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High today near 40 Low tonight upper 20s For weather details see Page 2

No Lotto winner: jackpot now \$23 million

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$18 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 17-24-31-33-41-44 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 mil-

Landfill has new operating schedule

PAMPA — Due to a new schedule, the landfill will no longer have different winter and summer Beginning Feb. 24, it will open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and from 8 a.m.-12 noon Saturday with the most marked reduction of hours occurring on Saturday.

Hours may be adjusted on a temporary basis due to natural disasters or scheduled events.For information, call 669-5750 or contact Rick Stone at 669-5841.

- Don Harrison, 56, batcher for Pampa Concrete.
- Terry Harrison, 51, employee of National Oil Well. • Bill R. Jones, 70, elevator
- operator, farmer. Agustin F. Villalon, 65, former farmer, vineyard worker.

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PAMPA'S CINEMA 4 MOVIE HOTLINE 665-714

Petition circulating Courthouse plan may be put on ballot

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Gathered round a table at the Black Gold Restaurant for their afternoon coffee break, some Pampa men have differing thoughts on the proposed courthouse restoration project.

Pampa resident Raymond Barrett, who said he is one of the organizers of a petition drive, said the petition is being circulated to bring the matter to a vote of the people of Gray County.

Barrett said the main reason for the petition is that people are upset the Gray County Commissioners voted to sell the bonds without taking the matter to the voters first.

The petition reads: "We the undersigned voters of Gray election to let the voters decide pay for the courthouse remodeling. We think the voters should died for lack of a second decide this issue, not the com-

missioners court, because of the large amount of debt and interest the taxpayers will be required to pay."

Barrett said the county has never had any bonded indebtedness in its history, and is concerned about the 20 years it would take to pay out the certificates of obligation and the inter-

The Commissioners Court voted 4 - 1 on Feb. 1 to issue \$1.5 million in certificate of obligation bonds to raise the money to meet the required 78 - 22 percent grant requirements the Texas Historical Commission to remodel the historic building.

County Commissioners Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright and James Hefley along with County Judge Richard Peet voted in favor of issuing the bonds. County Texas petition the County Commissioner Jim Commissioners Court to have an Greene voted against the measure. Greene made a motion to whether or not to issue bonds to call for an election for people to vote on the issue, but the motion

(See PETITION, Page 2)

City election slated May 5

Associate Publisher

"I'm contemplating."

"Probably."

Those were all answers given by three city incumbents when asked Tuesday if they will seek reelection in the May 5 city election. Mayor Bob Neslage says he's "contemplating" seeking a fourth two-year term but is yet to make a final decision. Ward I Commissioner Jeff McCormick smiled when asked and

quickly said, "Yes." McCormick, who'll seek his fourth term, said, "I enjoy working

for the city. I like to be a help and to make decisions about how the

Ward III Commissioner Bob Dixon, who has six terms under his belt, says he'll "probably" run for another two-year term.

"I like it," Dixon said. "It's a job where you can do something to

help the community." Dixon said he also enjoys working with and having knowledge of

the jobs of city employees. "I think their great," he said of city workers. "But I think they are under appreciated."

Filing opens Feb. 19 and runs through March 21 and is done in the office of City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers in room 205 in City Hall. Filing will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays with the exception of the

Jeffers said filing packets can be picked up now.



Bill Tidwell, left, is for the courthouse project and says the work has to be paid for one way or the other. Raymond Barrett, right, is one of the organizers of the petition drive and wants a public vote. He also says some repairs are needed but not as many as the plan calls for.





(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Pampa residents Raymond Barrett, Wallace Birkes and Bob Schroeder discuss whether or not the estimated \$5.3 million courthouse restoration is needed in Gray County.

Trooper makes speeding stop; 102 pounds of marijuana seized

An Ohio couple remained in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$100,000 bond each after being arrested by a Department of Public Safety trooper on Interstate 40 Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana.

Nathan D. Picker, 23, of 530 N. Nixon Ave., Lima, Ohio, and Jodie Nicole Jones, 19, 1319 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio, were each charged with possession of more than 750 ounces of marijuana but less than 2000 ounce. Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond this morning for the couple.

Department of Public Safety officials said that Trooper Jerome Ingle, stationed in McLean, stopped a 1998 Dodge Stratus shortly before 7 a.m. Tuesday for speeding just west of the Wheeler County line. Authorities said Ingle, patrolling I-40, clocked the car traveling at 75 miles an hour in a 65-mph zone.

After stopping the east bound vehicle and getting consent to search the tour-door sedan, Trooper Ingle found about 102 pounds of what he believed to be marijuana in the trunk of the



Icy fog peppers the curve of U.S. Highway 60, three miles east of Pampa, and surrounds the remains of two automobiles that collided in a fatal head-on crash late Wednesday.

Head-on collision kills Canadian man

Two other wrecks investigated

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

A Canadian man going home from a doctor's appointment in Amarillo lost his life and his wife suffered serious injuries in a headon collision on an icy highway east of Pampa late Wednesday.

The collision blocked traffic on U.S. 60, 3.1 miles east of Pampa, for more than two hours Wednesday night as emergency workers and law enforcement officers braved high winds and sub-zero tempera-

tures to rescue the injured and determine the cause of the fatal wreck. Ron Shank of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) identified the man who died as Thomas Adkins, 68, of Canadian. His wife Virginia Adkins, 61, remained in stable condition at Pampa Regional Medical Center, hospital officials said this morning. The third person involved in the accident, Johnny Yazzie, 57, of Gallup, N.M., was also

listed in stable condition at the Pampa hospital early today. According to DPS reports, at approximately 9 p.m., Wednesday, Mr. Adkins was driving a 1990 Oldsmobile east on U.S. 60 toward Canadian and Yazzie was traveling westbound in a 1995 Mercury Cougar when the accident occurred.

Shank said Adkins apparently lost control of the Oldsmobile where the highway curves, just east of the Schwan's Foods distribution center, adding that the highway was extremely slick at the time.

"Mr. Adkins lost control and slid into the other car head-on," Shank said. "He was driving too fast for the curve. It just snuck up

No one witnessed the accident, officials said. Motorists coming up on the wreck and finding the victims, notified emergency services, they said.

(See WRECKS, Page 2)

Services Friday for Don, Terry Harrison

Don Harrison, 56, of Pampa, died Monday Feb. 13, 2001. Joint services for Mr. Harrison and his wife, Terry, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Harrison was born May 21, 1944, at Tabor, Iowa. He married Terry Voit on Nov. 26, 971, at St. John, Minn.

Mr. Harrison and his wife died Feb. 13 together in a plane crash north of Pampa.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a batchman for Pampa Concrete for 12 years. He moved to Pampa in July 1981 from Glenwood, Iowa. He was of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, El Paso Scottish Rite and Pampa Shrine Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Harrison and Trudy Sprinkle, both of Pampa; a son, Todd Harrison of Pampa; a brother, Dwight Harrison of Rochester, Minn.; a half-brother, Bryce Loeschke of Hopkins, Minn.; a half-sister, Brenda Monfilf of Dubuque, Iowa; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Khiva Temple Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 328, Amarillo,

Services tomorrow

HARRISON, Don and Terry — Joint services, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church,

JONES, Bill R. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, **SCRIBNER,** Lawrence M. "Mutt" — 2 p.m.,

Barrett Baptist Church, Pampa. **TATE,** Anna Jacqueline — 2 p.m., First Baptist

Church, Silverton.

VILLALON, Agustin F. — Mass, 3 p.m., St. Laurence Cathedral, Amarillo.

Obituaries cont.

BILL R. JONES

TULIA — Bill R. Jones, 70, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Davenport officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Jones was born at Allison and graduated from Allison High School. He married Armenda Aderholt in 1946 at Wheeler. At one time, he lived at Sunray, working as assistant manager of Sunray Co-op and owning farming interests in Wheeler and Hemphill Counties as well.

He had been a Tulia resident since 1965, operating an elevator and farming there. In addition, owned and managed Tan Inn in Amarillo

He belonged to First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Armenda; a son, Tony Jones of Lubbock; two daughters, Janis Nall and Vicki Hall, both of The Colony; two brothers, Harold Jones of Wheeler and Troy Jones of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; two sisters, Kay Donaldson and Sharon Hall, both of Allison; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

AGUSTIN F. VILLALON

AMARILLO - Agustin F. Villalon, 65, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001. Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. today in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Friday in St. Laurence Cathedral by Monsignor Arturo Meza. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Born in Mexico, Mr. Villalon was a longtime Amarillo resident, moving to the city in 1958. He farmed in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and worked in the vineyards and wineries in Michigan during the summer. He was a member of the

He was preceded in death by his wife, Paula, in

Survivors include three daughters, Odilia Carrizales, Carma Villalon and Dolores Carrizales, all of Amarillo; six sons, Joe Villalon, Agustin Villalon, Rosalio Villalon, Silverio Villalon and Edward Villalon, all of Amarillo, and Marcial Villalon of the Marine Corps in South Carolina; two sisters, Jovita Villalon and Beatriz Saldicrna, both of Pampa; three brothers, Alfredo Villalon and Feliciano Saldicrna, both of Pampa; and Nabor Villalon of Nebraska; 20 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

7:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to FM 2030 north of Pampa and transported one to PRMC. Wednesday, Feb. 14

12 Midnight - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Faulkner. 7:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

on a patient transport to Baptist St. Anthony 1:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200

block of Garland; no transport.

2:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Foster; no transport.

4:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to the 800 block of West

5:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love and transported one to PRMC. 9:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to East

Highway 60 and transported two to PRMC. **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	
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TERRY HARRISON

Terry Harrison, 51, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2001. Joint services for Mrs. Harrison and her husband Don, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Oct. 17, 1949, at St. Cloud Minn., Mrs. Harrison married Don Harrison on Nov. 26, 1971, at St. John, Minn. She moved to Pampa in July 1981 from Glenwood, Iowa. She worked for National Oilwell Services for the past 4 1/2 years, holding the position of senior payroll clerk at the time of her death. She was a member Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Harrison and Trudy Sprinkle, both of Pampa; son, Todd Harrison of Pampa; her mother, Theresa Peterson of Waite Park, Minn.; her grandmother, Loretta Voit of Waite Park; a brother, B.J. Voit of Vernon Hill, Ill.; and three grand-

The family requests memorials to the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Fund in care of Sharon Strickland, First Bank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 Three people were arrested following a traffic stop in the 500 block of Crawford.

A Pampa High School student was removed from the school after threatening a teacher.

Casey Blaylock, 20, 1113 N. Garland, reported vandalism.

A 16-year-old reported an assault by a family member in the 500 block of South Finley.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Christy Northrup, 22, Borger, was arrested in the 300 block of East Brown for theft under \$50

and possession of a controlled substance, .5 gr. Daniva Dally, 44, Borger, was arrested in the 300 block of East Brown for theft under \$50 and possession of a controlled substance, 1.5 gr. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Christy. Someone broke into a Chevrolet Caprice and stole \$5 in change.

Theft of \$11 cash and a .22 caliber pistol was reported in the 800 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct - gesture was reported in the 100 block of Foster.

Harriet Smiley, 51, 412 N. Nelson, was arrested for theft by check and issuing bad checks. Anthony Paul Gamble, 29, 1201 N. Russell, was arrested for burglary of a habitation and six war rants for issuing bad checks.

Darnell Ray Johnson, 36, of Lubbock, was arrested for public intoxication.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Fisher. The front door of a residence sustained damage estimated at more than \$50. Telephone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

George Thomas Reames, 29, 1314 Wynne, was arrested on violation of probation for theft by check in Hutchinson County, failure to appear on a public intoxication charge and burglary of a habi-

Nathan D. Picker, 23, Lima, Ohio, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.

Jodi Nicloi Jones, 19, Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. Barbara Della Kup, 28, 1104 S. Sumner, was arrested on warrants charging her with failure to

Blanch Carey, 34, 1160 Prairie Dr., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Shanna Eve Tambunga, 38, 436 Crest, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. Mark Eugene Elliott, 38, Comanche, Okla., was

arrested on charges of criminal non-support. David Otis Seeman, 44, 705 N. Somerville, was arrested on charges of possession of drug para-

Michael David Gerik, 47, 519 N. Frost, was arrested on charges of possession of drug para-

Misty Lee Miller, 21, 340 Tignor, was arrested on charges of speeding and failure to appear.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Waymon D. Wedgeworth, 20, 715 Sloan, was arrested by Constable James Lewis, to serve a sentence for possession of marijuana.

Jesus Rodriguez, 21, 417 N. Faulkner, was arrested for evading arrest/ detention.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	Columbia/HCA40.00 Enron	dn 0.93 dn 2.90 dn 1.34
Wheat 2.62 Milo 3.26 Corn 3.58 Soybeans 3.67	KMI	dn 1.08 dn 1.01 up 0.12 dn 0.51 dn 1.53
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	New Atmos 23.89 XCEL 27.25 NOI 39.95 OKE 45.05	dn 0.01 dn 0.20 dn 0.55 dn 0.88
Occidental 23.91 up 0.22 Fidelity Mageln 118.63 Puritan 19.00	Penney's	dn 0.31 dn 0.40 dn 0.49 dn 0.59
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. BP Amoco	Tenneco 3.57 Texaco 63.56 Ultramar 34.75 Wal-Mart 52.49 Williams 44.05	dn 0.03 dn 0.64 dn 0.47 dn 0.51 dn 1.10
Cabot 38,33 up 0.79 Cabot O&G 28,70 dn 1.14 Chevron 84,79 dn 1.06 Coca-Cola 58,61 dn 0.89	New York Gold Silver West Texas Crude	259.85 4.52 29.71

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PETITION

Taxpayers would see an increase in taxes to pay for the certificates of obligation to generate the funds needed to raise the \$1.5 million to match the grant. An additional \$2.78 per year for a \$25,000 home would be added for 20 years. County leaders say the average valuation of a home in Pampa is

If Gray County does not contribute \$1.5 million to the \$3.8 million grant for courthouse restoration, the \$3.8 million will go back to the state. THC representatives say they have numerous counties waiting for funds for courthouse restoration projects, and the funds would go to those counties.

Barrett said he and three other Pampa residents, Doyle Smith, Earl Smith and Mike Dunigan are the ones responsible for getting the petitions circulated in the community. Petitions were begun last week and are located in several Pampa businesses, he

Efforts to reach Doyle and Earl Smith were unsuccessful. Messages left for Mike Dunigan were not returned at press time.

Barrett said he knows there are some repairs which need to be done at the courthouse, but he doesn't think all of the projected improvements are needed. The original electrical wiring should be replaced, said Barrett. Over one-half million is budgeted in the project for the electrical system replacement which would include new wiring, conduit, electrical duct bank, transformer relocation, service and distribution.

He said he doesn't think the plumbing project is needed. "My wife was at the courthouse not too long ago, and she said it looked like all of the plumbing was working fine to her," said Barrett. He added that he thought some work was done on

the plumbing not too long ago.

Barrett said he hasn't been to the courthouse to check out the need for the restoration project. He said he wasn't sure what he would cut out of the project if he could, that he just wouldn't get as much done as what the \$5.3 million project has earmarked. He also said he didn't think the county courthouse needs a new elevator estimated to cost

Sitting at the end of the table sipping on his coffee, Bill Tidwell said he is for doing the \$5.3 million

restoration project. "The work on the courthouse needs to be done," he said, adding that it should have been done before now. He said it is important to get the project going to get the electrical, plumbing, HVAC system and other rehabilitative efforts

completed on the historic building. In commenting on the petition drive, Tidwell said, "We're going to have to pay taxes to get the building restored one way or another. We've got to get it back in shape whichever way it goes."

Construction on the four-story building war completed in 1929, and the final cost that included the furnishings, fixtures and trim was estimated to

As Frank Daugherty joined the group, he said the project would be a waste of funds. "Some of the work needs to be done," he said. "We need the electrical wiring and sewer work done. The bigges problem is we have too many Republicans in the courthouse."

Wallace Birkes said, "We've got to do something: It just matters on how to do it."

If we don't fix it now, I don't know when we could do it," said Birkes, commenting on the \$3.8 grant the county has been selected to receive. "I don't want anyone to get hurt or for the courthouse to burn down."

Bob Schroeder said his mother was in Pampa when the courthouse was stolen from Lefors: Barrett said the courthouse really wasn't stolen, that there was an election of county voters. He said the county records were moved by fire truck from the former county seat. The offices were housed in the First Baptist Church basement until construct tion on the present courthouse could be completed

A Lefors resident, Pat Lee, was seated at the table, but was noncommittal on the need for the courthouse restoration project. He said, "I've got no feeling either way on it."

County Clerk Susan Winborne said 731 signatures of the county's registered voters are required to bring the issue to an election. She said the petition must be submitted to her office by Feb. 28.

Winborne said the law provides that five percent of the registered voters of the county must sign the petition. Jan Woods of the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collectors office said there are 14,639 registered voters in Gray County.

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investigated the accident.

office in Lubbock.

Cerda said

WRECKS

The Adkinses were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the wreck, Shank said, adding that both were ejected. Yazzie was wearing a seatbelt and was also protected by an airbag in the Cougar, the trooper said.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents

6:03 p.m. - A 1985 Lincoln dri- Jesse Cerda was called to a vehi- west of Price Road. ven by Salbador Lopez, 31, 1414 cle/train collision on U.S. 60, E. Browning, and a 1985 west of Pampa at the Celanese Chevrolet Suburban driven by Chemical Plant. Conley Kenneth Bowels, 403 N. section of Francis and Ballard driving about six miles west on she was driving. streets. Lopez was cited for fail- U.S. 60 when his vehicle collided ure to yield right of way at a stop with a train. The train was County Road D near the cemesign and no proof of liability pulling cars used to transport tery when the Blazer rolled. No insurance. No injuries were chemicals produced by Celanese reported at the scene.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

10:15 a.m. – A 1994 Oldsmobile Ciera driven by Ira Everett Potter, 85, 704 N. Sloan, and 19998 Chevrolet Silvarado pickup driven by Edward Charles Harris, 74, 726 N. Banks, collided at the intersection of Ballard and Kingsmill streets. Potter was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

2:18 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Garland.

9:13 p.m. - Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Texas 152 and Hilton Road.

The smoke came from the fireplace; no hazard was found.

across the highway, he said. Dominguez was treated and released at Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room, accident. hospital officials said today. A

that David

Metro Ambulance Ann Awrey-Baca, 45, of Amarillo Service transported the two was taken to the emergency injured to the PRMC emergency room, officers said, but hospital room for treatment, while Gray officials said today they had no County Sheriff's deputies con- record of the woman being treattrolled traffic for the DPS as they ed there.

None of the workers nor the Justice of the Peace Kurt engineer of the train were Curfman was called to the scene injured, the trooper said. at 9:20 p.m. and ordered an

Cerda said at press time today. autopsy for Mr. Adkins to be con- that he is continuing to investiducted by the medical examiners gate the wreck. He said alcohol

Firefighters from Hoover Then at 6:30 a.m. today, a local Volunteer Fire Department and nurse suffered minor injuries during the 48-hour period ending Pampa Fire Department also when she rolled a Chevrolet: at 7 a.m. today.

responded to the wreck.

Blazer on a caliche road near
Monday, Feb. 12

At 5 a.m. today, DPS Trooper Memory Gardens Cemetery, just Blazer on a caliche road near Deborah Douglas, 47, 1100 S.

Finley, was on her way to work at Pampa Regional Medical Center, troopers said, when she lost con-Faulkner, 50, collided at the inter- Dominguez, 37, of Amarillo was trol of the 1996 Chevrolet Blazer! Douglas was traveling east on-

> other vehicles were involved, according to DPS reports.

> Cerda said the dirt road was icy and slick at the time of the.

Hospital officials said Douglas passenger in the vehicle, Peggy was treated and released.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement: CHANEY'S CAFE, 716 W. LAST YEARS Prom Dress still

dumplings, fr. pork chops, Mexi- & earn \$\$ at Twice Is Nice.

Foster, Thurs. 5-8 p.m., chicken & hanging in the closet? Bring it in

CURVES IS proud to announce the opening of our Tanning Salon, formerly known as

can casserole, ch. fr. steak.

Annie's Tan' N'. Come by or call 308 W. Foster, 669-7660, 665-5940.

LIMITED SPACE for Austria, 9:44 p.m. - One unit and three Germany, and Switzerland tour firefighters responded to a smoke with Wanetta Hill May 30 - June scare in the 900 block of Sierra. 14. Deadline is Mon., Feb. 19. Contact 669-7685.

OIL FILLED Radiator Heaters now in stock. Frank's True Value, 401 N. Ballard, 665-4995.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizen's Dance, Fri., Feb. 16, 7-9:30 p.m. "Buddy Payne."

SALE 50% off on all Valentine, come in for the savings. Celebrations 665-3100. Free delivery.

W.O.T.M. SADIE Hawking Dance, "The Renegade" Sat. 8a.m. Members & guests.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, Areas of fog locally dense at times Along with patchy freezing drizzle until mid morning. Mostly cloudy this afternoon. Highs around 40. North to northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, part-ly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday, Morning low clouds possible early, othwerise partly sunny. Highs around 45. North to northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 53; the

overnight low 23 STATEWIDE - A rainy week continued Thursday with showers and thunderstorms as a cold front collided with moist Pacific air across wide sections of Texas.

Light rain fell over much of

North Texas as patchy fog has formed over the southeastern portions of the region. Fog also shrouded parts of South Texas, the Panhandle and South Plains. Fog reduced visibility to 1/16

view elsewhere in the Coastal As much as a 20-degree drop in temperature was noted with the front's passage overnight.

mile at Corpus Christi Naval Air

Station and also restricted the

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s and 30s behind the front from Lubbock northward to the 60s and 70s in South Texas.

It was 72 degrees in Harlingen and McAllen, with 61 at

to easterly in the vicinity of the in the far south.

front at 5 to 15 mph, with southerly conditions elsewhere at 5 to 15 mph. A few gusts at more than 25 mph were report-

were possible through Friday in South Texas. Some locally heavy rain was possible. Some freezing rain was expect-

Showers and thunderstorms

ed in extreme northwestern parts of the state. The National Weather Service

posted a flash flood watch for **North Texas** Daytime highs should range from the 30s in the north and

west to 70s in the Big Bend and upper 80s in the far south. Lows overnight were expected from the 20s in the Panhandle to Winds were mostly northerly near 40 in the Big Bend and 60s

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2 Pc.



Planned Parenthood fund-raiser

Buster Foster of Warehouse Solutions of Amarillo, located at 4601 S. Washington, is donating furniture worth \$10,000 to benefit Planned Parenthood of Pampa and the Texas Planned Panhandle.

Entitled "Fantastic Furniture Fling," raffle tickets will be during sold February and March at the Pampa clinic located at 408 W. Kingsmill #173-A, which had over 1,600 patient visits during FY 2000. Tickets will also be sold throughout the Texas Panhandle at any of 13 Planned Parenthood locations.

raffle the furniture on April 1. throughout the \$10 each, or six for \$50," Rita Parenthood locations. Bryant, director of Special Events, said. "Winners need not

be present to win," she added. Entitled "Fantastic Furniture Warehouse March at the Pampa clinic the Amarillo



Elaine Green, left, director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Pampa and the Texas Panhandle, reviews furniture gift list with Warehouse Solutions of Amarillo owner Buster Foster, center, and Deborah Been, Pampa coordinator for Planned Parenthood. Foster is donating \$10,000 worth of furniture to be offered in a drawing to benefit the organization.

patient visits during FY 2000. the family to refurnish their not reimbursed by federal Parenthood of Amarillo will Tickets will also be sold entire home." Texas "Raffle tickets will be sold for Panhandle at any of 13 Planned will be used to support PPATP itable, reimbursed clinical ser-

valuing

Go straight, come clean: D-FY-IT

"Funds raised from the raffle educational and clinical service vices to uninsured and low "The winner of the raffle can programs." Dennis Dougherty, income families in the Texas select furniture of their choice president of Amarillo PPATP Panhandle. It is only through from Board said. "We are very grate- the generosity of individuals Solutions ful to Mr. Foster for his gen- such as Mr. Foster that we are Fling," raffle tickets will be Showroom of Amarillo," said erosity. These funds will enable able to continue our efforts to

funds," he said. "Last year, we provided over \$220,000 in charsold during February and Jenna Stafford, chairwoman of us to maintain our region-wide make every child a wanted PPATP education programs and will child and every family a located at 408 W. Kingsmill Development Committee. "It is help cover the clinical services healthy one," Dougherty con-#173-A, which had over 1,600 a wonderful opportunity for we provide for which we are cluded.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Door Alcoholics Open Anonymous at 910 Kentucky able to senior students at the end (across from Albertson's) meeting of February. For more information, schedule - seven days a week two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are noncall 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting Memorial Library and will feature skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

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 Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

MONTHLY

GOSPEL SINGING First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially

invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS Pampa High School is seeking If interested in the ADHD/ADD clubs, organizations, individuals Sport Group call Connie at 669- or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships avail-

> contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

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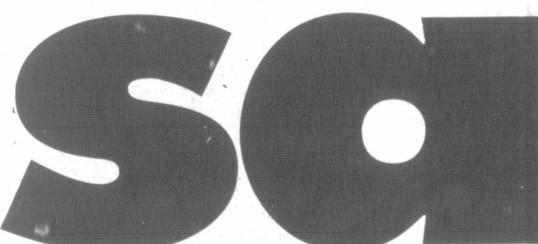
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY smoking. For more information, Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett a hands-on orientation to the

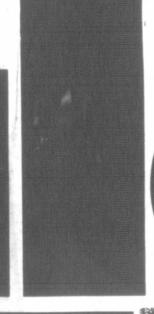
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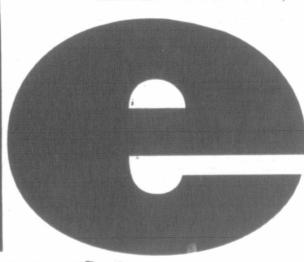
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants and is available by calling the ARC office at 669-7121. Registration is required.

CCS BANQUET information, contact Sharron Community Christian School of Pampa will stage a fund-raiser banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Bob Cornuke, president of Bible Archaeology Search and Exploration Institute. Cost of the catered meal will be \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased from an CCS family, at the school office at 220 N. Ballard or by sending \$15 per ticket along with a SASE to: Community Christian School, P.O. Box 51, Pampa, TX 79066. Tickets are also available at the following businesses: Clifton Supply, Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance, First Bank Southwest, Fototime, Frank's Hardware, The Gift Box and the office of Dr. Greg Kelly, DDS.

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By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: The Monitor (McAllen) on India's tragedy:

News reports have provided the world with a glimpse at the unfathomable damage that an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale caused in Western India on Jan. 26.

The raw numbers are staggering: 15,000 confirmed dead, a predicted death toll of 35,000 or more, tens of thousands of people injured and homeless. The scale of damage and suffering is so great the numbers become mere statistics. The real horror comes across in the photographs of limbs poking out from collapsed apartments, of grieving mothers wailing at the thought of their babes trapped beneath the rubble, of refugees sleeping in the streets surrounded by chaos, destruction and death.

The earthquake was, in a word, horrific.

Relief agencies from across the globe have sent heavy equipment, food and medical supplies, governments and organiza-tions have pitched in with aid, others have offered their prayers for those who are suffering.

No doubt, the main concern must be getting aid to those who need it, rather than finger-pointing.

But within India a debate is brewing over why the devastation was so extreme, and why in this and other natural disasters the death toll is so much higher in India than in other countries when similar disasters occur. It's a debate well worth having and worth having now when everyone is so well aware of how much

We can start with what is not at fault: the so-called overpopulation of India, a standard focus of blame by Western environ-

In comparing the 1989 San Francisco earthquake to last week's tragedy, Indian journalist Dilip D'Souza, in the Indian Website rediff.com, writes that if population density were the cause of the devastation, then the Indian quake should have killed about 12 times the number killed in the San Francisco quake, or about 750

"Why then is Gujarat at nearly 20 times that number of dead and counting? Why is the count of dead in Gujarat a whole order of magnitude greater than we might ordinarily expect? Why are our Indian tragedies invariably vastly greater than elsewhere, to the point that they simply numb us?" In D'Souza's view, the answer is that India doesn't value human life enough to improve building codes and implement the kind of emergency procedures available in the United States. Other Indian journalists blame government corruption, incompetence and wastefulness.

Perhaps those things are true. But the bigger point it's an obvious one, but worth repeating is that India has a socialistic and heavily regulated economy, and is, therefore, poor. What India needs is a government that frees the energies of the Indian people, so that enterprise and economic growth can flourish. As India becomes wealthier, its infrastructure will become sounder, its people less dependent on a government that's barely able to provide even the barest minimum of emergency services.



People need to inform themselves

Nancy

Young

In the normal course of work, I am asking the questions. However, during the first three days of his week, I think I have had more questions asked of me than I've been able to ask back.

When I learned on Monday there was a petition circulating in the community to bring to a vote whether or not to issue \$1.5 million in certificates of obligation, I began seeking information. What I have received are many, many questions.

I began covering the Gray County Commissioners Court in Oct. 1999. It was during the first or second meeting I attended that I first heard about the courthouse restoration project.

The Texas Historical Commission had announced to counties it was going to award grants to the qualifying counties to restore courthouses as part of this THC program. This was a new grant program aimed at preserving the historical value of these old buildings.

Historical architects were hired to evaluate the building and assist Gray County with the project. remember spending two or three days in December of that year listening to the reports made by these two men regarding the needs of the building. They had toured the building and talked with personnel in each office. There were wish lists by different offices. The architects discussed doing the project in different phases and gave several options and levels of priority.

As with any remodeling project, whether it is a public building or your own home, some of the wished for items were quickly discarded because of the cost factor. The ones which the commission felt were most needed were the ones that remained on the list.

The county submitted a grant request for the money and in May, 2000, it was announced that Gray County had been selected to receive \$3.8 million towards the \$5.3 million project. Priority items on the list included new wiring, plumbing replacement, HVAC replacement, a new elevator, and restoring the windows. There were lengthy

energy efficiency concerns of the building discussed by the commission.

Today's Highlight in History:

Gray County had received a grant from the county in the state, and their courthouse was the youngest building on the list! However, Gray County had to come up with \$1.5 million for the time opportunity, and they want to take advanproject, as this was one of the requirements of the tage of it for the future of the county.

Managing editor

grant. THC will furnish 72 percent of the funds needed, but the county must furnish 28 percent. If someone offered me \$7,200 for materials to replace my roof and/or do other needed repairs

around my house, telling me that all I had to do al. was raise \$2,800 of my own to put with it, I'll bet I would certainly make every effort to raise the 28

Agendas of public meetings are furnished to The Pampa News prior to public meetings, and the newspaper prints those agendas for the public's have been many meetings of the county commis- been involved in this project since it began. sion concerning the courthouse restoration. These people who have attended those meetings.

Local people interested in historical preservation have been the majority of the public who has

attended the meetings

I have had several local residents tell me the people should decide at the polls when this large amount of money is involved. To my knowledge, none I have talked with were at the Feb. 1 meeting when the vote was taken. Whether these peole voiced their concerns to their commissioners, I do not know. What I do know is I have watched the commissioners labor hard over this decision for several months. This has not been easy for them. All of them have expressed concerns about the current economic conditions in the county as well as the skyrocketing price of gas, and the county is having to pay those bills, too. These men have all expressed their desire to do the best for Gray County.

Several times I have heard the commission verstate agency for more money than any other balize Gray County will never have another opportunity like this one to get the needed repairs done. They have expressed it is a once in a life-

I have also heard it said by several local residents if Gray County doesn't meet the requirements of this grant and take it that the people had better not ever plan to get another one from the state of Texas. Concern has been expressed that the repairs have not been made before now. The county has not had the opportunity to get this type of funding before now.

Several people have also told me that Gray County has never incurred bonded indebtedness in its history. That is a remarkable feat. After being told that, I can understand the public's uncertainty. I don't know of another county or entity that can lay claim to that. It is very unusu-

I've covered many, many public board, council and county commission meetings through the rears as a member of the press. On some of these, I've had a better attendance record than the elected representatives of the people have. That is not the case with the Gray County Commission. information prior to the public meetings. There Rarely, is there a member absent. They have all

If you have questions about it, call them and are public meetings, and there have been very few ask. Go to the courthouse and ask to see the wires strung across the floors, ask the employees, see the 23 air conditioning units hanging from the windows, ask to see the lone electrical outlet in the county courtroom, look at the cracked sewer pipes in the basement, look at the wiring, ask about the need for a new elevator, find out what offices are on what floors, and the list goes on. This building belongs to you, the public. You should investigate to see if this project really needs to be done. Inform yourselves. I've seen no signs of a communist plot to keep information away from the public.

If there are questions you think I should answer in newspaper stories about this issue, tell me. Several people already have made suggestions. My philosophy is to provide the public with all the information I can gather regarding an issue and let them decide. Inform yourselves.

I have made attempts to contact several people to get their viewpoints. Most have returned my calls, some have not. If I've omitted any information, it is not intentional. As much as I strive to be perfect, I know I'm not.

And remember - it could always be worse. This could be Randall County.

Today in history By The Associated Press

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 15, the including an 18-member figure world meet in Czechoslovakia.) 46th day of 2001. There are 319 days skating team from the United States, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium. Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, (The skaters were en route to a

On this date:

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was

In 1820, American suffragist In 1564, Italian astronomer Susan B. Anthony was born in

Prosperity not always defined by dollars

Californians have no one but themselves to blame for power shortages. Their environmental fanaticism simply made it virtually impossible to build new power-generating plants.

Well, if you don't want power-generating plants, then you have to put up with power shortages. If you don't want oil drilling, then you have to put up with high prices and shortages of heating oil

It's time for the American people to tell the environmentalists that the price of their aesthetic visions is too high. I haven't found the details of California's wacky attempt at socalled deregulation, but it's obvious that the people who designed it don't know anything about the power business or the free market. That should not surprise anyone who has looked at California politics. It is not called "La La Land" for no reason.

The problem really goes beyond California. It is simply another area where people are not being educated about the real world. Prosperity in America is due to energy consumption. The quickest way back to the 19th century would be to shut down the power

plants and the oil refineries. Without fossil-fuel energy and the electrical energy generated by it, Americans would be as poor as church mice. They'd live and work in non-air-conditioned environments. They'd cratic blueprint. It is certainly not created by are among the most ignorant. We need to hear



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Syndicated columnist

wanted to build, whether it was a home or a hospital, they'd have to do it by human hand and human muscle. They'd no longer find opiumlike oblivion from radio and television. They would sit dark and silent. The computers would be dark and inert.

It is a truth that societies regress as well as progress. The Western world went from Romans living in villas with municipal sewers and central heat to Europeans living in hovels and drafty castles with open sewers every-

The fact is that for the majority of the time that humans have existed, there was poverty, not wealth. And since we in America are exceptionally blessed with wealth, it seems it would behoove us to teach our children how wealth is created.

It is not created by legislative act nor bureautravel by foot or by horse. Whatever they looney editorials or pie-in-the-sky promises by from the producers for a change.

politicians. Nor is true wealth created by spec-

ulating in paper on a stock market.

There is only one way to create real wealth. That way is to apply energy to natural resources. It you were cast away on a deserted island with only a briefcase full of money, you would soon discover what real wealth is. It is not pieces of paper. It is not even pieces of gold. It is skills and tools and natural resources and energy. Your only hope of surviving would be to apply your energy to your environment in order to find food and to fashion a shelter.

And that's still the only way true wealth can be created. Most of us are not directly involved in creating true wealth. We work in peripheral — parasitic might be a better word jobs. These are jobs that would not exist if someone else had not created enough wealth for people to purchase our services. Instead of listening to environmentalists

bad-mouth energy producers, Americans would do well to learn something about the business of producing energy. A pristine wilderness in the Arctic will not put food on your table or heat in your home. Unfortunately, it is the parasites - lawyers, ournalists and politicians - who do most of the talking in this country. As a class, all three

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News in brief

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opens probe on presidential pardon NEW YORK (AP) — A federal prosecutor has cranked up the heat on former President Clinton, launching a criminal investigation to determine if money played a role in the last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich. U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White's probe is expected to examine bank and telephone records and other documents for evidence of illegal conduct, according to a source with knowledge of the investigation. "She is trying to determine if there was a transfer of money to buy the pardon," the source told The Associated Press on Wednesday, speaking only on condition of anonymity. The move comes after Senate and House committees launched similar probes of the Rich pardon, one of 141 granted by Clinton on Jan. 20, his final day in office. Palestinian killed in firefight

near Jewish settlement

JERUSALEM (AP) - A Palestinian security official trying to infiltrate a Jewish settlement was killed in a firefight with Israeli troops early Thursday, a day after a Gaza Strip bus driver plowed into a crowded bus stop in Israel and killed eight young Israelis. In response to the hitand-run bus attack, the deadliest in Israel in four years, Israel sealed off the Palestinian areas by air, land and sea. The attack prompted widespread anxiety in Israel about the future relations with the Palestinians. With peace talks unlikely to resume in the near future, some warned the two sides were sliding into a full-fledged confronta-

Salvador asks for aid in wake of second deadly quake

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) - With hospitals running out of beds, blood and medicine, officials appealed for international help for thousands of victims from Salvador's second deadly earthquake in a month. Resources and hope were dwindling Wednesday, and landslidecovered highways blocked rescue workers from reaching stricken communities. Medical centers throughout the country - already overwhelmed by the thousands injured in last month's deadly quake — could not handle the additional victims from Tuesday's 6.6-magnitude temblor. The National Emergency Committee put the death toll at *274, with 2,432 injured, 13,545 houses destroyed and nearly 123,000 people suffering property damage.

TV executives say Florida miscalls won't be repeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top TV executives told Congress a national uniform poll closing time would eliminate the issue of networks announcing winners in some states before else and I understand they have reached some polls in other states are closed. In an eight-hour economic arrangement," Saona said.

hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the network presidents Wednesday also pledged that they will wait until all the polls in a state are closed before declaring a winner in that state and take other steps to prevent a recurrence of events that led to the premature - and incorrect — declarations of the Florida presiden-

Requests for heating assistance soar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 5 million households, about a quarter more than last winter, are having serious enough problems meeting winter heating costs that they've asked for government help, according to a nationwide survey. Prices soar, temperatures plummet and poor families are left out in the cold," said Mark Wolfe, director of an association that represents state low-income energy assistance officials. The reports from the state offices show that so far this year the number of households seeking help has increased by 1.1 million, a 26 percent jump over last winter. In some states the number of applicants has nearly doubled and is likely to go still higher, officials said.

China warns against censure effort at U.N. Human Rights Commission

BEIJING (AP) - Calling for dialogue instead of confrontation, China on Thursday kicked off its annual effort to fight off attempts to criticize its human rights record at an upcoming United Nations meeting. Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao said Western efforts to censure China at the U.N. Human Rights Commission had disrupted and "seriously poisoned the atmosphere" at previous commission meetings. This has met with strong opposition from the wide majority of developing countries, China included. It is natural that it ended in failure," Zhu said at a regular press briefing. The U.S. government is still debating whether to back a resolution to censure China at the annual meeting next month of the U.N. rights commission in Switzerland. On Wednesday, a bipartisan group of 11 U.S. senators urged President Bush to sponsor such a resolution.

Military: Ecuador kidnappers agree to ransom for foreign hostages

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Freedom appeared near for seven kidnapped foreigners who have endured four months captivity in Ecuador's jungle and the brutal execution of a U.S. hostage. The head of Ecuador's military, Vice Adm. Miguel Saona, announced Wednesday that the kidnappers had agreed to an unspecified ransom hours before a deadline to kill another captive. "The criminal group said it would not execute anyone

Capitol rally promotes defense of marriage

AUSTIN (AP) - Declaring their aim is to protect "traditional marriage" between a man and a woman, dozens of Texans rallied at the state Capitol on Wednesday to oppose same-sex unions.

Texas is lagging behind in supporting the traditional family," said Chuck Anderson, executive director of the Texas Christian Coalition, which joined other groups voicing support for the Defense of Marriage Act.

Such a law would be created in a bill by state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa. It would prevent Texas from recognizing same-sex unions, even those formed in another state.

Last year, Vermont enacted a landmark civilunions law and became the first state to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples.

"We know what happened in Vermont. We want to avoid that happening in the state of Texas," Chisum said. "It is not proper for the people of Vermont to dictate to Texas who we'll recognize as being married."

Homosexual rights groups dismissed the bill as unnecessary, noting that state law only permits heterosexual marriages

"What it does is it pours salt on the wound," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. "What they're doing today is just hurtful."

Her group isn't even proposing that Texas permit same-sex marriages because it's unrealistic to expect passage of it by the Legislature, Hardy-Garcia said.

Instead, the gay and lesbian lobby is concentrating on banning discrimination and cracking down on hate crimes, she said. Those supporting Chisum's bill say they want to

clarify that Texas courts will not recognize out-ofstate homosexual marriages.

"There is nothing to protect the family from

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same-sex unions performed in other states," Anderson said. So far, 35 states have passed a Defense of Marriage Act, he said.

Rally-goers held signs reading, "Our children need mothers and fathers" and "Don't mess with marriage." Some planned to head into the Capitol afterward to deliver Valentine's Day greetings to

Seventy-eight members of the House of Representatives have signed on to support his bill, majority in the 150-member chamber, Chisum

Support in the Senate isn't as clear. The bill is being sponsored there by Sen. Chris Harris, R-

A similar proposal in the 1999 legislative session never received a committee vote.

"We've been warning that same-sex unions are coming ... but now it's here," Anderson said. "It's happening all over the country. They're going to Vermont, getting married and coming back to their home state.'

The bill is HB 496. On the Net:

House Texas Representatives: www.house.state.tx.us

Texas Christian Coalition: www.texascc.org Gay-rights information: www.lambdalegal.org

Dell to cut 1,700 Texas jobs

AUSTIN (AP) - Dell Computer Corp. said cardboard boxes and paper packets. None would Thursday it is cutting 1,700 jobs in response to slow-comment on the cuts. ing personal computer sales, which have stalled profit growth at the nation's leading PC seller.

Dell had never before announced job cuts in its 16-

The company said it would lay off 8 percent of its work force at headquarters in Round Rock, Texas, and nearby Austin. Cuts were made in regular fulland product support, the company announced Thursday.

"Many of the reductions involve positions made redundant by the recent reorganization of several Dell business units," the company said in a statement. "Others are the result of Dell's lower expectaIn trading Thursday morning, Dell shares rose

\$1.83, or 8 percent, to \$24.77, helped by a boost overall in technology stocks.

Layoff rumors have been swirling for weeks, but chief executive Michael Dell refused to comment on the reports last week. Analysts had expected the company to announce the cuts in its fourth-quarter time positions, mostly in administration, marketing earnings report due to be released Thursday after-

> Faced with sluggish growth in personal computer sales and an overall slowdown in the U.S. economy, Dell had already imposed a hiring freeze, reduced its marketing budget and limited travel expenses.

Last week, Dell announced it was shutting down tions for industry and company growth."

A steady stream of gloomy-looking employees filed out of the Round Rock headquarters carrying its 4-month-old online marketplace, where Dell and other companies sold their products over the Internet to other businesses.

Police have dog road rage suspect in jail

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Police have a prime suspect to last year's bizarre road rage incident when a man yanked a woman's dog from her car and tossed it into oncoming traffic, the San Jose Mercury News reported Thursday.

The suspect, first identified through an anonymous e-mail, is in Santa Clara County Jail on unrelated charges, the newspaper said. Authorities hope to ask a grand jury for an indictment on felony animal cruelty charges

A year ago this month, a man snatched a 10-year-old bichon frise named Leo from the lap of Sara McBurnett and threw the dog to its death. The confrontation happened after McBurnett bumped the man's black sport-utility vehi-

The case drew widespread attention and the reward fund grew to more than \$100,000.

"I keep seeing his little body going under the car," McBurnett said at the time. "He made a sound I've never heard before." She said this week she has been treated for depression and has been unable to fully return to her job as a real estate agent.

Police in Santa Clara believe they cracked the case during an investigation of a 27-year-old man who disappeared Dec. 8 while on the job as a Pacific Bell repairman, the paper said. He was arrested Jan. 4 and is accused of staging a car accident and taking Pacific Bell property worth about \$68,000.

The man allegedly fit the profile of the man sought in the road rage incident, and had a black sportutility vehicle with Virginia license plates similar to that described by



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Ties That Bind Father to Son Are Not Always Based on Blood

DEAR ABBY: You made some good points in your reply to "Used in North Carolina," who married his pregnant girlfriend and nine years later learned that his son was "not his own." This father resented that he was expected to take care of a child "who isn't even mine." However, you missed an important-point. Because your column is so widely read, it's important to call attention to what it is that really makes a child "one's

I am a pediatrician. I interact with children from all sorts of families day in and day out. From a child's perspective, what makes a child "belong" to a parent is the emotional-psychological bond between parent and child. What makes a child emotionally healthy is the stability of that social bond. This emotional bond is essential for the child, regardless of biological relatedness. For the sake of our children, this cannot be left

This man is the only father that child has ever known. It breaks my heart that he said, "I love this boy, but I don't feel he is my responsibility anymore ... I would like to live my life for myself and do what I want when I want, like his mother does." What does this "love" he professes mean if it doesn't mean taking responsibility? That boy needs his father. If his mother failed to love him, that's all the more reason why his father should not even consider



Abigail Van Buren

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letting him down. It is, indeed, extremely difficult to be a single parent, especially if money is scarce. You're right to recognize his need for support and to connect him to Parents Without Partners. But you missed an important opportunity in advocacy for our children when you failed to directly call into question his assumption that only biological relatedness can make a child

is about responsibility.
CHILD ADVOCATE IN NORTH CAROLINA DEAR CHILD ADVOCATE: You're right. Mea culpa. Please

"one's own." Love is what makes

us belong to each other. And love

DEAR ABBY: I hope that young father decides to keep the boy and give him the love and care he needs. He should follow your advice and get family and friends to help so he can have time for himself. That's important. He should also, short of adoption, bind the child to himself in a legal way - such as a conser-

vatorship - so the mother, who appears to be both mean and irresponsible, cannot later reclaim her son, creating a tragedy for both. I say "short of adoption" because, as a child whose birth father is deceased, according to the mother, he may be entitled to Social Security benefits that may go a long way in helping the young man raise the boy. Adoption might eliminate that eligibility.

I hope this is helpful. He seems like a person who knows the right thing to do. He just needs to figure out how to go about it. Someone did that for me when I was .

ORPHANED AT AGE 6, LAGUNA WOODS, CALIF.

DEAR LAGUNA: Thank you for the excellent input. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You've probably received a mountain of mail about this, but please inform that young father that God gives us opportuni-ties to do good. What he's doing for his son may be the most important thing he does in his entire life.

He should ignore the DNA. It doesn't matter. Every smile that lights his son's face is part of his reward. There's a special place in heaven for a man who is the father he didn't have to be. My admiration and good wishes go out to him. ELLEN M., SAN DIMAS, CALIF.

DEAR ELLEN: And so do ours.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, FEB. 16, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You play with a situation, attempting to come to a solid conclusion. Realize that, depending on your thought process, the answer could be different than you'd expected. The only given here is a friend's unpredictability. Detach instead of reacting. Tonight: Out and

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * * Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a partner, who flipflops from moment to moment. You might not be sure what you want. This person has a strong sixth sense about someone who is very important to you. Listen. Tonight: Dinner for two. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** * Someone offers many suggestions and different ideas. Choose which one works for you. Be a bit of a cynic. This attitude could prevent problems for you later. A friend or associate reverses direction. You change plans one more time! Tonight: Try something totally

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Crossword Puzzle

feedback from those you trust. Ultimately, you will make the right decision. Tonight: Join those who are in weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Allow your creativity to come out in the different areas of your life. Reverse gears and head in a new direction. You speak your mind, as does another. The unexpected occurs. Allow Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) family. Make those close to you a high Remember, just for you. priority. Understand more of what is AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) important to all of you. Discuss spending *** Speak your mind, especially in LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You have an uncanny knack Go along with friends and co-workers. of asking the right question at the right Be a team player. Tonight: Just don't be time. Think through a decision that alone. involves a child or loved one. The status quo might be changing far more quickly than you had anticipated. Clear your PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

favorite people. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Yesterday's answer

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better for you. Your family has many gang. suggestions, but ultimately you are more in control than you realize. Try to avoid BORN TODAY upheaval and the unexpected. Tonight: Actor LeVar Start the weekend with a smile. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Marmaduke

financial question carefully. Ask for *** The moon highlights you. You could reverse direction when you least expect it. Animated and focused discussions continue. You find another's behavior most unpredictable, but you should recognize that someone sees you the same way. Enjoy rather than criticize. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** You might want to cancel plans and make yourself a higher priority. more fun and flirtation to come out. Sometimes you are so busy trying to take Others love your frisky side. Tonight: care of others that you put your needs lowest on the totem pole. Stop that! Check out your balances and bills. Make ** Review a decision that involves sure everything is paid. Tonight:

more time at home. For some, a home a meeting. Others seem to naturally foloffice might be the right way to go. low your lead and listen carefully to what Tonight: Opt for a cozy night at home. you have to say. Try to curb impulsive behavior, as it won't get you anywhere.

desk. Return calls. You might need to ** Others often come to you for sugpostpone a meeting. Tonight: With gestions and ideas. You might not be sure about what is going on with a loved one or someone you put on a pedestal. Avoid * * Expenses could easily get out of making snap judgments. Keep observing. whack. You might want to revamp your You won't immediately come up with the expenses and make decisions that work right answer. Tonight: Be leader of the

Burton (1957), singer/politician Sonny Bono (1935), rapper Ice-T (1958)



















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SPORTS

State swim qualifiers



Pampa swimmers who qualified for the state swim meet are (front row, from left) Ben Whitten, Willie Griffin, Clay David and Doug Warren; (back row, from left) Tamra Henthorn, Kelley Stowers, Misty Moman, Megan David and Andrea Branchetti. The state swim meet is Feb. 23-24 in Austin.

Missouri racks up fifth straight win over Buffs

By The Associated Press

indefinite suspension, guard first time since beating Kansas since 1998. Clarence Gilbert attempted twice in the 1998-99 season.

"It tells you how committed In College Station, Andy At Stillwater, Okla., Victor he is to the team," Missouri Leatherman sank a pair of free Williams scored a career-high coach Quin Snyder said. "He'll throws with seven seconds left 26 points and was equally figure that out. We want him to to give Texas A&M an 81-78 vic- impressive on defense as

The Tigers claimed their fifth straight win over Colorado 80- nation's best 3-point shooter, ning streak, 72-44. 69. Missouri is now 12-0 at missed a chance to give Texashome this season.

In other Big 12 games Wednesday night, Nebraska the Aggies hit only one of four control. He also put the clamps defeated Kansas State 82-56, Texas A&M beat Texas-Pan American 81-78, and Oklahoma State downed No. 13 Oklahoma up the scoring.

At Columbia, Mo., Wesley Stokes scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half and Arthur Johnson added 17 for Missouri as the Tigers led from start to finish. Brian Grawer, 3-of-7 from 3-point range, tied Jason Sutherland's school record with his 190th career 3-pointer. Grawer, who went 8-13 from 3point range in Missouri's loss last weekend to Iowa State, ended the night with 15 points.

Jamahl Mosley had 17 points to lead Colorado (15-10, 5-7 Big 12), and D.J. Harrison added 15 and Stephane Pelle had 14.

In Lincoln, Neb., Kimani Ffriend scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as Nebraska pushed Kansas State's losing streak to seven straight with an 82-56 win.

Brian Conklin had 11 points and 16 rebounds and Cookie Belcher finished with 15 points for the Cornhuskers (12-12, 5-6 Big 12), who shot 53 percent (32-for-60) from the field.

points for the Huskers, who victory was the Aggies' third In his first game back from an swept a season series for the straight, the first such streak

only seven shots and passed up Kansas State (8-14, 2-9) trailed points to lead the Broncs (10at least that many to finish with by 17 at halftime and never got 15). Merriweather was held to a eight points, well off his 17- closer than 14 in the second 3-of-13 performance and 14

tory over Texas-Pan American. Oklahoma State ended No. 13

Pan American a tie at 78 with 32 on the floor at 5-foot-10, scored seconds left when his perimeter 18 in the first half, when the shot rattled off the rim. After Cowboys (15-6, 6-4 Big 12) took free throws, Merriweather sank on J.R. Raymond, who had a 3-pointer to cut the Aggie lead averaged 20 points during to 79-78. Leatherman finished Oklahoma's winning streak.

Bernard King scored 22 seven.

Mire Chatman scored 31 3-of-13 performance and 14 points.

Brian Merriweather, the Oklahoma's seven-game win-

Williams, the smallest player Raymond finished with just

Sports Notebook

BASKETBALL

CANYON - Nazareth downed Groom 69-38 in girls 1-1A bi-district game Tuesday

Stephanie Thiel was Nazareth's high scorer with 27 points. Whitney Hoelting followed with 16.

Candace Bohr had 21 points to lead the Tigerettes. Krisanne Davis followed

Nazareth improves to 27-4 for the season while Groom closes out at 20-8.

to Gruver 74-37 Tuesday in a and Curtis Pritchett also had girls' bi-district 1-A basket- an outstanding game, said ball game.

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Suni Petty led White Deer with 11 points. Samantha Parks added 9.

SOCCER

BORGER - Pampa collected a 1-0 victory over Borger in a District 3-4A boys' soccer game Tuesday.

Goalkeeper Richard Rodriguez played an outstanding game, blocking a penalty kick to help keep Borger scoreless.

Shawn Davis, Ryan Nash, FRITCH - White Deer lost Ivan McKenzie, Tristin Brown head coach John True.

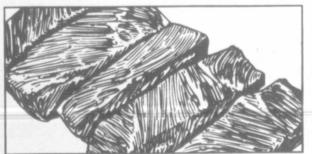
The Harvesters had beaten Gruver's high scorer with 23 Canyon by a 1-0 score on

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Stars victorious over Kings, 4-2

DALLAS (AP) Modano gave some of the credplayer he surpassed, friend and things at the rink. former teammate Neal Broten.

Modano wiped out Broten's record and got his 500th career assist Wednesday night, carrying the Stars to a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings with a goal and two assists.

"When you're young, you lean toward certain individuals, and he was one of them," said

Mike North Stars in 1989.

"Our demeanor on and off the it for becoming the Dallas Stars' ice was basically the same. He career scoring leader to the taught me how to leave a lot of things like this."

Modano snapped a 2-2 tie with 55.9 seconds left and finished the night with 869 career points, two better than Broten, who played primarily when the franchise was in Minnesota.

"I guess it's a trifecta," Modano said of the points coach Ken Hitchcock said. "The record, 500th assist and victory. countdown has been there and "It was a special night. I had a he's been feeling it. He was lot of emotions. Afterward, you playing his third game in four Modano, who started his career think about everybody that's nights, but he seemed to get with Broten on the Minnesota been a part of it for 12 years. stronger as the game went on."

When you're 18 years old, all you want to do is make the team, so you don't think about

Bob Corkum's power-play goal with 13:50 left lifted the Kings into a 2-2 tie.

But Modano scored his 20th goal of the season off the arm of Kings goalie Steve Passmore.

"It's a big load off Mike," Stars

Aikman ponders his future

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) to continue playing football, but the Dallas 8. Cowboys star has others to think about their first child.

"I've made it clear I want to keep playing," Aikman told reporters Wednesday while playing in the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament.

But he said the decision is not a simple one and other factors must be considered.

"My wife is pregnant and I've got an 11year-old stepdaughter now," he said. 'Obviously, I'm concerned with others now, when in the past I did things that I thought were best for me.

Those things play into the equation, but it's a good thing to be involved in."

Meanwhile, owner Jerry Jones' decision on whether to keep the quarterback that makeup of the roster and the Cowboys' could be extended an extra week without Aikman returns. costing the team \$7 million.

The deadline by which the Cowboys have to make a decision or pay the money has been pushed back a week to March 15. That extension was prompted by the about the future of Aikman, the first play-NFL's recent decision to delay the start of er he ever drafted after buying the team in its league year from Feb. 15 to March 2.

Originally, Aikman was due the \$7 mil-Quarterback Troy Aikman says he wants lion if he was still on the roster on March

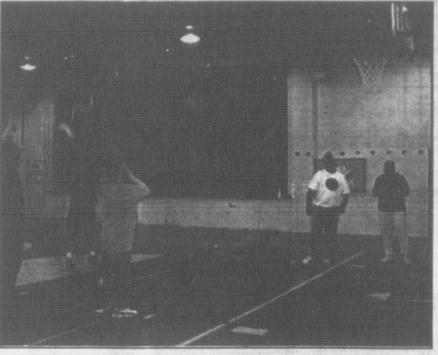
The team doesn't have to pay Aikman now that he and his wife are expecting that bonus if they cut him or he decides to retire before the new deadline.

> Despite suffering four concussions in his last 20 starts and missing all or part of eight games last season, Aikman maintains that he wants to be in the game.

> "We're still kind of working through some issues and I'd like to play," he said. "Unfortunately, it's not as easy as a question and answer. We'll work something out that will be in the best interest of everybody involved.

Jones has said that he expects to make a decision before the March 16 date. Jones said earlier it was not in the team's best interest to delay a decision because the has brought him three Super Bowl titles philosophy in 2001 hinge on whether

> Dallas Cowboys officials didn't return a phone call Thursday seeking comment. Jones has refused to elaborate publicly



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Members of the "Pampa Hustlers," Special Olympics basketball team practice free throws recently to prepare for the Special Olympic basketball tournament, Feb. 24, at Pampa High School's McNeely Field House. "Hustlers" members, from left, are Liberty Blc com, Rocky McInturff, Trent Loter, David Wagner, and Mark McMinn. Not pictured are teammates Randy Swires and Hector Estrada and coaches, Ace Acevedo and David Swires.

Pampa will host Special Olympics basketball tourney

Approximately 200 Special Olympians from throughout the Texas Panhandle plan to converge in Pampa for a regional Special Olympic Basketball Tournament at McNeely Field House.

The public is invited to attend the tournament with opening ceremonies beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A dinner and dance for participants and their families at the MPAC building will end the day's events, organizers say.

Volunteers are needed to help with opening ceremonies, act as gym supervisors, scorekeepers, and to present medals.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the tournament or who would like more information can contact Cindy Cooper at 665-2137 or 665-5477 or call John Hervey at 669-

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Free Agent Signings

agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements

AMERICAN LEAGUE ANAHEIM (7) — Re-signed Gary Disarcina, ss, to a \$320,000, oneyear contract; re-signed Tim Belcher, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Pat Rapp, rhp, Baltimore, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Ismael Valdes, rhp, Los Angeles, to a \$2.5 million, oneyear contract; signed Jorge Fabregas, c, Kansas City, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed Jose Canseco, of, New York \$4.9 million, two-year contract; Yankees, to a minor league contract (\$200,000); signed Wally Joyner, 1b, Atlanta, to a minor league contract

BALTIMORE (3) - Signed Pat Hentgen, rhp, St. Louis, to a \$9.6 minor league contract (\$400,000); million, two-year contract; signed David Segui, 1b, Cleveland, to a \$28 million, four-year contract; signed Mike Bordick, ss, New York Mets, to a \$9.5 million, two-year contract.

BOSTON (7) - Signed Frank Castillo, rhp, Toronto, to a \$4.5 mil-lion, two-year contract; re-signed Tim league contract (\$500,000); signed Wakefield, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two- Dan Plesac, lhp, Arizona, to a \$2.4 year contract; re-signed Pete schourek, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$1 million); signed Manny Ramirez, of, Cleveland, to a \$160 million, eight-year contract; signed Kent Mercker, Ihp, Anaheim, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed David Cone, rhp, New York Yankees, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Craig Grebeck, 2b, Toronto, to a minor league contract (\$700,000)

CHICAGO (4) -- Re-signed Jose Valentin, ss, to a \$15.5 million, threeyear contract; re-signed Cal Eldred, rhp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Sandy Alomar Jr., c, Cleveland, to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract; re-signed Harold Baines, of, to a minor league contract (\$1

CLEVELAND (4) - Signed Ellis Burks, of, San Francisco, to a \$20 million, three-year contract; signed Juan Gonzalez, of, Detroit, to a \$10 million, one-year contract; signed Scott Radinsky, Ihp, St. Louis, to a minor league contract; signed Willie Blair, rhp, Detroit, to a minor league

DETROIT (1) — Signed Scott Servais, c, San Francisco, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).

KANSAS CITY (2) — Signed Doug Henry, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract; signed Luis Alicea, 2b, Texas, to an \$800,000, one-year contract.

MINNESOTA (1) — Signed Tom Prince, c. Philadelphia, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).

NEW YORK (6) — Re-signed Paul O'Neill, of, to a \$6.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Oliver, c, Seattle, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Mussina, rhp, Baltimore, to an \$88.5 million, sixyear contract; re-signed Luis Sojo, inf, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; one-year contract; signed Roberto re-signed Dwight Gooden, rhp, to a Kelly, of, New York Yankees, to a

signed Scott Kamieniecki, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$200,000).

OAKLAND (1) — Signed Mark
Guthrie, Ihp. Toronto, to a \$3.6 milon, two-year contract.

SEATTLE (4) - Signed Jeff Nelson, rhp, New York Yankees, to a for major league contracts are in \$10.65 million, three-year contract; parentheses: \$10.65 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jay Buhner, of, to a \$1.85 million, one-year contract; re-signed Tom Lampkin, c, to a \$1.2 million, one-year contract; signed Bret Boone, 2b, San Diego, to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (1) - Re-signed minor league contract. Ozzie Guillen, inf, to a minor league contract (\$550,000).

TEXAS (7) - Signed Andres Galarraga, 1b, Atlanta, to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Petkovsek, rhp, Anaheim, to a signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, Houston, to a \$3.25 million, one-year centract; signed Alex Rodriguez, ss, Seattle, to a \$252 million, 10-year contract; re-signed Ruben Sierra, of, to a re-signed Mike Munoz, Ihp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); Jeff Brantley, rhp, signed Philadelphia, to a minor league con-

tract (\$650,000). TORONTO (4) million, one-year contract; re-signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, to a \$20 million four-year contract; signed Jeff Frye, 2b, Colorado, to a \$1 million, one-

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA '(3) - Re-signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; signed Mark Grace, 1b, Chicago Cubs, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Reggie Sanders, of, Atlanta, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

ATLANTA (4) - Signed Dave Martinez, of, Toronto, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Rico Brogna, 1b, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Kurt Abbott, 2b, New York Mets, to a minor league contract (\$600,000); re-signed John Burkett, rhp, to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (5) - Signed Julian Tavarez, rhp, Colorado, to a \$5 million, two-year contract; signed Jeff Fassero, Ihp, Boston, to a \$5.1 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Hundley, c, Los Angeles, to a \$23.5 four-year contract; signed Tom Gordon, rhp, Boston, to a \$4 million, two-year contract; signed Jason Bere, rhp, Cleveland, to a \$4.5 million, two-year contract.

CINCINNATI (2) - Re-signed Mark Wohlers, rhp, Cincinnati, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Matt Walbeck, c, Anaheim, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).

COLORADO (5) - Re-signed Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Denny Neagle, Ihp, New York Yankees, to a \$51 million, five-year contract; signed Mike Hampton, Ihp, New York Mets, to a \$121 million, eight-year contract; signed Ron Gant, of, Anaheim, to a \$2.05 million;

FLORIDA (2) — Signed Charles Johnson, c, Chicago White Sox, to a \$35 million, five-year contract; signed Rich Becker. of, Detroit, to a

inor league contract (\$450,000). HOUSTON (4) — Signed Jose Vizcaino, inf, New York Yankees, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract; signed Charlie Hayes, 3b, Milwaukee, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Kent Bottenfield, rhp, Philadelphia, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Jeff Reed, c, Chicago Cubs, to a

LOS ANGELES (5) - Signed Andy Ashby, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract; resigned Darren Dreifort, rhp, to a \$55 million, five-year contract; signed Tim Bogar, inf, Houston, to a minor league contract; signed Ramon Martinez, rhp, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Jesse Orosco, Ihp, St. Louis, to a minor

MILWAUKEE (2) - Re-signed James Mouton, of, to a minor league contract (\$300,000); signed Jeffrey Hammonds, of, Colorado, to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract. NEW YORK (7) — Re-signed John

Franco, Ihp, to a \$10.5 million, threeyear contract; re-signed Turk Wendell, rhp. to a \$9,399,300,99, three-year contract; re-signed Rick Reed, rhp. to a \$21.75 million, threeyear contract; signed Kevin Appier, rhp, Oakland, to a \$42 million, four contract; signed Steve year Trachsel, rhp, Toronto, to a \$7 million, two-year contract; signed Steve Ontiveros, rhp, Boston, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Jim Leyritz, c, Los Angeles, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

PHILADELPHIA (4) - Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, Seattle, to a \$6.8 million, two-year contract; signed Rheal Cormier, rhp, Boston, to an \$8.75 million, three-year contract; signed Ricky Bottalico, rhp, Kansas City, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Brian R. Hunter, 1b, a minor league contract (\$500,000).

PITTSBURGH (3) - Signed Terry Mulholland, Ihp, Atlanta, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Derek Bell, of, New York Mets, to a \$9 million, two-year contract; signed Thomas Howard, of, St. Louis, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

ST. LOUIS (4) - Signed Bobby Bonilla, of, Atlanta, to a \$900,000 one-year contract; signed Shane Andrews, 3b, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Bernard Gilkey, of, Boston, to a minor league contract (\$700,000); signed John Mabry, of, San Diego, to a minor league contract (\$800,000).

SAN DIEGO (7) - Re-signed Tony Gwynn, of, to a \$2 million, oneyear contract; re-signed Ed Sprague, 3b, to a minor league contract (\$575,000); signed Alex Arias, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$1.3 million, twoyear contract; re-signed Dave Magadan, 3b, to a \$575,000, oneyear contract; signed Rick Wilkins, c, St. Louis, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Bobby J. Jones, rhp, New York Mets, to a \$625,000, one-year contract; signed Rudy Seanez, rhp, Atlanta, to a minor league contract.

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Virginia snaps Duke's ACC road mark

By The Associated Press

on line for four days to get Oklahoma 44 tickets? Ask any Virginia fan who was on hand for the since two players died in a (12-10, 3-8) has lost 12 Cavaliers' upset of Duke, plane crash last month, the straight SEC road games. and the answer would be a Cowboys dominated at both Florida St. 74, No. 17 resounding yes.

seconds to go lifted No. 12 was equally impressive on Virginia to a 91-89 victory defense as Oklahoma State over No. 3 Duke on (15-6, 6-4 Big 12) ended visit- Maryland and began the Wednesday night. The ing Oklahoma's seven-game Cavaliers have sold out nine winning streak. straight games, and this for four days just to get in.

people thought we were finished with just seven: going to keep our heads down and just fold to by their widest margin in or take the lead in the clos-Duke," center Travis Watson the series since a 33-point ing minutes. The hosts Give it to them. But it was were a season low. our night."

A year ago, Duke rallied Rutgers 59 overtime. This season, the Irish romped. Blue Devils took a 53-20 halftime lead and routed the and Murphy 18 for the visi- Southeastern Conference) Cavaliers 103-61 in Durham, tors' eighth straight victory. had five players score in

But things were much different Wednesday.

Duke even by hitting two third in the nation in scoring No. 23 Wake Forest 81, free throws with 14.3 sec- at 23.2. onds left, Roger Mason drib- No. 22 Kentucky 103, No. 15 bled some time off the clock Tennessee 95 preparing to make his move.

free and right to Hall, who only their third SEC road since starting the season 12laid a soft shot off the glass game. for the victory.

fans started coming."

Why not storm the court 1998. after waiting so long to get No. 16 Mississippi 51, tickets?

Elsewhere, was Oklahoma State 72, No. 12 points as Mississippi over-Oklahoma 44; No. 14 Notre came atrocious outside Dame 81, Rutgers 59; No. 22 shooting and weak rebound-Kentucky 103, No. 15 ing to beat its instate rival. Tennessee 95; No. 16 Mississippi (20-4, 8-3

Michigan 95, No. 25 Iowa 85. four-game losing streak to Is a game worth waiting Oklahoma St. 72, No. 13 State and extended their

ends. Victor Williams scored Adam Hall's layin with .9 a career-high 26 points and

Williams also stopped J.R. week students camped out Raymond, who averaged 20 points during Oklahoma's "I think maybe a lot of winning streak. Raymond

from a 10-point deficit at Despite an off night from Kenny Walker hit two free

Virginia and won 109-100 in Troy Murphy, the Fighting throws with 11.3 seconds left

Notre Dame matched its double figures. longest winning streak since It was the 999th college the 1986-87 season — even game as a player and coach After Shane Battier pulled mance by Murphy, who is Fogler.

Tennessee (18-7, 5-6) had to 13-1. "I think it rolled off some- won 18 straight at home, but clock. I didn't know if it injured point guard Tony NCAA tournament. counted or not. Then the Harris, lost three in a row for Michigan 95, No. 25 Iowa 85 the first time since January,

Mississippi St. 49

Rahim Lockhart scored 15

Georgia Tech 65; and The Rebels snapped a overall winning streak to In their best performance five games. Mississippi State

Maryland 71 Delvon Arrington scored 17 points for the Seminoles, who had lost nine straight to

game in last place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but never trailed after taking a 4-3 lead.

Florida State (7-17, 2-9) led by 12 early in the second half, but Maryland (15-9, 6-The Sooners (19-5, 8-4) lost 6) had several chances to tie said. "Duke is a great team. loss in 1964. The 44 points missed two 3-pointers before the buzzer sounded. No. 14 Notre Dame 81, No. 21 Alabama 60, South Carolina 55

as host Alabama held on. Matt Carroll had 20 points The Crimson Tide (19-5, 8-4

with the subpar perfor- for South Carolina's Eddie

Georgia Tech 65 Josh Howard and Robert O'Kelley had 18 points each Tayshaun Prince scored a as Wake Forest broke out of "I wanted to wait until career-high 30 points and a six-week slump. The about 7 seconds left," he Keith Bogans added 22 as Demon Deacons (17-7, 6-6 said. "I got by my man, the the Wildcats (16-7, 9-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), defense collapsed on me and Southeastern Conference) ranked as high as No. 4 in I tried to create something." extended their winning early January, won consecu-Instead, the ball squirted streak to six despite winning tive games for the first time

The Yellow Jackets (14-9, 6body or the rim and just now has a three-game losing 6) had won four of five and came to me," Hall said. "I streak since its last victory were trying to beat three just put it up. I didn't know against Vanderbilt on Feb. 3. straight ranked teams for the how much time was on the The Vols, playing without first time since the 1990

0, running their home mark

The Wolverines snapped a four-game losing streak, while Iowa lost its third in a

Gavin Groninger led host Michigan (10-13, 4-8 Big Ten) with 19 points. Avery Queen and LaVell Blanchard each had 18.

Mississippi 51, Mississippi Southeastern Conference) Dean Oliver kep' Iowa (17-State 49; Florida State 74, was just 2-for-16 from 3- 7, 6-5) in the game with 26 No. 17 Maryland 71; No. 21 point range and was outre-points. Brody Boyd, who Alabama 60, South Carolina bounded 40-28 by the top keyed a Hawkeyes run in 55; No. 23 Wake Forest 81, rebounding team in the SEC. the second half, scored 20.

Scoreboard

Wake Forest 81, Georgia Tech 65

West Virginia 72, Virginia Tech 69

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores By The Associated Press Army 60, Bucknell 55

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ames Madison 57, Old Dominion 49

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submitted to the Foreign-provisions of the FTZ Act, The proposed new zone Service Center, 120 Trade Zones (FTZ) Board as amended (19 U.S.C. would consist of sites South Johnson Street (the Board) by the City of 81a-81u), and the regula-Amarillo, Texas, to estabtions of the Board (15
eign-trade zone at sites in
mally filed on January 22,
Amarillo Texas High Plains region:
ster la the 4,000-acre
ty Airport and industrial
park, 1/4 mile north of the
City of Borger, Site 4 (68

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serving Amarillo and the Amarillo; Site 3 (345 within/adjacent to the thorized to make the produstrial park property, acres)- Ferguson Business Amarillo Customs port of posal under Texas Revised 10801 Airport Boulevard, Park, 650 Wilson Avenue, entry. The application was Civil Statutes Article Amarillo; Site 2 (6 acres)- Dumas; Site 5 (95 acres)- ecial

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case basis. In accordance with the member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the nancing thereof, such cer-As part of the investiga-

sought at this time. Re-

tion, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on February 22, Conference Room, Second Level, Amarillo Interna-10801 Airport Boulevard. Amarillo, Texas 79111. application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period quent 15-day period (to Water Planning

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NOTICE OF **APPLICATION** Notice is hereby given the comments regarding this GRUY PETROLEUM notice of intent or the ap-MANAGEMENT CO., plication for funds must ING, TX. 75014-0907 has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the density of the subject field requirepermit for Well, No. 3. Fowler c Lease, 634.07 Acres, Sec. 30, Bk. R, A Rowe/A D Heiman Survey, A-1146, Panhandle West Field(s), Gray County, being 1 miles from the rth of McLean, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 1,800' from the west line

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Applicant's representative Karen M. Rhodes, Consul-

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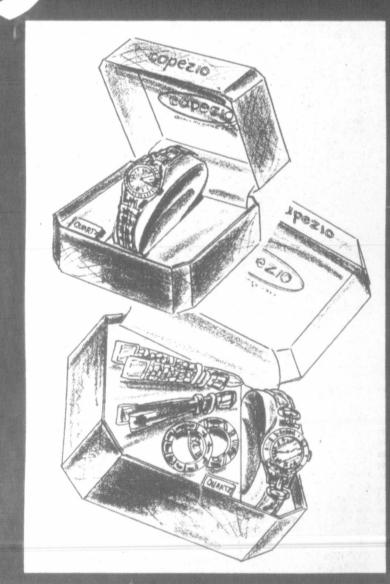
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