

Daily Record

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Lewis Dee Bell, 43, 601 N. Nelson, was arrested on issuance of a bad check charge out of Randall County.

Nancy Luck Bell, 38, 601 N. Nelson, was arrested on theft by check charges out of Randall County.

Michael G. Palmer, 33, 736 Scott, was arrested on a warrant.

Donald Mark Mundell, 25, 1313 Coffee, was arrested in connection with the burglary of a habitat and failure to identify himself.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

6:26 P.M. - One unit and two personnel responded 14 miles south on Highway 70 to a small grass fire.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.13	dn 1/8
Milo	2.96	dn 1/8
Corn	1.41	dn 1/8
Soybeans	4.18	dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Occidental	19.98	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magell	132.03	
Puritan	18.68	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amoco	50 15/16	dn 3
Arco	69 1/16	dn 2 1/4
Cabot	23 7/8	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	dn 5/16
Chevron	81	dn 1/8

Police report

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Richard Gene Jones, 25, 637 N. Wells, was arrested on a warrant charging him with failure to appear and assault.

Leonard Jay Kane, 29, 529 N. Wells, was arrested for failure to furnish liability insurance information and driving with an invalid driver's license.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

2:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Banks and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Tignor and transported one to PRMC.

3:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported one to PRMC.

4:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

9 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to an Amarillo hospital.

11:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, Feb. 3

5:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Tignor and transported one to PRMC.

Emergency numbers

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

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COLD

reserve on the market to bring prices down. Oil prices have been rising because of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have cut production by nearly eight percent. Commercial stockpiles have dwindled so oil remains available but at higher prices.

The major influence on natural gas prices has been the winter weather in the east. Most utilities now have the capability of using either natural gas or oil for energy production.

Despite rising oil prices in a low-inflation economy, economists say that in contrast to oil price increases in 1973, 1979 and 1990, the recent climb in prices is unlikely to cause a recession. Oil makes up a smaller share of the economy these days than in

day past. The total value of crude oil used by the U.S. fell to just 0.8 percent of the nation's output last year from 5.5 percent in 1980. The percentage, however, will bounce back if oil prices stay high, economists say.

While the U.S. imports about half its oil, up from 37 percent in 1980, that is still less than many European and Asian nations.

Industry analysts say that Japan, Taiwan, Korea and southern European countries are the hardest hit by the price rises while Russia, Mexico, Venezuela and Middle Eastern oil producing countries are the beneficiaries.

Panhandle oil and gas producers, too, stand to profit from the cold weather in the East and market rises allowed by OPEC, and that could translate into stronger economies in the region.

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MURDER-SUICIDE

reported that he had filled containers in the back seat of the car on Saturday. Officers said a .22 was found next to Herman's body. A 38-caliber pistol was found in the car. Friends described Herman as a doting husband, tenderly taking care of his ill wife.

Ochiltree County Sheriff Joe Hataway, however, said over the last few years, Herman had written a number of critical letters to local businesses.

Herman moved to Perryton from Montana about six years ago because he thought a warmer climate would be good for his wife's health.

found burning just before 6 a.m. Sunday about three feet from the hospital building's administrative offices. By the time firefighters arrived, the car was engulfed in flames. Authorities said it appeared that two 55-gallon trash cans in the back had been filled with gasoline.

Perryton Police Chief Joe Hannon said a murder-suicide plot was apparently hatched by Herman earlier in the week. A convenience store clerk

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GUTHRIE

The sign was for Shorty Harris' drugstore on South Cuyler.

"He worked in the pharmacy, selling moonshine to certain preferred customers," Arlo Guthrie said, "and he offered to paint the sign."

While Woody Guthrie went on to become known as a singer and songwriter, the Harris Drug sign remained. Guthrie died of Huntington's Disease in 1967 at the age of 55, but the drugstore sign endured the dry wind and bitter snow decade after decade.

It survived, in fact, until 1977 when the front of the building was sand blasted to remove it.

Mandell sees the sign as a metaphor for the persistent folk singer, but more than that he said, it represents a side of Woody Guthrie that has received little attention.

"When he left Oklahoma," Arlo Guthrie said, "he didn't leave with a guitar. He left with paint brushes."

Although he dropped out of Pampa High School, he took a correspondence course in art.

"He was serious about it," Arlo Guthrie said. When Woody Guthrie died, he left behind some 600 sketches, political cartoons and paintings.

Many of these will be on display at the museum exhibition along with handwritten lyrics to his songs, poetry and personal possessions like his

mandolin and his copy of *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*.

"It is a life far more varied than the image made popular by his most famous admirer and imitator, Bob Dylan," Mandell said.

Woody Guthrie was not just a singer, songwriter, musician, political radical and rambling man, Mandell said, he was also a poet, novelist, newspaper columnist, radio host, folklorist, union organizer and visual artist.

"As he's become more legendary," Arlo Guthrie said, "he's become less known."

The museum exhibition might also have solved a mystery that has haunted Pampa for a number of years.

Woody Guthrie met and married his first wife in Pampa. He didn't have any money to pay the priest who married him, according to Bray, so he gave the priest a painting he had done. (Although Woody Guthrie and his wife later joined the Church of Christ in Pampa, they were apparently married in the Catholic church here.)

According to Mandell, Guthrie left behind five known oil paintings.

Nora Guthrie, one of Woody Guthrie's daughters and executive director of the Woody Guthrie Archives in New York, said one of these was a paint-by-numbers oil portrait of Abraham Lincoln that hung in a church in Texas for 50 years. It is now part of the Smithsonian collection.

'Alaska flight 'black box' reported in good condition

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — A cockpit voice recorder salvaged from the ocean is in good condition and may help explain how the Alaska Airlines pilots responded to a tail control malfunction before the jet's horrifying "corkscrewing" plunge, authorities said today.

The pinger for the second "black box" — the flight data recorder — was located during the night but was no longer attached to the device, Navy Capt. Terry Labrecque said this morning. Investigators believe they will still find it.

Searchers recovered the cockpit voice recorder just before sundown Wednesday. The device, which records conversations and other sounds in the cockpit, was found in 700 feet of water by a remote-controlled sub Scorpio.

"As luck would have it, almost literally true, as soon as they got down to the bottom they found the first box," Labrecque said.

The recorder was shipped to Washington for analysis. Investigators hope it will provide clues to what happened in the final moments of the flight, including details about the jet's horizontal stabilizer. The key tail control was described as jammed by the pilots a few minutes before the MD-83 crashed.

"The recorder has been described to me as being in good condition. Of course until we get it to our headquarters, open the recorder, find out the condition of the tape inside and provide an initial readout, we won't know for sure," National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"But early indications are we ought to have a good recording, which will be extremely important to the investigation," he said.

The NTSB has also begun analyzing a recording of a radio call from Flight 261's pilots to a Seattle maintenance crew about the stabilizer problem minutes before the crash.

Investigators said witnesses saw no signs of fire or smoke when the jet hit the water in one piece Monday, killing all 88 aboard.

As the plane passed over Anacapa Island, just off the coast, a witness heard several popping sounds and watched the jet turn and hit the water, NTSB member John Hammerschmidt said Wednesday.

"The aircraft was twisting, flying erratically, nose rocking," he told reporters late Wednesday. He also said other pilots nearby described the plane as "tumbling, spinning, nose-down, continuous roll, corkscrewing and inverted."

The pinger for the flight data recorder, which records information about the plane's mechanical operation — the size of two film cartridges — was found near the cockpit voice recorder, Labrecque said.

Ships with side-scan sonar equipment that can make detailed maps of debris on the ocean floor

began searching the crash site today, and two other remote-control submersibles like Scorpio were en route.

The wreckage is well below the 300-foot safety limit for divers — and most of the bodies are believed pinned in the debris on the bottom of the ocean. Searchers have recovered the remains of only four passengers.

Investigators expected choppy waters as a light storm moved toward Southern California today. The beaches were mostly clear of debris, but rough seas could begin to wash ashore more remnants of the craft.

The search for survivors was called off Wednesday over the protest of some family members who held out hope that someone might still be alive in the chilly waters of the Santa Barbara Channel. The search had gone on for 41 hours and included dozens of Coast Guard, Navy and civilian ships, boats and aircraft that combed a 1,100-square-mile area.

The airline and Red Cross officials today planned to take friends and relatives of the victims to the coast near the crash site. The sand near Port Hueneme is already the site of makeshift memorials.

A jammed horizontal stabilizer forced an American Airlines MD-80 to return to Phoenix 20 minutes after it took off for Dallas on Wednesday. The plane is part of the same series of aircraft as the Alaska MD-83 that crashed.

The Arizona Republic reported today that another Alaska Airlines flight made an emergency landing at Fairbanks International Airport last year because of stabilizer problems.

In that case, the pilot of an MD-82 carrying 138 passengers and crew had trouble getting the plane's nose to rise on takeoff, and the pilot made an emergency landing.

Federal investigators were having the flight data recorder from the American Airlines plane sent to them, said Phil Frame, a spokesman for the NTSB in Washington. Frame said he knew of no link between the American Airlines incident and the Alaska Airlines investigation, but "it may have piqued their interest."

On Wednesday, The Seattle Times reported the plane that crashed this week had horizontal stabilizer problems on its trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the leg before the ill-fated flight bound for San Francisco and Seattle.

Hall said today he did not think such reports were "exactly correct. ... What we are doing this morning in California, we will be interviewing the crew of the previous flight."

Airline spokesman Jack Evans in Seattle also denied the report: "We stand by what we said earlier this week, which is that we're not aware of any maintenance anomalies with this aircraft."

Nichols goes to court in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Federal building bombing co-conspirator Terry Nichols appeared before an Oklahoma judge Wednesday for a formal reading of the 160 first-degree murder charges he faces in state court.

It was his first appearance since he was returned to the state on Monday from a federal prison in Colorado. A date for a preliminary hearing, when Nichols will enter a plea, has not been set.

Nichols, 44, was convicted in federal court in Colorado and sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary

manslaughter in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy is attempting to get the death penalty for the 160 charges of first-degree murder, representing the bombing victims not included in the federal trial. Macy filed the murder charges last year.

Bombing co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh, also convicted of federal murder charges, is already sentenced to death.

Murphy formally denied bail for Nichols on Wednesday and set a Feb. 11 hearing to consider attorneys' requests for a gag order.

Names in the news ...

ATLANTA (AP) — Long hair and a flashy purple jacket may seem a little out of place in Georgia's Senate chamber, but not when they belong to country music star Travis Tritt.

Tritt, who was born in Marietta and now lives in Paulding County, was honored by the Senate on Wednesday for his musical accomplishments and his statewide charitable work.

He said he's proud that "not only did I get started here, but I still live here. This is still home for me, and it will be for as long as I'm around."

Sens. Phil Gingrey and Nathan Dean sponsored the resolution honoring Tritt, who performed at last weekend's Super Bowl.

"Travis sort of epitomizes to me what every celebrity should stand for," Gingrey said. "He is a great family man, great husband and a great father. He has done innumerable volunteer things for the state of Georgia."

The singer didn't belt out any country tunes during his visit, but he did give his autograph to dozens of senators.

Tritt, whose hits include "Here's a Quarter" and "Anymore," has had 11 No. 1 hits and has sold more than 17 million albums.

CLOVER, S.C. (AP) — Carmen Houston, who was teased mercilessly at her old high school, was escorted on her first day at a new school by a new friend — Queen Latifah.

The rapper, writer, actor and now TV talk-show host also known as Dana Owens walked into Clover High holding the arm of 16-year-old Houston.

"We wanted to help her get back in school," she said Tuesday. "You have to persevere through the good and the bad."

Houston appeared on a December broadcast of Queen Latifah's show about overweight teen-agers and described the pain of being teased by her Gastonia, N.C., high school peers.

So Queen Latifah, 29, promised to escort Houston if she ever decided to return to school.

Houston held Queen Latifah to her promise. "She's like my sister," the teen said. "She gives me words of encouragement."

Clover High School Principal Ron Wright decided to hold an assembly for the entire school after reading a biography of Queen Latifah. He figured she was a good person to kick off Black History Month.

Afterward, teens asked Houston to get them Queen Latifah's autograph. The teen also made friends with 15-year-old Brooke Guidebeck, who offered to lend Houston \$2 to get her school ID and complimented the new student on her purse.

LONDON (AP) — Queen

Elizabeth II's newest daughter-in-law admits she committed an "error of judgment" by wearing the wrong hat during a trip to Switzerland. It was made of fox fur.

The Countess of Wessex, who married Prince Edward last summer, was criticized for wearing the hat while Britain is in the midst of a heated debate over the government's plan to outlaw fox hunting.

Buckingham Palace said Wednesday the former Sophie Rhys-Jones bought the hat on the spur of the moment when she became cold during a visit to the exclusive Swiss ski resort of St. Moritz.

"She had no intention of upsetting anyone," said a spokesman, speaking with customary anonymity.

Arriving for work at her London public relations firm Wednesday, the 35-year-old countess told reporters, "I think it was an error of judgment on my part."

City Briefs

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COYOTE CLUB welcomes "Buddy Payne" live music, Fri. & Sat. Pool tournament-Thurs., Ladies Pool Tournament-Mon.

PRICES ARE melting, most winter items 1/2 price, Twice Is Nice, your upscale re-sale shop!

"NEARLY NEW", now accepting your clothing for consignment store opening soon, 2143 N. Hobart, 665-3860. See ya there, Lajuana, Pam & Sue

REMEMBER YOUR Valentine with a gift basket or candy bouquet from the Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler.

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

WE HAVE most of her favorite things, new shipment of Sterling Jewelry, Crystal Groupies, Power Bead Bracelets, & Interchangeable Rings just in time for Valentine's Day at Twice Is Nice!

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with a high of 65 and west winds to 15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 25 and northeast winds to 15 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 50 and northeast winds at 5-15 mph.

STATEWIDE — Patchy light rain continued in deep South Texas today while much of the rest of the state reported clear skies.

Overnight, an upper level low pressure system west of

Brownsville drifted southeast as high pressure moved in from the north. This resulted in clearing skies and colder temperatures over the northern half of South Texas, with some points reporting readings in the mid-30s.

At 4 a.m., temperatures ranged from 33 at College Station to 49 at McAllen.

Temperatures across the Panhandle at 4 a.m. were not as cold as the past few mornings since downsloping winds were reported across most of the area. Most locations were in the 30s

and lower 40s. Temperatures were in the 20s across parts of the far west and Marfa Plateau. Extremes included 21 degrees at Marfa and 43 at Borger.

Under mostly clear skies, temperatures were in the 30s and 40s this morning across North Texas. At 3 a.m., readings ranged from 36 at Tyler and Paris to 44 in Wichita Falls.

High temperatures will be in the 60s today in much of Texas. Lows tonight will range from the lower 20s in the Panhandle to the 40s along the Rio Grande.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues.

resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

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 8 a.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 "Offer of Intention to Submit an Offer" document. For more information, visit www.doeal.gov/NWPP/NWP/Pdefault.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.

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.

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

BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIP
The Panhandle Bird Club will conduct a bird watching field trip to Palo Duro Canyon beginning at 8 a.m. Feb. 10 at the front entrance of the canyon. Participants should pack a lunch, wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars.

NATURE HIKE
A 2.5-mile nature hike is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 along the Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail in Palo Duro Canyon. The group will be discussing canyon history, geology, wildlife and plant life. All participants should bring plenty of water, sunscreen and good hiking shoes.

STARGAZING PARTY
The Amarillo Astronomy Club will meet for a Stargazing Party at 7 p.m. March 25 at Palo Duro Park Visitor Center. Refreshments will be provided.

'TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS
Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181.

U.S.N. ARMED GUARD VETERANS
U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII Naval Service who manned guns and communications on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky, 1-800-354-9793-9866.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN
America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telee@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115.

Boy Scouts of America to mark 90th anniversary

The Golden Spread Council, which serves the top 24 counties of the Texas Panhandle and the three panhandle counties of Oklahoma, will join more than 5 1/2 million other members in celebrating the Boy Scouts of America's 90 years of service to our nation and its communities.

AMARILLO — Ninety years ago, an idea came to America by way of a good turn. Ninety years of good turns later, the Boy Scouts of America has not changed its fundamental goals. The BSA has cultivated a belief in service and a spirit of adventure in 100 million Americans. The Golden Spread Council, which serves the top 24 counties of the Texas Panhandle and the three panhandle counties of Oklahoma, will join more than 5 1/2 million other members in celebrating the Boy Scouts of America's 90 years of service to our nation and its communities. On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America were formally organized in Washington, D.C. Our region extends its thanks to the Boy Scouts of America for 90 years of service to our nation's youth. We salute the millions of adults who have given their time to serve as leaders, and we give thanks to the thousands of community groups that have joined with the BSA to bring meaning to the values expressed in the Scout Oath to 100 million alumni.

PHS Class of 1955 needs your help to locate the following classmates. If you can help us, please contact Donna Acker, 669-2024 or Leona Willis, 665-8269.

Jeri Archer (Lloyd)	Jerry Collins (Turner)
Peggy Bicknell	Clinton Cooper
Dolores Bonham (Roberts)	Sandra Jean Hollis (Velasquez)
Leon Bradshaw	Bob Peacock
Frank Brackman	Jerrel Richardson
Joan Brothers	Muriel Rittenhouse (Thomas W.W.)
Ben Maresh Cartwright	Shirley Watkins (Winters Merle)



Barbara Hill Moore AO to hold annual spiritual concert

AMARILLO — Amarillo Opera will present its sixth annual "Lift Every Voice" spiritual concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium, according to AO's local BRAVO! Representative Madeline Graves. The "Lift Every Voice" choir, conducted by Donnell Hill, will present spirituals and gospel music. Special guest artist will be soprano Barbara Hill Moore along with Ramone Diggs, Derick Amos and Afton Battle. Proceeds will benefit AO Outreach/Education programs. Tickets are available at the Civic Center box office, (806) 378-3096. For BRAVO! membership information, contact the opera office at (806) 372-7464.

LOST

Large White Pyrenees Mix Dog. Answers to Sam. Very curly tail. Had collar & tag when disappeared. Reward. 669-1217 or 669-7633

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Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

ALT Little Theatre PRESENTS

Greater TUNA

by Jaston Williams • Joe Sears • Ed Howard
"Howling Funny!" - Variety

Saturday, February 5
Canadian Middle School Auditorium
7:30 p.m. - \$10 General Admission
For Tickets Call 323-6548
Proceeds Benefit Canadian Art Alliance & River Valley Pioneer Museum

Production Funded by Dale & Laura Cook, John & Doris Kaczmarek
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Inside the Beltway
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Flag flap stems from politics ...

Now that the Confederate flag flap has gone national, let's examine what this hoopla is all about.
 In 1962, as part of the centennial celebration of the War of Northern Aggression, South Carolina raised the Confederate battle flag over its capitol.
 The flag is not, by the way, in a "position of sovereignty." It's in the honorary position, as protocol demands, beneath the American and South Carolina flags. If, for example, Massachusetts wanted to fly the rainbow flag in honor of its congressional delegation, the flag would occupy the honorary slot, third from the top of the flagpole, just as the Confederate battle flag does in South Carolina.
 So the Confederate battle flag has been atop the South Carolina state house for 38 years. Now, in all that time, has that flag flying had any material or legal effect on any human being?
 I dare say no.
 I venture to say that most people were unaware that it was even there. But let's be fair. Let's say the South Carolina Legislature votes to take down the Confederate flag. Now, will the absence of that flag have any material or legal effect on any of us?
 No.
 So you have a situation in which there is a dispute but not about any substantive matter. Whether the flag's there or not there, our lives remain the same. So what is the argument about?

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Well, like so many arguments in America today, it's about politics and interpretation of history. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People having won all its legitimate legal battles — got to casting around for some reason to stay in existence and decided to attack historical symbols of the Confederacy. It dubbed the dear old banner "the most odious symbol in the universe." It said that the battle flag is a symbol of slavery and racism. And there's the conflict.
 Realizing that the meaning of any symbol lies in the eyes of the beholder, those who defend the Southern heritage adamantly reject the NAACP's definition. To us, the battle flag is a symbol of courage, honor and love of freedom. Despite the mine-deep ignorance of most people today, the facts are on our side. The South did not secede to preserve slavery, and the North did not invade to end it. The differences between North and South, which surfaced long before slavery even became an issue, were economic, cultural and political.

The South seceded to preserve the constitutional republic of sovereign states, and the North invaded to destroy that republic once and for all and establish the centralized national government that we have today.

Slavery had been a global institution imposed on the colonies by Great Britain — over the protests, by the way, of both Virginia and Georgia colonists. When the United States was created, slavery was a national institution. Racism was national. Slavery was protected by the U.S. Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court. If any flag symbolizes slavery in the United States, it is the Stars and Stripes, not the Confederate battle flag.

After all, during the war, it was the commander of the Northern armies who owned slaves while the commander of the Southern armies had freed his. The majority of Southerners didn't own any slaves, and, of those who did, some were black slave owners. In short, the South is tired of being the scapegoat for national sins and a fund-raising tool for the NAACP.

A second factor in the dispute is the First Amendment. The fact that a minority or even a majority decides that a symbol is offensive cannot be reason to ban that symbol. But, because the NAACP wants to boycott South Carolina and Jesse Jackson wants to boycott Georgia (its state flag incorporates the battle flag), I have a suggestion: Why don't all the South haters boycott the entire South all at the same time? We'd love for you to stay away.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press**
 Today is Thursday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2000. There are 332 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:**
 On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.
- On this date:**
 In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. (The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.)
 In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.
 In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.
 In 1865, President Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast. (The talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.)
 In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.
 In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.
 In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.
 In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 68.
 In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.
 In 1989, Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay for more than three decades, was overthrown in a military coup.
- Ten years ago:** The parliament of Bulgaria elected economist Andrei Lukanov to replace a hard-line Communist as premier.
- Five years ago:** The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history. At the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, prosecution witness Denise Brown wept on the stand as she described the humiliation and abuse of her sister, Nicole Brown Simpson, at the hands of the former football star.
- One year ago:** The Clinton administration told Congress a NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years and might include up to 4,000 American troops.

- Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Joey Bishop is 82. Actor John Fiedler is 75. Comedian Shelley Bertram is 74. Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.) is 67. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 60. Singer Dennis Edwards is 57. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 55. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 53. Singer Melanie is 53. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 50. Actor Nathan Lane is 44. Rock musician Lee Renaldo (Sonic Youth) is 44. Actor Thomas Calabro is 41. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 39. Actress Michele Greene is 38. Country singer Matraca Berg is 36. Actress Maura Tierney is 35. Rock musician Nick Hawkins (Big Audio) is 35. Musician Grant Barry (Reel Big Fish) is 23.

Tax code needs modernizing

Any student of American history knows that the only constant our country has known since its founding is change. Our free and open society is our greatest strength because it rewards those who spur changes for the better. In contrast, bureaucracies are built upon steadfast adherence to the past.

Nowhere is this more true than within the tax code. Our economy and lives have evolved during the era of dynamic technological change that closed the 20th century, but the tax code too often lags behind.
 Let's look at one example: The marriage penalty tax. According to the U.S. Census Department, in 1940 women comprised one-quarter of the work force. By 1997, women were almost half the labor force. This significant change has reshaped our economy and culture for the better. So, how has the tax code responded? With feet of clay.

More than ever, both partners in a married couple are working. Yet today's tax code actually punishes them. The standard deduction for single taxpayers is \$4,300. But for couples filing jointly, the standard deduction is \$7,300 — \$1,300 less than if the couple were unmarried and filing separately. Half of all married couples — 21 million in all — are unfairly taxed for being married. Most make less than \$50,000.
 Eliminating the marriage penalty tax is one of my top priorities.
 Let's take a look at another way in which the tax code must be modernized to better reflect changes in our economy and culture.
 Today's law does not provide for sufficient pension planning for individuals — mostly women — who interrupt their careers to raise their families. In particular, there is no provision allowing "catch-up" payments to Individual Retirement Accounts and employer-sponsored 401(k) plans to cover time spent off the payroll.
 Stay-at-home parents cannot accumulate as much in retirement savings as they could had they worked outside the home. Or they must remain at work so they can keep participating in their retirement plans when their hearts tell them they would rather be at home.
 That's just not fair. The government's tax code ought to be encouraging people to save for retirement because Americans aren't saving enough today. According to Treasury Department statistics, half of all American workers are not covered by a retirement plan.

And the participation of women in retirement plans lags behind that of men. According to a recent study, 52 percent of all women ages 25-54 participated in retirement savings plans compared to 58 percent of men the same age.
 It is my goal in 2000 to close this gap while encouraging all Americans to save more for their retirement. Under legislation I will be introducing, spouses who are in-and-out of the workforce will be able to make up payments towards retirement once they return to work after the age of 50. I will push hard for Congress to consider this legislation in 2000; a similar provision was unfortunately vetoed by President Clinton last year.
 Changing the tax code to help people increase their retirement savings is important. That is why I fought hard to get the Homemaker IRA plan passed into law three years ago. The law now allows stay-at-home spouses to set aside up to \$2,000 every year for retirement just like those who work outside the home have been able to do.

The tax code must be brought into the 21st century. Changing it to help American families build better retirement savings is a good start.

Remember: Consumers do have options

February 14 - 20, 2000, has been designated as National Consumer Protection Week. In this column, I am providing the following information for Texas consumers.

John Cornyn
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

The best way to be a careful consumer is to be an informed consumer. The Office of the Attorney General is the consumer protection agency for the state. Our goal is to protect Texans from unscrupulous businesses and educate consumers on how to protect themselves. My Consumer Protection Division produces free educational brochures on a variety of consumer topics from credit cards and ID fraud, to tenant rights and car repair. Consumers can request copies of our brochures by calling 1-800-621-0508.
 CPD also publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Consumer Watch." The newsletter provides tips on how to be an informed consumer. It also contains updates on lawsuits that this office may have filed on behalf of Texas consumers. To be added to the "Consumer Watch" mailing list write to: List Manager, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548 Mail Code 027, Austin, TX 78711. You can also call the above number to request a copy.
 Even careful buyers can get stuck now and

then. When it does happen, consumers do have some options.

Your first step should be to talk to the business directly — the salesperson, manager or customer service representative. Most problems can be resolved at this level.

If the business does not resolve the problem, you can file a complaint with CPD, your local Better Business Bureau and, in some cases, small claims court.
 CPD provides a voluntary dispute resolution service for consumers who file written complaints with our office. My office receives an average of 30,000 complaints a year, and the majority of these cases are resolved through this process.

You can obtain a CPD complaint form by calling 1-800-252-8011 or by visiting our website. When you file the complaint, make sure that you include the name and address of the business, a description of the problem and the steps that you have taken to resolve it, an explanation of the resolution you desire and photocopies of all related documents.
 State law prohibits my office from providing legal advice or representation to private citizens or companies. CPD cannot act on behalf of a consumer or a business during the mediation process.
 On occasion, CPD files a Deceptive Trade Practices suit against a business. The suits are intended to protect the public interest. While we cannot file a suit on behalf of private individuals, we do monitor consumer complaints for possible enforcement actions.
 When filing a suit, we consider several factors including among others, the severity of the case and the possibility of halting fraudulent activity. Even though we aren't always able to recover money for consumers, we file these cases to stop illegal business practices.
 For more information on consumer information and referral sources, visit the Office of the Attorney General website at www.oag.state.tx.us. All of our consumer brochures and the "Consumer Watch" newsletter are available on the website.

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Briefly around the country ...

Navy finds one 'black box' of doomed jetliner

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — With one "black box" recovered, the Navy today turned its attention to finding the other data recorder in the wreckage of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 at the bottom of the sea. Searchers recovered the cockpit voice recorder just before sundown Wednesday. The device, which records conversations and other sounds in the cockpit, was found in 700 feet of water by a remote-controlled robot named Scorpio.

"As luck would have it, almost literally true, as soon as they got down to the bottom they found the first box," said Navy Capt. Terry Labrecque.

The recorder was shipped to Washington for analysis. Investigators hope it will provide clues to what happened in the final moments of Monday's flight, including details about the jet's horizontal stabilizer. The key tail control was described as jammed by the pilots a few minutes before the crash.

The airline and Red Cross officials, meanwhile, prepared to take friends and relatives of the victims to the coast near the crash site. The sand near here is already the site of makeshift memorials.

The final moments of the flight were described by investigators as a terrifying plunge into the Pacific Ocean. They said witnesses saw no signs of fire or smoke when the jet hit the water in one piece, killing all 88 people aboard.

As the plane passed over Anacapa Island, just off the coast, a witness heard several popping sounds and watched the jet turn and hit the ocean, said John Hammerschmidt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Bush skips third California GOP convention

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — When California Republicans meet this weekend to size up presidential candidates, there will be a very conspicuous absence: Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who is skipping the gathering for the third straight time.

Bush will be in Michigan when the convention opens Friday, and will spend most of the weekend resting in Texas after an 18-day sprint through Iowa and New Hampshire.

But while Bush's brother, Jeb, the Florida governor, plans to speak on his behalf, Sen. John McCain will speak for himself in hope of generating momentum in the nation's largest state after his decisive win over Bush in the New Hampshire GOP presidential primary.

Jon Fleishman, executive director of the state GOP, said he didn't take the Texas governor's absence as a snub.

"If nobody was speaking at our convention representing George W. Bush, the silence would be deafening," Fleishman said. "The fact that we have his brother there is huge."

But by missing the convention, Bush risks alienating the more than 1,500 GOP activists on hand, said Barbara O'Connor, director of the Institute for the Study of Politics and the Media at California State University, Sacramento.

"Were I him, I'd be at the California Republican convention shaking hands," she said. "Snubbed once, they'll forgive you; twice, maybe they'll forgive you; three times, they're going to dance with someone else."

Study: Many kids dying of cancer suffer more than they should

Childhood cancer was an almost certain death sentence 30 years ago, with nine of every 10 victims succumbing to the disease. The death rate has dropped to one in four, but researchers say many of those who die suffer more than they have to.

The reason, according to a new study, is that doctors try so hard to cure the children they don't pay enough attention to easing symptoms.

"It is very difficult, especially in the late stages of a difficult struggle, to focus on relieving the pain and balancing that with whatever treatments may still exist," said Chris Hoefflin, whose son, Michael, died from brain cancer in May 1996.

Hoefflin, of Santa Clarita, Calif., said doctors did everything they could to ease Michael's suffering. But, he said, "I think pain care and psychological care is still an area that needs more attention. For the kids and also for the parents."

Dr. Joanne Wolfe, the lead author of the study published today in the New England Journal of Medicine, is among those working for such change.

Wolfe is an instructor in pediatric oncology at Harvard University and at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, which conducted the study.

The researchers talked to parents of 103 children who died of cancer between 1990 and 1997. They were told that 92 had suffered "a great deal" or "a lot" from at least one symptom. More than half had suffered significantly from at least three symptoms.

Army not ruling out prosecutions in alleged massacre

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is holding out the possibility that some Korean War veterans could face criminal prosecution if investigators find they participated in alleged mass killings of South Korean civilians.

Army Secretary Louis Caldera said Wednesday it was too early in the investigation to say whether prosecutions were likely or whether the U.S. government would compensate South Korean survivors or families of the victims.

"We certainly are prepared to recommend to the secretary of defense and to the president that our country do the right thing if it is shown that U.S. soldiers did something that was inappropriate," he said.

Drawing a parallel to war crimes trials following World War II, Caldera told The Associated Press, "We don't want to set a double standard."

Caldera said Army investigators so far have questioned a few dozen U.S. veterans from units that were in the area at the time of the alleged killings, but have not yet talked to those who told the AP last year that a large number of South Korean refugees were gunned down at the hamlet of No Gun Ri.

Before the AP report, which was based on ex-soldiers' state-

ments as well as declassified U.S. government documents, both U.S. and South Korean officials had insisted there was no evidence to support the claims. After the report, however, both the Defense Department and South Korea launched investigations.

Caldera said the Army needs to investigate further before deciding whether criminal prosecutions are warranted.

Rule scrapped that bypassed random assignments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Addressing a growing controversy, federal judges in the nation's capital killed a rule that enabled the chief judge to send prosecutions against friends and supporters of President Clinton to his judicial appointees.

Officials at the courthouse say the judges revoked the rule on Tuesday, six months after The Associated Press disclosed that Chief Judge Norma Holloway Johnson bypassed the system of randomly assigning cases in some politically sensitive prosecutions.

The judges had begun a review of the rule last April before the controversy erupted.

In 1998, Johnson directed a total of five Democratic fund-raising prosecutions to Clinton-appointed judges, plus a tax evasion case against long-time Clinton friend Webster Hubbell.

The now-rescinded rule permitted Johnson to bypass the random assignment system in "protracted" cases.

Pressure to scrap the rule increased last month when Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., chairman of a House Judiciary Committee panel, disclosed that Johnson assigned a Clinton judge a case that was not "protracted" — the guilty plea of prominent Miami businessman Howard Glickman, a former fund-raiser for Vice President Al Gore. Glickman admitted to two misdemeanors in the fund-raising investigation.

The chief judge has never said why she bypassed the random assignment system in Glickman's case.

FTC: Merger of BP Amoco and Arco anticompetitive

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Government regulators say BP Amoco's proposed takeover of Atlantic Richfield Co. is anticompetitive, setting up the oil industry's biggest antitrust court fight since the breakup of Standard Oil nearly a century ago.

The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday said it will try to scuttle the \$30 billion merger because the new company would dominate Alaska oil production and West Coast markets and have the power to control prices.

London-based BP Amoco launched its bid for Los Angeles-based Atlantic Richfield, known as Arco, in March. The deal was scheduled to go through Monday.

Richard Parker, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, said the agency would go to court in San Francisco as early as Friday to try and block it.

"This particular merger is anticompetitive," Parker said. "We're going after this merger and we're going to try to stop it."

He said the merger would create "a colossus" that could dictate prices to West Coast refiners reliant on Alaska crude oil.

BP Amoco and Arco said they would fight the FTC in court.

Woman has triplets — again

BALTIMORE (AP) — Defying odds of about one in 50 million, a woman has given birth to triplets for the second time in less than two years.

Crystal Cornick, 19, who was not using fertility drugs, gave birth Tuesday to her fourth, fifth and sixth children at the University of Maryland Hospital. Doctors say Cornick and her babies should be able to go home in a week or two.

Cornick and her fiancé, Richard Williams, 22, said they were in shock when they learned they were having triplets again.

"I was at work, she called me ... and said we're having triplets. I said, 'No, you're lying, stop lying,'" Williams said.

Cornick said her pastor helped reassure her.

"He said your children are a blessing and you should feel lucky to have them, because some people can't have children and you're lucky to be blessed with three at once," Cornick said. "So that kind of put me at ease."

The children, Ariel, Tyler and Tyree, were in stable condition this morning in neonatal intensive care.

No matter how trendy, only one license plate illegal

HOUSTON (AP) — Confederate flags, political messages and university logos — not license plates — are among the unofficial placards riding around on the front of some Texans' vehicles.

So what's wrong with a little spirit?

Nothing, except that drivers displaying only one official Texas plate are risking a traffic ticket. Confusion about the law may be widespread,

according to the Houston Chronicle.

The misdemeanor offense of "operation of a vehicle without license plate or registration insignia" is punishable by a fine of up to \$200.

"If you don't want to get a ticket, the best way is to have both plates," Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger told the newspaper. "It's still the law."

Study: Small babies have lower adult incomes

CHICAGO (AP) — Babies born smaller than normal tend to have lower incomes as adults but are just as likely as those of normal birth weight to be employed, married and satisfied with their lives, researchers say.

A study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association linked the lower incomes to lower achievement in school, which led to lower-paying, blue-collar jobs.

Previous studies have linked low birth weight to problems with brain development in children.

But those studies did not track low birth-weight babies past mid-childhood, said Dr. Richard Strauss, the study's lead researcher and assistant professor of

pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The study tracked about 1,000 full-term babies who weighed less than about 5.5 pounds at birth in Britain in 1970. They were examined at ages 10, 16 and 26 and compared with normal-size babies born the same year.

The adults born small earned about 10 percent less, and those who had normal birth weights were twice as likely to become professionals.

At age 26, no differences were seen between the normal and low birth-weight adults in years of education, hours worked, marital status, satisfaction with life and perception of standard of living.

DPS Trooper delivers baby

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — One lucky baby can look forward to growing up and seeing the scramble surrounding his own birth — on videotape, on a highway, with a cop.

State Trooper Robert Turner stopped a speeder Wednesday, spokesman Mike Cox said. The cruiser was equipped with a video camera and a microphone.

While Turner was talking to the driver, a second auto pulled up. Its driver was frantically honking the horn.

"The next thing he says is, 'I need an ambulance, a lady's having a baby,'" Cox said.

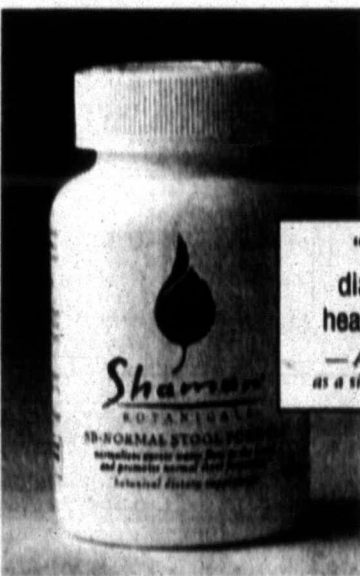
Shortly afterward, Turner is heard saying the child was born.

"The baby was not breathing when it came out," Cox said, but Turner managed to discharge the fluid obstructing its airways with a smack, per his training.

The mother and baby were transported by ambulance to College Station Medical Center. The baby's name? Jordan Robert Pickens, with the middle name in honor of the trooper.

The story also had a happy ending for the people in the car Turner had stopped for speeding: He let them off with a warning.

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Old-Fashioned Manners Are Not Just Page From the Past

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Disillusioned in Dallas," the 22-year-old man with old-fashioned manners who said it was difficult to find women his age who are receptive to being treated courteously.

I am a single, 25-year-old female. Apparently "Disillusioned" is dating the wrong type of women. I have shared his letter with all my girlfriends, ages 22 to 27. We agree that manners do count.

Good manners have not faded in our generation. Being considerate and showing respect to a woman reveals class and a moral upbringing. A man with manners and respect for women is exactly what many other young women and I are looking for in both a casual date and in our soul mate.

AMY IN DALLAS



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

in his feelings about a woman's place in the world.

"Disillusioned," the right woman will accommodate you with pleasure, for your manners are an indication of your true self. I just don't want some gals to be thought of as "strange" for declining gestures they find alien or uncomfortable.

G.Z. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ANN: You're right. Some women have to learn the hard way. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 and feel fortunate when someone opens a door for me or pulls out my chair. My big brother (who's 30 now) always told me when I was younger to never date a guy who doesn't open doors for me. I followed his advice, and I confess, I haven't dated much, but he was right — there is a big difference.

COMMITTED TO COURTESY IN THREE RIVERS

DEAR COMMITTED: Keep listening to your brother; he's a smart man. Good manners are a measure of respect and courtesy — important qualities in a mate. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In a time when people are becoming more preoccupied with themselves and in a greater rush, courtesies are getting lost along the way. I urge everyone to make an effort to keep manners alive. With booming populations, that is the only way we will be able to get along.

IN FAVOR OF MANNERS IN PORTLAND

DEAR IN FAVOR: It's true. On the one hand, courtesy is one of the things that bond society together. On the other, it's the social lubricant — the WD-40 — that keeps relationships from becoming abrasive.

DEAR G.Z.: I have no doubt that "Disillusioned" will find someone who thinks he's terrific. I do, however, take exception to anyone who reacts with rudeness when a courteous gesture is offered. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Men with good manners these days are hard to find. All I can say to "Disillusioned" is: Don't change a thing! Those same women will be banging on his door someday after they've kissed enough frogs. "Disillusioned" sounds like a true gentleman, and men all over should take lessons. He can open my car door anytime.

ANN S. (AGE 32)

DEAR AMY: I have been deluged with letters from women who echoed your sentiments. However, I have also received a few pointing out there may be another side to the issue. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old female. There are various reasons some women decline those gestures of chivalry: (1) a strong sense of personal space; (2) in some cultures those particular niceties are not the common way of communicating consideration to a woman; and — saddest of all — (3) some women fear that "old-fashioned" manners indicate that a man is also old-fashioned

Horoscope

FRIDAY, FEB. 4, 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)

**** Zero in on what you want. Let others know what is most important in your plans. Good communication eases your interactions; as a result, you succeed. Listen to your instincts when dealing with funds. It won't hurt to play it conservatively. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Following your instincts allows you to be in a strong position when dealing with others. You might not be absolutely sure what to do with a difficult associate. Resist becoming defensive but remain open. Tonight: Do what is politically correct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** When faced with a choice, take the high road. How you see another and what goes on could change substantially as a result of a discussion. Network; reach out for others; you succeed. Another might make a statement that bothers you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Partners have much to share. Your work flourishes, not only because of shared news but also because of your high energy. Think about what is impor-

tant to your associates when making a decision. A meeting might be a drag. Tonight: You are better off with one person, rather than many.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Others run with the ball. Knowing when to stay relaxed is critical. Let others reveal their true colors; ultimately, this information is more important than the immediate situation. Don't take on any more responsibilities. Tonight: Entertain and be entertained.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Dig into work. You have far more to do than you would like. Happy news from an associate distracts you quite a bit. Staying focused takes unusual talent and concentration. Postpone plans if need be. Priorities call. Tonight: Clear your desk first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Others often don't look at life as you do. A partner challenges you to the extreme. Be realistic about what is going on. Creativity and ingenuity emerge. Emphasize the positives and minimize the negatives. Keep tabs on your imagination. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Build a stronger connection. Listen to feedback from a family member who cares a lot about you, even if he isn't totally clear. Others test your patience. Deal with what is easy first, and defer what complicates your life until later. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Say what you think, but don't assume everyone will easily pick up on it. Others could be a bit dense. You might also discover that someone isn't commu-

nicating completely. Ask questions; get clarification. Don't worry about whether another is in your corner. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Expenses aren't what you think. Balance the pros and cons. A child or loved one could test your limits, but it's OK for you to say no. Others know how to get your dander up. Remember, you are in control. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You are in control, though you might not care where the chips fall. You are living in your head and not being anchored and practical. A family member nags about details. Why not let him run things, if it is so important to him? Relax, and relish the moment. Tonight: Whatever you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Realize what is going on with others. Go within for answers rather than asking direct questions. Your intuition and powers of observation help you hit a home run. Verbal communication proves to be difficult. Tonight: Take a deep breath and relax.

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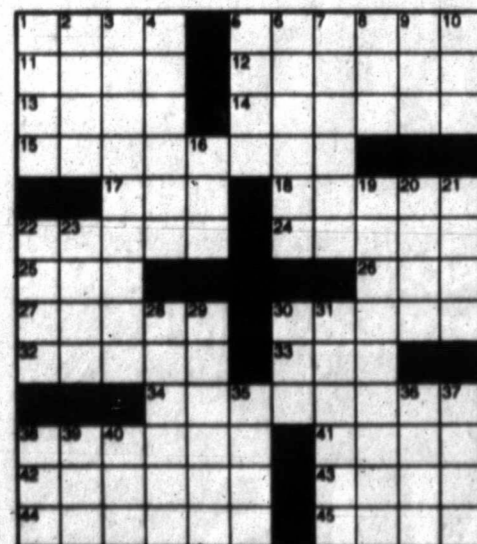
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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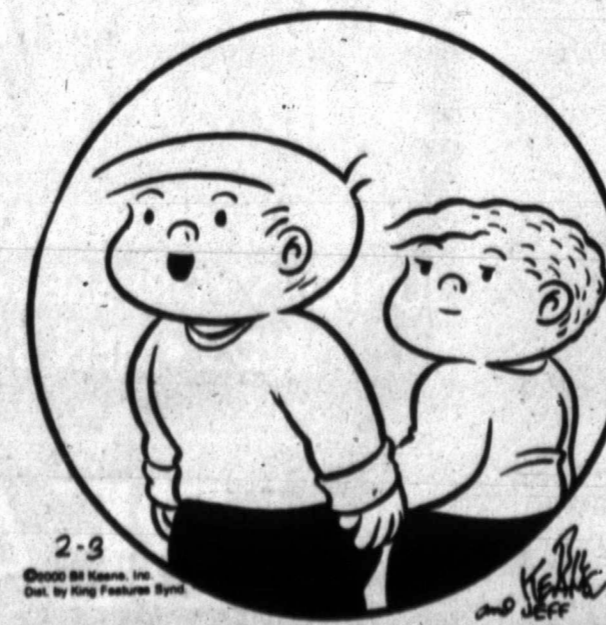
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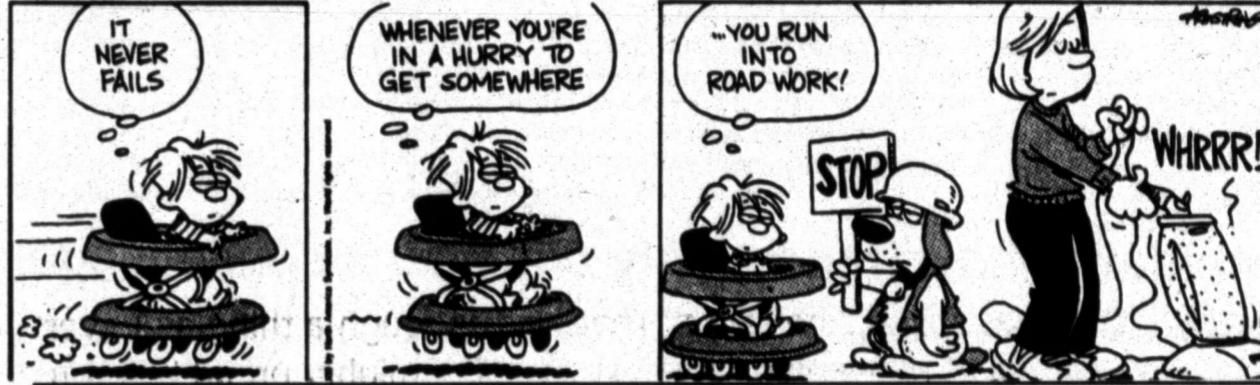
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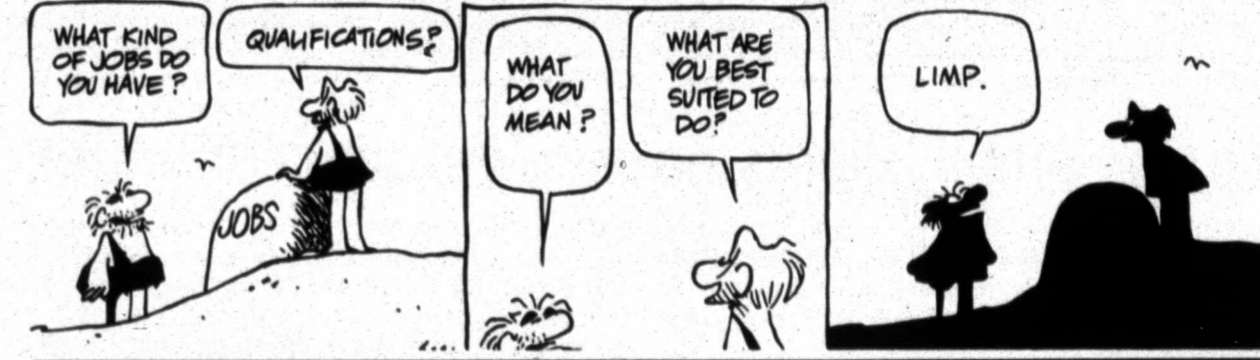
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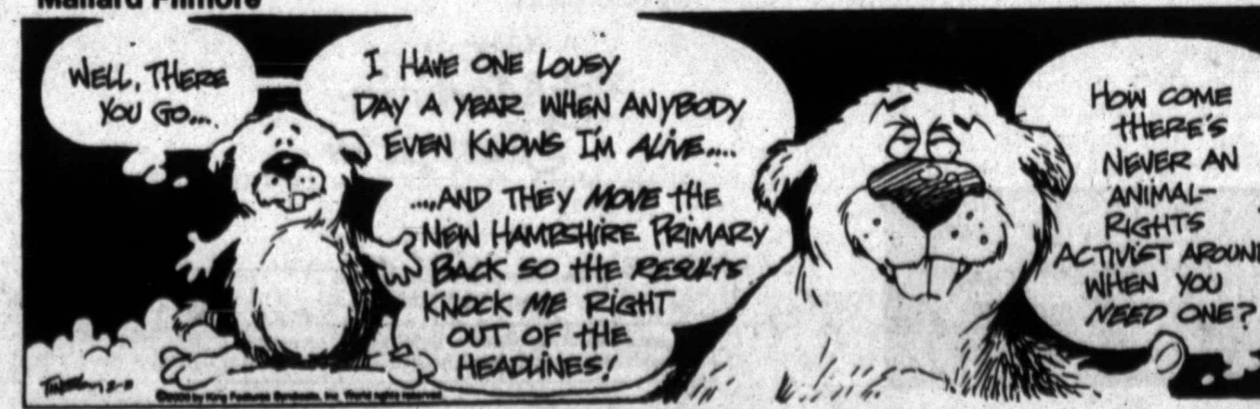
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READ TO SUCCEED

"To read or not to read that is the question." The answer is up to each individual. Lefors ISD is an Accelerated Reader campus! Kudos to those who made this happen. Readers are winners and AR provides incentives for reluctant readers and rewards for accomplished readers.

People who can understand what they read are in demand on the job market. Are you a reader or do you wait until the movie comes out? Let's see, do you want the jr. burger or the juicy T-bone steak? Some may say, "Hey, what wrong with a jr. burger?" There is nothing wrong with it if you are a small fry. However, if you hope to someday enter the job force with marketable skills in today's fast-changing world, reading isn't an option any more. The best jobs will go to the most proficient.

How well-read are you? How many books can you identify from the quotes below?

- "Have no fear!" said the cat. "I will not let you fall. I will hold you up high as I stand on a ball."
- "...well, an old stump is good for sitting and resting. Come, Boy, sit down. Sit down and rest. And the boy did. And the tree was happy."
- "It is a boxcar," said Jessie. "We can get into it and stay until it stops raining."
- The newspapers told the story and had headlines saying, **BOY AND PET SKUNK TRAP SHAVING LOTION ROBBERS BY SMELL.**
- All eyes were on the Indian, the one who had never lost a race, and who now had another victory within his grasp.
- Wanting to hear it from Timothy, I asked him why there were different colors of skin, white and black, brown and red, and he laughed back, "Why b'feesh different colors, or flower b'different color? I true don' know Philleep, but I true tink beneath d'skin is all d'same."
- "That was rough," he said. "That was as rough a thing as I ever heard tell of happening to a boy. And I'm mighty proud to learn how my boy stood up to it. You couldn't ask any more of a grown man. Sometimes life seems cruel and unfair. But that isn't the only way life is. A part of the time, it's mighty good. And a man can't afford to waste all the good part, worrying about the bad parts. That makes it all bad...You understand?"
- "People felt things once. You and I have been part of that, so we know. We know that they once felt things like pride, and sorrow, and—" "And love," Jonas added. "The worst part of holding the memories is not the pain. It's the loneliness of it. Memories need to be shared."
- "It's our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
- "The silver shoes have wonderful powers. They will take you any place in the world in just three steps."

How did you do? The first one to identify all ten quotes receives a pat on the back and a pan of freshly baked cookies. Remember...

It's never too late to give those brain cells a work out, Reading is one of the most entertaining ways no doubt! Go ahead, grab a book off the shelf, Sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself!

Sheila Barnes

Pirate Pride Awards

This is a list of students that received the Pirate Pride award for the 3rd six weeks. The Pirate Pride award is given to students that display a good citizen attitude and behavior.

Third Grade	Second Grade	First Grade	Kindergarden
Brittney Coombes Dustin Forsyth Kegan Furgerson Nick Hess Emily Jackson Ashyla Johnson Rebecka Lawrence Brandon McBee Gabriel Miller Aaron Spots	Keely Callaway Katzen Hernandez James Vaid Seth Fry Dani Law Haley Smith Jason Hartline	Erika Dodge Curston Tinney Stormy Howard	Kendall Akins Dustin Howard Rhett Hammond Trent McAnear Story Parish Brandon Wood Kaitlynn Porter Taylor Ray Seth Scully Dennis Sprouse Meira Vaid
Sixth Grade	Fifth Grade	Fourth Grade	
Couteney Gee Drake Jackson Jonelle Tinney Lindsay Duckworth Kayla Andis Nikki Marcum	Stephen Denton Devon Franks Tanner Ray Andrew Soto Danielle Sprouse	Amanda Ponce Dafydd Vaid Amanda Lawrence	

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January is national School Board Appreciation Month. Please at all times possible; let the Lefors school board know how much you appreciate them. They do a great job and deserve our respect and gratitude.

Pirate Basketball 2000

Julius Seitz
John Dauselt

The first six basketball games in the new Millennium didn't turn out to be very successful for the Pirates. The boys only won one of them.

It all started right after Christmas break, on the 7th of January, with an disappointing loss against Hedley at their home gym. Only for the first quarter the Pirates could keep up with the Owls (11:12). But then the steady three-point shooting, especially by Roger Wade who had 19 points in the end, led to a 40:65 loss. The top scorers for the Pirates were Jeremy Pierce and Michael Steele with 12 points each.

The next game brought Coach Moore

and the Pirates much more satisfaction. With a final score of 41:39 they could defeat McLean here in Lefors. Andrew Johnson who made four freeshots at the very end of the last quarter was able to make the final decision over the game. He also played a very good game and with 10 points he was the second topscorer after Jeremy Pierce (12 points).

The next team to be defeated was Groom in their home gym. After a very exciting game the last minutes of 4th quarter brought Groom a few good opportunities to score and win the game. Although Lefors led throughout the whole game they couldn't keep their position and lost with a score of 31:39. The topscorers were John Dauselt with 10 points for Lefors and Clay Ritter with 15 for Groom.

Being over-motivated after the last two very good games, the Pirates got surprised by the disciplined-playing Samnorwood team. The Eagles played a very tough press and had solid scoring by many players what made them win 49:27.

The last two games didn't go like the pirates thought they would. The home game against Hedley on the 25th of January was lost 54:45, although Lefors had a chance to win the game. They came back from a 20:30 at halftime and even had a lead during the 4th quarter. It still was a pretty good game by the pirates, especially by M. Steele, who had 14 points, and so they were motivated to play at McLean on the 28th. But everything that could possibly go wrong, went wrong, and the pirates got defeated 60:25.

Random Thoughts

Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

A day without sunshine is like, night.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges?

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how popular it remains?

Borrow money from a pessimist - they don't expect it back.

I drive way to fast to worry about cholesterol.

Nothing is fool proof to a talented fool.

SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Longhorns finished 9-5 last season, including losses in their final three games to archrival Texas A&M, Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game and Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

Recruits across the state and nation must have viewed it as more of a stumble than a free-fall. On Wednesday, the first day a high school recruit can sign a national letter of intent, the Longhorns raked in for the second year in a row.

"I don't know if everyone expected them to follow up a top-five class with another top-five class, but they did," said Bobby Burton, a recruiting analyst for rivals.com. "Mack Brown has made a big difference there. He has put an emphasis on recruiting like no other coach at Texas since Darrell Royal."

Burton had Texas ranked fifth in the nation behind Florida, Tennessee, Penn State and Ohio State. Several other recruiting services also had the Longhorns in the top five.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Hereford 63-45 in a junior varsity boys game Tuesday night.

Sederick Drew had 12 points and Kyle Francis 11 to lead Pampa in scoring.

CANADIAN — Canadian defeated Stratford 42-30 in a District 5-2A girls game earlier this week.

Lori Beth Francis had 12 points and Angela Bivins 8 to lead the Lady Wildcats in scoring.

Stratford won the boys game 55-43.

Leading Stratford scorer was Skyler Walden with 15 points. Michael Graham and Jeremiah Williams had 8 each for Canadian.

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.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have mastered the art of winning ugly.

Missing several key players, the Stars continued their climb up the Western Conference standings with Wednesday night's 2-1 victory over the expansion Atlanta Thrashers.

"That's been the trend this season," said Stars center Mike Modano, who notched his 21st goal late in the second period of a scoreless game. "It's been that way a lot. It's not a pretty style and there's not much flow to the game. It's a matter of getting the two points and surviving, finding a way to win."

Derian Hatcher, Joe Nieuwendyk, Jere Lehtinen, Jamie Langenbrunner and Brian Skrudland are all out with injuries, but the Stars are 5-2 in its last seven games, moving two points behind Pacific Division-leading Phoenix. The Stars and Coyotes meet Thursday night at America West Arena. Stars left wing Aaron Gavey joined the crowd in the trainer's room when he hyperextended a knee in the first period and did not return.

While Dallas continues to win, the Stars still struggle to find the net. Of their last seven victories, five have been by one goal.

Guy Carbonneau scored his seventh goal, the eventual game-winner at 11:16, while the Stars were short-handed.

PHS swimmers get ready for regional meet

PAMPA — Pampa enjoyed complete dominance over Caprock, Lubbock Estacado and Palo Duro at the first-ever Class 4A District swim meet held in Texas.

Pampa captured 10 first-place medals in the boys division and 9 in the girls division at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.

Times were generally fast for the PHS swimmers, giving them some momentum going into regionals in two weeks.

"The kids did wonderful. Quite a few dropped their times at the meet," said Pampa's Amy Seitz, who was also named the District 4A's coach of the year. "In fact, about half the team had personal bests."

Clay David, who was named the district's male swimmer of the year, paced the Harvesters with first-finishes in the 200 IM and 100 freestyle events. He anchored the winning 400 freestyle relay team with Matt Withers, Willie Griffin and Ben Whitten.

Other PHS swimmers who

won two individual events were Michael Eskridge, Lindsey Mitchell, Tamra Henthorn and Desiree Vigil.

Several freshmen, including Charlie Graves, Cameron Cargill, Jonathon Kilhoffer and Julian George, dropped between 10 and 25 seconds in their individual events.

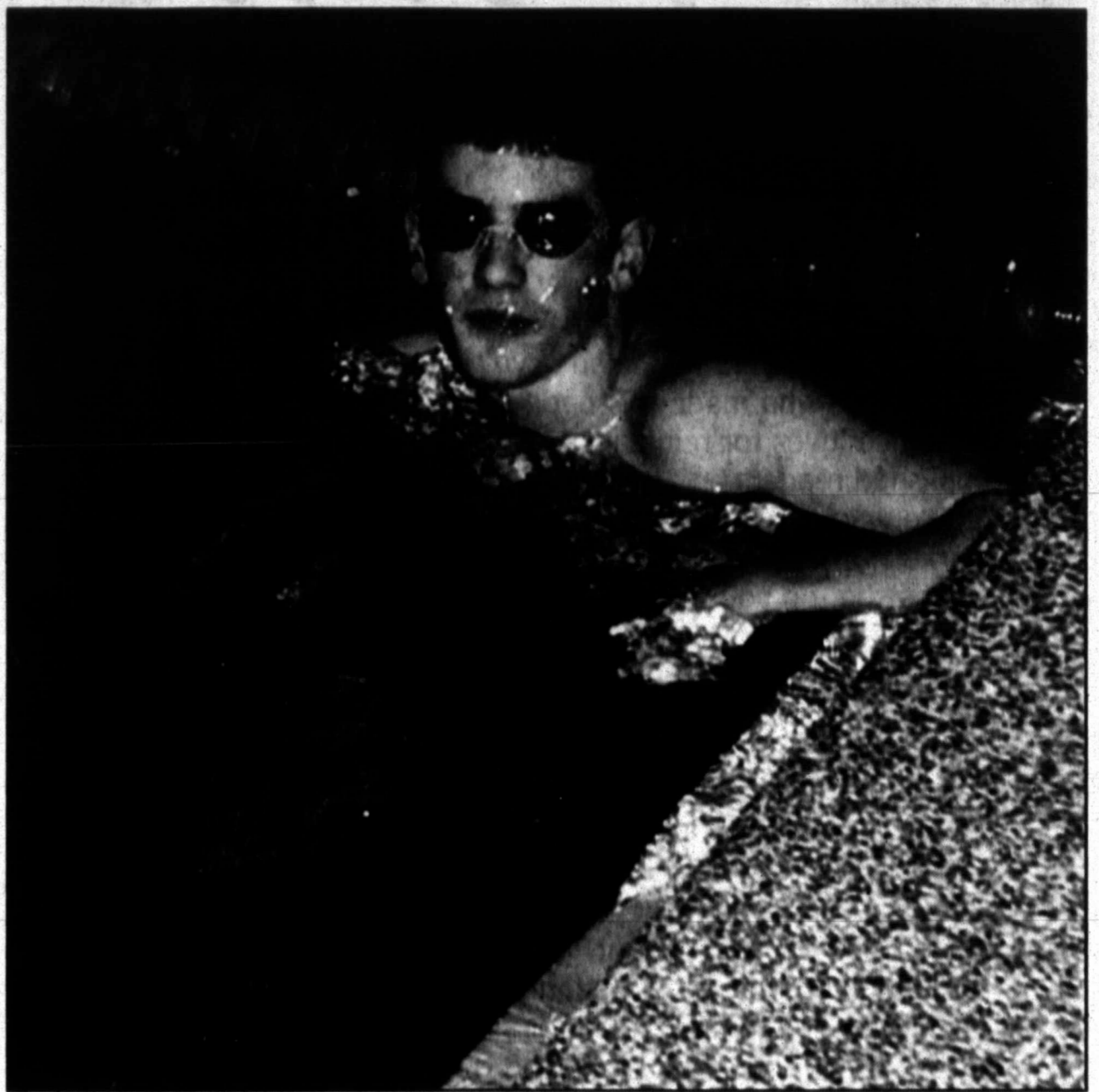
The PHS swimmers will begin tapering their times in preparation for regionals.

The team had been swimming between 5,000 and 7,000 yards daily before the district meet. They will now cut back to 2,000-3,000 yards during a rest-up period for regionals.

This tapering process allows energy to build for the next meet.

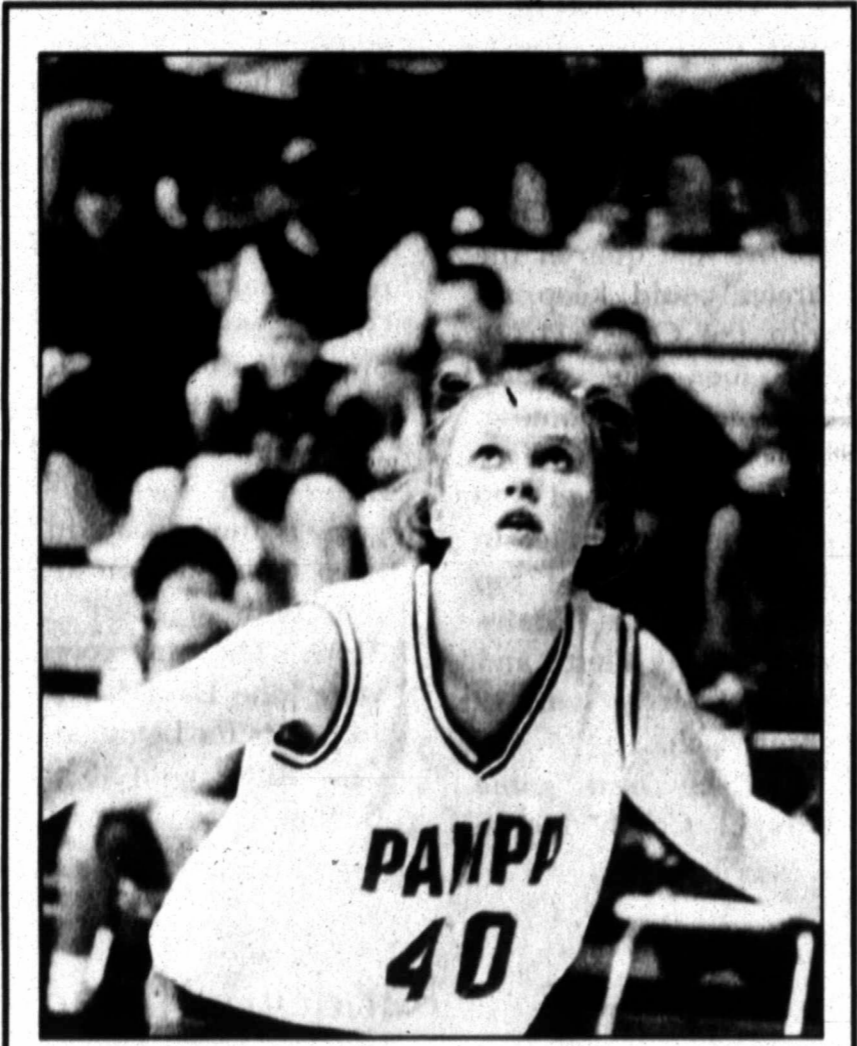
Pampa will be depending on leadership from their only two upperclassmen, Lindsey Mitchell and Matt Withers, to pace a team of all freshmen and sophomores to a top 5 finish at regionals.

Pampa will battle powerhouse teams from El Paso, Pecos and Monahans at regionals Feb. 11-12.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Clay David (above) was named the District 4-A's Male Swimmer of the Year after winning two individual events and anchoring the first-place 200-medley relay team at Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock.



(Pampa News photo by Lacy Plunk)

Lindsey Ledbetter of the Pampa freshmen girls' team gets in position for a rebound in a game played earlier this week against Amarillo Tascosa. Pampa won 52-34. Pampa plays Tascosa again at 5:30 today in the opening round of the 9th grade district tournament at Valleyview.

World Wrestling Federation to launch football league next year

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Wrestling Federation is forming a pro football league that plans to kickoff next winter in hopes that fans won't be able to go cold turkey after the Super Bowl.

An eight-team league, to be known as the XFL, will begin play in February 2001, Basil DeVito, president and director of World-Wrestling Federation Entertainment Inc. said today.

The X stands for exciting and exhilarating. "It will be extreme," DeVito said.

While the enterprise that brought "Raw is War" wrestling bouts to cable TV plans to use its promotional skills to merchandise its football venture, the XFL "will be 100 percent pure sport," he said.

There will be an emphasis on entertainment. DeVito said the XFL will use helmet cameras and will let viewers have greater access than NFL broadcasts to activities on the sidelines during the game.

He said rules would be adopted to accent faster play. Six cities already have been

selected for teams: New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Orlando, Fla., and Washington, D.C.

Two more U.S. cities will be selected within 60 days, DeVito said.

The 10-game regular season will be played outdoors in the heart of winter and early spring.

At the end of April, four teams will advance to a play-off round leading to a championship game.

DeVito said the teams will be owned by a WWF subsidiary and that general managers and coaches will be hired soon. Players will be offered a salary and benefits second only to the NFL, he said.

Terms of the WWF's financial commitment to the league were not disclosed. DeVito said no television rights have been decided, although talks are being held with broadcast and cable networks.

Plans were to be formally unveiled at a New York news conference today, but reports of the league first appeared in USA Today, The Wall Street

Journal and the Toronto Globe and Mail.

"The NFL has become too conservative, too corporate with too much regulation," Vince McMahon, the chairman of the WWF, told USA Today.

"We're bringing back old-fashioned, smashmouth football but with cutting-edge marketing and production values."

DeVito said no franchises are immediately planned outside the United States, but that the XFL could expand into Canada and that Toronto would be among the cities considered.

CFL president Jeff Giles said he is aware of the new league's plans, expressing concern about its immediate repercussions.

"My first thought is players," he told the Globe and Mail. "They have to get their players from somewhere, and I'm sure they'll be looking at us. I'm sure they'll offer more than we can pay, and we have to hold the line on salaries."

The South rises in Gridiron Recruiting Wars 2000

By **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**
AP Football Writer

When recruiting's version of the two-minute drill ended, Florida and Florida State came away feeling like champions.

The Gators landed nearly every player they wanted on Wednesday and were rewarded by recruiting wizards as the team with the best group of high school hotshots.

"Florida was No. 1 going in and came out with a bunch of stars to make the choice pretty easy," Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report said Wednesday, the first day players were able to sign letters of intent.

"A landslide for the Gators, an easy win," Allen Wallace, publisher of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine, said. "What an incredible day they had."

Florida State, though, made a tremendous surge by signing no less than seven top prospects who entered the day with several schools on their mind. Best among the group was Travis Johnson, a Parade and USA Today All-American defensive end from Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Johnson also considered Michigan and Southern California.

"Wow! What a great player he is," Odell Haggins, the Seminoles' defensive line coach, said as he laid eyes on the fax with Johnson's signature.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden also beat out his son, Clemson coach Tommy Bowden, for three players, including wide receiver Michael Boulware from Columbia, S.C. Boulware is the brother of former Seminoles All-American Peter Boulware.

"That's just as well," Bobby Bowden said, smiling, "because I don't like him (Tommy) much anyway. What I had to do was try to get the parents to understand he was the only one of my children who lies a lot."

Kidding aside, Florida led the way in Recruiting Wars 2000 with an incoming class led by quarterback Brock Berlin, USA Today's offensive player of the year, and All-American linebacker Darrell Lee.

On Wednesday, the Gators landed five Sunshine states who were up for grabs — defensive backs Cory Bailey (Hialeah) and Tre Orr (Lake City), and offensive linemen Jonathan Colon (6-6, 285, Miami), Max Starks (6-8, 340, Orlando) and Kevin Deaton (6-4, 290, Merritt Island). They also plucked two

away from the state of Georgia — defensive tackle Kenny Parker (6-4, 300) and wide receiver Kelvin Knight.

"We did get most of the guys we went after this year," Spurrier said. "A few weeks ago, I didn't think we were recruiting enough players to sign 21 or 22. But it seemed like they all wanted to come play for the Gators this year."

Bobby Burton of Austin, Texas-based The National Recruiting Advisor also gave the No. 1 nod to Florida, while Max Emfinger of Covington, La.-based National Blue Chips had Tennessee first with the Gators a close second. Alabama, Florida State, Penn State and Texas also showed up in at least one of the four recruiting gurus' top-5 lists.

"Tennessee signed some of the most dominant players in the country," Emfinger said. "They have two top quarterbacks already getting ready for spring training and they signed two top wide receivers today in Tony Brown and Rashad Baker."

Quarterbacks Casey Clausen and John Rattay, brother of Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay, made early commitments and are set to take part in the Vols' spring practice.

So is the 6-1, 190-pound Berlin, the Gators' prize recruit from Shreveport, La., who threw for 4,219 yards and 36 TDs in his senior year at Evangel Christian. In four years, his team was 60-0 with four state titles.

Despite a perfect season and national championship, the Seminoles weren't on many top 10 lists — until Wednesday.

By the time the day ended, Florida State was third on the lists of Emfinger and Wallace, fourth on

Middle school teams tame Valleyview

PAMPA — Pampa Blue used the free throw line to edge Valleyview 32-29 in an 8th grade boys game earlier this week.

Jake Hopkins hit two free throws with under a minute to play to tie the game. With 9 seconds to go, Cody Lockname hit a free throw to break a 29-29 tie.

Jake Hopkins was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points. Britton White followed with 9.

The win evened the Pampa record at 5-5.

Pampa Red won by a score of 42-36 in the other 8th grade game. Leading scorers for Pampa were Johnny Story with 8 points, Johnny Moore 7 and Collin

Bowers 7.

Pampa Red's record is 4-7. In the 7th grade Pampa Red rolled to a 52-38 win over Westover.

Brittin East poured in 26 points to lead Pampa in scoring. Brandon Johnson and Seth Foster added 6 each.

Pampa Red has an 11-0 record. Pampa Blue won by 32-20 over Westover.

Janssen Eilenberger was the leading scorer with 12 points. Jared Winegeart and Dusty Linderman had 6 and 5 points respectively.

Pampa Blue improved to 10-0 for the season.

API Executive Board



(Community Camera photo)

The Panhandle Chapter of American Petroleum Institute recently installed the following 2000 Executive Board members: (left-right) Jerry Ferrell, Bob Hogan, Frank Groves,

John Allen, Kim Peterson, Dale Greenhouse, Terry Ledbetter, Bebo Terry, Robert Benyshek, Dennis Laycock, Glynn Lusk, Chris Dittberner and George Mendoza.

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Rural health care interests, Texas rural caucus, come together for summit

AUSTIN — Rural health care decision and policy makers, providers and citizens are coming together to set an agenda for rural health care advocacy in Texas. The Second Annual Rural Health Summit, to be held in Austin on March 2, will provide a forum for all health care interests to determine top issues and concerns regarding health care throughout rural Texas, and discuss actions needed to address those concerns.

The Inaugural Rural Health Summit, held last March, initiated a valuable dialog between a broad spectrum of rural health players including key state leaders, state health regulators, policy experts and rural health professionals. The Second Annual Summit marks the second step in creating a comprehensive agenda for rural health care in Texas.

"This event will enable further issue development among members of the Texas Legislature, state agency representatives, public health officials, rural health care providers, and consumer advocates, while emphasizing awareness, and encouraging legislative discussions of the critical issues facing rural health care in Texas," explained Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, the Texas State Office of Rural Health, sponsor of the Summit.

The Rural Caucus of the Texas State Legislature is

co-sponsoring this year's event. Organized in the 76th Legislative Session, the Caucus is comprised of both House and Senate members. It focuses on the rural perspective in Texas, facilitating the identification of legislation impacting rural areas. Chaired by

Judy Hawley (D-Portland) and co-Vice Chairs, Representatives Suzanna Hupp (R-Lampasas) and Robbie Cook (D-Eagle Lake), the Caucus provides a nonpartisan forum for assessing and formulating policy on issues affecting rural areas.

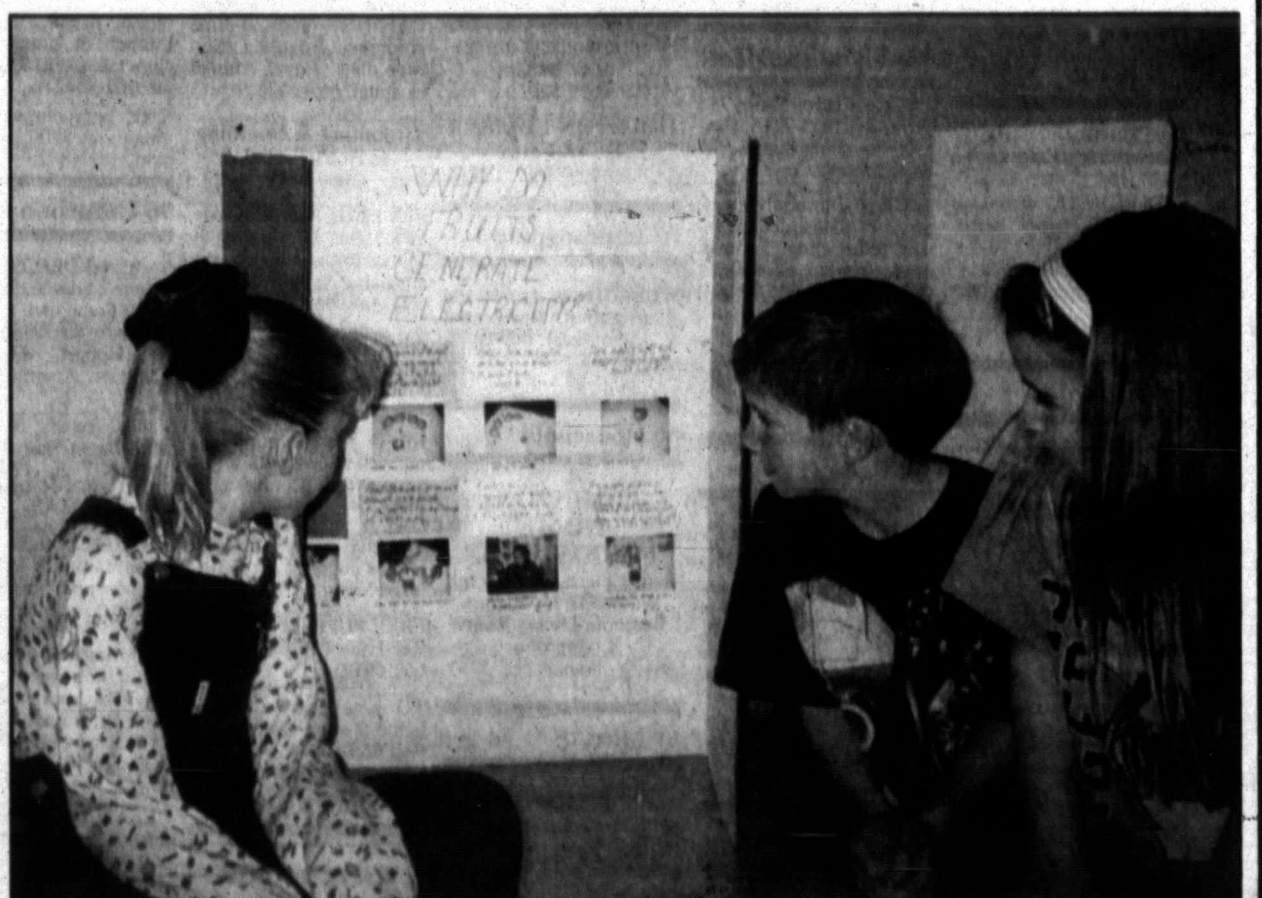
"We're very pleased to have the support of the Rural Caucus," Tessen said, "their participation exemplifies the dedication of the leadership of our state to the good health and well-being of all rural Texans."

Rural Texans are invited to offer their ideas, concerns and suggestions for consideration at the summit. Citizens are encouraged to send their comments directly to the center before Feb. 15, 2000.

The center, located in Austin, provides leadership in encouraging innovative responses to rural health

care needs. The center advocates and administers a number of programs and services designed to help rural health providers and communities proactively address the health care needs of rural Texans. The center can be reached at: P.O. Drawer 1708, Austin, TX 78767-1708; phone toll free: 1-877-839-2744; e-mail: crhi@crhi.state.tx.us.

Travis Elementary Science Fair



(Special photo)

Tori Srygley, Ryan Baggerman and Whitney Brummett viewed a project during the Travis Elementary Science Fair recently.