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Dr. Joe Lowry to receive award
 PAMPA — Dr. Joe Lowry, chief of pathology at Pampa Regional Medical Center will receive the first-ever Texas State Rural Health Trail Blazer Award Friday at 10 a.m. at Rep. Warren Chisum's office at 100 N. Price Road. The public is invited. Chisum accepted the award in Austin on behalf of Lowry who is being honored for leading rural health efforts in the Texas Panhandle during the past 12 years. The award is co-sponsored by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and the Rural Caucus of the Texas State Legislature.

Pupil expelled for having hit list
 HARLINGEN (AP) — A student found with a hit list of pupils he reportedly wanted to kill has been expelled. The Harlingen High School freshman's letter listed cheerleaders and athletes among the 40 names, administrators said.

- Irving B. Akst, 81, retired director of Development and Research at Pantex.
- Alvin Duck, 76, former deputy sheriff, musician.
- Billie Ruth Hickman, 62, RN at Berger for 22 years.
- Billie Ann Holman, 66, worked for Marie Foundations for 10 years.

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Family sues over little boy's death

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

A wrongful death suit was filed today against Pampa Regional Medical Center, an emergency room doctor there and Rural/Metro Corporation in connection with the March 15, 1999, death of Ethan Anderson, the 18-month-old son of Pampan's Angela Anderson and James Alexander. Ethan died in an Amarillo hospital a day after he wandered away from the Super Playground and was found in a nearby rain-swollen creek. The suit, on behalf of Ethan's parents and estate was filed Potter County's 251st District Court in Amarillo by attorney Jack Hazlewood of Amarillo. According to the complaint, Ethan disappeared from the presence of his caretaker while playing at the park. The caretaker called to report that Ethan had dis-

Defendants: PRMC, Rural/Metro, ER doctor

appeared and may have been kidnapped. When Officer Corey Powell arrived Ethan had been found in the creek and Powell began to administer CPR, the document said. Rural/Metro ambulance personnel arrived and took Ethan to PRMC where he was treated by Dr. Paul Haberer. Thereafter, Ethan was taken for further care to an Amarillo hospital where he died. The suit alleges the little boy's death "was the proximate result of negligence and professional negligence of the defendants." Regarding Rural/Metro, the suit

alleges:
 • EMTs failed to do anything to stabilize Ethan before transporting him to the hospital, such as inserting an endotracheal tube or establishing a route of administration of life-saving drugs.
 • EMTs attempted to insert an endotracheal tube in a moving ambulance rather than inserting it prior to leaving for the hospital. This procedure, if performed by a qualified technician on an unconscious patient not in a moving ambulance, can be performed in a matter of seconds.
 • The EMTs relied on Officer Powell to assess whether the tube was properly

inserted within the trachea and attempted this assessment in a noisy ambulance. The EMTs failed to recognize and heed the fact that Powell's confirmation the tube was properly in place was erroneous. The tube was in Ethan's esophagus rather than in his trachea. Regarding emergency room physician Dr. Paul Haberer, the suit alleges:
 • Dr. Haberer failed to successfully insert an endotracheal tube in Ethan's trachea for eight minutes following Ethan's arrival at PRMC. At the time Ethan arrived at the emergency room at 3:15 p.m. the emergency room nurses determined that the endotracheal tube the EMTs attempted to insert in the moving ambulance was in the boy's esophagus. Dr. Haberer tried twice to place the tube correctly but was unsuccessful on both attempts. The tube was finally correctly inserted in the boy's trachea by a respira- (See SUIT, Page 3)

White House visit doesn't follow design

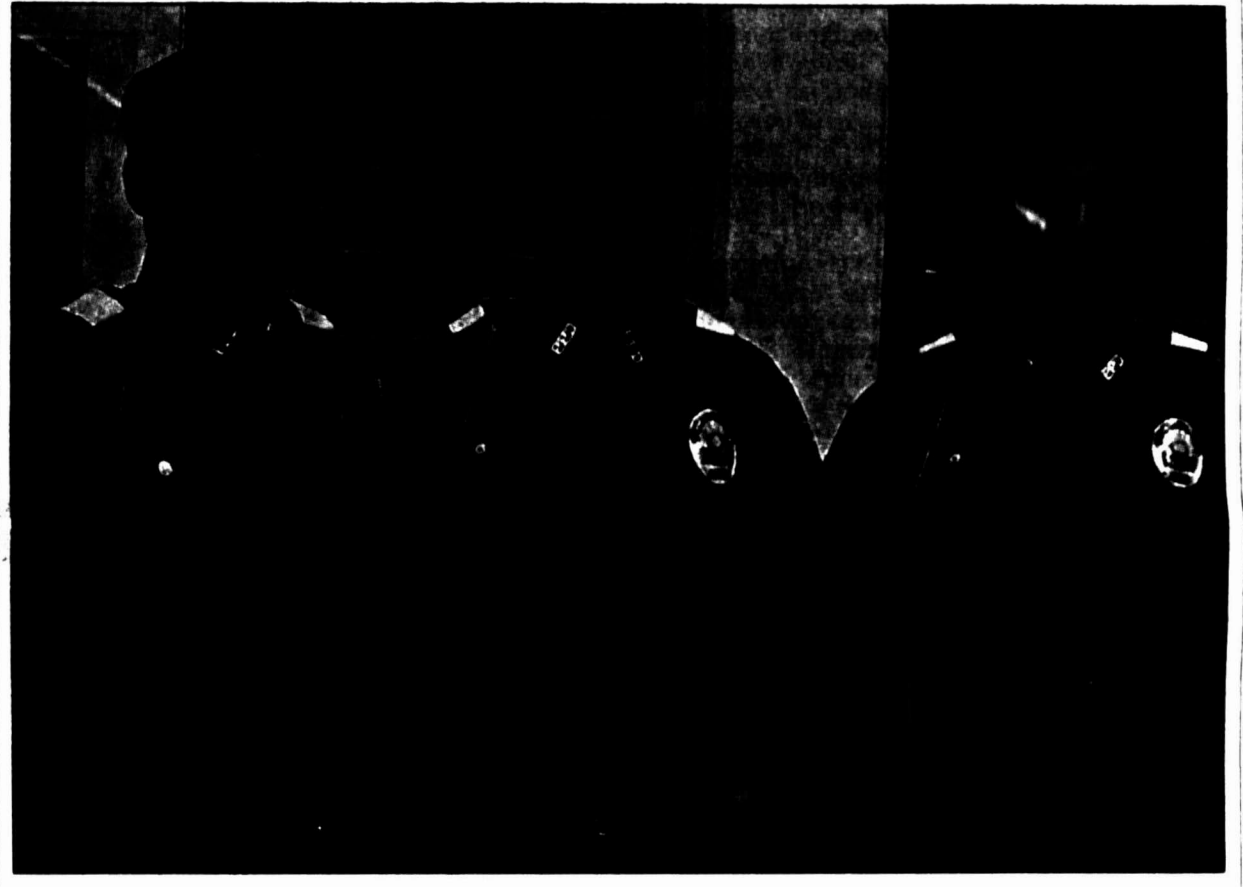
By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

A visit to the White House Monday by State Representative Warren Chisum didn't go quite as he had planned. Chisum and three members of an energy council traveled to Washington, D.C. over the week-end to meet with Vice President Richard Cheney concerning the nationwide development of an energy policy. Joining Chisum for the Monday meeting were State Senator Buster Brown of Houston, Congresswoman Pat Smith of Colorado and Wyoming Speaker of the House Eli Bebout. Just as the delegation was approaching the gate they were to enter the White House, Chisum said the group watched a black Suburban with lights flashing exiting the White House area at a rapid rate of speed. He also said cars with sirens were in front of and behind the Suburban. When the delegation arrived for the meeting, which took place in a conference room outside the Oval Office, Chisum said Cheney's chief of staff as well as several other members of his staff met with them, stating Cheney had been called away on another issue. The energy group was unaware the black Suburban and its entourage was transporting Cheney to a hospital for emergency (See VISIT, Page 3)

'Chaos' at store selling winning \$85 million ticket

AUSTIN (AP) — The store that sold the single winning ticket for the \$85 million lottery jackpot was the object of wide-scale attention Thursday. Speculation centered on the unknown buyer. Store clerk Marvin Bailey, 53, said he just hopes it is one of his regular customers. "They put that kind of money into it, and they keep taking care of the business," Bailey said. "Hopefully, we could give something back." Visitors descended on Shoppers Mart on North Lamar after news spread of its sale of the winning ticket. The sole winner gets the entire \$85 million jackpot — no sharing. Drivers on Lamar honked their horns when they passed the store, about 2 miles from computer giant Dell. Some came in and looked around. "This is total chaos," Bailey said. "I've seen more news media and telephone calls this morning than I can shake a stick at." Interest in Wednesday's jackpot was overwhelming. (See STORE, Page 3)

To protect and serve ...



(Special photo by Terry Young)
 Three new officers for the Pampa Police Department graduated from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy and earned certification as a Texas Peace Officer. They are, from left: Chad Johnson, Bryan Denham and Billy DeWitt.

Police cadets graduate, begin their patrol duties

Three new officers joined the Pampa Police Department through a new cadet recruiting program instituted last fall. Chad Johnson and Bryan Denham, both of Skellytown, and Billy DeWitt of Pampa, successfully completed and graduated from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy on Feb. 23. Assistant Chief Terry Young said. After passing the test for state licensing, the trio was sworn in officers with the Pampa Police Department. "They're working out real well," Young said. In August 2000, local police officials sought applicants for a law enforcement cadet program designed to attract and retain police officers for the Pampa Police Department. City commissioners approved the local recruiting program which paid qualified applicants 75 percent of an entry-level police officer's salary — \$1,500 — for the five

months required to complete the police academy and become a certified peace officer. After successfully completing the academy and receiving certification, the officers are then hired on at the starting salary of \$2,000 per month, officials said. The three men graduated with 22 other aspiring law enforcement officers in the 82nd graduating class of the regional police academy located at Amarillo College, officials said. They completed the first 40-hour per week, daytime academy offered. Normally, the academy is conducted at night, 20-hours per week, for nine months, academy officials said, adding that approximately six years ago, the academy had been offered in a half-day format. Beginning March 1, the new officers received their team assignments and began their official duties as Pampa Police officers, Young said.

Public Radio fund-raisers need \$50,000 by March 31

Pampa, White Deer and nearby communities are now involved with getting public radio to our 9-county section of the Texas panhandle. Last Saturday, several members of this area's committee met to decide how to expand corporate, business, and individual contacts in these communities. These contacts will be to invite them to be part of the capital campaign to raise \$150,000 by the end of this month, and the balance of \$125,000 needed by early summer to guarantee that programming will begin by January 1, 2002. Targeted amount for the

Pampa area by March 31 is \$50,000. Several Pampa foundations have received or will receive applications from High Plains Public Radio to assist with this endeavor. And the Amarillo Area Foundation has also been sent an application. But the citizens are also asked to participate. Although there is a major grant allocated by the Department of Commerce (nearly half-million dollars). That funding is dependent upon the \$150,000 being raised in the nine-county region by the end of the month. Otherwise, that

money is lost, and the 2 1/2 years spent in getting the tower site, soliciting letters of support from citizens throughout the region, and receiving the radio frequency to use (89.5) will be for nothing. For a basic contribution of \$100, an individual, family, or small business will receive an attractive poster done by a Kansas artist of a cowboy and his horse listening to the radio by a stock tank, with a windmill in the background. For \$250, the same poster will have some special trim. By the time the contribution reaches \$5,000, the contributor will receive that poster

with gold edging, matted and framed. In addition to the poster, the underwriter will automatically be a member of public radio for the first year of operation (2002). Smaller contributions are welcome as well. Whatever the amount, all underwriters will know that they helped bring public radio-a service that has been missing to the Top of Texas. High Plains Public Radio can accept checks and bank drafts, as well as VISA and Mastercard. Since it is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation, all financial donations are tax deductible.

Forms for participating in the capital campaign are available from Loralee Cooley (806-665-7321, E-mail: lcooley-storyspinning@hotmail.com, from Ken & Judy Sutton (665-7064), Doug Rapstine (806-883-5492, E-mail: enitspan@nts-online.net) or from other interested people, including Mike Ruff (806-665-2507), Betty Henderson (806-665-2623), Bill Hilderbrandt (806-669-1991), Ed Cooley (806-665-1031, E-mail: dredcooley@pan-tex.net), and ReDonn Woods (806-669-2525). Anyone interested in helping with this campaign is invited to contact any of the above.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HICKMAN, Billie Ruth — 11 a.m., First Assembly of God Church, Borger.

Obituaries

IRVING B. AKST

AMARILLO — Irving B. Akst, 81, died Monday, March 5, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Phil Lindley officiating. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in Schooler Funeral Home's Brentwood Chapel. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Pampa.

Mr. Akst was raised in Freeport, N.Y. During World War II, he was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the former Air Base near Pampa and later captained B-25 bombers in the European Theater. He also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, retiring as a major. He was also a former member of Texas Civil Air Patrol.

He and his former wife, Marguerite Jones Akst of Amarillo, owned Merry Melodies, a downtown Pampa music store, from 1951 to 1952.

He earned a bachelor's degree in physics in 1951 from West Texas A&M University. He joined the Pantex Plant on Dec. 7, 1952, and left in 1973 after serving as director of Development and Research. He formed Idos Corporation, a scientific consulting company specializing in development of explosives for weapons and construction. Idos Corp., was a primary subcontractor in several U.S. facilities during the Cold War, including Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, Lawrence Livermore Laboratories in California and BRL Laboratories in Maryland.

During the mid 1970s, Mr. Akst also played keyboards and sang in a popular Panhandle-area band, "The Apple Corps." From 1981-1985, he was a senior staff member at Los Alamos National Laboratories in Los Alamos, N.M. He retired in the early 1990s after a successful scientific career as an inventor or co-inventor, yielding at least 10 U.S. patents on his work in the field of explosives.

During the 1990s, he also contributed feature photos to the Amarillo Globe News and Pampa Daily News. He was technical consultant to the Globe-News for a special section on the future of the Pantex Plant titled "Pantex 21: Expansion into the next century," which was published in July 1991. The section garnered a first-place Associated Press award for team reporting.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa. He was an avid skier, private pilot, scuba diver, photographer, billiards and table tennis player.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emanuel and Georgie Akst; and two brothers, Harold Akst of Westchester, Pa., and Leo Akst of Pampa.

Survivors include four daughters, Carol Mathews of Lee's Summit, Mo., Cherie Clifton and Teresa Railsback, both of Amarillo, and Janet Martin of Fort Worth; two sons, Adam Akst of Cedar Park and Jason Akst of Sycamore, Ill.; a sister, Elaine Akst of Mohawk, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Amarillo Parkinson's Association, P.O. Box 19721, Amarillo, TX 79114; BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or History of Pampa's Air Field-Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

ALVIN DUCK

Alvin Duck, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lowell-Tims Funeral Home Funeral Chapel in Altus, Okla. Burial will be in Altus Cemetery under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Duck, a former longtime Pampa resident, was born Sept. 24, 1924, at Blair, Okla. Prior to returning to Pampa in July of 2000, he had resided in Bastrop, Altus, Amarillo and Blair.

He was a truck driver for Harvester Feed in Pampa for 18 years, was a diesel mechanic and was a deputy sheriff in Bastrop, Lefors and Blair. He retired from law enforcement in Blair. In addition, Mr. Duck was an avid fisherman and musician, playing guitar, keyboard and harmonica.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Daniels and Marsha Bush, both of Pampa, Alene Monday of Stigler, Okla., and Laveda Rust of Keota, Okla.; two brothers, Fred Duck of Cedar Creek and Elvis Duck of Geronimo; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

BILLIE RUTH HICKMAN

FRITCH — Billie Ruth Hickman, 62, mother of a Skellytown resident, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Assembly of God Church in Borger with the Rev. Calvin Newton officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Hickman was a registered nurse at Golden Plains Community Hospital for 23 years. She was a member and Sunday school teacher at First Assembly of God in Borger.

Survivors include her husband, Norman "Chief" Hickman; two daughters, Norma Karins of Fritch and Phyllis Owens of Skellytown; four sisters, Florence Draper of Powderly, Betty Morgan of Blue Ridge, Martha Hammon of Mesquite and Jean Dodd of Proctor; and four grandchildren.

Obituaries (cont.)

BILLIE ANN HOLMAN

Billie Ann Holman, 66, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hobart Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Powell officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holman was born Sept. 27, 1934, at Gladewater. She had been a Pampa resident since 1946, graduating from Pampa High School in 1953, and worked for Marie Foundations in Pampa for 10 years.

She married Frank Holman on March 6, 1954, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Hobart Baptist Church, currently serving as church organist.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, of the home; two daughters, Dee Randall of Pampa and Mary Thrasher of San Marcos; three sons, William Holman and Dennis Lee Holman, both of Pampa, and Danny Holman of Miami; a brother, Jack Combs of Pampa; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church Music Fund, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

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

Wednesday, March 7

Forgery by passing was reported in the 200 block of North Houston.

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Accidents

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

Wednesday, March 7

11:40 a.m. — A 1991 Pontiac 6000 driven by Haskell W. Goodner, 86, 509 N. Lowry, and a 1985 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Kellie Elean Liberty, 35, 1145 Juniper, collided in the 1200 block of East Browning. According to police reports, Goodner had leaned over to get a tissue and as he did, his car crossed lanes and struck the Chevrolet. No injuries were reported at the scene. No citations were listed on the accident report.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, March 7

Charlie Broadbent, 43, 323 Baer, was taken into custody to serve sentence for aggravated assault on a public servant in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Charlie Sproue, 66, Lefors, was arrested on Texas Department of Public Safety warrants for no seat belt and failure to appear.

Fires

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

Wednesday, March 7

8:24 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 2400 block of Christine. None was found.

9:41 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 800 block of North Nelson. The smoke had come from burned food in an oven.

Lottery results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 10-31-36-37-45-51.
 Estimated jackpot: \$85 million.
 Number matching six of six: 1.
 Winning ticket sold in: Austin.
 Matching five of six: 470. Prize: \$2,997.
 Matching four of six: 29,614. Prize: \$117.
 Matching three of six: 620,695. Prize: \$5.
 Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	2.65	Columbia/HCA	37.79
Milo	3.25	Enron	70.40
Corn	3.67	Halliburton	43.84
Soybeans	3.78	KMI	58.40
		Ken McGee	69.75
		Limited	17.05
		McDonald's	28.57
		Exxon Mobil	84.13
		New Atmos	23.45
		SCFE	28.03
		NOI	39.40
		OKE	44.11
		Penney's	17.54
		Phillips	56.20
		Pioneer Nat.	19.82
		SEB	67.76
		Tenneco	3.50
		Texas	68.68
		Ultran	38.09
		Wal-Mart	51.45
		Williams	45.30
			dn 0.40

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Occidental	25.42	up 0.02	
Fidelity Magell	113.56	dn 0.01	
Puritan	19.03	dn 0.01	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
BP Amoco	52.61	dn 0.19	
Celanese	18.20	dn 0.05	
Cabot	31.80	dn 0.55	
Cabot O&G	31.40	up 1.39	
Chevron	91.21	dn 0.17	
Coca-Cola	50.66	up 0.23	
New York Gold	262.45		
Silver	4.45		
West Texas Crude	29.01		

Texas round up

Staffing, money woes lurk behind missed NAFTA deadlines

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Just a fraction of the Mexican big rigs hauling tools, car parts and blue jeans north over the Rio Grande are stopped for safety inspections before rumbling into the United States.

"We only inspect the ones that look really, really bad," Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said. "Like, 'Oh, my God, how's that gonna stay together?' We're only taking the worst of the worst."

State officials say just one out of every 100 rigs is checked — and the safety record for those trucks is spotty, at best. According to the DPS, nearly half the trucks checked last year were taken out of service for faulty brakes, cracked wheels, insecure loads and other flaws.

With statistics like these in the background, the United States won't meet a Thursday deadline to allow Mexican trucks full access to American roads.

It's not the first time the northern nation has missed a deadline: NAFTA called for Mexican trucks to have unrestricted access to highways in border states — Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona — by 1995. They were to have full access to all U.S. highways by January 2000.

Convicted killer of teen-ager executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Dennis Dowthitt ended his decade-long denial about murdering a Montgomery County teen-ager with an emotional death chamber statement accepting responsibility and seeking forgiveness.

Dowthitt, 55, a former used car salesman, his voice wavering and his body shaking against wide leather straps that secured him to the Texas death chamber gurney Wednesday evening, apologized for participating in the attacks that left two young sisters dead almost 11 years ago.

"I am so sorry for what y'all had to go through," he said twice, looking at the parents of Grace and Tiffany Purnhagen, the slain girls. "I can't imagine losing two children."

Linda and Arthur Purnhagen were among the witnesses to Dowthitt's execution, the fifth this year in Texas.

"Gracie was beautiful and Tiffany was beautiful," he said, his voice choking. "You had some lovely girls and I am sorry. I don't know what to say."

Senate adopts state agricultural policy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would have a statewide agricultural policy that addresses everything from water availability issues to the promotion of Texas agricultural products under a bill approved by the Senate.

The bill was drafted to be a guideline for future agricultural legislation, said sponsor Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls.

"It offers a means of preventing the state's agriculture industry and rural voices from becoming obsolete," Haywood said. "With Texas becoming more urban by the minute, it takes the first step in developing a foundation to help protect our state's agricultural interests."

The bill approved Wednesday addresses 16 specific areas of the agriculture industry, including water availability. Years of drought and urban demands on the water supply have highlighted the need for such a policy, lawmakers have said.

The policy also encourages tax policy that pro-

motates the agriculture industry; the preservation of farmland, ranchland and timberland; and the state's participation in forming federal programs and policies.

State appeals ruling that struck down abortion licensing law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office will ask a federal appeals court to allow the state to require doctors who perform more than 300 abortions a year to license their offices as abortion facilities.

The Legislature in 1999 passed a bill to require such licensing. The bill also would have increased the criminal liability of doctors who operate abortion clinics without a license.

Medical clinics in Houston, Denton and Austin and five doctors successfully challenged the law later that year.

U.S. District Judge John Rainey in Houston ruled it violated the equal protection under the U.S. Constitution and was unconstitutionally vague.

Rainey's ruling said the law set apart physicians who perform abortions from those who perform other outpatient surgeries, violating their right to equal protection under the law.

West, South Texas cities tops in use of pesticides; Houston among top 10

HOUSTON (AP) — A group that wants to monitor types and amounts of pesticide use says West and South Texas locations had the largest amount of toxic applications.

A yearlong study by an Austin-based coalition found that Midland ranked first in pesticide use per acre and percentage of toxic pesticide applications, while Odessa and Brownsville ranked next in toxicity.

The study, conducted by the Texas Pesticide Information Network, indicated that Houston ranks eighth-worst among the state's largest cities in the amount of pesticides used per acre in public parks and other areas.

City parks departments in Texas used about 75,000 pounds of pesticides in more than 2,900 public parks in 1998, according to results released Wednesday.

Nearly one-third of those materials are classified as moderately or highly toxic under Environmental Protection Agency standards, the report stated.

Survey: One-fourth of Texas teachers need more training and certification

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — In a state scrambling to find enough teachers to fill classrooms, almost one-quarter of the educators hired last year were untrained in their subjects, according to a Texas A&M University survey.

Results, published Wednesday, also showed that nearly half of the elementary bilingual and English as a Second Language teachers hired this school year were not fully certified in the subject.

"It's alarming to see that our most vulnerable students (bilingual and special education) are most likely to have teachers who haven't received all the appropriate training," Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said. "It's scary to me. You hope those kids would have the most highly trained teachers."

But because of a teacher shortage felt in rural as well as urban parts of the state, districts have at times been forced to hire teachers who must seek emergency certification.

People in the news...

LONDON (AP) — The songs of Queen, one of rock's most theatrical groups, are to be turned into a stage musical.

In an interview with London radio station Capital Gold, guitarist Brian May said Wednesday the band is working with playwright Ben Elton on the show.

"The rumor is that we're doing a musical, which is true," May said. "Ben Elton has written us a fantastic script."

May said the show would not tell the story of the band. Fronted by flamboyant singer Freddie Mercury, Queen produced a string of hits during the 1970s and 80s, including "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Are the Champions" and "We Will Rock You."

Mercury died of AIDS in 1991. "Young people will be in it. There'll be a lot of Queen songs with some new ideas in there," May said.

Elton, a former standup comedian and satirical novelist, wrote "The Beautiful Game," a musical about Northern Ireland's Troubles, with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber. The

show garnered mixed reviews. May said he hoped the Queen musical would reach the stage late this year or early in 2002.

LONDON (AP) — Pop star Michael Jackson played best man as self-described "paranormalist" Uri Geller and his wife renewed their wedding vows. But Jackson arrived two hours late, a hitch the spoon-bending psychic had not foreseen.

More than 100 guests, including Eurythmics guitarist Dave

Stewart, sipped champagne and munched kosher canapes as they awaited the star's arrival Wednesday.

"We had the reception before the wedding, that made it a bit unusual. That was Michael's fault," said guest Edwin Clein, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

Jackson, 42, eventually handed Geller a gold ring to place on the finger of his wife, Hannah, during a service performed by Jackson's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Rainy today, locally heavy at times, ending late. Highs around 50. Northeast to east winds 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Patchy fog possible late. Lows around 36. East to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs around 65. South to southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 65 to 70.

STATEWIDE — Storms developed Thursday in West Texas as a new Pacific weather system entered the state, bringing abundant moisture and cooler temperatures.

Thunder boomed in Lubbock and Plainview while light rain spread over much of the Texas Panhandle. Fog shrouded the Coastal Plains.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 40 degrees at Dalhart to 64 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio.

Other readings were 46 at Conroe and 57 at San Angelo. Winds were mostly northeasterly from the South Plains into the Panhandle at 15 to 25 mph, with gusts to 50 mph reported at Reese Center.

Elsewhere, winds were variable in direction at 10 to 20 mph. The upper-level low pressure system, which dumped heavy rains in California, dipped into West Texas where it was expect-

ed to collide with a cold front. Showers were expected through Friday, with occasionally heavy rain and thunderstorms over most areas east of the mountains. Some storms in South Texas could be severe.

Daytime highs should range from the mid-40s in the north to mid-60s in the south.

Precipitation should end from the west starting Friday, with patchy fog developing mainly over the South Plains and Panhandle.

Lows overnight were expected from the upper 20s over the Panhandle to the lower 40s in the southeast. A warming trend was expected later Friday, with highs climbing to near 80 degrees along the Rio Grande.

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- Dr. Haberer refused to accept aid from Dr. Nigel daSilva, Ethan's regular doctor, who had special training in PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support).
- Dr. Haberer did not administer any life-saving drugs to Ethan for five minutes after the boy arrived. Since the tube was not properly inserted, drugs could not be administered until an intraseous infusion line had been inserted.
- Regarding PRMC, the suit alleges:
 - The Pampa hospital is vicariously responsible for the negligent acts of Dr. Haberer.
 - PMRC failed to insure that a competent physician was available to render emergency resuscitation efforts.
 - PMRC also failed to have policy in place that insured that a doctor treating a patient in the emergency room was to yield responsibility for treatment to the patient's personal physician if the personal physician requested that responsibility.
 - PRMC also failed to have a policy in place that insured that a doctor treating a patient in the emergency room was to accept assistance from a more qualified physician that offered to assist.

The lawsuit does not specify the amount of dam-

Memorial service set at playground

A memorial service and candlelight vigil to mark the two-year anniversary of Ethan Anderson's death will be at 7 p.m. on March 15 at the Super Playground.

Melody Lane, Ethan's aunt, said it will mark the first time her sister has been to the Super Playground since her son died.

A petition to place a fence around the playground and one to name it after Ethan will be available at the service, Lane said.

Helium balloons in the little boy's memory will also be let go during the service.

ages sought in connection with emotional distress and mental anguish suffered by the child, physical pain and suffering, medical expenses and funeral and burial costs.

Damages sought by the parents are based on several claims including the loss of society and companionship with their son as well as mental anguish, hospital expenses and expectancy of support and maintenance they would in all probability have received from their son throughout their life.

Major racing event called off as foot-and-mouth spreads

LONDON (AP) — Hoteliers, pub landlords and shopkeepers in the western English town of Cheltenham faced the loss of millions in revenues Thursday, after one of the country's biggest racing events was postponed because of the foot-and-mouth crisis.

The Cheltenham National Hunt Festival, the most prestigious event in European jump racing, was called off after an outbreak of the disease near stables used by some of the horses.

Agriculture officials reported eight new cases Thursday, bringing the total to 104 since the beginning of the outbreak on Feb. 19.

Britain has taken strict measures to stop the spread of the highly infectious livestock disease, closing country footpaths, discouraging travel in the countryside and canceling sporting events.

The British Horseracing Board announced late Wednesday that the Cheltenham Festival, to begin next Tuesday, would be postponed, possibly until April. The decision was made after a suspected foot-and-mouth outbreak was reported at a farm that houses England's main jump-racing training center and stables used by many leading contenders.

It came hours after racing resumed in Britain after a weeklong suspension. Races were run Wednesday at the Lingfield Park track, about 40 miles south of London. Racegoers were required to

disinfect their footwear before entering the grounds.

Britain resumed some transportation and slaughter of livestock this week in areas certified to be free of the disease. All other livestock movements remain suspended.

Agriculture Minister Nick Brown said Thursday that all vehicles leaving the United Kingdom would have to pass over a disinfectant bath.

Although no confirmed cases have been found outside the United Kingdom, the European Union has closed all livestock markets and banned exports of meat, livestock and milk products from Britain.

France has destroyed nearly 50,000 sheep as a precaution, Ireland canceled the Six Nations rugby union games against England and Scotland because of fears the disease could be carried in by fans and Norway canceled traditional reindeer races Thursday.

The nation has taken strict precautions to protect its reindeer, which are mostly semi-wild and roam open ranges in the arctic, making it almost impossible to control any outbreak that might hit them.

Foot-and-mouth disease — which strikes cloven-hoofed animals like sheep, pigs and cows — is easily spread by afflicted animals or carriers such as humans, horses and wild animals. It can also become airborne.

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medical treatment for a heart condition until the group returned to their hotel.

Chisum said the main message the group delivered is that the free market system works. He said the delegation urged representatives of the vice president to develop a comprehensive energy plan and to include all sources of energy, including wind, oil, natural gas and coal.

"The free market system works," said Chisum. "We feel we should let the resources of each area around the country dictate what the policy should be in that area."

Removal of federal barriers in oil and gas exploration were discussed as well as tax incentives and research.

"The meeting was very professional and the staff was very focused," said Chisum. "The adults are again in control of the White House."

Chisum said the group was given a tour of the Executive Office Building where Cheney's office is located. He said the group also toured the basement of the White House, and said it was an excellent tour.

"It made you really proud to be an American," said Chisum.

Man in family slaying kills self

GREER, S.C. (AP) — A man charged with killing his estranged wife, her daughter and their son and then trying to destroy the couple's antique shop killed himself early Thursday after a chase in Virginia, police said.

Michael Hilderbrand Sr., 43, apparently committed suicide when authorities caught up with him in Virginia. He had been the subject of a nationwide search after police found documents in the family's home Wednesday indicating he might flee to Mexico.

Police had signed arrest war-

rants charging Hilderbrand with three counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Sandra, 36; his stepdaughter, Caitlin Williams, 8; and his son, Michael Jr., 5.

The three were found dead in their beds early Wednesday. Sandra Hilderbrand had been shot several times in the face and head and each child was shot once in the head, Greenville County Coroner Parks Evans said.

Police believe the three were shot on Monday, after a judge ordered Hilderbrand to stay away from the family's home and have no contact with family members. In court filings, Sandra Hilderbrand said she was afraid of her 6-foot-4, 300-pound husband, who she said had bipolar disorder.

Her husband was "very unstable and violent at times," she said. He had recently bought a gun and she was "terrified as to what he may do with it during one of his episodes."

Sheriff's deputies found six .32-caliber shell casings at the scene, and Michael Hilderbrand owned a .32-caliber pistol, said sheriff's Lt. Creed Hashe.

Hashe said Hilderbrand called his employer early Wednesday to resign and said he would be leaving the country.

Police searching for him smelled gas around the couple's antique store in downtown Greer. Hashe believes Hilderbrand had set up the store to explode, and the suspect had faced an explosives charge.

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"It's against the law not to buy tickets when it's that high," said Nicholas Banks, bartender at Side Pockets, a nearby pool hall.

Banks unleashed a torrent of expletives when finding out the winning ticket was sold down the street, and was going to check his ticket when he got home.

"I spent 10 bucks, but I never buy 'em," Banks said. "If I win, I'm going to fix everybody up! I'm going to improve the pool hall."

A delay prevented the Texas Lottery Commission from releasing the winner information until about 12:20 a.m. Thursday.

Following a delay, the commission said one ticket matched all the numbers drawn from a field of 54. They were 10-31-36-37-45-51.

The store is eligible for a one percent bonus up to \$500,000 for selling the winning ticket, she said.

The bartender at Clicks, another billiard hall even closer to the winning convenience store, said she would pay off her student loans, buy a car and then buy her mom everything she wanted, and then maybe go on a spending spree.

"I'd give it all away and be broke in three years," Casey Jones said jokingly. "It would be beautiful."

Earlier in the day, people poured over the borders to join millions of Texans in their dreams of getting rich quick.

At 5 p.m. CST, tickets were selling at a rate of 43,238 a minute across the state. To add to the lottery fever, people from Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Mexico were driving to the nearest Texas convenience store to stake their own claims on the multimillion jackpot.

Martin Diaz, a sales representative for GTECH, the Rhode Island company contracted to run the state lottery, made the rounds Wednesday. His territory covers from El Paso to Anthony, along the New Mexico/Texas state line.

"It's madness," Diaz said, while checking sales at the Piggy-Back, a convenience store a mile east of New Mexico in Canutillo between Anthony and El Paso. "They (New Mexicans) look for the first store

they hit and then they drive right back."

Diaz said stores along the state line were selling "four or five times more than they usually do."

The jackpot is the highest it has been since a 1994 jackpot of \$75 million, said lottery spokesman Keith Elkins. And late Wednesday afternoon, sales were at more than \$16.7 million for the day, he said.

"That is the reason the executive director decided to bump the jackpot up," Elkins said, adding that \$85 million is "one of the highest jackpots (ever) for an individual state lottery."

Although the Texas jackpot is currently the largest jackpot in the United States, a recent lottery involving Michigan, Illinois and other states reached \$363 million, he said.

Shannon Thomas, a clerk at an E-Z Mart store in Texarkana, Texas, said she had been busy selling tickets since she came to work at 6 a.m. CST, and many of her customers were from Arkansas, only a few miles away.

"Everyone that comes in gets tickets," said Thomas, herself an Arkansas resident and Texas Lottery player. "Some people are going around to all the stores and buying five tickets at a time."

And business was nonstop. Wednesday at an Exxon store off Interstate 35 in Gainesville, a few miles south of the Oklahoma border.

"You got a new pair of feet for me?" asked clerk Mary Preston. "It's been so bad, I've been pulling on the back of my hair, literally!"

She said the store had sold thousands of the \$1 tickets Wednesday, 300 to one customer alone. She said she always asks buyers what state they live in and nine out of 10 are from Oklahoma.

At a filling station a block from the bridge to Mexico in downtown Brownsville, clerk Jose Gaona watched hopeful gamblers plunk down their dollars and take their chances.

J.J. Ayala swung into the store and tossed a bill onto the counter.

"Give me the winning ticket, please," said Ayala, who owns a business across the border in Matamoros.

"I play in Texas, I play in Matamoros," Ayala said. "I'm lucky in everything. I'm a lucky man."

Mother watches in horror as school bus kills son on his 2nd birthday

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman watched in horror as her son was run over and killed by a school bus on his second birthday, moments after she had given the driver a gift in celebration of the Jewish holiday Purim.

The driver, 34-year-old Mordechai Lax, was unaware he had run over the boy, police said, adding that no charges would be filed.

The accident happened Wednesday in Brooklyn's Borough Park, a predominantly Hasidic neighborhood.

Rachel Gancz took her 2-year-old son, Mordechai, to the bus stop to fetch her 4-year-old daughter, Esther, police said.

The mother boarded the bus without her son and gave the driver a gift basket in celebration of Purim, which begins Thursday night.

The toddler was struck just after the mother and daughter got off the bus. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Purim commemorates the deliverance of the Jews in ancient Persia from a massacre plot, as recounted in the Book of Esther.

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Head-on crash on Interstate 40 fatal to driver

An Oklahoma City man was killed about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday night when he collided head-on with an 18-wheeler on Interstate 40.

DPS Public Information Officer L.B. Snider identified the dead man as Jose Alfredo Aguilar, 43.

The accident happened in Carson County about 12 miles east of Amarillo when the east-bound truck driver pulled out to pass, Snider said.

Aguilar's car was traveling the wrong way (westbound) and the two collided just as the trucker, Ronald Wright, Winona, Mo., pulled into the passing lane, the DPS officer said.

Aguilar was dead at the scene and there were no notations of injury regarding Wright on the accident report. The wreck was worked by DPS Trooper Gary Davis.

Just why Aguilar was driving his 1992 Nissan coupe in the wrong direction is still under investigation, Snider said.

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Inside the Beltway with Sen. Hutchison

Legislation would give education a boost

As Texas continues to debate a course of action for finding alternative ways to certify teachers, I have been working to pass legislation that would assist states to develop new teacher training programs that are flexible enough to meet changing state and local needs.

It goes without saying that first-rate teachers are a key element in providing our children with a good education. Texas, like many other states, is facing a critical shortage of qualified teachers. Some rural school district superintendents in Texas have told me that they have had teacher vacancies remain unfilled for a year or more, particularly in hard-to-fill subject areas. The National Council on Education Statistics estimates that an additional 2 million teachers will be needed in America's public schools over the next decade.

Some school districts are coping with this growing crisis of teacher shortages by relying on substitute and temporary teachers; others have raised salaries, but with only limited success at improving recruitment. At the same time, I repeatedly hear stories of mid-career or retired professionals eager to go into the public schools and share their knowledge and skills with young people, but who are discouraged by the many hurdles they must clear to achieve traditional teacher certification.

A true story: there is a small school district in East Texas that is unable to offer a French language class because there are no certified teachers of that language in town. Yet living in that same community is a retiree who majored in French in college, taught French in private school and would love to teach the language to young people and share with them her love of French literature. But ... she can't unless she gets a teaching certificate, which would take her two years commuting to the nearest college to obtain.

It just makes sense to smooth the way for skilled professionals with college degrees who want to become teachers, rather than to put obstacles across their path to the classroom.

So I have introduced legislation, the Careers-to-Classrooms Act, to provide additional federal funding for states such as Texas that have been in the forefront of the promotion of alternative certification programs.

This bill will help states and local school districts to target mid-career professionals and outstanding recent college graduates, and to encourage them to become teachers under state-approved alternative certification programs. My bill's program will offer stipends of up to \$5,000 to help qualified individuals obtain their teaching certificates under a streamlined program if they will agree to teach in rural and other school districts in dire need of teachers. Matching grants would go to schools facing the most severe teacher shortages.

My Careers-to-Classrooms program actually is modeled after a highly successful Defense Department program, called "Troops to Teachers," that encourages career military service men and women with specialized knowledge and skills to enter the classroom and teach. This program already has placed more than 500 new teachers in Texas, and more than 3,000 nationwide.

Similarly, my proposal would help states to tap into the burgeoning high-tech and related fields to encourage those individuals to share their cutting-edge knowledge with our public school students.

I am a product of the public schools, first in my hometown of La Marque and then at the University of Texas in Austin. You will find no greater fan of strong public schools, and good teachers are what make them strong. The better they are, the better chance all children in America will have to reach their full potential.

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Sometimes good comes from bad

On Monday, I received some fantastic news which I want to share with you.

My oncologist informed me, "You are doing great." This is news I want to shout from the housetop. It was much better than the news I received only 14 months ago. In fact, it was considerably better than what I was told only six weeks ago.

As regular readers know, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January, 2000. After a biopsy, followed by a mastectomy. I took chemotherapy for six months. That was followed by five weeks of radiation treatments. After experiencing the nausea and other side effects of chemo followed by the burns of radiation treatments, I was certainly happy for the treatments to be over.

The last of December I had bone scans as well as abdomen, heart and liver. When my doctor gave me the results of those tests in January, I had a surprise. There was no cancer, but I had gall stones! He asked if my stomach had been bothering me, and I said "Yes, but it's no different than it's been from time to time for several years." I just thought I hadn't been eating properly. I probably would have never known had it not been for the scans, and he wasn't concerned.

My brother teasingly told me it was no surprise to him because I had plenty of gall. I told him it was occupational, and he wasn't any funnier today than he was at seven years old and I was 18. He blackmailed me into buying him an extra large (.50 cents back then) cherry lime so he wouldn't tell our parents I was speeding. I bought it for him and he told anyway.

After an examination the day I got the test results. The outlook wasn't as good. A lump which my oncologist had been monitoring for many months had changed. The feeling I had was absolute disbelief! Writing an order for a

Nancy Young
 Managing editor

mammogram, my oncologist instructed me to see my surgeon.

As I left Amarillo that morning driving to Pampa, I was very angry. I had been feeling so good, and I suddenly felt so betrayed. When I arrived in Pampa, I immediately began scheduling a mammogram. This was Monday and the earliest I could get in was Friday, and I knew there was no point in seeing my surgeon until the mammogram results were in. That was the longest week.

Finally, Friday arrived and I had the mammogram. The tech went to check the film while I waited. She came back and said "I'm going to do a more intensive mammogram so we can see more." We did this three more times, as the radiologist asked for additional x-rays. Having worked in a hospital for many years, I knew this wasn't normal procedure. I was an absolute wreck!

Then, he came in to talk with me. I am sure the tech told him I was nearly bouncing off the walls. Since I had worked in that hospital for many years, I have known him a long time. "How are you doing, Nancy?" he asked me. I blurted out, "I don't know. You tell me." He said he thought it looked okay but would get the written report to my surgeon.

As we waited for the final word during the next few days, a close childhood friend of mine died of breast cancer. Ruby Nell fought it for five years. And she was a fighter. When I was

diagnosed, her first words were, "Cancer is not a death sentence, and don't allow anyone to make you believe it is." That was the best advice I received.

When I talked to her the last time before she died, she was still fighting. We both knew it would soon be over, but she still fought. She didn't cry, but instead laughed a lot through all the pain. I will never forget her laugh. As she had worked for my mother for several years in the Hutchison County Treasurer's office. She knew her as well as I did. Mother was a champion fighter, too, and we laughed that she wouldn't tolerate us not fighting.

My report finally came back, and it was benign. The stress had been so difficult.

I have learned what Ruby Nell meant when she told me not to allow anyone to make me believe cancer is a death sentence. You have to remain positive, and not allow some of the negative comments people make to get to you. Sometimes that is very difficult. My best advice to anyone out there facing this disease is to surround yourself with positive people, and stay away from the negative ones.

Out of something bad always comes something good, and I have been so fortunate to have gotten to know so many Positive Pampa People throughout this experience. I have been amazed at the people I've met because of this disease, and the positive thoughts you have conveyed to me. I am very grateful.

Thank you for the many, many prayers. I know prayer works, and your prayers have certainly been working for me. Your calls, visits and talks helped me so much.

While I wouldn't want to repeat the medical treatments during the year 2000, the lessons I've learned about living and life are irreplaceable. Even though I still can't taste my food and didn't win the \$85 million lottery, I am very rich in many ways because of many of you. Thank you.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, March 8, the 67th day of 2001. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 8, 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

On this date:
 In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne after the death of King William III.
 In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.
 In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York.
 In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.
 In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.
 In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.
 In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.

Who benefits from global warming?

Here's how you whittle down a con job. Take the latest predictions from the United Nations folks peddling the global-warming theory. They just came out with a fearsome forecast of storms and pestilence and floods and drought for the years ahead.

Well, the first thing to think about is that storms, pestilence, floods and drought have been a constant in human history long before anybody dreamed up the idea of global warming. Predicting them is about like predicting that folks will grow old if they don't die first.

The second thing to do is to ask how these folks know what's going to happen 25 and 50 years in the future. They're not omniscient. They're not clairvoyant. Nobody else can predict the future, so how do these mugs do it? Well, the answer is simple: They run spreadsheet games on their computers. They call it modeling, but modeling is just a fancy spreadsheet.

Trouble is, they don't have enough data to predict the weather one year from now, much less 25 years from now. Furthermore, data are history, and history tells you what has already happened — never what's going to happen.

The fact that a summer is the hottest in the past 30 years (but not the hottest in the past 5,000 years) doesn't imply anything at all about future summers. Earth has a history of global warming and global cooling. In the past 300 million years, ice sheets and glaciers have

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 Syndicated columnist

melted and then grown hundreds of times.

Sensible scientists not trying to peddle a fraudulent scheme offer the following observations: Earth varies in its orbit and in its wobble, and although these are not noticeable to us folks, the variations can affect how much heat Earth receives. The fact is, our dear, old planet has regulated itself for a couple of billion years, and I figure it's going to go right on, balancing hot spells with cold spells.

Now, you might ask yourself, what is the motive behind all this effort to convince folks that the world is getting warmer and that drastic actions have to be taken right now to avoid the predicted bad consequences? As the wise old Romans used to say, "Cui bono?" Who benefits?

Well, that's not hard to figure out. Virtually all the steps these folks advocate will make the cost of energy go higher than a swallow can fly.

If the price of energy becomes dear, who benefits? The people selling the energy. Which would you rather do, sell 100 barrels of oil at \$10 each or 10 barrels of oil at \$1,000 each? Not only would you make more money, your expensive oil would last much longer so that your future would continue to be profitable. And if you are already rich, then you don't have to worry about being laid off or freezing in the winter or sweating like a mule in the summer.

If you check the records, you will find that we common folks they profess to be so concerned about do not fund all of these high-flying environmental groups. Nope, the bulk of their funding comes from corporations and from foundations set up by corporations. I don't believe that any corporation is going to finance an organization that will cause it financial harm. I don't believe that any corporation acts like an altruist. Making money is a corporation's alpha and omega and everything in between.

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PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

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.

UNITED WAY

Pampa United Way is currently offering applications for 501(c)3 non-profit organizations for inclusion in its budget allocation process. For more information or to obtain an application, visit the local office at 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105, or call 669-1001. Applications will be available through March 12. Organizations accepted in the budget allocations process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed for the final budget allocations meeting in April.

STORYTELLERS OF THE HIGH PLAINS

Storytellers of the High Plains will meet from 12 noon-1 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at American Indian Cultural Center in Amarillo for a regular business meeting followed by a one-hour workshop led by experienced storytellers. An open storytelling session will be held at 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Visitors and new members are welcome. An additional storytelling session is planned from 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Barnes and Noble in Amarillo.

RUSHING WIND EMMAUS

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet beginning at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal Saturday, March 10 in First Christian Church of Spearman. A praise and worship service as well as a sponsor's training will be presented and the board will meet at 4:30 p.m. prior to the meal. A nursery will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

PHS CLASS OF 1991

A reunion meeting for Pampa High School Class of 1991 is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. March 11 at Hilland Christian Church in Pampa, 1615 N. Banks. For more information, contact Mitzi Hupp-McClelland at 665-8166 or

Michelle Whitsort-Cochran at 665-7703.

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 case-load 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 spat@shamrock-tx.net.

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 corpo-

rate 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 more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit 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.mrstexas-america.net on the World Wide Web.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support 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.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, and, March 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; March 7, 21, 22, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; March 15, Family Care Center, Shamrock; March 16, 20, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram 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 qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Travis spelling bee champs



Travis Elementary School recently held its school-wide spelling bees. Above: (left-right) The spelling bee champions included Brittany Cottrel, fourth grade runner-up; Dayla Newman, fourth grade champion; Kayla Mendoza, school champion; and Richard Oeader, fifth grade runner-up.

Texas Sheriff's Association seeking new members

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland invites local citizens to become associate members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas and join in the fight against crime.

Membership in the organization helps provide funding for technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues, according to a news release from the state sheriffs' organization.

The tax-deductible dues will also be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers, the release stated.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," Sheriff Copeland said. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work, and play."

Anyone not receiving a membership appeal in the mail or who want more information can contact the Sheriff's Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741 or www.tssheriffs.org.

Local residents who would like to become an associate member can sign up by contacting the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of Texas citizens. Steve M. Westbrook serves as executive director and the headquarters are located in Austin.

The Sheriff's Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. Anyone receiving a telephone call from someone using this name are asked to report the call to their local sheriff or district attorney's office.

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Regretful Teens Tell Tales Of Having Had Sex Too Soon

DEAR ABBY: Please print this so "Out in the Cold Up North" can see it. She's the 14-year-old girl who thinks she should have sex because her friends do.

I felt the same way she does when I was 14. My reason was very similar — to be like my friends. That decision was the worst I ever made. I am now 18 and have a sexually transmitted disease I can't get rid of.

When you're young, you don't think something like an STD can happen to you, but I'm here to tell you it can. I live in pain every day — emotionally and physically — and if I could make one wish, it would be to take back my decision.

I hope that girl realizes there are plenty of other ways to fit in. Sex doesn't have to be one of them. Next time she's tempted to have sex in order to be popular, she should remember, "What is popular is not always right — and what is right is not always popular."

ANNONY-MISS IN HELENA, MONT.

DEAR "MISS": I hope "Out in the Cold" heeds your advice. If you aren't already receiving support in coping with your STD, you would be wise to contact the American Social Health Association (ASHA). The organization can be very helpful. Write: ASHA, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. The Web address is www.ashastd.org. And there's a special Web site for teens,



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filled with helpful information: www.iwannaknow.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please urge that girl not to have sex because her friends are doing it! When I was 14, I decided to have sex with someone I thought I loved. He, on the other hand, wanted to have sex with a virgin. I regret the decision to this day. Needless to say, the guy told all his friends, and they all tried to have sex with me, too. I have had 10 partners since then, and I'm 18.

I have been married to my last partner for a year, and we have a newborn daughter. I don't regret the family I have, but I would rather go out with my friends and have fun than stay home.

I'm not saying this will happen to "Out in the Cold," but she might end up pregnant and the guy won't care. Every time she has sex with someone, a part of herself will be taken away, and she'll regret it. Sex isn't a solution to anything; it just brings more problems to a teen-ager's life.

I wish I had waited until I met my husband, because then I

wouldn't have all the heartbreak and pain that I do now.
BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

DEAR BEEN THERE: If you can possibly arrange to have some counseling to come to terms with your guilt and pain, I urge you to do so. It will greatly improve your life. Ask your doctor to refer you, or seek out a family services center where fees are based on your ability to pay. Your county's department of mental health may also be able to refer you to affordable counseling, as can the United Way. Please check it out. Read on:

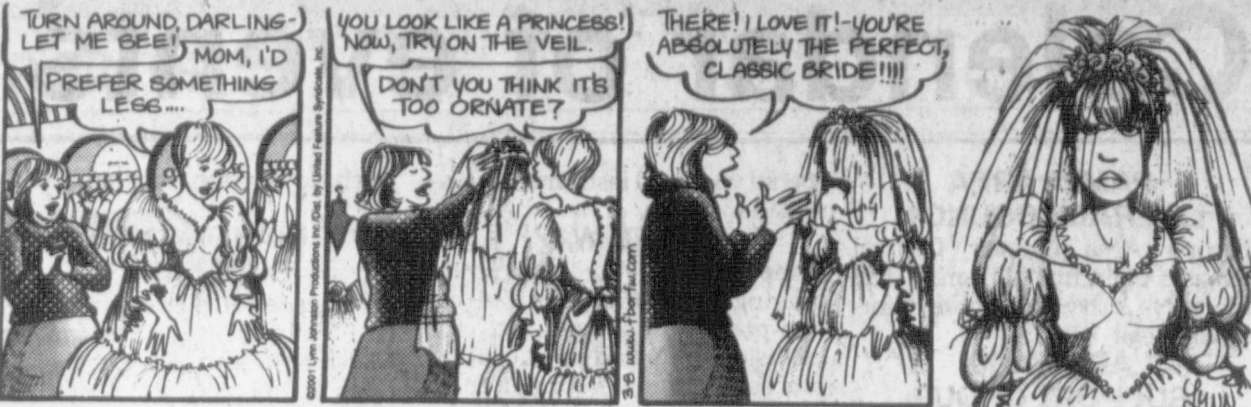
DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a 60ish bachelor who would serve his "love interest" an 8-day-old salad? Not only was it 8 days old, but it was in a doggie bag I had given him when he had dinner at my house!

A FRESH TOMATO IN TUCSON

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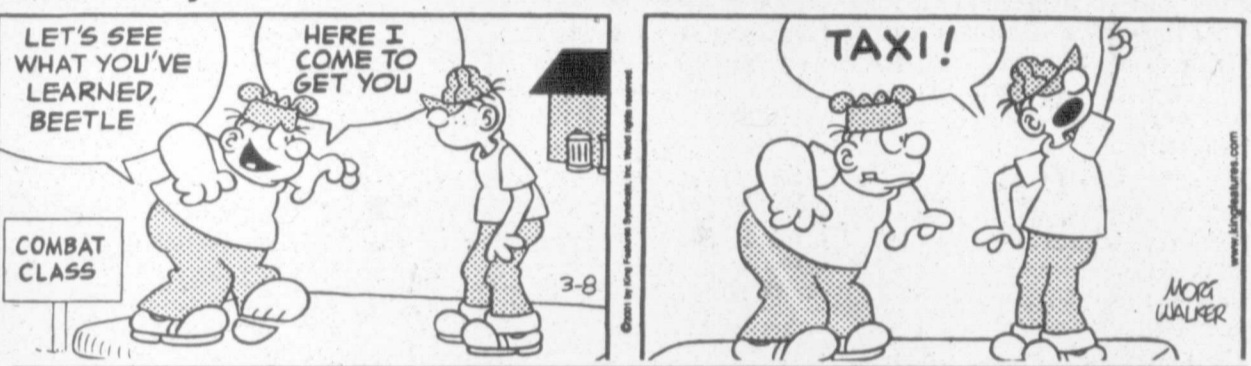
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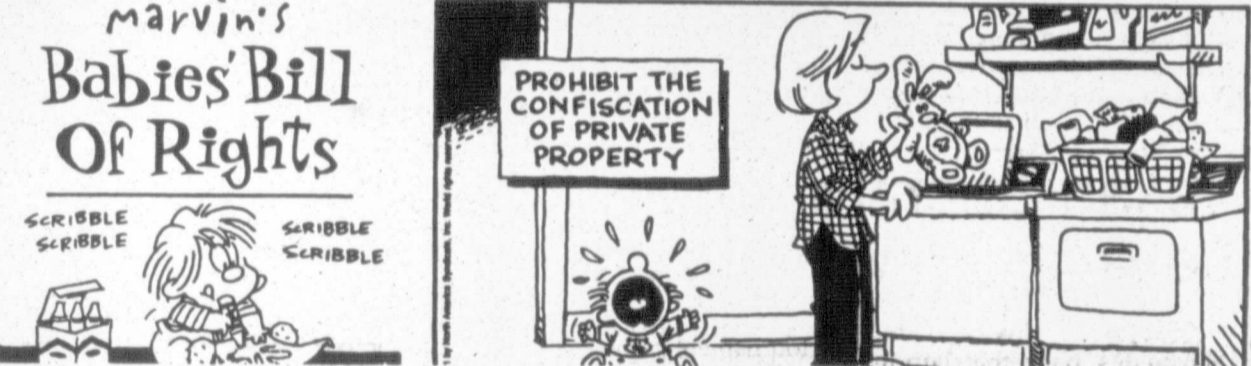
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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Your steady hands on the helm make a big difference. You can absorb new information and accept unpredictability far more easily than many. Your energy fluctuates dramatically. Don't be a hare; be the tortoise — and win. Understand financial ramifications. Tonight: Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might feel pulled in two directions. Review recent decisions that involve a long-term goal. A meeting or a friend could be putting pressure on you. Hold your own. You know what you want — don't allow others to sway you. Tonight: Grab a loved one and celebrate the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Listen to the drumbeat. Figure out what is ultimately important to you. Pressure builds, quickly forcing you in a new direction. A partner takes a strong action that causes you to pause. Don't hold back. Explain what is on your mind. Tonight: Plan on a cozy night at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Juggle work and calls. Clear your desk. You could be overwhelmed by news that heads your way. You are sub-

ject to mood swings. A friendship becomes important. Don't worry so much about what is going on. Let everything happen naturally. Tonight: Join the gang.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Mind your p's and q's with a loved friend or partner. Instability punctuates others' moods. Take your time with a boss or someone who might be an authority figure. A creative project could experience a jolt. Consider it a jump-start rather than a problem. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might feel as if you have had enough. Take your time with others. Resist letting a personal issue or domestic matter interfere with your whole day. Remember, it is mind over matter. Carefully consider another's feelings. Imagine how this person feels. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Slow down. Someone proves to be far more difficult than you thought possible. Realize what is going on in your dealings with another. This person might really have had enough. You might find it hard to make peace. Tonight: Have an important discussion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Aim for more of what you want. Expenses get out of whack early on. Be careful when expressing your thoughts to a child or loved one. Others are reactive, and your words might not be clear. Sensitivity pays off with a partner or friend. Tonight: With your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Stay in the limelight and deal with whatever gets tossed into your path.

You might not be comfortable with all that is happening. Express your sunny side with a family member who feels pressured. You accomplish a lot if you stay focused and direct. Tonight: You're a force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Take an overview. A lot might be happening quickly. Maintaining a sense of humor will help you deal with the many calls and requests. You could be overwhelmed, but understand just how much you are needed. Keep a high profile. Tonight: Go where the music is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** The emphasis is on a relationship. You might need to dissect what is going on. Clearly, your expectations weren't realistic, at least with this person. Share the depth of your feelings. Another needs to know where you are coming from. Tonight: Take your time when making a decision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Defer to another and listen to his problems. You could also be stressed out. Take your time to think and evaluate before making grand statements. Keep talking, but you might want to close someone off. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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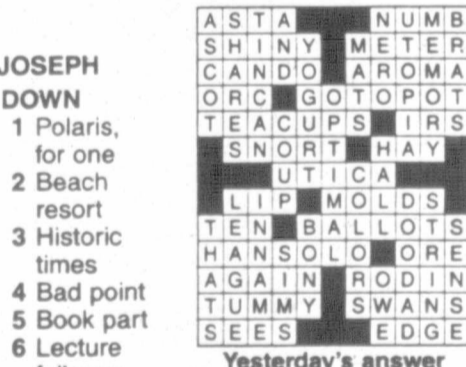
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

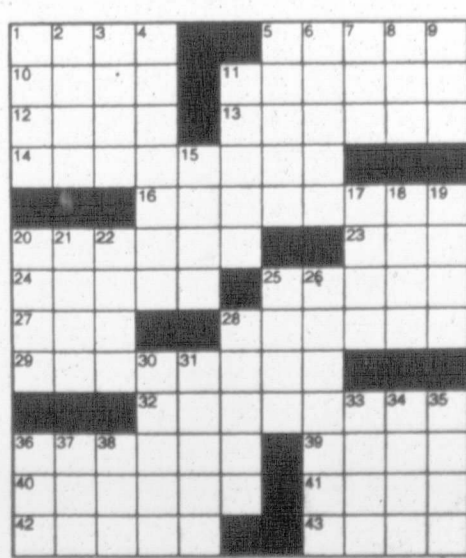
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PAMPA — Borger defeated Pampa 5-1 in a junior varsity baseball game Monday.

Pampa scored its only run on back-to-back doubles by Hunter Craig and Tyler Ross. The other hit came in the sixth inning on a double by Ryan Zemanek.

Borger scored all five of its runs in the first inning with three hits and three walks. Borger had only one hit the next innings as relief pitchers Matt Driscoll and Max Simon pitched shutout ball.

Ross and Craig also played outstanding defense.

"We played great baseball after the first inning. We struggled at the plate. We were swinging at balls out of the strike zone and made a good pitcher look real good," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Pampa JVs are now 2-1 on the season. They play next at Palo Duro on March 19.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Adult Softball Umpires Association will hold an organizational meeting and mandatory classroom clinic March 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Umpires Building, located on the north end of Recreation Park.

This training is mandatory for all returning and interested new softball umpires. The required test will be given at the March 19 meeting.

Spring softball will begin March 24 with the 16th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For additional information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes or Scott Hahn.

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Nazareth's basketball tradition will have to stay with its girls team for now.

Joe Henderson scored 25 points as Goodrich drove to the basket almost at will for a 62-51 victory over Nazareth on Thursday to win the boys Class 1A Division II state championship.

Goodrich (35-2) scored 48 points in the paint and shot 58 percent, rarely having to pull up for a jump shot against the Nazareth defense. Henderson went 11 of 15 from the floor with all but one basket on layups. Josh Vernon added 13 points and six assists for Goodrich. Nazareth (25-10), which had hoped to match its girls team state title of a week ago, got 19 points from Eric Schilling and 17 from Kade Wilcox.

The Nazareth girls team has won 15 state championships. The boys won their only title in 1986.

Henderson had eight points in the first quarter as Goodrich led 19-18 after one period. Schilling, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, hit two 3-pointers and Wilcox hit another in the first quarter for Nazareth.

Nazareth took a 23-19 lead on a layup by Trey Robb and another 3-pointer by Wilcox that banked in. Jeremy Walker's putback started a 14-5 Goodrich run that put the Hornets up 33-28 at half-time.

Josh Vernon hit a spinning jumper in the lane to make it 25-23 and his steal and layup with 15 seconds left closed out the half.

Flashback

1972: Randall Clay, who was an outstanding all-around athlete at Pampa High in the 1940's, and later at the University of Texas, was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

He was a 1946 PHS graduate.

Clay was the starting half-back for three years at Texas. He played professional football for the New York Giants.

Big bonus forces Cowboys to waive Aikman

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When Troy Aikman signed an \$85.5 million contract two years ago, he figured it meant he would be with the Dallas Cowboys the rest of his career.

Turns out, that same piece of paper is a big reason why the team waived him Wednesday.

Aikman's deal called for a \$7 million bonus and an extension through 2007 to kick in if he was on the roster Thursday. Once the Cowboys realized that delaying the dollars would've only made things worse on future salary caps, owner Jerry Jones had little choice but to make a tough decision.

"To do what needed to be done to give us a chance to be successful would've definitely created some problems down the road," Aikman said. "The long-

term, crippling effect of the cap would not be worth that."

Aikman said if the Cowboys thought having him around another year or two would bring another Super Bowl title, the risk might've been worth it. Coming off a 5-11 season in which Aikman made it through only eight games, that wasn't likely.

"It wasn't in the best interest of the ballclub to try doing that," Aikman said.

So after 12 seasons, six division titles and three Super Bowl championships, Aikman will no longer be wearing a star on the side of his helmet.

But, if he has his way, the 34-year-old Aikman will still be playing in the NFL — despite the 10 career concussions and ongoing back pain that many thought might drive him into retirement

before the Cowboys had him push him out.

"I'm still capable of going out and playing at a high level and being healthy and doing the things necessary to be productive," Aikman said.

The most likely landing spot is San Diego, where close friend Norv Turner is the offensive coordinator.

The Chargers, who released incumbent starter Ryan Leaf last week, also could use Aikman to groom Michael Vick should they make him the first pick in the upcoming draft.

"I would certainly entertain that thought," Aikman said.

Jones said Aikman's fragility and contract were part of many factors that forced him to drop the first player he ever drafted.

"If you're in my shoes and

have been able to get up for the last 12 years and have a franchise quarterback, that's a luxury in the NFL," Jones said. "I'm going to miss that personally and we're going to miss that as an organization."

Aikman actually will have a big impact on the 2001 season: He takes up \$10 million of the team's \$67.4 million salary cap.

Because of Aikman's new cap figure, Dallas had to release veteran Erik Williams and Chad Hennings, plus rework several other contracts, to get back under the league-mandated figure.

The departure of Aikman, Williams and Hennings means that only Emmitt Smith and Darren Woodson remain from the teams that won Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95.

The salary cap was implemented in 1994 and has drastically changed the way business is done in the NFL. Jones has creatively played the money game, often by deferring dollars to future years in hopes of having more room under the cap.

But this move shows that Jones is taking the clear-out-the-cap-and-start-over approach. While he's not admitting to blowing off the 2001 season, he is eyeing 2002.

"One year from today, we'll see the effects I'm talking about," Jones said. "In today's NFL, having that type of cap room, you can turn a non-playoff team into a contender as we've seen four teams in the last two years end up in the Super Bowl when they weren't in the playoffs the year before."

Lady Harvesters move closer to playoff spot

PAMPA — With two matches left in the regular season, the Pampa Lady Harvesters have a good shot at advancing into the playoffs after their 7-0 win over Caprock on Tuesday.

The Lady Harvesters have a 5-3 record in District 3-4A and are all alone in the third and final playoff spot.

Pampa had complete control over Caprock, which fell to 0-8 in district play.

"Everybody got to play a lot and we had a bunch of people who scored. That was really good," said Pampa head coach Lori Patulea.

The Lady Harvesters had six

players who scored goals, including two by Sara Scott, Danielle Martinez, Sarah Porter, Keisha Childress, Cassie Meadows and Sarah Teague each had a goal.

Misty Northcutt, Desiree Vigil, Ashley Everson, Martinez and Childress each had an assist.

Pampa was scheduled to host Borger today, but those matches have been re-scheduled due to wet weather. The matches will be played at Dicks Bivens Saturday in Amarillo, starting with the girls at 5 p.m., followed by the boys at 7 p.m.

OU women advance to semis

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — No. 7 Oklahoma no longer is the only conference school not to win a tournament game.

The top-seeded team beat ninth-seeded Kansas 80-61 Wednesday at the Big 12 Women's tournament to advance to the semifinals. The Sooners will play No. 20 Colorado, seeded fourth, on Thursday.

"This is the first time in Kansas City that I didn't have to shed

tears," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "We're glad that it's over. The first tournament I brought one outfit. This year, I packed them all."

In other semifinal play Thursday, No. 11 Texas Tech, seeded second, will face No. 13 Iowa State, seeded third.

Oklahoma (25-4, 16-1 Big 12) started the game with a 13-0 run, then held off a second-half Kansas rally.



Pampa's Danielle Martinez is on the attack against Amarillo Caprock. Martinez was one of six players who scored goals.

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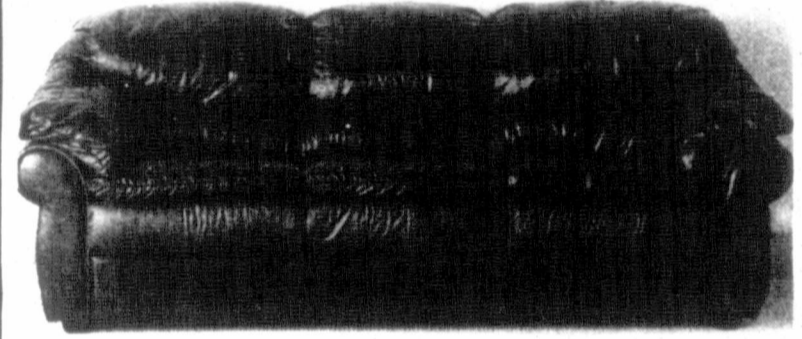


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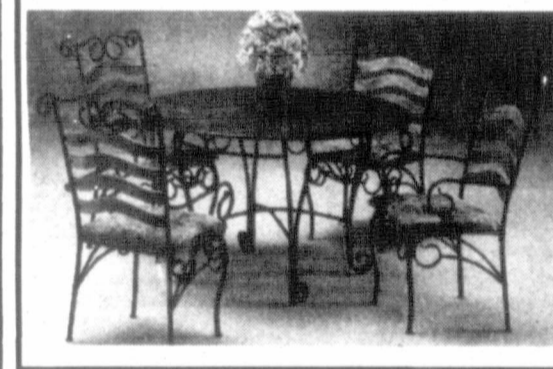
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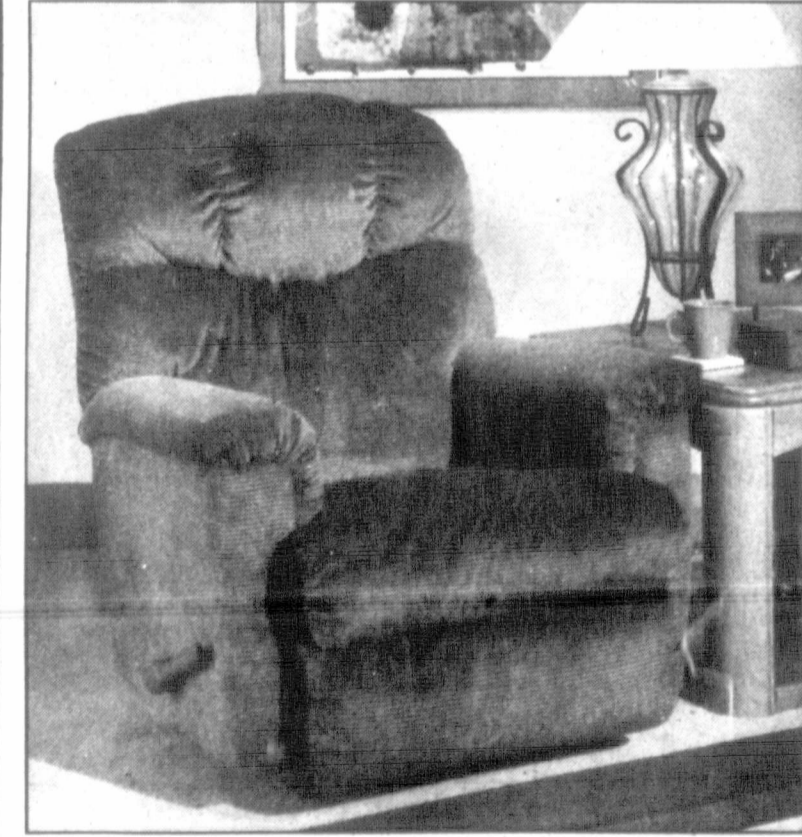
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores
 By The Associated Press

EAST
 Brown 90, Yale 80

TOURNAMENT
 Atlantic 10 Conference
 First Round
 Dayton 85, Rhode Island 59
 George Washington 85, Duquesne 65
 La Salle 85, Fordham 67

Big East Conference
 First Round
 Pittsburgh 78, Miami 69
 Seton Hall 78, St. John's 66
 Syracuse 65, Connecticut 75
 Villanova 82, West Virginia 71

Conference USA
 First Round
 Marquette 72, Tulane 67
 Saint Louis 78, Houston 65
 South Florida 83, DePaul 59
 UAB 74, Louisville 61

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
 Quarterfinals
 Hampton 76, Morgan St. 64
 S. Carolina St. 53, Bethune-Cookman 47

FOOTBALL

Troy Aikman Career Statistics
 By The Associated Press

Regular Season						
Year	Team	Com	Att	Yds	TD	Int
1989	Dal	155	293	1749	9	18
1990	Dal	226	399	2579	11	18
1991	Dal	237	363	2754	11	10
1992	Dal	302	473	3445	23	14
1993	Dal	271	392	3100	15	6
1994	Dal	253	361	2676	13	12
1995	Dal	247	432	3304	16	7
1996	Dal	296	465	3126	12	13
1997	Dal	292	518	3282	19	12
1998	Dal	187	315	2330	12	5
1999	Dal	263	442	2964	17	12
2000	Dal	156	262	1632	7	14
Totals	2888	4715	32942	166	141	

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
 By The Associated Press

AT A GLANCE
 All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Atlantic Division
 Philadelphia 41, 16 738
 Miami 37, 25 597 8 1/2
 New York 36, 25 590 9
 Orlando 33, 27 550 11 1/2
 Boston 26, 35 426 19
 New Jersey 21, 42 333 25
 Washington 14, 47 230 31

Central Division
 Milwaukee 38, 22 633
 Charlotte 34, 27 557 4 1/2
 Toronto 33, 29 532 6
 Indiana 26, 33 441 11 1/2
 Cleveland 22, 38 367 16
 Detroit 22, 39 361 18 1/2
 Atlanta 18, 44 290 21
 Chicago 11, 48 186 26 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Midwest Division
 Utah 42, 18 700
 San Antonio 41, 19 683 1
 Dallas 38, 23 623 4 1/2
 Minnesota 37, 24 607 5 1/2
 Houston 33, 28 541 9 1/2
 Denver 30, 33 476 13 1/2
 Vancouver 19, 43 306 24

Pacific Division
 Portland 42, 19 689
 L.A. Lakers 41, 19 683 1/2
 Sacramento 40, 19 678 1
 Phoenix 36, 24 600 5 1/2
 Seattle 31, 32 482 12
 L.A. Clippers 22, 41 349 21
 Golden State 16, 45 282 26

Tuesday's Games
 Minnesota 95, Charlotte 89
 New York 97, Indiana 83
 Chicago 87, Cleveland 74
 Phoenix 83, Denver 82
 Sacramento 98, Toronto 91
 San Antonio 101, Seattle 73
 Vancouver 105, Portland 97
 L.A. Lakers 97, Golden State 85

Wednesday's Games
 Philadelphia 102, New Jersey 94
 Milwaukee 101, Boston 94
 New York 79, Indiana 75
 Dallas 93, Miami 86
 Washington 88, Cleveland 83
 Orlando 112, Detroit 102
 Houston 104, Atlanta 98
 Sacramento 100, Phoenix 89
 Utah 88, Seattle 82
 L.A. Lakers 87, Toronto 85

Thursday's Games
 Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Portland, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Buffalo 3, Boston 1
 Tampa Bay 2, San Jose 1, OT
 Colorado 4, Atlanta 2
 New Jersey 3, Ottawa 2, OT
 Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
 St. Louis 3, Minnesota 3, tie
 Phoenix 5, Nashville 1
 Toronto 3, Calgary 1
 Detroit 4, Vancouver 3
 Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3

Wednesday's Games
 Carolina 2, Columbus 1
 San Jose 3, Florida 3, tie
 Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
 Chicago 4, Dallas 1
 Edmonton 4, Toronto 0
 Anaheim 4, Montreal 2

Thursday's Games
 Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Edmonton at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

League
 By The Associated Press

AT A GLANCE
 Eastern Division
 Tulep 39, 20 5 83 252 186
 B-Shreveport 38, 19 4 80 221 147
 Austin 37, 19 5 79 214 153
 Corpus Christi 34, 25 3 71 200 215
 Monroe 30, 24 7 67 191 215
 Lake Charles 25, 31 4 54 185 227
 Fort Worth 19, 38 4 42 174 235
 X-Central Texas 14, 18 5 33 104 128

Western Division
 New Mexico 39, 19 3 81 235 214
 Odessa 34, 18 3 76 214 174
 Lubbock 34, 22 6 74 236 203
 El Paso 25, 27 8 58 175 194
 San Angelo 25, 30 7 57 194 254
 Amarillo 24, 28 6 56 195 234

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Wednesday's Games
 No games scheduled

Thursday's Game
 Austin at Corpus Christi

Friday's Games
 Bossier-Shreveport at Monroe
 El Paso at Amarillo

Report: Texas Tech officials have met with Bobby Knight

By PAM EASTON
 Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Dickey says he will continue focusing on his team, its players and winning games despite reports that school administrators have talked with former Indiana coach Bobby Knight about his job.

"My focus is on having our team prepared as well as we possibly can and making sure these players are given every opportunity to have every chance they can to succeed," Dickey told The Associated Press early Thursday from his hotel room in Kansas City.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in Thursday's editions that Texas Tech administrators have approached Knight about taking over.

A former college coach, who is close to Knight but asked not to be identified, told the newspaper that Tech president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers traveled to Naples, Fla., earlier this week to discuss with Knight the possibility of replacing Dickey.

"I've heard the same reports but I have not had any information at all from our administration," Dickey said.

His team is in Kansas City for the Big 12 Tournament, which starts Thursday and lasts through Sunday. Tech first faces Oklahoma State at 2:20 p.m.

Rugeley said Chancellor John Montford spent Wednesday in Washington, D.C., and President David Schmidly was en route to Kansas City.

"All I know is we still have a coach," she said. "I cannot imagine them doing anything while our team is still playing."

But Rugeley admitted she would not necessarily know. "I don't do sports," she said. "I don't know and I wouldn't be very honest. I do know that Coach Myers and Bobby Knight are friends."

Myers, who coached the Red Raiders from 1971-1991, is said to have hand-picked Dickey as his successor.

Dickey said he first learned of the report from reporters and friends in Lubbock who saw the story on television.

"We have had a lot of our friends call us from Lubbock," said Dickey, who is in Kansas City with his wife and children. "They just wondered if we knew anything and the answer is: No, we don't."

Last week, Tech administrators said they would conduct an evaluation of Dickey and his team's performance. The Red Raiders have dropped 11 of the team's past 12 games and have struggled for four straight seasons.

"I don't think anybody's satisfied with the season," Myers said at the time. "Not the coach, the fans, anybody."

Dickey, who has three years remaining on his contract, has been at Tech for 10 years.

He said he has met with both Myers and Schmidly. He said neither gave him an indication of what his future with the school might hold. Dickey wouldn't elaborate.

Since coming to Tech, Dickey has compiled a 166-123 record. The Red Raiders finished 9-18 overall and 3-13 in the Big 12.

Dickey said last week he won't leave unless asked. According to his contract, neither win-loss records nor attendance records can be considered "good cause for termination" without compensation.

"I'm not going to fire myself," he said. "I'm not going to quit."

Tech sports information director Chris Cook said Myers would not discuss the report.

"Gerald will not comment," Cook said.

Myers also declined comment to the newspaper, saying he would not make any statements until after he has a chance to talk with Dickey following the Red Raiders' final game of the tournament.

Knight was fired from Indiana last fall after violating a no-tolerance policy. He violated the policy when he grabbed an IU student by the arm.

Knight indicated at the time he wanted to coach again.

Tech spokeswoman Cindy

There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 28 at the Recreation Office.

Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Entry deadline March 21 for City Softball Leagues

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Church and Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team.

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

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Pioneer wants to be known simply as a racer

By PAUL NEWBERRY
 AP Sports Writer

Willy T. Ribbs doesn't sound like a pioneer anymore.

Maybe it's because he went through that stage of his life a decade ago, becoming the first black driver to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

"I'm a racer," said Ribbs, adorned in cowboy hat and matching boots. "That's the only issue I want to focus on."

Hardly the kind of rhetoric one might expect from the frequently outspoken Ribbs, who now finds himself trading paint with the good ol' boys — in a truck, no less.

At age 45, Ribbs is a rookie again, racing in the NASCAR truck series for a Dodge factory-backed team that hired him as the centerpiece of its efforts to bring diversity to a white-dominated sport.

Ribbs might seem out of place in a world where Confederate flags are hoisted without fear of recrimination, a world where many fans are openly hostile to the idea of minorities taking a turn behind the wheel.

But, as the only black competing full-time in a major NASCAR series, he has yet to witness any overt acts of discrimination. For now, the only race he's concerned about is the one on the track.

"I've had tremendous support

down here in NASCAR country," said Ribbs, a native of northern California. "The competitors, the other mechanics, they've all been very supportive."

But talk with Ribbs a little longer and it becomes apparent that he's racing with a bit more of a purpose than everyone else.

"Branch Rickey changed the look of baseball in 1947," he said. "And Dodge is changing the look of racing in 2001. What we're doing is very positive for the sport, very positive for the country."

NASCAR, once a Southern enclave, has become a national craze, popular enough to earn a six-year, \$2.8 billion national TV contract. But prosperity also has brought more attention to the sport's seeming color barrier.

Wendell Scott is the only black to win at stock car racing's highest level, but that was more than three decades ago. Ribbs himself took part in three Winston Cup events in the mid-1980s, but his car broke each time and he quickly faded away.

This time, he said, things are different. He's more experienced and has the backing of a well-financed team. The only black and white he's concerned with is the checkered flag.

"Pretty soon, we're not even going to talk about it," Ribbs predicted. "It's going to be like football or baseball. You're either

a competitor or you're not."

How long is that sort of acceptance going to take in racing?

"It's here now," Ribbs said, his voice rising. "The ship has arrived. And when we're doing well, like Tiger Woods or the Williams sisters, then people will start to pay attention."

A former road racing specialist, Ribbs struggled in his first two truck events, finishing 23rd at Daytona and 19th in Homestead, Fla.

He admitted that it's going to take time to learn the art of drafting and speedway racing, but his confidence is unwavering.

"I'll tell you what: The best is yet to come," Ribbs vowed.

His teammate at Bobby Hamilton Racing, Joe Ruttman, doesn't spend much time pondering the social ramifications of driving side-by-side with a black man.

"He's a racer," Ruttman said. "He's been doing it his whole life, trying to get to that elite form of racing."

But Ruttman said his teammate also is willing to accept some good-natured kidding about his unique place in the sport.

"The thing that's neat about him is you can kid him about things like going to the back of the bus," said Ruttman, who at 56 is the oldest driver in the truck series. "I tease him about it, but it's no different than A.J.

Foyt teasing me or (another driver) looking at me and saying, 'What are you doing out here, old man?'"

While Ribbs was a winner in sports cars, he has been little more than a novelty in big-time racing. He competed sporadically in Indy cars through the early 1990s, usually for low-budget teams, and never cracked the top five.

His landmark race at Indianapolis in 1991 ended after only five laps because of engine problems, leaving him next-to-last in the 33-car field.

Ribbs qualified for the 500 again two years later but struggled to a 21st-place finish, six laps behind winner Emerson Fittipaldi, and never returned.

Now, Ribbs is trying to break through in an entirely different form of racing. And, contrary to what some people might think, he's always been a fan.

"Oh, yeah," Ribbs said. "Fireball Roberts was my favorite driver. And I liked Harry Gant. He was so cool. He just looked like a race car driver."

Ribbs believes these stock car fans will soon look at him the same way — a racer, pure and simple.

"They love me, all of them," he said, a gleam in his eye. "They may not know it yet, but they do. Deep down, they really do. And I love them."

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House set to vote on Bush income tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to build momentum for President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax relief package, Republicans sought a quick House victory Thursday on a bill that would cut income taxes for every American who pays them. While most Democrats were opposed, majority Republicans predicted the 10-year, \$958 billion income tax cut would pass and move to the Senate, where its fate is less assured and little action is expected until May. Bush, who has spent much of his young presidency campaigning for tax cuts, said the projected \$5.6 trillion budget surplus over the next decade is more than ample to meet government obligations, pay down public debt and still return money to overburdened taxpayers.

after an intense lobbying campaign that included assurances to lawmakers uneasy about voting against organized labor. The measure, which would revoke ergonomics rules issued late in the Clinton administration, secured remarkably swift passage, propelled by business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations and a desire by the congressional GOP leadership to give Bush his first legislative victory. The president has signaled he would sign the bill. The House passed the legislation Wednesday night on a largely party line vote of 223-206, less than 24 hours after Senate passage, despite a vigorous fight from Democrats and labor.

shoulder with outgoing premier Ehud Barak at a brief ceremony marking the handover of power a month after Sharon won a landslide election victory. "We're facing a period that's not going to be easy," Sharon said. "There are security risks and diplomatic issues which are far from simple."

Lawyers challenge Navy probe into submarine collision

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Lawyers for two commanding officers aboard the USS Greenville challenged the Navy's theory that safety was compromised when the submarine's schedule became rushed the day it fatally collided with a Japanese boat. Time and again, the lawyers put the admiral who oversaw the Navy's preliminary investigation on the spot Wednesday about information either left out of his report or conclusions that may not have been correct. Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths Jr. acknowledged he had only a couple of days to complete his investigation and suggested the three admirals overseeing the inquiry would have to delve deeper. Attorneys for Cmdr. Scott Waddle and Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer questioned Griffiths' assumption that the senior officers rushed their safety precautions because 16 civilian guests had delayed the sub's plans.

Sharon says he's willing to meet Arafat if violence stops

JERUSALEM (AP) — On his first full day in office, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday he would be willing to meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for negotiations — if the current violence ends. A smiling, relaxed Sharon stood shoulder-to-

Repeal of Clinton workplace rules awaits Bush signature

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to repeal brand new workplace safety regulations awaits President Bush's signature



(Special photo) Justin Lemons and Dustin Johnson were elected and then installed by Sara Petzelka as State Officer Candidates for Region I at the Regional FCCLA meeting in Lubbock. The two were eligible to run for State office.

Tri-City CCA concert to feature bluegrass

BORGER — Tri-City Community Concert Association will present Laurie Lewis and her Bluegrass Pals at 7:30 p.m., March 13 at Borger High School Auditorium in Borger.



Laurie Lewis

Lewis has long been involved in bluegrass, traditional country and folk music circles. She has won two International Bluegrass Music Association "Female Vocalist of the Year" awards and was nominated for a Grammy as Best Traditional Folk Album. In addition, she is a songwriter.

Lewis and her Pals have recorded on Rounder Records and perform bluegrass in the classic format with Tom Rozum on Mandolin and vocals, Todd Phillips on bass and vocals, Craig Smith on banjo and vocals and Mary Gibbons on guitar and vocals. Bluegrass, traditional coun-

try and folk music fans who are not members of Community Concert Association may purchase tickets at the door at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

IRA says it will renew disarmament talks

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Irish Republican Army announced Thursday it intends to resume talks with Northern Ireland's disarmament commissioners, raising hopes that a stalled peace process could soon move forward. The announcement set no date for the renewed dialogue. The IRA, which was supposed to disarm gradually under terms of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, has yet to scrap any weapons. The outlawed group's lead negotiator last met the disarmament commission 13 months ago. Thursday's apparent shift in a statement to Irish media came hours before the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, at Hillsborough, Northern Ireland, had scheduled a fresh round of negotiations with local parties that support the 1998 accord.

Pampa FCCLA attends regional meeting

Three Pampa chapters of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America attended Region I Conference held recently in Lubbock. The chapter members were among 1,000 delegates attending the two-day conference.

the Applied Technology Event. Destiny Engel and Alexis Amador placed first in the Chapter Service Event. Both teams have won the right to compete at the State FCCLA meeting in April at Houston.

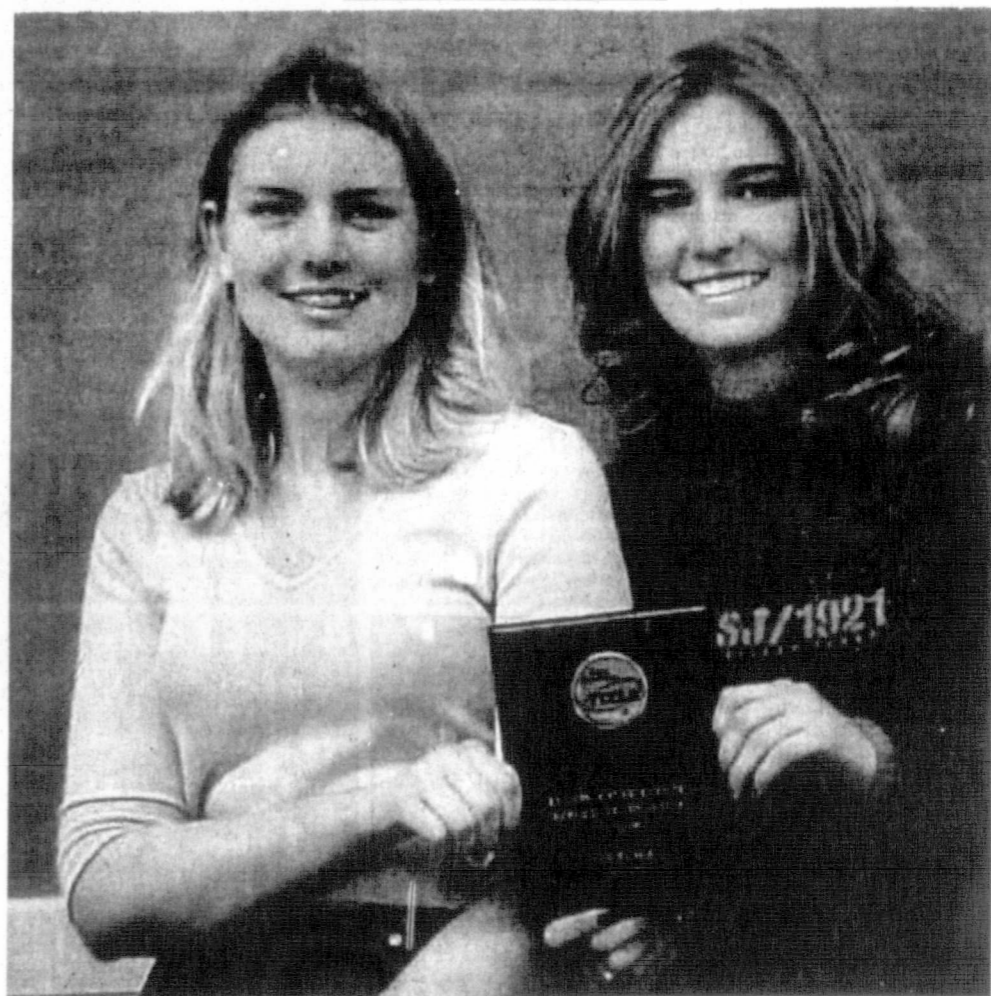
The youth-developed theme, "Wild about FCCLA!" was carried out through workshops and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing the youth of today. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting were: scholarships, date rape, team building, personality profile, eating disorders, Stop the Violence, community service, depression, stress management, leadership, STAR Events, underage drinking, public speaking, self-esteem and attitude checks.

The new officer team for 2001-02 was elected to carry the organization forward. Justin Lemon and Dustin Johnson were both elected as State Officer candidates for the state meeting. Voting delegates at the Regional meeting were Darron Ellis, Chelsey Davis and Haley Bowen. Helping with STAR Events were April Angel, Carla Newman, Carmelia Newman, Daniel Passini, and Robyn Lowry. Gaylene Skaggs, Karen Skaggs and Katie McDonald accompanied the three chapters.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participate at regional meetings. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

FCCLA is a youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Student leaders of Texas explore life decisions related to parenting, child development, management (personal and financial), interior design, entrepreneurship, food service, nutrition, institutional maintenance, hospitality and career awareness.

Vicki Williams and Susan Brackett placed first in



(Special photos) Top: Placing first at Regional FCCLA STAR events in Applied Technology were Susan Brackett and Vicki Williams. Bottom: Destiny Engel and Alexis Amador placed first in Chapter Service Event.

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