep surfacing on who the next Cowboys' head coach will be. One of the latest has Jimbo Elrod, former Oklahoma University All-American, standing in line to be interviewed. Come on, we don't need any more Okies coaching a complex team like the Cowboys. That's probably one of the reasons owner Jerry Jones had to take command from the sidelines.

Former PHS wrestler Corey Alfonsi continues to add more wins to his total on at Fort Hays State University. The 177-pound junior has an 18-13 record and is tied for third on the team in victories.

It's a growing sport. The Pampa Soccer Association (PSA) is having its spring season registration on Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill in downtown Pampa. Practice starts on Feb. 16 and matches will begin on March 7.

The PSA spring awards ceremony will be held May 3.



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Sports Editor

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Pampa defensive back Ronnie Proby will be joined at West Texas A&M by Randall fullback Shane Stumbo. Stumbo scored a touchdown against Pampa, but the Harvesters won the game, 21-12, in the final regular-season game of '97. WT's high school signees now number 22.

It was the mother of all basketball battles when Garland High and Rockwall met in a recent District 10-5A game. Garland won, 92-84, but that didn't begin to tell the whole story. The game went into overtime where 44 points were scored, 26 by Garland. There were a whopping 90 free throws taken during the contest.

In case you missed it, District 2-2A, of which White Deer was a member, is now District 6-2A under the UIL realignment. Memphis was dropped into Class 1A and Highland Park was moved into the new district. Highland Park should be a tougher opponent than Memphis for the Bucks. White Deer breezed past Memphis, 35-0, but had trouble with Highland Park before pulling out a 14-0 win in a non-district game last season.

Gailey emerging as serious candidate

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Chan Gailey has spent more time in interviews with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones so far than any other candidate for the vacant Cowboys head coaching job.

"He's not a household name, but he's shown he knows how to move the football," Jones said Tuesday.

The Cowboys owner not only needs a head coach to replace Barry Switzer but an offensive coordinator to replace Ernie Zampese.

Gailey emerged at the NFL combine in Indianapolis as Jones' "mystery" candidate after negotiations with former UCLA coach Terry Donahue broke down over money and control.

After an overnight stay at the Jones mansion Monday, Gailey got a fourth interview Tuesday, one more than either Donahue or Green Bay Packer offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis have gotten and two more than former San Francisco coach George Seifert.

Lewis talked with Jones Monday and still considers

himself a candidate.

"He's taking his time," Lewis said. "I think he made some pretty good decisions when he hired Jimmy (Johnson) and when he hired Barry because he knew them. They were great friends of his."

Jones wouldn't set a timetable for hiring a new coach, but hinted something could happen this week. The last time he set a deadline for a hire, Donahue abruptly went back to California.

Pittsburgh was sixth in the NFL in offense last year while the Cowboys were 27th. The Steelers were 23rd in pass offense but tops in rushing and time of possession.

While Lewis was the coordinator at Green Bay, he didn't call plays. Donahue has spent the last two years in a CBS television booth. Seifert has been out of the NFL for a year and was a defensive coordinator before becoming a head coach.

Gailey flew back with Jones from the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis Monday night in the Cowboys' private jet.

A Cowboys source said Tuesday that

impressed Jones in the short time he has been with him. The source said Gailey was a "hot" candidate, the kind who could be heavily courted as a head coach by other teams in several more years.

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said of Gailey: "I think he is a very good candidate."

Gailey, who called the plays last year under Cowher, has experience serving as a head coach for Birmingham in the World League and Troy State at the collegiate level.

Gailey said: "We're trying to be real thorough. Anybody who cares as much as Jerry does is going to be involved with the team but I think that's a positive."

Gailey got some criticism after the AFC championship game because he didn't get the ball more to running back Jerome Bettis, instead emphasizing the passing game of Kordell Stewart.

"Some of the things I've heard about him is that he has really distinguished himself when the game is on the line," Jones said. "He's a heat of the battle decision-maker."

Scoreboard

CITY BASKETBALL

1988 Recreation Department Basketball League Standings (Standings as of Feb. 9)

| Men's Competitive | Won | Lost |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Relay | 2 | 1 |
| Subway | 2 | 1 |
| De Squad | 1 | 1 |
| ONX | 0 | 2 |

Women's Recreational

| Team | Won | Lost |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Celenece | 1 | 0 |
| Pampa Machine | 1 | 0 |
| Davis Electric | 0 | 0 |
| N.B.C. | 0 | 1 |
| Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ | 0 | 1 |

Women's Open

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| Subway | 3 | 0 |
| Sun-Trol Window Tinting | 2 | 1 |
| White Deer | 1 | 1 |
| Babb Construction | 1 | 1 |
| McLean Feedyard | 0 | 2 |
| Celenece | 0 | 3 |

*Non-conference standings

WINTER OLYMPICS

Olympics at a Glance

By The Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — A quick look at the Winter Olympics today:

ON A MEDAL ROLL

After four days without any medals, the United States suddenly had two golds and couple of near-misses. Jonny Moseley won the first American medal of Nagano, the gold in men's moguls, and Picabo Street took the women's super-G.

BLUE SKIES AGAIN

Perfect winter weather broke a string of snowy days, but more storms were on the way. The forecast — snow and winds up to 35 mph on the mountain, with rain and highs near 50 in Nagano.

ICE HOCKEY

Canada beat Sweden 5-3 in women's hockey, with leading scorer Danielle Goyette getting two goals for the winners. China beat Japan 6-1.

LUGE

Silke Kraushaar beat German teammate Barbara Niedermayer in the closest Olympic luge ever. Erin Warren of Winchester, Mass., was sixth.

SKI JUMPING

Jari Sorininen of Finland won the 90-meter ski jump before more than 65,000 fans, who were disappointed when favorite Masahiko Harada of Japan finished fifth.

SPEEDSKATING

Jennifer Rodriguez of Miami just missed a surprise bronze medal in the women's 3,000 meters, finishing fourth. Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann led a German sweep in 4 min-

utes, 7.29 seconds.

NAGANO HUGGET

Canada's Ross Macgregor had his snowboard gold medal stripped by the International Olympic Committee after testing positive for marijuana. IOC officials said they could recall no other instance where marijuana was involved in an Olympic doping case.

QUOTEBOOK

"I've waited a long time to be able to attack the course," Picabo Street, who won the women's super-G a month after returning to competition from knee surgery.

Winter Olympic Medals Table

By The Associated Press Through Wednesday, Feb. 11 (17 total medals)

| Nation | G | S | B | Total |
|----------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Germany | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Russia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Norway | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Austria | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Finland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Italy | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Japan | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Canada | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| United States | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Bulgaria | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| France | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Czech Republic | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ukraine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Belarus | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Switzerland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

| Team | Score |
|---|-------|
| Marist 79, St. Peter's 74 | |
| Massachusetts 74, Duquesne 68 | |
| Penn 82, La Salle 64 | |
| Rhode Island 69, George Washington 61 | |
| Rider 82, Manhattan 71 | |
| St. Francis, N.Y. 64, St. Francis, Pa. 58 | |
| Villanova 79, Pittsburgh 68 | |
| SOUTH | |
| Duke 86, Florida St. 72 | |
| E. Kentucky 73, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 69 | |
| George Mason 62, Va. Commonwealth 60 | |
| Georgia 88, Arkansas 70 | |
| Georgia St. 105, Norfolk St. 86 | |
| South Alabama 71, SW Louisiana 55 | |
| Syracuse 72, Miami 63 | |
| VMI 87, Furman 81, OT | |
| MIDWEST | |
| Illinois St. 74, Evansville 67 | |
| Purdue 94, Indiana 89 | |
| Wichita St. 57, Bradley 52 | |

Rockets break game open against Sonics

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Barkley makes his presence known whether he's starting or coming off the bench.

A healthy Barkley gave up his starting spot for only the third time in four seasons and finished with 21 rebounds and 12 points as the Houston Rockets beat the Seattle SuperSonics 97-83 Tuesday night.

"Our front line deserves the game ball," Rockets swingman Mario Elie said. "Charles was an animal on the boards and Clyde Drexler and Eddie Johnson were terrific."

Drexler scored 19 points and Hakeem Olajuwon had 12 points and 10 rebounds in his first start since November.

Barkley played 33 minutes, only two under his season average.

"It doesn't bother me (not starting). I just want to play well," he said.

"It's just one game we were fortunate we played, but you

have to remember this is the same team that beat us by 30 twice. We played well tonight and we need to get better."

Olajuwon, who was placed on the injured list Nov. 25 prior to knee surgery, returned to the active roster on Feb. 3 and played in two games as a reserve prior to the All-Star break.

"We know that in order to beat a team like Seattle we have to do it together," Olajuwon said. "The guys on the bench, the crowd, everybody has to have that intensity."

Gary Payton led the SuperSonics with 20 points, but scored only three points in the second half on 1-for-9 shooting. Vin Baker added 15 points.

Drexler led a 12-0 run early in the third quarter, when the SuperSonics went 5:02 without a point and ended up tying their season low with nine points on 3-for-18 shooting.

"We didn't shoot the ball well

and they got very physical with us," Payton said. "The whole team just missed shots. The All-Star game had nothing to do with our effort."

The Rockets led 72-64 after three periods, then opened the final quarter with an 11-1 run to break the game open.

"That's the best I've seen them play all year defensively," Sonics coach George Karl said of the Rockets. "They came after us hard and played physically. They're a proud veteran team and they came back hard."

Seattle was 7-for-17 from 3-point range in the first half and led 40-27 before the Rockets cut the margin to 48-43 with 1:52 left.

Notes: The Rockets are 8-6 this season with Olajuwon in the lineup. They were 15-18 when he was sidelined. ... Seattle's Hersey Hawkins started his 427th straight NBA game, the third-longest current streak.

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Pampa Middle School honor roll

Pampa Middle School has announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 1997-98 school year.

Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Alan Arzola, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Zachary Cain, Jerrod Carruth, Keisha Childress, Abbi Covalt, Hunter Craig, Megan David, Russell Douglas, Kori Dunn, Chelsea Dyer, Cristina Elliott, Sarah Ellis, Krissy Holman, Zachary Hucks, Misty Ivey, Evelyn Jasso, Lindsay Jennings, Stacey Johnson, Tara Jordan and Kellen Ketchersid. Jason Kilhoffer, Melissa Land, Derek Lewis, Alejandro Lopez, Demetrio Martinez, Natalie Mcvay, Lindsay Musgrave, Stephanie Nelson, Eduardo Palma, Shelby Patton, Megan Poole, Lindsey Price, Cara Pryor, Brianna Russell, Carissa Seger, Katie Shaffer, Aaron Silva, Erika Skinner, Latisha Smith, Billy Stowers, Max Vinson and Jennie Waggoner.

AB Honor Roll

Eugene Abernathy, Rose Albear, Sara Albracht, Darrin Allen, Adrew Ammons, Amber Asher, John Beacom, Haley Bowen, Collin Bowers, Felicia Brown, Tatum Brown, Heather Burkhalter, Kathryn Campbell, Barton Cathey, Samantha Conner, Shelby Crook, Stewart Curry, Andrew Curtis, Johanna Dancel, Caitlyn Davidson, Chelsey Davis, Shon Day, Britny Downey and Sarah Driggers.

Casey Dunham, Michelle Fuller, Clarke Hale, Jessica Hall, Jansen Hancock, Judy Hawkins, Mitchell Jefferis, Anna Johnson, Garrett Johnston, Tyler Jonas, Patricia Jones, Bobby Ledbetter, Cody Locknane, Chad Long, Diana Lozano, Benito Martinez, Michael Martinez, Ryan McCarley, Carrie Mcanear, Carlos Medina, Kelli Mitchell, Dean Noman, Erin Norris, Joshua Nunn and Katlin Passini. Nerissa Perry, Chansity Proctor, Raquel Ramirez, Meredith Rollins, Jared Sampson, Crystal Sanchez, Ashley Schroeder, Devin Scott, Luis Silva, Aaron Simon, Jera Skinner, Elliot Smith, James Smith, Amanda Stephenson, Ashly Stokes, Johnny Story, Nicholas Story, Shaleene Taylor, Delma Torres, Phillip Unruh, Joshua Urban, Dakotah Waldrop, Micah West, Britton White and Zachary Woodruff.

Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Lauren Acker, Mollie Baker, Brittany Brazile, Helen Brooks, Abby Cavalier, Annie Chumbley, Alejandro Davila, Kristi Farnum,

Benjamin Frogge, Jay Gerber, Jason Hillman, Bonnie Holmes, Karissa Intemann, Andrea Lee, Arriott Manning, Joshua Miller, Jessica Nicolet, Vanessa Orr, Brian Peters, Cody Planteen, Sarah Porter, Kaily Richardson, Megan Shannon, Max Simon, Joshua Smith, David Thacker, Lauren Walters, Mary Alice Warner and Erica Wittliff.

AB Honor Roll

Ashley Abbe, Wendy Arreola, Luke Bailey, Jenifer Bentley, Sara Blankenship, Joel Botello, Amber Bowers, Abby Bradley, Aaron Broaduss, Tristan Brown, Luke Burton, Ross Buzzard, Andrew Cambren, Benjamin Campbell, Cameron Cargill, Marysol Carrillo, Fawnia Chapman, Ruven Chavez, Staci Clay, Erin Coffey, Meagan Craig, Michael Crain, Jill Crawford, Betsy Crossman and Jesse Czesnowski.

Amanda Dyson, Taryn Fallon, Zachary Ferris, Meredith Fleming, Matthew Foust, Kandice Garrison, Ryan Garza, Julian George, Danielle Green, Justin Haddock, John Hahn, Brodie Hall, Joe Harp, Kristina Hartman, Erica Helma, Tamra Henthorn, Erika Hill, Lexi Hill, Bradley Holdan, Nathanael Holmes, Heather Hucks, Robert Hutchison, Rocky Ivey, Tonya Jewett and Brad Justice.

Tyler Karr, Jessica Kay, Timothy Kettering, Jonathon Kilhoffer, Kody Kirkland, Jordan Klaus, Jessica Knipp, Nick Knowles, Rhett Lawrence, Brandy Ledford, Travis Leever, Jessica Leos, Lori Lockridge, Denis Mackie, Leslie McWilliams, Lindsey Meyer, Justin Moler, Rebecca Moore, Katherine Morris, Justin Myers, Joshua Nachtigall, Tiffani Neef, Stephen Nelson, Katy Newhouse and Christopher Owen.

Jeanie Palmateer, Curtis Pritchett, Jonathan Prock, Brent Raney, Shaunta Reed, Travis Reed, Joe Resendiz, Garrett Rhine, Matthew Robben, Joshua Robertson, Christina Rodriguez, Brandi Schakel, Rodney Scobee, James Scroggins, James Shilling, Claudia Silva, James Silva, Alexander Slaybaugh, Jered Snelgrooves, Elizabeth Soria, Bridget Stephenson, Teryn Stowers, Ashley Swindle, Julie Thompson and Yvette Torres.

Clay Trimble, Kelly Tripplehorn, Kevin Turner, Heather Vick, Michael Villarreal, William Vise, Hayden Wade, Michael Warren, Elizabeth West, Jessica White, Angie Williams, Ashley Willis, Zachary Windhorst, Codi Wisdom and Ryan Zemanek.

Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

Leslee Ammons, Cory Bigham, Jonathan Brooks, Jessica Burns, Lindsey Coutts, Rebecca Fatheree, Samantha Ford, Kylie Green, Clifford Henthorn, Daniel Heuston, Nathanael Hill, Robert Hoover, Ashlei Jordan, Karen Kirkwood, Michelle Lee, Collin Lewis, Cortney Locknane, Randa Morris, Heather Parry, Sammie Parsley, Kandra Poole, Janelle Powers, Sara Scott, Shelly Sims, Jared Spearman, Kelley Stowers, Justin Waggoner, Leslie Ward, Morga White and Jason Young.

AB Honor Roll

Luez Aguilar, Olivia Anderson, Rhianna Anglin, Dirk Archer, Jessica Baggett, Marcie Bennett, Chandler Bowers, Shailey Britton, Dustin Bromlow, Erik Brown, Kirby Brown, Ashley Cain, Nathanael Carpenter, Lindsay Carroll, Stacie Carter, Stephanie Clark, Kimberly Conner, Richard Conner, Savanna Cooper, Samantha Cotton, Brenna Coutts, Cali Covalt, Charles Craig, Casey Crain and Christopher Crook.

Matthew Crow, Clayton David, Raquel Deleon, Ashley Derington, Seidrick Drew, Patrick Dunigan, Sarah Durrett, Tanner Dyer, Leslie Earl, Greg Easley, Ty Elledge, Mark Elliott, Monica Ellis, Joshua Etheredge, Ashley Everson, Ashley Freeman, Andrea Gallagher, John Galloway, Charity Godwin, Michelle Gomez, Karlie Green, Zachary Guthrie, Tabitha Harrison, Ashley Hathcoat and Michelle Hearron.

Ashlee Hunt, Samantha Jasso, Dustin Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Jared Jones, Justin Juan, Erik Keller, Brittany Kindle, John Knipp, Natasha Kraemer, Larry Lawley, Benjamin Ledbetter, Heather Lee, Kyle Leger, Christopher Lewis, Jennifer Lindsey, Robyn Lowery, Tiffany Lucas, Antonio Martinez, Shelby McGahan, Sarahbeth McCall, Evan Miller, Edson Miranda and Ricky Morehart.

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McLean student wins Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

by DEE ANN BURKES

McLEAN - McLean High School sophomore Deborah Morrow was recently announced a winner in Greenbelt Electric Cooperative's Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Contest. Morrow's winning essay, "How Electricity Has Affected My Life," has entitled her to an all-expense paid trip to Washington where approximately 1,000 high school students will convene June 4-16 for a week-long tour of the nation's capitol.

Morrow will be among 80 Texas youths participating in the tour which will originate and will conclude in Arlington, Texas. After an orientation party in the Texas city, the group will board three chartered buses and will head for Washington where they will meet up with youths from across the nation, all winners of similar contests sponsored by rural electric companies.

Once in Washington, the participants will tour many historic sites including Mt. Vernon, the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, the FBI Building, the Treasury Department and the Smithsonian Institute. Students will also have the opportunity not only to meet but to watch their congressmen in action.

Greenbelt Electric Co-op holds the essay contest annually. Applicants are required to submit a 750-word essay on a given subject related to electricity. The contest is open to any high school student in the Greenbelt service area which includes: Clarendon, Claude, Hedley, Kelton, McLean, Mobettie, Samnorwood, Shamrock, Wellington and Wheeler. Morrow, 15-year-old granddaughter of Cecil and Lillie Hook of McLean, is the first applicant and the first winner ever from McLean.

Morrow says she entered the contest because of her grandmother's encouragement. "At first I decided to enter because my grandmother wanted me to, but I like to write, and I thought it would be fun to go on the trip," she says.

Brent Wheeler, manager of member services for Greenbelt Electric Co-op, publicizes the contest and organizes the trip each year. While the contest is open to any high school student in the Greenbelt service area, Wheeler does not want teachers to have students enter as part of a school assignment.

"We find that the better, brighter students enter



Deborah Morrow

this contest," Wheeler says. "This isn't something they are required to do. They write and submit the essay because they want to."

The youth tour actually started in 1951 under the encouragement of Sen. Lyndon Johnson. As a result of his suggestions, several Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington in the summer to work in Sen. Johnson's office to learn about government in action. The next year, rural electric coops in other states caught on and started sending young people on week-long tours of the nation's capitol. Twenty years later, the tour is still a popular event among high school students nationwide.

Morrow is, to say the least, excited about the opportunity. "I was so happy to hear I had won the contest. I don't know if I will ever have the chance to go to Washington, D.C. again," she says. "I am really looking forward to being with kids my age from all over the country and seeing the museums and historical monuments. I am anxious to see Capitol Hill, Washington's Monument and Ford's Theater."

"But you know what I'm the most excited about?" she asks. "Riding on the subway!"

TPMHA Board of Trustees announces agency qualifies for new incentive payment

AMARILLO - The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees met recently in Amarillo. During the meeting it was announced the agency has qualified for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's new financial incentive program.

Certain centers qualified based on performance compliance for the first quarter of FY 1998. TPMHA exceeded several of the state targets during that period of time. The amount of the incentive payment will not be known until later this month.

Other business covered at the meeting:

—The State Board of Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse approved a Service Delivery Plan which basically requires TCADA do business only with networks of providers in the future. This is the model TPMHA has been piloting for TCADA since June of 1997. TCADA continues to praise TPMHA for success in developing a network of Panhandle providers and for managing the TCADA funds and services.

—Adrian Castillo of Hereford was introduced as a new member of the board. Castillo, a Hereford native, was appointed by

TPMHA District Advisory Committees of Borger, Dumas and Hereford. Castillo fills the position formerly held by Judge Tom Simons and will serve from January 1998 through December 1999. Castillo recently returned to Hereford and is with the Law Offices of David Martinez.

—Roger Lanier, PhD, was recently reappointed as a board member by Potter County Commissioners Court. Judge Arthur Ware confirmed Dr. Lanier's reappointment on Jan. 20, 1998. His term of office will be January 1998 through December 1999. Lanier is regional dean for the School of Allied Health for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo.

—Dr. Michael Jenkins was recognized as the new medical director and began with the agency on Jan. 5.

—The annual 1997 audit was presented by Doshier, Pickens and Francis, PC. The agency is solvent. The computer system will be upgraded to be "Year 2000 Compliant" within the near future.

TPMHA also announced an open house May 8 in Amarillo to spotlight National Mental Health Month.

The Family and Community

Education Department has been involved in establishing support groups for families of the mentally ill in Hereford and Pampa. They also meet with advisory committees, civic clubs, schools and other organizations.

TPMHA's governing body is a nine member board of trustees. These people are appointed by various sponsoring authorities throughout the 21 counties the agency serves. The trustees are: Dean Copeland, Pampa; John Zimmer, Julie Attebury, Liz Ladd, Larry Campbell and Lanier, all of Amarillo, Castillo, Hereford and The Honorable Willis Smith, Lipscomb.

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority provides mental health and substance abuse services to persons of all ages with offices in Amarillo, Hereford, Dumas, Borger, Clarendon, Pampa and Perryton. For more information, call Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community education director at (806) 354-2191.

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Thousands of high school seniors across Texas have yet to pass TAAS tests

AUSTIN (AP) - More than 16,000 high school seniors still haven't passed all sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills required for them to graduate, according to state education officials. They'll get study guides to help them do better next time.

The guides were called for in state law and are being developed for all grades under a \$5 million, multi-year contract with Harcourt Brace Educational Measurement of San Antonio, Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said Tuesday.

The cost includes development, production, printing and distribution.

"The activities in the study guides cover the same skills that are taught in school and are tested on the TAAS. We believe the new guides will help the students be better prepared for the TAAS when they take it again next month," Education Commissioner Mike Moses said.

The agency also announced: — Passing rates continue to be low on the Algebra I end-of-course exam. Of 21,297 students who took the exam

last fall, 80 percent failed.

Students taking the test in the fall were either pursuing a non-traditional schedule or re-taking the course after previously failing. Most students take the test in the spring of a year-long Algebra I course. Sixty-five percent of students who took the end-of-course Algebra I test last spring failed.

—Performance on the Biology I end-of-course test was high. Seventy percent of the 27,204 students who took the test passed.

TEA officials note that Algebra I only recently became a required math course for most students. Biology I traditionally has been a required course in most Texas high schools.

As for the exit-level reading, writing and math TAAS, students first can take the exam when they are sophomores. They get up to eight chances to pass before the end of their senior year.

In the exit-level TAAS administered in October, 16,144 seniors failed at least one section. That's 57 percent of 28,567 seniors taking it that time. Students who failed get two more chances to take the test before graduation, in March and May.

Agency officials said they couldn't estimate the percentage of seniors who still must pass because fall enrollment data isn't finalized.

But to give an idea, there were 225,833 juniors enrolled last school year. They would be this year's senior class, excluding dropouts and other changes.

TEA officials emphasized that seniors who took the test in October had previously failed at least one section; or they were taking it for the first time because they're new to Texas or missed previous chances.

"These students were taking the test again because they'd previously failed it on earlier attempts. So these results do not represent the performance of the entire senior class, but rather only a small portion who have had difficulty with this test in the past," Moses said.

Sophomores and juniors also were tested in October if they previously failed one or more sections of the TAAS.

Of 64,334 high school juniors who took the test, 37 percent passed all tests taken. Of 8,087 sophomores, 25 percent passed all tests taken.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

