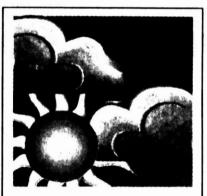


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PAMPA — At least two Pampa businesses were contacted Thursday by a caller who said he is working with The Pampa News in conjunction with a special business advertising promotion. The caller does not represent The Pampa News or its publisher L.W. McCall. The newspaper is not working with any outside group on any projects.

MDA lockup on tap Monday

PAMPA — The Muscular Dystrophy Association will once again be rounding up and issuing warrants for notorious Pampa citizens from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, in an effort to raise funds for local clients battling neuromuscular disease. The "jail" for the community lock-up will be Texas Rose Steakhouse.

Following lock-up, the jailbirds will be read their rights, sentenced and given access to a phone in order to start raising bail. In addition, the inmates will be treated to plenty of "bread and water" and have their mug-shot taken.

Monies raised through the annual lock-up go towards tree comprehensive medical care, monthly support groups, summer youth camp, wheelchair purchase and repair and much more. For more information, contact MDA at (806) 359-

Need some quick cash? Sell those unwanted items using the classified section of The-Pampa News. To place your ad call 669-2525.

· Willie J. 'Bill' Cook, 69, owner of Cook's Garage.

· Nickie C. Gordon, 100, retired fourth-grade teacher. · John Phillip Smith, 86, former vocational agriculture teacher.

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Commission OKs courthouse bonds

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Either pay now or pay later was the issue facing Gray County Commissioners when a majority voted to finance its 28 percent courthouse restoration matching funds with certificates of obligation.

In order to accept a \$3.8 million grant from the Texas Historical Commission, Gray County is required by THC to furnish an additional \$1.5 million under the 72-28 percent match.

Gray County is a grant recipient as part of the governor's program to restore county courthouses and aid them in maintaining the facilities.

The local project will include replacing the wiring which includes some original wiring installed when the courthouse was built in 1930. Plumbing system upgrades, refurbishing the heating and air conditioning in the building, foundation and basement repair, repair and rehabilitation of the windows, a new elevator, asbestos/lead paint abatement and bringing the building into compliance with the American Disabilities Act are also in the

After considerable discussion in

"I own my own business. If I had a chance to receive \$3.8 million and me furnish an additional \$1.5 million for my business, I'd take it."

Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley

voted 4-1 to finance the county's portion of the \$5.3 million project.

Precinct Two County Commissioner Jim Greene cast the dissenting vote. He told The Pampa News this morning his main opposition is due to the economic condition of the county. He believes a decision to put taxpayers in debt for 20 years should go to a public vote.

Greene said the county has never been in debt and he doesn't want to put it in debt to do the project. Greene also expressed concern about the possibility of the county's tax base going down. He also said all constituents who have contacted him regarding the restoration indicated they

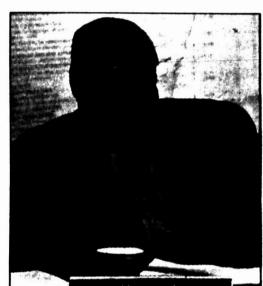
support a public vote on the bond plan. He believes \$1.5 million will not be

Thursday's meeting, the commissioners enough for the project to be completed adequately. He said during Thursday's meeting he thinks it will take \$2 million, and he reaffirmed that statement Friday. "If we're going to do it, let's do it A-Number-One" he said.

> Greene said Friday morning he voted the way he thought he should Thursday. But, he said he is joining the other four commissioners court in going forward with the project. "It carried 4-1 and I was outvoted. We're going to all work together," he said.

> An audience of approximately 30 people, which included eight or 10 elected county officials, listened as the four other commissioners explained their decision to vote in favor of the bonds.

> > (See VOTE, Page 10)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Though he cast the lone vote against issuing bonds, Commissioner Jim Greene said he will work with the majority who favor the bonds to cover the county's match of restoration funds.

Commissioners hear details of how bond issue would work

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

Kenneth Smith of Southwest Securities in Dallas has been authorized by county commissioner's to proceed with the bond issuing process for courthouse restoration.

will probably receive a rate of 4 3/4 percent on the bonds. "That is good for you. The rate is the lowest I have seen it in many years," said Smith. He said there is a big demand for tax

exempt securities. Smith said the \$1.5 million in bonds would cost \$125,000 a year, and he estimated an increase of \$01.25 to \$01.3 per \$100 valuation increase in taxes. He said the tax increase on a \$50,000 home would be approximately \$6-\$7 a year.

He said while the bonds would cost \$125,000, he estimated the maintenance budget could be reduced by \$125,000 with the restoration program.

Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he had been asked if local investors or in the purchase of the munici- project. local banks could participate



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Ken Smith of Southwest Securities in Dallas tells county commissioners that the bond interest rate could be under 5

pal bonds for the restoration (See DETAILS, Page 10)

Dead tot's mom faces two child injury charges

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

CANADIAN - Hemphill County authorities confirmed today that has been arrested in connection with two of three sealed indictments issued by a Hemphill County Grand Jury Monday

Hemphill County Sheriff Dean Butcher said the 19-year-old woman was in his custody at press time today. She is being held on indictments charging her with injury of a child - first degree and injury of a child - third degree, he said. Bond has been set at \$15,000. for the first degree telony and \$5,000 for the third degree.

Police investigation and autopsy reports show that Brendan Brown, Carvn Brown's 2-year-old son, died between 11 p.m., May 24, 1999, and 8 a.m., May 25, 1999 of blunt force trauma to the

Another Canadian resident, Leland Milburn, 24, was acquitted of capital murder by an Amarillo jury last year in connection with the

Testimony in the capital murder trial indicated the baby had died of internal bleeding after being struck in the abdomen. Bruises and burns also marked the child's body, the autopsy revealed.

Neighbors said they heard the baby's mother, then 17 years old screaming for hel; shortly after 8 a.m. on May 25, 1999. One neighbor called 9-1-1 while her husband tried to revive the baby. The child was taken to the Hemphill County Hospital emergency room where he was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Frankie Hill.

Sherift Butcher said the third sealed indictment is unrelated to the baby death. He said he could not release any turther information regarding the third indictment at this time.

Police nab fugitive during burglary call

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

City police officers checking on a possible burglary in progress early today ended up arresting a 29-year-old Pampa man wanted by Texas and Oklahoma warrant against him.

At 1:16 a.m. today, Officer David R. ed she let him come in.

Conner responded to a possible burglary in progress at 2909 Rosewood.

Deputy Chief Terry Young said a woman living at the residence called the police. He said she told officers the man authorities with a governor's extradition did not have a phone, he left, but then returned several minutes later and insist- was talse, police said.

When officers arrived they saw a man Department notified the city officers that turn away from the front door of the resi- they had a governor's extradition wardence and walk toward the street, accord-rant out of Oklahoma for concealing and

ing to police reports. While Conner questioned the man, first came to her front door and asked to. Officer Shawn Waters and Lt. Charlie use her telephone. After she told him she. Love arrived on the scene. I.t. Love deter-

Then Gray County Sherift's

receiving stolen property. The warrant had been issued and signed by then-Governor George W. Bush.

Police arrested the suspect, Richard mined the first name the man had given. Shawn Reed, 29, 2112 N. Coffee, and took him to Gray County Jail where they

(See FUGITIVE, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Two school buses pass through the city's most dangerous intersection, at the most dangerous time, on the most dangerous day of the week, according to Pampa Police Department's record of injury accidents for the year 2000.

Chief: Crime stats reflect fewer officers on city streets

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said his department's annual activity report reflects the effects of having fewer police officers on the streets.

"You can tell we had lost three officers," he said after reviewing the activity and accident report for calendar year 2000.

Morris said the department also operated most of the year with three vacancies open for police officers.

When the Pampa Police Department first switched to a team concept, it consisted of three seven-member teams. Staff

"One of the most notable differences was the number of (traffic) citations was down," said Police **Chief Charlie Morris.**

In 1999, Pampa Police Department reported 5,865 traffic stops for the year. Last year, 2,609 traffic stops were recorded. Traffic warnings fell by 1,100 from 2,511 in 1999 to 1,450 in 2000, as well, records show.

cuts and vacancies reduced the fic) citations was down," he said. force to three five-member teams with three officers patrolling city streets per shift, Morris explained.

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(See CRIME, page 2)

Obituaries

WILLIE I. 'BILL' COOK

Willie J. "Bill" Cook, 69, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery at Canadian with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Cook was born July 28, 1931, in Bryan County, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1947. He married Helen Ann Hornback on Aug. 12, 1954, at Clovis, N.M.; she preceded him in death on Feb. 7, 1998.

He was a self-employed mechanic where he owned and operated Cook's Garage in Pampa. He worked with the Boy Scouts for 25 years, earning the Silver Beaver Award. He was a member, of Hobart Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Jones, in 1997; and by a brother, Jack Cook, in 1999.

Survivors include four sons, Billy Don Cook of Eureka, Calif., Donnie Frank Jones of Big Spring, Johnny Thomas Cook of Pampa and Carl Lindsey Cook of Abilene; a daughter, Debbie Darby of Pampa; five sisters, Betty Sue Shipley, Evelyn Anderson and Mary Ann Jennik, all of Sand Springs, Okla., and Georgia Louise McCain and Hattie Ruth Downs, both of Pampa; four brothers, Roy Cook and Johnny Frank Cook, both of Pampa, and Henry Thomas Cook and Jimmy Franklin Cook, both of Tulsa, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. NICKIE C. GORDON

WEATHERFORD — Nickie C. Gordon, 100, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m.

Saturday in First Christian Church of Pampa with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the cemetery in Fort Cobb, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Cotton-Bratton Funeral Home of Weatherford. Mrs. Gordon was born Aug.

31, 1900, at Omaha, Neb., to Rovert E. and Sallie Bentley. Her family left Nebraska in a covered wagon and homesteaded near Fort Cobb, then Indian Territory. She attended one-room schools and completed her high school education at O.C.W. She later taught in several one-room schools and attended teaching college at Weatherford, Okla., for two years.

Mrs. Gordon and her husband, Bluford came to Pampa in 1929 during the oil boom. When the Depression hit, they both resumed teaching with Pampa Independent School System. She taught two generations of fourth graders, teaching at B.M. Baker Elementary School at its inception and retiring in 1965. A longtime member of First Christian Church of Pampa, she was active in various groups, serving as past president of Kappa Kappa lota Sorority as well as the nation-

Survivors include two daughters and two sons-in-law, Wanda and John Gill and Joyce and Howard Grant; five grandchildren, Jonathan Grant, David and Terry Grant, Jo Anna Grant, the Rev. Cynthia Gill and Sarah Gill; a foster grandson, James and Kim Abbott; and a great-granddaughter, Nikki Grant.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church of Pampa.

JOHN PHILLIP SMITH

AMARILLO - John Phillip "J.P." Smith, 86, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Polk Street United Methodist Church with Dr. Iim Garrett, senior pastor of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Panhandle Cemetery at Panhandle. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle.

Mr. Smith was born in Atoka County, Okla. He graduated from Littlefield High School and received a degree in animal husbandry in 1935. He married Phalba Carnes in 1938; she died in

He taught vocational agriculture in Antony, Claude and Panhandle school districts and was an Extension agent in Gray and Carson Counties as well. In 1947, he was the first manager of Texas Tech's Pan-Tech Research Farms.

He was a member of the Senior Livestock Judging Team that won the International Livestock Judging Contest in 1934 and was a charter member of Texas Tech Block and Bridle

In addition, he pioneered promoting performance sale of beef bulls and was instrumental in organizing the first record beef cattle association, now known as Beef Improvement Federation. In 1976, he received the Pioneer Performance Registry International Award and in 1977, the BIF Education Pioneer Award. He helped establish the Simmental Association and the Simbrah

He was a member of the Polk Street United Methodist Church and the Gleaner's Sunday school class, where he also taught.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip Smith of Panhandle and Bill Smith of Amarillo; a sister. Mrs. S.A. Brooks of Groveton; a brother, Stanley Smith of Paoli, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Polk Street United Methodist Church, organ fund, 1401 S. Polk St., Amarillo, TX 79101; or the Texas Tech Foundation, Dean Stangel Memorial Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech University, Box 45025, Lubbock, TX 79409-5025

Emergency numbers

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Police (non-emergency)	

Services tomorrow

GORDON, Nickie C. — Memorial services, First Christian Church, Pampa.

O'NEAL, Lucille — 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock. SMITH, John Phillip — 2 p.m., Polk Street

United Methodist Church, Amarillo. Burial, 3:30 p.m., Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle. SMITH, R.E. "Buck" — Graveside services, 2

Police report

North Hobart.

p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

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

Thursday, Feb. 1

A disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of A runaway was reported in the 1100 block of

A Huffy bicycle was found in the 2100 block of

Theft of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. Friday, Feb. 2

A representative of Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a gas drive-off involving \$15.47 worth of gasoline.

A possible burglary in progress was reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood. Hindering apprehension/prosecution was

reported by the Pampa Police Department. Richard Shawn Reed, 29, 2112 N. Coffee, was arrested in the 2900 block of Rosewood on a gov-

ernor's extradition warrant for receiving stolen property out of Oklahoma, a charge for failure to identify - fugitive from justice, a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle out of Anderson County and disorderly conduct - lan-

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending

Friday, Feb. 2

Bana Michelle Carnes, 22, White Deer, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on municipal court warrants for failure to appear, no rabies vaccine and animal at large.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 1

7:45 a.m. - A 1991 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Melinda Lynne McNeil, 16, 604 E. Craven, and a 1990 Oldsmobile Eighty-eight driven by Thomas Utah Adkins, 68, Canadian, collided at the intersection of Brown Street and Municipal Drive. McNeil was cited for driving with no driver's license and failure to yield right of way when turning left. No injuries were reported at the

7:47 p.m. - A 1997 GMC Suburban driven by Rebecca Jo Burrus, 41, Higgins, and a 1987 Pontiac Fiero driven by Raquel Madrid, 21, 810 S. Reid, collided at the intersection of Brown and Barnes streets. Madrid was cited for disregarding a traffic light and no driver's license - unlicensed. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Fires

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

Thursday, Feb. 1

11:24 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1800 block of North Hobart. None was found.

7:54 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Frederic and Barnes streets.

Stocks

The following grain que	otations are	Columbia/HCA 36.94	up 0.47
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron79.81	up 1.02
		Halliburton40.53	up 0.33
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Milo	3.20	Kerr McGee64.09	up 1.02
Corn	3.55	Limited20.51	dn 0.23
Soybeans	3.78	McDonald's29.47	up 0.44
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Puritan	19.16	SLB77.15	up 1.64
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heyron	up 0.18	Silver	4.79
Oca-Cola	up 0.19	West Texas Crude	29.40

Court report

(Editor's note: This Gray County court news is from May of 2000. We are working to vatch up on these reports).

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Corey E. Paslay because court costs and restitution were made.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Laird Earnest Orton Jr. because defendant was unapprehended.

Michael Terrell Williams was found guilty of evading arrest or detention. He was fined \$750, 60 days in Gray County jail, 1 year probation, court costs, and 50 hours of community service.

David Lee Helms was found guilty of DWI-2nd offense. He was fined \$800, 90 days in Gray County jail, court costs and 85 hours of community service.

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FUGITIVE

learned Reed was also wanted on an Andrews County warrant out of Palestine for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Other charges filed against Reed included failure to identify - fugitive from justice and disorderly conduct - language.

During the course of their investigation, officers determined the man did not enter the residence on Rosewood. It was unclear what the suspect's intentions were, police said. A large butcher knife was

found in Reed's vehicle. Witnesses told officers that Reed, who police said had once lived at a neighboring house, had been watching the Rosewood residence for several days, according to the police

Chief Deputy David Russell of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said Reed remained in Gray County Jail at press time today while law enforcement authorities determine whether he will stay in Texas to face charges or be extradicted immediately to Oklahoma.

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CRIME

from 2,511 in 1999 to 1,450 in reported while 16 sexual assaults 2000, as well, records show.

Officers also patrolled fewer miles during 2000, reporting increase this year from 217 in 133,081 miles driven as opposed 1999 to 232. to 141,363 miles the previous

fatal accidents the year before. report. However, police investigation showed the person had probably could be opportunity - there died while driving the vehicle were fewer officers on the and a collision resulted.

Records indicated that the intersection of North Hobart also fell in 2000 with 24 arrest Street and Somerville from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday is the most likely place in Pampa for a vehi- suffered," he said. "We had a lot cle collision causing injuries. more working in narcotics then." Wednesday afternoons and the ous location, according to police

dropped slightly, homicides 169, though. increased 300 percent from no cides in 2000.

2000, the report indicates. In 1999, five sexual assaults were dropped from 516 in 1999 to 339

were investigated this past year. Other assaults showed a slight The number of robberies

almost quadrupled in 2000 with One fatal automobile accident 11 robberies reported, compared was reported last year, with no to three in 1999, according to the "It could be the economy. It

> streets," Morris said. Arrests for drug law violations

compared to 66 in 1999. "This is an area that may have

Police investigated 225 reports period between 12 noon and 2 of prowlers in 1999, a number p.m. are also dangerous times for that dropped to 723 in 2000. collisions and the 1400 block of However, reports of suspicious North Hobart is another danger- persons remained almost the 2000. Reports of suspicious vehi- 1999. While aggravated assaults cles dropped from 208 in 1999 to

"There's some problems doing homicides in 1999 to three homi- comparisons because we have Police also encountered an police chief said. "Some of the different way. We probably increase of more than 200 percent in sexual assaults during the year ing why there's a difference."

For example, false alarms

On the other hand, the number of times city police assisted other agencies increased dramatically from 133 times in 1999 to 348 times in 2000.

"It could be the way the report-? ing, but the number is so significant, I doubt that," Morris com-Weapons offenses, such as car-

rying concealed weapons or unlawfully carrying a weapon, dropped last year to three compared to nine offenses the year

Vandalism reports fell from 245 in 1999 to 191, but surprisingly, the same number of domesticdisturbance calls were reported in 1999 as in 2000 - 258 each year.

Disorderly conduct reports also went down, according to the annual report, from 658 in 1999 to 519 this year. Forgery reports fell same with 388 in 1999 and 383 in to 46 in 2000 compared to 69 in

"Other disturbances" changed? from 123 in 1999 to 89.

"It may be the reporting," Morris said. "Some of these different record systems," the could have been classified in a won't get a true picture until

Report: CNN election coverage a 'debacle'

By DAVID BAUDER **AP Television Writer**

works confused the public and interfered with the electoral process.

The report, by three journalists commissioned by CNN, is the toughest look yet at the networks' role in prematurely declaring George W. Bush the winner on election night.

"Television news organizations staged a collecibility, all for reasons that may be conceptually technology that the networks failed to upgra flawed and commercially questionable," the report

"The final judgment of news quality is that CNN's election night coverage was a debacle," it

CNN responded with several steps, including a promise not to use exit poll information to declare winners in close races.

CNN joined ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and MSNBC in twice making wrong calls in Florida election night — once for Al Gore, and later giving the entire election to Bush by saying he won Florida. Each network retracted both calls and Bush's election wasn't assured for several weeks.

The Associated Press wrongly called Florida for Gore early in the evening, but did not declare Bush the winner that night.

The CNN-commissioned report said television networks were guilty of "an abuse of power" for Enterprise Institute. interfering with the electoral process and the election result.

Sheriff Copeland warns

businesses of fax scam

Gray County Sheriff Don

Copeland warns local businesses

that a fax from Union Bank of

Lagos, needs a "reliable and reputable" person to handle a confi-

dential transaction involving a

"huge sum of money" to a for-

eign account. "It must be utterly

confidential and top secret," the

The proposition is that some-

one represent themselves as next

of kin of John Creek, an oil mer-

chant with the Nigerian govern-

ment, who allegedly died in a

plane crash several months ago,

and claim Creek's \$18 million

estate. The bank reportedly was

not able to locate any next of kin

fax states.

for the man.

Nigeria appears to be a scam.

tion that carried through the post-election chal-

The networks' excessive speed, combined with NEW YORK (AP) — An independent report an overconfidence in experts and polls, "produced" released Friday labeled CNN's election night cov- a powerful collision between the public interest erage "a debacle" and said all the television net- and the private competitive interests of the television news operations and the corporations that own them," the journalists said.

The competition ultimately was foolish since few viewers knew which organization called races first, and because each network essentially funded the others' work, the report said. The networks and the AP are members of Voter

tive drag race on the crowded highway of democ- News Service, which provided exit polling data racy, recklessly endangering the electoral process, 'and votel tabulations. VNS data has been criticized the political life of the country and their own cred- as flawed, and the report said VNS used outmoded Like other networks have in recent weeks, CNN

> promised that it would not project a winner in states where the polls are still open. Networks initially called Florida for Gore before some polls in that state had closed.

> While the report recommended networks stop. using exit polls entirely to project winners, CNN resisted that step. It said only that it wouldn't use exit polls in states with close races.

> The report also recommended networks stop using returns from key precincts to project a winner. Instead, CNN said it would fund its own new system to sample key precincts in close states. The report was written by James Risser, former.

director of the Knight Fellowship Program at. Stanford University; Joan Konner, former dean of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism; and Ben Wattenberg, senior fellow at the American

Other networks have released their own internal reports with similar recommendations for Network calls for Bush created a premature improvements, but none provided such a damning impression that he was the winner, a characteriza- overview of television's performance as a whole.

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Today, partly cloudy. Highs 47 to 52. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 26. West to northwest winds 5 to plains. 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 52 to 57. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

STATEWIDE - Light rain, drizzle and fog spread across South Texas on Friday, with more scattered precipitation in the 40s in North Texas, expected for the weekend. Friday's rain was south of a line

from near Laredo to Corpus Christi.

High- and mid-level clouds developed in North Texas, with cloudy conditions in the upper coast and adjacent coastal

Early-morning temperatures dipped to 13 degrees at Dalhart, with readings in the 20s across the rest of the Panhandle and South Plains.

Temperatures were generally extending into the south.

across the state from almost calm in West Texas and in the Hill Country to around 10 mph in North Texas. Speeds in the deep southern region were 10 to Some scattered precipitation

was expected through Sunday along the coast and far south. Temperatures in the 50s

should prevail in North Texas through Saturday, warming into the 60s in the south.

Overnight lows were expected to range from the 20s to 30s in Wind speeds were variable most parts of the state.

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Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Donations will be accepted and the pubat 669-7121. Registration is required. lic is invited.

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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 Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of 2345. Directors will met at 6 p.m. the third Community Building.

GED TESTING Clarendon College-Pampa Center will government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test.

SHRINE CLUB Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of South Barnes.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers to help with the cost of keeping the clinfinancial and emotional support as well ic open. The amount charged will be Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. mation or to obtain entry forms, call NSF and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, as many free services. For more informabased on family income and size, and The annual fine art sale will feature arttion, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

CLASS OF 1961 Pampa High School Class of 1961 will 4 p.m., Feb. 7 and 21, Pampa Family hold its 40th class reunion this year. Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Anyone interested in helping plan and Feb. 5, McLean Clinic, McLean; 9:30 organize the event should contact Zip a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 8,

Swaney at 665-5532. VALENTINE CRAFTS DAY Lovett Memorial Library will host a a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 26, Valentine's Crafts Day beginning at 10 Miami School, Miami. a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 in the library

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Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian.

Pampa Area Literary Council office is under way with a prime rib dinner to be interview and public speaking. All partinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday- catered by Clint and Sons at 6:30 p.m. ticipants must submit an entry form Geezer.com includes scores of artisans Friday. For more information, call 665- followed by the actual production at 7:30 along with two photos and a \$10 entry and craftspeople with more than 2,000 the show. For reservations or for more If interested in the ADHD/ADD information, call Computers Computers additional \$5. Deadline for entry is at 665-3266. Deadline to RSVP is two March 1. For more information or to

RED CROSS CLASSES a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accept- Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. and is available by calling the ARC office

RELAY FOR LIFE The local chapter of the American Cancer Society will host a "Relay for Life" meeting at 6 p.m., Feb. 6 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest. The meeting is open to anyone Carruth Pavilion. For more information, interested in volunteering with the at 669-5780. The workshops will contincontact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or annual fund-raiser. To RSVP, contact ue monthly through the spring. Pam Dalton at 665-0356 or Jason McCoy at (806) 353-44306 or call 1-800-ACS-

EXTENSION WORKSHOP Thursday of each month at Pampa On March 23 and 25 at Texas 4-H Center outstanding contributions to historic in Brownwood, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a two-"Wildlife and Leadership conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 Development" workshop for adults Preservation conference slated April 19and March 26. Test-takers must bring a interested in youth development, 21 in Austin. To request an awards packwildlife and natural resource management. Cost of the workshop is \$50. Topics will include: Quail behavior, ecosystem, management, deer aging and evaluating predation. Attendees will participate in a tacky deer survey, a Frank Phillips College in Borger will hunter safety skills course and wildlife each month at the Sportsman's Club on trivia activities. Registration deadline is March 9. To obtain a registration form or class, Jan. 29; "Living a Healthy Life with toll-free at 1-800-274-4673. for more information, contact Helen Chronic Conditions," Feb. 5; Basic Life Holdsworth at (210) 467-6575.

> **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC** The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae 777. Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money the ability to pay. The following clinics work in many different mediums creat- http://www.nsf.gov/pa. on the RO. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176. will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-Shamrock School Clinic, Shamrock; 9-11 a.m., Feb. 16, Groom School, Groom; 10

LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT auditorium. The program is free and A new Pre-Teen Pageant is planned in open to children ages three and up. conjunction with the Ninth Annual Lad Participants will make valentines, gifts n' Lassie Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. and other crafts. Pre-registration is in Shamrock High School Auditorium at required. For more information or to Shamrock during the Saint Patrick's Day sign-up, call the library at 669-5780. The Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie pageant is program will be under the direction of open to boys between 0-9 years of age and girls between 0-13. The boys may come dressed in either casual wear or ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) Sunday best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is will present its winter dinner-theater open to young ladies between the ages "Natalie Needs a Nightie" at 7:30 p.m., of 10 and 13. These contestants will com-Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 at its auditorium in pete in both Casual Wear and Sunday seniors from across the country. The site

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL the Pampa Mall. The event will get best as well as photo judging, short is a must for shoppers looking for disenter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. local paper. Late entries will pay an days prior to the show. The play is under obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee and games, yard and garden and more. at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806)

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FPC EE CLASSES

offer the following extended education classes this semester: Scrapbooking AED, Community First Aid classes, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3; Massage Therapy program, Jan. 30. In addition, the Community Choir is seeking sopranos and the Community Band is still accepting members. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext.

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ed by a variety of artists. For more information, call (806) 352-5426. A cocktail buffet will get under way at 6 p.m., auction at 7:30 p.m. Show hours are: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 17, and 12-4 p.m., Sunday, March 18.

POETRY CONTEST Poetry 2001 contest. A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded the grand-prize winner. send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588; or enter on-line at

www.freecontest.com. **GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE** Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of

p.m. Cost is \$9 for the meal and \$7.50 for fee. The photos will be published in the hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories - apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has A wide range of free, direct support serannounced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 9. Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Feb. 19, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, mation, therapeutic equipment, educaboth in Pampa; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 22, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs Feb. 12, Lovett Memorial Library, Shamrock; Feb. 16, United Methodist 1-800-LEARN-MS Church, Miami; Feb. 20, Lefors Civic www.msaa.com. on the Internet. Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; Feb. 28, Parkview Hospital, Participants will receive a low-cost self- Washington, D.C., is offering the folexam mammogram and a breast health tion by a registered nurse in breast self- Government Help To Pay Your Energy examination. Funding is available Bills." The first booklet includes inforthrough the Texas Department of Health mation on how and where to get free for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment Federal Hill-Burton program. The sec-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONTEST Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is www.FamilyHealthResearch.org Friday, March 16 followed by the live art currently conducting its Seventh Annual Artist and Song Talent Search. The con- American International Youth Student test will offer over \$50,000 in prizes Exchange Program is seeking American including a publishing contract for the high school students, ages 15-19, to pargrand prize winning song. The grand ticipate in its foreign exchange program. New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring prize winning artist will receive a Students will spend a semester or year recording which will be distributed with an European family or participate nationally to Christian radio stations. in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in Deadline for entry is March 3. To enter, Deadline for entry is Feb. 28. For more the summer. Students are screened by information, www.embassymusic.com or call the in local schools. To qualify, students Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-2500.

FPS CONTEST Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is and a foreign language. For more inforsponsoring a poetry contest. The contest mation, call 1-800-347-7575. is free and open to anyone. The winner will receive a \$1,000 grand prize. To Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Free Poetry Congest, PMB126, 1626 N. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more informa-Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028; or tion.

Deadline for entry is Feb. 24.

FIFTH ARMY TOUR World War II veterans of the United States 5th Army will tour battlefield sites in Italy in June 2001. For more information, contact: Sy Canton, executive director, 5th Army Association, 465 Shore Rd., Ste 7P, Long Beach, NY 11561 or call (516) 432-3022.

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West Texas A&M University to implement admission application fee

CANYON — West Texas A&M University officials will begin assessing a non-refundable \$25 admission application fee for first-time undergraduate and graduate applicants starting April 2.

The need for the fee can, in large part, be attributed to the success of the state's common electronic application program (www.applytexas.org).

The common electronic application program is fast, easy and allows prospective students to apply to multiple institutions with the click of a button. That's the

good news," Dr. Troy Johnson, WTAMU's senior direc- A&M the rule rather than the exception. tor of enrollment management, said. "The bad news is that we are receiving far too many frivolous applications and are unable to gauge the seriousness of an applicant's intent. We end up wasting time, money and resources on applicants who have little or no real interest in attending West Texas A&M. Now, because of the nient. fee, applicants will have to show a more predictable and serious level of commitment."

The application fee will, in fact, make West Texas

Based on historical data, WTAMU officials are projecting that the fee will generate approximately \$85,500 per year that will be used to implement and/or enhance services that will make the University's enrollment process better, quicker and more conve-

For admission information, prospective students may visit www.wtamu.edu or call (806) 651-2020 or 1-800-99-WTAMU





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Evolution of American religion vast in last 50 years

By RICHARD N. OSTLING **AP Religion Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Although the evolution in American religion over the past half-century has been gradual, it is vast - as is glimpsed in a look back at the religious landscape depicted 50 years ago this week in a groundbreaking series of articles printed in hundreds of U.S. newspapers.

The stories were reported by George Cornell of The Associated Press, a rangy 29-year-old Army veteran from Oklahoma who'd been covering assignments from politics to the Alger Hiss trial. The project won such praise that Cornell emerged as the AP's first religion specialist during 1951. He contin-ued on the beat until he died 43 years

When Cornell started out, religion specialists were rare in the working press. A mere dozen had formed the Religion Newswriters Association in 1949, compared with a current member-

But expansion in media religion coverage is far overshadowed by the changes in religion itself. Little of what Cornell concluded after interviewing pace. Youth no longer dismissed belief existence. the leading clergy of 1951 would be framed the same way today.

mon goals. The pattern is writing an end to the old days of feuding and sharp rivalry among separate denominations.

Teamwork is the swelling tide.' just been launched as a cooperative then the percentage started to slip, Protestant denominations, Orthodox and black Protestant churches by Oxford University Press. in a subsidiary role.

on such a broad, allied front in seeking that hit mainline Protestant groups like to inject the ethics of their faith into the Episcopal Church (to which Cornell practical, working problems of society," Cornell reported.

menical scenario, of course. Evangelical of Christ), to which the National ty. Protestants remained outside the new Council's evangelism director of 1951 direction, was also standoffish.

But those two groups did not set society's agenda. Mainline Protestantism Council's "Yearbook of American & had dominated the culture since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock and, as Cornell anticipated, the 1950s would be its heyday. Membership, attendance and offering-plate income were swelling. New church buildings arose at a record as old-fashioned, and clergy candidates filled the seminaries.

nation's history," he wrote, "religious revival of religion," the chief executive line Protestant rivalries, says historian the Christian ranks that couldn't be fore-bodies have pooled their forces for comof the National Council asserted as it Martin E. Marty, 72, professor emeritus seen in 1951. American religion 2001 is geared up for an evangelistic campaign later in 1951.

Overall U.S. Christian church membership continued to rise and reached 60 The National Council of Churches had percent of the population in 1965. But vehicle among the white mainline according to the "New Historical Atlas with of Religion in America," just published

A major reason for the slippage: the "Never before have churches moved unprecedented declines year after year Protestants as a "national menace," belonged), the Methodists and Presbyterians, and the United Church of There were exceptions to the rosy ecu- Christ. The Christian Church (Disciples council. U.S. Catholicism, under Vatican belonged, eventually lost half its membership.

The 2001 edition of the National Canadian Churches," due in a few weeks, will report that losses generally persist, though at a reduced rate. The National Council, too, has lately suffered program cuts and grave financial woes that seemed to imperil its very

ance of 1951 and how much of an evangelicalism.

at the University of Chicago.

Much has changed, he says, but "if George didn't see something back then, nobody else saw it either."

The mainliners failed to evangelize and educate enough of their own youngsters, Marty thinks. In addition, they were "chaplains to the establishment, and the establishment changed."

Roman Catholicism, once treated by moved to the center of society, Marty says, and its involvement with the ecumenical movement after 1965 made intra-Protestant unity less important. Black Protestantism also gained visibili-

As for the white evangelical Protestants, they're now the biggest segment in U.S. religion, according to a University of Akron poll last week that put them at 26 percent of U.S. adults. (Catholics were 22 percent and white mainline Protestants, 17 percent.)

In social action, mainline Protestants had notable impact, especially in the civil rights and Vietnam days. But their "the challenge of individualized spiritu-Cornell accurately caught the exuber- and the religious right faction within nized religion, I'm spiritual.' That's very

infinitely varied.

Fifty years ago, "pluralism" meant Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Cornell consulted the Synagogue Council of America, which represented all branches of Judaism, and the interfaith National Conference of Christians and

Today, the Synagogue Council is defunct, a victim in part of the growing distance between Orthodox and other Jews. The national conference is now only one of many interfaith organizations and is no longer for Christians and

Immigration is another reason the percentage of U.S. church membership dipped, though it had rebounded back to 60 percent by 1990. The Asian-American population has quintupled to 10 million the past three decades, the "New Historical Atlas" shows; the young Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu centers remain clustered in the Northeast and the West Coast.

In addition, organized religion faces. influence is now typically overshad- ality that's coming on so strong in the owed by that of the Catholic bishops culture," Marty observes. "'I hate orgastrong in the bookstores, the campuses "On a scale unprecedented in the "This might be a prelude to a real achievement it was to surmount main- There have also been changes beyond and the traveling religious speakers."

Catholic church won't substitute communion wafer for allergic girl

By GREG SUKIENNIK **Associated Press Writer**

BOSTON (AP) — When 5-year-old Jenny Richardson goes to McDonald's, she says hold the bun for the burgers or orders only fries. She also doesn't share birthday cupcakes with her friends.

And now, because of Roman Catholic Church

rules, she can't have part of her First Communion Jenny suffers from celiac disease, which causes

her to get sick from eating gluten, a protein in wheat and other grains. She can safely eat rice. The Archdiocese of Boston has told the family that the church cannot substitute a rice communion

wafer for the traditional wheat one, citing 2,000 years of tradition and faith. The Richardson family now worships at a Methodist church, where the rules on communion

substantiated body and blood of Jesus. "It was hard. It's hard to make a decision to change," says the girl's mother, Janice Richardson. Though Jenny is two years away from the age when most U.S. Catholics make First Communion,

the family started last fall to lay the groundwork. Doug and Janice Richardson, who live with their three children in the Boston suburb of Natick, say they were told by their parish priest, the Rev. Dan Twomey, that Jenny could take communion in the church.

form of wine instead of bread. They declined. "She feels different wherever she goes but shouldn't be made to feel different in church," her

The family received a letter from Cardinal Bernard Law, who explained the church would not make an exception. Twomey this week referred questions about the matter to the archdiocese.

For people with celiac disease, gluten flattens the villi, the finy fronds inside the walls of the small intestine that absorb nutrients. That makes celiac sufferers sick, lowers their resistance to other ill-

nesses and causes fatigue. The only treatment is a diet completely free of http://www.celiac.org

gluten. The Celiac Disease Foundation estimates as many as 1 in 250 people is affected by it.

Still, church experts say there are numerous rea-

sons they cannot compromise on wheat. "This is not an arbitrary sort of thing, and we're talking about a religious sacrament," says John B. Walsh, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Boston. "Bread is central to the Eucharist because of the imagery of Scripture, because of the prayers of the Christian community going back thousands of

The Vatican takes the matter seriously enough that in 1994, it issued rules for all bishops to follow. Among them: "Special hosts (which do not contain gluten) are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist.'

"I think part of the problem is we are so accustomed to all these little round, pre-cut hosts we've lost any real sense we're taking part in one loaf," are more flexible because Methodists believe the says the Rev. Austin Fleming, pastor of Our Lady of bread and wine are symbolic, not the actual tran- Christian Help Church in Concord. "We many are sharing one bread and becoming one with Christ. We can't make different flavors for different folks and maintain that theological reality.

Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Jane Swift is a practicing Catholic and has celiac disease. She said this week she plans to send a note to Jenny to tell her "just that I share the same disease and that she'll be able to all the things she wants do to in her life." Swift would not discuss how she handles the disease in

Annette Bentley, president of the American Celiac Society and a practicing Catholic, says some priests quietly make a substitution to help parishioners. "To be Christian is to be more flexible," she

Jenny's mother says even if the church were to come around now, the family's decision to leave is

"I believe Jesus would have made an exception,"

On the Net:

Celiac Disease Foundation:

'Together in Love' seminars at Trinity Fellowship Feb. 4-7

Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, rience with their own marriage. The couple have will host "Together in Love" seminars with facilitator Ray Mossholder at 10:30 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and at 7 p.m. nightly Feb. 5-7 at

Author of three books "Marriage Plus," "Single Plus" and "Kids Are a Plus," Ray Mossholder — and wife, Arlyne — travel extensively teaching marriage and singles seminars. They recently launched Marriage Plus leadership training to teach others to conduct seminars and to aid those who teach classes in local

developed through the couple's first-hand expecially independent of any church.

been married for 40 years.

"Marriage Plus" and "Singles Plus" television programs air weekly on stations in over half the United States and in eight foreign countries, receiving the international golden Aurora Award and the Silver Angel award from

Excellence in Media. The Mossholders are currently "traveling staff" with the Rock City Church in Baltimore, Md. Their pastor is the Rev. Bart Pierce. Mr. Mossholder was an associate pastor and then traveling elder for more than 20 years to Dr. Jack The Mossholder seminars and programs were Hayford. The Marriage Plus Ministries is offi-

Ministers —We are out of your columns for Minister's musings. Our readers enjoy them and we'd like to have more to publish. Just drop them off at the Pampa News. Thank you!

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We may use them in the annual Pampa Pride issue which will be published in March.

Presbyterian Church vote new employees must work "in disagreements on same-sex union ceremonies looks close

OSKALOOSA, Jowa (AP) - A vote on whether to ban ceremorties for same-sex couples in million-member the 3.6 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) looks very close.

Presbyweb.com, an independent news Web site based in Oskaloosa, reported 16 regional units, known as presbyteries, voting to ban same-sex ceremonies and 40 to allow them as of Jan. 29.

Passage of the ban requires approval from 87 presbyteries in meetings around the nation through mid-April.

Presbyweb.com said six presbyteries that favored a 1997 law barring actively homosexual clergy and lay officers are now voting not to ban same-sex unions. If another six presbyteries move the same way, Presbyweb.com said, then the proposal will be defeated.

The issue "will be decided by a narrow margin," the denominational news office in Louisville, Ky., predicted.

On the Net: Vote tally: http://www.presbyweb.com/VotesOnA-B-O.html

Southern Baptists set doctrine policy for foreign missionaries

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) Trustees of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have decided

accordance and not contrary to" denomination's newly among other matters. revised doctrinal statement.

Faith and Message" statement was approved last June in line with the denomination's increasingly conservative policies, and Anglican Bishop David including opposition to women as pastors. The leaders of the largest U.S

agency of its kind, with 5,000 foreign missionaries, stated their own "wholehearted" endorsement of the new doctrine. But the trustees did not require new appointees to pledge personal agreement with it. They also did not require current employees to adhere to the policy.

Anglicans, Vatican launch

new round of world talks LONDON (AP) - A new round of international talks on doctrinal unity has been established between the 77 millionmember Anglican Communion and the Vatican. Begun in 1970, the negotiations have addressed

over authority and women priests,

The newly organized 10-mem-A new version of the "Baptist ber Anglican-Roman Catholic Working Group will be led by Roman Catholic Archbishop John Bathersby of Brisbane, Australia, Beetge of Highveld, South Africa.

World's Lutherans now number 64 million

GENEVA (AP) — Membership in the Lutheran church increased from 63.1 million to 64 million last year, with the greatest growth occurring in Africa, the Lutheran World Federation reported. A year ago, Asia posted the biggest increase.

Of the 835,000 new African members, 766,000 joined Ethiopia's Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, which now has 3.3 million adherents and is the continent's largest Lutheran body.

Lutheran totals declined slightly in Europe and North America

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Pet-Proofing Kitchen Includes **Hanging Towels Out of Sight**

DEAR ABBY: I am grief-stricken. Yesterday my husband and I faced the awful experience of putting our 3-year-old chocolate Labrador to sleep. For two or three days, he wouldn't eat or drink, and was lethargic and vomiting. We took him to the emergency vet hospital. The vet examined him and found "something" in his abdomen, which would require surgery to remove. What they found in his intestines was part of a kitchen

Unfortunately, the tissue around the towel was infected and dead from the lack of blood supply to his intestines. The damage was worse than anticipated, and he began bleeding internally. He was too weak to make it, and we had to put him to sleep. To say that we're devastated is an understatement.

I always hang a kitchen towel on the handle of the oven on which to

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

dry my hands, remove things from the oven, etc. The towel probably smelled like food, which prompted him to chew it. To top it off, when we came home from the surgery, our 1-year-old puppy threw up the

other portion of the towel! Abby, please make other pet owners aware of this potential hazard. If sharing my story can spare someone else the devastation of losing a pet to something so avoidable, I'll gain some comfort. KELLEE IN TEMECULA, CALIF.

(Postage is included.) up late. Tonight: Anything goes. This week: You beam as the week begins. You deal with financial matters with a great deal of sophistication and savvy. Trust yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) * * * Your mood swings like a pendulum. Work on being positive. If faced with a problem or decision, be opti-

* * Dig into a project and get it done. with someone who plays a major role in others later. Tonight: Out and about.

put their cards on the table. You gain by doing little and simply observing. Work with others one-on-one financially from Wednesday on. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** You naturally want to frolic. You naturally want to risk. Almost nothing stops you. Allow greater creativity ir your plans. You don't always need to do the tried and true. An expenditure might make you uncomfortable. If you want to cut back plans and just be lazy, do so. Make this a perfect day for you. Tonight: Do only what is relaxing.

before Wednesday, because after that you will want to put on your dancing shoes.

Deal with family or a roommate early on friend. Do something you both love. Tonight: Play the night away.

This week: Your imagination roams. Put your mental ingenuity into your work, if you can. You are juggling fun and your job. The real question is whether you can

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

invitations. Discussions with a family member lead to a strong decision. Don't kid yourself about another's role in your life. Discuss what you want from a relationship. Look to the long term. Tonight:

Be with your favorite person. This week: Deal with others one-on-one. Anything is possible, once you set your mind on the goal at hand. Say yes to pos-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might want to share a favorite pastime with a loved one. You might not see eye to eye with another. Discuss options your life. Accept an invitation to join

This week: Defer to others. Let others

This week: Charge into work and get the job done. Clear out as much as you can

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Once you have thought through an important decision, speak your mind. Allow more time for a loved one. Good feelings flow between you and a special

do it successfully.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Optimism marks your reac-

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

tions, even when you're stunned and surprised. You find the words to deal with even the strangest of circumstances. Give loved ones and friends the benefit of the doubt. Make plans to go to an art gallery or a movie. Visit with friends. Tonight: Put up your feet.

This week: Deal with fundamentals, then allow the creative process to soar. You find unusual answers that make an idea possible that was tossed in the garbage. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** What is wrong with indulging another? What is wrong with indulging yourself? Today, you simply cannot see a reason why you shouldn't let go and enjoy. Optimism surrounds money and communication. You feel as if no one can say no to you. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Munchies with friends.

This week: Speak your mind. A boss wants feedback, and he appreciates your efforts. Don't limit yourself. Nearly anything is possible, if you are willing to

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * * * You beam, and others You understand the role of your charisma and upbeat spirit. Make the impossible possible. Refuse to understand the word "no." Laughter surrounds friendship and sharing. Accept an invitation that involves more than one person. "The more, the merrier" works. Tonight:

This week: Talk about what is on your mind. Reach out for someone at a distance. Seek out experts. It's amazing what you learn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * * Your smile draws another toward you. You might want to indulge an older relative or friend. Your instincts direct you, and you naturally do the right thing. Return calls and try to reach out for another. Caring abounds. Get some extra ZZZ's, as the unexpected could keep you

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mistic. Only good can come of this attitude. A partner's mind could be overactive. Talk about what is really going on with each of you. Bonding occurs through vulnerability. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This week: Take a step backward. Don't worry so much. Stay comfortable and within yourself. Anything is possible if you just relax and brainstorm. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * All eyes turn to you for ideas. Bring friends together for a movie and a meal. Being with others adds to the friendly mood. Relax and don't worry so much about time. Let go of restrictions, and you'll find that anything can happen. A friendship deepens considerably.

Tonight: Zero in on what you want. This week: Network on Monday and Tuesday. You mull over options for the remainder of the week. Take your time.

*** Reach out to someone at a distance. Caring enhances a special friendship. Pull back some and give up being so reactive. You will make good decisions. Trust yourself. Someone makes his feelings quite clear. Be more nurturing to those around you. Express your happy-go-lucky side. Tonight: Get a

This week: You're in the limelight. Success greets you. You can barely do anything wrong.

** * * Reach out for another. Allow more caring to flow between you and a special friend. Feelings deepen. Someone expresses his feelings. Seek out a person who sometimes pulls back or is shy. You add that "magic" to any situation. Allow your feelings to flow. Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

This week: Make an effort to reach out to others. News comes from a distance. Take charge on Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

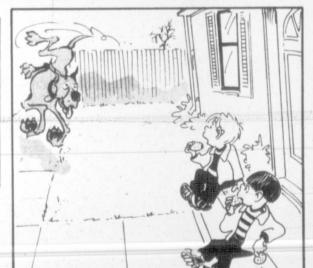
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** * Others knock on your door. Popularity soars, and you have many

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"He's the only dog who can hear a cookie crunched a block away."

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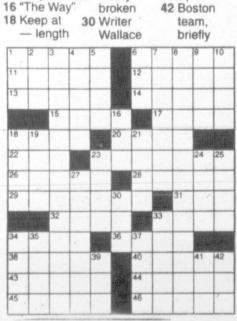
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The Family Circus

"Grandma, how come your CDs are so big?"

PAMPA - A men's basketball league is being formed in Pampa.

Interested players can register by calling 665-3980. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

PORTALES, N.M. (AP) -Tyrone Palmer had 23 points and six rebounds to lead Texas A&M-Commerce to an 84-73 victory Thursday night over Eastern New Mexico.

Palmer had three 3-pointers and was 6 of 6 from the free throw line. Carl Hawkins added 20 points and five rebounds and Fabian Pittman had 12 points. Eastern New Mexico (4-15)

came out shooting in the first half, but foul trouble sent Texas A&M-Commerce (14-5) to the line too many times. Commerce was able to

squeak out a 40-32 lead at the break, with a fourth of those points coming from the line.

The Greyhounds shot 46.7 percent from the field for the second half, making 14 of 30 attempts. But the fouls continued and Commerce was able to seal the win.

Garland Coleman had 28 points and eight rebounds for the Greyhounds. Rudy Charles had 16 points, including two 3pointers, and Kevin Iverson added 14.

FOOTBALL

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) - Three weeks ago, when Tom Donahoe began looking at prospects for head coach of the Buffalo Bills, Gregg Williams didn't make the short list.

Williams, the Tennessee Titans' defensive coordinator, got the job Thursday.

"We could only pick one, and he had to be the best guy for the situation," said Donahoe, the Bills president who only added Williams to his search after prospective candidate Dom Capers was hired by the expansion Houston Texans.

Williams, who will be formally introduced at a press conference in Orchard Park on Friday, becomes the Bills' 12th head coach, taking over for Wade Phillips, who was fired last month. The Bills were the final NFL team without a head coach this off-

Williams, 42, was hired ahead of three other defensive coordinators: Marvin Lewis, of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens; John Fox, of the NFC champion New York Giants; and Ted Cottrell, the former Bills assistant who has since joined the New York Jets.

Not bad for someone who became a defensive coordinator in 1997, only seven years after breaking into the NFL as a quality control assistant with the Houston Oilers.

"Gregg Williams was coaching in high school 121/2 years ago," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "That says an awful lot for where he's come."

While he didn't have the hot-commodity status that Lewis established with the record-setting Ravens defense, Williams earned a reputation of being a meticulous coach who is open to players' suggestions.

"He's a good one. You guys are going to enjoy him," Titans general manager Floyd Reese said.

Referring to Williams as organized to a fault, Reese added: "He's very well spoken, very bright, but more importantly, he would have things covered that you wouldn't have thought about. He will have everything organized and laid out in detail so there's no doubt about where he stands.

It's that attention to detail that impressed Donahoe, who had never met Williams until last Friday's interview in Nashville.

"He did a remarkable job during the interview process and made a strong presentation for his plans to lead our team into the next chapter of Bills winning football," Donahoe said.

Three to be inducted into Panhandle Sports Hall

Pampa High coaches will receive awards

basketball — at the 43rd annual as a coach and counselor. ed to attend.

ers for special achievements.

Following the ceremonies, a reception will be held in the Hall inductee was a basketball coach of Fame Room on the second for 42 years, including stints at floor of the Parcells Business his hometown of Higgins, along Building at the college.

Fame will be the following:

Troy Burrus: The 121st resides. was named first-team all- Diamonds women's team.

AMARILLO - The Texas he chose to play for the Phillips Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame 66ers of the Amateur Athletic will induct three prominent fig- Union and hold another job ures from this area — who've besides. He has spent 32 years in made their mark in football and the Amarillo area education field

ceremonies set for 2 p.m. Sunday I.D. Russell: The 123rd in Amarillo College's Ordway inductee was a star athlete at Auditorium. The public is invit- Wellington High School and Southern Methodist University. The Hall of Fame, which is co- Considered one of the top runsponsored by the Amarillo ning backs in the Panhandle in Chamber of Commerce Sports the 1940's, he lettered in both Committee and the Amarillo football and basketball in high YMCA, will also name the Dick school and went on to be named Risenhoover Award winner, rec- all-Southwest Conference lineognize outstanding athletes and backer twice while at SMU. He coaches for 2000, and honor oth- now lives in Paducah "as retired 'as retired as a famer can be."

Dean Weese: The 123rd with Spearman, Wayland Baptist New inductees into the Hall of University and Levelland, where he coached for 18 years and still

inductee and 6-foot-8 player who His team won 10 high school led Canyon High School to its state championships and four first state boys basketball cham- national collegiate champipionship. He was the leading onships. He was also the inauvote-getter for the all-state team, gural coach of the Dallas

American while playing for West Olympic wrestling gold Texas State University. Although medalist Brandon Slay will be drafted by the Boston Celtics at presented with the Dick the end of his collegiate career, Risenhoover Award for bringing



Carolyn Quarles (seated, second from left) celebrates with her team after winning the district championship last year.

Mike Lopez shows just a few of the medals he's received through the years.

international recognition to Texas and the Panhandle in the summer. Slay, who won the same award for 1998, is the first athlete to win it twice. In December, Slay was in Pampa for a wrestling clinic and banquet.

Pampa coaches Carolyn Quarles and Mike Lopez will also be honored at the cere-

Quarles, the head tennis coach at Pampa High School, will be recognized as Tennis Coach of 2000. This will be the second time Quarles has received this award.

Quarles, a Pampa native and Texas Tech graduate, has developed a reputation as a hard worker for the tennis program and players. She's turned out teams and players who have completely dominated their opposition Under Quarles. Pampa has won four district championships.

Lopez, girls' high school track coach who retired last spring will receive a Special Achievement Award. Under Lopez, Pampa's track team won 12 district championships.

The Dumas native has coached for 32 years, and in 2000 he was chosen to coach the 4A and 5A All-Star track team. Six Lady Harvesters coached by Lopez received college athletic scholarships.

Lopez guided Pampa to three ing a tie for first place with Hill Canyon last season. They were

8th grade boys win at District tourney

grade boys are competing in Winegeart 3. the District Tournament in Dumas.

Pampa Red beat Dumas morning. 37-33 Thursday in firstround action?

top scorer with 15 points. they lose, they play at 2:15. Others who scored were Tyler Doughty with 8 points and Clayton Hall 6.

Valleyview at Saturday morning.

game, Pampa Blue defeated scorers with 8 points each. Borger 34-30.

Murray led Pampa Blue Anguiano 2 and Jarred with 8 points apiece. Others Mohler 1. with points were Cameron Pampa B has a 4-11 Seger with 7, Andrew record.

DUMAS - Pampa 8th Fraser 4 and Jared

Pampa Blue (11-2) plays Canyon at 10:30 Saturday

If the Pampa teams win Saturday, they advance to Brittin East was Pampa's the championship games. If

Borger defeated Pampa Pampa Red (10-2) plays 35-30 Thursday in a 7th 10:30 grade boys' game.

Tyson Hickman and Nick In the other first-round Robbins were Pampa's top Cody Ellis followed with 7, Ricky Gattis and Mark Chris Smith had 4, Aaron

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am by

two strokes, but only after he over-

came a 7-stroke deficit with seven

A year ago, he was 7 strokes

Berganio also played Spyglass,

tournament play set by Dan

"He's Tiger Woods," Berganio

hangnail or a hyperextended

Woods was slightly tentative

"It's definitely sore," he said. "It

The only time any pain was evi-

dent was the awkward finish after

his 3-wood on the first hole from a

enth hole — he hit that one 333

yards to set up another easy

"The first few drives were kind

knee. I knew he would play."

On one good knee, Tiger two out of lead

By DOUG FERGUSON **AP Golf Writer**

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) holes to play with an eagle-birdie-Despite a gimpy knee caused by par-birdie finish. an overzealous fan, Tiger Woods knew all along he would be able to behind after the first round. This play in the first round of the time, he trails Berganio by 2 Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. strokes as he goes to Poppy Hills He just didn't know how well. on Friday, the easiest course on the

"I should be able to break 90," rotation because it has five par 5s. Woods said after warming up on considered the toughest of the the practice green early Thursday three courses, and got through

He made it sound like there was without a bogey in his round of 64. a better chance of the sun shining That tied the course record for on the Monterey Peninsula, which it almost never does when this Forsman in 1993. tournament comes to town, than Hardly anyone noticed.

of him playing well. Alas, the rugged California said with a shrug. "They're going coastline was awash in sunshine, to talk about him whether he has a

and Woods broke 90 by 24 shots. One day after he stepped awkwardly on an autograph hound and sprained his left knee, Woods while walking the first two holes set aside the pain to make eight and crouching to read his first birdies in his round of 6-under 66, putt. His knee got stronger as the just 2 strokes out of the lead held day went on, and so did his game.

by David Berganio. "I knew it was OK," Woods con- was more sore at the beginning fessed. "It felt sore, yes, but when when I first started playing. The it's time to play, it's time to play. A middle part was great, and toward friend of mine told me there's a the end it started getting sore difference between pain and again."

Only Woods knows how badly he sprained the ligament in his left knee, and there were only a few downhill lie, and when he tried to regional championships, includ-

Standing on the first tee, he reached back with his left leg and tapped the ground twice before belting a 321-yard drive that split of difficult," Woods said. "It's a litthe fairway. He winced and the different than warming up on favored his leg after hitting a 3- the range. You have a range swing, wood that sailed 274 yards, pin- then you have a game-time high just right of the green, setting swing. up a birdie on his opening hole.

At the end, he hit his stride. Woods, who missed only one who noticed a few adjustments, green in regulation, finished with but was hardly concerned. three straight birdies.

done on two good knees. "Probably a 73 or 74," he said

with a smile.

Watching among the gallery was swing coach Butch Harmon,

"He can't get over to his left side Imagine what he might have as quickly, which I don't think hurts him," Harmon said. "We've been working on getting his lower body more quiet. I haven't seen it

Woods had a 73 at Spyglass last present a problem. He's good at year and wound up winning the withstanding pain.

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OSU women rally to win emotional contest against Baylor in overtime

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - win." The Oklahoma State women's Oklahoma State, after trailing basketball team found a perfect from the start, tied the game at plane crash last weekend.

ond half Thursday night and in the final 10 seconds. wound up beating No. 20 Baylor 69-66 in overtime.

celebrated with hugs on the gave the Cowgirls the lead for same court where one day ear- good about a minute later. lier, hundreds of friends and family members had filed in tough game to play, for me as somberly for a memorial ser- an opposing coach, and my vice honoring the 10 men killed team and our university's Saturday in Colorado.

that each game that you get to Robertson said. "I congratulate play is a gift," said Kara Faulk, Oklahoma State. They did who scored 24 points and everything they needed to do grabbed eight rebounds. "We appreciate it more."

The Cowgirls (11-8, 3-5 Big 12) were flat in the early going, shooting just 25 percent in the first half. But they rallied in the because of the memorial sersecond half behind the play of vice. Faulk, Shelby Hutchens and Jessica Bates. Hutchens fin- ed to postpone the game until ished with 18 points and Bates February," Mulkey-Robertson

scored II. "There was a lot of emotion important than you family, and out there running down the this basketball game is insignifcourt," Hawkins, who scored 10 same thing if I would have points. "We decided to dedicate won." this game to the 10 people. We said we were going to go out Oklahoma State 61-44, but comthere and work our hardest, mitted 24 turnovers. and to play like it was our last Danielle Crockrom had 17 game, and just come out with a points and 17 rebounds for responsibility for that."

way to honor those lost in a 51 on a layup by Hawkins with 4:06 remaining, then forced After playing poorly and overtime on Hawkins' fast-falling behind by 13 at halftime, break layup with 39 seconds to the Cowgirls rallied in the sec-play. Baylor missed four shots Baylor (15-4, 4-4) led 63-62

with 2:22 left in overtime, but a At the final horn, the players steal and layup by Hutchens

"I thought it was a very hearts goes out to this universi-"I think all of us know now ty," Baylor coach Kim Mulkeyin the second half to win the

basketball game." The game against Baylor had been scheduled for Wednesday, but was postponed one night

"Earlier in the week, I wantsaid. "There is nothing more said Chantoya icant. I would have told you the

> Baylor outrebounded

18 points and 14 rebounds. Mavericks are

Baylor. Sheila Lambert scored 19

points, and Monica Arnold had

OT winners

DALLAS (AP) — Tim Hardaway couldn't believe it. He was a major reason why the Miami Heat were in overtime, yet with time running out he was out of the game.

Hardaway missed the final :49 of Miami's 95-91 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night because coach Pat Riley trapped himself in a strategic

Riley put Anthony Carter in for defensive purposes with Dallas leading 92-88. Carter never came out and wound up running a sloppy final few possessions while Hardaway watched helplessly from the sideline.

"It's very frustrating when your go-to guy is not there at the end," said Hardaway, who had 21 points. "It hurts me. I know I can play defense, I know I can rebound and make plays that my team needs."

Riley admitted he should've

called a timeout to put in

Hardaway, who had scored 13 straight points after Dallas went ahead 81-67 early in the fourth quarter. We just lost all kinds of

poise," Riley said. "I'll take

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North Carolina edges Duke

By DAVID DROSCHAK **AP Sports Writer**

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) -Shane Battier has made a big steal to give Duke momentum many times in his college career. This time, one of the pro-

gram's greatest defenders came up short as No. 4 North Carolina edged the secondranked Blue Devils 85-83 Thursday night.

Battier ran into 7-foot center Brendan Haywood 22 feet from the basket trying to make a steal with 1.3 seconds left and the game tied 83-83.

Haywood, a 48 percent freethrow shooter, swished both as cent, made just 12 of 35 3-point- Southern California 71 the Tar Heels (18-2, 8-0 Atlantic ers and missed 14 free throws. Coast Conference) won their 15th straight to send a wild Cameron Indoor Stadium crowd home stunned.

"It was a gamble," North Carolina's Joseph Forte said of Battier's costly steal attempt. "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. If he had stolen the ball, it would be overtime. It was a foul and a foul is a foul."

Battier, a two-time national defensive player of the year, said he was just trying to make a play. But instead, the senior fouled out and cost the Blue Devils (19-2, 7-1) a shot at the outright ACC lead.

"That's basketball," said both collided and I guess I lost.

"It stings, it stings because we were playing.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 1 Stanford edged No. 21 Southern California 77-71; Oregon upset No. 7 Arizona shot he could," Haywood said Fresno State 91-73; and Miami Dunleavy's game-tying shot. turnovers.

defeated No. 22 Seton Hall 72- "But three guys swarmed Joe,

had no beef with the late foul call by official Mike Wood.

hey, they saw it. We're big boys," Krzyzewski said.

Forte scored 24 points, had a assists and three steals. His rebound total was the most ever by a North Carolina guard.

Forte and the Tar Heels never got rattled in steamy Cameron, while the Blue Devils had one of their worst shooting games of the season. Duke shot 39.7 per-

Jason Williams led Duke with 32 points, but he missed six of 10 foul shots and couldn't really with 50 seconds left as Stanford get this club in an offensive rallied from a halftime deficit to groove as the Tar Heels beat switched defenses effectively.

"I think our offense affected our defense," Krzyzewski said. "The fact that we didn't see the ball go in on some open shots had a negative impact on our defense. You have to be mentally tough to go on to the next play. They had 35 points in the our defense."

The Tar Heels were up by Battier, who also had an off seven at halftime, and Duke led night from the field, going 5-for- on just five possessions of the 16. "I wasn't making a play on second period before Mike terrible shooting night by visithim. I was going for the ball. We Dunleavy's 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left tied it at 83-83.

Battier then fouled Haywood, lost. It doesn't matter who we who wasn't really supposed to touch the ball.

"The play was designed for Joe to catch it on the run and go up the sideline and get the best 79-67; Hawaii beat No. 19 of the inbounds plan following percent and committed 18

he was trapped and I stepped Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski up. Battier had to go through me to get it."

The Dean Smith-Bill You would like to see some- Guthridge regime played manthing with a shot involved, but to-man defense for 40 years, rarely going to a zone. But first-year coach Matt Doherty went to an effective zone numerous career-best 16 rebounds, six times to slow down one of the

nation's top scoring teams.
"Part of their deal is to drive it and get fouled, and we didn't want to put them at the foul line," Doherty said. "We liked what we saw in the zone. We had a good feeling with it." No. 1 Stanford 77, No. 21

Casey Jacobsen scored 22 points and Michael McDonald hit the last of his six 3-pointers visiting California.

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Jason Collins had 20 points and six rebounds as Stanford (20-0, 8-0 Pac-10) kept alive its school-record winning streak, even though the Cardinal didn't take the lead for good until 6:13

Brian Scalabrine scored 15 of first 12 1/2 minutes, then our his 17 points in the second half defense started to play better. as the fired-up Trojans (15-5, 5-No question our offense hurt 3) never allowed Stanford to pull away.

Oregon 79, No. 7 Arizona 67 Bryan Bracey scored 23 points as Oregon took advantage of a ing Arizona.

Luke Ridnour added 17 points for the Ducks (12-6, 3-5 Pac-10), who won consecutive games against Arizona for the first time since 1983.

Michael Wright scored 18 points for the Wildcats (14-6, 6-2), who shot a season-low 35

Stars defeat Sharks; Marshall hospitalized with concussion

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — hope he's all right." Dallas center Mike Modano held motionless on the ice.

Marshall was elbowed by San in the third period. Jose captain Owen Nolan early in the Stars' 4-2 victory over the Sharks on Thursday night. As he fell, his head hit the ice hard. He was still for several tense

watch him get his breath back, after, the Stars replaced Belfour then you see his feet move," with Turco, who did not face any Modano said. "You just hope shots during a 35-second stay in he's going to be OK.' Marshall, who has six goals

tained a concussion and was hospitalized for observation.

Stars defenseman Darryl Sydor the second period. also stood by as Marshall was carted off the ice on a stretcher.

"You don't like to see that hapwas a cheap shot. Afterward, Nolan felt awful. for the Stars.

He said he checked on Marshall's

condition with team doctors. my part and there was no need for it," he said. "In the heat of the game something you don't think, you do stupid things, and that's a

his breath as his friend and team- Nabokov faced 20 Dallas shots - seriousness of the penalty means mate, Grant Marshall, lay allowing all four goals — before a tape of the incident will be sent he was replaced by Steve Shields to NHL officials for review.

The Sharks scored first on Brad Stuart's power-play shot from the blue line in the first period. The Stars tied it on a 5-on-3

power play with Modano's slapper past Nabokov midway You hold your breath as you through the period. Soon there-

Dallas took the lead with just and 12 assists this season, sus- 50 seconds left in the period on Sydor's goal. Defenseman Brad Lukowich added another late in

San Jose winger Niklas Sundstrom scored with 3:31 gone in the third period, but less than pen to your friend," he said. "It a minute later Joe Nieuwendyk beat Nabokov to cap the scoring

> ing five seconds tacked on to the second period.

prime example right there. I just bench, was assessed a 10-minute their longest of the season.

match penalty for deliberate Sharks rookie goalie Evgeni injury and left the game. The

"Whatever I get, I'll accept Nolan said.

Nolan apparently was acting in retaliation for a hit he took early in the first period, when Marshall was penalized for

"It puts a black eye on the game. If it was a clean hit and everyone was squaring off it was OK, but the kid was on his way off the ice," Stars right wing Brett Hull said. "There's no room for it in this game."

Notes: Modano is four goals shy of becoming the first Stars player with 11 20-goal seasons. ... Stuart has two goals and two assists over the past two games for the Sharks ... The Sharks placed left wing Scott Thornton on injured reserve with a sore neck and acti-After Marshall was injured in vated winger Tony Granato, who the first, both teams were sent to missed four games as a precau-"It was just a stupid move on the locker room, with the remaintion after taking a blow to the head. ... The Stars were coming of an 8-0 loss to the Los Angeles Nolan, who hit Marshall as the Kings on Tuesday. ... The Stars' Stars forward was skating to the three-game losing streak was

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Lowly Clippers surprise Rockets

Hakeem Olajuwon, who

scored two points and was 0-for-

5 from the field, disagreed with

don't care," Olajuwon said.

"Everybody is trying across the

board. We have to just forget this

But Olajuwon called the loss

"one of the worst in my (17-year)

career. There's no explanation for

this one. But we have to stay pos-

and recommit ourselves."

"I don't think (his teammates)

HOUSTON (AP) — The "But it's not for us to talk about Gentry wasn't aware that the vic-Houston Rockets' second loss to to other people. We have to take tory broke the Clippers' seventhe lowly Los Angeles Clippers, care of it internally." was too much to take for Steve

The Clippers ended a ninegame losing streak and clinched the season series from the Rockets with a 101-84 rout Thursday night. It was the first time Houston lost a season series to the Clippers since the 1984-85 season, and the first time the Clippers have beaten Houston twice in one season since 1991-92.

Francis, who scored 12 points after missing the first half for personal reasons, blasted his teammates for not giving their best

"Guys just don't seem to care," Francis said, repeating a theme he voiced after a 103-85 loss to the Miami Heat on Tuesday. "We got whipped by a younger team, and some guys just didn't seem

"If I was a fan, I wouldn't come to any of our games."

Maurice Taylor, who led the Rockets with 16 points, didn't

itive and make sure this doesn't happen again." Coach Rudy Tomjanovich was

at a loss to explain the defeat. Somewhere along the line, we just lost it and I don't know where it went," Tomjanovich said. "We were one of the most competitive teams in the league fighting on every possession and laying with fire. But we've lost

"I asked the guys if we could get some fire out there for maybe just the last two minutes. We had a couple of aggressive plays, but "If that's the case, we have to that was it. It's ridiculous. We pinpoint the problem and get it just have to get it back. Where

in the open," Taylor said after did it go?" being told Francis' statements. Los Angeles coach Alvin of Francis.

losing streak at Houston, dating back to Jan. 4, 1997.

"That doesn't matter," Gentry

said. "When we've struggled like

we've struggled, you need a win any way you can get it. "It's huge for us. When you're losing, everybody's irritated and the tempers are short. We needed anything positive that would show us that we're still a good

Lamar Odom's 19 points, including 15 the second half, made a big difference.

"We played defense and we made shots," Odom said. "The last six or seven games, we've attacked the basket, but we haven't been able to make layups or anything. I was focused on getting the team involved."

Notes: Francis went home to

Maryland after the Rockets'

home game Tuesday against

Miami. Thursday, he informed the club he would be late for the game due to personal reasons. Club officials said the absence was excused and Francis would not be fined. ... Moochie Norris got his sixth career start in place



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VOTE

"I have agonized over the issue of putting Gray County taxpayers in debt to do this project," said Precinct Four County Commissioner James Hefley "I know this work has to be done on the courthouse, and I know the economic times are hard in the county," said Hefley. "I see it in my own personal busi-

He said, however, the opportunity of obtaining a \$3.8 million grant for the restoration project will never come to Gray County again if this one is turned down. "I don't like to put the taxpayers in debt for 20 years but I think this is the best way to do the project," he said. "The work has to be done."

Hefley added, "If the voters of the county feel this is wrong they can get a petition and call the matter to a vote. That is their right."

County Judge Richard Peet said he was elected by the voters to take care of the county's business and felt the county commission could make the decision on the certificates of obligation. "I have taken care of county business on a daily basis, and have expended county money necessary to conduct the county business," said Peet. "I do this in a fair manner. I, too, am a taxpayer in Gray County because I am a property owner. I don't live in another county."

During the meeting Peet cited the lack of electrical outlets throughout the offices in the building. "In this room (the county courtroom), we only have one electrical outlet," said Peet.

Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley said, "If most of the voters agree with the commissioners court decision to finance the county's portion of the project by certificates of obligation, they will support it. If they don't, it will go to a vote," he said.

"I own my own business. If I had a chance to receive \$3.8 million and me furnish an additional \$1.3 million for my business, I'd take it," he said.

Wheeley continued," Areas of this courthouse are worn out and outdated, even though the building through this building with me recently. I told him I with the project.

estimated an approximate cost of \$700,000 for the electrical needs of the building. He said his guess would be between \$700,000-\$1 million.

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GRAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT # OVERVIEW OF PROJECT ELEMENTS AND COSTS #

Wheeley said the current main wiring in the county courthouse is paper wrapped wiring. "The wiring was put in when the building was built in 1930. Some has been replaced over the years, but the big majority is still the original wiring. It doesn't meet the needs of the county today with all the computers and other electrical equipment in the county offices. It is a definite hazard. The Master Electrician said he was surprised someone hasn't been hurt,"

The current local economy is not what it was in the 1980s, but this work has to be done on the building," he said. "Or we'll have to piecemeal it." He added, "This is a perfect opportunity for the county.

"The commissioners court has already accepted the grant, secured and signed the contract with architects, ArchiTexas and engaged him," said

Precinct Three Commissioner Gerald Wright also voiced support to obtain financing by certificates of "Since May when it was obligation.

announced we were selected to receive \$3.8 million we have known the county was going to have to come up with the matching dollars to obtain this grant," he said. "If we don't do this (finance with certificates of obligation), we're looking at paying for the entire \$5.3 million project ourselves if we're going to continue using the courthouse. We have an opportunity we'll never get again, and we need to take advantage of it."

Peet said part of the expenses which would be paid by the \$1.5 million include rent for offices while county offices are housed in an alternate location as well as the moving expenses from the courthouse. He said these expenses could not be paid with the \$3.8 million because only direct restoration expenses. are allowed due to requirements of the grant.

The judge said the county has already been reimhas been maintained. I had a Master Electrician go bursed approximately \$17,000 for expenses incurred

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DETAILS

Smith said anyone locally who wanted these bonds should contact their broker or any broker. He said those bonds are usually sold within hours of the day of the sale which is March 1.

Anyone objecting to the issuance of certificates of obligation for the courthouse restoration project may circulate a petition calling for a county-wide election on the issue, said Smith. He said deadline for the petition to be received by the county is March 1.

He said five percent of the qualified voters in the county would be required to sign the petition. County Judge Richard Peet said the petition would have to be presented to the county commission and the signatures verified.

Jan Woods of the Gray County Tax Assessor's office said the county has 14,616 eligible voters, and approximately 730 signatures would be required on a petition.

Bonds would be available to the county April 1 if an election is not called, said Smith. If a

bond election is called and the ments later on in the courthouse voters should choose to pass it, restoration, he will have a better the bonds would be available

If an election is called and the voters override the commission- Irsik. ers court vote to purchase the certificates of obligation, the \$3.8 million grant would revert back to the Texas Historical Commission to be distributed to other counties.

Project Manager John Kiehl be Feb. 15. said \$200 million in requests are pending in Austin from Texas counties wanting funds for their courthouse restoration projects. He said the THC will only award one-fourth of those requests based on the funding cation for insurance. available. He added,"If Gray County doesn't take the funds, someone else will."

Lyman Labry of the Texas Historical Commission was at obligation. Thursday's meeting.

this and watching this," said

ask for slack on THC require- opening March 1.

understanding.

Also on hand for the meeting was ArchiTexas architect Larry

Smith gave several dates important to the sale of certificates of obligation. He said the first publication of the notice of intent to sell the bonds will be Feb. 8 and the second date will

The date to receive the preliminary official statement/notice of bond sale will be on Feb. 16. He said the municipal bond rating will be received Feb. 28 along with the notice of qualifi-

On March 1 the commissioners court will meet to open bids and adopt an order authorizing and selling the certificates of

Smith explained to the com-"I'm glad Lyman is here missioners court the bids for the today. I'm glad he's witnessing municipal bonds are now accepted over the internet as well as the traditional sealed "It's important he's here to bids. He said the bids are not watch you groan and struggle seen until the bid opening time. with this issue. If you have to He will be in Pampa for the bid