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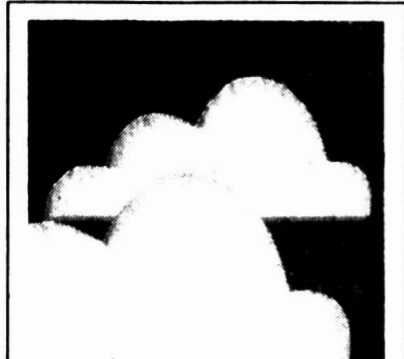
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White Deer ISD board meets Thursday

WHITE DEER — A special meeting of the White Deer ISD board will be Thursday night at 6:30 in the elementary school cafeteria. The meeting is open to the public. The single action item listed on the agenda is "discuss district effectiveness." Supt. Danny Ferrell said the discussion will concern "... what some things are costing us." Also planned is a closed session pertaining to employment and resignations.

To place a classified ad call 669-2525.

- Gladys Ratliff, 98, homemaker.
- Mary Louise Reeve, 90, retired Pampa teacher, speech therapist.
- John Clarence Schaffer, 63, employee of Wheeler County.
- Walter O. Wright, 63, TxDOT employee for 16 years.

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District TxDOT plans meeting topic in Borger

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Pampa residents who want to express concerns regarding any future highway projects are encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in Borger.

The Department of Transportation will host the informational meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, 613 Main, Borger. The meeting is open and public comment will be welcome, according to DOT officials.

This meeting is held annually to explain how the department plans transportation projects in the district.

At the meeting held last year in Pampa, several residents expressed concern about numerous accidents at the intersection at Price Road and Highway 60 where the DOT is planning to build an overpass.

County Judge Richard Peet said he attended the 1999 meeting held in Borger and addressed the department officials regarding the intersection of Highway 60 and Gray 12. He said he told them additional lighting was needed at that intersection.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the panhandle. Officials are to present an overall view of the planning process as well as their criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

Citizens who speak will be limited to five minutes. Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting.

Bids, school calendar on PISD meet agenda Supt. contract review on tap

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees are to meet in regular session at 6 p.m., Thursday, at the Carver Center Board Conference Room, 321 W. Albert.

Among the items to be considered at the meeting will be approval of an election order for the May 5 school board election. Place 6, currently held by Joe Martinez, and Place 7, filled by Bill Jones, are to expire on the first Saturday in May.

Filing for candidates opened Monday, July 19. Martinez filed an application for his candidacy that day. Deadline for candidates to file ends March 21. The school board also plans to set a time and place to canvass the votes following the election.

Board members will evaluate the performance for school superintendent, Dr. Dawson Orr, and consider renewal of the superintendent's contract at the meeting Thursday.

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Pediatric services will continue here

Planned Parenthood Clinic in Pampa has announced it will continue pediatric, well child services and immunizations recently discontinued by the Family Health Care Center of Pampa.

"Prenatal and family planning services will continue at the Family Health Care Center of Pampa to be newly located as of March 5 at 100 West 30th Suite 103 just south of the hospital," Jerry Barnes, director of public relations and marketing at Pampa Regional Medical Center, said. "All current and potential, well-child service patients will now be referred to Planned Parenthood located at 408 W. Kingsmill Avenue, Suite 173-A for their well child services," he added.

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Weather forces pause in search Helicopter missing since Thursday

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Fog and freezing temperatures forced the continued suspension of a search for a helicopter that disappeared last week as an elderly panhandle couple flew home to Amarillo from their granddaughter's basketball game in Gruver.

Meanwhile, the daughter of Gene and Bobbie Sue Webb said she takes solace in the fact that her parents disappeared in the Robinson R-22 helicopter they were both licensed to fly.

"They left us doing what they loved to do, and they left us doing it together," Christy Hart said from her home near Gruver. "It's been very hard on the family. I think we have resigned ourselves to the fact that the search is a search and

"They left us doing what they loved to do, and they left us doing it together."

— Christy Hart daughter of pair

not a search and rescue." The couple took off from Hart's front yard at 9:30 p.m. and should have arrived at home about an hour later. At 12:45 a.m. Friday, relatives notified authorities that the couple still hadn't landed. The search, which began Friday after a wall of fog lifted, was called off Tuesday afternoon and most likely won't

Fatal fire ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Firefighter Russell Ward assists Firefighter Steve Anderson, above, as he searches for hot spots in the charred attic of the house at 429 Carr where a Pampa woman died early today. Pampa Fire Department personnel, and Fire Marshal Gary Stevens, remained on the scene at press time today waiting for the State Fire Marshal to continue a probe of the fatal blaze.

Woman, two dogs perish in early-morning house fire

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

State Fire Marshal's office has been called in to investigate an early-morning house fire, reported by a passerby with a cell phone, that took the life of a Pampa woman.

The state official arrived on the scene shortly after 11 a.m. today, as the probe into the fatal blaze continued.

For the second time in less than a week, state

fire officials have traveled to Gray County to investigate fire fatalities. On Friday, Feb. 16, Gary Timmons of Letors was found dead in the remains of his burned mobile home. Fire officials have attributed the fire to a heater.

Justice of the Peace Bob Muns identified the victim of today's fire as Betty Rochelle Morgan Osneros, 50, after he received a positive identification by her former husband who lived across the street. Muns pronounced the woman dead at

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The area search is for a 1,300-pound Robinson R-22 helicopter like the one above.

resume until sometime Thursday, DPS Trooper Wayne Beigle said.

"You can't even see past the hood of your car," he said. "We've suspended everything

temporarily, but we are going to pick it back up."

Beigle said ice was expected in the Borger area, where the search was to focus Wednesday. (See SEARCH, Page 4)

Filing opens for school, city elections

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School District Board member Joe Martinez has filed for reelection to the local school board of trustees.

Filing opened Monday and runs through March 21. Filing location has changed this year to PISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr's office at Carver Administration Center, 321 W. Albert.

The terms of Martinez and Bill Jones are expiring. Both are three year terms.

City Council election filing also opened Monday. Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick has filed for reelection, according to City Secretary Phyllis letters.

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Services tomorrow

BARNHART, Lillie Elizabeth — 10 a.m., Reed-Culver Funeral Home Chapel, Tahlequah, Okla.
REEVE, Mary Louise — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Friona Cemetery, Friona.
SCHAFFER, John Clarence — 2 p.m., 11th Street Baptist Church, Shamrock.
SUMNER, Charlotte — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.
WRIGHT, Walter O. — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Glazier Cemetery, Glazier.

Obituaries

MARY LOUISE REEVE

FRIONA — Mary Louise Reeve, 90, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m., Thursday in Friona Cemetery with the Rev. Don Boren, of Friona United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Reeve was born Dec. 10, 1910, at Friona, to Floyd and Ethyl Reeve, Indiana Quakers who settled in Parmer County in 1909. She graduated from Friona High School and earned a master of art degree from Northern Colorado State University. With a total of 45 years of teaching experience, she was an elementary school teacher and a speech therapist for 41 years in Pampa, retiring in 1976.

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church of Pampa and Delta Kappa Gamma, NEA, Pampa Retired Teachers Association, Texas Retired Teachers Association and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She moved to Pampa in 1935 and to Friona four years ago.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Esther O'Rear of Amarillo; and three brothers, Hadley Reeve and Glenn Reeve, Sr., both of Friona, and Charles Reeve of Nagatuck, Conn.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth Hume of Redding, Calif.; three sisters-in-law, Allo and Fay Reeve of Friona and Marge Reeve of Nagatuck; 15 nieces and nephews; 42 great-great-nieces and nephews and their spouses; and numerous students and friends whose lives she touched.

The family requests memorials be to West Texas A&M University Showcase of Music Scholarship Fund, the WTAMU Scholarship Fund for Education Majors, the Opportunity Plan, Inc., of Canyon or a favorite charity.

JOHN CLARENCE SCHAFFER

WHEELER — John Clarence Schaffer, 63, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in 11th Street Baptist Church of Shamrock with Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, and Scott Porter of Shamrock officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Interment will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Schaffer was born Aug. 19, 1937, in Gray County, to Tom and Mary Pharris Schaffer. He attended school in Groom and lived in Spearman for several years prior to moving to Wheeler in 1989. He married Sylvia Kraetz on Sept. 20, 1957, at Sedro Wooley, Wash. He worked for Wheeler County at the time of his death and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1956-59.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bertie Schaffer, in 1991; and a brother, Charles Schaffer.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia, of Wheeler; a daughter, Marri Jayne Nielson of Austin; four sons, John Schaffer of Houston, Dean Schaffer of Amarillo, Robby Schaffer of Wheeler and Kenneth Schaffer of Erick, Okla.; two sisters, Doris Boody of Wheeler and Barbara Clark of Shamrock; a brother, Sam Schaffer of Wellington; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to 11th Street Baptist Church of Shamrock or to American Liver Foundation.

GLADYS L. RATLIFF

CANADIAN — Gladys L. Ratliff, 98, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in First Baptist Church of Miami with Rusty Ratliff, grandson of the deceased, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery 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.

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 Stickleby-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 arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Christopher Dale Barton, 26, 1601 W. Somerville #513, was arrested in the 100 block of South Russell on a warrant for theft and theft over \$50, under \$500.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A juvenile was detained for disrupting class.

Theft of service was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks. The suspect reportedly had her hair done at Benton's Professional Hair Design, 1405 N. Banks, and left without paying.

Forgery was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. Charges were filed in district court, according to police reports.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. Gold \$1 coins totaling \$138 were reported stolen. Police recovered 44 of the dollar coins and took one person into custody on theft charges.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan. Items valued at \$54 were reported taken from the residence.

A hit-and-run collision was reported at the Bell Mart, 1020 E. Frederic. A white Pontiac Grand Am reportedly struck a gas pump causing \$700 damage and left the scene.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

An unattended death was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

Kermit Hartley Jr., 32, of Borger was arrested in the 1100 block of Juniper for criminal trespass.

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Accidents

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

Monday, Feb. 19

7:45 a.m. — A 1980 Datsun pickup driven by Bryce Jacob Taylor, 16, 409 E. Foster, and a 1991 Ford Taurus driven by Melinda Diane Brewer, 37, 526 S. Ballard, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Taylor was cited for no valid insurance and failure to control speed. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

5:54 p.m. — A 1996 GMC Jimmy driven by Julie L. Reynolds, 25, of McLean, and a 1996 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Dakota Walter Wiggins, 32, of Allison, collided at the intersection of South Cuyler and East Frederic streets. Reynolds was cited for disregarding a stop and go signal. Reynolds reported possible injuries at the scene. Wiggins, Nikki Wiggins, 28, and Kelsi Dawn Wiggins, 9, reported possible injuries at the scene. All four were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Shannon Lee DelPuerto, 22, Fort Worth, was arrested on six warrants for issuing bad checks and three unspecified municipal warrants.

Mandy Rose Johnson, 25, 411 Naida, was arrested for violating probation for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Gray County Deputy Morse Burroughs investigated a suspicious vehicle parked beside the road on Gray G, south of Pampa, and arrested one person for possession of drug paraphernalia. A small amount of an unknown white powdery substance found in the vehicle has been sent to a Department of Public Safety laboratory for testing, according to Chief Deputy David Russell.

Evelyn Lemons, 41, of Amarillo, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20

11:48 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

5:54 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Cuyler and Brown streets. Firefighters helped prepare the injured for transport to the hospital and cleaned up hazards.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

4:31 a.m. — Five units and 20 firefighters responded to a structure fire at 429 Carr. One person died in the fire. (See related story, Pg. 1)

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.61	Columbia/HCA	38.24	dn 0.10
Milo	3.25	Enron	74.80	dn 0.29
Corn	3.58	Halliburton	42.15	up 0.46
Soybeans	3.69	KMI	57.60	up 1.61
		Kerr McGee	66.11	up 0.35
		Limited	18.83	dn 0.27
		McDonald's	30.12	dn 0.32
		Exxon Mobil	84.91	up 1.11
		New Atmos.	23.81	dn 0.29
		XCEI	28.10	up 0.45
		NOI	40.80	up 0.80
		OKC	44.55	up 0.65
		Phillips	56.00	up 0.01
		Pennycy	13.96	dn 0.89
		Pioneer Nat.	18.00	up 0.03
		SLB	64.38	dn 0.60
		Tenneco	3.15	dn 0.20
		Texaco	65.33	up 0.57
		Ultramar	35.39	up 0.43
		Wal-Mart	52.00	dn 1.40
		Williams	42.55	up 0.29
		Walmart	52.00	dn 1.40
		West Texas Crude	28.53	

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

Occidental	24.15	New York Gold	256.65
Fidelity Magelln	115.29	Silver	4.43
Puritan	18.90	West Texas Crude	28.53

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

BP Amoco	49.48	up 0.28	Coca-Cola	55.40	dn 3.07
Cabot	33.97	dn 1.60			
Cabot O&G	29.05	up 0.30			
Chevron	87.14	up 0.64			
Coca-Cola	55.40	dn 3.07			



Ma's Wrecker Service employees remove a wrecked pickup after it struck an empty gas station at the corner of Cuyler and Frederic streets Tuesday afternoon. The pickup and a GMC Jimmy collided at the intersection, injuring four people.

Two-vehicle wreck injures four

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Four people suffered injuries after a two-car collision at the intersection of South Cuyler and Frederic streets that overturned one vehicle and sent a pickup careening into an empty gas station.

A 1996 GMC Jimmy SUV driven by Julie L. Reynolds, 25, of McLean was traveling north in the 500 block of South Cuyler when it collided with a 1996 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Dakota Walter Wiggins, 32, of Allison, in the intersection of Cuyler and Frederic streets, according to Pampa Police

Department reports. The pickup was reportedly traveling west at the time of the collision.

The GMC ran the red light, striking the pickup in the left side and pushing the truck up over the curb, Fawnsa Burrows, investigating officer, wrote in her report. The force of the impact caused the pickup to hit an empty gas station.

The GMC reportedly slid sideways and rolled over on the passenger side, coming to rest upside down on South Cuyler street.

Five police vehicles, two ambulances and a fire truck responded to the wreck scene. Both drivers, and two passen-

gers in the pickup suffered possible injuries and were taken by Rural Metro Ambulance Service to Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room for treatment. The passengers were identified in the police report as Nikki Wiggins, 28, and Kelsi Dawn Wiggins, 9. Ashtin Wiggins, 10 months, was in an infant seat in the back seat of the pickup and suffered no apparent injuries in the collision, police said.

Hospital officials had not returned a call from the Pampa News on the condition of the injured at press time today. Reynolds was cited for disregarding a stop and go signal.

Ambulance

- Rural/Metro responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
- Monday, Feb. 19**
- 8:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to six miles west on Highway 60 to a motor vehicle accident and transported two to PRMC.
- 11:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Christine' and transported one to BSA-W.
- 12:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to BSA-W.
- 3:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.WTH.
- 4:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1504 W. Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.
- 6:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of N. Hobart; no transport.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20**
- 11:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Cuyler and transported one to PRMC.
- 2:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported one to PRMC.
- 4:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Murphy and transported one to PRMC.
- 5:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Cuyler and Brown on a motor vehicle accident and transported two to PRMC.
- 5:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Cuyler and Brown on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.
- 6:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21**
- 2:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Alcock; no transport.
- 3:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported one to PRMC.
- 4:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Carr on a fire standby.
- 5:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.
- 5:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Carr on a fire standby.
- 5:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill; no transport.

Dead woman identified as transient from Fort Worth

VAN BUREN, Ark. (AP) — A body found in a wooded area near Lee Creek Park has been identified as that of a woman whose last known address was Fort Worth, Texas, police say.

The body of Marie Elaine Cholette, 46, was found Thursday in a crude tent in what police Sgt. George Cabaniss said was a hobo camp commonly used as a stopover by transients.

Cabaniss said some of Cholette's family members still live in Fort Worth. The police spokesman said police are still waiting for an autopsy report from the state Crime Lab, but the death is being investigated as a homicide.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, Areas of drizzle and fog. Otherwise cloudy with temperatures falling into the mid 30s this afternoon. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, Cloudy with areas of fog. Freezing drizzle possible. Lows 25 to 30. Light and variable winds. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs 50 to 55. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 55; the overnight low 29.

STATEWIDE — A cold front on Wednesday was triggering showers in its march through Texas and forecasters kept more rainfall predictions to the weekend forecast.

The front stretched from Sherman and Denison through the Dallas-Fort Worth area to Mineral Wells, Abilene and the

South Plains.

Some freezing drizzle was reported in the far northern Panhandle. Fog was widespread in South Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the upper 20s to the lower 40s north of the front and in the mid-40s to mid-50s in advance of the system, except for lower 70s in the Rio Grande Valley.

Extremes were 28 degrees at Guymon, Okla., and 71 degrees at McAllen.

Other readings included 58 degrees in Del Rio and Port Arthur and 58 degrees at Fort Stockton.

Winds were primarily from the northeast at 5 to 15 mph north of the front and from the west and southwest at 5 to 15 mph across the south.

Fog and drizzle was expected

to continue from the Panhandle into the Big Country, with some freezing drizzle in the far north. A slight chance of showers was expected on Thursday from the Permian Basin into the Concho Valley and Big Bend.

Rain and thunderstorms will also be on the increase in North Texas, along the possibility of thunderstorms early Saturday.

Afternoon temperatures through Friday, forecasters say, will be about 20 degrees colder than Tuesday's.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 60s except for some 30s and 40s across the eastern Panhandle and 70s to lower 80s from the far west into the Big Bend valleys and deep south.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the 30s to 40s except for some 20s in the far north and 60s in South Texas.

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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.

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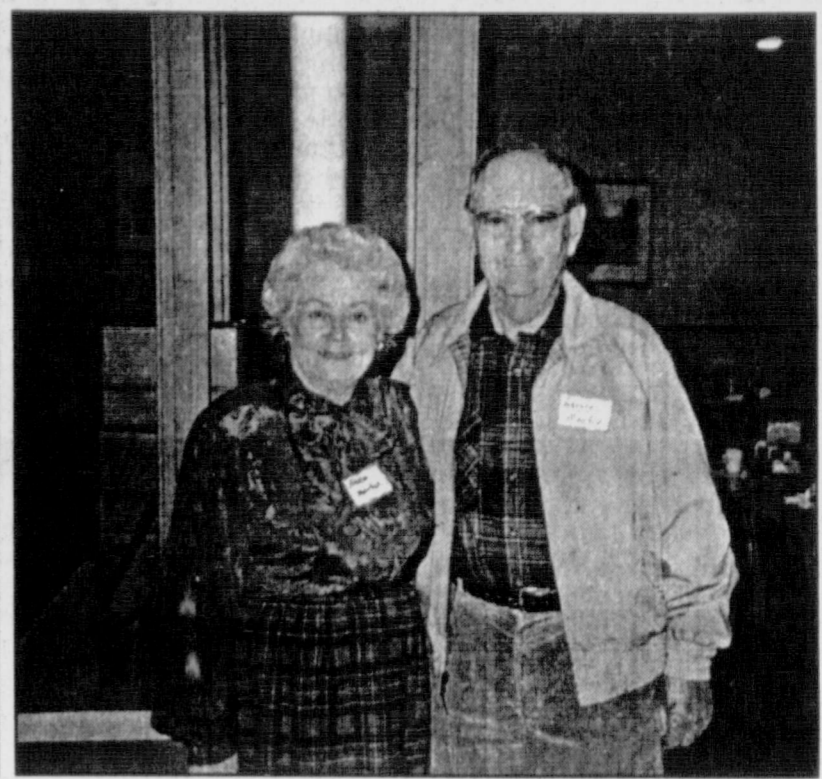
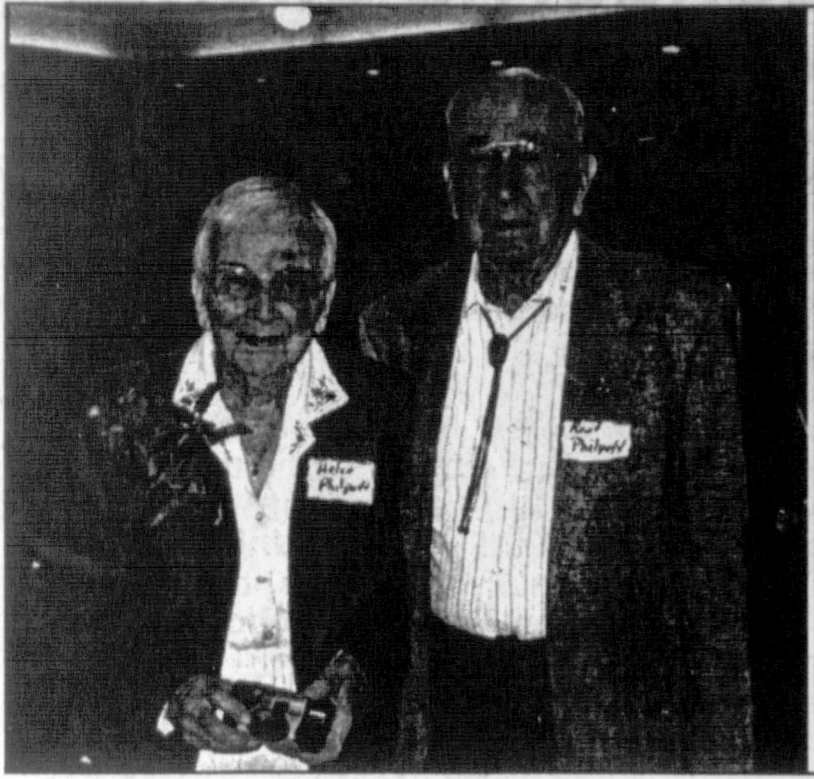
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Lows overnight were expected to range from the 30s to 40s except for some 20s in the far north and 60s in South Texas.

Golden Sweethearts



(Community Camera photo)

Furr's Family Dining recently held its 13th annual Golden Sweethearts celebration, honoring couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage with a complimentary dinner for two on Valentine's Day. Forty couples participated in this year's event. A cake was donated by Albertson's Supermarket. Other prizes were donated by State Farm, Beall's, Dunlap's, Celebrations, Consignment Shot and King's Row.

Above, far left: Kent and Helen Philpott were recognized as the longest married couple in attendance. Middle: Lambert and Cornelia Bertiam were recognized as the oldest couple present. Far right: Wadia and Gerald Martin traveled from Reydon, Okla., and were recognized as the couple traveling the farthest to attend the special luncheon.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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

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

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

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test.

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

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

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.

GCGS MEETING
Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Education Classroom of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. The program will be the Genealogy/History Connection Video "The Sweetwater Story." The facilitator will be Bobbie Hill of Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

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 fundraisers, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500.

PAS VALENTINE DANCE
Pampa Area Christian Singles will host a Valentine's dance from 8-11 p.m., Feb. 24 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$6 per person. Please bring your own snack. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

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PISD

Bids for insurance, athletic equipment, grounds equipment, and restroom renovations will be awarded at the meeting. Board members also plan to select a contractor for T-1 lines to provide an Internet network connection with Pampa Learning Center, the athletic and transportation departments with the school district's network. Proposals have been presented by IP Communications and Southwestern Bell (SWB). An internet provider will also be chosen at the meeting. Internet services are presently provided through NTS, but board members will consider getting these services through Region 16.

A five-year agreement with Southwestern Bell

for telephone service expires in February, so board members plan to discuss a new agreement at the meeting. Details of SWB's proposed agreement are to be presented at the meeting.

Other items slated for action include the following:

- 2000-2001 budget amendment
- 2001-2002 school calendar
- Texas Public School Week resolution
- Sale of tax delinquent property
- Personnel

Administrative reports are to be given on board member training, an update on the Stetson program, Teen Leadership Program, facilities update, the March meeting date, and the Region 16 board of directors election.

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FIRE

the scene shortly after 6 a.m. and has requested an autopsy by the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office.

Emergency personnel first learned about the fire when an unidentified man passing by the residence at 4:31 a.m. saw the flames coming from the house on Carr Street and called 9-1-1 on his cell phone, said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell.

"It took him a minute to get his bearings," Powell said. "He wasn't sure at first where he was."

A second person also called to report the fire, she said.

When firefighters arrived on scene, flames had erupted through the roof of the two-story frame residence and were burning the limbs of elm trees hanging over the house, Deputy Chief Randy Dunham said.

"It was fully involved when we got here," Powell said. "The fire had broken through the roof and they said flames were shooting above the trees. When I got here, the roof was already starting to

sag." Dunham said the firefighters fought the blaze knowing that someone was possibly in the house because of what neighbors told them and because a car was parked in the driveway.

However, the intensity of the fire hampered their rescue efforts, he said.

"You just do what you have to do," he said.

After they were able to control the blaze, fire personnel discovered the woman lying underneath a pile of clothing in a room in the back of the house. Officials theorize that she had attempted to escape the fire and had become overcome by smoke, possibly pulling a clothes rack full of clothes on top of her. Firefighters said they also found two dogs that had died in the fire.

As fire personnel waited for the state officials, they continued to search for areas of fire that might still remain in the piles of clothing throughout the residence.

Powell said an addition to the front of the house containing an attic bedroom, also filled with clothes, had posed some problem for firefighters in controlling the fire.

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PEDIATRIC

"All sick-child patients will be referred to local Pampa physicians," Debbie Been, Pampa Planned Parenthood Clinic coordinator, said. Patient records can be obtained from Family Health Care Center by calling (806) 665-0748.

Well-child services under Title

V include a complete history, physical examination, dental assessment, mental health assessment, vision and hearing screening, counseling, education and anticipatory guidance. Immunizations and TB screening are provided when appropriate. To be eligible for Title V, a child must be between 0 and 21, a Texas resident, uninsured and

not eligible for Medicaid. Both Pediatric and traditional Family Planning Services at the Pampa Planned Parenthood Clinic are provided through Phyllis LaRue, RNFP, a longtime Pampa nurse.

"Sharing the pediatric responsibility will be a great benefit to patients," Been said. "We will be able to focus on the preventive aspect of the child's pediatric care and make sure they are receiving all the benefits under Title V funding while the Family Health Care Center can keep their focus on the prenatal and delivery aspects. We already refer our pregnancy patients to the Family Health Care Center of Pampa," she concluded.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact the local Planned Parenthood at 665-2291.



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Security concerns silence Texas prison newspaper

Published by inmates for inmates, a prison newspaper has ended publication over security concerns heightened by the escape of seven prisoners from a maximum-security lockup in the nation's largest correctional system.

The Echo for more than 70 years was newspaper of record for the Texas prison system, officials said Tuesday.

Sharon Keilin, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's management liaison over the newspaper, said she learned last week that prison officials considered the office at the Walls Unit in Huntsville, where the newspaper is published, to be a security risk.

"The staffing was not adequate to cover the publication of The Echo," Keilin, an assistant director for operational support in Huntsville, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's online edition. "It was decided they would temporarily put the guys to other jobs and search for a more secure location."

A staff of five inmates, including a former journalist serving a 60-year sentence for aggravated robbery, produced The Echo each month. They used correspondents from throughout the Texas correctional system to publish 130,000 copies of a 12-page newspaper, distributed free at the prison units.

A paralegal with a law firm that represents inmates said prisoners would suffer without the newspaper from which they gained valuable information. Chuck Hurt, a former convict, said he suspects a desire to curtail communications between inmates — not security — is the issue.

"If it were simply a Walls Unit problem, you would think that in 72 years, they would have determined any problems and resolved them long ago," he told The Dallas Morning News.

Keilin said she was told that once a more secure location for the newspaper's office was found, publication could resume. But others were doubtful of those prospects.

"If they just closed (The Echo) down to fix security, that's fine," said attorney Donna Brorby, who has spent decades in federal court battling the state over treatment of prisoners. "If they end up using this to shut down The Echo, that would be really sad."

George Rivas and six other inmates at the Connally Unit in Kenedy County overpowered

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civilian workers and a guard and escaped on Dec. 13. Authorities say the inmates then robbed an Irving sporting goods store on Dec. 24, leaving a police officer dead of multiple gunshot wounds.

The escapees then drove to Colorado, where four were captured and one killed himself on Jan. 22. The other two surrendered two days later.

Brorby said she was concerned The Echo may go the way of other prison programs that have been temporarily suspended, like the work program for death row inmates that was implicated in an attempted escape.

State prison officials suspended the death row work program in 1998 after seven inmates used the time together to plan an escape attempt. Brorby said it has not been reinstated.

The prison publication, which included letters to the editor from inmates and summaries of articles from other newspapers around the state, had frequently won honors in the American Penal Press Contest.

Relatives of inmates and others who could subscribe to The Echo relied upon the newspaper, which contained no advertising.

"The Echo is very important for inmates and their families because it is the only newspaper in the small town that is the Texas prison system," said Ray Hill, host of The Prison Program, which is broadcast on Houston public radio.

Keilin, who reviewed articles' content before publication, said the inmates adhered to a code of ethics, including printing only balanced and true information and clearly identifying their sources.

"I'm told an appropriate place will be found and it will start back up," she said. "It's had bumps and things in its 73-year history. It has survived them."

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SEARCH

He said a DPS dive team from Austin is on its way to Amarillo. If weather permits, the dive team will begin searching Lake Meredith on Thursday.

So far, surface searches of the lake by boat have turned up nothing. Air searches of the Panhandle from as far north as the Oklahoma Panhandle to as far south as Happy, Texas, about an hour south of

Amarillo, have left searchers empty handed and frustrated.

Beigle said a crash site of a helicopter that weighs only 1,300 pounds could look like a blown bag of trash from 500 feet in the air.

"If he got disoriented in the weather, there's no way of knowing where they ended up," Beigle said. "We are going to check out every avenue, but most likely the beginning of the end is in sight."

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FILING

Bob Dixon, both incumbents, along with Mayor Bob Neslage are expiring. All three terms are for a two-year period.

Election day is scheduled for May 5.

Area schools and communities also will be having elections to select board members and council members to guide their communities on the same date. The filing deadline for these area positions is also March 21. Anyone interested in filing for a position may obtain additional information by contacting the office of the entity.

18-wheeler maker Freightliner introduces extra large SUV

NEW YORK (AP) — Freightliner Corp. reportedly has begun selling an extra-large four-wheel-drive vehicle more than nine feet tall and seven feet wide, introducing to American consumers a sport utility better known for its use by the German military.

Freightliner, a unit of Germany's Daimler Chrysler AG and the top manufacturer of heavy trucks in the United States, will begin taking orders

in October for the vehicle, called Unimog. The New York Times reported on Wednesday. The diesel-fueled vehicle, which has a 52-gallon tank and gets about 10 miles per gallon of gas, will sell for a base price of \$84,000, the Times reported.

The Unimog will be produced in Gaggenau, Germany, but targeted at people living in the suburbs of America: affluent off-road enthusiasts, fire depart-

ments and businesses needing to haul some 13,000 pounds worth of passengers and cargo, according to the Times.

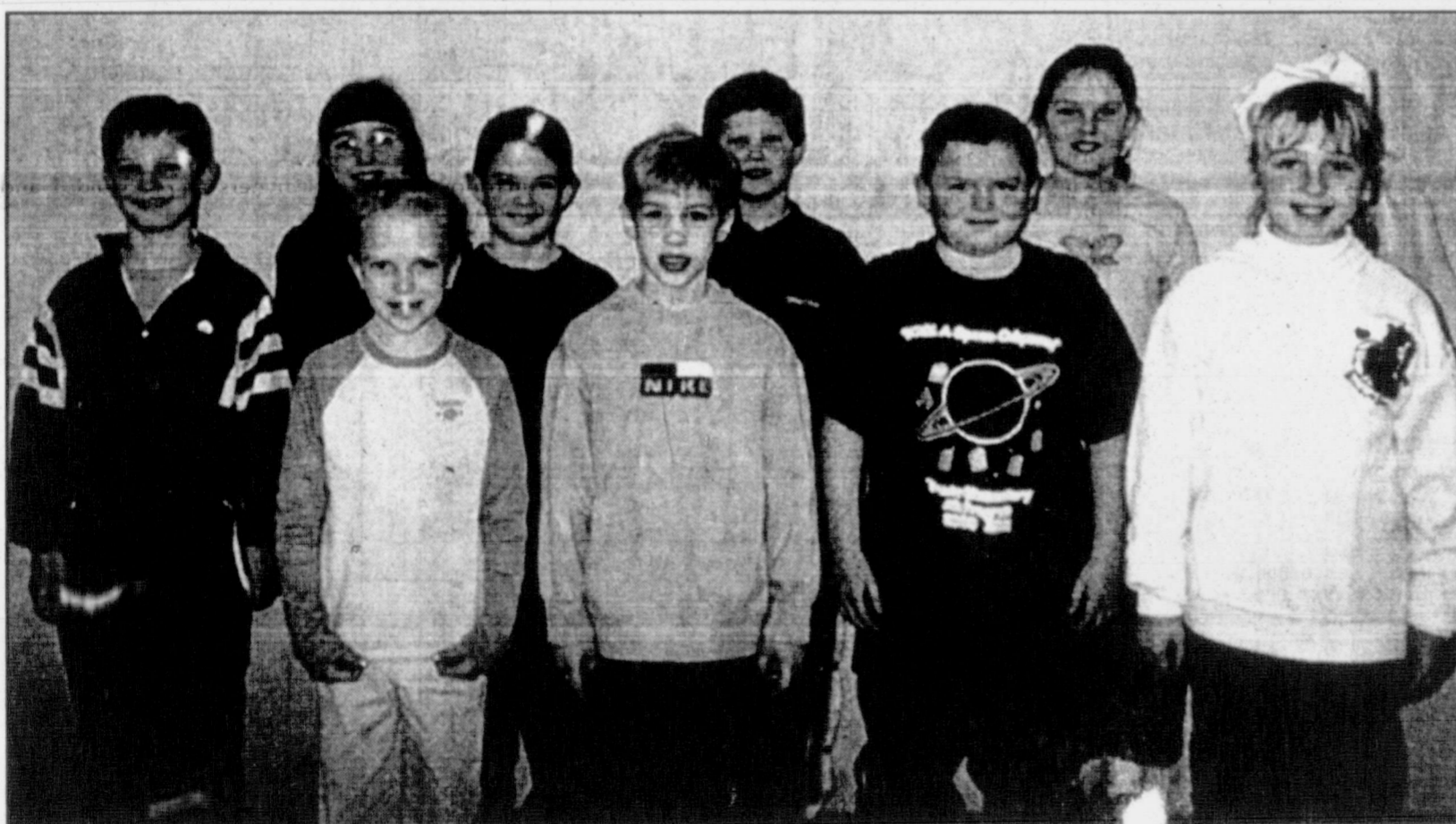
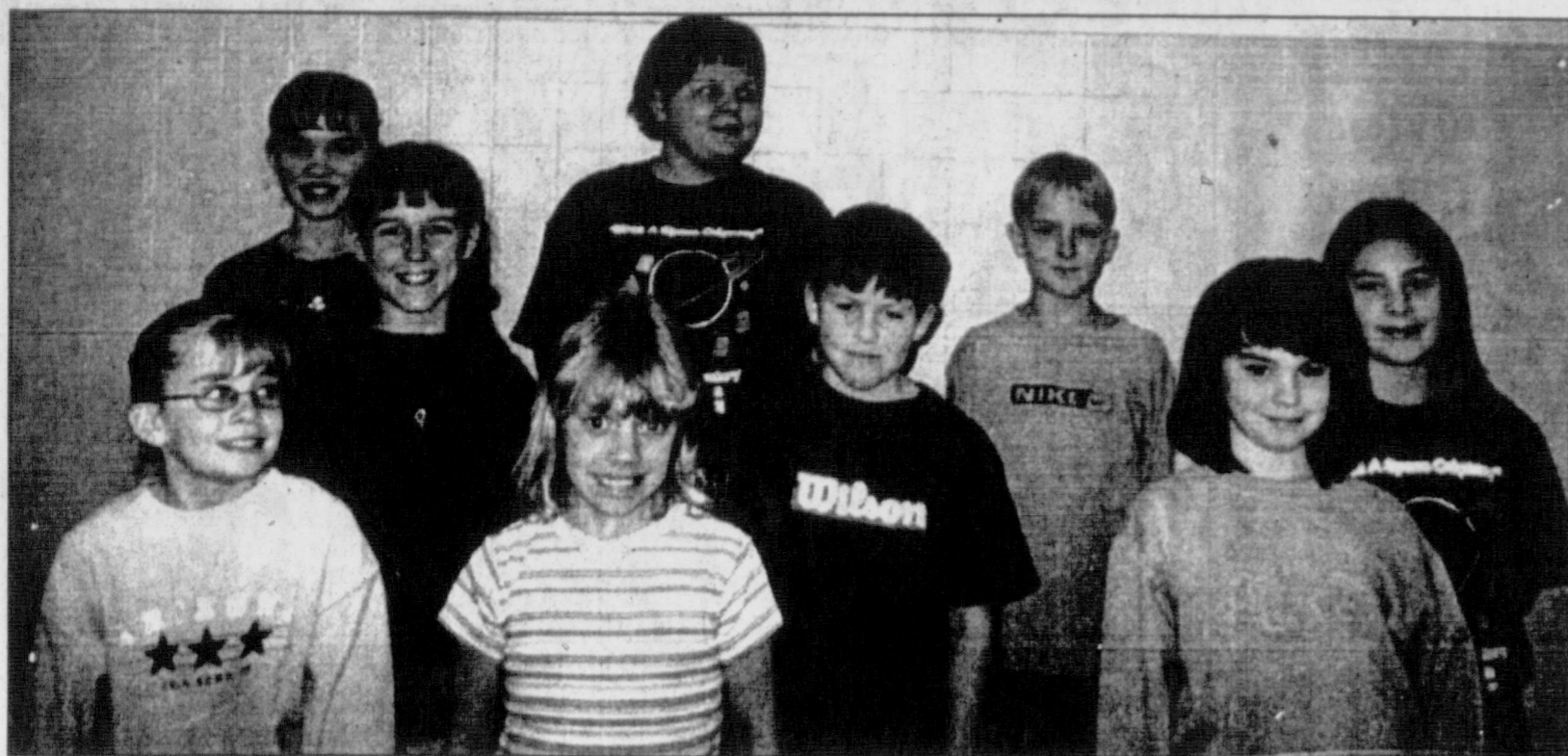
The Unimog is a foot longer than Ford Motor Co.'s Excursion and 3.5 inches wider than General Motors Corp.'s Hummer, a vehicle whose design is based on an American military transport. Freightliner hopes to begin selling 1,000 Unimogs a year, the Times reported.

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Travis Elementary Science Fair winners



(Special photos)

Travis Elementary School recently announced its Science Fair winners. Above: (Top photo, back row) Jennifer Haley, Kaylee Ledbetter, Dustin Mathis; (middle row) Carley Richardson, Danny White, Jessica Tabor; (front row) Rachel Lee, Melissa Burkhalter, Kaylee Wills, fourth grade winners. (Middle photo, back row) Rachal Nunn, Kayla Kidd, Andrew Roy; (middle row) Brody Russell, Jad McGuire, Julie Crossman; (front row) Stephanie Hassell, Ally Garner and Joshua Humphrey, fifth grade winners. (Bottom photo, back row, left-right) Kayla Taylor, Brandon Hunt, Rachel Heuston; (middle row) Joseph Norris, Landon Long, Tyler Hooper; (front row) Robin Fernuik, Tanner Davis and Kallie Marak, third grade winners. Third grader Kayla Taylor earned the title of Budding Young Scientist.

WT's spring enrollment reflects continued interest in web courses

CANYON — One of Texas' most expansive web-based curriculums received yet another boost with the release of spring enrollment figures at West Texas A&M University.

By the 12th day of classes, total university enrollment stood at 6,232 students, 10 more than on the 12th class day of the spring semester in 2000. The 12th class day is when Texas' public universities report final enrollment figures to the state.

But while overall enrollment shows only a minimal increase over the previous year, the university experienced a large increase in the number of enrollments in its distance-learning program. WOnline, the university's virtual learning environment through which students access their course work and interact with professors in an Internet-based classroom, recorded 1,502 enrollments — the total number of course sign-ups — for spring 2001.

WOnline recorded 880 enrollments on the 12th class day of the spring 2000 semester, and 1,347 enrollments were received during the fall 2000 semester.

This semester, WOnline has 62 course offerings taught by 22 instructors, and the 1,502 enrollments represent 1,211 total students, which gives WTAMU greater participation in a web-based curriculum than at any other single institution in Texas.

"I think the quality of our faculty, our extensive support services and our national accreditation are some reasons for this growth and why other universities are asking WTAMU to help them set up their distance learning programs," Dr. Charles Mize, director of WTAMU's instructional technology program, said. "We also have had a steady increase in the number of faculty trained to deliver courses online and the number of courses being developed. We have by far more online participation than any other single university in the state."

WTAMU received full accreditation for its distance learning program during the December 2000 meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. SACS is the recognized accrediting body in 11 U.S. states and in Latin America for those institutions of higher learning that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees.

Hispanic Caucus meets with Mexican president

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Members of the U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus met with President Vicente Fox and pledged to help Mexico seek a fairer U.S. immigration policy.

The delegation — 12 Democrats of the caucus' 18 members — said they talked with Fox on Tuesday about ending U.S. anti-drug certification of Mexico and pushing for immigration rules that would allow workers to eventually get legal U.S. residency.

"The caucus is in a perfect position to assist President Fox and our colleagues in Congress to advocate the kind of changes and the kind of relations we all want to see with Mexico," said Texas Rep. Silvestre Reyes, who chairs the caucus.

After the 1 1/2-hour meeting at the presidential residence in Mexico City, Reyes described Fox as a "a very knowledgeable, very engaging individual."

"We are committed to working with President Fox and with our own president to eliminating or changing the certification process," Reyes said, referring to the law requiring U.S. presidents to certify annually which of nearly 30 countries are cooperating in the fight against drug trafficking. Those not certified face possible sanctions.

The delegation also discussed issues such as education, water supplies in border communities, the possible creation of a joint border parks and development funds for Mexico.

Much of the talk focused on immigration, especially Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's proposal for a guest worker program for Mexican laborers, including some undocumented workers already in the country.

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Women Now Carry Their Own Weight as Funeral Pallbearers

DEAR ABBY: Although I read your column daily, I have never had a reason to write until now. I read the obituaries and have noticed that lately there are female pallbearers listed. Is this proper, or should it be a man's role? I always thought that men were supposed to do it. I'm sure other people wonder about this, too.

VICKI IN JOPLIN, MO.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR VICKI: In the days when coffins were actually carried, it required strong men to lift them. However, today the coffin is placed on a church "truck," and it's perfectly acceptable for women to be pallbearers.

In early America, it was the women who cared for the dead. It was they who bathed and shrouded the body for burial. In a sense, women are now taking their rightful place again by acting as pallbearers. It is much better when family members of both sexes physically participate in funerals. Doing so can be therapeutic. Twenty years ago morticians were mostly men. Today, 40 percent of graduating morticians are women, according to the Funeral Consumers Alliance. Instead of being ghoulish, the business is becoming "girlish."

a beautiful diamond heart necklace for Valentine's Day. Now I am trying to decide if I should keep it.

Several years ago, he had a "female friend." One of the things that hurt most was finding out that he had bought her expensive jewelry. Among the items was a diamond heart pendant.

When I opened the gift, all I could think about was her. Should I explain to him that, although the necklace is very beautiful, it brings back painful memories? Are men really this dense?

CRYING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CRYING: Apparently your man is. Dry your tears and tell him, as tactfully as possible, that while you are grateful for the gift, his selection has painful associations for you. The two of you should return it and select something more appropriate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional woman marrying another professional woman. We have lived

together for two years and are able to communicate very well. We are growing and changing beautifully as partners.

Because it is not legal in the state where we live, we will be going to Vermont for a private ceremony. My question: How do we approach the wedding reception with those family members who are not "comfortable" with it? We don't want anyone to feel slighted, but at the same time, we don't want to deprive those members of the family who offer support and take joy in our union. Do we invite everyone and just see who shows up?

NEEDS TO KNOW

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: Send invitations to everyone you would like to have at your reception, including those who are not comfortable with your union. If they don't wish to attend, they will decline. You already know some of them will not welcome this marriage, but extending the invitation will show them that you want to encourage close family relationships. And you may be surprised that some of them may put aside their misgivings in the interests of family unity.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You might be pushed beyond your limits. As a result, you could lose your temper. Count to 10. Your words might be unusually sharp, and they could cause a problem. Try a cool, calm and collected conversation. You'll make your point better that way. Tonight: Think about recent developments.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Work pulls you in several directions. You have many ideas. Test them carefully. You might be called on to spend money. If you are uncomfortable with what is happening, hold back. Tonight: Where your friends are.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Extend your perspective by seeking out other opinions. You might not have as firm a grip on a personal matter as you think. Putting space between you and a personal issue ultimately brings resolution. Your personality wins the day. Tonight: Willingly work late.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** He might not mean to, but someone manages to cause trouble. The two of you have different ideas about how things should work. Discuss what you want more often with a dear friend. Explore different options. Surf the

Internet. Tonight: Rent a movie.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Others reach out. You might be hard pressed to cover all your bases. Work demands your attention, as does a partnership. Use your creativity. Be careful about using a flirtation as an emotional outlet. Pay attention to a child. Tonight: Schedule quality time for someone important.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Plunge into work or a project. Concentration helps alleviate stress and tension from other areas of your life. You might be overwhelmed by what is happening at home or with a family member. Relax. Solutions come if you give yourself space. Tonight: Out among the crowds.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Let your ingenuity emerge. Unexpected developments occur. Discussions evolve in a new direction if you are willing to accept someone's sometimes forceful opinions. An opportunity from a distance might be too good to turn down. As a result, doors open. Tonight: Prepare to work late.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Build on established ground. Don't push another away. You could be fed up with this person's demands. Can you handle the situation differently and turn it into a win-win? Carefully sort through financial implications. You need to take care of yourself. Tonight: Let your flirtatious nature come out.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Speak your mind and express your ideas. Others go out of their way for you. You might be more demanding than you realize. Fatigue and boredom play

into your attitude. Anything can change — and quickly, at that. Let others take charge. Give up control for a while. Tonight: Happy at home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your strong handling of money matters might be your reaction to a feeling that you are losing control. Look within and see what is really bothering you. Tempers flare, and you might not be sure of yourself. Do something special for a friend or loved one. Tonight: Act rather than talk.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** A friend might incite a mini-riot around you. Don't take this personally. Relax. Become more active and take a stand. Seek out those you enjoy. Allow your sense of humor to reveal itself. Laughter heals and helps everyone relax. Tonight: Your treat.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Take your time with those you must deal with. Others might be tired or gruff. A boss or authority figure challenges you. Know which side of your bread is buttered. Think about the long term. Check out real estate or an investment. Tonight: You beam. Others respond.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), tennis player Michael Chang (1972), musician Frederic Chopin (1810)

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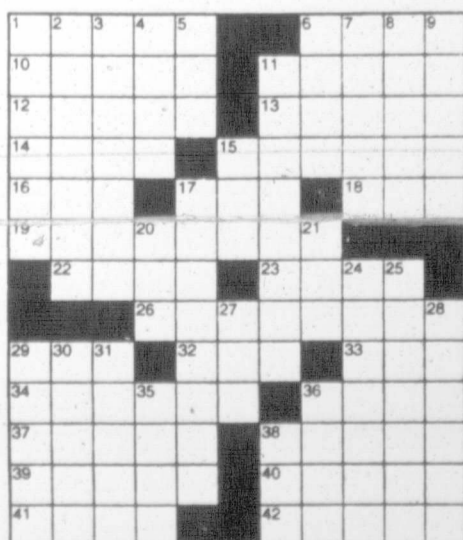
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- 34 Take a breath
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- 37 Fixed look
- 38 Skater Sonja
- 39 Circus sights
- 40 Are
- 41 Refuges
- 42 Map area

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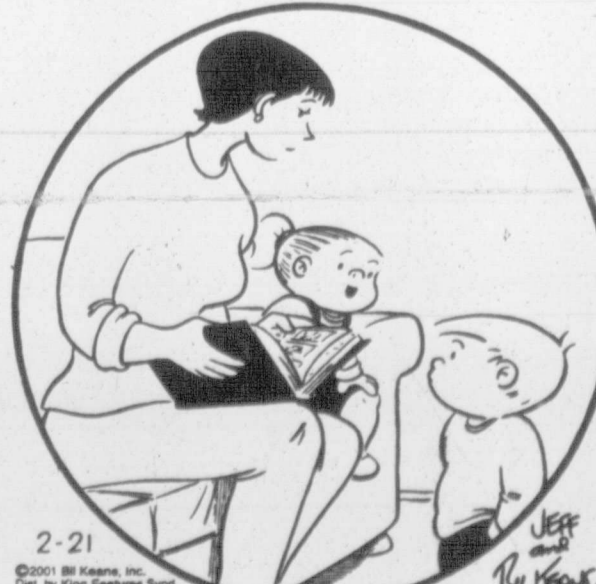
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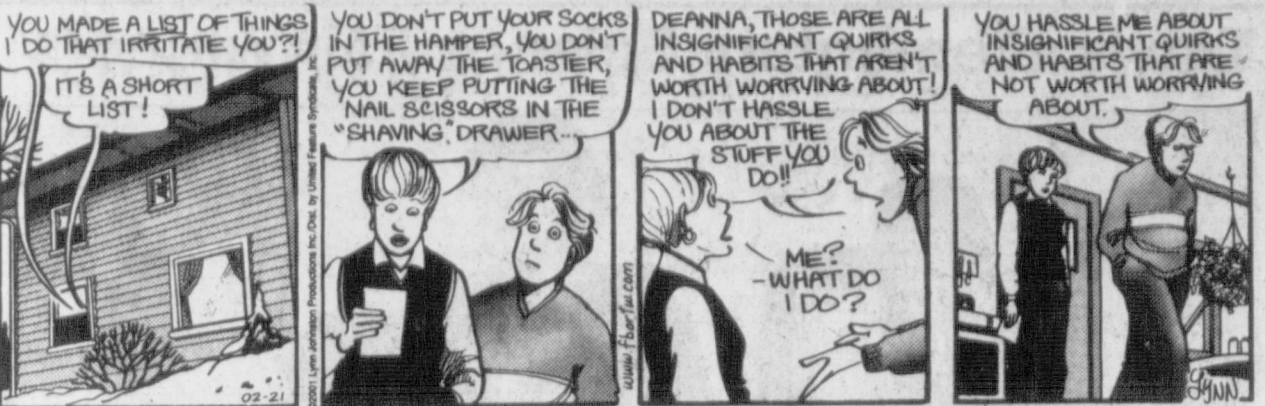
"You haven't taken down your Christmas tree yet?"

The Family Circus



"It's Mommy's yearbook. Everybody in it has old-fashioned hair."

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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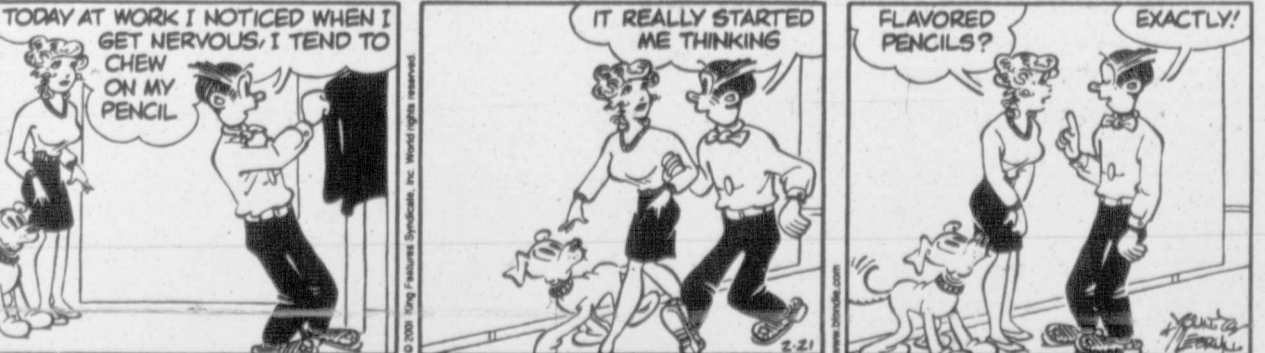
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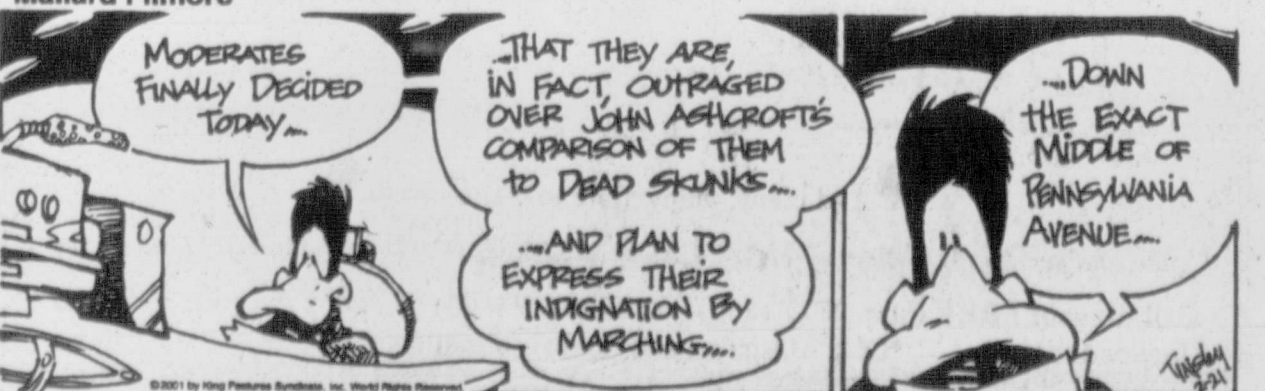
Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

GENERAL

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Attorney Marty Akins, a University of Texas All-American, is reportedly considering a gubernatorial bid.

Akins, the son of coaching legend Ray Akins, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times on Wednesday's online edition that he is dissatisfied with the level of opportunity available to Texas children growing up in circumstances similar to his own.

An all-state football player at Gregory-Portland, the Democrat achieved sufficient success as a trial lawyer to retire to Marble Falls while still in his early 40s. But he reflected on upbringing by parents who were schoolteachers of limited means, who couldn't help him pay his way through college.

"I've felt the pain of what it was like to have nothing, and been lucky to have the opportunity to live the American Dream," he said.

"The problem is, those opportunities are being taken from us with too few reaping the benefits."

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal playfully ended his feud with Hack-a-Shaq enthusiast and cancer survivor Don Nelson, then defused the strategy by sinking 11-of-15 free throws to lead the Los Angeles Lakers past the Dallas Mavericks 119-109 Tuesday night.

O'Neal had 29 points and 11 rebounds and Kobe Bryant, who didn't make a field goal the first quarter and a half, added 19 points and seven assists as the Lakers spoiled Nelson's return from prostate cancer surgery.

Nelson celebrated his comeback from a 52-day, 21-game absence in his typical, light-hearted style: Prior to tip-off, he wore a red foam ball on his nose so he'd look like "a clown," which is what O'Neal called him the last time the teams met.

O'Neal scored 10 points in the third quarter as the Lakers' lead peaked at 18.

OLYMPICS

BEIJING (AP) — A visit by Olympic inspectors got off to a positive start for China on Wednesday when Beijing was praised for its on-paper proposals to play host to the 2008 Games.

Hein Verbruggen, head of the inspection team, said its members were happy with the city's official bid report. But he urged officials to be ready for "straightforward questions" on matters ranging from stadiums to transportation to air quality.

The four-day inspection is a milestone for Beijing's drive to land the world's most prestigious sporting event. New anti-graft rules bar International Olympic Committee members from visiting bid cities, so voting members who pick the winning city this summer will rely heavily on the inspection team's findings.

Beijing's rivals are Paris; Istanbul, Turkey; Osaka, Japan; and Toronto.

The "ultimate goal is to have a wonderful games in 2008," Verbruggen said.

In presentations to the inspectors at a Beijing hotel, bid officials stressed what they called continuing progress in areas ranging from environmental protection to democratic development.

Decoration of the hotel conference room emphasized both Beijing's history and its modern ambitions.

A television screen backdrop showed the Temple of Heaven, one of Beijing's top historical landmarks, while dioramas drew the proportions of the city and the Olympic Green, a planned park bordering many of the proposed venues.

Cougars fall in OT

High School Basketball

Texline slipped by Fort Elliott in overtime for a 63-62 win in a Class 1A boys' bi-district game Tuesday night at Randall High.

The Cougars had rallied in the second half after trailing by seven, 34-27, at halftime.

Fort Elliott gained a one-point lead, 43-42, going into the fourth quarter. The score was tied at 56-all at the end of regulation.

"It was a good game, but we just couldn't quite pull it out. We made a few mistakes and we didn't shoot well inside," said Fort Elliott head coach Curtis Smith. "Give Texline credit, they wanted it."

Michael Gard tossed in 25 points to lead Texline in scoring. Brandon Smith had 13 points and Josh Steen 12.

Caleb Kirkpatrick led Fort Elliott in scoring with 16 points. Richard Rowe added 14 points and Jason Hathaway had 10.

Others who scored for the Cougars were Nathan Hefley with 9, Kade Zybach 8, Junior Newman 3 and Aaron Hartling 2.

Fort Elliott closes out its season with a 26-4 record.

"We won two tournaments and district. We had a good season," Smith added.

Texline advances with a 13-12 record.

Canadian fell to Hale Center 51-43 Tuesday night in a Class 2A girls' regional quarterfinal game at Randall High.

Jametra Clark scored 25 points to lead Hale Center's scoring attack. Angela Bevins was Canadian's high scorer with 15 points.

Hale Center broke open a close contest by scoring nine straight points in the fourth quarter.

Canadian had trailed by only two points going into the fourth period.

Canadian ends its season at 24-6. Hale Center is 21-10. The Owlettes will play the winner of the Colorado City-Coahoma game.

Plainview defeated Borger 69-44 Tuesday night in a girls' regional quarterfinal tilt at Amarillo High Activity Center.

Alesha Robertson was Plainview's top scorer with 23 points, followed by Chelsi Welch 15.

Maggie Sauls had 13 points and Megan Paige 10 to lead the Lady Bulldogs in scoring.

Plainview at 32-1 is the No. 1 ranked team in Class 4A. Borger closes out with a 27-7 record.



(Pampa News photo)

Caleb Kirkpatrick had 16 points to lead Fort Elliott in scoring against Texline Tuesday night.

Some fans blame Marlin for Earnhardt's death

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

Imagine how it would feel being blamed for Dale Earnhardt's death.

Sterling Marlin didn't have to wonder long. He made it home Sunday night from the Daytona 500 in time to find out he was being cast as the villain.

"The reporters on TV were saying the vicious pass I gave Dale Earnhardt put him into the wall," Marlin said. "I wanted to climb right through the TV and pull the guy out of there."

A night's sleep didn't help. Marlin awoke Monday to find the inbox on his Web site jammed with hateful e-mails. A few twisted fans apparently felt that approach wasn't personal enough; they phoned Marlin's race shop in Mooresville, N.C., threatening him and his family.

"If people just come back to their senses," Marlin said, "listen to what everybody's saying and watch the tape. That's all I ask."

But don't stop there. Run the videotape back farther, all the way back to Marlin's NASCAR debut at age 19, and this is what you see: a kid who learned to drive stock cars from a famous father, now a grown man who still races fast and clean. Someone who rarely crashes and never makes trouble. A polite, quiet 43-year-old Tennessee other racers describe as the consummate

pro. Someone who's won just six Winston Cup Series races total, yet somehow won the biggest of them all, Daytona, back-to-back years (1994-95), something only Richard Petty and Cale Yarborough accomplished.

Now imagine all that blurred in only a few seconds, replaced by footage of the horrific crash that claimed Earnhardt's life.

One moment, Marlin's world was intact and he was racing Earnhardt for third place at the front of a pack of cars on the last turn of the last lap. The next moment, he was fighting for his life.

Right after Ken Schrader pulled up outside Earnhardt on a three-wide run through the corner, Rusty Wallace closed within inches of Earnhardt's bumper.

The turbulence that resulted nudged Earnhardt's black No. 3 Chevy toward the bottom of the track, where Marlin struggled to hang on.

"Dale and my car barely touched, and it sent my car across the apron, and Dale's, too," he recalled.

In the moment after that, Marlin miraculously got hold of his car. "It was pure luck I caught it," he said. "When you run across the apron at Daytona at 180 miles an hour, you usually don't come back."

He did, though, to finish fifth. Wallace finished third, somehow missing Earnhardt and Schrader sliding up the track and into the concrete wall.

"I just keep on running that last lap in my mind," Wallace said, "and keep saying to myself, 'Man, if I'd just been able to give him a little tap from the rear... that could have meant all the difference in the world.' It's just a helpless feeling I have."

Marlin's last glimpse of Earnhardt left him feeling the same way. "He overcorrected," Marlin said, "and then I didn't see him again."

There were maybe 100 other bumps exchanged between drivers Sunday. It happens at every race, on every track. Marlin and Earnhardt, strangely enough, had locked up in only one significant crash before in dozens of meetings. That was nearly five years ago at Talladega, when Ernie Irvan tagged Marlin's car, which then banged Earnhardt's and sent both rolling end-over-end.

Remembering that incident Tuesday, Marlin said quietly, "Me and him had been in some upside down."

Yet that hardly compared with the fender-to-fender, bump-and-bang duels Wallace and Earnhardt staged for years. Those two locked horns so often that they became a NASCAR staple. Back then, races were often billed as bouts playing on their nicknames — "Rubberhead (Wallace) vs. Ironhead (Earnhardt)."

"He and I were about as close friends as you can get in our sport, with the competition and all that goes along with it," Wallace said.

But because the most popular stock-car driver of this era was dead this time, even before the smoke cleared, some people had to find a scapegoat. Too many settled on Marlin. He doesn't understand why.

"I've only seen the tape once, but from what I saw, it was a totally racing accident," Marlin said.

That view was confirmed by everybody who knows anything about racing, from NASCAR president Mike Helton to Michael Waltrip, who won the Daytona 500 driving one of Earnhardt's cars.

"I want people to keep Sterling Marlin in their prayers," Waltrip said. "Sterling didn't do anything wrong."

Marlin awoke Tuesday to find some confirmation of that in his e-mail inbox. Hate had given way to support, even sympathy.

"I heard it was all reversed," Marlin said. "The calls I got, there wasn't a negative call from anybody."

This weekend, Marlin, his fellow drivers and the rest of the NASCAR circus move on to Rockingham to race again. They can barely control their emotions, let alone the racing schedule, but Marlin welcomes the chance to impose order on the chaos he feels at the moment.

"I'd like to go to Rockingham, dominate the race, win and dedicate it," he said, "to Dale and his family."

Rattlers get a new lease

AMARILLO — The Rattlers hockey team will reside in Amarillo for at least five more years.

Amarillo City Commissioners approved by a 5-0 vote Tuesday a five-year lease with Amarillo Professional Hockey Management Company, Inc., general partner of Amarillo Professional Hockey Limited.

The Rattlers will be using the Cal Farley Coliseum to play Wester Professional Hockey League games through the 2005-2006 season.

The Rattlers' current five-year lease with the city will expire on April 5, or if, necessary, through 2001 playoff games.

The lease agreement covers everything from rent to the parking area. The main part of the agreement calls for the Rattlers to pay \$99,000 for a 32-game home season, or \$3,093.75 per game.

The Rattlers are one of 13 teams in the WPL, which is divided into two divisions. Amarillo is currently fourth in the Western Division with a 23-25-7 record.

Rockets defeat Celtics, 101-84

HOUSTON (AP) — Maurice Taylor didn't mind an early exit — he was already focused on his next opponent.

Taylor scored 23 points, one short of a season high, but left the game with 1:26 remaining in the third quarter of the Houston Rockets' 101-84 win over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

"With KG (Kevin Garnett) coming up," Taylor said. "I'd rather conserve as much energy as I can."

The Rockets face Kevin Garnett and the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night, a team they have lost to six straight times.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich was pleased with Taylor's game, but wanted him fresh for the tough task ahead.

"Mo had a great game," Tomjanovich said. "It was just one of those deals where I held him out, hopefully so he'll have something left in the tank."

Steve Francis had 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and Cuttino Mobley had 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

"They are a terrific team, and their backcourt of Francis and Mobley is dynamite," Boston coach Jim O'Brien said. "There's no better young backcourt in the league. They both had double-doubles and they almost had triple-doubles. They had a lot of weapons and we didn't have answers for their weapons."

Boston's Paul Pierce, who led the Celtics with 31 points, agreed.

"They're tough," Pierce said. "They're one of the better backcourts in this league. Francis is a tough matchup for anybody and he was very effective tonight."

The Celtics' sloppy play also contributed to the loss. Boston shot just 37 percent from the floor and had 19 turnovers leading to 28 Houston points.

"We didn't play a good game, and I'll have to look at the tape and see how much of it was the Houston Rockets," O'Brien said.

Texas women routed by Iowa State

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State was looking to take out its frustration after two straight road losses. Texas had the misfortune of being in the way.

Angie Welle and Megan Taylor each scored 19 points and No. 22 Texas managed only two points in the final 10:23 as 10th-ranked Iowa State beat the Longhorns 87-47 on Tuesday night.

Returning home after being knocked out of first place in the Big 12 by losses to Colorado and Kansas, Iowa State (21-4, 11-3) responded by handing Texas the sixth-worst loss in the program's 27 years.

"I think what you saw tonight was the true character of our team," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "I'm not going to say it's the biggest game of the season, but we were on the ropes and I don't know if we could have taken another punch."

Texas coach Jody Conradt had sensed her team would be in

trouble. Texas (19-9, 7-7) ended Texas Tech's 41-game homecourt winning streak earlier this month, but never got back in this one after Iowa State started pulling away midway through the first half.

"I think Bill summed it up when we spoke after the game and he said we caught them at a really bad time," Conradt said. "I knew that it probably was going to be a bad time. I just hoped we would respond a little better than we did."

Iowa State relied on its trademark 3-point shooting and got another strong game inside from Welle, who made 6 of 10 shots and grabbed eight rebounds. Five players made at least one 3 for the Cyclones, who were 11-for-25 from long range.

Erica Haugen added 13 points for Iowa State, Tracy Gahan had 12 and Erica Junod 11. Stacy Stephens' 12 points led Texas, which shot only 34.4 percent.

"I think a lot of it had to do with our emotion," Haugen

said. "This game everybody was into the game. Anytime anything small happened, everyone was jumping around, high-fiving. I think that helped a lot."

Texas outhustled Iowa State for loose balls and offensive rebounds early and led 17-16 after Stephens scored on a put-back.

Then the jump shots the Longhorns had been making stopped falling and Iowa State ran off nine straight points, with Gahan finishing the run with a 3-pointer in transition to make it 25-17. The Cyclones never trailed again.

Iowa State built the lead to 42-29 at halftime, then broke it open at the start of the second half with a 14-4 run that included three baskets by Welle and 3-pointers by Gahan and Haugen.

The Cyclones were leading 64-45 when JoRuth Woods scored for Texas with 10:23 left. The Longhorns got only one basket the rest of the way as Iowa State finished with a 23-2 run.

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Scoreboard

HOCKEY
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Eastern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	36	17	2	74	195
Austin	34	17	4	72	196
Tulsa	34	20	4	72	196
Corpus Christi	32	23	6	176	189
Monroe	27	22	6	107	174
Lake Charles	21	28	4	163	201
Fort Worth	18	34	3	154	213
Central Texas	14	18	5	104	128

Western Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	36	15	2	74	195
Lubbock	30	21	5	204	180
Odessa	28	18	6	192	161
San Angelo	24	27	5	180	230
Amarillo	23	25	7	178	210
El Paso	23	6	52	156	164

Notes: W-L-T Pts GF GA
*ceased operations
NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Tuesday's Games
San Angelo 7, Odessa 2
Corpus Christi 3, Fort Worth 1
Wednesday's Games
Austin at Corpus Christi
New Mexico at Lake Charles
Lubbock at El Paso
Thursday's Game
Monroe at Bossier-Shreveport

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	32	18	9	74	185	160
New Jersey	29	15	3	73	199	146
Pittsburgh	29	21	7	67	192	183
N.Y. Rangers	25	29	4	55	186	208
N.Y. Islanders	15	36	5	38	132	187

Northwest Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	33	16	8	78	188	143
Buffalo	31	22	10	69	168	152
Toronto	21	30	4	66	179	153
Boston	25	23	6	61	155	173
Montreal	20	31	5	49	149	174

Southwest Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	29	19	10	69	168	152
Carolina	18	23	7	60	149	161
Florida	17	28	7	49	139	175
Atlanta	18	30	9	47	161	207
Tampa Bay	16	37	5	40	150	219

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	37	14	7	83	195	135
Detroit	35	16	6	80	177	154
Nashville	25	27	8	60	147	158
Chicago	24	29	4	56	163	183
Columbus	18	29	7	49	133	177

Northwest Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	37	12	2	85	194	141
Vancouver	30	19	5	70	188	174
Edmonton	27	24	9	66	169	170
Calgary	21	23	11	47	150	171
Minnesota	22	25	8	55	127	137

Pacific Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	16	10	76	165	128
Dallas	33	20	5	72	159	139
Phoenix	27	18	12	66	150	139
Los Angeles	25	26	8	59	194	187
Anaheim	17	31	8	47	145	187

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Chicago 2
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 1
Buffalo 2, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 4, Carolina 0
New Jersey 2, Toronto 0
Florida 3, St. Louis 0
Anaheim 6, Calgary 2
Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 3, St. Louis 2
Detroit 3, Nashville 3, tie
Edmonton 5, Los Angeles 0
San Jose 3, Columbus 2, OT
Wednesday's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Colorado, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Florida at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	40	14	741
New York	31	21	596
Miami	32	22	593
Orlando	28	24	538
Boston	24	30	444
New Jersey	18	37	327
Washington	13	41	241

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	20	615
Toronto	28	25	528
Charlotte	26	26	519
Indiana	23	28	451
Cleveland	21	30	412
Detroit	20	33	377
Atlanta	18	36	333
Chicago	8	44	154

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	16	686
San Antonio	35	17	673
Dallas	33	21	611
Minnesota	32	22	593
Houston	28	26	519
Phoenix	28	27	509
Vancouver	18	36	333

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	38	16	704
Sacramento	34	17	667
L.A. Lakers	34	18	654

Phoenix 31 21 596 8
Seattle 28 26 519 10
L.A. Clippers 17 38 309 21 1/2
Golden State 15 38 283 22 1/2

Cascade Conference
First Round
1. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D. \$19,836
2. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta \$18,936
3. Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont. \$14,247
4. Cliff Hui, Glacier, Texas \$13,676
5. Billy Elvander, Ree Heights, S.D. \$12,917
6. Chance Dixon, Heppner, Ore. \$12,375
7. Denny Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alberta \$12,263
8. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta \$11,177
9. Shawn Moorehead, Corinne, Utah \$11,118
10. Glenn O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta \$10,985
11. Bud Longbrake, Dupree, S.D. \$10,819
12. Red Lemmel, Mud Butte, S.D. \$10,059
13. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo. \$9,343
14. Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo. \$8,857
15. Dan Black, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan \$7,716
16. Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont. \$6,659
17. Robert Ray, Dumas, Texas \$6,361
18. Matt Marvel, Battle Mtn., Nev. \$5,336
19. Robert Aragon, Mosquero, N.M. \$5,106
20. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. \$5,054

TRANSACTIONS
Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released RHP Steve Rain. Signed OF Jacob Brumfield and RHP Mike Vilano to minor league contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP LaTray Hawkins on a two-year contract. Named Brad Rutter director of communications and Peter Martin manager of community affairs.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with INF Erick Almonte, INF-OF Clay Bellinger, 1B Nick Johnson, INF Scott Seabel, RHP Craig Dingman, RHP Brian Rogers and LHP Ted Lilly on one-year contracts.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Colangelo, SS Damian Jackson, INF Kevin Eberwein, SS Donald Mendez and C Wilk Gonzalez on one-year contracts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Announced Dave Smith, pitching coach, will take a leave of absence for undisclosed personal reasons. Named bullpen coach Greg Booker interim pitching coach and pitching coach Darrel Akerfelds of Portland of the PCL bullpen coach. Agreed to terms with LHP Kevin Walker, RHP Brian Tolberg, RHP Harry Hemond, Jr., RHP Dave Maurer, OF Bubba Trammell, OF Kory DeHaan, OF Jeremy Owens, OF Mike Cokangelo, SS Damian Jackson, INF Kevin Eberwein, SS Donald Mendez and C Wilk Gonzalez on one-year contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed F Pat Garrity on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Re-signed LB Keith Burns to a three-year contract. Signed WR Ryan Thelwell and FB Mike Stack.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed QB Neo Aoga, TE Kawas Penn and TE John Vaasquez.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed K Ryan O'Neil to a three-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named John Bengue offensive assistant coach.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed K-P James Tunhill.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned LW Joe Hjulbig and LW Jay Henderson to Providence of the AHL.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned RW Brent Aichewey to Norfolk of the AHL.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled LW Brad Larsen and C Joel Pritch from Hershey of the AHL.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Shane Hirdy to a multiyear contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Andrew Ference from Wilkes-Barre of the AHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Placed RW Matt Bradley on injured reserve. Recalled D Greg Andrusak from Kentucky of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled LW Konstantin Kalmikov from the Toronto Maple Leafs for D Maxim Galanov. Assigned Kalmikov and G Dieter Kochan to Detroit of the IHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D Ross Lupaschuk to a three-year contract.

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EAST CONFERENCE

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Orlando	3	0	1,000	77 55
Birmingham	2	1	667	52 37
Chicago	0	3	0	64 86
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WEST CONFERENCE

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Los Angeles	2	1	667	64 56
San Francisco	2	1	667	42 45
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Earnhardt services set for Thursday

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The NASCAR community will say goodbye to Dale Earnhardt on Thursday. Later, the healing will continue with another race this weekend.

Earnhardt's funeral will be held Thursday in Charlotte's largest church, closed to the public but televised live nationwide to allow his fans to mourn with his family.

When it's over, Winston Cup teams will prepare to race at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham on Sunday. And they'll do it with a clear conscience, knowing Earnhardt wouldn't have had it any other way.

"Dale would want everybody to go and give it 100 percent," driver Sterling Marlin said. "In part, I dread it. But once you're in the car, nobody is messing with you. Dale had been doing this since he was a kid, and so have I. Getting in that race car is what we do."

Earnhardt, 49, was killed on the last turn of the last lap Sunday in the Daytona 500, slamming into the concrete wall after making contact with Marlin at the head of a tight pack of five cars fighting for position.

Racing will go on without him, especially at Dale Earnhardt Inc., where his three Winston Cup teams are housed.

Employees were all back at work at DEI on Tuesday, and his three drivers were inside the shop somberly preparing for Sunday's Dura-Lube 400. Daytona winner Michael Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park, who all drive DEI cars, will take part.

Earnhardt's family was at the Mooresville complex, too, planning the funeral.

Services will be held at Calvary Church, which seats 5,800 on three levels and features huge video screens inside.

"Because it is impossible to accommodate the tremendous outpouring of support from those who followed Dale, we are unable to open the service to the public," NASCAR said.

"With that in mind, the family has chosen to broadcast the service live on television, enabling fans across the country to share in this service for Dale."

The service will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net.

Thousands of those fans continued to stream to Earnhardt's team headquarters, leaving a 150-foot-long trail of mementos and tributes to the fallen racing champion. State police estimated 10,000 stopped by on Monday, and the turnout was just as steady on Tuesday — even as the weather turned dark and windy.

A 27-foot long banner was propped up for fans to write their thoughts. When it was full, a security officer brought it inside the DEI complex and replaced it with a clean one.

When the weather turned threatening, four DEI employees emerged from Earnhardt's garage carrying clear plastic cartons, walking slowly along the makeshift memorial to the seven-time Winston Cup champion and removing items. Flowers, T-shirts, letters and hats all went into the boxes.

One employee went to a clear spot along the fence and hung a sign: "Due to inclement weather and preservation of the memorials, they are being moved inside."

Other tracks around the country have already held tributes and memorials.

About 3,500 people braved rainy weather to attend a 60-minute service for Earnhardt at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Tuesday. Track president Ed Clark said he had expected less than 1,000 people to attend.

"I'm not surprised, though," Clark said. "When we decided to do this about 4 p.m. (Monday), we started getting calls from all over. It's incredible how fast the word got out."

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway, flags flew at half-staff and more than a dozen bouquets were scattered in front of the track. Flowers were also placed by fans at the fountain in front of the Speedway's Hall of Fame Museum.

In Bloomington, Ind., a public memorial service for Earnhardt was planned for Wednesday night.

"We just felt strong we had to do something. We're real good NASCAR fans here, and we've lost a legend," said Kelly Cissell, manager of the Deremiah-Frye Mortuary.

About 4,000 Earnhardt faithful attended a memorial at the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, located next to Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama.

Earnhardt won 10 Winston Cup victories at the speedway — more than any other driver.

There were 1,700 chairs set up for the memorial in the museum's auditorium. About 4,000 people showed up, many donning shirts and caps with "Winston Cup" or Earnhardt's No. 3.

Madison leads Buffaloes by Eastern New Mexico

PORTALES, N.M. (AP) — Matt Madison scored 23 points to lead West Texas A&M to an 83-77 victory over Eastern New Mexico on Tuesday night.

Madison was 7 of 9 from the field and shot 100 percent from the free throw line.

Teammate Esaw Scruggs added 14 points.

Despite sharp shooting by Eastern New Mexico (4-21) during the first half, West Texas A&M pulled ahead with a barrage of 3-pointers to take a 46-36 lead at the break.

West Texas A&M (17-7) hit seven of 11 attempts from behind the arc in the first half. Madison had five 3-pointers for the game and Darian Jones added three.

Eastern New Mexico outscored West Texas A&M in the second half 41-37, but it was not enough to make up the first-half deficit.

Eastern was led by Rudy Charles, who finished with 22 points and 10 assists.

Garland Coleman added 18 points for the Greyhounds.

Look who's in training camp — El Sid and Deion show up

By The Associated Press

Sid Fernandez could hardly wait to start his comeback.

Out of baseball since 1997, the former Mets pitcher caught a redeye flight to Florida, showed up at the New York Yankees' spring training camp Tuesday and headed to the mound.

And after a 15-minute audition at Tampa, the 38-year-old lefty got what he came for — a uniform and a minor league contract.

"It's win-win for me," Fernandez said. "It's exciting to come here. It's not a guarantee. At least I got a shot."

Said Yankees general manager Brian Cashman: "We saw

enough where we're intrigued." Steve Rain probably wishes he'd been as prompt.

After pitching 37 games for the Chicago Cubs last season, he signed a minor league contract with the Kansas City Royals and was invited to camp at Haines City, Fla.

Before his first workout, manager Tony Muser and GM Allard Baird warned the reliever about being late for workouts. So when Rain showed up two hours tardy Tuesday, the Royals wasted no time — they released him.

"We knew his history in the past, his problem of not being on time," Muser said. "We've got to move on. He's got a great arm, but I don't have the time to waste for another meeting with

him.

"I wish him well, but if you can't show up on time, then you're no longer here," he said.

Deion Sanders was among the players who took part in drills. Out of the majors since 1997, he worked out with the Cincinnati Reds in Sarasota, Fla.

"What we're asking him to do for a normal human being is fairly impossible," Reds manager Bob Boone said. "He's probably the one guy on the planet who could do what he needs to do to get back to world-class status in baseball."

Barry Bonds is wondering about his future.

The three-time MVP opened spring training by asking the San Francisco Giants either to begin

negotiations on a contract extension or to consider a trade.

Bonds will make \$10.3 million this season and is eligible for free agency after the season. He wants to stay in San Francisco and would like an answer from the Giants before the regular season begins.

"If there's dead silence, then I've got an answer," the 36-year-old outfielder said in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"At this point in my career, after all I've done for this organization, I should just be told whether I'm going to be back here or not. If I am going to be here, then let's talk about it and let's get it done."

GM Brian Sabean said the Giants "unequivocally" want to

keep Bonds, and wouldn't consider trading him during the season unless they were hopelessly out of the pennant race.

Devon White, meanwhile, joined fellow Los Angeles outfielder Gary Sheffield in asking to be traded.

White, 38, is unhappy that the Dodgers plan to use him as a fourth outfielder.

"I said to the group today it's very, very important that we go west with a group of people who really want to be Dodgers," new manager Jim Tracy said in Vero Beach, Fla.

The Baltimore Orioles are hoping Albert Belle is healthy enough for a full season. Though the slugger passed a physical Tuesday, his arthritic right hip

hindered his ability to run and forced him to perform at less than full speed during a workout.

"If Albert either proves to himself, or to us, or breaks down or something happens that says he can't, obviously we will adjust," manager Mike Hargrove said.

In other medical news, Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown returned to training camp, one day after having an irregular heartbeat checked out at a hospital.

"It's really not a big deal," Dodgers team physician Frank Jobe said. "He came in saying he had a lot of Cokes and had an arrhythmia of the heart. I have it myself, and a lot of people have it."

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Q My husband drinks excessively. Aside from getting help for my family, what I do specifically for him? How on earth am I going to get him to go to Alcoholics Anonymous or some similar treatment program? He is deep in denial, and I'm not even sure he's thinking right now. He couldn't make a rational decision to save his life. How I am going to get him to cooperate?

A You're right about the difficulties you face. Begging won't accomplish anything, and your husband could be dead before he admits he has a problem. Indeed, thousands die each year while denying that they are alcoholics.

That's why Al-Anon teaches family members how to confront with love. They learn how to remove the support systems that prop up the disease and permit it to thrive. They are shown how and when to impose ultimatums that force the alcoholic to admit his or her need for help. And sometimes they recommend separation until the victim is so miserable that his or her denial will no longer hold up. In essence, Al-Anon teaches its own version of the love-must-be-tough philosophy to family members who must implement it.

I asked Bob, a recovered alcoholic, if he was forced to attend Alcoholics Anonymous, the program that put him on the road to recovery. He said:

"Let me put it this way. No one goes to AA just because they've nothing better to do that evening. Everyone there has been forced to attend initially. You don't say, 'On Monday night we watched a football game and on Tuesday we went to the movies. So what will we do on Wednesday? How about going over to an AA meeting?'" It doesn't work that way. Yes, I was forced -- forced by my own misery. Pauline allowed me to be miserable for my own good. It was loving duress that moved me to attend."

Though it may sound easy to achieve, the loving confrontation that brought Bob to his senses was a delicate maneuver. I must re-emphasize that families should not attempt to implement it on their own initiative. Without the training and assistance of professional support groups, the encounter battle that would serve only to solidify the drinker's position.

Al-Anon Family Groups and Alcoholics Anonymous are both listed in local phone books. Also to be found there is a number of the Council on Alcoholism; which can provide further guidance. For teen-agers of an alcoholic parent there is Alateen. Teens can go there and share without their parents' permission or knowledge, and its free.

Q If a man and woman really love each other, won't that hold their marriage steady when the storms come?

A Not necessarily -- and certainly not if you are thinking of love as a romantic feeling. Feeling wonderful about each other does not make two people compatible over the long haul. Many couples assume the excitement of their courtship will continue for the rest of their lives. That never occurs! It is naive to expect two unique individuals to mesh together like a couple of machines and to remain exhilarated throughout life. Even gears have multiple cogs with rough edges to be honed before they will work in concert.

That honing process usually occurs in the first year or two of marriage. The foundation for all that is to follow is laid in those critical months. What often happens at this time is a dramatic struggle for power in the relationship. Who will lead? Who will follow? Who will determine how the money is spent? Who will get his or her way in times of disagreement? Everything is up for grabs in the beginning, and the way these early decisions are made will set the stage for the future.

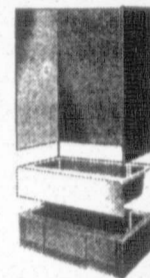
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