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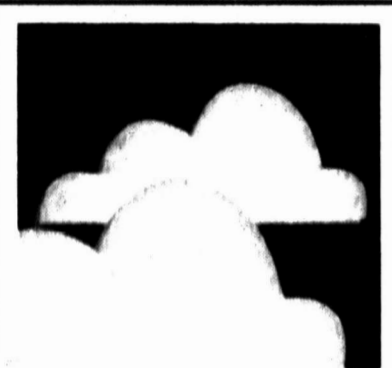


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John Mann, 31st District Attorney, filed his Jan. 15 Candidate/Office Holder Campaign Finance Report. Mann reported no activity for the period beginning Jan. 7, 1999, and ending Dec. 31, 1999.

**AMARILLO (AP)** — After a two-week trial and a stress-related hospital stay, embattled 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 courtroom 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."**  
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## '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 bathroom.

But when she looked out and saw a large

dog she took for a stray coming down her driveway, Dawkins thought it best to summon 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-caliber 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.

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## 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 commissioners to consider passing a law prohibiting or limiting the running of such dogs. (See related story this page).

She says she wants to see a law passed that will, at a minimum, keep those running "killing dogs" from doing so on private 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 presidential 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-

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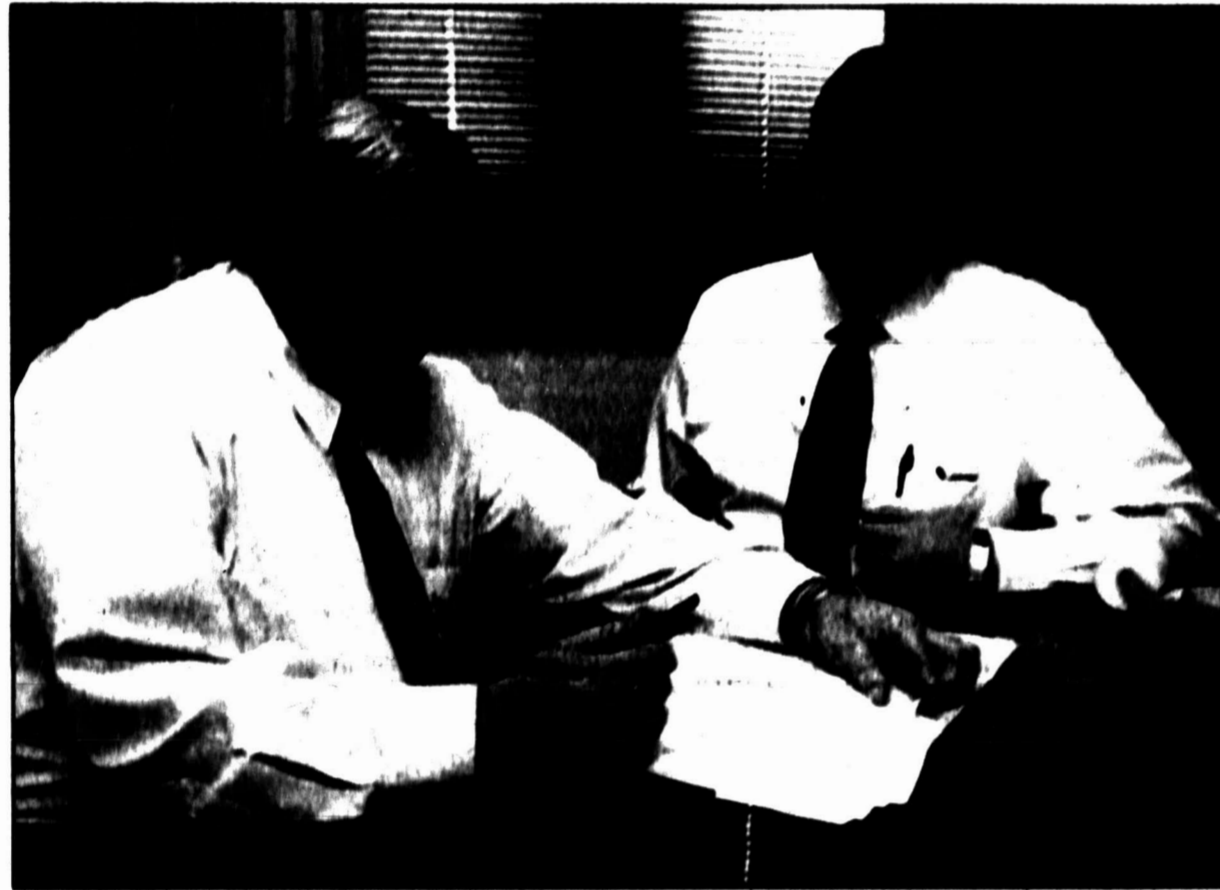
## Park board to meet

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 considered 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 resolution; 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 chambers 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 positive role models with children at risk," Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said Monday afternoon.

The program is a cooperative effort of

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

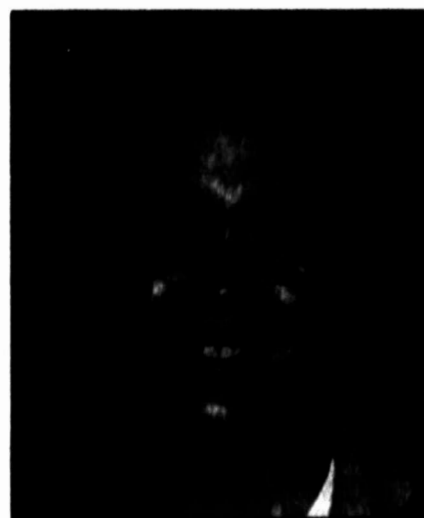
As part of the program, Morris said there will be an effort among the participating organizations to identify and recruit mentors or positive role models. The mentors will then be paired with at risk juveniles.

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



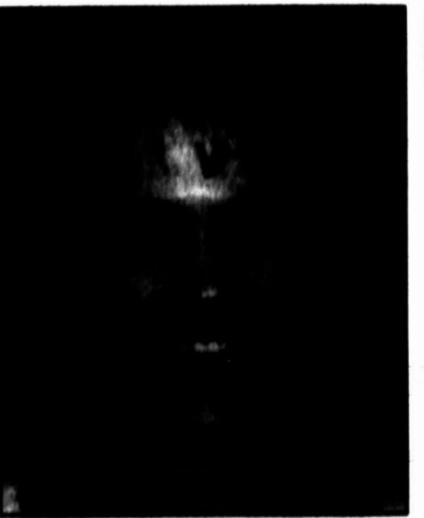
"I'd pick the Rams. I've seen them play."

-- 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. From what I know ... I'll pick the Rams by 14 points."

-- Angela King

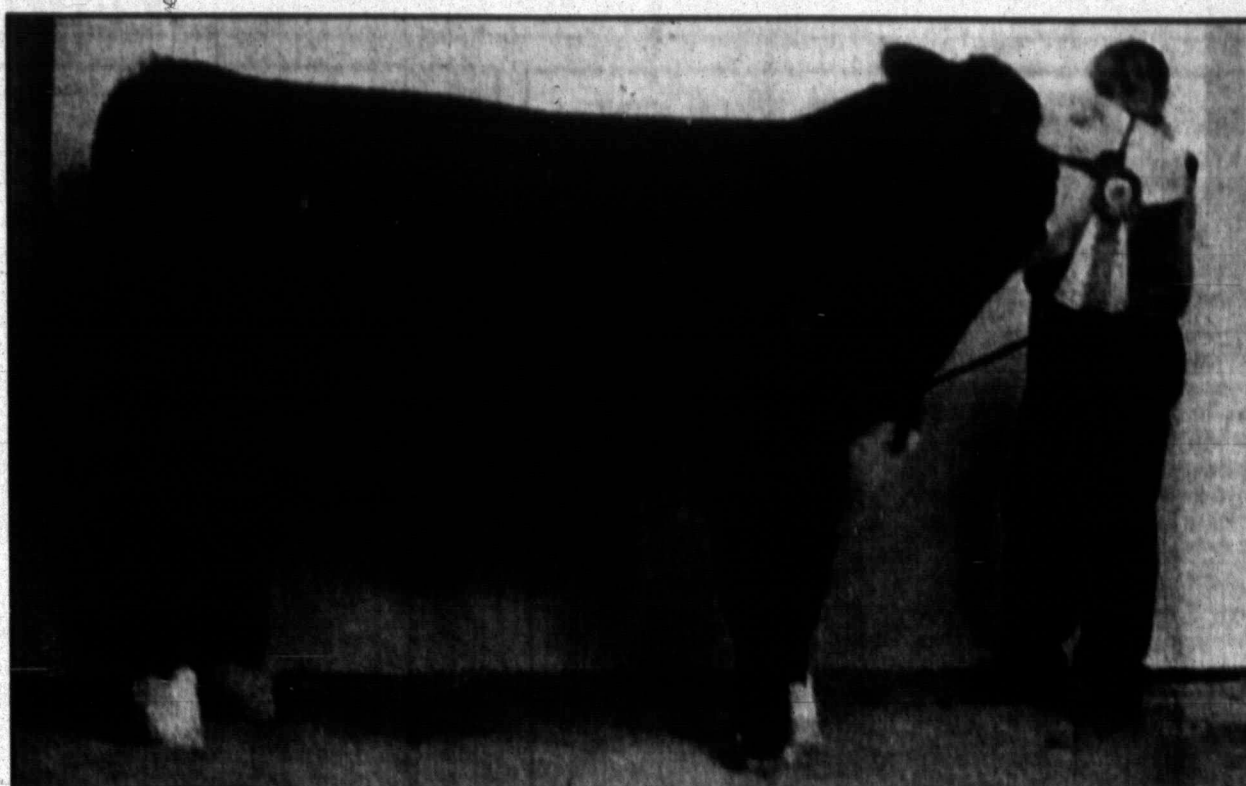
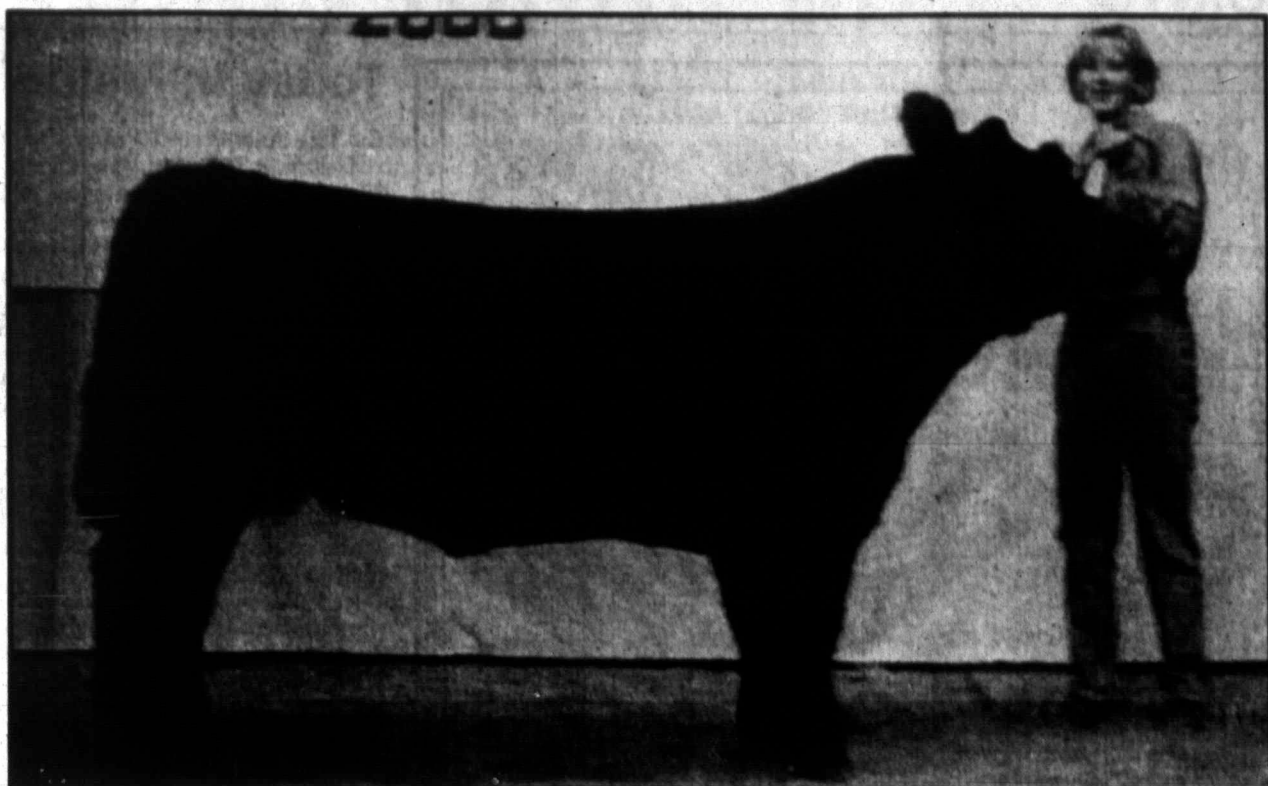


"I like Tennessee. I like the way they came back in this last game."

-- Albert Nichols



### Gray County Livestock Show



(Community Camera photo)

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.

## 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.

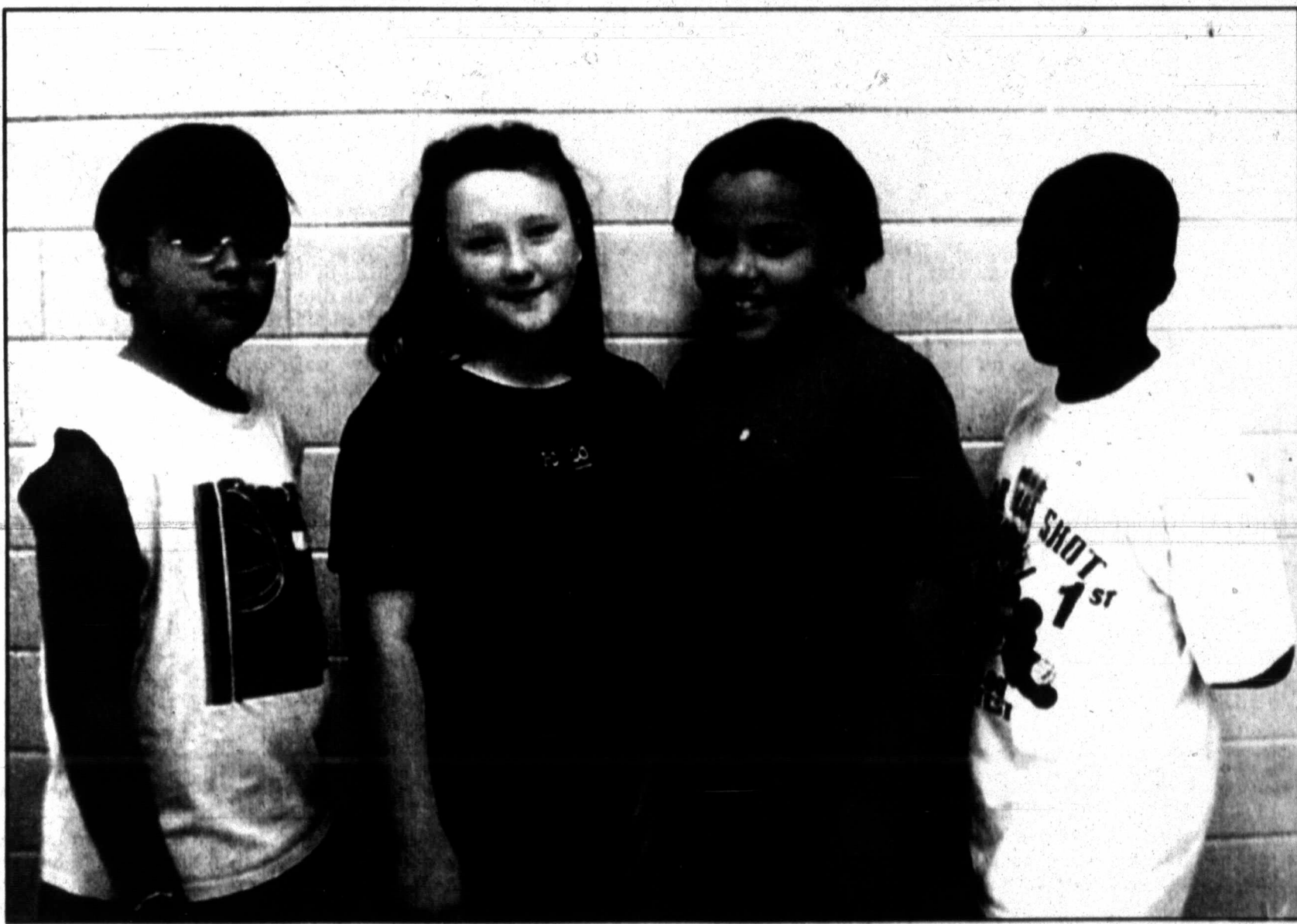
#### CLARENDON COLLEGE

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](http://www.texaslung.org).

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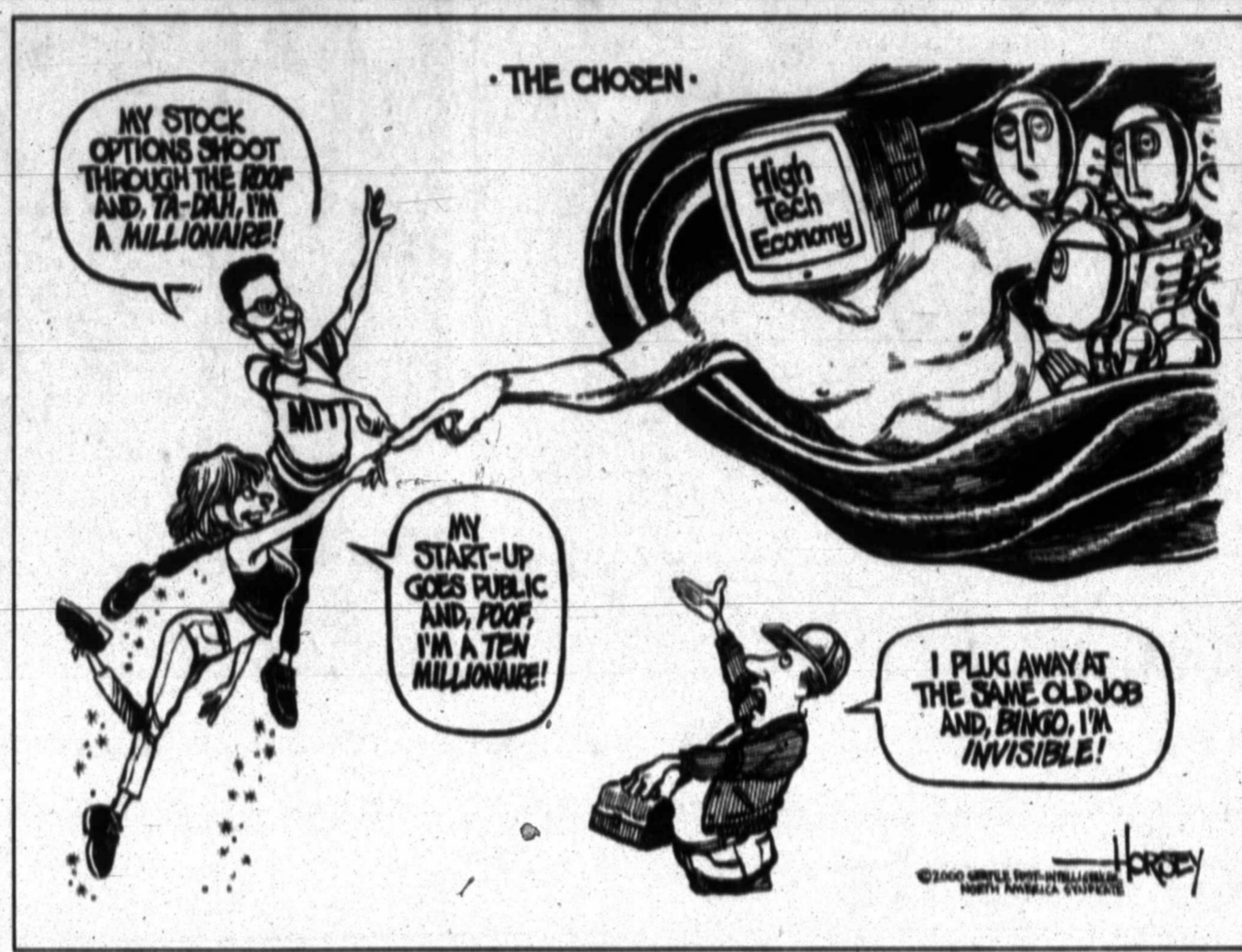
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### Today in history

**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 polis might even pick up a nice wad of cash.

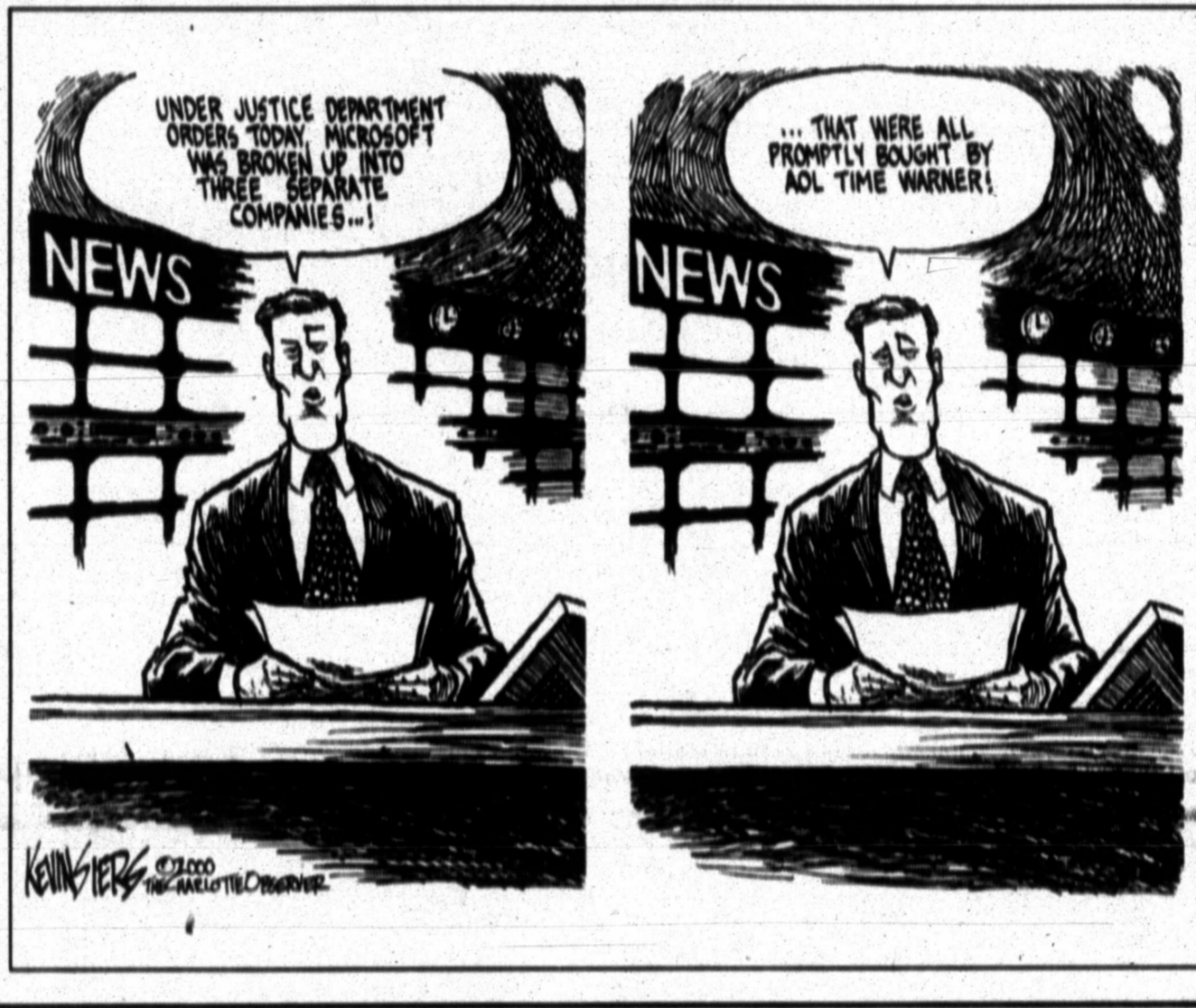
Which is why it was perhaps inevitable our litigator in chief, Bill Clinton, would get wise and hop aboard. Hence, the White House's recent announcement that it might join a suit by a number of cities against gun makers. The aims of the suits varies from plaintiff to plaintiff: force manufacturers to 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.

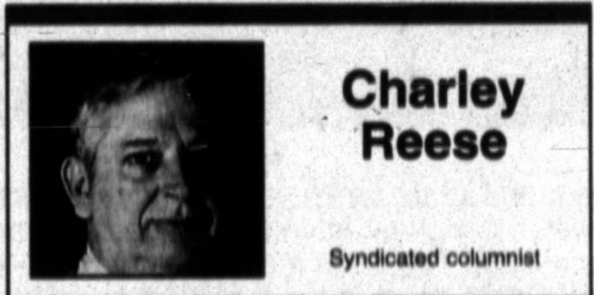
## A sure sign of society's problems ...

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 grogging, 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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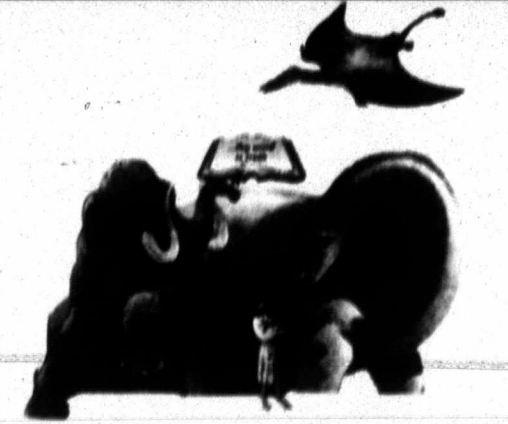
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**Mike Schultz**

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.



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<b>Friday,</b>	<b>at Highland Baptist Church,</b> <b>1301 N. Banks</b>
7:00Pm	Dinosaurs, The Flood & Eden
8:00Pm	The Bible's Diet
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>at Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church,</b> <b>18th N. Banks</b>
10:00Am	Dinosaurs, & The Bible
11:00Am	Living Dinosaurs
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>at Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church,</b> <b>18th N. Banks</b>
1:00Pm	Lies In The Textbooks
2:00Pm	Lies About God & The Bible
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>at Hi-Land Christian Church,</b> <b>1615 N. Banks</b>
7:00Pm	Evolution: Weapon Of Dictators
8:00Pm	Evolution & The New World Order
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>at Hi-Land Christian Church</b>
9:45Am	Questions & Answers
11:00Am	Biblical Accuracy? 100%
	<b>at Highland Baptist Church</b>

# 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**

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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**

**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**  
Singer Anita Baker (1958), hockey star Wayne Gretzky (1961), actor Paul Newman (1925)

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## Crossword Puzzle

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

1 — la vista brother

6 Letter stroke

11 Fire aftermath

12 Student of Socrates

13 Co-op owner, e.g.

15 Hockey's Bobby

16 Used a chair

17 Fury

18 Sewing supplies

20 Motor part

21 Future flower

22 Spouse

23 "Understand?"

26 Paris abducted her

27 French articles

28 — Vegas

29 Greek vowel

30 Map marker

34 Knight address

35 Sphere

36 Exist

37 Warehouse worker

40 Commercial cow

41 African antelope

**DOWN**

1 Wears

2 Houston player

3 Brief

4 Gumshoe

5 Tries to date

6 Sights

7 Building wing

8 Extreme

9 Repeat

10 Loading dock

11 Worker

14 Set of cards

19 Wading bird

22 Netlike fabric

23 Stabs

24 License

25 Fragrant flower

26 Former celeb

28 Hide in the shadows

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31 Fit for the Vatican

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33 Social outcasts

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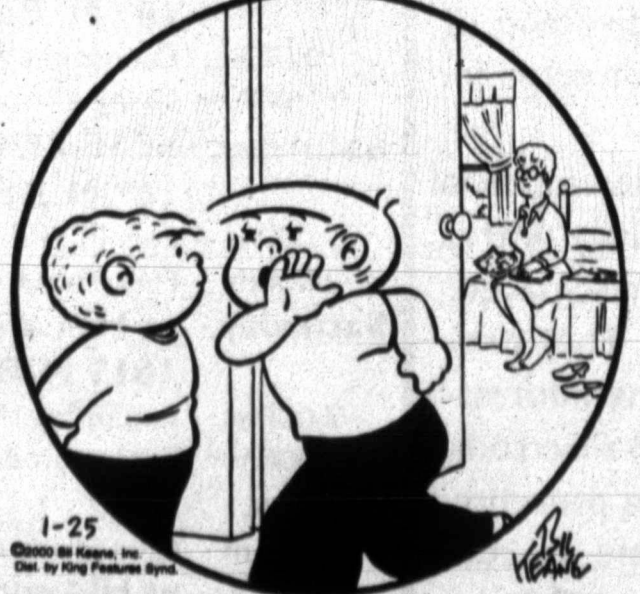
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## Marmaduke



"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



## Zits



## Garfield



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## Hagar The Horrible



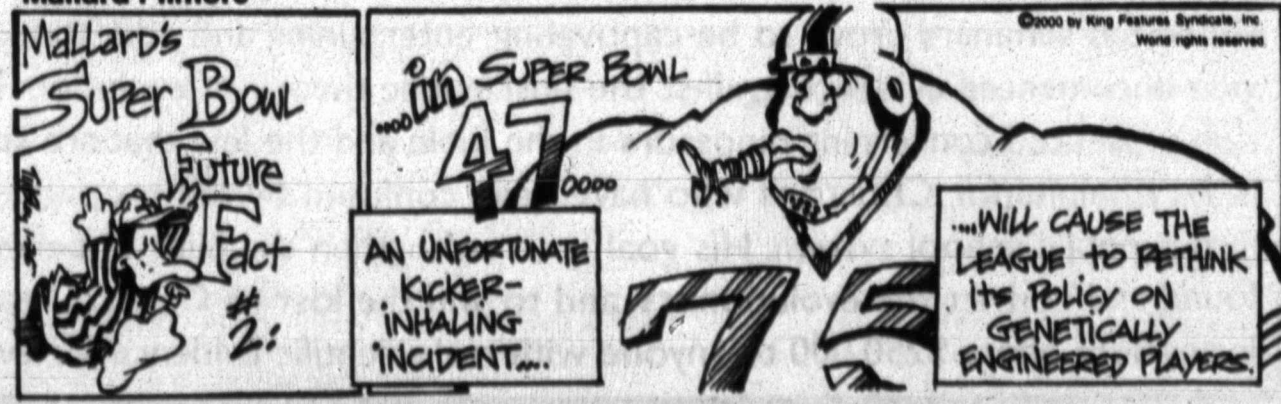
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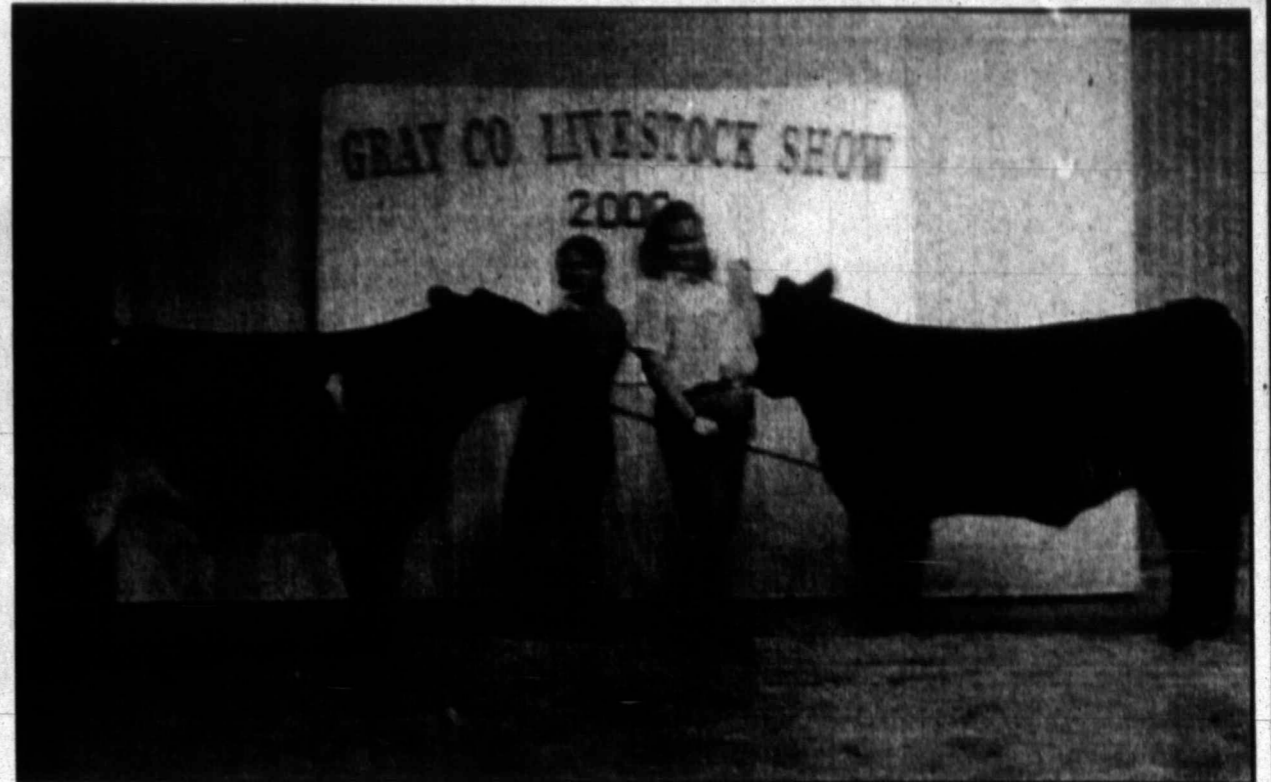
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### Gray County Livestock Show



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.

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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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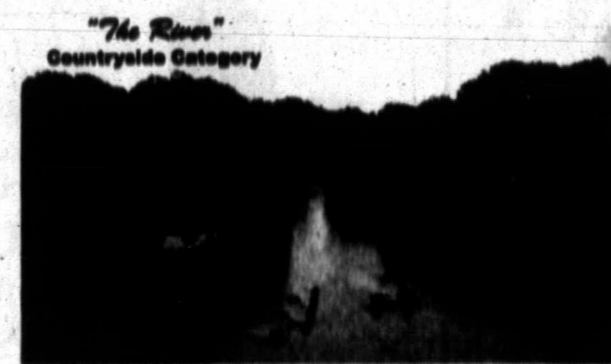


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# SPORTS

## 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.

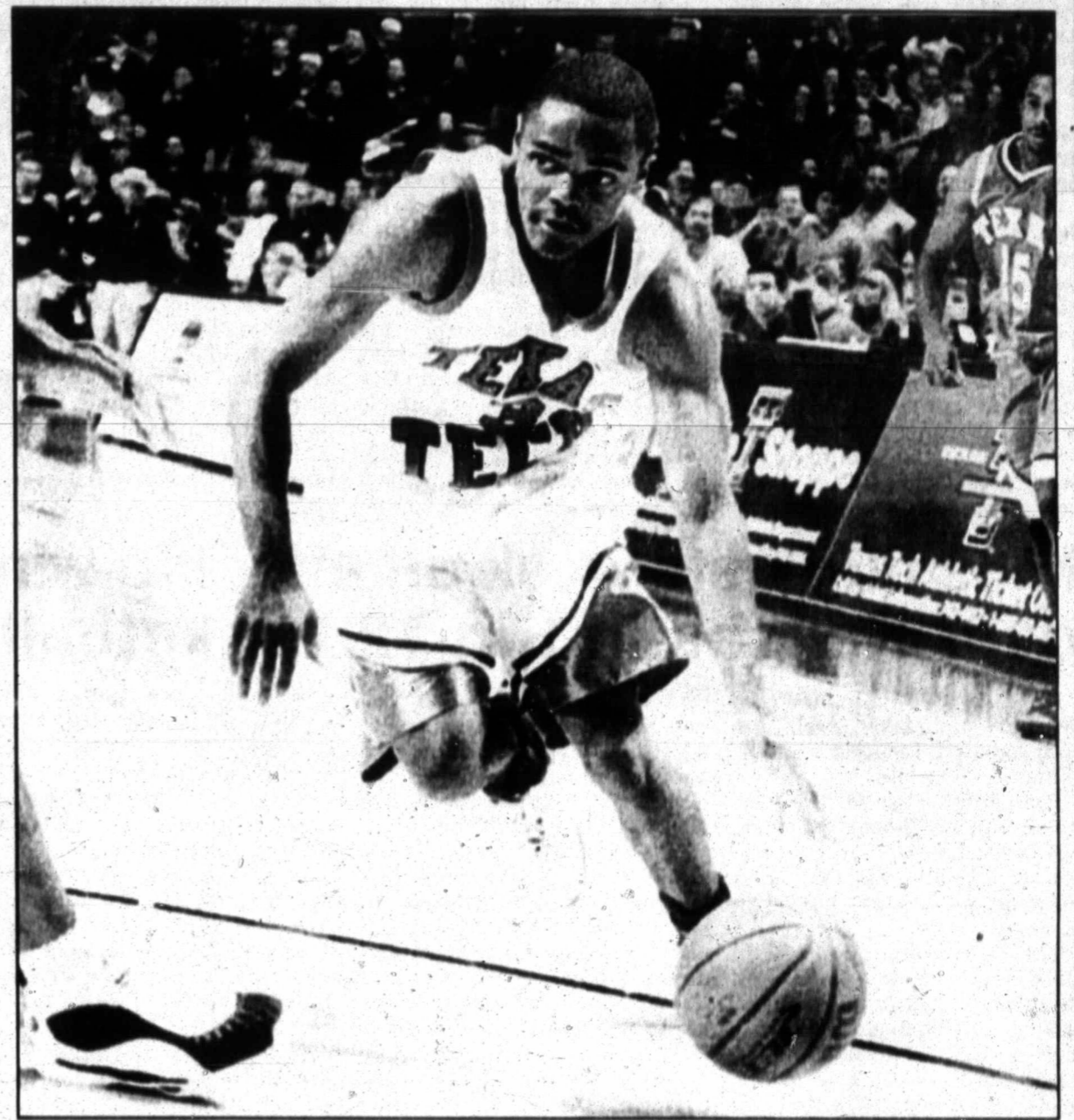
Craig Bass had 13 points to top the Mustangs. Kyle Masters followed with 7.

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 Adelphia 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.

Checks should be made out to Pampa ISD. A parent must be present to register their child and sign a parental consent. Third-fourth graders register at 6 p.m.; Fifth-sixth graders register at 7:30 p.m. All participants should be prepared to stay the first evening and participate after registration.

PHS volleyball coaches will serve as coaches and officials. Other district coaches will be there to supervise.

Coach Pennick can be contacted at 669-4830 for more information.

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## Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photo)

"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.

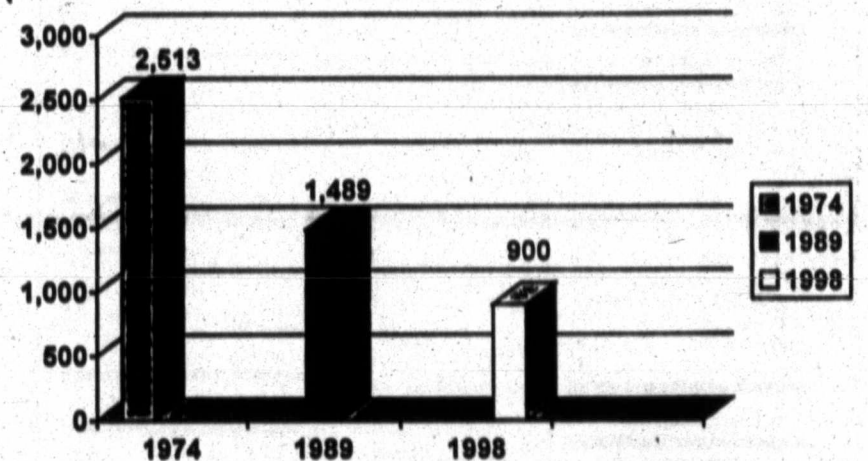
The number of fatal firearms accidents in the nation reached an all-time low of 900 in 1998 — the fewest fatalities since record keeping began in 1903.

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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## FLBA

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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