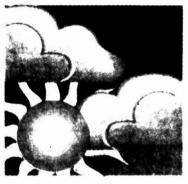
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Grant application special meet topic

MIAMI Independent School District board of education is to meet in special session at 8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 23, in the school library to consider an application for a TIF grant.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the Lotto Texas game. The numbers drawn were: 5-7-22-26-36-43.

- · Bettany Cisneros, 50, ser-
- vices pending. · Della Mae Crump, 91, homemaker, former PISD employee.
- · Ruby Z. Jones, 83, registered nurse
- · Mary Cox Taylor, 72, home-
- · Earl Tucker, 83, farmer. · Dr. Samuel C. 'Sam'
- Waters, 53, former Pampa resident.

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Health care, tax cuts highlight meet

U.S. Rep. Thornberry hosts Town Meeting

The Changing Face of the American Population

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Health care reform dominated the myriad issues discussed during a town hall meeting with Congressman Mac

Thornberry Wednesday evening. Approximately 60 citizens met at the Knights of Columbus Hall to hear Thornberry and share

opinions on topics of highest concern to them.

"We're in a time of amazing changes in health care and that's true for all sorts of things,' Thornberry said in opening the meeting. "Technology has brought wonderful things, but these wonderful things cost

"The question is, 'What is the

role of the federal government in These costs are expected health care today?" he said. "I say the federal government has guite a lot to say about health

Now in his fourth term representing the 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, Thornberry said he believes coverage of prescription drug costs by Medicare will be a priority among legislators this year.

Increasing prescription drug costs and the effect on the country's health care system has become "more and more important," he said.

to double over the next 10 years, he explained, from \$112 billion to \$243 billion at the same time that the so-called Baby Boomers reach retirement age.

"When the Baby Boomers retire, the Medicare trust fund will be in trouble," Thornberry said, and added, "How we deal with this problem is going to be tricky, but we probably will deal with it this year in some way."

Ethical problems to be addressed by Congress include human cloning, genetic testing, stem cell research and the human genome project.

Should employers use DNA to screen job applicants? he wondered aloud. Should their be laws restricting cloning of humans. Should Congress set limits on stem cell research?

'out there,' Thornberry said. "Here, a lot of what we face is how to keep doctors and a hospital in rural Texas.



Pampa resident Natalie Reeve expresses her concern about Medicare requirements limiting the ability of homebound persons to go into the community and still "I know that these things qualify for home health care.

But we'll be opting on some of these things.

(See MEETING, Page 5)

Outlet overload likely fire cause

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

A fire that broke out in the bedroom of a Pampa woman who died in the blaze has been attributed to electrical problems, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said today.

Bettany Rochelle Morgan Cisneros, 50, was pronounced dead in her home at 429 Carr early Wednesday morning. Services are pending at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Powell said there were numerous electrical devices in the bedroom, including lamps, extension cords, and power strips. She said it was possible the cause was an electrical overload.

Justice of the Peace Bob Muns said today a preliminary autopsy report revealed the cause of death as smoke inhalation with carbon monoxide poisoning. Muns pronounced Cisneros dead shortly after 6 a.m. Wednesday and ordered an autopsy by the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office.

The fire was reported by cell phone to emergency personnel by an unidentified man passing by the residence at 4:31 a.m., according to

(See FIRE, Page 5)

Burglary ring charges nixed due to statute of limitations

U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry uses a chart to illustrate changes in the nation's

Staff Writer

A misunderstanding regarding the statute of limitations has resulted in charges being dropped against three people indicted for organized criminal activity in connection with a multi-state bur-

Medicare system at a town meeting here Wednesday.

glary ring. A Wheeler County grand jury issued three sealed indictments fast January for charges of that the statute of limitation for the base charge engaging in organized criminal activity. Iwo of the burglary of com-operated machinery, a class A persons, Irelia Renee Moon Shaw and John misdemeanor had expired after two years. The Williams Shaw, a husband and wife pair named in - indictments had been issued on the belief that a the indictments, were arrested in Houston County

in east Texas. The third person, listed as John Doc in the indictment, was later identified as John Lee Hinson, an inmate in a state jail facility in Palestine

(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

The indictments stemmed from a video-taped burglary of coin-operated machines at a Shamrock laundromat.

District Attorney Rick Roach said the charges against the trio were dropped after it was learned

(See CHARGES, Page 5)

PEDC extends funds to American Energy

New jobs, renovations on tap

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will extend up to \$70,200 for renovations to American Energy Services in Pampa contingent upon seven jobs being created within six months after the work is completed.

They are very very successful," PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn said of the well-servicing company. "They see nothing but an increase in their business in the next five years."

During Juesday's board meeting, Tripplehorn said American Energy Services is housed in a PEDC-owned building at 1133 Price Road. Originally, the PFDC agreed to make renovations to the building in exchange for "extra rent.

(See PFDC, Page 5)

Neslage files for mayoral re-election Mayor Bob Neslage has filed for re-election as reelection. The term of Bill Jones is also expiring

mayor of Pampa, according to City Secretary. He has not indicated it he will seek reelection. Both Phyllis letters.

Filing opened Monday, Ward I Commissioner Jeff McCormick has also filed for reelection. Bob - Orr's office at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. Dixon's term is also expiring, but he has not filed. All three terms are two-year terms.

In the Pampa Independent School District election, incumbent trustee Joe Martinez has filed for terms on the school board are three year terms. Filing for the school trustee race is in Dr. Dawson

City candidates may tile in the City Secretary's

office, Room 205, at City Hall. Deadline to file in both the school and city race is

Mesa water pumping permit vote may come today

By PAM EASTON **Associated Press Writer**

(AP) - A former corporate raider's plan to sell Panhandle groundwater to other Texas cities is under review by a conservation group which has asked the oilman to provide more information.

T. Boone Pickens must provide data on how his Mesa Water Inc. would use, transport and conserve water before it will allow the transfers from the Ogallala

Aquifer downstate. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is scheduled to vote in White Deer today whether to grant Pickens and eight other Roberts County landowners requests for transportation permits. But it was whether the vote will take place as scheduled.

"I can't imagine that they could give us ranchers anything different than what they've already given to CRMWA or Amarillo. We have always been told that everyone would be treated the same."

> T. Boone Pickens Mesa Water Inc.

"We'll have to see how it all plays out," said C.E. Williams, the head of the conservation district. "We have made them an offer, but we have not heard back from them. It's not all they wanted, but I think it's reasonable.

Pickens, 72, said he received a letter from the conservation district but would not discuss it. He said read it as an "offi-

The businessman, who tormed Mesa Water in 1999 to capitalize on Texas Panhandle supplies, hopes to sell the 150,000 acre-feet of water rights he has acquired to San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso and other thirsty cities.

Besides the information request, the staff recommendation before the board

says the district will "issue a permit for 1/2-acre toot per acre per year or a greater amount when the Mesa Group can demonstrate that the additional amount requested will not violate the district's ... management standard.

The rule of capture traditionally applies under Texas law for groundwater, allowing a landowner to withdraw unlimited amounts from beneath the property. But the district requires that at least 50 percent of the Ogallala aquifer's volume from 1998 remain in place in

In December, Alan Dutton, a research scientist with the University of Texas' Bureau of Fconomic Geology, presented data that said having three water projects

(See WATER, Page 5)

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CRUMP, Della Mae — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

TAYLOR, Mary Cox — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa. TUCKER, Earl — 2 p.m., Buffalo Baptist

Church, Sweetwater, Okla. WATERS, Dr. Samuel C. "Sam" — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Wichita Falls.

Obituaries

BETTANY CISNEROS

Services are pending for Bettany Cisneros, 50, of Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

DELLA MAE CRUMP

Della Mae Crump, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Crump was both Nov. 26, 1909, in Fannin County, Texas. She married Herbert Harlan Crump on Oct. 5, 1929, at Haskell, Texas; he preceded her in death. She had been a Pampa resident since 1937. She was a homemaker and had worked for Pampa Independent School District for 11 years at Baker Elementary School. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Bernice White, Iva Patton, Ella Gurley and Pearl Crump; and by her brothers, Wylie Keel and Joe

Survivors include a brother, Sam Keel of Amarillo; six nieces, Pat Young of Pampa, Francis Stamps of Panhandle, Monta Hinkle of Pampa, Jeanette Lyon of Silt, Colo., Gloria Pridemore of Lewisville and Juanita Kitchens of Borger; and eight nephews, Max Patton of Silt, Charles Gurley of Pampa, Kenneth Keel of Amarillo, Donald Keel of Mesquite, Don Crump of Fort Worth, Leon Crump of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lyndall Keel and J.D. Keel, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis St., Pampa, TX 79065; or to American Cancer Society.

RUBY Z. JONES

Ruby Z. Jones, 83, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Jones was born June 25, 1917, at Liberal, Kan. She married I.L. Jones on Sept. 4, 1939, at Kingfisher, Okla.; he died in 1986. She had been a American Society of Internal Medicine, the Pampa resident since 1983, moving from Dalhart. Texas Society of Internal Medicine, and the She was a registered nurse and belonged to First Texas Chapter of the American College of Christian Church of Dalhart and Order of the

Survivors include two sons, Gene Jones of Pampa and William B. Jones of Fort Worth; a brother, Vern Christy of Henderson; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. MARY COX TAYLOR

Mary Cox Taylor, 72, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Nachtigall, pastor, officiating. The body has been donated to Texas Tech University School of Medicine and will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mrs. Taylor was born March 30, 1928, at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married Nathan "Pat" Cox in 1947 at Pampa; he died in 1990. She later married Eugene Taylor in 1999 at Pampa.

She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Nan Cox, in 1951; and by a great-grandson, Sean Austin Seemann, in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, of the home; three daughters, Carolyn Seemann, Linda Standish and Patricia Garrison, all of Amarillo; three stepsons, Steve Taylor, Keith Taylor and Kevin Taylor, all of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Janet O'Neill of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065. **EARL TUCKER**

SWEETWATER, Okla. — Earl Tucker, 83, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at Mercy Health Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Buffalo Baptist Church with Larry Parvin officiating. Burial will be in Dempsey Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mr. Tucker was born and raised on the farm he operated until his death. He attended Sunny Point School until it closed and graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1935. He also attended Oklahoma State University for a year.

He married LaVerne Cox of Wheeler, Texas, on Dec. 15, 1945, at the Methodist Parsonage in

He was veteran of World War II, enlisting on Feb. 17, 1940, and serving with the Blue Devils of the 88th Infantry until being discharged as staff sergeant on Nov. 2, 1945. He fought in Italy and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Five Battle Stars, Legion of Merit, Italian Medal of Valor, Outstanding Soldier Citation and a citation from a city in Italy he helped liberate.

He was a director for Upper Washita Soil Conservation District, SWODA, and Federal Land Bank. This year was to mark his 50th year as a Mason. In addition, he was a deacon of Buffalo Baptist Church for more than 50 years and was a member of American Legion.

He was instrumental in establishing the Sunny Point School Reunion held several years on Memorial Day weekend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant twin sisters, Margie and Margaret; five sisters, Alice Johnson, Bea Binion, Lizzie Holbrook, Mary Lee Dobbins and Francis Hunt; and a brother, Horace Tucker.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, LaVerne; a daughter, Earlene Rose of Bulo Okla.; two sons, Tommy Tucker of Sweetwater, Okla., and Danny Tucker of Pampa; two brothers, Billy Tucker of Stillwater, Okla., and Moody Tucker of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

DR. SAMUEL C. 'SAM' WATERS

WICHITA FALLS — Dr. Samuel C. "Sam" Waters, 53, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at Dallas. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Wichita Falls

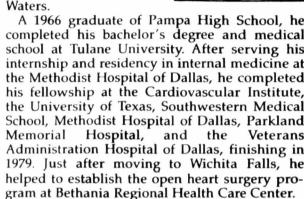
with the Rev. Robert Landback, rector, officiat-Dr. Waters was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Pampa,

Texas, to the late S.E. and

Helen Lucille Kirkland

Waters. He was also pre-

ceded in death by his brother Ronald Wayne



Dr. Waters had served as the Chief of Cardiology at Bethania, was the first director of the W. Erle White Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Bethania, and a member of the Texas Medical Association Committee on Cardiovascular Disease. He had served as an alternate delegate and delegate of the Wichita County Medical Association to the Texas Medical Association. He was the vice chairman of the District XIII TexPAC from 1989 to 1994, chairman from 1994 to the present, and

on the Candidate Evaluation Committee. In 1997, he was elected president of the Wichita County Medical Society. As clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, he mentored the residents of the Wichita Falls Family Practice Program. He was also a member of the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, the Cardiology. He was currently serving as president of the North Texas Medical Foundation, and on the Board of Governors of Texas Medical Liability Trust for four years as secretary for two years and currently serving as vice president.

An involved member of his community, Dr Waters was a founding member and served on the Board of Directors of the North Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse from 1994-1995, and was co-chairman of the Wichita Falls Texans for Tort Reform in 1996. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow Chief Lone Wolf Lodge. An avid supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, he was Cub Master of Pack 33 from 1995-1998 and was currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Texas Council, was vice president for Health and Safety, and was a Heritage Society member. As a member of the Mavericks, he helped corral friends for Wichita Falls. Dr. Waters was a member and lector at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the Men of Good Shepherd.

On Feb. 19, 1977, he married Linda J. Walters in Houston, Texas, and they shared 24 years of

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, George Peter of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Heather Helen and Elizabeth Ivy, both of Wichita Falls; an uncle, M.H. Kirkland of Pampa; an aunt, Lois Faye Bridges of Odessa, his first cousins, Frances Duncan of Mission Texas, Ann Welborn and Barbara Micheli of Pueblo, Colo., Helen Faye Phelps and Nina Beth Daniels, both of Odessa, and Kendall Bridges of Crane, Texas; also several nieces and nephews.

For those desiring, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Scholarship Fund at The Episcopal School, 3801 Louis J. Rodriguez Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76308; the Northwest Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 3604 Maplewood, Wichita Falls, Texas; the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1007 Burnet St., Wichita Falls, TX 76309; or to the charity of your choice.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Feb. 21 9:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of East Russell and transported one to

10:10 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transport one to Northwest Texas Hospital in

2:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of east Craver; no transport. 3:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100

block of Clark and transported one to PRMC. 5:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Cuyler and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, Feb. 22 1:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love and transported one to PRMC.

Sen. Clinton campaign treasurer, brother helped to win pardons

months of work on the prison commutation request

of Carlos Vignali and received a "success fee" for

helping win the pardon of Almon Glenn Braswell.

The money included \$200,000 after the Braswell

pardon was granted and the rest paid over a period time as Rodham worked on the Vignali commuta-

tion, the sources said. They declined to provide an exact amount but said it totaled just below

\$400,000. The money was returned to Braswell and

Hugh Rodham received a contingency fee in con-

nection with a pardon application for Glenn

Braswell and a fee for work on Carlos Vignali's

commutation application," the former president said in a statement. "Neither Hillary nor I had any

knowledge of such payments. We are deeply dis-turbed by these reports and have insisted that

Mrs. Clinton added, "I was very disturbed to

A source close to the former president, speaking

on condition of anonymity, said Lindsey had been

contacted by Rodham and was aware of Rodham's

involvement with the Vignali request. The source

said Lindsey did not know about the presidential

The source said Clinton didn't know Rodham

was working on behalf of the two pardon appli-

cants and the decisions on both men were made on

the merits of their situations. The Braswell pardon

generated controversy because after it was granted

on Jan. 20 it was disclosed that the businessman

The Pampa Fire Department reported the fol-

lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending at

Wednesday, February 21

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The Pampa Police Department reported the fol-

lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending

Wednesday, February 21

300 block of Gillespie was reported. Twenty win-

dows were reported broken, two doors damaged

and numerous holes were reported in sheet rock.

of \$530 was reported in the 1500 block of North

Coffee. Items reported taken included carbon

monoxide detector, smoke detector, mirrors, a

microwave, vases, shower curtain and rod, and

garage door remote. Cash totaling \$70 was

Criminal trespass in the 1100 block of North

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800

A terroristic threat was reported at Pampa

Middle School, 2401 Charles. A student was

reported to be "mouthing" off to a teacher. The

juvenile was referred to the juvenile probation

Theft of three video tapes was reported in a

burglary of a motor vehicle at Lamar Elementary,

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Somerville was reported. No items were reported

block of East Craven. No injuries were reported.

block of North Hobart. No arrests were made.

A theft of several household items with a value

Vandalism totaling \$6,200 was reported in the

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relative's involvement in the Braswell matter.

was under investigation on new allegations.

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carbon monoxide check.

Police report

learn that my brother ... received fees in connection

with two clemency applications. Hugh did not

Yesterday I became aware of press inquires that

Vignali's family, the sources said.

Hugh return any monies received."

speak with me about these applications.

WASHINGTON (AP) - In addition to her broth- ty, said Rodham, who is a lawyer, was paid for er's efforts to secure clemency for clients, Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign treasurer helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons from former President Clinton, lawyers told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The treasurer, New York attorney William Cunningham III, is the law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes and said Ickes referred the two Arkansas men, both Republicans, to him about a week before Clinton left office.

"Harold does not do this kind of work, and we are partners so Harold contacted me and asked if I would speak with them," Cunningham told AP in an interview. "I told them I would be happy to review the paperwork and submit the applications."

Cunningham said his and Ickes' firm was paid just \$4,000 for the work of preparing and sending the applications to the Justice Department. He said neither contacted the White House nor discussed the pardons with Hillary Clinton or the former pres-

Cunningham said he did not believe his role as Mrs. Clinton's treasurer during her Senate campaign in New York last year had any effect on the expresident's decision.

'My connection is really with Senator Clinton, and not the president," Cunningham said. "These applications really cried out on the merits that these are the folks who should be pardoned, and the fact that their request was assembled by me really operates independently," he said.

Ickes said he did not talk to either Clinton about the two men — Robert Clinton Fain and James Lowell Manning — who were convicted in the 1980s on tax charges.

'He (Cunningham) acted as a lawyer. He never consulted her (Hillary) in any way shape or form, nor did I," said Ickes, who served as deputy White House chief of staff to the former president and later as a key adviser to Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

The revelation comes one day after Mrs. Clinton's brother returned nearly \$400,000 he collected for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two other clients.

At the request of the Clintons, Hugh Rodham refunded the payments Wednesday. A congressional investigative committee immediately demanded documents and answers.

The Clintons said they were unaware of the arrangements with Rodham and were "deeply disturbed" by what had happened.

Rodham contacted Clinton's closest adviser in the White House, Bruce Lindsey, at least once in connection with one of the cases, which involved a major political contributor's son convicted on drug charges, legal sources said.

Rodham "acceded to his family's request that he return legal fees earned in connection with pardon requests," his attorney Nancy Luque said.

Their request, presumably made because of the appearance of impropriety, is one he cannot ignore, Luque said. "There was, however, no impropriety in

Legal sources, speaking on condition of anonymi-

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Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, February 21 Robert Lee Leger, 18, 513 Ward, was arrested on a warrant from the Texas Youth Commission.

Correction

Due to an editing error in the "Sunday Snapshot" on Feb. 18, Nakisha Horton was incorrectly identified as having a wife and three children as her family. She does not. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, low clouds and fog in the morning becoming mostly sunny. Highs 50 to 55. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph. Tonight cloudy with patchy fog possible. A 50 percent chance of showers possibly a thunderstorm. Lows 40 to 45. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, cloudy and breezy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 60. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

STATEWIDE — An advancing cold front combined with abundant Gulf moisture Thursday to bring fog and drizzle to South Texas and coastal areas.

Patchy fog shrouded the Del Rio area through San Antonio to the middle and upper Coastal Plains, reducing visibilities to

one-quarter mile at some points. Fog also was reported from the Panhandle into the Concho Drizzle and light rain fell from

the San Antonio area across to The front stretched from Del North Texas:

Rio through San Antonio to Brenham and Livingston. The National Weather Service posted a dense fog advisory for

the Permian Basin and upper Trans-Pecos. Early-morning lows ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle

behind the front to the 60s and 70s ahead of the system. Extremes ranged from 30 degrees at Wichita Falls to 70 at

Laredo and McAllen.

Other readings were 37 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 45 at Waco, 43 at Texarkana and 46 at Burnet and

Georgetown.

Winds were mostly northerly through most of North and South Texas from 5 to 15 mph, with southerly conditions in the deep south.

Skies were mostly cloudy in

A chance of rain was expected by early Friday in North Texas, with some storms possibly severe later in the day through Saturday. Fog and showers were predicted for the south and west, where some thunderstorms were also expected.

The front should reach the middle and upper coasts later Thursday, then stall and move back north as a warm front.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 80s in the deep south and along the Rio Grande Lows overnight were expected in the 30s to 60s.

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PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364. tion is March 6.
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Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting alu-Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

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

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships 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.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

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

DIABETIC EYE SCREENING

Dr. Beverley A. Clark will offer a free diabetic eye screening on March 16 in Amarillo. The clinic is open to all patients diagnosed with diabetes. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (806) 358-3440. The caseload will be limited to the first 35 callers.

SHAMROCK ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION The city of Shamrock will host its 55th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18. Activities will include: Annual Kick-off Banquet; Miss Irish Rose Pageant; Lad n' Lassie Pageant; parade; dance; Bull Buckout and bull fight and more. This year also marks the 75th anniversary of Route 66 and the community will honor the historic highway with the sounds of the Motif's. For more information, call (806) 256-2501 or e-mail stpat@shamrocktx.net.

AMARILLO PUBEIC LIBRARY Throughout February, the Amarillo Public Library system will be offering storytimes, after school films, puppet shows and crafts as well as an African-American Local History Round Table Discussion and Film Presentation, an Internet Training, a College Preparation workshop and much more. For more information, call the Central Branch at (806) 378-3089.

ACT DEADLINE College-bound high schoolers may currently register to take the next nationwide ACT Assessment test slated April 7. Registration postmark deadline is March 2. Late registration postmark deadline is March 16 and involves an additional fee. The test fee prior to March 2 is \$23. For more information, contact your local high school guidance counselor or visit www.act.org on the World Wide Web.
ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CAMP

Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp is currently accepting applications for its summer basketball camp. Boys ages 8-19 and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players are accepted by invitation only. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form, call (704) 568-6801. The deadline to apply is April 1.

3D PROGRAM Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

TRAIL RIDE OF THE MILLENNIUM "The Journey" will celebrate the first Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Run in 138 years with the "Historic Trail Ride of the Millennium!" The trip will begin March 24, 2001, in Springfield, Mo., and will conclude May 25 in Tombstone, Ariz. The event will raise money for Special Olympics, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, both by the sale of tickets and by corporate sponsorship. For more information, contact "The Journey" at (417) 255-2390 or visit www.thestagecoachjourney.com on the Internet.

CGC GRANT FUND Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for call (202) 595-1035 or visit information, www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

MRS. TEXAS AMERICA Mrs. Texas America Pageant officials are seeking participants for the Mrs. Texas America 2001 Pageant slated July 6-8 at the Doubletree Post Oak Hilton in Houston. Contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. The winner will go on to compete in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in September in Honolulu. For more information, contact Bonnie Productions at (480) 563-4216 or visit www.mrstexasamerica.net on the World Wide Web.

MISS TEXAS TEEN

Miss 2001 Texas Teen pageant officials are seeking participants for the contest to be held April 6-8 at Crown Plaza Hotel in Houston. The winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and will represent the state



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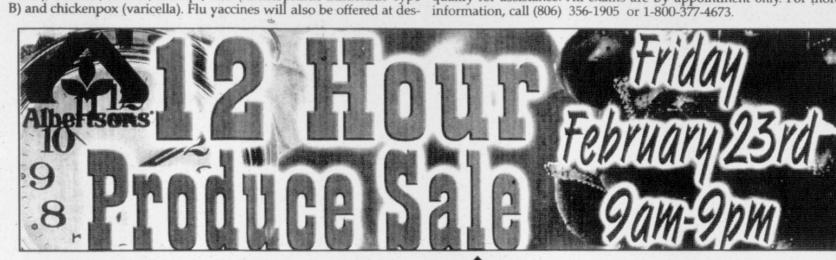
at the Miss 2001 United States Teen pageant slated July 12-21 in ignated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of www.missunitedstatesteen.com on the Internet. Deadline for applica-

minum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides port services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (per-

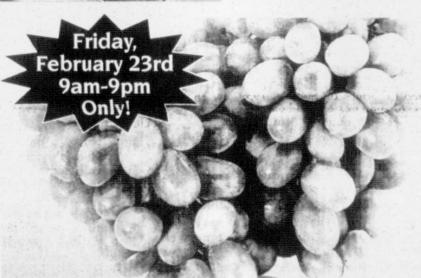
Orlando, Fla. For more information or to obtain an application, call keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family (832) 721-4USA; fax (281) 370-8944; e-mail Bikini-Usa@pdq.net; or visit income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 7 and 21, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Feb. 5, McLean Clinic, McLean; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 8, Shamrock School Clinic, Shamrock; 9-11 a.m., Feb. 16, Groom School, Groom; 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 26, Miami School, Miami.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and sup- The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 9, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Feb. 19 and March 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, both in Pampa; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 22, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Feb. 12, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. 15, Family Care Center, Shamrock; Feb. 16, United Methodist Church, Miami; Feb. 20, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; Feb. 28, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mam-The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics mogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who tussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more





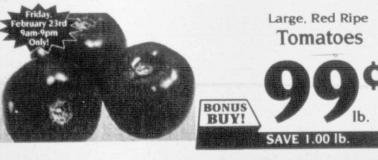




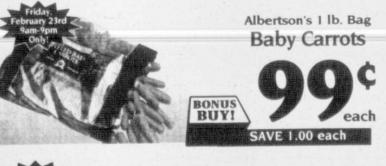














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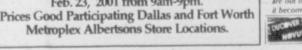
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State Sen. Teel Bivins

Push for mandatory school calendar

It was a Sunday in August in Plano, Texas. Most of the young people in town were beset by a mixture of emotions - excitement and dread. What could have caused this phenomenon in the middle of a hot Texas summer? School was set to start the next day, Monday,

A lot of people in Texas - students, parents and some lawmakers — are not happy with the fact that the school year in various districts around the state seems to be starting earlier each year. The Texas Education Code delegates to the board of trustees of independent school districts the power to determine when their school year should start. As a staunch supporter of local control, I believe this is the proper policy for the state to follow. An increasing number of my colleagues, however, as well as Gov. Rick Perry, believe that Texas schools should not start so early in

There are a number of reasons why the school start date has inched up from the traditional day after Labor Day that many of us old guys remember. The state is partially responsible. In 1969, the Legislature added five days of mandatory attendance to the school year. Then in 1984, with the passage of House Bill 72, the Legislature added another five days of mandatory attendance bringing the number of school days for students up to 180. Meanwhile, many school districts bought into the idea of a week-long spring vacation in addition to the traditional two days surrounding Easter. Many other school districts also adopted policies granting a full week off at Thanksgiving and some even added a fall break.

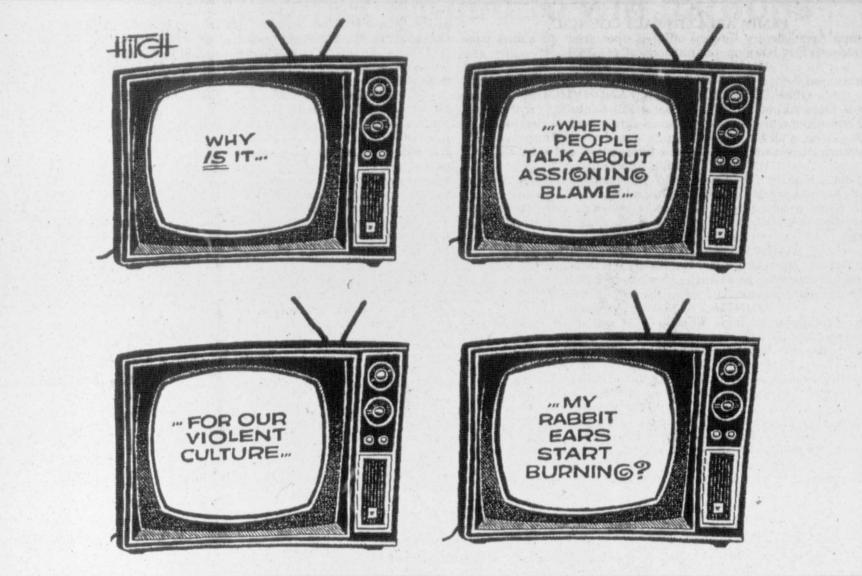
The state-imposed mandatory attendance days, combined with new holidays adopted by local boards of trustees, inevitably put pressure on the traditional school calendar that once ran from the beginning of September until the end of May. For reasons that are not entirely clear to me, most districts have chosen to start their school year earlier in August as opposed to

ending the year later in June In the beginning, those seeking a legislative solution to the early start date were mostly businesses engaged in the tourist industry in and along the Texas Gulf Coast as well as major entertainment operators like Six Flags Over Texas and those who run summer camps. Now some people argue that an August school start date is detrimental to the air quality in major metropolitan areas (the scientific data is so far inconclusive). But, with the passage of time and the ever-earlier school start date, more and more frustrated parents are looking to the Legislature to mandate a school

start date no earlier than the first of September. For the past two sessions, State Sen. Eddie Lucio (D-Brownville) has sponsored legislation prohibiting local school districts from beginning classes before Sept. 1: He has filed similar legislation this session. While his bills have not passed the legislature and been signed into law, I can tell you that there is increasing political support to abandon the principle of local control in favor of a state mandate.

I have warned groups such as the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Association of School Superintendents, and many teacher organizations of this growing dissatisfaction with the current decisionmaking process. Although I strongly support local control (and the ability to end the first semester before the Christmas break), the burden is beginning to shift to these groups to defend the principles of local control.

School board trustees, superintendents and those who sit on local school calendar committees need to convince my legislative colleagues that they are sensitive to the complaints from parents and others about a summer vacation window that continues to shrink. If not, I'm afraid that their arguments and mine to let each community determine its own school calendar year will not be compelling enough to withstand the movement toward a mandated school start date as determined by the state.



Are we agrarians or globalists?

What we must all decide, and fairly soon, is if we are agrarians or globalists.

I'm not suggesting we must all choose between being dirt farmers or traders of international currencies. The two terms mean much more than farming or trade.

In the first place, there is nothing new under the sun about world trade. It's as old as the world itself. People have always traded because it's a natural act. The only thing that has changed has been improvements in navigation and transportation. If you want to buy Colombian coffee, you can still do so. You just don't have to send a sailing ship to pick it up.

Globalism actually means an end to sovereignty of nations in favor of a world plantation run by elites who have loyalty to nowhere but control everywhere. The globalists are pursuing their goal in small but

is unnatural. Human beings are, by nature, paper and broadcast stations, the major retail www.tarheel.com, which is the excellent attached to a particular place. That's where businesses and even the restaurants are all North Carolina site for the League of the agrarianism comes in. It is a philosophy of owned by out-of-town national corporations South. particulars and community — a community whose only interest in the local community is of like-minded people living in and nurturing a particular place.

It strikes me as the most likely to produce friends, good food, beauty and the security population has been cut out of any meaning- money or the politics and are evil.

Syndicated columnist

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The globalist is stuck with one criterion for happiness and one measure for success — This philosophy, although certainly doable, More often than not, one finds that the news-reach

standing - sucking money out of it. happiness, or at least as much happiness as a uniform diet of food, merchandise (much of ery (a thank-God dead issue) and racism, humans can reasonably expect. Agrarianism it foreign made) and news. Other than being which does not concern us. Those who harp measures success by healthy families, good customers and worker bees, most of the local on racism are, in my opinion, in it for the

ful participation in the town. They are like serfs on a vast estate owned by some distant figure they never see.

The agrarian movement, an offshoot of the Southern movement, seeks to reverse that. It's a multifaceted task that involves every aspect of life, but it's certainly worth considering and discussing. The only sensible way, for example, to preserve the environment is to have owners who live on it and love it.

Agrarians do not buy the false choice that there is only capitalism or socialism, only libertarianism or collectivism. There is, agrarithey need help, everybody else will be there ans believe, a third way that will produce a humane economy and genuine community.

If you're interested, you can find the Agrarian Foundation at www.n-i.com/agrarimoney. Unfortunately, globalism, with all its an. It offers, among other things, an excellent power and money, is winning. There are few list of authors and books about agrarianism as ocal communities left that are really local, well as many interesting links. You can also the foundation

Agrarianism and true patriotism (love of — their pubic relations campaigns notwith- land and people) is the Southern heritage we are trying to preserve and promote, though People living in such "company" towns get demagogues always want to talk about slav-

Today in history

By The Associated Press

53rd day of 2001. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution abolishing slavery. In 1879, Frank Winfield lish liaison offices.

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In 1892, "Lady Windermere's died at a New York City hospital lars to back up free-market

Ten years ago: President George

Bush and America's Gulf War In 1924, Calvin Coolidge allies gave Iraq 24 hours to begin and his home state of Arizona. denounced the "shameful" U.S. ultimatum, aligning itself with a Soviet peace plan the United

Five years ago: The space shuttle end of a 12.8 mile cord. President. Clinton announced he would Federal Reserve. Russia and the Actress-singer Lea Salonga is 30. head of the International Actor Jose Solano ("Baywatch") is In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol a loan of more than \$10 billion dol- 29. Actress Drew Barrymore is 26.

One year ago: John McCain won Republican primaries in Michigan

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Mills is 93. Announcer Don Pardo is 83. Actor Paul Dooley is 73. "Ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 71. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is 69. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 57. Actor John Ashton is 53. Columbia blasted into orbit on a Actress Ellen Greene is 51. Actress Miou-Miou is 51. Actress Julie Walters is 51. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 51. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 42. Actress Jeri Monetary Fund reached a deal for 30. Tennis player Michael Chang is

TDCJ matures war on recidivism

Recent independent studies have shown that Texas prison rehabilitation programs are working. In short, the programs are credited with significantly lowering the percentage of offenders who commit new crimes after being released from prison.

This success is a modern-day phenomenon for Texas. It marks a maturing of programs and policies which effectively started only with the completion of the huge prison expansion six

fine-tuned in a constant evolutionary process as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice do something better than simply insuring public safety by warehousing convicted felons.

The results of the rehabilitation efforts are measured by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, an independent agency answerable to the Legislature for analysis of the justice sys-

In the latest measure of rehabilitation success, the Policy Council told the Legislature that TDCJ's treatment programs are — in the words of the Associated Press — helping more convicted sex offenders and drug abusers change their ways and stay out of prison.

A.M. Mac Stringfellow Guest columnist

In one example, the Policy Council tracked offenders who completed TDCJ's therapeutic treatment for substance abusers and found that In those few years, the programs have been comparison group who had not been treated.

impacts on recidivism from TDCJ's sex offendsought to make good on legislative mandates to er treatment program, finding that 13 percent

Last fall the Council reported on prison education and literacy programs after tracking require from nine- to 18-months to complete. 25,000 released inmates for two years and concluding that teaching non-readers to read parole candidates who have a high potential of reduced recidivism by 37 percent among highrisk young offenders.

The Council also identifies needed fine-tuning and better targeting. It suggested that more education resources be concentrated on high-

risk young offenders and that post-release job placement services be strengthened. In substance abuse treatment, the Council pointed out that two relatively new programs could be improved by refining inmate selection criteria and better staffing.

The programs don't succeed in a vacuum. TDCJ's linkage to the Board of Pardons and Paroles is critical. The track records of the varionly 13 percent of them re-offended within two ous rehabilitation programs have given the years after release, compared to 21 percent in a Parole Board new confidence to grant parole to an increasing number of prisoners who suc-The Policy Council identified similar positive cessfully complete rehabilitation and treatment

The TDCJ-Parole linkage has also matured of the program graduates were arrested for greatly in the past five years. Parole makes its new offenses within two years compared to 24 case-by-case decisions' a year or more in percent in a comparison group who were not advance to insure that TDCJ's resources can put the out-going offenders through treatment before they leave prison. Many of the programs The two agencies also work in sync in selecting benefit from the programs, a recognition that parole incentives have a positive impact on treatment effectiveness.

A.M. Mac Stringfellow is chairman of the

Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

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MEETING

Bill Philpott of Miami suggested that the federal government provide funding for medical education that can be paid back by serving in an area needing medical professionals for a certain time.

"I feel like the government is throwing dollars at a problem when there are more innovative and creative ways to solve problems without throwing money at them," he said.

"I am surprised at how much we pay for their education," Thornberry replied. "Thirty-five percent!" a doctor in the audience

Philpott also said he felt drug companies should receive patents that are decreased in proportion to the amount of government fund-

ing the company received for the research involved. I know that some companies are getting the benefit from taxpay-

ers' money to develop a drug, have a protected period from the patent, and then make out like bandits," Thornberry said. Dr. Joe Lowry, a Pampa pathologist, warned against "cutting the

throats" of pharmaceutical companies by cutting research and development funding. "It's not a good idea," he said. "Drug companies' research and development is what has brought us all the things we have," Thornberry agreed. "We don't want to

mess that up. But if a company can make a profit selling a pill for one dollar in Mexico, it ought to be able to sell it for that in the United

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Those attending the meeting expressed concerns about stricter to qualify for government assistance, even though he made 60 perrequirements for medical care through the Veteran's Administration, ways to stop illegal aliens from receiving free medical care in the United States and then returning to their home country, and establishing English as the national language.

In addition to Medicare reform and health care issues, Thornberry change that, but we still have a long way to go on that." focused much of his discussion on proposed tax cuts.

"The President's biggest priority for the next few months is passing a tax bill," he told the group. "Taxes are higher now than at any other time since World War II and the country is going into an economic slowdown. I can tell you that the President wants to get this done before we go into a full-blown recession."

As a member of the House Budget Committee, Thornberry said he met with President Bush last week to discuss legislation to reduce taxes, including eliminating the marriage penalty and phasing out the 50 percent inheritance tax.

What he left us with is this - keep it clean, don't put anything else on this," Thornberry said. "His goal is to get this passed by the Fourth of July, retroactive to Jan. 1."

"Is the flat tax, that most reasonable of proposals, dead?" asked Miles O'Laughlin, a local businessman.

"I don't think it's dead, but I don't think it's likely to happen this year," the congressman responded.

One disabled man, who did not give his name, said he was being penalized for "trying to do right" because he made too much money said.

cent less than he did before he became disabled. As a result, he said, his wife had to go to work which made them even less qualified for

'That goes into welfare reform," Thornberry said. "We're trying to

Natalie Reeve of Pampa, who suffers from a debilitating muscle disease, said she is concerned about the stringent regulations Medicare places on the homebound, which forces people to stay at home in order to qualify for home health care. She referred to a petition to change the laws developed by a man with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). Thornberry asked to see the petition.

"I'm concerned about the national defense," said Pampa businessman David Fatheree. "Are we going to be better prepared than we have been?"

"We are," Thornberry said, "but it's not going to happen overnight." He explained that the President plans to start by giving pay raises and more benefits to the military, but the Secretary of the Defense is thinking and planning" before making decisions in that respect.

Thornberry said he plans to introduce a bill next week called the National Homeland Defense Act which will combine 48 federal agencies and place them together under an umbrella agency responsible for "all things" coming into the United States.

"A bad guy can bring a bad thing into this country real easy," he

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Flames had erupted through the roof of the twostory frame home igniting the limbs of trees hanging over the house when firefighters arrived on the scene, said Deputy Chief Randy Dunham.

The intensity of the fire hampered rescue efforts. Fire personnel found the woman in a room in the back of the house after the blaze was brought under control. Two dogs also died in the fire.

A representative of the State Fire Marshal's office assisted in the probe of the fire along with Pampa

Fire Marshal Gary Stevens.

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CHARGES

three-year statute of limitations applied to the enhanced organized crime charge, a state jail felony, he said

We thought it would fit in the "all other felonies" category with a three year limit," Roach explained. "As soon as we found the two year limitation applied, we dismissed the cases. We're try-

ing to do the job, but every now and then we make a boo-boo. There was certainly no malice

The district attorney said that as a result of the publicity surrounding the arrests, he has been contacted by authorities in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Louisiana on cases that may involve the trio, "so maybe some good will come out of it."

He said the DA's office is "looking at other avenues at this point and time," regarding the case.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Bill Philpott, center, shares his views with Congressman Mac Thornberry at a town meeting Wednesday night.

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At the time, the PEDC made \$112,000 available to the company which only used about \$60,000, she said. Left over was \$52,800 which, with interest, has grown to \$63,884 meaning the PEDC will need to add \$6,316 to make the renovations possible. The \$6,316 will be a grant and the other funds are being paid back under the rent agreement.

The motion to extend the funds was made by Riley Kothmann and seconded by Lee Porter. The vote was unanimous.

With regard to another PEDC supported business, Crall Products, Inc., Tripplehorn reported the filtration manufacturing firm is one payment behind and has another payment due Thursday, Feb. 22. She said the company has been behind before on the note which has been refinanced once.

"What are we going to do about the note [payment] always being late?" Kothmann asked, saying it is the "fiduciary responsibility" of the PEDC to keep payments up to date.

The board discussed the possibility of calling the

company's note if it does not bring payments up to date and keep them current. In other business, Tripplehorn reported:

United Medicorp now has an employee count of 57 and plans to add three more workers soon.

• The night of the ice storm, 65 people attended the recent corrections officer information and testing session at the Rufe Jordan Unit. Of that number, 38 passed the initial test. They will be interviewed and their background checked before they can be admitted to the next correctional officer school which will be held at the prison starting sometime in early March. The PEDC will pay the \$292 tuition for as many as 50 students who agree to work at the

local prison for at least one year. · Briefly discussed was continued funding for the PEDC because most of its half-cent sales tax revenue is pledged on deals already done. It was reported that the board is still awaiting taxable and non-taxable note refinancing information that

should be forthcoming in a week to 10 days · The board took no action after three executive session items - personnel, project development and legal — were discussed.

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WATER

in place simultaneously would put the aquifer on a fast track to depletion unless pumping is monitored and kept below half an acre-foot per acre per year.

The district granted transportation permits to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the city of Amarillo five years ago. Pickens' Mesa Water would become the third project.

"I can't imagine that they could land by CRMWA and Amarillo. give us ranchers anything different than what they've already given to CRMWA or Amarillo," the oilman said. "We have always been told that everyone

would be treated the same." Pickens and fellow landowners out of Roberts County, it would be pulled from underneath their drained."

CRMWA and Amarillo are supposed to begin pumping and transporting their water in May. The water will go to 11 West Texas cities, including Pampa, Amarillo and Lubbock.

"We want nothing more, nothapplied for the permits in ing less," Pickens said at a September, afraid that if they did-December hearing. "We, the leftn't begin transporting their water out landowners, cannot afford to wait. If we do, we will be

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Dad Urged to Take the Offense In Blocking Ex-Wife's Boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: "A Dad in a Dilemma" wrote that his ex-wife informed him she's moving in with a registered sex offender, and he's concerned about sending his girls to stay overnight with her. Your advice to not let his daughters stay at their mother's house was correct.

I am a police detective in a sex crimes unit. Probably 90 percent of our sexual assault victims are children. Sex offenders, especially those who victimize children, have a very high rate of recidivism. Additionally, many child sex offenders are prohibited from having any contact with children under the age of 10 and can be arrested if they do so.

"Dad" can contact his local law enforcement agency or the man's probation officer to determine whether the man is allowed to have contact with minor children. Even if there is a custody arrangement which states that his ex-wife gets to see their daughters, he should contact the attorney and do everything possible to keep the girls from having any contact with this man. He should not rely on his ex to provide the proper supervision, as she has already shown a severe lack of judgment in exposing her other child to this risk

POLICE OFFICER IN COLORADO

DEAR POLICE OFFICER: Thanks for adding your expert opinion to my original advice. "Dad in a Dilemma's" letter generated a flood of mail from



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alarmed readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I work with an attorney who handles the legalities when children are removed and detained by snild protective services. We have a number of cases where children were removed from one parent because of socialization with sex offenders.

"Dad" should research this person's criminal background. If he can't get the full history, he needs to get the local law enforcement or child protective services agency involved.

A WORD TO THE WISE, CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.

DEAR WISE: A helpful suggestion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You were right telling "Dad" not to let his daughters visit his ex-wife. No sex offender should have such easy access. Even though the mother might be present in the house, sex offenders need only a moment to satisfy their twisted urges.

"Dad" would be wise to notify the court that issued the custody award for the daughters of the changed

circumstances and to seek an immediate modification of the visitation. (This is in case the ex-wife wants to exercise her visitation rights despite the obvious risks.) A modification of the decree would prevent such a

If "Dad" can't afford a lawyer to get the change made, most state bar associations have a list of attorneys who will work "pro bono" (for free), and many attorneys, once aware of the circumstances, will help because they are parents also.

AN ATTORNEY WHO CARES

DEAR ATTORNEY: I am sure your advice about "pro bono" legal services will be of interest to many people. Thank you for

DEAR ABBY: As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I know what can be lost if "Dad's" daughters end up in the clutches of this registered sex offender who was convicted of aggravated assault on a 10-year-old.

The fact is, the ex-wife's new boyfriend is a danger to "Dad's" girls. He should insist that his ex sign a legally binding document that visitations never occur in the company of her boyfriend. Period. If she refuses, he should take it to court. "Dad's" daughters must be protected from their mother's bad

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DEAR SURVIVING: How

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You verge on a new beginning with a key relationship. You might not be totally aware of the implications here. Listen to think and have to say do make a differthis person more often. Work toward ence. Many of you who are into growth greater financial freedom. Build rather opt for something new to help you, be it than change. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**** If you are willing to slow down and listen, you'll gain another per- another's suggestion. spective. New realizations come your AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) way. Review recent decisions and get ★★★ Judge for yourself. Examine others' opinions. Someone makes over- your finances and see what you would tures. Listen, and think about what is like to change. Creativity mounts. You being put on your plate. You just might can find another way around a problem. want to say yes. Tonight: Where the Use your self-discipline and do what

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * Evaluate an important financial decision. You might not be sure about which way to go. A new beginning tive about what is happening within a becomes possible with greater commitment. Accept an opportunity that might sure of yourself. Do something to build involve more learning or education. your confidence. Simply decide what Someone expresses his support. Tonight: Clear out your "must-do" list.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) loved one or friend chimes in and joins

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retreat. Given a different environment, been considering a mini-reorganization, you develop a new perspective. Make now is the time to start the project. Your calls and schedule a project for next commitments to yourself should be put week. Tonight: "Escape" needs to be the on hold. Family becomes an even higher priority in the next few weeks. Express who you are. Tonight: Hang out close to

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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only you can. Talk to an expert if need be. Tonight: Pay bills first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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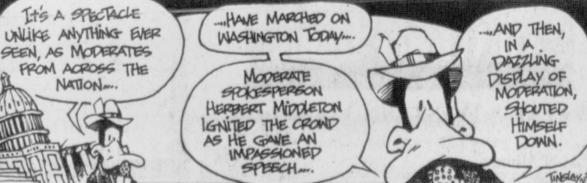




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Horoscope FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Even a fiery sign like yours needs time off from activity. Slow down

some to relax, reflect and think. You

could be long-term. Tonight: Do your

might want to ask questions and seek opinions. Resolutions you make today

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * * * Join friends. You know what is important to you. A meeting or gettogether helps you focus. Commitments made now are likely to last for the long term. People you meet today could also have a strong effect. Smile as you reach a goal. Tonight: Start the weekend with

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Take a stand professionally if you must. You might be looking at a new beginning at work or with someone you put on a pedestal. Some of you might think about changing your look. Be more conscious of your image and whether it fits with your goals. Tonight: Others look to you for ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Crossword Puzzle

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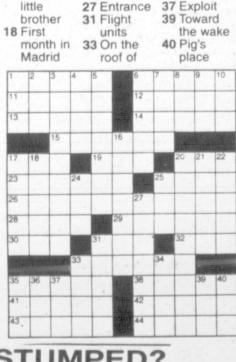
your playfulness. Tonight: Be a flirt. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

DUMAS Gruver slipped by White Deer for a 51-49 overtime win in a Class 1A boys' bi-district game Tuesday night.

Cory Schneider led Gruver in scoring with 17 points. Jason Shoulders added 12.

Kirk Kelp had 12 points and Dustin Harper 10 to lead White Deer scoring.

Gruver outscored White Deer 3-1 in OT as both teams stalled the ball for much of the overtime period.

Other White Deer players in the scoring column were Jerry Evans 9, Nick Ball 7, Brian Knocke 6 and Matt Henderson 5.

The Bucks end their season with a 19-7 record.

Gruver (14-9) advances to the section tournament in Levelland.

BASEBALL

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez isn't concerned about the pressure that goes along with being baseball's highest-paid player. The All-Star shortstop

reported to spring training with the Texas Rangers on Wednesday and said his 10-year, \$252 million contract won't be a burden.

"Pressure to me is when you have to pay the rent at the end of the month and you don't know where the next dollar's going to come from. I've been there," Rodriguez said after joining his new teammates for a workout at Charlotte County Stadium.

He recalled staying up late as a youngster to count tips his mother earned to help keep him in private school and pay his siblings' way through college. He said the memories made him that much more appreciative of what he has

HOUSTON (AP) - Chris Snyder went 3-for-4, including five RBIs on a three-run homer and a two-run single, to pace Houston to a 14-5 victory over crosstown rival Rice on Wednesday.

Houston used Snyder's three-run home run in the first inning to give the Cougars a lead it would not relinquish.

The Cougars, who finished with 17 hits, then added seven runs in the next two innings to take a 10-1 lead.

The win helped Houston snap a five-game losing streak. Keith Whatley (1-0) picked up his first career win, giving up five hits in five innings on the mound. Whatley also fin-

ished with four strikeouts. Jeff Nichols (0-1) was the losing pitcher.

GENERAL

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush pledged Wednesday to stay out of negotiations should a strike threaten major league baseball next year.

He said intervening would 'provide false hope" in a sticky labor situation.

Baseball's labor contract expires Oct. 31, and tensions over player salaries could plunge baseball into its ninth work stoppage since 1972. In an interview with HBO's "On the Record with Bob Costas," Bush — managing partner of the Texas Rangers from 1989-1994 - said he would not get involved like President Clinton did in 1994.

"I would be concerned, like I was then, that the White House would provide false hope for the mediation of a tough labor issue," Bush said.

He said he would prefer to leave the matter to be resolved between team owners and Don Fehr, head of the players association.

"The sooner that happens, the better for baseball," Bush said. "And the president should, in no way, shape or form, delay that process.

Bush also said he would not pardon Pete Rose, even though he is "in awe" of Rose's accomplishments.

"He was a great baseball player. But it is very important for baseball to exorcise gambling forever," Bush said. "I



Pampa High School boys' tennis team members are: (front, from left) Jared Spearman, David Thacker, A.J. Smith, Jay Gerber and Britton White; (back, from left) Michael Cornelison and Bryce Jordan.

Harvesters capture Vernon **Tennis Tournament crown**

Jordan, Michael match. Cornelison and A.J. Smith helped Tournament title last weekend.

Jordan and Cornelison, both seniors, won boys' doubles and 10th. Smith, a junior came in second in boys' singles.

Cornelison and Jordan never lost a set in the tournament, dominating all four opponents. finals where he lost to a tough team title. Wes Lehman of Vernon.

Jared Spearman, a junior, won three of four matches and placed Varsity fifth in singles. Sophomores Jay Gerber and David Thacker also Saturday. three of four matches, losing only to Crouch-Bozak of Dumas 6-4 in the third set of the second round.

In mixed doubles, freshman Britton White and sophomore Ashley Willis advanced to the finals, taking second in the tour-

"The girls team placed fifth as 6-4, 6-0. a team, but had some outstanding individual effort. I am very pleased with these girls. They are young, but working hard to Cochran, Dumas, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; improve each week, which is our def. Nepper, Canyon, 6-1, 7-6. goal," said Pampa head coach Boys Singles

Carolyn Quarles. Juniors Ashlei Jordan and Burkburnett, 6-2, 6-1; def. Michelle Lee finished fourth with Maloney, Iowa Park, 6-0, 6-4; their two losses coming against Vernon) is hard-fought matches. Freshman Tara Jordan placed eighth in the tournament, play-

VERNON — The tennis trio of Porter of Canyon, in a first-round Canyon, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0; def.

Brittany Kindle, a junior, fin- Girls Doubles lead Pampa to the Vernon ished ninth and sophomores Ashlei Jordan-Michelle Lee def. Helen Brooks and Abby Bradley won two of four matches to place

Pampa captured the secondplace team trophy with 122 points behind Vernon with 133. Vernon's girls' teams and boys' teams finished second to com-Smith easily advanced to the bine and give them the first-place 1; def. Bottoms-Resnik, Dumas,

Pampa junior varsity hosts a 3A and Under Small School and 4A-5A Friday Tournament

Vernon Tournament Pampa Results Girls Singles

Brittany Kindle def. Greenwood, Burkburnett, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Bond, Vernon, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Hodges, Iowa Park, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; lost to Telentina, Rider,

Tara Jordan lost to Angela Porter, Canyon, 7-6, 6-1; Nguyen, Hirshi, 6-0, 6-1; def.

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Jared Spearman def. Smith, Hirshi, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Lehman, ing the ultimate winner, Angela Vernon, 6-3, 7-5; def. Minium,

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Dillard, Rider, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Perez-Martin, Dumas, 6-2, 6-3; def. Rector-Tyndale, Rider, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Petross-Harding, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Leak-O'Connor,

Rider, 6-4, 6-3. **Abby Bradley-Helen Brooks** lost to Leak-O'Connor, Rider, 6-1, 6-1; def. Key-Garcia, IP, 6-2, 6-6-3, 4-6, 6-0; lost to Yircek-Hicks, Canyon, 7-5, 6-2. **Boys Doubles**

Michael Cornelison-Bryce Jordan def. Fiore-Crimm, Hirschi, 6-0, 6-0; def. Leavitt-Clifton, Vernon, 6-0, 6-0; def. Ward-Bonner, Dumas, 6-0, 6-2; def. Kozak-Crouch, Dumas, 6-1,

Jay Gerber-David Thacker def. Reid-Lewis, Canyon, 6-3, 6-3; lost to Crouch-Kozak, Dumas, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; def. Lytle-Moore, Vernon, 6-1, 6-1; def. Levitt-Clifton, Vernon, 6-1, 6-2. **Mixed Doubles**

Britton White-Ashley Willis def. Ammons-Hambright, IP, 6-0, 6-0; def. Ishou-LaPointe, Burkburnett, 6-4, 6-3; def. Basora-Teague, Vernon, 6-3, 6-2; lost to Pennartz-Leach, Rider, 6-

Zach Hucks-Liz West def. Miller-Suarez, IP, 6-0, 6-2; lost to Pennartz-Leach, Rider, 6-2, 6-1; def. Chase-Sheppard, Canyon, 6-2, 6-2; def. Ishou-LaPointe, Burkburnett, 9-7.

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Red Raiders edge Nebraska, 65-64

By PAM EASTON **Associated Press Writer**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The celebration didn't last long after which ended the Red Raiders' seven-game losing streak.

Andy Ellis and Andre Emmett did a high five at center court two plays," Dickey said. "Those after Ellis sank a basket with just are the types of plays we've been over four seconds left to clinch the win for the Red Raiders. That was about it.

"We haven't had a lot of posigoing to try and build on this. We're just going to enjoy this 17-11 run allowing the very briefly. There was not a lot Cornhuskers to take a one point of jumping around because we advantage, 60-59. have to go on."

Tech's last victory came when the Red Raiders upset No. 21 Oklahoma, 60-59, at home. After the celebrations died down Jan. 16, the Red Raiders went on a seven-game losing streak.

"We had a little bit more emotion tonight," Ellis said. "We finselves in the position to win it, and we went out and won it."

in a while. It did on Wednesday when Ellis sank the basket with just consistently inconsistent," over four seconds to go.

under a minute to play. The Cornhuskers had trailed for most of the game, but moved Belcher free throws.

With 11.5 seconds to go, Tech's Jamal Brown missed a layup and tage in the series.

the ball was knocked out of bounds. Rodney Fields tried to inbound the ball for Nebraska, but Tech's Brown slid in front and scooped up the pass. The Texas Tech's 65-64 victory over Red Raiders were then able to Nebraska Wednesday night, get the ball to Ellis, who put it up and in.

'That's what conference games come down to: one or in the position to make and we haven't made them.

Ellis finished with 14 points. Tech led throughout most of tives this month," Tech coach the second half, increasing its 38-James Dickey said. "We are 36 halftime lead to 48-41 before Nebraska (13-12, 6-6) went on a

> Tech battled back to a 63-60 lead on an Ellis free throw and an Emmett 3-point shot with

> 3:31 to go. But the Red Raiders didn't capitalize on Ellis' next visit to the free-throw line and Brown missed another 3-point shot

before Belcher was fouled twice. Cliff Owens added another 12 ished the game. We put our- for Tech and Emmett 10. The Red Raiders scored 24 points off of Nebraska's 17 turnovers, That hasn't happened for Tech compared to the Cornhuskers'

14 points off of 13 turnovers. "We are who we are and we're Nebraska coach Barry Collier Nebraska had led 64-63 with just said. "I think we got outplaved. There wasn't enough fire in our

Nebraska was led by Kimani ahead of Tech on four Cookie Ffriend's 14 points and Steffon. Bradford's 12.

Nebraska holds a 9-7 advan-

Redskins begin cutting payroll

By The Associated Press

The Washington Redskins are final play of the Rams' 23-16 Super wasting no time trimming the Bowl win. NFL's highest payroll.

With just a few days remaining before the free-agent signing period begins on March 2, the Redskins said they were cutting four veteran players.

Washington, which had the with the Atlanta Falcons. league's highest payroll at \$92.4 million, will cut guards Tre Buffalo's 350-pound nose tackle, Johnson and Keith Sims, receiver said the team planned to release Irving Fryar and tackle Derek G. Smith. Johnson, Sims and Smith all failed physicals this week and will receive injury settlements.

On Thursday, teams must designate franchise and transition players for the free-agent signing peri-

The St. Louis Rams said they would not re-sign 2000 Super Bowl hero Mike Jones and released three other players.

The others to go were include tackles D'Marco Farr and Ray Agnew, teammates of Jones on the St. Louis defense that turned porous one year after winning the Super Bowl.

"Releasing them obviously is a very difficult thing to do. But it's something we needed to do to create some cap room," Rams coach Mike Martz told the St. Louis Postwe needed to do to create some cap room."

The Rams saved nearly \$4.8 million in cap money with their three cuts: \$2.1 million for Agnew, about \$1.5 million for Farr and \$1.16 million for backup center Logan and running back Bernie Steve Everitt, who also was released.

known because of one play -

tackling Tennessee's Kevin Dyson a vard short of the goal line on the

Elsewhere, linebacker Bryan Cox was one of five New York Jets let go by the team's new administration, and Ray Buchaman, who was slated to be the top cornerback on the market, re-signed

The agent for Ted Washington, him because he refused to take a pay cut for the second straight sea-

None of the moves are necessarily permanent - teams often resign players after cutting them. But they seem to be permanent in the case of the three Rams defenders. Jones' production slipped this year; Farr had knee problems that limited him to 10 games, and Agnew is 33.

Most of all, the team allowed 471 points after giving up just 242 in 1999; lost the NFC West to New Orleans; and was eliminated by the Saints in its first playoff game.

St. Louis may also designate another defensive disappointment, Kevin Carter, as its franchise player. That could allow the Rams to get first-round draft picks by trading the defensive end, who slipped from 17 sacks to 10.5 last Dispatch. "But it's something that season after failing to reach agreement with the team on a new con-

Along with Cox, the Jets released linebackers Dwayne Gordon and Roman Phifer. Also cut were defensive tackle Ernie Parmalee.

The Jets saved about \$11 million Jones, a free agent, is the best in salary cap money with their

Oklahoma State takes 82-76 win over Aggies "That's what I call a grinder," and seven assists for the come out and play," Jonzen said.

Schedules will be tions or would like more

the

of-state against Texas A&M in an 82-76 victory.

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\$200 per team.

"This was a very big win for us," said Broxsie. "Road wins are claimed their first road victory important. Any time you get a road win, that's great.

line in the final 1:15 sealed the scoring performances. win Wednesday night. Baker finished the night with 19 points.

Antoine Broxsie was glad his Sutton said. "Both teams were 12 points and nine assists. career-high 15 points came out- playing hard. Maybe we weren't getting as much accomplished as from the Aggies' 11-point first we'd like to, but I was happy we half lead, scoring 21 straight held our poise.'

The Cowboys (16-7 7-5 Big 12) since Jan. 17 while shooting 59percent from the floor despite Maurice Baker's perfect 4-for-4 committing 22 turnovers. Four performance on the free-throw Cowboys posted double figure

Fredrik Jonzen scored 13 lead. points and had nine rebounds

Oklahoma State's Oklahoma State coach Eddie Cowboys. Victor Williams added Oklahoma State recovered

with a 16-0 run to take a 52-42

"In the first half we didn't points and a pair of assists.

"They hit us with a full court press and we were too relaxed. In the second half we were more aggressive and attacking more."

At one point during the middle of the OSU run, A&M coach Texas A&M (9-17, 2-11) capital- Melvin Watkins called a timeout ized on 13 Cowboy turnovers and benched the entire starting before the half, leading by as line up. Two minutes later the much as 11. Oklahoma State starters came back in and closed the opening period with a responded. The Aggies launched 5-0 run and opened the second a 12-0 run highlighted by more OSU turnovers and Bernard King generating the offense with

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Earnhardt's legacy remains

By MIKE HARRIS **AP Motorsports Writer**

"Dale, with us always."

racing has with Dale Earnhardt.

ful corner away from another one of them.' great afternoon at his favorite racetrack, dying from head The Intimidator won 34 times in Black.'

on Daytona's 2 1/2-mile oval, although it wasn't always easy.

Sr., he won nearly everything fying races, Busch and IROC of American culture.

after dominating the race for 499

That finally changed in 1998, when Earnhardt gleefully took the checkered flag in NASCAR's Super Bowl — punching his left fist out the window of his famed black No. 3 Chevrolet in triumph a personal victory celebration.

lane toward Victory Circle, his tion, he was working in a textile smile gleaming beneath his bushy factory and twice divorced with mustache, rival crews lined his three children by the age of 25. path, slapping his palm and givvictory in NASCAR history.

That sign outside Daytona tough and I don't care - and I am in 1980. International Speedway speaks of tough — but I'm human, too. I the continuing love affair stock car want to win every time I go out millions of dollars on the track He was killed Sunday, one fate- mean more than others. This is souvenir and memorabilia sales

Fans were rarely ambivalent rivals. about Earnhardt. Millions loved injuries in a wreck on the last turn the dashing, cowboylike figure. Hawk, Earnhardt's former busiof the last lap of the Daytona 500. Millions more vilified "The Man-

Even more than his record-tying seven Winston Cup champi-For the first 19 years that he onships and his 76 victories came to the sprawling track built sixth all-time and the most among by NASCAR founder Bill France current drivers - Earnhardt's legacy is the role he played in a lush, if hectic, lifestyle. the July Winston Cup race, quali- NASCAR's rise to the mainstream

Everything but the Daytona 500 and tumble stock car pioneer, sionally relaxed aboard a 100-foot — losing once when he blew a tire never afraid of a fight — on or off the track.

> NASCAR Sportsman division horses when he had the chance. champion was 45.

Dale, 22 at the time, desperately and spinning through the grass in wanted to follow his father into racing but had few resources. As he drove slowly down pit With only a ninth-grade educa-

What he had in abundance was ing him thumbs up for what an aggressive confidence that time," Dale Jr. said. "But I might have been the most awaited eventually translated to rides and racing victories.

Afterward, he showed a soft Once he reached the top level of know in his way."

jumper with 4.4 seconds left

side that few knew he possessed. NASCAR for good, Earnhardt "This one meant the world to was an instant success, winning me," Earnhardt said, his eyes the Rookie of the Year title in 1979 shining. "People may think I'm and the first of his championships

His racing prowess earned him there, but there's some races that and many millions more from that dwarf those of his racing

"Image is everything," said Don ness manager. "People perceived Dale Earnhardt in different ways, good and bad. But they are always aware of him and care what he does, and they want a piece of

The success brought Earnhardt

He flew to races, personal appearances and hunting and His father, Ralph, was a rough fishing trips in a private jet, occayacht, aptly christened "Sunday Money," and loved working The elder Earnhardt died of a around his 400-acre North heart attack while working on a Carolina farm, keeping an eye on race car in the garage of his North the black Angus cattle, commer-Carolina home. The 1956 cial chicken houses and quarter-

> He married Teresa Hunter in 1982, and added daughter Taylor to a family that already included daughter Kelly and sons Kerry and Dale Jr. from his previous marriages.

> "He wasn't around a whole lot when I was growing up because he was off racing most of the always knew he cared about me and the other kids. He let 'us

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Sharp's long range bucket lifts Auburn by Alabama in overtime

By The Associated Press

Reggie Sharp never makes with a lucky shot." game pressure to nail one.

at the overtime buzzer lifted State 51; No. 7 Florida 75, No. the second half. The side of Eagles (19-4, 10-3), first in the Auburn over archrival 12 Mississippi 55; No. 8 Wright's right shoe blew out, East Division, a game ahead Alabama, 72-69 Wednesday Arizona 88, Arizona State 58; causing him to land awk- of Providence.

swarmed sharp-shooting 13 Kentucky 84, LSU 61; No. tive. ball toward the basket.

was the craziest thing I have had 16 as Duke handed nine games. ever seen," said teammate Georgia Tech its most lop-Scott Pohlman, who had 18 sided loss in 29 years. say, it was unbelievable. We Coast Conference) has won play around with half-court 88 of 89 against unranked

Sharp's unlikely heroics of victory this season. were in keeping with the they are 1-5 in road confer- Carolina on Feb. 12, 1972. ence matches this season.

that before," Sharp said. State 51 "This win was the best of my career."

Alabama, which was led by "There is nothing you can win.

And one of the worst for

practice long-range shots, won it. They came out on top Mississippi 55 any. Apparently, he needed Elsewhere, it was No. 4

cross midcourt and sent the 54; St. John's 73, No. 21 11 points and 10 rebounds as high 26 points and Kenny

points. "I don't know what to Duke (24-3, 11-2 Atlantic State 58 shots before practice, but opponents, including 24 Reggie has never made one straight. The 44 points repre- half as Arizona won its 12th sented Duke's largest margin straight against the Sun

Tide's road woes. It handed 10, 7-7), which had won five and 11 of 13 overall. The Sun the Tide (20-6, 8-5) their 21st of seven, had its worst loss Devils have lost seven of loss in 22 away games, and since 118-73 to North their last nine at home,

points and Tyray Pearson 12, balance 15-foot jumper with leading Iowa State (23-3, 11-2 3.7 seconds left for host Notre Rod Grizzard with 17 points. Big 12) to its 10th straight Dame.

No. 18 Notre Dame 76, No. 10 wardly on the same foot he Sharp got the inbounds Boston College 75; No. 11 had surgically repaired in No. 11 Kansas 91, Colorado pass when No. 14 Alabama Kansas 91, Colorado 79; No. January. X-rays were nega- 79 Adam Harrington. He raced 19 Wisconsin 64, Minnesota Matt Bonner finished with Nick Collison had a career-

No. 22 Tennessee 76; No. 23 Southeastern Conference) withstood near-perfect foul 'That shot by Reggie Sharp St. Joseph's d Shane Battier won for the eighth time in shooting by Colorado. It was

No. 8 Arizona 88, Arizona Buffaloes.

Gilbert Arenas scored 18 of his 22 points in the second Devils (11-14, 3-11). Arizona No. 13 Kentucky 84, LSU 61 Visiting Georgia Tech (15- has won five of its last six, including 1-6 in the Pac-10.

II have never hit a shot like No. 6 Iowa State 62, Kansas No. 18 Notre Dame 76, No. 10 Boston College 75

Jamaal Tinsley scored 16 Martin Ingelsby hit an off-

The Eagles had one last do. It's over," said Grizzard, Kansas State (9-15, 3-10) chance to tie, but Troy Bell

Troy Murphy had 23 points When the Auburn Tigers in overtime. "We should have No. 7 Florida 75, No. 12 for the Irish (18-6, 10-3), who half for Wisconsin (17-7, 8-5 Duke 98, Georgia Tech 54; points for Florida, which lost games left. Bell had 15 points Sharp's heave from 35 feet. No. 6 Iowa State 62, Kansas forward Brent Wright early in and nine rebounds for the

Georgetown 70; Georgia 88, host Florida (19-5, 9-4 Gregory added 20 as Kansas the host Jayhawks' 24th straight victory over the

> Kansas (20-5, 9-4 Big 12), which hasn't lost to Colorado in 10 years, overcame 21-of-22 foul shooting by the Buffaloes.

Keith Bogans scored all 23 of his points in the second half, and Tayshaun Prince added 16 for host Kentucky straight and 12 of its last 14.

Minnesota 54

Kirk Penney scored 21 run.

four-minute span in the first Dayton 72 moved two games ahead of Big Ten), which moved into a Syracuse in the Big East's third-place tie with Ohio for-13 from 3-point range and Udonis Haslem scored 21 West Division with three State in the conference.

Wisconsin played without guard Ricky Bower, sitting out the second game of his four-game NCAA suspen-

St. John's 73, No. 21 Georgetown 70

Freshman Willie Shaw less game against Duke with Clemson 60 16 points. Shaw missed all eight of his shots in the loss But against the Hoyas, he hit Coast Conference), who won four 3-point attempts.

Kevin Braswell had 19 points for the Hoyas (20-6, 7-6), who have lost three of

Georgia 88, No. Tennessee 76

D.A. Layne scored 21 (18-7, 11-2 Southeastern points and Anthony Evans Conference), which has won had 18 points and 14 eight straight and 15 of its rebounds as Georgia handed last 17. LSU has lost eight Tennessee its fifth straight loss. Host Tennessee (18-9, 5-8) came unraveled in the final No. 19 Wisconsin 64, minutes and the Bulldogs (15-11, 8-5 Southeastern Conference) went on a 15-0

who tied the game on a has lost seven of eight games. lost the ball to David Graves. points, including 14 during a No. 23 St. Joseph's 82,

Marvin O'Connor shot 8-St. Joseph's. The Hawks (22-4, 12-1 Atlantic 10) are off to their best start since 1985-86, winning eight straight and 16

Tony Stanley scored 19 points for the Flyers (16-10, 7-6), whose four-game winning streak was stopped.

bounced back from a score- No. 24 Wake Forest 92,

Darius Songaila scored 24 to Duke, the Red Storm's points and Craig Dawson worst defeat at Madison added 19 for the Demon Square Garden in 41 years. Deacons (18-8, 7-7 Atlantic just their second conference road game. They dominated from the start and led 41-9 at halftime.

> The Tigers were coming off an upset of then-No. 1 North Carolina on Sunday.

Flashback

1980: Pampa closed out the high school baseball season with a 5-3 win over Amarillo High.

Winning pitcher was Andy Richardson, who allowed just three hits. Mark Jennings, Greg Quarles, Coffee Clyde and Richardson each had a runbatted-in.

Welcome mat is laid out all over National Hockey League

AP Sports Writer

The welcome mat was laid out son "white out." all over the NHL.

acquired nearly a year ago, cele- against Florida. Colorado with two assists in an extensive therapy throughout tending. Avalanche Wednesday night.

"It was tough earlier today," Bourque said, "but once I got to Panthers. the rink, it was fine. It was a little different, but not much."

landing Rob Blake in a trade 3; and Anaheim 1, San Jose 0. with Los Angeles. The free-

Coyotes. The team responded considerations.

And finally, Mario Lemieux

Boston for the first time after back pain that helped drive him "There's no sense hiding behind spending the first 20 1/2 seasons into retirement nearly four years anything. They both had a real of his career with the Bruins. ago. It nearly knocked him out tough night. You can't win in The veteran defenseman, of Pittsburgh's home game this league without goaltending, brated the Bruins' visit to But Super Mario went through beat Colorado without goal-

victory the day and ended up scoring Coyotes 3, Blue Jackets 2 the overtime goal that made the Penguins 3-2 winners over the ed with a "white out", a playoff

Washington 2, Nashville 1; chise was in Winnipeg. After the game, Colorado Carolina 6, Atlanta 3; Vancouver pulled off a deal for this season's 2, Montreal 1; Dallas 6, seconds was the game-winner. most coveted defenseman — Minnesota 2; Detroit 7, Chicago Blake, this season's most cov-

agent-to-be rejected several con- eted defenseman, was acquired tract offers to stay with the along with forward Steve in the third period. Kings and knew he would be Reinprecht for right wing Adam Deadmarsh — who scored twice two goals for the Coyotes, who Wayne Gretzky received a against Boston — defenseman are now led by Gretzky — a hero's greeting in Phoenix when Aaron Miller, a first-round draft partner to new principal owner streak to 10 by beating he was officially introduced as choice in 2001, a prospect to be Steve Ellman. the new partial owner of the determined, and other future Penguins 3, Panthers 2

with a 3-2 victory over expan- The Bruins fell into ninth place play, scored a power-play goal Capitals, playing their first

crowd dressed up in its playoff Peter Skudra allowed six goals whites for the first regular-sea- on 26 shots, and John Grahame yielded two goals on four shots. "They both really struggled,"

Ray Bourque faced off against has been reintroduced to the Boston coach Mike Keenan said. and you certainly aren't going to

Gretzky's arrival was celebrattradition dating to the mid-In other NHL games, it was 1980s, when the Coyotes fran-

> Trevor Letowski's goal with 42 The expansion Blue Jackets

rallied from a 2-0 deficit with goals from Jamie Pushor and Robert Kron in a 3:46 span late

Shane Doan scored the other trimmed to two points.

beat Florida. The Panthers didn't manage a

Pavel Bure and Viktor Kozlov.

of his previous five games. Roberto Luongo stopped 30 of 33 shots to keep the Panthers in

Mighty Ducks 1, Sharks 0

Jean-Sebastien Giguere earned his first NHL shutout, and Oleg Tverdovsky scored on a power play as Anaheim beat visiting

Giguere's 24 saves helped the Ducks post consecutive victories for the first time since a season- the second-year Thrashers. best three-game winning streak from Dec. 13-17. The Sharks' lead over Dallas

in the Pacific Division was Capitals 2, Predators 1

Nashville. Lemieux, not even expected to Khristich scored for the at Montreal since Nov. 12, 1995.

sion Columbus. The festive in the Eastern Conference after 2:10 in overtime as Pittsburgh home game in 20 days after a 5- the tying goal when Canucks 0-1 West Coast trip. Washington, goalie Dan Cloutier stopped 8-0-2 in 10 games, has lost only shot until nearly 22 minutes in four times this season at home, onds left. and trailed 2-0 when Alexei where they will play 14 of their Kovalev scored at 5:24 of the last 23. Greg Johnson scored, Descoteaux scored his first NHL third, only to tie it on goals by and Tomas Vokoun made 16 goal for the Canadiens. saves in his first start since Jan. Stars 6, Wild 2 Lemieux was scoreless in three 24 for the Predators. Hurricanes 6, Thrashers 3

> Jeff O'Neill and rookie Shane 900 career points as Dallas Willis scored 52 seconds apart in earned its first victory over the third period as Carolina beat

> his first hat trick. Sandis put Dallas ahead to stay. Ozolinsh scored a goal and added three assists for his first knocked out of the game in the points in 11 games for the host first period with a concussion. Hurricanes.

Donald Audette scored twice in the first period, but Atlanta

Canucks 2, Canadiens 1 Markus Naslund scored as unbeaten streak to a season-high Washington ran its unbeaten Vancouver extended its winning nine games (7-0-2). streak to three:

Jeff Halpern and Dmitri Vancouver, which had not won the first time in four games.

Saku Koivu's shot with 1.5 sec-

Montreal's Joe Nieuwendyk had two

expansion Minnesota. Brenden Morrow, who assist-Willis had two more goals for ed on Nieuwendyk's first goal,

goals and an assist to go over

Dallas' Mike Modano was

The Hurricanes are 8-0 against MacLean added third-period goals for the host Stars. Red Wings 7, Blackhawks 3 Sergei Fedorov had two goals

Benoit Hogue and John

gave up five goals before Ray and an assist, and Igor Larionov Ferraro scored on a penalty shot. added three assists for Detroit. The victory extended Detroit's

Eric Daze scored two goals for Daniel Sedin also tallied for Chicago, which lost at home for

Steve Yzerman had a goal and The Canadiens were denied an assist for the Red Wings.

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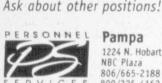
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Forestry officials in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas fear a potential summertime inferno on hundreds of thousands of acres where trees were snapped and shredded by the storm.

"I don't think it's a question of if. That fuel's on the ground. We'll have a hot, dry summer, if not this year, the next," said Pat McDowell, assistant director of the forestry division at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

The nation is coming off its worst fire season in a half century. Wildfires blackened about 7 million acres in the United States last year, with the majority of damage occurring in the West.

Ice that fell Christmas Day damaged trees in the rolling timber country of southeast Oklahoma, northeast Texas and a large swath of Arkansas.

In Oklahoma, more than 500,000 acres are scattered with a tinderbox of destroyed trees, often surrounding tiny communities tucked away in the pines with little or no fire protection. The state sustained \$200 million in damage to the timber crop, according to preliminary esti-

Texas estimates \$46 million in timber damage in three counties where 80,000 acres of pine forests have increased risk for wildfires.

In Arkansas, timber on more than 200,000 acres was destroyed or heavily damaged, causing more than \$50 million in losses. Additionally, timber companies report \$154 million in heavy damage and losses on 445,000 acres, said George Rheinhardt with the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

"There's a tremendous amount of fuel on the ground out there and if it turns dry we have the potential for catastrophic fires," Rheinhardt said.

The three states are bracing for summer blazes by seeking money for more bulldozers, aircraft and workers.

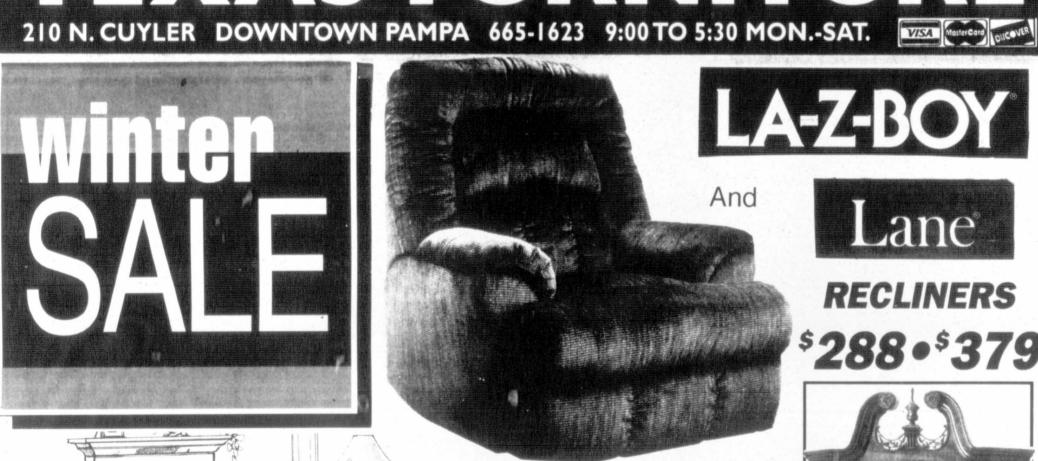
Outdated, undersized equipment could add to any fire damage in Oklahoma. State forestry bulldozers, bought in the 1980s, are too small to move massive logs and debris in order to build a fire line during a blaze, McDowell said.

Firefighters might instead have to rely on roads and natural breaks such as rivers and creeks to contain blazes that would burn themselves out.

Officials are seeking \$3.5 million for 17 new, bigger bulldozers. They also want \$6 million for contracts for standby services from larger helicopters capable of hauling big buckets of water to help cool the flames while workers build fire lines.

"This is not standard equipment replacement," he said. "The stuff we've got is not big enough anymore."







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