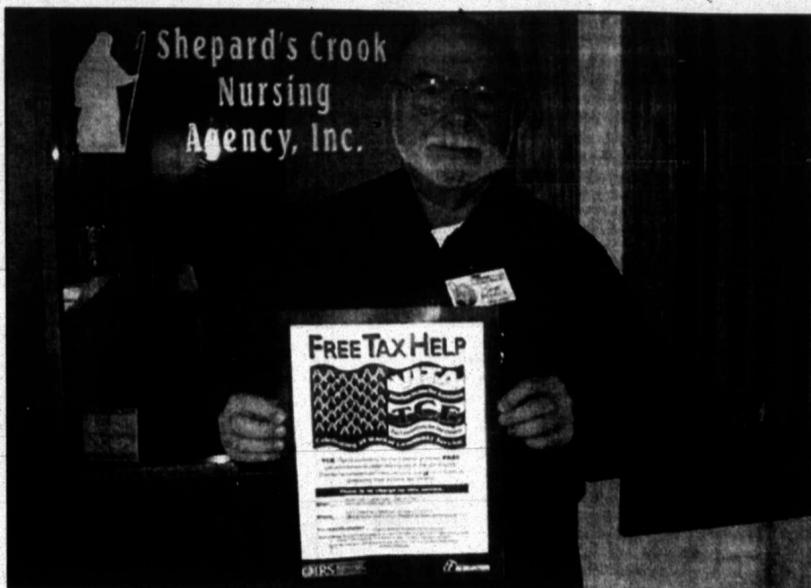


Pride of Pampa Band



(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.

IRS volunteers



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

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

McLEAN-ALANREED AREA MUSEUM

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

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 information, visit www.doeal.gov/NWPP/NWP/Pdefault.htm.

MARDI GRAS DANCE AND CASINO

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Dance and Mardi Gras Casino

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

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 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.

TDA names Carson County ranch to Land Heritage Program

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 Aloysius, 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.

A&M recognizes PET Research Team

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.

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

The group, all based in the Amarillo area, was recognized with the Research Team Excellence Award. Work by the team has also been recognized by the Texas Natural Resources

Conservation Commission 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 agencies 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.

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 regular-season 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.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas then and now

Since the turn of the last century, population trends and demographics have changed drastically in Texas.

Texans' median age	1900	1998*
Males	19.3 years	31.8 years
Females	18.2 years	34.0 years



Texas population by sex	1900	1998*
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

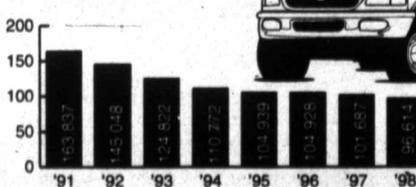
SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and U.S. Census Bureau.

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)



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Public Safety, Motor Vehicle Theft Service.

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THIRTY SECONDS OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE...

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

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 control 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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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 a 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, followed his efforts, his failures, his funny faces...

I was told I wasn't putting a positive face on Pampa in my columns. That is, I wasn't wearing 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.

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, February 2, the 33rd day of 2000. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On February 2, 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

On this date: In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1882, Irish novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1945, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill left for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

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In 1980, reports surfaced that the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename

protested by Arab-Americans. In 1996, dancer, actor and choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif. home; he was 83.

Ten years ago: In a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

Five years ago: President Clinton nominated Henry Foster Jr. to succeed fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders; however, Foster's nomination was later defeated in the Senate. The leaders of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians held an unprecedented summit in Cairo to try to revive the Mideast peace process.

One year ago: A federal jury in Portland, Oregon, ordered abor-

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-guitarist 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 Talbot 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-Mo (Goodie Mob) is 28.

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At the same time Americans have been laid

Keith Anderson
 Staff writer

Pampa is better positioned than any other small Panhandle town for survival. 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 concerned about selling Pampa are missing the mark. Leave the columnists alone. Work on 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

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Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

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 the 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 and imports. Immigration. Taxes. 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 given up looking for a job, the government doesn't even count you as unemployed.

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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 suggestions.

In fact, I've heard many good suggestions from many forward thinking Pampans. Cow-milking operations and old folk 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.

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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 Harris' workforce, company officials said.

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

About 20 other deleted positions were in medical 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 lambeosaurus 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.

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 bay.

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"If I didn't get paid anything, I'd still like my job," Tim Hutto, CLU, said, "Helping people is what it's all about."

Tim Hutto is a chartered life underwriter for New York Life.

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

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Tim Hutto is a chartered life underwriter for New York Life.

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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 disease that could have been treated if an 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.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

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 problem. First, we educate communities about the diseases and lifestyles that cause people to need transplants 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 transplant 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

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, cholesterol and glucose (for diabetes) screenings, and distribute prevention information to encourage people to take better care of themselves.

Second, we show the community that they can be a part of the solution 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

donors. 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 discussions and become donors. There are more than 65,000 men, women and children on the national transplant waiting list. Almost half of them 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 live 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.

Tonight: Don't make it a big deal. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** 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 surround 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.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2, 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)
***** 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 play a big role in a decision. Take charge and run with the ball. Others cheer you on. Tonight: Accept your laurels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You get what you want. Your level, steady approach brings rewards; you finally get a key relationship moving. Understanding flows between you and a loved one. Allow your gentleness 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 emotionally sensitive. Let go, and trust a key 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 associates. You know what you want and are willing to work hard to get it. Trust your judgment. Know what is needed in order to make a situation successful. Work with groups. Network. Tonight:

Socializing the night away.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Pace yourself; be efficient; get work done. Your ability to understand others comes to the forefront. You can convey a message more clearly than anyone else can. Others respond to your leadership, mainly because you are so willing to work hard. Tonight: Do something nice for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Creativity sometimes might be difficult to call upon today. Although others express their willingness to work with your ideas, you could perceive them as blocked as well. Be less judgmental and more fluid. Work as a team. Flex your mental muscles. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Those around you wish you only the best. Think about what is going on before you make a decision. A partner cares about the family's well-being and 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 can to pave your way. You also find the right words to ask for what you want. 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 well-being. Be careful about how much you agree to take on. Choose to be conservative. You ultimately gain. You could feel overworked, but look to the long term. Renew by getting some exercise at lunch.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Comic Kaplan
- 5 Wave peak
- 10 Breathing
- 12 Western spread
- 13 Dollars
- 15 Museum stuff
- 16 Actor Ayres
- 17 First numero
- 18 Hot
- 20 Silly song
- 21 Reject
- 22 Church offshoot
- 23 Russian denials
- 25 For men only
- 28 Counter-felts
- 31 Smidgens
- 32 Kenyan's neighbor
- 34 In the style of
- 35 Sparkler
- 37 Redford/Winger movie
- 40 Cutlery piece
- 41 Colander's kin
- 42 Boutique
- 43 Dele undoer

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REMAKES	ADS
PREDICT	DEE
ACT	GENT
CRANK	GUSTS
LABS	CEL
ELI	HOLDUPS
ALL	ARSENIC
TIED	IN
SIN	INE
SENATE	ATEN
DEBIT	CEDE

Yesterday's answer

- 19 Breathing apparatus
- 7 Bear
- 8 Like vistas
- 9 Vampire's target
- 11 Queen of mysteries
- 14 Oak Ridge setting
- 24 "Under Milk Wood" poet
- 25 Celery servings
- 26 Natural gift
- 27 Slow passage
- 29 Croquet need
- 30 Jacket part
- 33 Mini-map
- 35 Merriment
- 38 Eur. neighbor
- 39 USO attendees

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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.

BASKETBALL

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.

Harper, the Dallas 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. I also experienced some of the greatest coaches."

Harper's goal is to become a 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 Terdemia Ussery and owner-in-waiting Mark 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.

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



(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

LUBBOCK — Competing in the first Class 4A District swim meet ever held, the Pampa boys and girls teams came away with 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.

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.

The top six in each district event qualifies for the regional meet Feb. 11-12 in Lubbock. This was the first year for 4A swimmers to compete as one class in the district meet. In the past, 4A and 5A classes were combined to form one district.

District 4A Swim Meet at Ragus Aquatic Center

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.

200 freestyle relay: First place (Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, Desiree Vigil and Tamra Henthorn).

400 freestyle relay: First 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.

Brian Huddleston: 200 freestyle, second place; 100 backstroke, third place.

Jonathon Kilhoffer: 200 IM, third place; 100 breaststroke, fourth place.

Kody Kirkland: 50 freestyle, fourth place; 100 backstroke, second place.

Ryan Milligan: 50 freestyle, second place; 100 breaststroke, first place.

Doug Warren: 200 IM, second place; 100 backstroke, first place.

Ben Whitten: 100 freestyle, third place; 100 breaststroke, second place.

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

200 medley relay: First place (Doug Warren, Ryan Milligan, Michael Eskridge and Charlie Graves).

400 freestyle relay: First place (Matt Withers, Willie Griffin, Ben Whitten and Clay David).

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 Berger and Dumas for the third-place 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

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech wants to trade its Sept. 2 college football season opener at Auburn for a seventh home game, but doesn't want to pay the fee for a breach of contract, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Tuesday.

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

If either team decides to back out they owe the other \$650,000. If both teams agree not to play, the contract can be rescinded without penalty.

"As far as it will happen or not, I wouldn't want to say definitely one way or the other ... It would have to be a mutual thing with Auburn," Tech athletics director Gerald Myers told the newspaper. "We definitely would 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 all-new staff of assistant coaches. Dropping Auburn, their first 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.

Class 4A UIL alignment

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, from the University Interscholastic League, is the tentative UIL Class 4A district alignments for football and basketball.

CLASS 4A Region 1

District 1 — El Paso Bowie; El Paso Burges; El Paso Parkland; El Paso Riverside; El Paso Ysleta; El Paso.

District 2 — Canutillo; Clint Mountain View; Clint Fabens; Pecos; San Elizario.

District 3 — Amarillo Caprock; Amarillo Palo Duro; Borger; Canyon Randall; Canyon; Dumas; Hereford; Pampa.

District 4 — Andrews; Big Spring; Levelland; Lubbock Estacado; Plainview; San Angelo

Lake View; Snyder; Wolforth Frenship.

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; Ft. Worth Southwest; Ft. Worth Trimble Tech; Ft. Worth West Hills; Ft. Worth Wyatt; Ft. Worth South Hills.

District 8 — Brownwood; Burleson; Cleburne; Crowley; Granbury; Joshua; North Crowley; Stephenville.

Colleges looking at quarterbacks

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press Writer

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

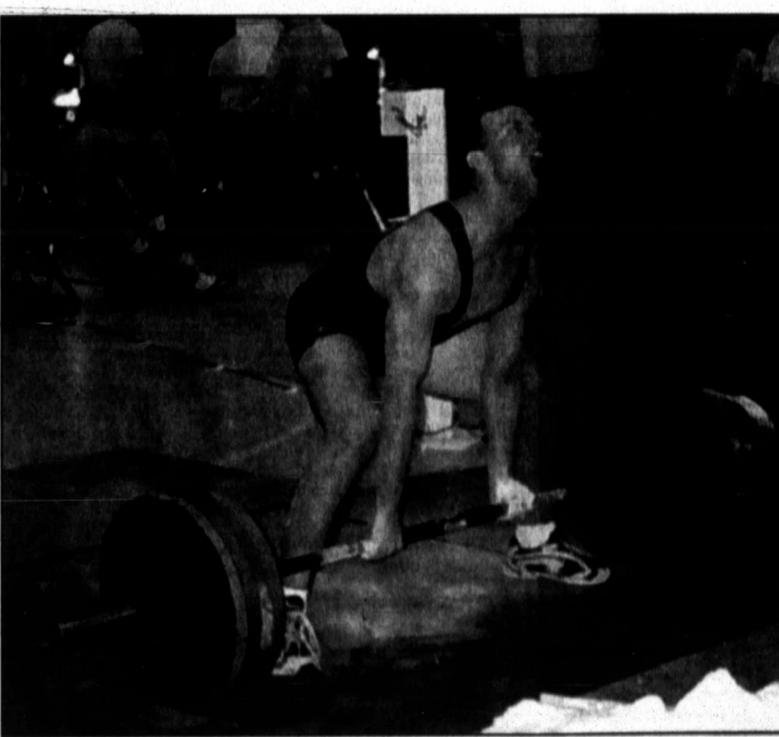
Texas has had its share of blue-chip linemen and annually has some of the best running backs in the country, but some of the state's best players from the class of 2000 are quarterbacks.

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 power lifter



(Special photo)

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

Harvester Lanes host benefit

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 appreciate 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.



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

(Pampa News photo by Lucy Plunk)

Iowa State fights way into Top 25

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Eleventh in the Big 12 Conference two years ago and ninth last season, Iowa 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 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."

Iowa 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

season. That Iowa State team, 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 6-foot-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 season, transfers Jamaal Tinsley and Kantrail Horton have improved the guard play and 6-9 Paul Shirley has played well after sitting out last season.

"If we execute and play a certain way, we have a chance to beat a lot of people," Eustachy said.

As for being ranked, Eustachy took the news with a shrug. He was more worried about Iowa 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

this team. All we talk about is 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 by Tennessee, Connecticut, Michigan State, Arizona and Auburn.

Indiana led the Second Ten. The Hoosiers were followed by Florida, Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Kansas, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Utah and Iowa State. Temple, LSU, Oregon, 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.

No. 18 Oklahoma routs Texas 83-59

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma's game plan for Texas was as effective as it was simple — force the action on offense and both 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 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 shot 57 percent in their previous victory over Oklahoma, but that featured a 12-of-14 performance by Muoneke. He got whistled for a technical in the second minute of the game and never got untracked.

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

"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 a result, he was just 7-of-17 from 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 from inside or outside while going

nearly 7 1/2 minutes without scoring midway through the first half.

Oklahoma outscored Texas 11-0 during that stretch to take a 27-17 lead. Texas got within 29-25 with 2:45 remaining, but Najera fueled an 11-3 spurt the rest of the way, scoring six points and making a steal as Oklahoma took a 40-28 lead.

The closest Texas got after that was 10 points, on two free throws by Muoneke to open the second half.

"They just played harder," Mihm said. "They played harder tonight and we got our butts kicked."

Sampson gave some of the credit to the crowd of 12,053, 12th largest in school history.

"Our fans tonight made a big difference, just like their fans 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 team tonight."

The loss was the Longhorns' worst since a 30-point defeat against Kansas two years ago.

McLean wins district games

McLEAN — McLean downed Lefors 60-25 in District 9-1A basketball 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. Kandis Ray was second in scoring with 6.

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

McLean visits Hedley tonight for more district action.

Can Rams, Titans repeat?

ATLANTA (AP) — In the wake of one of the most scintillating finishes in football history, the St. 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 trappings of being on top right up until Labor Day weekend.

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 quarterback Kurt Warner said after adding the Super Bowl MVP trophy 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 challenger for the Jags, whom

they dismissed in the AFC championship with relative ease.

"This is just the start," running back Eddie George said. "We're looking ahead and looking 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 position 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 on top is possible, with offensive

coordinator Mike Martz taking over.

"I've given it thought," Vermeil 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 trapped."

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,

Dallas holds off Oilers once again

DALLAS (AP) — Edmonton 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 tough," Oilers captain Doug Weight said. "We played a great game, but it's a repeat story."

Oilers coach Kevin Lowe said not much separates the two teams.

"We had them on their heels, but we weren't able to capitalize," he said. "I hope we get a shot at them in the playoffs."

The defending Stanley Cup champion Stars are doing just enough to win.

They've scored only 122 goals, nine more than they've allowed, but have a 27-19-5

record.

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-year-old 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 point as Carbonneau skated past speedy Todd Marchant and drove hard through the slot.

Carbonneau got his stick down as the puck arrived to beat Oilers goalie Tommy Salo for his sixth goal of the season.

"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,"

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 two-man advantage for a 1-0 lead when Mike Modano swept in a rebound at 5:35 of the first period 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 Division-leading Phoenix, 5-3 winners over the Western Conference-leading Detroit Red Wings on Monday.

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

Scoreboard

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New York	26	16	819
Philadelphia	24	20	545
Boston	20	23	465
Orlando	20	26	438
New Jersey	17	27	386
Washington	14	30	318
Central Division			
Indiana	28	18	681
Charlotte	24	18	571
Toronto	24	19	558
Milwaukee	25	20	556
Detroit	22	22	500
Cleveland	18	26	409
Atlanta	16	28	381
Chicago	6	33	195
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Utah	27	15	643
San Antonio	28	16	636
Minnesota	25	17	595
Denver	20	22	476
Dallas	17	26	395
Houston	17	28	409
Vancouver	12	31	279
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L.A. Lakers	34	19	772
Portland	33	10	767
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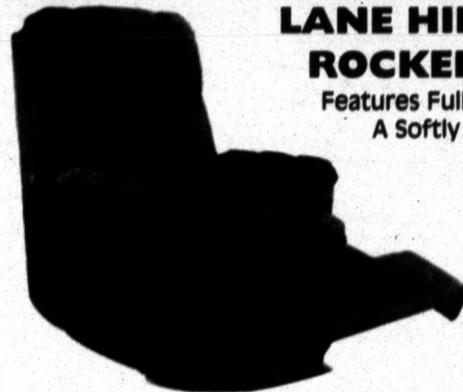
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Meredith House



(Special photos)
Meredith House tenants Avis Edwards, top, Johnnie Smith, middle, and Wesley Bruce, bottom, celebrated birthdays recently with house parties, cake, ice cream and party hats.

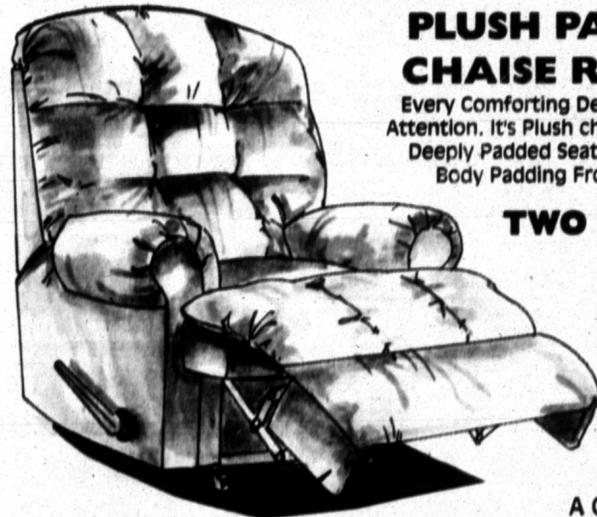
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