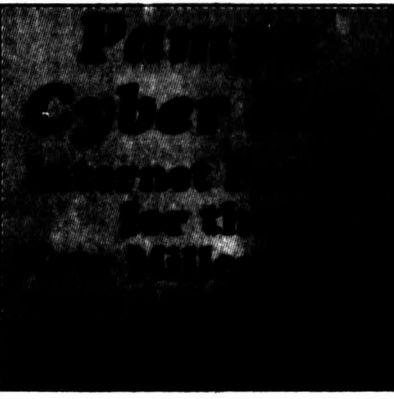


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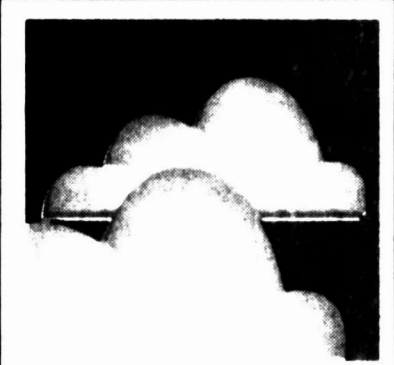
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No Lotto winner; jackpot now \$23 million
 No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$18 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday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

Landfill has new operating schedule
 PAMPA — Due to a new schedule, the landfill will no longer have different winter and summer hours. 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 E. Villalon, 65, former farmer, vineyard worker.

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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 County Texas petition the Commissioners Court to have an election to let the voters decide whether or not to issue bonds to pay for the courthouse remodeling. We think the voters should 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 interest. 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 Commissioner Jim Greene voted against the measure. Greene made a motion to call for an election for people to vote on the issue, but the motion died for lack of a second. (See PETITION, Page 2)



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.



City election slated May 5

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

"I'm contemplating."
 "Yes."
 "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 city is run." 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 noon hour. Jeffers said filing packets can be picked up now.



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. (Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

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 Curtman 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 four-door sedan, Trooper Ingle found about 102 pounds of what he believed to be marijuana in the trunk of the car.



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. (Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

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 head-on 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 temperatures 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 on him." 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)

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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 Panhandle.

Entitled "Fantastic Furniture Fling," raffle tickets will be sold during 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.

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo will raffle the furniture on April 1. "Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each, or six for \$50," Rita Bryant, director of Special Events, said. "Winners need not be present to win," she added. Entitled "Fantastic Furniture Fling," raffle tickets will be sold during February and March at the Pampa clinic located at 408 W. Kingsmill #173-A, which had over 1,600



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. Tickets will also be sold throughout the Texas Panhandle at any of 13 Planned Parenthood locations.

"The winner of the raffle can select furniture of their choice valuing \$10,000 from Warehouse Solutions Showroom of Amarillo," said Jenna Stafford, chairwoman of the Amarillo PPATP Development Committee. "It is a wonderful opportunity for

the family to refurbish their entire home."

"Funds raised from the raffle will be used to support PPATP educational and clinical service programs," Dennis Dougherty, president of Amarillo PPATP Board said. "We are very grateful to Mr. Foster for his generosity. These funds will enable us to maintain our region-wide education programs and will help cover the clinical services we provide for which we are

not reimbursed by federal funds," he said. "Last year, we provided over \$220,000 in charitable, reimbursed clinical services to uninsured and low income families in the Texas Panhandle. It is only through the generosity of individuals such as Mr. Foster that we are able to continue our efforts to make every child a wanted child and every family a healthy one," Dougherty concluded.

(Special photo)

Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

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

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 clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships will be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

RED CROSS CLASSES
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
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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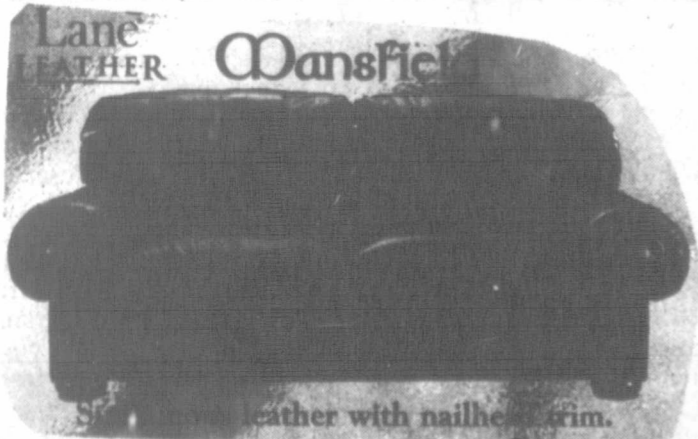
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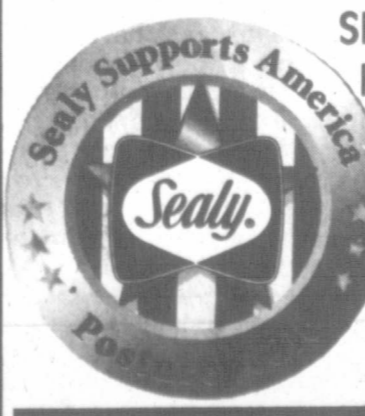
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLON Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., PD 13000', for the following wells:

#2043 Meadows, 1310' from South & 2310' from West line, Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN.

#2067 Meek, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 67, M-2, H&GN.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Harken Exploration Co., #119 Herring 'A' Tr. 2, 2286' from South & 1671' from West line, Sec. 3, H, H&GN, PD 3500'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4D Courson-Lips '163', 140' from South & 1250' from East line, Sec. 163, C, G&M, PD 8900'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Amoco Production Co., #4129 McMordie, 1213' from North & 544' from East line, Sec. 129, C, G&M, PD 9700'.

Application to Re-Enter ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Killebrew, 932' from North & 955' from East line, Sec. 189, 42, H&TC, PD 11000'.

Amended Intentions to Drill GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P, Inc., #14 S.P. Williams, 1780' from North & 2625' from East line, Sec. 7, 1, ACH&B, PD 3010'. Amended to change Lease & Well from #79 J.E. Williams & add BHL.

Oil Well Completions GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petro Petroleum Corp., #135 Worley, Sec. 61, 3, 1, H&GN, spud 12-10-00, drlg. compl 12-16-00, tested 1-22-01, pumped 36 bbl. of 42.8 grav. oil + 18 bbls. water, GOR 528, TD 3283'.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petro Petroleum Corp., #138 Worley, Sec. 84, 3, 1, H&GN, spud 11-24-00, drlg. compl 11-30-00, tested 1-12-01, pumped 48.6 bbl. of 42.8 grav. oil + bbls. water, GOR 350, TD 3208'.

Plugged Wells ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Continental Trend Resources, Inc., #1107 Chambers Ranch, Sec. 107, C, G&M, spud unknown, plugged 1-19-01, TD 10100' (oil).

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News in brief ...

Source: Federal prosecutor 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 hit-and-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 confrontation.

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 landslide-covered 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 polls in other states are closed. In an eight-hour

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 presidential race.

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 else and I understand they have reached some economic arrangement," Saona said.

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 civil-unions 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-of-state 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 lawmakers.

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

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

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:
Texas House of 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 Thursday it is cutting 1,700 jobs in response to slowing 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-year history.

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 full-time positions, mostly in administration, marketing and 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 expectations for industry and company growth."

A steady stream of gloomy-looking employees filed out of the Round Rock headquarters carrying

cardboard boxes and paper packets. None would comment on the cuts.

In 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 earnings report due to be released Thursday afternoon.

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 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 vehicle.

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 sport-utility vehicle with Virginia license plates similar to that described by witnesses.

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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 own."

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 unsaid.

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



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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 "one's own." Love is what makes us belong to each other. And love is about responsibility.

CHILD ADVOCATE IN NORTH CAROLINA
DEAR CHILD ADVOCATE: You're right. Mea culpa. Please read on:

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 opportunities 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 Have: 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 about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a partner, who flip-flops 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 new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Listen to news. You will gain from regrouping and reorganizing. Express your management skills as well as your ability to organize. Deal with a

financial question carefully. Ask for 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 more fun and flirtation to come out. Others love your frisky side. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Review a decision that involves family. Make those close to you a high priority. Understand more of what is important to all of you. Discuss spending more time at home. For some, a home office might be the right way to go. Tonight: Opt for a cozy night at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You have an uncanny knack of asking the right question at the right time. Think through a decision that involves a child or loved one. The status quo might be changing far more quickly than you had anticipated. Clear your desk. Return calls. You might need to postpone a meeting. Tonight: With favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Expenses could easily get out of whack. You might want to revamp your expenses and make decisions that work better for you. Your family has many suggestions, but ultimately you are more in control than you realize. Try to avoid upheaval and the unexpected. Tonight: Start the weekend with a smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** 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. Sometimes you are so busy trying to take care of others that you put your needs lowest on the totem pole. Stop that! Check out your balances and bills. Make sure everything is paid. Tonight: Remember, just for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Speak your mind, especially in a meeting. Others seem to naturally follow your lead and listen carefully to what you have to say. Try to curb impulsive behavior, as it won't get you anywhere. Go along with friends and co-workers. Be a team player. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Others often come to you for suggestions and ideas. You might not be sure about what is going on with a loved one or someone you put on a pedestal. Avoid making snap judgments. Keep observing. You won't immediately come up with the right answer. Tonight: Be leader of the gang.

BORN TODAY

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

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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36 Implied meaning

39 Social page word

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45 "For — sake!"

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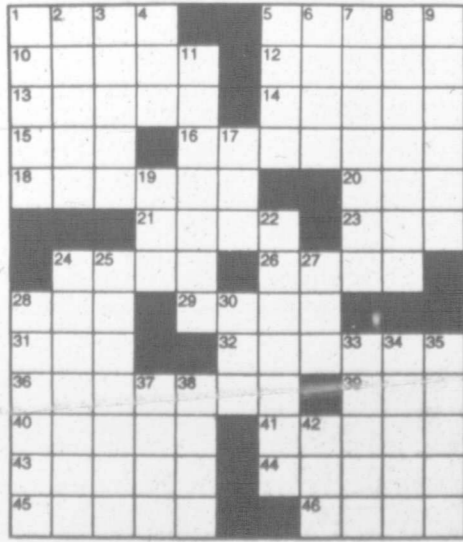
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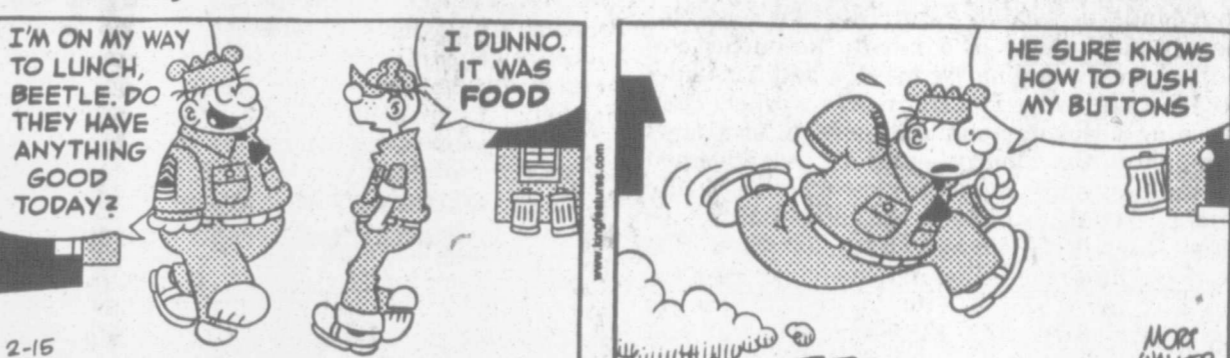
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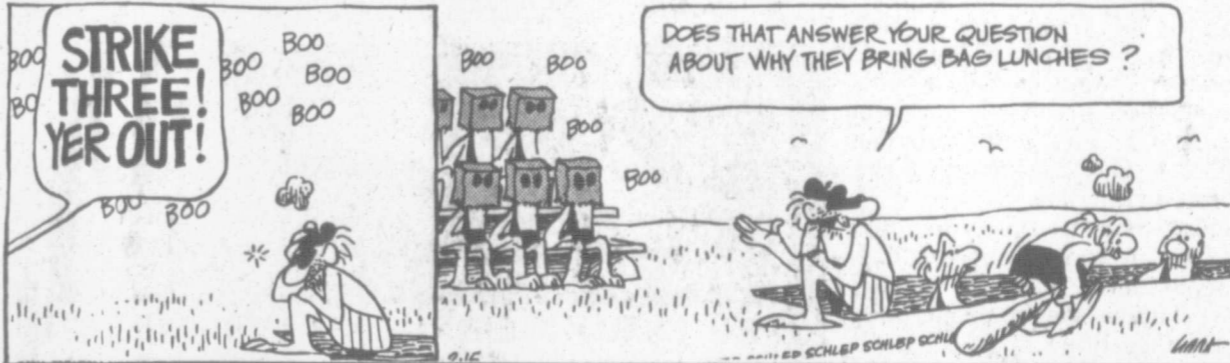
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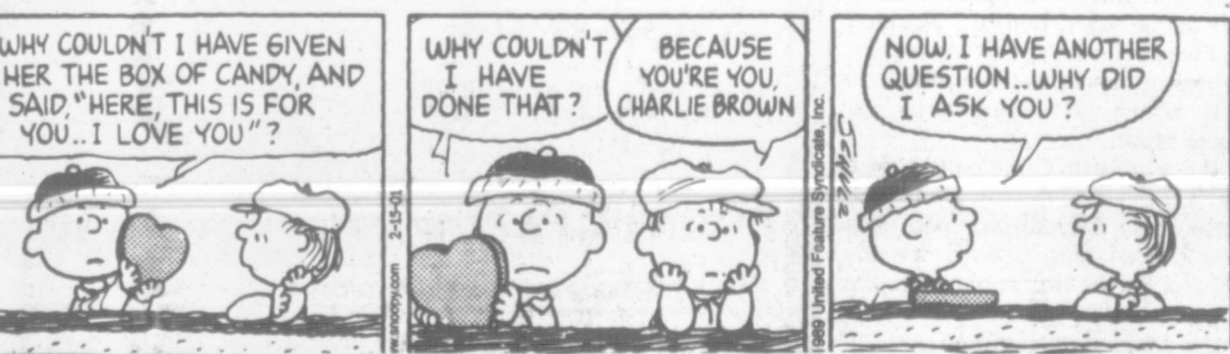
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SPORTS

State swim qualifiers



(Pampa News photo)

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

In his first game back from an indefinite suspension, guard Clarence Gilbert attempted only seven shots and passed up at least that many to finish with eight points, well off his 17-point average.

"It tells you how committed he is to the team," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "He'll figure that out. We want him to be shooting."

The Tigers claimed their fifth straight win over Colorado 80-69. Missouri is now 12-0 at home this season.

In other Big 12 games Wednesday night, Nebraska defeated Kansas State 82-56, Texas A&M beat Texas-Pan American 81-78, and Oklahoma State downed No. 13 Oklahoma 72-44.

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 19th career 3-pointer. Grawer, who went 8-13 from 3-point 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.

Rodney Fields added 11 points for the Huskers, who swept a season series for the first time since beating Kansas twice in the 1998-99 season.

Kansas State (8-14, 2-9) trailed by 17 at halftime and never got closer than 14 in the second half.

In College Station, Andy Leatherman sank a pair of free throws with seven seconds left to give Texas A&M an 81-78 victory over Texas-Pan American.

Brian Merriweather, the nation's best 3-point shooter, missed a chance to give Texas-Pan American a tie at 78 with 32 seconds left when his perimeter shot rattled off the rim. After the Aggies hit only one of four free throws, Merriweather sank a 3-pointer to cut the Aggie lead to 79-78. Leatherman finished up the scoring. Bernard King scored 22

points to lead A&M (9-15). The victory was the Aggies' third straight, the first such streak since 1998.

Mire Chatman scored 31 points to lead the Broncos (10-15). Merriweather was held to a 3-of-13 performance and 14 points.

At Stillwater, Okla., Victor Williams scored a career-high 26 points and was equally impressive on defense as Oklahoma State ended No. 13 Oklahoma's seven-game winning streak, 72-44.

Williams, the smallest player on the floor at 5-foot-10, scored 18 in the first half, when the Cowboys (15-6, 6-4 Big 12) took control. He also put the clamps on J.R. Raymond, who had averaged 20 points during Oklahoma's winning streak. Raymond finished with just seven.

Sports Notebook

BASKETBALL

CANYON — Nazareth downed Groom 69-38 in girls' 1-1A bi-district game Tuesday night.

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 with 9.

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

FRITCH — White Deer lost to Gruver 74-37 Tuesday in a girls' bi-district 1-A basketball game.

Lindsey Messer was Gruver's high scorer with 23 points.

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, Ivan McKenzie, Tristin Brown and Curtis Pritchett also had an outstanding game, said head coach John True.

The Harvesters had beaten Canyon by a 1-0 score on Monday.

Stars victorious over Kings, 4-2

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Modano gave some of the credit for becoming the Dallas Stars' career scoring leader to the player he surpassed, friend and 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 Modano, who started his career with Broten on the Minnesota

North Stars in 1989. "Our demeanor on and off the ice was basically the same. He taught me how to leave a lot of things at the rink."

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 record, 500th assist and victory. "It was a special night. I had a lot of emotions. Afterward, you think about everybody that's been a part of it for 12 years.

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

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 coach Ken Hitchcock said. "The countdown has been there and he's been feeling it. He was playing his third game in four nights, but he seemed to get stronger as the game went on."

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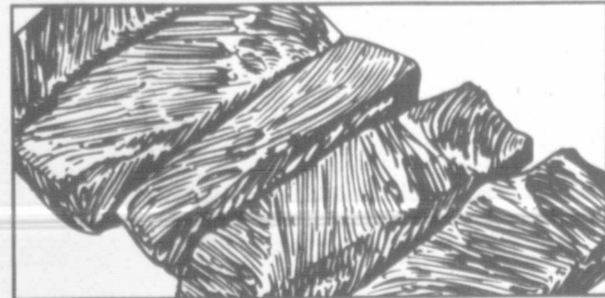
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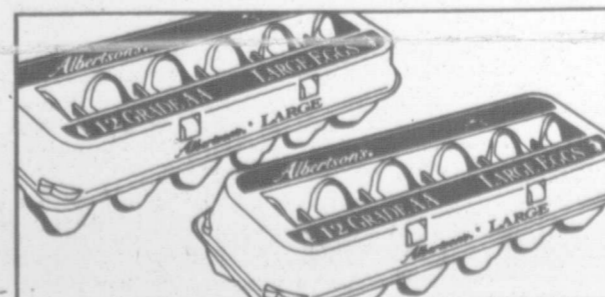
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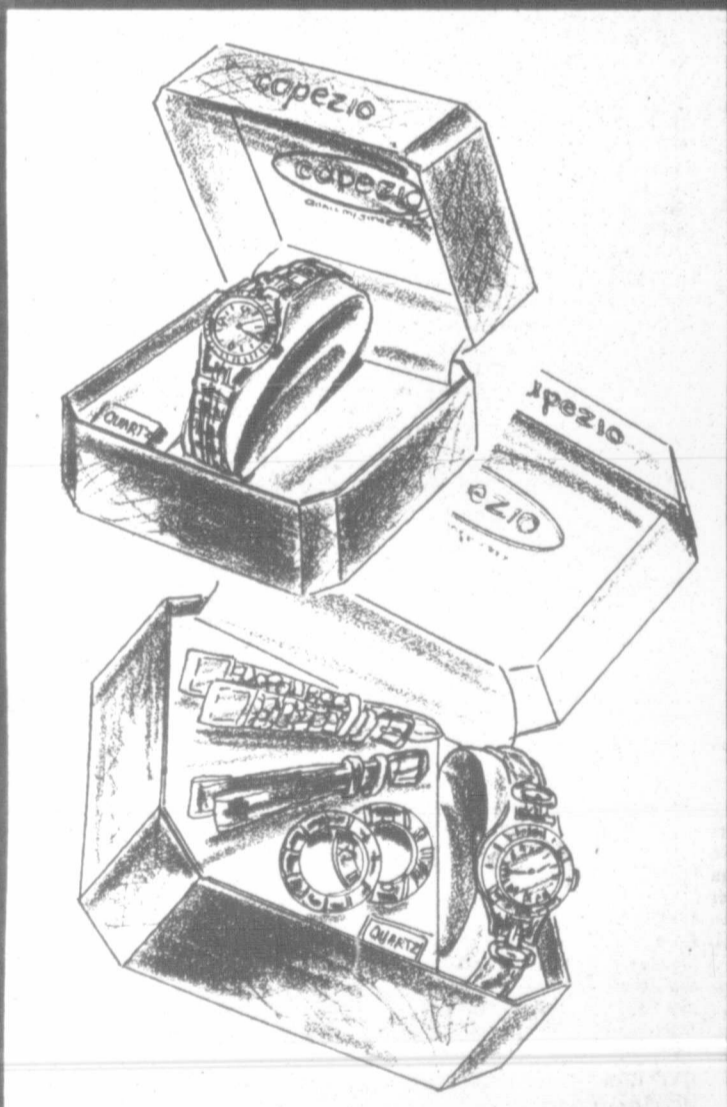
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