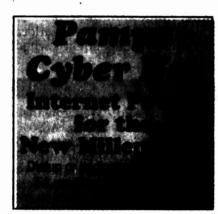


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Authorities search for missing helicopter

GRUVER, Texas (AP) - Ahelicopter that took off from



npa News photo by David Bowser

Firefighters from the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department brought four trucks to the scene of this morning's fatal fire but the blaze was too far gone for them to make a difference. The cause of the fire is being blamed on a space heater, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy David Russell.

Freedom Museum goes after funds for facility to house B-25

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

If the Freedom Museum's plan is selected, it help build a partially glass-enclosed facility at the present site which would house the museum's B-

calls for a project that has "gone over the \$1 million mark," he added, and there is not a limit on the money available.

A TxDOT spokesman, Cheryl Grimes Luther, could receive \$800,000 or more in federal funds to attended the meeting and said assistance will be given in preparing the application for the money. The cutoff date for submittal is June 18 and she expects the funds, if John Tripplehorn displayed an approved, will be avail-able in 2002 or 2003. architects drawing depicting the Luther said there is \$130 will administer about bomber surrounded by glass. He million available for fed-\$130 million in federal said a huge American flag would eral highway enhancefunds to create tourist go behind the plane and all ment projects. enhancements, museum go behind the plane and all Nationwide, the funds John would be flooded with light at total 10 percent of those appropriated in a federal

Lefors man dies in early morning fire

LEFORS — A space heater is being blamed for the fire in which Lefors resident Gary Timmons died early this morning in this Gray County community, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy David Russell.

Grav County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman ordered an autopsy and authorities were searching for dental records in connection with the case

Russell said he had not yet received the informat on as to the particulars regarding the heater but said he had been told it was the source that sparked the fire.

More than a dozen firefighters and four fire trucks from the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department braved bitterly cold temperatures to battle the blaze when the fire was first reported about 3:30 a.m. today.

Timmons' body was found amid the smoldering rubble of the mobile home after the flames were extinguished.

A representative of the State Fire Marshal's office arrived about 8:30 a.m. today to begin his investigation into the cause of the fire. I clors firefighters remained on the scene until well after dawn.

The center portion of the mobile home, at 611 N. Magnolia, was burned in two.

Deputy Randy Langwell is the investigating officer for the sheriff's department, said Russell who was also on the scene along with Sheriff Don Copeland.

County accepts bid for two sheriff's cars **By NANCY YOUNG**

Managing Editor

The Gray County Sheriff's Department will be getting two new Crown Victoria Fords soon.

A bid of \$38,128.10 was received for the two cars which were included in the 2001 budget as part of the sheriff's vehicle replacement program.

this small Panhandle town Thursday night never arrived at its destination in Amarillo.

Authorities throughout the Panhandle and the Federal Aviation Administration are searching for the aircraft.

"There are low stratus clouds and fog in the area," FAA spokesman Roland Herwuig said. "There is a company helicopter looking for the other helicopter. They won't be able to do much from the air until things clear up a little bit."

Herwig said it is not known at this time who owns the helicopter or if it landed somewhere other than its scheduled destination at Buffalo Airport, west of Amarillo.

Slight drop in inmate count

AUSTIN (AP) More parolee releases in Texas and fewer incarcerations of parole violators have freed up 1,000 beds in the nation's largest prison system, state criminal justice officials say.

The three-month decrease in population, while small by comparison in a system with more than 150,000 beds, comes as Gov. Rick Perry is urging issuance of bonds for construction of more prisons.

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The money is being sought from the Texas Department Transportation which spokesman Tripplehorn told city night.

commissioners Tuesday. He displayed an architects drawing depicting the bomber surrounded of funding is the second phase of projects. by glass. Tripplehorn said a huge American flag would go behind the plane and all would be

flooded with light at night. To make the plan fit better with tourist aims and possibly increase the chance of funding, a rest stop will be built in conjunction with the bomber house if the museum is chosen. Signs touting the museum would be erected on Interstate 40.

While technically not a grant, the funds will be administered similarly with 80 percent of the costs paid for with federal funds and 20 percent paid for with donations, Tripplehorn said. The facility plan highway bill passed in 1991. She said this round

Tripplehorn said a basement is being included in the plans for the new addition because the museum needs more room for display and stor-

Also, he said the group would like to buy the small church across the street from the museum because it once was the Pampa Air Field's chapel. If successful, the plan would be to restore it to World War II condition.

The commissioners agreed the city can act as the sponsoring agent for the project in order to handle the money if the project gets funded.

In opening the bid in the Gray County Commission meeting, Sheriff Don Copeland said the bid includes a \$7,000 trade-in and includes three vehicles: one 1995 model and two 1997 models. He said the county could not get a warranty without the trade-in.

The lone bid was made by West Texas Ford in Pampa.

(See CARS, Page 2)

Debris funding deadline gets extension to July 9

Gray County and 45 others eligible for disaster relief due to winter storms now have a four-month extension to get debris removal requests filed. The new deadline is July 9.

Under the program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), funding will be at 90 percent of the eligible costs, according to a news release from FEMA

Also, the project completion date for debris removal corresponds to the July 9 extension date for 90 percent tederal funding, the news release said. Funding at the usual 75 percent federal share is applied to other forms of public assistance for this disaster including reimbursement for emergency actions and repair or restoration of permanent facilities (roads, bridges, public buildings) damaged during the incident period.

Texas state officials embracing Spanish Hope to gain edge with Hispanics

AUSTIN (AP) — There's a new lilt to the flat Texas twang that saturates political lingo these days.

In speeches, meetings and radio shows, many state officials are trading their Southern drawls for the rolling R's of Spanish.

As governor, George W. Bush whetted the state's appetite for Spanish by sprinkling some in speeches and later in his television ads for president.

Gov. Rick Perry began tossing around Spanish with increasing skill after succeeding Bush in December. The first Spanish words tumbled out during his swearing-in speech, to rousing applause.

"Estamos unidos hacia un destino comun!" he said, meaning, "We are united toward a common goal!"

State Sen. David Sibley, a Republican, helped push the Spanishspeaking movement to the forefront recently when he conducted a public meeting at the Texas C pitol in Spanish.

Television screens displayed English translations during the 15minute Senate Business and Commerce Committee meeting, which mostly dealt with committee housekeeping issues. Only a few people in the room understood the speech without the translation.

Sibley orchestrated the event — the first Capitol speech in Spanish that lawmakers could recall — to spotlight the growing importance of bilingualism as Texas-Mexico relations increase.

"I'm not trying to change the language of Texas," Sibley said. "All I'm saying is you ought to be bilingual.

Not everyone agrees.

"We're inviting problems that we don't need," said K.C. McAlpin, executive director of ProEnglish, a 50,000-member national organization that supports making English the nation's official language for government business.

"It's very important that we have one language for government (See SPANISH, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Col. Joe Harrison, 82nd Training Wing vice commander, left, presents the Distinguished Flying Cross to World War II Air Force veteran and Pampa resident Myron "Mike" Porter, right, as Congressman Mack Thornberry looks on. Porter, a retired Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonel, received the medal at Shepard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, this week for heroic actions after being seriously wounded during a bombing mission over Fredrichshafen, Germany, in 1944.

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Obituaries

VIOLA MAE CROSIER

Viola Mae Crosier, 90, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Crosier was born Aug. 30, 1910, at Gage, Okla. She married Neal Crosier in 1934 at Arnett, Okla.; he preceded her in death on May 21, 1983. She came to Pampa in 1994 from Canadian.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Canadian. She worked for T.D. Hobart block of North Hobart. Ranch near Canadian for many years and Johnson's Grocery in Canadian.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and Bob Bryant of Bellingham, Wash.; a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley and Sharon Crosier of Pampa; four grandchildren, Skye block of North Coffee. Gleicher of Euless, Rob Bryant of Richmond, Va., Ryan Neal Crosier of Fort Worth and Dyran Crosier of Amarillo; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Feb. 16

11:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell; no transport.

1 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC

2:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

7:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart.

7:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Campbell and transported one to PRMC

7:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Elm and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Thursday, Feb. 15

8:07 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1400 block of Williston to investigate a gas odor.

9:51 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Faulkner. It was a child's toy alarm clock.

10:40 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a possible hazardous material spill in the 2000 block of West Alcock. None was found

1:08 p.m. - One unit and three firefighte responded to a medical assist in the 700 block North Nelson.

Police report

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

Thursday, Feb. 15

Judith Johnson, 44, 516 Carr, was arrested at Louisiana and Starkweather for driving while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to stop and give information, damage more than \$200.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300

A Nokia 5120 cell phone valued at \$149 was reported. The cell phone was taken at an unknown location, sometime between 8 a.m., Feb. 14, and 2 p.m., Feb. 15.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1700

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta. Several household items valued at \$50, including a ceramic figurine, CD case, and telephone book, was reportedly taken sometime between Feb. 2 and Feb. 15.

Friday, Feb. 16

Burglary of a building was reported in the 500 block of West Brown. Someone reportedly entered Advanced Safety Specialists at 10:50 p.m., Feb. 15. Nothing was stolen. No damage was reported

A possible drunken driver was reported at Louisiana and Starkweather streets.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Feb. 15

David Edward Dominguez, 37, Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense. He was released on bond.

Leonard Anthony Scott, 36, 1141 Huff Rd., was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear, bond surrenders for two counts of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of marijuana, and for possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, no registration, and expired inspection sticker.

Raul Rodriguez, 25, 128 S. Faulkner, capias pro fine for driving with license suspended, and failure to identify.

Teresa Rae Arguijo, 22, Lubbock, was arrested on three capias pro fines.

Mario D. Rivera, 29, Skellytown, was arrested on warrants for theft by check from Hutchinson and Gray counties, and Hutchinson County DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

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CARS

Copeland advised the commission he had received the annual contract with the U.S. Forest Service for summer patrol at Lake McClellan. He said there is no change from last year.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Joe Wheeley asked if the increased cost in gasoline will have an effect on the sheriff's patrol of the area. He also wanted to know if the county should ask the Forest Service for more funds this year.

Copeland said the cost will be sufficient for the summer of 2001.

Commissioner Precinct 4 James Hefley suggested an increased charge to the U.S. Forest Service be examined when the 2002 budget is discussed.

A cell phone contract with Cellular One for the sheriff's department was approved. Copeland said his department will only have three cell phones instead of four, and the changes will be \$20 less per. month.

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SPANISH

business so that we don't have to deal with the kind of strife and confusion and conflict that multilingual societies experience," McAlpin said.

Hispanics make up about 20 percent of the Texas Legislature and about 30 percent of the state's population.

For many Hispanics, the state's embrace of Espanol is welcomed.

"For a long time, I don't think there was much value placed on the Latino community. And I think that's changing," said Vincent Ramos, executive director of the Texas League of United Latin American Citizens.

"This clearly demonstrates a turn in the value that they see in the Spanish language," he said.

Texas appears to be the only U.S.-Mexico border state where politicians are taking such bold steps to embrace Spanish, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The governor, for example, has been meeting with a Spanish-language tutor about once a week. "I don't think he's comfortable yet doing an entire speech in Spanish," said Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt.

Sibley started learning the language by listening to audiotapes in his car and meeting with a tutor. Since then, he has taken an intensive language course and practiced speaking during trips to Mexico.

He dismisses criticism over conducting his Senate speech in Spanish. "We had one person that

Philadelphia tries to dump pounds, city's 'fat' title

Love, which two years ago earned the distinction of blames his bulk on his wife's fried chicken and

Led by Mayor John F. Street, a fitness fanatic, and former boxer said Thursday outside City Hall;

Commissioners approved bids for several properties having delinquent taxes. Approved for sale were: 828 S. Somerville, \$101.50; 201 E. Ford, 52,000; 531 and 529 S. Somerville, \$100; and 519 N. Christy, \$101.50.

Commissioners approved a contract with Ecosystems for environmental remediation for courthouse restoration project. Approval was also granted District Clerk Gaye Honderich to hire a temporary part-time employee. An interlocal agreement for conducting hearings

and proceedings for court-ordered mental health services for elderly Randall County residents was approved by the commission. Several counties have agreements with Gray County to provide hearings locally when the patients are in the Golden Phoenix unit of Panhandle Regional Medical Center. The counties participating are assessed a \$400 fee per case.

Approval was also granted for an interlocal agreement with Pampa Independent School District regarding dirt work.

wrote us a real hot letter," he said. "We wrote them a nice letter back and I ended it by saying 'Adios." Bilingualism is vital to communicate with Hispanic constituents and with Mexican officials

> on issues such as health, environment and business, said state Sen.' Eliot Shapleigh, a Democrat who applauded Sibley's embrace of Spanish. "I would not be senator if I were not bilingual,"

> said Shapleigh, who is not Hispanic. "Years ago, I saw a strong English-only move. Today I see an English-plus move.'

> The list of politicians speaking Spanish also includes Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, who learned the language in the 1970s while working in Bolivia for the U.S. State Department. He's trying to expand his skills by chatting with Hispanic employees and reading Spanish-language newspapers aloud.

> His skills are getting notice, especially when he phones live radio call-in shows on Spanish-language stations to talk about land issues.

> "Normally, the disc jockeys on the air will ask me two or three times if it's really the land commissioner calling in," Dewhurst said. "My Spanish is better than they anticipate.'

On the Net:

U.S. English: http://www.us-english.org League of United Latin American Citizens; http://www.lulac.org ProEnglish: http://www.proenglish.org

National Association for Bilingual Education! http://www.nabe.org

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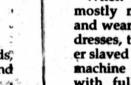
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7:21 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1400 Soybean block of North Hobart.

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10:31 p.m. –One unit and two fi responded to natural gas leak in the 40 Carr.

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Pat Croce, owner of the NBA's 76ers and a former where he weighed in for the city-sponsored fitness trainer, the city is trying to get residents to lose a combined 76 tons in 76 days.

In 1999, Men's Fitness magazine named Philadelphia the least fit city in the country after a survey showed nearly 30 percent of its residents were obese, and only 16 percent exercised regularly. Street, a now-trim 57-year-old who once weighed nearly 300 pounds, makes regular use of the gym he had installed in his City Hall suite after taking office

last year. He even has a full-time fitness czar. "He knew that if other citizens became more disciplined with their health, they'd be more disciplined with their lives," said Gwen Foster, a child-

hood friend of the mayor and the city's "health and fitness czar." Paul Moore, a 43-year-old garbage truck driver http://www.phila.gov/fitandfun

Tons of Fun" program.

Dropping a combined 76 tons in a city the size of Philadelphia is hardly an impossible task. The city has about 1.5 million people, and 76 tons amounts to 152,000 pounds.

Many large employers in the city, including the Internal Revenue Service and the PECO Energy Co.; are joining the weight-loss drive.

This time of year is really bad. I went home on vacation and put on 10 pounds," Keith Higgins, 29, a native of Dublin, Ireland, said Thursday as he enjoyed two hefty pizza slices. "All that Guinness."

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Drug raid shooting kills deputy

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County sheriff's Ruiz was among a group of officers serving a drug deputy has been shot and killed during a drug task force raid.

Deputy Keith Ruiz, 36, was shot between the two front panels of his bulletproof vest, said Lt. Jamie Page. He died at Brackenridge Hospital late letproof vest panels, hitting him in the chest. It Thursday after being transported by helicopter.

"There is no easy way to tell a woman her husband will not come home tonight," Sheriff Margo commending the work of paramedics and doctors. Frasier said in an emotional statement outside the hospital early Friday. The deputy also had three sons, she said.

A 12-year veteran of the sheriff's department,

News in brief

Taliban virtually wipes out opium production in Afghanistan

JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP) — U.N. drug control officers said the Taliban religious militia has virtually wiped out opium production in Afghanistan since banning poppy cultivation in finance issues July. A 12-member team from the U.N. Drug Control Program spent two weeks searching most of the nation's largest opium-producing areas and found so few poppies that they do not expect any opium to come out of Afghanistan this year. "We are not just guessing. We have seen the proof in the own solutions to a decade-long economic malaise. fields," said Bernard Frahi, regional director for the U.N. program in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He laid out photographs of vast tracts of land cultivated with wheat alongside pictures of the same fields taken a year earlier — a sea of blood-red poppies. Bush says Pentagon should reconsider

allowing civilians on ships

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Thursday the Pentagon should review its policy on **Israel helped pardon effort** civilian participation in military exercises like the emergency ascent drill a Navy submarine was per- Marc Rich sought a pardon from President Clinton, forming when it sank a Japanese fishing vessel. Sixteen civilians were aboard the submarine when including Prime Minister Ehud Barak and the exthe accident happened. Two were at control sta- chief of the Mossad spy agency. The billionaire's tions, although Navy officials insist they had no representative in Israel, former Mossad operative connection with errors that caused the collision. Avner Azulay, said he helped collect the testimoni-Rear Adm. Stephen Pietropaoli, a Navy spokesman, als from prominent Israelis that played a role in told reporters that both the Atlantic and Pacific sub- obtaining the 11th-hour pardon, now subject to U.S. marine fleets are reviewing procedures involving Congressional hearings and a federal probe.

search warrant when the shooting occurred about 9:30 p.m. at a mobile home park near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Frasier said the bullet struck between Ruiz's bulstruck a major artery and collapsed a lung, the sheriff said.

"They did everything they could," Frasier said, "He had simply lost too much blood."

The assailant was wounded in the hand and taken to an Austin hospital, authorities said. Charges were expected to be filed Friday.

embarkation of civilian guests on sea maneuvers. Pentagon officials said a preliminary Navy investigation of the submarine collision may be finished within days

O'Neill signals U.S. change on global

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, heading into his first international finance meeting, said Thursday the Bush administration does not favor giving Russia more favorable debt terms this year. He also said Japan must find its O'Neill stressed that he is not bringing a particular message from the new administration to the discussions of finance officials from the world's seven richest nations on Saturday. He said he views the discussions as an "opportunity to learn ... to begin a personal relationship with all of these important people.'

Financier Marc Rich's deep ties to

JERUSALEM (AP) - When fugitive financier he turned to powerful friends in Israel for help,

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement Dell Computer Corp. shares fell 8 percent Friday after the company 5 HOUR Sale, Saturday Only, lowered revenue projections for every item in the store 25% Off, the first quarter and reported incl. items already on sale! 9-2 ning Salon, formerly known as fourth quarter earnings that p.m. We will close at 2 p.m. Annie's Tan' N'. Come by or call missed expectations by a penny. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. 308 W. Foster, 669-7660, 665-5940. The Round Rock, Texas-based Cuyler. company adjusted the outlook at the close of regular trading

falls 8 percent

Dell stock

Thursday after slashing 1,700 jobs earlier in the day. The company is struggling amid diminishing personal computer sales against the Foster, Fri. 5-8p.m., baked chickbackdrop of a slowing economy. en & dressing, catfish, Swiss

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Winds were mainly southerly

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

W.O.T.M. SADIE Hawkins Dance, The Renegade Sat., 8-1 am (Moose Lodge) Members, guests.

gusty after its passage at 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 to-35 mph.

Decreasing showers and thunderstorms were predicted from the west as an upper-level low pressure system with Pacific moisture moves eastward out of the state.

Patchy fog should remain in West Texas from the South Plains into the Panhandle.

Daytime highs through Sunday were expected to range from the 30s in the northwest to 70s along the Rio Grande and Big Bend valleys.

Lows overnight should drop Dalhart to 44 degrees at Dryden. to the mid-teens in the Panhandle to 20s and 30s elsewhere and mid-50s along the coast.

PAMPA — Today, areas of morning fog and low clouds otherwise partly sunny with highs in the middle 40s. North to rain showers were scattered over

ble in the morning, Otherwise mostly sunny with highs in the ahead of the system. lower 50s. South winds 10 to 20

STATEWIDE - Wrapping up advance of a cold front.

The front extended from South Weather focus Texas through the Edwards Plateau and into the far east. Thunderstorms moved across North Texas. Moderate to heavy

the northern sections of South northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Texas along the front. Tonight, partly cloudy with patchy fog developing late. Areas of fog developed over Lows in the middle 20s. the South Plains and Panhandle. Early-morning temperatures Southeast to south winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, patchy fog possiranged from 20s and 30s behind the front to 60s and low 70s

and McAllen with 44 at Burnet nph. and College Station. Other read-

a rainy week for Texas, strong ings ranged from 25 degrees at thunderstorms moved through the state early Friday, wringing ahead of the front, turning out moisture that remained in northerly to northwesterly and

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Minister's musing

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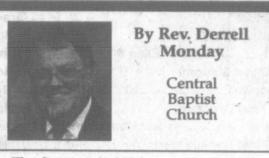
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It is hard to keep our eyes on Jesus! There are many distractions. We have to work hard to get ahead. It's tough just to stay even. Huge chunks of time are required of professional people just to keep up with the new developments in their fields. Work demands more and more time and effort just to maintain what we have. Somewhere there needs to be time for recreation and leisure. Family must be worked into the schedule of tife somewhere.

We're bombarded by advertisements touting the pleasures we can't do without. Resistance weakens when the pros throw their most tantalizing appeals at us. Even worthy causes claim large slices of our time. Involvement in worthwhile community projects are time consuming. School activities are demanding.



The first verse of Hebrews 12 encourages us to get rid of the weights and run the race. Verse two is not an insignificant "second thought". "Looking unto Jesus" is imperative if we are to win. Unless we keep our eyes on Him, we will run toward the wrong goal. Devil-placed detours will send us off in the wrong direction.

Distractions will slow us down. Some pleasures, some demands, even some good things, will divert us from the primary goal.

Looking unto Jesus demands self-disciplined concentration. Unless we program ourselves to look to Him each day, letting nothing interfere with our private time with Him, we will not win the big race. We have to do it on purpose, otherwise we'll not do it at all

Occasional worship service will not answer the demands of this verse. It requires a determined day-by-day view of our example and God.

Most of us are extremely busy and find ourselves too weary for the things of God. We reach levels of bum-out and fatigue. Unfortunately we tend to lay aside the things of God rather than the world. We may convince ourselves we are more rested, but we cannot deny the emptiness that pursues. Far too many have laid aside their faith and faithfulness.

May we realize that the fullness of life can 'only be experienced as we "Look unto Jesus".



(Special photo)

Lone Star living Sunday rituals: Finding the joys of church

By JOYCE SAENZ HARRIS The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Growing up in the red-dirt piney woods of the Florida Panhandle, I found there were just three certainties in life: death, taxes, and church on Sunday.

We didn't have Junior League or Rotary Club or a country club; we had church. It gave us our social life right along with our spiritual life, covering all the bases for this world and the next. There was no question of attendance, for I never thought of not going to church. You didn't miss it unless you'd been the funeral.

When I was small, church mostly meant Sunday school dresses, the ones that my mother slaved over her Singer sewing Everybody dressed up for of course, boys. During this only church, because we all believed that God expected it. We didn't want to disappoint him, and besides, we really liked looking nice. In the summer, there was Vacation Bible School, which meant drinking Kool-Aid, building Scripture dioramas and making log cabins out of Popsicle sticks. I will say that VBS became vastly more enjoyable after the good folks on our Administrative Board sprang for air conditioning. I still have the Bible I was given by the church at my confirmation, for which I was pre-

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pared by a series of group class- service, adapted from the Book guished myself during one ses- majestic, soaring language. sion by asking, right in front of And thanks to my parents, embarrassment, I never did.)

When I got older, church can possibly deserve.

es with our pastor. I distin- of Common Prayer, for its

guest of honor at Saturday's everybody, what the Bible whose Christian beliefs were meant when it talked about solid and unassailable, I knew being circumcised. (My pastor that the Golden Rule really is said I should ask my daddy but, the universal spiritual law, and and wearing my prettiest pastel belatedly sensing his acute that God in all his incarnations truly loves us far more than we

machine to produce, complete meant Methodist Youth Like many young people, with full skirts, sashes, lace Fellowship, weekly choir prac- however, I drifted away from trims and hand-tucked bodices. tice, church summer camp and, church in my 20s, attending bration with others, we discover poradically. Though I had

retired, we felt orphaned, lost in the congregation's vast, wealthy membership.

We agreed that there had to be something else out there for us. But what, and where?

We found our church home, finally, through a colleague's recommendation. One visit to Greenland Hills UMC, and we knew we would be back again and again. Eventually, we transferred our membership there, and over the past 18 months we and more regular in our attendance.

Now I understand why this oldest of all Sunday rituals persists, no matter which faith's Sabbath one might observe on whatever day of the week.

There is the desire to find sanctuary in God, along with the very human quest to find a quiet place for meditation within oneself. In gathering for celean enlarged sense of family in

Jerry Smith will present The Kingsmen in concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 in Borger High School Auditorium at Borger. The gospel group has performed at the White House for President Jimmy Carter as well as the Grand Ole' Opry. In addition, the band has received numerous Singing News Fan Awards and a number of Dove Awards. Some of their best-known recordings include: "It Made News in Heaven," "Excuses," "The Old Ship of Zion," "Stand Up" and "Wish Your Were Here." The concert is open and free to the public.

Church membership in America tops 151 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Total U.S. church membership is 151,097,906 in 320,697 congregations, according to the "2001 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches." Three-fourths of those members belong to the 10 largest denominations.

The nation's biggest denominations are the Roman Catholic Church have slowly increased our and Southern Baptist Convention, which posted membership increases involvement and become more of 373,048 and 122,400 respectively from the previous year.

The third-ranking United Methodist Church declined by 33,841 members. Also showing losses were the American Baptist Churches (53,012), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (28,557), Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod (11,964) and Presbyterian Church (USA) (13,775). The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., typically ranks fourth in size but provided no data and was not listed.

Bishops encourage dialogue about quality of farm life

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Economic expansion has failed to benefit many Kansas farmers, the Roman Catholic bishop of the Dodge City Diocese said in announcing a church initiative to preserve small farms and rural life.

Three of the bishops of Kansas' four Catholic dioceses released an "Agriculture White Paper" that encourages dialogue about farm life.

period, I spent an average of six moved out of Florida in 1975, hours in church every Sunday, my inactive membership stayed most of it secretly worrying at my home church for years. In about whether wearing glasses 1983, I married a wonderful damage my chances with the no formal religious training. It cute guys who never seemed to took some time for me to realize notice me.

Somehow, despite this incredibly shallow-minded approach to spiritual betterment, I managed to absorb a staggering amount of religious knowledge. I actually read Hurlbut's Story of the Bible for fun and memo-(King James Version). I learned joined another smallish congre-

and braces would irreparably man who had sound morals but oneself. how much I missed going to church, and more time for my husband to realize that he might enjoy going with me.

Then, for years, there was the problem of where to go. One small United Methodist church was convenient close enough to rized innumerable Bible verses walk to but deadly dull. We Press

an increasingly fractured and fractious world. And not least, there is the opportunity to help those in need, while also healing

Some people say they find secular ways of doing all these things, ways that don't involve having to join or attend a church. And I suppose that works fine for them.

All I know is, this is what works best for me.

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There's no part of our economy that is more basic than the production of food," the Most Rev. Ronald Gilmore, of the Dodge City Diocese, said at a news conference. "We all eat."

Gilmore said farmers with calloused hands, aching backs and good hearts had been left out of the nation's economic expansion.

Calling food production an ethical concern, Gilmore said the church's role is to promote dialogue that goes beyond technical and political explanations for why farms are getting bigger while the number of farmers shrinks.

Brashears in concert Sunday

The Brashears, from Russellville, Ark., will be performing live in concert at Barrett Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18th at 6 p.m. Fellowship will follow the concert and an offering will be received. Barrett Baptist Church is at the corner of Beryl and Henry Streets. Everyone is welcome.



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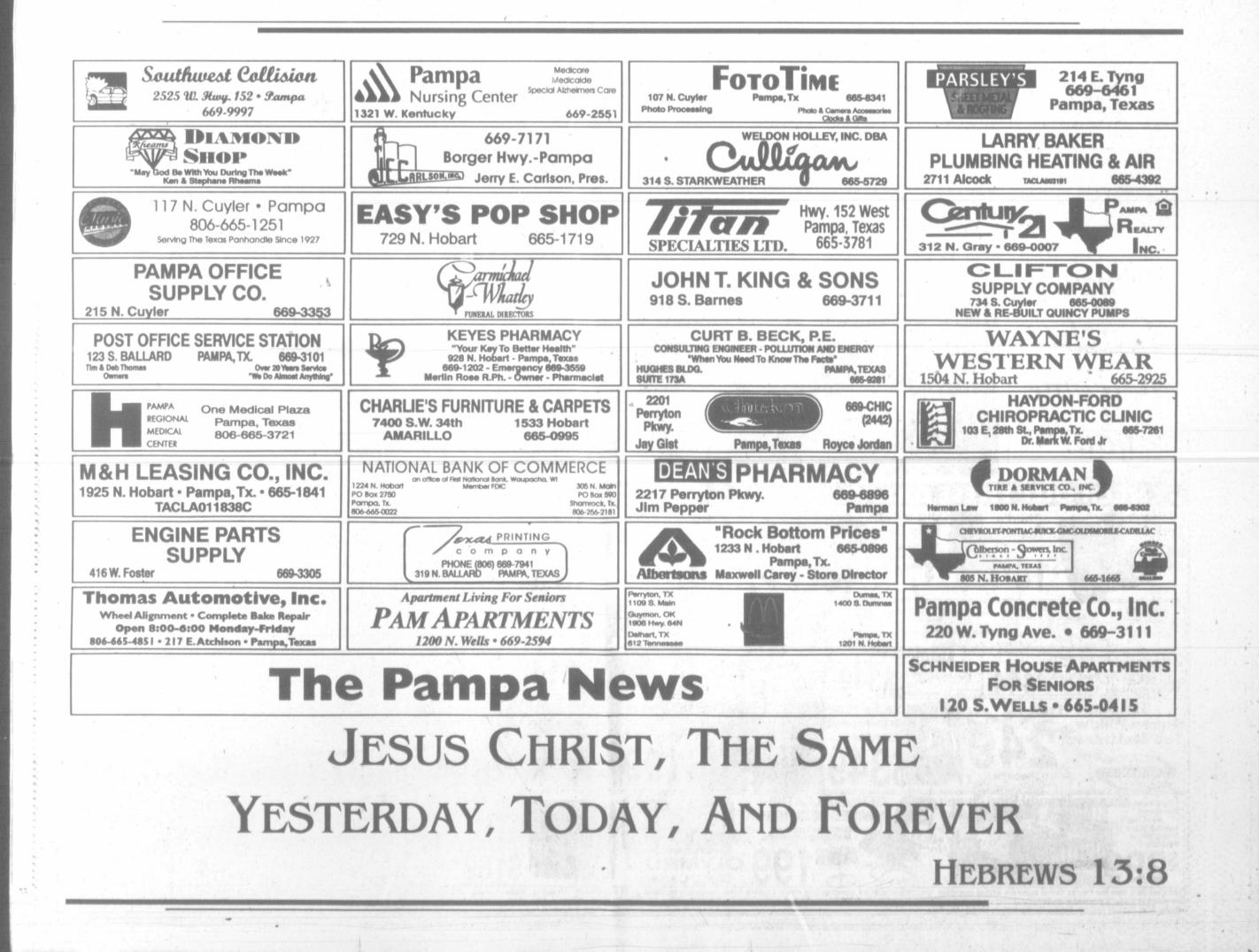
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Son Who Moves in With Dad **Insists Mom Save His Place**

Abigail

Van Buren

SYNDICATED

COLUMNIST

want anyone going into it when he's

Abby, but I don't want to push

Mike further away. He says he is

happy living at his dad's, but I

am not so sure. I suspect that his

insistence on keeping his room

vacant is his way of making sure

If we move our daughter into the

empty room, we will still have

somewhere for Mike to sleep when

anyone can distract you. The ever-popu-

*** Your imagination knows no

limits. Be playful with an overly serious

adult or elder. Dote on a family member

and allow your inner child out more

This week: You have a solution for near-

ly any problem on Monday.

Unfortunately, as a result, others dump

*** Somehow, you might not

their responsibilities on you. Say no.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

argument. Tonight: Play like a kid.

he has somewhere to go if things

get bad at his dad's.

lar Lion is in demand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

We could really use the space,

not there.

hobby.

end

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old son, "Mike," chose to move in with his father four months ago. He made this decision on his own. My lawyer advised me that he was old enough to make the decision, and that any judge would allow it, so I let him go. His father and I have been divorced for seven years. I am remarried, and besides Mike's 14-year-old sister, have a 5-yearold daughter with my new hus-band. Mike is extremely jealous of the 5-year-old.

We are severely cramped for space in our home and our 5-yearold's bedroom is ridiculously small - in fact, we call it a "glorified hallway." Now Mike's room is sitting empty except for every other weekend when he visits. We would like to move our 5-year-old into Mike's vacant room; however, Mike is absolutely livid about it. He says it is "still his room," and he doesn't

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 18, 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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Take your time during the next few weeks if you feel like soul-searching and reviewing your year. Use your high energy constructively. Consider a new contact an older relative. Tonight: Bring the family together.

This week: Take charge early on, and success will greet you. You're rolling full steam ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \star \star \star \star Pack up the family and take

off for the day, or ask friends to join you in a mini-adventure. Stay goal-oriented, if possible, during the next few weeks. Optimism about money soars, but don't go on a spending spree. Tonight: Relax at home. that overactive mind.

This week: Do your research, and you'll heavily on you. A loved one lightens present strong ideas. Don't count on get- your burdens. Don't neglect an important ting everything you want - just most of project, or you could work into the week-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might be far more active **** Someone really does allow results.

and vigorous than you realize. Others you to get away with much more than might be challenged by your actions and you usually do. This person not only words. Attempt to walk in another's gives you emotional support, but finanshoes. Sensitive discussions lead to more cial support as well, so share your apprefriendship and caring. Tonight: Spend ciation. Tonight: Out and about. quality time with a loved one.

he comes for the weekend, as we have a sofa bed.

Should I go ahead and move my daughter into the empty room, or let Mike keep his "security blanket"? I feel that it is my home, and I should do as I please. However, he is my son, and I love him and don't want to put any more distance between us. NO VACANCY IN INDIANA

DEAR NO VACANCY: If you give Mike's room to his sister, he truly will have no place to go if things don't work out at his father's. He will feel that you have slammed the door behind him, and it may affect the way he feels about you for years to come.

Your little girl is small, and she is used to the room in which she is now sleeping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * Keep conversations with a partner going, and you will find a common *** You are personality plus. Others adore you. Look at all the invitapoint of agreement. Forge into new territions that surround you in the near future, tory. Indulging a child or loved one fits right into your plans. Don't let another's if not today. Curb anger or, better yet, jealousy stop you from doing what you express your feelings so another can hear. Visit with friends. Tonight: want. Tonight: Share a favorite game or Whatever makes you happy! This week: Dig into work quickly, before

This week: Your smile makes a difference. Demonstrate your financial savvy Wondering about anything? Ask!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Step back and think about what you are doing. You might evoke a strong reaction from a friend or loved one. Your thoughts carry more weight than you often. Express your caring so that anoth- realize. Treat someone to movies and diet or exercise program. Make plans to er understands your warmth. Avoid an munchies. Relax with a dear friend. Tonight: Make sure you get enough sleep.

This week: You might have a difficult time getting into the week, but by Tuesday you'll be feeling more up to snuff. In fact, you're a veritable powerhouse

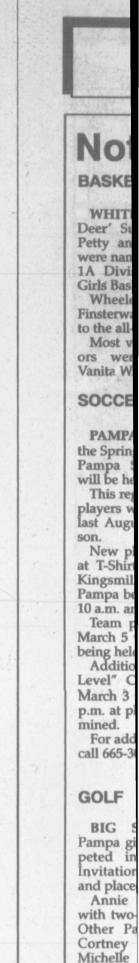
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

understand what is happening with those *** Aim for what you want, but around you. Unintentionally, you could work at not antagonizing another. Use be distancing people more than you know. Work on empathy. Tonight: Happy special caution with a loved one, who might seem OK but on a deeper level has This week: Family responsibilities weigh a lot of problems. Bring loved ones and family together. Tonight: Surround yourself with special people.

This week: Get feedback. Your willingness to mull over options and carefully think through decisions marks the

BORN TODAY





This week: Others respond to your inquiries. Prepare to become the office star

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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★ ★ ★ ★ Express your feelings in a way that another understands. Start a project or get into a favorite sport. You can accomplish a lot with your high energy. Call a friend or relative who's far away and plan to visit each other soon. Tonight: Accept another's invitation. This week: Popularity carries responsibilities. Deal with another's woes accordingly. Always take the high road. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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DOWN

This week: Speak your mind, but also weigh another's opinion carefully. Remember, you're not the only one who will be involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★ ★ ★ ★ Expenses could swing, but look at the real culprit here - you! You can say yes or no if you choose. A partner's extravagance could be an issue, but you can also find ways to handle the problem well. A family member puts you on a pedestal. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

This week: Continue to deal with finances with a hands-on attitude. Reach out for others midweek. News and ideas spin from your actions.

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Artist Yoko Ono (1933), actor John Travolta (1954), TV personality Vanna White (1957)

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SPORTS -

Notebook BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER ---White Deer' Suni Jo Petty, Cassi Petty and Samantha Parks were named to the District 2-1A Division 1 All-District Girls Basketball Team. Wheeler's Lyndi

Finsterwald was also named to the all-district team.

Most valuable player honors went to Shamrock's Vanita Wright.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Registration for the Spring 2001 season of the Pampa Soccer Association will be held Saturday.

This registration is only for players who did not sign up last August for the fall season.

New players may sign up at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, in downtown Pampa between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Team practices will begin March 5 with the first game being held March 17.

Additionally, a Coaches "F-Level" Clinic will be held March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at place yet to be determined.

For additional information, call 665-3036.

GOLF

BIG SPRING — The Pampa girls' golf team competed in the Big Spring Invitational last weekend and placed eighth with a 398.

Annie Sims led Pampa with two-round total of 183. Other Pampa scores were Cortney Locknane 201, Michelle Haley 206, Megan Shannon 206 and Krissi Holman 212.

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.



Members of the M.G. Flyers of Pampa are (front row, from left) Shelby Clay, Shannon Clay and Lara Heersema; (second row, from left) Nicole Heersema and Jazmine Rose; (third row, from left) Leah Wilson, Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga and Allison Cooper; (back row, from left) Calli Brewer, Allison Ware, Carrie Clay, Monica Schepp and Abbey Rios. They competed in their first meet of the season Feb. 10 in Dumas.

M.G. Flyers are on the Go this season

been busy attending clinics and ond place in tumbling. gymnastics meets.

The Tumbling & Trampoline clinic in Lubbock to work on con-

the Snowman Invitational in old level won a gold medal (first Pampa on Jan. 27.

Due to illness and injury, only four team members were able to compete.

Danielle Zuniga, a Level 4, 8year-old, received two white ribbons and two yellow ribbons for a 27.6 All-Around score. This was Danielle's fourth meet as a Level 4 gymnast.

Level 5 gymnast, received a second medal) in tumbling and fourth on on floor, third on beam, fourth on trampoline. vault and bars, and a third in the All-Around with a 30.4.

5, 10-year old, and received a third medal) in trampoline and second on bars, fourth on vault, fourth on in tumbling. Leah Wilson completbeam and floor. She received a sec- ed in Level 2 in tumbling and Level

Allison Ware, an 11-year-old bling. Level 6 gymnast, received an 8.4 on vault for a third-place ribbon.

Dumas on Feb. 10 for their first bling. meet of the season.

years. They won the second- consists of Mary Clay, Janna place Team Award. Rose, age 6, competed as a Level 1 Shauna Munsell.

PAMPA — Members of the M.G. gymnast. She won the gold medal Flyers Competition Team have (first place) in trampoline and sec-

Callie Brewer, 6-years-old, competed in Level 2 in tumbling and Team recently attended a three-day trampoline. She took first and two gold medals in both events.

ditioning and routines. Abbey Rios, the youngest team The All-Around Team attended member, competed in the 5-year-Abbey Rios, the youngest team place) on trampoline and a gold medal and fifth place in tumbling. Caylee Steward competed in

Level 1 in tumbling and Level 2 in trampoline. Caylee placed second in tumbling and a third in trampoline. Danielle Zuniga competed in Level 3 in trampoline and Level 4 in tumbling. She placed second in both tumbling and trampoline.

Lara Heersema competed in Shannon Clay, a 10-year-old Level 2 and placed first (gold

Nicole Heersema competed in Level 2 in tumbling and Level 4 in Shelly Clay competed as a Level trampoline. She placed first (gold ond in All-Around with a 31.30 4 in trampoline. She placed second in trampoline and third in tum-

Monica Schepp completed in her first meet as a Level 3 gymnast in The Tumbling & Trampoline trampoline and placed fourth. In, Division I gymnasts traveled to Level 3, she placed fourth in tum-

Madeline Graves in the Flyers' The team ranges in age from 5 to head coach. The coaching staff Jazmine Zuniga, Chris Steward and

Brawl nearly breaks out over "Chalupa Challenge"

By The Associated Press

Challenge.

The fast-food item nearly Cuban asked. Dallas Mavericks' 102-81 had some sympathy for the of its first 19 shots. rout of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Cavaliers on Thursday

their fans. "This is bigger than any chalupa," Cavaliers guard Wesley Person said. "They had a chance to run out the clock and get off the court, but their coach is over there Nowitzki scored 17 points calling a play with 10 sec- each, and Nowitzki pulled onds on the clock. That is down 15 rebounds for totally disrespectful to our Dallas. team and our players."

separated.

'Guys are pounding my Sacramento never had a Call it the Chalupa guy's head on the floor, chance at Portland. Webber Spurs 102, Wizards what am I supposed to do?" is out at least four games

night. The Cavs, whose los- them being disappointed," Smith had 17 as the Trail Isiah Thomas into 37th against Detroit. ing streak was extended to Nash said. "We really Blazers took Rasheed place on the NBA's career Jerry Stackhouse had 40 nine games, were in no shouldn't be running up the Wallace's latest ejection in scoring list with 18,834 mood for the Mavs' score, but on the other stride. Wallace was ejected points. attempts to fill the faces of hand, these are our home by referee Ron Garretson Washington guard Mitch them. There's not too many foul call with 8:02 left in the player in NBA history to legends in this locker room, third. but Gary Trent is now a

Without Chris Webber, 11 assists.

with a sprained left ankle, Two nights after being led to a brawl late in the Dallas guard Steve Nash and Sacramento missed 14 held scoreless for just the

> Damon fans and we have to repay for arguing an offensive Richmond became the 26th

put Miami ahead for good at 90-88.

Pacers 82, Pistons 73

Reggie Miller scored 19 second time in his 12-year points and Al Harrington Stoudamire career, David Robinson had added 16 points for Indiana, "I completely understand scored 20 points and Steve 16 points and moved past which has won six straight

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(AP) — Lost in Dodge's euphoria of returning to Winston Cup racing was Bill Elliott's failure — if that's what it was.

The polesitter for the Daytona 500 finished 20th to Sterling Marlin in a qualifying race Thursday.

But Elliott, of course, knows the real race is on Sunday. And why should a driver with nothing to gain show his hand?

"There was no need getting stupid out there today," he said. "Right now, you've got

to look at the big picture." So, no one should be shocked if Elliott wins the big race for the third time. Until then, he and car owner Ray Evernham will have to be happy poor-mouthing themselves.

"I don't know if I feel better or worse about Sunday," said Elliott, who led the first nine laps of his qualifying race, then faded to obscurity in a field of 26. "We'll take the information and get ready."

The information coming from his boss since the first wheel turned more than a week ago has been very suspect. Before Elliott won the pole last Saturday with a lap of 183.565 mph in his new Dodge, Evernham said he hoped his driver merely would be able to make the top 15 on the speed chart.

But that ended up sounding a lot like sandbagging. There was more of it Thursday after the qualifying race.

"I wish our car could have been up there fighting," said Evernham, the point man for Dodge's return to Winston Cup after a 16-year absence. Then he mentioned the

strength of the opposition. "Those Chevys looked pretty fast today," Evernham said. A couple of those Fords drove by us.

One that didn't was driven by three-time and defending 500 champion Dale Jarrett, whose team has led the call for relief from NASCAR.

After sweeping the top five spots in the big race last year, the Fords have been slow in 2000, and the teams contend that the sanctioning body's aerodynamics package has cost them 50 horsepower against the Dodges, Chevys and Pontiacs.

A fast-food chain gives coupons for free chalupas to right leg when he stepped Reunion Arena fans if the on Trent's foot during a Mavericks score 100 points drive in the lane. in a victory, and Gary Trent's turnaround jumper with 3.3. seconds to go put Dallas over the top.

by the NBA this season for Detroit 73; and Boston 108, his behavior, ran on the Seattle 88. court, then quickly backed

chalupa legend." Michael Finley and Dirk

Cleveland point guard Andre Miller injured his Miller had to be helped off November. the court.

was Portland Person knocked Trent to Sacramento 81; Vancouver State dropped its fifth the floor, and the two play- 99, Golden State 89; San straight road game and shot foot jumper in overtime to ers got into a brief shoving Antonio 102, Washington 1-for-13 from 3-point range, put Miami ahead 88-86. But match. Mavericks owner 78; Miami 98, Toronto 91 in while the Grizzlies were 8- Vince Carter, who had a Mark Cuban, fined \$395,000 overtime; Indiana 82, for-12.

Vlade Divac scored 19 to hit a 16-foot jumper in the lead the Kings, who fell second quarter. Richmond Celtics 108, SuperSonics 88 three games behind the led the visitors, who have Blazers in the Pacific lost five in a row, with 18 Division.

Grizzlies 99, Warriors 89

Mike Bibby had 22 points of the season. each for Vancouver, which Heat 98, Raptors 91, OT won a second straight game

105, nine rebounds. Golden Miami.

points and 10 rebounds for Toronto. the Warriors. Mookie

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San Antonio's Tim Duncan had 19 points and 12 rebounds for his NBA-Shareef Abdur-Rahim and leading 39th double-double

for the first time since Tim Hardaway had 18 points and 10 assists, and Michael Dickerson had 20 Anthony Mason scored six Elsewhere in the NBA, it points and a career-high points in overtime for

> Hardaway made an 18game-high 28 points, tied Antawn Jamison had 24 the score with a jumper at

Hardaway's driving off when the players were Trail Blazers 105, Kings 81 Blaylock had 14 points and layup with 2:45 remaining

points for the visiting Pistons, who cut a 14-point Indiana lead to four early in the final period. Austin Croshere then hit back-toback 3-pointers.

Antoine Walker scored 30 points for the Celtics, the No. 8 team in the East, who improved to 11-6 under interim coach Jim O'Brien. Boston won for the eighth time in 10 games and bounced back after a onepoint loss at Vancouver.

Paul Pierce but added 18 points for the Celtics. Gary Payton led the host Sonics with 20 points.

Flashback

1957: Melvin Chisum won the City Golf Championship.

He edged Max Hickey, 3-2 in match play at the Pampa Country Club.

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Texas Christian rolls past Fresno St.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — eight straight points in the first The next step for Texas Christian half put TCU ahead for good. is trying to approach every opponent the same way.

Just days after losing for the second time to struggling Rice, the Horned Frogs (17-8, 6-5 WAC) used two second-half runs to beat No. 20 Fresno State in the previous 17 games. 102-88 on Thursday night.

team. We get in trouble when we play teams that we don't think are good," TCU coach Billy Tubbs admitted. "We knew that we'd go right at each other. This is more along the line of our type of game."

Bingo Merriex, in the starting lineup only because of an injured teammate, had 22 points and was one of five players in double figures for TCU, the nation's highest scoring team with 94.1 points a game.

Merriex had two 3-pointers and a high-flying dunk in a game-deciding 15-0 run midway through the second half. His

The Horned Frogs scored more than 100 points for the 11th time this season. Fresno (20-4, 9-2) was giving up just 69.5 points a game, the most being 91 points at Hawaii in the Bulldogs' only loss

"I didn't think we were capable of playing this bad. We got "Fresno is a different kind of what we deserved," Fresno coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "The turnovers dejected us and we got discouraged defensively."

Fresno had a season-worst 30 turnovers, including 18 by point guards Tito Maddox and Dennis Nathan, who also combined for just six assists and 12 points. Maddox had 10 turnovers, the same number of points he scored.

"When you are playing against teams like Rice, you play down to the level of competition, sort of," TCU guard Greedy Daniels said. "You're not as excited to play, and that's a bad thing." -With only five regular-season

games left and the Horned Frogs still not assured of a postseason tournament berth, they know they need a better approach. And they say they will.

"One out our team's problems is not taking every game as serious. Now they are crucial," Daniels said. "If we played Rice again, we'd beat them by 50." Merriex, a sophomore starting his second straight game for injured forward Myron Anthony, made nine of 14 field goals and had nine rebounds in 35 minutes.

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The Pampa Stingers are getting ready for the spring soccer season. The Under-10 team is sponsored by Culligan Water Conditioning. Team members are (front row, from left) Jeremy Zellefrow, Joshua Rios and James Qualls; (center row, from left) assistant coach Dusty Neef, Dustin Neef, Oscar Recendiz, Landon Wesley and head coach Patti Carpenter; (back row, from left) Jerid Oxley, Kenny Hightower, Brenden Carpenter and Daniel Kirkland. Not pictured is Tobey Focken. Spring signups are scheduled for Saturday at T-Shirts & More, 111 West Kingsmill. This signup is for players who didn't sign up last August for the fall season. For more information, call 665-3036.

Record scores expected at Hope Classic

only record that's safe in the under set in 1993 by Tom Kite. desert this week is the one Mark that's only because the Bob Hope able. Classic is a five-round tourna-

play at the Hope, where birdies come in bunches and par is mere- man Chris Smith. ly an abstract figure to match scores against. This is, after all,

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) - The record for a 90-hole event of 35 an eagle to take what in most "Nothing surprises me out here Calcavecchia set in winning the anymore," Durant said. "But 35 Phoenix Open last month. And under for five rounds is unbeliev-

> Not really. Not after a day where three players shot 62s, and Durant birdied his last six holes to take a 3-shot lead over journey-

The scores were so good that Duval shot a 68 and lost 5 shots to the same place where David the leader. Billy Mayfair shot a 62 Duval shot 59 in his final round and was tied with Duval, 8 shots

tournaments would be the midway lead. Here, there are three more rounds to go and three more chances to go low.

The courses are perfectly manicured, the greens roll gentle and true and, so far, the weather has cooperated as well.

'It's almost like playing in a dome," Durant said.

'You got to remember, we're playing Indian Wells, not Southern Hills (U.S. Open site)," Calcavecchia said.

avecchia, whose 256 total a 46-year-old record at ix, shot a 66 and lost 3 on the lead. He made a bogey by 4-putting the hole from the fringe, then back to run off five birdies w to get right back in it.

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WTA&M Symphonic Band Concert to kick-off annual tour

A&M annual spring concert on open to the public. campus as a final tune-up for The Symphonic Band consists a three-day high school tour of 70 of WTAMU's top wind later this month. The and percussion players.

CANYON – West Texas scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, group," Dr. Gary Garner, performed are "Sinfonietta" by Harry Alford and "Carnival of nique and control," Garner said. M&M University's Feb. 18 in Mary Moody WTAMU band director, said. Ingolf Dahl, "Yiddish Dances" Venice" by Arban. On Tuesday, Feb. 28 the Symphonic Band will use its Northen Hall and is free and

Symphonic Band concert is "It's an unbelievably talented

"This band is a real special by Adam Gorb, one."

The band will perform six Schuman, pieces with a variety of styles Wamphray" by Percy Carnival of Venice. Iowa Park High School and from slow and melodic to fast Grainger, "The World is "She has a glorious, beautiful Wichita Falls High School en and dramatic. The pieces to be Waiting for the Sunrise" by sound with tremendous tech- route to Dallas.

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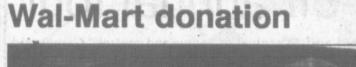
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On Tuesday, Feb. 28 the "Circus Racquel Rodriquez, a gradu- Symphonic Band will leave to William ate student from Kermit, will be tour high schools in the Dallas area. The band will perform at

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Pampa Wal-Mart Store Manager Joe Cumby, left, presents a \$700 check from the Wal-Mart Foundation to Wes Hukill, treasurer of the Top O' Texas Stock Show, and Blake Laramore, organizer for the annual Stock Show barbecue. The Top O' Texas Stock Show each year gives 4-H students the opportunity to showcase the pigs, lambs, and steers they've raised.

Florida schools improved as much as other schools

Failing schools faced with the ers under a 1999 law that is the threat that their students would hallmark of Gov. Jeb Bush's edureceive vouchers to go else- cation plan. where showed the most improvement when they were their children out of public tested a year later, a new study schools and use tax dollars to suggests.

F's in 1999 improved the next brother, is proposing vouchers year more than twice as much as for the nation. other schools, according to the study, led by Jay P. Greene, a Department of Education, found senior fellow at the Manhattan that all schools did better on the Institute for Policy Research.

failed again in 2000, they would 2000, regardless of their grades

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — have become eligible for vouch-

Vouchers allow parents to take send them to private schools. Florida schools that received President Bush, the governor's

The study, funded by the state Florida Comprehensive If the schools would have Achievement Test from 1999 to

the first year.

"But we saw this phenomenon where the lower the prior score was, the bigger the improve-ment," Greene said Thursday. "Simply being monitored, that is inspirational to do better."

The failing schools gained about 18 points on the test's reading scores and 26 points in math. In contrast, schools that got C's in 1999 improved about 4.5 points on average in reading,

and about 12 points in math. The president of Florida's teachers' union, which has opposed Bush's testing and voucher plan, said the study failed to take into account the extra money and attention given to failing schools, something teachers have pushed for all

Couple survives ordeal trapped in snow drifts

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Bear and Eve Feight's wrong turn led them into a weeklong battle for survival, living off a few candy bars and cookies and snow they collected from the frigid drifts outside their halfburied vehicle.

"We prayed constantly for a miracle because I knew that was what it was going to take to get us out of here," Eve Feight, 65, said Thursday, two days after she and her 67-year-old husband were rescued from the Gila National Forest

The Belen, N.M.-area couple set out Feb. 6 on a visit to their foster daughter's home in Tucson, Ariz., a daylong trip from their home south of Albuquerque.

"We were going to help her settle into her new house," Mrs. Feight said in a telephone interview from her home. They packed blankets and

rugs that they'd need to move furniture, along with four candy bars and six coconut macaroons. They also brought their dog Riley, and some dog food.

En route to Tucson, they decided to visit the ranch where Mrs. Feight's mother grew up in Cliff, in southwestern New Mexico. Mrs. Feight said they tried to notify their daughter about the change of plans, but the line was busy.

The Feights took a wrong turn and headed into the snowy Gila. The snowpack became thicker, and after a few more turns, they were stuck.

They put the rugs under the tires to gain traction, but snow piled up under the sport utility vehicle, leaving its wheels spinning

When they first got stuck, they measured 32 inches of snow next to the SUV. Another 10 inches fell the next day.

'About the fourth day, my husband said, 'This is God's way to lose my beer belly, and all I've lost is my butt," Mrs. Feight said.

The Feights' children contacted authorities. But because of the last-minute change in plans, police didn't know where to

The Feights, who had ther-mometers with them, faced "I looked up and here comes a nighttime temperatures that Mrs. Feight said dipped to 6 degrees below zero outside and about 29 degrees in the SUV.

The couple are in the insulation business so they put their professional knowledge to use. They wore several layers of clothing, wrapped themselves in blankets and a tarp, and chrome wheels." taped plastic bags and sheets over the SUV's windows.

They placed red clothing - a dress, a sweater and a blouse --on the hood to attract the attention of any searchers. They rationed out the cookies and candy.

"We are the biggest chow Feight said. hounds you'd ever want to meet," Mrs. Feight said. "That's

our hobby — eating." Their hobby turned serious. They ate only two macaroons, a motel room to relax. and a little more than two candy

to seek help. When they thought 'Sure,' and we exchanged mar-

white Ford pickup," Mrs. Feight

"My husband turned around at the same time. He said, 'I saw this snowdrift moving toward me.' He said he thought he was hallucinating. But it had chrome wheels, and I said, 'Hallucinations would not have

In the pickup were three security officers from Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. They were on a camping trip.

"I'll tell you what I told them: 'I fell in love with all three of you in three minutes,"' Mrs.

The campers took the couple to a nearby town. After a medical check and a call to their foster daughter, the Feights went to

"I'd say we'd chew each bite 21 times," Mrs. Feight said. Eventually, there is a said. "Our hands were dehydrated Eventually, they ventured out 'Will you marry me?' He said, they couldn't go any farther, riage vows again after 30 years."



Valerie Ryals

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Public Radio: A time

Public Radio - that not-for-profit, listener-supported, non-commercial effort that doesn't exist in the Texas Panhandle (except in a small circle around Amarillo, and that's just since 1999) — will get a boost on March 9 when a special live "radio program," "Prairie Home Canadian" will come to the Palace Theater in Canadian.

This will be a take-off on the popular variety show "Prairie Home Companion," produced since the early 1980s by Public Radio International with Garrison Keillor as host.

Local performers, musicians and humorists will be doing Texas Panhandle versions of some of the favorite skits such as "Powdermilk Biscuits" and the "Chatterbox Cafe," and might even talk something about, not the Norwegian bachelor farmers whose plight is often discussed (the "Prairie Home Companion" is broadcast from Minnesota), but maybe the Lone Star lonesome cowboy without a horse to come home to.

Watch for information about time, but mark your calendar now for March 9.

Help bring High Plains Public Radio (HPPR) to our part of the plains by talking about public radio, listening to it when you're going to Amarillo (91.3 FM, then 94.9 FM), and becoming an investor in underwriting the cost.

For those interested in obtaining more information about HPPR, a nine-minute "High Plains Sampler" is available on CD or audio-tape for check-out at the public library. The sampler contains excerpts from public radio broadcasts.

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"We've paid attention to these schools and we've infused money into the situation," said Maureen Dinnen, president of Florida Education the Association. "It isn't that teachers were being lazy and shiftless before. The other ingredient was, 'What do you need?' The, moniey.'

Bush said the study lends weight to the effectiveness of the new law.

"It is clear that the state's unprecedented attention to children in low performing schools producing remarkable results," he said.

Opponents also have said that instructors can teach to the test, and that it changes too frequently to adequately measure achievement.

But the study released Thursday concluded the scores compared favorably with scores on another test for which there weren't such high stakes.

start searching.

New Mexico State Police sent out a nationwide message seeking information on the couple's whereabouts.

"The family was worried about their welfare because they had not heard from them. But their route of travel was unknown," Sgt. Royleen Ross-Weaver said.



Ryals, O'Brien return to Canadian in Prairie Rivers Musical

in Canadian, announced this week that Valerie Ryals, widely considered the top female Texasstyle fiddler in the state, will be a featured performer at the February 17th show. Also featured will be nationally known guitarist, Rich O'Brien.

Ryals and O'Brien are making a return visit to Canadian, after their week-long stay a year ago as part of the Texas Folklife Resources Artists-in-Residency Program. Their performances were popular and well remembered by audience members and local/area musicians who had the pleasure of performing on stage with them.

Ryals was born into a family of string players, learning her first fiddle tunes from her grandfather when she was 11 years old.

Jay Godwin, with Prairie In a genre normally dominated Rivers Musical and Sing-Along by men, she has proven herself as a champion fiddler.

Texas-style fiddling is distin-guished by a smooth melodic phrasing produced by complex fingering and low bow strokes. "The bow is the key," said Ryals. "You can take the fiddle and make it sound so many different ways, but the bowing, mainly. Almost anybody can learn the fingering, but using the bow for different styles is tough A good stick is the most valuable tool you have."

Ryals teaches Texas-style fiddle to literally hundreds of stu-dents through her Burleson stu-dio. She has also participated in past fiddling contests at Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Ryals will conduct rea-sonably paced workshops as a part of her stay in Canadian on February 16th and 17th (call Godwin at (806) 323-6213.)

O'Brien is an amazing guitarist according to Jay Godwin. "He looks so relaxed but we all watched him in awe while playing at our musical last year. We encourage everyone who likes great guitar picking to come and watch Rich play."

Red Steagall has said, "Rich O'Brien is one of the great guitarists of our time. When history looks back on the great instrumentalists of our time, Rich O'Brien will be at the top of the list.

Prairie Rivers Musical and Sing-Along is a free family oriented musical show organized in Canadian in the fall of 1999. Area musicians from Wellington,

Wheeler, Canadian, Higgins, Lipscomb, . and Leedy, Oklahoma have been featured. Well-known Texas-style fiddler Frankie McWhorter is now contributing his great talents to the delight of the audiences.

The shows are at the Canadian Middle School Auditorium where comfortable theater type seating is available for everyone. "The show is free, uses a lot of older country, gospel, and rocka-billy music, with no alcohol or dancing, and lasts about 2 1/2 hours," said Godwin. "See you on Saturday night, February 17th, at 7:30.

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