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PAMPA — All candidates for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors were unopposed and they have been declared duly elected. Phillip Smith, who lives near Panhandle in west Carson County, was reelected to Precinct 1. John R. Spearman, Jr., of Pampa, was elected Director of Precinct 3. Jason Green was elected Director of Precinct 5. Robert A. Clark was reelected Director of Precinct 7.

PAMPA — Top O' Texas Livestock Show Calf Fry is slated at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Adults eat for \$10 per person and children for \$6. All proceeds will benefit the Gray County Livestock Show Jan. 29.

PAMPA — Gray County voters who would like to request an application by mail for the March 14 election may do so through March 7. Anyone desiring to obtain a ballot by mail or who has inquiries regarding balloting by mail may contact the county clerk's office, 669-8004.

LEANDER (AP) — Leander school board members, saying they want more legal advice, have delayed a decision on whether to continue a long-standing practice of starting meetings with a prayer. The debate comes after Glen Fine, whose children attend school in the district, told school trustees in December that he might sue if the board continued to pray at meetings.

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"It's no accident State Farm insures more cars than anyone else."
Sheila Webb
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
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Gray GOP gets new party leaders

Mechler steps down from post after six years

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County Republican Party Chairman Tom Mechler has resigned his position. Mechler told *The Pampa News* this morning he submitted his resignation to the Gray County Republican Party Executive Committee Thursday night. His resignation is effective immediately. He served in the position six and one-half years and was not seeking reelection to the post

in the upcoming March 14 election.

Doug Ware, who is the only candidate on the ballot in the Republican Primary election for the post, was named Thursday to fill out the term previously held by Mechler. He has been active in the local party for several years.

He served as vice chairman of the county political party the past year, and served as treasurer for many years. Ware represented Gray County as a delegate to the state Republican convention last year.

Selected as new vice chairman for Gray County is James Bradley.

In his letter of resignation to the Gray County Republican

Party Executive Committee, Mechler said, "We have been through many tough battles and together, have transformed the local Republican Party into a dynamic political force, which has become the leading political party in Gray County."

He thanked each of the members of the executive committee for their support and commitment during his tenure as chairman. "There is literally no way we could have accomplished the gains in the number of Republican voters and Republican office holders without the tremendous hard work shown by this executive committee and our party officers."

Mechler expressed his appreciation to the current Gray



Doug Ware takes over



Tom Mechler resigns

County elected officials while not endorsing any candidates in the upcoming Republican pri-

mary. He said he has worked in Republican politics for over 10 years. (See GOP, Page 2)

A welcome project



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Subcontractor Kelly Holloway bores for a pipe that will run from the water line to a water meter on 7th Street in Lefors Wednesday. Holloway is with Hawkeye Road Boring of Lubbock.

Lefors' water project will cure service ills

Lefors' two-inch water lines can't handle the city's needs and finally a construction project is under way to remedy the situation.

The city applied for a grant with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in "late 1996 or early 1997," Judy Williams said.

It was awarded a grant of \$208,201 to upgrade the small, aging water lines, but delays and cost over-runs hampered the project from the beginning.

Work on the water lines began Monday, Jan. 10.

The following sections of water line will be replaced by larger four-inch lines: 7th from Shaw to Court; 6th from Park to Main; 5th from Shaw to Park; 4th from Clardy to Gray; and 5th from McLean to Magnolia, Williams said.

Lefors is also digging a new well north of the city.

"No service outages are expected in relation to the drilling and tie-in of the new well," Williams said.

But Williams said the line work will cause outages of two to three hours.

"If it's necessary to have water off for more than that we'll notify by knocking doors, or tagging doors if there is no response," Williams said.

She said the line work will take two months. Morton Irrigation, Inc., of Plainview, bid \$72,719.50 to drill the new well and install the connecting lines.

Rhode Construction Co., of Lubbock, bid \$127,280.00 to do the water line improvements.

Lefors accepted the bids. The remaining balance was spent on administrative and engineering fees. The engineering company overseeing

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More students may be arrested in Shamrock threat

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

As many as five or six more Shamrock students may be arrested on allegations they were involved with Wednesday's bomb threat at Shamrock ISD, 31st District Attorney John Mann said today.

Two arrests have already been made. Both were 17-year-old high school juniors in Shamrock — Shane Marshall and John Garza, said Shamrock Police Chief Joe Daniels. The pair remained in the Wheeler County jail at press time on state jail felony charges of making a false alarm report at a public school. Their bonds are \$25,000 each.

Mann said FBI agents remained in Shamrock today continuing their investigation which started when a school employee discovered a bomb threat noted taped to a rear door of one of the school buildings.

Meanwhile, Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan left today at 3 a.m. traveling to Hurst, Texas, to interview a possible witness who, if authorities are correct, has information about a meeting where the bomb threat was planned, Mann said.

After the note was found, the school was evacuated and no bomb was found.

Asked if those involved had present or future plans to plant a bomb, Mann said, "Who knows? But in this day and time you can't take something like this lightly."

Candidates turn in financial contribution lists

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

All local candidates who are required to file reports with the county clerk's office in the March primary election have filed the required financial campaign reports, according to Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Filing the reports Thursday were Gene R. Gee, who is seeking the Precinct 1 County Commission spot, and Curtis Dalton, who is running for Constable Precinct 1 and 3.

Gee was not required to meet the Jan. 18 deadline as he filed his campaign treasurer designation on Jan. 3.

Candidates who filed a campaign treasurer designation through Dec. 31 were required to file the report. Those who filed after Jan. 1 did not have to meet the deadline.

District attorney candidates file financial campaign reports with the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin while local candidates furnish reports to the county clerk's office.

Karen Lundquist, attorney for the TEC, told *The Pampa News* Thursday a report from incumbent District Attorney John Mann had not been received at the Austin office. He had filed a campaign treasurer designation in December. Lundquist said the postmark date on the report is the date which the ethics commission considers.

Mann said Friday morning his report has been sent to the TEC.

Three challengers to Mann are not required to file the report as their campaign treasurer designations were not made until Jan. 3. Richard "Rick" Roach and Phil Pendleton are challenging Mann in the Republican primary while Charles Kessie is seeking the Democrat party nomination for the district attorney position.

Miami board hears parental complaint against teacher

The Miami ISD school board called a special meeting Thursday night to hear arguments on a complaint filed by parents against a Miami ISD teacher.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. and went into executive session at 7:02 p.m., according to Miami ISD superintendent Allen Dinsmore.

"The board took no action," Dinsmore said.

Dinsmore said the board heard from Miami ISD personnel. He said no future special meeting has been set.

The next regularly scheduled Miami ISD school board meeting will be Feb. 14, at the Administration Office, 321 Custer, Miami, TX, at 7 p.m.

Something new at library

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Something new is coming to the Lovett Memorial Library.

On Tuesday it will be possible for Pampa residents without Internet access to participate in KACV interactive television show, Family 2000: A Panhandle Perspective, at the local library. This will be a first for the Pampa library.

Pampa School Superintendent Dawson Orr will be among the featured guests who will be discussing the state of the family in the area in the Amarillo studio.

Texas Tech psychologist Joyce O'Rear, Travis Middle School Principal Mark Leach and Amarillo

PTA presidents will also be among the guests. Lynn McDonald, Ph.D., who is the founder of a nationally recognized program, FAST (Families and Schools Together), which helps families and schools work together to strengthen the family bond, will join the discussion via satellite.

Program host Ellen Robertson Neal and KACV-TV will present the 90 minute program focusing on the state of the family in the Texas Panhandle.

The hour long broadcast will be followed by a 30 minute Internet discussion between viewers and the studio guests while the library's computers and staff will be available for anyone needing help or computers to e-mail questions during the program or to participate in the Internet discussion following the program.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SEEMANN, Ted K. — 2 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, Perryton.

Obituaries

JACK L. HENDERSON

Jack L. Henderson, 79, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in First Presbyterian Church at Alpine with the Rev. Ed Waddill officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery at Alpine under the direction of Geeslin Funeral Home. Local arrangements are with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Henderson was born June 22, 1920, at Austin. He married Violet Werner on Feb. 13, 1946, at Laredo; she died in 1993. He had been a longtime Austin resident prior to retiring to Alpine in 1985. He moved to Pampa a year ago.

He was a toll test board technician for Southwestern Bell Telephone, retiring in 1976 after 30 years of service. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church of Alpine and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy and in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Survivors include three sons, Jack R. Henderson of Tow, Randy Henderson of Austin and Gary Henderson of Pampa; a sister, Etta Byron of Austin; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association or to American Cancer Society.

GRANVIL L. 'JR.' SANDERSON

AMARILLO — Granvil L. "Jr." Sanderson, 55, brother of McLean residents, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. Memorial services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Messenger Worship Center with the Rev. Jim Patillo, of the church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Llano East Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Sanderson was born at Wheeler. He had been an Amarillo resident for the past 15 years, moving from Shamrock. He worked in the maintenance department at Amarillo College.

Survivors include five sisters, Hazel Gillispie of McLean, Mattie Holman of Sedan, N.M., Margie Johnson and Bettie Smith, both of Amarillo, and Vernell Hiller of Erick, Okla.; and two brothers, J.B. Sanderson of Amarillo and Bobby Sanderson of McLean.

The family will be at 113 W. Cottonwood in Amarillo and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

TED K. SEEMANN

PERRYTON — Ted K. Seemann, 71, father of Pampa residents, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Church of the Nazarene with Gary McDonald, pastor of Darrouzett, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Seemann was born in Seward County, Kan. He married his first wife, Verla, in 1947 at Hugoton, Kan.; she died in 1995. He had been a Perryton resident since 1955, moving from Hugoton. He was an oil field driller with Leonard Hudson Drilling, retiring in 1994 after 25 years of service.

He married Celia Ellis in 1998.

He belonged to Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Celia; two daughters, Kaye Anderson-Eckelson and Kenda Maddox, both of Pampa; two sons, Ted K. Seemann Jr. and James Seemann, both of Perryton; two stepdaughters, Jan Miller of Darrouzett and Debbie Babitzke of Booker; three stepsons, Wesley Ellis of Cleburne and Mike Ellis and Patrick Ellis, both of Booker; his mother, Rachel Seemann of Jetmore, Kan.; two sisters, Ruth McQuitty of Booker and Betty Boyles of Hugoton; a brother, David Seemann of Jetmore; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, TX 78755-0460.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department released the following offense reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Jan. 20

A theft of a brown purse with a bamboo handle was reported at the 300 block of North Ward. A child support check and a driver's license were in the purse.

Pampa Middle School reported a disruption of class at the 200 block of Charles.

Friday, Jan. 21

A suicide attempt was reported at the 400 block of Foster.

A suicide attempt was reported at the 400 block of Buckler.

A theft of two books of checks was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Jan. 20

Ashmad Rashad Sessions, 18, 1132 Prairie, was arrested on a bond surrender stemming from a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Michael Joseph Demorato, 42, Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Tracy Lynn Cooke, 33, Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 20

4:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Friday, Jan. 21

1:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Buckler and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.22	Coca-Cola	.66 1/8	up 1/4
Milo	2.96	Columbia/FCA	.30 7/16	dn 1/2
Corn	3.41	Eaton	.71 1/16	up 3 1/16
Soybeans	4.16	Halliburton	.43	up 2 3/16

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion.

Occidental	.22 3/16	up 1/16
Fidelity Magellin	134.04	
Puritan	18.67	

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

Amsco	.56 1/8	up 1/16
Arco	.79 3/4	up 4 1/16
Cabot	.24	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	.15 1/8	dn 1/8
Chevron	.89 1/4	up 1 3/4

Court report

Divorces

Tracie Dawn Cooper vs. Andrew Clayton Cooper

Tabitha Fick vs. Robert Glen Fick

Dorothy F. Gallimore vs. Lewis C. Gallimore

Adrienne Sue Garner vs. Dale Forrest Garner

Thomas Kerry Grays vs. Eva Jeanett Grays

Deidra Marie Pryor vs. Edward Randolph Pryor

Stanley M. Warren vs. Sandra I. Warren

Betty Yount vs. Darrell Dee Yount

Marriage Declared void: Sandra Stephenson Bowers vs. Jorge Ruiz

James G. Allen, Jr. vs. Linda Susan Allen

Rosa Maria Castillo vs. Miguel Angel Castillo

Stacey Marie Johnson vs. James Grant Johnson

Debra Camille Lee vs. Gerald Dewaine Lee

Larry Owen Mangus vs. Therclie Jane Mangus

Deborah J. Smith vs. Larry Richard Smith

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years and believes the current Gray County elected officials represent the finest group of locally elected public servants he has ever seen. "Their dedication and commitment to the public good should be replicated across this state and throughout the country," he said. "We are very fortunate to have them as public servants."

In assuming the reins of the local organization, Ware said the local Republican Party is seeking volunteer help from anyone interested in volunteering.

He said he feels it is obvious the Gray County Republicans are doing something right as the majority of elected officials are Republicans, and he said he would like to see this trend continue.

He said the local campaign headquarters will officially open on Feb. 1. It will be located in Room 202 of the Combs-Worley Building. Ware said the headquarters will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the present time. He said the amount of time it is open is contingent on the number of volunteers, and urges anyone interested in assisting to contact him.

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the project is Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., of Lubbock and Amarillo.

"There's a man who complains because he can't shower when his neighbors are watering their

yard," Williams said, "Those old lines have no water pressure.

"Lefors residents have to coordinate their water use," Williams said. "Hopefully, with the new well and the new lines we can fix that."

Texas round up ...

Ranger's effort to regain identity may be hurt by fires

RANGER, Texas (AP) — Since the oil boom ended nearly two decades ago, Ranger has struggled to regain its identity.

Protests against the North Texas town's police chief and a string of suspicious fires — events that some have said appear related — aren't what Mayor Ken Parrack had in mind.

"This really hurts from the standpoint of trying to go out and get new businesses because of the publicity," Parrack said. "The only way it could be good publicity is that we are trying to work on our drug problem here in Ranger."

Like so many small oil towns, Ranger has seen its share of post-boom misfortune.

The economy is stagnant and the population has dwindled from about 30,000 to just more than 2,800. There are vacant buildings on just about every street in this depressed town 85 miles west of Fort Worth.

Material removed from alleged gunman's apartment

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Police found extremist militia literature and more ammunition inside the home of a South Texas man arrested in the shooting deaths of three people.

Brian Mark Kopatz, 26, faces capital murder charges after two bar patrons were killed Wednesday and three others were injured in a shooting involving an assault-style weapon.

Officials also said Kopatz has also been linked to a separate shooting — which happened moments later at a nearby home — that led to the death of a county commissioner's wife.

A law enforcement source close to the investigation told the Corpus Christi-Caller Times police have removed the militia literature, ammunition and also several photos of blonde women from the suspect's San Diego apartment.

But evidence so far, including sworn statements taken from at least eight witnesses at the bar, has failed to reveal why Kopatz opened fire.

Officers: Elite military unit had minor Waco role

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. military special-forces troops had little direct involvement in the Waco siege of the Branch Davidian compound, but the group's soldiers did assist FBI agents with surveillance gear used in the 1993 action, according to members of the elite unit.

Depositions of two U.S. Army Delta Force technicians were released this week and offer a first-ever glimpse of the special forces role in the Davidian siege, according to a report in The Dallas Morning News.

Their statements support the government contention that three military's soldiers were in Waco as observers but had nothing to do with events on April 19, 1993 — the same day a fire consumed the sect's compound.

The latest Delta Force personnel depositions were

released by lawyers for the sect working on a survivors' wrongful-death lawsuit. Under an agreement with the government, all names of government personnel involved in Waco and most references to the elite unit were blacked out from the documents.

The two soldiers who were deposed last month testified behind screens and said they were among three soldiers who worked closely with FBI technicians and electronics experts but had little contact with FBI commanders — even those who ran the bureau's elite paramilitary hostage rescue team, or HRT.

Despite protests of mental incompetence, killer set for injection

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted murderer Larry Keith Robison says he is through fighting for his life.

Robison, 42, is set to receive a lethal injection tonight for killing five Lake Worth residents in a 1982 stabbing and shooting rampage.

"I'm real excited about it and glad to be leaving here," the Abilene native said in a recent death row interview.

Robison's family and a bevy of international supporters have spent more than a decade protesting his death sentence. Mental illness, they argue, has rendered the convicted killer too incompetent to be executed.

Last August, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals called off Robison's execution at the 11th hour so doctors could evaluate his mental capacities one more time. But he was found competent once again, and says he accepts his punishment.

Jurors to begin deliberating fate of Dallas city councilman

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Jurors will begin deliberating today in the federal bribery trial of Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb, who sang as he left the Amarillo courthouse after taking the witness stand in his own defense Thursday.

"Staying on Jesus," the 74-year-old civil rights leader sang, "I woke up this morning with my mind ... Staying on Jesus."

While on the stand, Lipscomb admitted he failed to answer questions on campaign finance forms truthfully, but contended that \$36,000 he received from Yellow Checker Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards never influenced his council voting.

Prosecutors say the money impacted the way Lipscomb has voted on cab-related issues since his re-election in 1995.

Defense attorney Billy Ravkind said Lipscomb hopes, "the truth will set him free."

Elsewhere:
PRISONER ABUSE: Hundreds of Missouri inmates who claimed mistreatment at the hands of Texas jail guards, some of it caught on videotape, will share more than \$1 million in a settlement of their class action lawsuit. The settlement also includes \$1.2 million to cover the fees and expenses of the inmates' attorneys.

Police make hit, run arrest

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police in Waco have arrested a 25-year-old man in connection with the hit-and-run death of a Baylor University student.

Patrick Frank Fischel of Waco was charged Thursday with failure to stop and render aid, a felony, after allegedly striking and killing 19-year-old Malisa Denise Caffey the night before.

Police said Fischel was driving the 1995 Ford F-150 pickup that hit Caffey, a freshman from Wichita, Kan., as she crossed a street Wednesday night. Investigators said Fischel continued driving after Caffey was struck.

Caffey then was run over again by a second driver who did not see her body in the road. The second driver called police and was not charged with a crime, police said.

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Notorious computer hacker released from prison today

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the nation's most notorious — and accomplished — computer hackers was released from prison today under orders to stay away from the devices he used to break into corporate and university computers across the country.

Kevin Mitnick drove away from the Federal Correctional Institute in Lompoc with family members shortly before 7 a.m., prison spokesman Mike Baca said. They did not stop to speak with reporters gathered outside the gates.

Now that Mitnick is out, his lawyer says he wants to enroll in college and study computer technology.

That won't be easy under the terms of his parole. For the next three years, Mitnick must keep his hands off all computers, software, modems, cell phones, Internet-connected televisions and any other electronic devices that would give him access to the Internet.

"If you read it literally, he would probably have to stand in one place for three years," Mitnick's attorney, Donald Randolph, said of the restrictions. Randolph said Thursday he will help the 36-year-old Mitnick try to persuade probation officials to allow enough access to computers to let him pursue studies on the college level. Mitnick initially plans to live with his father in Los Angeles.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Painter, who prosecuted Mitnick, said such a request could be granted, although the trial judge would probably be consulted.

"Obviously, the judge has expressed real concern about Mr. Mitnick being around computers," Painter said.

U.S. District Judge Marianna Pfaelzer's order also bars Mitnick from working in any capacity that would give him access to computers or related equipment. He will be allowed to have a landline telephone.

Mitnick, who began hacking as a teen-ager, was accused of causing millions of dollars of damage by hacking into the computers of companies such as Motorola, Novell, Nokia and Sun Microsystems and the University of Southern California and stealing software, product plans and other data.

Mitnick was sentenced to five years in prison last March after pleading guilty to five felony counts. Under a negotiated plea agreement, he was given credit for about four years served while awaiting trial.

Mitnick violated probation on a hacking charge in 1992 and went underground. Authorities finally caught up with him in 1995 in a Raleigh, N.C., apartment. He has been in jail ever since.

His expertise and punishment made him an icon among hackers. One Web site has counted the days and hours until his release.

In an interview with CBS's "60 Minutes" that was scheduled to air Sunday, Mitnick says he did it for fun, never profit.

"I was an accomplished trespasser. I don't consider myself a thief," he said. "I copied without permission."

If the terms of Mitnick's probation are not changed, life will be difficult, said Kevin Poulsen, a former hacker who served prison time and computer-restricted probation before landing a job as a columnist for ZDNet, the online technology magazine.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly cloudy today with a high in the low 60s and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s and south-west winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a high of 55-60. Yesterday's high 47; the overnight low 31.

STATEWIDE — Cooler, more seasonable weather will continue across Texas through the weekend, National Weather Service forecasters said.

Skies were partly cloudy to clear over North Texas. Pre-dawn temperatures ranged from 27 degrees in Fort Worth to 39 near Killeen. West Texas also had clear skies, with temperatures mostly in the 30s and 40s.

Clouds were thickening over South Texas, but clear skies were reported over Austin and San Antonio. Temperatures were in the 40s and 50s, with some 30s reported in the Hill Country and 60-degree temperatures farther south. Temperatures ranged from 33 at Junction to 64 at

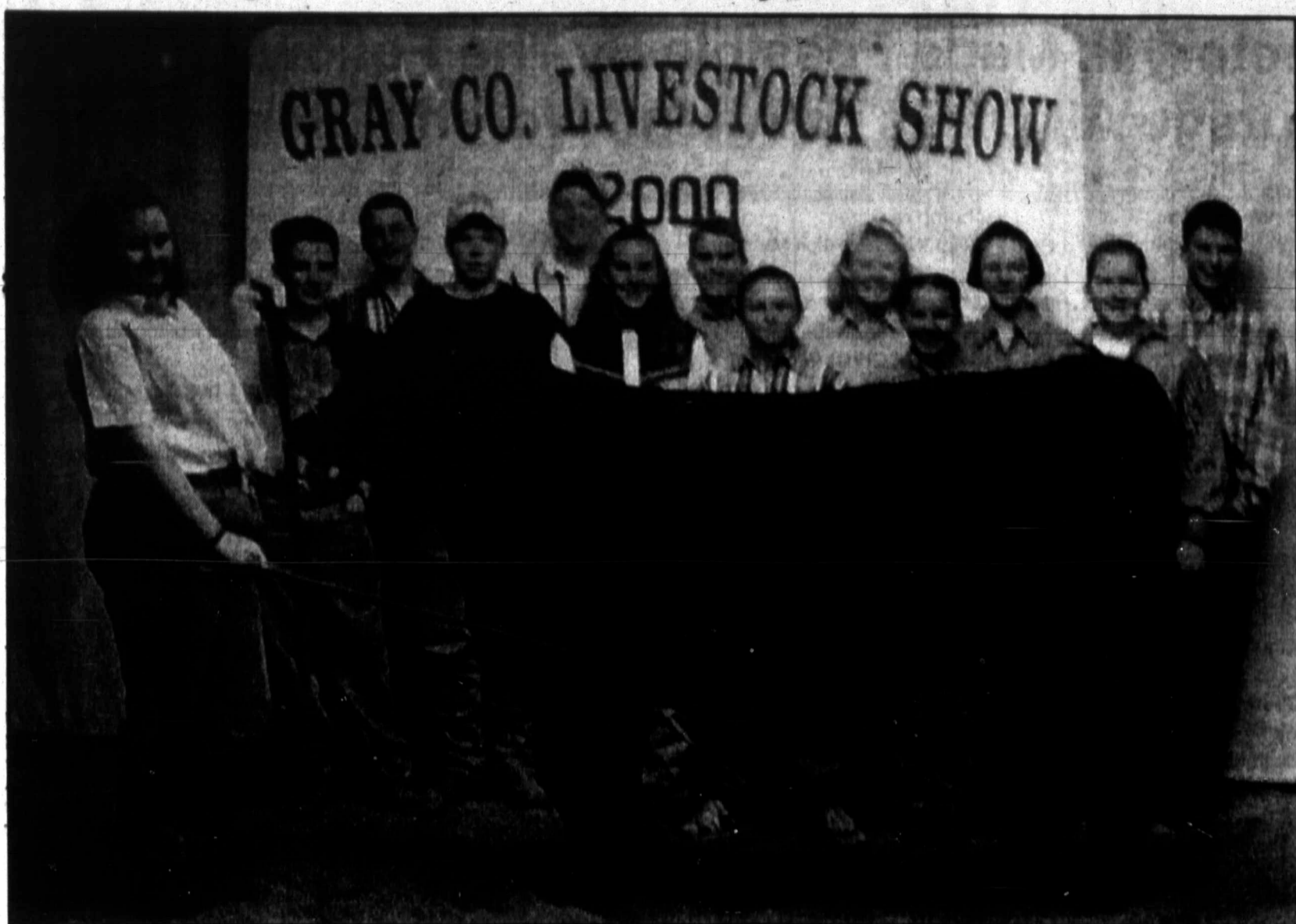
Corpus Christi. A northeasterly breeze was blowing from the northeast between 5-15 mph over most of the state.

Under partly cloudy skies, highs will hit the 50s, 60s and 70s this afternoon over northern and western areas. In South Texas temperatures should reach the 60s, 70s and 80s.

A slight chance of rain could arrive over eastern Texas overnight, but dry weather will prevail elsewhere. Lows will dip into the 40s and 50s.

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Gray County Livestock Show Calf Fry



(Community Camera photo)

Top O' Texas Livestock Show Calf Fry is slated at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Adults eat for \$10 per person and children for \$6. All proceeds will benefit the Gray County Livestock Show Jan. 29. Gray County 4-Hers will help serve at the event. Above: 4-Hers Courtney Crawford, Royce O'Neal, Lake Hopkins, Collin Bowers, Chance Bowers, Lindsey Price, Cody Lee, Jeremy Pritchett, Elizabeth Campbell, Kall Cobb, Destiney Manhart, Elizabeth Thomas and QB Cobb.

Good Sam donation



(Community Camera photo by Nancy Hasekari)

Richard Anderson, Zion Lutheran Church Youth Group, helped deliver blankets recently to Good Sam. Money for the blankets was made possible through a grant by Aid Association for Lutherans.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

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TPMHA PROGRAM
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Minister's musings ...

During the Christmas Season, we often hear the greeting of the Angels to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem that includes a wish for peace among men. Humanity has long sought peace. Yet far too often we seek a peace that is different from the peace of God.

What is the peace of God? First, scripture tells us that it surpasses all human understanding and thought. Second, this peace is a glorious thing! The person that has this peace dwelling in their heart is perfectly at rest and nothing can spiritually disturb them. Possession of this peace gives confidence that that person is a child of God and that through our Savior Jesus Christ we have the forgiveness of our sins and are made heirs to eternal life.

The peace of God grants us spiritual strength and allows us to say with Paul: "I am



By The Rev. Leif R. Hasskarl
Zion Lutheran Church

persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Jesus has won this blessed peace for us. God has given us a magnificent victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ. A victory that has taken away the penalty of our sins. The alleviation of this penalty through faith is a comfort as it guarantees that our eternal rest will be spent in the glorious heavenly realm. Knowing that we are saved for the sake of Christ's atoning sacrifice and resurrection grants us spiritual relief over the outcome of our eternal status. This relief is also part of God's peace.

Knowing our standing with God allows the Christian to bravely bear and overcome all tribulations. If we want true peace in our lives today, it will only come about because we have the peace that God first gives us in our spiritual lives. May the peace of God that passes all our comprehension be yours to the strengthening of your eternal soul and the joy of your present life.

A frightening place to be ...

Last week a hard kernel of knotted emotion settled inside my soul and I feared I had discovered what it meant to hate.

Someone who circles in my orbit had wreaked havoc in the life of someone I love and in that loved one's defense, the outrage of injustice, the abhorrence of emotional waste, the rage over inflicted injury landed and took root right smack dab in the middle of my chest. I could feel the emotion as inescapably as a rock in my shoe. I thought I had joined the ranks of haters.

So in my usual style - write it down, talk it out, define it and categorize it - I took out the word hate and examined it.

Here's what I discovered about the lump inside: It was generated through disputes which didn't have to occur; manners which didn't have to be bad; stupidity and cupidity which had as their source the need for childish attention.

In my heart I felt the hard, knotty place for someone who created conflict for no good reason, for someone who refuses to live at peace

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

with another, for someone who enjoys strife as much as others enjoy a sporting event, for someone who thinks barging through the borders of good manners is perfectly acceptable because it is selfishly gratifying.

In short, my disquiet I came to know as an abhorrence for waste of the human spirit.

I also discovered the steely place is not permanent but willingly changeable, but depends on the attitude and actions of another - an uncontrollable factor. It leaves my emotional

state vulnerable to the caprice of another.

"Do I really hate Someone?" was almost superstitiously difficult to ask myself.

After all aren't some of Jesus' harshest words reserved for the haters in this world?

Later, during the talk it out stage of my examination, I learned that true hate wishes another ill. Blessedly and truly that was not in my soul. Anger, disgust, the desire to excommunicate someone from my life, you betcha.

Malice, no. I don't want the offender run over by a truck, broke or hungry, just different. Less contentious, less cheerfully unwise, less emotionally protean. Peace for Someone's soul is all I want.

It was a scary experience, to think I might look into the same abyss of sin which has marked the human condition and see reflected the same face of evil which destroyed the world.

While I don't think I truly feel hate for Someone, I think the knot of resentment and distrust must be unbound. Hate, true hate, must not have place to fester.

Churches move to spot, help farmers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — As farmers head to banks to arrange loans for spring planting, some will be turned down following losses during last season's drought. Some will become depressed again and will need help. Farmer Richard Jameson has been there, and he knows.

As week after week went by last summer without any rain, Jameson saw his crops wither and his spirits decline. He sank into a depression that was exacerbated by the death of his father and a close friend's illness.

"I was at the bottom of the barrel. And one of the keys for me was our minister," he says, adding that medication and support from his family and doctor also helped.

Now he wants to make sure other farmers who are depressed as they try to scrape together money for seed and fertilizer have a place to turn for help.

With the help of the Methodist Conference Program for Ministries, Jameson and his minister, the Rev. Stan Waldon of Brownsville First Methodist, have assembled three meetings with pastors from churches in western Tennessee and Kentucky. The idea was to alert pastors to the seriousness of the drought and give them ideas for providing pastoral care to farmers.

"We try to instill hope, try to help them recognize that the problems are not the fault of poor farming," Waldon said.

They invited farmers, bankers, mental health professionals and agriculture specialists, to educate the ministers about how the drought and failing crops could hurt families and communities.

"There's not really much that we can do as pastors to put

money in their pocket," Waldon said. "What we're trying to do is say the church is here."

Similar efforts have been organized in other states.

"Farmers were feeling they had failed to do their work properly. ... They were really hurting," said the Rev. Gene Handwerk, a Lutheran pastor who coordinated efforts to reach out to farm families in Pennsylvania.

Handwerk, a staff member for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod near Allentown, Pa., and a partner in a family farm, helped get hay donated by Nebraska and Wisconsin farmers to drought-stricken Pennsylvania farmers.

The synod also ran a series of workshops for farmers about how to deal with crisis and gave pastors and rural congregations specific suggestions on how to reach out to farm families.

"We've gotten quite a bit of both verbal and written feedback that people have finally listened to their plight. ... It's been a spiritual lift to farmers who have been open to it," Handwerk said.

He sees worse times coming. "It's going to be like the aftermath of an earthquake when farmers need to come up with money for seed and fertilizer. I don't know that banks are going to be very liberal," he said.

Sandra A. LaBlanc agreed. She

is director of Rural Ministry Resources and Networking for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Des Moines, Iowa.

"A freight train is coming down the pike and it's going to hit in March," said LaBlanc, who is developing a national program for clergy awareness of the farm crisis. "What I've been told is that March is when operating loans to farmers will be refused."

The Catholic-Lutheran Rural Life Commission of Northwest Minnesota developed an outreach program after a flood in 1993, said the Rev. Milo Mathison, a retired Lutheran pastor in Mentor, Minn., and vice chairman of the commission which serves the northwest corner of Minnesota. The outreach arm was eventually incorporated and receives federal funding.

"We have pockets of the state now that after years of crop losses may lose 30 percent of the farmers," he said. "The crops were decent, but the prices were low," he said.

Outreach workers help farmers plan an orderly transition out of agriculture, with job training and assistance for such things as utility bills, child care and counseling.

The commission runs workshops for ministers and priests on depression so they can spot farm-

ers who need help.

"Farmers tend to be rather quiet and reserved. ... A lot of the pain is hidden," Mathison said.

In Tennessee, the drought began early last summer and stretched into the fall. West Tennessee, where farmers mainly grow cotton and soybeans, was hit hardest.

"There are places that went 60 to 80 days without rain," said Gene Danekas, statistician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When rain did arrive, it was too late.

Some agriculture officials estimate the drought will force up to 10 percent of the state's farmers to quit the business, he said.

At one of the Tennessee meetings, farmer Sidney Talley Jr. of Ripley, about 50 miles northeast of Memphis, told the ministers that he had considered killing himself.

"I figured I was worth more to my family dead than alive," Talley said, explaining his family could have sold the farm and collected insurance money.

He sought counseling and said it helped, but what really helped was switching to organic farming. "I did pretty well with that and I'm working on places to sell it," Talley said.

Creation vs. evolution seminar Jan. 27-30

A series of meetings at three Pampa churches Jan. 27-30 will put the focus on creation versus evolution.

Mike Shultz from Creation Science Evangelism in Pensacola, Fla., will be on hand to lead the "Creation Seminar." The group has a standing \$250,000 reward to anyone who can offer any empirical evidence (scientific proof) of evolution.

Shultz is a graduate of Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla. He attended Florida Baptist Theological College for three years and has studied the topics of creation, dinosaurs and evolution with Dr. Kent Hovind, founder and director of CSE. Shultz is also children's ministry director of CSE.

He travels and speaks on these subjects representing the seminar material developed over the last 25 years by Hovind. Using the latest technology with a video projector, PowerPoint and nearly 2,700 visuals, these humorous, fast-paced, illustrated seminars are entertaining as well as educational, providing documented evidence against the unscientific theory of evolution.

The information presented concerning dinosaurs in the Bible and the few that are still alive today is very helpful for Christians who have been confused by the propaganda presented in our public school system. Shultz's goal is to strengthen the faith of believers and to confound and convict evolutionists.

"It's the creationists that have the scientific facts on their side, not the evolutionists," said Mike Sublett, pastor of Hi-Land Christian, and Paul Nachtigal, pastor of Highland Baptist, said, "That is why we are bringing Mike Shultz of Creation Science Evangelism to Pampa. We want everyone to have the opportunity to hear the real facts about creation and evolution."

The seminar schedule is:

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. At 7 p.m. is Creation: Six 24-hour days followed at 8 p.m. by Fact: The Earth is Very Young.

Friday, Jan. 28 — Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks. At 7 p.m. is Dinosaurs, The Flood and Eden followed at 8 p.m. by The Bible's Diet.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Hiland Pentecostal Holiness Church, 18th Street and Banks. At 10 a.m. is Dinosaurs and The Bible followed at 11 a.m. by Living Dinosaurs.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Hiland Pentecostal Holiness Church. At 1 p.m. is Lies in the Textbooks followed at 2 p.m. by Lies About God and the Bible.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Hi-Land Christian Church. At 7 p.m. is Evolution: Weapon of Dictators followed at 8 p.m. by Evolution and the New World Order.

Sunday, Jan. 30 — Hi-Land Christian Church. At 9:45 will be questions and answers.

Sunday, Jan. 30 — Highland Baptist Church. At 11 a.m. will be Biblical Accuracy? 100%?

For more information about the seminar please contact Paul Nachtigal at 669-6509, Nathan Hopson at 669-6915 or Mike Sublett at 669-6700.

'True Love Waits' campaign to start

The Youth Ministry of Central Baptist Church will lead a "True Love Waits" campaign. Pampa teenagers are invited to join the hundreds of thousands of young people around the world who have pledged:

"Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually abstinent from this day until the day I enter a Biblical marriage relationship."

The Plan:

—Beginning at 5 p.m. Jan. 23 at the youth house, 519 E. Francis, Kyle Parnell will teach a 45-minute session for four consecutive weeks, explaining the Biblical truth that God's gift of physical intimacy is worth waiting for within the commitment of marriage.

—All youth will be assigned a prayer partner who will pray they remain faithful to their commitment until they enter a covenant marriage relationship.

—At 5 p.m. Feb. 13, Zan Walker will teach a parent session on how to have a very special talk with one's teenager in a family worship and share time where teenagers will sign a commitment card to sexual purity. (Material will be provided.)

—On Sunday, Feb. 20, there will be a commitment service led by youth. Teenagers will stand with their parents or a significant adult and pledge to remain sexually pure until they enter a Biblical marriage relationship.

All Pampa youth are challenged to attend and make the commitment! For more information, call Walker at 665-1631.

Women's Fellowship concert, dinner

First Baptist Church Women's Fellowship Ministry will present a candle-light concert and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 203 N. West. The cost of the meal is \$4 and will include a chicken breast, rice, corn, broccoli salad, roll, desert and beverage.

Entertainment will be provided by Pampa musicians Beverly Moss and Wendy Eggert.

All women are cordially invited to this dress up event. For reservations or for more information, call the church office, 669-1155. The deadline for RSVP is Jan. 25.

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Husband Suffers Double-Dealing By Wife Who's Cheated Twice

DEAR ABBY: You have helped so many people. I hope you can help me. I have been married more than 20 years, and we have two lovely daughters. Everything was fine until my wife started to work as a secretary for a bank branch manager.

When I found out they had been having an affair for nearly two years, it crushed me. I asked my wife if she wanted a divorce, and she said, "No." I didn't either for the sake of the children and, strange as it sounds, I still loved her.

She agreed to quit working there, and about the same time the branch manager got transferred to a branch in another city, so I thought everything was all right.

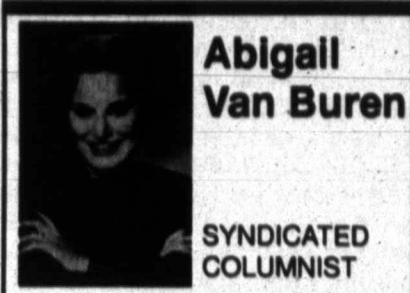
She then took a job as a secretary to an attorney in a law firm. I became suspicious when I would call her at the office at 2 or 3 in the afternoon and was told, "She and Mr. Jones' went to lunch and then to see a client to take a deposition."

A private detective discovered that the "deposition" was taking place in a motel! When I confronted her, she admitted that she and her boss were having an affair.

We saw a counselor and our pastor, but my wife insisted it was no big deal and everyone was doing it. She still doesn't want a divorce and assured me it was over as far as her cheating goes.

She now works in an office with only women, so I'm hopeful her cheating is a thing of the past.

Abby, how do I cope with the



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second infidelity, since it, too, lasted more than a year? I want to save our marriage because of the kids. I saw a psychiatrist, but he didn't help much. Any advice, Abby? I'm really hurting.

CAN'T FORGET IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CAN'T FORGET: I respect you for wanting to save your marriage for the sake of the children, but one person can't do it alone. A successful marriage takes the effort of two people working together.

I also admire the fact that you sought professional help in order to put these traumas behind you. However, I am troubled by your wife's attempt to excuse her infidelity by claiming, "It's no big deal and everyone is doing it." That is far from the truth, and a lame excuse at best.

If the marriage is to be healed, your wife must agree to marriage counseling to work on the issues that caused the infidelity.

delities in the first place. You have done everything you can; now the ball is in her court.

DEAR ABBY: I was always taught that when a girl marries, she drops her middle name and her last name, and then becomes her first name, maiden name, married name.

My daughter is being married soon, and she tells me that her friends say I am wrong. She says she has been told that the girl's name would be: first name, middle name, married name.

Would you please settle this argument for us? Thank you. SHIRLEY B., ROSWELL, N.M.

DEAR SHIRLEY B.: According to "The New Emily Post's Etiquette," by Elizabeth L. Post (Funk and Wagnalls, New York): "A woman's legal name consists of her given name, her maiden name and her husband's name."

However, time marches on, and during the last 15 years or so, many women have chosen to hyphenate their maiden names and married names: given name, middle name, maiden name-married name (Mary Margaret Jones-Smith).

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 23, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Manage security issues and make key decisions. You might decide to make a change in your work. Exploring options could be frustrating and challenging. Just do what you need to do. Don't forget to get some exercise. Tonight: Get some needed R & R.

This Week: Plug your volatile energy into work, and you could glide through the next few days. Others want to talk peace after an initial upset.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are creative, dynamic and full of fun. A loved one or child reaches for you. Don't be judgmental about his manner of communicating. Focus on feelings. Be of the heart, not of the head. Let go and enjoy. Tonight: Walk over an obstacle.

This Week: Problems occur on Monday that take the rest of the week to resolve. Your willingness to go beyond the call of duty separates you from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take some downtime with a loved one. Don't push so hard. You may see others as demanding and touchy. Worry less about what others are doing and thinking. Handle your own personal matters. Hang around family and the

hearth. Tonight: Happy at home. This Week: Think carefully before losing your cool. Rather than overreacting, mull over problems. Success lies in finding creative solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Defer to others. Touch base with friends. The more, the merrier. Allow your playful side to emerge. Caring abounds; just let it happen. You have pushed yourself very hard, and fatigue could slow you down a little! Tonight: Hanging out.

This Week: Communication runs amok without any help. Be understanding as others sort their way through it. Ignore another's sarcasm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Deal with finances head-on. Avoid any emotional or financial risks. Someone you put on a pedestal makes a strong request that might feel like a burden. You'll meet another's need, even if it is difficult for you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

This Week: Finances bounce way out of control. Talk, think and discuss potential solutions. Others are at your beck and call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Beam in what you want. Your personality melts barriers. You feel good discussing the future and what you want and expect. Let go of a certain vision about how a domestic matter can and will work itself through. Tonight: You're top dog.

This Week: You might mean well, but anger and frustrations take over. Know what you want. Be practical and diplomatic. They are one and the same. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Togetherness marks a relationship. Feel free to express your vulnerabilities and needs. Another shows how much he cares. You could be extremely sensitive and more controlling than you are aware of. Move with the moment. Tonight: Vanish - mystery becomes you.

This Week: Temper, temper! Use your charm and wisdom, and you'll be unusually successful. Don't forget your objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Friendships build as you spend time together. You naturally relate with ease and draw others. Someone you find very difficult responds to your overtures. Count on your magnetism and perceptive abilities. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

This Week: You could think that your best-laid plans are backfiring. You aren't far from wrong. Mellow out and think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

All eyes turn to you. Decide what is possible as you assume more responsibilities. Are you sure you want this? Listen to another, even though you might not agree. Avoid conflict with powerful figures in your life. Tonight: Do what you must.

This Week: Bosses and higher-ups push your buttons. Stop letting them. Do what is ultimately good for you. You know what you need to do to get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Build on established ties, even though you might not feel comfortable with what is happening. Take time with a child or a special friend. Stop and take an overview. You could be emotionally charged into another's story.

For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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24 Porch sight

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SPORTS

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SWIMMING

LUBBOCK — Pampa High swim results in the Lubbock Invitational last weekend are as follows:

Girls

100 Butterfly Finals: Misty Moman, sixth place, 1:13.34.

500 Freestyle Consolation: Tamra Henthorn, first place, 6:08.09.

200 Freestyle Relay Consolation: Pampa, fifth place (Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, Tamra Henthorn and Desiree Vigil), 1:58.68.

100 Backstroke Consolation: Misty Moman, fourth place, 1:14.05.

100 Breaststroke Consolation: Lindsey Mitchell, sixth place, 1:23.18.

400 Freestyle Relay Consolation: Pampa, second place (Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, Tamra Henthorn and Desiree Vigil), 4:26.49.

Boys

200 IM Consolation: Clay David, fourth place, 2:22.71.

200 Freestyle Relay Consolation: Pampa, second place (Clay David, Ryan Milligan, Matt Withers and Willie Griffin), 1:42.81.

500 Freestyle Finals: Willie Griffin, eighth place, 5:50.26.

BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott boys' and girls' teams are closing in on District 5-1A championships. Both are 3-0 in district play going into tonight's action at Higgins.

The Cougars, ranked No. 19 in Class A, took sole possession of first place after a 79-62 win over Follett on Tuesday night.

Curt Smith led Fort Elliott's scoring attack with 37 points. Nathan Hefley followed with 23.

Fort Elliott's season record is 18-1.

Fort Elliott girls downed Follett 64-41.

Amber Estes had 17 points and Ashley Estes 16 to lead Fort Elliott scorers.

The Lady Cougars are 15-4 for the season.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dwayne Curtis and his 8-year-old son stood at the box office in the MCI Center, flipping through a Washington Wizards schedule to choose an upcoming game to attend. "He likes Michael," said Curtis, looking at his son with a smile.

So, obviously, do a lot of people.

"All my lines are lit" one harried MCI Center operator said while handling calls on the day after Michael Jordan became a Wizards part-owner and president of basketball operations.

"The phones are ringing steadily," spokesman Matt Williams said, although the number of tickets sold Thursday was not made available.

Jordan is a name that sells itself, but the Wizards, struggling at the gate at their 2-year-old downtown arena, wasted no time adding all the marketing push they could muster.

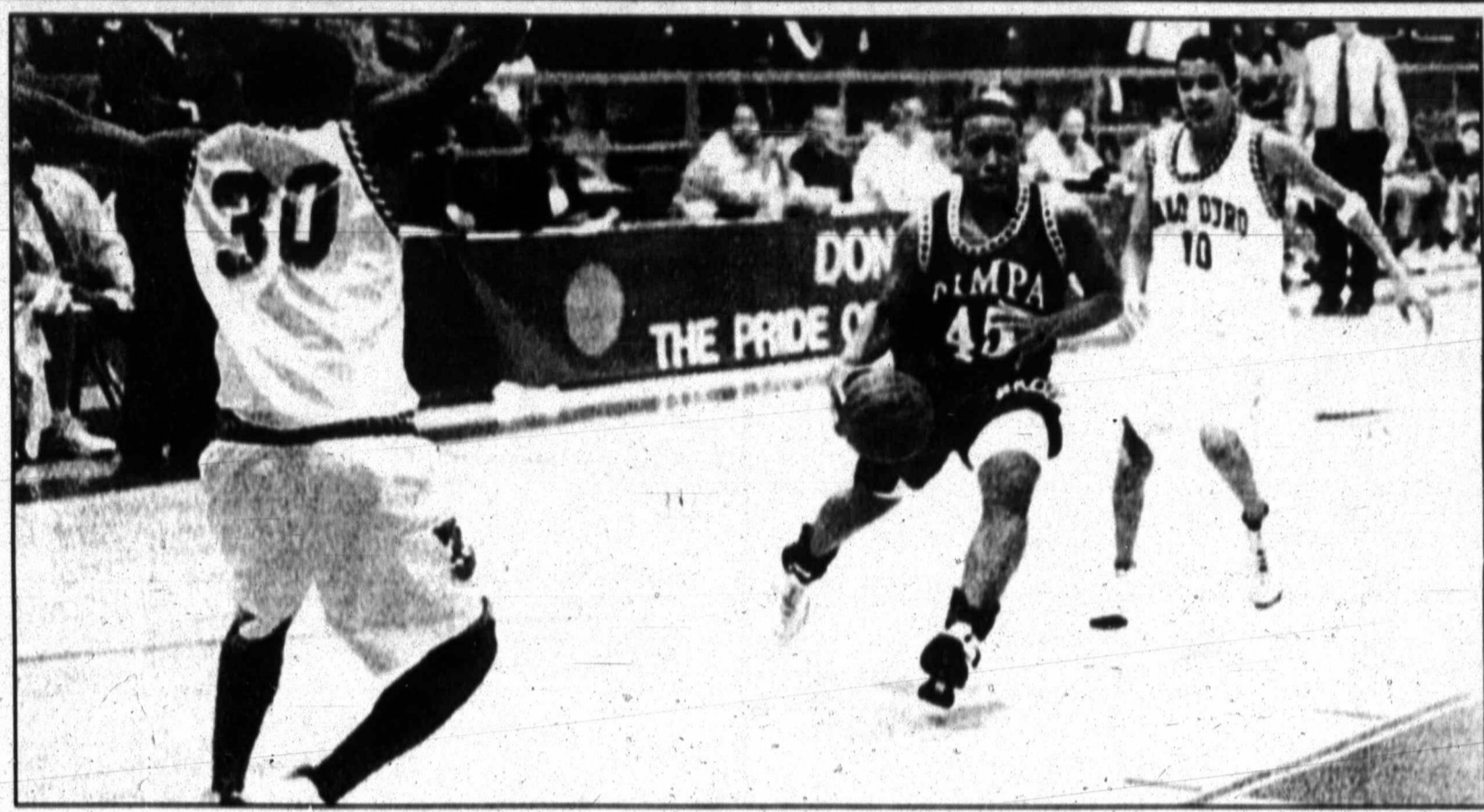
Television commercials featuring Jordan aired within hours of Wednesday's announcement that he was joining the team, and a season-ticket flier at the box office had Jordan's smiling mug at the top and the words "Sign up to see how Michael Jordan helps shape the Wizards" right in the middle.

Even some of the players were a little giddy.

"It was real weird, just Michael being here," rookie guard Richard Hamilton said. "That's unbelievable."

Jordan attended the first hour of the Wizards' practice Thursday. Although he envisions himself putting on a practice jersey from time to time to help evaluate his team's talent, he was content to act more or less as an assistant coach during his first session.

"It was just more like, 'If your man goes here, you be here, giving us pointers more than anything,'" Hamilton said.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Gary Alexander drives through the Palo Duro defense during District 3-4A action Tuesday night in Amarillo. The Harvesters go for their first district win of the season tonight, meeting Borger at 7:30 in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Pampa-Borger girls' game tips off at 6.

Special Olympians bowl at Winter Games

PAMPA — Recently, 12 Special Olympians and coaches-sponsors participated in bowling at the Winter State Special Olympic Games in San Antonio.

The group received a rousing send-off from family, friends, workshop staff, Lynn and Group Homes residents, who made a long line for the Olympians to walk through on the way to the bus. Several cars followed bus driver Gary Epperson to Harvester Lanes where the group had another big reception from the staff there, complete with banners and balloons.

"Everyone on the bus couldn't believe the great send-off and really appreciated it," said Cindy Cooper of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Dicky Don Hendricks, with help from a San Antonio torch runner, participated in the third leg of the Torch Run during Opening Ceremonies Friday night. Also during Opening Ceremonies, the group went to the Victory Dance at the Kelly Air Force Base and were able to board a cargo plane and sit

in the pilot's seat.

Sunday before heading home the group stopped at Scholtzsky's Deli, owned by former Pampans Mike and Cheryl Kessel-Naumann.

In the bowling tournament, Chris Bradley, Debbie Ellis, Linda Lou Pierce and Jennifer Roden won first-place medals. Dicky Don Hendricks, Mark McMinn and Taisey Phillips were second, Cordell Schneider third place; Mindy Hervey and Ameer Street fourth place; Jo Ann Morehart fifth place and Gary Carr sixth place.

Coaches and sponsors making the trip were Cindy Cooper, Troy Owens, John Hervey, Judy Haynes, Helen Robinson, Monica Roden and Shannon Helton.

Funding for the trip was provided by Gray County Association of Retarded Citizens, Pampa Sheltered Workshop Advisory Board and Area 16 Special Olympics.

Pampa Special Olympics will be hosting the Area 16 Special

Olympic Basketball Tournament in Pampa on Feb. 19. Opening ceremonies will start at 8:30 a.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse, followed by the competition at 9:15 a.m.

Games will be going all day at McNeely, the girls' gym and the new MPAC Building. Teams from Pampa, Perryton, Borger, Shamrock, Stinnett, Amarillo,

Canyon and Hereford will be participating.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Opening Ceremony, individual skills, competition, scorekeepers and serving lunch.

If individuals or groups are interested in volunteering, contact Cindy Cooper at 665-2137 or 665-5477.

7th graders stay unbeaten

PAMPA — The Pampa 7th grade Red Team continues its winning ways Thursday night, defeating Hereford 58-23.

Leading scorers were Britten East with 14 points, Seth Foster 13 and Brandon Johnson 12. The Red A team is now 9-0 for the season.

Pampa also won the B team game 51-34. Janssen Eilenberger was high scorer with 14 points. Jared Winegeart followed with 11 points and 5 for 5 from the foul line. Ricky Gattis had 9 and Dusty Linderman 6 points.

The Pampa B team is also unbeaten at 8-0.

Pampa lost to Hereford 48-29 in the 8th grade game. Andrew Curtis and Aaron Silva led Pampa with 6 points each.

In the B team game, Pampa beat Hereford 32-26. Jake Hopkins had 10 points followed by Britton White 8, and Cody Lockane 5.

Pampa A team has a 3-6 record while the B team is 4-4.

The 7th and 8th grade teams will play Canyon in Pampa on Monday night.

Titans, Jags consider themselves underdogs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — When people tell Wayne Weaver that his Jacksonville Jaguars have never dealt with failure in their five years of existence, the team's chairman protests:

"You forget our first year. We were 4-12."

When everyone thinks of the Tennessee Titans, they think 8-8, 8-8 and 8-8 in consecutive years in different stadiums before a 13-3 finish when they finally found a home this season.

Yes, the contestants in Sunday's AFC title game like to think of themselves as underdogs working their way up in the world.

But the facts are different, par-

ticularly with Jacksonville, which followed up that 4-12 freshman year with a trip to this same title game their second. That raised expectations so high that they're viewed around here as a disappointment after going 1-2 in the playoffs the past two seasons and 14-2 this season without beating a plus .500 team.

So while Tennessee, 13-3 plus two playoff wins, has already had a successful season after those three .500 years, the Jaguars still have a chip on their collective shoulders.

"We were there a little sooner than we thought and the reality of us being just a moment away from being in The Game that

soon has had a significant bearing on us," says Michael Huyghue, the Jaguars' senior vice president for football operations.

"Since then, we've been mindful of how precious it is to be in this situation, and the significance of having advanced this far."

This year, in a way, was worse.

The Jaguars entered the season as the AFC favorite and were, as one team official put it, "an uncomfortable 14-2," drawing criticism in print, on the air and from the ubiquitous callers on talk radio.

The only team the Jaguars played with a winning record

was Tennessee, and they lost twice, making this game even more pivotal.

Before this season, Tennessee had been playing on the road for three years, even when the team was nominally at home. So even despite a solid nucleus of talent, the team was 8-8 for three straight seasons.

In 1996, the lame-duck Houston Oilers drew less than 20,000 to most of their home games and went 6-2 on the road and 2-6 at home. The next year, their stadium in Nashville still under construction, they played in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, averaged about 30,000 per home game and again went 8-8.

State racing Commission considering allowing simulcasting before live events

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Racing Commission is considering allowing tracks that are under construction to take bets on televised horse races up to three years before they offer live racing.

Supporters of the change, proposed by the owners of Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, say it would spur construction of smaller tracks in rural areas.

Commissioners have been reluctant to allow pre-opening simulcasting in the past, fearing it would conflict with the agency's goal of promoting the Texas horse industry through live racing.

The new rule would allow the smaller Class II track license holders to offer simulcasting at temporary facilities for up to 36 months while a race track is being built.

Simulcasting now can be offered only at tracks that have been awarded live race days, which are allocated yearly.

The proposed rule change would allow the commission to grant live race dates for up to three years. That would allow

license holders to offer up to 36 months of simulcasting before a single live race is run.

Lone Star has purchased the license of Lubbock Downs, and wants to build a track in West Texas, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday. Lubbock Downs was granted a pari-mutuel race license in 1989, but it never opened for betting.

Lone Star president Corey Johnson told the commission Wednesday that money earned from simulcasting would be used to help pay for the track and would encourage construction of other small facilities.

Past failures of three Class II tracks have made investors wary, officials say.

"At least it gives a chance for something to happen in Midland... Amarillo and other places," Johnson said.

Commissioners voted to post the proposed rule for public comment at a future meeting but not before Commissioner James L. Schulze called the idea "cre-

ative rule making" and questioned whether developers would leave with their simulcasting profits before a track is completed.

Chairman Larry J. Christopher said the racing commission's staff could keep tabs on construction by requiring periodic updates.

"We have not ceded any of our regulatory authority. All we've done is tweak an existing rule," he said. "I see it as a win-win situation. Hopefully we can get the licenses already issued up and going."

The commission also approved the sale of Valley Greyhound Park in Harlingen to Sam Houston Race Park, a Class I horse track located in Harris County.

Sam Houston officials said they plan to open the Harlingen track for simulcasting horse and dog races in March and for live dog racing in December. Valley, the first of the state's three greyhound tracks, went broke and closed in September 1995.

Rams also have defense

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams have a defense, too.

Maybe it doesn't measure up to the team's overpowering offense. Or even to Tampa Bay's fugged defensive unit, led by NFL Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp.

It does, however, deserve some credit, even if it tends to get ignored.

"With an offense like ours, it's understandable if people forget about our defense," middle linebacker London Fletcher said as his team prepared for Sunday's NFC championship game with the Buccaneers. "Hey, offense draws everyone's attention, especially one that scores the way our offense scores."

"But we've got some playmakers on our defense, and we've done our share of good things."

—Such as score seven times on interceptions returns, led by outside linebacker Mike Jones and end Grant Wistrom with two apiece.

—Such as get a league-high 17 sacks from All-Pro end Kevin Carter. In all, the Rams had 57 sacks, most in the conference and tied with Jacksonville for the NFL lead.

—Such as rank first against the run, yielding only 74.3 yards a game. No runner got 100 yards on the ground against them.

It will be the chore of Warrick Dunn and Mike Alstott to break that streak. If they can't get something going on the ground, the Bucs could be in trouble with a rookie quarterback in Shaun King and a so-so group of receivers.

Tampa Bay's offense has been good at making even mediocre defenses such as Washington's look intimidating. The Skins shut out the Bucs deep into the third quarter last weekend before Tampa rallied, sparked by All-Pro safety John Lynch's interception.

This is no mediocre average defense the Bucs will face, however. Like the St. Louis offense, it is aggressive and fast.

"They make plays," Dunn said, "and when you make mistakes they take advantage of it."

Added Bucs coach Tony Dungy, considered a defensive mastermind:

"The thing people do not talk that much about is they have been playing great defense and their special teams and defense are creating field position. This is a well-rounded team."

The Bucs have three All-Pro's on their defense in Sapp, Lynch and outside linebacker Derrick Brooks. Carter is the only one for the Rams, but they have several topnotch defenders.

Fletcher, the Rams' leading tackler, is extremely active and gets to the sidelines quickly. Jones is a ball hawk. Todd Lyght has had a strong season at cornerback. D'Marco Farr is a run-stopper at tackle who also can penetrate the passing pocket. Wistrom, who faces backup tackle Pete Pierson, has come on all season and was the Rams' best defensive lineman against the Vikings in last Sunday's victory.

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Stars topple Kings once again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Kings just can't beat the Dallas Stars.

Dallas' 5-2 victory over Los Angeles on Thursday night was its 10th straight over the Kings and extended the Stars' unbeaten streak against them to 21 games (15-0-6).

The streak matched the franchise's longest stretch of games against one team without a loss — the Minnesota North Stars went 17-0-4 against the Kings from March 31, 1970, through Dec. 11, 1973.

"They're a good club this year, and every game that we play against them is a close one," said Stars defenseman Darryl Sydor, whose second-period goal was his second in 18 career games against his former team.

"Last year it was all one-goal games. It was another close game tonight, but we were just able to get a couple of breaks."

The Kings' last victory against the Stars was a 3-2 decision on April 6, 1995, in their final meeting of the lockout-delayed 1994-95 season.

"This is a team that we struggle against," said defenseman Garry Galley, who scored the Kings' first goal. "It's inexplicable. The only thing we can explain is the way we play, and

we didn't play well enough to win tonight. We come out and, for two periods, we don't compete at the level we need to in order to beat a team like Dallas."

Brett Hull scored on a power play in the second period and Richard Matvichuk had three assists. Mike Modano and Blake Sloan each had a goal and two assists and Brenden Morrow also scored for the Stars.

Sydor opened the scoring on a power play at 3:18 of the second period with Craig Johnson serving a hooking penalty. The Kings, who have allowed at least one power-play goal in 13 of their last 15 games, surrendered another one on Hull's 20-foot wrist shot after Aki Berg was sent off for holding.

It was Hull's 16th goal and 602nd of his career, ending a six-game drought. He needs eight more to tie the total his father, Bobby Hull, amassed during his 16-year Hall of Fame career.

Sloan made it 3-0 at 3:17 of the third period. That appeared to be enough for the Stars, who have won 39 consecutive games when scoring at least three goals after a 6-4 loss at Toronto on Jan. 20, 1999.

However, the Kings scored just 23 seconds later on Galley's 25-foot slapshot off Ed Belfour's

blocker, trimming the deficit to 3-1. Los Angeles closed to 3-2 on a short-handed goal by Marko Tuominen with 12:24 to play.

"Our confidence level playing against them comes from the fact that we don't feel nervous protecting a one-goal lead like you sometimes are against other teams," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said.

"If you look at the games we played against them last year, they were all one-goal games. We got the lead early in those games and just kept playing. For whatever reason, we're not nervous playing this team on the road."

Modano, who was stopped on a breakaway 8 1-2 minutes into the first period by Storr's glove, got another breakaway and beat Storr with 5:11 remaining for his 17th goal. Morrow's goal with 1:11 left completed the scoring.

"When you're down with four or five minutes to go, you've got to open up a little bit and take some chances," Galley said. "It makes you a lot more vulnerable in your end, and that's what happened. But we shouldn't have to play from that position."

Kirk Muller recorded his 900th NHL point with an assist on Hull's goal.

UCLA's title hopes dealt critical blow

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It doesn't get much grimmer than this for UCLA.

The Bruins, ranked 25th, saw their Pac-10 Conference title hopes dealt a critical blow in a 76-61 loss to No. 2 Arizona on Thursday night.

Days after winning at North Carolina to climb back into the national rankings, the Bruins (10-5) held their own against the Wildcats for a half, only to come unraveled in the final 20 minutes.

UCLA committed 26 turnovers, went 3-for-21 from 3-point range and were 2-of-4 from the free-throw line. The Bruins had no free throws until five minutes were left in the game.

"We're still at the point where we're not playing consistent basketball. It's kind of the theme of the season," coach Steve Lavin said. "There's no easy games remaining on the schedule."

Elsewhere in college basketball, No. 13 Ohio State defeated No. 10 Michigan State 78-67, No. 15 Tulsa routed San Jose State 67-41 and Louisville tripped No. 23 DePaul 72-59.

The Bruins, 1-3 in the Pac-10, are off to their worst conference start since opening 0-3 in 1987-88. And they still must play No. 3 Stanford twice, play host to Southern California and travel to Syracuse.

"We have to treat away games like home games, and we have to go for sweeps," guard Earl Watson said.

Arizona (16-2, 5-0) didn't play like a team that starts three freshmen, one sophomore and a junior transfer in his first season. The young Wildcats were unfazed playing underneath the 11 NCAA title banners in Pauley Pavilion.

Freshman Luke Walton made his second career start and was playing for the first time at his father's alma mater. The younger Walton had no points,

four assists and three turnovers in 37 minutes.

"I didn't play as well as I would've liked, but we won," he said.

Bill Walton, who led UCLA to two NCAA titles and 30-0 seasons in 1972 and '73, was in the stands to hear fans chant "Dad's house" at his son.

"A guy that was as critical to us as anybody was Luke Walton," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "He did a nice job of taking Jason Kapono out of what he wanted to do, and his deflections created a number of turnovers for our defense."

Michael Wright scored 22 points, and the freshmen backcourt of Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner combined for 38 as Arizona earned its largest win ever at UCLA.

"Arenas was as close to perfect as you can be in the second half," Olson said. "I'm not sure if you can find two freshmen in the country that are playing better than Arenas and Gardner."

The Wildcats have won seven straight, including a victory at then-No. 1 Stanford on Jan. 8. "The Stanford road win gave us a lot of confidence to come in here and win," said Arenas, who had 18 points.

UCLA was whistled for 23 fouls, and it paid off for the Wildcats, who hit 19 of 29 free throws.

Jerome Moiso led the Bruins with 22 points and a career-high 14 rebounds. His basket early in the second half tied the game at 32 before Arizona went on a 28-13 run for a 60-45 lead with 5:41 remaining.

Twice during their run, the Wildcats had 7-0 spurts as the Bruins wasted possessions with turnovers and missed shots, including an airball by Watson.

"We didn't stay poised and patient," he said. "We were pressing too much, too soon."

UCLA regrouped for a 12-3 scoring run, helped by consec-

utive 3-pointers from Kapono and a three-point play by reserve Billy Knight, to trail 63-57 with 3:30 remaining.

That was all the Bruins could muster, with Watson, Dan Gadzuric, Kapono, Moiso and Rico Hines in foul trouble and continued carelessness with the ball that led to the 26 turnovers, including 10 by Kapono.

No. 13 Ohio St. 78, No. 10 Michigan St. 67

Reserve George Reese scored 19 points and the Buckeyes snapped Michigan State's 21-game Big Ten winning streak.

Ohio State (12-3, 4-1) had lost 10 in a row to the Spartans. Michigan State (12-5, 3-1) had won a school-record eight straight road games in conference play.

Morris Peterson scored 20 points for Michigan State, which had not lost in the league since the Big Ten opener a year ago. The streak was the fourth-longest in Big Ten history.

No. 15 Tulsa 67, San Jose St. 41
Marcus Hill hit four 3-pointers and scored 16 points as the Golden Hurricane won their 10th straight game.

Tulsa (17-1, 3-0 Western Athletic Conference) used a 13-0 run to take a 33-19 lead at halftime.

Visiting San Jose State (10-8, 1-2), which led the nation in scoring defense, got 14 points from Cory Powell.

Louisville 72, No. 23 DePaul 59

Tony Williams scored 18 points as the Cardinals beat DePaul.

Marques Maybin, who missed Louisville's last game because of illness, had 17. The Cardinals (11-5, 3-2 Conference USA) beat a ranked opponent at Freedom Hall for the third time this season, having defeated then-No. 6 North Carolina 97-80 and then-No. 18 Utah 77-55.

Bobby Simmons led DePaul (12-5, 3-2) with 18 points.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL		NFL Playoff Glimpse		By The Associated Press		
All Times EST						
Wild Card Games						
Saturday, Jan. 8						
Tennessee 22, Buffalo 16						
Washington 27, Detroit 13						
Sunday, Jan. 9						
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10						
Miami 20, Seattle 17						
Divisional Games						
Saturday, Jan. 15						
Jacksonville 62, Miami 7						
Tampa Bay 14, Washington 13						
Sunday, Jan. 16						
St. Louis 49, Minnesota 37						
Tennessee 19, Indianapolis 16						
Conference Championships						
Sunday, Jan. 23						
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)						
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)						
Super Bowl						
Sunday, Jan. 30						
at Atlanta, 6:25 p.m. (ABC)						
Pro Bowl						
Sunday, Feb. 6						
at Honolulu, 5:30 p.m. (ABC)						
TRANSACTIONS						
Thursday's Sports Transactions						
By The Associated Press						
BASEBALL						
American League						
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Named Zeké Zimmerman pitching coach for Boise of the Northwest League. Named Don Wakamatsu manager for Erie of the Eastern League.						
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Terry Mathews on a minor-league contract.						
National League						
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Trenidad Hubbard on a minor-league contract.						
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with OF Deon Sanders, RHP Mark Portugal and RHP Johnny Ruffin on minor league contracts.						
BASKETBALL						
National Basketball Association						
CHICAGO BULLS—Signed G Chris Carr to a 10-day contract. Released G Dedic Wiloughby.						
FOOTBALL						
National Football League						
NFL—Fined Minnesota Vikings WR Randy Moss \$40,000 for spitting water at an official during the playoff game against St. Louis on Jan. 16.						
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Announced the resignation of Kernal Buhler, director of corporate sponsorships.						
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Gil Haskell offensive coordinator.						
GOLF						
PGA TOUR—Named James Cramer manager of communications and media operations.						
HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
DALLAS STARS—Placed C Joe Nieuwendyk on injured reserve. Recalled C Derek Plante from Michigan of the IHL.						
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Claimed F Niklas Andersson off waivers from the New York Islanders.						
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned RW Dale Rominski to Detroit of the IHL.						
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Claimed LW Jim McKenzie off waivers from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.						
COLLEGE						
LINDSEY WILSON—Named Willis Pooler women's soccer coach.						
STONY BROOK—Announced the resignation of Teri Tiso, women's volleyball coach.						
HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
At A Glance						
By The Associated Press						
All Times EST						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	29	13	5	3	66	150
Philadelphia	25	14	7	1	58	137
Pittsburgh	19	22	3	4	48	140
N.Y. Rangers	18	20	7	3	46	121
N.Y. Islanders	10	29	6	1	27	96
Northwest Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	27	16	4	3	61	140
Ottawa	24	15	2	5	47	126
Boston	16	19	13	2	42	124
Buffalo	18	23	6	1	43	123
Montreal	15	24	6	1	37	99
Southeast Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	27	15	3	6	61	144
Washington	20	17	7	1	48	117
Carolina	17	22	8	0	42	116
Tampa Bay	11	27	6	4	32	122
Atlanta	11	29	6	3	30	102
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	14	6	1	61	162
St. Louis	27	11	6	0	60	138
Nashville	16	24	6	3	41	123
Chicago	16	25	2	4	40	134
Northwest Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	17	6	1	55	132
Calgary	21	20	6	4	48	108
Edmonton	15	19	12	6	48	122
Vancouver	14	22	9	5	42	117
Pacific Division						
	W	L	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	24	17	6	0	56	144
Dallas	24	18	5	5	55	113
San Jose	21	22	6	4	52	133
Los Angeles	19	19	7	4	48	137
Anaheim	20	22	5	1	46	112
Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.						
Wednesday's Games						
Washington 3, Florida 1						
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 0						
New Jersey 4, Chicago 1						
Boston 4, Atlanta 3						
Thursday's Games						
N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 1						
Ottawa 1, Philadelphia 1, tie						
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2						
Phoenix 2, Buffalo 1						
Dallas 5, Los Angeles 2						
Friday's Games						
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.						
Florida at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.						
St. Louis at Chicago, 8 p.m.						
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.						
Colorado at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.						
Saturday's Games						
Buffalo at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.						
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.						
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m.						
Detroit at Ottawa, 7 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.						
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.						
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.						
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.						
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.						
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.						
San Jose at Phoenix, 8 p.m.						
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.						

Kraft shoots 7-under 65 to take 1-stroke lead at Bob Hope Classic

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — During the last two months of the year when most players were recharging their batteries, Greg Kraft was in the gym at 5 a.m., driven by past failures to win a PGA Tour event that counted.

The reward for his hard work did not come Thursday in the Bob Hope Classic, where Kraft had a second straight round of 7-under 65 to take a 1-stroke lead after 36 holes.

The five-round tournament is ultimate birdiefest on the PGA Tour. Kraft only has to look back one year at David Duval's final-round 59 to realize this event, more than any, doesn't really start until Sunday.

From a glance at the second round, again played on four calm, sun-baked desert courses, Kraft how much work he has

left. Brent Geiberger had back-to-back eagles and birdied the last six holes for a 61, the lowest round of the tournament so far. That put him at 13-under, along with Rich Beem (63) and Andrew Magee (65).

Another stroke back was a group that included Barry Cheeseman, who had a 62.

"Anything in the mid-60s every day keeps you in contention," Magee said.

For now, that's enough to give Kraft another chance.

"I know 14-under is not going to win," he said. "I just have to keep making birdies ... and see how far I can go; wait until the last nine holes on Sunday and see if I'm still around, and what might happen."

Casey Martin might not be around to watch.

In his debut as the first car-

riding member of the PGA Tour, Martin struggled again with his putter and bombed his approach over a hospitality suite on the 18th hole of Bermuda Dunes. He managed only an even-par 71 and was 10 strokes back.

"If I can keep hitting it like this and make some putts, I can have a low round," Martin said. "I'm just not putting with a lot of confidence."

One thing he didn't have to worry about Thursday was any tension while playing with Richard Ferris, the chairman of the PGA Tour policy board who testified against Martin two years ago in his federal lawsuit over the right to ride a cart.

"I got a chance to know him and he's a very nice man," Martin said.

After the round, Martin had to call Ferris over to sign the

Anderson leads Rockets' victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets needed their 48-minute man to beat the Denver Nuggets.

Shandon Anderson played the entire game and had 26 points and 13 rebounds as the Houston Rockets won their season-high fifth straight with a 122-115 victory Thursday night.

Anderson was one short of his career high, rookie Steve Francis added 22 points and seven assists and Kenny Thomas had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Cuttino Mobley had 17 points.

"The shots were there for me tonight, I got a lot of open looks early and when you get open shots you've got to take them," Anderson said. "Our offense got some easy layups early in the game. That got us putting points on the board and got us into our offense."

Anderson went 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

"Shannon took advantage of the situation tonight," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "He was making his 3s when he got the open looks. It was his day. He played with a lot of energy, so I gave him some extra minutes."

The Rockets offset Antonio

McDyess' season-high 40 points, six short of his career high. Nick Van Exel added 31 points and 11 assists, and Ron Mercer had 22 points for the Nuggets, who lost their season-high fifth straight.

"It would have been a different game if we'd played defense," McDyess said. "We didn't play defense at all. It was a lack of effort and a lack of confidence."

The Rockets, who beat the Nuggets for the 11th straight time, didn't take command until midway in the fourth quarter when a 9-0 run gave them a 99-91 lead with 9:36 to play.

Mobley scored at the third-quarter buzzer to give the Rockets a 90-89 lead. His two free throws early in the fourth period started the Rockets' 9-0 run.

Anderson got the Rockets off to a fast start with 17 points in the first quarter and he had 20 at halftime, but the Nuggets trailed by only one, 58-57 because McDyess had 20 and Van Exel 17.

"I think the confidence always is a factor," Tomjanovich said. "Now we're getting confidence about what we're doing. The guys know

when to get the ball on the court and what seems to attack.

"We've been competitive all year but we couldn't close out the close ones. I think we learned from those games and now we're getting the payoff."

Nuggets coach Dan Issel wasn't pleased after the game.

"Just take a look at the stat sheet. Our defense was so soft and Houston did what they wanted to and that was the difference," Issel said. "The whole issue about this game is being concerned about winning the basketball game and not how the stat sheet looks after the game."

"Antonio McDyess had a fantastic game, but all of our big guys should have had good games."

Notes: Hakeem Olajuwon needs 28 points to move past former Nuggets forward Alex English into 10th place on the NBA's career scoring list. Olajuwon has 25,586 career points. ... Denver is 0-11 against Western Conference opponents. ... The Nuggets are 11-3 when Van Exel scores at least 19. ... Rockets forward Carlos Rogers underwent successful surgery to repair a ligament in his right hand Thursday and will be out four to six weeks.

the 18th for a playoff.

"In both events, I wasn't playing my best golf," he said. "It's nice to know I don't have to play perfect to win a golf tournament. I know I have to be patient and hang in there."

He fought back tears at Doral, but the blown chances have served as motivation. Kraft hasn't forgotten the sting of losing, nor does he want to. During the offseason, he spent all but five days working out or working on his game.

"I don't want to let go of that taste," he said. "When I was going to the gym at 5 o'clock every morning and I didn't want to be there, that's what kept me going."

Perhaps he'll find out this week how far that will take him.

Names in the News

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — Golf fans and celebrity-watchers already in the presence of Bill Murray, Joe Pesci, Alice Cooper and Rush Limbaugh were awestruck when Bob Hope showed up on the 10th hole.

The 96-year-old entertainer wasn't playing a round, but pulled up in a golf cart Wednesday to pose with players in the celebrity portion of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic golf tournament.

After posing for photos, Hope drove off in his cart with fans yelling, "We love you, Bob."

Other celebrities in the round included Glenn Frey, Kevin Sorbo, Yogi Berra, Roger Clemens, Tom Glavine, Don Sutton, John Elway, Emmitt Smith and Jerry Rice.

First-time participant Murray said he showed up for one reason.

"I feel like I can finally beat Bob Hope," he said.

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Wynonna Judd's ex-husband, who was found guilty of violating a divorce agreement by talking to reporters about his failed marriage, has a chance to avoid a 50-day jail term.

Under a court agreement signed Tuesday, Arch B. Kelley III must prove he was paid only \$5,000 by The Star tabloid for an interview, and then repay the magazine. He has two months to comply with the order.

The divorce agreement was signed June 22 by Kelley and Judd.

He was found guilty Dec. 14 of criminal contempt for violating the agreement by speaking to reporters from The Star and The Tennessean.

Judd begins a reunion tour with her mother Naomi Judd on Feb. 4 in Denver. Hits by The Judds include "Why Not Me" and "Mama He's Crazy."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Polish film director Andrzej Wajda will receive an honorary Oscar for his work in bringing European cinema to the attention of the world.

The Oscar will be presented during the 72nd Annual Academy Awards on March 26, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Thursday.

"By showing both the loftiest heights and the darkest depths of the European soul, he has inspired all of us to re-examine the strength of our common humanity," academy president Robert Rehme said.

The 73-year-old Wajda's 44 films include "A Generation," "Kanal," "Ashes and Diamonds," "Lotna," "Landscape After Battle," "Man of Iron," "Man of Marble," "Korczak," "Land of Promise" and "The Maids of Wilko."

The special Oscar recognizes "a man whose films have given audiences around the world an artist's view of history, democra-

cy and freedom, and who in so doing has himself become a symbol of courage and hope for millions of people in postwar Europe," said the academy Board of Governors, which voted for the honor.

Previous honorary awards have been presented to Michelangelo Antonioni, Fred Astaire, Greta Garbo, Kirk Douglas, Buster Keaton, Akira Kurosawa, Satyajit Ray and Orson Welles.

Academy Award nominations will be announced Feb. 15.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Musician John Tesh is suing an online firm that registered the Internet domain name john-tesh.com.

"John Tesh is a recognized family brand whose ability to promote products and family values has been recognized worldwide," Charles N. Kenworthy, Tesh's lawyer, said in the lawsuit against Celebites.com.

The attorney said the competing site could compromise Tesh's authorized site — tesh.com — which he said offers "intelligence for the family."

There was no response from Celebites.com officials after an e-mail inquiry.

The federal lawsuit was filed Wednesday under a law passed last year that bars "cybersquatting," or registering an Internet domain in the name of a famous person or company then trying

to sell it for a profit. Brad Pitt and Kenny Rogers also have sued recently under the law.

HONOLULU (AP) — Just a few months ago, Hoku Ho, the 19-year-old daughter of island entertainer Don Ho, was attending classes at a Christian college in San Diego.

Now she has a \$300,000 record deal, a movie theme song, a heavily requested video on MTV and an upcoming tour.

"I've already done so much that I never imagined," said Ho, who started singing in her father's stage show as a child.

Earlier this year, she was performing with her father on Maui when songwriter Antonina Armato saw her and encouraged her to meet with record producers in Los Angeles.

Armato, who has written songs for Mariah Carey and Vanessa Williams, then wrote "Another Dumb Blonde" for Ho. The song will be featured in upcoming movie, "Snow Day," starring Chevy Chase. The video debuted this week on MTV.

Ho also has signed a deal with Geffen Records' Interscope label and plans to release her first CD this spring.

Her father, who still performs in Waikiki, said he's stunned at "how incredibly fast things have happened" for his daughter.

"It's really amazing," he said. "I may have to ask her for a loan."

Research begins on 'marijuana patch' for chemotherapy effects on cancer patients

By **MICHAEL GORMLEY**
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Scientists are planning research on whether a "marijuana patch" similar to the patches that help smokers kick the habit could help ease the suffering of cancer patients.

The American Cancer Society is funding a three-year, \$361,000 grant for research at the Albany College of Pharmacy. A formal announcement was planned for today.

The marijuana patch could ease the pain, nausea and vomiting that chemotherapy patients can suffer, said Gail Tyner-Taylor of the American Cancer Society

of New York and New Jersey. No such patch exists now, but Dr. Audra Stinchcomb, an assistant professor who researches medications transmitted through the skin, will explore whether it is feasible.

The concept is similar to nicotine patches used as a way to deliver controlled doses of nicotine to help people quit smoking tobacco.

The patch could provide an alternative to smoking marijuana for medical purposes, which has been approved in some states but remains a controversial issue nationwide.

Advocates for the use of medical marijuana, however, criticized the patch concept as another

in a long line of less-effective alternatives to smoking the drug.

"The American Cancer Society has always been on record against people smoking tobacco and marijuana," said Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Washington, D.C. "This is a way to assuage opponents."

Previous research included pills, suppositories, eye and ear drops and even talk of creating a marijuana vapor, St. Pierre said. Smoking, however, is a faster way to get the drug into the system, an important factor in controlling nausea.

The National Institutes of

Health and an affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences have concluded that the active ingredients in marijuana can ease the pain, nausea and vomiting of cancer and AIDS.

A half-dozen states have offered ballot measures to legalize marijuana as medication, but the drug is banned by federal law and doctors hesitate to prescribe it, even in states that legalized its medical use.

The Justice Department is challenging voter-approved laws in Alaska, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington. Maine voters approved a medical marijuana law last year and the law went into effect last month.

Ranger's effort to regain identity may be hurt by fires

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
Associated Press Writer

RANGER, Texas (AP) — Since the oil boom ended nearly two decades ago, Ranger has struggled to regain its identity.

Protests against the North Texas town's police chief and a string of suspicious fires — events that some have said appear related — aren't what Mayor Ken Parrack had in mind. "This really hurts from the standpoint of trying to go out and get new businesses because of the publicity," Parrack said. "The only way it could be good publicity is that we are trying to work on our drug problem here in Ranger."

Like so many small oil towns, Ranger has seen its share of post-boom misfortune.

The economy is stagnant and the population has dwindled from about 30,000 to just more than 2,800. There are vacant buildings on just about every street in this depressed town 85 miles west of Fort Worth.

Over the past year, at least four drug labs have been discovered and destroyed within the town limits. No arrests have been made in those cases.

Elected last May, the 71-year-old Parrack has worked to rekindle the economy, trying to recruit new businesses to the area. His first success came when a new mobile home sales park opened about a month ago.

"Since the oil boom went down, the economy hasn't recovered," said Parrack, who moved into town near the tail-end of the boom in 1979. "Of course, we're oil and gas and farming, ranching. And all of the above aren't very good."

But the problems seemed to arrive soon after protesters picketed City Hall on Monday night, demanding the firing or resignation of Police Chief Tom Million for excessive enforcement.

The City Council refused to act on the protesters' demands, and before it had even

adjourned, the first of the fires had been reported.

Eventually, 12 fires sprang up overnight, with arson suspected in all of them. Among the worst: eight vacant houses and a barn filled with \$150,000 worth of hay

were torched.

Police spokesman Scott Cook said Thursday night, "That barn is going to smolder for a while."

Four more fires were reported Wednesday on a back road connecting Mingus and Strawn,

towns where many Ranger police officers live.

Though most people in this town have an idea who is responsible for the Monday night blazes, as of Thursday night, no arrests had been made.

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