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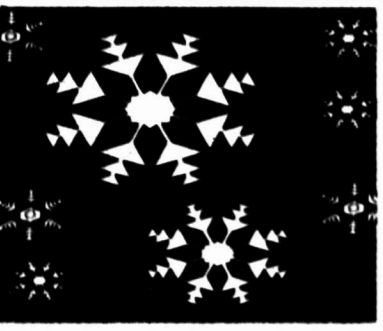
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Snow alert!
Snowfall tonight and tomorrow could measure six-to-10 inches.

PAMPA — Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Sammie Morris reminds taxpayers the deadline for payment is Monday, Jan. 31. Any mail postmarked Feb. 1 or later will be charged penalty and interest. The Gray County Tax Office will be open until 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government Wednesday awarded a \$3.65 million grant to a group of universities to examine air quality in Houston, which recently overtook Los Angeles as the nation's smoggiest city. The schools, led by the University of Texas, will conduct a 16-month study to provide detailed documentation on Houston's particulate matter — the visible part of air pollution — and how it travels across large regions and affects health. According to UT, the airborne pollution can contain acids, heavy metals, biological material, soot and a wide variety of additional chemicals. Recent studies have found strong associations between the pollution and premature deaths, worsening of asthma and other respiratory diseases, and decreased lung function. The study, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is part of a \$10 million initiative.

- Melvin Gene Beighle, 80, retired employee of Northern Natural Gas (Enron).
- Agnes Fulks, 85, homemaker.
- Hunter Canyon Garrison, 1, grandson of Pampa residents.
- Junior Glover, 72, retired oil company employee.
- Raymond Frank Smith, 58, was in grocery business for 40 years.
- Hershel Garrett Srygley, 87, retired Fort Worth Water Department employee.

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"It's no accident State Farm insures more cars than anyone else."
Sheila Webb
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Companies
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

Plan calls for Sober's trial to stay here

Judge could move case if impartial jury not seated

By DAVID BOWSER and KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writers

Justin David Sober's trial on intoxication manslaughter and other charges won't be moved from Pampa unless it's found at trial time an impartial jury can't be seated.

That was the decision Tuesday of 31st District Judge Steven Emmert after he listened to testimony during a change of venue hearing.

He set the trial for Feb. 28.

Meanwhile, Sober will remain in the Gray County Jail until then because Emmert denied him bail.

On Monday, District Attorney John Mann filed a motion to deny bail after Sober was arrested in Pampa Friday night and charged with driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense.

A Gray County grand jury Tuesday indicted Sober on charges of felony DWI for the Friday night arrest.

In addition to the intoxication manslaughter charge, Sober, 23,

now of Canyon, faces two counts of intoxication assault in connection with a traffic crash on May 30 that killed a newly-graduated Pampa High School girl. He was later charged with felony DWI in connection with the wreck.

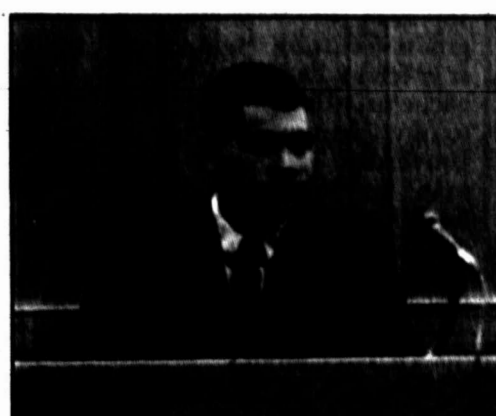
Stacey Kaye Sehorn, 19, was killed in the crash. Nakisha Horton, 19, of Amarillo, and Shawn Reames, 29, of Pampa, were injured in the wreck on Memorial Day weekend, 1999.

Sehorn was the daughter of Darrell and Linda Sehorn. He is general manager of KRGO-KMOX radio station.

Sober, who had been free on \$75,000 in bonds, was stopped for a faulty brake light Friday (See SOBER, Page 2)



Ann Turner
...Sober's grandmother



Justin Sober testifies Tuesday.



Linda Sober
...Sober's mother

Justin Sober also said those who have received their information from the newspaper "... don't know the true facts" of what happened the night of the wreck.

Witnesses testify ...



District Attorney John Mann and Defense attorney Mike Warner confer at the bench with 31st District Judge Steven Emmert.

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Are Gray Countians so prejudiced against Justin David Sober based upon news accounts that an impartial jury can't be found to determine his fate?

That was the question Tuesday that brought a parade of witnesses before 31st District Judge Steven Emmert who decided, for now, that Sober's trial should be held here unless an impartial jury can't be seated. (See related story this page).

District Attorney John Mann led a group of Chamber of Commerce members and other community leaders to testify in the change of venue motion put forward by defense attorney Mike Warner.

"I don't think it would be a problem getting a fair trial," Richard Stowers, Jr., Pampa (See WITNESSES, Page 2)



Darrell Sehorn talks with a spectator during a break in the proceedings. It was his daughter, Stacey Kaye Sehorn, who was killed in the Memorial Day weekend accident.

I-40 stop nets arrests, 'pot'

An Indiana couple is in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds of \$15,000 each after being stopped near McLean by Department of Public Safety troopers.

DPS Trooper Jerome Ingle stopped the pair for speeding about 11:03 a.m. Tuesday as they drove eastbound on Interstate 40. He said the Indiana car was going 74 mph in a 70 mph zone.

"They gave conflicting stories. I asked consent to search. They searched for me. They showed me everything," Ingle said.

Randell Jones, 40, Indianapolis, Ind., and Lillian Turner, 27, Indianapolis, Ind., have been arraigned and remain in the Gray County Jail.

Each is charged with the second-degree

felony of possession of marijuana over 50 pounds but under 2,000 pounds.

Upon obtaining permission to search the white 2000 Plymouth Breeze, the trooper said he found a large amount of what he believed to be marijuana.

With the assistance of Gray County Constable Frank Sparling of McLean, and DPS Trooper John Holland, the officers searched the car.

Authorities said they found what appeared to be 25 bricks of marijuana in a suitcase, two bricks in a pillowcase, and a plastic bag of marijuana in the woman's purse. The cache weighed about 75 pounds.

"They said they found it [the marijuana] in a ditch. Yeah, right," Ingle said. "The marijuana was packaged for sale."



Edwin Evans Simmons, 92, 433 N. Yeager, driving a 1985 Mercury Grand Marquis Tuesday afternoon, collided with Allieha Denee Jefferis, 25, 1601 Duncan, who was driving a 1999 Ford Explorer. Simmons' Marquis then went over a curb and struck a parked 1992 Olds Cutlass, owned by Cynthia Phillips, the report said. Simmons was cited for failure to yield right of way on a left turn. No injuries were reported.

Benefit changes for part-timers talked in Carson

A change in employee benefits, a redistricting proposal, and a report from the Carson County Historical Commission topped this week's agenda for the Carson County Commission.

County Auditor Jackie West asked the commissioners to clarify the status of employees who work 20 hours or more but less than 40 hours a week, such as those in the Carson County Library.

The commissioners considered a change in benefits for employees who work 20 to 39 hours a week. The change would prorate benefits such as sick leave and vacation hours, but would not affect insurance coverage. No motion was made.

Employees in that category are currently considered regular part-time employees and receive benefits at one half of regular full-time employees. The new plan could give regular part-time employees more hours vacation and sick leave, West said.

Judge Lewis Powers notified the commission of the many redistricting proposals he has received. The commission agreed to wait until after the 2000 census to consider redistricting proposals.

Mogie McCray delivered a report from the Carson County Historical Commission saying the balance of the CCHC fund, as of Jan. 1, was \$1,959.33.

McCray recommended the commissioners consider a new historical marker.

"There is enough in the fund for a historic marker of some kind," (See CARSON, Page 2)

Citizens Academy forming

The Pampa Police Department will have a Citizens Academy next month.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said classes for the Citizens Academy will be held each Tuesday night for 12 weeks. The first class will be March 6.

The class is free, said Pampa Police Lt. Terry Young, and is designed to provide an overview of the department and how it functions. The 12-week course also includes how emergency services are provided in Pampa.

The classes will include information on the police department, fire department and emergency management department.

Chief Morris said the public is welcome to attend.

Applications for the Citizens Academy can be obtained from the Pampa Police Department at City Hall or by calling them at 669-5700. Applications, Morris said, should be returned to the police department by Feb. 15.

Huff family



(Special photo)

Above are five generations of Audry Huff and the late Pike Huff. Included in the five generation picture (left-right) are Virginia Huff Horton of Pampa, Audry Huff of Pampa and Sue Horton Giddeon and Sissy Giddeon Cooke, both of Amarillo. Virginia and Audry are holding great-great-granddaughter Remington Charlene Cooke born Nov. 5, 1999. Audry has lived in the Texas Panhandle for over 65 years. She is the mother of 12 children, 10 of whom are still living. There are 28 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

SALES TAX REBATES

January Sales Tax Rebates for Selected Texas Cities (in millions)

City	Jan. '00	Jan. '99	% Change	2000 Payments-to-Date	% Change From 1999
Houston	\$22.7	\$19.8	14.6	\$22.7	14.6
Dallas	\$14.8	\$12.9	15.1	\$14.8	15.1
San Antonio	\$9.7	\$8.5	13.9	\$9.7	13.9
Austin	\$8.7	\$7.3	19.8	\$8.7	19.8
Fort Worth	\$5.0	\$4.0	25.1	\$5.0	25.1
El Paso	\$3.4	\$2.9	18.9	\$3.4	18.9
Amarillo	\$3.2	\$2.6	21.0	\$3.2	21.0
McAllen	\$2.5	\$1.9	28.2	\$2.5	28.2
Corpus Christi	\$2.1	\$1.8	15.0	\$2.1	15.0
Lubbock	\$1.9	\$1.6	16.9	\$1.9	16.9
Beaumont	\$1.9	\$1.5	22.2	\$1.9	22.2
Tyler	\$1.7	\$1.5	16.2	\$1.7	16.2
Abilene	\$1.7	\$1.4	18.0	\$1.7	18.0

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us).

Texas cities, counties begin new year with \$197.2 million in sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$197.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 20.3 percent increase compared to the \$163.8 million paid in January 1999. January's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in November, and reported to the Comptroller in December. "This month's sales tax rebates are a good start to what could be another good year for the Texas economy," Comptroller Rylander said. Rylander sent January sales tax rebates of \$181.4 million to Texas cities, up 20.5 percent compared to January 1999. Texas counties received January sales tax rebates of \$15.8 million, up 18.7 percent compared to one year ago. Another \$6.3 million went to 47 special-purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six Metropolitan Transit Authorities and two City Transit Departments received a total of \$72.4 million in sales tax rebates. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 11.

Public awareness campaign targets troubled youth

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services recently launched a statewide public awareness campaign for Texas Youth Hotline aimed at troubled youth and families, according to Hotline Director Jay Smith. "The Texas Youth Hotline is answered 24 hours a day and provides prevention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," Smith said. "Hotline counselors talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy and abuse and neglect." Smith said television, radio and billboard public service announcements and more than 250,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, law enforcement and youth-related organizations are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to wider public attention and to make youth and parents more aware of the services available. "Many of today's youth who are lonely or angry do not have constructive ways of venting their frustrations," says Smith. "We offer a safe, non-threatening environment where callers can discuss their problems with someone who will listen and not judge them. Hotline callers are urged to seek ongoing guidance and support from trusted adults, school faculty or local social service agencies." "Our goal is to help minimize problems at home or school and prevent youth from becoming involved in delinquent, self-destructive behavior," Smith said. For more information about the Texas Youth Hotline, call 1-800-210-2278 or visit www.texasyouth.org.

Calendar of events

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

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

and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

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.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

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.

Statistics Service gives 1999 report

AUSTIN — Most spring-planted crops matured before the late summer-fall drought developed and escaped serious loss, according to final estimates of 1999 spring-planted crops released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn production was estimated at 228.3 million bushels, up 23 percent from 1998. Statewide yield was estimated at 129 bushels per acre, 29 bushels more than in 1998. Harvested acreage was estimated at 1.77 million acres, down 4 percent from 1998. Texas peanut production was estimated at 924 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year. Statewide yield, at a record 3,300 pounds per acre, was 560 pounds above 1998. Sorghum production was estimated at 104.1 million hundred-weight (cwt), 76 percent above last year. Harvested acreage was estimated at 2.95 million acres, up 28 percent from 1998. Yield, at 3,528 pounds per acre, was 952 pounds more than last year. The 1999 Texas soybean crop was estimated at 10.3 million bushels, up 73 percent from the previous year's production. Harvested acreage was estimated at 380 thousand acres, up 41 percent, and yield was estimated at 27 bushels per acre, compared with 22 bushels last year. Production of all hay was estimated at 13.1 million tons, 91 percent more than in 1998. Acreage was up 37 percent, and yield was estimated at 2.38 tons, up 68 tons from last year. United States corn production, at 9.44 billion bushels was down 3 percent from last year's crop. A yield of 133.8 bushels per acre was estimated, down .6 bushels from a year earlier. The sorghum crop was estimated at 333.3 million cwt, up 14 percent. Soybean production was estimated at 2.64 billion bushels, 4 percent less than last year.

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

Host Confronts Latecomers, And Not a Moment Too Soon

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning a problem I deal with all the time. We have relatives who can never be on time for anything. This is not a big deal at a barbecue, but for a sit-down holiday dinner it's a real headache.

Some of the actual comments I have received: "How late can I be before I inconvenience everyone?" "We'll be late — hope your dinner won't be ruined." "Dinner at 4? We might make it by 4:30 or 5." "We can't make it that early. Back dinner off an hour, will you?"

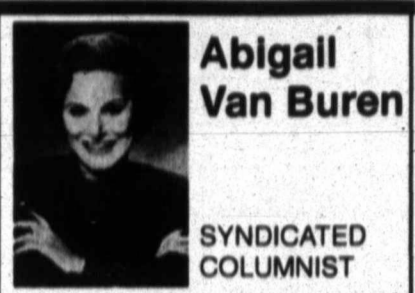
I used to juggle the time around, trying to suit everyone, which is impossible. Or I would tell them that dinner was a half-hour earlier than it actually was. The late ones would still be late.

Finally, I had had it. I responded: "No, you won't ruin my dinner, because we are eating at 4." "Oh, you won't inconvenience anyone, because dinner is at 4, as planned." "You can't make it at that time? Sorry. We'll miss you."

Well, now I'm the villain! But only to the third of the family who is always late. The "late ones" were even late for their mother's surprise birthday party.

Abby, was I too rude, or were my assertive statements justified?

IN THE DOGHOUSE



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

due in asserting yourself and issuing your "Declaration of No More Co-Dependence."

Rather than laying a guilt trip on you, the late-niks should have simply agreed to join you and the rest of the family for dessert and coffee — and whatever was left of the leftovers.

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to the item in your column that if the three wise men had been asked directions and arrived on time.

In the interest of historical accuracy, it should be pointed out that the three wise men did ask directions — from King Herod. It's possible that a great number of babies might have been spared if they hadn't.

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
SOLON MILLS, ILL.

DEAR WILLIAM: You are not the only person to point out that the feminist joke I printed

was historically inaccurate. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: We had to write in response to the letter from the Burleson, Texas, reader. You need to study your Bible (Matthew, Chapter 2). The problem with the joke is that the three wise men did ask for directions. As a result, Herod was tipped off to the birth of the Messiah, necessitating the flight of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to Egypt. It also caused the deaths of thousands of innocent children.

Little wonder that men have been afraid to ask for directions ever since.
LLOYD AND KATHY RAPPLEYE,
MESA, ARIZ.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 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) Express your concern over partnership matters and the direction in which they have been heading. Choose your words carefully. Let another feel comfortable with what you are saying. Your sensitivities emerge with a friend. Clear out confusion. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get into work as quickly as possible. Concentrate on quiet work first. Later, others seek you out. A boss or co-worker could amuse you. Others hear you. Your words make an impact. Be willing to take that seminar or workshop. Tonight: Let another decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Loosen up about what is happening. Take time with a loved one, who will appreciate your efforts. A meeting is important. Dig into a project. You know what others expect, and you can meet their demands professionally. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others depend on your nurturing and caring more than you realize. Establish limits with a child or friend. Recognize that you can't play the day

away. Let your creativity come out when dealing with work. Streamline what you can. Tonight: Start thinking about the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Return messages as soon as you get in. Formulate plans. Schedule meetings. Reach out for those you need in order to get a project launched. Discuss your thoughts with a trusted co-worker. Be open to another's point of view. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Deal with finances head-on. Another has a different point of view about a budget and wants to spend more than you do. Communication gets your creative juices flowing. Allow more laughter into your work life. Clear out any confusion by confirming plans. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Getting another to talk isn't a problem, but getting someone to slow down and quiet down proves to be challenging. Remain in contact with your needs when dealing with finances. A child or new friend could be sugarcoating a situation. Careful! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Do your investigating, questioning and decision making in the morning. Others come forward, and you actually might end up with too much information for comfort. Beam in what you need. Ask for another's support. Others clearly want to help. Tonight: Top cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Use the morning hours to clear out any key projects. You might not agree with others' tactics, but you work

well as a team. A co-worker reveals a lot about his feelings. You might not be ready to deal with all this! Tonight: Vanish and think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others tug on you, or is it your sense of responsibility that comes into play here? Be realistic about your capabilities. Perhaps you need to deal with your feelings. Make an important meeting. Entice another into joining in on a project. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Deal with behind-the-scenes matters at work this morning. Screen calls if need be. Take a stronger role in the work arena. Others will bend for you. Intuition helps you deal with a boss or higher-up. You know which way to go. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your abilities to relate on an interpersonal level come out. You might not understand another until you imagine what it is like to be him. Seek out others' input before you come to a conclusion. Emphasis is on long-term plans at work. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

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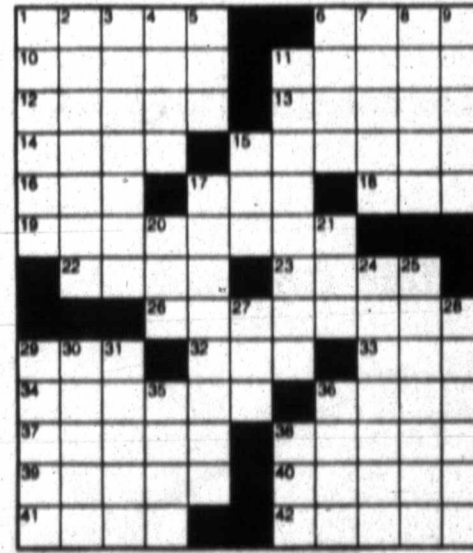
Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 12 Rabbit fur
 - 13 Unyielding
 - 14 Fix copy
 - 15 Dress size
 - 16 Scoundrel
 - 17 Haggard
 - 18 Bouncer
 - 19 Black bird
 - 22 "Sesame Street" character
 - 23 Diner chow
 - 26 Silver type
 - 29 Auction buy
 - 32 Blubber
 - 33 Craggy hill
 - 34 Weather map line
 - 36 Fast runner
 - 37 Less strict
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 - 39 Actor Claude
 - 40 Zodiac sign
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 - 2 Out, in a way
 - 3 Star on a map
 - 4 Foot or fathom
 - 5 Rep.'s counterpart
 - 6 Stepped down
 - 7 Reason
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 - 9 Yielded
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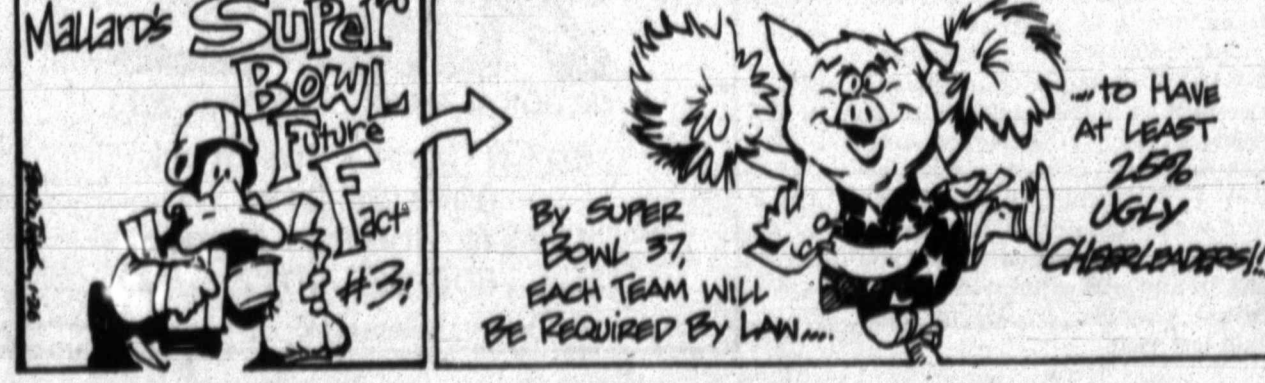
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SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's junior varsity boys' team has now won three of four district games this season after a 58-41 win over Borger JV last weekend.

Kyle Francis and Matt Crow led Pampa in scoring against Borger as 11 of the 13 players on the roster made the scorebook.

For the year, Pampa JVs are 11-7. Their next game is Friday night at Dumas.

WHITE DEER — Clarendon downed White Deer 57-49 in District 6-2A action Tuesday night.

Josh Williams led Clarendon in scoring with 18 points.

Jerry Evans had 11 points and Jason Ketchum 10 for White Deer.

Geri Butler's 28 points led Clarendon to a 82-51 win in the girls game.

Cassie Salzbrenner had 14 points and Suni Jo Petty 8 for White Deer.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a 4-man golf scramble recently. Results are listed below:

First place: Leroy Morris, Oscar Sargent, Jack Davis and George Gambelin, 62.

Second place: Jim Cantrell, Jerry Davis, Reece Field and Bill Brown, 63.

Third place: Bill Hammer, Bob Brandon, Ralph Ridgway and Dale Butler, 64.

Fourth place: Dale Haynes, N. Willingham, Bill Harwood and Jess Mathis, 65.

Closest to the hole: Roy Porter, third shot on No. 18.

GENERAL

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, who last week announced his candidacy for the Austin City Council, now says he won't run.

Following his announcement, the secretary of state's office said Henderson would be ineligible to run unless he received a pardon or his criminal record was otherwise cleared.

Henderson earlier said he was researching his options and considering applying for a pardon from the governor of California, where he was convicted of sexual assault in the early 1980s.

But it likely would be about two years before the state could review his pardon request, Denise Schmidt, a spokeswoman for the California Parole Board, told the Austin American-Statesman.

To run in the May city elections, Henderson would need the pardon before the March 22 filing deadline because under state law, convicted felons whose records haven't been cleared cannot run for office.

"I think it was a romantic idea because of the way I had tried to be a servant in the community," Henderson said Tuesday. "I'm not going to stop being the advocate and community servant that I have been. I just don't want to be the story anymore."

Lee signs



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa High senior Beth Lee will be attending South Plains College in Levelland on a cross-country and track scholarship. She signed a letter of intent Tuesday afternoon as her parents, Marilyn and Kenneth Lee, and coaches (standing, l-r) Chris Hansen, Mark Elms and Mike Lopez look on at the high school athletic fieldhouse. Lee was the top runner on Pampa's cross country team, which placed third at the state meet this past fall. As a junior, she won the bronze medal in the 1600 at the state track meet.

Pampa girls crush Caprock, 78-32

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters put on an offensive show Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa jumped out to a 14-0 lead on the way to a 78-32 win over Amarillo Caprock in a District 3-4A game.

Emily Hartman tossed in 18 points to lead the Lady Harvesters' scoring attack while Chasity Nachtigall had 11 and Lindbey Narron 10.

Sabre Parks had 14 points for the Lady Longhorns. Iris Gonzalez and Saira Hernandez added 7 each.

By halftime the Lady Harvesters were leading by 19 (33-14). Caprock was limited to only a field goal in the first quarter.

Eight other Lady Harvesters found the scoreboard. Emily Waters and Charity Nachtigall had 8 points each, Vaughn Evans 7, Joy Young 5, Cali Covalt 4, Stephanie Cameron 4, Jennifer Lindsey 2 and Chasity

Nachtigall 1. The 6-3 Hartman had 10 rebounds as Pampa had a 39-27 advantage on the boards.

Pampa is now 3-3 in district play and 13-9 for the season. The Lady Harvesters travel to Dumas Tuesday night for more district action.

Caprock held off Pampa in a low-scoring 34-29 contest in the boys' game.

The Harvesters managed only 8 points in the second half after leading by four (21-17) at intermission.

Derrick Collins tossed in 24 points to pace Caprock in scoring. Jesse Francis led Pampa with 11 points.

Others who scored for Pampa were Gary Alexander with 7 points, Derek Williams 4, Adam Rodgers 3, Kirk George 2, and Russell Robben 2.

The Harvesters fell to 1-3 in district and 8-15 for the season. They play at Dumas Friday night.

Players awed by Super Bowl week

ATLANTA (AP) — Roland Williams had a tinge of disbelief in his voice.

"Everything seems different," the St. Louis Rams tight end said Tuesday. "My hotel room seems different. The sheets on my bed seem different. Even the water tastes different."

So, this is what it's like to play in your first Super Bowl.

"I can't believe it," Titans receiver Chris Sanders said, video camera in hand as hundreds of reporters milled about at that annual phenomenon known as media day. "Look at me. I can't stop smiling."

The Rams aren't really playing in their first Super Bowl, but they might as well be. Their only previous appearance came in 1980, when they were still in Los Angeles and St. Louis

belonged to the football Cardinals.

The Titans are neophytes, playing in their first Super Bowl as Tennessee's team or their previous incarnation as the Houston Oilers.

"I've never seen this much media," Sanders said. "I'm taping everything."

But, with memories of the Atlanta Falcons still fresh on their minds, both the Rams and Titans declared a moratorium on anything that might be construed as controversial.

No dog collars. No insults. No guaranteed victories.

"We want to be careful in what we say and what we do," Tennessee receiver Derrick Mason said. "We don't want to say anything about the Rams that might get them motivated."

Lady Harvesters win soccer clash

PAMPA — Pampa unleashed a scoring assault to defeat Tascosa 5-1 Tuesday in a girls soccer match.

Mary Grace Fields scored Pampa's first goal. Misti Northcutt and Jessica Burns followed with two each as the Lady Harvesters won going away.

"They played real well. They were very aggressive and just went out and got the job done," said Pampa coach Lori Patulea.

Sarah Porter, Desiree Vigil and Candace Cathey each had an assist for the Lady Harvesters.

Last weekend, the Lady

Harvesters competed in the Duncanville Tournament and Northcutt, a sophomore, was named to the all-tournament team.

Pampa, the only Class 4A team in the 5A tournament, finished in fourth place.

The Pampa High boys soccer team has been taking their early-season lumps, but better things may be on the horizon.

"We'll be fine," said Pampa coach John True. "All the schools we've played so far have been 5A schools."

The Harvesters lost three matches in the Odessa Tournament, but they almost pulled a win out against a

strong El Paso Hanks team. With the score tied at 1-1 after regulation, EP Hanks was able to win in a 3-2 shootout.

Pampa other losses were to Odessa Permian (4-0) and Lubbock High (2-0).

Pampa dropped a regular-season match to San Angelo Central 3-0 last weekend.

Three more 5A schools are on the schedule until District 3-4A action kicks off next month.

The district opener is Feb. 5 against Randall in Harvester Stadium.

Longhorns bury Nebraska, 82-55

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ever so steadily, Texas is playing some of its best basketball away from the basket.

Not that center Chris Mihm's game is declining. On the contrary, what's making the difference lately for No. 17 Texas is that the Longhorns' guards are draining shots and creating points off turnovers.

Lawrence Williams hit four of five 3-pointers and had four steals for Texas in an 82-55 rout of Nebraska Tuesday night.

Texas (13-5, 5-1 Big 12) made five of its first six 3-point attempts. A stifling perimeter defense forced 28 Nebraska turnovers which the Longhorns turned into 32 points.

"Once we started making some baskets, I thought we did a good job with our full-court pressure defense," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "It's the turnovers we created that made the difference in the game."

Texas has combined for 17 3-pointers in its last two games, its best back-to-back shooting effort since the Puerto Rico Shootout back in November.

"When you start making shots and get things going, you can make some things happen,"

Barnes said.

The game was tied 14-14 at 12:28 of the first half when Texas caught fire from 3-point range. Chris McColpin, Williams and Darren Kelly each hit 3-pointers in a 17-4 run that put Texas ahead 31-18.

After a timeout, Ivan Wagner hit an off-balance 3 from the top of the circle and Gabe Muoneke jammed two dunks as Texas reeled off a 14-5 run to close the half with a 45-23 lead.

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Names in the news ...

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Planet Hollywood is losing one of its stars. Arnold Schwarzenegger, one of the original investors in the chain restaurant, announced Tuesday he is ending his five-year contract with Planet Hollywood International of Orlando and has sold his interest in the company.

"It was lots of fun and very challenging to come up with and develop the celebrity restaurant concept on an international level," he said. "Of course, I am disappointed that the company did not continue with the success I had expected and hoped for."

The actor was the public face of the celebrity-theme restaurant, along with fellow box-office heavyweights Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and Sylvester Stallone.

The company last week emerged from federal bankruptcy court and recently closed nine poorly performing restaurants throughout the country.

CEO Robert Earl said last week he plans to announce next month a new set of celebrity investors who will appeal to the youth market.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man has pleaded innocent to stalking Brooke Shields.

Mark Ronald Bailey was charged with stalking the actress, who stars on NBC's "Suddenly Susan," as well as counts involving possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm with identification numbers removed.

After entering the pleas Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Glenette Blackwell ordered Bailey back to court Thursday for a preliminary hearing. He remained jailed in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Miss Shields' publicist, Mia Ricciuti, said the actress won't discuss the case with the news media.

Bailey's lawyer, public defender Lisa Polansky, also refused to discuss the case.

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones has reached a confidential divorce settlement with his ex-wife, leaving him free to concentrate on his "first love" — baseball.

"This year will be better than last year for him, especially now that he has this burden off his shoulders," said Jones' attorney, Jeffrey Bogart. "Other than his son, baseball is his first love."

John Mayo, the Atlanta lawyer representing Karin Jones, declined comment on the settlement, which was reached Monday

on the eve of their divorce trial. Jones, 27, admitted in October 1998 to being the father of an illegitimate child and publicly apologized to his wife and Braves fans. Jones vowed to work hard to restore his marriage, but moved out of the couple's home two weeks later.

NEW YORK (AP) — Lotte Lenya, the widow of composer Kurt Weill, kept the score for his opera "The Eternal Road" in her closet after his death in 1950.

Now it is being done for the first time in America since its only previous staging more than 60 years ago, said John Mauceri, who will conduct the opera at the Brooklyn Academy of Music next month.

In 1937, it was performed 153 times at the Manhattan Opera House. Mauceri will conduct the opera six times starting Feb. 28.

The Chennitz Opera is performing the opera about the history of the Jews, with 80 musicians and 130 performers, as it did for 12 sold-out performances in Chennitz, in the former East Germany, last June. That was the European premiere.

Mauceri, who calls "The Eternal Road" a masterpiece, conducted it in Chennitz and will conduct it in Tel Aviv. Weill composed it in 1934, after he left Germany.

The Brooklyn Academy also is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Weill's birth with a gala concert, a film festival, symposiums and "New Voices from Israel" programs in the BAMcafe.

NEW YORK (AP) — Abe Hirschfeld, who is facing trial on an attempted murder charge, may be sent to jail before a verdict is reached.

The 80-year-old real estate developer was found guilty Tuesday of contempt of court for violating a judge's order to keep quiet about his trial for allegedly trying to have his partner killed.

State Supreme Court Harold Beeler said Hirschfeld disobeyed the gag order by running advertisements in newspapers, apparently in an attempt to influence jurors in the criminal solicitation trial.

Hirschfeld faces up to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine on each of the eight counts of contempt. Sentencing is March 8.

Hirschfeld is accused of trying to hire a hit man to kill business partner Stanley Stahl in 1996. Stahl died in August of natural causes. Hirschfeld's first case ended in a mistrial and his second trial is set to begin in February.

Texas round up

Supporters say jury that convicted councilman couldn't identify with him

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A jury that took three and a half hours to convict Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb simply couldn't identify with the 74-year-old civil rights leader, his supporters say.

"Unfortunately, I was right when I told Al he should plead while we were in Dallas, because he couldn't get a jury of his peers here in Amarillo," defense lawyer Billy Ravkind said.

"I had hoped I would be wrong," he said. On Tuesday, an all-white jury convicted Lipscomb, who is black, on 65 federal counts of conspiracy and bribery, 32 of which were for acting as an accomplice to Yellow Checker Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards.

Richards pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in exchange for his testimony. Lipscomb was accused of allowing \$1,000 monthly payments from Richards to influence his voting on taxicab-related issues since his re-election to the council in 1995.

Juvenile offender executed for 1990 gun slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — It's been almost a decade since Larry Wilkerson's wife was shot and left to die on the floor of the laundry where she worked.

Leta Ann Wilkerson was behind the counter in August 1990 when a teen-age gunman burst in, opened fire and emptied the cash register. He left the 30-year-old mother of two for dead.

On Tuesday night, Wilkerson traveled to Huntsville from Conroe with the oldest of his two daughters, Kristy. Standing silently in a witness room, Wilkerson watched his wife's killer die.

"Justice has been served," he said afterward.

Glen Alan McGinnis was 17 when he shot Mrs. Wilkerson to death for \$140. Without so much as a whimper, McGinnis received a lethal injection Tuesday night.

Judge imposes harsh penalties for cell phone noises in courtroom

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Walking into Judge Philip Vick's courtroom dressed in shorts isn't such a good idea — but it might be worse to have a cell phone go off in your shirt pocket.

Vick, who presides over the 158th District Court, leads Denton County judges for the number of contempt charges slapped on people for pagers or cell phones ringing in his courtroom.

During the last two years, he has issued 25 contempt of court citations for the offense and recipients have to immediately pay the district court clerk \$100 or be thrown in jail.

Six of the 25 contempt of court charges initiated by Judge Vick have been against lawyers.

Vick told The Dallas Morning News it's all about decorum — and not distracting from the focus of a case.

Elsewhere:

DRY TEXAS: The federal government should help states better prepare for droughts and more quickly issue aid to devastated farmers, Texas officials told members of a national commission studying drought policy, Texas is in its third drought in four years. ...SMOGGY SKIES: State officials considering new emissions standards for Texas heard testimony Tuesday from environmentalists and the auto industry. Houston recently earned the distinction as the nation's smog capital and environmentalists have urged the state to adopt California standards for lower emissions from cars. ...JUDGE-HARASSMENT: A state appeals judge in East Texas faces a sexual harassment complaint for hugging and kissing a female employee. Roby Hadden, justice of the 12th Court of Appeals in Tyler, has denied any wrongdoing and says that what happened is subject to interpretation. ...WHOLE FOODS: The nation's largest natural-foods grocer has agreed to pay \$226,000 of overtime owed to thousands of current and former workers. The U.S. Department of Labor had sued Austin-based Whole Foods Market Inc., accusing the upscale grocery store chain of denying time-and-a-half to thousands of employees who worked more than 40 hours a week.

Gotti's son-in-law charged with racketeering in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — A prosecutor compared it to an episode of "The Sopranos," only this production was made with police audio and video equipment, and landed mob boss John Gotti's son-in-law in jail.

Reputed mobster Carmine Agnello, the husband of best-selling author and dapper daughter Victoria Gotti, was arrested Tuesday for allegedly using extortion and arson to frighten a Queens business competitor.

Unfortunately for Agnello, authorities said, the competition was a police sting operation set up as a bogus scrap metal business in the hope of catching car thieves.

Thereupon began a saga worthy of an episode of "The Sopranos," said Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, referring to the hit cable show about a mob family.

The recording equipment caught Agnello allegedly threatening undercover officers.

Agnello, 40, and three associates face up to 29 years in prison and the loss of millions of dollars in assets if convicted.

Agnello could personally lose his \$4 million Long Island mansion, which he put up in 1998 as bail for his since-jailed brother-in-law, John A. "Junior" Gotti.

Agnello was "long believed to run the automobile crime and auto theft business on behalf of organized crime," Brown said.

The suspect was arrested near his home in Old Westbury. Agnello's attorney, Marvyn Kornberg, did not return a call for comment.

Agnello was charged with the state equivalent of racketeering, along with various auto-related crimes such as insurance fraud and criminal possession of stolen property.

Coke to eliminate 6,000 jobs in major restructuring

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola plans to eliminate 6,000 jobs, its biggest employment cutback ever, as part of a major restructuring at the world's largest soft drink maker.

The cuts announced today will affect 2,500 positions at the company's Atlanta headquarters, 2,700 overseas, and 800 jobs around the United States. Coke estimated that the cuts will save \$300 million.

Analysts had expected Coke to trim 2,000 positions.

It is the latest move by the company to improve its profitability since President Douglas Daft was designated to become chairman and CEO after its April shareholders' meeting.

Daft, who will succeed M. Douglas Ivester in the company's top posts, called the job reductions "painful both for those within the company who will be directly affected and for those responsible for making this decision."

Coke also said it will take an \$800 million charge before taxes this year to cover costs of the realignment. Laid-off workers will be offered severance packages, outplacement and counseling.

The announcement came as Coca-Cola reported its fourth-quarter earnings.

Daft has made several personnel moves in recent weeks and is trying to decentralize Coke's operations so the company can react more quickly to local conditions.

Rare disease death cause

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A rare but fatal brain disease has led to the death of a Central Texas woman, officials confirmed Tuesday.

The 51-year-old San Angelo woman died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD, on Nov. 24 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. However, doctors said the woman suffered from a different variant of the disease than the one blamed for the deaths of more than 50 people in Europe. Those deaths led to a "mad cow disease" scare in Europe.

Research has shown that people can get sick with various forms of the disease after eating meat from cattle infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

CJD is not contagious, but it can be transmitted by direct contact or ingestion of infected brain matter, said Dr. Eileen H. Bigio of Dallas, who performed the autopsy on the unidentified woman.

"Researchers suspect that prions, an infectious protein particle, may be the cause," Dr. Bigio, a neuropathologist at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, said. "So the disease is transmitted via this protein."

How the San Angelo woman contracted the disease is unknown. She was a housewife with no unusual habits, according to the newspaper.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease occurs in one in a million people, and six to 14 cases are reported in Texas each year. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, widespread panic swept Europe after British-raised cattle contracted "mad cow disease," or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and some people suggested the disease was transmitted to humans who ate the infected beef.

However, a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has killed about 50 people under age 30, primarily in England.



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