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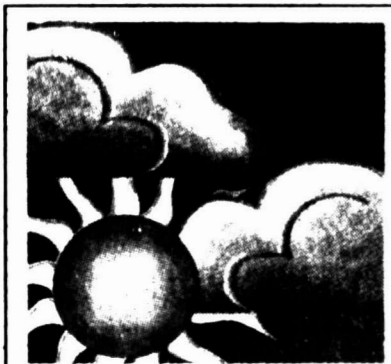
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**Frank Phillips sets Open House**

BORGER — Frank Phillips College in Borger will host an Open House from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce.  
For more information, contact FPC at 1-800-687-2056, ext. 767.

- Lillie Elizabeth Barnhart, 78, homemaker.
- Grady D. Cheely, 93, self employed.
- Gladys L. Ratliff, 98, homemaker.
- Robert James Sailor, 72, farmer, rancher, former owner C&S Cable Advertising.
- Charlotte Sumner, 81, homemaker.
- Jim Tye, 72, worked in family business of Tye & Sons Drilling.
- Walter O. Wright, 63, former TxDOT employee.

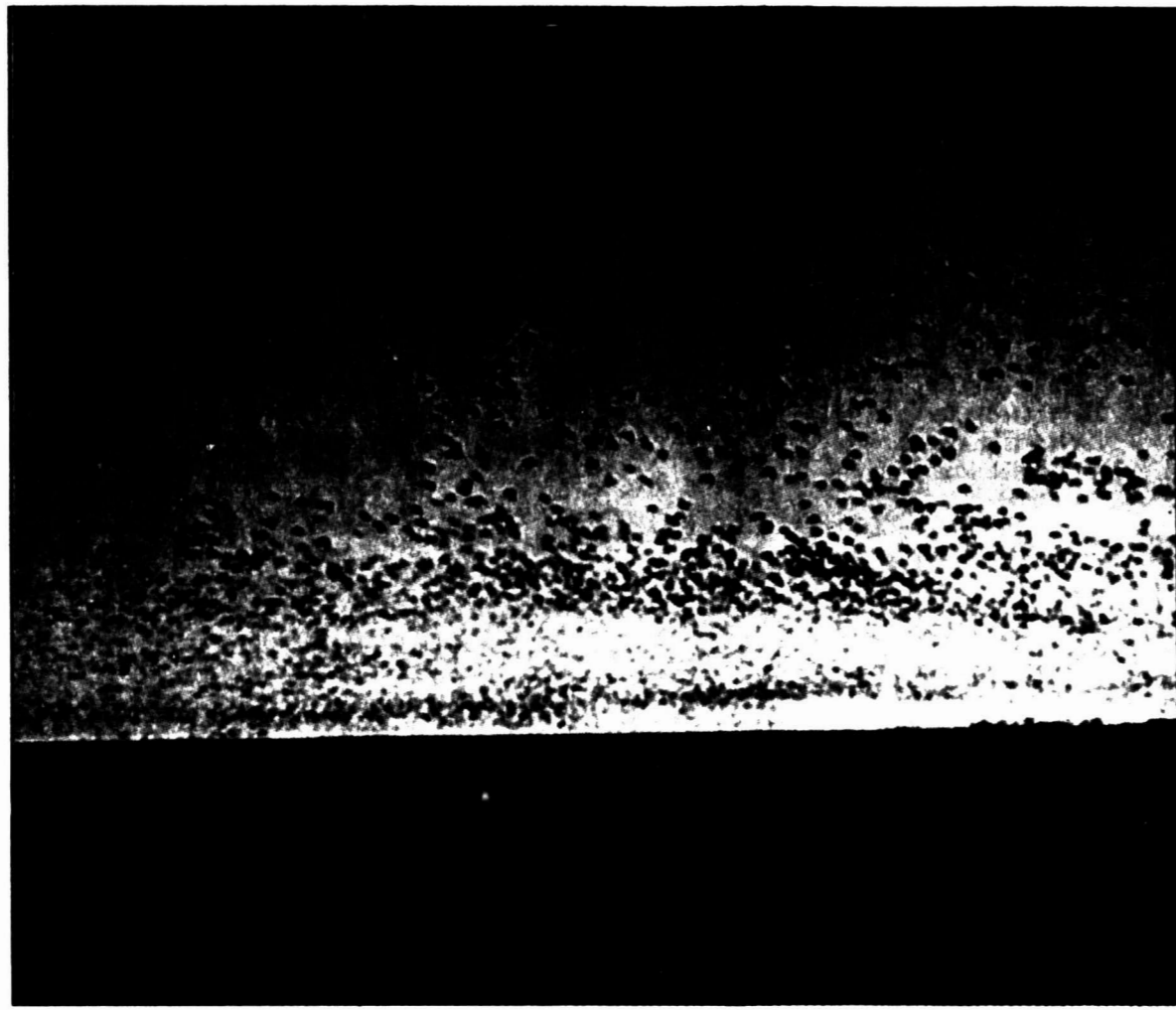
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**Flocking in ...**



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Hundreds of Sandhill cranes fill the sky, south of U.S. 60, near the Top O' Texas Rodeo Grounds. The cranes rested from their annual migration north in a plowed milo field over the weekend. Wink and Karan Cross, the field's owners, said this may be the most cranes they had seen in the field, although almost as many cranes rested there about two years ago.

## City sales tax figures reflect good December

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

There's good news on the sales tax front. Christmas and other shoppers during December are responsible for sales tax receipts which came in at 23 percent above what had been budgeted.

This month's report for December sales put \$238,049 in the city's pocket and the half-cent Pampa Economic Development Corporation sales tax generated \$79,349 bringing the sales tax total to \$317,399, according to City Finance Director John Horst.

"We are very pleased with the sales tax receipts for retail sales made in December," Horst said. "For this year, year-to-date collections are \$57,677 over budget."

The December receipts were well above last year and about the same as in 1998 when \$238,961 in city taxes were collected.

December 1999's city portion of \$192,496 was thought by some city officials to be an incorrect number because it was so far off the mark from 1998 and because many merchants had reported good holiday sales. Some officials theorized that some of the December 1999 taxes may have been tallied by the state in the wrong month.

There is no proof this happened and Horst said there is no definitive answer as to why December 1999 receipts came in as low as they did.

But for now, Horst says, "February collections [for December sales] traditionally account for about 10 percent of our annual collections. The months of October, November and February have been over budget and prior year collections."

Horst said city officials "... are encouraged by this and anticipate the next seven months will be at budget or above. As to what can be attributed to this, we know some local retailers had a very good December."

Another good sign, Horst says, is that some local businesses have added employees in the last six months.

## Chisum expected to file water bill

By DAVE BOWSER  
Staff Writer

**The proposed legislation would amend the district's enabling legislation to charge fees on water pumped from the district and piped to other areas outside the district boundaries.**

WHITE DEER — The head of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District expects this session of the state legislature to deal with a number of bills concerning underground water.

"Most of things I've seen will be beneficial," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

While many of the bills have been filed, legislators have until March 9, to file proposed legislation.

Williams said one of the bills will enable the district to assess export fees on groundwater transported out of the district and to allow the district to buy and sell water if the need arises.

"It would give us clear authority to assess export fees," Williams said.

The bill, expected to be introduced in early March by State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, applies only to the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District. Most districts already have that authority, Williams said, but the enabling legislation that created the panhandle district in the 1950s did not include it.

"We can buy water, but we can't sell it," Williams said.

The proposed legislation would amend the district's enabling legislation to charge fees on water pumped from the district and piped to other areas outside the district boundaries. It would also allow the purchase, sale, transportation and distribution of surface water or ground water.

"I can see a time," Williams said, "when we may need to step in and buy and sell water for livestock or domestic purposes, but I think that's 20 or 25 years down the road."

(See WATER, Page 2)

## Town meeting Wednesday to feature Rep. Thornberry

Congressman Mac Thornberry plans to meet with Gray County citizens in a special town meeting Wednesday at Pampa.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler.

Thornberry said his purpose for holding the meeting is to receive public input regarding key issues facing the country.

"One issue I'd like to visit about in particular is health care," Thornberry said in a letter to his constituents. "There are a lot of ideas being discussed as to who we can best strengthen our system. I'd like to know what you think."

"Health care is important to every American and I can do a better job of representing you if I have your input," he said.

Thornberry of Clarendon is presently serving his fourth term as a U.S. Congressman representing the 13th District. He serves on the Armed Services Committee, the Budget Committee and Resources Committee.

## County to sell old law books

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Old law books in the Gray County Law Library have been declared surplus property by the commissioners' court and County Judge Richard Peet has been authorized to sell the books and get the best possible price.

Peet said he had contacted Pampa attorney Phil Vanderpool, who is president of the local bar association, to determine if any attorneys would be interested in purchasing the law books. He said Vanderpool advised him he had contacted all local attorneys about the books and told them to notify Peet if they are interested.

Peet said two attorneys, John Mann and Mark

Bazzard, had expressed interest in the books.

He said he had been told the main reason for interest in the outdated law books relates to Supreme Court decision in the books.

The judge said he had also contacted Friends of the Library to see if that group is interested in the books. He said the county has donated the outdated law books to that organization in past years, but said the members are not currently interested in the books.

Peet said the commission should get as much money out of the books as possible, and to get rid of as many as possible. He said there are many, many outdated law books from the law library.

(See BOOKS, Page 2)

## Quite frankly... What's your hometown and what do you like best about it?



"San Antonio. The food and the River Walk."  
-- Robert Chavarria



"Moab, Utah. That is where John Wayne made his movies, but now it's a biker town, Sweet Dreams."  
-- Jackie North



"Pampa. The people are very friendly people here and there is a very active local community theatre."  
-- Sheila Lindsay



"Pampa. Because we have lower crime rate than other places and you can feel safe on the streets."  
-- Yvette Brown



"Shamrock. I like the movies there and being there during the holidays."  
-- Angie Cornist

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**SAILOR, Robert James** — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.  
**TYE, Jim** — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

## Obituaries

**LILLIE ELIZABETH BARNHART**  
TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Lillie Elizabeth Nottingham Barnhart, 78, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, at Grace Living Center in Tahlequah. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Reed-Culver Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Lay officiating. Burial will be in Fort Gibson National Cemetery at Fort Gibson under the direction of Reed-Culver Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

Mrs. Barnhart was born April 11, 1923, in Cherokee County, Okla., to Nancy and David Nottingham. A lifelong resident of Cherokee County, she attended Mount Zion School and married Raymond Eston Barnhart on Oct. 17, 1941. She was a member of Chateau Church of Christ.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, fishing and riding around.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jane Goad of Pampa; two sons, Raymond J. Barnhart and David Barnhart, both of Locust Grove; six sisters, Della Nottingham, Lela Cole, Clara Smith and Henryetta Essary, all of Tahlequah, Shirley Jackson of California and Cozetta Stacy of Fort Gibson; two brothers, J.D. Nottingham of Anthony, Kan., and J.B. Nottingham of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**GRADY D. CHEELY**  
AMARILLO — Grady D. Cheely, 93, of Amarillo, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001. Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Llano Cemetery Mausoleum with the Rev. Ken Holmes of Arden Road Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Llano Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Born in Shady Point, Okla., Mr. Cheely moved to Amarillo in 1961. He married Gladys Jewel Sullins in 1932 in Oklahoma; she died in 1992. He was self-employed.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Page of Amarillo and Kay Burns of Eulless; a son, Don Cheely of Amarillo; four sisters, Grace Lister and Masie Duncan of Pampa, Faye McDonald of Alpine and Ramona Douglass of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106; or to a favorite charity.

**GLADYS L. RATLIFF**  
CANADIAN — Gladys L. Ratliff, 98, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ratliff was born Feb. 1, 1903, in Hall County and grew up in the Memphis area. She married Homer Ratliff in 1920 at Memphis; he died in 1984. The couple settled in Canadian and she lived there for more than 70 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Canadian.

Survivors include a son, Homer Ratliff, Jr. of Miami; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch St., Canadian, TX 79014.

**ROBERT JAMES SAILOR**  
Robert James Sailor, 72, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A lifelong Pampa resident, Mr. Sailor was born in the community June 29, 1928. He married Clara Mae Evans on Oct. 16, 1971, at Pampa.

Mr. Sailor farmed and ranched all his life and formerly owned-operated C&S Cable Advertising. In addition, he served as district director of Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District from 1965-78, was chairman of membership of Canadian Production Credit Association and was a member of the Texas Agriculture Committee. In 1986, he was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

He was a member of First Christian Church, establishing Sunshine Ministry and delivering meals every Thursday, and Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, receiving his 50-year Masonic pin.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Robert Sailor, on June 1, 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Mae, of the home; three daughters, Marilyn Sailor of Annandale, Va., Brenda Strahan of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Katherine Taylor of Pampa; a son, Don Kite of Amarillo; a brother, Artie Sailor of Pampa; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church Sunshine Ministry, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

**CHARLOTTE SUMNER**  
CANADIAN — Charlotte Sumner, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church with Jerry Golden, pastor, the Rev. Harry Morris, a retired Baptist minister from Mount Vernon, Wash., and the Rev. Scott Raef, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Sumner was born in Hemphill County and graduated from Canadian High School in 1937. She married Randolph Sumner in 1941 in Canadian; he died in 1998. She was a homemaker and an active member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Kay, in 1947.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Erms of Edmond, Okla., and Joan Sumner of San Angelo; two sons, Ronald Sumner of Edmond, Okla., and Dwight Sumner of Spearman; two sisters, Betty Rowley of Rogers, Ark., and Dannie Morris of Mount Vernon, Wash.; a brother, W.C. "Dub" Welch Jr. of Downey, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106; or to Hemphill County Library, 500 Main, Canadian, TX 79014.

**JIM TYE**  
FLOYDADA — Jim Tye, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wendell Horn officiating. Burial will be at Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Tye was born at White Deer and relocated to Floydada in 1934. He graduated from Floydada High School and attended the University of Texas. He married Valrie A. Burke in 1950 at Floydada; she died in 1971.

A well driller, he worked in the family business, Tye & Sons Drilling Company, for more than 30 years and was a Methodist. His McCleskey ancestors helped found Floydada Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa Ann Bearden of McKinney and Dana Leigh Carver of Alvarado; a son, Kerry Tye of Amarillo; two sisters, Betty Lou Simpson of Floydada and Carolyn Marble of South Plains; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 719, Floydada, TX 79235.

**WALTER O. WRIGHT**  
CANADIAN — Walter O. Wright, 63, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Glazier Cemetery at Glazier with the Rev. Gary Jahnel, pastor of Mobeetie First United Methodist Church, and Mike Darsey of McLean officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wright was born at Glazier and worked for Texas Department of Transportation for 16 years. He married Lois Irene Gastineau in 1958 at Glazier.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1956-79, a Baptist and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and AARP.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; four sisters, Margaret Dowdy of Pampa, Joan Stovall of San Marcus, Mary Hart of White Deer and Sandra Griffin of Conroe; and two brothers, Jack Wright and Larry Wright of Canadian.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014; the American Cancer Society; or a favorite charity.

## Police report

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

**Monday, Feb. 19**  
A burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.

Destruction of property was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Montague.

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

An assault causing minor injuries was reported to Pampa police. The assault reportedly occurred at an unknown location.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported to have occurred on Feb. 5 in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
A runaway was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Santiago Garcia Miranda, 46, 715 N. West, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for expired driver's license, expired registration, no proof of financial responsibility, and failure to maintain a single lane.

Crystal Dawn Fuller, 34, Sagebrush Motel #102, was arrested at Tyng and Starkweather streets for public intoxication.

Brian Lee Fuller, 34, Sagebrush Motel #102, was arrested at Tyng and Starkweather streets for public intoxication.

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## Sheriff's Office

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

**Monday, Feb. 19**  
David Edward Heuston, 43, 1013 S. Wells, was arrested for violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
Andrew Curtis Camp, 27, 842 S. Banks, was arrested for animal cruelty.

Allen Baumgardner, 39, 620 Red Deer, was arrested on a violation of probation for unlawful possession of a firearm.

## Emergency numbers

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

## WATER

The panhandle ground water district board is presently debating a permit request from Dallas oilman and panhandle rancher T. Boone Pickens and his neighbors in Roberts County, part of the district, to pump 150,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Ogallala Aquifer beneath the panhandle. The group, operating as Mesa Water, Inc., said they plan to sell the water to thirsty cities down state. Their plans call for selling the water to one of three urban areas, El Paso, San Antonio or the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, and possibly some communities along the pipeline route.

District officials say that while technically Mesa Water's permit request is incomplete since it does not say where the water will go, they expect a temporary permit to be issued this week with the condition that Mesa will return and apply for a permanent permit once a buyer for the water has been designated.

Williams said the export fee assessment, if it passes the legislature, would be a small fee on the amount of water transported out of the district.

The assessment of the fee, he said, is an effort to ease taxes on those in the district. Presently, anybody taking water out of the district, pays the district nothing in taxes for the water being exported. "That's not fair," Williams says.

At least three groups, Mesa, the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority plan to pump water from Roberts County and transport it for their needs. Amarillo is within the district but says it doesn't intend to begin pumping for another 25 years. Mesa says it plans to sell the water down state. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority provides water from Lake Meredith to eleven communities from Pampa to south of Lubbock. It will begin this spring pumping water from its Roberts County well field and mixing it with the water from Lake Meredith.

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## BOOKS

"We need to declare them (the books) surplus property and get rid of them," said County Commissioner Precinct 2 Jim Greene, commenting on the large volume of books.

Commissioner Precinct 4 James Hefley agreed and Commissioner Precinct 1 Joe Wheeley suggested taking bids, but the commission decided that

process might get too involved. Estimating there is only about five percent of the books that attorneys will be interested in, Hefley said he didn't think the attorneys would be interested in submitting bids.

Peet will contact the attorneys who have indicated an interest in the books.

Commissioners said the extra shelving from the law library will be utilized in other county offices.

## DPS checks two high-speed crashes involving teenagers

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers have investigated two high-speed wrecks involving local teens in the past two days.

Two young Pampa men were injured when a 1984 Nissan went off the road, struck a metal pipe, flipped end-over-end, then rolled on U.S. 60, west of Pampa, Monday morning.

Matthew Kent Gallagher, 19, 500 N. Christy, and Michael Leon Hinds, 18, 1138 S. Christy, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center Emergency Room by Rural Metro Ambulance at about 8:30 a.m., following the wreck. Both men were conscious at the scene. The passenger, Hinds, had been ejected from the vehicle, officials at the scene said.

Hinds remained in the Pampa hospital in stable condition at press time today, after being admitted for observation, Terry Barnes, a hospital spokesman, reported. Gallagher was treated and released from the hospital emergency room, he said.

Trooper Jesse Cerda said in his report of the wreck that the Nissan was eastbound on U.S. 60, approximately six miles west of Pampa when the vehicle drifted to the right, went into a ditch, and struck a large metal pipe head-on. The vehicle then flipped end over end, rolled over on the passenger side, then stopped right side up, facing west.

Cerda listed driver inattention and speeding over the limit as contributing factors to the wreck. Gallagher was cited for speeding and driver inattention. Hinds was cited for not wearing a seat belt, according to the DPS report.

At 12:30 a.m. Sunday, the 18-year-old driver of a red 1999 Ford Mustang lost control after attempting a left turn off U.S. Highway 60 onto Tignor Street and plowed through a metal fence, according to DPS reports.

The Mustang was reportedly traveling east on U.S. 60 when the driver turned left, then turned right, and lost control, according to a report of the accident by Trooper Cerda.

Cerda arrested Christopher Shane Fowler, 18, 306 Canadian, on charges of driving while intoxicated, first offense, and placed him in Gray County Jail. He has since been released on bond.

The trooper listed driving under the influence and speeding over the limit as contributing factors to the wreck.

## Skellytown grass fire burns over 1,000 acres; arson suspected

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

SKELLYTOWN — Smoke from a grass fire 18 miles away was visible to many Pampa residents Monday evening and arson is suspected.

Deputy Coordinator of Hutchinson County Emergency Operations Center Carrie Reed said the fire, which burned over 1,000 acres, began near Jim's Lake and was first reported around 5 p.m. Monday.

She said a second fire was located only two-and-one-half miles from the larger blaze. A car was seen speeding away from the scene of the large fire just as it was beginning, she said.

Two Canadian men, Jason Abraham and Trey Webb, flew fire personnel over the fire to help locate the direction the fire was going and help area fire departments control the large blaze. The men were in the area searching for the missing helicopter.

She said the fire was brought under control around 8:30 p.m. Monday, but firefighters remained on the scene throughout the night.

Anyone with any information regarding the fire is urged to contact the Hutchinson County Sheriff's office, said Reed.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.60	Columbia/HCA	38.73	dn 0.10
Milo	3.25	Enron	76.26	dn 0.39
Com	3.57	Halliburton	42.72	up 0.82
Soybeans	3.69	KMI	55.85	dn 0.75
		Kerr McGee	67.24	up 1.91
		Limited	18.99	up 0.51
		McDonald's	30.71	up 0.49
		Exxon Mobil	84.29	up 0.27
		New Atmos	23.95	dn 0.40
		XCEL	27.55	up 0.20
		NOI	40.77	up 0.72
		OKI	43.90	dn 1.86
		Penney's	14.58	up 0.44
		Phillips	56.29	up 0.32
		Pioneer Nat.	18.15	dn 0.24
		SLB	65.35	up 1.04
		Tenneco	3.27	dn 0.06
		Texaco	65.21	up 0.31
		Ultrasun	35.08	up 0.48
		Wal-Mart	53.54	up 1.18
		Williams	43.85	up 0.45

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

BP Amoco	49.93	up 0.28	New York Gold	258.95
Cabot	37.55	dn 0.65	Silver	4.49
Cabot O&G	29.50	up 0.75	West Texas Crude	29.16
Chevron	86.95	up 0.40		
Coca-Cola	60.61	up 1.25		

## Fires

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

**Monday, Feb. 19**  
8:29 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision on U.S. 60 West at Kingsmill elevators.

9:47 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of North Hobart.

6:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of a smoke odor in the 200 block of West Foster. Source of the odor was not found.

## City Briefs

Call 669-2525

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, Partly sunny with highs around 70. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Becoming northeast late. Tonight, Becoming cloudy with areas of fog and freezing drizzle developing. Lows near 30. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, Areas of fog and freezing drizzle in the morning, otherwise cloudy with highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. High yesterday was 74; the overnight low was 37.

**STATEWIDE** — Fog reduced visibility in parts of North Texas on Tuesday while precipitation was expected in western

sections of the state in advance of a cold front.

Fog shrouded areas around Tyler and Paris, the National Weather Service said.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle to lower 60s in the Rio Grande Valley.

It was 52 degrees at Fort Stockton.

Winds were mostly from the west and southwest at 5 to 15 mph, while conditions in North Texas included southerly winds and gusts at Abilene.

Fog and low cloudiness extended south of a line from Abilene through the Dallas-Fort Worth area to Paris. Skies were mostly clear north of the line.

## City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**THE PAMPA Industrial Foundation** will have the Annual Shareholder and Directors Meeting, on Feb. 22nd at 10 a.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. All members-investors are encouraged to attend.

**KNIGHTS OF Columbus Sausage Dinner** will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the K of C Hall, corner of Cuyler & Browning. Adults \$6 (\$7 at door), children 6-11, \$3. 669-7356 or 665-3569 for tickets.

**CHANNEY'S CAFE**, 716 W. Foster, Tues. 5-8 p.m., fried Polish, chicken gizzards, bbq chicken, ch. fr. steak.

**LOST: A Beta Sigma Phi Ritual Cloth**, white with a black and gold crest. Please check your closets or boxes. Call 665-5876.

**FANTASTIC FEBRUARY All You Can Eat 5-7 p.m., only \$6.99.** Sandwich Specials- bbq on bun, chips & small drink \$3.99. Clint & Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart.

A cooling trend was expected by midweek, with a slight chance of drizzle or freezing drizzle in the Panhandle and a chance of rain from the South Plains into the Concho Valley.

Partly cloudy skies were expected in the rest of the region.

Daytime highs Tuesday should range from the 50s and 60s in the far north and mountains to near 90 in the Big Bend.

By Wednesday, highs should only reach the 30s and 40s in the Panhandle and South Plains, with 80s in far South Texas.

Lows overnight were expected in the 30s and 40s, except for 20s in the Panhandle.

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**PAM LITERACY**  
Pampa Area office is open Monday-Friday, call 669-5532.

**CLEAN AIR**  
Clean Air Act weekly meetings and Thursday 23rd. For more information call 669-3988.

**TRALEE CRISIS**  
Tralee Crisis Volunteer Team interested in teams of homes assault and for more info call 1131 or 1-800-4

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood and the Texas changing its open from Monday-Thursday Kingsmill A Pampa. For more info call 669-5532.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood not-for-profit organization serving in 17 offices in the panhandle.

**PRE-SCHOOL**  
Lovett Memorial sponsor a pre-at 10 a.m. every spring beginning program is open to 5 years old.

**ALZHEIMER**  
The Alzheimer's Society meets the first month at the Nursing Home. Call Dauna V. 0356.

**RED CROSS**  
Gray County American Red Cross/First Aid p.m. Jan. 24 from 3-7 p.m. the local Red Cross.

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# 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.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON**  
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**  
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

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

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

**PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION**  
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

**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.

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

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

**SGT RETIREES CLUB**  
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Senior Citizens Center.

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

**PPQG**  
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a trunk show of stained glass projects in fabric by Cheryl Ashbaugh of Guymon, Okla. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

**AFP MEETING**  
The Texas Plains Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Professionals, will hold its first meeting at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 in the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, Exhibition Hall, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo. The meeting is open to the public and will feature speaker Doug Herron, a nationally recognized nonprofit expert. Lunch will be available and reservations may be made by contacting Ashley Allison at (806) 376-4521. To learn more about AFP, professionals are encouraged to log-on to www.nsfre.org on the Internet or

contact the Nonprofit Services Center in Amarillo at 376-4521.

**MS SUPPORT GROUP**  
A support group for people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis will meet at 12 noon, Friday, Feb. 23 at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, for a brown bag lunch. Gail Lindsey, program director for the panhandle chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will discuss the most recent research regarding treatment. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500. For information on how to participate in the annual MS WALK or other upcoming fund-raisers, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500.

**PDHG MEETING**  
Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in Amarillo for anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For meeting location or for more information, call Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

**TSTC TECH DAY**  
TSTC Sweetwater campus will host a Spring Junior/Senior Technology Day March 2. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers and counselors are invited. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$3 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call (915) 235-7300 or 1-800-592-8784 by Feb. 23.

**CZECH SAUSAGE DINNER**  
St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will hold its 10th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 in the Parish Family Center, 605 38th St., Canyon. Take-out is available. The meal will include: Czech sausage, sauerkraut, bread, parsley potatoes, cobbler and all the trimmings. Cost of the

meal is \$7 for adults; and \$3.50 for children between the ages of six and 12. Children under six eat free. In addition to the luncheon, a drawing will be held, and the fund-raiser will also feature a country store, arts and crafts and games.

**LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT**  
A new Pre-Teen Pageant is planned in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. in Shamrock High School Auditorium at Shamrock during the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie pageant is open to boys between 0-9 years of age and girls between 0-13. The boys may come dressed in either casual wear or Sunday best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is

open to young ladies between the ages of 10 and 13. These contestants will compete in both Casual Wear and Sunday best as well as photo judging, short interview and public speaking. All participants must submit an entry form along with two photos and a \$10 entry fee. The photos will be published in the local paper. Late entries will pay an additional \$5. Deadline for entry is March 1. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for begin-

ners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

**3D PROGRAM**  
Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and

lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

**YMCA DIABETICS CLASS**  
Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.



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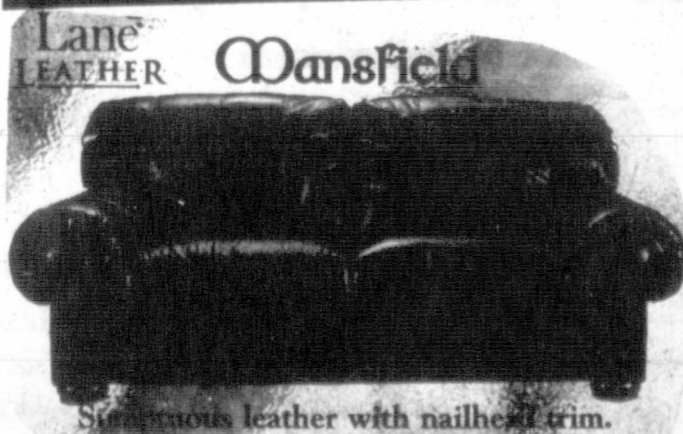
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## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:  
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on riding in pickup truck bed:  
It may be convenient at times to transport children in the bed of a pickup truck, and the kids may have fun riding back there with the wind in their hair. But children who ride in the beds of pickup trucks are in danger.

State Sen. Robert Duncan is making another good attempt to get a state law that prevents children under 18 from riding in a pickup truck bed. It is the fourth time he has filed such a bill. We hope the fourth time is the charm in this instance.

The current law prohibits children younger than 12 years from riding in the bed of a pickup truck or flatbed truck if the truck is traveling faster than 35 miles an hour. The faster-than-35-mph law was first passed in 1989 by the Texas Legislature and then regarded children under 18 years old.

The law was not enough to protect kids, as horrified Texans learned on July 3, 1994. A pickup truck that had 12 children riding in the bed was being driven on U.S. 84 near Snyder on that tragic day.

The pickup collided with an 18-wheeler, and all of the children were thrown out of the truck. Eight of them were killed, and three others suffered severe injuries.

The tragedy spotlighted the serious need for a tougher pickup bed law &151; it virtually screamed out the urgency for such a law. However, more than six years later, children are still allowed to ride in the backs of pickup trucks.

Since the 1994 tragedy, Lubbock school board member Karen Slay has been a tireless campaigner for a stronger pickup truck law. We agree with her wholeheartedly.

First, we take issue with the current establishment of 35 mph as a "safe" speed for children in the back of a truck. Children in a truck traveling at that speed are still at risk.

Second, much of the problem with the current law lies with enforcement. If a law enforcement officer sees children in the back of a pickup today, he or she must determine the speed of the truck in order to know if there is a violation.

That is fine if the officer's radar was set up, but very few officers on the roads are checking speeds by radar at any given moment. If a pickup truck driver with young passengers in the back is driving faster than 35 mph, he or she will slow down to legal speed as soon as a patrol car is seen.

Statistics alone should be enough to convince legislators that a tougher pickup bed bill is needed. According to the Department of Public Safety, 22 people were killed and 547 were injured in 1999 while riding in the back of a truck. Eight of the fatalities and 300 of the injuries were people under 18 years old.

In the past, bills that would toughen the pickup truck bill ran into opposition in the Legislature regarding questions about rural residents and farmworkers. Mr. Duncan's bill addresses those concerns and makes allowances if a pickup truck is a family's only vehicle or when a farmworker is being transported from one field to another outside city limits.

The law on the books is not getting the job done. Children are still being needlessly killed and hurt every year. Lawmakers need to pass a law this term that would make it illegal for children to ride in the beds of pickup trucks.

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## Mall benefits by parent program

An article crossed the Associated Press wire Monday that deserves more than a passing glance.

"Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads," a team of 30 parents have joined forces to put a stop to the all-out anarchy of teenagers spending weekend nights at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn.

The owner of a candy business located in the mall, described mobs of unsupervised teens clogging the pathway for shoppers; swearing, fighting and driving people out of their way. In one year, police arrested 400 teens. On weekends, juvenile arrests for fights often hit the double-digit figures. People turned the mall's marketing slogan from "There's a place for fun in your life," to "There's a place to run for your life."

In other words, the kids were out of control. What impressed me most about this story is how, instead of relying on law enforcement to solve the problem, the mall owners enlisted the help of parents. Police and mall security still handle the rare incidents of violence, but for the most part, it's the parental patrol that has made the difference.

That, and the fact that the mall has a policy that after 6 p.m. on weekends, no one under 16 is allowed to roam the mall without an adult escort.

This parent team patrols the mall, using walkie-talkies to keep in touch with each other. When necessary, they round up errant teens and take them to the Youth Communications



Dee Dee Laramore  
Staff writer

Center deep inside the mall. Most difficulties are handled with a telephone call to the kids' respective guardians.

It's made a big difference, people say. The biggest problem now comes when someone bumps into someone else with a baby stroller. For a long time I've been concerned by a lack of parental control over their children. I feel the Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads may have the answer to many of the problems I see with teens today. Too often it seems like children are being left to raise themselves.

Years ago I served on a steering committee with Donna Brauchi, former county extension agent, to develop a "latchkey" program for after-school child care. As a working mother, I knew how necessary it was for children to have adult supervision after school let out. At least for my family, the Latchkey program filled that special need. There's an age where kids are too old for day care, but not old enough to be left alone. I used to think that was

at about 12 years old. Now I wonder if teenagers need close supervision even more than the preteens.

Places like the mall, the swimming pool, even many church functions seem to be a kid-dumping ground for parents who don't want to pay for child care or who don't want to commit themselves to being more involved with their children.

I know that as a sponsor for junior high dances at our church, I spent an extra hour or two after the dance ended at midnight waiting for parents to arrive to pickup their children or trying in vain to get in touch with parents whose children waited for a ride. It broke my heart to see those youngsters sitting on the curb, waiting in vain for their parents to come. Many of them did not even know where to locate their parents.

Children - even when they're teen-agers - desperately need their parents to be parents, to love them enough to say "no" when it's needed, to set clear boundaries with fair consequences when crossed, to teach them what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior.

Ultimately, I believe parents are duty-bound at the moment of conception to see that their children grow up to be good citizens and responsible adults. And that involves a commitment that goes far beyond dropping them off at the mall.

Anyone who isn't willing to honor that commitment should use 100 percent effective birth control or refrain from making babies.

## Today in history

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2001. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard "Friendship Seven."

On this date:  
In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater than

that of any individual state.

In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington D.C.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

In 1965, the "Ranger Eight" spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erro-

neously ordered radio and TV stations across the United States to go off the air. Some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test.

Ten years ago: In the Persian Gulf War, Baghdad radio said President Saddam Hussein would be sending Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz back to Moscow with a reply to a Soviet peace plan. Quincy Jones' "Back on the Block" was named album of the year at the

33rd Annual Grammy Awards.

Five years ago: Patrick Buchanan won the New Hampshire Republican primary by a slim margin over Bob Dole. Rap singer Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder in the 1993 shooting death of an alleged gang member.

One year ago: The Fox TV network canceled the scheduled rebroadcast of its highly rated special "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" after learning that the groom, Rick Rockwell, was once accused of hitting and threatening to kill an ex-girlfriend, accusations Rockwell denied.

## The natural law of supply and demand

One hears a lot of talk these days about the economy going into the tank, but the talk is all about interest rates and tax cuts, as if only those could have any influence.

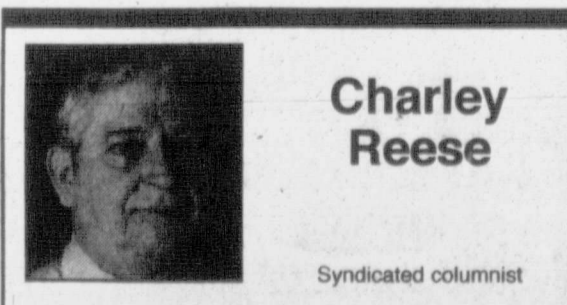
There is ye olde law of supply and demand. That, of course, like all natural laws, is not a law at all and certainly not a creation of man. It is simply a way of stating an observation about the nature of economic exchanges. It is sometimes called the business cycle.

Basically, it is simply the observation that most of what is sold will eventually saturate the market. Sooner or later, nearly everybody who wants a computer and who can afford to buy one will have one. At that point, computer sales will slow, and when sales slow down, production is cut back.

Eventually, as old computers wear out and as people who wanted a computer but couldn't afford one acquire the necessary money, computer sales will head back up. Then the cycle will repeat itself.

The delusion of the 1990s was that the business cycle - the law of supply and demand - had been repealed. One author lists all the politicians, economists and market hawkers who actually said that. Dearly beloved, natural laws are never repealed.

But it is common for generations lucky enough to come of age in a temporary boom to develop the conceit that they have repealed



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

history, that history and its lessons are irrelevant and not applicable to them.

It is always a short-lived conceit. I have over-simplified the law of supply and demand, but the point is never to believe the fantasy that any business entity can grow in sales and size indefinitely. It cannot be done. Never believe that any national economy can grow indefinitely. If the government were not deceitful about inflation (it keeps changing the base year by which inflation is measured), Americans would realize that a lot of our growth is false. In 1967, \$18 would buy three or four large bags of groceries. Today you can take \$18 out of a supermarket in a little plastic sack hooked over your little finger.

Necessities, which people can't stop buying, also affect the supply-and-demand equation. If the costs of energy, food and water go

up, consumers will have less money to spend on non-necessities. When income drops, as in retirement or layoffs, demand drops.

When people, addicted to credit, eventually max out all of their credit cards, their little contribution to demand stops dead. Having obligated their future income (usually for non-necessary and temporary assets), they will be out of the market until they slave long enough to pay down their debts, which always include whopping helpings of interest.

I don't know how far the American economy will sink on this cycle, but I do know that cutting interest rates is not going to jack-start it. Neither will tax cuts. The effects, if any, of both will take months to filter through.

Years ago, I went to the microfilm and read every page of a local newspaper for 30 days prior to the 1929 stock-market crash. Not one word of warning did I find. In fact, in the few stories there were about the economy, I found exactly what one hears today: "The economy is basically sound. The future looks good."

You should always remember the police-beat rule of the stock market. An insider who sees a crash coming wants to sell his stock before the crash. Meaning? He's going to tell the suckers that now is a good time to buy stocks (his). You don't need a fancy education to figure that out.

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## Sun Loan Company ...

Sun Loan Company has been in business in Pampa since 1996. The business, located at 1534 N. Hobart, offers small loans to Pampa-area residents. The local business specializes in small signature loans ranging from \$100 to \$470, said Linda Alfaro,

branch manager. The loans are not secured by anything other than the person's signature, she said, and no collateral is required.

Pampa's Sun Loan staff is ready to provide any help to local residents. The local office handles more than 600 accounts, said Susie

Perez, assistant manager. Extra money is always helpful, and the Pampa Sun Loan office is available to help the local residents. The local business is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. allowing customers to take care of their business.

Sun Loan provides loan services on a walk-in basis. Applications are also welcome by telephone. All loan applications are subject to Sun Loan's credit policy. The business is licensed by the State of Texas.

In business for four years in Pampa, Sun Loan's local office opened Sept. 16, 1996, at its present location in the 1500 block of North Hobart. It has operated at that location continuously since first opening.

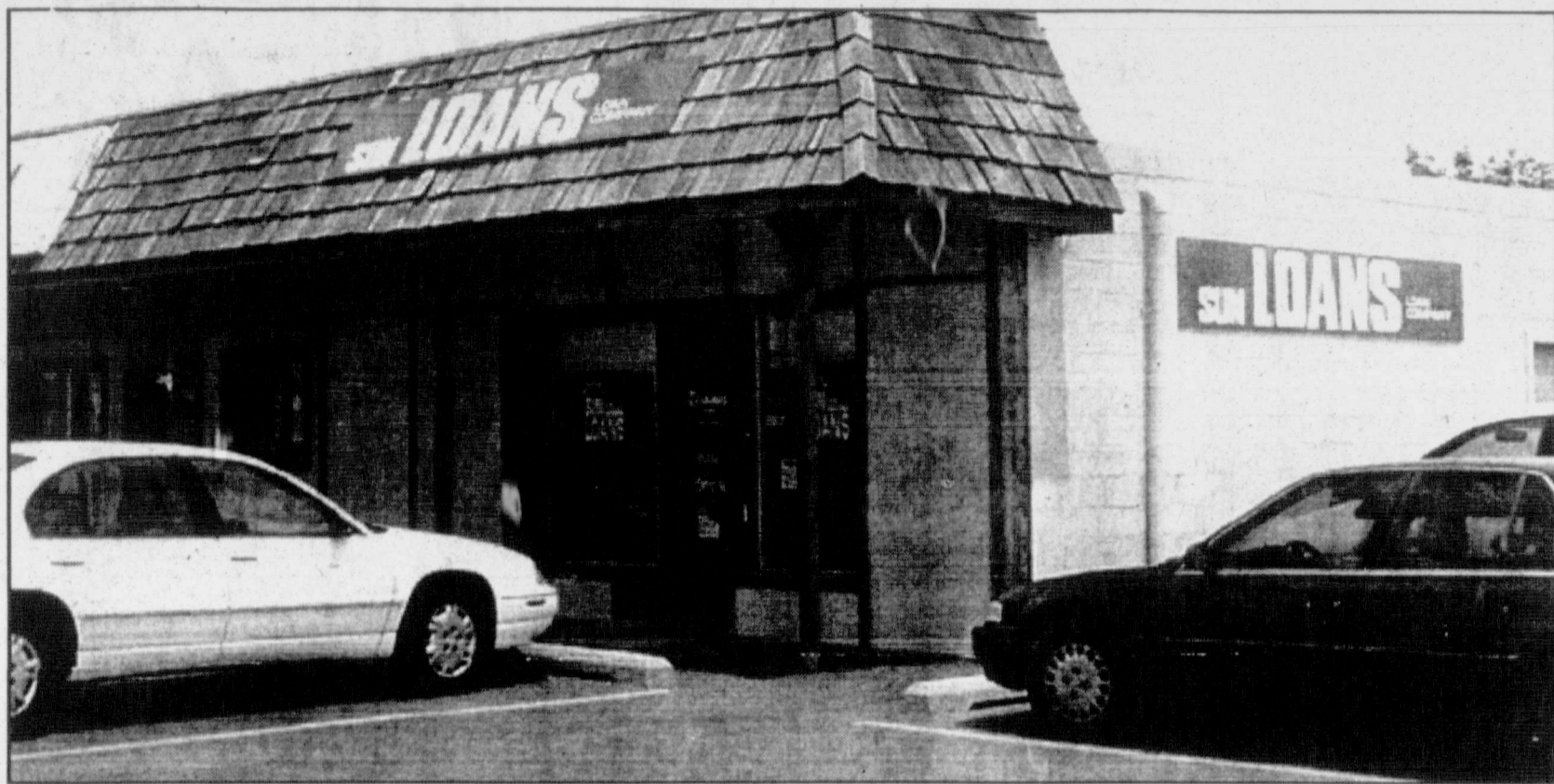
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# Man Asked to Prove His Love Is Warned by Readers to Flee

**DEAR ABBY:** I must respond to "On the Spot in Florida," whose girlfriend announced her requirements for an engagement ring. You said it showed she was more interested in what she could get than in the man.

That may be so; however, I have two daughters, and I told them early on that when they received a marriage proposal to inform their suitor their mother would not give her approval unless they received at least a 1-carat diamond engagement ring.

My reason was not to teach my girls to focus on the ring, but on the willingness of the suitor to sacrifice in order to buy the ring, his willingness to strive toward a goal for the one he loves. Let's face it, if the man couldn't come up with a way to provide such a ring prior to marriage, how could he be counted on to provide the necessities once they have children?

MOTHER IN HAMPTON, GA.

**DEAR MOTHER:** Your take on this was in the distinct minority. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "On the Spot" should run, run, run and never look back. He's the current joke with his "girlfriend" and her friends. She wants to see how many hoops she can make him jump through in the "relationship game." I know. It's a game my girlfriends and I all played. The common strategy: Make demands early in the relationship when a guy's emotions are running



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high, and you're likely to get whatever you ask for.

OK, "On the Spot": You have now been tipped off by a pro. I hope you'll see you're being played before you make a financial investment. The emotional investment you have already made will hurt you and affect your future relationships.

I no longer play the "game," and I wish I never had.

GUILTY IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR GUILTY:** If confession is good for the soul, I hope you will also help that naive young man see the truth about his "Sweetie." Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** That piece of 32-year-old "eye candy" won't be that way in another 15 years, but she'll still be a gold digger. She's not in love with him; she's in love with being beautiful and what it can bring her. Let someone else be the high bidder, then she'll be his problem, not yours. There are plenty of women out there who would appreciate a fine man, regardless of the size and shape

of the diamond. Run, fella, run — and count your blessings that you found out early about her.

STEVE IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

**DEAR STEVE:** Spoken like a man who had a narrow escape of his own. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Tell "On the Spot" to watch out for the words "prove your love." When a man says that, it usually means he requires sex from a woman before he'll propose. Then he will disappear into the night, and she's left sans proposal.

With a woman, it can mean something different. I'll lay dollars to doughnuts that "lady-love" will accept the proposal and the ring, and then five days later break the engagement and refuse to return the ring. The alternative is even worse — he could marry her.

Please tell him there are easier ways to get from being "On the Spot" to "Sadder but Wiser." He should drop her immediately. She's poison.

A WOMAN WHO'S SEEN TOO MUCH, PINE BUSH, N.Y.

**DEAR SEEN TOO MUCH:** Thanks for adding to the chorus. If "On the Spot" isn't warned by now, there's no hope for him. Thanks to all of you readers who took time to write such heartfelt letters.

## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21, 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)

\*\*\*\*\* Schedule meetings. You gain through others, especially when working as a team. Seek new information and find answers. You could reverse your opinion once you gather and sort through all the facts. A discussion results in an agreement. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner or a movie.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Your ability and wisdom draw admiration as well as a need for others to delve into your mind. Express your opinions with kindness. You could reverse your direction and change your mind about someone important. Tonight: Take your time with an older relative or friend.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Explore ways to make the impossible possible. Your sense of humor appeals to a friend. You also know how to take the pressure off associates. Your ideas do make a difference. You open the door not only for you but also for others. Tonight: Try something totally different.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Others get the gist of your ideas. You don't have to be a heavy hitter. You might want to reorganize a work

or home project around someone else. What could have been a chore will be a lot easier if you work as a team. You don't need to say thank you; just accept another's suggestion. Tonight: A quiet night with a loved one.

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

\*\*\*\*\* News from another delights you. Spread the word to friends. If you open up your imagination, you'll come up with answers. Others speak their minds. Plan a rendezvous with friends, but go along with others' plans. Tonight: Just be with friends.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Emphasize productivity. With some extra thought and organization, you get more than your share done. Don't let your reorganization stop at the workplace; continue the process at home. You make everything look easy. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Exercise the stress away.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Surround yourself with creative people and brainstorm. Ingenuity flourishes in this atmosphere. Be willing to change your plans if you think you will benefit. Words spoken by a child or loved one have the ring of truth. Listen. Tonight: Find your favorite person.

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

\*\*\*\*\* The needs of your family demand more financial precision. You can't allow yourself to slack off from your budget. Demonstrate your caring to family in a way that might not be so costly. Listen to someone who is close to you. Great ideas flow in the present atmosphere. Tonight: Relax at home.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Others might not recognize

how much you have changed, but your actions and words speak of this transformation loud and clear. Your opinions draw others and are valued. A child or a new flirtation piques your interest. Separate work and pleasure. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Use your experience and insight with your investments and budget. Others find you an enormous resource and often ask you for help. Now help yourself. Don't push too hard if you have a doubt about work or a project. Time proves to be your biggest ally. Tonight: Buy something you love on the way home.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Respond to another's overtures and good will. Though you might need to speak your mind, someone can now hear it. You reverse a stand that might have been holding you back. Network and expand your horizons. Express your innovative streak. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Someone shares an important secret. Don't spill the beans! You want to do something special for another. You don't need to be extravagant — buy a card. Follow your intuition with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

**BORN TODAY**

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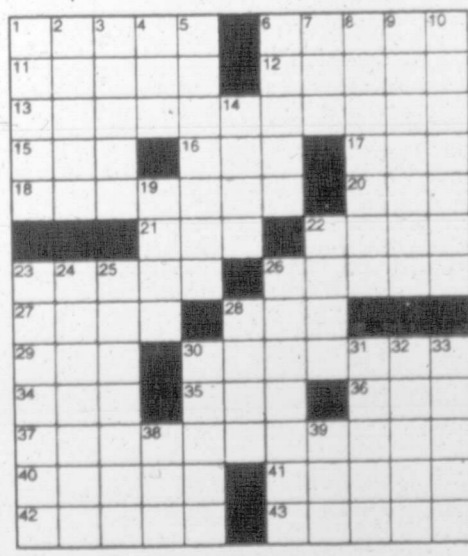
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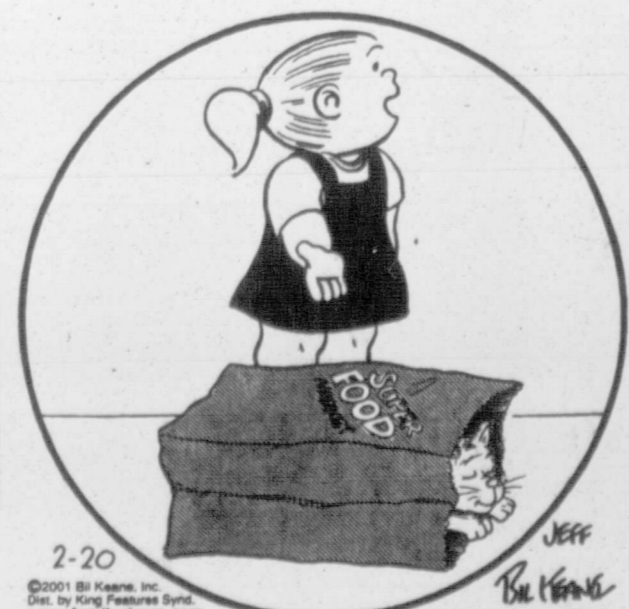
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# SPORTS

## Auto racing fans mourn loss of Earnhardt

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Fans gathered in a semicircle and held candles while they prayed as a day of mourning melted into a nighttime vigil outside the racetrack where Dale Earnhardt died.

Written on white posterboard were thousands of heartfelt messages for The Intimidator, arguably the greatest auto racer in American history, who was killed when he slammed into the wall on the last lap of the Daytona 500 on Sunday.

One salute spotted Monday, from a couple in Texas, was as straightforward and fitting as they come: "The Master. You Will Be Missed By All."

Now that the seven-time Winston Cup champion is gone at age 49, there's a massive void to fill, and many questions to answer.

Some answers were easy. No matter the circumstances,

NASCAR has always felt the show must go on. So there will be no postponement of this weekend's race in Rockingham, N.C., and no immediate decision on whether to retire Earnhardt's famous No. 3 Chevrolet.

Other answers won't come so quickly. Most of those concern safety and how NASCAR will react after watching its pre-eminent driver die of head trauma when his car careened out of control at stock car racing's most famous track.

"We're not going to accelerate, we're not going to slow down," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. "It's a work in progress all the time."

That philosophy is troubling to the people who invented the Head And Neck Support (HANS) device that some believe could have saved the life of Earnhardt, Adam Petty and the other two NASCAR drivers who

died of head injuries in the last nine months.

"This is getting absurd," said Ken Adams, manager of the company that makes the HANS device. "A Petty dying last year, Earnhardt dying this year. Those are two of the biggest names in racing history."

Only six NASCAR drivers in the 43-car field Sunday used the HANS device. NASCAR has no rules requiring it, although Helton said NASCAR "recommends drivers try it and work with the developers to perfect it for stock car racing."

Dr. Steve Bohannon, who tried to save Earnhardt's life as the driver sat slumped in the wreckage, said the autopsy performed Monday confirmed what everyone suspected: Earnhardt died on impact. He sustained a skull fracture that ran from the front to the back of his brain.

The autopsy didn't include any

test whether a HANS device would have saved Earnhardt. Bohannon said he had doubts how effective the device would have been in this accident.

"Even if you restrain the head and neck in this type of injury with the forces we're talking about — hitting a concrete barricade at 150, 170 mph — there's still one more element you have to address," Bohannon said. "All those organs internally still move at time of impact," and that could be fatal, too.

Helton said NASCAR officials impounded the No. 3 car and were holding it in an undisclosed location to analyze the accident.

Earnhardt's body was returned to Huntersville, N.C., on Monday night, although a funeral home official said no arrangements had been made by the family. Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished second in the Daytona 500, said his family appreciated

the outpouring of support.

"We'll get through this," he said. "I'm sure he'd want us to keep going, and that's what we're going to do."

Many fans probably feel the same.

They went on a buying spree, scooping up the few remaining Intimidator souvenirs they could find.

"It's been pretty crazy out there," said Mark Phillips, general manager of a sports merchandise store in Dallas. "His merchandise was the most demanded, bar none, in racing or any motor sport."

That was a tribute not only to Earnhardt the driver, but Earnhardt the businessman. He deftly created a rough-and-tumble image true to NASCAR's old-school Southern roots, then cashed in when stock car racing enjoyed its recent new-age surge in popularity.

"Dale touched so many lives in so many different ways," said Jim Hunter, president of Darlington Raceway. "He had that gruff exterior, but he also had a warm side."

Indeed, there is no way to replace Earnhardt, the Man in Black, who always stole the show as he circled the well-worn racing ovals, collecting trophies, friends and enemies wherever he went.

He was America's quintessential anti-hero — a mysterious, brooding figure who never backed down from a good, old-fashioned tussle on the track, and walked away looking like a winner even when he had lost.

"I guess I'll go out to the races to watch his son now," said Mark Yarasheski, who has come to Daytona from New York for 15 years to watch The Intimidator ride. "But it's never going to be the same."

## Pro wrestlers entertain fans

Romero's Academy of Wrestling presented several professional matches last Friday night at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

Chris Youngblood or "The Visionary" was pleased with the turnout for the event, billed as "Wrestling-Lucha Libre," and said the wrestlers would be returning to Pampa in, hopefully, about a month.

The academy's emphasis is on youthful talent from around the Panhandle. The academy is located in Amarillo and if anyone is interested in becoming a professional wrestler, call 806-376-6936 for more information.

The next event will be a "Lumberjack Match" where the ring will be guarded and none of the wrestlers will be allowed outside the ropes. They will have to stay in the ring until a winner is declared.

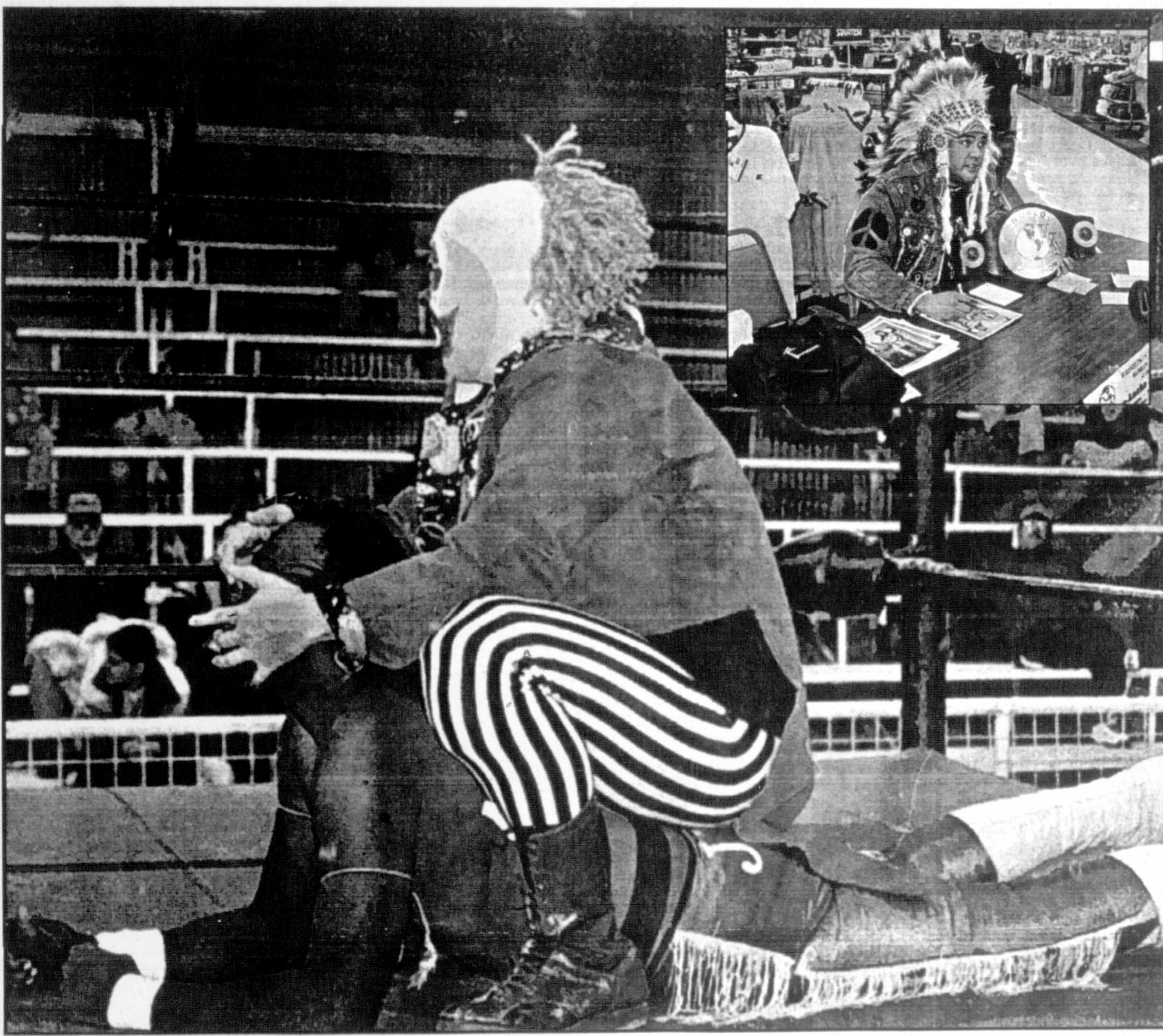
"The Angel of Darkness" welcomes all his fans (if any) to watch him tear down, beat up, put down and stamp his opponent. However, he says there may not be anybody who is brave enough to get into the ring with him. That is anyone other than Chris "The Visionary" Youngblood.

Bulldog Redd returned after his match with Radical Ricky Romero to assist Radical Ricky in fighting his attackers, The Fireman and Kid Thunder. Radical Ricky and Bulldog Redd will combine as a tag team at a later date.

"Beware of the Dog," growled Bulldog Redd, who hails from Borger.

The wrestlers also held an autograph party for the fans Friday afternoon at Wal-Mart.

The group out of Romero's Academy is also known as Wrestling's World Super Stars.



(Photos by Grover Black)

Doink, The Evil Clown from Never-Never-Land, is in control of his match against The Junk Yard Dog from Atlanta, Ga. during last weekend's Wrestling-Lucha Libre in Pampa. Chris "The Visionary" Youngblood (inset) signs an autograph for wrestling fan Harlan Yates at Wal-Mart.

## Sports Notebook

### SOFTBALL

**BORGER** — The Pampa High softball team won two of four games last weekend at the Lady Bulldog Winter Classic in Borger.

"I was real pleased with the way the girls played," said Pampa head coach Jamie Greene. "They really came together as a team."

Senior shortstop Stephanie Cameron and freshman second baseman Stacey Johnson were just two of the Lady Harvesters who sparked the team.

"Stephanie really looked good and Stacey is working hard to earn a spot on the varsity," Greene said.

Pampa outfielders Cali Covalt, Charity Nachtigall and Shauna Broaddus did an exceptional job, according to Greene.

The addition of Bobbi Gill as batting coach is a big asset to the

Lady Harvesters, Greene said.

"Our hitting was outstanding last year and we're going to keep improving under coach Gill as the season goes along. I think Pampa is going to be very pleased with our softball program," she said. "We have a pool of very talented players."

Pampa's first home game is March 6 when the Lady Harvesters host Amarillo High.

### SOCCER

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Harvesters lifted their record to 4-1 in District 3-4A play after a 4-2 win over Palo Duro last weekend.

Ryan Nash and Sammy Silva led Pampa's offense with two goals each.

Shawn Davis, Jimmy Story, Nuni Silva and Ivan McKenzie were the leaders in holding Palo Duro in check.

Pampa won the junior varsity

match by a score of 3-1.

The Harvesters host Randall at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Travis field. The JV game will be played at 12 noon.

In girls' action, Pampa lost to Palo Duro in a shootout.

### BASKETBALL

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

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

### FOOTBALL

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys reportedly plan to split time in this year's preseason training camp between a site in California and one in Wichita Falls, where they've trained for the past three years.

The change would involve returning to a site near the Cowboys' former home in Thousand Oaks, Calif., according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Two sources told the newspaper in Tuesday's editions that the Cowboys will train at Wichita Falls' Midwestern State University for two weeks, then move to Oxnard, Calif., for two weeks before breaking camp.

A Cowboys spokesman said no announcement was pending, although the team has been considering California along with Wichita Falls and its Valley Ranch headquarters at Irving, Texas as possible training camp sites.

The Oxnard site, located 23 miles from the Cowboys' former Thousand Oaks home, was also the Raiders' former training camp home when the team was in Los Angeles, 64 miles away.

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# Pampa's young swimmers get ready for Austin

Most of the Pampa High qualifiers for this weekend's state swim meet were splashing in the water not long after they learned to walk.

These swimmers have grown into Lady Harvesters and Harvesters, but they're still young. Foreign exchange student Andrea Branchetti of Italy is the only senior on the team. Branchetti started swimming when she was three years old and entered her first competitive meet at age seven.

Pampa junior Misty Moman, who was Pampa's only state qualifier a year ago, learned to swim when she was a toddler. Like most of her teammates, she launched her swim career on the middle school team. Moman started swimming competitively when she was 11, and now she's headed for the state meet for the second straight year.

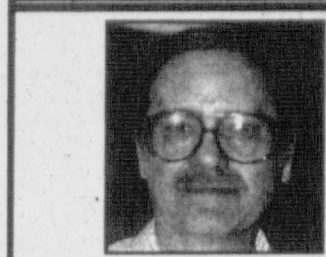
"We all feel pretty confident as a team going in. We feel like we're going to do good," Moman said.

Moman, however, knows first-hand how difficult it is to even place at the state meet.

"Coach (Amy) Howard gave us our heat sheets yesterday and we'll going to have to swim our very best to have a chance of winning. I'm going to have beat 50.7 in the 100 butterfly and my best time is 1:09. It's going to be tough, but I expect to do well."

The Lady Harvesters almost won the whole shooting match at the Region I meet in Lubbock, finishing just 20 points behind team champion Pecos. Some of the Pampa girls looked sharp in the prelims, but slipped a bit in the finals.

Led by Branchetti and Moman, the Lady Harvesters still



By L. D. Strate Sports Editor

almost pulled it off. A couple of higher placings for Pampa and Pecos wouldn't have had much breathing room.

Branchetti qualified in two events by winning by the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley in record fashion.

Moman returns to state in the 100 butterfly after winning that event at regionals. Her 1:09.90 was a regional record.

Branchetti and Moman finished 1-2 in the prelims of the 100 backstroke. Branchetti's 1:03.42 was a meet record in the prelims. Moman was third in the prelims.

Branchetti's 2:18.04 in the 200 IM was also a meet record. She had a 2:20.56 to lead the prelims. Teammate Megan David was an impressive fourth in the 200 IM prelims, but was disqualified in the finals.

However, David will still be going to state. She's a member of the 200-medley relay team with Branchetti, Moman and Tamra Henthorn which placed second at regionals. They were first in the prelims, finishing ahead of finals winner Pecos.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Moman, Kelley Stowers, Tamra Henthorn and Andrea Branchetti did win with a meet

record time of 4:01.59.

Henthorn placed second in the 200 freestyle with a 2:13.44 to qualify for state, but her 2:12.77 in the preliminaries led the field. Stowers came close to a state-qualifying spot, placing second in the prelims with a 2:14.51 and third in the finals with a 2:15.52.

JoAnn Wein of Pecos was something of a surprise winner in the 200 freestyle. She was fourth in the preliminaries, but was first in the finals with a meet record 2:08.92.

The Harvesters, paced by junior Willie Griffin, finished fifth in the boys' division with 22 points at regionals. Pecos blew away all the competition, scoring 125 points. Andrews was a faraway second with 52.

Griffin had a set a personal goal of going to Austin before the season started.

His goal became a reality when he finished second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:22.54. Randall Reynolds of Pecos won with a meet record of 5:14.56.

Griffin had defeated Reynolds in the prelims, coming in first with a time of 5:18.47.

Griffin also anchored the 400 freestyle relay team of Ben Whitten, Doug Warren and Clay David, which is going to state after placing third at regionals.

No matter how this weekend turns out for the PHS swimmers, it's still quite an achievement to qualify for a state meet in any sport. Most athletes complete their high school careers with only faraway dreams of an Austin trip.

And get this! The same group, minus Branchetti, could go down that same path next year.

## A stingy night for goalies

By The Associated Press

NHL goalies weren't in a giving mood, and four of them gave up absolutely nothing.

Dominik Hasek and Roman Cechmanek, also the goalies for the Czech national team, were spotless Monday night. Buffalo's Hasek blanked Ottawa 2-0, while Philadelphia's Cechmanek stopped Carolina 4-0.

Not do be outdone, New Jersey's Martin Brodeur stopped Toronto 2-0. And Florida's Roberto Luongo shut out St. Louis 3-0.

Things didn't go so well for Mike Richter of the Rangers, who tore a ligament in his right knee in a 4-2 victory over Chicago and will be out for the rest of the season.

In other games, Patrick Roy allowed just one goal to potent Pittsburgh in Colorado's 5-1 victory, and Anaheim defeated Calgary 6-2.

### Sabres 2, Senators 0

Hasek was inspired to get his 30 saves and seventh shutout this season and the 52nd of his career, one in front of Roy and four behind Dallas' Ed Belfour.

It was son Michael's 11th birthday, and the youngster was on hand in Buffalo.

"Even though he goes to school tomorrow, I let him come to see the game. It's a good feeling," Hasek said of his son. "He's a big Buffalo Sabres fan. I'm sure he's happy."

Added coach Lindy Ruff, "I thought he was rock solid. You would want to give your son a shutout, wouldn't you?"

### Flyers 4, Hurricanes 0

Cechmanek, who is Hasek's backup in the Czech Republic, had 21

saves for his sixth shutout. Playing in his first NHL season, Cechmanek has won five straight starts and 10 of his last 11 decisions.

"It was a very easy game," Cechmanek said. "I think there wasn't that many shots."

Keith Primeau scored twice for host Philadelphia.

### Devils 2, Maple Leafs 0

Martin Brodeur made 29 saves for his sixth shutout and 48th of his career. Youngsters Pierre Dagenais and Jiri Bicek, both up from the AHL due to a spate of injuries, scored the goals.

"Marty was solid, very solid," coach Larry Robinson said. "But he needs help, too. We can't do like we've done the last couple of games and send him to the wolves and say, 'OK Marty save this game for us.'"

The host Leafs, reportedly on the verge of acquiring Philadelphia's Eric Lindros, have fallen from first place to seventh in the Eastern Conference.

### Panthers 3, Blues 0

Luongo is beginning to show why he was the fourth overall pick in the 1997 draft. It was his fourth shutout of the season and tied him with John Vanbiesbrouck for the team record. Vanbiesbrouck accomplished the feat twice.

Luongo has a .951 save percentage in the past eight games.

"Roberto has been excellent of late, everyone knows that," Panthers coach Duane Sutter said. "In the second period, they came at us pretty good and he stood tall."

Florida's win also spoiled the return of former captain Scott Mellanby, who was traded from the Panthers to

St. Louis on Feb. 9.

### Rangers 4, Blackhawks 2

Richter tore the anterior cruciate ligament of his right knee, an injury that will require surgery. He had surgery on the left knee last year.

"I haven't had a problem with my knee my whole life, and then basically almost in a calendar year both knees obviously have severe problems to overcome," the 34-year-old Richter said. "The upside is I know the routine and I'll get this one back and be ready for camp next year."

"It seems really bizarre to be saying that right now, but that's what I'm left with." Linemates Petr Nedved, Radek Dvorak and Jan Hlavac scored goals at New York.

### Avalanche 5, Penguins 1

Roy made 31 saves, while Peter Forsberg had two goals and two assists for Colorado at Pittsburgh.

Ville Nieminen also scored twice for the Aves, and Milan Hejduk added a goal.

Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux, bothered lately by a sore back, was clearly off his game, going scoreless for the third time in five games after doing so only once in his first 18 comeback games.

### Mighty Ducks 6, Flames 2

Paul Kariya got his fourth career hat trick and Teemu Selanne had two goals and three assists as Anaheim snapped a club-record 11-game home winless streak.

Selanne's five-point game tied a career best as well as a club record. Kariya also had an assist for the Ducks, who were 0-8-3 at the Pond since beating Florida 3-2 in overtime on Jan. 3.

## Sooners slip past Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Jameel Heywood didn't mind waiting an extra minute to make sure the biggest basket of his career counted.

Heywood, a senior guard and the only starter for No. 16 Oklahoma not averaging in double figures, scored on a follow shot at the buzzer for a 63-61 victory at Missouri on Monday night.

The outcome was briefly in doubt although Oklahoma players swarmed a TV cameraman to celebrate, and a sellout crowd of 13,545 quietly dispersed.

"I don't know," Heywood said. "I just shot it and then I ran to halfcourt."

Referee Tom Rucker's call that the basket was good was emphatic, and the victory was certified after a check of the replay monitor. Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said two-tenths of a second remained when the ball left Heywood's hands.

"I thought it was good, I absolutely did," Sampson said. "That red light behind the backboard, that ball was in flight when the light went on. That's why I had confidence."

Missouri players didn't argue the call.

"I wanted it to be too late, but I knew it wasn't," freshman center Arthur Johnson said. "I wanted to hit somebody in the mouth."

In the only other game involving a Top 25 team Monday, No. 17 Syracuse beat Connecticut 65-60.

Heywood wanted to hug somebody after he rebounded Nolan Johnson's missed shot. Besides matching his season high for points, he hit a baseline jumper with 1:15 left to give the Sooners a 60-58 lead and was 4-for-5 from the field.

"Definitely, this is my biggest shot," said Heywood, who entered the game averaging 3.6 points. "It's a great feeling, a lot of hard work."

Oklahoma (21-5, 10-4 Big 12) has beaten Missouri (17-9, 8-5) six straight times. This time, the Sooners ended the Tigers' 13-game homecourt winning streak.

Missouri led 30-24 at the half, but shot only 29 percent thereafter.

"Down the stretch, we made some plays," coach Quin Snyder

said. "But in my mind, we didn't make plays in the heart of the game."

Sampson wasn't that happy with the play of his team, even in victory, noting that the Sooners had to scrap for everything.

"I think it's a mark of a very, very good team, when you don't play your best and still find a way to win," Sampson said. "I've seen Oklahoma win a lot of games on the road the last seven years playing that way."

In the final sequence, Sampson wanted Nolan Johnson, the Big 12's leading free-throw shooter entering the game, to try and draw a foul.

"Jameel was at the right place at the right time," Sampson said. "But you know what, he's made that shot this whole conference season."

Wesley Stokes tied it for Missouri with a runner from the baseline with 17.5 seconds to go. The Tigers never got the ball back.

"Our deal at the end was we didn't want Missouri to get a shot," Sampson said. "We were either going to win it or go to overtime."

J.R. Raymond had 13 points and Hollis Price 12 for Oklahoma, which has won nine of 10 overall after a 1-3 start in

conference play. This was the final road conference game for the Sooners.

Reserve Clarence Gilbert scored 16 points for Missouri, but was only 5-for-19.

"I had a lot of good looks," Gilbert said. "Some rolled in, some rolled out."

Missouri fell to 2-5 against ranked teams, with two of the losses in overtime.

An unlikely source of offense, reserve Johnnie Parker, helped Missouri take the lead at the half.

Parker, averaging 1.6 points with a previous season high of five points, outscored Oklahoma 6-4 the last 4:41 of the half.

### No. 17 Syracuse 65, Connecticut 60

Preston Shumpert broke out of a two-game shooting slump, hitting a school-record eight 3-pointers and scoring 34 points as Syracuse held off Connecticut.

Syracuse (20-6, 8-5 Big East), which lost three of its previous four, never trailed and gave Jim Boeheim his 23rd 20-win season in 25 years as coach. Connecticut (17-9, 6-7) lost for only the second time in its last six.

Albert Mouring led the visiting Huskies with 17 points.

## Spurs bow to Bucks, 102-98

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were persuaded that the Milwaukee Bucks have the talent to be a factor in the NBA playoffs.

"The Bucks and Philadelphia are the strongest teams in the East," Spurs center David Robinson said after the Bucks snapped San Antonio's winning streak at four games with a 102-98 victory Monday night.

"They're very talented, very athletic. They can really shoot the ball and they got guys who can go to the baseline and make some tear-drop shots."

Glenn Robinson and Ray Allen each scored 23 points, and Sam Cassell had 22 for the Bucks.

"We have three or four guys on this team that can score," said Cassell, who also had nine assists. "They have guys who can score too, but teams that try to outshoot and outscore us are going to have trouble beating us."

Derek Anderson scored 25 points, and Tim Duncan had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs. Duncan was only 10-of-26 from the floor, and Robinson was 5-of-15.

"Between Glenn, Ray, Sam and Tim Thomas, they got guys who can really hurt you making shots. They are going to be very tough," Duncan said.

Robinson's jump shot with 49.9 seconds left gave the Bucks the lead for good at 100-98. He made a steal on the other end to get the ball back with 35 seconds remaining.

Milwaukee ran the clock down until Robinson missed a jumper. But Bucks center Ervin Johnson saved the ball from going out of bounds and passed to Allen.

"That was a big play," Duncan said. "We were getting away from the rim for it to bounce back, but he (Johnson) just happened to be under the rim and got it."

## Scoreboard

PRO BASKETBALL					HOCKEY				
National Basketball Association					Western Professional Hockey League				
At A Glance					At A Glance				
By The Associated Press					By The Associated Press				
All Times EST					Sunday's Games				
EASTERN CONFERENCE					Monday's Games				
Atlantic Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Philadelphia	40	14	.741	1	Philadelphia	104	Phoenix 74		
Miami	32	21	.604	7 1/2	New Jersey	102	L.A. Clippers 96, OT		
New York	30	21	.588	8 1/2	Utah 94	Sacramento 90			
Orlando	28	23	.549	10 1/2	Vancouver 110	Minnesota 102			
Boston	24	29	.453	15 1/2	Indiana 110	L.A. Lakers 109			
New Jersey	18	37	.327	22 1/2	Orlando 96	New York 88			
Washington	13	40	.245	26 1/2	Washington 101	Denver 96			
					Atlanta 98	Golden State 91			
Central Division					Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	31	20	.608	1	Cleveland 85	Chicago 84			
Charlotte	28	26	.519	4 1/2	Milwaukee 102	San Antonio 98			
Toronto	27	25	.519	4 1/2	L.A. Clippers 111	Detroit 106, OT			
Indiana	23	28	.451	8	Utah 114	Boston 99			
Cleveland	21	30	.412	10					
Detroit	20	33	.377	12	Tuesday's Games				
Atlanta	18	35	.340	14	Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Chicago	6	43	.157	23	Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.				
					Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Midwest Division					Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Utah	35	16	.686	1	L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8 p.m.				
San Antonio	35	17	.673	1/2	Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Dallas	33	20	.623	3	Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.				
Minnesota	32	22	.593	4 1/2	Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.				
Denver	28	26	.519	8 1/2	Atlanta at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.				
Houston	27	26	.509	9	Wednesday's Games				
Vancouver	17	36	.321	19	Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.				
					Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
Pacific Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
Portland	37	16	.698	1	New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.				
					L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.				
					Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.				
					Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				

## Williams checks into San Diego hospital

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Ted Williams left New York and checked into the Sharp Memorial rehabilitation hospital in San Diego to continue his recovery from open-heart surgery less than five miles from the Hall of Famer's boyhood home.

"The trip went smoothly," Williams' son, John Henry, told The Boston Globe in a call Monday from San Diego. "Dad was looking about, blinking. He was definitely alert to what was going on."

The 82-year-old former Red Sox

great has been unable to speak since the surgery because of a tracheotomy that was performed to help him breathe.

Williams had been at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center since having surgery Jan. 15 in a 9 1/2-hour procedure on his left mitral heart valve. The valve was replaced with pig tissue after the preferred procedure of repairing the valve proved unfeasible.

Doctors also found stretching of the ring holding the tricuspid valve in place on the right side of the heart, so they tightened it with

sutures.

He left the Manhattan hospital Monday morning for the flight to California.

Doctors said Williams' recovery has been slow because of a couple of infections, and the fact he can't breathe on his own.

"The plan is to spend a few days in intensive care and make sure these guys have a good handle on Dad's condition," his son told the Globe. "Then slowly wean him off the breathing machine, and start physical therapy to get him up and moving."

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# Ex-wife of former millionaire Cullen Davis dies of cancer

Socialite Priscilla Davis always believed that her estranged husband was the "man in black" who wounded her and killed two others in one of the most notorious murder cases in state history.

Davis, 59, died early Monday of breast cancer at her Dallas home. She was one of four people attacked at former husband Cullen Davis' \$6 million Fort Worth mansion in August 1976. Killed in the rampage were Priscilla Davis' boyfriend and her 12-year-old daughter.

But Cullen Davis, who was then the wealthiest man ever to stand trial for murder, was later acquitted of murder in the death of his stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn.

One of the socialite's oldest and closest friends said she was disappointed that Davis did not live to see justice served in the mansion shootings.

"It never left her mind for a moment," Davis' friend, Judy Johnson, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Tuesday's editions.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sparkman Hillcrest Chapel in Dallas, with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Davis had been under hospice care. Another daughter, Dee Davis, was at her side when she died at 5:40 a.m. Monday.

"I woke up at 4:10 and lay down beside her and talked to her and watched her literally take her last breath," the daughter said. Her mother's breast cancer had been publicly revealed in June on a cable television program.

"She said when her doctor gave her the news, she felt just like she did running through the field, bleeding from a gunshot wound to her chest on the night of the shootings," said moderator Bill Kurtis said at the end of the pro-

gram.

When Davis' ex-husband was accused in the shootings, his international oil-based empire was estimated at \$400 million. In a nasty divorce battle, a judge had awarded Priscilla Davis temporary custody of his mansion and granted a restraining order barring him from the residence.

The famous Texas case was the subject of an ABC miniseries called "Texas Justice" and numerous books.

"Every time they go through all that trial again, I have to relive it," Priscilla Davis told The Dallas Morning News in an earlier interview. "I had a daughter killed. You never get over that. I also saw the person doing the shooting. I don't care what the verdict was. I live knowing that every day."

The socialite, born on July 30, 1941 at Dublin, grew up in suburban Houston and graduated from

Galena Park High School. She met Fort Worth car dealer Jack Wilborn, who became her second husband, in Houston and moved to Fort Worth with him.

Davis gained a reputation in conservative Fort Worth society for having a freewheeling lifestyle. But Wilborn, Andrea's father, said his ex-wife was "generous to a fault," very open and totally unpretentious.

"I think she'll be remembered as a very intelligent, loving, giving person," said Wilborn. "They really mistreated her in the courtroom and it gave a lot of people the impression she was (a) different kind of person than she really is."

The night of the shootings, Davis and her live-in lover, Stan Farr, returned to the mansion after dinner and drinks with friends.

Moments after arriving, Davis

was confronted by an assailant wearing a shoulder-length black wig. The man's hands were wrapped in a black plastic bag, concealing a revolver. He told Priscilla, "Hi," then shot her in the chest.

The attacker wrestled with Farr, a 30-year-old ex-TCU basketball player, then shot him four times. Farr's girlfriend watched him die, then saw the gunman drag his body through the kitchen toward a door leading to the basement. Downstairs, her daughter by a previous marriage lay dead.

As Priscilla staggered into a courtyard, the intruder intercepted a young man returning his date to the mansion, where she planned to spend the night with Priscilla's elder daughter. The killer fired a bullet into Bubba Gavrel's spine, crippling him. His date fled onto the darkened mansion grounds.

An Amarillo jury ruled about a year later that the oil tycoon did not kill his stepdaughter. Priscilla reached a confidential settlement with the businessman in 1987 as an attempt to resolve her \$16.5 million personal-injury and wrongful-death lawsuit against him.

Davis, who moved to Dallas in 1982, lived for several years on proceeds of a divorce settlement she won from the oil tycoon. Dee Davis said her mother worked at the Dallas Flower Market in the late 1990s. Her fortunes declined in later years and she had few worldly possessions at the end.

"Her photographs of family and friends were the only things left," her daughter said.

Survivors, in addition to Dee Davis, include a son, Jackie Wilborn Jr.; two brothers, David G. Childers and Paul R. Childers; and three granddaughters.

## Coast Guard: No chance of crash survivors

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The Coast Guard called off the search Tuesday for four men whose plane crashed off the Georgia coast as they were returning home from the Daytona 500 auto race.

Debris from the plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, was found Monday about 25 miles south of Savannah.

"The severity of the impact was such that there isn't any chance for survivors," Coast Guard spokeswoman Carolyn Cihelka said.

Aboard the plane were William Pritchett of Windsor, N.C.; his brother, John Pritchett, of Chesapeake, Va., and Ray and Ken Chapman of Virginia Beach, Va.

The plane was flying parallel to the coastline when it disappeared from radar about 8:15 p.m. Sunday, said Dana Warr, a Coast Guard spokesman.

No witnesses have come forward who saw or heard the crash, said Cmdr. Dave Callahan, with the Coast Guard's Air Station Savannah.

## Boy dies in mower accident

ST. HEDWIG, Texas (AP) — A 6-year-old boy died in a mower accident involving a tractor operated by his grandfather, investigators said.

Mitchell Kruse was playing in a field Sunday afternoon while his grandfather was mowing with a tractor equipped with a shredder.

Authorities believe the man did not see the child in the thick grass.

"As the grandfather went around to make another pass, the little boy apparently was hiding in some of the thick grass, and he did not get seen by the grandfather and the grandfather ran over him," said Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Rodriguez.

The boy was pronounced dead at the scene. St. Hedwig is about 10 miles east of San Antonio.

## Privacy rights issue in 'pot' growing case

### Police used heat-sensing device

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices joined a spirited debate Tuesday over whether law enforcement officials violated an Oregon man's constitutional rights when they used a heat-sensing device to find he was growing marijuana in his home.

At issue is whether narcotics agents violated a constitutional ban on unreasonable searches when they trained a thermal imaging device on Danny Lee Kyllo's house — without a search warrant.

Kyllo's attorney, Kenneth Lerner, said the home should be a refuge, where people should be free to let down their guard without fearing the government could be unreasonably looking over their shoulder.

"Why don't your reasonable expectations of privacy include technology? ... You know there are such things as thermal imagers," Justice Antonin Scalia asked. "Why do we have to assume we live in a world without technology?"

"The burden is really improperly placed on the citizen to figure out what technology the government may come up with," Lerner replied.

The government argues that law enforcement officials were within constitutional limitations when they utilized the scan, which sensed heat patterns emanating from Kyllo's home indicative of lights used to grow marijuana. They used the images — along with a tip from an informant and electricity records — to obtain a search warrant of his Florence, Ore., home.

"If the thermal imager functioned like an X-ray machine ... then we don't dispute that it would be a search," Deputy Solicitor General Michael Dreeben said. "We are not learning what activities are going on or where they are going on in that house."

But Justice Steven Breyer seemed skeptical. He said that bird watchers carry binoculars and Boy Scouts have flashlights, which improve human senses, but "who has a heat thermal device? Nobody, except a few."

In 1991, a narcotics task force was investigating whether Kyllo's neighbors were growing marijuana at a triplex house.

But when officers used a thermal imager on Kyllo's residence, they found unusual amounts of heat coming from his home's side wall and garage roof.

After obtaining a warrant and searching the house in January 1992, agents found drug paraphernalia and more than 100 marijuana plants. Kyllo was arrested.

He was sentenced to 63 months in prison, but the high court's decision could lead to important new guidelines on how law enforcement officials use technology while conducting searches.

In the past, the high court has allowed law enforcement agencies — without warrants — to fly over a person's property or use a flashlight to illuminate a person's car.

However, the justices have required warrants when officials put microphones inside a person's home or listening devices on public telephones, among other surveillance methods.

A district court judge in Portland originally ruled against Kyllo, who pleaded guilty on the condition that he could appeal the legality of the search.

After an initial ruling in his favor, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later upheld the use of the thermal imaging device, saying its use did not constitute an illegal search.

## People in the news ...

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Some state lawmakers want to put a halt to Jesse Ventura's moonlighting.

The governor has spent recent Saturdays working as an XFL television commentator. On Monday, a House panel endorsed a proposal to limit such activities beginning in 2003, when Ventura's term ends.

"This is not about Gov. Ventura specifically," said Rep. Phil Krinkie, the bill's sponsor. "This is about what the office of governor or any other constitutional office is."

The bill would create a presumption that it is a conflict of interest for a governor or other top state officials to make money from outside activities.

Ventura, who says he is leaning toward seeking a second term, has said repeatedly that his numerous moneymaking endeavors take place on his own time — not during the government workweek.

Spokesman John Wodele reiterated Monday that the governor and his administration are "focused" on state business, and that the bill is unnecessary.

The proposal now goes to the House floor, where its future is uncertain.

DENVER (AP) — Ken Burns' ears must be ringing — and not from the sounds of "Jazz."

Burns' 19-hour documentary wasn't among the movies at this year's Denver Jazz Film Festival, but that didn't prevent many festival attendees from critiquing it.

"I could make a movie called 'All The Things That Ken Burns Left Out,'" said Celia Mingus Zaentz, the first wife of jazz legend Charles Mingus. She made clear, though, that the series served a purpose.

"It's now given us a reference point. Now you can start a conversation with anyone who has seen the jazz series," she said.

Jazz film archivist Mark Cantor, a consultant on Burns' series, said the music clips were too short because Burns "lacked trust in the music or in the audience."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash, hospitalized with pneumonia, has been upgraded from serious to satisfactory condition.

Cash, 68, was admitted to Baptist Hospital Feb. 11 after flying in from his winter home in Jamaica.

"He is improving," hospital spokeswoman Debby Koch said Monday.

The country singer has autonomic neuropathy, a disease of the nervous system that makes him susceptible to pneumonia.

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