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Blarney clue

On Wednesday the clue to the Chamber of Commerce's St. Patrick's Day promotion "Find Blarney the Leprechaun," can be found at an auto parts store. The finder of the Blarney figurine will win \$100 in Pampa Bucks. Monday's clue was at Computech Computers, Inc.

PAMPA — St. Matthews Episcopal Church is sponsoring a Pancake Supper from 5-8 p.m. today at their Parish Hall at 727 W. Browning. It will be all-you-can-eat and the cost is \$5 per person. Preschoolers are free. Proceeds will go to the day school program.

PAMPA — A Teen Party for youth age 11-17 is slated for 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Moose Lodge, 401 E. Brown. Proceeds will benefit BSA Hospice. Cost of admission will be \$2.50. Participants may bring a CD and are urged to come with a party dish or finger food. Adult supervision will be provided. Parents must bring the teens and pick them up at midnight. For more information, contact Amy at 665-4786.

PAMPA — ACT Theatre will hold auditions for its final production of the season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Pampa Mall. The show will consist of three one-act plays. For information, call 665-3266.

• Lucille Wesson Grayson, 92, former sales clerk.
• George 'G.B.' Harris, 83, former car dealer.
• Leabert Hubbard, 83, farmer, machinist.
• Peggy King, 76, McLean resident.
• Clarence Upton, 85, Pampa resident.

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Fire ban ... County reacts to fire danger

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Persons who violate any provision of the fire ban enacted Monday by Gray County Commissioners could be fined as high as \$25,000 for each day of violation and each act of violation, plus be responsible for damages incurred by a fire.

In a special meeting, Monday afternoon Gray County Commissioners voted unanimously to enact a fire ban in the unincorporated areas of the county effective immediately.

Low humidity, no moisture and dormant vegetation throughout the county and the Panhandle have resulted in extreme fire danger and caused the fire ban.

Although moisture was in the air in the Pampa area Tuesday morning, local fire officials say it will take a great deal of rain to have the fire danger pass.

Trees, brush, grass and other dry plant growth may only be burned at least 300 feet from any properties which have residences, when the wind

Residents living outside the Pampa city limits will be allowed to take household garbage to Pampa's city landfill at no charge during the burn ban period.

speed is not predicted to be less than six miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour and burning must be completed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission guidelines which the commission adopted.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said the reason the less than six miles per hour restriction is in the policy is that smoke will hover if the wind conditions are that low, and will not blow away.

County Judge Richard Peet said if residents have a controlled burn under way and the wind

(See FIRE, Page 2)

Thieves hit dealer lot; take new tires, wheels

By Keith Anderson
Staff Writer

Two late-night thefts at Culberson Stowers have cost the Pampa business \$7,000, Culberson-Stowers manager Loyd Waters said.

Thursday night thieves came onto the Hobart Street car dealership lot and used a railroad tie to prop up the rear end of a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. They stole the rear wheels and tires from the truck. They also used cinder blocks to prop up the rear wheels of a 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and removed the rear wheels and tires of the vehicle.

The thieves apparently wanted a complete set of Monte Carlo wheels, though.

They struck again Sunday night. They again used cinder blocks to prop up the rear wheels of

another 2000 Monte Carlo, and removed the vehicle's rear wheels and tires.

The thieves also took a complete set of wheels and tires from a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Pampa Police are still investigating the incident and have no suspects, Chief Deputy John Goes said.

"It's been a good long while since we had any vandalism or thefts," manager Waters said, "a couple of months ago we had some windows shot out."

Waters said he doesn't think the thieves are putting the wheels and tires on their own vehicles. He said they are probably selling the wheels and tires.

"From the fact that they're getting various wheels and tires..." Waters explained.

(See THIEVES, Page 2)

Victims' mom, DA see case handling differently

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Melissa Reynolds is a single mother who believes she and her daughters have been victimized by both her former husband, who is expected to plead guilty to child molestation charges later this month, and by the legal system which allowed the case to drag on for almost two years.

District Attorney John Mann, who has borne the brunt of complaints about legal delays, said today he does not control the court's calendar or delay-

ing actions by defense attorneys but added that by the end of the month he expects her former husband to be behind bars.

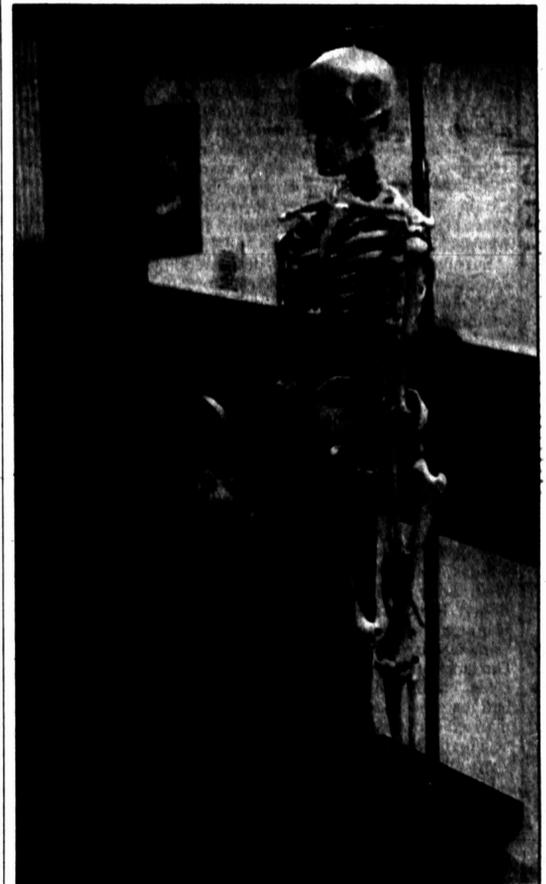
Gregory Alan Reynolds, 35, of Darruzzett, faces three counts of indecency with a child in connection with accusations of touching the private parts of girls 8, 10 and 12 years old at the time the accusations were made.

"The last incident was June 9, 1998," Melissa Reynolds said. "He turned himself in on June 12."

Greg Reynolds surrendered to Lipscomb County

(See CASE, Page 2)

What's up ...



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Six-year-old Jacob Crippen checks out Mr. Bones Sunday in one of the science labs during the open house at the new 26,000-square-foot M.K. Brown Academic Center.

Amarillo will test water for carcinogen

The City of Amarillo is testing its water for possible contamination after an industrial solvent, regulated as a carcinogen, was found three times over the last year in the Ogallala Aquifer near the Pantex Plant, officials said. The aquifer is a major water source for Amarillo and the High Plains.

But in Pampa, no testing has been called for by the federal government or state, Public Works Director Richard Morris said today. Although some of Pampa's water comes from wells which draw from the aquifer, Morris said, "Water formations don't migrate that far in this area."

"If the state thought we were in any kind of danger we would have heard from them by phone or they would have sent someone here," Morris said this morning.

Trichloroethylene, or TCE, was detected in the aquifer about a mile northeast of Amarillo's well field. It is used to degrease machine parts and was burned with other waste at Pantex until the late 1980s.

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Quite frankly... Do you think it will snow again before spring settles in?



"Probably. This is the Texas Panhandle."
-- Leslie Swope



"Yeah, the latter part of March, we're going to have winter."
-- June Lowrance



"Probably in March."
-- Janice Morris



"No, I just think we're going to have some wonderful rain."
-- Brenda Donelson



"I'm voting for rain. I really don't want any snow."
-- Teresa Wavra



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Daily Record

Obituaries

LUCILLE WESSON GRAYSON

BONANZA — Lucille Wesson, 92, mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in West Oaks Funeral Home at Sulphur Springs with the Rev. Guy Mays officiating. Burial will be in Greenview Cemetery under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home, Inc., of Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Grayson was born July 22, 1907, at Arbala, to William Henry and Carrie Elizabeth Qualls Wesson. She graduated from Arbala High School where she played basketball for the Arbala Red Devils, competing in county, district and state championships. She married Carl Winston Grayson at Emory in 1924; he died in 1994. She had been a Bonanza resident since 1945. She was a homemaker and a former sales clerk with Kyle Craver Grocery as well as serving as an election judge in Hopkins County for many years.

She belonged to Arbala United Methodist Church and attended churches in her community. She was preceded in death by two sons, former Hopkins County Sheriff C.W. Grayson, Jr., and Wally W. Grayson; four brothers, Sid Wesson, Covie Wesson, Raymond Wesson and Bill Wesson; and two sisters, Annie Penny and Margie Nell Lucero.

Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Guenther of Mesquite, Nelba Armstrong of Lake Fork and Linda Jones of Bonham; two sons, Manuell O. Grayson of Fairfield and Buster Grayson of Pampa; five sisters, Flossie Grubbs, Lorene Hendricks, Lois Dyce and Tomasyne Nowlin, all of Sulphur Springs, and Ella Dyce of Mansfield; two brothers, R.E. "Bob" Wesson of Sulphur Springs and Buford Wesson of Greenview; 17 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Arbala Community Center or Arbala Volunteer Fire Department.

GEORGE 'G.B.' HARRIS

SHAMROCK — George "G.B." Harris, 83, died Sunday, March 5, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Brewer and the Rev. James Conner, of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Harris was born at Haleyville, Ala., and had been a Shamrock resident since 1920. He married Garland Ruth Coates on March 26, 1953, at Clovis, N.M. He was a car dealer for many years and belonged to Bible Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Chalones Harris, in 1953.

Survivors include his wife, Garland, of Shamrock; two daughters, Maggie Harrel of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Georgia Lanham of Dumas; two sons, Jimmie Harris of El Paso and Roy Harris of Friendswood; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

LEABERT HUBBARD

HEREFORD — Leabert Hubbard, 83, father of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, March 5, 2000. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Parkside Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev. Ted Taylor officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Hubbard was born at Jarrett, Ark., and had been a Hereford resident for over 50 years. He married Katherine Jones in 1940. He worked for Dick Barrett for more than 15 years and was a farmer and a machinist.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a sergeant in the infantry during World War II and earning the Purple Heart while participating in the European, African and Middle Eastern Theaters of the war. He belonged to Hereford Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Perry of Hereford and Kathy Payne of Kansas; four sons, Paul Hubbard and Bill Hubbard, both of Hereford, Larry Hubbard of Shamrock and Johnny Hubbard of Fort Worth; a sister, Lillian Mulkey of John Day, Ore.; 27 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Association.

PEGGY KING

MCLEAN — Peggy King, 76, died Monday, March 6, 2000, at Hereford. Services are pending under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean. Burial is to be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The body will not be in state until Wednesday.

CLARENCE UPTON

CLARENCE UPTON, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Fires

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

Monday, March 6
12:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident in the 200 block of East Harvester.

3:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a Lifestar standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:04 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a false alarm at PRMC.

Police report

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

Monday, March 6
A domestic assault was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

A PISD teacher reported a retaliatory scratch to his Ford Ranger pickup in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A Schwinn 3-speed bicycle valued at \$250 was reported stolen in the 2000 block of Coffee.

A 21-year-old female reported harassment.

Culberson-Stowers reported the theft of six Goodyear Eagle tires, four high polish Pontiac steel rims, and two Chevrolet spoke aluminum rims. (see related story, pg. 1)

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, March 6
Earl Frederick Schreiber IV, 20, Grove, Okla., was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Kevin Dale Taylor, 40, 1123 E. Kingsmill, was arrested on the charge of criminal non-support.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Tuesday, March 7.

Saturday, March 4
Woodrow Franklin Tice, 72, HCR 2 Box 27A, was cited for speeding on a stop and go signal. Tice, heading south on South Cuyler in a Chevrolet 1500 pickup, failed to stop at a red light at the intersection of Cuyler and Brown and collided with a westbound Ford Taurus driven by Alfred Earl Caviness, 71, Mobeetie.

Sunday, March 5
An unidentified vehicle struck a parked Buick Riviera belonging to John Winborne, no age given, 446 Hill. The hit-and-run occurred in the 400 block of Hill.

Monday, March 6
Alfonso Garcia III, 19, 701 E. Albert, was cited for passing in a no passing zone. Garcia, driving a Chevrolet S-10, was driving west on East Harvester when attempted to pass, on the left side, the Pontiac Grand Prix that was driving in front of him. The Grand Prix, driven by Brian Cole Watts, 16, 2631 Cherokee, collided with Garcia's S-10. Garcia then veered left into a parked Oldsmobile Cutlass that belonged to Patricia Wright, no age given, 1033 Huff. The 3-car accident occurred in the 200 block of East Harvester.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 6
9:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Lynn and transported one to PRMC.

12:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Harvester and transported one to PRMC.

12:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony West and transported one to a local nursing facility.

Correction

Testing of voter tabulation equipment will be held at 2 p.m. tonight instead of 7 p.m. as reported in *The Pampa News* on Monday. The testing will be conducted in the county clerk's office at the Gray County Courthouse.

Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa. | | |
| Wheat | 2.06 | |
| Milo | 3.05 | |
| Corn | 3.48 | |
| Soybeans | 4.17 | |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation: | | |
| Occidental | 17 7/16 | up 3/16 |
| Fidelity Magellan | 134.24 | |
| Puritan | 18.14 | |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. | | |
| Amoco | 47 13/16 | up 5/8 |
| Arco | 74 9/16 | up 7/8 |
| Cabot | 23 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| Cabot O&G | 17 1/16 | dn 1/8 |
| Chevron | 76 5/8 | up 2 5/8 |
| Coca-Cola | 46 9/16 | dn 2 7/16 |
| Columbia/HCA | 21 | dn 11/16 |
| Enron | 69 3/8 | up 5/8 |
| Halliburton | 42 1/4 | up 1 |
| IRI | 5 11/16 | up 1/16 |
| KMI | 27 1/4 | dn 1/4 |
| Kerr McGee | 48 11/16 | up 1 1/4 |
| Limited | 33 7/16 | dn 1/16 |
| McDonald's | 30 3/4 | dn 13/16 |
| Exxon Mobil | 74 3/8 | up 1 7/16 |
| New Atmos | 15 5/8 | dn 3/8 |
| NCE | 25 1/4 | dn 1/16 |
| OKI | 22 7/16 | dn 1/16 |
| Pennsey | 14 | dn 7/16 |
| Phillips | 38 3/4 | up 1/4 |
| Pioneer Nat. | 8 3/4 | dn 3/8 |
| SLB | 81 3/8 | up 4 |
| Tenneco | 7 3/16 | dn 1/16 |
| Texaco | 46 13/16 | up 3/16 |
| Ultramar | 23 1/4 | up 11/16 |
| Wal-Mart | 48 1/8 | dn 2 3/8 |
| Williams | 48 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| New York Gold | 288.10 | |
| Silver | 5.07 | |
| West Texas Crude | 32.18 | |

Man pleads guilty to slaying of teen-agers, Bible studies teacher

SIDNEY, Ohio (AP) — A man pleaded guilty today to fatally shooting three teen-age girls and his Bible studies teacher, then taking three people hostage at a gas station.

Lawrence Michael Hensley, 30, pleaded guilty to aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder and kidnapping in a deal to avoid the death penalty. In exchange for the plea, prosecutors said they would recommend he serve life in prison with no chance of parole.

The plea came during a hearing in Common Pleas Court to consider keeping some evidence out of his April 4 trial. Hensley was to be sentenced

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly cloudy today with a high of 70-75 and a 70 percent of thunderstorms and south winds increasing to 20-30 mph this afternoon. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of storms and a low of 40. Tomorrow, misty cloudy with a high in the upper 60s and west-northwest winds at 20-30 mph. Yesterday's high 75; overnight low 57.

STATEWIDE — Strong showers and thunderstorms could bring hail and tornadoes to North and Central Texas today as the latest upper-level low

FIRE

changes outside to lower than six miles per hour or over 23 miles per hour that the people are responsible for extinguishing that fire or face a possible citation.

Residents living outside the Pampa city limits will be allowed to take household garbage to Pampa's city landfill at no charge during the current burn ban period.

City Manager Robert D. Eskridge sent a letter to Judge Peet which stated that dumpsters will be set up at the entrance gate for collection of this solid waste by residents outside the city limits during normal business hours.

Commissioners emphasized that only household solid waste will be accepted from the out-of-city residents.

Anyone conducting an outdoor burn must contact the Gray County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher for placement on a daily controlled burn log.

In each case, the Gray County Sheriff's Department may monitor the outdoor burning for compliance with the above regulations and other statutes and regulations concerning outdoor burn-

THIEVES

Waters said it will be difficult to track down the stolen property.

"They're factory wheels," he explained, and added, "and the tires — it's very difficult to track down tires."

"They didn't get cheap wheels and tires, they went after the expensive ones," Waters said.

Waters said police investigators have pictures of the wheels. He said recovering the property isn't the most important thing, though.

"I'd rather just have the theft and vandalism stop, that's more important," Waters said.

WATER

Pantex said that in June, a Pantex monitoring well detected TCE in concentrations of 8 parts per billion. The Environmental Protection Agency sets a standard of 5 parts per billion. Another test in September showed the TCE concentration at 3.8 parts per billion and one in November found 4.4 parts per billion.

Dan Glenn, spokesman for the Department of Energy in Amarillo, said the TCE concentration again rose above 5 parts per billion during a test in January.

Glenn said the contaminated water is drifting northeast toward Amarillo's Carson County well field, which is made up of 38 wells on 12 sections of land.

Officials at the plant have long acknowledged that a groundwater zone separated from the Ogallala by a layer of silts and clays has been con-

CASE

Sheriff James Robertson shortly after noon June 12, the day after a late night call to the sheriff from Reynolds' father, Jerry Reynolds.

According to court records, Greg told Robertson he had rubbed the girls private parts on at least three different occasions beginning in February.

Melissa Reynolds said that while holding the couple's 5-month-old baby boy she sat through her then husband's detailed confession to the sheriff.

"I have lived with this for 20 months," Melissa said.

She said that while it was a difficult ordeal for her and her family, it was made worse by what she characterized as a lack of action by the district attorney's office prosecuting the case.

"I don't set the court's docket," Mann said today.

Spring Break death reported

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Beach authorities are waiting for autopsy results to find out why a 20-year-old man died on the beach this week.

Thomas Dale Blankenship of Dexter, Mo., walked out of the surf Monday morning and collapsed, said Tommy Atkinson, chief of the Cameron County park police.

Blankenship was later pronounced dead at Valley Regional Medical Center in Brownsville.

The waters off South Padre Island were rough Monday and Tuesday because of strong winds. There were also indications that something might have been blocking Blankenship's throat when an emergency crew tried to revive him, Atkinson said.

No cause of death has been determined, however, and an autopsy has been ordered. Park police don't expect results for at

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least two weeks. Spring Break is just gearing up on South Padre Island, a popular destination for college students from all over the country. Police were unable to determine if Blankenship was a college student, but are presuming he was,

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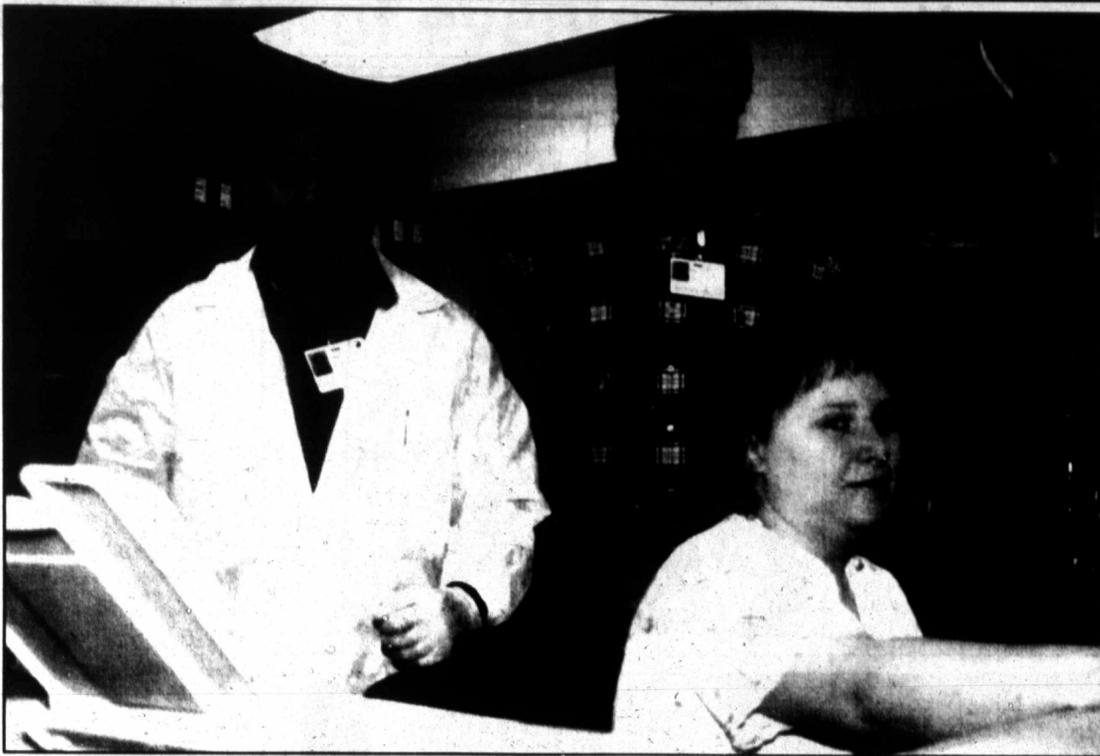
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(Special photo)

Pampa Regional Medical Center Main Laboratory in Pampa was recently awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists. The lab is under the medical direction of Pathologist Joe Lowry, MD. Above, left-right: Pablo Campos, lab technician; Roy Orr, lab director; and Shannon Degner, lab technician.

PRMC lab receives national CAP accreditation

Pampa Regional Medical Center Main Laboratory, Pampa, Texas, has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists, based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The lab director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for "excellence of the services being provided." PRMC Main Laboratory is one of the more than 6,000 CAP-accredited labs nationwide.

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ity control of the lab for the preceding two years as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, lab safety and lab management to determine how well the lab is serving the patient.

CAP is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in lab quality assurance. CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.



(Special photo)

Hospital volunteer Ann Loter with Jennifer Sims, wife of Shawn Sims. Mrs. Sims holds Abby Maree, the couple's daughter.

SCI program promoting childhood immunization

Pampa Regional Medical Center and the hospital auxiliary has teamed up with Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. The program is to help boost the immunization rate. Volunteers visit new mothers every day of the week to educate them on the importance of getting their children immunized in a timely manner.

If the mother is agreeable, the volunteers enroll her in SCI free of cost. As part of the program, SCI sends out reminder notices to the mothers at two month, four month, six month and 12 month intervals. Each mother also receives a packet of information which includes a developmental calendar courtesy of First American Bank of Pampa. SCI does not give shots, schedule shots or advise the parent where to get the shots.

All information provided to SCI is kept confidential. Nancy Paronto and the auxiliary report their hours on a monthly basis to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program which sponsors SCI.

RSVP is a national non-profit organization committed to matching the skills and life experiences of individuals 55 and over with local nonprofit organizations in a volunteer capacity and is funded through the Corporation of National Service and is locally sponsored by Panhandle Community Services. Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program is funded through the Children's Health Foundation and the Texas Department of Health.

Texas Railroad Commission to study pipelines carrying water supply

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams said that the commission will study the age, location, ownership and content of pipelines under and near lakes and reservoirs that supply water for East Texans.

The study will focus on water sources for Longview, Tyler, Eldersville, Hallsville, Hughes Springs and Holly Springs in East Texas. The study is being done in cooperation with the Sabine River Authority and will require no taxpayer funding, according to Williams. The study is expected to be complete by early summer.

Researchers will use global-positioning satellites to deter-

mine the exact location of the pipelines.

The study is to determine location and emergency preparedness information for pipelines that run near or under Lake Tyler, Lake Palestine, Lake Cherokee and Lake O' the Pines.

Williams said he has requested that the results of the study be posted on the Railroad Commission's website.

Crime prevention everyone's business

Severe Weather Awareness Week happening statewide

To protect their lives and property and minimize the damage from nature's fury, people must learn what to do in the face of severe conditions. Texans can prepare for emergencies by putting together a "Readiness Kit."

AUSTIN — Texas Division of Emergency Management has announced Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed March 5-11, as "Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week," continuing a tradition that has spanned four decades.

"Severe weather affects everyone in the Lone Star State, with tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, flooding or even hurricanes a possibility. Especially in the spring, violent weather threatens countless adults and children in their homes, schools and places of business, and cars," Bush said.

"To protect their lives and property and minimize the damage from nature's fury, people must learn what to do in the face of severe conditions," continued Gov. Bush. "Texans can prepare for emergencies by putting together a 'Readiness Kit,' which consists of a flashlight, a battery-operated radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, food and water supplies, a manual can opener, essential medicines and even a small amount of money orders."

Tom Millwee, state coordinator for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, added: "People should also develop an emergency communication plan, with out-of-area relatives or friends serving as family contacts. During severe weather, they should tune-in to a battery-operated radio or television for up-to-the-minute emergency information. Evacuation warnings should be followed immediately."

Texans are also encouraged to tune to the National Weather Service broadcasts, and pay particular attention to "watches," which indicate severe weather may occur, or "warnings," which

indicate severe weather, including tornadoes, is occurring in the area.

Official Memorandum, State of Texas, Office of the Governor Severe weather affects everyone in the Lone Star State. From the first settlers to today's residents, all Texans face the possibility of tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, lightning, flooding or hurricanes. Especially in the spring, violent weather threatens countless adults and children in their homes, places of business and cars.

To protect their lives and property and minimize the damage from nature's fury, people must learn what to do in the face of severe conditions. Texans can prepare for emergencies by putting together a "Readiness Kit." It consists of a flashlight, a battery-operated portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, food and water supplies, a manual can opener, essential medicines, a small amount of money orders and sturdy shoes. People should also develop an emergency communication plan, with out-of-area relatives or friends serving as "family contacts." During severe weather, they should tune in to a battery-operated radio or television for up-to-the-minute emergency information. Evacuation warnings should be followed immediately.

As spring approaches, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service sponsor a week-long series of activities to support local emergency management professionals and help prepare communities for violent weather. They have designated March 5-11 as Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote the importance of adults and children knowing how to protect themselves from harm during severe storms.

Tree health conference in offing

LUBBOCK — West Texans can learn how to keep their landscape and shade trees healthy and long-lived at a tree health conference slated in March at two locations, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist.

"Our first tree health conference is March 23 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. The center is 3 miles north of Lubbock International Airport and a half mile east of Interstate 27 on FM 1294 (Exit 11 on I-27)," said Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist based in Lubbock. "The second conference is March 24 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West."

Both conferences will begin with coffee and registration at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Registration costs \$20 per person.

Participants can earn six continuing education units from Texas Nursery and Landscape

Association at either conference. Three Texas Department of Agriculture-approved CEU's in integrated pest management will be offered at Amarillo, and 3 1/2 integrated pest management CEU's will be offered at Lubbock, Kaufman noted.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, commercial nursery, and parks and recreation representatives will discuss: shade tree insect and disease management; pruning, fertilization and transplanting; oak wilt; how to choose resistant trees; and the economic and casualty value of trees in urban and rural landscapes.

To register for either conference, send your name and address, and a \$20 check payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service (account 240101) to: Harold Kaufman or Vicki Bartlett, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Route 3, Box 213AA, Lubbock, TX 79403.

For more information, contact your county Extension office or call Kaufman at (806) 746-6101.

Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month



(Special photo)

Lindsey Mitchell, daughter of John and Sonya Mitchell and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Malone, was recently named Pampa Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month for February. Mitchell is a senior at Pampa High School. Her activities, honors and accomplishments include: swim team, Concert Choir, Central Baptist Church youth group, CBC youth choir and ACTEENS. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a degree at Dallas Baptist University.

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Opinion

Disabilities dragnet extends its reach

•A blanket approach to solving problems never seems to work.
 Do people with assorted physical and mental disabilities who currently live in nursing homes, mental hospitals and assorted other institutions have a "right" to leave those environments and return to everyday life on their own?
 A reasonable person might respond to that question with another: In the first place, how many such people are even able to make that leap? As well, how much might it cost society, particularly taxpayers, to assist the institutionalized in re-entering everyday life?
 So, when it comes to the question of whether, as a matter of principle, the disabled are entitled to make such a transition, we're tempted to respond that it all depends. What is the relative ability of each institutionalized person to do so, and at what cost? No across-the-board rule should prevail. A cost-benefit analysis, case by case, is in order.

None of those concerns were permitted to clutter the latest thinking of the Clinton administration on the subject. As noted in recent news reports, the administration has informed states that to comply with recent court precedent on the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, they'll have to provide the institutionalized more medical and social services by shifting more people out of institutions and into small group homes or apartments.

Pronounced Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, "No person should have to live in a nursing home or other institution if he or she can live in his or her community." And she declared "unnecessary institutionalization" to be "discrimination" under the act as far as the courts and the administration are concerned. That's not to be taken lightly; the feds have the power to sue states under the act's provisions, as well as to withhold federal funding.

Problem is, what's "unnecessary"? No one wants to be maintained in costly and sometimes inadequate institutions, or to have loved ones live in them, if there are viable alternatives. What's reckless about the administration's position is what it pretends: by effectively declaring deinstitutionalization a right under the act — rather than a goal, resources and other practical considerations permitting — the cost to taxpayers becomes moot. For the feds, at any rate.

—Odessa American

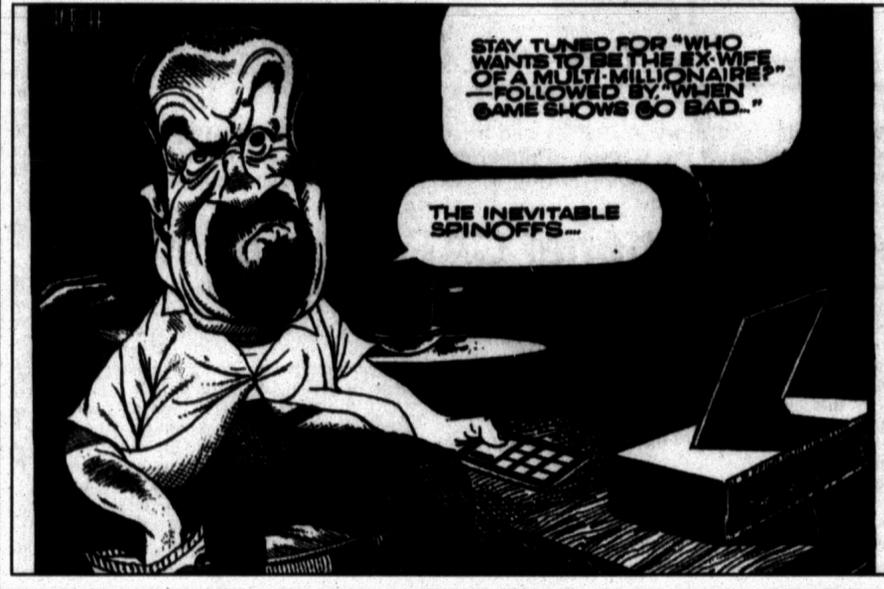
Thought for today

"We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it."

—George Bernard Shaw

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What are students really learning?

Maybe you know that Alexander the Great was educated by the Greek philosopher Aristotle. There was another ruler educated by a philosopher, and it's a story most people don't know.

Roman philosopher Lucius Annaeus Seneca was allowed out of exile to educate a young Roman, named Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus. Maybe Ahenobarbus doesn't sound familiar, but what if we call him by his later name, Nero?

Nero, you will remember, was the Roman dictator famous for killing people close to him. Nero had his own mother killed in A.D. 59.

According to one source, Seneca told Nero at the time, "However many people you slaughter you cannot kill your successor."

But who listens to philosophers? So you know what happened next. Nero demanded that Seneca commit suicide. And Seneca did. Better than dying on the cross, a popular method of execution at the time.

You see, Seneca and Jesus were born around the same time (4 B.C.). Interestingly, Seneca had a brother named Novatus, later known as Gallio, the governor of Achaia who declined to exercise jurisdiction over St. Paul (Acts 18: 11-17).

Seneca had a brother named Mela. Mela, you see, was the father of a great poet named Lucan.

The funny thing about Seneca was that three Roman emperors actually ordered his death. Not just one. Caligula, Claudius, and then Nero. I guess he just had a way with people. Or with people's wives, or girlfriends, or mis-

Keith Anderson

Staff writer

...trees ...
 But I have to have a point, don't I? What's my point?
 My point is this: why did I have to learn about Seneca on my own? Why are our public schools not teaching anything? Or rather, why are our public schools not teaching anything but preparation for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills?

Texas schools have taken the TAAS and it will be some time until we hear which schools are teaching the test the best. Schools can brag that their students can bubble in letters in accordance with particular paradigms of educational theory. But what are students LEARNING?

I received a very second-rate education in the Lubbock Independent School District. I was taught to add and subtract, and to fill out worksheets. I am angry, I feel cheated. I feel like I missed out on something, maybe a more successful life. At least a more fulfilling life.

Our Texas governor brags that scores have gone up since the TAAS test was instituted. Of

course they have, schools have gotten better at preparing students for the test. But are our children learning anything?

My daughter Haley is 3. Soon I will have to put her in school. I want her to get the best education possible. I want her to go on to Princeton. I want her to be a future statesman, or CEO, or scientist, or celebrity. I want her to be able to do whatever she wants to do.

Do I have to send her to a preparatory school like Sidwell Friends, where Chelsea Clinton was sent? Can our public schools no longer do the job?

And don't get me wrong, my wife is a public school teacher with the Amarillo ISD. She herself has said teachers are forced to teach the TAAS, to the detriment of everything else. It's not that teachers aren't up to snuff, it's that their hands are tied.

School districts, too, must compete. It comes down to money, and even possible school closings. School performance on the test has become too important. No Texas school district can afford to educate its students, districts must prepare students for the TAAS, everything depends on it.

Some issues matter in the coming presidential election, and some don't. The future of education matters. Abortion, frankly, doesn't matter.

What do you want for your children, and for your country, and for the future? Vote wisely.

"Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends," Benjamin Disraeli said to the English House of Commons, 15 June 1874.

Theory of prosperity has shaky basis

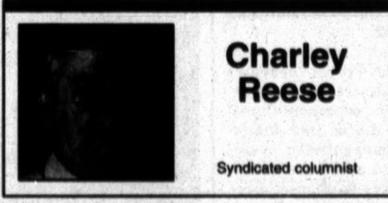
The Wall Street Journal has reported the following two facts: U.S. nonfinancial corporations have increased corporate debt by 60 percent in the past five years so that it now stands at \$4.2 trillion. Meanwhile, household borrowing has jumped almost 50 percent in the past five years and now stands at \$6.3 trillion.

Now you know the basis of American prosperity.

An interesting way to look at debt is that it is a claim on future income. Thus, American households will have to shell out \$6.3 trillion plus interest from their future earnings in addition to meeting their current living expenses. Lot of folks better hope there is no interruption to the cash flow, such as a layoff or an extended illness.

It seems to me we are living beyond our means, and that sooner or later this house of cards will come down. It may be that I just have a dark, Celtic outlook, but I don't think that's it. I don't consider the country prosperous when husband and wife both have to work, often at more than one job, to maintain their living standards. And living with a lot of stuff not paid for is a false prosperity.

It's certainly true that the top 10 percent of the population are making money hand over foot, and lots of it. But I think the average working men and women in America are having a tough time. Too much money in circula-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

tion and too much easy credit are pushing prices up, and the lower middle class has no way of boosting its income to keep pace.

The first dollar I put into Social Security would, at that time, buy five gallons of gasoline, sometimes six. The first dollar I draw from Social Security will not buy even one gallon. That, in a nutshell, is how government always screws the people. It devalues the currency. You baby boomers need not worry that you won't draw a check from Social Security. What you must worry about is how little those dollars will buy when you get them.

Of course, we've all become rather spoiled as a result of the incessant selling of stuff. Many people, for example, have a television with cable service, a VHS recorder and a DVD player. Obviously, we can't watch movies on all three at the same time. And how many movies are there in existence that are worth watching

on even one medium? Then there are the CD players, tape decks and radios. If we spent all our time using this stuff, there wouldn't be any time left to earn the money to pay for them.

A Japanese fellow has written a book that, so far as I know, still hasn't been translated into English. But based on the review I read, he has a solid idea. As a solution to mountains of debt and solid waste, he advocates what he calls elegant poverty. He argues that people should concentrate on acquiring a few high-quality things that can be passed on to one's children rather than a lot of the cheap junk that goes to the landfill after a few years of use.

Naturally, that is the opposite of our present culture, which advocates buying stuff that is cheaper to replace than to repair as well as buying large quantities of things that we have only marginal use for. Materialism, it turns out, is all appetite and no satisfaction. This does not appear to me to be a sustainable lifestyle, either from an environmental or an economic point of view.

If you are in debt, get out and stay out. Instead of paying down on something, pay down on something in your savings account and make monthly payments to yourself. Then when you have the amount the item costs, if you still need it, you can buy it without incurring any debt or interest payments.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, March 7, the 67th day of 2000. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

On this date:
 In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibouenne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that parodies that poke fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Purr's Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no

smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy. Visitors are welcome.

OPERA, CHORALE CONCERT
WT Chorale and Pampa native Mary Jane Johnson will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The performance is open and free of charge to the public.

FOL BOOK SALE
Friends of the Library annual Book Sale will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. March 30 at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. For more information, contact Louise Bailey, president, at 669-6578, or the library at 669-5780.

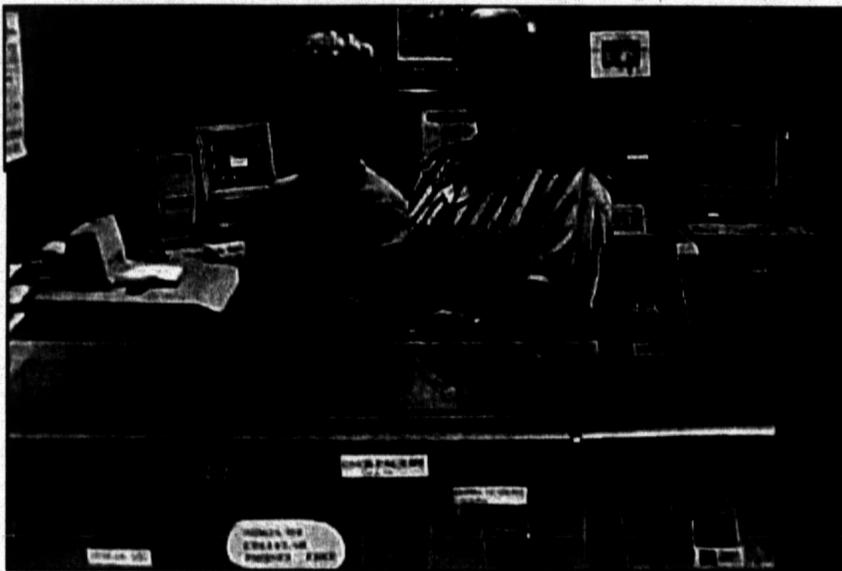
FPC BOOK DRIVE
Frank Phillips College Eta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in cooperation with the National Education Association's "Read Across America" effort is sponsoring a Children's Book Drive March 2-22. All children's books are welcome. Donated books will be given to the Hutchinson County Library. Books for pre-school children will be donated to Buttercup, Inc., a community childcare with three facilities in Hutchinson Co. The books will be accepted at FPC Library/Learning Resource Center or the Classroom Learning Complex. During spring break, donations may be dropped off at Borger Chamber of Commerce or at the library. For more information, call G.M. Morris at FPC at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 750.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE WORKSHOP
Texas Association of School Boards will sponsor a School Board Candidate Workshop from 7-9 p.m. March 23 at Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo. Topics will include a 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 campaigns. The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASSB,

(512) 467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6171.
BROWN BAG LECTURES
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., March 15, Golden Plains Women and Children's Clinic, Pampa; 1-4:30 p.m., March 22, Rural Health Clinic, McLean; and 12-4 p.m., March 27, City Hall first floor, Canadian.

~ Business Review ~



Grandmother Dorothy Gallimore and mother Beverly Snider welcome you to stop by their 3-generation Pampa-owned Pampa Communications. The third generation, daughter Pam Hathcoat, could not be there for the photo because she was recuperating after delivering a fourth-generation baby.

Pampa Communications ...40 years of business

A \$2,000 loan from her helpful parents in 1960 helped Dorothy Gallimore to build Pampa Communications.

The loan was actually Dorothy's brother. He couldn't make the business work, and Dorothy wanted to give it a shot. She said she knew she could make the business, Answering Service of Pampa, as it was known then, work. She wanted to repay her parents.

So Dorothy, and her husband E.C. Fulton, opened Answering Services of Pampa in April 1960 at 111 S. Ballard.

"And two-thousand dollars was a lot of money then," Dorothy said. She repaid her parents in the first two years.

"Our first customer was a rancher named Wiley Reynolds. It took some convincing, but he signed on," Dorothy said. "We had to convince him he needed

an answering service."

In 1966 the business was relocated to 641 N. Hobart, and renamed Pampa Communications.

The year 1966 was a tragic year for Dorothy. Her husband E.C. had a fatal heart attack at the business.

Dorothy has a house right next door to the Hobart business, so she can stay on top of things. Dorothy retired in 1991, though, and passed on the business to her daughter, Beverly Snider.

"She still comes in here every day to check on things," Beverly said.

Daughter Beverly said Pampa Communications is actually a three-generation business. Beverly said her daughter Pam Hathcoat manages the paging and dish satellite services. Pampa Communications has done a little of everything. It has served as an answering service, it

ran a two-way radio, it had a two-way radio repair shop, it has sold cellular phones, and pagers, and satellite dishes.

Beverly said their customers range from the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, to citizens, to IBM. She said she and her husband, Jewell Snider, were able to open a second store, in Fair Field, Texas, called B&J Cellular Sales.

"We like to call our business the 'one stop communications place.' Customers can get answering service, pagers, and cellular phones at one place," Beverly said.

And a little gossip, that is, if Dorothy is around.

"I always said I was going to write a book, because I was involved in so many people's lives. But I never did," Dorothy said.

It's never too late, Dorothy. April marks the 40th anniversary of the Pampa business.

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Heat defeated the Clippers 31-22 in a recent Pampa Kids Club basketball league game.

Relipe Soria led the Heat in the scoring column with 13 points. Sam Conner and Billy Stowers followed with 7 points each.

Also scoring for the Heat were Eddie Palma 3, and Quinton Ellis 1.

The league is for youngsters in the sixth through eighth grades.

CANADIAN — Four Canadian High players have been named to the All-District 5-2A Girls' Basketball Team for 1999-2000.

Named to the all-district team were seniors Kathy Lee and Lori Francis, junior Angela Bivins and sophomore Jane Francis of Canadian.

Spearman junior Menn Schnell was named the district's most valuable player.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a matchup lacking defense, the Sacramento Kings showed they have the better of fence.

Chris Webber had 22 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds as the Kings beat the Dallas Mavericks 130-109 Monday night.

It was the third triple-double this season for Webber and the 11th of his career. It was the Kings' third victory in four games, and they had a season-high point total and shot 14-for-27 on 3-pointers.

"This was a good old-fashioned western shootout, there wasn't much defense on either side," Dallas assistant coach Donn Nelson said. "I was disappointed with the way we came out. I thought we dug ourselves in a hole and never recovered."

Sacramento never trailed, led by 18 points after one quarter and went on a 9-0 run in the fourth quarter to pull away in beating Dallas for the sixth straight time over the last two seasons.

Vlade Divac had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Nick Anderson scored 17 points — including five 3-pointers — as seven players scored in double figures for the Kings. Jason Williams added 13 points and six assists, and Corliss Williamson and Jon Barry had 13 points apiece.

"They made a run on us in the third quarter and we came right back on them," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "We were in control the whole way. But they are a scary team, they can really score."

The Kings shot 54 percent and outrebounced the Mavericks 50-40. Dennis Rodman had eight rebounds in 24 minutes, his second-lowest rebounding total this season.

Dallas lost for the eighth time in 11 games with Rodman in the lineup. Once a feared defender, Rodman was matched up against Webber early in the game. It didn't bother the Kings All-Star forward.

"That's what you have to do against guys like Dennis Rodman, go right at them," Webber said. "I'm not sure that's the same Dennis Rodman I used to know."

Cedric Ceballos scored 27 points for Dallas, which dropped its fourth straight game. Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and Michael Finley had 18.

The Mavericks had five turnovers in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter as the Kings pulled away. Webber made a jumper and then tipped in a missed free throw, putting Sacramento ahead 106-88 with 8:01 remaining.

"It started for us by not playing defense," Dallas guard Brick Strickland said. "The type of team they are you have to be able to match their intensity and get some stops and we didn't do a good job of that."

PHS tennis team takes third at Bi-State tourney

ALTUS, Okla. — The Pampa varsity tennis team placed third in the boys' and girls' divisions at the Bi-State Tournament last weekend. First place went to Amarillo Tascosa and second place to Wichita Falls Rider in the boys' division. In the boys' division, Rider took first and Tascosa second.

"I was very pleased with our effort as a team. We took six matches from top-ranked Wichita Falls Rider and three matches from Tascosa. Emily Curtis and Emily Waters had an outstanding weekend," said PHS head coach Carolyn Quarles.

Curtis defeated Mindy

Arnold of Rider in singles, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, and Waters defeated Camille Campbell of Rider in singles, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. In doubles, they defeated Campbell-McCormick of Rider to advance to the finals. They played Cone and Bankhead of Tascosa in the finals and fell in a hard-fought 3-set match (6-1, 4-6, 6-2).

David Philips won the No. 6 singles, defeating David Stewart of Tascosa 6-3, 6-2 and David Marr of Rider in the finals, 6-1, 6-0.

Senior Matt Rains also won his No. 5 singles division, defeating Penerty of Rider 6-0, 6-4, and Yarborough of Lawton in the finals 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

Sophomore Michelle Lee defeated Gatt of Clinton 6-4, 6-4 and Barbara Cone of Altus 6-2, 6-2 before losing in the finals to Angela Schleider of Rider 6-1, 6-4.

Seniors Helen Orr and Jennifer Muns won the No. 3 girls' doubles division, defeating Woods-David of Tascosa 7-5, 6-3 and Leach-Wright of Rider in the finals 6-1, 6-4.

"Everyone on our team brought home a medal (first, second or third), so we all had some good matches, but we still have areas that need improvement before district," coach Quarles said.

Pampa hosts an 8-team tournament Friday and Saturday at the PHS courts.

Starting time is 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Bi-State Tournament

Pampa results

Boys' Singles

No. 1 — Michael Cornelison, fourth place.

No. 2 — Bryce Jordan, fourth place.

No. 3 — A.J. Smith, fourth place.

No. 4 — Ryan Mills, third place.

No. 5 — Matt Rains, first place.

No. 6 — David Philips, first place.

Girls' Singles

No. 1 — Emily Waters, second place.

No. 2 — Emily Curtis, second

place.
No. 3 — Helen Orr, third place.

No. 4 — Ashley Stucki, third place.

No. 5 — Jennifer Muns, third place.

No. 6 — Michelle Lee, second place.

Boys' Doubles

No. 1 — Cornelison-Jordan, third place.

No. 2 — Mills-Rains, third place.

No. 3 — Smith-Philips, second place.

Girls' Doubles

No. 1 — Waters-Curtis, second place.

No. 2 — Stucki-Lee, third place.

No. 3 — Orr-Muns, first place.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's David Robinson placed second in the triple jump at last weekend's Top Of Texas Invitational.

Tascosa boys win Top Of Texas meet

PAMPA — Tascosa won the boys' division at the Top Of Texas Invitational last weekend. Pampa was seventh.

Team standings: 1. Tascosa 133; 2. Borger 118; 3. Dumas 117; 4. Boys Ranch 50; 5. Randall 46; 6. Canyon 29; 7. Pampa 25; 8. Stratford 20; 9. Perryton 16.

Pampa individual results
Triple jump: David Robinson, second place, 41-0 3/4; Ben Williams, sixth place, 38-4 1/2.

Shot put: Jeff Warren, sixth place, 45-3.
400 relay: Pampa, fourth place, 45.91.

110 hurdles: Dyer, fifth place, 16.11
200: Tarango, sixth place, 22.88.

1600: Solis, sixth place, 5:05.81.
1600 relay: Pampa, sixth place, 3:44.33.

Junior varsity team standings: 1. Tascosa 142; 2. Boys Ranch 110; 3. Pampa 88; 4. Randall 72; 5. Dumas 45; 6. Borger 39; 7. Canyon 38; 8. Perryton 13.

Pampa individual results
Long jump: Williams, third place, 18-11 1/4; Sessions, fifth place, 18-4 3/4.

Discus: David Sigala, third place, 113-2; David Pavela, fourth place, 111-10.

Shot put: Aaron Willis, second place, 37-1.
400 relay: Pampa, first place, 45.80.

100: Williams, second place, 11.60; Sessions, fourth place, 12.03.

400: Hoover, third place, 1:01.72.
200: Drew, third place, 24.47; Elledge, fifth place, 24.73.
1600 relay: Pampa, second place, 3:53.27.

Lady Harvesters softball team hit hard by injuries

PAMPA — With District 3-4A play just around the corner, the Pampa girls' softball team is trying to overcome a slew of injuries.

"We've got such a talented team, but we've really been hit hard by injuries," said coach Jamie Greene. "Our main pitcher, Stephanie Clark, hurt her knee and hasn't played since the Borger Tournament."

Greene has had to look to freshmen pitchers Lindsey Ledbetter and Karissa Intemann to carry the load.

"My goal was to have two or three pitchers ready to go for later on in the season, but I didn't know they would be needed so soon,"

Greene said. "I've had to call on Lindsey Narron to help us with our pitching."

Denise Mackey, Tess Kingcade and Charity Nachtigall are other Lady Harvesters who are trying to fight off injuries. Mackey has a back injury and isn't expected to play for three weeks.

The Lady Harvesters have won two games since the season started in mid-February.

"Our freshmen pitchers are doing the best they can, but they're just not quite ready for the varsity level," Greene said.

Pampa opens district play March 14 at Caprock.

Fizer leads parade of unanimous choices to AP All-Big 12 squad

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — For 24 voters picking The Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball squad, the first four selections were a snap.

Marcus Fizer, whose forceful presence led Iowa State to its first conference championship in 55 years, heads a parade of unanimous selections for The Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball team.

In an unprecedented show of unanimity, a panel of sportswriters and sportscasters who cover the Big 12 on a regular basis also named Oklahoma State's Desmond Mason, Oklahoma's Eduardo Najera and Texas Tech's Chris Mihm to every first-team ballot.

For the fifth first-team spot, Iowa State point guard Jamaal Tinsley, who ranked in the top three in the Big 12 in both steals and assists, outpulled Colorado guard Jaquay Walls.

Mason, 6-foot-6, and Najera, 6-8, are the only seniors on the first team. Fizer, 6-8, Mihm and Tinsley, a 6-3 junior college transfer, are juniors.

Fizer — leaner, quicker and smarter than he was as a pudgy sophomore who averaged 18 points — topped the Big 12 with a 22.8-point scoring average.

"He is a man among boys," said Colorado coach Ricardo Patton.

Fizer is barreling into the post-season as one of the hottest players in the nation, averaging 32.6 points over the last five games by shooting 61-of-106 (.575) from the field. In four of his last five games, he has gone over 30 points.

"He's a different guy. He's more mature," said Iowa State coach Larry Bustachy. "He lets the game come to him. He dictates the game. The game dictated him last year."

Fizer and Tinsley were the key players in one of the biggest stories in basketball this season. With Tinsley providing what Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson termed the finest point guard play

in the conference, the Cyclones went from 15-15 a year ago to a school-record 26-4. In preseason polls, they were not picked higher than sixth.

In league games, the Cyclones went 14-2 in capturing their first conference title since winning the Big Six in 1945.

The top vote-getters on the second team were Texas forward Gabe Muoneke and Walls, whose 42 points in an overtime victory against Iowa State set a Big 12 record.

They are joined by Missouri point guard Keyon Dooling, Nebraska center Kimani Ffriend, and Texas Tech guard Rayford Young.

Tinsley, who didn't play high school basketball, had 199 assists and made 75 steals.

"Tinsley's the best with the ball in his hands maybe in our league," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson. "In terms of creating, Tinsley might be the best."

"He's the best newcomer in the league for sure and has done more things at point guard than anybody else I can think of," said Kansas coach Roy Williams.

Najera, who came to Oklahoma four years ago from his native Mexico hardly able to speak English, will leave as one of the most popular Sooners ever. He was second to Fizer with an 18.5 scoring average and second to Mihm with 9.5 rebounds a game.

He probably leads the conference in bumps and bruises and heading dives to the floor in pursuit of loose balls.

"There's a significant difference between being a star and being a teammate," said Sampson. "Eduardo is a humble kid, a mild, humble, modest soul. I'm a better person for having had the opportunity to coach him."

For his career, Najera ranks 10th in school history in scoring, sixth in rebounding, seventh in steals and sixth in blocked shots.

Mihm led the Big 12 with 19 double-doubles last season and is

again at the top with 17 this season. His 10.4 rebound average is the best in the league and his 17.8 points are sixth.

"He's just a monster," said Bustachy. "He scores so easy. He's just so big and has such a nice touch around the basket."

Mason was third in the conference with 18.1 points per game and the most important contributor to Oklahoma State's 23-5 record.

For Baylor coach Dave Bliss, there is little difference in the quality of Najera, Mason and Mihm.

"A coin flip," he said. "Each of the three does so much for the team they're playing on. They bring different things. Najera, very few big men are as good a leader as he is for his team. Desmond Mason plays well at both ends of the floor and he really stepped up his game. Chris Mihm is just overwhelming in the post."

Jets could trade Keyshawn Johnson

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens are getting serious about next month's draft to discuss a blockbuster trade that could involve Keyshawn Johnson.

Baltimore owns the fifth overall choice, acquired last year from Atlanta, and is eager to deal it for more picks. The Jets have the 16th and 18th spots and are looking to move up.

A source familiar with the talks told The Associated Press on Monday night that the Jets want the fifth pick, plus a player or another draft choice, to include Johnson, a two-time Pro Bowl receiver. Bill Parcells, the Jets' chief of football operations, has held back in free agency and wants to make a big score in the draft.

What the Jets fear most is an inability to re-sign Johnson, who has two years left on a contract that pays him \$2.5 million a year.

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"It's going to take some time, but we're going to get that ring," Moreno said.

Club members recently returned from a bout at Woodward, Okla.

They're headed to Lubbock on March 11 for the Region Five Silver Glove Championships.

"We will give these kids a break (after these two tournaments). These kids have proven to themselves and to others that they can change, and they have. It hasn't been easy, but it can be done," Moreno said.

Many of the youngsters in the club have come from troubled family backgrounds, but they're overcoming those obstacles with help from Moreno and his staff.

"I've always told these kids what you do today could affect you the rest of your life," Moreno says.

If you'd like to make a donation toward purchasing a ring and see these fighters in action at home, contact Moreno at 665-3318. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Switching from boxing to wrestling, Chad Chairez is currently the head coach of the



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Maverick Wrestling Club in Amarillo.

As a Pampa High junior, Chairez became the school's first high school wrestling champion.

Chairez, competing in the 125-pound class, beat Anthony Mendez of El Paso in the 1992 state finals in Dallas.

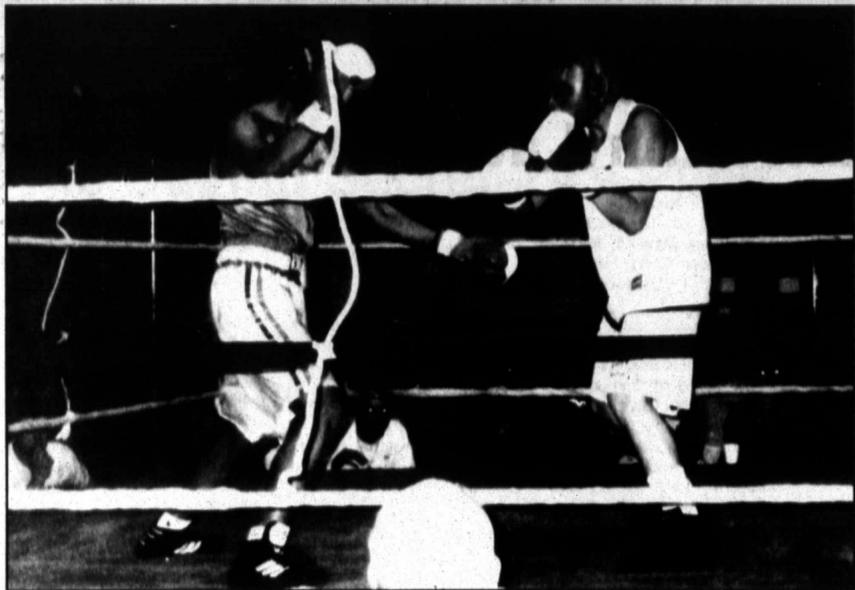
Chairez sent a recent fax to The Pampa News congratulating The Pampa Takedown Club for their success at this year's state tournament in Mesquite.

In case you missed it, Miami linebacker Zach Thomas of Pampa has opened a gym and fitness center in Amarillo.

The center will be known as Zach's Club 54, which is the jersey number he wears as the Dolphins' all-pro linebacker.

The club will be operated by Bart Thomas, Zach's older brother.

Bart, who had been a vice-president with First United Bank of Lubbock, will be general manager of the new fitness center.



Danny Bedolla (left) gets ready to deliver a right cross to his opponent at the Woodward, Okla. Tournament.

Pampa boxers win honors at Oklahoma tournament

WOODWARD, Okla. — Members of the Youth Survival Boxing Club of Pampa turned in some solid performances at a Woodward, Okla. Tournament last month.

"We took six boxers and brought back five trophies, one medal and a big team trophy," said club founder J.R. Moreno. "The team trophy is awarded only if all your fighters win, and we got it."

Danny Bedolla, Memo Marquez, Manden Conklin, Brian Maxwell, Sergio Silva and

Carlos Hermosillo represented the Pampa club.

Bedolla came back strong after a short illness to outclass his Elk City, Okla. opponent.

"Danny's fancy footwork was not an easy target for his opponent to hit. His opponent got a standing 8-count every round," Moreno said. "Danny's quick moves makes it look so easy. He is another promising fighter for Pampa."

Marquez won by a TKO before the end of round three.

"Memo fought a tough fighter from Woodward, but he cut-

boxed him. These kids are getting better every time they get in the ring," Moreno said.

Marquez won the Golden Glove Championship in Lubbock in early February.

Conklin won all three of his rounds. Maxwell, Silva and Hermosillo each won a trophy.

Pampa boxers will compete in the 2000 Region Five Silver Glove Championships March 11 in Lubbock. Matches start at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory.

Pampa boxers will enter another tournament in Woodward Okla. after the Lubbock meet.

Vikings to Marino: Let's talk

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The thought of Dan Marino in purple is making Miami Dolphins fans blue and must have Jeff George seeing red.

The league's career passing leader is contemplating an offer to join the Vikings next season after spending his entire 17-year career in Miami.

Marino is expected to decide this week whether to accept the one-year offer, according to two sources close to the quarterback who spoke on condition of anonymity Monday.

Marino would supplant George, who hasn't been offered a contract despite going 9-3 in place of Randall Cunningham last season. Marino would serve as a one-year mentor to Daunte Culpepper, the Vikings' first-round draft pick last year.

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"He should rest on his laurels," Zucker said. "He's not going to add to his stature any, and he's just going to get hurt. He doesn't need it."

Coach Dennis Green said the Vikings' quarterback-friendly system would give Marino an opportunity "to take one more crack at winning a world championship."

Green also said the Vikings staff would travel to Florida, where Cris Carter and Randy Moss live, to help prepare Marino for their offensive system.

Carter said Marino, who turns 39 this year, called him to say he's considering the Vikings' offer.

But Marino also is contemplating retirement.

Marino became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed free-agent quarterback Jay Fiedler to a three-year, \$3.8 million deal.

But Dolphins president, Billie Jones said for the first time Monday that if Marino plays next season, the Dolphins want him.

"Danny has been told he can come back," Jones said.

George's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said he assumed all along the Vikings would make a push for his client's return once they freed up enough cap room.

Steinberg said he was flabbergasted by the Vikings' pursuit of Marino.

"Do I understand what's going on in Minnesota? No," Steinberg said. "Usually, when a guy goes 9-3 and takes his team to the playoffs, the

team tries to extend his contract very quickly. It seemed like a marriage made in heaven."

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Pro Bowl offensive linemen Jeff Christy and Randall McDaniel recently joined rival Tampa Bay, and Green purged half his coaching staff following a season of failed expectations and spoiled team chemistry.

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WPHL Standings

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At A Glance

By The Associated Press

| Eastern Division | W | LSOL | Pts | GF | GA |
|------------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Shreveport | 36 | 15 | 79 | 232 | 166 |
| Monroe | 34 | 18 | 6 | 204 | 174 |
| Lake Charles | 33 | 22 | 4 | 209 | 192 |
| Tupelo | 25 | 24 | 10 | 60 | 201 |
| Arkansas | 25 | 24 | 9 | 59 | 218 |
| Alexandria | 19 | 32 | 9 | 47 | 176 |
| Central Division | W | LSOL | Pts | GF | GA |
| Central Texas | 42 | 15 | 2 | 86 | 230 |
| Austin | 36 | 20 | 4 | 76 | 243 |
| Corpus Christi | 28 | 22 | 8 | 64 | 249 |
| Fort Worth | 27 | 28 | 4 | 58 | 201 |
| x-Vico | 11 | 14 | 2 | 24 | 86 |
| x-Abilene | 6 | 16 | 4 | 16 | 70 |
| Western Division | W | LSOL | Pts | GF | GA |
| New Mexico | 44 | 14 | 3 | 91 | 285 |
| Lubbock | 35 | 23 | 3 | 73 | 269 |
| El Paso | 32 | 21 | 7 | 71 | 252 |
| Odessa | 27 | 25 | 7 | 61 | 218 |
| San Angelo | 22 | 35 | 3 | 47 | 190 |
| Amarillo | 19 | 35 | 6 | 44 | 184 |

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Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
El Paso at Amarillo
Fort Worth at Central Texas
Arkansas at Odessa

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Alexandria at Corpus Christi

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|--------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Miami | 37 | 23 | .617 | — |
| New York | 35 | 23 | .603 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 25 | .569 | 3 |
| Orlando | 28 | 32 | .467 | 9 |
| Boston | 24 | 35 | .407 | 12 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 24 | 36 | .400 | 13 |
| Washington | 18 | 42 | .300 | 19 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-----------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Indiana | 40 | 19 | .678 | — |
| Toronto | 34 | 25 | .576 | 6 |
| Charlotte | 32 | 27 | .542 | 8 |
| Milwaukee | 29 | 31 | .483 | 11 1/2 |
| Detroit | 28 | 30 | .483 | 11 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 25 | 34 | .424 | 15 |
| Atlanta | 23 | 35 | .397 | 16 1/2 |
| Chicago | 12 | 46 | .207 | 27 1/2 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Utah | 38 | 20 | .655 | — |
| San Antonio | 38 | 22 | .633 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 35 | 24 | .593 | 3 1/2 |
| Denver | 26 | 32 | .448 | 12 |
| Dallas | 24 | 35 | .407 | 14 1/2 |
| Houston | 24 | 35 | .407 | 14 1/2 |
| Vancouver | 18 | 41 | .305 | 20 1/2 |

Pacific Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|---------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| L.A. Lakers | 50 | 11 | .820 | — |
| Portland | 46 | 13 | .780 | 3 |
| Phoenix | 38 | 21 | .644 | 11 |
| Seattle | 36 | 25 | .590 | 14 |
| Sacramento | 34 | 25 | .576 | 15 |
| Golden State | 16 | 42 | .276 | 32 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 12 | 48 | .200 | 37 1/2 |

Sunday's Games
Utah 89, New York 79
Boston 97, Orlando 91
Toronto 94, Vancouver 92
L.A. Lakers 93, Miami 80
Charlotte 100, Chicago 94
Minnesota 105, Seattle 100, OT
Indiana 114, Golden State 95
Cleveland 100, Denver 92

Monday's Games
Orlando 87, Washington 85
Phoenix 100, Miami 92
Milwaukee 111, Atlanta 78
San Antonio 106, New Jersey 104
L.A. Lakers 123, L.A. Clippers 103
Sacramento 130, Dallas 109
Toronto 109, Portland 90

Tuesday's Games
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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America East Conference

At The Bob Carpenter Center
Newark, Del.

First Round
Friday, March 3
Boston University 83, Northeastern 57
Hartford 117, New Hampshire 88

Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 4
Hofstra 80, Boston University 62
Maine 80, Hartford 63
Delaware 79, Towson 69

Semifinals
Sunday, March 5
Hofstra 69, Drexel 51
Delaware 68, Maine 46

Championship
At Hofstra Arena
Hempstead, N.Y.
Saturday, March 11
Delaware at Hofstra, 11:30 a.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.

First Round
Thursday, March 9
North Carolina vs. Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
Duke vs. Clemson, 9:30 p.m.

Second Round
Friday, March 10
North Carolina vs. Wake Forest, Noon
Maryland vs. Florida State-Georgia Tech winner, 2 p.m.
Virginia vs. North Carolina State, 7 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 11
Duke-Clemson winner vs. North Carolina-Wake Forest winner, 1:30 p.m.
Maryland—Florida State-Georgia Tech winner vs. Virginia-North Carolina State winner, 4 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Atlantic 10 Conference

At First Union Spectrum
Philadelphia

Wednesday, March 8
Virginia Tech vs. Fordham, Noon
Massachusetts vs. Duquesne, 2:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's vs. La Salle, 7 p.m.
Xavier vs. Rhode Island, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 9
Temple vs. Virginia Tech-Fordham winner, Noon
George Washington vs. Massachusetts-Duquesne winner, 2:30 p.m.
Dayton vs. St. Joseph's-La Salle winner, 7 p.m.
St. Bonaventure vs. Xavier-Rhode Island winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 10
Temple—Virginia Tech-Fordham winner vs. George Washington—Massachusetts-Duquesne winner, 7 p.m.
Dayton—St. Joseph's-La Salle winner vs. St. Bonaventure—Xavier-Rhode Island winner, 9:30 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

Big East Conference

At Madison Square Garden
New York

First Round
Wednesday, March 8
West Virginia vs. Georgetown, 11 a.m.
Connecticut vs. Boston College, 1:30 p.m.
Seton Hall vs. Providence, 4 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Rutgers, 7:30 p.m.
Villanova vs. Pittsburgh, 10 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 9
Syracuse vs. West Virginia-Georgetown winner, Noon
Connecticut-Boston College winner vs. Seton Hall-Providence winner, 2:30 p.m.
Miami vs. Notre Dame-Rutgers winner, 7 p.m.
St. John's vs. Villanova-Pittsburgh winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 10
Syracuse—West Virginia-Georgetown winner vs. Connecticut-Boston College—Seton Hall-Providence winner, 7 p.m.
Miami—Notre Dame-Rutgers winner vs. St. John's—Villanova-Pittsburgh winner, 9:30 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Big Sky Conference

At The Adams Center
Missoula, Mont.

First Round
Wednesday, March 8
Northern Arizona vs. Portland State, 8 p.m.
Weber State vs. Cal State Northridge, 10:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 10

Eastern Washington vs. higher remaining seed, 9 p.m.
Montana vs. lower remaining seed, 11:30 p.m.

Championship

Saturday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 10:30 p.m.

Big South Conference

At Asheville Civic Center
Asheville, N.C.

First Round
Thursday, March 2
North Carolina-Asheville 77, Liberty 63
Charleston Southern 83, Coastal Carolina 71

Semifinals
Friday, March 3
North Carolina-Asheville 78, Radford 71
Winthrop 80, Charleston Southern 65

Championship
Saturday, March 4
Winthrop 75, North Carolina-Asheville 62

Big Ten Conference

At The United Center
Chicago

First Round
Thursday, March 9
Michigan vs. Penn State, 2 p.m.
Iowa vs. Minnesota, 4:30 p.m.
Wisconsin vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Friday, March 10
Illinois vs. Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Ohio St. vs. Michigan-Penn State winner, 3 p.m.
Michigan State vs. Iowa-Minnesota winner, 7:30 p.m.
Purdue vs. Wisconsin-Northwestern winner, 10 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 11
Illinois-Indiana winner vs. Ohio State—Penn State-Michigan winner, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan State—Iowa-Minnesota winner vs. Purdue—Wisconsin-Northwestern winner, 5 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m.

Big 12 Conference

At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.

First Round
Thursday, March 9
Nebraska vs. Baylor, 1 p.m.
Kansas vs. Kansas State, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
Missouri vs. Texas Tech, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Friday, March 10
Iowa State vs. Nebraska-Baylor winner, 1 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. Kansas-Kansas State winner, 3:30 p.m.
Texas vs. Colorado-Texas A&M winner, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Missouri-Texas Tech winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 11
Iowa State—Nebraska-Baylor winner vs. Oklahoma State—Kansas-Kansas State winner, 2 p.m.
Texas—Colorado-Texas A&M winner vs. Oklahoma—Missouri-Texas Tech winner, 4:20 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

Big West Conference

At The Lawlor Events Center
Reno, Nev.

First Round
Thursday, March 9
Long Beach State vs. Idaho, 3 p.m.
New Mexico State vs. UC Irvine, 5:30 p.m.
Utah State vs. Pacific, 9 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara vs. Nevada, 11:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 10
Utah State-Pacific winner vs. UC Santa Barbara-Nevada winner, 9 p.m.
Long Beach State-Idaho winner vs. New Mexico State-UC Irvine winner, 11:30 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 12:30 a.m.

Colonial Athletic Association

At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.

First Round
Friday, March 3
American 74, East Carolina 54

Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 4
George Mason 75, American 58
North Carolina-Wilmington 66, Virginia Commonwealth 57
James Madison 84, William & Mary 73
Richmond 67, Old Dominion 55

Semifinals
Sunday, March 5
North Carolina-Wilmington 67, George Mason 56
Richmond 80, James Madison 65

Championship
Monday, March 6
North Carolina-Wilmington 57, Richmond 47

Conference USA

At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.

First Round
Wednesday, March 8
Southern Mississippi vs. Saint Louis, 1 p.m.
Marquette vs. Houston, 3:30 p.m.
South Florida vs. Memphis, 7 p.m.
North Carolina Charlotte vs. Alabama-Birmingham, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 9
Cincinnati vs. Southern Mississippi-Saint Louis winner, 1 p.m.
Tulane vs. Marquette-Houston winner, 3:30 p.m.
DePaul vs. South Florida-Memphis winner, 7 p.m.
Louisville vs. N.C. Charlotte-UAB winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 10
Cincinnati—Southern Mississippi-Saint Louis winner vs. Tulane—Marquette-Houston winner, 5:30 p.m.
DePaul—South Florida-Memphis winner vs. Louisville—N.C. Charlotte-UAB winner, 8 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 12:30 p.m.

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

At Pepsi Arena
Albany, N.Y.

First Round
Friday, March 3
Rider 73, St. Peter's 58
Canisius 83, Loyola, Md. 69

Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 4
Niagara 83, Marist 65
Siena 82, Canisius 71
Iona 64, Rider 59
Fairfield 67, Manhattan 50

Semifinals
Sunday, March 5
Siena 90, Niagara 88
Iona 76, Fairfield 72

Championship
Monday, March 6
Iona 84, Siena 80

Mid-American Conference

First Round
Wednesday, March 1
At Campus Sites
Marshall 83, Buffalo 63
Ohio 77, Western Michigan 52
Toledo 68, Northern Illinois 64, 20T
Miami, Ohio 64, Eastern Michigan 51
Central Michigan 75, Akron 73

At Gund Arena
Cleveland

Quarterfinals
Sunday, March 5
Miami, Ohio 58, Bowling Green 56, OT
Ball State 64, Toledo 63, OT
Ohio 69, Kent 68

Semifinals
Monday, March 6
Miami, Ohio 69, Marshall 63
Ball State 70, Ohio 67

Championship
Wednesday, March 8
Miami, Ohio vs. Ball State, 7 p.m.

Mid-Continent Conference

At Fort Wayne Coliseum
Fort Wayne, Ind.

First Round
Sunday, March 5
Oral Roberts 67, Youngstown State 59
Southern Utah State 78, Western Illinois 68
Missouri-Kansas City 62, Chicago State 61

Semifinals
Monday, March 6
Valparaiso 71, Oral Roberts 56
Southern Utah State 72, Missouri-Kansas City 54

Championship
Tuesday, March 7
Valparaiso vs. Southern Utah State, 9:30 p.m.

Glickman keynote speaker at 98th annual convention of National Farmers Union

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Family farmers and ranchers adopted a legislative platform for 2000, debated the future of farm policy and heard from key officials at the National Farmers Union 98th Anniversary Convention held recently in Salt Lake City. Wes Sims, president of Texas Farmers Union of Sweetwater, was one of more than 500 farmers and ranchers from around the country who attended the gathering.

In today's farm policy debate, delegates voted to withhold support for Permanent Normal Trade Relations for China until the world's

most-populated country proves that it can meet international standards in the areas of human rights and trade.

"We discussed and debated long-term solutions to the price crisis in our area and around the country," said Sims. "Every commodity and every region of the country is facing the same challenges. The convention was an opportunity for us to craft a comprehensive policy program for the coming year."

Delegates passed a special order calling for a study on consolidation in the U.S. food retailing, market and distribution system, a strengthening of antitrust laws and incentives and programs to give producers access to additional markets.

Other convention highlights included an announcement by Glickman that a producers' referendum will be conducted by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service on the mandatory pork check off. He did not specify a date for the vote.

A call to action from U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who delivered a fiery speech encouraging rural citizens to join 30 nationwide organizations — including the NFU — in supporting the Rally for

Rural America March 20-21 in Washington, D.C.

"I think that this gathering in Washington, D.C. is about the heart and soul of rural America," Wellstone said. "And I think this is going to be viewed by historians as a vitally important step for change in farm policy and toward making a difference on a host of other issues that affect rural America."

Convention delegates re-elected Leland Swenson as the organization's president and elected Alan Bergman (ND) as vice president. Sims was re-elected NFU treasurer, also Jim Miller (AR) was reelected secretary.



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Texas round up ...

Report: 'Heads-up' displays a focus of NTSB investigation into runaway

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines' use of a sophisticated dashboard display is one focus of the federal investigation into a crash landing in California that injured 15 passengers, according to a published report.

Sources close to the investigation told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that National Transportation Safety Board officials will be interested in determining what role, if any, that "heads-up" displays commonly found in fighter jets played in Sunday's mishap.

Possible pilot error, the short runway at Burbank International Airport and the speed of the Boeing 737-300 are other factors listed in the investigation

into what Southwest called the worst accident in its 29-year history.

Investigators want to know how fast the plane was traveling and where it landed on the runway Sunday night before slamming through a metal barrier and onto a street, where it came to halt near a gasoline station.

The NTSB said it wants to interview the pilots, study skid marks on the runway and analyze the twin-engine jetliner's flight recorders.

Dallas-based Southwest was the first major air carrier to install heads-up displays on the dashboard in front of the captain's seat on most of its jets.

First reports indicated that Flight 1455's pilot landed too far down the runway, which may have been wet, affecting the jet's braking. But officials said Monday that the rain had stopped more than four hours before the crash.

Texas weapons dealers scrutinized over guns used in crimes

HOUSTON (AP) — Over 100 gun store owners in Texas are among thousands of U.S. dealers being targeted by the federal government for selling 10 or

more guns traced to crimes last year.

Last month President Clinton ordered the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to conduct "intensive inspections" of 1,020 dealers nationwide — only a fraction of the nation's 104,000 dealers — who sold 57 percent of the guns traced to crimes.

The search revealed that Texas had 124 dealers linked to crimes. All sold 10 or more guns in 1999.

An additional 10 Texas dealers have been asked to turn over all their gun records after refusing to let the ATF trace guns they sold that were later connected to crimes, but ATF agents said low staffing levels would make the job difficult.

"We've got fewer inspectors than we do agents, and the inspectors are the ones who are going to be doing the compliance inspections," ATF special agent Franceska Perot, an agency spokeswoman, told the Houston Chronicle. "We will have to find a way to do it, but it's going to be very difficult."

Bobby Nagel, owner of a San Antonio gun shop, said the inspections harassed legitimate gun dealers and ignored existing federal laws to prosecute criminals who use guns.

McDougal discusses prison life, urges better treatment of women

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Susan McDougal, imprisoned for 18 months after refusing to cooperate in the Whitewater real estate fraud case, says female inmates deserve better living conditions while serving time.

McDougal, sent to prison after being convicted in the first Whitewater trial in 1996, was also jailed for refusing a judge's order to answer independent counsel Kenneth Starr's questions before a grand jury and then was tried last year for obstruction. She repeatedly attacked Starr's motives and tactics from her jail cell.

"Most of the women were sleeping on the floor," she said. "They had no covers, and many were crying. It was a horrifying thing."

McDougal, 45, discussed her experiences on Monday before a crowd of about 200 students and others at the University of Texas at San Antonio as part of Women's History Month.

"We forget that people who are incarcerated are people, too," she said. "I tell the women, 'You need to be in jail.' I'm not for letting them out, but we need to fix them while they're there."

She called for prison overcrowding to be eliminated and asked authorities to stop locking up the mentally ill with the general population. She added that more programs like Alcoholics Anonymous must be available to women inmates.

She described how she was put into a cell with 30 other women, 10 beds and a toilet that also served as the drinking water source.

Summer bumper — soaring gas prices

UNDATED — James McKenna isn't too worried that gas prices could go as high as \$1.80 per gallon this summer.

That might sound odd coming from the top tourism official i Lake Placid, N.Y., a vacation spot

that even he calls a "rubber-tire destination."

Yet McKenna estimates that tourists driving up from New York City would pay about \$8 more in gas each way should prices increase. In today's booming economy, he said, that's still a bargain.

"You can't even get a glass of wine for eight bucks," he said.

The Energy Department on Monday predicted that gasoline prices, already averaging about \$1.50 for a gallon for unleaded, would spike at \$1.75 to \$1.80 this summer because production isn't keeping pace with demand.

The timing couldn't be worse. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is typically the busiest driving season of the year, with an estimated 270 million people hitting the road for vacation, according to the American Automobile Association.

AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom said that while many travelers won't change their plans because of a few additional bucks a tank, some could decide to stay closer to home and skip trips to more remote destinations such as national parks out West.

"If prices continue to move up and begin to reach the \$2 a gallon level, psychologically Americans may not be prepared to deal with that and continue business as usual with the family budget," he said.

It's a situation that worries Keela Mangum. The owner of Grand Canyon Trail Rides fears that if gas prices continue to skyrocket, the booming summer travel season she was counting on might turn out to be a bust.

Differing approaches for wives of presidential contenders

UNDATED — Cindy McCain, Tipper Gore and Ernestine Bradley are known as the charismatic campaigners, the ones who look as comfortable on the stump as their husbands. But Laura Bush can hold her own, too.

Introducing her husband at a recent appearance, she used the chance to catch him up on things at home.

"First, I can report to George and to you that the girls got off to school just fine this morning, and I fed the cats before I left," she said, as the audience laughed.

The five candidates' wives — Jocelyn Marcel Keyes, the fifth, runs a soup kitchen in Montgomery County, Md. — have plenty in common as the spouses of men running hard for the presidency.

Where they differ is in approach.

Cindy McCain is the bright-eyed daughter of an Arizona beer distributor, while Tipper Gore bubbles like a school girl still fawning over her college sweetheart.

Ernestine Bradley, a native German, makes audiences laugh with occasional slips like saying she opposes the military's "don't talk, don't tell" policy toward gay soldiers.

Laura Bush is more reserved, reflecting her past as a public school librarian. Jocelyn Keyes is often away from the presidential battleground.

Recently, Mrs. Bush was asked what type of first lady she'd be if her husband, Texas Gov. George W.

Bush, were elected president.

Would she be like her mother-in-law, former first lady Barbara Bush? Or perhaps like Hillary Rodham Clinton?

In an answer similar in tone to all of her fellow spouses, she said: "I'll just be Laura Bush."

Bush seeks comedic rebound on 'Tonight Show'

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — George W. Bush was a comedic target for Jay Leno as the Republican presidential candidate tried to rebound from a lackluster appearance with Leno's rival David Letterman.

Bush, appearing Monday night on NBC's "The Tonight Show," at first faced gentle questioning about his famous family and his courtship of his wife. But the laughs picked up when the comedian made light of Bush's admitted partying past.

"When you were out at a frat party, having a good time at Yale (University) partying with the boys, were you ever thinking, 'You know, I don't want to have that beer. I might be running for president.' Did that ever cross your mind?"

Bush deadpanned: "No."

The Texas governor gave as good as he got, though, turning around Leno's persistent questions about whether he is a cheap-skate.

"Well, I'm thrifty. I'm going to be tight with your money — all that money you make, I'm going to be tight with," Bush said, hinting at Leno's multimillion-dollar salary.

"Oh, you're very good at this," Leno replied. "I still didn't get an answer to the question."

Bush's appearance last Wednesday on CBS' "The Late Show With David Letterman" was hampered by a delay in the satellite connection between Letterman's studio in New York and St. Louis, where Bush taped the segment. Several of the governor's jokes fell flat.

Elsewhere:

DATE RAPE DRUG: A Dallas business has agreed to stop distributing dietary supplements containing a chemical used in "date rape" drugs. The move came after Attorney General John Cornyn's office sued John's Lone Star Distribution of Dallas in March for selling supplements containing GBL, an illegal drug. Cornyn spokeswoman Heather Browne said under terms of the settlement, the company will pay \$10,000 and halt distribution and destroy its product inventory.

Fishing at Recreation Park



(Community Camera photo by Allen Dull)

Two-year-old Mackenzie Dull, 7-year-old Collin Dull and 6-year-old Shandy Allen enjoy fishing in the lake at Recreation Park recently. Collin caught a perch.

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