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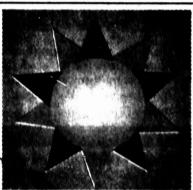
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Cottee Memorial Blood Center will be in Pampa Saturday for the Tenth Annual Pampa M*A*S*H Blood Drive, Hours for the blood drive will be 10. a.m.- 6 p.m. at the Texas National Guard Armory. Susan Leary, spokesperson at the blood center, said it takes 500 units of blood to meet the needs of the people in the Texas Panhandle each week. That literally means 500 people need to donate a unit of blood each week. The goal for Pampa's Saturday blood drive is 100 units of blood, or one-tifth of the blood needed. for the week. Each person donating blood Saturday will receive a M*A*S*H t-shirt. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Leary at 1-800-658-6178.

Water concerns include buying, selling or rights

By KEITH ANDERSON Staff Writer

In the year 2000, the 21 counties represented by the Panhandle Water Planning Group will consume 560 billion gallons of water enough to fill a tootball-field-sized pool 325 miles high, according to PWPG Chairman C.E. Williams.

The group held a public meeting at Pampa City Hall Thursday night to hear concerns and suggestions from area citizens and farmers.

New state laws, specifically, Senate Bill One, passed in 1997, divided Texas into 16 water-planning regions. The majority of the counties 21 of the 26 — of the Panhandle were called Region 1.

Legislators will use the findings of the PWPG, and the other regional plans, to make a statewide water plan. Statewide droughts and water shortages in 1996 brought heightened concern over water. "Water is a fundamental resource, especially to us in the

Panhandle," Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Gary Pitner said.

(See WATER, Page 2)

Runoff early voting dates

Early voting will begin April 3 through April 7 in the Democrat and Republican runoff elections to be April 11. The early voting will be five days only and will be in the Gray County Courtroom.

The last day for the Gray County Clerk's office to receive an application by mail is April 4.

Polling places in the Republican runott is Precinct 1, Letors Fire Station, Letors; Precincts 2, 10, and 13, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa; Precincts, 3, 7, 11 and 12, M. K. Brown Auditorium, Pampa; Precinct 4 and 5, McLean Senior Citizens Building, McLean; Precincts 8 and 9, Austin School, Pampa; and Precincts 14 and 15, Travis School, Pampa. Democratic polling places will be Precincts, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 at the Lovett Memorial Library, Pampa and Precincts 4 and 5 at the McLean Library, McLean.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Travis Elementary Principal Doug Rapstine is sporting a green beard as well as green hair today in response to a promise he made the school's students. Rapstine told the elementary students several weeks ago if they raised \$75,000 in Homeland receipts he would dye his hair green. The amount was reached last week. Students gathered in an assembly before school began today to watch several teachers, including Shirley Moore, right, a teacher at Travis, spray Rapstine's hair green. Angel Munoz, one of the top students in the school's Accelerated Reader program, also took her turn at helping to turn Rapstine's hair green. The receipts are exchanged for equipment such as computers and other electronic devices.

BEAUMONT (AP)

Sixteen volunteer firefighters from the southeast Texas town of Hamshire have been advised to seek treatment if they suffer any ill effects from a toxic blaze this week.

A handful of Jefferson County jail inmates who helped firefighters at the blaze along Texas Highway 73 also were provided medical attention because of possible exposure, The Beaumont Enterprise reported Friday.

An investigation is continuing into the storage shed fire on Tuesday. Drums stacked inside the structure ruptured during the fire. The owner initially told firefighters there were no toxic materials in the shed, said John Cascio, the county's emergency management coordinator.

 Reva Ellen Stover, 85, homemaker.

Cheyenne Lacy Ward, infant daughter of Brandi and Chad Ward.

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Queens Clinic tomorrow

It's not too late to become involved in Saturday's Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen Clinic.

Young ladies from 13to-23 years old are eligible to enter. Winners will receive many outstanding prizes.

The information clinic will be at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard from 10 a.m. until noon.

Admission is \$5 perperson and much information will be given regarding the pageant. Make-up and modeling specialists will be available for consultation and pageant clothing trom previous local and state pageants will be on display.

Past queen winners have gone on to compete in both state and national queen competitions.

Prison guaras could be on way to \$10,000 raise

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Prison guards who have been complaining about low salaries could be on their way to a \$10,000 raise soon, the chairman of the Texas prison board said Thursday.

"I think it's all now just a matter of working out some of the details," Mac Stringtellow said outside a meeting of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"We've talked with the governor's office, the speakers' office, the lieutenant governor's office, the legislative leaders. They're all very supportive of it."

Stringtellow said several plans were under under review, and he was optimistic some kind of interim pay boost could be in effect as soon as September.

 Eventually, he said, prison guards would be elevated to the national average of \$35,000 to \$36,000. Top pay now in Texas is \$26,700.

"I would think certainly within a couple of years, maybe faster," he said.

Stringtellow made his comments while less than 100 guards and supporters were marching and holding a rally a mile or so away in downtown Huntsville.

"That would be really great," said Raymond Harrison, a corrections officer standing in the crowd. "We definitely need it. It gets more dangerous every day."

"That would be more than adequate, really awesome," said Jenniter Robbins, a seven-year guard who would be in line for a big raise. "I'd like to see them tollow up on their words."

 A career ladder also would make guards with greater seniority eligible for the raises before new recruits.

(See GUARDS, Page 2)

Hollywood Henderson says he's \$28 million winner

AUSTIN (AP) Former Dallas Cowboys football player Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson says he's scored a really big win — a \$28 million lottery ticket.

Texas Lottery officials today said they're waiting to see him with the ticket.

"He hasn't called in with an inquiry, so until that happens we're kind of at a standstill," lottery spokeswoman Kristina Childress said shortly before 9 a.m.

Henderson said he purchased the winning ticket in Wednesday night's Lotto-Texas drawing at an Austin pharmacy. The former Cowboys linebacker, who played in three Super Bowls, says he already knows how he'll spend some of

the money.

charities that I do, take care of my children and buy my momma a Town Car," he told The Associated Press late Thursday.

Henderson has had his share of bad luck

Earlier this year, he wanted to run for an Austin City Council seat but the secretary of state's office said he would be ineligible to run unless he received a pardonor his criminal record was otherwise cleared.

Henderson was arrested in 1983 after smoking crack cocaine with two teen-age girls. He served 28 months in prison and since then has spent most of his time helping others fight addictions and doing

he grew up.

At lottery headquarters, Childress said Henderson would be treated like any other winner.

He must give the ticket with the right six numbers 5, 8, 17, 35, 38 and 41 to lottery security officials, who will verify it. "He'll go through the same thing that any of the other claimants go through," Childress said.

Henderson said he bought \$100 worth of lottery tickets earlier this week when he went to the drugstore to pick up some medicine.

Henderson, who played for the Cowboys from 1975 until 1979, said he doesn't normally play the lottery until the

"I probably have spent several thousand dollars a year on lottery tickets," he told the Austin American-Statesman, adding that the amount totaled \$20,000 over 10 years.

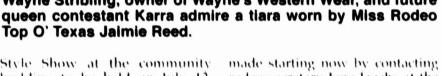
Henderson has become well-known for his community activism in Austin. In 1997, he gained attention when he fasted in an effort to raise funds for a running track in Jow-income East Austin.

Henderson said he is going to spend money for improvements to the athletic field. The work will include adding hurdles, building a storage space and remodeling the fieldhouse.

Nothing will change except that I will. (See HOLLYWOOD, Page 2)

Any Non-Profit Organizations who would like to join us on the Parking Lot at our "Boat, Travel and Recreation Show" Please call the Chamber Office at 669-3241 and register. See you at the Show!!!

Wayne Stribling, owner of Wayne's Western Wear, and future queen contestant Karra admire a tiara worn by Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Jaimie Reed.





Daily Record

Obituaries

REVA ELLEN STOVER

FOLLETT - Reva Ellen Stover, 85, died Thursday, March 23, 2000, at Booker. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in' First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Richards officiating. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stover was born Sept. 15, 1914, at Indianhoma, Okla. She married Gerald L. "Smokey" Stover in 1933; he died Sept. 21, 1972. She had been a Follett resident for over 40 years, moving to Twin Oaks Manor Nursing Home in Booker two years ago.

She belonged to the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jim Stover; and a brother, Gene Howard.

Survivors include two daughters, Marian Jones and Judy Burger, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons, Willis Stover of Fort Smith, Ark., and Wayne Stover of Bonanza, Ark.; a sister, Cuma Maddox of Lone Wolf, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

CHEYENNE LACY WARD

AMARILLO – Cheyenne Lacy Ward, infant daughter of Brandi and Chad Ward of Amarillo, died Tuesday, March 21, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Landrum Medlock officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Nelda and Dean Fox of Amarillo, Teresa and Randy Reeder of Shamrock and Virginia and Charles Ward of Amarillo; her great-grandparents, Mary Sanders and Celia and Ken Forbis, all of Amarillo, Audrey and Rusty Reeder of Shamrock, Henry Heynen of Sioux City, Iowa, and Minnie Faye Ward and Carlette Fox, both of Roswell, N.M.; and a great-great-grandmother, Mattie Seymour of Huntsville, Ark.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 23 7:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Aspen on a welfare check. 9:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Cinderella and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Faulkner and transported one to PRMC

12:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger.

12:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

Police report

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

Wednesday, March 22

A ladies watch valued at \$28 was reported stolen from a motor vehicle in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Thursday, March 23

Bobby Jack Porter, 18, 1713 Buckler, was arrested on warrants of criminal trespassing, failure to appear, failure to appear, simple assault, failure to stop at a stop sign, speeding, and no insurance. Shanna Tambunga, 37, 520 Yeager, was arrested

on a bond forfeiture stemming from a charge of forgery. An 11-year-old boy was assaulted with a paint-

ball in the 2100 block of North Wells. Violation of a protection order and harassment

were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Harboring a fugitive was reported in the 1700 block of West Buckler.

Friday, March 24

James Hunter Murphree, 28, 842 S. Banks, was arrested on the charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury to a family member. Murphree was also arrested on six outstanding warrants of issuance of a bad check.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, March 22

William Oscar Woods, 31, Amarillo, was arrested by DPS on capias warrants of no valid driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

An 8-horsepower Lincoln arc welder valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from the Petco Warehouse at Gray K and Gray 11.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, March 23

1:42 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a vehicle accident at Hobart and Somerville.

3:16 p.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle accident at Duncan and Harvester.

5:07 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

6:27 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a downed power line in the 700 block of Hazel.

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WATER

The PRPC, which handles everything from workforce development programs to economic development to law enforcement training in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, oversees the PWPG.

"The state's trying to create a balance sheet of gallons instead of dollars," PWPG official Jarret Atkinson said.

But some at the meeting thought the balance sheet was skewed. One man asked what the water group planned to do about "water speculators" like T. Boone Pickens and Salem Abraham.

"We did have a representative of Mesa Water [Picken's Company] attend a February meeting. We were told that no engineering studies were available at the time. I'd like to remind everyone that the PWPG has no regulatory power," Atkinson said. Atkinson said the PWPG can not stop Pickens

and Abraham from buying up thousands of acres of water rights in the Panhandle area. Furthermore, PWPG can not stop the sale of Panhandle water to other areas

"Water rights are private property," Atckinson

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GUARDS

"It's stupid when someone working 18 months makes what I make," she said.

Brian Olsen, deputy director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and an organizer of Thursday's rally, said Stringfellow's comments meant the demonstrations guards have held are having an effect.

"We thought something was going to happen," he said. "We're glad to see this. It's part of the answer.

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cial session.

HOLLYWOOD

be able to do more of the work I think is important for the underprivileged youth of East Austin," Henderson said.

Henderson is a graduate of the old Anderson High School in East Austin, which was torn down for a parking lot. Henderson bought it and used community contributions to convert the parking lot into a football field.

12-year-old took gun to school, wanted to be in jail with mother

LISBON, Ohio (AP) — To Dan the weapon — a loaded, 9 mm Kemats, it seemed like time had stood still.

The 24-year-old English and social studies teacher at McKinley Elementary School the boy apparently found the had been ordered to get down key and removed the lock.

semiautomatic — had been stored on a dresser top with a fully engaged trigger lock. the boy "took the clip out and Police Chief John Higgins said then he put it back in.

on the floor by a 12-year-old No classes were scheduled for was walking toward me with

Robb told NBC's "Today" show this morning that she realized the gun was real when

"The only time I really felt a little bit of fear was when he

at a lot of different things." In an interview today with Dallas television sta-

said. "All ground water in Texas is private proper-

The PWPG was also asked if it took into consid-

"Not yet," Atkinson said, "We'll look into that,

The PWPG said one of the goals it set was to not

Dallam, Moore, Potter, Randall, and Sherman

Counties were identified as counties that would

likely exceed the usage goal of 50 percent. The great majority of water usage in the Texas

Panhandle — 88 percent — is agriculture, according

to a PWPG slide. Municipalities consume five per-

The final plan of the PWPG, which will deter-

The PWPG plans to hold another public meeting

April 4 at the Holiday Inn in Amarillo. For more

information contact Jarrett Atkinson at (806) 372-

"I'm not saying we feel vindicated, but we're

Although guards have been calling for a special session of the Legislature to win a pay boost, Stringfellow said Texas law allows his agency to

spend forward from the next biennium's budget

and negate the need for the governor to call a spe-

and when the Legislature returns for its session in

January we'll be able to do something on a perma-nent long range," Stringfellow said. "We're looking

"What we'd like to do is have an interim (boost),

mine future funding for all water projects, will be

cent of the total water used in a year.

submitted to the state January 5, 2001.

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going to keep the pressure on."

deplete the Ogalla Aquifer more than 50 percent in

eration the contaminated and possibly contaminat-

ed water around the Pantex site in Carson County.

ty, and can be bought and sold at will."

tion KDFW, Henderson was reflective about his latest success.

"Well, you know it feels pretty good this time around," he said. "I thought I was a millionaire in 1975 when I got drafted by the Cowboys at a time when I was a successful athlete but I didn't quite know how to handle success, so 16 years later after - I've been sober now for 16 years - and I'm more in a better position now to handle success than I was as a young man."

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1:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Gray; no one transported.

2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

3:23 p.m. — Two mobile ICUs responded to a vehicle accident at Duncan and Harvester and transported three to PRMC.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC "to meet Lifestar patient to Northwest Texas Hospital."

5:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West. 8:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Aspen and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, March 24

2:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC; one refused treatment.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Friday, March 24.

Thursday, March 23

James Oliver Willson, 67, was cited for failure to stop and exchange information after backing his Ford F150 out of a parking spot at Frank's Grocery parking lot and striking a parked Mitsubishi Mirage. Willson left the scene and "the tag was taken down by a witness. [Willson] failed to stop and exchange information," according to the accident report.

Carroll Loyd Pettit, 72, was cited for failure to yield right of way on a left turn. Pettit, driving a Chevrolet Corsica, was traveling south on Duncan when he attempted to turn left onto Harvester and struck a northbound Ford F150 pickup, driven by Bruce Allen Derrick, 40. A passenger riding with Pettit, Virginia Pettit, 71, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Derrick, along with 5-year-old Courtney Derrick, were also taken to PRMC. All were treated and released.

Michael Douglas Crocker, 20, was cited for following too closely. Crocker, traveling south in the 1200 block of North Hobart in a Toyota Corolla, failed to stop and struck a stopped Geo Prizm driven by Tarance J. Lemons, 19. The Prizm consequently struck a stopped Toyota Cressida driven by Joanne Clark Davis, 57. No injuries were reported.

Hoover VFD

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department reported the following calls for February 2000. Thursday, Feb. 3

Two units and four personnel responded to a grass fire at Hwy 282 and Codman Lane in **Roberts** County.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Three units and ten personnel responded to a grass fire at Hwy 60 and FM 2391 in Gray County.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Three units and four personnel responded to a storm watch at Hwy 60 and Hwy 152 in Gray County.

Three units and four personnel responded to a storm watch at Hwy 70 in Roberts County. Friday, Feb. 25

One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at Hwy 152 W and Hwy 998 in Hartley County.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

Three units and seven personnel responded to a grass fire at County Road 5 and M in Gray County.

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Dry New Mexico vulnerable to fire-caused power outages

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Unusually dry state's largest metropolitan area with 500,000 people. weather and a lack of power lines led to New Mexico's largest outage ever - and utility officials warn it could happen again.

"I can't lie to you - the system is somewhat vulnerable," said Don Brown, spokesman for Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Last weekend, a grass fire — possibly caused by a tossed cigarette — sent thick smoke rising up 60-foot transmission towers. The electricity-conducting smoke triggered a short-circuit that shut down all three transmission lines feeding Albuquerque, the effect.

Power also was lost to towns along the Rio Grande, from El Paso, Texas, to Taos and as far west as Gallup. In all, 1.6 million people were affected, some for up to six hours.

Brown blamed a shortage of power lines in New Mexico.

Two of the main lines stretch side by side along the same transmission path. When those lines automatically switched off because of the short-circuit, the third line overloaded and shut down in a domino of the boy's sixth-grade classmates were also in the room Thursday morning.

"It seemed like forever we were sitting on the ground. It West was probably a few minutes," lines.

Kemats said. Linda Robb, another teacher summoned by a student who heard the exchange in the hallway, persuaded the boy to give up the gun and no one was hurt. The boy was charged this

morning with inducing panic, aggravated menacing, carrying a concealed weapon and illegally carrying a firearm in a school zone, Columbiana County Prosecutor Robert Herron said. He will be held at a juvenile detention center until Monday, when he will be arraigned, Herron said. If convicted, the boy could be held in custody until he is 21.

The boy had been on crossing duty with another sixth-grader, Katie Hartman, Thursday when he told her: "Goodbye, Katie. I won't be back," The Vindicator of Youngstown reported today. She said she asked what he meant, but he didn't answer. The boy said before that "his biological mother was in jail and he wanted to visit her, be with her," said Anthony Krukowski, superintendent of Lisbon schools. 4995. Police Sgt. Fred Carlisle confirmed the boy wanted to reunite with his mother. "Yes, that's what he told a teacher and one of the police officers,' he said. Authorities .didn't release information on the mother's situation but the Akron Beacon Journal said she

was in prison on a drug-related charge. The boy's father told police

Weather focus

PAMPA - Mostly sunny today with a high of 70-75 and west winds at 5-15 mph. Mostly clear tonight with a low in the low 40s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the upper 60s and northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 55; the overnight low 42. This week's rain system left 1.89 inches of rain behind.

STATEWIDE - A warm Panhandle to 60s and 70s else-

come in for counseling. Lisbon shoot me," she said. is about 25 miles south of

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student wielding a gun. Twelve today but the school will be the gun and I realized at that open for students who want to point he could just raise it and

"I hugged him and I held Youngstown, near the Ohio- onto him and I said, 'Give me Virginia-Pennsylvania the gun,' and he handed it to me.'

City Briefs

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across much of the state through Sunday for daytime highs, with 90s in the south and 70s in the Fog and drizzle shrouded north and west. Overnight lows should range from the 50s to 70s Early-morning readings today ranged from the 30s in the Patchy fog and drizzle should

decrease, but rain chances will once again return by Sunday.

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Top O' Texas CattleWomen name Ag Family of the Year

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the people who provide food due to cheap corn prices. As times changed and profit Presently in the United States 11 margins became smaller, the percent of consumers' net Buckinghams, like many other income is spent on food. In other farmers, had to increase their countries it is two or three times that much and sometimes more. The Buckinghams farm and Mart - you have to farm a lot to ranch in the Kelton area which is make a little and the profit marlocated near Shamrock and Billy Buckingham began farm- the cost of everything goes up.

farming operation to survive. Today farming is similar to Walgin continues to get smaller as commodity prices decrease and ing in 1958 when he was a senior In 1974, they built a home near

years as wheat prices fell to new

in high school with 320 acres of Kelton. At that time, cotton rented land which he still farms prices were about 60 cents a pound and a pickup cost Carolyn Ledbetter and thus approximately \$5,500. Today began 36 years of loving the cotton prices are 55 cents (maybe) and a pickup costs ly and receiving great satisfac- \$25,000.

With cheap commodity prices, ing some of the challenges of cattle have become more in important in their operation. For many years, cotton was They run a commercial cow herd their main source of income and of Herefords and breed them to continued to be until four or five Santa Gertrudis bulls. The steers years ago when two cool, wet go to feedlots and the heifers are summers and boll weevils elimi- usually sold as replacements.

FTC cautions consumers to be wary of 'biz opps'



Brett Buckingham, left, and Billy Buckingham, right, during wheat harvest.

The cows start calving the first thought of retiring. Billy not through by April. Because of cheap wheat prices, they are grazing much of their wheat with stocker calves and also running stockers on land that has come out of CRP. Improved grasses, such as love grass and bluestem, provide grazing for stockers in the summer.

In the early years, all the land they farmed was either rented or leased. Presently they still lease and rent land but have been fortunate enough to buy some of it.

The couple have one daughter, Lacy, who married Jack Britten of Groom in 1998. Lacy and Jack live in Grapevine where Jack is employed in transportation and Lacy has a private law practice and is municipal judge of Euless,

of January and most of them are only makes a living from farming and ranching, but gets his greatest enjoyment from working the land and tending to his cattle. Carolyn would prefer a little more travel but is very content in her role as helpmate, dispatcher, cook and errand runner. To get parts or repairs, their closest implement dealers are 45-50 miles away. During the busy planting or harvesting seasons, a lot of her time is spent on the

road picking up parts. Cellular phones have become essential. The ability to communicate instantly saves them both time and money. They presently have three

employees: Ray Mora and wife Rebecca, who

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-Get all earnings claims in writing. If the promoter hesitates or refuses to give the information in writing, find another business opportunity.

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-Study the business opportunity's franchise disclosure document. It includes information about the company, including whether it has faced any lawsuits from prior purchasers or lawsuits alleging fraud.

-Ask the Attorney General's office, state or county consumer protection agency and Better Business Bureau in the area in which the business opportunity promoter is based and where you live whether the promoter has a history of unresolved complaints.

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RELIGION

Minister's musing

By THE REV. ALBERT MAGGARD **First Pentecostal Holiness Church**

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"I will therefore, that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." I Timothy 2:8 Saint Paul expressed the wish that prayer

be made:

- For all men. There was no one he wanted left out when we pray. He specifically mentioned some we might leave out "kings and all that are in authority." This is rather striking when we remember that the kings and those in authority in Paul's time were heathen. It was extremely rare to find one of that number who had any sympathy for Christians or desire for righteousness. Some were active persecutors of God's saints. Some might find it strange being asked to pray for their persecutors. Of course, the apostle was echoing the words of Jesus who said, "Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 5:44 It's always been easier to pray for our

friends, but our love, like God's, must extend to our enemies. We must make our prayer circle big enough to include everyone. Sometimes we find it possible to pray for those "down and out" but forget to remember those "up and out." First Timothy 2:4 makes clear to us that the Lord's will is for an men to be saved.

Everywhere. The Jewish people believed that it was a worthy thing to offer prayers in the Holy Land and especially in the temple. When carried away captives to how many me Babylon, they were forced to learn to pray in upraised hands.

By The Rev. Albert Maggard

Pentecostal Holiness Church

other places. Necessity dictated it. The temple was destroyed and far away. God was everywhere present and they could talk to him.

One of the most valuable lessons we learn is that we can pray anywhere. Elijah on the mountain or Jonah inside a whale at the bottom of the sea — both found that their prayers would reach God. Inside the beautiful sanctuary at church or riding down the road in your car, you can pray. Paul and Silas learned that one can even pray inside a prison cell. The busy homemaker, washing dishes or sweeping the floor, can commune with God. The man at work can pause in his labor to breathe a prayer. Everywhere is a good place to pray.

- Lifting up holy hands. The ancient practice of raising the hands while praying or praising God is enjoying a revival in our day. Paul commended the practice. Lifting up holy hands to God is body language which He understands and welcomes. It's amazing how much we "talk with our hands," and how many meanings we express with

When we were students in the classroom our teacher would say, "Raise your hand if you know the answer." Sometimes our upraised hands testify that we know Him who is the answer. In Roman times, the hand upraised with palm upright meant, "Grant me mercy." How often we need God's mercy. On any battlefield, upraised hands indicate, "I surrender." How necessary it is that

we live our lives fully surrendered to our Lord and King.

The little child, eagerly holding his hands toward us, is saying, "Please pick me up and hold me." Even when the child is too little to express it in words, we get the picture when we see the upraised hands. Undoubtedly, our Heavenly Father also reads our hands raised toward Him in the same way. At times, we need Him to pick us up and hold us to His heart.

So, the Word of God is telling us to use our hands as well as our voices in communicating with heaven.

our prayer life. The unforgiving spirit can stop the flow of blessing. The wrath of man doesn't accomplish the will of God. God's word tells of things we must be ware of "so that your prayers be not hindered." It's our privilege to keep attitudes right and hearts clear before God so that prayer becomes a delightful time of communion.

"Jesus spoke a parable to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint." We still need to grasp the meaning of that parable.

Religion briefs...

Revival planned at Macedonia

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will host "New Wave 2000 Revival" at 7 p.m. April 19-21. The congregation and the pastor of the church, the Rev. I.L. Patrick, cordially invites the public to the revival titled "Break Fort into Kingdom Vision; Breaking Forth to Take Dominion." Ministers will be Patrick and Mike Stevens of Shreveport, La. Also ministering in music will be Tonya Stevens and the Macedonia Praise Team.

Arts and Crafts Extravaganza

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with hold an Arts and Crafts Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the school gymnasium, 2300 N. Hobart. The event will offer activities for the entire family including a variety of crafts, tasty treats, face painting and more. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information or to inquire about booth space, call 665-5665.

Primitive Baptist - Without wrath or doubting. The Bible teaches us that wrong attitudes can hinder our prayer life. The unforgiving spirit can stop the flow of blessing. The wrath of man

Tony Marshall steps into the pulpit Sunday morning at the Providence Primitive Baptist Church, an austere structure nestled between a cemetery and moss-draped scrub the church. Primitives kick sinners oaks.

The interior is unadorned but radiant in its simplicity. Varnished pine planks cover the walls and ceiling. The 25, mostly elderly, worshippers sit on plain wooden pews. There are no crosses, no pictures of Jesus or other religious symbols. Old-line Primitives consider these to be graven images.

Primitives trace their faith to John the Baptist. They take their beliefs from the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments. They define primitive as the "original" religion.

With an estimated 50,000 members, they are a relatively small group with deep ties to the South. The nation's largest Baptist group, the Southern Baptist Convention, has 15.8 million members.

Marshall reminded his congregation in rural southwest Georgia of the need to trust in God for deliverance.

SYLVESTER, Ga. (AP) - Elder tolerate adultery, bankruptcy or divorce, except in cases of adultery

by the offending spouse. Some faiths allow sinners to repent and regain their standing in out.

"The Bible is all we've got to go by," said Zell Clinard, a 70-yearold lifelong Primitive from Albany. "The Bible lists all the rules and regulations. People make fun of us because we wash feet, but they didn't read the Bible, or they would know that we're doing something Jesus left for us to do."

Before the Sunday service, three deacons standing near the pulpit led 30 minutes of singing. Worshippers used a small hymnal with no musical notations, only words. Old-liners don't believe the Bible authorizes organs or other instruments in the church.

Primitive churches are scattered all over the country, including places like Cincinnati where Southern blacks migrated in the 1900s. But they are most prominent in the backwoods of rural southern Georgia and northern Florida, where Primitives were among the early settlers. Before don't consider God," Marshall the Civil War, black slaves attendsaid. "We try to go on our own ed Primitive churches with their strength. But all our strength white masters. Later, they established churches for themselves. Unlike most other Baptists, elders, might study their Bibles Primitives believe in a strict form of predestination - that God chose people from all races and creeds for salvation even before the world was formed. They believe God's elect will naturally want to live sin-free lives and accept Jesus, although the elect can include people who have never heard of Jesus or set foot in a church. The term Primitive Baptist stems from an ideological split in the 1830s with a group that even-tually became "Missionary

Barber ministry visits Jordan Unit

By JERRY GUTHRIE Jordan Unit

The Jordan Unit hosted a three-day spiritual revival recently. Mike Barber's "Weekend of Excitement" brought restoration to the inmates all in the name and glory of Jesus Christ.

Chaplain Schlewitz organized the "Pro-Claim/Liberty to Captives" revival. Schlewitz and the Barber Ministry were rewarded for their efforts when 400 Texas stood up for the altar call.

has been recognized as one of the best tight- day in and day out with his God-given talends to play in the NFL. After 10 years of ents. He has been blessed in using his talsetting records for the Oilers and Rams, ents. He has performed at the Grand Ole Barber retired. In 1986, he chose a new profession — offering eternal life! The Barber Ministry has visited prisons all Milsap and the Oak Ridge Boys to name a across the USA and South America. Barber few. He is able to use his music to reach out and wife DeAnne are witnesses to the strug- and praise God's name. He played gles prisoners face every day. Although surrounded by the cold hard facts of incarcera- as a Floyd Kramer version, a country-style tion, the Barber Ministry boasts of seeing and even a Borbourn Street rendition. It was first-hand that Jesus Christ has made an impact on inmates' lives - all positive. Today, right now, there is a revival taking place in TDCJ prisons. What more can the great citizens of Texas ask for then rehabilitation? True restoration must take place after the inmates are sentenced and Jesus Christ is the ultimate restorer. Matthew 5:5 states: "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." Mike Barber Savior. His message of "I bring you hope" fits perfectly into the grace of this scripture. was well received.

He honestly is pure of heart and gives all credit to Jesus Christ and his dedicated staff. Over 30 Barber counselors participated in guiding inmates to the Lord, making possible this awesome weekend of restoration.

Mike's first sermon covered five ways to be on the road to freedom. Each topic was discussed and based on Bible scripture. The

five were: Acknowledge Christ; Repent from Sin; Confess Your Sins; Forsake All; and Believe and Then Receive. All three days were filled with the Holy Department of Criminal Justice inmates Spirit. Accompanying Barber were Ken

Dutton and Pete Williams. Dutton is a pro-Barber, a celebrated NFL football player, fessional musician. He amazed the crowd

William's used Hebrews 12:1 as his platform for his sermon. He added how we can let go of our burdens just like he did when we let go and let God take control. He went further and told the crowd what they face upon release and how strong in the word each of us must be to succeed. Williams is spiritually blessed and is a true overcomer, his sermons gave the inmates hope of a successful life and a blessing of a full restoration through Jesus Christ.

Ladies and gentlemen of the panhandle, the Mike Barber Ministry is a blessing for those of us incarcerated. With the help of outside organizations such as Barber's, we are able to grow spiritually. Schlewitz does a wonderful job in promoting such events. He realizes our lives are dependent on full restoration through Jesus Christ. Our pasts brought us to the Pampa prison, obviously we did not make good choices. Today many of us have become willing to accept the bold responsibility of letting Jesus guide us. During the event, over 400 men took responsibility for their pasts and stood before God during the altar call. The citizens need for this revival to continue. You can help Please contact the director of TDCJ in Huntsville and praise our new path with Jesus. The Jordan Unit has been like an old 1968 Pontiac, a car that needed a new bumper, a new paint job and new tires, really in need of restoration. Thanks to Mike Barber Prison Fellowship Ministry and Chaplain Schlewitz men have been shown how to gain full restoration through Jesus Christ.

Opry and played with the likes of Conway Twitty, Floyd Kramer, Loretta Lynn, Ronnie "Amazing Grace" using different styles such an amazing show of talent on the electric organ.

Along with Dutton came Williams, an exfelon with 17 years of incarceration under his belt. He was a true inspiration to the captive crowd. He is able to relate on a level the inmates understand. William's history is one of-drugs and violence - all overcome when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and

There will be day when we comes from God."

Primitive ministers, known as before a sermon, but they believe the sermon itself comes directly from God. Instead of attending seminaries, potential elders are handpicked by church leaders.

Marshall, a 40-year-old Valdosta electrician, has been a Primitive all his life. His father, grandfather and uncle also are elders.

"I feel like it's the true church," Marshall said. "I believe what we believe is the true salvation."

Old-line Primitives don't have professional preachers. They want tually became their elders to be engaged totally Baptists." in teaching the Bible, not working for financial rewards. They also don't pass a collection plate, but worshippers can leave a "love offering" for the elders.

To show their humility and love for one another, worshippers pair off once or twice a year and wash each other's feet during commu-nion services. This ritual is based on the Last Supper, when Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

They use wine for communion, baptize by immersion and don't



Slaughterhouses let Muslims perform ritual

DE SOTO, Kan. (AP) - It's a cold and damp Friday at Steve's but demand increases in the got started in halal slaughter around the nation is not known. Meat Market, with temperatures nowhere near the sultry climes of Abdirashid Sharif's native Somalia. But in his new U.S. home, this Somali war refugee hajj, the pilgrimage Muslims area and up to 40,000 around St. has discovered the familiar in make to the Grand Mosque in Louis, according to estimates of rural Kansas.

At an open-air market out back, Sharif and fellow Muslims buy sheep, goats and cows then slaughter the animals themselves in accordance with Islamic law. Muslims can eat only meat that is halal, or lawfully slaughtered.

One day a week, as it has for at least 15 years, the small-town Kansas butcher shop and slaughterhouse draws many Muslims, transplanted to the Midwest from throughout the world. It's one of a relative handful of such places serving an estimated 10 million Muslims in the United States.

The slaughter or "sacrifice" is accomplished by a slash to a restrained animal's throat following a prayer, and is permitted by a religious exemption to U.S. Department of Agriculture rules.

Ordinarily, the USDA requires that the animal first be knocked out with a stun gun. Muslims, who view the animal as a gift from God, consider their method more humane.

"They're very religious peo-ple," said Dick Dabbs, a butcher at Steve's Meat Market who sharpens the knife before each kill, and then hoses the bloodied floor. "The animal has got to be killed on the first slash or they won't eat it. Once that vein is sliced, that animal is dead."

days leading up to Eid al-Adha, which this year fell on Thursday. Eid al-Adha marks the end of the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca. During the feast, observed by an estimated 1 billion Muslims worldwide, believers slaughter sheep, goats, cows or camels to commemorate the prophet Pakistanis, Ibrahim's readiness to offer his son's life to Allah, or God. For Nations," his obedience, Ibrahim was

instead. the old "butcher town" section ago. of St Louis do a brisk business Precisely how many slaughter-

when approached by Muslims, Of 1,170 federally inspected the Celebration of the Sacrifice, whose numbers are growing in establishments, fewer than 10 which this year fell on Thursday. the region. Some 15,000 Muslims are halal, USDA spokeswoman live in the Kansas City metro the Islamic Society.

Los Angeles and New York.

"We get Bosnians, Somalis, Iraqis, Serbs, We're the United Croatians. said Anthea Richmond of Star Packing. She given a sheep to sacrifice said her husband's uncle began providing halal slaughter for Steve's and Star Packing Co. in Muslims in St. 'Louis 30 years

Such slaughters go on all year, in goats, lambs and cows. Both houses provide similar services are halal, USDA spokeswoman Beth Gaston said. But that does not include the plants USDA Louis, according to estimates of inspects for cleanliness but not for slaughter; that applies to The largest U.S. centers of cases where meat is slaughtered Muslims are Chicago, Detroit, for personal use but not for resale in specialty markets.



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interested in ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP

OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

CCPC Clarendon College-Pampa the Center will offer the following continuing education courses: "Bible as Literature," instructor Linda Haynes, 6-7 p.m., March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9; and "Microsoft Access '97," instructor Tex Buckhaults, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more

> information, call 665-8801. **BROWN BAG LECTURES**

Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 30. Topics include: Couple Communication,

Feb. 24; Time Management, Saturday, March 25, at Pampa March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 30. The public is cordially invited to accepted for resale. For more bring a lunch and attend one or information, call the rodeo office more of the sessions.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold ARTS AND CRAFTS EXTRAVpotluck dinner and dance March 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be Indian Summer. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

TOP O' TEXAS QUEEN CLINIC

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring a "Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Crown of Texas Hospice families, Clinic" from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., volunteers and staff will gather to

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Community Building. Cost of the clinic is \$5 per person. This year's pageant will be discussed in detail and pageant clothes will be at 669-0434 or Sonja Daniel at 665-5501.

AGANZA

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with hold an Arts and Crafts Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the school gymnasium, 2300 N. Hobart. The event will include a painting and more. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information or to inquire about booth space, call 665-5665.

HOSPICE CELEBRATION

celebrate the memories and lives of loved ones at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at St. Mary's Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo. A recep-tion, hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

AHA ART GALA

The local chapter of the American Heart Association will hold its annual Art Gala and Auction fund-raiser at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM BSA Hospice will offer a class variety of crafts, tasty treats, face for anyone interested in becoming a BSA Hospice volunteer from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, March 20-April 13 at Amarillo BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler. The training is free and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. To register, call Deborah

Andrews, LSW, (806) 212-8715. **BROWN BAG LECTURES**

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PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcepd.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the

home page. AMERICAN YOUTH ABROAD

American Youth Abroad offers study abroad opportunities to high school students in the U.S. AYA is a not-for-profit program sponsored by American Institute of Foreign Study Foundation. To receive the AYA 2000 Brochure, call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail abaskinger@aifs.com. The deadline is April 15.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

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The display case at Lovett Memorial Library announces the upcoming Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Library. The items are examples of what will be on sale in the library auditorium March 30-April 4. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

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CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meet-ings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

RRC announces top oil/gas producers

AUSTIN — The final 1999 **Railroad Commission statistics** show Altura Energy LTD to be the top oil producer and Exxon Corp. as the top gas producer in Texas last year, according to RRC officials Michael Williams, Charles Matthews and Tony Garza.

Altura Energy LTD led all oil producers for the period with an average daily production of 157,706 barrels, some 14.150 percent of all oil produced in the state. Exxon Corp. took second place with an average daily production rate of 62,918 barrels, some 5.645 percent of total state production.

Other companies in the top 10 included: Texaco E&P Inc., 44,290 barrels per day, third; Marathon Oil Co., 43,017 bpd, fourth; Mobil Producing TX.&N.M. Inc., 36,595 bpd, fifth; Amerada Hess Corp., 32,070 bpd, sixth; Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 31,501 bpd, seventh; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., 29,889 bpd, eighth; Union Oil Co. of California, 20,497 bpd, ninth; and Apache Corp., 19,552 bpd, 10th.

Exxon Corp. was the top Texas gas producer for the period, averaging 778,138 mcf per day which represented 6.094 percent of total state production. Conoco Inc. was second, averaging 764,621 mcf per day, or 5.989 percent of all gas produced in the state. Other companies included: Union Pacific Resources Co.,

644,757 mcf, third; Coastal Oil & Gas Corp., 512,727 mcf, fourth; EDG Resources, Inc., 406,123 mcf, fifth; Texaco E&P Inc., 359,162 mcf, sixth; Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 354,213 mcf, seventh; Phillips Petroleum Co., 336,182 mcf, eighth; Mobil Producing TX.&N.M. Inc. 312,832 mcf, ninth; and Shell Western E&P Inc., 303,900 mcf, 10th.

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Who Wants to Be a Millionaire' gets its third winner

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NEW YORK (AP) - It took him nearly 15 minutes to get it right - but it was worth it.

Joe Trela, a 25-year-old customer service representative for a computer company, on Thursday became the third contestant to win the top prize on ABC's hit game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.

The Cal Tech graduate was asked what insect shorted out an early supercomputer and inspired the term, "computer bug." Trela's choices? A moth, roach, fly or Japanese beetle. He correct-

ly identified the moth as the culprit.

I was lucky, which I guess was good enough," he said. Trela certainly wasn't pressured into rushing his way through the game. He took nearly 15 minutes - although it was edited

down for broadcast — to identify which baseball player appeared in the most World Series games. "The producers were getting kind of cranky with me," he said. By the time he had won \$32,000, Trela had used all three of his

lifelines. That meant he had to answer the big-money questions without help from a friend or the audience.

Trela, from Gilroy, Calif., is the youngest person to win the game. The show now airs in 52 countries, and there's been only one top prize winner outside of the United States. A contestant in South Africa won earlier this month.

Trela, who is a bachelor, hopes to landscape his mother's backyard with the money, and maybe visit a friend in England. He won't say whether he plans to quit his job, but figures the money will give him the freedom to finish a science fiction screenplay he's been writing.

Since he promised on the broadcast to pay his brother's tuition at Notre Dame, Trela figures he better follow through.

And Alex Trebek will love this: Trela is a "Jeopardy" reject. He said he tried out for "Jeopardy" several times but was never invited on the show.

"Jeopardy" host Trebek recently mocked "Millionaire" for its easy questions, but reportedly declined an invitation to appear in a celebrity version of the game.

More Mississippians fat; 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance

ATLANTA (AP) - Mississippians battle the bulge with less success than the rest of us - 22 percent of them are obese - while nearly 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance, and more than half of North Dakotans say they don't always wear a seat belt.

Which state has the most drinkers? Wisconsin, where residents also confessed to the most binge drinking.

The findings come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on Thursday released a survey of health behavior broken down by race and ethnic groups for each state and Puerto Rico.

The numbers, culled from 1997 telephone interviews with 134,000 people, highlight continuing disparities between whites and other such factors as high blood pressure, when it come obesity and lack of access to medical care. The report, which contains data on 20 health topics, is the first time the CDC has collated such a wide range of information for each state on a comparative basis, said the report's author, Julie Bolen of the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Names in the news

the galaxy of stars, see-through gowns and the best-picture race. Annette Bening may provide the most dramatic Oscar moment.

The "American Beauty" star, who is nominated for a bestactress Academy Award, will have doctors on hand and her suitcase packed in case she goes into labor during Sunday's ceremony.

"Yes, my doctor, many doctors, will be surrounding me," said Bening, who is pregnant with her fourth child. "It would be very dramatic, wouldn't it?"

Bening was also scheduled to be a presenter but was forced to bow out Thursday, her publicist Nancy Seltzer said.

Bening's husband, Warren Beatty, will be receiving the prestigious Irving Thalberg trophy during the show and Bening said she "wouldn't miss that for the according to Jane Fonda. world."

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dolly Parton is taking her show on the road — but this gig isn't a musical act.

The country star announced Thursday she has raised \$7 million to help expand to a national level her children's reading program, Imagination Library.

Currently, the program offers

County, Tenn., a book a month them to be seen, heard and from birth until kindergarten.

It is funded through the singer's nonprofit Dollywood Foundation. The additional \$7 million comes from profits of the Dixie Stampede dinner theater, headquartered in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., said Parton, who co-owns the establishment.

Growing up in East Tennessee, Parton said, "Books were very special, but they were very scarce.'

She said her father, who cannot read, told his 12 children not to bring books home. When they did, the pages were often torn out and turned into rolling paper for tobacco, she said.

NEW YORK (AP) - Mutual respect - and perhaps doing the dishes - is key in any marriage,

The actress was in town Thursday to help publicize a poll by Girls Inc., a nonprofit group whose aim is to empower girls.

"Don't get married until you really understand who you are and what you expect in a relationship," the actress and newly sepa-Manhattan hotel.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Forget every child in her native Sevier their partners agreed to allow respected. If they don't, she said, "then maybe you haven't found the right person."

After Fonda finished, 13-yearold Ebonie Hopkins of Syracuse leaned over and told the actress she had forgotten something.

"What's the thing I forgot, divorce?" Fonda asked

"Men washing the dishes," the girl said loudly into the microphone.

"And try to find a man that will wash the dishes," Fonda deadpanned before laughing.

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) -Diahann Carroll says that when she learned she had breast cancer two years ago she confided in a Hollywood friend who advised she keep it quiet because it could hurt her career.

The friend was "a woman in show business who we all know very well," the actress-singer told a crowd of more than 1,000 breast cancer survivors and their families and friends.

The woman told her that men in Hollywood think breasts are the mother but is not required to have rated Mrs. Ted Turner advised most important part of a woman's young girls and teen-agers at a attractiveness and that Carroll Anhattan hotel. would no longer be seen as desir-She also told them to make sure able. Carroll declined to name the apples.

friend, but said she disregarded the advice.

She said mammograms should be provided free to all women who can't afford them and that more money is needed for breast cancer research.

We all look forward to the day that mastectomies, chemotherapy and radiation are considered barbaric," Carroll said Wednesday.

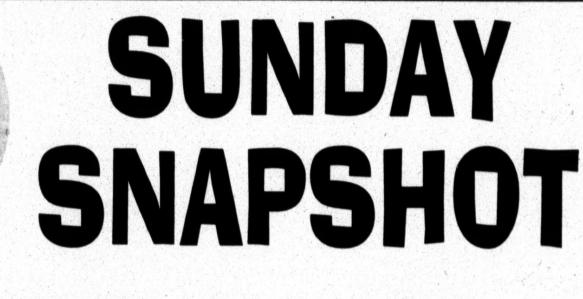
She was the featured speaker at the sixth annual Runway for the Cure, a fund-raiser fashion show that included clothing for women with mastectomies.

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) -Comedian Tom Arnold hasn't had much luck finding Mrs. Right, but he's the Washington Apple Commission's top pick to help find the perfect Granny Smith.

Arnold will host a show May 6 to choose the winner of the commission's eighth annual search.

"I think he's going to be great," said Kristen Malott, a commission spokeswoman. "He's got a terrific sense of humor and a terrific stage presence."

The winner must be a grandthe last name "Smith." She will travel across the country for the next year promoting Washington



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The report is intended to help state health departments compare their prevention activities to those of other states and see which are successful.

"This is the first time we've put it all under one cover to compare states," she said. "It's a good chance for people across the country to see how they're doing."

The Clinton administration wants to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by 2010 in six areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, immunization and infant mortality.

Bolen said the report is designed to further that goal, especially as non-whites are projected to make up nearly half the U.S. population by 2050.

The survey topics included Pap tests, seat belt use and cigarette smoking

Texas led the nation in the percentage of uninsured residents mainly because of its large Hispanic population. Nearly half of the state's Hispanics - 44.9 percent - said they had no health insurance. By contrast, only 6.1 percent of Hawaiians said they had no insurance. Women in Georgia reported the highest rate of having a Pap test within the preceding three years — 92 percent — while Puerto Ricans were the lowest at 71.8 percent.

Utah and Puerto Rico reported the least drinking, defined as hav-ing a drink in the past month. Only 6.3 percent of those in Maryland admitted to binge drinking, or having five or more drinks on a single occasion. That was the lowest binge-drinking rate in the nation.

The report found bad news concerning colorectal cancer screening. Fewer than a third of adults over 50 reported having completed a home blood stool test, with 18 percent the median response. Maine led the country in such screening, with 28.5 percent. Only 9.3 percent of Mississippi residents had performed such a test.

Georgians called themselves the most sedentary, with more than 51 percent reporting no leisure-time physical activity. Utah had the highest activity rate at 17.2 percent.

The CDC said socioeconomic factors and education levels are believed to be responsible for the differences between the groups. People with more education generally have higher-paying jobs and are then more likely to have health insurance and use the health care system.

The survey is obviously limited by how honest survey participants were. For example, obesity rates were calculated based on how tall and heavy people described themselves.

"I would guess that plenty of us minimize our weight. I doubt anybody's going to tell you they weigh more than they do," Bolen said, calling the obesity figures "conservative estimates.

The obesity rate was lowest in Colorado at 11.9 percent.

In North Dakota, 59.8 percent of survey participants said they don't always wear a seat belt. Californians buckled up the most — only 12.8 percent said they don't always put on the belt.

On the Net: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Former sheriff's lieutenant indicted

TYLER, Texas (AP) - A former Smith County sheriff's lieutenant has been indicted by a grand jury for attempting to buy \$60 worth of methamphetamine or crack cocaine from an undercover agent, and for destroying an arrest warrant intended for his sister-in-law.

The indictments against David Beddingfield were handed down Thursday. He faces a misdemeanor charge of attempting to possess a controlled substance and a felony count of hindering apprehension,

the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported in today's editions. The drug charge stems from a taped conversation he had with his sister-in-law, Tammi Wininger, who was cooperating with police. In the recording, Beddingfield offered to pay her \$60 for methamphetamine or crack cocaine.

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Mother's Heartlessness Is Not All in Daughters' Heads

DEAR ABBY: This letter is late response to "Emotionally Bruised," whose mother was supercritical. My mother also says and does the most incredibly heartless things to us. When our father was alive, he used to cover for her as much as possible in order to keep peace in the family. Now that my father has passed away, my sister and I have had to deal with my mother's inappropriate behavior.

Due to a family blowup just before Thanksgiving (the first holiday since my father's passing), we got Mother to attend two therapy sessions with my sister and me. Mother was her usual heartless, mean self in front of the therapist, so he was able to get a clear picture of what we had been dealing with. Later, in a private session, the therapist gave me some valuable information. He explained that my mother is extremely narcissistic. She is not, nor will she ever be, able to become empathetic or understanding of others.

In many ways, it was wonderful to have the validation and acknowl-

Horoscope SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2000 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

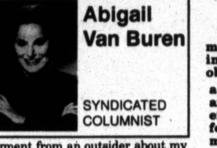
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** * * Let your imagination roam. since you might not be the epitome of high energy. Brainstorm or find armchair entertainment, which could be anything from a game of Scrabble to a movie. A friend motivates you if you let him. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. This week: An orderly, yet energetic approach to work benefits you. The inpredictable starts playing into your life Wednesday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * A boss or parent has a design or dea. You might not want to act on it, although a partner is receptive. Get together and chat with others. Spend pality time with a family member. Use your instincts. Tonight: Enjoy loved ones n your life.

his week. Do needed research, then draw your own conclusions. Actions that are taken bring strong reactions. You know what you are doing GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might not always agree with a friend at a distance, but right now you see eye to eye. Listen to others who are full of suggestions. Don't be a slave to tradition. Try something different. Others talk; you should listen. Popularity soars. Tonight: Accept an invitation. This week: A partner means well and comes through for you in a big way. Pioneer new ideas and responses. CANCER (June 21-July 22)



edgment from an outsider about my mother's behavior; however it also felt like a death sentence. The therapist advised me to do all I can to protect myself from my mother, but to never stop telling her that her words and actions are hurting me. My silence all these years had led her to believe that I accept and agree with her.

It is always tough standing up to this woman, and the fallout afterward is difficult. However, I am not giving up. If I do, my children, who have witnessed their grandmother's heartless behavior for many years, will think that it's OK to allow someone to use you as a doormat.

This week: Partners approach you in an easygoing way, yet they clearly want your support. Nevertheless, when you give the green light, chaos develops! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* * * * Let others know exactly where you are coming from. Your perceptions might be vague, but you are delighted with what you see. Allow spontaneity to become a bigger part of your life. Another needs more control. Tonight: Whooping it up.

This week: Your efficiency at work draws attention and admiration. Relationships provide a wild element. however.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * Stay secure. Know what is important for you. Pace yourself, realizing that your energy isn't unlimited. Work with an idea that a partner helps you develop. It might add a lot to your professional and personal lives. Change plans if you want to stay home. Tonight: Order in. This week: Build on a creativity bent that has started to appear. Make time to schedule a medical checkup. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** A dream might linger into your waking hours. Why not follow through on this? Share it with a partner. fully this week. Don't get discouraged if Reveal where you are coming from. You find a child unpredictable. If single, an attraction could take an odd turn. Tonight: Visit with a friend over a leisurely meal. This week: Foundations need to be sturdy. Keep family relationships rock-solid. Deal with an offspring's uproar. If single,

DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

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DEAR DESERVES: The money you and your sister invested in the therapist was obviously well spent. I find it admirable that the two of you are able to tolerate your moth-er's company after having suf-fered her verbal abuse for so many years - most victims wouldn't.

Since you have been advised that she is incapable of changthat she is incapable of chang-ing her behavior, it is essential that you "bullet-proof" your children if they are going to be exposed to her. They should not be led to believe that her behav-ior is something that should be expected from a mentally healthy person. Teach them that your mother suffers from a personality disorder, and they should not believe her when she says mean things.

provide tremendous inspiration. Share your thoughts more often with loved ones. You might not always be as open as this. Others clearly respond to you, for better or for worse. Tonight: Whatever **Beetle Bailey** This week: Finances run well under your

strong but steady hand. Communication runs amok by Thursday. Careful. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

leases you.

* * Take a back seat. Don't feel as if you must participate in today's happenings. You might need and want some daydreaming time. You could hatch some interesting ideas that add to your security and well-being. Tonight: Catch up on some reading.

This week: You draw applause because of your complete and dynamic approach. However, getting your funds in order

proves to be interesting, at best! AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * * * Talk about dreams and longterm plans. Your quirky ways add to the excitement of the moment. Gather friends together; have fun just being. Others find your energy and enthusiasm irresistible. Share more of yourself. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday night? This week: Take a back seat. Plan carecertain events spin out of control, anyway, on Thursday. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * * Stay in the limelight. Know what is important to you. A lot floats through your mind. Simply note ideas; don't air them out just yet. A dream could have more significance than you think. Make a call to an older relative. Tonight: You're a strong force to behold.

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★ ★ ★ Slow down, take your time and relax. You might be overwhelmed by what is going on with a partner. Run an important errand. Do your best. Laugh and lighten up the mood. A partner appreciates you more than you know. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

a flirtation is unstable SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

* * * Another's idea of a good investment appeals to you. Talk about your long-term security needs and what you want from your home life. A family member reacts in an odd way. Give him the space to process an idea. Don't get possessive: let go. Tonight: Your treat. This week: Initiate discussions; reach out for others. Your energy kindles activity left and right

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * * * Beam in what you often wish could happen. Your dreams and fantasies

This week: Aim for what you want. Mean what you say, and you'll get what you want. Start working on these principles this week.

BORN TODAY

Singer Diana Ross (1944), actress Jennifer Grey (1960), actor Martin Short ...

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PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods made his first double bogey in 223 holes, and Hal Sutton was the only player to break 70 in the first round of The Players Championship.

Sutton's 3-under 69 is highest to lead the tournament in 19 years it's been played on the TPC at Sawgrass

Two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen was among seven players at 70. Woods, tied for the lead after 16 holes, double-bogeyed 17 and finished at 71.

Omar Uresti was at 2-under through 16 holes when play was suspended by darkness. Defending champion David Duval bogeyed five of eight holes for a 75.

FOOTBALL

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Bills, who've lost seven players this offseason, extended the contract of backup nose tackle Pat Williams for a reported five years.

Williams, a restricted free agent tied to Buffalo one more season before being unrestricted, made a careerhigh 44 tackles last season.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -William Thomas, an Eagles fixture at outside linebacker since 1991, was released. The two-time Pro Bowler will be replaced by free agent Carlos Emmons, who signed a fouryear deal.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) - Steve Francis outperformed fellow Rookie of the Year contender Lamar Odom in a head-tohead meeting.

Francis had a career-high 34 points and finished one ound shy of a triple-double **By JOHN NICHOLSON AP Sports Writer**

The Big Ten is at it again. Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin advanced to the final eight in the NCAA tournament Thursday night, and the conference is guaranteed a spot in the Final Four in Indianapolis.

"We knew all year it was a great conference," Wisconsin guard Jon Bryant said. "It's a gritty conference, a real tough conference great defense and hustle."

The Badgers, sixth in the Big Ten regular-season standings, beat LSU 61-48 in Albuquerque, N.M., to set up an all-Big Ten West Regional final against Purdue. The sixth-seeded Boilermakers beat Gonzaga 75-66.

we have one more game - 40 I don't mind if things aren't going senior season with the expressed know what we're up against. minutes - and we'll be going right. But if you're not playing home to Indianapolis," Purdue forward Brian Cardinal said.

The West champion will face the Michigan State-Iowa State winner in the national semifinals.

Top-seeded Michigan State, the Big Ten tournament winner and one of two conference teams in the Final Four last year, beat Syracuse 75-58 in the Midwest semifinals. Second-seeded Iowa State routed UCLA 80-56 in the second game in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Sparked by star guard Mateen Cleaves' halftime tirade, Michigan State (29-7) overcame a 14-point in 1992. Ohio joined Michigan deficit against Syracuse before a partisan crowd at The Palace.

"It's just amazing to know that "I don't mind guys missing shots. Cleaves, who returned for his

hard, then I'm going to get in your face.

Big night for Big Ten in NCAA tourney

Michigan State broke a 58-58 tie by scoring 17 straight points over the last 5:54.

"I had to pick up the pieces at halftime when I got to the locker room," coach Tom Izzo said. "Mateen did most of the challenging. He did a heck of a job in talking to them."

The Big Ten also was the last conference to send three teams to the final eight, with Michigan, Ohio State and Indiana making it State in the Final Four last year.

Fourth-seeded Syracuse looked "At halftime, I didn't think we ready to run the Spartans (29-7)

hope of winning a national title, wouldn't let it happen.

Cleaves, scoreless in the first half, had 10 points - most of them early in the second half — to get the Spartans rolling. Morris Peterson scored 16 of his 21 points after halftime.

The Spartans took the lead for ood on Charlie Bell's banker with 5:18 left, starting the game-ending 17-0 run. Bell, who had acupuncture this week on his left knee, scored nine of his 12 points in the second half.

Iowa State reached the final eight for the first time.

up Saturday," Cyclones coach Larry Eustachy said. "We're playwere playing hard," Cleaves said. right out of The Palace. But ing the best team in the country. We'll have our hands full. We

We're going to have to play near perfect.

Gene Keady, Purdue's 64-yearold coach, is one victory from his' first trip to the Final Four.

"I don't care if I fill my resume out," Keady said. "I've had a great career. I'd rather make a 20-foot putt against my buddies."

Still, one more victory, and the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (24-9) will be headed to Indianapolis, just a short drive from the Purdue campus.

The East and South semifinals are tonight. In the East in Syracuse, N.Y., Duke faces We're a vast underdog coming Florida, and Seton Hall plays Oklahoma State. In the South, Tulsa faces Miami, and North Carolina plays Tennessee in Austin, Texas.



Whitney returns to **Optimist program**

PAMPA — "Baseball gives part of it again."

children a place to enjoy themselves and to learn sportsman- baseball for eight years. He ship and teamwork," said Don spent four years as the Whitney, the new Optimist Cal 11-12 Ripken Baseball Commissioner.

This year, Whitney will coordinate efforts with other years. Optimist baseball and softball commissioners to provide an estimated 700 boys and girls a summer recreation program. David Hutto is the Babe Ruth League Commissioner. Mondo Ramirez is in charge of the Cal Ripken 9-10 League and Richard Stowers does double duty as the Commissioner of the Beginner and rookie Leagues for children 5 to 8. Sheri Tice is the Little Girls Softball League Commissioner.

Dumas Relays held earlier this

Dumas was second with 166 points

Pampa 7th Grade results are as fol-

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Discus: 1. Britton East, 98-8 3/4; 2.

Janssen Eilenberger, 93-4 3/4; 4.

Long jump: 1. Mark Williams, 15-11;

High jump: 1. Mark Williams, 4-10;

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"I grew up playing Optimist baseball from the time I was Council Fellowship. nine until I graduated from high school," Whitney reminisced. Other league officials are "My children were also involved Chico Ramirez, Assistant with Optimist baseball and soft- Commissioner; Judy Warner, ball. I have been out of the Secretary; Melvin Wills, Umpire Optimist program for a few in Chief; Cel Henley, Head years, but I am looking forward Scorekeeper and John Goes, to the opportunity of being a Player Agent.

Whitney has coached Optimist Commissioner of the Babe Ruth and League was the Commissioner of the Optimist Boys' Basketball League two

Married for 31 years, he and his wife, Paula, have four children. Whitney is a former Roberts County Commissioner. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. He has been involved in the farm and ranch business for 28 years and has been a multi-line agent for Texas Farm **Insurance-Southern** Bureau Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company for 14 years. He has been on the Million Dollar Roundtable and has been awarded a membership in the Life Underwriters Training

as Houston defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 110-95 Thursday night.

Stevie is into crowd entertainment, and he knows how to do it," said Odom, who led the Clippers with 28 points. "He is one of the most confident rookies and he gets what he deserves.'

Francis tied his career-high with 14 assists and added nine rebounds before asking to be removed from the game with 2:28 left.

"Steve Francis was tremendous. He had a chance to get a triple-double, and for a minute we kept him in for him to try and get it. But when he didn't get it for about a minute, he told me to take him out and let someone else get in. That's the kind of kid he is," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. 'He was like a highlight film."

It's the third time Francis has been one number shy of a triple-double. He has 15 double-doubles.

"I think I was at ease. We had a day off after the last road trip, so I was rested," Francis said. "As a team, we did a good job of bouncing back." Francis, Odom and the Chicago Bulls' Elton Brand are considered the top three candidates for top rookie honors.

Houston, which placed center Hakeem Olajuwon on the injured list Thursday because of breathing problems, had lost eight in a row.

"It was good to get off the schneid and get a win. Now we've got to go out and build on it," Tomjanovich said.

Francis hit 13 of 19 shots from the field. Reserve Cuttino Moblev scored 30 points, and Walt Williams had 21 for the Rockets.

Derek Anderson added 20 points, while Tyrone Nesby and Eric Piatkowski had 15 apiece for the Clippers, who lost their sixth straight.

Houston built a 62-53 lead with 5:05 left in the third guarter after a pair of baskets by Mobley. The Clippers closed to 65-62 after a basket by Piatkowski with 2:51 left in the period.

Francis scored 12 points in the final three minutes of the third quarter to stake Houston to an 81-70- lead going into the fourth period.

DUMAS — Pampa 7th graders Shea Brown, Clayton Hall and Mark Heath Miller, 6:25.96. scored 279 1/2 points to win the Williams), 51.81.

Pampa 7th grade boys win Dumas Relays

Tyler Doughty, 2:53.

110 hurdles: 1. Seth Foster, 19.08; 2. Clayton Hall, 21.16; 3. Keaton Hutto, 21.17.

100: 1. Mark Williams, 12.51; 3. Janssen Eilenberger, 13.74; 6. Quintin Cobb, 14.38.

400: 1. Brandon Johnston, 64.24; 2. Britton East, 66.13; 3. Austin Morton, lows: 68.74

800 relay: 2. Pampa (Felipe Portillo, Shea Brown, Jamie Resendiz and 6. Michael Shaw, 96-0. Janssen Eilenberger), 1:58.

300 hurdles: 1. Seth Foster, 50.09; 2. Dustin Lenderman, 55.92; 6. Cameron Tarango, 15-7 1/4. Seger, 61.02.

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 2400: 3. Shawn Brown, 10:02; 4. Felipe Portillo, 28.49; 3. Janssen
 Eillenberger, 28.59.

1600: 1. Clayton Hall, 5:48.35; 3.

1600 relay: 2. Pampa (Jamie and Austin Morton), 4:37.

High jump: 3. Andrew Curtis, 4-10;

200: 1. Mark Williams, 26.63; 2. 6. Garrett Johnston, 4-8. Triple jump: 1. M. Smith, 34-7; 6.

Johnny Story, 28-9 1/4.

2400: 4. Cody Locknane, 9:11.31; 6. 31.

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Andrew Ammons, 9:51.42. 400 relay: 2. Pampa (Jesse Tarango, Andrew Curtis), 50.2.

800: 6. Darin Allen, 2:41.50. 110 hurdles: 1. Dannie Meza, 18.60. 100: 1. Derek Lewis, 12.41; 2.

Andrew Curtis, 12.51; 4. Jessie 400: 3. Garrett Johnston, 65.41; 6.

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Greg Wiley, Johnny Story and Johnny

300 hurdles: 1. Dannie Meza, 48.29. 200: 1. Derek Lewis, 26.24; 2. Jesse 1600: 5. Cody Locknane, 5:58.72.

1600 relay: 3. Pampa.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

Pampa middle school teams are entered in the Hereford meet March

Tulsa moving closer to nation's elite

AUSTIN (AP) - Always an Miami won its first share of the Big getting closer to the nation's basketball elite.

Miami, meanwhile, keeps making school history with each postseason victory.

Tulsa (31-4) and Miami (23-10) play tonight in the South Regional, with the winner advancing within a game of the Final Four.

Tulsa is in the NCAA tournasince 1994. For Miami, it's a brandnew experience.

"Obviously, by us making the Sweet 16, it's a history-making event for the University of Miami," center Mario Bland said Thursday. "We don't have all the NCAA tournament banners that other schools have that are in our current position. We don't want to get ahead of ourselves. If we start thinking about what we've done, we can lose our focus."

Miami, the sixth seed in the South, is in its fourth NCAA tournament in the program's history. For the Hurricanes and coach Leonard Hamilton, it's been a long, sometimes difficult, 10-year level, and it showed us we had march to basketball respectability.

afterthought in March, Tulsa keeps East title, and a win over seventhseed Tulsa would set a school record for season victories.

"I never thought we would not get to this point in the program, because of the will, desire and determination," said Hamilton, who took over at Miami in 1990. Three of his first four seasons saw fewer than 10 wins.

"I've had a lot of dark times, but ment round of 16 for the third time 1 always feel that those dark times are a time to grow and learn," he said. "I don't believe that I can remember a time that I did not personally feel that we could get this program to this point and beyond.

> Tulsa suffered one of its darkest moments in the 1999 tournament when the Golden Hurricane suffered a 97-56 loss to Duke.

But instead of sulking through the offseason, Tulsa players used it as a motivator for 2000, coach Bill Self said.

"The way that game ended was food for our program," Self said. "It showed us there is playing at a high level and then there is an elite work to do.'

"Duke showed us everything a good team had to be," Tulsa forward Eric Coley said.

Since then, the Golden Hurricane have lost to only two teams ---- to Oral Roberts once and Fresno State three times -- with the four losses by a total of seven points.

And their victories are seldom close. Twenty-five times this season, Tulsa beat opponents by double-figure margins on the way to winning the Western Athletic Conference regular-season title.

"It's been a dream season so far," Self said. "We're confident, but I'm sure everyone still playing at this time is confident."

Both teams see a little of themselves in each other. Defense comes first under the disciplinarian Hamilton and Self, who was Hamilton's assistant for four years at Oklahoma State.

"Miami plays exactly like we do," Tulsa guard Marcus Hill said. "We both like to shoot the quick shot and play good defense. I think it will be one of the best games in the tournament because we are so much alike."



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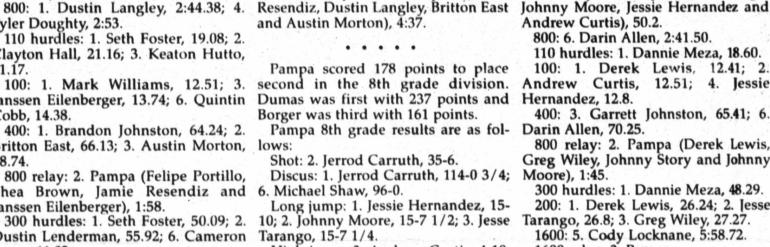
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OU sees UConn in human terms

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By CHUCK SCHOFFNER AP Sports Writer

With two first-team All-Americans and flashy offense, Connecticut can be downright scary. The Huskies are deep and talented, they run and press with Tech's final game. Second-seeded games are blowouts.

At times, they can seem larger other Midwest semifinal: than life - but not to Oklahoma. Connecticut on Saturday in the against North Carolina (20-12) NCAA women's Mideast and Alabama-Birmingham (21-Regional at Richmond, Va., their 12) against second-seeded second meeting of the season. Rutgers (24-7). The regional UConn beat OU 84-68 in finals are Monday night. Norman, Okla., on Dec. 29, a game that left the Sooners beat- two NCAA games by 71 and 38 en, but not in awe.

worn off.

just like we do," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "Sometimes they blow layups. State. Sometimes they foul, just like we al team, but they're human." Just like Oklahoma.

The fifth-seeded Sooners (25-7) Abrosimova. shared the Big 12 championship with Iowa State and Texas Tech, right now," coach Geno both also still alive in NCAA Auriemma said. "I can't say I've play, then lost to Texas in their had anything to complain first game at the conference tour- about." nament.

Phylesha Whaley, vear Oklahoma regrouped quickly, have a score to settle with the beating Brigham Young in the Irish. first round of the NCAA tournament, then knocking off fourthseeded Purdue on the when they lost to ninth-seeded Boilermakers' floor to advance to the round of 16.

one that went to Kansas City and lost to Texas," Coale said. "I don't think we would have beat-en Purdue had we not endured mind," Tech's Keitha Dickerson what happened to us in Kansas said. City.

to find out what you're not very good at. Then you go home and fix it."

The Midwest Regional is in Kansas City, where top-seeded Louisiana Tech (30-2) will try extend coach Leon Barmore's career again in a game with fourth-seeded Old Dominion (29-4). Barmore will retire after abandon, and most of their Penn State (28-4) plays third-games are blowouts. Penn State (28-4) plays third-seeded Iowa State (27-5) in the

In the West at Portland, Ore, Oklahoma plays top-seeded it's top-seeded Georgia (31-3)

Connecticut (32-1) won its first points and enter this round much After seeing the Huskies up more confident than a year ago. close, some of the mystique has Frustrated by injuries and spoorn off. "Sometimes they turn it over, seeded Huskies beat Xavier by just two points in the second round last year, then lost to Iowa

This season, Sue Bird has been do. They're very good basketball outstanding at the point and players and they're an exception-knows just when and where to get the ball to All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana

"This team is really focused

Texas Tech has no complaints Led by Big 12 player of the about its matchup with Notre Dame because the Lady Raiders

Two years ago, Texas Tech was the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Notre Dame at home in the second round. That prevented Tech We are a wiser team than the from advancing to the regional semifinals, also on its own floor.

"Any time anyone beats us,

Duke has reached the regional "That's why you play games, semifinals for the third straight season after losing three starters from the team that was beaten by Purdue in the national champi-Oklahoma is one of just three onship game last year. The Blue underdogs to survive the first Devils were further depleted Alabama-Birmingham are still a season-ending knee injury in But veteran Georgia steady course, and players such A long day of regional play as Rochelle Parent, Lauren Rice starts Saturday morning, with and freshman Sheana Mosch are second-seeded Duke (28-5) meet- making valuable contributions. "This shows what happens the other game at Richmond. In when everyone pulls together Mideast Regional at and is willing to do their part," Memphis, top-seeded Tennessee Duke coach Gail Goestenkors (29-3) plays fourth-seeded said. "This is the perfect example Virginia (25-8) and second-seed- of what can be done when no one ed Notre Dame (27-4) faces third- cares who gets the points or recognition.

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SOUTH REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Friday, March 24 Tulsa (31-4) vs. Miami (23-10), 7:55 p.m. Carolina (20-13) vs. Tennessee (26-6), 10:15 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 26 Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 23 Michigan State 75, Syracuse 58 Iowa State 80, UCLA 56 Regional Championship Saturday, March 25 Michigan State (29-7) vs. Iowa State (32-4), 7 p.m.

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Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 23 Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66 Wisconsin 61, LSU 48

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57 50 44 39 17 14 L.A. Clippers x-clinched playoff berth Wednesday's Games Philadelphia 106, Toronto 93 Minnesota 109, Boston 106 Charlotte 119, New Jersey 103 New York 78, Chicago 67 Orlando 103, Atlanta 90 San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 78 Phoenix 114, Sacramento 93

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x-clinched playoff berth Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie. Wednesday's Games

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Friday's Games Friday's Games New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Phoneire at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Game Los Angeles at Boston, 1:30 p.m. New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m. Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m. Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m. Sunday's Game Pitteburgh at Philadelphia 1 p.m.

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TRANSACTIONS Thursday's Sports Transaction By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Traded OF Jim Edmonds to the St. Louis Cardinals for RHP Kent Bottenfield and 2B Adam Kennedy. BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Brian Falkenborg on

the 60-day disabled list: KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP Tim Byrdak and OF Dee Brown to Omaha of the PCL. Assigned RHP Mike MacDougal to their minor-league camp. MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Scott Randall and RHP Jason Ryan to Salt Lake of the PCL. Reassigned LHP Todd

Rizzo to their minor-league camp. NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced the retirement of OF Tim Raines. Exercised their 2001 option on 1B Tino Martinez. Traded INF Juan Melo to the San Francisco Giants for INF Wilson Delgado. Optioned SS Alfonso Soriano to Columbus of the International League.

of the International League. National League CHICAGO CUBS—Placed OF Glenallen Hill on the 15-day disabled list. Sent RHP Steve Rain outright to Iowa of the PCL. Sent OF Chris Hatcher to their minor-league camp. Released RHP Greg McMichael. CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned RHP Scott Winchester to Louisville of the International League. COLORADO ROCKIES—Released RHP Billy Taylor. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Adrian Beltre on a three-year contract. Designated 3B Kevin Orie and RHP Dan Naulty for assignment. Purchased the con-tracts of RHP Mike Fetters and INF Kevin Elster from Albuquerque of the PCL. Optioned LHP Jeff Williams to Albuquerque. Sent C Adam Melhuse to their minor-league camp.

Camp. MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed RHP Mike Thurman on the 15day disabled list. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Released RHP Mark Leiter

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired RHP Rodney Myers from the Chicago Cubs for OF Gary Matthews Jr. Reacquired LHP David Maurer from the San Francisco Giants per Rule 5 guidelines and assigned him to Las Vegas of the PCL.

guidelines and assigned him to Las Veyas G. H. ... BASKETBALL National Basketball Association HOUSTON ROCKETS—Placed C Hakeem Olajuwon on the injured list. Activated F Matt Bullard from the injured list. PHOENIX SUNS—Placed G Jason Kidd on the injured list.

Signed G Kevin Johnson. WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Placed G Rod Strickland on the injured list. Activated C Calvin Booth from the injured list. FOOTBALL

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two rounds. Fifth-seeded North when one of the two returnees, Carolina and 11th-seeded Peppi Browne, was sidelined by playing in the West Regional. late January. Otherwise, it's a field of favorites, with all of the Nos. 1 Schweitzer has kept Duke on a and 2 seeds still playing.

ing third-seeded LSU (24-6) in the seeded Texas Tech (27-4).

Streaking Sakic leads Colorado into first place

By The Associated Press

Joe Sakic's scoring streak lifted the Colorado Avalanche straight to first place in the Northwest ing streak. It came 2:36 into the Division.

Sakic scored three goals, includ-ing the 400th of his NHL career, to lead Colorado over the Phoenix Covotes 4-2 Thursday night.

"It was a huge win for us, and it career in 1988. puts us two points ahead of Edmonton, and we're all excited about the race," Sakic said. "It's going to be fun down the stretch." Colorado has 82 points with seven regular-season games one or two more years left, you remaining. Edmonton, which did start thinking about milestones not play, has 80 points with eight games left.

On Feb. 29, the Oilers beat the division lead. But that game was a catalyst for Colorado's resurgence a franchise-record 1,049 points, one and Sakic's scoring spurt. Sakic has more than Peter Stastny. an 11-game scoring streak - a season-high run that includes 15 time," Colorado coach Bob Hartley goals, seven assists and two hat said. "The power play was awe-Avalanche are 7-3-1.

In other NHL games, Florida beat Boston 3-1; Buffalo defeated Calgary 4-2; Ottawa edged Toronto Panthers 3, Bruins 1 3-2; Los Angeles got past Mark Parrish and Cam Stewart Philadelphia 3-2 in overtime; scored 2:51 apart in the third peri-Washington topped the New York od as Florida overcame a sluggish Rangers 4-1; and Detroit beat start and won at Boston. Nashville 6-3.

Adam Deadmarsh had two assists Coyotes to their fifth consecutive remained in the second. loss and eighth in 10 games.

the All-Star break, would fall to Stewart got the game-winner at eighth in the Western Conference if 8:48 of the period.

they lose at San Jose tonight.

Sakic had two power-play goals early in the first period, and the first extended his season-high scorgame and 37 seconds into a fourminute power play.

Forty-six seconds later, Sakic scored his 25th of the season, and 400th since he began his NHL

"It's a great milestone, but I'm not really looking at milestones right now," Sakic, 30, said. "I like to think I still have a few good years left. Any time you think you've got and shoot for some goals, but right now, it's too early."

Sakic completed his ninth career Avalanche 3-1 and held a six-point hat trick — and second this month - with 9:48 left. The goal gave him

"We capitalized at the right tricks. During his streak, the some, and Joe's third goal put them behind the 8-ball."

Shane Doan and Trevor Letowski scored for the Coyotes.

The game was scoreless through Peter Forsberg had a goal and two periods, and Boston held NHL goal-scoring leader Pavel Bure as Colorado sent the slumping without a shot until five minutes

Boston's Cameron Mann and The Coyotes, who were tied with Parrish traded goals in the first Dallas for the NHL's best record at six minutes of the third, and

Angels trade Edmonds; Beltre stays with LA

By The Associated Press

There will be no more rumors surrounding Jim Edmonds.

On a busy day at spring training, the Anaheim Angels ended months of speculation by sending their two-time Gold Glove outfielder to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday for 18game winner Kent Bottenfield and second baseman Adam a ground-rule double to right-Kennedy.

Also Thursday, Adrian Beltre signed an extension with Los Angeles, Al Martin made a difficult return to the San Diego Padres and Tim Raines retired from the New York Yankees.

Starting pitching has been a major question for the Angels, who lost ace Chuck Finley to the Cleveland Indians via free agency during the offseason. Bottenfield gives them a proven starter.

"When it started to become apparent that we might be able to fill two of our needs, it was such an attractive deal that it just made a lot of sense to us," Angels GM Bill Stoneman said. Bottenfield went 18-7 with a 3.97 ERA last season, and made the NL All-Star team. He entered last year having won just 18 big league games.

Edmonds hit .250 with five homers and 23 RBIs in just 55 games last season after being sidelined until August while recovering from surgery on his

right shoulder. "When you get an opportunity to get a guy of Edmonds' stature, you can't pass it up," Cardinals GM Walt Jocketty said.

Beltre agreed-to a \$5.05 million, three-year contract with the Dodgers, ending a three-month dispute and assuring he'll remain as the team's third baseman.

"It was my first choice to be here, and I appreciate that I'm going to stay here," Beltre said.

The agreement calls for the players association to dismiss the grievance filed against baseball seeking free agency for Beltre.

Commissioner Bud Selig ruled in December that the Dodgers signed Beltre before his 16th birthday in 1994, and fraudulently altered documents to make the signing appear legal under baseball rules.

been lifted," Dodgers chairman Boston Red Sox in Tampa, Fla. Bob Daly said.

At Peoria, Ariz., Martin returned to the Padres for the first time since being jailed Monday night and went 2-for-2 as San Diego beat Arizona 5-4. Martin, charged with assault in a domestic violence case, singled to right in the first inning and hit center in the third, both off Armando Reynoso, before leav-

'It was good to come out and get back to doing something that you do naturally," Martin said. "Being around the guys, they were absolutely great.

Raines, who stole 807 bases in his 21-year career before being sidelines with lupus, announced his retirement.

"I guess we all have an alarm for when it's time for your career to end, and I felt like my alarm went off two weeks ago," Raines said.

New York got some good news when Ramiro Mendoza threw five shutout innings as the Yankees snapped a six-game los- Rondell White also homered for win.

Mendoza, bidding for the No. 5 spot in the Yankees' rotation, innings gave up three hits, struck out three and hit a batter. "I wish I get the opportunity to be the fifth starter," Mendoza

said. "If the teams decides to sent me back to the bullpen, I'll do the best I can." In other games: Cardinals 16, Marlins 0 At Jupiter, Fla., Mark McGwire

ing the game. homered in his third consecutive game and Larry Sutton hit a

> grand slam for St. Louis. McGwire went 2-for-3, raising his spring average to .382 in 13 games. He has 16 RBIs and has four homers after a slow start.

Reds 9, Pirates 7 At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. hit his sixth spring homer, hitting a two-run homer in the first

off Pete Schourek, who got hit hard in an important outing for the left-hander. Expos 7, Orioles 1

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Vladimir Guerrero homered

C State advances to NIT semifinals

Finishing the season at Madison Square Garden wasn't exactly what North Carolina State envisioned.

But it seems fitting that the Wolfpack, who had 15 wins in early February and NCAA tournament dreams, reached the NIT semifinals for the first time since 1978 with freshman Damien Wilkins playing a key role.

Wilkins' father, Gerald, began his NBA career for the New York Knicks.

"It's definitely special for me. I et to finish my freshman year where my father started his," Wilkins said after N.C. State's 77-54 win over Mississippi in the third round on Thursday.

Kenny Inge scored 17 points, Wilkins added 16, and each grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Wolfpack (20-12) reach 20 victories for the first time since 1991.

The Wolfpack had hoped to avoid a fourth straight trip to the

But a seven-game losing streak

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — last month, the school's worst having to rush to the restroom. since 1991-92, and a loss to Maryland in the second round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament sealed the Wolfpack's

> "Everyone wants to be in the NCAA tournament. At the same time, in any field of competition, you've got to want to win," Wilkins said. "We have a shot to do something special. I think everyone has buckled down and decided we're going to win or lose."

> N.C. State will play the winner of tonight's California-Wake Forest game in the National Invitation Tournament semifinals. Notre Dame faces Penn State in the other game in New York on Tuesday.

"We kept playing and now we're going to the final four of the NIT," Inge said. "As a team, we have stuck together and battled all season long."

the New York City arena since he and the Wolfpack maintained a was about 5 years old to watch his double-digit lead the rest of the dad play. But all he remembers is first half.

"I feel as if a major cloud has ing streak with a 2-0 win over the the Expos, who have won eight of nine.

Dodgers 1, Braves 0, 6 1/2

At Vero Beach, Fla., Kevin Brown pitched six scoreless innings and Eric Karros hit an **RBI** double for Los Angeles in the rain-shortened game. Kevin Millwood pitched five scoreless innings for Atlanta. Indians 7, Devil Rays 5

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Cleveland scored four times in its final at-bat to overcome a tworun deficit and homers by Greg Vaughn and Jose Canseco. **Twins 4, Rangers 2**

At Fort Myers, Fla., Sean Bergman allowed two hits in five scoreless innings, and Butch Huskey hit a two-run homer. Astros 4, Mets 1

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Houston scored three runs off Al Leiter after a dropped third strike as the Mets lost their final game before heading to Japan. **Royals 10, Tigers 4**

At Haines City, Fla., reliever Jerry Spradlin retired all 10 battwice and drove in five runs. ters he faced in Kansas City's

"I'm not that nervous anymore," Wilkins said as reporters around him laughed.

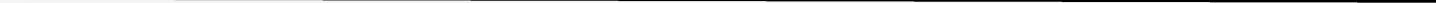
The Wolfpack didn't look nervous against Ole Miss (19-14) as they went ahead 3-2 on Anthony Grundy's 3-pointer a minute into the game and never relinquished the lead.

The Rebels closed to 40-31 after Jason Harrison's 3-pointer with 16:59 remaining, then made it 43-36 after Rahim Lockhart's putback with 13:26 to go, only to have a technical foul derail any comeback possibilities.

After Wilkins hit two free throws, Ole Miss' Marcus Hicks was given a technical for slamming the ball after a foul was called. Archie Miller hit both free throws and Wilkins dunked Miller's miss for a 49-36 lead.

N.C. State jumped to a 23-7 lead Wilkins said he hasn't been to after Inge made two free throws,

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Amarillo Opera to present 'The Magic Flute'

fantasy "The Magic Flute" at Mary Mager begin two months 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Told in English by a difference of the second s Amarillo Opera area representative Madeline Graves.

good and evil, "The Magic who plays the princess Flute" combines magical music and an enchanted dragon to tell the story of a handsome prince and a comical bird catcher as they set out to rescue a beautiful princess.

Using only a magic flute and magic bells for weapons, the duo meet a dragon, genies, a high priest and an evil queen during their quest.

This is the second time Amarillo Opera will offer "The Magic Flute" to the community. It was presented initially in 1994 and several of the current performers also acted in earlier version including Dale Elliott, who returns as "Papageno"; Katrina Elliott as the second genie; Joe Bolin, back as "Tamino"; and Dr. Sheryl William, a local internist, who play the ominous dragon.

have added grand sets, creative Gibson, the organization has staging, and the wonderful presented over 25 main stage Amarillo Civic Auditorium," Founder and recognized by 19 state arts agen-General Director Mila Gibson cies including the Texas said. "New cast and crew members bring a marvelous combination of talent mixed with bur

"The Magic Flute" was more of Status. In 1998, it was awarda challenge with a smaller the- ed atre, more performances and America Campaign Success minimal space to build sets and rehearse. This performance promises the best of the best. Amarillo Opera, its

sets" are being painted in Italy, shipped to New York and flown ber of its supporting organizato Marshall Wilson and Jim Elliott 7464. will then combine these "soft sets" with the special props and "hard" pieces they are currently building.

the size of "The Magic Flute" begins a year in advance, mation. Gibson said.

players, "The Magic Flute" will feature an international per-A delightful, whimsical tale of former, Heather Gay Alvarez, "Pamina" and national artist, Elizabeth Holloway, as the Alvarez "Queen." and Holloway began their careers as apprentices for Amarillo Opera. New to the Amarillo Opera

stage in 2000 is internationally recognized Leon P. Turner, a voice instructor at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, who will perform the role of "Sarastro," and Kassi Ellis, a young professional opera singer new to Amarillo as 'Papagena.'

Local professional musicians will be conducted by Amarillo Symphony Director Jim Setapen.

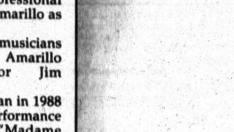
Amarillo Opera began in 1988 with its signature performance of Mila Gibson as "Madame Butterfly." Since its inception "For MAGIC FLUTE 2000, we and under the direction of Center operas and musicals. It has been Commission on the Arts and the **Texas Senate.**

treasured local, experienced international opera companies players." designated by OPERA The previous performance America with Professional the prestigious OPERA

For more information on the romises the best of the best. Amarillo Opera, its perfor-Gibson explained that "soft mance schedule, "The Magic Flute" or how to become a mem-Amarillo. Ben Weber, tion, BRAVO, call (806) 372-

A special section is reserved for high school and college students with the theme, "A Back Seat Celebration - Saluting Preparation for a performance Couples and Best Friends." Call the Opera office for more infor-

Two complimentary educa-The chorus starts rehearsals tional lectures on "The Magic





Amarillo Opera is one of 155 Amarillo Opera will present Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at 7:30 p.m., March 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. For tickets, call (806) 378-3096.

Lobby of the Fine Arts Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. funding is given by Bank of and New Century Energies. Complex (bring your brown Sponsor for "The Magic Flute" bag lunch) or prior to "The is Bill Quackenbush. Co-spon-Magic Flute" performance at sors are LEK and Mr. and Mrs. Donald George, Cellular One, Center Box Office at (806) 378-6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the James Franklin. Additional Texas Commission on the Arts 3096.

America, the Amos Molyneaux Charitable Trust, Mr. and Mrs. Flute," call the Amarillo Civic

For tickets to "The Magic

RRC sets Texas gas production allowables for April

and Commissioners Charles R. Matthews and Tony Garza recently set the April natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 38,063,228 mcf (thousand cubic feet.)

For these fields, the April 2000 allowable represents an increase of 2,868,068 mcf when compared to actual production of 35,195,610 mcf in April 1999. In setting the April 2000 allowable, the RRC used historical production figures from April 1999 and producer forecasts for the April 2000 demand, then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas in storage reported by the RRC for the month of

AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams February 1999. The February 2000 gas storage estimate is 176,968,744 mcf. Commissioners reported crude oil and petroleum products imported into the U.S. averaged 10.46 million barrels per day for the month of February 2000.

Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2000 is 33,626,515 barrels of crude oil and 377,113,534 mcf of gas well gas. The RRC's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0243 for crude oil and 1.0641 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

The next statewide hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April

