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PAMPA — Due to inclement weather, Women's Fellowship Ministry of First Baptist Church postponed its candle-light concert and dinner until 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the fellowship hall of the church.

DALLAS (AP) — City Councilman Al Lipscomb, who faces sentencing on a bribery and conspiracy conviction for accepting cash from a taxicab owner, also reportedly took money from another Dallas businessman.

Prosecutors contend the owner of the topless club Calligula XXI paid Lipscomb four "bribes and gratuities" totaling \$7,700 to end what the businessman believed was unfair police enforcement of city code provisions, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The alleged payments from Nick Rizo were cited by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall in an order Thursday scheduling a detention hearing on Feb. 8.

Lipscomb told the newspaper he had not yet read the judge's order, but "was in the process of trying to call my attorney."

An Amarillo jury decided that Lipscomb had allowed \$1,000 monthly payments from Dallas cab company owner Floyd Richards to influence his voting on taxicab-related issues since his re-election to the council in 1995.

• William L. 'Bill' Arthur, 74, accountant.

• Kennalee D'Lin Bryant, infant daughter of Greg and Linsey Bryant.

• Skylar Meghan Harris, infant son of Deidre and John Paul Harris.

• Florence Wallin, 91, homemaker.

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Chamber hands out annual awards

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Sub-freezing temperatures couldn't keep a packed house away from last night's Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce banquet in which some of Pampa's most outstanding citizens received awards honoring their community service.

It was the 71st annual meeting of the chamber and in a break from the past, more awards were handed out including recognition of contributions of high school students as well as a senior citizen. The event was at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

It was also a night to recognize chamber officers, directors, ex officio members, the chamber staff and to welcome the new board chairman, Paulette Hinkle Kirksey, who takes over from Bill Bridges. He becomes immediate past chair.

But the awards highlighted the evening. The winners were:

- 1999 Citizen of the Year — John Curry
- 1999 Citizen Emeritus — Roy C. Sparkman
- 1999 Man of the Year — John Warner
- 1999 Woman of the Year — Wanetta Hill
- 1999 Student(s) of the Year —
Rebecca Nolte and Lacy Plunk

Those presenting the awards had no shortage of fodder for their introductions as each read a litany of achievements for the winners in both professional or school lives as well as community and church service.

When accepting his award, John Curry looked across the crowd noting, "So many of you have helped me along the way. You have been my mentors, my leaders, my friends, my confidants."

"All of us have a part in helping someone to accomplish their dreams," he said. "If we do this we can help along them along their way."

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County to send some juveniles to Ark. facility

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Gray County Juvenile Probation received temporary authority to send the more serious juveniles to a facility in Arkansas: The Lord's Ranch.

The Lord's Ranch is a juvenile rehabilitation facility located near Warm Springs, Ark., in the northeastern corner of the state.

The more serious juvenile offenders are currently sent to Texas Youth Correction; that is, they are sent to prisons for young people.

"We want to do more than just lock youngsters up," Judge Richard Peet said.

The Lord's Ranch offers a high school degree, as well as counseling services.

Judge Peet said that some 80 percent of juveniles get the degree, and that 30 percent go on to college.

"In fact, two kids from the facility were starters on the University of Arkansas' football team this year," Judge Peet said.

Judge Peet, along with Juvenile Probation Director Albert Nichols, Representative Warren Chisum, and two representatives of The Lord's Ranch, went to Austin Friday, Jan. 17, to meet with state officials.

**United Supermarkets
Checker Myra Goundie
works fast and furiously as
shoppers flocked
Wednesday to area super-
markets. "Usually every
kind of forecast for snow or
ice — that always brings
business in," Grocery man-
ager Jerry Workman said.
The forecast for snow
turned out to be right only
the Pampa area escaped
too much accumulation.
The next big store rush
should be Saturday for
Super Bowl party goodies.**

(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

**"They do not push
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— County Judge
Richard Peet

They met with officials from TYC, Health and Human Services, Child Protective Services, and Juvenile Protective Services.

"The point of contention is whether or not Texas youngsters should be sent out of state," Judge Peet said. "The money comes from federal monies, but the state still has regulatory responsibilities."

Peet said that Randall County had sent one juvenile to the Arkansas facility, and two weeks later received notice that money for the offender would have to come from the county.

It costs anywhere from \$80 to \$130 a day to house a juvenile in the facility.

State officials decided to grant temporary approval for the plan to send juveniles to the facility.

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1999 award winners include (from left) Roy C. Sparkman, Citizen Emeritus; Wanetta Hill, Woman of the Year; John Warner, Man of the Year; and John Curry, Citizen of the Year.



Rebecca Nolte (left) and Lacy Plunk, seniors at Pampa High School, were recognized as Students of the Year.

PISD oks food co-op pact for current year

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School trustees voted at their last meeting to participate of the local school district in the West Texas Food Service Cooperative for the 1999-2000 school year.

The goal of the cooperative is to obtain substantial savings on specific food service items for member districts through volume purchasing.

Participating education Service Centers will organize and administer the West Texas Food Service Cooperative with Region 17 Education Service Center acting as the fiscal agent.

The Region 17 Education Service Center will provide for the organizational and administrative structure of the program and provide for staff time necessary for efficient operation of the program.

Participants will be provided with procedures for ordering, delivery and the coordinating center will bill each participating member for administrative services.

The Pampa school district will designate a contact person for the cooperative.

According to the food service cooperative, the highest quality products for the best possible

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Texas Democrats cheer, Republicans jeer Clinton speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Democrats cheered and Republicans jeered Thursday night as President Clinton appeared before a joint session of Congress to deliver his final State of the Union address, one chockful of programs — some new, others repackaged from earlier administration initiatives.

The president's final-year agenda — which includes a \$350 billion tax cut, a \$110 billion expansion of health care coverage, prescription drug benefits and a plethora of other programs — stands little chance of being enacted, said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"President Clinton apparently intends these final months in office to be spent buffing his image for history, but the torch is about to be passed to a new leader, and I believe that most of the old administration's spending proposals should be, and will be, discreetly discarded," Gramm said.

The Clinton agenda, countered the House's third-ranking

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on the basis that Texas already monitors and audits the Arkansas facility for the foster children Texas sends there, Judge Peet said. Texas has three foster children in the facility. Judge Peet became impressed with the facility after a visit there last fall. Peet said he spoke with a young female at the facility. She was from Chicago. She had watched as her dad killed her mother and then himself. "After that, she went the way of the streets," Peet said. Peet said the camp had around-the-clock monitoring. "In the evenings, they lock up all the shoes. Believe me, you wouldn't want to wander that area without shoes," Peet said. Peet said that another point of contention with the state and federal governments about the facility was its name. "They do not push Christ, they push self-development," Peet said. "I can't say enough about the program," Peet said. Gray County has one or two juveniles eligible to go to The Lord's Ranch, Peet said.

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prices will be sought. Deliveries will be made on a weekly basis. The board also approved the monthly financial reports. Prior to the meeting the school board members participated in a reception honoring the Pampa High School student leaders at the Pampa High School Library. Over 200 students and their parents attended. "The Student Leaders' reception is a program that serves to thank the students who volunteer their time and effort to work with organizations and activities that help to make Pampa High School a very special educational organization and a very special place to learn," said Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa ISD. Upcoming meetings which board members will be participating in will be the 2000 Grassroots meeting at the education service center in Amarillo on Jan. 27, the school calendar meeting at the middle school library on Jan. 31, a Team Building Workshop at Carver Center on Feb. 15 and the next board meeting on Feb. 24 at the Carver Center.

CLINTON

Democrat, Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, amounts to "real solutions that will meet our priorities in the 21st century, and they deserve serious consideration." Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, said: "If anyone thought he was going to be a lame-duck president and just kind of limp along the last year, I think this State of the Union speech, which was very aggressive and covered a number of very important things that Americans are very much concerned about, spoke volumes." While acknowledging that Clinton "makes a great speech," House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said the president has failed in past years to follow through on promises. "The proposals, if they do come, look substantively different," he said. Again and again during his 89-minute speech, Clinton bragged about America's vibrant economy. "Next month, America will achieve the longest period of economic growth in our entire history," he said. "We have built a new economy." He gave partial credit for the rosy economy to Texan Lloyd Bentsen, who was Clinton's first Treasury secretary and a key architect of the 1993 deficit-reduction package that the president said "began to put our fiscal house in order." Bentsen's successful effort to push the legislation through a skeptical Congress "sparked our long boom," Clinton said. "Lloyd Bentsen, you have served America well and we thank you," he told the 78-year-old Bentsen, who was in the House chamber as one of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's 10 guests. Some Republicans said the administration — and Clinton — deserve little credit for the nation's economic boom. Clinton "fought us until the day he signed the (1997 balanced budget bill) and now he brags about him balancing the budget," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis. But Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford, a leader of conservative Democrats said: "The president has rightfully shown that we, next month, will have the longest peacetime economic expansion in the history of our country. We will have had 20.4 million jobs created since 1992 — 92 percent have come in the private sector. Now, everybody is going to take credit for that, but some of it has been caused by the policies of this administration and by the Congress." While Republicans scoffed at Clinton's proposals, they did not rule out working with him on such issues as tax cuts, education and health

care. "Everyone knows we have some very serious disagreements over some very important principles," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, the Sugar Land Republican who has been among Clinton's staunchest foes. "But I am hopeful that the president will work with us and leave office with a record of achievement. I am confident that we can do the work the American people expect of us." Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, said: "I know we're capable of accomplishing a great deal. What I don't know is how presidential politics will affect this." Frost expressed hope that Congress and the administration could work cooperatively to pass legislation helping the elderly with prescription drug costs, increase the minimum wage and pass targeted tax cuts. But he was less positive about large-scale tax relief. "I don't think you're going to have a broad tax cut," Frost said. "That's not what the country wants to do with the (budget) surplus. The country wants to pay down the national debt." The president's \$350 billion tax package joins a mix of rival proposals already on the table as both parties joust for political advantage in a year when the White House and Congress are up for grabs. Smarting from Clinton's veto of their \$792 billion tax-cut package last year, House Republicans are drafting their own version of educational tax breaks and marriage penalty relief this year. "We think all Americans deserve tax relief, not just the handful the president picks," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Houston, calling Clinton's plan too limited. Noting that Clinton vetoed the GOP's tax cut last year yet is proposing one of his own this year, Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, said: "It's interesting to note how much he's moved to the center and is talking about tax cuts that are really appealing to the working class." For the first time in years, the president headed into the evening in a largely calm atmosphere. His address last year came just weeks after the House impeached him, while the 1998 speech was delivered just as the Monica Lewinsky scandal hit. "Last year, the place was electric with no one knowing how the impeachment process was going to turn out," Bonilla said, describing this year's attendance by House members as lower than usual. While the mood in the House chamber was far less grim than last year — when GOP leaders such as DeLay and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, grimly refused to applaud — some question whether the president's initiatives will go far.

Calendar of events

- PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.
- THREE PLACE**
Three Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.
- ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP**
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.
- ST. MARK CME CHURCH**
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.
- MACEDONIA CHURCH**
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.
- THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS**
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.
- PAMPA SHRINE CLUB**
Pampa Shrine Club will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Participants should bring a covered dish. Entertainment will be provided.
- 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.
- FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE**
The Big Texan Steak Ranch will join High Plains Food Bank and America's Second Harvest

- in a nationwide food drive Jan. 10-Feb. 10. The Big Texan will offer a \$1 discount for every can of food donated (up to five cans) at the restaurant. The discount can be used toward the purchase of a prime rib dinner at Cal Farley Chicken-fried Steak.
- 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 mammogram 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.
- MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS**
Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main in Perryton, is exhibiting the works of Dr. Marvin Moon and his son Gregory Moon through Jan. 31 in the museum's Brillhart Room.
- DINOSAUR DAYS**
Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will sponsor "Dinosaur Days" throughout the month of February at Lake Meredith Museum, 103 N. Robey, Fritch. Activities are geared for pre-school through third grade children. To arrange a program, schedule a tour or for more information, call the museum at (806) 857-2458. The dinosaur program will be presented from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- T.O.P.S. #149**
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.
- T.O.P.S. #41**
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.
- AL-ANON**
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.
- VFW CHARITY BINGO**
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.
- CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS**
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.
- PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.
- PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the

- month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.
- KNIFE AND FORK CLUB**
The Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club will present comedian Lynn Roberts in "Entertainment A La Carte" at its upcoming meeting slated at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Pampa Country Club. Members may purchase tickets at Dunlap's Department Store from Jan. 31-Feb. 7.
- BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIP**
The Panhandle Bird Club will conduct a bird watching field trip to Palo Duro Canyon beginning at 8 a.m. Feb. 10 at the front entrance of the canyon. Participants should pack a lunch, wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars.

Pampa High School Class of 1990 seeking classmates

Pampa High School Class of 1990 will hold its class reunion in the year 2000. The reunion committee is seeking information on the following former classmates:

Chad Battles, Kyla Belt, Paul Brown, Jennifer Dancel, Chris Dark, Tim Darling, Brent David, Mike Davis, Morgan Demaroney, Jerry Donnell, Kristy Duenkel, Karl Ford, Shawna Ford, Annelise Gercken, Lori Gilpatrick.

Joseph Gregory, John Hall, Jennie Harrison, Scott Hearn, Alex Heckler, Jeff Hicks, Shannon Hughes, Kevin Ickles, Brad Ingram, Jason Jacobs, Ross Johnson, Chris Johnston, Leonard Kane, Glenn Keating, Brian King.

Jon Lallament, Shawn Lambright, Bill Larkin, Cheri Layfield, Diana Ledford, Jay Ledford, Teresa Lessard, Tracy Lessard, Jasmina Maric, James Martinez, Mike McKeen, Larry Meza, Tim Miller, Ricky Mora, Mike Morse.

Jerry Mullen, Wynona Nolte, John Norris, Terry Petree, Lisa Pingleton, Raymond Ponce, Lesa Reed, Ray Reed, Terry Reeves, Karen Ripple, Mark Rodgers, Larry Rose, Peggy Sue Roy, Amy Samuels, Nancy Silva, Brian Smith.

Corey Stephens, Paula Swindle, Cheri Turner, Aracelie Villalon, Scott Walker, Antoine Wallace, Dan Warner, Shawn Weatherford, Kevin White, Chuck Williamson, J.J. Winborne.

If you have any information about these classmates, contact Misty Baten at 665-6173 or Don Miller at 665-4918.

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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

HEBREWS 13:8

RELIGION

Minister's musings ...

"Precious Father in heaven, please teach us how to be ONE. Open our minds and hearts and direct us in the paths of UNITY. Give us a burden for ONENESS like the burden in Your heart. Touch our souls with Your heart's desire so that we may be overwhelmed with the Spirit of UNITY."

Father God, most of us don't need help with the words. Most all of your children here in Pampa are very good with the words. We need help with the practice, with the application. We have many who are all but scholars on John 17. We regularly preach sermons and teach classes on John 17. We devote special studies in our churches to 1 Corinthians 1:10 and other unity texts. In fact, Father, if intellectual understanding of unity could have brought it about, the churches in Pampa would already be known for our practice of unity. If sermons on unity could make it happen,



By Pastor Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian Church

We might be the chief distributor of unity in Texas. But, holy Father, we aren't either of these.

Most believers have reached the conclusion that only by Your grace will we practice unity prior to heaven. So dear Lord, please, send Your grace so that we might put into practice all of what we understand about unity. Teach us how unimportant our church programs are and how essential the

practice of unity is. Help us see that nothing our church has planned is as important as the body of Christ coming together in unity to simply worship You.

Father, if I am a hindrance to unity in Pampa, either change me or remove me. Teach me how much more important unity is than Mike. Lord, if any other preacher is a hindrance to unity in Pampa, either change his/her heart or remove them. If any church member is a hindrance to unity in Pampa, please change their heart or remove them. Dear Father, change or remove whomever You must so that we might practice the unity that Your son Jesus died to accomplish.

Precious Father, please help us to be shining examples of John 17. Teach us, show us, lead us, direct us, discipline us. Whatever it takes, Father, make us one in practice. In the name of Jesus, amen."

Sometimes it's just no wonder ...

The cats eat IAMS; my daughter breakfasts on Lucky Charms knock-offs. She pointed out this little inequity as we stood in line at Petsmart. She was bent backward under the weight of the massive orange bag of cat food she held.

"Ma, why do you buy this high-dollar cat food and I eat Star-O-Saurus? You're saving money on me and spending it on those bloomin' cats," she grouched.

It was true. Our three spoiled felines, Alice, Annie and Abbie Hoffman (Hoffman only to make Abbie an appropriate name for a very boy cat) do live a dog's life. They sleep in our bed and nap any place they choose. Whatever the cats want, they get.

Let me give you a couple of examples. Once I postponed ironing because Annie was asleep on a pile of wrinkled shirts mounded on the ironing board.

On another night, as I lounged in my favorite chair watching ER, Alice lept into my lap for a pre-bed snooze. She turned around a couple of times and settled down. Her shiny, black body formed such a powerfully big heap in



From the Back Pew...
By Cheryl Berzanskis

my lap, I felt like I was holding a mink coat across my knees. In a few minutes, I felt a powerful thirst come on.

"Peter, Alice is asleep in my lap. Could you get me a drink of water?"

I cannot in my wildest dreams imagine asking my hubby to fetch a glass of water as long as I am ambulatory.

He looked up from his newspaper, saw Alice blissfully asleep and nodded, "We wouldn't want to disturb Alice."

It must have been a nauseating experience

for the fly on the wall. What leads two otherwise fairly sane adults to behave like sentimental fools over the three finest cats to ever pad about on four paws?

Parenting cats has the single moral obligation to feed, water and otherwise care for their well being. Otherwise lavishing foolish love on a kitten will not create the personality nor expectations which lead to dissolution in adulthood; after all, even the most arrogant feline doesn't grow up to rob convenience stores. The worst thing a bratty cat will do is sleep in your favorite chair during your favorite television show.

Petwise, they are great house dwellers because of their compact size. Their innate self-sufficiency lets one off the hook of perpetual care taking responsibility. They may look bored or inquisitive, sometimes riled or perturbed, but never so depressed or anxious their parents are forced to consider pet psychotherapy.

There is no downside to loving a cat. No wonder the Egyptians considered them sacred.

Religion briefs...

Free concert in Amarillo
The American Family Radio - 90.7 FM and Southwest Baptist Church is sponsoring a Dallas Holm Concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 18, at Southwest Baptist Church, 8201 Canyon Drive, Amarillo.

The concert is free. A food drive will be conducted. The food will go to High Plains Food Bank.
For questions or additional information contact Chester Beavers, Administrator, Southwest Baptist Church, Amarillo, 353-3761.

New pastor at Hobart Street Baptist
Hobart Baptist Church has named Jim Powell of Pampa as its new pastor beginning Sunday, Jan. 30. Before coming to Hobart Baptist, Powell served as pastor of Howardwick Baptist Church near Lake Greenbelt. He will also teach a Young Adults Class at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.
A former Department of Public Safety sergeant, Powell served the Pampa area for many years. He and wife, Donna, and the membership of Hobart Baptist cordially invite the public to attend services. Service times are: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; 6 p.m. evening worship; and 7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Services. A nursery is provided during all services.

Students of 'sports ministry' spread faith through athletics

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — At a small college in the heart of the Bible Belt, in a state where basketball is king, aspiring ministers are learning a new way to reach the masses: Get out of the pulpit and into the gym.
Or onto the gridiron. Or the baseball field. Or the tennis court.
At Campbellsville University, a Baptist-affiliated liberal arts school of 1,660 students, tucked away amid the farmland of central Kentucky, students can now get a degree in sports ministry.
With churches looking for new ways to draw an ever-changing society through their doors, athletics has become a common ground.
"It's a sports-saturated society," explains Ted Taylor, a former college athlete and former chaplain for Mississippi State University's football team, who heads the sports ministry degree program.
The morphing of sports with religion is not new — organizations like Athletes in Action and Fellowship of Christian Athletes have been around for years. The degree program was a natural extension, Taylor said.
The degree program, which started in the fall of 1998, is one of a handful like it in the country.
Students take classes in coaching theory, psychology and sociology of sport, and principles of Christian coaching, in addition to theology and more traditional college courses.
In the classroom, students learn

to apply biblical principles to coaching and discuss issues like conflict resolution and counseling.
The program gives students hands-on training. A non-denominational sports-centered ministry called Sports Reach is based on the campus, and students do internships playing one of a variety of team sports. The teams compete against professionals and amateurs and travel to prisons, children's homes and other colleges.
Senior Tina Propes, 21, who played tennis on scholarship for three years, is a sports ministry major who plans to start a sports camp for children after she graduates.
"You can use sports to open doors," she said. "There are people you can't just go up to and talk about God. But you can play baseball and talk about the World Series."

There's no doubt, Taylor said, that athletes are in a special position should they choose to spread their faith.
Taylor points to Cameron Mills, who played on the University of Kentucky's 1996 and 1998 NCAA championship basketball teams and became an evangelist after he graduated. Mills regularly speaks to packed houses.
Athletes have a platform, Mills said. "Very few people have the opportunity to talk about Christ," he said. "A lot of people don't want to hear it."

Religion news in brief ...

Conservatives propose Presbyterian Church breakup
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Two bills sent to a June legislative assembly propose a formal split in the 3.6 million-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denominational news service reports.
One bill asks the assembly to declare that the church has "two mutually exclusive theologies" on the Bible, causing an "irreconcilable impasse," especially on whether to ordain homosexual clergy.
The second bill would authorize a task force to rewrite church law and allow liberal congregations that disagree with the existing homosexual ban to leave the denomination and keep their buildings. Normally, property reverts to denominational ownership when a congregation quits or disbands.
The bills were prepared by the Rev. Jeff Arnold of Butler, Pa., along with a local Evangelical caucus, and approved for national consideration by a unit covering the region north of Pittsburgh, Pa.
"We're not trying to create division," Arnold said. "The division already exists, and nobody has found a way to reconcile the differences." But the news service said even Arnold's fellow Presbyterian conservatives are split over the idea.

heads United Methodist Men. His agency has joined a legal brief backing the scouts.
But another Methodist agency, the board of church and society, wants a policy change and approved last year's decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court that ordered the scouts to allow gay leaders.
Some 8,000 United Methodist congregations sponsor 11,738 scouting units, with 421,000 boys as members.
The federation's own constituency of 128 denominations included 94 percent of the total.
Half the world's Lutherans live in Europe, but the biggest numerical increase occurred in Asia, where there were 6.5 million Lutherans in 1999 compared with 4.8 million the previous year. Most of that growth occurred in Indonesia's Protestant Christian Batak Church.
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ple to "ask how God wants you to use it."
The only rule was that they not give it back to the congregation.
The \$13,000 that was given out came from 13 church members who donated \$1,000 apiece for the effort. Howle got the idea from an Atlanta church.
The theme of the sermon was that people don't really own anything and that they should help those in need.
One of the first reports Howle received was from a visiting University of Georgia student. He prayed on the way back to campus and decided to give the cash to a needy family.
That very afternoon a woman rang his doorbell asking for \$2. He gave her the \$10 from church and \$100 of his own for food.
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World Lutherans increase to 63.1 million
GENEVA (AP) — The number of Lutherans worldwide increased last year from 61.5 million to 63.1 million, the Lutheran World Federation reports.
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Fallen televangelist preaching for forgiveness
FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Back in the pulpit, fallen televangelist Jim Bakker is preaching a message of forgiveness and understanding while planning a new TV network with former Green Bay Packer Reggie White.
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Biggest U.S. Catholic populations: California, New York, Texas
HUNTINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The states of California, New York and Texas continue to report America's three biggest Roman Catholic populations and together have a third of the church's U.S. membership of 62,018,436, according to the 2000 Catholic Almanac.
The states with the highest Catholic percentages in the population are Rhode Island (63.7 percent), Massachusetts (48.9 percent), New Jersey (41.8 percent) and Connecticut (40.9 percent).
The almanac, published by Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., shows that as of 1999, Catholics were 22.7 percent of the U.S. population, as in 1998. Catholic membership increased by less than 1 percent from 1998, but by 13 percent since 1989.
The almanac reported the U.S. church has 47,210 priests, 84,034 sisters and 5,970 brothers, all slight decreases from 1998, though the 12,675 permanent deacons represent an increase.

Methodists remain divided on Boy Scouts case
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The agency that coordinates United Methodist Church work with the Boy Scouts has welcomed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to review a ruling forbidding the scouts from barring homosexual leaders.
"It is critical that there be some definitive decision on the privacy of a nonprofit organization to choose its leadership," said the Rev. Joseph Harris, who

Church gives money instead of collecting it
COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Churchgoers are used to offering plates making their way down the pews, but at Edgewood Baptist Church the tables were turned.
The Rev. David Howle had ushers pass out plain white envelopes to everyone in the congregation. Inside, worshippers found cash, ranging from \$10 to \$50. Howle told the peo-

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Leash Isn't Enough to Keep Dog Safe in Back of Pickup

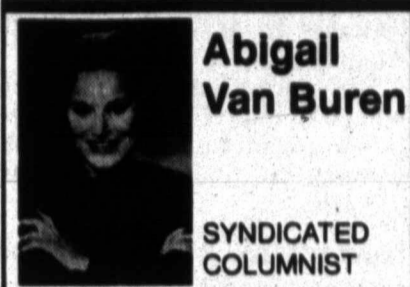
DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter about the husky dog who jumped from the back of a pickup truck into traffic. Here is our story:

We were camping Memorial Day weekend three years ago. Our dogs were tied up on short leashes in the back of our pickup truck. One of them climbed onto our cooler next to the side of the truck and fell out. The collar slipped over her head and she went under the wheel of the truck. When we got to her, she was still alive, but barely.

We drove 20 miles to the police station in Payson, Ariz. They called a vet at his home and gave us directions to his office. That wonderful man tried valiantly to save her, but couldn't. Her death still haunts us.

Needless to say, none of our dogs ride in the back of our truck anymore. I am now a volunteer for the Arizona Humane Society. Please, Abby, tell your readers to treat their pets as they would want to be treated. Pets are our friends.

KAREN IN TEMPE, ARIZ.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter regarding people who allow their dogs to ride unprotected in the back of their pickups. I believe in divine justice. When these people go before their maker on Judgment Day, they will be sentenced to ride aimlessly in the back of a flatbed truck over bumpy back roads, wondering when the devil at the wheel will make his next sharp turn.

Remember, each of us will be judged by how we treated the least of God's creatures.

ALLEN IN EMORY, TEXAS

DEAR ALLEN: If common sense doesn't rule, then perhaps your letter will scare careless or thoughtless pet owners into doing the right thing: keeping their dogs safely inside the cab of their trucks and out of harm's way. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have another story to add to the one about the dog that nearly didn't survive a ride in the back of a pickup.

We have two sons, one of whom owns a pickup truck. One Saturday night a few months ago, they were headed downtown. Our oldest son jumped in the back of the truck while his brother and their buddy sat in the cab. His brother had to swerve to avoid an accident, and our son in the back flew out of the pickup at 65 mph on the highway!

Every time I think of that night and what could have happened, I am grateful to God. My son survived with only minor fractures and lots of road burn. He is now back to work and is one lucky young man.

Our sons learned a hard lesson, but animals do not have a choice whether or not to ride in the back of the truck.

Abby, please stress to your readers — to think before they allow riders — human or animals — in the back of their trucks. They may not be as fortunate as we were.

GRATEFUL MOM IN TEXAS

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 30, 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)

***** Though it's the weekend, you might feel like you're on vacation. Take off and enjoy yourself. A far-out suggestion proves to be worthwhile. Sometimes you have to let go. A dear friend enjoys this process. Tonight: Consider calling in sick tomorrow!

This week: Kindle bonfires under those who are less motivated. Others actually appreciate being nudged! You like the end results, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Blaze a new trail with a partner. A must show proves to be rewarding for both of you. Listen to another's take of what went on; it could be considerably different than yours. Honor both viewpoints; they could be equally valid. Tonight: Snuggle in.

This week: Banter with an associate on Monday. Do your own exploring and find your own answers. You are heading for the winner's circle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Others lure you with fun, options and charisma. Why not? Take off spontaneously and enjoy a day trip with friends. Exploring proves to be worthwhile. It not only recharges your batteries, but it also helps you see others in a new light. Tonight: Pretend there is no such thing as Monday.

This week: Levity and a need to socialize mark your actions. Try to focus on work. Otherwise, you might need to network for another job!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** A partner has a very relaxing idea. Take a spin together and talk. Whatever is up his sleeve delights both of you. Clear out an errand or two at the same time. Sharing a project bonds you even more. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This week: Build a solid foundation. Because of your strong understanding of a work project, you can draw the support you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Accept invitations; go out and visit with friends. Certainly no sign knows how to have a good time like yours. A partner eggs you on to join him. Put on your dancing shoes. Return to a childlike state again. Let wonder be more common. Tonight: Heat up the night.

This week: You spurt ideas left and right; emphasize harnessing them. Your work proves to be dynamic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Family takes priority. Deal with others in a more succinct manner; you need to be clear or your message simply will not reach others. Creativity surges no matter what you take on, be it a project or relaxing in front of the fireplace. Tonight: Make a favorite food.

This week: Don't let personal matters interfere with your professional performance. Plug your imagination in where it counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Talk is important, especially with children and a loved one. Help others grasp your logic. Listen to others' ideas, too, even if they feel a little unrealistic. Share your views and long-term dreams. Tonight: Catch up and visit with a neighbor.

This week: Listen and absorb, while much is on your plate. Take time making decisions. Success follows. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

*** Finances still aren't as you would like them to be. Understand what is going on with a child or loved one. Instincts might tell you something different. Walk away from preconceived ideas. Begin discussions with a clean slate. Tonight: Restructure your budget.

This week: Invest some time and money into a heartfelt idea. Discussion carries anyone who's hedging across the line. You have cheerleaders!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Stride out the door to visit with friends. Decide to do that special something you have been putting off. You discover how rewarding it is to be spontaneous. An animated discussion has you thinking. Tonight: Do your thing.

This week: Move forward on Monday, when "yes" is the operative word. Others agree. You are on a roll, both financially and emotionally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might still be mulling over a money issue. Solutions are available if you go within. Use your own strong financial acumen. Trust yourself. What keeps rolling around in your mind is grounded. Check it out. Tonight: Clear off your desk at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

— Today is a 5 — You may be in a difficult situation. You need someone's OK, but that person isn't cooperating. You're basing your argument on facts, but the other person is reacting emotionally. Be understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Today is a 6 — You may be worried to a frazzle. If you relax, you'll do a better job. First, sort through and toss the extra baggage you're carrying.

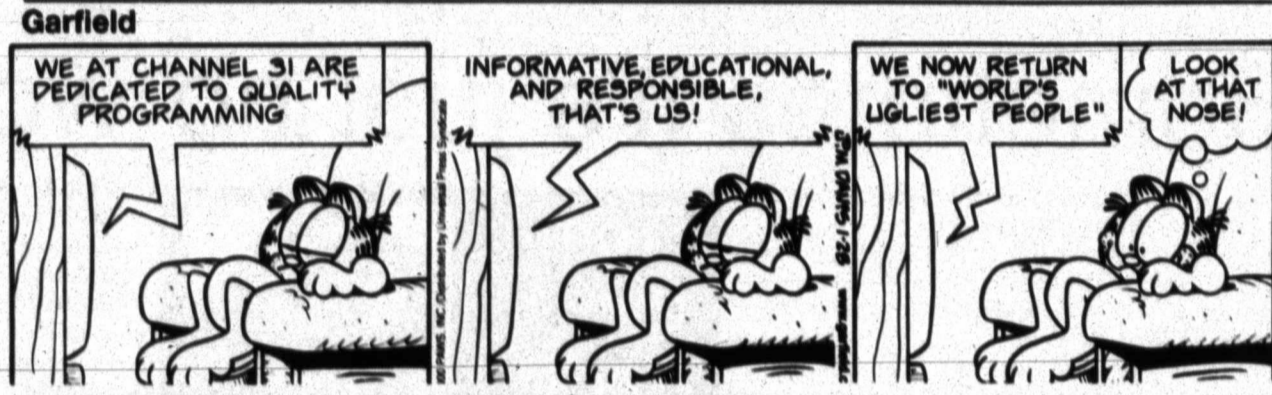
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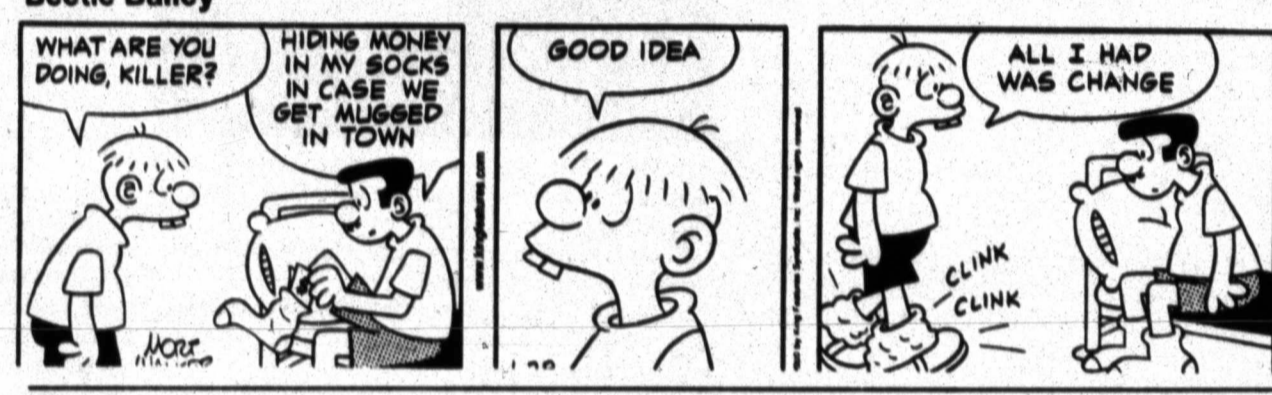
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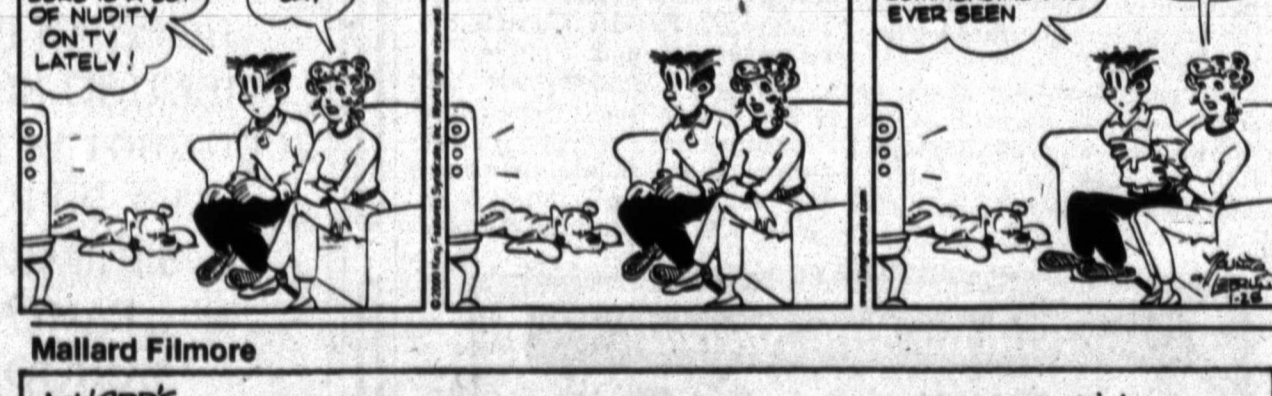
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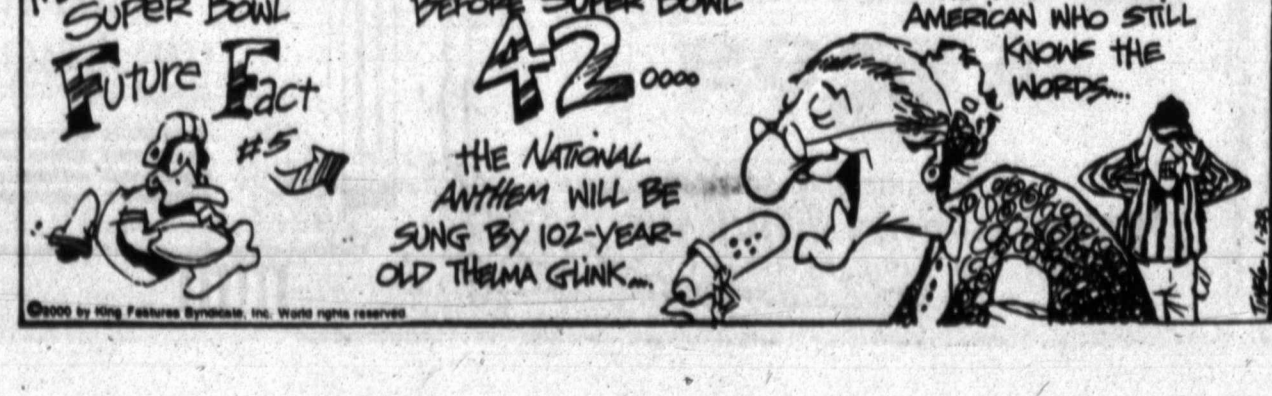
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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BOWLING

PAMPA — Harvester Lanes will have a benefit bowling tournament Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tournament proceeds will go to aid longtime bowling alley employee Sue Henderson, who is unable to work because of heart problems.

The tournament will have a mixed-up trio team format, which will consist of regular, 9-pin, Crazy 8 and 3-6-9 games.

Entry fee is \$30 dollars per team. There will also be strike pots and brackets.

For more information, call 665-3422.

BASKETBALL

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Tulsa was the preseason No. 2 pick in the Western Athletic Conference. On Thursday night, the 13th-ranked Golden Hurricane became the first Division I team to win 20 games this season.

"We're on an emotional roller coaster ride right now, and we feel we can compete with anyone in the country," said reserve David Shelton, who scored 21 points in the 89-71 victory over Texas-El Paso.

"No one expected us to do this," added Tony Heard, who had 16 points. "We work very hard in practice and it's paying off during the games."

"We can go real far this year," he said. "The fact that people don't give us much respect is great for us. We can sneak up on the rest of the country."

With Eric Coley adding 14 points and Greg Harrington scoring 12, Tulsa (20-1, 5-0) extended its winning streak to 13 games. Shelton was 7-of-12 from the field, 6-of-8 from the free throw line and pulled down eight rebounds as the Golden Hurricane won by 18 points, just off their 20.5 average margin of victory which leads the country.

Duke was last season's first 20-game winner, reaching the figure on the same date as Tulsa with an 89-77 victory over North Carolina that gave the Blue Devils a 20-1 record.

Bill Self, who in his third season as Tulsa coach has compiled a 62-23 record, attributed the success to depth.

"It's a different guy every night," he said. Eight Tulsa players played at least 17 minutes, while UTEP had six who played at least 25 minutes.

Rico Nelson of the Miners, who was averaging 5.4 points and 1.8 rebounds a game, sat out with a sprained ankle.

UTEP (10-8, 1-4) got as close as 56-50 with 10:52 left in the game, but missed 11 free throws in the second half and committed a total of 16 turnovers.

Jarvis Mullahon had 18 points for UTEP, which shot 52.4 percent from the field, while Brandon Wolfram added 14 and William Smith had 13.

Jose Escobedo of UTEP went 1-for-6 from the line in the second half.

Tulsa finished with a 29-24 rebound advantage.

BASEBALL

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers have offered outfielder Juan Gonzalez the biggest contract in baseball history, \$140 million over eight years, The Detroit News reported today.

The deal would beat the \$105 million deal Kevin Brown got from the Los Angeles Dodgers before last season. Brown averages \$15 million a season, while the Tigers would pay Gonzalez \$17.5 million a year.

Gonzalez's deal would also exceed the seven-year, \$118.5 million contract Derek Jeter is reportedly signing with the New York Yankees.

The Tigers were hoping to make a contract announcement today.

Pampa boxers take charge at Oklahoma meet

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Ivan Perez of the Youth Survival Boxing Club of Pampa was the ringmaster at the Woodward, Okla. Invitational last weekend.

Perez, a welterweight, defeated his 22-year-old opponent by a technical knockout in the second round. It was a tuneup for Perez' upcoming match in the Texas State Regional Golden Gloves Championships Feb. 11-12 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

"Right from the beginning, his opponent was very aggressive and tried to back Ivan into a corner," said Youth Survival Club founder J.R. Moreno. "Ivan kept slipping away from the ropes and counter-punching with hard rights, upper cuts and left hooks."

With the pair standing toe-to-toe exchanging punches in the second round, Perez would come away the winner.

"Ivan turned out to be the quickest and the harder puncher. He took out the guy before the end of the round," Moreno said.

Perez, who hopes to turn professional, jumped over the ropes after the win and embraced Moreno.

"Ivan said, 'this is for you,'" Moreno said. "My eyes started watering. It was very emotional for me."

A year and a half ago, when Moreno starting the boxing club in the garage at his home, Perez was one of his first students.

"All the advice I gave this kid is finally paying off," Moreno said.

Brian Maxwell, Mandan "Madman" Conklin, and Marshall Garcia of the Youth Survival Club also participated

in the Woodward Tournament. Maxwell had won all three of his rounds, but had four points taken off his scorecard because of defective equipment. It ended up costing him the match, Moreno said.

"His mouthpiece kept falling out during the fight. The judge told Brian he won the match in the ring, but he had to award the victory to the other fighter. Brian still won a medal," Moreno said.

Conklin, a 59-pound entry in the pee-wee division, had the crowd cheering for him the entire match, according to Moreno.

"His opponent was much taller and bigger, but Madman matched him toe-to-toe and out-punched him all three rounds. He's a young kid to watch in the ring," Moreno said.

Conklin won the match and received a medal.

Garcia, a 275-pound Super Heavyweight, won his match by forfeit.

Five members of the Youth Survival Club will be competing in the Golden Gloves Championships in Lubbock. Tickets are five dollars (general admission), eight dollars (reserved seating) and twelve dollars (ringside seating). Tickets are available at all Select-A-Seat locations and the main outlet is 3801 50th Street.

"We're taking 13 club members all together, but the rest of them are just going to tag along and see what it's all about," Moreno said. "They should be ready to fight in another month."

Moreno said more funds are needed to buy boxing equipment and he urged Pampa residents to help a worthwhile cause. He can be contacted at 665-3318.



Welterweight Ivan Perez (right) of the Youth Survival Boxing Club of Pampa gets set to deliver a punch to his opponent at a Woodward, Okla. Tournament.

"These kids are representing Pampa in all these tournaments. They've kids have come a long way and they're proud to be representing your town. If you can find it in your heart, you need boxing trunks, shoes and shirts."

Right from the beginning, Moreno said the purpose of the club is to get youngsters off the streets and teach them discipline and responsibility. That purpose hasn't changed, he added.

"There's no more drugs, no gangs, no violence with this group. It's working," Moreno said. "My last report is that there are more hispanics

involved in school sports than ever before. We're trying to keep them active in the school system as much as we can. If we find out someone is dropping their grades or is a troublemaker, we take action immediately. There's no more boxing, no more training. Those are the club rules."

Moreno extended a special thanks to John Tripplehorn and the VFW for their generosity.

"They made the trip to Woodward possible. Without their help, it would have been hard for us to have made it. John has made every effort to help our club," Moreno said. "I wish there were more people like him."

Moreno said coaches Terry Martin and Terry Steadman closed down their tire company business for a day to transport the boxers to Woodward.

"People just don't do that anymore. They're very important to this club," he said.

Coaches Terry Martin and Jeff Martin, both professional shoot fighters, play a key role in getting the club members into boxing shape, according to Moreno.

"These coaches are very attached to these kids," he said. "They do a fine job training and working with them."

The Pampa boxers work out daily at Horace Mann school.

Super Bowl road hasn't been smooth for McNair, Warner

ATLANTA (AP) — Super Bowls often are defined by their quarterback matchups. Montana vs. Eliason. Elway vs. Favre. Aikman vs. Kelly.

But McNair vs. Warner?

While both are about to finish dream seasons for the Tennessee Titans and St. Louis Rams, neither can be lumped with the Hall of Fame arms of Namath, Starr and Bradshaw.

Regardless, they will be centerpieces of Sunday's game.

Steve McNair at least had the credentials to take the Titans this far.

He's not an undrafted free agent who started only one year in college. Kurt Warner is.

He's not an Arena Football and NFL Europe refugee. Warner is.

He wasn't an untested backup who cracked the lineup only after

the starter was injured. Warner is.

Still, the road hasn't been smooth for McNair, who enters the big game with a severe toe injury that limits his practice time. Just the second starting black quarterback for a Super Bowl game — Doug Williams led the Redskins to victory in the 1988 game — he still isn't anything close to a classic pro quarterback. He's often more dangerous as a

runner.

"Basically, I'm a guy who'll do whatever it takes to win," McNair said. "Regardless of how I have to do it, I'll run, throw, improvise."

"My instincts are a great part of my talent. I do a lot of improvising once things break down in the pocket. I'll get outside and make a second chance. I think it's a great added dimension to our game."

The Titans aren't considered multidimensional. They like to pound the ball with Eddie George, who rushed for 1,304 yards and nine touchdowns during the season and has 354 yards in the playoffs. They rarely throw deep, partly because they have so-so receivers, partly because coordinator Les Steckel designs a more conservative offense.

After taking McNair with the third overall pick of the 1995 draft, coach Jeff Fisher sat him for two years behind Chris Chandler. McNair learned, but he wasn't enamored of the concept of dinks and dunks, a style generally still in use.

"It was very frustrating at first," McNair said, "but Coach Fisher set me down and filled me in what

his style of play is. It was a tremendous change from throwing 4,000 yards a year in college (at Alcorn State) and throwing at least 40 to 50 times a game."

"But now it's like playing in a more controlled offense and that's something that I had to get used to and get my mind focused on."

Injuries also hampered McNair in 1999. After throwing for a career-high 341 yards in the opener vs. Cincinnati, he needed back surgery and missed five games. But he came back to beat the Rams 24-21 and threw for five touchdowns in a late-season victory over Jacksonville.

Those sound like Super Bowl-worthy statistics. And if he out-plays NFL MVP Warner on Sunday, the doubters should disappear.

"On opening day, Coach Fisher said that we needed 35 points and we're going to throw the football and we expect to get over 300 yards passing," Steckel said.

"That was one game when we asked him to do it and we scored 36 and he threw for over 300 yards."

Wal-Mart donation



Wal-Mart assistant manager David Brown presents a check to Rusty Gallagher of the Pampa Kids Club. The check from Wal-Mart will go to buy equipment and promote activities for the Kids Club. Also pictured are club members Tamara Trerathan, Jake Russell, Kirby Broaddus, Mark Wood, Eddie Palma, Felipe Soria, Diana Resendiz, Tim Roberts, Michael Roberts, Garrett Reiner, Levi Cave, Lindsey Lawyer, Ben Rodriguez, Chris Smith, Roanna Cowan, Joseph Palma, Pedro Rodriguez, Benjamin Rodriguez, Cody Wood, Natalia Jackson and Wrena Baker.

Peyton is Scholastic All-American

CANADIAN — Canadian football player George Peyton was recently named to the U.S. Navy Scholastic All-American football team.

The All-America team was listed nationally in ESPN The Magazine and is the first of its kind at the high school level. The players were selected by the

National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Peyton was named to the team as a running back and was only one of three Texas players chosen. He ran for over 1,000 yards as a senior and maintains a 98.8 grade point average in the classroom. He scored a 33 on the ACT.

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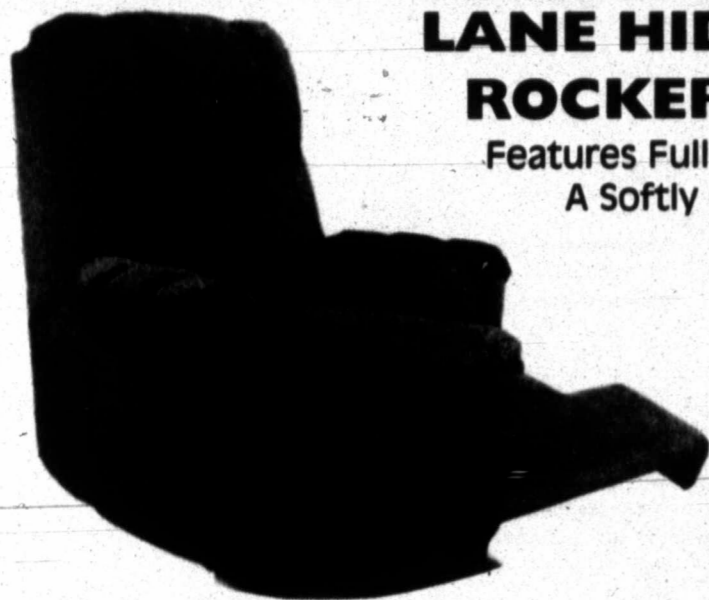
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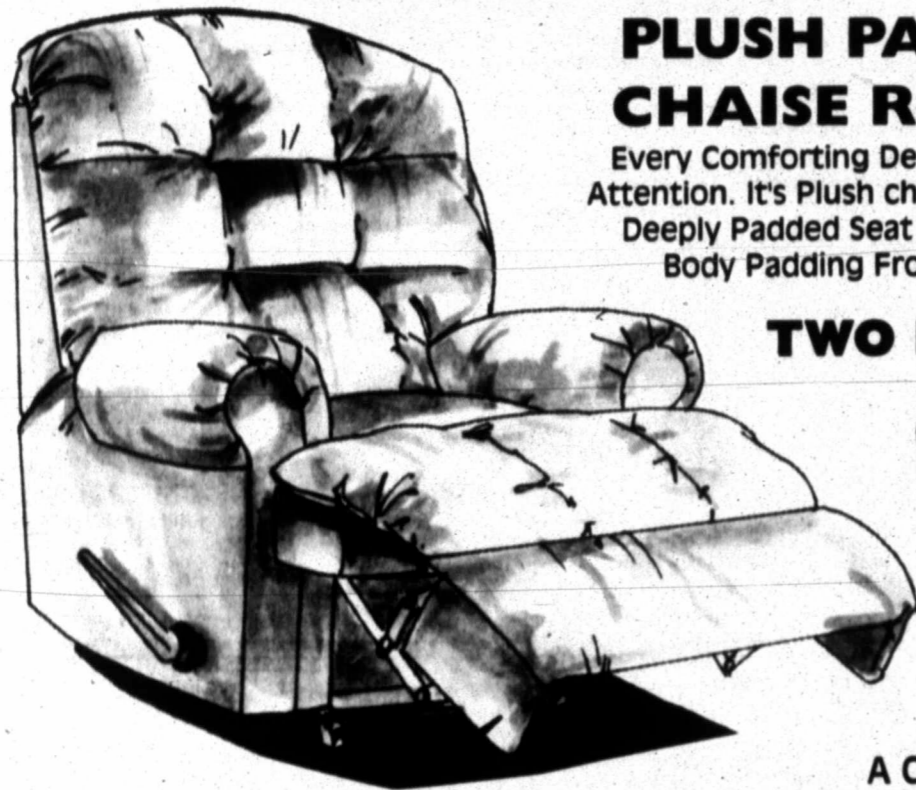


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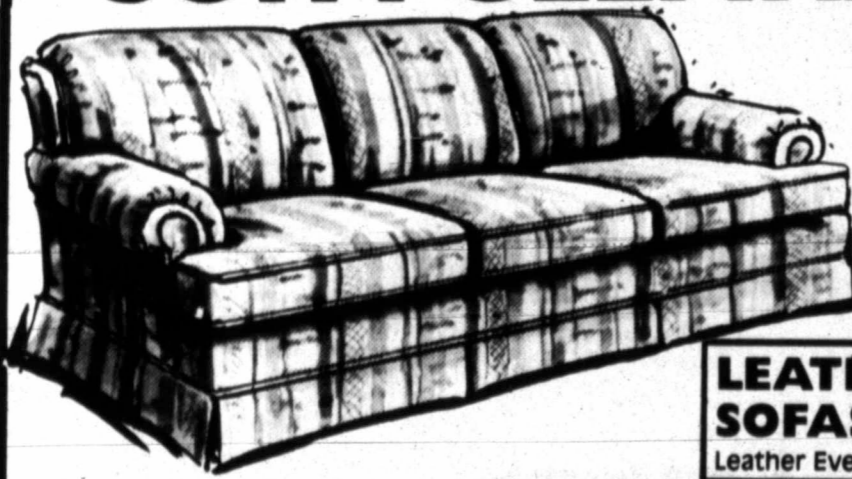
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Perfect attendance



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Dalton Owens, kindergarten, and Amisha Mitchell, second grade, were presented boom boxes by Southwestern Bell Pioneers representative Gary Stevens when their names were drawn from boxes containing all the names of those with perfect attendance. Fifty-one girls and 36 boys preschool through grade 5 had perfect attendance at Lamar School.

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll
Michael Adams, Ethan Addy, Erin Buck, Michelle Burke, Ryan Clark, Cheyanne Collins, Ryan Conner, Garrett Fatheree, Samantha Finney, Haylea Harper, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Susanne Kane, Landon Keys, Alex Koevoet, Kaitlin Koop, Eric Lewis, Mary Kathryn McKay, Ashlyn McNeely, Samantha Pearson, Tye Powell, Kelby Rucker.
Kelly Stoffle, Lauren Sutherland, Caitlyn Tanner, Carlyn Teichmann, Kelli Tripplett, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Brittany Vick, Whitney Wade, Caitlin Walker, Christopher Walker, Kelsey Wallum, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Landon Wesley, Caleb West, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart.

AB Honor Roll

Amber Adams, Damon Dennis, Cheyanne Jones, Christian Martinez, Callie Mullins, Zachery Organ, Sarah Tatum, Rebecca Taylor, Jenna Turner, Shelbie Watson.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll
Paige Alvey, Tucker Brown, Dylan Cain, Gage Carruth, Shannon Clay, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell, Colby Dennis, Kaimie Dougherty, Kelby Doughty, Libby Dyson, Cole Guyer, Jennifer Huffhines, Tanner Jean, Brittany Klein, Courtney Linn, Taylor Little.
Will McKay, Shelby Needham, Alyson Orr, Nicholas Riley, Tristan Schwartz, April Silva, Matthew Smith, Corey Stone, Hilary Thomas,

Casey Trimble, Chelsea Wallin, Coleby West, Jacob Wichert, Madison Wilson, Zachary Winborne, Jeremy Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll

Kendra Clarkson, Tabbitha Courter, Daniel Kirkland, Mallorie Parry, Lauren Smith, Jack Ware.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Claire Boyd, Colby Copeland, Tanner Dyson, Jesse Finney, Colden Fortenberry, Nicole Heerema, Kailie Intemann, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara, Jacob Maciel, Logan McDonald, Ashely Price.
Lindsey Riley, Texi Schaeffer, Garnett Schafer, Krista Shults, Marli Street, Jacey Wagner, Briana Wallum, Gregory Wariner, Lydia West, Joe Whiteley, Kelli Willson.

AB Honor Roll

Layce Beesley, Rafael Bocanegra, Sara Jane Foster, Stephanie Hasskarl, Ariel Parry, Sarah Smith, Cody Wood.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Michaela Arzola, Natasha Bailey, Kirby Broadus, Jarren Clark, Craig Crowell, Robbie Dixon, Brett Ferrell, Thomas Gilbert, Ryan Hansen, Katie Holmes, Morgan Ketchersid.

Natalie Knowles, Jack Mackie, Landon McNeely, Ethan North, Aaron Pepper, Britteni Rice, Devan Shults, Toby Smith, Christopher Stabel, Tanna Stowers.

AB Honor Roll

Logan Boles, Candice Dildy, Bridget Craig, Con Elledge, Courtney Ericson, Kebbi Hutto, Alyssa Kelsey, Karlee Koop, Jonathan Maciel, Dock Mackie, Andrew Poole, Kasey Tindol, Tim Watson.

Lamar Elementary honor roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll
Marticka Jackson, J'Lynne James, Lacie Johnston, Cristian Ortega, Blake Morse, Jessica Ramirez, Tracy Torres, Tessa Walker, Christopher Wood.

AB Honor Roll

Jessica Brown, Breanna Bump, Margarita Cervantes, Kristie Davis, Amanda Estes, Mikaela Flores, Stormy Free, Cristina Garcia, Laura McGrath, Amisha Mitchell, Andrew Regalado, Delissa Salazar, Lorena Sieber, Fabiola Soria, Sheila Vargas.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll

Heather Green, Codi Guthrie, Oscar Retana, Heath Skinner.

AB Honor Roll

Olivia Allen, Karly Bookout, Heather Bryan, Amber Chavarria, Danielle Frazier, Celeste Gonzales, Andrew Hatcher, Tyler Jones, Atziri Murgado, Rachel Poplin, Callie Preston, Tristin Reeves, Richard Terry, Paul Watson, Tom Williams.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Jamica Walker.

AB Honor Roll

George Albear, Erin Hall, Skyler Hunnicut, Kamra

Jimenez, Elizabeth McGrath, Veronica Solorzano, David Soto.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Jamie Gonzales, Andrew Lowrance, Bobby Sikes, Marco Valles.

AB Honor Roll

Erica Arreola, Rodger Cabrales, Marcos Campos, Kali Jimenez, Britnee Ledbetter, Derek Lowrie, Robert McLean, Lensey Mixon, Karim Molinar, Eric Morales, Consuelo Perez.

Stephanie Preston, Michael Robinson, Phillip Rodriguez, Halei Skinner, Cody Snow, Jonathan Stewart, Yesenia Torres, Nikki Villarreal, Charlene Wright, Shandale Young.

NRA officials conduct annual eagle count at Meredith

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument conducted its annual eagle count recently. The survey is carried out every year to give an indication of the size and stability of the eagle population in the area. Both Bald Eagles, the symbol of America, and Golden Eagles are counted. The Bald Eagle was taken off the Endangered Species List by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1999 as healthy populations appear to be returning in many parts of North America.

A total of 27 Bald Eagles were counted within the recreation area, two were immature and 25 were mature birds with the distinctive white head. Eleven Golden Eagles were spotted, nine were mature and two immature. An additional three eagles were spotted but could not be positively identified as Bald or Golden Eagles. The grand total was slightly above average. This number indicated

the portion of the eagle population making use of the recreation area in good condition.

Fourteen National Park Service Rangers, firefighters and volunteers took part in the count. The count numbers will be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be added into the national eagle census. This study helps determine the health of the eagles in North America. Eagles are an important indicator species used to gauge the overall health of the natural environment.

"Just as people need expanses of open, natural space to recreate in, eagles need those same conditions to survive in," said Lake Superintendent John Benjamin. "We are pleased to see that the 47,000 acres of the recreation area and national monument are hosting so many healthy eagles as well as a record number of visitors."

Anyone wanting to view the eagles should watch from high points in the Alibates, McBride Canyon or Blue West regions of the park.

Students participate in tournament

Pampa High School Speech and Debate Team competed in the Texas Tech Speech and Debate Tournament held recently in Lubbock. Twenty-one members participated in the meet and eight students made it to the semifinal or final rounds.

Making the semifinals were Josh Ellis and Sarah McCall, dramatic interpretation; Mary Fetter, original oratory; and Jeron Pearson, humorous interpretation.

Of the three duet teams attending, two made it to the semifinals — Josh Harrison and Daniel Kirkpatrick and Lacy Plunk and Richard Conner. Conner also competed in the finals in prose interpretation and placed fifth overall in the tournament prose.