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School start date biggest calendar issue

Process not yet finalized for 2000-01



High today mid 30s Low tonight 15 For weather details see Page 2

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Lovett Memorial Library will host a Children's Quilting Bee from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. The event will be conducted by quilting instructor Suzy Edwards who will demonstrate the art of quilt-making and discuss the history and meaning of quilts. During the program, participants will design and make a paper quilt block. The program is free and all materials will be provided. For more-information or to register, call 669-5780. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Feb. 3. PAMPA Counselors from Pampa High School will be present during eighth grade pre-enrollment Feb. 7-8. A meeting is at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the high school auditorium for the parents of these incoming freshmen.

By KEITH ANDERSON Staff Writer

Parents and teachers voiced their opinions on when to begin the 2000-2001 school year at a special meeting called by the Pampa ISD school board at Pampa Middle School Monday night.

After a brief prayer and a pledge of allegiance to open the Superintendent meeting, Dawson Orr explained the calender-making process to the assembled teachers, staff, and parents.

"There are numerous reasons why the school calendar has changed over the years, some due to legislative actions and others due to changes in other parts of the educational world," Orr said.

Orr said the Texas legislature 180 days. Also, Orr said that the believing that beginning the schools are now trying to follow the college plan of finishing the semester before the Christmas when holidays fall, Orr said. holidays. A third factor is that many teachers want the school comments from the audience of year to begin on a Thursday, teachers and parents.



has extended the school year to Dr. Dawson Orr, PISD superintendent, explains some of the factors that go into setting the school district's calendar.

school year at that time is a better transition. A fourth factor is

Sharron Hurst asked for a day in October off so that teachers could do catch up on grades and projects. That day had been Oct. 15, 1999, of this past year.

the Friday before marching bandcompetitions, as it did in 1999. She said many students had to give up their holiday to practice. A parent asked that the school But Julie Collins, a band direc- board send out a letter explain-

Pampa High School teacher tor, asked that the day not fall on ing why school needs to start so early.

(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Another teacher expressed concern about the number of days students miss during the spring term due to extracurricu-(See CALENDAR, Page 2)

City: Pampa's **County says there's little** water supply safe it can do about loose dogs

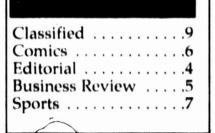
DALLAS (AP) - In a state that prides itself on all things big, it's only fitting that scientists are happy about their latest discovery: the largest dinosaur fossil ever found in Texas — and the world's largest plant-eating, fourfooted dinosaur from the late Cretaceous Period.

Scientists the trom University of Texas at Dallas uncovered the fossil in Big Bend National Park in far southwestern Texas, bordering Mexico along the Rio Grande River.

· Mable Dickey, 77, homemaker.

• Erdine Benton Dyer, 83, lifelong Pampa resident. · Johnny F. Gillman, 74, co-Travelers owner Oil Company. · Gladys Utz Odom, 91,

retired from drugstore business • Carrie Frances West, 92, homemaker.





how."

By KATE B. DICKSON

Associate Publisher

Pampa's water is safe to drink. That's the message city officials want to get out today in the wake of a report that trihalomethanes measured in the water were higher than allowable standards during the third quarter of 1999.

Trihalomethanes are created when the disinfectant chlorine comes into contact with organic solids such as sediment, said Gary Turley, OMI project manager. OMI is contracted by the city to operate the water and wastewater treatment plants.

The measurement should not exceed 100 parts per billion and in the third quarter of last year the measurement was 108.53 parts per million, according to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. During the fourth quarter of last year the measurement was within limits and testing will soon be done for this quarter, Turley said.

By law, Pampans are being notified on their water bills of

Quite frankly...

"We have not changed anything. The water hasn't changed. It's the testing standard that's changed."

> — City Manager Bob Eskridge

the finding. Trihalomethanes are a potential human carcinogen and studies have shown the chemical can cause cancer in laboratory animals, the TNRCC Says.

"We haven't changed anything," said City Manager Bob Eskridge. "The water hasn't changed. It's the testing standard that's changed,"

Director of Public Works Richard Morris said in 1999 trihalomethane was moved from EPA's list of secondary standards to its primary list thus requiring the levels be kept in tighter check.

(See WATER, Page 2)

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners said today there isn't much they can do concerning county residents' complaints about dogs running loose.

Earlier this month Glennette Goode had reported that several greyhounds used for hunting covotes had attacked and killed a pet dog at her mother's home.

"There's very little that the commissioners court can do to stop this type of activity," Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey told commissioners this morning.

Probably the most effective means would be for those who suffered loss of their pets to file civil actions against the owners of the coyote hunting dogs, Alvey suggested

"There's not anything we can do today," Alvey said.

There are statutes dealing with dangerous dogs attacking people or farm animals, Alvey said, but in order to control attacks such as those suffered by the Goodes, the county would have to pass a new ordinance.

Alvey said it would take a petition with at least 100 signatures requesting such an ord-(See DOGS, Page 2)

Murder-suicide kills couple

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate** Publisher

Murder-suicide is the cause of death of an elder ly Perryton couple who were found dead early Sunday after their auto had become engulted in flames, according to Perryton Police Chief Joseph E. Hannon.

He identified the couple as Joe Herman, 72, and his wife, Patricia Grossman Herman, 77.

After talking with his investigators, Hannon said the murder-suicide plan was apparently hatched by Joe Herman sometime last week. The man had been observed Saturday at a local convenience store putting gasoline into containers in the "back seat area" of his auto - an act thought to be "strange.

All indications are that Herman loaded his critically-ill wife into the family Cadillac early Sunday morning and drove to a spot near the Ochiltree General Hospital, the chigf said. He was observed there by a passer by.

Herman then drove to a spot next to the south side of the hospital and pulled onto a grassy area adjacent to the main building and within three feet of its administrative offices, Hannon said.

It's believed the man then ignited the inside of (See MURDER-SUICIDE, Page 2)

Do you think restrictions should be placed upon using greyhounds to hunt coyotes?



owner has control of - T. I. Loader the dogs at all times."

- Howard



"I don't think so. We got "I think there should be "Yeah, because if they "All I can say is that I too many coyotes, any- a restriction unless the come to my house and think they need a bigkill my pet, I'm going to ger gun." kill them."





- George Poole



"They ought to teach those greyhounds to hunt crooked politicians."

- Clifton Wilson

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Services tomorrow

DICKEY, Mable — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

DYER, Erdine Benton — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

FROST, G.N. "Jack" - Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa

GILLMAN, Johnny F. - 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Borger.

Obituaries

MABLE DICKEY

WHEELER - Mable Dickey, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, at McLean Care Center in McLean. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetle with the Rev. Don Hogan, of Northside Missionary Baptist Church of Nocona, and the Rev. Michael Davis, of the Church of the Nazarene of Cushing, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Dickey was born Aug. 4, 1922; at Magazine, Ark., to Leon and Elmina Slate Byrd. She married Clyde Dickey on May 11, 1940, at Cheyenne, Okla.; he died in 1985. The couple were longtime Mobeetie residents prior to moving to Dumas in 1979.

She was a homemaker and belonged to Church of the Nazarene in Dumas.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Joe Reynolds, in 1971; and by a grandson, Gerrod Dickey, in 1973.

Survivors include four daughters, Phyllis Tyler of Panhandle, Nelda Anderson of Albany, Ga., Linda Hogan of Henrietta and Sharlottie Cole of McLean; three sons, Richard Dickey of Wheeler, Toney Dickey of Mobeetie and Terry Dickey of McLean; 23 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to Mobeetie Cemetery Association, Mobeetie, TX 79061.

ERDINE BENTON DYER

Erdine Benton Dyer, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Borger. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Jim Loper, of Cornerstone Church in Borger, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dyer was born May 29, 1916, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. She married George Dyer; he preceded her in death in 1950.

She was a member of the Homebound Department of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Dunn of Borger; three grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

IOHNNY E GILLMAN

McKibben, both of Sayre, Donna Firquain of Ardmore, Okla., and Sondra Stephens of Amarillo; four sons, Ben West and Jerry West, both of Sayre, and Loren West and George West, both Amarillo; a sister, Edith Young of Del City; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Sean Lewis Moree, 21, 417 N. Doyle, was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants. Monday, Jan. 31

Richard Gene Jones, 25, 637 N. Wells, was arrested on outstanding capias warrants, and on the charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Christina Louise Ragan, 20, 1004 Terry, was arrested on the charge of criminal trespassing. A domestic disturbance was reported at the

1200 block of Duncan. A domestic assault causing bodily injury was reported at the 600 block of North Wells. A child's sandal was used as a weapon, and the victim suffered a "probable contusion, stinging, [and a] red

mark," according to the offense report.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 Eric A Davis, 25, 722 W. Brown, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance under one gram, possession of a controlled over three grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia

James Ivan McKinney, 35, 2112 N. Christy, was arrested on the charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Jan. 31 Steve Edward Smith, 39, Rt 1 Box 64, was arrested on the charge of harassment.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 31

10:43 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a call for standby at the 800 block of West 23rd.

11:17 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky.

8:38 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire 3 miles south of Hwy 60 on FM 2300. The fire was a controlled burn.

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CALENDAR

lar activities. Floyd Sackett, Vice Principal at Pampa High School, told the school board that students do, in fact, miss more days during the spring term.

The main concern expressed by teachers, staff, and parents was the starting date of the school year. Several teachers said they wanted the school year to begin on a Thursday. Parents wanted the school

drinks two liters of water per day with over 100

parts per billion of the chemical the chances of get-

ting cancer in a population of one million will

increase by one to 100 persons, said City Manager

Morris said some parts of the country have no

problem with the chemical but in areas such as

Pampa's where there are many minerals in the

(hard) water there is more carbon-based material

The 100 parts per billion standard is due to drop.

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to 80 parts per billion next year, Morris said, noting the city must comply with the new standards. It has been calculated if for 70 years a person

To do so, the city must find an alternative to using chlorine as a disinfectant.

Because the move to meet the standard is in the

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DOGS

with which the chlorine will react.

WATER

Bob Eskridge.

nance. The proposed rule would have to then be placed on the next available ballot, and it would then have to be passed by the voters.

Such an ordnance would require the registration of every dog in the county, including those in the City of Pampa. A registration fee of at least one dollar would be charged and each animal would be tagged.

Untagged dogs could be destroyed. Tagged animals that are not muzzled or under the direct control of a person could also be destroyed, but little could be done about dogs, such as hunting dogs, that are loose but under the control of some one. Even with the passage of a new ordnance, Alvey admitted, dogs used for hunting such as the ones that attacked the Goodes' pet might not be covered.

As the law now stands, Alvey told the commissioners, stray dogs that come onto a person's property cannot be shot or killed unless they attack a person or try to destroy a person's property.

"I think we're missing the whole point here," said Glennette Goode as she addressed the special meeting of the commission today.

She said dogs such as the ones that attacked her pet should be viewed as weapons used in hunting. Goode noted that it is illegal to shoot from a county road. It is a Class A felony, punishable by up to a \$4,000 fine or 180 days in jail.

"These dogs are weapons," she said. "These dogs are trained to kill."

Alvey said that if he could prove that the people using those dogs were hunting from a county road, he could prosecute them.

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said. The elderly woman died from smoke inhala-The .22 was found outside the auto near Herman

The next step? An Instructional Leadership Committee, made up of Lusiness representatives, teachers, administrators, and parents, will formu-late the "parameters" of the calendar, then the

school board will consider the parameters during the Feb. 24 school board meeting.

year to begin as late in August as possible. Thursday, Aug. 17, is one possible day to begin the 2000 school year, according to board members,

"We will meet the new standards," Morris said.

Also, the city will work with the Canadian River Municipal Water Association because the city gets water from them and the association uses chlorine to disinfect the raw (untreated) water it sends Pampa, Eskridge said.

early planning stage, Eskridge says he has no estimate on how much the remedy will cost water users. But, he said, "It will cost."

The county attorney said he had talked with the sheriff's office and asked that the deputies patrolling the county be on the alert for hunters running dogs.

Goode, however, said she wanted only the support of the county commission to go to State Rep. Warren Chisum with proposed legislation that would address the issue.

"We run cattle," she said. "We're asking for control over these dogs. We're not trying to stop them. We're not trying to impose gun controls."

But two other women told the commission that they had suffered problems with stray dogs and with neighbors' dogs.

In an emotional appeal, Kim Jones said she had lost animals to dog attacks for the last 11 years. She said she used to raise llamas and miniature donkeys, but does so no longer because of dog attacks on them.

"It's a serious problem in this county," Jones said. "It always has been."

Dodie James told the commissioners that the sub-division in which she lived, stray dogs were as continuing problem.

Rick Chester told the commissioners that instituting dog registration laws would be expensive.

'It's going to cost a lot of money to enforce them," he said. "If you've got a problem with a dog, shoot the dog." County Judge Richard Peet said that stepped up

enforcement of trespass and hunting laws may help reduce problems, but he reiterated that there was little the county commissioners can do.

"We do not have free will legislative authority," Peet said. "We don't have a free hand in passing laws.

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BORGER – Johnny F. Gillman, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Sheppard, pastor of Faith Covenant Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eastlawn Garden in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Gillman was born Aug. 2, 1925, at Okmulgee, Oklą. He married Georgia Line on July 25, 1943, at Las Cruces, N.M. He had been a Borger area resident since 1925. He co-owned Travelers Oil Company and was actively involved in development and production of oil and gas in the Texas Panhandle.

He was a member and elder of Faith Covenant Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Dean Gillman, in 1960.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia, of the home; two sons, Levert Gillman and Bruce Gillman, both of Borger; three brothers, H.B. Gillman of Glenwood, Ark., and L.C. Gillman of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Billy M. Gillman of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Faith Covenant Memorial Fund in Borger; or to Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106

GLADYS UTZ ODOM

CANYON - Gladys Utz Odom, 91, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000. Services were Monday in Brooks Funeral Directors Chapel with Dr. Richard Bales, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Canyon, officiating. Burial was in **Dreamland Cemetery.**

Mrs. Odom was born at Marshall, Mo. She married A.B. Odom in 1936 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1984. She had been a longtime Canyon and Amarillo resident.

She retired from the drugstore business and was a Methodist.

Survivors include four nieces, Linda Sebastian of Tulsa, Mignon Moore of Aikin, S.C., Pam Moore of White Deer and Rene Ogle of Dallas; and three nephews, Gene Newkirk of Dallas, Bob Moore of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Larry Sebastian of Tulsa.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106; or to American Diabetes Association, Potter-Randall Chapter, 4425 W. Airport Freeway, Suite 130, Irving, TX 75062.

CARRIE FRANCES WEST

SAYRE, Okla. - Carrie Frances West, 92, mother of a White Deer resident, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Rose Chapel Funeral Service with DeWayne Wright officiating. Burial will be in Sayre-Doxey Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mrs. West was born at Elk City, Okla., and attended schools at Liberty. She had been a Sayre resident since 1928, moving from Bulo. She mar-ried Ben Thomas in 1927 at Cheyenne, Okla.; he preceded her in death.

She belonged to First Christian Church.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Eber.

Survivors include five daughters, Berta Hillman of White Deer, Paula Aston and Brenda Saturday, Jan. 29

10:12 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to an electrical short at the 1200 block of North Wells.

11:49 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

6:18 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a gas odor at Highway 60 west.

8:57 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a car fire at the 1800 block of North Price.

Sunday, Jan. 30

12:07 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a smoke scare at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

1:19 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 500 block of West Harlem.

12:34 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Coffee and 20th.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports

Friday, Jan. 28

Linda Crowson Clark, 53, 2730 Comanche, was cited for failure to yield right of way on a left turn. Clark was traveling south at the 1000 block of Hobart when she turned her Toyota Corolla left onto the 900 block of West Crawford and struck a Saturn driven by Angela Ann Elliott, 35, 309 Anne. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Jan. 29

An unknown vehicle damaged a fire hydrant at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Lisa K. King, 25, 1224 E. Kingsmill, was cited for failure to yield right of way and unrestrained child under 15 years of age. King, traveling in a Mercury Cougar, failed to yield right of way in the open intersection of Coffee and 20th, and was struck by a Ford F250 driven by Michael Brandon Voss, 22, 805A N. Nelson. A six-year-old traveling with King was reported as receiving an incapacitating injury.

A maroon Buick struck a parked Chevrolet Cheyenne pickup at the 2100 block of North Dwight sometime between 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Maroon paint was found on the parked vehicle, and a black hubcap was left at

the scene.

Monday, Jan. 31

Jearldene Herndon, 68, 2120 Coffee, was cited for failure to yield right of way. Herndon drove her Ford Escort out of a private parking lot and struck a Chevrolet Caprice driven by Donald Ray Stephens, 76, 1205 S. Hobart. Stephens was driving east on Hobart when the accident occurred.

Emergency numbers

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Fire	
Police (emergency)	

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the car from the outside and then shot himself in the head. His burned body was found lying outside the car.

The autopsy revealed Herman had died from a 22-caliber gunshot wound to his head, the chief

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday. Saturday, Jan. 29

5:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

9:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Price and transported one to PRMC.

10:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Christine and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Jan. 30 12:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

1:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Harlem and transported one to PRMC.

3:09 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

1 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee and transported one to PRMC.

5 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and trans- open. Call 669-5940. ported one to NWTH

5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Tues. 7 p.m. Law protect you Garland and transported one to Will others decide? K.C. PRMC.

11:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Fir and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Jan. 31 5:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU cepting your clothing for conresponded to a location west on signment store opening soon, Highway 152 and north on Gray 2143 N. Hobart, 665-3860. See ya County Road 4 and transported there, Lajuana, Pam & Sue. one to PRMC.

Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny today with a high in the mid 30s and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 15 and light and variable winds. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 48. The overnight low was 22.

STATEWIDE — Midweek may bring a wet stretch in Texas. A canopy of clouds covered most of the state today, extending from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Some light rain and Plains. Patchy showers will be drizzle extended from Abilene to scattered elsewhere, although Friday will be in the 40s and 50s

Corsicana. Temperatures started out in the 40s, except for 20s and 30s in the northwest and Panhandle and 50s in parts of South Texas. The weather will deteriorate

over many parts of the state as an upper-level storm swings from northern New Mexico into Southwest Texas.

A winter storm watch is in effect through this evening for parts of the Permian Basin, Concho Valley and low Rolling

there will be a chance of sleet or snow along the Red River.

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North Texas temperatures fall

to the 30s tonight and top out in the 40s on Friday. West Texas and the Panhandle expect temperatures tonight from the teens and 20s in the north to 30s and 40s elsewhere

Highs Friday will be in the 40s and 50s. **Temperatures in South Texas** tonight will be mainly in the 40s with 30s in the Hill Country and 50s in the far South. Highs on

and another, weapon, a .38-caliber handgun was found inside the car. Also found inside were two 55-gallon galvanized garbage cans ... the ones Herman was seen putting gasoline into.

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	2.95	KMI	up 1/16
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Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have histher

cards & hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Dept.

SERAPHIM ANGEL Open House for special event piece at Carousel Expressions, today & Wed. Angel door prize. 113 N.

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(Top, left-right) Pride of Pampa Band members Justin Myers, percussion, Holly Myers, piccolo, and Sarah Teague, bassoon, were recently named to the Amarillo Youth Orchestra. They will join other students from around the area for performances this spring. (Bottom) Myers and Teague were also selected to All-Region Orchestra.

A&M recognizes PET Research Team

IRS volunteers Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. FREE TAX HEL

THE PAMPA NEWS - Tuesday, February 1, 2000 - 3

American Association of Retired Persons is currently sponsoring free tax help through area IRS volunteers. Ernie Wilkinson, above, coordinator of the effort, will be assisted by Betty Tom Howard. Volunteers are trained by the IRS and must pass an exam to qualify. The free tax preparation service is for the elderly. Individuals needing assistance may seek help at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road. Volunteers will be available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 7-April 15. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Wilkinson at 665-0356.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

Dance and Mardi Gras Casino System will conduct a breast The Toastmasters will meet from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 cancer screening clinic Feb. 14 every Wednesday night from at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Set- in First United Methodist ups and snacks will be fur- Church Educational Building, nished and music will be pro- 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. vided by Fence Walker. Tickets Participants will receive a lowmay be purchased in advance cost self-exam mammogram for \$25 per couple or at the door and a breast health appraisal for \$30 per couple. Proceeds along with individual instrucwill benefit BSP scholarship tion by a registered nurse in fund. For more information or breast to purchase advance tickets, call Funding is available through 665-6037 and leave a message. HARRINGTON

ANCER CENTER The Women's Center of the appointment only. For more Don and Sybil Harrington information, call (806) 356-1905, Cancer Center and BSA Health (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

self-examination. for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by

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COLLEGE STATION - A team of state and federal scientists and engineers - Thomas H. Marek, L. Leon New, Gerald J. Michels, Brent W. Bean, Terry A. Howell and Donald A. Dusek, whose pioneering work led to the establishment of a net work of weather stations benefiting agricultural crop production across the Texas panhandle — was honored recently by Texas A&M University System's Agriculture Program. The group, all based in the

Amarillo area, was recognized

Work by the team has also been recognized by Natural the Texas **Resources** Conservation Commission with its environmental excellence award.

with the Research Team **Excellence** Award.

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Texas then and now

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19.3 years

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Males

Females

Since the turn of the last century, population trends and demographics have changed drastically in Texas. Texans' median age **Birth Certificate**

1998*

31.8 years

34.0 years

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas population by sex 1900 1999 Males 1.6 million (51.8%) 10.0 million (50%) Females 1.5 million (48.2%) 10.0 million (50%) "Year of most recent figures

SOURCE: Carole Keston Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and U.S. Census Bureau.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Vehicle theft down

The number of vehicles stolen is down statewide since its record level in 1991 of 163,837. In recent years, the vehicles stolen most often are pick-up trucks. Total vehicles stolen (in thousands) 150 SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ww.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Public Safety, Motor Vehicle Theft Service.

Commission Conservation with its environmental excellence award. In addition, the Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee also honored the multi-agency team with its water management award in Washington.

Water use information is disseminated to growers, crop consultants, media and agen-cies daily by fax and through a dedicated site on the Internet. In 1998 alone, over 118,000 faxes were sent to subscribers and results indicated between 350,000 and 400,000 acres of irrigated crops were managed using the North Plains Potential Evapotranspiration Network information, saving more than 20 billion gallons of water, \$5 million in related pumping costs and 130 million BTUs in pumping energy. The 1999 results are being tallied.

(Special photos)

Houston Livestock Show in offing

HOUSTON - The 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is slated Feb. 18-March 5 at the Astrodome*in Houston. For 17 straight days, fans can catch rodeo action during any of the 20 rodeo performances featuring outstanding PRCA action in the world's richest regularseason rodeo, the world's largest calf scramble, chuck wagon races, indoor fireworks and concert entertainment.

The diverse group of entertainers headlining this year's show include country music Hall of Famers, rising country stars, hot Latin artists, pop artists, R&B stars and Tejano sensations. Among the performers will be Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Lonestar, Jo Dee Messina, LeAnn Rimes, The Judds, Alan Jackson, Boyz II Men, Enrique Iglesias, Tony Bennett, Smokey Robinson, Sammy Kershaw, Los Tucanes de Tijuana and A.B. Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings and many, many more.

In addition to the musical attractions, Reliant Energy is teaming up with the livestock show-rodeo once again to provide a video, lights, lasers and pyrotechnic presentation "The Power of Heroes.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased from the Astrodome box office or by phone (713) 552-0223 or (713) 629-3700. **ORDER OF THE EASTERN** STAR

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

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

McLEAN-ALANREED **AREA MUSEUM**

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

The U.S. Department of Energy will hold a meeting to provide overview of the recent DOE request for proposals to manage and operate the Pantex Plant in Amarillo beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. The meeting will conclude no later than 4:30 p.m. The pre-proposal meeting is open to any company or institution submitting an "Offeror Intention to Submit an Offer" document. For more informavisit tion, www.doeal.gov/NWPP/NWP

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The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced Clyde and Mary Bennett Trust Ranch in Carson County has been accepted into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of ownership and agricultural production by a family. Neal and Gayle Bennett, grandchildren of the original owners, attended award ceremonies in Austin recently.

This is the second farm or ranch in Carson County to qualify. The M.G. Walker farm near Conway was given the award last year.

A.F. Bennett purchased Sections 2 and 6 of Block 5 in the B and B. Survey of Unsold Free School Lands in Carson County on Oct. 21, 1898, for \$1 per acre. On April 24, 1902, Bennett filed proof of three consecutive years of residence and occupancy on Section 2.

Allen F. Bennett and Annie Marie Wayland were married Nov. 14, 1898, in Childress. In December 1898, Allen Bennett and Ed Deahl made the trip from Childress in wagons to bring machinery, seed and feed to Carson County. In January 1899, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Deahl and their son Harvey journeyed to their new homes in Carson County in covered wagons containing household belongings. The Bennetts first home was a dugout 14 x 16 feet near a grove of cottonwood trees near Antelope Creek. The next home was a larger half dugout. The first house was built in 1910.

Seven children were born to the Bennetts: Mary Madelyn, Clyde Aloysus, Ann Allene, Joseph Milton, Jasper Stuart, George and an infant daughter. Neal Bennett, operator of the ranch, is the son of Clyde and Mary Bennett and is the grandson of the A.F. Bennetts.



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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

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A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on uphill climb for Democrats: Democrats in the House of Representatives, Dwight Eisenhower once said, were "too big for their britches and too small for their jobs." Those were the old Democrats when the boys in Congress — and they were mostly all boys then — always behaved badly, wielding power like Jimmy Hoffa in the

Teamsters Union. The Democrats have had their comeuppance in recent years, losing control of the House five years ago to the Republicans. They regained control of the White House with Bill Clinton's election eight years ago, and now they hope to regain control of the House.

While most observers think the Republicans will manage to hold on to their slim majority in the Senate, the outlook in the House is dicey. A nationwide survey by pollster John Zogby found that Republicans were favored for congressional seats by 33.1 percent while Democrats were favored by 31.8 percent. Of more significance, however, was the fact that 32 percent were undecided. This means that Democrats and Republicans must tailor their messages for voters who could go either way.

The strategy for both sides, it seems, is to demonstrate their willingness to work with the opposite party, to compromise, to "reason together," as LBJ once said when he was trying to sway Everett Dirksen. William E. Connelly Jr., professor of politics at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., said in a Congressional Quarterly article that the party that wants to con-

We all wear masks. The newspaper wears two masks. One mask is the mask of community promoter. The smiling face selling the community to the world. The other mask is the community detractor. The frowning face pointing out crime, tragedy, and absurdity.

Have you ever seen the roadrunner cartoon, where Wylie Coyote believes he's standing on the ground, until he looks down and sees there's nothing underneath him, and he waves pathetic wave, and hurls to the ground below, and we see him grow smaller and smaller until we hear a thud and see a small puff of smoke?

That's life.

I call it the Wylie Coyote metaphor on life.

The odd thing about the Roadrunner cartoon was that hero was Wylie. The roadrunner was background. The camera stayed with Wylie, concerned about selling Pampa are missing the tions. followed his efforts, his failures, his funny mark. Leave the columnists alone. Work on In f lowed his efforts, his failures, his funny faces ... I was told I wasn't putting a positive face on



Pampa has no where to go but up

Pampa is better positioned than any other small Panhandle town for surviyal. It has a large tax base, it has a college, it has a hospital, it has a prison, it has industry, it has natural gas, it has an economic development council, it has Woody Guthrie.

Yeah, Woody Guthrie. Those Pampans so

My hometown of Lubbock regularly attracts people from all over the planet coming to see our Buddy Holly exhibits. Pampa could do the same.

Oh, yeah. And Pampa needs a music festival. Pampa's rich in music. This area has Jay Riley, it has the Northfork Band, it has Cooder Graw, it has The Magic City Cowboys, it has The Rocking Chair Cowboys, and on and on.

Who isn't being positive, now?

Pampa needs to attract more young people. No young people=economic suicide. Here's my suggestions to attract young people: an outlet mall, or a "family entertainment complex" as one man suggested to me. And a Dell Computer plant, 21st century jobs, you know. And a movie theater. And a dirt-bike racing track. And a dancing club. Just some sugges-

In fact, I've heard many good suggestic



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trol Congress in the next decade "is going to have to be willing to invade enemy territory." Democrats will have to deliver a message that will appeal to moderate and independent voters who are used to switch-hitting on election day and Republicans will have to moderate their fire-breathing zealotry.

The Democrats have been on probation for five years. Now they will have to convince voters that they are not like the old Democrats who ruled Congress with magisterial hand. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, of Rhode Island, said, "We're going to see a Democratic Party that's been chastened.

The Republicans in Congress have clearly been chastened as well. Since they won control of the House in 1994, as a result of the "Contract with America," they have lost seats in subsequent elections and they have consistently been outmaneuvered by the wily Bill Clinton.

The American people are ready for a little toning-down of the partisan rhetoric. They want action; their sick of words and name-calling. They don't want to see Republicans waving the bloody shirt or Democrats baiting Republicans on Social Security. They want to see more pragmatism in Washington; they want to see the parties get along, to "reason together," to avoid gridlock, to be able to drink bourbon and branch water with a member of the other party at the end of the day, as LBJ and Dirksen could do. Both sides, fully chastened, are promising that if they gain or retain control of the House and Senate, they will behave themselves, they will pull together for the greater good of the Republic. Perhaps they will. It's a lot to hope for; even if this is the new millennium, that doesn't mean that it's also the age of moderation. We'll see.

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Pampa in my columns. That is, I wasn't wearng the smiling mask.

Why should I? I am not the Chamber of Commerce. I am a writer. If Pampa is worthwhile, it will stand, or fall, on its own merits.

nine years later.)

In 1945, President Roosevelt

summit in Yalta with Soviet leader

In 1971, Idi Amin assumed

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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On February 2, 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires

was founded by Pedro de

In 1653, New Amsterdam ---

the Treaty

now New York City - was incor-

Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the

In 1876, the National League of

In 1882, Irish novelist James

Professional Base Ball Clubs was

tourism, instead.

Woody Guthrie=tourism=money. Get it? Why is there no Guthrie museum? No play?

One individual called Guthrie a communist. Funny stuff. I don't care if he was a scheming " coyote, money is money.

Woody Guthrie is internationally renown.

Today in history

Harrisburg. (A new statehouse protested by Arab-Americans. In 1996, dancer, actor and chorewas dedicated on the same site ographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif. home; he was In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of 83. Stalingrad surrendered in a major T

Ten years ago: In a dramatic concession to South Africa's black victory for the Soviets in World majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African and British Prime Minister National Congress and promised Winston Churchill left for the to free Nelson Mandela.

Five years ago: President Clinton nominated Henry Foster Jr. to succeed fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders; however, coup that ousted President Milton Foster's nomination was later defeated in the Senate. The lead-In 1980, reports surfaced that ers of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians held an unprecethe FBI had conducted a sting dented summit in Cairo to try to operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab busirevive the Mideast peace process. In 1897, fire destroyed the nessmen in what became known One year ago: A federal jury in Pennsylvania state capitol in as "Abscam," a codename Portland, Oregon, ordered abor- Mo (Goodie Mob) is 28.

tion foes who had created "wanted" posters and a Web site listing the names and addresses of "baby butchers" to pay \$107 million in damages; the defendants said

they would appeal. Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stritch is 74. Actor Robert Mandan is 68. Comedian Tom Smothers is 63. Rock singer-gui-tarist Graham Nash is 58. Actor Bo Hopkins is 58. TV executive Barry Diller is 58. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 54. Actress Farrah Fawcett is 53. Model Christie Brinkley is 46. Actor Michael Talbott is 45. Actress Kim Zimmer is 45. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots) is 34. Rock musician Ben Mize (Counting Crows) is 29. Rapper T-

Book sheds light on America's economy

I suggested in a recent column that Americans are living in an illusory world created by corporate propaganda fed to t hem from the government, the news media, think tanks and the entertainment industry.

A good antidote to this propaganda is a book that came out three years ago. The title is "America: Who Stole the Dream." It's written by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele. The publisher is Andrews and McMeel.

As I said, it is a fine reality check that effectively and factually puts the lie to this constant propaganda that Americans are living not only in the best of all possible worlds but the best of all possible times.

Example: Americans are among the lowestpaid workers in the industrial world. In 1975, compensation for U.S. production workers averaged \$6.36 an hour compared with \$6.35 for Germany, \$6.09 for Switzerland, \$4.51 for Austria and \$3 for Japan. These are government statistics.

By 1993, after all this prosperity, U.S. average compensation is \$16.79 an hour - compared with \$25.56 for Germany, \$22.66 for Switzerland, \$20.20 for Austria and \$19.20 for Japan. Looks like some Americans got left out. Look at consumer debt. In the 1950s, consumer debt was only 65 percent of total wage-and-salary income. By 1995, consumer debt had risen to 166 percent of wage-and-salary income. In other words, the average American owes \$2 for every \$1 he earns. That is a false prosperity.



In the 1970s, personal bankruptcies averaged 183,000; by the 1990s, after all that prosperity, the average was 811,000. All of these examples are provided by the authors, who write how government has shifted from being an ally of he middle class to being its enemy:

"Pick a government policy or a corporate business practice encouraged or abetted by a government policy, and it's likely to be working against the average America. Foreign trade imports. Immigration. Taxes. and Deregulation. Anti-trust enforcement. Mergers and layoffs. Self-employment. Retraining.

Misnamed free-trade policies have accumulated consecutive and record trade deficits, now measuring in the billions of dollars, and we are the only industrial nation to do this. This has cost Americans 3 million manufacturing jobs, which always has the effect of putting people either on welfare or on jobs that pay half or less than the ones they lost.

At the same time Americans have been laid

off by the millions, and the government has opened the borders to millions of immigrants more in the 1990s than during the previous high period at the turn of the century. Oh, you say, but unemployment is so low. Yes, if you believe the government that has changed the definition of unemployment, the Consumer Price Index, even the Gross Domestic Product. But employed can mean a temp job or poverty-level service job. It can also mean that if you've iven up looking for a job, the government doesn't even count you as unemployed.

Prosperity propaganda is for everyone, but true prosperity is for the elite at the expense of everyone else. Look at this for a reality check: From 1965 to 1995, the Gross Domestic Product shot up 901 percent. Wow, that's rich. At the same time this also happened: The number of unemployed increased 118 percent; the number of business failures increased 427 percent; per-sonal bankruptcies increased by 365 percent; persons receiving food stamps increased by 6,386 percent (yes, that's thousand); and the number of house-holds in poverty headed by females increased 121 percent.

In short, the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and the middle class is doing a disappearing act. By 1992, just 10 percent of the population controlled 67 per-cent of the total wealth. That left 33 percent of the wealth to be divided by the other 90 percent of the population. Wake up. Get out of the matrix.

from many forward thinking Pampans.

Cow-milking operations and old folks

homes don't attract young people. Sorry. Wylie Coyote fell down. Pampa doesn't have to.

Want to sell Pampa? Tell the truth. Pampa has no where to go but up.

Texas news round up

Sale of HMO wins approval; jobs still set to be cut

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - State regulators officially gave the go ahead for PacifiCare Health Systems' buyout of the Harris Methodist Health Plan — a move that precedes sharp job cuts among Marris' workforce, company officials said.

PacifiCare said 150 employees will be let go immediately at the HMO's Arlington headquar-ters east of Fort Worth. Most of the hits were to top managers, including Harris president Patrick Spears.

About 20 other deleted positions were in med-ical support areas, said PacifiCare officials, who refused to be more specific about the job cuts.

Many of the remaining 700 Harris employees were told that their jobs will end in three to 12 months, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

As part of the sale, PacifiCare has said it plans to move many of Harris's operations to its service center in San Antonio.

University of Texas scientists find Texas' largest dinosaur fossil

DALLAS (AP) - In a state that prides itself on all things big, it's only fitting that scientists are happy about their latest discovery: the largest dinosaur fossil ever found in Texas - and the world's largest plant-eating, four-footed dinosaur from the late Cretaceous Period.

Scientists from the University of Texas at Dallas uncovered the fossil in Big Bend National Park in far southwestern Texas, bordering Mexico along the Rio Grande River.

The bones are either those of an unusually large member of a dinosaur family known as alamosaurus or an entirely new species, according to James Carter of UTD's department of geosciences, who found the first fossilized fragments of the animal's neck.

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Either way, they fit the classification of a "super-family" of herbivorous dinosaurs called sauropods, which have a long neck, a tail and a small head.

"Never before has an articulated neck of this length and quality of preservation been found anywhere in the world from the Cretaceous Period," Carter told the Houston Chronicle. "It is extremely rare."

Agricultural commissioner examines drought damage

ABILENE, Texas (AP) --- Farmer Dub Vinson has worked the land here for four decades, growing wheat and raising cattle.

He's made it through hard times when he thought he'd have to sell everything and move on. Times have never been harder, Vinson said Monday as he led Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs to a gaping crater near his farm.

The ground is split open, brittle weeds peeking through the dry dirt. The hole, which is supposed to hold thousands of gallons of water, is empty. . . "When's the last time this had water?" Ms.

Combs asked Vinson while on a tour of Texas' hardest hit drought areas.

Police officer needed one sign after Wedgwood shootings

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - After investigators had completed their gory task at Wedgwood Baptist Church, the first officer to call for help at the shooting spree scene returned to the sanctuary looking for another kind of sign. "He walked in and said, 'Oh God, I have got to

know you were here, give me some kind of sign that you were here God," Al Meredith, the church's pastor, recalled Monday night. "He noticed one hymnal that looked askew. The investigators had missed a bullet that the hymnal had

stopped.'

The officer, a church member and the husband of the pastor's secretary, picked up the hymnal. The book fell open with the half-buried bullet stopped on the line "and he shall reign forever and ever" of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Meredith, during a 15-minute address to Texas Baptists attending an evangelism conference, said that single bullet found a few days after the shooting was just one of several signs of God's faithfulness at Wedgwood, even during the Sept. 15 killings.

The pastor told chilling details of the night Larry Gene Ashbrook walked into a youth rally in his church's sanctuary, carrying two guns, 200 rounds of ammunition and a pipe bomb. Before killing himself, Ashbrook killed seven people and wounded seven others.

Elsewhere:

SMOGGY STATE: A traveling series of pollution hearings held by the state environmental regulators was to wrap up Monday at Beaumont and Houston, which statistically passed Los Angeles as the nation's smog capital in 1999. ... FALLING DOWN DRUNK: Scientists are closer to understanding why people who have a few drinks too many often pass out when they try and stand up. Drinking can impair the body's ability to maintain proper blood pressure, according to a new study published Tuesday in an American Heart Association journal that explores cardiovascular effects of alcohol. ...CAMPAIGN 2000: Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison heads into her re-election race with a daunting, multimillion-dollar fundraising edge over the pack of Democrats vying to unseat her, while House challengers in competitive races in the Dallas area and in Southeast Texas were proving their own fund-raising mettle. And in the state's only open House race, to replace retiring Rep. Bill Archer of Houston, the money is

flowing. ... SEXUAL ATTACKS: A bill that would make it illegal under federal law to possess a powerful date rape drug is expected to pass the House late Monday and go to President Clinton to be signed into law. The bill is named after teen-agers Hillory J. Farias of Texas and Samantha Reid of Michigan, who died after GHB was slipped into their soft drinks at parties.

Avalanche strands motorists

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Unstable snow and blizzard conditions early today hampered efforts to rescue nine motorists stranded by an avalanche that crashed onto a highway linking Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula.

Ten other motorists trapped in another avalanche on the same road had been rescued late Monday by a private construction crew who used a front loader to clear away snow, state police said. They were taken to a nearby lodge to rest, and none required immediate medical attention, officials said.

Those still trapped had used cell phones to tell troopers they were OK. Some hunkered down for a night in sleeping bags, while others were in a Volkswagen bus with a propane heater, said Alaska State Troopers spokesman Greg Wilkinson.

Driving snow and winds of up to 55 mph made it too dangerous to try to rescue the people by helicopter, and road crews were forced to pull back from the area because of the possibility of more avalanches, Wilkinson said.

He said blizzard conditions prevented rescuers from dropping supplies, such as food and blankets, for the stranded travelers.

Since their cars were running low on gas, he said they were advised to only run the motors for five minutes each hour, just enough to keep the cold at

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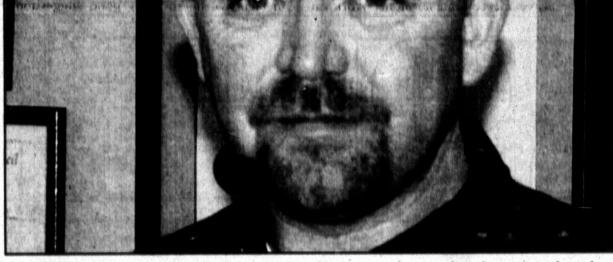


thing, I'd still like my job," the business. When you Tim Hutto, CLU, said, become one of my clients, all about.

"Helping people is what it's you become part of my for New York Life. family," Hutto said.

Tim Hutto is a chartered life underwriter

businesses to cover debts and expenses. We not only help people, we save busicommunities," nesses, Hutto said.



Tim Hutto offers free consultations for life insurance and retirement planning

Tim Hutto is a chartered life underwriter for New is one of the largest and old-York Life.

For 15 years Hutto has been selling life insurance years old. and doing retirement planning for the residents of Pampa.

the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast. They have two 13-year-old children: Keaton, and 10-year-old Hutto said. Kebbi.

Hutto said New York Life est insurance companies on Earth. New York Life is 154

And a consultation is free. "When I die, I want my wife to be taken care of, and Hutto's wife, Kristi, runs that's what life insurance is about. It's a ministry to me. Taking care of widows and orphans. Helping people,"

"If there's a death, some "I work harder for my families have to sell their

But it's not just about life insurance.

"Much of my business comes from people that have to roll over their IRA's into something else," Hutto said, "we do a lot more than just life insurance."

Hutto said he does retirement and estate planning, among other things.





Minority Organ Donors Are Encouraged to Stay Healthy

. DEAR ABBY: For many years, there has been much discussion about the need for more organ/ tissue donors. The death of the Chicago Bears football great Walter Payton, who had a rare liver dis-ease that could have been treated if han organ had been found and a liver "transplant performed early on, should heighten awareness. With , this particular disease, if an organ is not found and a liver transplant is not performed, the disease can result in cancer, at which time a person cannot receive a transplant.

With new names being added to the national waiting list and 12 people dying each day waiting for an organ transplant, will there ever be enough organs to help those who need them?

The National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) has taken a different approach to help with this probilem. First, we educate communities that cause people to need trans-plants in the first place. This includes high blood pressure, diabetes, not eating healthy meals, drinking alcohol, using drugs and not going to the doctor at least once a year for a checkup. If people adopted healthier lifestyles, the number of people who need a trans-plant would be fewer.

Also, when comparing the number of healthy organs to the . number of unsuitable organs of persons who wish to be donors, it is clear that healthier lifestyles would

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greatly improve the chances for people to donate healthy organs. This would ultimately result in more lives being saved. In many cities, we offer blood pressure, cho-lesterol and glucose (for diabetes) screenings, and distribute prevention information to encourage people to take better care of them-

Second, we show the community that they can be a part of the solu-tion by giving them an opportunity to plan and participate in activities that help others learn about the importance of organ and tissue donation. Also, those who have received transplants or donated a loved one's organs share their stories - because the best way to educate people is to make sure they hear the message over and over again.

National MOTTEP has programs in 15 cities across the country. Each program works with schools, faith communities, shopping malls, beauty salons, barber shops and other community organizations to educate others about the need to become organ and tissue

work done. Your ability to understand

others comes to the forefront. You can

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Most recently, National MOTTEP developed a Sports Council for Transplantation, which is being spearheaded by basketball Hall of Fame member Oscar Robertson. The purpose of the Sports Council is to gain the support of athletes, coaches and sports journalists to increase organ and tissue donations among minorities.

National MOTTEP was created to increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Alaska Natives who sign donor cards, have family dis-cussions and become donors. There are more than 65,000 men, women and children on the national transplant waiting list. Almost half of hem are minorities.

It is not only important to get more individuals to become organ and tissue donors, it is equally important to make sure these same people take care of themselves and ive healthier lifestyles so they won't end up on the transplant waiting list. CLIVE O. CALLENDER, M.D.,

FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, NATIONAL MOTTEP

DEAR DR. CALLENDER: For many years I have stressed the importance of organ donation, and also the need for potential donors to be certain their families are willing to carry out their wishes when the time comes.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 4-Positive; willing to work hard. Tonight: Do some-Have: 5-Dynamic: 'S-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Maintain a high profile. Be willing to discuss bottom lines at work. Partners work with you once they understand the course you are on. Finances as blocked as well. Be less judgmental play a big role in a decision. Take charge and more fluid. Work as a team. Flex and run with the ball. Others cheer you your mental muscles. Tonight: Kick up on. Tonight: Accept your laurels. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Those around you wish you level, steady approach brings rewards: only the best. Think about what is going

Tonight: Don't make it a big deal. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * * Pace yourself; be efficient; get

**** You have an unusually appealing manner right now, and others respond. Now is the time to make a move. Reach out to others and get a

heartfelt project launched. You sometimes confine yourself by setting your own limits. Not anymore! Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * Take a deep breath. Take your time when making an important decision. You might have a difficult time getting going. Let that be OK. Pace yourself; slow and easy is fine. You might be feeling overly sensitive and touchy. Detach. Tonight: Vanish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Aim for what you want. Remain clear and direct. Friends sur-



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you finally get a key relationship mov- on before you make a decision. A partier ing. Understanding flows between you cares about the family's well-being and to come forward and touch others. Tonight: Take the high road. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Build on an established relationship. You could be feeling emotion- can to pave your way. You also find the ally sensitive. Let go, and trust a key right words to ask for what you want. friend. You make headway because of a willingness to talk and share ideas. Not everyone needs to see eye to eye with , you. Tonight: Count on a friend. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * * * Open up to friends and assowilling to work hard to get it. Trust your judgment. Know what is needed in order with groups. Network. Tonight:

Crossword Puzzle

and a loved one. Allow your gentleness is now ready to work with you. Act as a team to create more of what you want. Tonight: An easy night at home. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others do everything they Working as a team helps you forge ahead. Take time out for a leisurely lunch. Allow more flirtation into your life. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Work toward financial wellciates. You know what you want and are being. Be careful about how much you agree to take on. Choose to be conservative. You ultimately gain. You could feel to make a situation successful. Work overworked, but look to the long term. Renew by getting some exercise at lunch.

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round you with only the best of intentions. You might have a difficult time expressing your feelings. Listen to what others are saying, then answer directly. Tonight: Where the gang is.

BORN TODAY Model Christie Brinkley (1953), actress Farrah Fawcett (1947), husician Graham Nash (1942)

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Notebook FOOTBALL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -Pampa native John Jenkins has been hired to coach the Arkansas Twisters in the Area Football League. The Twisters, based in Little Rock, begin play in April.

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WHEELER — Wheeler fell to Gruver in a pair of District 6-1A basketball games last weekend.

Gruver's Armes tossed in 21 points in a 51-42 win in the boys game. Wheeler was led in scoring

by Craig Bass, 19 points. Gruver won by a score of

58-43 in the girls game. Sammie Stavio paced Gruver in scoring with 21 points.

Sandy Bradstreet had 10 points and Brooke Verden 8 to lead Wheeler.

CANADIAN - Canadian defeated West Texas High 65-52 in District 5-2A action last weekend.

Josh Ellison had 18 points and Cory Pittman 14 to lead the Wildcats. Amaro and Scott had 11 points each for WT High.

In the girls game, Lori Francis put in 20 points to lead Canadian to 63-27 win. Jana Francis added 12.

Candace Shelton had 7 points for the losers.

DALLAS (AP) - Derek Harper is trading in his sneakers for suits.

Dallas Harper, the Mavericks' all-time leader in assists, steals and 3-pointers, officially ended his playing career Monday and started his front-office career as the team's vice president of business relations.

The 38-year-old former point guard actually has been living in Dallas trying to set up his new job since last season ended. He finished his career with the Los Angeles Lakers, although they traded his rights to the Detroit Pistons in the offseason, Harper never reported and was placed on the suspended list. "It was a fantasy ride for 16 years," said Harper, who also played in New York and Orlando. "I experienced playing in some of the greatest cities, with some of the greatest players in the game. also experienced some of the greatest coaches." Harper's goal is to become general manager. He believes that starting on the business side of the front office will help him get a better understanding of the entire organization. "I want to grow in this business as far as I can grow," Harper said. "I'm positive I'll get the opportunity to grow here." The former University of Illinois star is already showing some good business skills. Sitting between team president Terdema Ussery and owner-in-waiting Mark owner-in-waiting Cuban, Harper surprised his bosses by pulling out an envelope with two checks for eight season tickets. "I want to announce my first sale," Harper said, smiling. Cuban, a longtime season ticket-holder, said he expects Harper to bring the passion, commitment and leadership he showed on the court to the front office. "Some people might take the fact that he wants to be a GM as a potential problem. I think it's wonderful," Cuban said. "I want people who are committed to succeeding, who have aspirations. Derek brings that to the organization 1,000 times over." The Mavericks made Harper the 11th overall pick in the 1983 draft and the team made the playoffs for the first time that season, a remarkable accomplishment for a team that began playing in 1980.



(Pampa News photo)

Tamra Henthorn (left) and Misty Moman helped lead the Pampa girls swim team to the District 4A championship.

PHS swimmers claim 4A district title

top honors. Both the Pampa teams captured first-place team trophies going against Caprock, Palo Duro and Lubbock Estacado during the weekend at the Ragus

Aquatic Center.

LUBBOCK - Competing in The top six in each district the first Class 4A District swim event qualifies for the regional meet ever held, the Pampa boys meet Feb. 11-12 in Lubbock. This and girls teams came away with was the first year for 4A swim- Henthorn). mers to compete as one class in

200 freestyle relay; First place Brian Huddleston: (Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, freestyle, second place; 100 back-Desiree Vigil and Tamra stroke, third place.

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If either team decides to back Jonathon Kilhoffer: 200 IM, out they owe the other \$650,000. If 400 freestyle relay: First place third place; 100 breaststroke, both teams agree not to play, the contract can be rescinded without "As far as if it will happen or not, I wouldn't want to say defi-Ryan Milligan: 50 freestyle, sec- nitely one way or the other ... It ond place; 100 breaststroke, first place. Doug' Warren: 200 IM, second director Gerald Myers told the newspaper. "We definitely would Ben Whitten: 100 freestyle, not pay that penalty. You can forget about that." This season, the Red Raiders will be led by a new coach, Mike Leach, have a new offense and an 200 medley relay: First place all-new staff of assistant coaches. (Doug Warren, Ryan Milligan, Dropping Auburn, their first Michael Eskridge and Charlie tough away game would be Texas A&M four weeks into the season. "I'd just like to play a home game if possible, and I don't know if it's possible," Leach said.

Herd comes to Pampa

PAMPA — Pampa takes on a couple of tough Hereford teams in a District 3-4A doubleheader tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Whitefaces are a perfect 5-0 in district, including an 81-38 win over Pampa in a first-round meeting. For the season, Hereford is 14-10.

The Harvesters must figure a way to slow down the Hodges brothers. Cody Hodges tossed in 24 points and Slade Hodges followed with 13 against the Harvesters.

Pampa (2-3, 9-15) is tied with Caprock for third place after coming back to beat Dumas 49-39 last Friday night. In the girls' division, Hereford

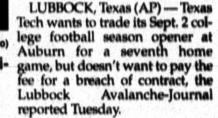
holds down a solid second place behind Palo Duro, which has already clinched a playoff spot. The Lady Whitefaces are 5-2 in district and 21-7 for the season. The Lady Harvesters (3-4, 13-

9) are in three-way battle with Borger and Dumas for the thirdplace playoff spot. Playing on the homecourt, the

Lady Harvesters could manage an upset. They stayed close to Hereford for three quarters before bowing out 53-43 in the first-round tilt.

Gametime is 6 for the girls and 7:30 for the boys.

Tech wants to drop Auburn



Tech athletics officials have signed a contract for a one-game deal against Auburn at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Ala.

Dallas continued to improve until peaking in 1988 by getting within a vic-tory of the NBA finals.

Individually, Pampa's Clay David was named the District 4A male swimmer of the year and PHS coach Amy Seitz was named District 4A coach of the year.

David won both the 200 IM and 100 freestyle events and anchored the winning 200-medley relay team.

Seitz, an Amarillo native, is in her first year as Pampa head coach. She coached in Canyon and Amarillo for five years before coming to Pampa.

4A district alignments for foot-

CLASS 4A Region 1

District 1 - El Paso Bowie; El

District 2 — Canutillo; Clint

Mountain View; Clint; Fabens;

Caprock; Amarillo Palo Duro;

Canyon Canyon; Dumas; Hereford;

Paso Burges; El Paso Parkland; El

Paso Riverside; El Paso Ysleta; El

ball and basketball.

Pecos; San Elizario.

District 3 -

Paso.

Borger;

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the district meet. In the past, 4A and 5A classes were combined to form one district.

District 4A Swim Meet at Ragus Aquatic Center

Pampa results Girls Division

Lindsey Mitchell: 200 freestyle, first place; 200 IM, first place.

Misty Moman: 100 butterfly, first place; 100 backstroke, second place.

Desiree Vigil: 100 freestyle, first place; 200 freestyle, first place. Tamra Henthorn: 100 freestyle,

first place; 500 freestyle, first place.

Jessica White: 200 freestyle, second place; 50 freestyle, second place.

(Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, Desiree Vigil and Tamra Henthorn).

Boys Division

Cameron Cargill: 100 butterfly, third place; 500 freestyle, second

place. Clay David: 200 IM, first place;

100 freestyle, first place. Michael Eskridge: 100 butterfly, first place; 200 freestyle, first

> place. Julian George: 200 freestyle, third place; 100 breaststroke, third place.

Charlie Graves: 50 freestyle, third place; 100 freestyle, fourth place.

Willie Griffin: 500 freestyle, first place; 100 freestyle, second place.

Pampa power lifter

fourth place. Kody Kirkland: 50 freestyle, penalty.

fourth place; 100 backstroke, second place.

place; 100 backstroke, first place. third place; 100 breaststroke, second place.

Matt Withers: 50 freestyle, first place; 100 butterfly, second place.

Graves. 400 freestyle relay: First place

(Matt Withers, Willie Griffin, Ben Whitten and Clay David).

Class 4A UIL alignment

AUSTIN (AP) - Here, from Lake View; Snyder; Wolfforth the University Interscholastic Frenship. League, is the tentative UIL Class

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District 5 - Azle; Burkburnett; Mineral Wells; Wichita Falls Hirschi; Wichita Falls Rider; Wichita Falls.

District 6 --- Ft. Worth Boswell; Ft. Worth Brewer; Grapevine; Justin Northwest; N Richland Hills Birdville; Southlake Carroll. District 7 - Ft. Worth Arlington Heights; Ft. Worth Dunbar; Ft. Worth East. Hills; Ft. Worth North Side; Ft. Worth Polytechnic; Worth Ft. Southwest; Ft. Worth Trimble Tech; Ft. Worth West. Hills; Ft. Worth Wyatt; Ft. Worth South Hills.

District 8 - Brownwood; Burleson; Cleburne; Crowley; North

Colleges looking at quarterbacks

By JOHN MARSHALL Associated Press Writer

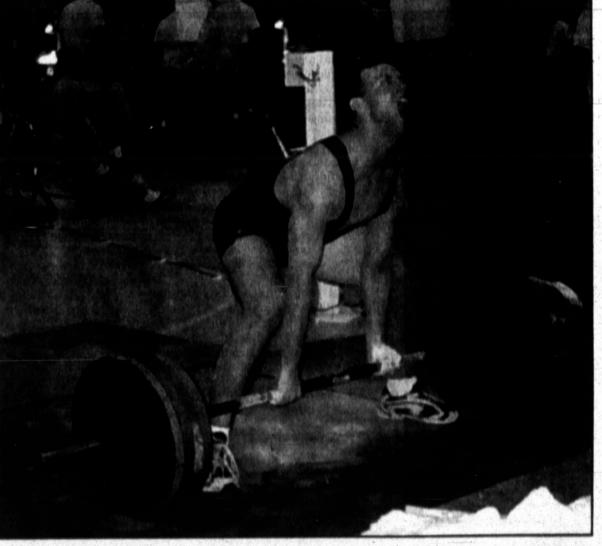
There is an unfamiliar word being passed around Texas recruiting circles this year Quarterback.

Texas has had its share of bluechip linemen and annually has some of the best running backs in the country, but some of the state's best players from the class of 2000 are quarterbacks.

Texas rarely has one or two top recruits at quarterback, but this year's crop includes at least eight who likely will sign NCAA Division I football scholarships. Wednesday is the first day players can sign national letters of intent.

"Quarterback has always been a weak position in Texas," said Bobby Burton of rivals.com, an online sports network. "For a state that prides itself on quality football, that has been the one position it has been lacking. But this year there are seven or eight who are really good football players."

Included in this year's crop are The Woodlands' Chance Mock, who is expected to sign with Texas; Coppell's Hunter Wall, who has committed to Oklahoma; Texas A&M commitment Dustin Long of Port Neches-Groves; and Luke McCown of Jacksonville, who will likely sign with Louisiana Tech.



Pampa High junior James Marquez deadlifts 385 pounds at a Borger Power Lifting Tournament last weekend. Other Pampa power lifters who competed in the meet were Joev Shelton, David Sigala, Kody Weller, Adam Parks, Tyson Moree, Ben Williams, Matt Dudley, Jeff Warren, Jon Lambright and Mike Shelton.

District 4- Andrews; Big Spring; Levelland; Lubbock Estacado; Plainview; San Angelo Granbury; Joshua; Crowley; Stephenville. 8 - Tuesday, February 1, 2000 - THE PAMPA NEWS

Harvester Lanes host benefit Can Rams, Titans repeat?

PAMPA — Seventy-five bowlers gathered last weekend to raise money for Harvester Lanes employee Sue Henderson, who is in poor health due to heart problems.

A benefit tournament was held at Harvester Lanes for Henderson to help defray her medical costs. Henderson has been employed at the bowling alley for the last 10 years and is very active in the youth leagues. She is expected to undergo extensive heart surgery.

For the past two weeks, Harvester Lanes has been donating money through game pots. Several large private donations have been made and there are plans for more fundraisers in the future.

"All of Pampa has been behind her 100 percent. We deeply appre-ciate all of the help we've received. Our bowlers have been fantastic," said O'Nita Robinson, a friend of Henderson. "We've raised quite a bit of money."

Henderson was able to attend the benefit tournament.

"Sue is on oxygen now and she's able to walk. She's going to Amarillo soon and have an evaluation done on her," said Harvester Lanes owner Joann West. "We had a real good time at the tournament and we raised quite a bit of money."

Individuals or organizations who would like to make a donation can call 665-3422 for information.



(Pampa News photo by Lacy Plunk)

Leroy Hilbern gets set to bowl in a benefit tournament last weekend at Harvester Lanes.

ATLANTA (AP) — In the wake of one of the most scintillating finishes in football history, the St. "This is just the start," running "I've given it thought," Vermeil Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans

now get to start all over again. Sure, the Rams can relish their 23-16 Super Bowl victory and the first NFL championship for St. Louis. They can enjoy all the trap-pings of being on top right up until Labor Day weekend. Then they must defend the

Then they must defend the NFC West title they captured in a stunning turnaround from 4-12 to 13-3. And beyond that, they would love an opportunity to emulate such franchises as the 49ers, Cowboys, Steelers, Dolphins, Packers and Broncos - all with consecutive Super Bowl crowns in their resumes.

"I'd like to say that we forget about the grocery stores and all that stuff, and we start thinking about a repeat," Rams quarter-back Kurt Warner said after adding the Super Bowl MVP tro-phy to his regular-season Most Valuable Player award.

"This team is still pretty young and has such great talent. Of course we plan to be around for awhile."

So do the Titans, whose valiant comeback fell a yard short as time ran out Sunday. They took the wild-card route to the big game, but they beat Jacksonville three times - the only losses for the Jaguars, who won the AFC Central. In the 2000 season, the Titans should be a formidable

back Eddie George said. "We're look ahead and look to improve. We showed we have what it takes to get this far. Now, we have to take it a little further."

The Rams have some serious salary situations to deal with. Warner, of course, is in for a huge payday, even as the man he replaced, Trent Green, is owed \$4 million for the next season. Few teams can afford to have two highly paid quarterbacks, but Rams coach Dick Vermeil might decide to be luxurious at the posi-

tion for one year. Several others, such as middle linebacker London Fletcher, defensive end Kevin Carter and cornerback Todd Lyght could reap the spoils of a championship run. Carter led the league with 17 sacks, Lyght is a big-time cover cornerback with experience and savvy, and Fletcher was an undrafted free agent two years ago who simply makes plays.

But dollar signs shouldn't get in the way of a strong run for another championship. The NFC West has become a weak division, and even if San Francisco bounces back, can it handle the potent offense and underrated defense of the Rams?

Knowing how solid a base he has built could keep Vermeil in coaching for two more years. But he's also admitted that retirement challenger for the Jags, whom on top is possible, with offensive

said Monday. "If I say I'm definitely coming back and change my mind, you'll say 'You lying son of a gun.' I'm not going to be

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The Titans were trapped in a wandering existence for three years. They were outcasts in Houston in 1996. They were ignored in Memphis in '97. They were tenants in their home city, playing at Vanderbilt in 1998 while Adelphia Coliseum was being built. When their new home was

ready, they became unkind hosts, winning all eight regular-season games and then the Music City Miracle against Buffalo in the playoffs.

Steve McNair and George, working behind a solid offensive line, are young building blocks for the offense. The receiving corps needs some upgrading; Frank Wycheck is asked to do too much from his tight end/H-back spot.

The defense could be dominant next season. Defensive Rookie of the Year Jevon Kearse already is scary, and his mates on the line are no slouches. Coach Jeff Fisher could use another playmaker at linebacker and just some good health in the secondary.

"This is not a loss for us," McNair said of the last-second failure to force overtime Sunday. "This is a beginning,

Iowa State fights way into Top 25

AMES, Iowa (AP) - Eleventh in the Big 12 Conference two years ago and ninth last season, lowa State is now tied for first. The Cyclones' climb to the top of the league — and into the national rankings - has been long, yet swift.

They moved into the AP college basketball poll at No. 20 on Monday, the school's first appearance in the Top 25 in nearly three years.

Undersized and shorthanded, Iowa State (16-3) has won 15 of its last 16 games, the latest a 74-66 victory over a much taller and deeper Kansas.

"We do have some talent on ting out last season. Michigan is team," said Iowa State coach "If we execute and play a cer- Auburn. this team," said Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy, who uses a seven-player rotation. "Looking at the schedule, we anticipated having success, but in all honesty, not where we are now. It's a tribute to our guys and their hard work."

season. That Iowa State team, this team. All we talk about is which was coached by Tim Floyd and featured Kelvin Cato, Dedric Willoughby and Kenny Pratt, was ranked all season and climbed as high as fourth.

Eustachy has no one like the 6foot-11 Cato in the middle. But he does have 6-8 Marcus Fizer, whose Karl Malone-like body and fierce determination make him a force inside.

Last season, when Iowa State struggled to a 15-15 record, it was Fizer or nothing. This sea-son, transfers Jamaal Tinsley and Kantrail Horton have improved the guard play and 6-9 Paul Shirley has played well after sit-

tain way, we have

getting better daily and weekly and what we have ahead of us."

Cincinnati (20-1) is No. 1 for the fourth straight week and the ninth overall this season. The Bearcats, who handed Iowa State one of its losses, got 65 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel. Stanford (17-1) was No. 1 on

three ballots and was second with 1,663 points, 74 more than Duke (16-1). Syracuse, the last unbeaten team in Division I, had the other two first-place votes.

Ohio State moved up three places to fifth, and was followed Tennessee, Connecticut, Michigan State, Arizona and

Indiana led the Second Ten.

Dallas holds off Oilers once again

DALLAS (AP) - Edmonton record.

played Dallas close once again. And once again, the Oilers fell just short.

Guy Carbonneau scored the game-winner with 6:44 left, as the Stars beat the Oilers 2-1 Monday night. Dallas, which swept a first-

round playoff series against Edmonton last year, finished with a 3-0-1 record against the Oilers this season.

All seven Oilers losses were by one goal. "To be on the short end of

that many one-goal games, it's

not much separates the two

but we weren't able to capital-

ize," he said. "I hope we get a

The defending Stanley Cup

They've scored only 122

goals, nine more than they've

allowed, but have a 27-19-5

champion Stars are doing just

shot at them in the playoffs."

'We had them on their heels,

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teams

enough to win.

With three of their top players out with injuries - defenseman Derian Hatcher and forwards Joe Nieuwendyk and Jere Lehtinen — the Stars got a key goal from an unlikely source

Carbonneau, Dallas' 39-yearold checking center and faceoff specialist, broke to the net and converted a pass from Brett

Hull for the winning score. Hull got the puck at the left Hull got the puck at the left man advantage for a 1-0 lead point as Carbonneau skated when Mike Modano swept in a past speedy Todd Marchant rebound at 5:35 of the first peri-

Carbonneau said. "They tend to forget how good he can pass the puck."

Dallas also got a 20-save performance from goalie Ed Belfour to remain unbeaten (6-0-2) in eight regular-season meetings against Edmonton. The Stars have lost just three times in 28 games (22-3-3) against the Oilers, who are 1-12-1 in Dallas since 1993.

Dallas capitalized on a twoand drove hard through the od for his 20th goal, also assisted by Hull. Edmonton tied it 1-1 with 3.1 seconds left in the period on Bill Guerin's power-play goal, a one-timer from the left circle for his 15th goal of the season. The Stars, who have won five of seven games, remained two points behind Pacific Divisionleading Phoenix, 5-3 winners over the Western Conferenceleading Detroit Red Wings on Monday.

lowa State's entry was part of continued change at the bottom of the poll, which had Cincinnati, Stanford, Duke and Syracuse in the top four spots for the second straight week. LSU and Oregon were the other newcomers, the third straight week that at least three teams moved in.

This is the first time Iowa State has been ranked since it was 18th in the final poll of the 1996-97

beat a lot of people," Eustachy said.

As for being ranked, Eustachy took the news with a shrug. He was more worried about lowa State's final nine conference games, five on the road.

"For me, it really doesn't mean anything," he said. "It's awfully premature. It's all about how you finish, and the games we have ahead of us are incredible. We'll be underdogs in a lot of them

"I'm sure for the players it means something to them. It's a lot of hard work and that's nice. The biggest thing is, can you stay in? I never mention the polls to

The Hoosiers were followed by Oklahoma State, Florida, Kentucky, Kansas, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Utah and Iowa State. LSU, Oregon, Temple, Vanderbilt and Maryland held the final five spots.

LSU (16-3) returned after a two-week absence following wins over Arkansas and Arizona, the latter an impressive 86-60 victory that was the Wildcats' worst loss in coach Lute Olson's 17 seasons

Oregon (15-3) is in the Top 25 for the first time since Jan. 13, 1997, following wins over Southern California and UCLA.

Oklahoma outscored Texas 11-0

The closest Texas got after that

was 10 points, on two free throws

by Muoneke to open the second

"They just played harder," Mihm said. "They played harder

made a difference for them in Austin," he said. "People talk about how it's tough to win on the

road, and we were a great home

The loss was the Longhorns'

team tonight."

tough," Oilers captain Doug slot. Weight said. "We played a Ca

Carbonneau got his stick great game, but it's a repeat down as the puck arrived to beat Oilers goalie Tommy Salo for his sixth goal of the season. **Oilers coach Kevin Lowe said**

"He (Hull) saw me at the blue line," Carbonneau said. "When I hit the red line, I knew what was going to happen and I had to beat Marchant. You see the play in your mind and it was a perfect pass."

Hull is primarily known as a scorer, with 603 career goals. But the right wing also has 480 career assists.

"A lot of people see Brett Hull as a scorer and a shooter,"

"Tonight had a playoff level of intensity to it," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "It was a whale of a hockey game."

EASTERN CONFERENCE

No. 18 Oklahoma routs Texas 83-59 nearly 7 1/2 minutes without

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -Oklahoma's game plan for Texas was as effective as it was simple ---force the action on offense and bother the heck out of Chris Mihm and Gabe Muoneke on defense.

The 18th-ranked Sooners harassed No. 16 Texas into 34 percent shooting, which in turn led to several transition baskets at the other end and an 83-59 victory Monday night.

The 7-foot Mihm finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds, but Muoneke was a non factor after getting two fouls in the first two minutes. He scored just six points, eight below his average and 24 fewer than he had in a 79-66 victory over Oklahoma on Jan. 15.

Meanwhile the Sooners shot 53 percent, their best performance in 12 games.

We thought if we could get the floor broken a little bit and attack them, that we could score baskets in transition," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "When you get easy baskets, it opens up a lot of other things."

J.R. Raymond scored 25 points for the Sooners (17-3, 5-2 Big 12), and Eduardo Najera had 18 points and 16 rebounds.

"You look at the stat sheet, their top two players played for them, got it done for them," Texas coach **Rick Barnes said.**

They got some help. Victor Avila came off the bench to score 13 points. Nolan Johnson had 10 points and six rebounds, and Kelley Newton scored nine points with six boards.

When we attack and run our stuff and we're aggressive and we do the little things right, then we can play," Sampson said. "This

was a total team effort." The Longhorns (14-6, 6-2) had scoring midway through the first shot 57 percent in their previous half. victory over Oklahoma, but that featured a 12-of-14 performance by during that stretch to take a 27-17 Muoneke. He got whistled for a lead. Texas got within 29-25 with 2:45 remaining, but Najera fueled an 11-3 spurt the rest of the way, technical in the second minute of the game and never got untracked. scoring six points and making a steal as Oklahoma took a 40-28

The technical came as Muoneke headed back down the floor after making a basket. He said he was talking to himself to pump himself

"I don't know how to play when you're afraid to touch someone for

fear of getting a foul. I just can't play that way," he said. With Muoneke struggling, Texas had to rely on Mihm, who was swarmed by defenders just about every time he touched the ball. As tonight and we got our butts kicked. Sampson gave some of the cred-it to the crowd of 12,053, 12th largest in school history. a result, he was just 7-of-17 from "Our fans tonight made a big difference, just like their fans the field.

"I thought that our big guys really battled them inside," Sampson said. "I thought we were really physical and really competed with them at the defensive end."

The Longhorns survived from the perimeter early, but didn't hit worst since a 30-point defeat from inside or outside while going against Kansas two years ago.

McLEAN - McLean downed Lefors 60-25 in District 9-1A bas-

Mclean wins district games

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half.

ketball action last weekend. Chris Hauck sparked the Tigers in scoring with 16 points. Teammate Brett Montgomery

chipped in 12 points. Michael Steele and Andrew Johnson had 7 points each to lead Lefors.

McLean improved to 9-9 for the season and 4-2 in district. The Pirates are 1-5 in district.

McLean defeated Lefors 45-28 in the girls game. Amanda Cline had 16 points

and Lacy Steel 9 to lead McLean scorers.

Melody Sealy had 13 points for Lefors. Kandid Ray was second in scoring with 6.

The Tigerettes are 8-12 overall and 2-4 in district. Lefors is 0-6 in district.

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