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## Plan to catch 'youthful' offenders breaks up 12-state burglary ring

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

A Shamrock man operating a coin-operated laundromat thought he would catch neighborhood kids stealing quarters when he installed a hidden video camera. Instead, his camera provided crucial evidence needed to break up a multi-million-dollar burglary ring spanning 12 states and has led to the arrest of three people on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

District Attorney Rick Roach confirmed Tuesday that Houston County law enforcement authorities arrested a husband and wife named in sealed indictments handed up by a Wheeler County grand jury in January. A third person remains in a state jail facility in Palestine, officials said.

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**"It all started when a fellow who owned a laundromat at Shamrock got tired of kids breaking in his Coke machines and stealing quarters. He got this little inexpensive video camera, put it in a box and mounted it on a wall in the laundromat."**

— District Attorney Rick Roach

machines and stealing quarters," Roach said. "He got this little inexpensive video camera, put it in a box and mounted it on a wall in the laundromat."

Each day the man, identified as Jackie Lane in the indictments, would take out the old tape, put in the new tape, then watch the tape for any suspicious activity.

"One day he sees these people in there fiddling around with his machines," Roach said. "He takes the tape to

(Shamrock Police Chief) Joe Daniels and he confirms that, yes, these people are rifling through his machines.

"But neither he, nor Joe, or anybody else has any idea who these people were," Roach said.

Chief Daniels called in Texas Ranger Gary Henderson to look at the tapes. Henderson has no idea who the people are, either.

"So [the case] sits dormant for nearly

two years," Roach said.

One day, Henderson sees two familiar faces while leafing through a law enforcement trade magazine, Roach said. The photographs were part of a notice regarding an FBI search for a group of people wanted in connection with a series of coin-operated machine burglaries.

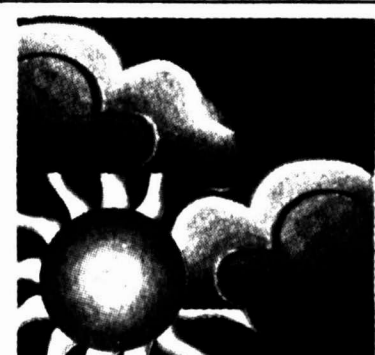
An FBI special agent positively identified two of the persons in the video tape, the DA said.

"Based upon that and other evidence, the Wheeler County grand jury issued the indictments," he said.

Normally, (burglarizing a coin-operated machine) would be a Class A misdemeanor, Roach said, but because of additional evidence the charge was enhanced to engaging in organized criminal activity, a third-degree felony.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, David Wahoviak of the Palestine Police Department and FBI Special Agent Bart Larocca arrested (See BURGLARY, Page 2)

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### Victim's advocate to speak Thursday

PAMPA — Ruth Chasteen, Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate at Pampa's Tralee Crisis Center for Women, Inc., will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the local chapter meeting of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Texas Panhandle-Pampa support group. The meeting will be at the Sheriff's Office, 218 N. Russell.

NAMI is a non-profit, grassroots, self-help support and advocacy organization of consumers, families and friends of people with severe mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety disorders.

Additional information may be obtained contacting Sharon King at 665-2818 or Rachel Hill at 835-2233.

### Lawmakers propose new four-year college

DALLAS (AP) — If two state lawmakers have their way, southern Dallas County eventually will have a full-fledged four-year university.

Sen. Royce West and Rep. Jesse Jones, both Dallas Democrats, plan to introduce a bill that would create the University of North Texas at Dallas out of the UNT System Center.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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### School board fun



Woody, the Woodrow Wilson Elementary mascot, welcomed Pampa School Board members recently when they were honored for their contributions in an assembly at the school. Board president Dr. Jay Johnson, left, John Curry, Joe Martinez, Lee Porter, Nancy Coffee and Pat Kennedy were recognized by Wilson School staff and teachers as part of Texas School Board Recognition Month.

## Probation funds drop; less cases given as reason

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Gray County's state adult probation funding has been cut by \$21,000 this year because the number of cases in the Community Supervision and Corrections Department has dropped.

That was the word from Chief Adult Probation Officer Jeff McClendon who appeared last week before the Gray County Commissioners Court.

County Judge Richard Peet asked if the reason for the decline is because crime is down.

McClendon indicated the number of cases taken to court is a determining factor in the number of persons placed on proba-

tion.

"I think we will see a change in the number of felony cases with the new district attorney in office," said McClendon. "I think we'll now see more cases filed."

McClendon was making reference to new 31st District Attorney Rick Roach who took office Jan. 1 after defeating former DA John Mann.

McClendon said the department now maintains an average of 250 to 260 probationers in Gray County. He said the usual amount in the past had been 325 to 350. The Gray County department has four probation officers including himself, he said. McClendon said he and the others divide the caseload.

He said probation fees are up (See PROBATION, Page 2)

## Deposition dates in Ready-PEDC lawsuit to be set

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

The scheduling of deposition dates in the lawsuit filed against the Pampa Economic Development Corporation by its former executive director Bill Ready could be worked out sometime next week.

That's according to Ready's attorney, John Judge of Austin, who said in a telephone interview Tuesday that he has talked with PEDC attorney Gary Schumann, also of Austin, about the timing.

"We agreed to get together next week with our calendars to work out a schedule," Judge said, adding that the depositions will most likely be taken in Amarillo.

Schumann was not available for comment this morning because he was in court.

Ready, now of Austin, filed the suit July 28, 2000, in Travis County where he lives. But legal wrangling over just the proper jurisdiction for the case recently resulted in it being moved to Amarillo, the site wanted by the PEDC.

In addition to the PEDC, Ready includes as individual defendants PEDC Board President Richard Stowers, board member Rogo David and former board member Lewis Meers.

Ready is alleging violations of his civil rights, the state's whistleblower law and libel and slander, according to his complaint.

The PEDC, Stowers, David and Meers have denied any wrongdoing.

(See LAWSUIT, Page 2)

## Duo flees pool hall theft try; manager strikes one on head

Pampa police continue to search for two men wearing ski masks who attempted to steal the day's profits from a local pool hall just as the manager was closing up shortly before midnight Tuesday.

At 11:50 p.m. Tuesday, Officer Shawn Waters responded to a report of a robbery at Pampa Athletic Club, 114 S. Frost. When he arrived, Joyce Dean Greco, manager of the business, told him that two Hispanic men had come to the front door and looked around several times that night, but did not go inside.

One time, she told police, one of the men spoke to a customer, then patted himself on the chest.

Greco said she began closing up for the night and had moved the cash from the cash register into a "safe place" when two men entered the business through the unlocked front door.

She described the men as wearing dark-colored ski masks, dark gloves, and dark sweat suit jackets with zippers.

The two men went to the cash register and seemed to be searching for money, the manager said. When no money was found, the men

looked around the room and saw Greco's white purse lying on the counter.

According to the police report, one of the men tried to take the purse. At that point, the report stated the manager began screaming and hit the man on the side of the head with her open hand.

Greco reported that her actions apparently frightened the men who ran outside the business and got into a dark sports-type car with a spoiler that had been parked on the west side of the building. She described the vehicle as possibly being a late-model Mustang, three to six years old.

The men backed out onto Atchinson Street, heading west, then turned north onto Somerville, she said.

Officers stopped a vehicle like the one Greco described for speeding shortly afterwards, according to the police report. However, the store manager could not identify the occupants as the suspects, records show.

The store manager told police that the men never spoke to her nor did they exhibit weapons or threaten her.

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## Water rights topic for Livestock Association convention

Topics concerning the future of water rights in Texas will highlight the 86th annual convention of the Panhandle Livestock Association when organization members meet Saturday at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

The evening activities will feature U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) as the speaker. He's set to talk about the new administration of President George W.

Bush and how it will affect the livelihoods of livestock producers.

The PLA will host a panel of speakers beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a panel discussion that continues until 11:30 a.m.

A spokesman for the PLA said organization members recognize the increasing importance of water issues in Texas. The panel discussion will be an attempt to keep land owners abreast of these issues

which profoundly effect the ability of landowners to produce food, fiber and a living from their land.

The panelists include Jack Hunt, CEO of the King Ranch; Paul Terrill, partner of Hazen and Terrill, attorneys in Austin; C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Charles Bowers, chairman of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation

District; and Steve Stevens, a representative of Mesa Water, Inc.

A luncheon follows the panel discussion, with the general meeting and director's meeting to follow.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a prime rib dinner served and comments from Thornberry.

At 8 p.m. a dance starts with the Tiny Lyn Band playing.

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News* today.

## Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Feb. 7

David Roy Holt, 32, 1612 Coffey, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Correction

In the Tuesday edition of *The Pampa News* an article referred to Pampa Police Officer Cody Brown. His correct name is Colby Brown.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Aitchery Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.53	dn 0.11
Milo	3.24	dn 0.13
Corn	3.60	dn 0.09
Soybeans	3.79	dn 0.04

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

Occidental	23.51	dn 0.11
Fidelity Mageln	121.79	dn 0.09
Puritan	19.07	dn 0.08

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

BP Amoco	52.13	dn 0.38
Cabot	33.72	up 0.06
Cabot O&G	27.75	dn 0.25
Chevron	83.24	dn 1.45
Coca Cola	59.86	up 0.44

## Court report

(Editor's note: We are running behind on the collection of court news and are catching up. The following report is from July, 2000)

Enticing a child was dismissed against Tyra Mignon Nickell due to insufficient evidence.

DWI was dismissed against Arturo Mendoza because the defendant was convicted in another case.

Penny Jean Summers was found guilty of DWI. She was fined \$750, 45 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 50 hours of community service.

Michael Andrew Chaney was found guilty of Criminal Mischief. He was fined \$400, 30 days in Gray Co. jail, 6 months probation and 40 hours of community service.

Gregory Von Duff was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. He was fined \$1,000, 50 days in Gray Co. jail, court costs and 50 hours of community service.

Derral Elwood Hext pled no contest to possession of marijuana. He was fined \$750, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 1 year probation, court costs and 40 hours of community service.

Weldon Tyrone Evans was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$1,200, 90 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 80 hours of probation.

Steven Gregory Franks was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$900, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 40 hours of community service.

Brandy Nicole Gordon was found guilty of possession of marijuana. She was placed on 6 months probation, \$350 fine, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

Valerie Parks Cole was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. She was placed on 6 months probation, \$350 fine, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

Susan Bowles was found guilty of theft by check. She was placed on 6 months probation, \$350 fine, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

Nancy Barton was found guilty of theft by check, class-B. She was placed on 6 months probation, \$500 fine, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

John Paul Smith was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$1,500, 100 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 80 hours of community service.

## Police report

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

Tuesday, Feb. 6

A bicycle valued at \$125 was reported stolen from the 1100 block of East Francis.

A representative of Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart, reported theft of gasoline.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

A representative of Pampa Athletic Club, 114 S. Frost, reported an attempted theft.

## Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Feb. 6

10:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to the 2200 block of Lynn.

8:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Christy and transported one to PRMC.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

2:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

## BURGLARY

Trelia Renee Moon Shaw, 30, at R&S Recovery and Towing in Crockett, an East Texas community near Lufkin, officials said.

Bond was set at \$125,000, Roach said and she is presently free on bond.

John Williams Shaw, 36, turned himself in to Houston County authorities in Crockett on Sunday, Feb. 3, Chief Daniels said.

Because of two prior felony convictions, the charges against John Shaw were enhanced to a first degree felony, Roach said. John Shaw remained in Houston County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond, he added.

The DA explained that the third Wheeler County indictment named an individual who appeared in the videotape who was known only as "John Doe."

The person has since been identified as John Lee Hinson, 49, he said. Hinson is presently being held in a state jail facility at Palestine, he said.

"These people have engaged over many years in burglarizing coin-op vending machines over 12 states," Roach said.

He said one of the suspects had extensive locksmithing knowledge that was used to open the machines.

"They'd make the rounds two or three times a year, then they'd take the quarters and cash them at Las Vegas. They estimated they were bringing in over \$1 million a year," Roach said.

"The FBI had been after these people four, five, six years," he said. "Every time they'd catch them, they'd pay a big fine and be off again."

"It's funny," Roach mused. "This guy thought he was catching kids stealing from a Coke machine and look what he found."

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## LAWSUIT

Ready was fired by the PEDC on Sept. 13, 1999 for reasons previously reported that included allegations of misuse of the PEDC's credit card, using the PEDC's Suburban for personal use and lying about going to a meeting in Lubbock that did not occur. Later, Ready's attempt to receive unemployment compensation was rejected by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Asked Tuesday if he has received any settlement offers from the PEDC, Judge said, "Nothing serious," adding that he doesn't expect what he considers more serious offers "until there is some heat put on."

Asked who he plans to depose, Judge named Stowers, David and Meers, adding that he will also question others including, but not limited to, "... some individuals who have had similar experiences [to Ready]."

Asked what he meant by "similar experiences," Judge said, "People who know specifics as to how they experienced the conflict of interest within the

PEDC.

"We set out areas of conflict of interest in the complaint," Judge told *The Pampa News*. "Stowers using his knowledge of information he gained as a board member to give him a competitive edge for his Chevrolet dealership [Culberson-Stowers]. Meers to encourage grant recipients to use his accountancy business for CPA work at higher [than market] rates."

Among Ready's allegations are that Stowers insisted the PEDC Suburban be leased for the executive director to be acquired from Culberson-Stowers. Ready also claims he observed apparent irregularities involving Stowers' interaction with the now defunct U.S. Bus Manufacturing of Texas, Inc., a PEDC recipient of about \$1.6 million before involuntary bankruptcy was initiated by creditors other than the PEDC.

Regarding David, the complaint alleges Ready was asked to pay golf tournament fees in Ruidoso, N.M., for David's wife, with PEDC funds - something Ready said he was told was standard practice for the corporation to expend tax-revenue-generated funds in such a manner.

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## PROBATION

so it offsets the department's financial loss. McClendon said state funding is based on the number of cases handled by the department as well as population.

In other business, it was decided that Gray County employees who have questions regarding medical insurance with Insurance Management Systems are to contact insurance representative Mark Cadra in Amarillo.

Going before the the commissioners court will be the next step if an employee believes an insurance problem has not been resolved.

The commission unanimously reached the consensus in discussing a policy to be implemented for any potential IMS health insurance concerns.

Peet said a memo will be distributed to all covered employees instructing them on the procedure.

Also, commissioners gave approval to a hanger lease transaction. Donald Harrison is purchasing a

hanger at the airport from Donald Carlson.

The commission also decided to continue for the third year with Doshier-Pickens audit firm. The fee will be \$8,750 compared to the charge of \$8,900 last year.

Bank depository bids will be taken on March 15 for the upcoming year. Bank of America is currently the depository for Gray County funds.

County commission approved \$211,917 in county bills and a payroll of \$190,600 to be paid. Payment of bills concerning some expenditures in Constable Chris Lockridge's budget was not authorized. The expenditures were not approved until Lockridge could be at the next commissioners court meeting to discuss the purchases with the commission from the 2000 budget year.

In question are several items of protective equipment, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris. She said these are a helmet, three holsters and knee pads. Morris said there was no money left in Lockridge's budget to pay for the items.

## Band can sing the beer song again

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The University of Iowa marching band can again celebrate Hawkeye basketball victories by singing the polka song "In heaven there is no beer."

Band director L. Kevin Kastens told his musicians of the decision by e-mail Tuesday. The band members had stopped singing the song's lyrics this semester because a parent complained about the words:

"In heaven, there is no beer. That's why we drink it here. And when we're gone from here, all our friends will be drinkin' all the beer."

Tom Aunan, an Iowa City parent and teacher, questioned the appropriateness of the song, given the university and city's efforts to stem underage and binge drinking.

Athletic director Bob Bowlsby called it "a real stretch" to link the song to binge drinking.

"This song is simply a standard polka which

Band member Jason Peterson said the temporary ban probably made the song even more popular.

Hawkeye fans enjoy participating in after Iowa victories," Kastens' e-mail said.

Aunan declined to comment. The issue may be reconsidered after the men's basketball season, when the Athletics Department reviews all policies.

The beer song has been performed for about 20 years after victories by the Hawkeyes' football and basketball teams.

Band member Jason Peterson said the temporary ban probably made the song even more popular.

"It probably brought more attention to the tradition," he said. "Students and supporters will probably sing even louder now."

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### Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, breezy with considerable high cloudiness. Highs around 60. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Caution advised on area lakes today and Thursday. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 39. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, cloudy and turning breezy. A 30 percent chance of light rain or sleet. Early highs near 40 with temperatures falling into the mid 30s by late afternoon. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty shifting to the north by late afternoon. High yesterday was

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**STATEWIDE** — An end to several days of glorious weather was near as clouds and a chance for thunderstorms were expected to hit much of Texas by Wednesday evening, forecasters said. A warm front is expected to move across North Texas Wednesday, bringing partly cloudy skies and a slight chance for rain, the National Weather Service said. High temperatures should be in the low to mid-70s. West Texas should be mostly cloudy with a slight chance for rain, forecasters said. Considerable high cloudiness

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was expected with highs 55 to 60. Lows should dip into the mid-20s. Most of the region should expect temperatures in the mid-60s to low 70s, although in some areas of the Rio Grande, temperatures could peak in the 80s. The skies should become partly cloudy in South Texas on Wednesday, with temperatures mostly in the mid-70s to low 80s. The forecast for South Texas Thursday calls for increasing cloudiness and a chance for rain, with temperatures expected to drop into the 40s and 50s.

## Agent shoots man with gun outside gate of White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Secret Service officer shot a man with a gun outside the White House on Wednesday, officials said. President Bush was reported safe inside the residence.

The gunman was shot in the leg by a uniformed Secret Service officer after he was found "brandishing a gun outside" the White House's southwest gate, said Marc Connolly, a Secret Service spokesman.

Connolly said one shot was fired, and struck the gunman in the leg.

The incident occurred around 11:30 a.m. EST, and the man with the gun was taken to nearby George Washington University Hospital.

Secret Service agents and police surrounded the White House.

Bush was in the White House residence and "was never in any danger," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

Eyewitness Sook Jo, from Centerville, Va., said she was waiting for a friend on the south side of the White House when she heard a popping

sound, followed by smoke. After that, Secret Service agents came out yelling "drop it" and the man slowly sat down on the ground.

A spokeswoman for Rep. Bob Clement, D-Tenn. said Clement was attending a meeting with Bush Chief of Staff Andrew Card in the West Wing of the White House at the time of the incident and no one was allowed to leave the grounds after the meeting.

"They locked down the entire White House," said the spokeswoman, Christi Ray.

At the Treasury Department, the entrance between the department and White House was immediately closed.

Security has been tightened in and around the White House in recent years. The most significant change was the closing of the section of Pennsylvania Avenue that passed in front of the Executive Mansion. Wednesday's incident was on the opposite side of the White House, the back side facing toward the Washington Monument.

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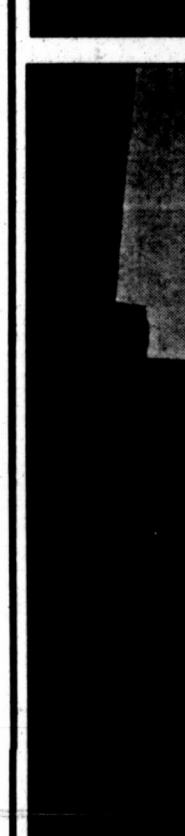
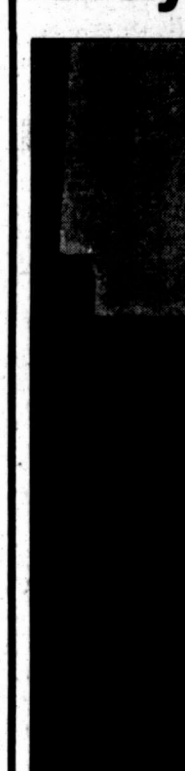
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# Calendar of events

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM**  
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

**LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

**HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION**  
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second

Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. 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.

**PHS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of

February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

**GED TESTING**  
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a 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.

**CLASS OF 1961**  
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

**PANHANDLE MEETING**  
The Panhandle Association of Petroleum Landmen will gather for social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Amarillo. Members are admitted free. Cost to non-members is \$30. Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through May.

**BSP SCHOLARSHIP DANCE**  
The local City Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will host its annual Scholarship Benefit Dance from 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Saturday, Feb. 10 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Participants will dance to the sound of Fence Walker Band. Tickets are \$25 in advance per couple and \$30 at the door. Casino activities will also be featured at the event. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Terry Harrison at 665-6037 or any other sorority member. Pampa City Council of BSP has awarded scholarships since 1964, totaling approximately \$70,000.

**LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER**  
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 10 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

**CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE**  
Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement Sunshine Lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Texas Rose Steakhouse. Strictly "Dutch treat," the luncheon serves as a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

**ACT I**  
ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will present its winter dinner-theater "Natalie Needs a Nightie" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 at its auditorium in the Pampa Mall. The event will get under way with a prime rib dinner to be catered by Clint and Sons at 6:30 p.m. followed by the actual production at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for the meal and \$7.50 for the show. For reservations or for more information, call Computech Computers at 665-3266. Deadline to RSVP is two days prior to the show. The play is under the direction of Gary Hartman.

**MS SUPPORT GROUP**  
A support group for people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis will meet at 12 noon, Friday, Feb. 23 at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, for a brown bag lunch. Gail Lindsey, program director for the panhandle chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will discuss the most recent

research regarding treatment. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500. For information on how to participate in the annual MS WALK or other upcoming fund-raisers, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500.

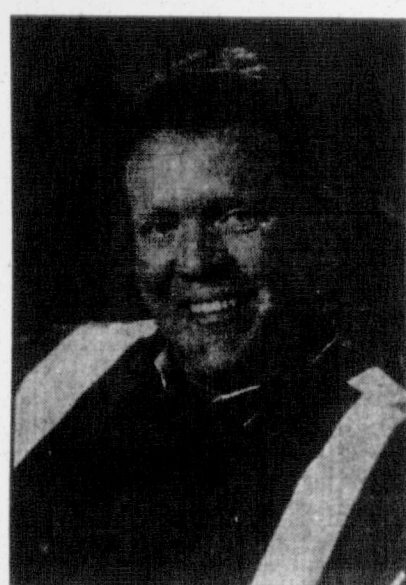
**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10,

so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

**INDUSTRIAL CONTROL TRAINING COURSE**  
The Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center of the Texas Engineering, Extension Service will conduct an Industrial Control Training Course from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., March 26-27 at the University of Texas at Arlington. The course will target maintenance technicians, facility maintenance employees, electrical maintenance personnel and automation technicians. For more information, call TMAC at 1-800-625-4876 or visit [www.tmac.org](http://www.tmac.org) on the World Wide Web.

## Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club to meet

Tim Lewis, a published playwright and author of 16 plays and musicals plus two novels, will be the featured entertainment at the upcoming meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork club at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Pampa Country Club, according to Shirley Winborne, secretary. Lewis will present "Standin' in the Stirrups."



Tim Lewis

Lewis is a professional speaker, cowboy poet, singer and songwriter. He is an avid authority on Texas and cowboy culture as well, recently creating the well-received musical review "Can't Get Enough of Texas."

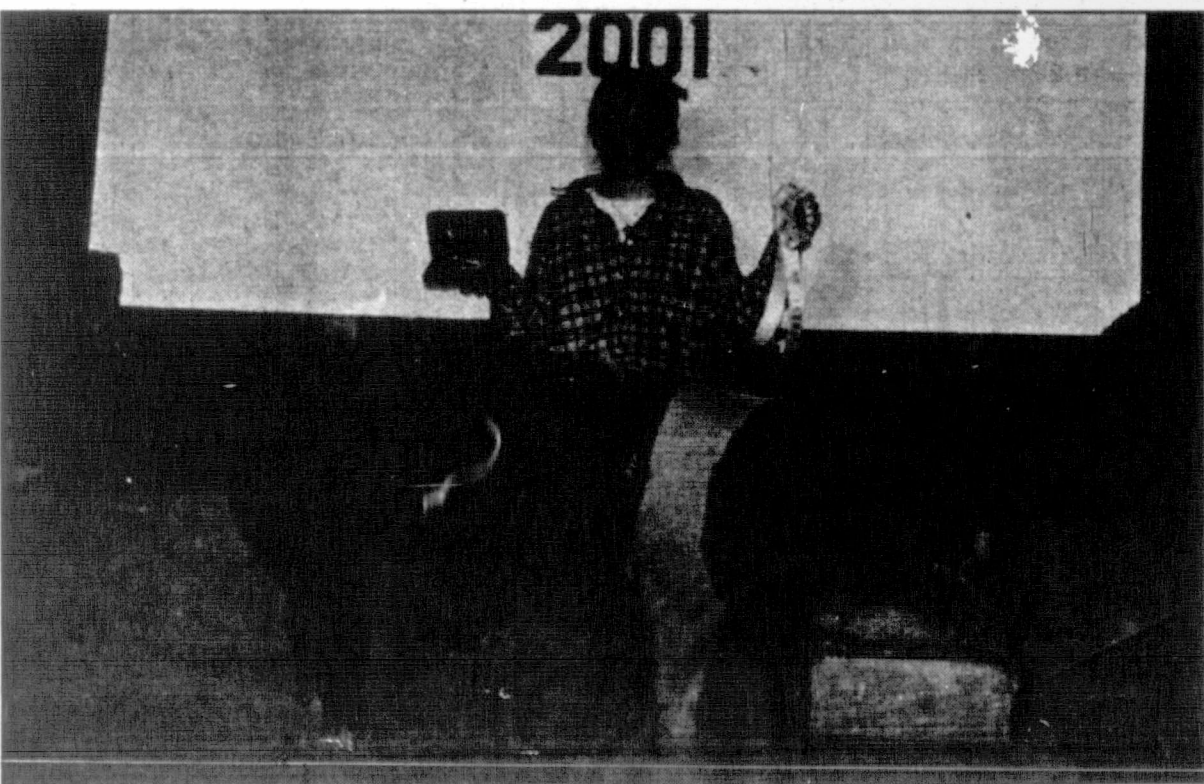
Lewis' performance credits include "Celebrate Life," "The Old Maid and the Thief," "The King and I," "The Music Man," "The Pane Game," "Death of a Salesman," "No Vacancy," "Texas Proud" and "Can't Get Enough of Texas." In addition, he is a charter member of the group "StarJazz" which travels with the Otwell Twins of Lawrence Welk fame. He recently recorded three of his original songs on a compact disc entitled "Comanche Free."

Lewis received his formal training at Sam Houston State University, majoring in music education with a vocal emphasis. After completing 18 gradu-

ate hours in playwriting and directing at the University of Texas in Austin, he entered the master's program at West Texas A&M University to study the history of Texas and the Southwest.

Tickets for the meeting are available this week at Dunlap's department store in Coronado Shopping Center during regular business hours. Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the meeting.

## Gray County Livestock Show and Sale



(Special photos)

Area 4-H and FFA members recently participated in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Winners included Zach Licklighter, top, Grand Champion Barrow; and Kori Dunn, bottom, Reserve Grand Champion Barrow.

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# Tax Preparer Urges Parents To Leave Deductions at Home

DEAR ABBY: I have been preparing tax returns for 15 years. In all this time, I have seen many people from all walks of life. My pet peeve is people who bring their children with them when they have us prepare their taxes. I have had children unplug my computer, spill drinks on my desk, run around as if my office is a play school — and their parents do nothing to discipline them. I find it impossible to concentrate when a child is screaming or crawling under my desk.

People have 3 1/2 months to get their taxes done. During that time, I know they could find a baby sitter for a few hours. It would make my job so much easier.

My job is stressful. I will do no less than 500 tax returns between now and April 15. Often people must wait for hours in our office just to be seen. In that environment, children become very restless. We are more likely to make a mistake if we have to baby-sit children while figuring taxes.

So, Abby, please inform your readers to leave their kids at home. If necessary, exchange baby-sitting services with a neighbor, relative or friend while you get your taxes done. It could result in a larger refund, less time spent, and everyone being a lot happier.

TAXED TAX PREPARER

DEAR TAXED: Your comments make a lot of sense, and I'm sure you're not the only tax preparer who faces this prob-



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

lem. Business offices are not set up to accommodate young children, regardless of how well behaved they may be. Active children cannot be expected to sit silently for long periods of time as adults can. Not only is it unfair to the little ones, it can also be a nightmare for adults who are trying to work.

If parents heed your advice, everyone will benefit.

DEAR ABBY: I am 26-year-old woman and my best friend is 42. Her husband is insanely jealous when we do anything together. He's even jealous of me because I can make her laugh! He picks fights with her when we decide to do something — he throws things, swears his tires in the driveway, calls us lovers (which we are not), anything to get attention.

I am always on my best behavior when I'm at their house so as not to cause any trouble. This situation is not only frustrating, but it's making it difficult to remain friends. This has gone on for four years, and I

don't know how much more I can tolerate. Abby, could you please point me in the right direction?

AT MY WIT'S END, ALMA, MICH.

P.S. I don't think he's going to get therapy for this anytime soon.

DEAR WIT'S END: Your friend's husband is counting on the idea that his outrageous behavior will drive you away. If you haven't already done so, talk with your friend about how childish and controlling his behavior is. His attempt to isolate her friends is a form of abuse. Since it has reached the point of exceeding your level of tolerance, schedule your visits away from her home.

P.S. It's sad this man won't consider therapy. He needs it. Your friend could benefit from counseling, too, in order to understand why she tolerates his behavior.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

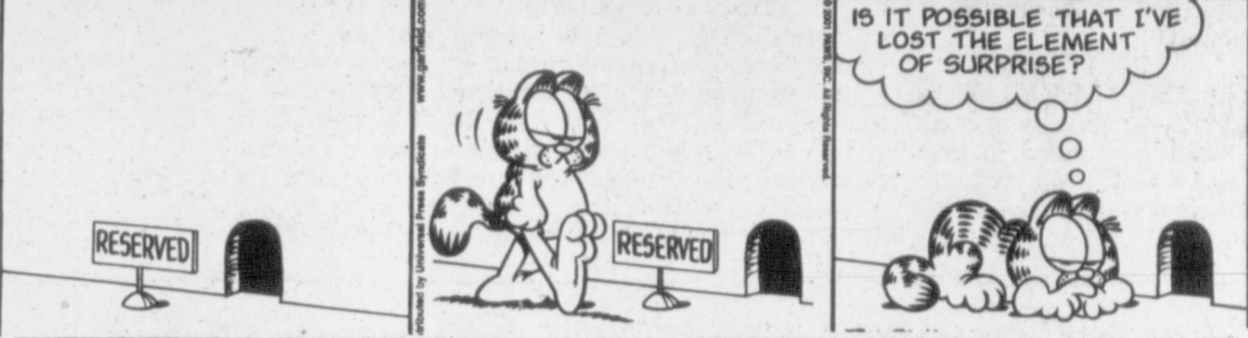
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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* You might have a hard time, because you could wake up on the wrong side of the bed. A temper tantrum helps you clear your energy, but what does it do to others? Confusion stems from communication. Don't give up; keep at it. You might be overwhelmed by all that you see and hear. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Someone does not agree with you, and he lets you know it. Are you being hard on another? Think about what you are doing. Discussions need to come from a point of being positive. Drop the attitude. Tonight: Treat another.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Where others lose it and fall apart, you stay together. Observe, listen and ask questions. You could feel let down or disappointed by another. Stay cheerful and understand that you will find solutions. Keep conversations going. Don't let others shut you down. Tonight: Make the first move.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Expenses could cause you to shut down or to be depressed. Avoid any risks as you seek solutions. Have more faith in your abilities. Your instincts serve you

well once you get past a heavy mood. A child or loved one throws a tantrum. Let understanding melt barriers. Tonight: Study your budget.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Those you generally count on could be less than helpful. Home base could be a source of irritation. Answers don't come easily. Carefully think through a decision that involves a friendship. Start planning this year's vacation. Tonight: Your smile wins the day.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You might not be sure about what is appropriate. Avoid a tendency to react, and attempt to stay centered. Someone might not be avoiding you; he might be having a hard time expressing himself. Be understanding. Give another some time. Tonight: Do your thing.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Discussions, especially those involving money, could blow up. Another might withhold or be unhelpful. Getting someone to agree could pose a challenge for you. Listen carefully to an expert, who might have a lot more insight than you realize. Tonight: How 'bout some racquetball?

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Your displeasure communicates itself loud and clear. Think about what you need to say to allow another to understand you better or at least become less reactive. Avoid someone who can be cranky or difficult. Answers will come from a trusted friend. Tonight: Togetherness works.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Make an effort toward those who might not be as upbeat as you are. Fatigue could mar your work, increasing

your frustration. Consider taking a few days off in the near future. Ultimately, it will help you as well as those around you. Curb your anger. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Deal with others directly. Should a confrontation occur, don't pull back. Instead, ask questions. Your sense of humor helps you get past the immediate heaviness of a situation. Be willing to start all over or regroup. Tonight: Make an overture to a loved one.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Everyone appears to be making demands. Bosses push your buttons, and you wonder whether you can meet the challenge. Don't allow anyone to push you too far. Avoid being depressed or closing down. Through your creativity, you find answers. Tonight: Be especially nice to a loved one.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* You hear news or gossip that might stop you in your tracks. Think through a decision that involves your work. Someone could be difficult or hard to understand. Stay optimistic. Others seek you out. Tonight: Stay close to home.

### BORN TODAY

Author Jules Verne (1828), author John Grisham (1955), actor Nick Nolte (1940)

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Diner side dish
- 2 Easter symbols
- 5 Sparklers
- 9 Sites of some veins
- 11 "The Balcony" painter
- 12 Top stars
- 13 Battle site of 1836
- 14 Border need
- 15 Go wild the
- 17 Oolong holders
- 19 Refinery need
- 20 Vegas machines
- 21 Be a snoop
- 22 Stage comment
- 24 Guy's date
- 26 Tied a sneaker
- 29 Take in
- 30 Decorative tie
- 32 Raiders' home
- 34 One-time
- 35 Flight unit
- 36 Disables
- 38 Shore fliers
- 39 Wield
- 40 Theater unit
- 41 Otherwise



Yesterday's answer

- 18 Ember
- 21 Farmers' market unit
- 23 Loaf
- 24 Vandyke's cousin
- 25 Turkey's capital
- 27 Tooth cover
- 28 Grandparents, often
- 29 Expenses
- 30 Saloons
- 31 Discernment
- 33 Pocket fuzz
- 37 Fire-fighting tool

## Marmaduke



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# SPORTS

## Bulldogs almost catch Harvesters

### Blocked shots, key rebound by George gives Pampa a lift

By JERRY HEASLEY  
Pampa News Correspondent

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters held off a fierce late fourth-quarter Borger rally, punctuated by a rare 4-point play, to defeat the Bulldogs 44-43 Tuesday night in the next to the last home game of the season.

The game changed leads in the first quarter, then Pampa, led by steals and fast break points by Gary Alexander and a series of blocks by Kirk George (three in a row at one stretch, which brought a standing ovation from the student body) emerged with a 10-point lead by halftime.

The Harvesters carried a 9-point cushion into the fourth quarter before the fireworks started with 3:04 left. Borger narrowed the lead to 35-31 and had the ball in their court when Alexander swiped a pass and was off to the races for a layup.

When Adam Rodgers hit a pair of free throws and extended the lead to 39-33, the clock had ticked under three minutes. This set the stage for Borger's Ryan Hall.

The 5-10 junior hit a 3-point jumper and got fouled. He sank the free throw for the four-point play and narrowed the margin to 39-37.

Suddenly, it looked like the Dogs might catch the Harvesters.

Alexander, again, stole the ball with five Dogs nipping at his heels as he streaked downcourt.

This time, Borger's Steven Hughes, a 6-0 junior with uncanny leaping abilities, timed his jump and blocked the shot, but above the cone of the basket.

Alexander signaled goal tending and so did the referee, who counted the basket to give Pampa a 41-37 lead.

Hughes, who had made the four-point play, got fouled on Borger's next possession. He missed the first shot from the charity stripe and hit the second one, narrowing Pampa's lead to 41-38. Alexander extended Pampa's lead to 43-38 with another driving layup, and the Harvesters appeared to

be in control with the clock down to about a minute and a half.

Then the Dogs attacked again, stealing the ball not once, but twice on successive inbounds plays under their own basket. Hughes took advantage again with a two-pointer to make it 43-40. On the second steal, Kendrick Dickson hit the jackpot and rung up the crowd into a frenzy with a two-point goal, the foul and the free throw, tying the game at 43-43.

With 1:24 left, it was a brand-new ballgame. Alexander, who was high scorer with 21 points, got fouled and hit one of two from the line, making the score 44-43. Borger head coach Matt Clark called time out. Their strategy, apparently, was to burn the remaining 40 seconds for one last shot. At three to

four seconds on the clock, Brady Herbert sent the ball high into the air over the outstretched arms of senior Tanner Hucks. The ball rebounded off the iron and the game was still up in the air. Borger had been getting position inside for offensive rebounds. The game now came down to a battle between the 6-0 Hughes of Borger and the 6-4 George of Pampa. George hauled down the rebound and went to the floor, protecting the ball as the Dogs surrounded him and the buzzer sounded to end the game in McNeely Fieldhouse.

One has to wonder how Pampa might have fared in the district this year had George not gone out with a bone fracture in his foot several weeks ago, right before the key second-half district battles. A mid-

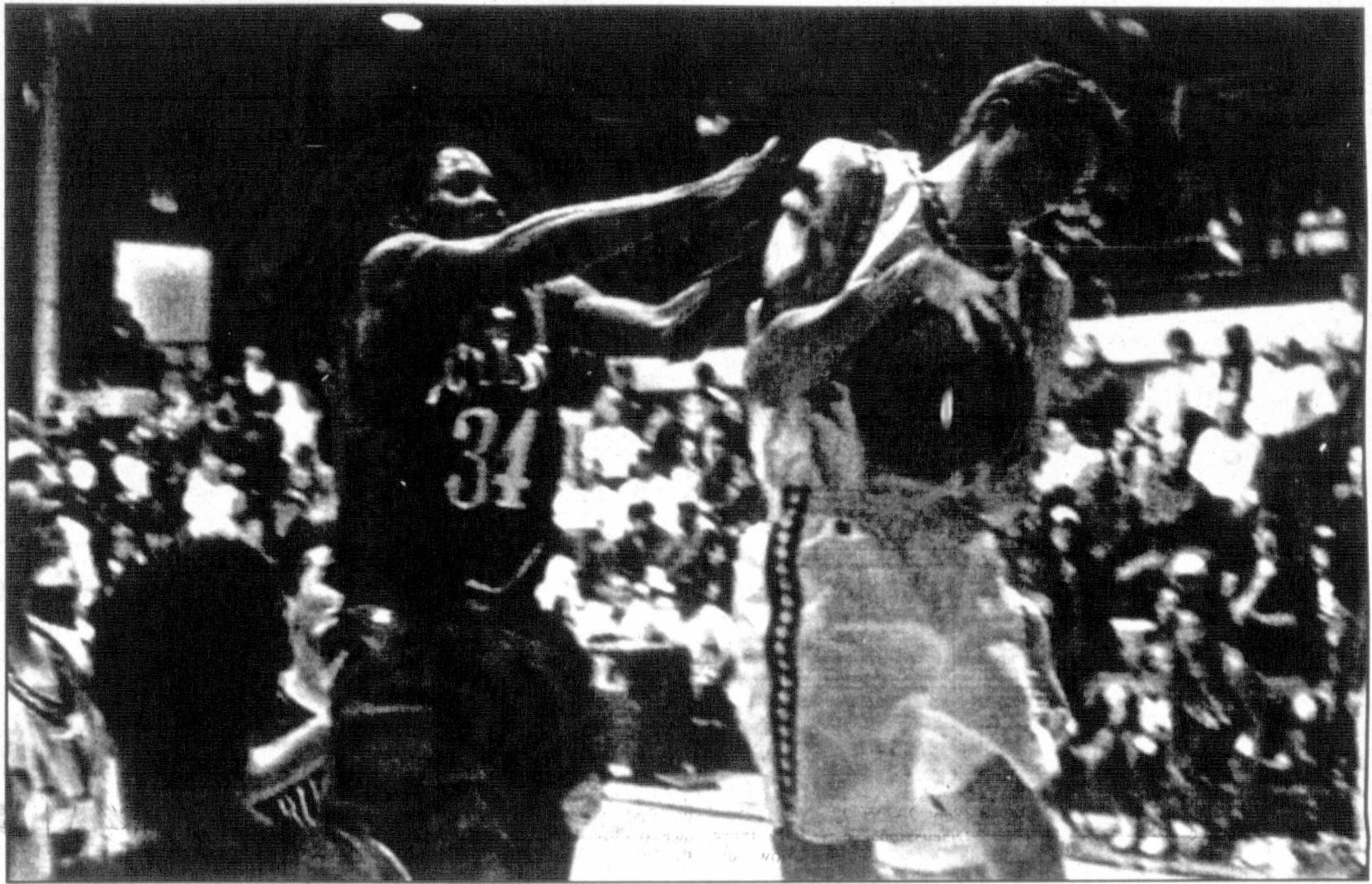
mannered post player off the court, George plays unselfish ball and worries shot-makers inside. His pair of successive blocked jump shots against Dickson gave Pampa the more solidified look of a contender they carried earlier in the season.

Pampa might be out of the playoffs, but they have Palo Duro here Friday, then a return match with the heavyweight Hereford Whitefaces on the road in their final game of the year.

Victor Brooks added 12 points for Pampa against the Bulldogs while George had 4, Adam Rodgers 4 and Kyle Francis 3.

Dickson's 14 points paced Borger.

Hall chipped in 9 points and Herbert 7.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Kirk George grabs a defensive rebound against Borger as time expires Tuesday night.

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Borger handed a 71-44 loss to the Pampa Lady Harvesters, who closed out their season Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Megan Paige led Borger's attack with 27 points while Maggie Sauls tossed in 20.

Jennifer Lindsey paced the Lady Harvesters with 13 points. Others with points were Ashley Derington 8, Lindsey Narron 7, Chasity Nachtigall 6, Morgan White 5, Stephanie Cameron 3 and Cali Covalt 2.

PAMPA — Pampa Red ended the season with a 48-37 win over Borger in 8th grade boys basketball action Monday night.

Brandon Johnston was Pampa Red's scoring leader with 13 points, followed by Seth Foster 11, Clayton Hall 10 and Heath Miller 7.

Pampa Red finished the season with a 12-3 record and second place in district. The team has a combined 24-3 record the last two years.

For the Pampa Blue, they were involved in one of the most exciting games of the season in the other 8th grade contest.

The Blue team edged Borger 41-40 in overtime.

Mark Murray was Pampa's high scorer with 14 points. Ricky Gattis followed with 8 points while Jared Winegart and Andrew Fraser added 4 each.

Pampa Blue was 12-4 and placed second in district. The Blue team has a 24-4 record as 7th and 8th graders.

SHAMROCK — Wheeler downed Shamrock 66-45 Tuesday night to close out the basketball season.

Brad Frame was Wheeler's high scorer with 16 points. Caleb Finsterwald and Kelby Ledbetter added 12 points each.

Shamrock won the girls game by a score of 65-42.

Shamrock's Vanita Wright and Wheeler's Lyndi Finsterwald each had 19 points.

### SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa meets Caprock Thursday afternoon in a District 3-4A boys soccer match at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Pampa dropped a district opener to Randall 2-1 Monday. Pampa's goal came on a penalty kick by Chance Crain.

### FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Robert Smith, who led the NFC in rushing with the Minnesota Vikings last season, is retiring after a career marked by a series of injuries.

His agent, Neil Cornrich, said Smith has decided to "embark on another aspect of his professional life."

"I think he has many opportunities," Cornrich said. "He hasn't narrowed the field down. Whatever he eventually chooses, I think he will excel."

Among the choices could be medical school. Smith was pre-med at Ohio State and has suggested at times that he might go that route.

Smith, who was the leading rusher in Vikings history with 6,818 yards in eight seasons, didn't give a reason for his decision, first reported Wednesday in the (Cleveland) Plain Dealer. Cornrich shrugged off the notion that Smith was tired of the battering.

"He could easily play five more years without jeopardizing his health," Cornrich said. "He just decided to go in another direction at this point."

Smith, who will turn 29 next month, played only one full 16-game season during his career and had his third knee operation last week.

Cornrich said he had been optimistic that Smith, who was close with Vikings coach Dennis Green, would re-sign with the team despite some salary cap problems and the lure of the open market.

## Sooners chase after Longhorns in recruiting war

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

The Texas Longhorns have once again rounded up the best collection of incoming recruits the state has to offer.

The difference this year was that some of coach Mack Brown's toughest competition came from the north (Oklahoma) instead of the south (Texas A&M).

Sooners coach Bob Stoops swooped south of the Red River and went home with more prospects than in his own state. Oklahoma was expected to have 15 Texans among the 28 players signing letters of intent Wednesday.

National recruiting analysts are mostly split on whether UT or OU had the better haul, but the incoming classes for both schools are ranked among the

top six in the country.

The Longhorns were aided greatly by recent commitments from all-around star Quan Cosby of Mart and Waco linebacker Derrick Johnson, both of whom also were considering becoming Sooners.

"Both teams are going to be real happy," said analyst Allen Wallace of SuperPrep.

Texas A&M is likely to be second-best in the state, followed by Texas Tech, Houston and Texas Christian.

The Cougars are the surprise team of 2001. Coach Dana Dimmel's intense efforts in the Houston area and throughout the state have paid off as 21 of his 23 expected signees are from Texas.

TCU was a major player last year as it was cruising out of a great season and heading into another. This time, the defection

of coach Dennis Franchione and the graduation of star running back LaDainian Tomlinson appears to have triggered a dropoff.

"It's not so much because they think (new coach) Gary Patterson or his staff is not capable, it's the timing of the situation," said analyst Bobby Burton of Rivals100.com. "You look at it and you notice they lost some kids who they probably 'could've gotten.'"

The Sooners' biggest prizes on Texas include running back Jonta Hickson of McKinney, receiver Brandon Jones of Texarkana Liberty-Eylau and defensive linemen Tommie Harris of Killeen Ellison and Brett Rayl of Lewisville.

OU's Lone Star crop is well-rounded, too, featuring eight defenders and seven offensive players, counting a kicker. Eight

of the 22 Oklahoma signees were from Texas last year.

"Stoops has re-established Texas as a primary recruiting ground," Burton said. "He did extremely well with the top-level guys, but if he takes more strides on the field next year he could get even bigger numbers from Texas."

Brown's amazing run in recruiting since arriving in Austin has been compared to the so-called roundups Darrell Royal ran in his heyday. What Stoops is doing is a modern-day version of the Lone Star State talent raids that Barry Switzer thrived upon.

As Stoops improves his footing in Texas, he can use one weapon Switzer never had: a guarantee that OU will play Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor every year. That's something the Texas Big 12

schools feared when the conference was created and now, after five seasons, it appears to be coming true.

"Oklahoma will always recruit Texas fairly well. It's just a matter of how well," Wallace said. "It's perhaps more impressive now because the Longhorns have established themselves as a tough nut to crack. Mack Brown has a definite angle on keeping the best Texas prospects coming to Austin."

Burton and Wallace rank the Aggies' class somewhere in the 20s, although Wallace said the gap between A&M and Texas isn't as big as it seems.

"A&M probably is not going to get the exposure it deserves for this class and that's because of Texas," he said. "That's unfair to the Aggies because they'll remain capable of beating Texas with the athletes they sign."

## Illinois takes over Big 10 lead

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Michigan State is not conceding the Big Ten championship, and Illinois is not accepting the favorite's label.

The seventh-ranked Illini beat the fourth-ranked Spartans 77-66 Tuesday night, ending a five-game losing streak to the defending national champions and taking a one-game lead in the conference.

"That was a big step," first-year Illinois coach Bill Self said. "In order to be considered among the elite, you've got to beat the elite."

Cory Bradford, who had not scored more than 20 points all season, partly because a gimpy knee put a hitch in his jump shot, killed the Spartans with six 3-pointers and 22 points.

"These guys have been kicking our butts the last couple years," Bradford said. "They've been the team to beat in the Big Ten. We felt it was our time to take over."

Not so fast, Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. There are six Big Ten games left.

"We're going to try to win the next six," Izzo said. "We've been in this position before. I don't think the Big Ten is won in one game. This team has some young players and they have to grow and realize one, two or three mistakes can cost you a game."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday night, it was No. 1 North Carolina 80, No. 19 Wake Forest 74; Kentucky 71, No. 8 Florida 70; and Georgia Tech 72, No. 13 Maryland 62.

Michigan State (18-3, 7-3) was 3-for-18 from 3-point range, most of the misses coming during two lengthy runs by the Illini to finish both halves.

But Izzo said the Spartans lost because of "complete mental breakdowns" on defense, especially against Bradford.

"We had some defensive lapses and you can't leave him open," Spartans guard Charlie Bell said. "It takes a lot out of you. He was knocking down every shot he took, even with a hand in his face."

Illinois (18-5, 8-2) also got 14 points from Frank Williams and 12 from Brian Cook. Jason Richardson led Michigan State with 19 points, and Bell added 14.

Self improved his team to do better on the boards, constantly reminding them Michigan State was leading the nation in that statistic and that Illinois lost at East Lansing last year mostly because it got out rebounded 41-16. On Tuesday, Michigan State's advantage on the boards was just 35-29.

Izzo said Michigan State had an even harder time dealing with Illinois' depth and versatility because the Spartans played on Sunday.

"One day is hard to prepare for a team that is as good as they are, as deep as they are," Izzo said. "And then to go on the road."

Midway through the first half, Illinois' pressure defense became a factor. Bradford hit a 3-pointer, the Illinois press forced Michigan State into a turnover in the backcourt and Williams hit another 3. That started a 22-8 run.

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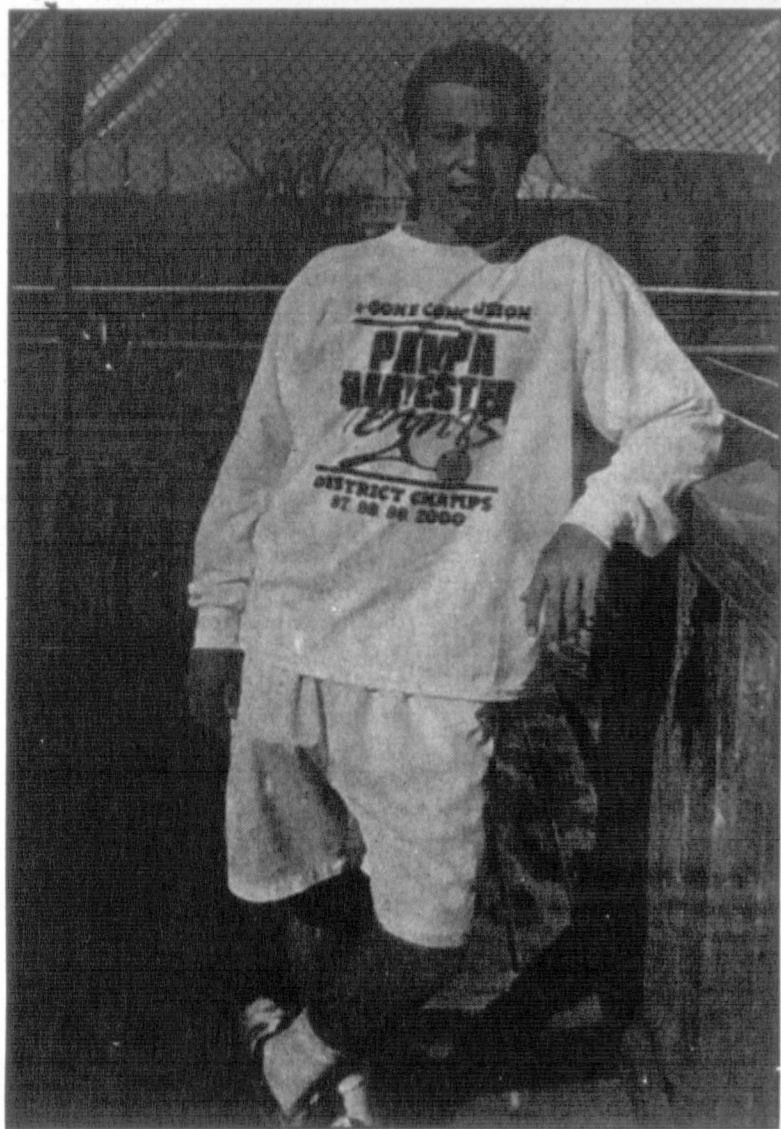
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## USTA champ



(Special photo)

Pampa High tennis player Michael Cornelison (above) won the USTA Champs Tournament held last weekend in Wichita Falls. Cornelison defeated Evan Puglia 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, in the finals. His other wins came against Mark Webb 6-1, 7-6 (first round), Dustin Webb 6-2, 6-3 (quarterfinals) and Dane Gussis 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 (semifinals). He's the first Pampa male tennis player to achieve the Super Champ level in the USTA. Cornelison will be playing doubles this spring with teammate Bryce Jordan. They were last year's district doubles champions.

## Bucks win district title

WHITE DEER — Dustin Harper, a 5-11 junior, tossed in 28 points as White Deer rolled past Claude 61-36 Tuesday night in the last game of the regular season.

The Bucks are the District 2-1A champions while Claude finished second in the district standings.

Brian Knocke added 11 points for the Bucks, who are 8-0 in district and 17-6 for the season.

Josh Lewis was Claude's scoring leader with 10 points. Dustin Beck followed with 6.

White Deer was leading 39-26 after three quarters and went on a 22-point spree in the fourth period.

Claude was 6-2 in district and 13-9 for the season.

In the girls game, White Deer wrapped up the second-place playoff spot with a 68-64 win over Claude.

Cassie Petty, Samantha Parks and Suni Petty all had 19 points to lead the Does offense.

White Deer led at the half 32-26.

Ashley Cameron had 21 points to lead Claude scorers. Desiree Ollinger had 19.

White Deer meets Gruver at 6 next Tuesday night at Sanford-Fritch in the first round of the playoffs.

The Does finished with a 6-2 district record and go into the playoffs with an overall 18-10 record. Claude was 3-5 in district.

## Scoreboard

### PRO BASKETBALL

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#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	13	.735	—
New York	28	18	.609	6 1/2
Miami	30	20	.600	6 1/2
Orlando	24	23	.511	11
Boston	21	27	.438	14 1/2
New Jersey	16	34	.320	20 1/2
Washington	12	36	.250	23 1/2

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	29	17	.630	—
Toronto	25	23	.521	.5
Charlotte	25	25	.500	.5
Indiana	21	27	.438	.9
Cleveland	20	26	.435	.9
Detroit	19	30	.388	11 1/2
Atlanta	16	32	.333	14
Chicago	6	42	.125	24

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	31	15	.674	—
San Antonio	30	15	.667	1/2
Dallas	31	18	.633	1 1/2
Minnesota	31	18	.633	1 1/2
Denver	27	23	.540	.6
Houston	23	25	.479	.9
Vancouver	13	35	.271	19

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	34	15	.694	—
Sacramento	31	14	.689	.1
L.A. Lakers	30	16	.652	2 1/2
Phoenix	28	19	.596	.5
Seattle	28	23	.549	.7
L.A. Clippers	16	33	.327	18
Golden State	14	33	.298	19

### Monday's Games

Toronto 110, Boston 98  
Dallas 91, Atlanta 81  
Philadelphia 99, Denver 83  
Houston 100, New York 86  
San Antonio 109, Golden State 85  
Seattle 95, Vancouver 82  
L.A. Clippers 102, Chicago 82

### Tuesday's Games

Orlando 109, Charlotte 83  
Detroit 94, Denver 83  
New Jersey 90, Atlanta 84  
Miami 102, Indiana 89  
Milwaukee 112, Sacramento 109  
Phoenix 97, Chicago 80

### Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Utah at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

### Thursday's Games

Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

### HOCKEY

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##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	13	9	2	67	181	124
Philadelphia	27	17	9	1	64	159	145
Pittsburgh	25	19	6	2	58	166	159
N.Y. Rangers	21	29	3	1	46	168	194
N.Y. Islanders	14	31	5	2	35	118	164

##### Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	29	15	7	1	66	169	131
Toronto	25	18	7	4	61	159	133
Buffalo	26	20	5	1	58	135	122
Boston	23	20	6	5	57	137	156
Montreal	18	29	5	3	44	135	155

##### Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	24	19	9	1	58	143	135
Carolina	23	20	6	2	54	135	140
Atlanta	16	26	9	2	43	145	180
Florida	12	27	8	7	39	119	163
Tampa Bay	15	31	5	3	38	133	188

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	34	11	6	2	76	176	115
Detroit	31	16	4	4	70	159	141
Nashville	23	24	7	2	55	135	145
Chicago	21	25	5	2	49	145	152
Columbus	17	26	6	4	44	118	156

##### Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	35	9	8	1	79	173	117
Vancouver	28	18	4	4	64	175	159
Edmonton	25	21	8	1	59	146	149
Calgary	18	21	10	4	50	130	152
Minnesota	19	22	8	3	49	116	125

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	29	15	9	0	67	149	121
Dallas	29	18	4	1	63	142	125
Phoenix	23	16	12	1	59	133	125
Los Angeles	23	21	8	1	55	178	163
Anaheim	16	29	6	4	42	127	170

### Monday's Games

No games scheduled  
Tuesday's Games  
Boston 4, Philadelphia 3  
St. Louis 2, Columbus 2, tie  
Buffalo 6, N.Y. Rangers 3  
Detroit 4, Ottawa 2  
Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 2  
New Jersey 4, Montreal 0  
San Jose 1, Calgary 1, tie  
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 3, tie

### Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Chicago at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.  
Thursday's Games  
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Carolina at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

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#### EAST CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	1	0	1.000	33	29
Birmingham	0	1	.000	20	22
Chicago	0	1	.000	29	33
NYAJ	0	1	.000	0	19

#### WEST CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	19	0
Memphis	1	0	1.000	22	20
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	15	13
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	13	15

### Saturday's Games

Las Vegas 19, New York-New Jersey 0  
Orlando 33, Chicago 29  
Sunday's Games  
Memphis 22, Birmingham 20  
San Francisco 15, Los Angeles 13  
Saturday, Feb. 10  
Chicago at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.  
San Francisco at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 11  
Birmingham at New York-New Jersey, 4 p.m.  
Las Vegas at Memphis, 7 p.m.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Tuesday's Major College

#### Basketball Scores

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#### EAST

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La Salle 84, Rhode Island 68  
Villanova 80, Penn 51

#### SOUTH

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ETSU 62, Coll. of Charleston 47  
Georgia Tech 72, Maryland 62  
Kentucky 71, Florida 70  
Miami 86, Virginia Tech 61  
North Carolina 80, Wake Forest 74  
Tenn.-Martin 93, Tennessee St. 77  
Tennessee Tech 79, SE Missouri 69

#### MIDWEST

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Evansville 77, Wichita St. 74  
Illinois 77, Michigan St. 66  
Illinois St. 81, Bradley 62  
Minnesota 66, Northwestern 59

#### SOUTHWEST

Prairie View 73, Texas Southern 70  
Texas A&M 73, Baylor 69

## Brodeur shakes off All-Star blowout as Devils blank Canadians

By The Associated Press

Even in a non-checking affair such as the All-Star game, Martin Brodeur doesn't like giving up goals. And he gave up a lot of goals.

On Tuesday, in his first action since that 14-12 debacle, Brodeur gave up no goals. The Montreal native stopped 27 shots for his 47th career shutout and fifth of the season, passing Hall of Famer Ken Dryden to take over 21st spot in career shutouts.

"After having five goals scored on me in the All-Star game, my confidence was pretty shot," Brodeur said with a laugh. "Getting off to a fast start on the road is very important. These are the teams we are supposed to beat, and we came in and did that."

As for moving ahead of Dryden, Brodeur said, "It's kind of nice to put guys behind you. It means you're doing something good out there."

Brodeur needs three more shutouts to become the fourth goalie, after Ed Belour, Patrick Roy and Dominik Hasek, to reach the 50-shutout milestone this season. But he wasn't taking too much credit.

"The guys played well in front of me," Brodeur said. "They blocked shots, they cleared rebounds and they made some great plays. We didn't turn the puck over most of the game. ... You don't make a shutout by yourself, you need

everybody." Such as Alexander Mogilny, who scored twice as the Devils got all their goals in the opening 12:05.

Such as Petr Sykora, who connected for the fourth straight game and extended his point-scoring streak to eight.

Though he was obviously productive, Mogilny said that he felt "awful."

"It was my first game after a few days off, so you expect to feel lousy," Mogilny said. "He mentioned he wasn't feeling that great, that his legs just weren't there," New Jersey coach Larry Robinson said. "Then he goes out and scores two goals. I hope he has had legs for 30 more games."

In other NHL games, it was Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 2; St. Louis 2, Columbus 2; Buffalo 6, the New York Rangers 3; Boston 4, Philadelphia 3; Detroit 4, Ottawa 2; Los Angeles 3, Chicago 3; and San Jose 1, Calgary 1.

**Wild 4, Lightning 2** — For the first time in their existence, the Wild won when trailing after two periods.

Scott Pellerin scored the go-ahead goal with 8:12 left in regulation. Sergei Krivokrasov added an empty-goal with 1:21 to go for the expansion Wild, who entered the game 0-19-2-1 when behind after 40 minutes.

Minnesota rookie Marian Gaborik extended his point streak to seven games (five goals, nine points) when he tied

the game at 2 at 6:16 of the third.

Brad Richards set a team rookie record with his 16th goal for the host Lightning. He also tied the team rookie mark with his 43rd point.

**Blue Jackets 2, Blues 2** — Scott Young scored his second goal of the game with 8.2 seconds left in regulation for visiting St. Louis.

The Blue Jackets still extended their points streak to eight games (4-0-2-2), matching the second-longest ever for an expansion team. They can tie the mark of the 1993-94 Florida Panthers at Nashville on Thursday night.

It was the second time in six days the Blues and Blue Jackets tied 2-2.

**Bruins 4, Flyers 3** — P.J. Axelsson scored the winner with 9:50 to play after Boston blew a 3-1 lead.

Bill Guerin, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star game, had a goal and his 200th NHL assist to help host Boston win for the fifth time in six games.

Brian Boucher stopped 27 shots for Philadelphia, which lost for just the second time in eight games.

**Sabres 6, Rangers 3** — Buffalo found some unexpected offense at New York, scoring a season-high six goals after failing to get as many as four since Jan. 12.

J.P. Dumont and defenseman Jay McKee scored in the first three minutes as the Sabres sent

the Rangers to their fifth loss in six games.

Dave Andreychuk had a goal and two assists. Doug Gilmour earned his 900th career assist, the 13th NHL player to reach the milestone.

**Red Wings 4, Senators 2** — Sergei Fedorov scored his team-leading 24th goal as Detroit extended its home unbeaten streak to seven.

Steve Yzerman scored 3:55 into the game and the Red Wings led the rest of the way. They are 6-0-1 in their current string at Joe Louis Arena.

Detroit goalie Chris Osgood stopped 26 of 28 shots. The Red Wings beat Ottawa at home for the first time since Nov. 26, 1997.

**Kings 3, Blackhawks 3** — Steve Sullivan scored his second consecutive goal as Chicago rallied for a tie at Los Angeles.

Michael Nylander also scored for the Blackhawks, who lost five of their previous six games and were 1-10-0 in their previous 11 against the Kings. Jocelyn Thibault made 37 saves, stopping Glen Murray on a breakaway with 12 seconds left in overtime.

Murray, Nelson Emerson and Luc Robitaille scored for the Kings.

**Flames 1, Sharks 1** — In a rare start, Steve Shields made 27 saves, extending San Jose's road unbeaten streak to seven games.

Rookie goaltending sensation

Evgeni Nabokov, fresh off an appearance for the World team in the All-Star game, yielded to his backup for just the 12th time this season.

# Bush hopes to limit lawsuits as patient's rights debate moves ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says he can support popular new patient rights, including new lawsuits against HMOs and other health insurance companies, but he is worried about allowing massive jury awards.

Reflecting those concerns, White House officials said Tuesday that the administration would insist on limiting any damage awards these lawsuits might produce.

The politically potent issue moved forward in Congress as the White House worked to slow momentum, peeling off a key House Republican as the Bush administration tries to take control of the debate.

But in the Senate, supporters picked up Republican John McCain, giving the man who challenged Bush for president a fresh issue where he can play the gnat in Bush's agenda.

On Tuesday, lawmakers introduced the latest version of the patients' bill of rights, arguing the time has come to send the measure to the president's desk.

"This legislation has been debated. It's been discussed — on and on and on," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. "Every day we fail to pass this legislation, families are being hurt."

But a sign of just how much progress Democrats and their GOP allies

have made is that the debate is now over how to structure lawsuits, rather than whether lawsuits or even a new law is needed.

The latest bill would send some types of lawsuits to state courts, where jury awards can be substantial, and others to federal court, where patients could win no more than \$5 million in punitive damages.

White House aides said they would prefer that most if not all cases be directed to federal court and would insist on lower caps on damages.

"We can't have a patients' bill of rights that encourages and invites all kinds of lawsuits," Bush said Tuesday. "The ultimate effect would be to run up the cost of business."

He added: "I'm a little concerned about the size of the cap on punitive damages." Aides pointed to a Texas law, which Bush signed as governor, that limits damages to \$750,000.

Behind the scenes, the White House worked feverishly to slow down the measure — both because Bush worries about runaway lawsuits and because aides fear he won't get credit for improvements that move forward without his stamp of approval.

They succeeded in removing Rep. Charlie Norwood, a Georgia Republican who has led the House fight for strong protections. Norwood pulled his name from the bill following a three-hour meeting with White House aides Monday.

"I want him (Bush) to get all the credit," Norwood said in an interview Tuesday. "This is going to be a George Walker Bush initiative that finally puts us together, and he's going to be the one to sign it, so he ought to get all the credit."

## West Texas A&M upcoming events ...

**Tech Tour.** The Harrington String Quartet will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at Hemmle Recital Hall on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock. Program selections include Opus 59, No. 1 by Beethoven and Viola Quintet in G Major, Opus 111, with guest violist Dr. Mark Newsmann of Texas Tech, by Brahms. The concert is free and open to the public. Members of the Harrington String Quartet, resident musicians at West

Texas A&M University, are Annie Chalex (violin), Corinne Stillwell (violin), Joanna Mendoza (viola) and Emmanuel Lopez (cello).

**Pre-ASO Show.** Dr. Ted DuBois, head of West Texas A&M University's Department of Music and Dance, and the Harrington String Quartet will conduct a pre-concert lecture/recital from 7-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 on the Amarillo Civic Center

Auditorium stage prior to the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra Concert. The pre-concert event, the third and last of three such lecture/performance about the life and music of Beethoven, is free and open to the public.

Dubois (oboe), Annie Chalex (violin), Corinne Stillwell (violin), Joanna Mendoza (viola) and Emmanuel Lopez (cello) are members of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The late reggae legend Bob Marley was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Marley died of cancer in 1981.

A huge crowd waving Jamaican flags turned out Tuesday for the sidewalk unveiling, shutting down Hollywood Boulevard during the ceremony on what would have been Marley's 56th birthday. "We give thanks to all the people who made this possible," said his widow, Rita, who attended with son Robert and daughter Stephanie.

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Stephen King, who temporarily closed the book on his serial novel "The Plant," has opened his ledger to show the world that the online publishing venture was a financial success.

King shelved the project in December after turning out six installments. He said on his Web site that the "fascinating little adventure" netted \$463,832.27.

King's decision to pull the plug on the novel was viewed by some as a setback for the kind of electronic publishing in which author and reader deal directly, with no middleman. But King disagreed.

"In my view, 'The Plant' has been quite successful," he said, inviting readers to form their opinion based on the story and on the data.

The author said the six parts of "The Plant" conclude the first major phase of the story and can stand alone. But he reiterated his intention to return to the novel once he completes some other projects.

"The Plant" is not finished online. It is only on hiatus," he wrote. "I am simply in the process of fulfilling my other commitments."

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a good thing Larry Storch doesn't have to work with any real horses in the Broadway production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

Storch said he had enough trouble with horses while working on the 1960s western sitcom "F Troop."

"Nobody knew that I was scared to death of horses — scared to death of 'em. I had to have them tranquilize me before I got on my horse," he told AP Radio. "The nightmare was to have the horse run away with me, and I couldn't stop him. Don't you know the nightmare came true? First day of shooting he ran off with me and they found me over a hill."

The 78-year-old actor-comedian plays Sitting Bull in the Broadway musical, which stars Reba McEntire in the title role.

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper Eve went from "chillin' on the block to being around a million people" with the success of her debut album, "Let There Be ... Eve — Ruff Ryders' First Lady."

"Anybody who tells you that they haven't been depressed their first time out is lying," the 22-year-old Philadelphia native tells Billboard magazine in its Feb. 10 issue.

The 1999 album has sold nearly two million copies.

"Yeah, I went through a depression for a minute — not long," said Eve, whose sophomore album, "Scorpion" (Ruff Ryders/Interscope), will be released next month.

Eve is tentatively scheduled for MTV's "Spring Break," airing March 14-17.

NEW YORK (AP) — The first time he saw someone wearing one of his outfits on the street, Halston designer Craig Natiello was so excited, he followed the woman up and down Madison Avenue.

"I wanted to see everything — her shoes, her bag, where she shopped," he said.

Natiello will preview his third collection under the Halston label during Fashion Week, which runs from Thursday to Feb. 16.

The 39-year-old designer said working so closely to the legend of Halston — who died in 1990 — has been his dream since childhood.

"I was always interested in design, and three designers: Bill Blass, Halston and Karl Lagerfeld."

The Feb. 13 runway show will feature the Halston Signature Collection, which is mostly evening wear, and the new Designer Collection, which Natiello describes as a "lifestyle wardrobe," with pieces that go from day to night.

"I'm going for a customer base of 28 to death," he said.

## DaimlerChrysler reports tumble in 2000 operating profit, cites Chrysler woes

BERLIN (AP) — DaimlerChrysler on Wednesday reported an 11 percent slump in operating profit in 2000, citing heavy losses by its U.S. arm Chrysler.

While markets were surprised by the German-American automaker's preview of its annual data ahead of an official announcement set for later this month, the figures were in line with analysts' expectations, given Chrysler's woes in recent months. No quarterly figures were released Wednesday.

DaimlerChrysler said net earnings rose 37 percent last year compared to 1999, but its operating profit of \$9.1 billion was down 11 percent. After taxes and interest, the net profit came out to \$7.3 billion off of \$15.1 billion in sales, an 8 percent increase.

With one-time gains factored out, 2000 operating profit plummeted 49 percent to \$4.8 billion, and net profit 44 percent to \$3.25 billion, the company said. Those gains last year included the sale of a majority stake in the company's services arm, debis Systemhaus, to German telecommunications giant Deutsche Telekom.

DaimlerChrysler's share value has plunged by more than half since early 1999 shortly after the merger. Much of the decline stems from a \$512 million third quarter loss at Chrysler last year and from expectations that Chrysler will post a fourth-quarter loss of more than \$1 billion, due to a downturn in the U.S. auto market.

DaimlerChrysler has insisted it has no plans to spin off or sell Chrysler. But the drop in the company's value has triggered planned job cuts at Chrysler and speculation that DaimlerChrysler makes an attractive hostile takeover target by another major automaker.

Speculation grew last week when Deutsche Bank confirmed DaimlerChrysler had given the bank a mandate to prepare a defense strategy.

DaimlerChrysler's proposed dividend remains unchanged at \$2.18, said the company, which is based in Stuttgart, Germany, and Auburn Hills, Michigan.

## Three fishermen die when vehicle breaks thin ice

PORT CLINTON, Ohio (AP) — An all-terrain vehicle plunged through thin ice on Lake Erie, killing three men who had gone out to fish through the ice.

Divers found the bodies in 10 feet of 34-degree water on Tuesday, said Ottawa County Deputy Sheriff Roger Garn.

The men apparently headed out Tuesday morning, he said. "Someone noticed there were tracks leading to a hole and that there was an ice chest floating in the water," Garn said.

The ice was only a couple of inches thick and there were many areas of open ice.

A morning snowstorm had reduced visibility and Garn said it was possible the men became disoriented and drove into an unsafe area.

It's been at least three years since the weather has been cold enough to allow ice fishing on Lake Erie and authorities have warned that the ice is not safe, but Garn said there still were dozens of anglers on the ice.

"We're taking three people off in body bags, and people were still going out to fish," he said.

In January, the Coast Guard rescued 21 ice fishermen from a mile-wide patch of ice that broke off and floated away from shore near the Lake Erie islands.

The bodies found Tuesday were about a mile north of Middle Bass Island, located between Toledo and Cleveland.

The men were identified as Stanley Puster, 60, of Lakeville, and Howard Taylor, 73, and Robert Shammo, 65, both of Shreve.

## BSP Scholarship fund-raiser



(Special photo)

Beta Sigma Phi will hold its Scholarship Dance from 8 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Feb. 10 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Three "Fun Packages" will be raffled off during the fund-raiser. Each package will include one night's stay for two at either Best Western Amarillo Inn, Best Western Northgate Inn or Hughey House Bed and Breakfast as well as dinner and breakfast for two and free champagne or wine. Tickets are available for \$1 each from any BSP member. Prizes have been donated by Best Western, Amarillo Inn, Best Western, Northgate, Parkway Liquor, Hiway Package, Texas Rose, Dos Caballeros and Peggy's Place. Above: Charlene Morriss of BSP.



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