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John Mann, 31st District
Attorney, filed his Jan. 15
Candidate/Office Holder
Campaign Finance Report.
Mann reported no activity for
the period beginning Jan. 7,
1999, and ending Dec. 31,
1999.

AMARILLO (AP) — After
a two-week trial and a stress-
related hospital stay, embat-
tled Dallas City Councilman
Al Lipscomb is near the end of
a legal fight that supporters
say no 74-year-old man
should have to endure.

Closing arguments in the
black civil rights activist's
bribery and conspiracy trial
are scheduled. An all-white
jury returned to the court-
room today and could begin
deliberating evidence in the
case by midday.

Lipscomb, who was
released over the week from
Northwest Texas Hospital
after three days of observation
in its coronary care unit, has
said he's "definitely" ready to
continue.

Doctors determined that the
councilman did not have a
heart attack.

But his hospitalization for
heart pain and shortness of
breath interrupted last week's
trial, just as closing arguments
were to begin before U.S.
District Judge Joe Kendall.

Paramedics took Lipscomb,
who is charged with 65
counts of bribery and conspiracy,
on a stretcher Friday
from the J. Marvin Jones
Federal Building and
Courthouse.

- Paul R. Kling, 75, WW II,
Korean War veteran.
- Connie Laura Roberts, 92,
Pampa Eastern Star member
for 50 years.
- Evelyn Cline Stubblefield,
87, former store owner.

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**"It's no accident
State Farm
insures more
cars than
anyone else."**

Sheila Weith

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Home Office: Bloomington, Ill.

'Killing dogs' maul, kill pet dog

■ She said the dogs that
killed Spike had been
set loose more than a
mile away in order to run
free in search of coyotes
to kill.

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Sunday started off no different than any
other day for Julia Dawkins as she let her
little mixed-breed dog, Spike, outside
about 7 that morning for a trip to the bath-
room.
But when she looked out and saw a large

dog she took for a stray coming down her
driveway, Dawkins thought it best to sum-
mon her 13-year-old companion back
inside.

Spike obeyed but before he could make
it inside, three more of the dogs, described
as greyhound or greyhound-mix animals,
came from different directions. They
already had blood on their faces when they
set upon little Spike. First one, then two
more then the fourth.

After frantically beating the big dogs
with a hoe handle to no avail in an attempt
to save her pet, Dawkins ran next door for
help to her daughter and son-in-law's
house.

Glennette Goode, armed with a .22-cal-
iber rifle, came to her mother's aid and
took aim.

"I tried to shoot a little high just in case
Spike was still alive," she said Monday.

"The sound of the shots didn't scare them
away. I shot one of them three times before
it would back off."

When it was
all over, Goode
had killed two of
the dogs and
two others that
she'd wounded
ran off.

And Spike was
dead. "Ripped to
shreds," she
said.

As it turned
out, the dogs
that killed Spike
were trained
"killing dogs"
that she said had
been set loose

more than a mile away in order to run free
in search of coyotes to kill.

(See DOGS, Page 2)

Woman seeks dog running law

In the wake of the mauling, death of a pet dog by what's been
identified as four trained greyhound coyote "killing dogs,"
County Judge Richard Peet says he's asked the county attorney
to research any laws that may apply to the practice.

Glennette Goode, daughter of the woman whose dog was
killed on their family ranch, plans to be at Tuesday's 9 a.m.
County Commission meeting at the courthouse to ask commis-
sioners to consider passing a law prohibiting or limiting the run-
ning of such dogs. (See related story this page).

She says she wants to see a law passed that will, at a mini-
mum, keep those running "killing dogs" from doing so on pri-
vate property without the land owner's permission.

Asked what he knows about the running of dogs with the
intent of killing coyotes, Peet said, "I am not familiar with it.
This is the first I've heard of it."

Peet said he had spoken with Goode about Sunday's incident.
"I can't imagine people doing it, myself," the county judge
said. "If a dog like this would viciously attack a coyote or some
other animal, what about a small child? A person might say the
dog is trained but we're still talking about an animal."

Local politicians see no surprises in Iowa outcome

(From Associated Press and Pampa News staff reports)

There were no surprises, Gray County political leaders said today,
as the front runners for the President of the United States in the two
major political parties declared early victories Monday night in
Iowa.

Al Gore and George W. Bush, the leading men of the 2000 presi-
dential campaign, lived up to their billings. Each won in the Iowa
caucuses. Now the front-runners shift to a more difficult stage, New
Hampshire, where their challengers loom stronger than in Iowa.

Bush led the field of six Republicans in the Iowa race. Gore beat his
only opponent by a two to one margin in the state's Democratic race.
Gray County Republican Chairman Doug Ware said today that he is
not surprised by the outcome of the Iowa caucuses.

Tom Mechler, former Gray County Republican chairman, said
today he hopes George W. Bush's win in Iowa Monday will be the
beginning of a sweep across the nation.

"It's one thing to lead the polls," Mechler said. "It's another to win
the race."

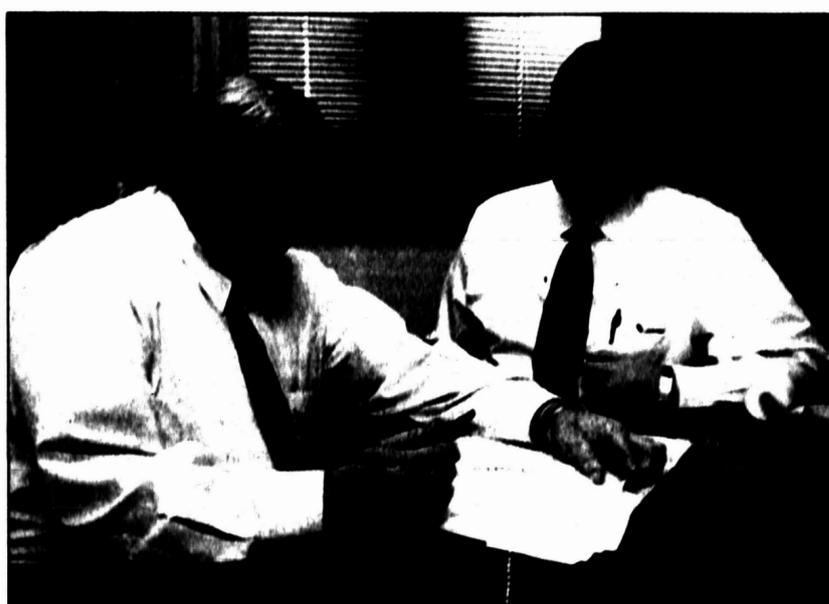
Bush gained 41 percent of the vote in a field of six Republican can-
didates. (See POLITICOS, Page 2)

Park board to meet

An update on the status of Celebration of Lights and more on the
Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park gazebo project are among items to be con-
sidered at this week's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.
Bill Hildebrandt, director of community services, will talk about
the holiday lighting project which volunteers have said they can't
maintain without more physical and fiscal help.

In other action, Judy Elliott will give a water bill donation report.
Eileen Kludt will present a Land & Water Conservation Fund resolu-
tion; and park staffers Reed Kirkpatrick and Shane Stokes will talk
about the Texas Recreation and Park Society's Annual Conference.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. Thursday in the commission cham-
bers at City Hall.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris and Lt. Terry Young review paperwork in connection
with the new mentoring program in which the police department is involved.

Youths to get helping hand by way of mentoring grant

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A grant from the Texas Governor's office
will assure that at least some at risk juveniles
will have a chance, according to Pampa's
police chief.

The governor's office announced this week
that it will assign a \$7,646 grant to Pampa for
a mentoring program for boys and girls in the
juvenile justice system.

"The money is to implement a mentoring
program aimed specifically at matching posi-
tive role models with children at risk," Pampa
Police Chief Charlie Morris said Monday after-
noon.

The program is a cooperative effort of

Pampa Independent School District, Gray
County Juvenile Probation and the Pampa
Police Department.

As part of the program, Morris said there
will be an effort among the participating orga-
nizations to identify and recruit mentors or
positive role models. The mentors will then be
paired with at risk juveniles.

Morris said the object of the program is to
increase the quality of life for all concerned.

An organizational meeting will be held at
noon, Friday, Feb. 3, at the Pampa Chamber of
Commerce. Morris said anyone interested in
being involved in the program should be
there.

A free lunch of beans and cornbread will be
served.

Quite frankly... Who is your pick to win the Super Bowl?



"I'll pick the Titans. I
don't like the Rams. I
really like the Titans.
The Rams barely
squeaked by."
-- Amanda Browning



"I'd pick the Rams. I've
seen them play."
-- Dwight Dennis



"The Titans used to be
from Houston. I don't
think they have a
chance. I'll go with the
Rams."
-- Sherry Etheredge



"I'm picking the Rams. I
grew up in St. Louis. I
From what I know ... I'll
pick the Rams by 14
points."
-- Angela King



"I like Tennessee. I like
the way they came
back in this last game."
-- Albert Nichols

Daily Record

Obituaries

PAUL R. KLING

AMARILLO - Paul R. Kling, 75, father of a Groom resident, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000. Services will be private. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Kling was born at Ashtabula, Ohio. He married Joan Gifford in 1947. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1960. He had been an Amarillo resident for the past 45 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two daughters, Kaiti Classen of San Antonio and Kathy Andrews of Houston; two sons, Doug Kling of Groom and Marshall Kling of Dallas; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to BSA Hospice or to a favorite charity.

CONNIE LAURA ROBERTS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Connie Laura Roberts, 92, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. John N. Glover officiating. Pampa Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65 will conduct OES rites. Arrangements are under the direction of French Mortuary in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Roberts had been an Albuquerque resident since 1982. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Albuquerque and of First Baptist Church of Pampa. She belonged to Order of the Eastern Star in Pampa for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Marion Roberts; a daughter, June Murtha; and a grandson, Earl L. Murtha, Jr.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Connie Muniz of Albuquerque and Susan Carl of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

EVELYN CLINE STUBBLEFIELD

McLEAN - Evelyn Cline Stubblefield, 87, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Stubblefield was born July 15, 1912, at Amarillo, to Clarence T. Cline and Ethel Laura French Cline. She married R. Earl Stubblefield on May 1, 1932, at Clovis, N.M.; he preceded her in death. The couple moved from Groom to McLean in October of 1932, opening Stubblefield Dry Goods and Ready-To-Wear Store.

She was a charter member of Progressive Study Club and belonged to Pioneer Study Club and United Methodist Church, having taught Sunday school at Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo. She was past Worthy Matron of Order of the Eastern Star and past Mother Advisor of Rainbow Girls. In 1955, she was named Texas Future Homemakers of America Mother.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Stubblefield; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Gail Light of Lake Tanglewood and Laura June Close of McLean; a son, Robert "Bob" Stubblefield of Bryan; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Jimmy Cline of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church of McLean or to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.23	HR	4.11/16	dn 1/16
Milo	3.08	KMI	26.7/16	dn 7/8
Cor	3.52	Kerl M. Gec	62.3/4	up 1/16
Soybeans	4.22	Limited	32.1/2	dn 1/4

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

Occidental	20.78	NC	19.15/16	dn 3/16
Fidelity Magelln	1.90	Pioneer Nat	9.1/2	NC
Puritan	18.45	SLB	64.3/8	up 1/16
		Tenneco	10	up 1/8

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

Ameco	55.11/16	dn 5/16
Arc	28.1/4	up 1/16
Cabot	24.5/16	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	14.7/8	up 1/8
Chevron	90.5/16	up 1/16

Police report

The Pampa Police Department released the following arrest and reports Tuesday, Jan. 25

Sunday, Jan. 23

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at the 800 block of North Dwight.

Information on a dispute over furniture ownership was reported to the Pampa Police Department at the 200 block of Henry.

Monday, Jan. 24

Timmy Max Kellison, 21, 505 Naida, was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct.

Pampa High School reported a burglary. Items reported stolen include the following: a TV, a VCR, and a stereo. The value of the property was estimated at \$500.

A purse was reported stolen from a vehicle at the 300 block of North Ballard.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Jan. 24

Nicholas B. Smiles, 20, Amarillo, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation stemming from an escape charge.

David Lee Ellison, 33, 605 Plains, was arrested on two outstanding warrants: resisting arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

George Thomas Reames, 57, Miami, Texas, was arrested on a Potter County warrant on a charge of theft.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Friday, Jan. 21

Glenna Miller, 72, 1620 Grape, backed into a parked car, and then left the scene of the accident without permission, according to the accident report. Miller backed her Cadillac Brougham into a parked Chevrolet Lumina at the United parking lot at the 1400 block of North Hobart, according to the report. The owner of the Lumina was able to get Miller's tag number. No citations were issued.

Sunday, Jan. 23

Timothy Mark Lymburner, 26, Skellytown, was cited for failure to control speed and no liability insurance after his Olds Delta 88 rear-ended a Chevrolet Lumina driven by Sherley Ann Miller, 57, Amarillo. The collision occurred at the intersection of West Alcock and North Hobart.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Jan. 24

9:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Browning and transported one to PRMC.

3:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

4:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported one to a local nursing facility.

5:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Short and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

12:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.H.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

DOGS

And after a call to the Sheriff's Department, Goode was told the law regarding the running of such dogs is "gray." So, Goode plans to be at Tuesday's County Commission meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse to plead for a law against the practice. (See related story this page)

The Dawkins and Goodes live on about a quarter section of land southwest of Pampa near the Celanese plant. The family has had the ranch property since the 1910s and Dawkins lives in the same house where she was born and reared.

After the incident, Goode's husband, Jimmy walked the approximately 75 yards of driveway up to the county road. There he saw two slow-driving pickups, each occupied by one man.

"He asked them if they were looking for their dogs and they said, 'yes,'" she said.

The men told her husband the dogs were coyote dogs, trained to hunt and kill coyotes, Goode said. The men said they'd let the dogs out to run when they stopped on County Road 2300 over a mile from the Goode's ranch.

Asked to name the men, Goode declined, saying she did not know one man's name and wasn't positive of the second person's name. She also expressed fear of retaliation.

Asked how the killing dogs know the difference between a coyote and some other animal, Goode replied, "That's my question exactly ... it's obvious

they didn't know the difference where Spike was concerned."

And taking it one step farther, Goode recalled that her son was just a 5-year-old when her mother got Spike as a puppy.

"What if this had happened then and my child had been out there in the middle of it? The dogs could have killed him, too."

Goode said she was "aware" there are people who have such killing dogs as the ones who attacked Sunday, but she said she never has been "comfortable" with such an idea.

Besides, she says, the only trouble they have had with their calves being attacked has come from "packs of wild dogs" made up of would-be pets that have been dropped off by people who don't want them.

"You know," she said, "people who get a puppy for their child and he doesn't play with it anymore so they drop it off in the country ... or people who let out unwanted puppies because they don't take responsibility for having their animals neutered."

Since Spike was killed, Goode says her mother has remained "rattled."

"It's one thing to lose an older dog but it is another thing all together to see your pet just torn apart," she said.

And while she knows there will be kind-hearted people who want to give Dawkins another pet, Goode asks that they not, saying her mother needs time to grieve Spike then later, if she wants to, pick out a dog of her choice.

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POLITICOS

didates running for President in the Iowa caucuses Monday night.

Magazine publisher Steve Forbes beat the expectations of the political press and got 30 percent of the GOP vote, emerging as the prime conservative candidate against Texas Gov. Bush and Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Mechler said that Bush has established himself as the front runner.

"He has proven he can win outside the state," Mechler said.

Gore's victory over Bill Bradley in Iowa was expected by Pampa Democrats.

"It was no surprise to me," said Jim Osborne, Democratic chairman for Gray County.

Vice President Gore trounced former Sen. Bill Bradley, 63 percent to 35 percent, in Iowa's Democratic race.

"I suspected that was the way it would turn out," Osborne said this morning.

In New Hampshire, polls show Gore regaining the Democratic edge he had lost to Bradley although his margins are narrow in most surveys.

"Gore won handily," said John Warner, former Gray County Democratic chairman. "I think Bush won overwhelmingly."

Warner said today that he thinks that the leading candidates, however, are facing stronger challenges within their parties than either had expected.

Among Republicans, most polls rate the contest about even between Bush and McCain.

"I expect Gore and Bush to be the nominees of their respective parties," Warner said this morning, "but it may not be that clear cut in the next 30 days."

The New Hampshire primary, the first primary in the nation, will be Monday. It will be followed by a flurry of primaries, including 15 on March 7, including California and Florida, and the Texas primary on March 14.

Warner said he thought both Bush, because of his father former President George Bush, and Gore, because of his status as Vice President, had name recognition. He also noted that Bush had raised huge amounts of money for his campaign which could well be the determining factor in the race.

The Pampa Democrat said he thought McCain was very impressive but worried that the lack of access to Bush by his handlers would hurt him.

Warner said he had found Bush to be very personable.

"You want a President that's open and open with the people," Warner said today. "If they keep him caged, how would that translate into a Presidency?"

With no days to spare, the Iowa contestants were flying toward New Hampshire within hours of the Iowa verdict. The Bush and Gore victories in Iowa were expected and anticipated by rival candidates, who had effectively conceded first place in advance.

The Bush camp had hoped to open a wider gap over Forbes, one that might have undermined the GOP rival with the personal fortune to spend, and a political past of using it on attack advertising in the 1996 campaign.

Instead, Forbes ran strong enough to describe himself as the conservative GOP alternative to Bush and McCain, candidates he called the moderates. With his 30 percent share, Forbes got more votes than his rivals on the right - Alan Keyes, who ran third with 14 percent and Gary Bauer, fourth at 9 percent, a blow to his campaign future.

Among the 11 percent of Republican caucus voters who listed abortion as their top issue, two-thirds voted for one of those three candidates. Bush had been defending his position on the issue in the closing days of the campaign, insisting that he has an anti-abortion record to match his rhetoric, although he will not take the pledge Forbes demands, against nominating anyone who is not against abortion to be a federal judge.

That sliced into Bush's victory margin, showing the power of the conservative Christians who helped relegate his father to an embarrassing third in the Iowa caucuses in 1988, the year he was elected president.

Bush's campaign strategist said Forbes wouldn't be able to match his Iowa showing in the coming contests.

"This is his high water mark," said Karl Rove. "New Hampshire might be the same for John McCain."

McCain didn't compete in Iowa, saving his money to concentrate on New Hampshire and later contests, especially the South Carolina primary on Feb. 19. McCain got 5 percent in Iowa and was fifth out of six.

The only candidate behind McCain was Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, Hatch said that if he ran last, he would consider quitting.

Jewelry taken from Pampa home

Law enforcement officers were today investigating the theft of almost \$1,000 in jewelry from a Pampa home.

Officers said Elva Patricia Mendoza, 26, of 409 Roberts, reported the theft of cash; several rings and a necklace Monday. The items were thought to have been taken between New Year's Day and Jan. 18.

Investigators said today that the front door of the woman's home appears to have been the point of entry and exist by the burglar.

Authorities put the value of the stolen items at an estimated \$980.

Officers said \$500 in cash was taken along with a man's wallet that has the name Juan carved on the side.

Other items reported taken include a number of gold rings, silver rings, baby gold rings, a gold necklace with Jesus on a cross on it and a woman's ring with stones and angels on it.

PHS burglary investigated

Police today were investigating a burglary at Pampa High School in which about \$500 worth of equipment was taken.

Officers said television and electronic equipment with an estimated value of \$500 was apparently taken from Pampa High School in a weekend burglary.

Assistant Principal Floyd Sackett reported the burglary to police on Monday.

Authorities said a 19-inch Sanyo television set was taken along with a Craig video tape recorder and Lemox stereo system. The television was valued at \$200. Authorities valued the VCR at \$200. The stereo system's estimated value was \$100.

Officers today said burglars appeared to have forced open a door on the south side of the high school sometime over the weekend.

Don't forget to take Community Camera to your church, school, civic or other group's activity. It's fun. It's free. 669-2525

Weather focus

PAMPA - Cloudy and cold today with a high of 38 and northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, a low of 25 and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy and breezy with a high of 40. Thursday there is a chance of snow. Yesterday's high was 52; the overnight low 24.

STATEWIDE - Thin high clouds once again drifted across North Texas on Tuesday morn-

ing, moving in from the northwest.

The area also had light and variable winds, with reported temperatures generally in the low to mid 30s.

Elsewhere across the state, skies were clear across all but portions of the southern plains of Texas.

Winds were light and variable across the region on Tuesday. The Panhandle, however, was experiencing a northerly wind was blowing at 10 to 20 miles per

hour in the morning hours.

West Texas temperatures ranged from a chilly 20 degrees in the north to the 50s elsewhere.

Extremes were 27 at Dalhart to a mild 59 at El Paso.

Also, another cold front pushing down through South Texas on Tuesday will reinforce that region's cool and dry air through Wednesday.

Morning temperatures were 32 at Conroe and 33 at Austin, to 54 at Port Isabel and 52 at McCallan and Del Rio.

Twin tragedies: For a second time, man accused of killing his family

DETROIT (AP) - A former detective who was found innocent by reason of insanity in the deaths of his wife and children 25 years ago has confessed to killing his second wife and their son last fall, authorities said.

Paul Harrington was ordered Monday to stand trial on two counts of first-degree murder in the Oct. 15 deaths of his second wife, Wanda, 45, and their 3-year-old son, Brian.

"The same thing happened in 1975," Harrington said in a statement to police. "They should have put me away then."

Harrington was found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1975 killings of his first wife, Becky, 28, and daughters Pamela, 9, and Cassandra, 4. Police said the couple had recently separated when he killed the three with his police service revolver.

He was committed for psychiatric evaluation at a state facility but was released after just two months of treatment, according to records.

Police said Harrington, 53, shot his second wife and son inside the family's home after his older son

left for school, with a gun he borrowed the night before. He then called 911.

Police Sgt. Felix Kirk testified Monday that Harrington, who had been fired from a steel company last spring, told him he had no money, had run out of medication for his depression, and killed them because "in my head I just couldn't handle any more."

Lawyers said Monday they expect the latest case will center on psychiatric testimony. The case is "is not about what Harrington did, but about his frame of mind," defense attorney W. Frederick Moore said.

Harrington, who had joined the Detroit police force in 1972, was fired after being charged in the 1975 killings.

His defense lawyer at the time, Donald Cutler, said two psychiatrists examined Harrington and testified at a 1977 hearing that he was not criminally responsible for the slayings. The law at the time required the judge to find Harrington innocent by reason of insanity, Cutler said.

Free hot line to report environmental violations

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has established a telephone hot line for people to report environmental violations.

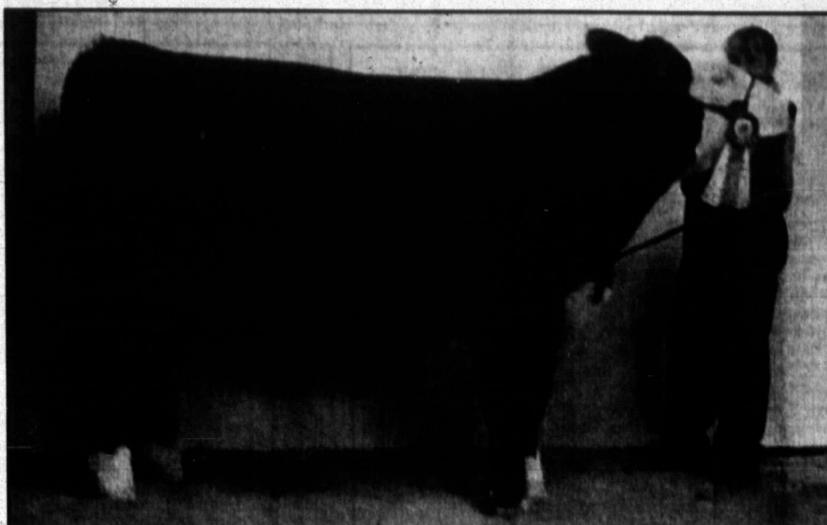
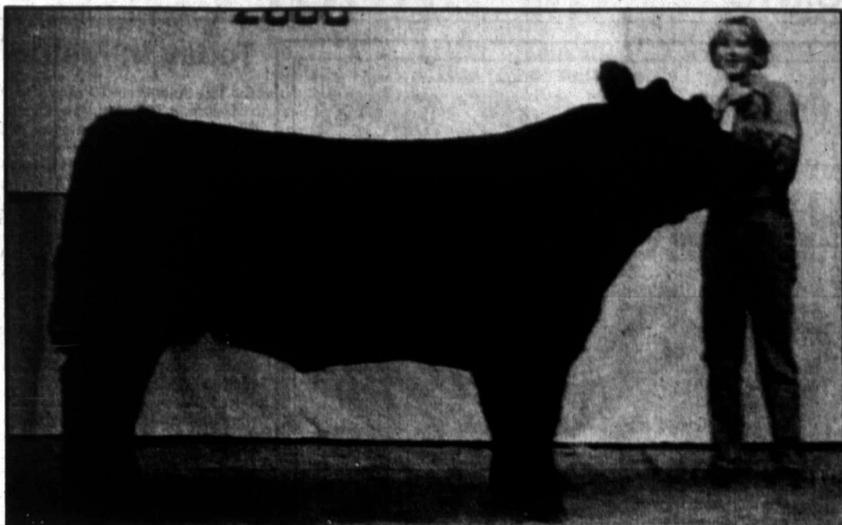
The toll-free hot line was created to comply with a provision to the agency's appropriations added by state Rep. Robert R. Puente, D-San Antonio.

"It is important for all of our citizens to be able to reach the state's environmental agency when they believe the environment is being harmed," Puente said Monday.

People who want to report problems can call 1-888-777-3186 to be routed automatically to the district office closest to them.

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Gray County Livestock Show



Local 4-Hers competed in the Gray County 4-H Livestock Show recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Showing the Reserve Champion Steer was Emily Nusser. Meredith Coutts took Grand Champion Steer honors.

(Community Camera photo)

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

MCLEAN-ALANREED AREA MUSEUM

The McLean-Alanreed Area Museum will sponsor a chili and stew

dinner from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean. Craft items and baked goods will also be available at the fund-raiser.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting.

MARDI GRAS DANCE AND CASINO

Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa will present its annual Valentine Dance and Mardi Gras Casino from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Set-ups and snacks will be furnished and music will be provided by Fence Walker. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 per couple or at the door for \$30 per couple. Proceeds will benefit BSP scholarship fund. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call 665-6037 and leave a message.

MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA

The second Annual "Miss Top of Texas Area" scholarship pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Borger. The executive directors are Carolyn Scott, Johnny Scott and Karmin Pool. To enter, the female participants must be at least 17 and a senior in high school. A Junior Miss Top of Texas Area pageant for ages 2-17 will also be conducted. Titles are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Teen Miss. To enter, or for more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804. Scholarships will be awarded only in the Miss Top of Texas pageant.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 31 at Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, in Lefors and Feb. 14 in First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mam-

mogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905, (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

ART SHOW FUND-RAISER

A "Spring Art Soiree" will be held beginning with a cocktail buffet at 6 p.m. followed by a live art auction with Tim Assiter on March 10 at Amarillo Civic Center. Show hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. March 11 and 12-4 p.m. March 12. The Art Committee has established four levels of sponsorship. Most couples are assigned to an artist for the event to assist as needed. The proceeds will benefit High Plains Epilepsy Association.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will hold E.A. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

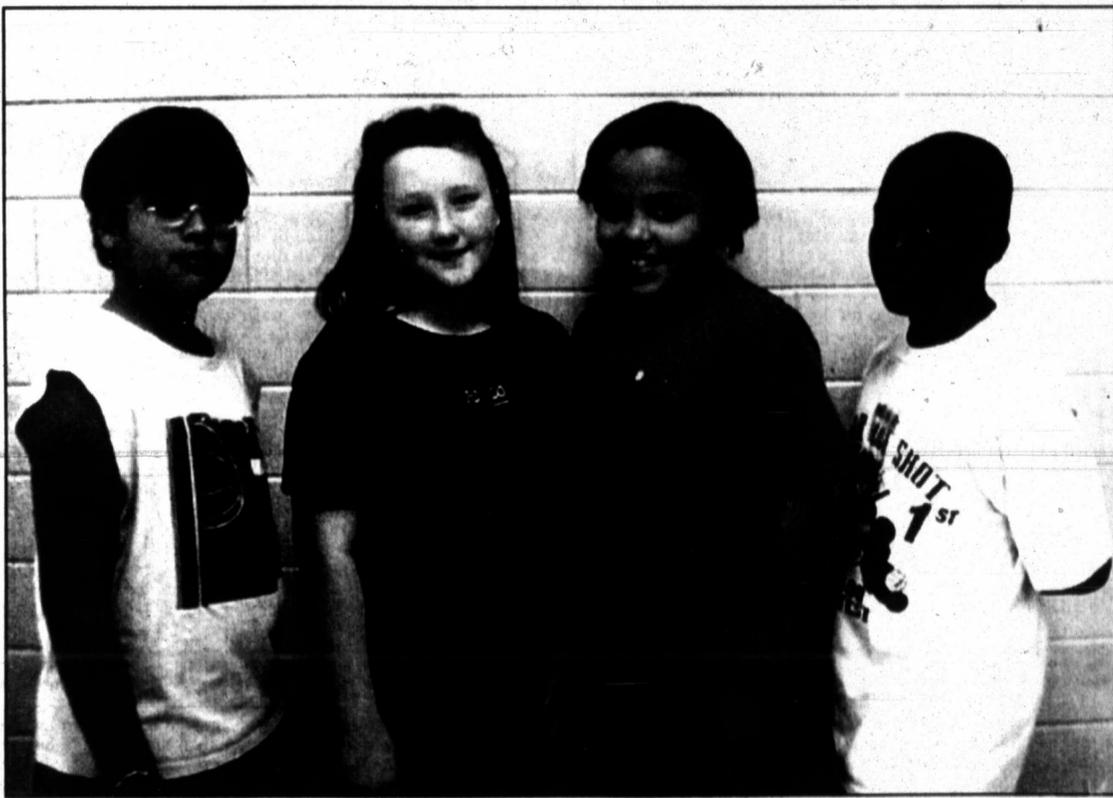
CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

Perfect attendance



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

David Soto, April Newsome, Amber Meyer, and Chris Smith are among the students in Bettye Stokes' fourth grade class which was honored for the class with the highest attendance rate at Lamar Elementary. The class had a 98 percent attendance rate during the fall semester. The class members will be treated to a class pizza party courtesy of Southwestern Bell Pioneers because of their high attendance rate. The school attendance rate was 95.5 percent.

ALA offering Texas Discount Golf Pass for Valentine's Day

AUSTIN — The Texas Discount Pass is the perfect Valentine's Day gift solution for the hard-to-shop-for golfer in your life. The Golf Privilege Club Texas Discount Pass is perfect for any golfer, offering free and discounted golf at more than 175 Texas golf courses and practice facilities for only \$29. If you purchase a pass before April 28, your name will be entered in a drawing for a golf getaway for two at beautiful Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma, just north of Dallas.

Ed Carter, president and CEO of the American Lung Association of Texas says, "It's a win-win situation. You or your loved one can enjoy more than 300 rounds of money-saving golf, while helping more than 2 million Texans who suffer from chronic asthma and other lung disease. Few programs offer so much to the community, while continuing to give back to the contributor throughout the year."

The Texas Discount Pass is valid through Nov. 30. For more information or to obtain a brochure listing of the available courses for 2000, please call the American Lung Association of Texas at 1-800-LUNG-USA and ask about the "buy three, get one free" special, or visit their website at www.texaslung.org.

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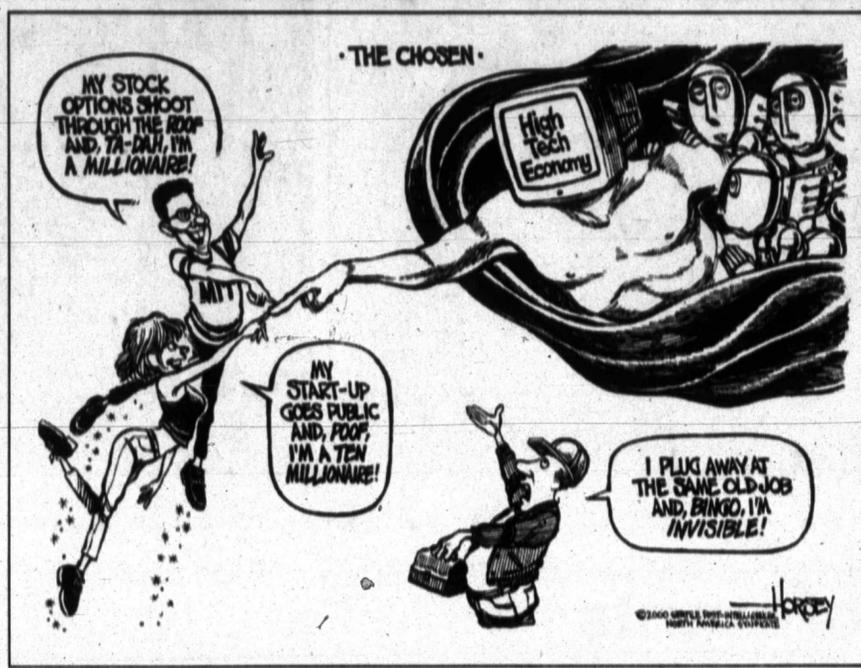
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Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2000. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Jan. 25, 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World received a tumultuous welcome home after she completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes.

On this date:
 In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

In 1980, Finance Minister Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was elected president of Iran.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

Ten years ago: An Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y.; 73 of the 161 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

Five years ago: The defense gave its opening statement in the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, saying Simpson was the victim of a "rush to judgment" by authorities who had mishandled evidence and ignored witnesses.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the 2000 census could not use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy. A Louisville, Ky., man received the first hand transplant in the United States. Jury selection began in Jasper, Texas, in the trial of John William King, charged in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. A powerful earthquake rocked Colombia, killing more than 1,000 people.

Opinion

Litigation becomes a national pastime

■ The national obsession with lawsuits isn't any laughing matter.

Did you hear the one about the politicians who thought it was too much trouble to punish America's armed criminals, so they sued gun makers instead? Or, how about the time they took the tobacco industry to court because people wouldn't stop smoking?

OK, as stand-up material it's pretty weak. But all we can do anymore is laugh at the political penchant for litigating as a way around lawmaking. After all, we've pretty much tapped out our reservoir of indignation over ever-more ludicrous lawsuits.

Of course, indignation would be passe at this point anyway. Our sue-me-sue-you society has been the stuff of one-liners in late-night TV monologues for years. We long ago became inured to the fact that the venerable calling of Daniel Webster and Clarence Darrow has been trivialized by leering TV ads promising, "If you don't collect, we don't collect," in English and in Spanish.

So maybe it was only a matter of time before politicians, a whole lot of whom tend to be lawyers, caught on. Why bother with the protracted and painful process of making laws, where issues must be debated at length and yet other politicians, and the public they represent, must be persuaded before a law can be passed? Just sue.

That way, they figure, they not only can browbeat the object of their vituperation — Philip Morris, Smith & Wesson, Microsoft — into shifting tack, but also for their day in court the pols might even pick up a nice wad of cash.

Which is why it was perhaps inevitable our litigator in chief, Bill Clinton, would get wise and hop aboard. Hence, the White House's recent announcement that it might join a suit by a number of cities against gun makers. The aims of the suits varies from plaintiff to plaintiff: force manufacturers to curb sales and marketing; make them install supposed safety features such as trigger locks and, maybe, make a little money off of them along the way.

The administration's involvement in the suit would come by way of the nation's federally funded public housing authorities, which commonly are besieged by gun crime. The legal premise, solemnly enunciated by the president at a news conference recently, is that those housing agencies spend a great deal of money on law enforcement. By rights, the thinking goes, they have a vested interest in stemming crime.

They do, of course, have such a vested interest — just as much of America has the same interest. So why not nail the guys who actually do the shooting?

Awash in a rising tide of shifting blame, our president, among others, feels free to pillory the nearest, convenient scapegoat. And all we can do is laugh.

—Odessa American



Let the games begin, Pampa!

The local elections are just beginning. Candidates door-to-door, glad hand, and make stump speeches.

January of this La Nina winter is unusually warm and inconsistent.

Signs pop up. Vote for Bob, vote for Joe, vote for Frank, go go go.

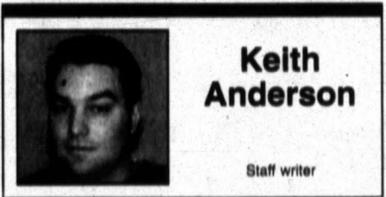
I've never understood elections in big cities. No one knows anyone. The ballot offers dozens of strangers to select from.

But what about small towns, where everyone knows everyone? Towns like Pampa.

Towns like Pampa, where names on a ballot are relatives, and next-door-neighbors, and friends, and bloody rivals. How will the election work here?

I look forward to this lop-sided election. One lone Democrat dares run for office.

Some races aren't even contested in the primaries. Imagine that. Is there a shortage of eligible candidates? Is Gray County so sparse-



Keith Anderson
 Staff writer

ly populated that elections are unnecessary? And do the citizens of Gray County really think so uniformly that only one political party need hold a primary?

Does Gray County have just one brain that gets passed around to whomever needs it at the moment?

It is my theory that Gray County candidates check the Republican box because that is the only way to get elected in Gray County.

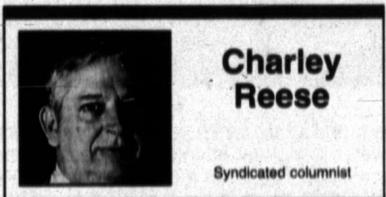
A sure sign of society's problems ...

About the best way to look at the 2000 presidential races is as a symptom of our sick society, not as a solution. Surely no one believes that, out of 270 million people, the present candidates are the best leaders available. Fact is, most of the bright minds go into the private sector, not into politics. After all, it is the private sector that controls politics, not vice versa.

We should all guard against the notion that electing one person to one office will somehow magically solve the nation's conflicts and problems, though one might easily get that idea by listening to the candidates. They tend to sound like carnival pitchmen. Come one, come all, and see all your problems solved, all of your boobos made painless. I haven't seen so much of a certain byproduct of bovine metabolism since I left the country for the city.

As most of you know, I don't cotton to minor-party candidates cluttering up the presidential ballot. Conservative minor-party candidates help elect the liberal major-party candidate; liberal minor-party candidates help elect the conservative major-party candidate. People can yak all they want about voting for the man, not the party, but every four years when you count the votes, the overwhelming majority of them are cast for Democrats and Republicans.

If Bill Clinton were not a sociopath, and therefore incapable of gratitude along with all the other human virtues, he would have named the West Wing of the White House the Ross Perot



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

wing. That eccentric billionaire elected Clinton twice by bleeding off votes that would have otherwise gone to Clinton's Republican opponent.

Many Americans who are attracted to minor parties are often naive about American politics. Many things that if you come up with sensible solutions and present them to the people, they will flock by the millions to the polls and elect you president. The game doesn't work that way.

In the first place, Americans have lost the consensus on major issues. Thus, one man's sensible solutions are another man's political nightmares. Furthermore, I do not believe there exists in this country at this time either a conservative majority or a liberal majority. Most Americans seem to be pragmatists, which is kind of a nice word of opportunists. People interested in the public good are about as rare as people who have actually read the Great Books.

People have learned that they can loot the

The general election is farce. People who vote straight Republican or straight Democrat should be ruled too ignorant to vote.

And I can't understand why some positions require elections. Like constable. Does it really matter whether a constable is Republican or Democrat? Does the position of constable wield such enormous influence in a community that elections must be held?

County Attorney I can understand. Justice of the Peace, yes. District Attorney, surely. Any judicial position — any position which interprets the law — should be elected. Excepting, of course, higher courts.

The important election, in my opinion, is the two commissioner races. These folks will have a direct impact on Pampa's economic future. Let us hope we can elect some forward-thinking commissioners.

I guess we'll see. Let the games begin.

public treasury, as that old Englishman Thomas Macaulay warned that they would. Broadly speaking, American politics amounts to a frenzied feeding at the public trough, with individuals and groups shouting and elbowing each other to get what they believe is their rightful share of loot. Joining the rabble are all those various groups with an itch to run other people's lives and that want the government to be their leg-breaker and enforcer.

And there are still millions of Americans who are just partisan voters.

No matter what kind of a donkey their party nominates, no matter how sparse his ideas, how bleak his chances of success are, these partisans will vote for the party nominee because that's what they've always done.

Any serious minor party would concentrate on winning local and state elections. That's how one builds a political base. It is absurd for a party that holds not one single office in the entire land to put up a candidate for president. One is always left with conclusion that no-change candidates are doing it for the money and the publicity, and they themselves know full well that they have no more chance of winning the White House than Yasser Arafat has of being elected president of Israel.

I am not too concerned with the elections. What concerns me is the condition of a society that produces the kinds of elections and results that we have.

Texas round up ...

Juvenile offender set to die
 HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Glen Alan McGinnis was 17 years old when he strolled into a laundromat, opened fire on the clerk and helped himself to \$140 from the cash register.

Back in the summer of 1990, McGinnis had already logged time in juvenile lockups, lived out of cars and fended for himself on the streets. His mother was serving a prison term for prostitution.

McGinnis, who took up permanent residence in a death row cell before he turned 20, is to die by lethal injection tonight.

"I mean, man, I'm young," McGinnis, barely 27, said last week. "I'm not crying, I'm not groping, but it's kinda sad that I got caught up so young."

McGinnis does not deny his crime. He shot clerk Leta Ann Wilkerson in the head, shoulders and back during the robbery. The 30-year-old mother of two young daughters died on the floor of the laundromat.

Grocer to pay disputed overtime
 DALLAS (AP) — The nation's largest natural-foods grocer said Monday that it has agreed to pay \$226,000 of overtime owed to thousands of current and former workers.

Last week the U.S. Department of Labor sued Whole Foods Market Inc., alleging that for two years, the upscale grocer failed to pay time-and-a-half to thousands of employees who worked more than 40 hours a week.

That lawsuit — filed in an Austin court — will be dismissed now that Whole Foods has agreed to reimburse the workers, the Austin-based store chain said in a written statement Monday.

But the Labor Department stopped short of saying Monday's announcement means the lawsuit will be dismissed, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"We're having discussions with Whole Foods, which we hope will be successful," said Diana Petterson, of the agency's Dallas office. She refused to comment on the case further.

State's education commissioner wants to see test scores improve

AUSTIN (AP) — More work will need to be done to get Texas students through a new, tougher high school graduation test and on to college, according to the state's top education chief.

"This is probably the most critical thing we have to deal with in the next four years," said education commissioner Jim Nelson, during a meeting with several thousand school administrators in Austin on Monday.

He said teachers need to start getting ready for the state's new graduation test — which will measure a much broader range of academic skills and be tougher to pass than the current exam.

"We need to make sure students are getting the kind of preparation they will need ... to pass that exit exam," said Nelson, who was quoted by the Austin bureau of The Dallas Morning News.

According to guidelines approved by the Legislature last year, students entering ninth grade this fall need to pass the new graduation exam by the time they become a senior.

Elsewhere: EDUCATION FUTURE: Education Commissioner Jim Nelson talked Monday about the "Status of Texas Schools, Challenges Ahead" at a conference for state educators. Topics included reducing the drop-out rate, retaining teachers and issues confronting high schools. ...**COMPUTER STORE:** CompUSA is being purchased for about \$1 billion by Grupo Sanborns, a Mexican group that already owns nearly 15 percent of the electronics retailer. Analysts say the Dallas-based chain will be difficult to turn around, no matter who owns it. ...**JAIL SPIDERS:** A "swat team" combed nooks and crannies of the Galveston County Jail Monday, hoping to wipe out a gang of tough, eight-legged perpetrators who have terrorized inmates in recent months. Capt. Mike Henson, the assistant jail administrator, said 33 of the jail's inmates have been bitten by brown recluse spiders since Oct. 1.

Names in the news ...

TORONTO (AP) — Naomi Campbell won't have to appear in court to enter a plea in a case that accuses her of pummeling a former employee.

The supermodel will be allowed to enter a plea in absentia on Feb. 2, prosecutor Calvin Berry said Monday.

Campbell, 29, is accused of beating assistant Georgina Galanis in 1998 while in Toronto filming the movie "Prisoner of Love."

Galanis, 39, who briefly worked as Campbell's assistant during filming, has filed a \$2 million lawsuit against Campbell in New York that mentions the alleged assault in Toronto.

Galanis said in the lawsuit that she worked for Campbell for nine days. She said Campbell hit her twice in the head with a telephone, punched her shoulder twice and grabbed her neck and violently shook her head.

Campbell has denied Galanis' accusations.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Barker's libel suit against a former model on his show "The Price Is Right" has been postponed as she searches for a new attorney.

Holly Hallstrom's countersuit against the game show host was also postponed Monday. Both suits are now scheduled for Aug. 2.

Barker, 76, sued Miss Hallstrom after she left the show in 1995, denying claims she made to the media that she was fired because she had gained too much weight.

Miss Hallstrom had filed suit claiming she was fired unjustly after 19 years on TV's longest-running game show, which has had Barker as host since 1972.

Attorney Lester Ostrov would not give details on why he asked in Superior Court on Monday to be released as Miss Hallstrom's attorney. Attorney Nick Alden, who said he is advising the model until another attorney is named, said a "difference of opinion" between Ostrov and Miss Hallstrom was involved.

NEW YORK (AP) — The boxer who was

punched after the bell by Mike Tyson last year is suing the former heavyweight champion, charging that he broke an oral agreement for a rematch.

Orlin Norris, 34, of Lubbock, Texas, says in court papers that he was promised that he would be Tyson's next opponent in exchange for a statement that Tyson's blow after the first-round bell on Oct. 23 was "accidental."

The fight in Las Vegas was stopped immediately and declared "no contest" after Norris went down, got up and limped back to his corner with an injured knee that he apparently hurt when he hit the canvas.

Norris' complaint, filed in Manhattan's State Supreme Court, asked that Showtime cable television be required to withhold \$2 million of Tyson's purse from his Jan. 29 fight with Britain's Julius Francis in Manchester, England.

Tyson's lawyer, Jim Jimmerson, said he filed papers Friday in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas, asking the court to declare that no oral agreement exists between Norris and Tyson.

"My client wants to be free to fight whomever he chooses," said Jimmerson. "It's not so much that he doesn't want to fight Norris. He just doesn't want to be bound by some nonexistent agreement."

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — If John Glenn wants to return to space, he'll have to get clearance from his wife.

"Sure, I'd love to go again, but every time I say that, she goes ballistic," Glenn said of his wife, Annie.

In 1962, Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth. In 1998, Glenn became the oldest astronaut in space with his voyage on board the space shuttle Discovery.

Glenn, 78, was used on the Discovery flight to test the theory that weightlessness in space affects the body much like the natural aging process on Earth.

Scientists are meeting this week in Washington to report initial findings about whether space travel mimics the effects of aging.

Gas stations next to some Wal-Mart's

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tesoro Petroleum Corp. said Monday that a subsidiary has signed an agreement to open gasoline stations next to Wal-Mart stores in 11 Western states.

The agreement covers California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Terms were not disclosed.

Tesoro West Coast Co. said it expects to open 30 to 40 stations next to Wal-Mart stores in the next year.

San Antonio-based Tesoro, an oil refining and

marketing company, said it is working with Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to develop a new brand to sell at the stations. The name of the brand hasn't been determined.

Tesoro owns and operates 32 gas stations in Hawaii and 32 in Alaska, and 181 stations in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest carry Tesoro-brand gasoline but are independently owned.

There are now 145 Murphy Oil stations at Wal-Marts in Texas and the Southeastern states. Those stations were built as part of a deal with El Dorado, Ark.-based Murphy Oil.

Residents of golf village tee off over homeless program

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — This quaint North Carolina village known for hosting one of the nation's premier golfing events is balking at hosting something else — the homeless.

Some residents of Pinehurst object to a church-led plan to offer temporary shelter to homeless families in the midst of their sedate golfing and retirement community of 8,000.

"I don't have a problem with the homeless," said Linda Cox, a businesswoman and leader of a petition drive against the proposed shelters. "I'm against putting a shelter in a residential neighborhood."

Pinehurst, which hosted the 1999 U.S. Open golf tournament and has been tapped to host the 2005

competition, is one of the state's wealthiest communities. Retirees live in homes surrounded by hedges, brick walls or white picket fences.

The dispute began when two churches located across the street from the gold-domed Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club offered to house up to 14 people a week for about four weeks a year.

The candidates would be families with children who were screened to weed out derelicts, drunks and drug addicts, said officials at the churches, the Community Presbyterian Church and Village Chapel.

But what started as an attempt to provide emergency housing for needy families has evolved into a battle over how exclusive Pinehurst should remain.

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About the Speaker ...
Mike Schultz

Mike Schultz is a representative of Creation Science Evangelism. After graduating from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Florida, Mike attended Florida Baptist Theological College for three years. Since 1997, he has studied the topics of creation, dinosaurs and evolution with Dr. Kent Hovind, founder and director of Creation Science Evangelism (CSE). Mike is also the children's ministry director for CSE.

He now travels and speaks on these subjects presenting the seminar material developed over the last 25 years by Dr. Hovind. Using the latest technology with a video projector, PowerPoint, and nearly 2,700 visuals, these humorous, fast-paced, illustrated seminars prove to be captivating, entertaining and educational. They provide 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. His goal is to strengthen the faith of believers, to confound and convict the evolutionists, and to win the lost to Christ. Creation Science Evangelism offers \$250,000 to anyone with real scientific evidence for evolution.



Creation vs Evolution
 with Mike Schultz January 27-30
 Schedule

Thursday, at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks
 7:00Pm Creation: Six 24-Hour Days
 8:00Pm Fact: The Earth Is Very Young!

Friday, at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks
 7:00Pm Dinosaurs, The Flood & Eden
 8:00Pm The Bible's Diet

Saturday, at Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, 18th N. Banks
 10:00Am Dinosaurs, & The Bible
 11:00Am Living Dinosaurs

Saturday, at Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, 18th N. Banks
 1:00Pm Lies In The Textbooks
 2:00Pm Lies About God & The Bible

Saturday, at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks
 7:00Pm Evolution: Weapon Of Dictators
 8:00Pm Evolution & The New World Order

Sunday, at Hi-Land Christian Church
 9:45Am Questions & Answers
 11:00Am Biblical Accuracy? 100%

at Highland Baptist Church

Donor's Mother Finds Hope In Linking Living With Dying

DEAR ABBY: In 1989, my nephew Bryan and his fiancée were killed in an automobile accident. He was only 21 years old. My brother-in-law and sister were faced with that dreaded question, "Is your son an organ donor?" In fact, he was, and had discussed his wishes with his parents some time before the accident. As a result of Bryan's unselfishness, several people's pain was ended and their bodies were mended.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

A couple of years later, my sister was asked by a nurse who worked in transplant services to speak to a group of medical professionals who deal with organ donation and donor families. She was told that they never had a problem getting a recipient to come and tell the story from that point of view, but it was rare to find a donor mom or dad who would discuss how being approached for donation had affected their lives and what it meant to them.

decided she needed to jot down something that could be read for her in case she fell apart. In the space of an hour, the enclosed poem is what God's grace allowed her to express. Perhaps you will feel it's worth sharing with your readers.

RON BELSHE,
RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Those people wanted to know how she felt about what took place in that drab little room off to the side of the emergency room on the night her son died. They knew they would be faced with asking that question again and again, and wanted to know if she could give them a word of encouragement or correction to make them better equipped to help the next family. How could she refuse?

DEAR RON: I offer my condolences for the tragedy that took your nephew and his fiancée. Your sister's poem is certainly worthy of space in this column. Read on:

DON'T GIVE UP
by Becky Hanson
If you can swallow hard enough to push away the fear,

And say yes to the question that no one wants to hear,
Then you will add a ray of hope when there's nothing left but crying,
And become the "gentle link" between the living and the dying.

I believe that you'll find comfort though your heart has been laid raw,

In offering hope to someone else who prays and waits in awe.
Until it's done, you can't know how or whom your words will bless,
But hundreds more will find new life if you will answer "yes."

DEAR ABBY: I read the item you printed saying that if the three wise men had been women, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, cleaned the stable, helped deliver the baby, made a casserole and brought practical gifts.

What B.S.! They would have first gone to the beauty salon, had a wash, set and manicure, then home to pick out a proper outfit. Then they would have changed the outfit five times, called everybody they knew to yak about the trip, and arrived late, very late.

STAN GERSHBEIN,
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR STAN: Spoken like a true male chauvinist. However, you may have been topped by Paul Harvey. He said what would really have happened was that halfway to the oasis, the camel would have broken down because no one remembered to check his water level.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 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) ***** Friends seek you out. Your convivial style seems to draw out the best in others. You can count on the unexpected. Seek out what you need in the midst of confusion. Your sense of direction brings organization when others flounder. Tonight: Say yes.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Get into work. Deal with fast changes in your customary manner. Others trust you to be even and level-headed when they can't be. Listen to another's chatter. Be direct in your dealings. Incorporate others' ideas. Work as a team. Tonight: Off to the gym.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your creativity knows no limits. Use your imagination. Reach out for others. Take charge. Unexpected news from a distance jolts you. You can turn this issue around. A new relationship piques your imagination. Tonight: Make the most of the night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You are anchored, where another might be full of confusion. Listen to a partner, whose solidity helps. Check in and find out what is going on with a loved one. You can be sure it's much

more than you know. Keep priorities in mind. Tonight: A cozy night at home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Talk up a storm. Reach out for others. Unexpected news comes from a trusted associate. You might be surprised by what you hear. Keep communication open; don't make judgments just yet. Let others reveal their ideas. Tonight: Loving the moment.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Work-related issues keep you hopping and thinking. Brainstorm with co-workers, but don't be surprised if somehow your wallet empties, as a result! Guard your finances. Remain direct about your personal boundaries. Family is supportive. Tonight: Indulge.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You are high-voltage, and others let you know just how much you trigger them. Sparks could fly with a child, but if you give him space to make decisions, everything will fall into place. A new person on the scene might be fascinating. Still, check him out carefully. Tonight: Beam in what you want.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Make home life your highest priority. Don't ignore the immediate. Stay centered when others create uproar. Be honest with yourself about something that no longer works in your life. You are an endless source of ideas. Tonight: Take a night off.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Aim for what you want. Change direction if necessary. Unexpected news keeps you hopping. Keep talks going, even if there are many ups and downs. Gather important information. You might need to regroup. A

meeting proves to be significant. Tonight: Having a party, wherever you are.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your intuition serves you well with funds. Take a stronger stand at work. Deal with unexpected and unusual demands. Another covets what you have. Be willing to say no. You can be sure that your view is very different than co-workers'. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You could be brusque when dealing with another and could inadvertently hurt his feelings. Make it a point to empathize more frequently. Imagine what it is like to walk in another's shoes. Accept an invitation, especially if it helps you grow. Tonight: A friend reverses course.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Let another guide you. You learn a lot about someone by letting him take command. Bosses prove to be testy, and they want everything their way. Let it be your pleasure to give others their way. Someone might reverse his stand out of the blue. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

BORN TODAY
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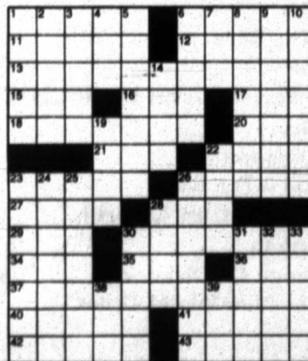
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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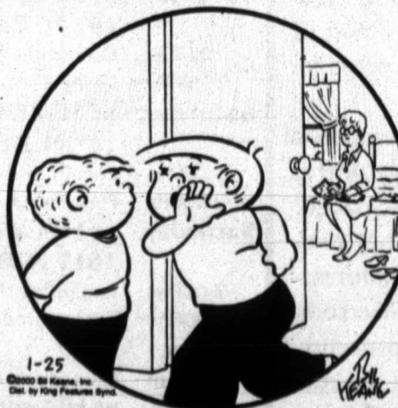
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"How many times have I told you about begging at the table?"

The Family Circus

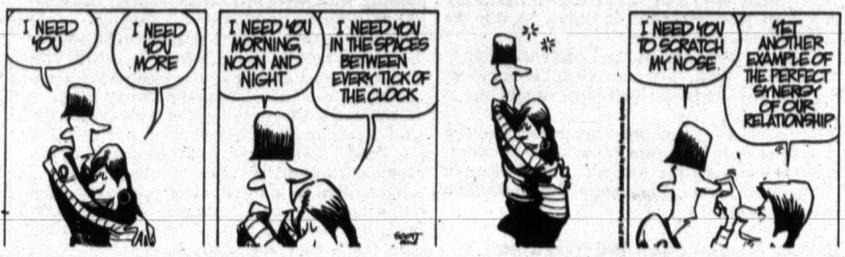


"Don't ask Grandma about old times if you have anything else to do that day."

For Better or For Worse



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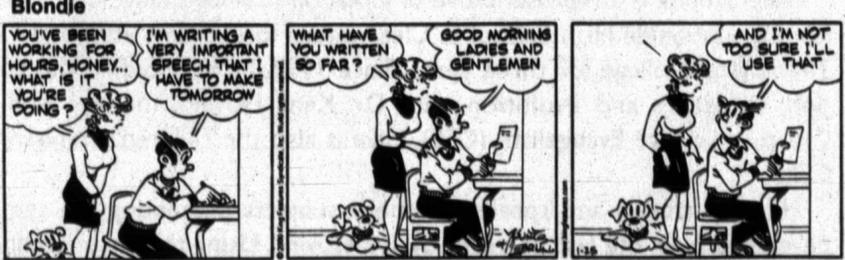
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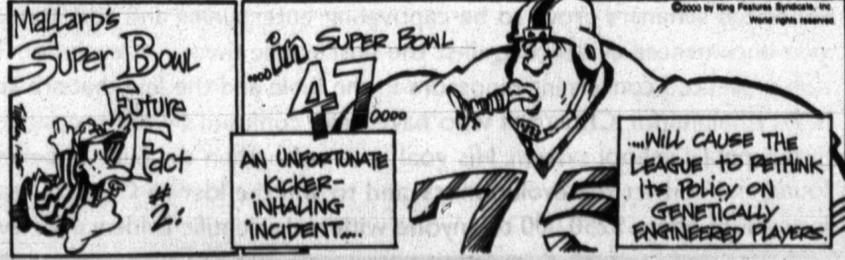
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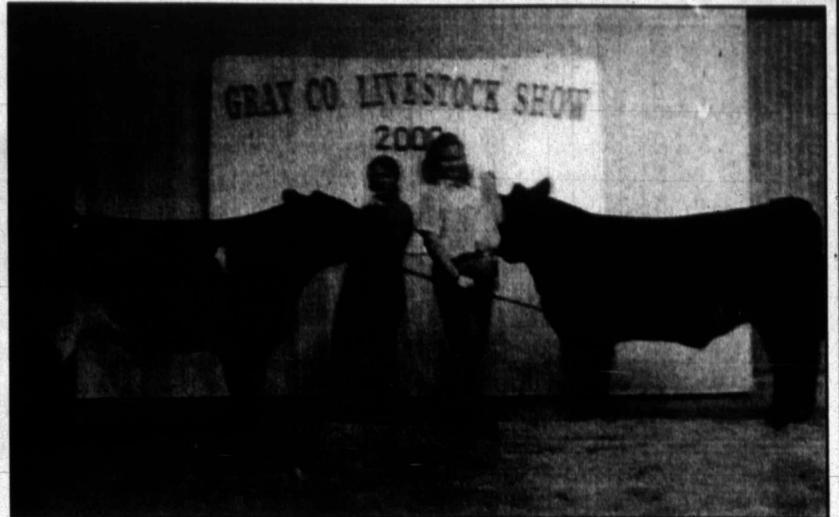
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Gray County Livestock Show



Local 4-Hers competed in the Gray County 4-H Livestock Show recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Above, left: Jeremy Pritchett was Senior and Overall Pig Showmanship winner while Misty Parish took Junior Showmanship honors. Above, right: Megan Coutts was Senior and Overall Steer Showmanship winner while Courtney Crawford took Junior Showmanship honors.

(Community Camera photo)

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association CEO announces local promotions

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. recently announced promotions of association staff and changes that took place with the new year. Panhandle-Plains FLBA passed a significant milestone at the close of 1999 when loan volume exceeded \$150,000,000. "The Association has grown from \$135,000,000 when we merged in February of 1997," Williams said. "Steady growth and good credit quality have provided significant financial stability for the association. This strong financial position will provide immediate and long term cash benefits to our members." "In December, the board of directors approved an interest rate buy down of 35 basis points. This became effective Jan. 1 for new loans, with existing borrowers taking advantage of the buy down as their loans repriced. The board will consider a fourth consecutive, annual cash patronage to our stockholders, to be paid in January. The focus of our association will remain constant, 'Striving to add value to membership,'" Williams concluded. (See, FLBA, Page 12)

~ Business Review ~



Becky Lentz welcomes customers to Lentz Chevron at 300 N. Hobart.

Lentz Chevron ... Old-fashioned service

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Becky Lentz runs an old-fashioned full-service gas station. No rows of Cokes and cornuts line the shelves.

"We don't sell any of that junk," Lentz said.

Lentz runs one of the few Texas gas stations to still offer a full service island.

At the full service pump attendants will clean your windows, check all your vehicle's fluids, and make sure your tires have enough air pressure.

The Lentz Chevron sta-

tion also does oil changes, state inspections, air conditioning work, muffler work, belts, hoses, batteries, alternators, and tire repair.

Lentz will even hand wash your car.

Becky Lentz and her husband Glenn Lentz bought the station at 300 North Hobart three years ago. Becky is a life-long resident of Pampa, and her husband has lived here for 15 years.

Becky took over as manager in June 1998.

Her husband works at Bournland and Leverich

Supply Co., Inc. "I'm here all day long. I don't leave at all," Becky said.

Lentz goes one step further in the full service business. Lentz offers pick-up and delivery service.

"We try to be fair and honest. We don't put anything on your car that you don't need. And we try to give you that extra special service," Becky said.

"To be quite honest, if you just do what you're supposed to in this business, people come back," Becky said.

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Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photo)

Members of "Pride of Pampa" High School Band recently competed for All-Region Band against 4A and 5A area schools. Members taking All-Region band honors include: (first row) Jamie Clay, Tiffany Boyd, Sarah Teague, Holly Myers; (second row)

Leslie McWilliams, Don Shuck, Travis Leeper, Reece Watson, Bradley Stucker and Price Hall; (third row) Dustin Bromlow, John Johnson and Justin Myers. Not pictured: Lexi Hill and Kristina Hartman.

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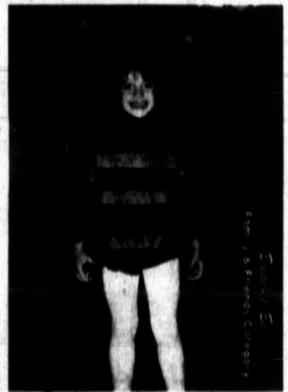


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SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Heat edged the Clippers 32-30 in a Pampa Kids Club basketball game last week.

Heat scorers were Felipe Sona with 13 points, Quinton Ellis 11, Eddie Palma 5 and Christopher Smith 3.

The players were sixth through seventh graders.

BOYS RANCH — Canadian downed Boys Ranch 78-53 in a District 5-2A game last weekend.

Josh Ellison had 15 points and Cory Pittman 13 to lead Canadian.

Bo Don Wilson was high scorer for Boys Ranch with 15 points.

CANYON — Pampa Red defeated Canyon 43-25 Monday in a 7th grade boys basketball game.

Brandon Johnson was high scorer with 12 points for Pampa. Seth Foster, Clayton Hall and Britten East had 7 each.

Pampa Red pushed its perfect record to 10-0.

Pampa Red lost to Canyon 50-24 in the 8th grade game.

Jed Martin had 6 point and Aaron Silva 5 to lead Pampa Red.

Pampa Red's record is 3-7.

The district tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday in Borger. Both Pampa Red and Blue teams play at 4 p.m. Thursday.

DALLAS (AP) — If Dennis Rodman can convince the Dallas Mavericks that he's sincere about a cleaned-up comeback, the flamboyant forward could be signed as soon as today.

Rodman flew to his hometown Monday and met with owner-in-waiting Mark Cuban and coach-general manager Don Nelson. A decision was expected by tonight's home game against Golden State.

"We wanted to see where Dennis' head is at, and it seems like Dennis really wants to get back on the court and play," Cuban told The Dallas Morning News. "We haven't offered him anything yet, but it's something we're very interested in."

Because the Mavericks are over the salary cap, the most they could offer Rodman is about \$500,000 — that's the \$1 million cap exception prorated for the 42 games remaining, counting tonight. He likely wouldn't play until Thursday's game at home against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, did not immediately return phone calls to The Associated Press. Mavericks officials were not immediately available for comment.

Cuban began pursuing Rodman soon after striking a \$260 million deal to buy the team from Ross Perot Jr.

Cuban, a longtime Dallas season-ticket holder and the billionaire co-founder of Broadcast.com, has been extremely active in running the team, even before the purchase is finalized.

Despite his often-distracting wackiness, Rodman would help the Mavericks on the court and off. Dallas is last in team rebounding and defense and there are thousands of empty seats at every home game.

But the 38-year-old Rodman, who had trouble behaving on good teams, could lose interest quickly on such a bad team.

Pampa teams host Caprock Longhorns

PAMPA — Fresh from a pair of wins against Borger, both Pampa boys and girls teams host Amarillo Caprock tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Harvesters are 1-2 in district play and 8-14 for the season. The Longhorns are 0-3 in district and 11-13 overall.

Russell Robben (5-10 senior) led Pampa scorers with 12 points in the 48-45 win over Borger Tuesday night. Casey Owens (6-0 senior) and Kirk George (6-3 junior) added 8 points each to the Harvesters' balanced attack.

However, it was Gary Alexander's four points in the final seconds that secured the Pampa victory. With Borger ahead by one, the 5-9 junior hit a basket and two free throws down the stretch.

Derrick Collins, a 6-5 junior, is the big gun for the Longhorns. He hit 24 points in a 70-54 loss to Hereford Tuesday night. J. Fields (6-3 junior) is another scoring threat for the Longhorns.

The Harvesters are currently in a three-way tie with Dumas and Borger in the district standings. Hereford and Palo Duro both have 3-0 records.

Pampa girls are 2-3 in district and 12-8 overall. Caprock is 0-5 and 7-15.

A 3-point buzzer-beater by 5-8 senior Emily Waters gave the Lady Harvesters a 52-49 win over Borger in McNeely Fieldhouse. That thrilling victory set the stage for the Pampa-Borger boys barnburner.

Emily Hartman (6-3 junior)

High School Basketball

led the Pampa assault with 16 points and Joy Young (5-7 senior) chipped in 14 points. Waters' winning shot at the buzzer gave her 5 points for the night.

Pampa's district opener was a 69-58 win over Caprock three weeks ago, but the Lady Longhorns have one of the better guards in 3-4A in 5-6 senior Sabre Parks. She had 17 points in that opener against Pampa and on Tuesday night she had 13 in a 58-38 loss to Hereford.

The Lady Harvesters are tied with Dumas and Borger for third place in the district standings. Hereford and Palo Duro are both 3-0.

WHEELER — Booker claimed a pair of District 6-1A wins against Wheeler in basketball action last weekend.

Booker posted a 41-37 victory in the boys game.

Brad Frame had 10 points and Jeran Ferguson 8 to lead Booker in scoring.

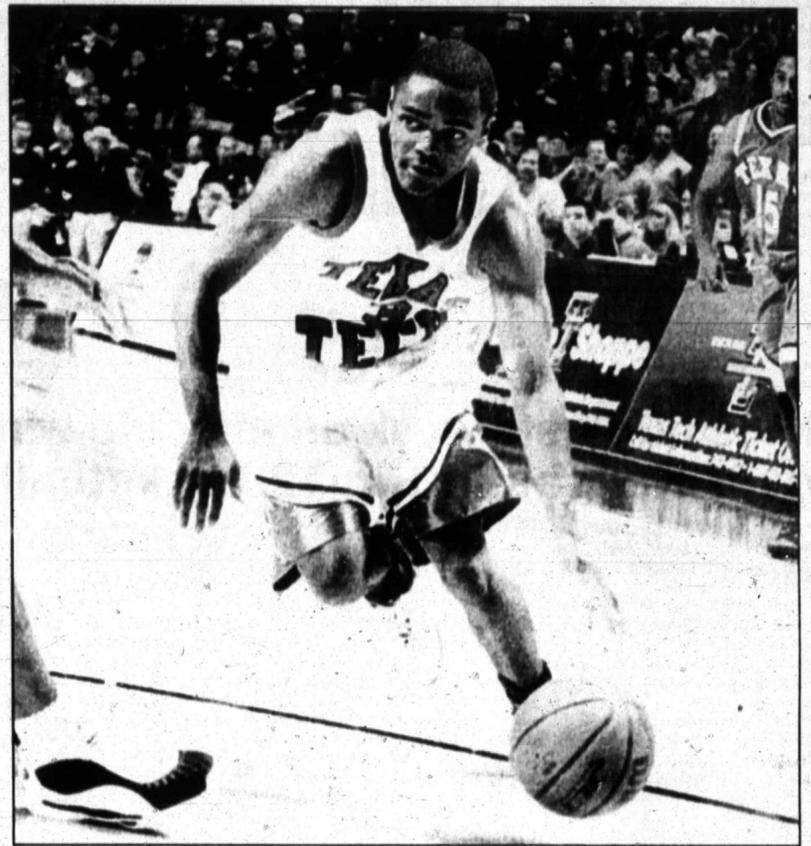
Craig Bass had 13 points to top the Mustangs. Kyle Masters followed with 7.

Booker defeated Wheeler 37-29 in the girls game.

Tracy Wynn's 17 points led Booker in scoring. Stephani Simpson and Cassie Lane added 9 each.

J.J. Johnson and Lyndi Finsterwald had 8 points each to lead Wheeler.

Young driver



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Texas Tech guard Rayford Young drives to the basket in a Big 12 matchup against Texas last weekend in Lubbock. Young, a Pampa senior, had a team-high 18 points in the Red Raiders 72-59 loss. The next home action for Texas Tech is Saturday against Oklahoma, starting at 3 p.m.

New Super Bowl strategy: no assistants on hand

ATLANTA (AP) — Here's a new strategy for preparing to play the Super Bowl: Leave the assistant coaches at home.

The St. Louis Rams did it. So did the Tennessee Titans.

All of the assistants were breaking down film Monday and planned to put together game plans today before heading to Atlanta on evening flights.

"I think it's a great idea," said Rams receiver Ricky Proehl, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the NFC championship game Sunday. "They don't have to come here and set up in a hurry and they can just do their job."

That job has been complicated by the lack of a one-week break between the title games and the Super Bowl. While both teams and the head coaches were required to be here on Monday, the NFL gave the Rams and Titans permission to leave the assistants behind.

Further complicating matters for Tennessee were logistics. The Titans won the AFC crown at Jacksonville on Sunday, then flew home. They attended a celebration at Adelphi Coliseum that drew more than 30,000 fans, then had a light workout Monday before traveling to Atlanta.

"We left the staff back in Nashville to game-plan," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We don't have much time to think about this one. We want to get into a normal routine as fast as we can."

Fisher met with his assistants before the team left Nashville.

"They're acquiring information now and putting it together," he said. "They begin game-planning (today) with

the first phase. They'll call me with it and if I don't like it, I told them I'd have one myself."

The Rams weren't quite so put out, because they won their title at home. They also ran lightly and lifted weights Monday before heading to the site of Sunday's big game.

"We're here to start a work week totally different than we have at any time this year," Coach of the Year Dick Vermeil said. "Most of you probably recognize that football coaches are terrible creatures of habit and feel very insecure outside their normal routine."

"So right now I feel a little bit insecure, because I'm not working in our normal routine. But hopefully, it won't show on Sunday. Other people are being forced to do the same thing."

The people back home in St. Louis include offensive coordinator Mike Martz and defensive coordinators John Bunting and Peter Giunta. They are charged with putting together the game plan anyway, with Vermeil serving as an overseer. Vermeil will stay busy breaking down film in a video room set up at the team's hotel.

"We have outstanding coaches with tremendous experience that didn't take a 14-year layoff," said Vermeil, who returned to coaching in 1997. He led Philadelphia to the Super Bowl in the 1980 season, where it lost to Oakland.

Fisher plays a bigger role in comprising the game plan, but also leaves the bulk of the work to offensive coordinator Les Steckel and defensive coordinator Gregg Williams.

Fisher, like Vermeil, said he prefers the one-week break, but has no control over it.

"With the extra week, you

get everything done, then have the next week to rehearse it," Fisher said. "We don't have that luxury. The coaches are

working and will continue to work and will present the game plan to the players on Wednesday as usual.

"We actually may have a little more time with them here, because they aren't going home."

Rams, Titans give other teams hope

ATLANTA (AP) — Not since 1982, when Cincinnati and San Francisco both went from 6-10 the previous year to the Super Bowl, has there been anything like it.

The St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans who were a combined 12-20 last season are competing for pro football's biggest prize. The Rams are transplanted from Los Angeles. The Titans are the former Houston Oilers, who have spent four seasons in four different stadiums in three cities.

"It gives everyone hope regardless of where you are the previous year," said Atlanta coach Dan Reeves, who took the Falcons from 7-9 in 1997 to 14-2 and the NFC title last season.

"You can be in last place one year and in the Super Bowl the next. I don't know that you could do that in the past."

You couldn't. Before free agency and the salary cap, the better organizations drafted well, built good teams and stayed good.

Between the 1981 and 1995 seasons, only five teams, all from the NFC, won Super Bowls — San Francisco did it five times, Washington four, Dallas three, the New York Giants twice and Chicago once. And when those five weren't winning, they were making it deep into the playoffs and losing to one of the others.

The AFC was losing Super Bowls, but it had repeat cham-

pions, too — Denver in three of the four seasons between 1986 and 1989, then Buffalo for four straight seasons starting in 1990.

Free agency and the salary cap, however, have brought everyone to the middle — nine of the 31 teams finished 8-8 this season. Reeves' Falcons went from 7-9 to the Super Bowl and back to 5-11 this season, finishing there because of injuries and free agent defections.

But the Titans and the Rams aren't the flukes some people think they are.

Tennessee has had talent since Jeff Fisher took over as coach in November of 1994 when the team was still in Houston and known as the Oilers.

Junior volleyball camp starts Thursday

PAMPA — The Pampa Junior Volleyball 200 Camp under the direction of Lady Harvesters head coach Carmen Pennick starts Thursday at the IMPACT Building on the PHS campus.

Registration will be held Thursday at the IMPACT Building (located on the west side of Harvester Stadium) and the cost is \$35. The camp runs through March 9.

Girls in the 3rd and 4th grades will participate in mini-volleyball from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Girls in the 5th and 6th grades will play regular volleyball from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Girls will receive instruction at

the beginning of each session on volleyball passing, setting, serving and defense fundamentals and team play.

Team competition will follow instruction. Girls will be assigned teams and coaches and will receive a team T-Shirt.

In mimi-volleyball (for 3rd and 4th graders), each team will consist of five players. Mini-volleyball rules will govern the competition (smaller court and lowered net to 6-feet, 10 inches). In regular volleyball (for 5th and 6th graders), each team will consist of 8 to 10 players on a regular size court, but a lower net height. Regular JH-HS rules will gov-

ern competition for 5th-6th graders.

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Miami hires new defensive boss

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — New Miami Dolphins defensive coordinator Jim Bates watched the team's final game of the season, so he knows there's room for improvement.

Bates, who joined the Dolphins on Monday, will seek solutions for a late-season defensive decline that culminated with a 62-7 playoff loss at Jacksonville.

"It's hard to pinpoint just what did happen," Bates said. "I think everything bad that could happen to a team happened that day."

"But if you look at the overall year the Dolphins had, this is a good defense. It's a start-over situation. We know we have good players. We just have to get off to a new start."

To ensure a fresh start, new coach Dave Wannstedt has shaken up the staff he inherited from Jimmy Johnson. Clarence Brooks also joined the Dolphins on Monday as defensive line coach, and Wannstedt interviewed for-

mer Dallas Cowboys head coach Chan Gailey for the vacant job of offensive coordinator.

"We've talked a lot," Gailey said. "I think he's trying to get a feel for me, and I'm trying to get a feel for the organization."

Gailey, fired Jan. 11 by the Cowboys, said he is also under consideration elsewhere for head coaching jobs.

Bates, 53, spent the past four years with the Cowboys, including the past two as assistant head coach. Brooks, 48, was the Cleveland Browns' defensive line coach this season and had the same job on Wannstedt's staff with the Chicago Bears from 1993 to 1998.

Bates noted that despite the Dolphins' late-season problems, they have ranked in the top five in the NFL in defense each of the past two years.

The personnel in Miami compares well with the teams playing in the conference champi-

onship games Sunday, Bates said. "We are very close to being on top," he said. "The stats the past two years bear that out."

But Bates acknowledged Miami's tendency to give up big plays. To address that, he plans less-aggressive coverage by the Dolphins' cornerbacks, who typically line up face-to-face with a receiver.

"We will mix it up more," Bates said. "The corners were put in a lot of pressure situations. I've heard there were several big plays. The corners weren't getting the help, and I think people realized this was what the Dolphins were going to run and took advantage of it and got some big plays."

Despite the coaching changes, Miami will continue to use a 4-3 defense and the same philosophy, Wannstedt said.

"It's going to be an easy transition from the players' standpoint," he said.

Missouri gets week off after big win over Kansas in Big 12 basketball

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri and Texas A&M are both coming off emotional home wins.

The difference, as the two teams prepare for their meeting this weekend, is that Missouri gets to take the week off after stunning No. 12 Kansas 81-59 on Saturday.

The Aggies, who upset No. 15 Oklahoma State 64-59 on Saturday — their first win over a ranked opponent since 1987 — have to play at Iowa State on Wednesday.

Still, first-year coach Quin Snyder isn't sure which team will benefit from that situation.

"They get a chance to play and move forward from a big win," Snyder said Monday, during the Big 12 coaches' weekly conference call. "We have to find a way to move forward without playing. So that situation can play out any number of ways."

But A&M coach Melvin Watkins isn't looking to the Missouri game just yet.

"We've got Iowa State first," he said. "That's where our focus is going to be."

Watkins said he wants to focus on the good things from Saturday's win, rather than harp on the young Aggies' shortcomings.

"What I've tried to do with the

team all season long is find positive things to build on, so we don't get down and don't start hanging our heads," he said.

Still, Watkins said, A&M does have its share of problems.

"We do have some glaring weaknesses," he said. "We have a tendency not to value the basketball as much as we need to, and we've had some defensive breakdowns."

Iowa State, meanwhile, is trying to shake off an 80-73 loss to Oklahoma in double overtime on Saturday. The loss snapped the Cyclones' winning streak at 13 games.

"This game is really a study in contrasts," coach Larry Eustachy said. "They're coming off a big win, and we're coming off a really tough loss."

"You can't tell how we're going to come out (in Wednesday's game) or how they're going to come out," he said. "But I would say that, as an educated guess, that win has only helped them gain a lot of confidence. They're after respect, and they're gaining it at a rapid pace these days."

When they do start practicing for Missouri, the Aggies will have to prepare for an opponent no other Big 12 team has yet faced.

Freshman forward Kareem Rush rejoins the Tigers for Saturday's game, after serving a

nine-game NCAA suspension for accepting cash from an AAU coach in Kansas City before enrolling at Missouri.

In Missouri's first eight games, Rush averaged 10.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 2.5 minutes.

"If he makes them any better than they were on Saturday, then we're in trouble," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "He just gives them another weapon. They're already difficult to guard on the perimeter, and this will make them even more difficult."

Rush has been practicing with the Tigers during his suspension.

"There will probably be a slight adjustment because of his not having played in a game in a while," Snyder said. "But I think he'll fit in immediately. I think he's proved that by how well he played earlier in the year."

While Missouri awaits Rush's return, Texas Tech must deal with the loss of 6-foot-10 center Andy Ellis.

Ellis separated his shoulder in last Wednesday's 70-67 loss to Nebraska. He will need surgery and is out for the season.

"It will probably be the first of May before we can get him out on the court again," coach James Dickey said. "So he'll miss all of the spring, but we hope to have him ready for summer so he can go again next year."

Vikings' quarterback could be next to leave after latest Vikings' shakeup

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Ray Sherman has a hunch he might have been part of coach Dennis Green's postseason purge because he came out in strong support of re-signing quarterback Jeff George.

"That could be true, I don't know," Sherman said Monday after he was replaced by Sherman Lewis as the Minnesota Vikings' offensive coordinator.

"But what am I supposed to say? A guy does a great job for us, a fantastic job, it would be ludicrous for me not to back him."

When reports surfaced last week that the Vikings had determined they couldn't afford to keep George — which the organization quickly deemed erroneous — Sherman was among George's most vocal supporters.

George and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, insist the quarterback wants to stay with the Vikings. But Green has hinted over the last month that it was his system and not George's talents that allowed him to succeed at long last in the NFL.

Also, the Vikings have put big money already in Randall Cunningham (\$28 million) and Daunte Culpepper (\$19 million), including \$5 million signing bonuses on their five-year contracts.

On Monday, Green refused to shed any light on the quarterback situation.

"We have never talked about anyone we're going to sign," he said. "We would never tell you what we're going to do."

Steinberg didn't return a phone call from The Associated Press on Monday seeking comment on what the Vikings' latest staff shakeup might mean to his client.

Lewis said he would adapt his West Coast philosophy to the Vikings' high-powered offense regardless of who the quarterback is.

And that might be Cunningham, who proved he

couldn't handle Sherman's offense and was benched just 5 1/2 games into his new contract but who said he plans to play next season. He's due a \$1 million bonus on March 1.

George, who signed a one-year, \$400,000 contract, went 9-3 as Minnesota's starter and guided the Vikings into the playoffs, where they beat Dallas before losing to St. Louis.

He not only salvaged the Vikings' season but his own checkered career and stands to cash in big as an unrestricted free agent next month.

Sherman resigned rather than accept a demotion to coach the wide receivers.

Green said the switch was more a matter of Lewis' availability than it was an indictment of Sherman's performance or any evidence the Vikings couldn't afford George.

"We made a change because there was an opportunity to bring in the preeminent offensive coordinator in the game," Green said.

Lewis, who was fired along with the entire Green Bay Packers coaching staff Jan. 3, was approached about the job Saturday, a day before Green informed Sherman of the switch.

"I take it as a great compliment that I'm the guy to come in and

help get him get to the top," said Lewis, who was Green Bay's offensive coordinator for the last eight seasons.

Green also fired tight ends coach Dave Atkins, replacing him with John Tice, and reassigned receivers coach Hubbard Alexander to research and development assistant. The team was expected to announce general manager Tim Connolly's resignation today.

The changes follow last week's departure of defensive coordinator Foge Fazio, who left to become linebackers coach with Washington. Fazio, who insisted he left for personal reasons, departed a few days after Green fired inside linebackers coach Tom Olivadotti without telling Fazio.

Sherman said Green never told him why he was replacing him after only season. "He didn't have a reason, all he said was chemistry," Sherman said.

But Sherman said there was no way he was going to stay on the staff out of respect for Alexander.

"I wouldn't say I'm bitter. I'm just disappointed in what has happened," Sherman said. "I understand this is a business and this is the way it is. I'll just move on, let the smoke clear a little and see what's out there."

Dayne picks up Walker award

DALLAS (AP) — Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne knew he was in good company when he won the Heisman Trophy. He learned firsthand Monday that being a Doak Walker Award winner is pretty impressive, too.

Dayne picked up his trophy honoring the nation's top college running back at a ceremony dubbed "Ten Years Running" because it also honored the award's first decade.

Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman winner, also was honored with the second annual legends award. Gale Sayers received the

first one last year.

Walker, the 1948 Heisman winner from Southern Methodist, went on to a Pro Football Hall of Fame career with the Detroit Lions. He died in 1998.

Many previous honorees attended the ceremony. Eddie George, the 1995 winner from Ohio State, was understandably absent — he's part of the Super Bowl-bound Tennessee Titans.

Other previous winners include former Texas star Ricky Williams, the only two-time winner; Texas Tech-exes Byron Hanspard and Byron "Bam" Morris.

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Capriati is a championship contender again

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Two years ago, Olympic champions Andre Agassi and Jennifer Capriati measured progress in terms of climbing back into the top 100.

Going into the Australian Open semifinals, Agassi is a confident No. 1, and Capriati — giggling in delight over her resurgence — is a championship contender again.

While Agassi is one win away from his fourth consecutive Grand Slam final, however, his next opponent is old rival Pete Sampras. Capriati must play No. 2 Lindsay Davenport.

Capriati was overwhelming in her 6-0, 6-2 victory today, slamming shots into the corners and

keeping Ai Sugiyama from getting into the game. She is in her first Grand Slam semifinal since 1991, when she did it at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Sugiyama was tense in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, and "even if I hit a good shot, she hit a better shot," said the Japanese player, who had knocked out another big hitter, No. 4 Mary Pierce.

Agassi's 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 dismissal of Hicham Arazi was more entertaining. The Moroccan, who had not lost a set in four rounds, hit some flashy shots and Agassi showed off a between-the-legs return of a surprising reflex lob by Arazi.

Sampras was broken once, but

otherwise looked sharp in beating American Chris Woodruff 7-5, 6-3.

"It took a week and a half, but it came together tonight," said Sampras, who is one Grand Slam title away from beating Roy Emerson's record of 12.

Sampras beat Agassi in the Wimbledon final last year, between Agassi's triumphs in the French and U.S. Opens, but said that in this tournament, Agassi "is playing about as well as he can play."

Agassi said that "with Pete, there's a certain respect that goes along with playing him that makes you focus even more. With the respect comes a level of anticipation and energy."

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Pride of Pampa Band



"Pride of Pampa" High School Band members recently participated in Texas All-State Band competition at Permian High School in Odessa. Holly Myers, piccolo, and Jonathan Brockington, trumpet, made first chair in their respective divisions to rank in the top 2 percent of band students named to the band throughout the state. Reece Watson, alto saxophone, was chosen as alternate. The All-State Band performs in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention in San Antonio.

Texas decline in firearms accidents reflects overall trend, according to National Safety Council

Accidental firearms fatalities in Texas have declined by 47 percent since 1987, according to the National Safety Council. The state's decline has helped contribute to an overall national reduction in accidental fatalities, which are at their lowest level since record keeping began in 1903.

Texas reported 79 fatalities in 1996, the most recent year for state accident totals available from the National Safety Council. In 1987, Texas reported 149 accidental deaths due to firearms.

Thirty-three states showed a decline in fatal firearms accidents, 14 states showed increases and three states had no change in the 10-year comparison. Fourteen states had double-digit declines.

"This significant drop in firearms accidents underscores the importance and effectiveness of numerous firearms safety and education programs that have been in place for many years," said Bob Delfay, president and CEO of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry trade association of manufacturers, distributors and retailers that promotes firearms safety. "We should recognize the contributions of the nation's 75,000 volunteer hunter safety instructors, NRA instructors, Boy Scout and 4-H instructors, and the many other volunteers who contribute their time to bring safety courses and messages to groups and individuals."

Utah, Hawaii and Delaware paced the nation with zero fatalities in 1996.

The safety council report provides state-by-state statistics from 1996 and national statistics from 1998.

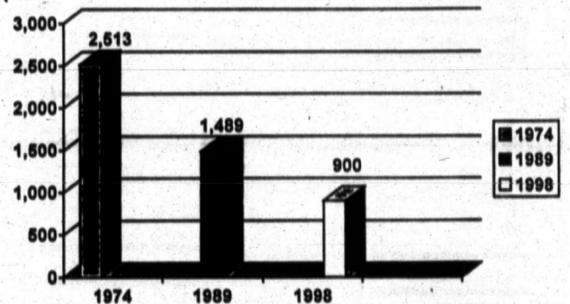
The number of fatal firearms accidents in the nation reached an all-time low of 900 in 1998 — the fewest fatalities since record keeping began in 1903.

Accidental fatalities have been declining for many years and this is the first time the national total has dropped below 1,000, according to the safety council's data.

The 900 fatal accidents reported for 1998 represent a decline of 18 percent from the previous year, a decline of 40 percent for the 10-year period 1989-1998, and a decline of 64 percent in the last 25 years, or from 1974 when 2,513 fatal firearms accidents occurred.

Fatal Firearms Accidents: 25 years ago/10 years ago

Source: National Safety Council Injury Facts 1999



The safety council tracks unintentional-injury deaths due to a variety of causes including motor vehicle accidents, falls, drowning, fires, choking and poisoning. Firearm accidents rank lowest among all these categories. The 900 accidental firearms-related fatalities reported by NSC for 1998 compares with 41,200 deaths related to motor vehicle accidents, 16,600 in falls, 4,100 in drowning, 3,700 due to fires or burns, 3,200 due to choking, and 9,000 due to poisoning.

Of the total number of accidental fatalities attributed to firearms in 1998, 700 of these occurred in the home, a decline of 12.5 percent from the previous year, and 200 occurred in public places, a decline of 33 percent.

"This very positive report again recognizes the tremendous contributions of volunteer instructors and encourages all of us to redouble our efforts in these proven accident-reduction initiatives," said Delfay.

Pianist William Doppmann to perform at West Texas A&M

CANYON — William Doppmann, critically acclaimed pianist and composer, will perform at West Texas A&M University at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on campus.

Former winner of the Naumburg, Michaels and Leventritt competitions, Doppmann has performed in major cities worldwide. Doppmann will also present a lecture and master class from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Amarillo College Concert Hall.

Doppmann had his solo debut at the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

at the age of 10. He studied composition at the Cincinnati Conservatory with Carl Hugo Grimm and with Homer Keller and Ross Lee Finney at the University of Michigan.

Doppmann served as artistic director of "Chamber Music at Port Townsend" on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington for 25 years. His chamber music recordings have been issued on the Nonesuch, Delos and Finland's Kuhmo Festival recording labels.

He released a solo CD in November on the Equilibrium label

entitled "Four American Piano Sonatas."

Doppmann has had a distinguished career as a composer and was chosen as a Guggenheim Fellow.

According to Denise Parr-Scanlin, WTAMU instructor of music, it is rare for present-day classical pianists to be composers and performers. Most pianists today perform other composer's work, but Doppmann writes and performs his own music.

In 1992, Doppmann began a set of four solo piano fantasies loosely

based on extended one-movement works of Chopin. He has completed three of the projected four.

Doppmann will perform Fantasy I "Winter Dreams" at the WTAMU recital. This piece looks to Chopin's "Polonaise-Fantasy," opus 61, for its impulse and inspiration.

The program will also feature works by Scarlatti, Mozart and Chopin.

Doppmann will devote the second half of the performance to Chopin in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the composer's death.

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Staff promotions include Sandy Judice at Perryton and Alan Eubank at Pampa, both moving to vice president; and Terrie Hartman

at Amarillo moving to loan administrator. Kellie Garner, a Dumas native, joined the Amarillo office full-time as loan assistant.

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