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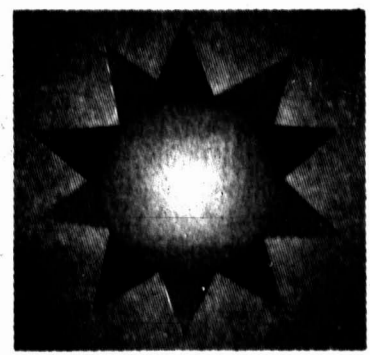


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For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — The Gray County Red Cross will have an Adult, Infant, Child CPR and First Aid class on Feb. 3 and 4th from 6-10 p.m. Call the chapter at 669-7121 to enroll.

PAMPA — Meeting for the Class of 2000 Prom will be Feb. 7 at Pampa High School, Room 301, at 7 p.m.

IRVING (AP) — At just 4 years old, Priya Purewal is already revealing a level of intelligence not commonly found in children her age.

The Valley Ranch girl reads encyclopedias for 10- to 12-year-olds, sings in the Indian languages Hindi and Punjabi and counts in Spanish.

Last month, Priya became a card-carrying member of Mensa, the organization that recognizes those imbued with genius-level IQs. Hers has been measured between 148 and 170, and she is one of only six U.S. 4-year-olds in the high-IQ society.

Now Priya is slated to appear on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, to talk about her mental wherewithal.

Her mother, Nirmal Purewal, a former software engineer who now stays home with Priya, says her daughter is constantly asking questions about everything from how doctors close incisions to the workings of the solar system.

"Sometimes we forget how young she is because of the way she talks," she said.

Priya attends Windsong Montessori School in Irving in a class with first- through fifth-graders.

She wants to be a neurosurgeon when she grows up.

- Sadie E. Christopher, 83, retired nursing home employee.
- Calvin 'Cotton' Haws, 92, retired farmer, rancher.

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Comics 4
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"It's no accident State Farm insures more cars than anyone else."
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Hoover's fire coverage area doubles

Volunteer unit replaces Pampa as first responder

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is covering twice the area today as it did yesterday.

Gray County commissioners, during a special meeting Tuesday, expanded the territory that the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will cover from about 52 square miles to more than 100 square miles of eastern Gray County.

The volunteer fire department had requested the change, said Gray County Commissioner Joe Wheeley. It will replace the Pampa Fire Department as first responder to the new area.

Hoover Fire Chief Joe Millican told commissioners that when the volunteer fire company was formed in 1989 to combat fires along the Santa Fe Railway tracks east of Pampa, they had two fire trucks and 10 men. In 1992, they purchased another truck. Today, the volunteer fire company has 26 firefighters and nine trucks, including an emergency rescue truck that carries an hydraulic jack known as the jaws of life.

Millican said among the 26 firefighters is one paramedic, four emergency medical technicians and 12 qualified first responders.

The Hoover fire chief said they have a continuing training program and have had their firefighters trained in vehicle rescues and agricultural rescues.

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The added area is a strip of land between U.S. 60 and Texas Highway 152 that is about 13 miles long and about four

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miles wide. "We feel like we can handle this area," Millican said.

County Judge Richard Peet noted that the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department has the largest number of people of any volunteer fire department in the county and the largest number of fire trucks, and they cover the smallest area. The additional territory brings them more in line with areas covered by other county volunteer fire departments.

"We're willing to work with Hoover,"

said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell told the commissioners. "We've done it for many, many years."

Earlier this week, Wheeley said it is hoped by increasing coverage by volunteer departments the county can reduce what it pays to the City of Pampa for fire service. He said further expansion in the county of volunteer firefighting units as first responders is probable.

In other business, the commissioners accepted a bid of \$750 submitted by Lance (See HOOVER, Page 2)

Time to enter Images contest Wanted: Your photos

It's that time again. Time for the popular photo contest — Images. And time's a-wastin' ... the deadline for entries is Feb. 18. Images is a special section that will appear in the March issue of Pride — the single largest section *The Pampa News* publishes each year.

Last year's contest was lots of fun for entrants, staff members and readers ... but without your contributions it can't be a success.

So, all you shutterbugs, here's what you need to do. Prepare an entry for one or more categories and mail or bring them to *The Pampa News* office. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79065.

- The categories are:
- **Family and Friends** ... at work or play
 - **Critters** ... pets or wild ones
 - **The Countryside** ... landscapes, buildings and scenery without people.

"Our staff is really excited about the contest," said editor Kate B. Dickson. "Every time a picture comes in we look at it. Last year was the first time we did Images and it was great fun."

Every effort will be made to return photos that are submitted with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. However, entrants are cautioned not to send the only copy of a cherished photo in the event the picture does get lost. Photos may also be picked up at the news office after the contest.

On the back of each photo or on a sheet of paper attached to it, write your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of whom and what is pictured.

Drug case guilty plea

A Pampa man begins his sentence today after pleading guilty to drug charges in connection with a traffic stop in 1998.

William Marc Ginn, 48, 418 N. Frost, pleaded guilty in 223rd District Court Tuesday afternoon to charges of possession of a controlled substance.

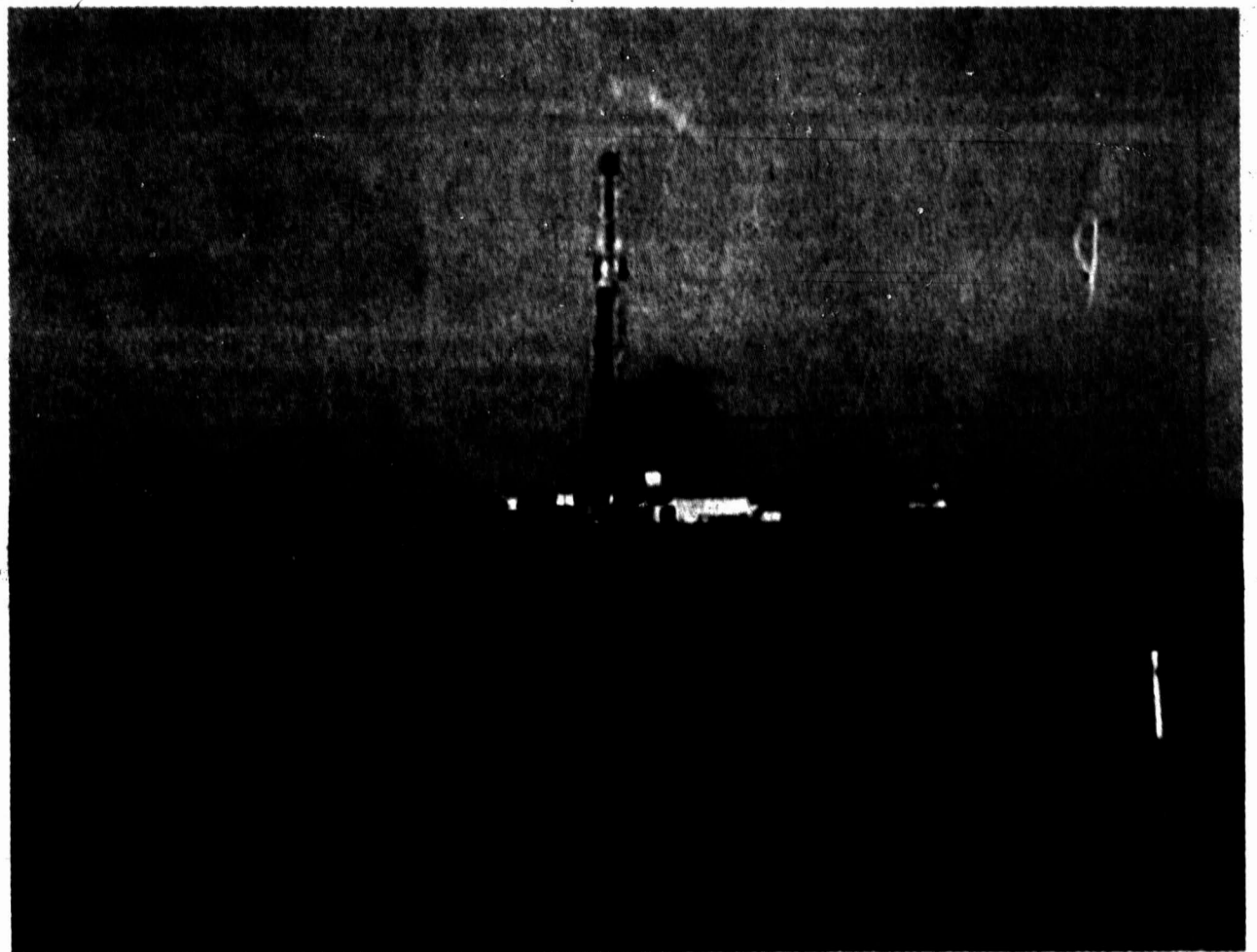
Judge Lee Waters sentenced Ginn to one-year probation, suspended his driver's license for 180 days and fined him \$2,500.

Police said Ginn was stopped shortly after 1 a.m., Dec. 29, 1998, in the 600 block of North Wells for driving with an expired license plate.

After receiving permission to search the 1988 Ford Crown Victoria, police reported they found two syringes and a plastic bag of white powder under the front seat.

A second man, Jere David Hinks, 35, 1717 Chestnut, was a passenger in the car that night, authorities said. Hinks was arrested on outstanding warrants, police said.

District Attorney John Mann said the Hinks case is still pending.



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Things are looking up for Gray County — new drilling rigs are popping up for the first time in years. The photo was taken from FM 1474 just past Cabin Creek in Southeastern Gray County.

Forest Service survey set

Forest Service and contract employees wearing bright orange vests near "Voluntary Recreation Use Survey Ahead" signs may be seen working developed recreation sites on Black Kettle and McClellan National Grasslands — including Lake Marvin and Lake McClellan — Forest Service officials have announced.

Like postmen, these survey-takers may be seen out in all kinds of adverse weather conditions. They may flag people down to talk to them.

The Forest Service lacks good information about visitors to federal lands. Some information, useful for forest planning and even local community tourism planning, includes how many people actually recreate on federal lands and what activities they engage in while there. Other important information forest and tourism planners need includes how satisfied people are with their visit and how

much money they spend during their visit.

The visitor study will be culling basic information. All responses will be kept totally confidential; in fact, no names will be written anywhere on the survey form. The basic interview will last about six minutes. Every other visitor will be asked a few additional questions which may take an additional five minutes.

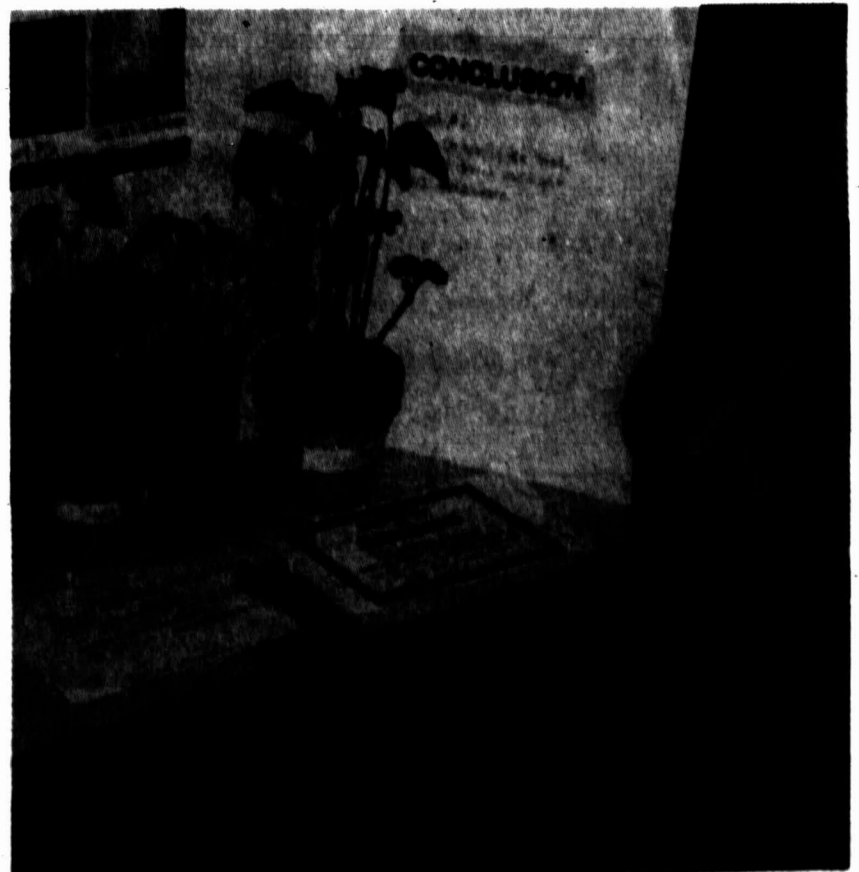
- Some questions visitors will be asked include:
- where the visitor recreated on the forest or grassland;
 - how many people accompanied the visitor;
 - how long the visitor spent at the forest or grassland;
 - what other recreation sites were visited;
 - how satisfied the visitor found the facilities and services provided at the forest or grassland.

(See FOREST, Page 2)

Science Fair!

Fungus among us, oh my! Sixth-grader Jackie Gerber's fungus project (left) was one of several fungus making projects at the Pampa Middle School Science Fair Monday night. Gerber is a student in Barbara Kerbo's 6th grade science class. At left, sixth-grader Heather Nichole Holt shows off her bean plant project at the Pampa Middle School Science Fair Monday night. Holt is a student in Paulette Noble's sixth grade science class.

(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)



Daily Record

Obituaries

SADIE E. CHRISTOPHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Sadie E. Christopher, 83, died Aug. 23, 1999. She was buried in Atwater Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Cassaday-Turkile-Christian Funeral Home of Alliance.

Mrs. Christopher was born July 18, 1916, at Scooba, Miss., to Webb and Lucy Parnell Clarke. She graduated from Scooba High School and attended nurses training at Meridian, Miss. She married Chester C. Christopher on July 18, 1939.

She had been an Alliance resident most of her life and attended First Christian Church. Prior to retiring, she worked at Joseph Nist and Molly Stark nursing homes.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Louise Hallford.

Survivors include her husband, Chester; a daughter, Louise Tanner of Diamond, Ohio; four sisters, Oleta McKecher and Webby Hull, both of Dekalb, Miss., Virgene Dial of Livingston, Ala., and Janelle Hutchison of Emelle, Ala.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, 1645 W. 8th, Erie, PA 16505.

CALVIN 'COTTON' HAWS

SHAMROCK — Calvin "Cotton" Haws, 92, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Z.A. Myers of McLean and the Rev. Jerad Middaugh officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Haws was born Feb. 12, 1907, in Grayson County, Texas, to Clyde and Laverna Troxell Haws. He had been a Wheeler County resident since 1924. He married Eloise Pike on Oct. 31, 1925. He farmed and ranched prior to retiring and was an avid gardener.

He was preceded in death by a son, Calvin Loyd Haws; a daughter, Vickie Trainer; and a great-granddaughter, Vanessa Berger.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Eloise, of Shamrock; seven children, Velda Young of Port Orchard, Wash., Pearl Coates of Greeley, Colo., Lawrence Haws of Fort Morgan, Colo., Verdell Haws of Sumner, Lavone Disney of Golden, Colo., Dexter Haws of Groom and Sharon Trainer of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to a favorite charity.

Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa | |
| Wheat | 2.11 |
| Milo | 2.98 |
| Corn | 4.43 |
| Soybeans | 4.20 |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation | |
| Occidental | 19.15/16 up 1/8 |
| Fidelity Magell | 11.78 |
| Puritan | 18.69 |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa | |
| Amoco | 53 7/16 dn 1 1/16 |
| Arco | 73 3/4 dn 1/2 |
| Cabot | 23 7/8 up 1/8 |
| Cabot O&G | 15 1/8 dn 3/16 |
| Chevron | 83 1/2 up 15/16 |
| Coca-Cola | 56 15/16 dn 1 3/16 |
| Columbia/HCA | 28 1/8 dn 1/8 |
| Enron | 45 up 1/2 |
| Halliburton | 37 up 5/8 |
| IRI | 5 NC |
| KMI | 26 7/16 NC |
| Kerr McGee | 55 3/8 dn 1/2 |
| Limited | 32 1/8 up 1 |
| McDonald's | 36 1/16 dn 9/16 |
| Pioneer Nat | 9 1/8 up 1/2 |
| Exxon Mobil | 84 11/16 up 1/16 |
| New Atmos | 17 3/4 NC |
| NCE | 29 1/2 dn 1/16 |
| Penney's | 18 11/16 dn 1/8 |
| Phillips | 41 up 5/16 |
| Pioneer Nat | 9 1/8 up 1/16 |
| SLB | 64 3/16 up 1/4 |
| Tenneco | 9 3/4 dn 1/8 |
| Texaco | 53 3/16 up 13/16 |
| Ultramar | 22 9/16 up 3/8 |
| Wal-Mart | 58 1/8 dn 9/16 |
| Williams | 38 1/16 up 1/16 |
| New York Gold | 282.63 |
| Silver | 5.20 |
| West Texas Crude | 28.33 |

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

8:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart at Harvester and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

5:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

8:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

2:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

Carson County Sheriff

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the week of Jan. 24-30. The jail reports 12 persons currently incarcerated and 9 additional persons in other jurisdictions.

Ward Wood, 29, was arrested on DPS traffic warrants.

Jeffrey Eakins, 31, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Caroline Tedder, 20, was arrested on other agency warrants.

Gene Lapel, 40, was arrested on other agency warrants.

Verl Whittenberg, 55, was arrested on the

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 31

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Wells where \$950 in damages was done to a Ford Crown Victoria when a right rear door was damaged and the window broken out.

Theft of services was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Information was taken regarding a harassment incident in the 1000 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct/indecent exposure was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Leonard Jay Kane, 29, 529 N. Wells was charged on warrants with no insurance and failure to display a valid driver's license.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Feb. 1

Harry Lee Lambright, 51, White Deer, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Jeffrey Frank Allen, 35, Wichita Falls, was arrested on warrants for criminal non-support, failure to appear/three times. He was also charged with no seat belt and no driver's license.

Clyde Brown, 59, McLean, arrested by the DPS for driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department submitted the following accident reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 31

No citations were issued in a three-car collision in the 1400 block of North Duncan when two southbound vehicles, a 1994 Oldsmobile driven by Lawrence Lee Henderson, 16, 1020 Neel Road, and a 1994 GMC pickup driven by Taylor Dane Harris, 16, 2555 Aspen, were damaged when a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jared Weston Spearman, 16, 2613 Dogwood, backed from a private drive causing Henderson to turn his vehicle into Harris'. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Fred Dominey Sr., 58, 833 E. Craven, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when he backed a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from a driveway on North Hobart near Somerville and collided with a 1990 Geo Prizm driven by Carolyn Hoover Gage, 42, 519 Warren. No injuries were reported.

Robin Louise Manzaneros, 38, 700 Lowry, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when the 1995 Oldsmobile Achieve she was driving collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart with a 1986 Isuzu Pup driven by Darrell Lee Brown, 60, 520 Yeager. Brown was cited for not having insurance. A passenger in the Brown vehicle suffered a possible injury.

No citations were issued when a 1993 Buick Roadmaster driven by Martha Carlile Green, 72, collided at Harvester and Bradley with a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Gerald Wayne Parrish, 71, 1408 E. Browning. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Feb. 2

3 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to an auto accident at Harvester and Duncan but were called back before arrival.

9:23 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 1601 W. Somerville, Apt. 204.

Emergency numbers

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| Ambulance | 911 |
| Crime Stoppers | 669-2222 |
| Energas | 665-5777 |
| Fire | 911 |
| Police (emergency) | 911 |
| Police (non-emergency) | 669-5700 |
| SPS | 1-800-750-2520 |
| Water | 669-5830 |

charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.

Adam Heck, 19, was arrested on the charge of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Robert Pool, 78, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated first offense.

Robert Gilmore, 25, was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended, and on other agency warrants.

Rex Aduddell, 59, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Jose Garcia, 31, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated third offense.

Marchupa Dickson, 22, was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended.

Prisoner writes admitting to 30-year-old killing

DALLAS (AP) — A prison inmate said his religious conversion led him to write letters to authorities and a newspaper in which he admitted gunning down the owner of a gas station 30 years earlier.

Robert Jimmy Young, 59, wrote to Dallas police and The Dallas Morning News, confessing that he shot 67-year-old Roosevelt Boston to death on Sept. 6, 1969.

A detective said he has since prepared an arrest

warrant on a murder charge for Young, who is being held in a state prison unit in Amarillo for another Dallas slaying. The new charge had not been filed by late Tuesday, according to The News.

"We never would have solved this if he hadn't come forward," said homicide Detective Dan Trippel.

In his letter to The News, dated Jan. 13, Young said he was writing "in the Name of Jesus to testify against myself to the glory of God."

Officials to decide Friday whether to appeal AG's open-records ruling

DENTON, Texas (AP) - County commissioners are expected to decide on Friday if they will challenge a recent attorney general's opinion that gives the public access to the Denton County judge's official mail.

In the opinion issued last week, county officials were told they are required by state law to allow the Denton Record-Chronicle, or anyone from the public, to regularly review the county judge's official mail.

"This letter ruling creates a wonderful precedent for reporters and for members of the public trying to obtain official records," said Christina Bartholomew, an attorney for the A.H. Belo Corp., owner of the Record-Chronicle.

The newspaper first asked in June to review County Judge Kirk Watson's mail on a daily basis. At first, the judge granted the request, but later denied daily access and asked the attorney general to rule on the matter, the Denton Record-Chronicle reported.

The attorney general's ruling gives the county 10 calendar days to either release the information, specifying a date, time and place the documents will be available, or file a lawsuit challenging the ruling.

Commissioners will decide Friday whether to appeal or challenge the ruling, the Denton Record-Chronicle reported.

"I have no way of knowing which way they will go at this point in time," said Tom Keever, a Denton County assistant district attorney.

In requesting the attorney general's opinion, the newspaper argued that a county judge's incoming or outgoing correspondence is part of the public record and should be available to the public for regular inspection.

The county argued that the county judge was not subject to the open records act and also said the request was too broad.

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HOOVER

A. Swan on a 1976 GMC pickup in Precinct 2.

The commission also accepted bids on property with delinquent taxes. Of the four to be considered, 517 N. Christy and 519 N. Christy were withdrawn. The commission accepted \$200 for 920 E. Jordan and \$50 for 710 S. Somerville.

In reaction to a citizen's request to take 401 Yeager off the demolition list, the county commission deferred action to allow the City of Pampa to take the lead. If the city does not act by the next Gray County Commission meeting, Feb. 15, the

commission will address the problem.

Commissioners voted to accept an election services contract with the state. It is a standardized contract offered all counties in the state, Peet said.

The commission, which must annually set the amount of money paid to jurors in justice of the peace courts, county courts and district courts, set the reimbursement fee at \$6 for showing up for jury duty and \$15 for serving for all three court systems.

Peet also noted that the county had received a Gold Award certificate from the United Way and a thank you letter from High Plains Food Bank for the \$800 the county donates annually to the group.

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FOREST

Twenty-five percent of visitors will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip. Information collected in this national study will be used in local forest planning, state-level planning and even by Congress. The more they know about the visitors, especially

their satisfaction and desires, the better managers can provide for the public's needs.

The survey is entirely voluntary and any responses will be much appreciated by the Forest Service. For more information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/recuse/recuse.shtml> or contact Jimmy Dickerson at Black Kettle National Grassland, (580) 497-2143.

Names in the news ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Marie Presley, whose marriage to pop superstar Michael Jackson ended in divorce, will give married life another try.

The daughter of Elvis Presley is engaged to rock singer John Oszejka, her spokesman, Paul Bloch, said Tuesday. The couple met last May and became engaged just before Christmas.

A wedding date has not been set. In an old-fashioned turn, Oszejka went to Presley's mother, Priscilla Presley, and asked "for her daughter's hand in marriage." Bloch said. After receiving her approval, Oszejka formally proposed with an engagement ring.

Presley, 32, was married to Jackson for two years before they divorced in 1996.

Oszejka, 25, plans to release his first album, "From There to Here," this year. Presley also is in the studio recording her first album, also due out this year, Bloch said.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rock 'n' roll singer Jerry Lee Lewis was hospitalized after having an allergic reaction to a drug he was given after cutting his finger, said his father-in-law.

Lewis cut his finger with a knife Tuesday, afternoon at his home in Nesbitt, Miss., said Bob McCarver, father of Lewis' wife Kerrie Lewis.

He was taken to an unidentified Memphis hospital, where he had the reaction after getting shots to kill his pain and treat any infection. He was then taken to Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis, where officials refused to release information on his condition.

Lewis, 64, is known for such hits as "Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On" and "Great Balls of Fire."

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — British supermodel Naomi Campbell is walking away from the catwalks in New York and London.

"I find it really stressful," Campbell, 29, said today in Sydney, where she launched her signature perfume.

"Doing 16 shows and then hav-

ing to do fittings and dress rehearsals," she said. "I'm not saying poor me, I just find it very stressful and I want to chill out a bit more, so maybe it's about doing less."

She said she is undecided on whether to continue strutting the runways of Milan. She said she held back from the couture shows in Paris recently and was reassessing her workload.

"I'm not quite sure if I'm going to continue doing the shows all over the world, I think I'll just pick one out of each country," she said. "I'm definitely not doing New York and definitely not doing London (but) Milan — I'll wait to see what happens."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Lawyer F. Lee Bailey, being investigated by the state bar for alleged ethics violations, is asking the Florida Supreme Court to exclude testimony from former colleague Robert Shapiro.

Bailey on Monday asked the state's highest court to prohibit the Florida Bar from introducing a transcript of Shapiro's testimony from Bailey's 1996 contempt trial.

Bailey was sent to jail for 43 days for failing to turn over a client's assets to the government. The ethics violations stem from the alleged mishandling of money that belonged to millionaire drug smuggler Claude Duboc, whom Bailey and Shapiro represented in 1994. Bailey allegedly used money from selling stock that belonged to Duboc for his own purposes.

The ethics complaint is scheduled to be heard in Fort Myers

later this year. The Florida Bar plans to file a response to Bailey's motion within a week, said David Ristoff, a bar attorney.

LONDON (AP) — A passport used by James Bond's creator for a real-life spying mission during World War II will be sold at auction later this month.

Author Ian Fleming used the passport to travel to Gibraltar during the war to carry out a mission for the Naval Intelligence division of Britain's secret service.

The aim of the mission, Operation Goldeneye, was to conduct limited sabotage and to monitor the movements of Spain in the event that it joined the war on the side of Germany, Sotheby's said Tuesday.

Fleming's passport was stamped on Feb. 16, 1941, as "valid for a journey to Gibraltar and return to Madrid" and on Feb. 26, 1941, "for a journey to London via Lisbon."

After the war, Fleming named his Jamaica house "Goldeneye," and the name also was used for a Bond film in 1995.

The auction is Feb. 24.

We welcome letters to the editor. The deadline each week is noon Wednesday.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

COMET CLEANERS Special- \$1.25 per shirt (limit 10) with 1 reg. price cleaning.

ANNIE'S TAN-N is now open. Call 669-5940.

NOW OPEN Jim's Barber Shop, 316 S. Cuyler, 665-5111. Tues. - Sat. Walk-ins welcome!!

YARD SALE-500 Doucette, Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Clothes, cassettes, toys, misc. & much more!

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with a high of 60 and southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Clear tonight with a low of 30 and light wind.

Tomorrow, sunny and breezy with a high near 60 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 48, the overnight low 24.

STATEWIDE — Cloudy skies shrouded much of the state, and showers greeted parts of South Texas this morning.

A low-pressure system over the northwest Gulf of Mexico

combined with an upper level low pressure system over the Big Bend region to create patchy rainfall over South Texas and the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Temperatures ranged from the mid-40s in the northern parts of South Texas to the 50s along the coast and lower valley. At 4 a.m., it was 65 degrees at Port Isabel.

Fog rolled into North Texas, but in most areas, visibility was greater than five miles.

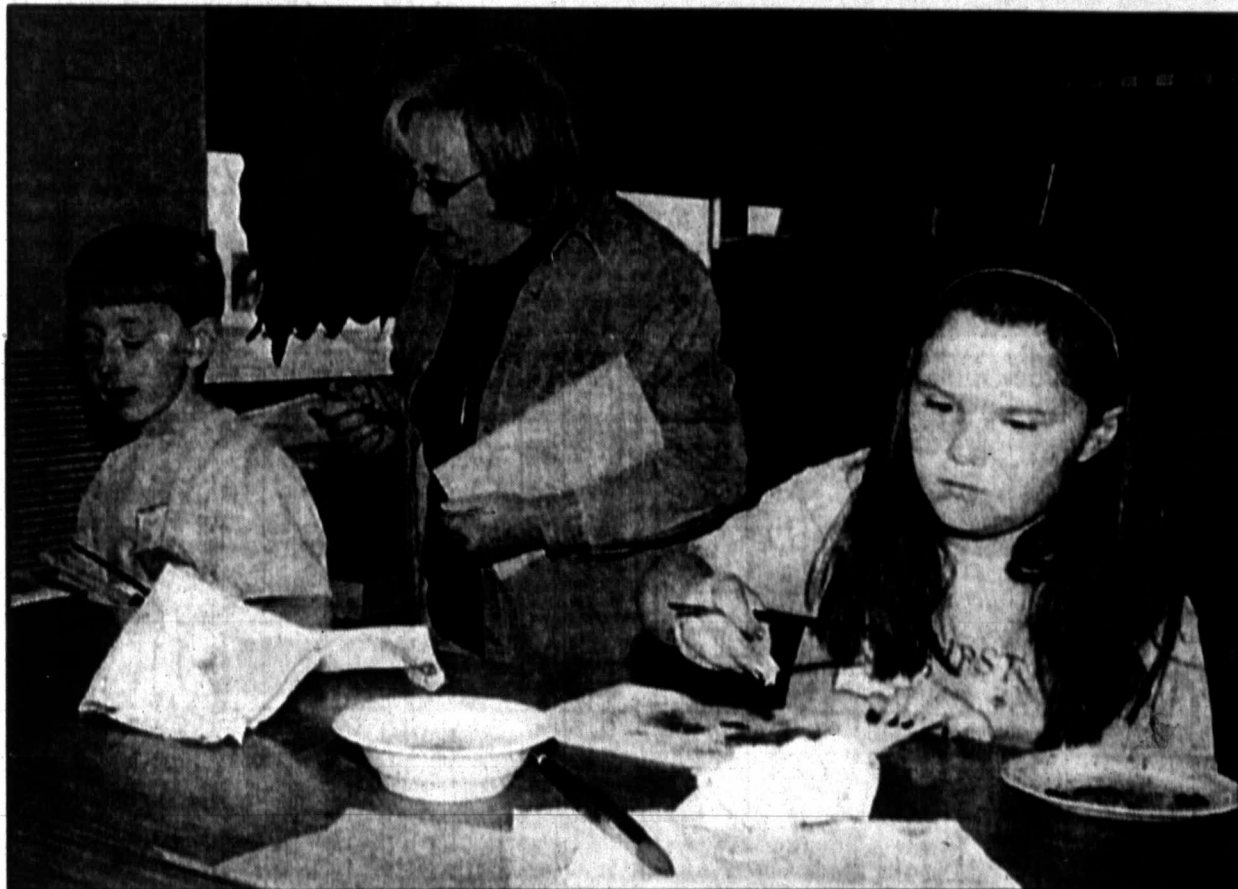
Temperatures were in the low 30s across the region. Early today, it was 24 at Childress.

Temperatures at 4 a.m. were in

the 20s over the Panhandle and South Plains. Extremes included 23 degrees at Dalhart to 43 at both San Angelo and Dryden. Wind was from the southwest and west over the northern half of the region with a north wind over the south and far west. Wind speeds were generally between 5 and 15 mph.

The forecast called for cloudy skies and patchy rain continuing across South Texas today with highs reaching the 50s and 60s. Temperatures in the 50s were also predicted for North Texas and much of West Texas.

SUDS 2000



(Community Camera photo taken by Judy Elliott)

(Top) Participating in Soup Up Dreary Saturday classes held recently at Pampa Middle School were Chelsea Anderson, Weird Nail Art instructor Kathy White, Sarah Langford. (Bottom) Ethan Andy, instructor Cile Taylor and Rachel Heuston got creative in the watercolor class in the SUDS program.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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

SENIOR PARENTS MEETING
A Class of 2000 Prom meeting for senior parents will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Pampa High School, Room 301. All interested senior parents are urged to attend.

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/NWPPdefault.htm.

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.

MIP CLASSES
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer minor in possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 21-22 at CCPC, 1601 W. Kentucky. To participate, individuals must arrive by 7 p.m. at the administration building at CCPC. For more information, call the college at 665-8801.

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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Feb. 10, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Feb. 16, Golden Plains Women & Children's Clinic, Pampa; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 17, Wheeler School, Wheeler; 1-3 p.m., Feb. 24, Groom School, Groom.

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ANRC: Scientists testing process to reduce soil contamination

AMARILLO — In an effort to reduce concentrations of high explosives in unsaturated soil, researchers for the Amarillo National Research Center are conducting a field demonstration to evaluate a treatment process known as in situ biodegradation. Biodegradation is a process whereby microorganisms are used to break down hazardous compounds into non-hazardous compounds. An in situ treatment process treats soil where it lies rather than excavating, pumping or otherwise transporting the soil prior to treatment.

The demonstration is being conducted at the Department of Energy's Pantex Plant near Amarillo and is part of a DOE program known as the Innovative Technology Remediation Demonstration. ANRC researchers are collaborating with researchers from Pantex, Sandia National Laboratories, and Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Field demonstration results will be used to determine the efficiency and cost effectiveness of implementing full-scale in situ biodegradation of HEs at Pantex.

An injection-extraction system was installed in a demonstration area shown by sampling to have sufficient HE contamination. An extraction well was drilled in each corner of the demonstration area; an injection well was drilled in the center of the demonstration area.

Previous laboratory experiments at Texas Tech University and the University of Texas indicated that exposing HE-contaminated soil to nitrogen increased the movement of microorganisms, therefore enhancing RDX degradation. Subsequent experiments performed at INEEL confirmed these findings.

In addition, the INEEL experiments indicate that adding other select organic vapors can further reduce RDX concentrations. Reductions were as high as 24 percent after 98 days of exposure. With this in mind, researchers are blowing nitrogen gas through the injection well to create oxygen-free conditions in the subsurface. The extraction wells encourage gas flow in the target treatment zone.

A field gas monitor is used weekly to monitor the composition of gas as it enters and exits the treatment zone. In addition, 18 gas monitoring points and six retrievable HE-contaminated soil sample locations periodically monitor the system's performance.

ANRC is located in Amarillo and is a research consortium of the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University, and the University of Texas System. Its mission is to serve the Texas

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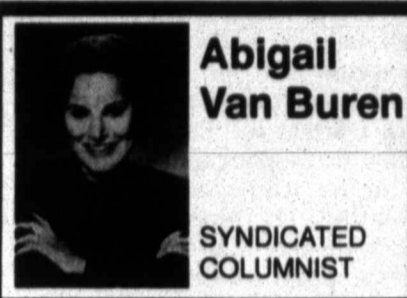
Troubled Teens in Jail Take Shared Compliments to Heart

DEAR ABBY: Remember the letter in your column about the teacher who asked students to write compliments to one another, and then passed them along to each individual? Well, Abby, I used her idea — with wonderful results!

I work in "Chaya," a prison ministry for incarcerated youth in Arizona. Last year, two weeks before Valentine's Day, I gave a talk on love and respect for one another to 25 girls between the ages of 12 and 18. Afterward, I passed out paper and pencils to the girls and instructed them to write a compliment for each girl — and to say nothing if they didn't have anything nice to say. I told them not to sign their names, as all compliments should be given out of love, not the hope of being thanked. Nearly all the girls complimented every other girl.

I took the papers home that night and typed a list of compliments for each girl. I deleted anything negative or questionable, including the few slang terms with which I was unfamiliar. I cut out 25 large red hearts and pasted a compliment list to the back of each one. My children decorated the front with doliies, stickers, pictures and lace.

I distributed the hearts to the girls at the Valentine party we hosted. I asked each girl to read her compliments to herself and then to share the one compliment that meant the most to her, and the one that surprised her the most. It was



Abigail Van Buren

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a meaningful experience, especially for these troubled girls who had little or no affection or positive affirmation in their lives. The girls told me how much they cherished these hearts, and the staff allowed them to be hung on their walls — which was a great privilege for them.

Abby, I would like to thank the person who came up with that idea, and you for printing it. It took some work on my part to make sure no one was hurt by insults, but that was a responsibility I enjoyed because I got to read all the outpouring of love.

LITA JOHNSON, PHOENIX
DEAR LITA: You took a terrific idea and ran with it, which is to your credit. We all need positive reinforcement from time to time.

It appears that everyone, including yourself, benefited from the assignment — the surest sign that it was a real winner!

DEAR ABBY: I have been going out with my brother's wife, "Angie."

They are separated and she has filed for divorce. For the past five years, my brother has alternated living with his wife in one house and with another "lady" in a different house.

I have always liked Angie, and have seen her go through much unhappiness with him. I have always wished to be with her and to treat her with the respect she deserves, but she has always tolerated my brother's double life.

Last month she left him. That's when I decided to express my feelings to her. I was surprised to learn that she has always had the same feelings for me. We started talking on the phone, and now have gone out a couple of times. There has been no "fooling around," and there won't be before her divorce is final.

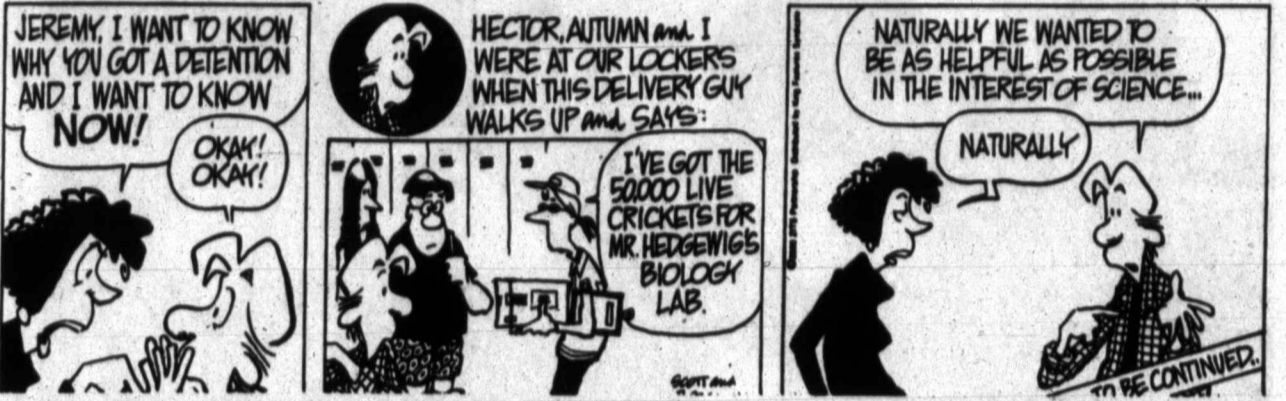
My brother and I are not close. We have had our share of disagreements, and I know he will feel that I am doing this to get back at him. I really care for Angie, and I don't know what to do. Any advice for me?

CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR CONFUSED: Yes, if you and Angie are meant for each other, waiting a few months should not make a difference to any future you have together. Put the romance "on hold" until her divorce is final. To have an open romance now will only complicate her divorce. There is already enough tension between you and your brother, so don't add to it.

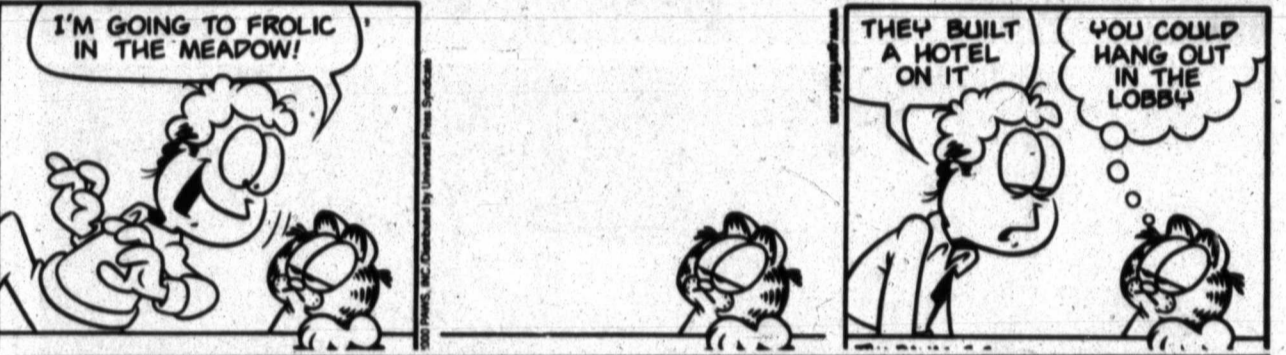
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 3, 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 your present high profile. Clearly, others respond more than you expected. Your energy triggers all sorts of events. Stay focused on priorities. Your wonderful sense of humor comes out, delighting others. Tonight: Could be a late night — clear out excess work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Take a gander at the big picture. Don't get too tied into limited thinking. Pay attention to what is happening with a friend. After is very clear about what he feels. Our responses could be all over the place. Understand your responses first. Tonight: Let your imagination stretch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You gain in one-on-one situations. Others respond to your ideas and leadership. Make sure you have another's support before you approach a boss or someone in the know. You get what you want because of your excellent groundwork. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You are full of play and fun. Others seek you out for answers. You might have to do some research. Don't

hesitate to reach out to others. Listen to a friend, even one with a stringent tone. Bosses lead work on you. You can do it! Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Dig into work, and you'll succeed. You cruise through tasks because of a close associate's feedback. Be aware that you cannot color this person's thinking. Do your research. Don't necessarily settle for the easy-to-find information. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your extremely playful side comes out with a child or loved one. He, however, could misread your animated style. Don't take his response personally. A partner comes through for you in a big way. You work well as a duo. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Listen to another's feedback. Be sensitive to a co-worker, even if you don't agree. A different perspective helps you build a better mousetrap. Be willing to start from square one. You'll like the end results. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Initiate talks; reach out for others. Conversations are animated and important. Your tendency to flirt draws another's jealousy. Be aware of how possessive someone really is. You can no longer avoid the situation. Make time for exercise. Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Deal with finances in a firm manner. Family demands an inordinate amount of attention. Stay in touch with what you need, as well. Check out a real estate investment carefully. Take a risk

with romance or indulge a child. Tonight: Pay bills rather than spend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Your actions cause others to be slightly combative, even if you aren't in the mood. Keep communication efficient. Avoid getting into big stories of what might or might not happen. Plan on an outing or adventure with family in the near future. Tonight: Enjoying yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Much is going on. You have your hands full dealing with others, who keep asking questions, wanting to know what is happening. Be careful with spending. What seems like a good bet right now could look very different in the near future. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Your high energy parts the waters and clears your path. Others find you extremely strong, but they will pitch in to help you get what you want. Don't do anything halfway. Show your natural sense of commitment. Bring others together. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

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Actress Morgan Fairchild (1950), actor Nathan Lane (1956), actor Keith Gordon (1961)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

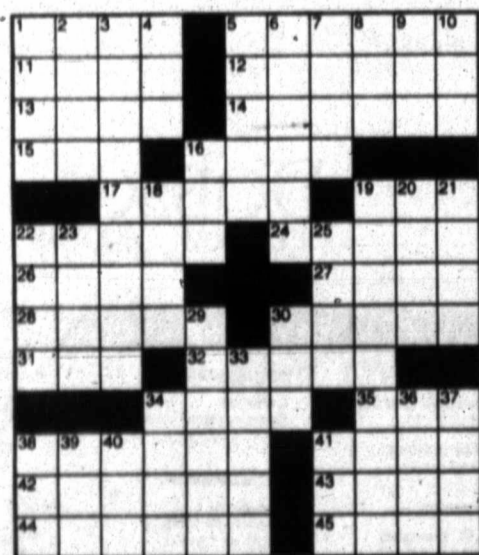
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- 17 "Alfie" star
- 19 Invite
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- 24 "Love Story" author
- 26 Neighbor
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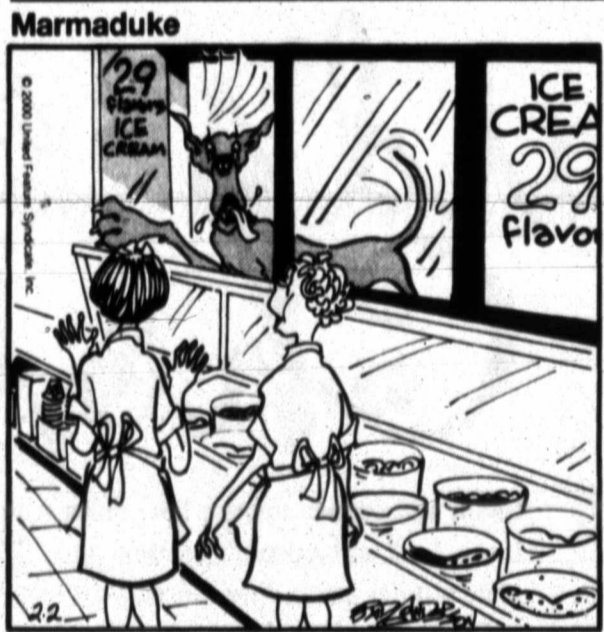
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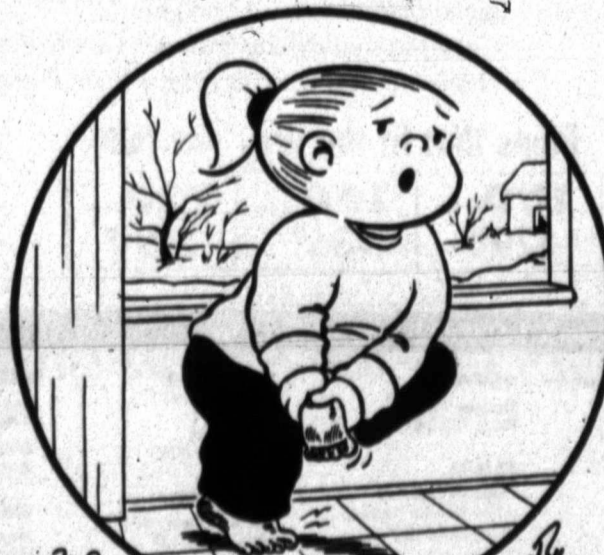
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Positive about Pampa

Elaine Ledbetter

In the fall of 1970 while I was attending a convention of the National Science Teachers Association in San Francisco, the election committee called to seek permission to place my name in nomination for president of NSTA. I told them I could not answer until I had discussed this with my husband and my superintendent of schools. Dr. James F. Malone was Pampa Independent School District superintendent. He told me to run and if I won we would work out details.

I did win after which Dr. Malone and the school board members offered me a one-year leave of absence to fulfill my duties. Members of the school board at that time were Bob Carmichael, John Gikes, Warren Hasse, Dr. R.M. Hampton and J.E. Thompson. NSTA reim-

bursed the district for one-half of my salary.

My contract read as though I were teaching full-time. This meant that my teacher retirement benefits were not affected.

During my year as president, I visited more than 2,000 classrooms in 25 states. In every district I visited, whether large or small, the officials were amazed that any school board would grant a teacher that kind of freedom. This made me very proud because these men epitomized the professional and progressive spirit of this community.

This makes it evident why I am always proud to say I came from Pampa, Texas, home of the Fighting Harvesters. This same spirit of optimism and professionalism still pervades this community today.

—Elaine Ledbetter

Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey

I am "Positive About Pampa." Each time I see or hear that slogan I think about what that really does mean to me. The first thought that comes to mind is "home." I grew up here. My parents are here. My children and I own a good business that is home-based here. The memories I cherish most, though I have traveled all over the world, happened here. My roots are here.

What makes Pampa special? To me our most positive asset is our Pampa people. I like being in our yard visiting with our neighbors. I like knowing that in times of trial every church in Pampa has a prayer line and concerns are in the hands of prayer warriors. I take

strength in knowing that the men and women who established our community gave us a strong base on which we can find solid footing to reach as high as we challenge ourselves to reach. I like knowing that Pampa people have always stood tall when it comes to volunteering time, talent and money.

I also take tremendous positive encouragement from the fact that men and women holding positions of trust in our community from city government to economic development are in those positions because this is their home, too.

—Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey

Mark Taylor

I can't remember the Russian comedian's name that was popular with his routine of "what a country," but I am rewriting this because I realize I live in "what a city."

What a city we have in Pampa where there are many family-supporting jobs to be had. Working for Celanese, IRI, Pampa Regional Medical, Cabot, Titan, Pampa Independent School District and many, many more. We are truly blessed.

What a city! We have a long list of churches to choose from in which we can gather to worship the Lord.

What a city! We have brand new streets thanks to the renovation program of the city.

What a city! We have many active service clubs that work hard to provide activities such as Chautauqua, community concerts, learning activities for children and adults, arts, recitals of dance, gymnastic and music, Boy

Scouts and Girl Scout programs. What a city! We have ball games to attend year round to see our young people compete. We have taekwon-do, boxing and wrestling.

What a city! We have two, no, three golf courses in Pampa. Count them. Three swimming pools for our city. A youth center helps us be young again. We have a really nice parks system in this town to hang out in. Wow! A Super Playground built by the people.

What a city! I read in the Pampa News in December about a local hero driving 100-plus miles to take money to a total stranger, because of his integrity. Billy Parker you are my hero. I know there is a good person here. Probably, two or four or eight. Multiply! It's fun!

What a city! Thanks for the opportunity to be positive.

—Mark Taylor

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We're in our full 60th year here at Meaker Appliance (thanks to the late Mr. and Mrs. Purl Meaker who started it all in December 1939)! Business is good but that doesn't just happen. One must work to out-flank his competitors by providing better selection, better products, better parts and service to his customers, always be honest, but, above all, put the customers interest first! The appliance industry has undergone enormous changes in just the past fifteen to twenty years alone. Manufacturers are selling to outlets that in many cases have about as much business with appliances as grocery stores would have selling new vehicles.

In the face of all these so-called competitors, we continue to service what we sell, provide parts to our customers while the little-bit-of everything, but not-a-lot-of anything outlets try to "farm-it-out" or just go for begging. The smart folks in Pampa know that the Amarillo deals are costing them much more than here at our store in Pampa. We at Meaker are consistently at or below the prices advertised and the exact same models elsewhere, plus there's that local parts and service we provide our customers. Besides saving

money initially, they've saved a costly trip and their sales tax money stays right here at home.

Even though we've had virtually every brand available to us in over 60 years of doing business, unlike the non-specialist outlets, we offer only the finest appliances available for the money, mostly from the Maytag Co. (including Magic Chef, Maytag, and Jenn-Air brands.) We have elected to concentrate on these better products rather than the "also-rans"; thereby, offering the public a much better value for the money. Every single one of our "original" competitors here in Pampa including the chain stores is history, disappeared (some retrace again now and then but never stay too long!)

Pampa and the surrounding area is our home, populated with many wonderful people who we have been privileged to serve as our customers and in many cases make lasting friendships. As long as our area has the wonderful folks here and with additional long-term job growth, Pampa and vicinity has a long and strong future ahead but as with our business, we'll all have to pitch in to out-perform competition — together we can.

—Meaker Appliance

Loralee and Ed Cooley

Here is a quote from a letter dated January 18, 2000 from some people who visited Pampa over New Year's, staying with long-time friends.

"We hope something great comes to your town to keep it vital. It's such a nice place." Said by Eric and Beverly Steinhoff from Casa Grande, Arizona.

Casa Grande is a small city between Phoenix and Tucson, about the size of Pampa. It has had its share of economic ups and downs, and shares many of the same problems and possibilities of Pampa.

The Steinhoffs, who were our

next-door neighbors when we lived in Casa Grande from 1972 to 1978, own two Dairy Queens in Casa Grande, have been active in the community for 20 years, and understand the workings of small business.

They spent their New Year's holiday with us - their first visit to the Texas panhandle - and were impressed with such things as the Super Playground, the rich architectural variety in houses and municipal buildings (e.g., the Post Office, Courthouse, and City Hall), and the open beauty of the ranch lands.

Loralee and Ed Cooley.

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McCain has landslide over Bush Gore edges out Bradley in primary

Sen. John McCain opened the Southern front in his battle for the Republican presidential nomination today, boosted by the momentum of a startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire.

"I know it's going to get more intense now," McCain said on NBC's "Today." "We've interfered with the coronation."

Bush admitted he was taken by surprise: "I think everybody was," he said on his plane bound for South Carolina. "I am mentally prepared for the long haul."

Vice President Al Gore, who edged Bill Bradley to win the Dr to cast a tie-breaking Senate vote on an abortion amendment. Democrats expected a 50-50 deadlock on the provision to require bankrupt people found to have violated laws protecting abortion clinics to pay their penalties.

Bradley has questioned Gore's commitment to protecting abortion rights.

Gore claimed to have dealt "a devastating blow" to his challenger in New Hampshire. Bradley today called their close finish "a real victory for a new kind of politics" and declared himself primed for the national battle.

"The warmups are over, the national campaign has begun," Bradley said as he campaigned in Hartford, Conn., en route to New York, a key state. He stopped to encourage striking workers at a nursing home, picking up a megaphone and telling them, "I'm with you all the way."

The struggle for the next round of delegates began Tuesday night even before all of New Hampshire's votes had been counted, as candidates deployed south and west for the primaries ahead.

At a morning rally in Spartanburg, S.C., McCain told supporters he was "still high from that incredible victory last night." He said he got calls from "old friends whom I haven't heard from in a while."

McCain was focusing on South Carolina, a state essential to his strategy.

"He has the luxury of picking and choosing, and I'm a national candidate," Bush said. "I'm going to run in every primary."

Exit polls suggested Bush's efforts to present himself as the most electable Republican didn't help in New Hampshire. Asked who was more likely to beat a Democrat this fall, voters were divided between McCain and Bush.

Exit polls also found that McCain won not only among New Hampshire's many independents but also among registered Republicans. His military experience and call for campaign finance reform resonated. Sixty-three percent of Republican voters said McCain says what he really believes, not just what people want to hear. Just 31 percent said the same of Bush.

Democrats get a five-week pause in primary voting, but not in campaigning. Gore heads for crucial California later today; Bradley is due Thursday. California is the biggest of the 14 state prizes at stake in the Super Bowl of the primary campaign March 7. Both also were campaigning in New York, which votes the same day, on their way west.

On the Republican side, Delaware is next on Feb. 8. Bush is campaigning there, although briefly. McCain is not; his strategy hinges on

South Carolina, which he has said he must win. Steve Forbes, a fading third in New Hampshire, is competing in Delaware, too.

Conservative Alan Keyes ran fourth in New Hampshire; Gary Bauer, who finished last, went home to consider his next step, which may be withdrawal.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, McCain got 115,545 votes or 49 percent; Bush had 71,121 votes or 30 percent; Forbes, 29,615 votes or 13 percent; Keyes, 15,170 votes or 6 percent; and Bauer, 1,671 votes or 1 percent.

An AP analysis showed McCain won 10 out of the total 17 delegates at stake Tuesday. Bush won five and Forbes two.

On the Democratic side, Gore had 76,527 votes or 50 percent, and Bradley had 70,295 votes or 46 percent. Gore won 13 of the 22 delegates at stake Tuesday and Bradley won nine, the AP analysis showed.

Gore took a solid majority of the many voters who feel good about the economy and their own finances. Gore also took twice as many votes from union households as Bradley. And two in three Democrats said he had a better chance of winning in the fall than Bradley, exit polls of voters found.

"We have made a remarkable turnaround but there is still a tough fight ahead," Bradley told supporters in Manchester, N.H. "We're smarter and better prepared and we're ready to continue the fight."

At his Manchester victory rally, Gore said, "This Tennessean is in the end zone and it feels great, and let me tell you, we have just begun to fight." He promised to "crisscross this continent again and again" for the nomination and as the nominee.

Upon his before-dawn arrival at New York's LaGuardia Airport, approximately 200 cheering fans — including actor Billy Baldwin — braved cold winds to greet Gore, who hopped up and down, looking like a boxer in the ring, as he shook hands along a ropeline.

"We've just begun to fight!" he shouted into a bullhorn before a limousine whisked him to a Manhattan hotel for an abbreviated night's sleep.

Bush called the outcome a bump in the road in a state known for placing them in the path of front-runners. It was a jolting one for a campaign that had expected no worse of from the beginning in national polls.

"I think electability is a big factor," said Gov. Paul Cellucci of neighboring Massachusetts, campaigning for Bush, the governor of Texas. "Republicans think Bush can win in the fall." But to keep them thinking so, he's got to win in the primaries.

McCain was greeted at a 3 a.m. rally in Greenville, S.C., with techno music, swirling lights and hundreds of cheering college students.

"I am humbled by this victory tonight," he said.

While Bush suffered in New Hampshire, he still has advantages over McCain.

Money is one, with more than \$31 million in Bush's campaign treasury to begin the election year, four times the amount that McCain, the Arizona senator, had. Bush also leads in polls for South Carolina's primary.

School district's elimination of letter grade D benefits star athlete

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The elimination of the letter grade D from a Fort Worth area school district is making it easier for a star football player to earn a scholarship.

The Grapevine-Colleyville school district voted 5-0 Monday to give a C to students who score between 70 and 79 percent. Before, a score of 70 to 74 was a D.

The change will make it easier for all of the school district's students, including star linebacker/running back Cody Spencer, to be eligible to get a scholarship from an NCAA Division I school.

"It was the correct decision because it provides equal opportunity for our students when competing for athletic scholarships," Trustee

Mark Born told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Spencer's chances with Texas Tech University. The school backed off after learning Spencer received D's instead of C's for grades in the low 70s, he said.

But Culver said his son still needs to score at least 870 on the SAT to be eligible for an athletic scholarship.

Several other school districts in the area don't use D's in their grading system. These include Arlington, Birdville, Carroll, Dallas, Fort Worth, Keller and Lewisville.

Schools in Denton, Hurst-Euless-Bedford and Northwest still use D's.

Investigators get tapes of doomed flight

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — As hopes for finding survivors dwindled, an ocean search of the Alaska Airlines crash site expanded today, and investigators obtained tapes made between pilots of Flight 261 and a maintenance crew in Seattle.

The tapes apparently capture the conversation as the crew tried to troubleshoot what was going wrong. Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said on morning talk shows today.

"Obviously these pilots were struggling to maintain control of this aircraft for a significant period of time. It's going to be very important to this investigation to understand why they were unsuccessful in this effort," Hall said on NBC's "Today."

The tape was handed over Tuesday to federal investigators by Alaska Airlines for analysis by officials in Washington, D.C., Hall said.

Search boats bobbed across the choppy and chilly Pacific early today as friends and relatives of victims kept an anguished vigil.

Coast Guard and Navy ships combed a debris field 10 miles offshore overnight, finding only tiny, twisted pieces of wreckage. Eighty-eight people were aboard as the plane when it nose-dived into the ocean Monday afternoon; no survivors have been found in the 59-degree water.

Ships used for salvage operations were making their way today to the crash site from San Diego, said Vance Vasquez, a civilian spokesman at the Port Hueneme Naval center.

The ships include the Kellie Chouset, a Navy-contracted civilian vessel with remote-controlled subs, and a ship with advanced sonar capabilities, Vasquez said.

An ocean tug, the USNS Sioux should arrive Friday, providing investigators with a diving platform and towing options.

Coast Guard officials have not declared the search hopeless, but conceded they were racing the clock.

"The challenge is time, as time ticks off, risks go up," Coast Guard Vice Adm. Tom Collins said Tuesday.

Private fishing boats that joined the search effort were effectively blocked today after a security zone around the crash site was expanded from eight miles to 22 miles, Coast Guard spokesman Frank Dunn said.

So far, searchers have found the bodies of a man, two women and an infant among the human remains, pieces of wreckage and personal items scattered across the fuel-soaked water.

The MD-83 jetliner was headed from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and Seattle. It plunged into the sea after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators said they have detected an electronic pinger intended to help locate the planes' two "black boxes" in 700 feet of water.

The NTSB on Tuesday released preliminary transcripts of air traffic control communications with the airliner that showed the pilots struggled to control the plane for nearly 11 minutes before it vanished from radar and plunged into water as much as 750 feet deep.

At 4:10 p.m., the pilots reported control difficulties and said they were descending below 26,000 feet. A few seconds later, they advised they were at 23,700 feet and there was "some discussion about their ability to control the aircraft," said NTSB spokesman John Hammerschmidt.

Over the next few minutes, the pilots said they "were kind of stabilized and going to do some troubleshooting," but then they reported they had a jammed stabilizer.

At 4:16, they were cleared for an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport, 40 miles to the southeast.

The controllers cleared the plane to descend to 17,000 feet and the crew acknowledged that in their last transmission. Five minutes later, the airplane dropped off radar screens without a word from the crew.

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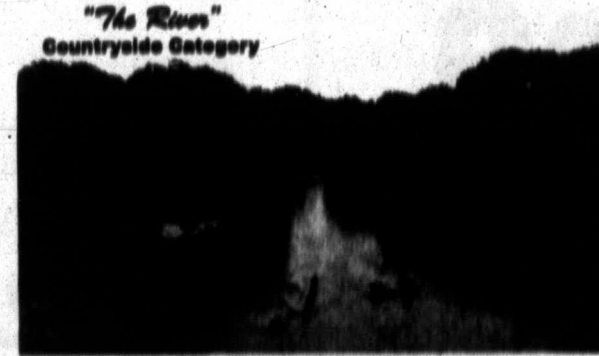
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BOWLING

PAMPA — Youth leagues are forming for all ages at Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center.

Youngsters can win scholarships in addition to making friends. The youth leagues will have on-site certified coaches and bumper bowling.

League play begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 5. Cost is five dollars per game).

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have agreed to terms on minor-league contracts with veteran right-handed pitchers Mike Maddux and Kip Gross, the club announced Tuesday.

Maddux, 38, spent most of 1999 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he went 1-1 with a 3.29 ERA in 54 2/3 relief innings. Maddux, brother of Atlanta star Greg Maddux, has played for eight different major-league teams, including two stints with the Dodgers.

Gross, 35, was injured for most of last season after compiling a 0-2 record with a 7.82 ERA in 12 2/3 innings for the Boston Red Sox. Gross also has played for the Cincinnati Reds, Dodgers and Nippon Ham Fighters, where he was one of the Japanese League's top pitchers from 1994-98.

FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans will return to the Super Bowl and win, players told fans who gave them a hero's welcome home despite a last-second loss to St. Louis.

Thousands of fans filled downtown on Tuesday to thank the team for an unlikely journey that ended when a pass play fell just short of the end zone on the final play, giving the Rams a 23-16 victory over Tennessee in Sunday's Super Bowl.

"Unfortunately, we came up short. But we're working hard, starting tomorrow, to get back to this point because this is an exciting feeling to see you people out here supporting us even though we came up short. But next year, we're going to take it all the way, and we're going to come back with a victory in the Super Bowl," quarterback Steve McNair told a crowd of about 20,000 fans in the Adelphia Coliseum, where the Titans went undefeated en route to their first Super Bowl.

The parade wound through downtown, where players and coaches rode in convertibles and were showered in confetti in near-freezing temperatures.

"I've been in a few St. Patrick's Day parades in New York, but this is incredible," said backup quarterback Neil O'Donnell, who used to play for the Jets.

Kicker Al Del Greco said: "This makes it all worthwhile. We know we're loved, and we'll do it next year."

Receiver Chris Sanders jumped out of his convertible, ran over and high-fived fans on both sides of the parade route, then jumped back in his car.

Coach Jeff Fisher carried the AFC championship trophy while riding in a horse-drawn carriage.

One sign along the parade route said it all: "12th man gives thanks." Another summed up the excitement from the team's trip to the Super Bowl: "Titans put wings on our dreams."

The Titans' parade snaked across a bridge over the Cumberland River into Adelphia Coliseum, where even more fans waited, bundled in coats and blankets.

Parents protested the timing of the midday parade after educators said students would not be excused for taking a day off. That didn't stop hundreds of children from lining the parade route and gathering at the coliseum.



Photo by Jerry Hestley
Jennifer Lindsey (left) scored 10 points for the Lady Harvesters.

Hereford sweeps Pampa in district basketball action

PAMPA — Hereford needed a strong fourth quarter to take a 58-54 win over determined Pampa in a District 3-4A girls' game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters held a 47-44 lead after three quarters and threatened to upset highly-regarded Hereford, ranked in the top 20 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 4A poll.

It wasn't until the final two minutes that the Lady Harvesters were able to go on top to stay.

Sarah Griffin was top scorer for Hereford with 19 points while Tori Walker chipped in 12.

Emily Hartman tossed in 17 points to lead Pampa.

Jennifer Lindsey followed with 10.

There were 17 lead changes in the contest, but the Lady Harvesters went in front by as many as six in the third quarter.

Others who scored for

Pampa were Chasity Nachtigall 8, Lindsey Narron 7, Joy Young 6, Charity Nachtigall 4 and Vaughn Evans 2.

Pampa is now 3-5 in district and 13-10 for the season. Hereford improves to 6-2 and 22-7.

District-leading Hereford took an early lead and coasted to a 65-39 win over Pampa in the boys game.

Slade Hodges had 17 points and Cody Hodges 15 to lead the Hereford attack.

Hereford held a 26-11 advantage at halftime.

Jesse Francis was high scorer for the Harvesters with 10 points.

Reece Hartman was second-high scorer with 7.

Hereford is now 6-0 in district and 15-10 for the season. Pampa falls to 2-4 in district and 9-16 overall.

Also scoring for Pampa were Gary Alexander with 5 points, Russell Robben, Kirk George and Derek Williams 4 each; Adam Rodgers 3, and

Tanner Hucks 2.

Hereford had 18 rebounds compared to 17 for Pampa. George had 5 rebounds to lead Pampa.

Both Pampa boys and girls teams host Palo Duro on Friday night.

MIAMI — Miami held off Higgins in the fourth quarter for a 63-60 win Tuesday night in District 5-1A action.

Zach McDowell and Justin Cox had 17 and 16 points respectively for the Warriors. Cole Smith had 18 to lead Higgins.

It was Miami's first district win after six setbacks.

Higgins won over Miami 47-21 in the girls game.

Habekoff had 12 points to lead the Higgins scoring attack.

The Warriorettes Amy Black had 9 points and Amanda Purcell 7.

Cowboys hope using old offense means old results

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The only year Jack Reilly spent coaching the Dallas Cowboys' quarterbacks, things went so badly that owner Jerry Jones decided to throw out the offensive system and start over.

After seeing another offense go awry for two years, Jones decided to bring back the previous playbook — and on Tuesday he hired Reilly to run it.

Reilly was named offensive coordinator, taking over play-calling duties from Chan Gailey, who was fired as coach and offensive coordinator soon after the Cowboys fell from the playoffs in the first round.

Dallas also got a new defensive coordinator Tuesday. Secondary coach Mike Zimmer was promoted to replace Dave Campo, who last week was named Gailey's replacement as head coach.

Zimmer got the job for the opposite reason as Reilly: stability. He's spent five years as Campo's right-hand man, and the Cowboys' defense has been among the league's top 10 in four of those seasons.

Reilly will install an offense similar to the one Norv Turner and Ernie Zampese used to lead Dallas to Super Bowl championships in 1992, '93 and '95.

But in 1997, Reilly's lone season with the team, critics said the offense was stale and predictable. Jones agreed and brought in Gailey for a totally fresh approach.

"I made a mistake," Jones said. Aikman and others never adapted to Gailey's playbook, and offensive problems were behind their first-round playoff exits the past two years. Reilly's playbook is back in vogue because St. Louis used a similar version to win the Super Bowl.

"In the Super Bowl years here, they were very effective at throwing the ball in the early part of the game. We've got to be able to make hits like that and score points that way and to mix in the run to complement that," Reilly said.

Reilly has worked in the offense for 20 years, including the last three under Zampese. The two might be reunited again with Zampese joining the Dallas staff as a consultant.

Reilly was an offensive coordinator once before, from 1995-96 with St. Louis. Isaac Bruce had his breakout seasons under Reilly's guidance.

He spent the past two seasons as quarterbacks coach in New England, where Zampese was offensive coordinator.

Zimmer's promotion ends a

long run of former Jimmy Johnson proteges heading the Dallas defense. Dave Wannstedt installed the system in 1989, Butch Davis ran it for two years and Campo took over in 1995.

Zimmer joined the staff in '94 as a defensive assistant after spending nine years as a college defensive coordinator. He moved up to secondary coach the following year, taking Campo's place.

Although he shares many philosophies with his predecessors, Zimmer plans to add his own wrinkles.

"We may be a little more aggressive because that's my nature," he said. "But you have to be careful saying how much you're going to change when the head coach sitting right next to you was doing all the stuff."

AP 4A offensive player of the year follows his dad

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Kendal Briles, the 1999 Associated Press Class 4A offensive player of the year, has transferred from Stephenville to Wolforth Frenship.

Briles follows his father, Art, to the Lubbock area after the elder Briles resigned from Stephenville in December to become an assistant coach to Mike Leach at Texas Tech.

Briles, a junior, originally decided to move with his father, changed his mind a week later and finally packed his bags on Friday.

He started the spring semester at Stephenville, but was enrolled in classes at Wolforth Frenship Monday.

"We just thought it was the best thing for the family," Art Briles said. "This way it will give him a chance to get acclimated before his senior year. It was the fairest thing for everyone to do it now. We'll just have to see how it works out."

Briles threw for more than 3,000 yards and rushed for 1,000 more in leading Stephenville to its second consecutive Class 4A state championship in 1999.

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The biggest change out of realignment was creation of two divisions in Class 1A basketball.

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But both will be considered state champions in official records.

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Latest UIL changes bring little response

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press Writer

On the University Interscholastic League's usually chaotic realignment day, phones ring off the hook, threats of lawsuits can be heard and everyone is scrambling to make sense of it all.

This year: silence.

The UIL announced its biannual realignment of the state's high schools on Tuesday morning. Schools have until Feb. 15 to notify the UIL of any appeals. But if early returns are any indication, the process was mostly a success.

"It has actually been pretty quiet — no one has raised too much of a stink," Peter Contreras, the UIL's media relations director, said. "Schools still have a chance to appeal, but I haven't heard much so far. This is my fourth or fifth one and it's quieter than I've experienced in the past."

One potential sticky point for the UIL was creation of a 10-school district in the Houston area. It turned out to be a non-issue.

A previous 10-school district in the Rio Grande Valley had resulted in school administrators threatening lawsuits there. And two years ago — with the last realignment — the Fort Worth school system complained when its 10 Class 4A schools were lumped into the same district.

With the addition of Houston Chavez, a new school, and two others dropping down from 5A,

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Tarleton State claims victory

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Peter Praznovsky's sharp shooting Tuesday night lifted Tarleton State over Southeastern Oklahoma 55-51.

Praznovsky was 7-of-11 from the field and 3-of-4 from the foul line, scoring 17 points. Brandon Burney scored 14 points for the Texans (14-5).

Tarleton State led SE Oklahoma 25-21 at halftime.

Despite out-rebounding the Texans (34 to 30) and shooting slightly better from the field — 45 percent to 44 percent — Southeastern Oklahoma (5-12) couldn't rally to pull out a victory on Tarleton's home court.

Jibe Obinegbo had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrell Towns scored 15 points in the losing effort.

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Pampa's junior varsity tennis team members display their trophies from the Plainview Tournament. From left to right are Jared Spearman, Matt Cook, David Thacker, Ashley Willis, Jay Gerber, Tyler Howard and Zach Windhorst.

Pampa JV's win spring opener

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Harvester junior varsity tennis team took first in the Plainview Junior Varsity Invitational held last weekend. Pampa competed against Dumas, Plainview, Frenship, Lubbock High and Levelland and a private school. Pampa was dominant in three of the four divisions.

In boys singles, junior Matt Cook took first place and sophomore Jared Spearman second. Cook defeated Spearman 7-5, 6-0 in the finals.

girls singles with freshman Ashley Willis taking the title, defeating Kim Arnold from Frenship 6-2, 6-1. Freshman Abby Bradley progressed to the quarterfinals before falling to Arnold. In doubles, freshmen Jay Gerber and David Thacker captured first place, defeating Chungchot and Batra from Lubbock High 6-3, 6-0. Freshmen Tyler Howard and Zack Windhorst won the consolation division.

Gailey is Miami's new offensive boss

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — With or without Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins will have a new look on offense next season.

Chan Gailey, fired last month after two seasons as coach of the Dallas Cowboys, was hired Tuesday as the Dolphins' offensive coordinator. Coach Dave Wannstedt said the team will use Gailey's playbook and terminology.

"The things we're talking about doing, Chan has done," Wannstedt said.

The change means a major adjustment for Marino if he decides to return for an 18th season at age 39. Wannstedt has declined to address speculation that he hopes Marino will retire.

"I haven't talked to Dan," said Wannstedt, who succeeded Jimmy Johnson as coach Jan. 16. "His situation will be dealt with. Now that Chan's in place, I'm sure this will accelerate the process."

Marino threw five interceptions in a 20-0 loss to the Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day, but Gailey said his attention in that game was on the Dallas offense. Gailey stammered when asked whether Marino still has something to offer the Dolphins — a sensitive subject that helped push a frustrated Johnson into retirement.

"You know I, I, somebody, I was kind of forewarned that

this, that I would, you know, be asked this question," Gailey said. "I haven't even looked at it or watched him play. It's an unfair question because I didn't even watch him play."

Gailey signed a one-year contract to succeed Kippy Brown, fired the day Wannstedt became head coach. Gailey will also coach the quarterbacks.

Jim Bates was hired earlier as defensive coordinator. Randy Shannon, a defensive assistant last year, was promoted Tuesday to linebackers coach.

Wannstedt met again Tuesday with former Pittsburgh Steelers director of football operators Tom Donahoe, who has been offered the job of personnel director. Donahoe and his wife spent part of the visit house-hunting.

"I told Dave I would get back to him soon after deciding what is best for our family," Donahoe said.

The hiring of Gailey means the Dolphins' offense next season will have more formations, including four- and five-receiver sets that Johnson disliked. But the primary goal will be simple: to run the ball, something Miami has done poorly since before Marino arrived in 1983.

"We will try to create lots of diversions for the defense, and yet we still want to pound the ball," Gailey said.

Wannstedt noted that the

Lauren Acker) and (sophomore Stacie Carter and Brittany Kindle) were defeated in the semi-finals.

The Pampa JV-team started the spring season with great individual efforts that resulted in a first-place team trophy. Gerber, Thacker, Willis and Cook were very impressive in rolling through their opponents undefeated in their divisions.

Pampa's varsity opens their spring season Feb. 11-12 at McKinney's Spring Invitational.

Bucks trim Panhandle

WHITE DEER — White Deer defeated Panhandle 41-37 Tuesday night in District 6-2A action.

Jason Ketchum was high scorer for the Bucks with 18 points. Jon Kinsey followed with 15.

Justin Green had 10 points to lead Panhandle.

White Deer dropped the girls game 70-43.

Laura Neusch and Lesley Whitaker had 17 points each to pace Panhandle.

Cassie Salzbrenner had 12 points and Samantha Parks 10 to lead White Deer.

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DISTRICT ALIGNMENTS

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, from the University Interscholastic League, are the tentative UIL Class 1A district alignments for 11-man football, six-man football and basketball.

CLASS 1A 11-Man Football

Region 1
 District 1 — Booker; Claude; Gruver; Shannon; Whittier; Willis Deer.
 District 2 — Boys Ranch; Hart; Kress; Nazareth; Stratford; Vega.
 District 3 — Anton; Bovina; Earth Springlake; Farwell; Sudan; Whiteface.
 District 4 — Crosbyton; Meadow; O'Donnell; Petersburg; Smyer; Spur.
 District 5 — Aspermont; Crowell; Knox City; Matador; Motley County; Munday; Paducah.
 District 7 — Fort Davis; Fort Hancock; Iran; Marie; Rankin; Wink.

6-Man Football

Region 1
 District 1 — Briscoe; Fort Elliott; Follett; Higgins; Lefors; McLean; Miami.
 District 2 — Groom; Happy; Hedley; Samnorwood; Silverton; Turkey Valley.
 District 3 — Amherst; Cotton Center; Lazbuddie; Maple Three Way; Spade; Whittier.
 District 4 — Alton Patton Springs; Guthrie; Haskell Paint Creek; Jayton; Rochester; Rule.

CLASS 2A

Region 1
 District 1 — Anthony; Big Lake Reagan Co.; McCamey; Ozona; Tornillo; Van Horn.
 District 2 — Eldorado; Junction; Mason; San Angelo Grape Creek; Sonora; Wall.
 District 3 — Coahoma; Colorado City; Colorado; Forsan; Plains; Seagraves; Stanton.
 District 4 — Idalou; Lorenzo; Post; Ralls; Sundown; Tahoka.
 District 5 — Abernathy; Floydade; Friona; Hale Center; Lockney; Morton; New Deal; Olton.
 District 6 — Amarillo Highland Park; Canadian; Clarendon; Panhandle; Spearman; Stinnett West Texas; Sunray; Whittier.
 District 7 — Archer City; Electra; Holliday; Memphis; Quanah; Seymour; Wichita Falls City View.
 District 8 — Albany; Anson; Hamlin; Haskell; Olney; Stamford.

CLASS 4A

Region 1
 District 1 — El Paso Bowie; El Paso Burgos; El Paso Parkland; El Paso Riverside; El Paso Yelita; El Paso; Miami.
 District 2 — Canutillo; Clint Mountain View; Clint; Fabens; Pecos; San Elizario.
 District 3 — Amarillo Caprock; Amarillo Palo Duro; Borger; Canyon Randall; Canyon; Dumas; Herford; Pampa.
 District 4 — Andrews; Big Spring; Levelland; Lubbock Estacado; Plainview; San Angelo Lake View; Snyder; Wolforth Frenship.
 District 5 — Azle; Burk Burnett; Mineral Wells; Wichita Falls Hirsch; 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.

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 Fordham 92, Rhode Island 68
 Georgetown 61, Louisville 59
 Iowa 77, Marist 64
 Seton Hall 82, Providence 67
 Temple 75, Massachusetts 48

SOUTH
 Kentucky 81, Tennessee 68
 Liberty 58, High Point 63
 Miami 84, Pittsburgh 60
 Tennessee St. 77, Murray St. 75

MIDWEST
 Drake 74, Creighton 70, OT
 Michigan St. 82, Michigan 62
 Toledo 71, Miami, Ohio 61

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
 By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
 ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with IF Benji Gil, RHP Henry Jerez, RHP Roberto Reynoso, LHP Anevrays Saldana, OF Noel Abad and C Jonathan Valdez on minor-league contracts.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Grace Guerrero-Zwilt director of minor league administration.
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF Tim Raines on a minor-league contract.
 TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Doug Creek on a minor-league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Esteban Loaiza and LHP Corey Lee on one-year contracts.

National League
 CINCINNATI REDS—Signed RHP Javier Martinez and RHP Willis Roberts to minor-league contracts.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Maddux and RHP Kip Gross on minor-league contracts.
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Geronimo Berroa on a minor-league contract.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with SS Edgar Renteria on a four-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 DENVER NUGGETS—Traded G Ron Mercer, G Chauncey Billups and F Johnny Taylor to the Orlando Magic for F Chris Gatling, G Tariq Abdul-Wahad, a future first-round draft pick and an undesignated amount of cash. Signed Dan Issel, coach, to a four-year contract.
 GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Activated G John Starks from the injured list. Placed F-C Terry Cummings on the injured list.
 INDIANA PACERS—Activated F Derrick McKie from the injured list. Placed F Al Harrington on the injured list.
 LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Activated F Brian Skinner from the injured list.
 ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed F Derek Strong on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Jack Reilly offensive coordinator. Promoted Mike Zimmer from secondary coach to defensive coordinator.
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed G-T Doug Karczewski and LB Kevin Johnson.
 MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Chan Gailey offensive coordinator.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Named Crefie Weis offensive coordinator. Fired Ray Hamilton, defensive line coach. Named Dante Scarnecchia assistant head coach. Retained Ivan Fears, receivers coach, and Jeff Davidson, assistant offensive line coach.
 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Rick Thompson college scouting coordinator and Bill Quinter player personnel assistant. Announced Mike Baugh has been hired to monitor player movement in all professional leagues, free agency and waiver claims.

NEW YORK JETS—Announced Dan Henning, quarterbacks coach, will also become offensive coordinator, and Maurice Carthon, assistant head coach, will also serve as running backs coach. Named Pat Hodgson offensive assistant for planning and research.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Announced the retirement of Dick Vermeil, coach. Promoted Mike Martz from offensive coordinator to head coach.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed FB Larry Centers to a four-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled D Ray Giroux from Lowell of the AHL.
 NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled C Manny Malhotra from Hartford of the AHL.

PRO BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Miami | 27 | 16 | .628 | — |
| New York | 28 | 17 | .619 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 25 | 20 | .558 | 3 |
| Boston | 20 | 24 | .455 | 7 1/2 |
| Orlando | 21 | 26 | .447 | 8 |
| New Jersey | 17 | 27 | .386 | 10 1/2 |
| Washington | 14 | 31 | .311 | 14 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| Indiana | 29 | 18 | .619 | — |
| Charlotte | 24 | 19 | .558 | 4 1/2 |
| Toronto | 24 | 19 | .558 | 4 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 25 | 20 | .558 | 4 1/2 |
| Detroit | 22 | 22 | .500 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 26 | .422 | 10 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 16 | 26 | .381 | 12 |
| Chicago | 8 | 34 | .190 | 20 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| San Antonio | 29 | 16 | .644 | — |
| Utah | 27 | 16 | .628 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 25 | 17 | .595 | 2 1/2 |
| Denver | 20 | 22 | .476 | 7 1/2 |
| Houston | 18 | 27 | .400 | 11 |
| Dallas | 17 | 27 | .386 | 11 1/2 |
| Vancouver | 12 | 31 | .279 | 16 |

Pacific Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Portland | 34 | 10 | .773 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 34 | 11 | .756 | 1/2 |
| Seattle | 29 | 17 | .630 | 6 |
| Sacramento | 27 | 16 | .628 | 6 1/2 |
| Phoenix | 25 | 18 | .581 | 8 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 25 | .250 | 23 |
| Golden State | 10 | 32 | .238 | 23 |

Monday's Games
 Miami 104, Detroit 82
 Phoenix 117, Orlando 113
 Minnesota 105, Sacramento 90
 Denver 83, Philadelphia 80
 Milwaukee 92, Vancouver 87

Tuesday's Games
 Indiana 99, Boston 96
 Cleveland 112, Washington 108
 Orlando 98, New York 77
 San Antonio 105, L.A. Lakers 81
 Philadelphia 101, Dallas 100
 Houston 99, Charlotte 83
 Seattle 104, Utah 96
 Portland 92, Chicago 81
 Golden State 107, L.A. Clippers 78

Wednesday's Games
 Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.

Trail Blazers knock Lakers out of first place in Pacific

By The Associated Press

Far removed from their 16-game winning streak, the suddenly ordinary Los Angeles Lakers are looking up at the Portland Trail Blazers in the NBA standings.

Brian Grant scored 19 points as Portland beat visiting Chicago 92-81 Tuesday night to take a half-game lead over the Pacific Division rival Lakers, 105-81 losers in San Antonio. The Blazers and Lakers are also 1-2 in the overall standings.

"First place feels good, and we're going to keep playing hard to stay there," Blazers guard Bonzi Wells said.

The Blazers improved to 34-10 with their sixth straight victory and 10th in a row at home, but star forward Scottie Pippen was upset with the team's sloppy per-

formance against the Bulls.

"It was terrible," Pippen said. "We came out and just played terrible. It's one of those games where we played like nobody wanted to be out there."

In other NBA games Tuesday night, it was Indiana 99, Boston 96; Cleveland 112, Washington 108; Orlando 98, New York 77; Seattle 104, Utah 96; Houston 99, Charlotte 83; Philadelphia 101, Dallas 100; and Golden State 107, Los Angeles Clippers 76.

The last time the Blazers were alone in first place in the Pacific Division was Dec. 7, when they were 15-4.

Rasheed Wallace, selected to the All-Star team for the first time in his career, added 14 points and nine rebounds for Portland. Elton Brand led the Bulls with 22 points and eight rebounds.

Spurs 105, Lakers 81
 Tim Duncan had 29 points and

18 rebounds, and Avery Johnson tied his season-high with 22 points as the Spurs handed the Lakers their fourth loss in five games.

"We have to figure out what we're doing wrong and correct it," Lakers All-Star Kobe Bryant said.

Shaquille O'Neal, in foul trouble much of the night, led the Lakers with 31 points. San Antonio led by as many as 28 in handing the Lakers their most lopsided loss of the season.

"Everybody's saying it's the difference in the Lakers, but we played a lot better than we usually do," Duncan said. "It's the NBA. On any given night, anything can happen."

Pacers 99, Celtics 96
 Rik Smits had a season-high 26 points as Indiana beat Boston, extending the Pacers' home winning streak to 16 games.

7th girls split with Westover Park

PAMPA — The Pampa Middle School 7th grade Lady Patriots got back into action Monday at home and split a pair of games with the Westover Park Warriors.

In the 7th grade A game, Pampa couldn't overcome a 19-4 Westover run to end the first half. They matched their opponent basket for basket in the second half to finish on the short end of a 58-35 score.

Leading the way for Pampa in scoring were Wendi Miller with

13 points and Chera Chavedo 10. Others scoring were Brittany Adams 4, Rebecca Gindorf 3, Erin Winegart 3 and Jennie Rogers 2.

Pampa 7th A has a 3-6 record.

In the 7th grade B game, Pampa took the lead to start the game with the help of a midcourt shot by Teryn Garner at the end of the first quarter. They held on for a hard-fought 33-29 victory.

Pampa held off many threats and two free throws made by

Missy Brown with 10 seconds to go iced the win for the Lady Patriots.

Leading the way for Pampa with 9 points was Garner, scoring 6 each were Brown and Autumn Schaub, who played an outstanding defensive game. Also scoring were Heather Dilly and Yolanda Young with 4 each; Ruth Anne Schlewitz 2.

The 7th grade B team girls improved their record to 2-6 overall.

Vermeil retires as Rams' coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Vermeil's retirement plans don't center around sitting in a rocking chair all day surrounded by his grandkids.

"I'd like to try to get a job in television again and finish out a couple years in broadcasting," Vermeil said Tuesday after announcing he is leaving the St. Louis Rams. "Carol's not real excited about that."

Vermeil and his wife celebrated their 44th anniversary two days before the Rams beat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 in the Super Bowl, and during the

buildup, much was made of Carol Vermeil's statement that her husband has nothing to prove. But Vermeil said he and his wife only had a couple of 20-minute conversations on retirement — one Monday and the other Tuesday morning.

Vermeil got out because he realized it's impossible to top a Super Bowl victory as an exit.

"I think the time is right," Vermeil said in an emotional farewell. "Very few people in this profession get this opportunity."

Carol Vermeil, who attended the news conference, did not contradict her husband.

"It was his decision," she said. "There's a time for everything. But the worst thing is overstaying your time, isn't it?"

The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to coach. The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's top-rated offense (33 points a game), to a two-year contract in January that assured he would inherit Vermeil's job.

Martz, scheduled to undergo surgery today for a neck problem, didn't attend the news conference. A Rams spokesman said Martz would postpone surgery and hold a news conference.

Steve Francis added 22 points and eight assists for the Rockets. Eddie Jones had 20 points for the Hornets, 1-10 in their last 11 road games.

76ers 101, Mavericks 100
 Allen Iverson scored 29 points, including two free throws with 17.1 seconds left, in Philadelphia's victory in Dallas.

Theo Ratliff had a season-high 25 points and added 13 rebounds for the 76ers. Cedric Ceballos led the Mavericks with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Warriors 107, Clippers 76
 Antawn Jamison had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and John Starks added 20 points for Golden State at Los Angeles.

Donyell Marshall had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Warriors, who enjoyed their most lopsided victory of the season. Tyrone Nesby scored 20 points for the Clippers.

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Participating in a Soup Up Dreary Saturday watercolor class held recently at Pampa Middle School were (left) Angela Mechelay and (right) instructor Cile Taylor and Gari Sue Haddock.

(Community Camera photo taken by Judy Elliott)

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2-19 Shell Fee (640 ac) 660' from North & East line, Sec. 19,41,H&TC, PD 8200.
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Prize Operating Co., #12-26 Marion Osborne (646 ac) 2110' from South & 550' from West line, Sec. 26,B-1,H&GN, PD 11000.' Rule 37
WHEELER (WILDCAT & KEY Upper Morrow) St. Mary Operating Co., #2 Clay Family Trust '34' (292 ac) 1600' from South & 500' from West line, Sec. 34,OS-2, Charles A. Purcell, PD 16200.' Rule 37
Applications to Plug-Back
ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Atoka) Unit Petroleum Co., #12 Lips 'A' (160 ac) 1520' from South & 1250' from West line, Sec. 158,13,T&NO, PD 8200.
ROBERTS (GILL RANCH Granite Wash) Seagull Energy E&P, Inc., #1-16 Gill (640 ac) 4750' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 16,44,H.T. Gill, PD 12150.'
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #2-38 Humphreys, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 38,I,G&M, elev. 2529 kb, spud 9-11-99, drlg. compl 9-23-99, tested 11-23-99, potential 2000 MCF, rock pressure 1526, pay 7108-7124, TD 7320', PBTD 7268', tops: B/Anhy 1860, Pan. Lime 3050, Br. Dolo 3895, Heebner 7013, Up. Douglas 7081, 8 5/8" csg. 1627' (835 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 7320' (515 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 7035', pkr set 7035' - API# 42 211 32380
HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #4 Humphreys 'K', 2310' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 48,I,G&M, elev. 2492 kb, spud 10-11-99, drlg. compl 10-21-99, tested 12-16-99, potential 15000 MCF, rock pressure 1833, pay 7032-7130, TD 7300', PBTD 2492', tops: B/Anhy 1834, Pan. Lime 3013, Br. Dolo 3870, B/Heebner 6996, Douglas 7024, 8 5/8" csg. 1590' (635 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 7300' (520 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 6980', pkr set 6980' - API# 42 211 32381
Plugged Well
GRAY (PANHANDLE) O.H.M. Operating, #12 Wm. Jackson NCT-2, 1680' from South & 2340' from East line, Sec. 94,B-2,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 11-10-99, TD 3115' (oil) - Form 1 filed in The Texas Co.

TPMHA receives recognition for outstanding performance

AMARILLO — Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees recently met in Amarillo. TPMHA Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement Plan was reviewed by a team of Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation Program evaluators, it was reported during the meeting. Of the 22 elements reviewed for compliance in the areas of Performance Contract Compliance and Mental Health Community Standard and Enhancements, only one was returned with recommendations. TPMHA received a letter of congratulations from Jackie Webster, TDMHMR Mental Health Quality Management coordinator.

TPMHA and Amarillo State Center will merge Sept. 1 and will serve the 21 upper counties of the Texas Panhandle. The board approved Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation as the new name for the merger.

Sandy Skelton, TPMHA executive director, stated as chair of the Statewide Executive Director's Consortium, he joined several advocacy officials at the state capitol recently, met with legislators and their staffs and recommended increasing the fund for treating the mentally ill who are involved in the criminal justice system.

The Mental Health Division of TPMHA continues to be reorganized along authority/provider lines, as per the requirement of the agency contract with TDMHMR. The goal is to develop a seamless system of care, increasing responsiveness and flexibility for mental health consumers in the panhandle. The reorganization should be complete by March of 2000, according to Kent Keith, director of Mental Health Services.

Keith also reported the agency has the highest percentage of eligible people on new generation medications as compared to the other 36 Texas community mental health centers. Dr. Michael Jenkins, medical director, and the contracted psychiatrists continue to aggressively utilize the newer medications and have noted significant improvements in patient functioning over the past few years. All community mental health centers in Texas are pushing for more dollars from the legislators to provide additional medications for the seriously mentally ill thus improving quality of life.

TPMHA's nine member Board of Trustees is comprised of citizens from the 21 counties the agency serves. The group meets monthly and provides oversight for the operations of the agency.

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West Texas A&M to host Summer Camp Fair

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will facilitate the Summer Camp Fair this year from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons area.

The Summer Camp Fair is provided by WT's Student Employment Services to give students the opportunity to obtain positions at summer camps.

Elise Copeland, Student Employment Services coordinator, said 23 employers and camp representatives are eager to meet with students interested in being camp counselors or general helpers this summer.

"Students gain great leadership skills as a counselor while enjoying the great outdoors," Copeland said. "This is a chance for students to get a great summer job."

Students who serve as camp counselors get to meet new people and utilize some of their academic skills.

"My experience at the camp was a great way for me to use my communication skills and meet various people from diverse backgrounds," Mary Liz Wills, a senior mass communications-public relations major from San Angelo, said.

The camps that will be represented at the fair are from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Some of the camps expected to recruit include Camp Balcones Springs in Marble Falls, Camp Waldemar in Hunt, Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo, Camp Summit in Dallas, Camp El Tesoro in Fort Worth and Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M.

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