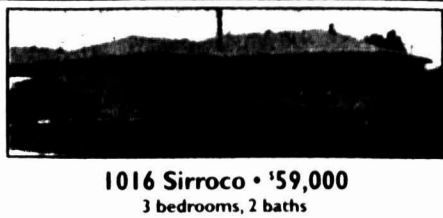


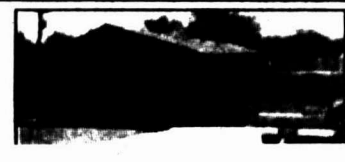
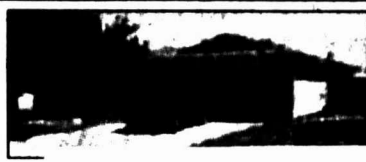
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Cancer support group to meet here Thursday

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m., March 21 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Flexibility Exercises." Wear comfortable, loose clothes and bring a mat, large towel or quilt to put on the floor. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

STATE

Astrohall to be destroyed

HOUSTON (AP) — The smaller, less glamorous neighbor to the Astrodome for 36 years is about to become rubble.

Known for most of its life as the Astrohall, the slope-roofed, three-wing convention center hosted its final event last weekend, the Houston Camper and RV Show. Preparations have begun for its May 1 demolition.

DEATHS

- Debbie Acuna, 47, long-time area resident.
- Ray Clements, 69, farmer.
- Glen Clemoris, services pending.
- Richard Little, 74, services pending.
- Oleta Nedra Marlin, 91, teacher.
- Waulita Brookshire Purvis, 84, cook.
- J.C. Sutton, 70, oilfield roughneck.

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Bond denied in fatal crash

SHAMROCK — Bond was denied for Cody Ryan Howard, 22, Arvada, Colo., on a murder charge in Wheeler County. He is being held in Gray County Jail in connection with a fatal crash in Shamrock Friday.

Deborah Acuna, 47, of McLean, died Friday at Shamrock General Hospital of injuries suffered when the van she was driving was broadsided at the intersection of the north I-40 frontage road and U.S. 83 in Shamrock.

Potter County Justice of the Peace Haven Dysart denied bond on the

charge. Howard was arraigned in Potter County after he was taken to an Amarillo hospital for treatment of injuries received in the wreck.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond of \$7,500 on additional charges of enhanced theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Acuna was the sister-in-law of Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams.

Howard is accused of running from law enforcement officers and crashing into Acuna's van.

He also is also accused of stealing about \$26 worth of gas from the Taylor Mart in McLean. According to the sheriff's department, the charge was enhanced because of past convictions.

The green 2000 Ford pickup Howard was driving had been reported stolen in Colorado, officers said.

Officers said a Department of Public Safety trooper from McLean and a Wheeler County deputy spotted a pickup matching the description given by the clerk at the Taylor Mart east bound on I-40.

Authorities said the highway patrol

and deputy sheriff tried to pull the pickup over, but it sped away with the officers in pursuit. Speeds were reported to exceed 100 miles an hour.

Wheeler County officials said the pickup took the first exit into Shamrock speeding east on old Route 66. The two patrol cars chased the pickup east through Shamrock and out of town along the south frontage road before the pickup turned and started back west in the eastbound lanes of I-40 toward Shamrock.

Officers said the pickup then (See CRASH, Page 3)

D-FY-IT report



(Courtesy photo)

Representatives of Pampa High School's Drug-Free Youth in Texas program spoke recently to the Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club. Monica Roden, D-FY-IT faculty advisor, right, reported on the incentives and support that are given to students to stay drug free. Two members of the D-FY-IT Student Board of Directors — Amy Robbins, not pictured, and Sarah Fraser, left — also spoke on the achievements of the program, supported in part by the local Kiwanis Club.

Two days left to file for city, school election

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

With two days left to file in the May 4 city and school elections, no one has filed for the Ward No. 4 post on the Pampa City Commission and all three school board members remain unopposed in their bids for re-election.

Filing for city and school elected positions ends at the close of business Wednesday, March 20. School board filings are being accepted in the Superintendent's Office, Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Persons wishing to file for Pampa City Commission, may do so at the City Secretary's office in City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Any candidate wishing to place a free announcement and photograph in The Pampa News must submit the information to the newspaper by 5 p.m., March 20, also. Announcements will be printed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space is available.

As of press time today, city officials said no one had filed for the Ward No. 4 seat on the Pampa City Commission presently held by Faustina Curry. Curry had previously told *The Pampa News* that she intended to run for re-election. (See ELECTION, Page 3)

Cheney: 'Peace not only possible, but necessary'

JERUSALEM (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney joined forces Monday with special envoy Anthony Zinni in turning up U.S. pressure for an elusive Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire.

"Peace is not only possible, but necessary," Cheney said standing along side Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Cheney was greeted by Sharon at a ceremony in front of the prime minis-

ter's office after the vice president and Zinni shared a 45-minute car ride from the airport outside Tel Aviv.

Cheney, nearing the end of an 11-nation tour of the Middle East, called on both Israelis and Palestinians to do more to achieve a cease-fire that could lead to a lasting peace.

He said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should make a "100 percent effort" to end terrorism by Palestinians. And, Cheney said, "I will

be talking to Prime Minister Sharon about steps Israel can take to eliminate devastating hardships experienced by innocent men, women and children."

For his part, Sharon praised the United States for its efforts to root out terrorism.

Terrorism against Israelis, Sharon said, "knows no mercy."

"I have in the past declared that in order to achieve a real, just and durable peace, I would be willing to

make painful compromises," Sharon said.

"But we cannot make any compromise on the security of our citizens and their right to live without the threat of terrorism and violence."

Cheney and Zinni planned extensive discussions Monday with Sharon on the current crisis and efforts to negotiate a cease-fire.

Cheney came to Israel from (See CHENEY, Page 3)

Blazing sunset



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A fiery sunset framed a lone pump jack near Pampa recently. Dry, dusty conditions have created a series of colorful sunsets for Panhandle-area residents recently. There's a chance that the dry-spell will be broken later today. Weather forecasters predict a 20- to 30-percent chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

ACUNA, Debbie — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.
CLEMENTS, Alwyn Ray — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Texline Cemetery, Texline, Texas.
MARLIN, Oleta Nedra — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
PURVIS, Waulita Brookshire — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, Okla.

RICHARD LITTLE

Richard Little, 74, of Pampa, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

GLEN CLEMONS

Glen Clemons, 78, a longtime Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at a Veteran's nursing home in Norman, Okla. Services are pending under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. The body will be available for viewing at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

WAULITA BROOKSHIRE PURVIS

ANADARKO, Okla. — Waulita Brookshire Purvis, 84, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, following a lengthy illness. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Memory Lane Cemetery with Chaplain Bill White officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Smith-Hackney Funeral Home of Anadarko.

Mrs. Purvis was born Aug. 7, 1917, at Anadarko, to George and Lena Parks. She married Albert Brookshire on March 31, 1933, at Chickasha, Okla.; he died in 1987. She married her second husband, James Long, on July 19, 1968, and he too preceded her in death.

J.C. SUTTON

J.C. Sutton, 70, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 14, 2002. Private graveside services were held Saturday, March 16, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Lee Cornelison officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A longtime Pampa resident, Mr. Sutton was born May 15, 1931, at Topeka, Kan. He worked as a roughneck in the oil field most of his life.

RAY CLEMENTS

1932-2002

TEXLINE, Texas — Alwyn Ray Clements, 69, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Coon Memorial Nursing Home in Dalhart. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Texline Cemetery with Rusty Hancock, pastor of Lincoln Street Baptist Church in Dalhart, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Hass Funeral Home of Dalhart.

Mr. Clements was born Sept. 20, 1932, at Eastland, Texas, to Raymond and Elnora (Stephens) Clements. The family lived at Gorman until moving to Dalhart in 1937. He attended schools in Dalhart and graduated from high school at Texline in 1966. A farmer at Coldwater, he was a Mason and belonged to First Baptist Church of Texline.

Survivors include three daughters, Ralene Hall of Booker, Barbara Houston of Adrian and Susan Wood of Dalhart; a son, Stephen Clements of Skellytown; a sister, Glenda Gaylor of Amarillo; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 314 Margaret in Dalhart.

OLETA NEDRA MARLIN

1911-2002

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas — Oleta Nedra Marlin, 91, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Mount Pleasant. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Marlin was born Jan. 30, 1911, at Shirley, Ark. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1941, moving to Mount Pleasant in 1983. She taught first and second grades in the Pampa schools from 1941-76. She then taught at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School also in first and second grades from 1976 until she retired in 1982.

She was a nominee for State Teacher of the Year. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a sister, Edreta White of Mount Pleasant; a niece, Mary K. Diggs of White Deer; a nephew, Robert L. Jewell of Whitesboro and Mike White; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family requests memorials be to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

DEBBIE ACUNA

1955-2002

McLEAN — Debbie Acuna, 47, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at Shamrock. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in McLean First Baptist Church with Brian Quisenberry, pastor, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mrs. Acuna, a longtime McLean area resident, was born Jan. 22, 1955, at Amarillo, to Pascal Holloway and Myrtle Trout. She married Antonio Acuna on June 10, 1972, at Amarillo. After earning a GED, she completed cosmetology and floral design courses. At the time of her death, she worked at C&H Supply in Shamrock. A "family" person, she loved her nieces and nephews and her many friends.

The family requests memorials be to "Acuna Family Fund" at Bank of Commerce, Box 29, McLean, TX 79057.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 15

A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Reported taken was a microwave, weight machine, television, tool set and unknown amount of jewelry. Estimated amount of loss is \$1,000.

Theft of check was reported in the 400 block of East Browning.

Found property in the 200 block of North Houston was turned in to the Pampa Police Department. Owner of the property was located and property was returned.

A lost property report was made in the 100 block of West 19th. Items reported were a cell phone and wallet.

A burglary of a building in the 500 block of West Brown. A front glass door to a business was reported broken out and \$25 taken from the cash register. Total amount of loss was \$425.

Saturday, March 16

Wendell R. Holland, 46, Borger, was arrested for solicitation of prostitution and disorderly conduct.

Manuel Maldonado, 25, Borger, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Gary Michael Burgess, 22, Skellytown, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cory Wade Walker, 20, Borger, was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, display fictitious motor vehicle insurance, expired registration and no proof of financial responsibility.

Eddie Lawrence, Jr., 20, 1210 E. Francis, was arrested on several capis pro fine warrants including no drivers license and failure to appear.

Pete Vargas Perez, 23, 935 Murphy, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear warrants.

Christopher D. Inouse, 25, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and disorderly conduct-fighting.

A theft of a bed, two mattresses and three end tables was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Estimate of loss is \$980.

An assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. No injuries were reported.

A theft under \$50 was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart in a gas drive-off.

A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1300 block of North Sumner. Reported taken were white shorts, cash and checkbook. Estimated amount of loss was \$40.

Sunday, March 17

Wynona Ann Wood, 30, 1140 Prairie Drive, was arrested for failure to ID.

Steveo Charles Nolte, Jr. 29, 921 S. Wells, arrested for no drivers license.

Crystal Tambura, 19, 232 Tignor, was arrested for several capias pro fine warrants including failure to display drivers license, open container and child age 4-14 not secured.

Margarita Carolina Martinez, 26, 410 N. Cuyler, was arrested on several capias pro fine warrants including failure to report change of address, not secured by safety belt, and two for speeding.

Dr. George Ronald Walters, 52, 1001 Quail Place, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense and resisting arrest.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Gordon. Minor injuries were reported as well as \$750 in damage to a vehicle.

A civil matter was reported involving a motor vehicle in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Phone harassment in the 1600 block of Grape Lane was reported.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Burglary of a motor vehicle in the 400 block of Hill was reported. Four speakers were taken and the estimated loss was \$500.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 14

7:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

7:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported one to PRMC.

12:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

3:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTX) in Amarillo.

3:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

6:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

10:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Sumner; no transport.

Friday, March 15

1:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Albert and transported one to PRMC.

10:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Christy. One patient was transported to PRMC.

11:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road. One patient

was transported to PRMC.

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. One patient was transported to an Amarillo hospital.

Saturday, March 16

8:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1400 block of Somerville. One patient was transported to PRMC.

2:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Mary Ellen for a fire standby.

3:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to BSAW in Amarillo.

4:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transport a patient to BSAW.

5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Gray. One patient was transported to PRMC.

8:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart. One patient was transported to PRMC.

Sunday, March 17

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Jupiter. One was transported to PRMC.

5:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner. One patient was transported to PRMC.

6:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart. One patient was transported to PRMC.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center. One patient was transported to PRMC.

7:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to NWTX.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms and highs in the middle 60s with south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, cloudy and becoming breezy. Lows in the lower 40s. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph, shifting to the north and increasing to 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph late. Tuesday, cloudy, breezy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Tuesday night, clear. Lows near 30.

INTERSTATE 35 AND SOUTH OF I-20

Rainfall estimates showed as much as three-quarters of an inch fell between Waco and Canton. Showers and a few thunderstorms also extended from the lower Trans Pecos to the low Rolling Plains as well as between Wichita Falls and Marfa. Skies were

MOSTLY CLOUDY ELSEWHERE.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 27 degrees at Dalhart to 75 at McAllen. Other readings were 62 at Wink and 44 in Amarillo. Winds were mostly southerly at 10 to 20 mph except for North Texas, with easterly to southeasterly breezes at 5 to 15 mph.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department filed the following recent accident reports.

Wednesday, March 13

An unknown yellow vehicle struck a legally parked White Ford Victoria owned by the City of Pampa. It was unknown at which of two locations the car was hit.

Oddie Lee Nickell, 48, Amarillo, was cited for following too close after the 1997 Ford flatbed pickup he was driving in the 1100 block of Somerville collided with the rear of a 1993 Chrysler driven by Bernice Davies Guess, 22, Idalou, Texas. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, March 14

Arturo Villareal Jr., 19, 509 N. Christy, was cited for no proof of financial responsibility, driving without a valid driver's license and fleeing the scene after the 1994 Ford Thunderbird he was driving in the 1200 block of West Montagu left the road and hit a fence and a house at 533 N. Christy.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		VLO	47.54	+0.01
Wheat	2.42	Halliburton	17.13	+0.46
Milo	3.16	Triad Hospitals	32.83	-0.17
Corn	3.50	NOI	23.68	+0.98
Soybeans	3.82	KMI	49.51	-0.02
		XCEL	25.50	-0.06
		Kerr McGee	61.14	+0.24
		Limited	18.02	+0.07
		Williams	22.91	-0.50
		McDonald's	28.51	-0.21
		Exxon Mobil	43.98	+0.37
		Atmos	23.66	-0.10
		Pioneer Nat.	21.84	+0.15
		Penney's	22.00	-0.13
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		CVX	90.66	+0.86
		Wal-Mart	63.45	-0.30
		OKE	19.87	+0.02
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.				
BP	52.00	-0.20		
Celanese	21.00	NC		
Cabot Corp.	35.40	-0.35	New York Gold	290.05
Cabot Oil Gas	23.75	+0.41	Silver	4.51
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CHENEY

Kuwait, the final of nine Arab states he has visited. He carried a request from Arab leaders that he push the Israelis to allow Arafat to attend an Arab summit in Beirut, Lebanon, later this month.

At a news conference with Kuwait's deputy prime minister, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah Cheney declined to say whether he might meet with Arafat, even though time had been set aside in his schedule for a meeting with the Palestinian side. President Bush has refused during his 14 months in office to meet with Arafat.

A Palestinian spokesman, Yasser Abed Rabbo, said no Palestinian leader other than Arafat would meet with the vice president. "And so there will be no meeting with Cheney unless there is an official meeting with President Arafat," he said.

The vice president said he would look to Zinni for advice on how he could best serve the cause of getting the two warring sides back to the table for peace talks.

Although Sharon recently lifted some travel restrictions on the Palestinian leader, he has yet to say if he will permit Arafat to attend the Arab conclave.

Kuwait was the ninth and final Arab nation the vice president has visited in his weeklong trip to the region.

As had Arab leaders at the earlier stops, Sheik Sabah rebuffed a U.S. bid for a stronger stand against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and said Kuwait would not support military action against its neighbor.

"Not because Iraq is a friend of Kuwait, but because present circumstances are not suitable ... and the Iraqi regime will not be harmed but Iraqi people will," he said.

Echoing other leaders in the region, Sabah said he preferred to increase the pressure on Saddam to permit the return of U.N. weapons inspectors.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan was quoted Monday as saying Iraq will not allow inspectors to return "unless the sites meant for inspection are defined and a timetable that cannot be extended is set to end the work." He made the remarks in an interview with the Saudi-owned newspaper Asharq al-Awsat, based in London.

Zinni, a retired Marine general, has been waging an uphill fight to prod the Israelis and Palestinians toward a peace agreement. His job was complicated over the weekend by a suicide attack in Jerusalem and a fatal shooting north of Tel Aviv.

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ELECTION

Tanita Olson, 1129 N. Starkweather, has filed for Ward No. 2 spot on the city commission. She is challenging incumbent Jeff Andrews who has filed for re-election.

In the race for Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees, Lance DeFever is the last of the three incumbents filing for re-election. DeFever was appointed to Place No. 2 on the school board to fill the remaining term of Pat Kennedy who retired. DeFever filed for election on March 7, according to school officials.

Incumbent Dr. Jay Johnson filed for re-

election to Place No. 3 and John Curry, also an incumbent, filed for Place No. 1.

None of the three school board members were opposed by press time today.

Early voting in the May 4 city/ school elections begins April 17 and will continue through close of business on April 30. Voting by personal appearance begins at Carver Center if any of the school board places are contested. Early voting in the city commission race will be conducted at City Hall. Early voting is conducted during regular business hours.

Election Day is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

ON RECORD, CONT. FROM PAGE TWO

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 15

10:14 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of North Christy.

10:03 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 400 block of Magnolia. A small amount was found to be coming from the heater.

10:22 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a reported garage fire in the 700 block of Brunow. A person was burning tree limbs. Firefighters put out the fire and contacted the Fire Marshal.

Saturday, March 16

2:45 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen. The fire was located outside of a garage by the alley. Damage estimate was not listed on the report.

4:08 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Carbon monoxide was found to be coming from a wall heater.

5:39 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1900 block of Evergreen. Something left on the stove had set off the smoke alarm. The fire was out on arrival.

7:01 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 100 block of West 19th. The flue had not been opened when someone started a fire in the fireplace, setting off the alarm.

8:57 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Sunday, March 17

7:38 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a smoke alarm in the 100 block of South Russell. The alarm had been set off by someone cooking.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff Department reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 14

Michael Lynn Wood, 29, 1140 Prairie Drive, was arrested for possible anhydrous ammonia in unlicensed container. He also had capias pro fine warrants for bond surrender and theft by check.

Stacy Layne Alexander, 33, Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested for DWI, subsequent offense-enhanced.

Rogelio B. Rosalez, 41, 1027 S. Clark, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for driving under the influence, subsequent offense.

Friday, March 15

Cody Ryan Howard, 22, Arvada, Colo., was arrested by the Department of Public

Safety for homicide, theft enhanced and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Sarah Alison Brady, 21, Pampa, was arrested for no proof of insurance.

Marilyn Dawn Baggett, 24, 608 Jupiter, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, March 16

Sheri Stewart, 33, 324 Jean, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for bad check.

Louisa Aguilar Black, 36, 1404 N. Banks, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for tampering with government records.

Steven Murrufo, 18, 1126 Oklahoma, was arrested on a warrant out of Winkler County on burglary of a habitation.

Mark Gene Pendergrass, 45, 316 N. Sumner, was arrested for a Gray County warrant for harassment.

Dumas church bus crashes in Colorado; no one hurt seriously

SALIDA, Colo. (AP) — A Texas church bus carrying 40 people skidded off a highway and 75 feet down an embankment after avoiding a collision with another bus, but no one was seriously injured, the Colorado State Patrol said.

The bus, operated by First Baptist Church of Dumas, Texas, was headed to Salida from the Monarch Ski & Snowboard Area on Colorado 50 at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday when the accident occurred.

Ten people were taken by ambulance to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center in Salida, where they were treated and released. The other people aboard the church bus were taken to the hospital by private vehicle, given precautionary examinations and released, the patrol said.

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Andrea Yates sent to prison for life; relatives speak out

HOUSTON (AP) — As Andrea Yates' family made the talk-show circuit Monday morning, a judge formally sentenced the Houston woman to life in prison in the drownings of her five children.

Yates, clad in an orange Harris County jumpsuit instead of the civilian clothes she wore during her four-week trial, was fingerprinted in the courtroom. She looked into the gallery, but her only close supporters were jail psychiatrists Melissa Ferguson and Debbie Osterman.

Defense attorney George Parnham requested she stay at the Harris County Jail for as long as possible to continue receiving medical care.

"Good luck to you, Mrs. Yates," state District Judge Belinda Hill said as she dis-

missed the 37-year-old homemaker, who will be eligible for parole in 2041. When Yates arrives in the Texas prison system, she will join 69 other women serving time for killing one or more of their children.

Yates was convicted of capital murder last week in the June 20 attack on her children after a jury rejected her insanity defense. The same jury took less than an hour Friday to reject lethal injection, meaning Monday's life sentence was automatic.

Meanwhile, Yates' husband and relatives appeared on several national talk shows Monday. Some members of Yates' family accused husband Russell Yates of not doing enough to assess the Houston woman's mental ill-

ness. The comments came in a group interview with Houston television station KTRK that was also aired on ABC's "Good Morning, America," on Monday.

Brian Kennedy, a brother of Andrea Yates, called Russell Yates an "unemotional" husband inattentive to his sister's needs.

Andrea Yates' mother, Jutta Karin Kennedy, said her son-in-law told her after the birth of their fourth child that he had never changed a diaper.

"I think that any man and woman whose spouse was that severely down, confused, that sick, that I would do whatever it would take to make sure my other half would get the help that was necessary," Brian Kennedy said.

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CRASH

crossed the median into the westbound lanes, exiting onto the frontage road on the north side of I-40 as the deputy reportedly pulled up beside the pickup and the trooper closed in from behind.

Officers reported that the pickup ran a stop sign and broadsided a 1998 Chevrolet mini-van driven by Acuna.

Witnesses said the force of the crash threw the van into the air.

Authorities said Acuna, southbound on U.S. 83, was alone in the van and had just finished lunch at a nearby restaurant. She was rushed to Shamrock General Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Officers said Howard and a passenger in the pickup, Lorena Ferguson, 19, Westminster, Colo., were taken to Shamrock General Hospital and then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital

in Amarillo for injuries suffered in the crash. Howard reportedly suffered a broken ankle. Ferguson suffered a broken right arm, authorities said.

Howard was booked into the Gray County jail about 10 p.m. Friday.

Ferguson was in Northwest

Texas Hospital late Friday night.

Department of Public Safety officials are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Services for Mrs. Acuna are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in McLean.

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and Taft in Sharp Dispute Over Labor Bill

AP Daily News

PAMPA, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1949

'Inherent Powers' Center of Debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharp new dispute between President Truman and Senator Taft (R-Ohio) pointed out the battle over the administration's labor bill today.

Mr. Truman started the ball rolling by saying he has ample authority as President and commander-in-chief to halt strikes endangering national health or welfare without any additional power in the new bill.

Taft retorted that even the suggestion the President has such power "is a threat to the liberty of the people."

The President, at his news conference late yesterday, was talking about the "inherent powers" which Attorney General Clark ascribed to him for dealing with critical work stoppages.

The administration bill would repeal the Taft-Hartley law and restore an "improved" Wagner Act. That would wipe out the Taft-Hartley provision for 90-day cooling-off period, while emergency injunctions to block "national emergency" strikes.

Clark has told Congress he believes the President still would have "exceedingly great" inherent powers to meet the situation, despite the fact there is no provision for court orders in the administration bill. That measure provides instead for a 30-day cooling-off period, while emergency injunctions to block "national emergency" strikes.

Mr. Truman agreed with his attorney general.

Then Taft, at a session of the Senate Labor Committee last night, took sharp issue with the President. He said:

"In time of peace, there is no power without a statute to get an injunction."

"The very suggestion that any such power exists is a threat to the people of the United States."

"There is no authority anywhere to create a prima facie case of such powers on the part of the President."

Before the White House conference yesterday, Taft had made it plain that he did not agree with Clark.

Arthur Goldberg, CIO general counsel, was on witness stand when Taft made his remarks.

Goldberg generally endorsed the administration bill, but suggested some "clarifying" changes.

The CIO official opposed the use of injunctions in national emergencies. He told reporters the CIO disagrees with Clark and the President about there being any inherent power that could be used by the Chief Executive to block a strike.

"In peacetime, we can rely on the normal powers of collective bargaining and mediation, plus a willingness to accept the recommendations of fact-finding boards," Goldberg said.

Martin Dies Looking for New Party

Martin Dies, former head of the U. S. House un-American Activities Committee, last night at Amarillo looked for a new political party which would afford him a "place to fight."

As principal speaker before some 300 Panhandle Texas Manufacturers Association members at the Herring Hotel, he said we should embark on a "crusade for America."

"I would fight for Americanism with the Democratic Party but I know them too well. I know that the present liberalism, which is removed from communism only by degree, would not tolerate a fight for the ideals which we all enjoy today," he said.

"Likewise, I would fight for our freedom with the Republican Party, but they lack leadership. The Dixiecrats in standing up for state rights were on the right track, but they, like the others, pussy-footed around so that true Americans became disgusted," he asserted.

Dies warned again of the Russian plan to extend communism. "There should be no letup in the hunt for those who would subvert the American way of living and enterprise," he said.

He declared against current Russian "peace" overtures to the U. S., charging their design is to thwart progress of the North Atlantic Alliance, involving the United States and Western European nations, including Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

There were a number of speakers on the program.

State Senator James E. Taylor, Kerens, Tex., held the group that 23 of the 40-odd bills already submitted to the 51st Legislature have been routed to his committee, the Finance Committee, of (See MARTIN, Page 2)

Pontiac Will Show Latest Models Here

The Coffey Pontiac Agency, formerly at 220 N. Somerville, will formally open for business in its new building at the corner of W. Kingmill and Gray at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The opening ceremony, led with a prayer by the Rev. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be broadcast over Radio Station KPDM at 9:30.

A second broadcast will be carried at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow.

First local showing of the new 1948 model Pontiacs will be held in the new showroom. The new Pontiac is offered this year in two series—Chief and Streamliner. Both are in standard or deluxe models.

Included in the all-new repair and service department, is a Dinks spray booth, reported to be the only one of its kind in this part of the country. I. C. Coffey, owner of the agency, said.

The spray booth can handle a whole automobile at once. "All you have to do is drive up in it," Coffey said. "It is completely ventilated and dust-proof."

The new Coffey building, on a 75-by-140-foot lot, contains more than 9,000 feet of floor space. Its design incorporates some of the most modern features for an automobile show room and service department. The building was begun Sept. 1, 1948.

John C. Childers Dies Suddenly

John C. Childers, 53, died suddenly in his room at the American Courts at noon yesterday, following a short illness.

Childers was born in Lewistown, Ill., on Aug. 30, 1895, came here from El Paso and had been in town about a week. He was a World War I veteran and a member of Elks lodge No. 1632 in Cut Bank, Mont.

His survivors include a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Childers of Pampa, and a sister, Marie Childers of San Francisco, Calif. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Duenkel-Carroll Funeral Home, are pending.

'Fighting Hearts' Award Made at Football Banquet

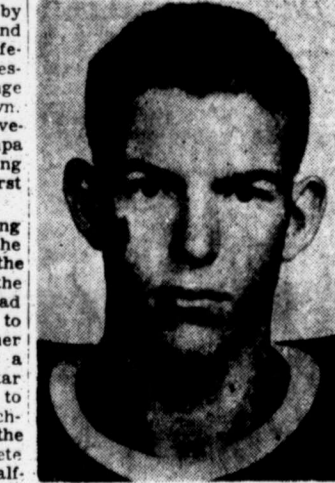
The Pampa Harvester football team was honored at a football banquet last night, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and given in the High School cafeteria. A host of guests were present, and movies of the Orange football contest were shown.

The high point of the evening was the honoring of a Pampa Harvester with the "Fighting Hearts" award, given for the first time this year.

Coach Tom Tipps, in making the presentation, stated that the award will be given annually to the boy with the most spirit and the most fight, to the one who had been the biggest inspiration to the team all season long, whether on the practice field or during a game. He stated that every star must have a fighting heart to attain greatness, and as the coaches' selection for the boy with the fighting heart he named Pete Cooper, a Junior, reserve half-back.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was G. S. "Pinkey" Vineyard. The invocation was given by Rev. Ed Henshaw. Dinner music was furnished by Ken Bennett's Combo, special music was offered by the Squeaky Door Four, and the special guests, the Harvester coaches and the Harvester were introduced by Lieb Langston.

The guest speaker, Eck Curtis, backfield coach of the Texas Longhorns, was introduced by Dr. Calvin Jones. Curtis told of how Texas was chosen for the Orange Bowl, how they trained for the game, and of the future prospects for the Longhorns. He gave many fine tributes to Randy Clay and



PETE COOPER

Red Mayes, to the coaches in this area and to Doak Walker, who, he said, was the perfect model American youth.

After the talk by Curtis, the banquet adjourned to the auditorium, where the movies were shown.

Special guests who were in attendance were Eck Curtis, Randy Clay, Red Mayes, Jim Terrell, Charles Laffoon, Coaches Chesty Walker and Jim McDaniel of Phillips, Bull Lynch and John Wintry of Amarillo, W. C. O. Harris, George Dollar, and George Dowger of Plainview, T. E. Ward and Ted Lucas of Borger, George Watson of White Deer.

Navy to Play Second Fiddle To Air Force

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy got the word today that it probably is going to have to play second fiddle to the Air Force in Congress.

Indirect notice of this attitude came in the form of "no-what?" reaction among lawmakers to an announcement by Secretary Sullivan that the Navy will have to lay up 72 ships and cut its strength 20,000 men to keep within President Truman's new budget.

This was in direct contrast to the strong sentiment that has grown up in Congress to push Air Force developments far beyond the 48-group setup proposed by Mr. Truman.

Chairman Lison (D-Ga.) predicted that the House Armed Services Committee will approve Monday a bill authorizing a 70-group air force.

Sullivan's statement that three aircraft carriers and 12 cruisers, plus lesser ships, will have to be put in moth balls was looked on in Congress at least in part as a roundabout bid for more funds than the \$4,674,000,000 set up in the budget.

Two Democratic members of the (See NAVY, Page 2)

Navy Renews Lease Within Red Circle

SHANGHAI (AP)—Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, here to meet Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, Pacific Fleet commander, revealed today the Navy had renewed for six months its lease on a Tsingtao hotel.

The lease renewal was taken to mean that the Navy was not pulling out of Communist-tinged Tsingtao, North China's most important anchorage.

Badger said he would bring his flagship, the Eldorado, to Shanghai shortly and that his Western Pacific Fleet headquarters would move to the city. This did not mean, he insisted, that his headquarters would shift permanently to Shanghai from Tsingtao.

Ramsey and Badger will fly to Tsingtao Sunday for conferences which many feel may determine how long the U. S. Navy and a Marine unit will remain in China.

Meanwhile, the Chinese civil war remained quiet.

At Nanking Acting President Li Tsung-shan's efforts to ward peace seemed to sink lower. Shao Liao, a member of Li's government peace delegation, expressed a willingness to accompany a Shanghai regional peace delegation to Peking but servants at his home said he was making no active preparations to do so.

Hit and Run Charges Filed

Charges of hit and run were filed this morning against Mitchell Landers, 520 W. Oklahoma, following a car-truck crash at 5:49 p. m. yesterday at W. Brown and S. Gray.

Police said Landers, traveling north on Gray in a 1935 International pickup, struck the rear of a 1941 Plymouth sedan driven by James W. Archer, 409 N. Gray, travelling west on Brown.

Landers, officers continued, spun around two times from the impact of the crash and left the scene of the accident without stopping to identify himself or render assistance.

Landers was apprehended two hours later by Patrolmen D. L. Day and Geoffrey Williams. Damages to Archer's car was estimated at "well over" \$150 by police. There were no injuries.

Allgire Services Will Be Sunday

PANHANDLE (Special)—Funeral services for Cleo Allgire, 54, will be held Sunday afternoon from the First Methodist Church of Panhandle, with the Rev. James Todd, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Panhandle cemetery, where military rites by the Kit Carson American Legion Post of Panhandle will be held.

Allgire, who was born Feb. 23, 1894, in Wayne City, Ill., came to Panhandle after the first world war and married the former Mabel Pullen Feb. 12, 1928. He farmed near Panhandle until 1945, when he moved to Amarillo. He had been in ill health for some time and had been a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. He died Tuesday morning following a heart attack.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lovita Unfried of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Ila Hardin of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Pearl Hammons of Amarillo; by three brothers, Van of Amarillo, Herman of Gridley, Calif., and Lester of Belleville, Ill., and by seven sisters.

WE HEARD... Quite a few Pampans will be receiving postcards written in invisible ink in this afternoon's mail. If they want their curiosity satisfied—all they need do is to hold the postcards over a flame.

Boy Scout Week Slated Feb. 6-12

Since the 39th anniversary of Boy Scouting will be Feb. 6, Mayor C. A. Huff has proclaimed the week Feb. 6-12 as Boy Scout Week.

The annual drive for funds of the Adobe Walls Area Council will get underway Monday morning under the chairmanship of L. N. Atchison. The Advance Gift Committee already has started into operation.

PROCLAMATION Whereas, Feb. 6, 1949 is the 39th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by Congress as a program for all the boys of America; and whereas the program has affected the lives of 15,500,000 American boys and men since 1910, and has an active enrollment of 2,200,000;

Therefore, I, Mayor of Pampa, do hereby proclaim the week Feb. 6-12 as Boy Scout Week, and urge citizens to recognize the patriotic volunteer service being rendered to Pampa by the Scout leaders, and by all possible ways to further this wholesome youth program.

(Signed) C. A. Huff Mayor of Pampa

Jimmie McCune, chairman of the Employee Solicitation Committee, presided at a banquet Wednesday night at the Court House Cafe. Seventeen superintendents from Cabot, General Atlas, and Texas Elk Carbon Companies and Phillips Petroleum Company were represented.

Superintendents were issued kits to collect contributions from the 975 employees they represented. Other oil, gas and carbon companies will be contacted individually, McCune said.

Attending the banquet were: Charles Clark, Jonnie Brown, Howard Cody, E. J. O'Brien, Roy Gibson, Bill Loving, Calvin Whaley, Ralph Levin, J. LaFevre, J. B. Stead, A. J. Montgomery, G. M. Singleton, R. S. Watson, J. L. Bevington, T. E. Umphres, Lawrence Smith, R. H. Bradford and Paul Belschner, executive of the Adobe Walls Area Council.

Old Couple Reunited, Separated

BRISTOW, Okla. (AP)—The 65-year-old bride of Bristow and the husband she found after 42 years have decided to go their separate ways at least for the present.

Mrs. Ella Mershon said today it seemed best because neither she nor Barkeley Burris, 72, had much financial means.

But she hopes—as Burris expressed it—as he left by train for Plainview, Texas, that something may turn up to help them.

"We talked it all over," said Mrs. Mershon. "I want to do everything in my power to help him. But I am a widow without much means and he is a Texas state pensioner. He would lose his \$50 a month if he moved to Oklahoma."

"He said as he left today I hate to go back without you. But I didn't see any other way. I talked with the postmaster at Plainview and he said they all looked like Mr. Burris and would help care for him."

"Mr. Burris said rent was awful high down there. He was awful nervous. But I fixed a nice lunch. And perhaps later on we will talk it over again. I'm awful sorry about this but under the circumstances it seems the only thing."

Earlier this week Mrs. Mershon said she thought she would remarry Burris. However, under (See OLD COUPLE, Page 2)

Final Plans Are Made for Show, Sale

Final plans were made yesterday for the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which will be held at Recreation Park Feb. 14-15.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee and Board of Directors met at a luncheon yesterday to complete the plans.

Members of the Agriculture Committee and others interested in the show are working at Recreation Park today, getting the grounds and buildings in shape for the show.

Trophies this year, will be furnished by the Lions and Rotary Clubs, respectively, for the fat calves and fat pigs divisions.

Clyde Carruth, superintendent of the show, announced approximately 100 head of livestock will be offered for sale beginning at 9 a. m. on the opening day, FFA and 4-H Club boys of Gray, Roberts, Wheeler and Carra Counties will enter the livestock.

Fred Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has urged business people to support this year's sale by buying one or more of the prize animals.

In the fat calf division, all calves must have been the property of, and must have been fed by the exhibitor throughout a feeding period of not less than six months. No nurse cow will be allowed in the show barn, and calves must remain at the show (See FINAL, Page 2)

Rites Set for Bridwell Infant

Funeral services for William Merle Bridwell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bridwell, 412 S. Somerville, will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow from the First Christian Church in Canadian. Burial, by the Duenkel-Carmichael Funeral Home, will be in the Canadian cemetery.

The infant, who was born June 9, 1947, in Pampa, died at 5:30 a. m. today in a local hospital after an illness of about a week.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Norma Rae, one brother, Alfred Earl, and by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bridwell of Pampa.

LOCAL SCOUTMASTER RELATES HIS REASON - 'WHY I'M IN SCOUTING'

By FLAUDIE GALLMAN Scoutmaster of Troop 80

I would like to begin by using a conventional expression of our day which invites us to look at the picture. The background is the great out-of-doors. Tall grasses reach high, spread out and dip down to conceal all that has been entrusted to their keeping.

Far back something rises high above everything else and fades into obscurity. You hear all kinds of noise but you can't see what makes them. There is a trail, but you can't see down it to the first bend. You don't know where it might lead or where it might end. Time and experience have proved that along that trail is fun, adventure and excitement. In the forefront of all this is a boy with a pack on his back. He is hesitant, but smiling and ready.

This boy was 12 years old a few days ago. Furthermore, he has accepted an invitation from the Boy Scouts of America to a hike down this trail. He has been told that Scouting is a game and a rule of the game is

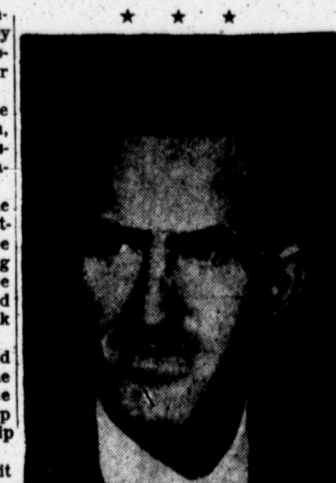
not to go down that trail without an adult leader. The Boy Scouts have endeavored to provide the boy with that leader—a Scoutmaster.

Together they move down the trail. Soon both are hidden in the brush. The boy's eyes are mysterious and delights of God's creation.

Now this is only part of the explanation of why I'm in Scouting. The full answer cannot be given; instead, it is something realized. The most that can be explained is that the boy and the Scoutmaster begin to walk down that trail.

Two other great situations add to the explanation, namely, the rest on that old log far off the beaten trail and that little camp fire where mutual fellowship flourishes freely.

Whatever the explanation, it can be seen in good character and worthy citizenship of every real Scout. The explanation begins when the boy accepts the great responsibility. "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country,



FLAUDIE GALLMAN

to help other people at all times and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."



SNOW DRIFTS CONCEAL CAR—With only part of its top visible above drifts, the car (indicated by the arrow) belonging to Larry Erbet, Bloomfield, Neb., farmer, still is held in heavy snow on the road junction two miles south of Bloomfield in Nebraska's blizzard belt. (NEA Telephoto.)

NEXT MOVE IN MOSCOW DEBATE UP TO KREMLIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The next move in the Moscow-Washington debate over how to end the cold war is now clearly up to the Kremlin, diplomatic authorities agreed today.

Two possible major lines of Soviet counter action were foreseen here:

1. A new bid at the United States for rejecting Premier Stalin's so-called "peace" statements of last Sunday. This might be coupled with the familiar Russian argument that while Moscow seeks an improvement in East-West relations the United States is maneuvering toward war.

2. Some specific proposal for a settlement of one or more outstanding issues along the lines laid down by President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson.

Together these two American leaders have slammed shut the door on any kind of direct meeting between Mr. Truman and Premier Stalin for the purpose of making a "pact of peace" or trying to settle between themselves issues involving other countries—which mean all the real issues which are in East-West conflict.

However, both the President and his secretary of state have left the way open for the Russians, if they want to end such struggles as that over Berlin, to come forward with proposals for action through established diplomatic channels.

At his news conference yesterday Mr. Truman declared that the United States would not go outside the framework of the United Nations to enter into talks with Russia or other powers on the world situation.

At the State Department this remark was interpreted to mean not only such U. N. agencies as the Security Council and General Assembly, but also would include other related agencies such as the Council of Foreign Ministers whose responsibility for handling the problem grew out of World War II indirectly recalled (See NEXT, Page 2)

Hit and Run Charges Filed

Charges of hit and run were filed this morning against Mitchell Landers, 520 W. Oklahoma, following a car-truck crash at 5:49 p. m. yesterday at W. Brown and S. Gray.

Police said Landers, traveling north on Gray in a 1935 International pickup, struck the rear of a 1941 Plymouth sedan driven by James W. Archer, 409 N. Gray, travelling west on Brown.

Landers, officers continued, spun around two times from the impact of the crash and left the scene of the accident without stopping to identify himself or render assistance.

Landers was apprehended two hours later by Patrolmen D. L. Day and Geoffrey Williams. Damages to Archer's car was estimated at "well over" \$150 by police. There were no injuries.

Allgire Services Will Be Sunday

PANHANDLE (Special)—Funeral services for Cleo Allgire, 54, will be held Sunday afternoon from the First Methodist Church of Panhandle, with the Rev. James Todd, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Panhandle cemetery, where military rites by the Kit Carson American Legion Post of Panhandle will be held.

Allgire, who was born Feb. 23, 1894, in Wayne City, Ill., came to Panhandle after the first world war and married the former Mabel Pullen Feb. 12, 1928. He farmed near Panhandle until 1945, when he moved to Amarillo. He had been in ill health for some time and had been a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. He died Tuesday morning following a heart attack.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lovita Unfried of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Ila Hardin of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Pearl Hammons of Amarillo; by three brothers, Van of Amarillo, Herman of Gridley, Calif., and Lester of Belleville, Ill., and by seven sisters.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Wants Small Sparkler To Celebrate Couple's 25th

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in a few months. When he asks me what I want, how do I hint to him that I'd like a modest engagement ring without having to come right out with it? I have never had one, and I have never taken off my wedding band during our entire marriage. In fact, I have never worn another ring on my hands out of respect for my wedding band. I would like a small "sparkler" to go along with it, but I'm embarrassed to tell him. It seems almost greedy.

Although we probably should keep all our savings for retirement, we could be frivolous and spend several hundred dollars without breaking the bank. I have put jewelry ads where he can see them, but he doesn't notice them.

SEEKING A SUBTLE SUGGESTION IN FLORIDA

DEAR SEEKING: Your husband isn't a mind reader, and if you expect him to pick up on a hint, you're taking a big gamble. When he asks what you want for your 25th anniversary, tell him the truth. Tell him you would like a tasteful, sparkling diamond ring to add to your wedding band — to symbolize the jewel of a man you married so many happy years ago. It's the truth, and I hope it has the desired result.

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1993, I was in ninth grade attending high school in northern Delaware. I was a shy kid and somewhat depressed. I never had much to say, nor felt my opinions mattered.

One day in math class, the teacher called on me to answer a math problem. Out of the blue, a boy who sat several rows away said out loud, "You should talk more. You have a nice voice." I was in shock — in a good way! Someone had given me a compliment!

It was, and still is, one of the nicest compliments I've ever received. It made me feel valued. I still smile whenever I think of it.

If that young man happens to read this, I thank him from the bottom of my heart.

STEPHANIE IN DELAWARE

My friendly thought I do not share
May leave another in despair.
The words that burn, the hurt that sears
May live to haunt me through the years.
What loads I lift, what joy I spread
May live long after I am dead.

My grandma was a wonderful lady. I can recall no unkind comment she ever made.

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DEAR BONNIE: Your grandmother not only had a way with words, she was a wise woman.

DEAR STEPHANIE: I'm pleased to pass along your message. A simple compliment can change a life. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My 99-year-old aunt gave me this poem. It was written by my grandmother, Cecile Harris, who was born in 1868. I call it "Grandma's Words of Wisdom."

For some kind word I do not say
A heart goes lonely on its way.
Those words of praise I do not speak
May make another's courage weak.

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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Custom
6 Bird's gullet
10 Not napping
11 Enraged
13 Jar sticker
14 Lower in esteem
15 Aunt in Acapulco
16 Distress letters
18 Agent, for short
19 Long way to travel?
22 Scoundrel
23 "Cold As Ever" rapper
24 Asparagus unit
27 High school students
28 Swindles
29 Droop
30 Last stage of an undertaking
35 Important time
36 Chiding sound
37 Regret
38 Like a slob
40 Blazing
42 German industrial city
43 Famous

DOWN

1 Ceases
2 Be patient for
3 Elephant of stories
4 Presidential nickname
5 Satellite launched in 1962
6 Come into conflict
7 Umbrella part
8 Greed
9 Bible journeyers
12 Train stops
17 Fall mo.
20 Clear a tape
21 Loyal subject
24 Plan
25 Most needy
26 As a group
27 Kill patterns
29 Hockey's Grimson
31 Song-writer
32 Hackneyed
33 Made sound
34 Pays attention to
39 Fixed
41 Opponent

Saturday's answer

10 CELT
11 TAOS
12 PIXIE
13 ETHAN
14 ANODE
15 ALIVE
16 RED STAR
17 OAR
18 EMU
19 HUSBAND
20 DASHED
21 ANTS
22 ADIOS
23 SPAT
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29 RECITAL
30 BEAME
31 ALATE
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33 NITER
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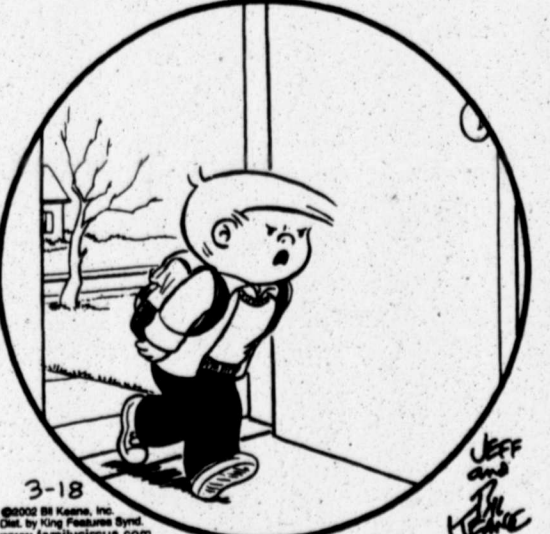
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For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



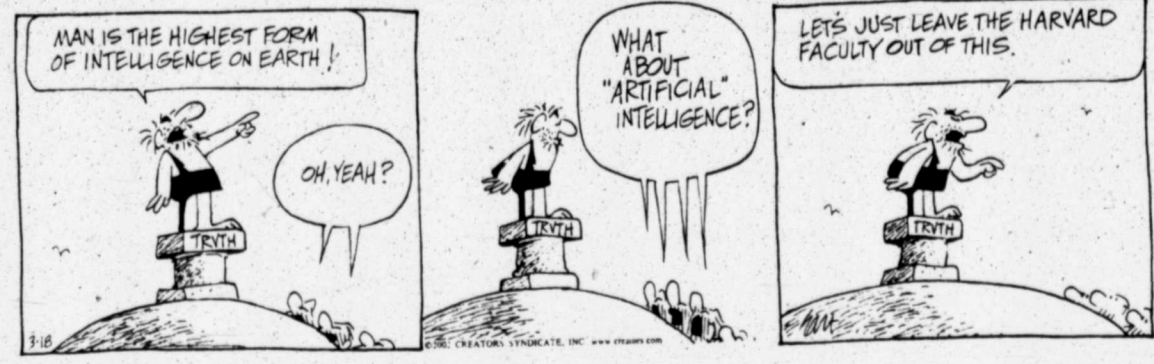
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Wildwood



SPORTS

Rivals Texas, Oklahoma advance to Sweet 16

By JOEL ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and Oklahoma rubbed elbows just long enough to share in some hoops happiness in the city where they meet annually in one of college football's fiercest rivalries.

Texas and Oklahoma joined two other members of the Big 12 in the NCAA tournament's round of 16 with victories Sunday. They smothered their opponents with tenacious defense and clutch shooting from sweet-shooting forwards.

Deginald Erskin scored 17 points on 8-of-9 shooting in sixth-seeded Texas' 68-64 upset of Mississippi State.

In the later game, Aaron McGhee avoided a much-anticipated confrontation with Xavier big man David West by scoring from outside, leading

the second-seeded Sooners to a 78-65 win.

Texas (22-11) will face No. 2 Oregon (25-8) in Madison, Wis., on Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinals. Oklahoma (29-4) advances to meet No. 3 Arizona (24-9) in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday in the West.

The Longhorns jumped out to a 23-point lead against third-seeded Mississippi State thanks largely to Erskin's 7-for-7 start.

He missed one shot during a 12-minute scoring drought in the second half before making a basket while being fouled by Mississippi State forward Mario Austin, with 1:52 left and the Bulldogs within two points.

Erskin made the free throw to put the Longhorns ahead 64-59.

"I really thought he was the difference," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We told the

guys to get him the ball. Our players will tell you he's the hardest player on the team to guard."

Texas advanced to the final 16 for the first time since 1997.

Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury, who complained all week about the "pod" system that allows some teams to play closer to home, wasn't happy about being the "home team" in an arena filled with thousands of burnt orange-clad Texas fans.

"If you're asking me should a lower-seed have an advantage — no," Stansbury said. "We're the only high seed that had to do this."

Many Texas fans stuck around for Oklahoma's game against Xavier, brushing up against their most bitter rivals as crimson and cream-colored Sooner fans filed into the American Airlines Center.

Despite the enmity between

the schools, if Texas and Oklahoma fans weren't supporting each other, you couldn't tell.

McGhee got the capacity crowd of 19,951 roaring.

He scored 11 of Oklahoma's first 18 points, then scored eight of 11 to break a tie midway through the second half. McGhee's two free throws with 11:15 left broke a 49-49 tie, then he started building the lead — and getting the Oklahoma crowd into it — with a short jumper over West.

Chants of "Boomer Sooner" filled the arena as McGhee increased the Sooners' lead by hitting a long jumper, then later making two of three free throws after West fouled him while shooting a 3-pointer.

"It got to a point," McGhee said, "where I couldn't hear the plays that were called."

McGhee finished with 25

points on 8-of-16 shooting, helping send the Sooners to the second weekend of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1999.

"I think the crowd helped (Oklahoma)," Xavier coach Thad Matta. "To what extent, I don't know. I thought for sure there would be more Texas fans. I was trying to give them the Horns sign and get them on our side."

It may be that conference affiliation took precedence over the school's furious rivalry — for now.

After the game, Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson even tossed his Big 12 brethren a bouquet.

"I'm proud of our whole league. I think it was time for the Big 12 to have some success," Sampson said. "I'm happy for Texas, Missouri and Kansas. But I'm thrilled for Oklahoma."

Cincy upset by UCLA

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Sports Writer

UCLA doesn't think of itself as a spoiler. The Bruins consider themselves legitimate contenders for the national championship.

"When we come to play, we can beat anybody in the country," forward Matt Barnes said.

UCLA, finally playing up to its potential after an inconsistent regular season, upset top-seeded Cincinnati 105-101 in double overtime Sunday behind Dan Gadzuric's career-high 26 points to move into the West Regional semifinals.

The Bruins (21-11) will take on Missouri on Thursday in the regional semifinals, and they have their sights set on a record 12th national championship.

"We've been up and down all season, especially with the high expectations we've had," said Barnes, who scored all 17 of his points after halftime and added 11 assists. "But we usually get hot at tourney time."

Southern Illinois is another team that has turned it on in the tournament.

The Salukis chipped away at an early 19-point deficit and came back to stun No. 3 Georgia 77-75 in the East Regional. The only other time the Salukis made the round of 16 was 1977 — when just 32 teams participated. That was also the only time SIU won an NCAA tournament game.

The 11th-seeded Salukis (28-7) got 25 points from Jermaine Dearman and advanced to play No. 2 Connecticut, which got past North Carolina State 77-74 behind Caron Butler's 34 points and nine rebounds.

"They were the aggressor early. We became the aggressor, and then Jermaine got us back into it," SIU coach Bruce Weber said. "We set a goal — it sounded crazy back in the spring — to make the Sweet Sixteen."

Trailing 30-11 with 8 1/2 minutes left in the first half, the Salukis went to work on defense, while Dearman provided the offense. The 6-foot-8 forward scored the last 10 points of a 24-8 run, punctuating it with a dunk. Jarvis Hayes led Georgia (22-10) with 26 points and 11 rebounds.

Southern Illinois joins Missouri (12th in the West) and Kent State (10th in the South) to put three teams with double-digit seedings in the final 16.

The Big 12 leads all conferences with four teams (Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri) — up from one last year — while the Pac-10 has three still in it (Oregon, Arizona, UCLA).

NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreational Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church (competitive and recreational), and Mixed League.

Entry fee or sponsor's fee for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fees are \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

Entry deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 27 at the Recreation Office.

Play begins the week of April 1.

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

For questions or more information the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Department at 669-5770 during business hours.

AUTO RACING

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Sterling Marlin extended his dominating start to the season, coming from the 43rd starting position to win the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, taking over the lead after an 11-car accident that sent Tony Stewart to the hospital.

It was his second win of the year and 10th of Marlin's career, but half of those have come since Chip Ganassi became his primary car owner before the 2001 season. Before that, Marlin had gone four years without a victory.

BASKETBALL

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — It took Alana Beard about 25 minutes to find her shot. Once she did, Duke was ready to advance in the NCAA tournament.

Beard scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half, and had 11 rebounds as the top-seeded Blue Devils beat eighth-seeded Texas Christian 76-66 in the second round of the East Regional on Sunday for their 20th straight win.

Freshman Monique Currie added 22 points as the Blue Devils (29-3) advanced to the round of 16 for the fifth straight year. They will face No. 4 seed Texas next weekend in nearby Raleigh.

The Longhorns beat 12th-seeded UC Santa Barbara 76-60 Sunday night. Beard extended her streak of scoring 20-plus points to eight games.

"Alana only knows one way to play, and that's all out," Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "I think she was determined whether or not people were hanging on her that she was going to score. She knew we needed her to score."

Duke got off to a slow start but increased the pace with pressure midway through the first half. The Blue Devils gradually pulled away from the Lady Frogs (24-7), leading by as many as 16 in the second half.

Playing in front of a crowd that included Duke men's players Jason Williams, Carlos Boozer and Chris Duhon, Beard shot 7-for-8 — all from inside of 15 feet — during a 10-minute stretch in the second half that kept the Blue Devils in front.

That compared to a first half that saw her hit just 3 of 12 shots, many on jumpers.

PHS soccer teams meet Aledo in Class 4A soccer playoffs

PAMPA — Pampa meets Aledo at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Wichita Falls in the Area round of the Class 4A boys' soccer playoffs. The match will be played at McNeil Field.

The Harvesters drew a bi-district bye after winning the District 3-4A championship.

"There's great chemistry on this team. The players have really worked hard," said Pampa head coach John True. "They've had to overcome some adversity when one of the seniors (Keenan Davis) had an injury that put him out for the season."

Aledo is a first-year soccer program, but the Bearcats have logged an impressive 17-3 record this season.

"Aledo has some good athletes and they're well-coached. They won their bi-district game 2-0 (over

Brownwood), so they've got a good team."

The Harvesters finished the regular season with a 14-10-2 record.

Pampa's lineup is all set for Aledo except at goalkeeper where True is undecided about starting Shea Brown or Carlos Medina. True looks for both goalies to see action.

Defensively, Kevin Hopson, Tristan Brown, Sepp Haukebo and Jason Brown will be in the lineup. Midfielders are Blake Helms, Curtis Pritchett, Ryan Nash and Mark Garza. Sammy Silva and Chance Crain will start at forwards.

Both Nash and Silva are all-district players from a year ago.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters play Aledo in the Area girls' playoffs. That match is at 1 p.m. Tuesday at McNeil Field.

Pampa wins 3 games in Boomtown Classic

BURKBURNETT — Pampa won three of five games in the Boomtown Classic and placed fourth in the high school baseball tournament.

The Harvesters opened the tournament Thursday, losing 10-4 to Abilene Wylie.

Evan Miller, Adam Jones and Ryan Zemanek led Pampa's hitting attack with two hits each. Randy Tice, Jered Snelgrooves and Wes Martin added 1 hit each.

Zemanek and Max Simon pitched for Pampa with Simon taking the loss.

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Pampa downed Burkburnett by winning the tiebreaker format in the second contest. With the score tied at 4-4 at the end of the time limit, Pampa was awarded the win because of having the most baserunners reach third base. Pampa moved six runners to third compared to five for Burkburnett.

Houston's Reliant Hall nearing destruction

HOUSTON (AP) — The smaller, less glamorous neighbor to the Astrodome for 36 years is about to become rubble.

Known for most of its life as the Astrohall, the sloped-roofed, three-wing convention center hosted its final

event last weekend, the Houston Camper and RV Show. Preparations have begun for its May 1 demolition.

The site will become much-needed parking for nearby Reliant Stadium, which opens this summer as the home of the NFL

going 9 1/3rd innings for the day.

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Pampa faced Wichita Falls High and came away with a 9-1 victory.

Winning pitcher was Max Simon, who struck out five.

Randy Tice had two doubles and Wes Martin two singles to lead the Pampa offense. Evan Miller, Adam Jones and Michael Galloway each had a double, while Kyle Francis had a single.

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Pampa played Shawnee, Okla. for third place and lost a 12-3 decision.

Kyle Francis and Ryan Zemanek pitched with Francis taking the loss.

Senior second baseman Wes Martin was two for two at the plate with a double and single. Randy Tice and Evan Miller each had a pair of base hits. Michael Galloway and Ryan Zemanek each had a single.

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Houston Texans, and other venues in Harris County's Astrodome complex, now known as Reliant Park.

The hall will be replaced by Reliant Center, a new convention complex on the other side of the Astrodome that opens April 13 with the Houston Auto Show.



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingade)

Senior Ryan Nash will be starting at one of the midfielder positions for the Harvesters, who meet Aledo at 3 p.m. Tuesday at McNeil Field in Wichita Falls.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL		Championship					
NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament		Sunday, March 24					
At A Glance		Semifinal winners					
WEST REGIONAL							
First Round							
Thursday, March 14							
At The Pit							
Albuquerque, N.M.		Missouri 93, Miami 80					
Ohio State 69, Davidson 64		Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66					
Arizona 86, UC Santa Barbara 81		Friday, March 15					
At Mellon Arena							
Pittsburgh		Cincinnati 90, Boston University 52					
UCLA 80, Mississippi 58		At American Airlines Center					
Dallas							
Oklahoma 71, Illinois-Chicago 63		Xavier 70, Hawaii 58					
Second Round							
Saturday, March 16							
At The Pit							
Albuquerque, N.M.		Missouri 83, Ohio State 67					
Arizona 68, Wyoming 60		Sunday, March 17					
At Mellon Arena							
Pittsburgh		UCLA 105, Cincinnati 101, 2OT					
At American Airlines Center		Dallas					
Oklahoma 78, Xavier 65		At The Compaq Center					
San Jose, Calif.		Semifinals					
Thursday, March 21							
Oklahoma (29-4) vs. Arizona (24-9), 7:55 p.m.		UCLA (21-11) vs. Missouri (23-11), 30 minutes following previous game					
Championship							
Saturday, March 23							
Semifinal winners							
HOCKEY							
National Hockey League							
At A Glance							
By The Associated Press							
All Times EST							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
37	20	7	3	84	201	154	
N.Y. Islanders	32	25	7	3	74	196	186
New Jersey	30	25	9	4	73	164	157
N.Y. Rangers	30	32	4	4	68	189	217
Pittsburgh	26	32	6	4	62	165	200
Northeast Division							
Boston	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
36	21	5	7	84	200	170	
Toronto	35	20	9	4	83	198	170
Ottawa	35	21	8	5	83	212	171
Montreal	28	27	10	3	69	174	181
Buffalo	28	30	9	1	66	177	171
Southeast Division							
Carolina	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
28	23	13	5	74	184	194	
Washington	27	31	10	1	65	186	211
Tampa Bay	24	32	8	3	59	141	167
Florida	19	37	7	5	50	150	208
Atlanta	17	40	8	4	46	158	243
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
x-Detroit	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
48	13	6	2	104	219	150	
Chicago	35	22	11	1	82	188	177
St. Louis	33	23	8	3	77	178	154
Nashville	25	32	11	0	61	162	183
Columbus	19	38	8	3	49	137	200
Northwest Division							
Colorado	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
40	22	7	1	88	183	143	
Vancouver	33	28	6	3	75	213	186
Edmonton	30	26	11	3	74	178	165
Calgary	27	28	11	3	68	168	184
Minnesota	22	28	11	7	62	163	196
Pacific Division							
San Jose	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
36	21	8	3	83	202	166	
Los Angeles	33	22	9	4	79	182	157
Phoenix	32	22	9	5	78	179	172
Dallas	31	23	9	4	75	183	178
Anaheim	24	35	7	3	58	154	173
Saturday's Games							
Boston 2, Detroit 1							
Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 3							
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1							
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 1							
Dallas 5, Toronto 5, tie							
Vancouver 4, Atlanta 2							
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 3							
Columbus 3, Calgary 1							
Montreal 3, Carolina 2							
Edmonton 4, Washington 1							
Chicago 2, San Jose 2, tie							
Sunday's Games							
Phoenix 2, Minnesota 2, tie							
Detroit 5, N.Y. Rangers 3							
Colorado 5, Nashville 4							
Ottawa 2, Florida 0							
Buffalo 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie							
Vancouver 3, New Jersey 2, OT							
St. Louis 3, Anaheim 2							
Monday's Games							
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.							
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.							
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.							
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.							
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.							
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.							
Tuesday's Games							
Phoenix at Boston, 7 p.m.							
Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.							
Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.							
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.							
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.							
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.							
Washington at Colorado, 10 p.m.							
Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.							
x-clinched playoff spot							

Horry leads Lakers to victory

By The Associated Press

This time, it wasn't Shaquille O'Neal or Kobe Bryant who delivered for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Robert Horry was the go-to guy this time, making two 3-pointers in the final three minutes as the Lakers continued their mastery of the Dallas Mavericks with a 105-103 victory Sunday night.

Horry had 19 points, eight rebounds, three assists, two steals and four blocked shots. His 3-pointer with 45.8 seconds remaining, with an assist from O'Neal, completed the scoring. The final six baskets — three by each team — were all from 3-point range.

"I just threw it up there and prayed," Horry said. "They just pack it in on Shaq, he causes a crowd. He kicks it out."

O'Neal had 28 points and nine rebounds; Rick Fox and Derek Fisher each scored 16 points, and Bryant had 14 points, nine rebounds and 11 assists for the Lakers. Fox also had eight rebounds and seven assists.

Horry, a 10-year veteran, was inserted into the starting lineup last month when Samaki Walker went on the injured list due to a hyperextended right elbow.

Walker has returned, but Lakers coach Phil Jackson indicated before the game he didn't plan to make another change. Bryant likes "that choice."

"He's done that so many times throughout his career," Bryant said of Horry. "He's really stepped up big for us."

The Lakers, tied with Sacramento for the best record in the NBA (47-18), beat Dallas for the 41st time in 44 meetings — including 23 straight at home.

In other NBA games, it was Orlando 105, Philadelphia 103; Indiana 85, Atlanta 68; New Jersey 87, Memphis 76; Sacramento 116, Toronto 113; Utah 96, Minnesota 89, and Cleveland 104, New York 99.

Michael Finley led Dallas with 21 points and 10 rebounds, but missed a 3-pointer as time wound down that would have given his team the victory.

"I thought it was down," Finley said.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson agreed.

"I really thought that last shot was going in," he said. "It was in rhythm in the open court and it would have been a fitting ending."

Steve Nash and Nick Van Exel added 20 points each, and Dirk Nowitzki had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks. Van Exel also missed a 3-pointer after Horry gave the Lakers the lead for good.

The win was the fifth straight and 12th in 14 games for the Lakers.

Kings 116, Raptors 113
Chris Webber had 31 points and 15 rebounds, and Mike Bibby scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half as Sacramento won at Toronto.

Vince Carter, who finished with 22 points, fouled out with 3:07 remaining for the Raptors, who have lost 16 of 17 games. Toronto also has lost nine straight at home.

Doug Christie added 18 points for the Kings, including a three-point play that gave Sacramento a 113-109 lead with 25.3 seconds left.

Pacers 85, Hawks 68
Reserve Austin Croshere scored 19 points, and Indiana limited visiting Atlanta to a season-low point total.

The Pacers used a 9-2 run to take a 20-11 lead, and another 9-2 burst go in front 32-19 with 6:28 left in the first half. The Pacers won their fourth straight, their longest winning streak since late December, and got their most lopsided victory since beating the Los Angeles Clippers by 18 points Feb. 23.

The Hawks, who had a previous low of 71 points against Detroit on Jan. 30, were led by Nazr Mohammed with 15 points.

Nets 87, Grizzlies 76
Kerry Kittles scored 19 points as New Jersey snapped a seven-game road losing streak.

Kittles was 7-of-14 from the field, including 3-of-5 from 3-point range. Jason Kidd added 12 points and 10 assists for the Nets.

Rookie Pau Gasol scored 18 points for Memphis, a loser

of three straight and 12 of 14 games.

Magic 105, 76ers 103
Pat Garrity's running jumper with 16.7 seconds left lifted Orlando to its sixth straight victory over Philadelphia.

It was the fifth straight victory overall after four consecutive losses for Orlando, which moved 1 1/2 games ahead of Philadelphia for the No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Tracy McGrady had 29 points and 13 assists, and reserve Troy Hudson scored 19 points for the visiting Magic. Garrity scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half.

Allen Iverson had 39 points and 10 assists, and Eric Snow added 20 points for Philadelphia, which lost for the first time in 15 games when scoring more than 100 points this season.

Jazz 96, Timberwolves 89
Karl Malone returned to the lineup with 27 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, which extended Minnesota's losing streak to seven games.

John Stockton added 22 points and eight assists for the Jazz, who broke a five-game losing streak against Minnesota.

Wally Szczerbiak led the host Timberwolves with 33 points.

Malone was back after missing Friday's win at Detroit with the flu — his first health-related absence since 1989.

Cavaliers 104, Knicks 99
At Cleveland, Wesley Person scored 29 points to help the Cavaliers beat New York.

The Cavaliers dropped six of their previous eight games, including a 105-95 loss in New York on Saturday night.

Person shot 12-for-14 from the field, including 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

Andre Miller had 23 points and 14 assists and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 20 points.

Kurt Thomas scored a career-high 33 points for New York — including 20 in the final period — and added 15 rebounds. Allan Houston added 20 points for the Knicks.

Tiger triumphs in Bay City Invite

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods didn't need any heroics to win his third straight Bay Hill Invitational, only smart shots and nothing worse than par.

He left the daring shots to Phil Mickelson.

The result was a four-shot victory for Woods, a margin hardly indicative of the problems he faced on a steamy Sunday at Bay Hill, with brick-hard greens and difficult pin positions that gobbled up the chances of anyone who made a mistake.

"I just wanted to keep the ball safe and stay away from making bogey," Woods said,

who did just that on the final 12 holes and closed with a 3-under 69.

Mickelson was thinking birdie on the par-5 16th, trailing Woods by one stroke and knowing that birdies are next to impossible on the final two holes.

Never mind that his tee shot landed in the right rough, deep into the trees. Or that water guarded the elevated green, with the flag at the front left, perilously close to the pond.

To pitch out was no simple shot, and Mickelson figured it would roll across the fairway into more rough. He saw an

opening to the green, 198 yards to the pin, 180 yards to clear the water, a risky shot that had to stay below the branches.

"It wasn't easy, but it wasn't impossible," Mickelson said.

The ball sailed out to the left and splashed in the middle of the pond. Mickelson slumped his shoulders, realizing his chances of beating Woods in the Bay Hill Invitational were sunk unless Woods made a mistake.

Fat chance.

"It was quite a fight," Woods said after finishing at 275, becoming at age 26 the youngest player in PGA Tour history with 30 victories.

There's been a lot of selling, but not much buying at NFL meetings

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The NFL has plenty going for it these days: labor peace, a huge long-term television contract and competitive balance.

So what do are coaches and owners have to complain about? The salary cap. This has been the strangest offseason yet for free agency, with teams cutting players because they are overpaid, not because they no longer earn that pay with quality performances.

Other teams are holding back from signing some of

the attractive players on the market, or trading for expensive ones such as New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

The talk of the NFL meetings that began Sunday is how no one except the expansion Houston Texans and a select few other clubs has any cap room.

When an agent representing several available players approached Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick, all the 2001 Super Bowl-winning coach could do was shrug.

"There's nothing I can do about it," Billick said. "You know how the system works. My hands are tied."

No team has been uprooted more by salary cap woes than the Ravens.

Already gone are linebacker Jamie Sharper, who was just approaching stardom; quarterback Elvis Grbac; tight end Shannon Sharpe; defensive tackle Sam Adams; and safety Rod Woodson, all cap casualties.

Despite all the complaints, no significant salary

cap discussions are expected this week. In fact, with instant replay, realignment and taunting not on the agenda — all were dealt with last year — there are no truly hot topics to discuss.

Unless you are the Oakland Raiders, of course. They will have been interested in talks about the so-called tuck rule that helped the Patriots beat them in a playoff game.

The tuck rule deals with whether a fumble occurs when a quarterback trying

to pass has tucked the ball away.

On a game-tying drive in the second round of the playoffs in January, referee Walt Coleman first ruled the Patriots' Tom Brady fumbled when sacked, then reversed the call after watching replay because the ball had not been tucked away.

"There has been a lot of discussion, and there will be a lot more discussion about the tuck rule," said Buccaneers general manager Rich McKay, who along

with Titans coach Jeff Fisher is the co-chairman of the competition committee.

"The way the rule is written presents a very bright line for officials. Do we want to advance that line?"

Although instant replay was approved for three seasons during last March's meetings, the owners probably will take a look at how it worked during the 2001 schedule.

And they will review the anti-taunting rules passed a year ago, rules that worked quite well.

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— And to all in attendance.

Dear Chamber members,

First, we want to thank everyone who attended our 73rd Annual Chamber Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award presentation. The banquet was tremendous and enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. Our thanks to Kel Seliger, who fired us up with a great speech.

Congratulations to Paulette Kirksey, who was named Citizen of the Year for 2001. Paulette richly deserves this honor as she has done and still does countless good works for the community. Some of these works are known by the public but most are not known. Paulette is a great blessing to Pampa and our surrounding area and she epitomizes "Citizen of the Year".

The meal, provided by Dyer's Bar-B-Que, was exceptional and the Pampa High School Band Boosters did an extraordinary job, as always, in their serving and cleanup.

June Beyer and her decorations committee also did their usual fabulous job of setting the tone for the evening with beautiful decorations and place settings. And, once again, we were so fortunate to have Myrna Orr providing glorious music as only she can.

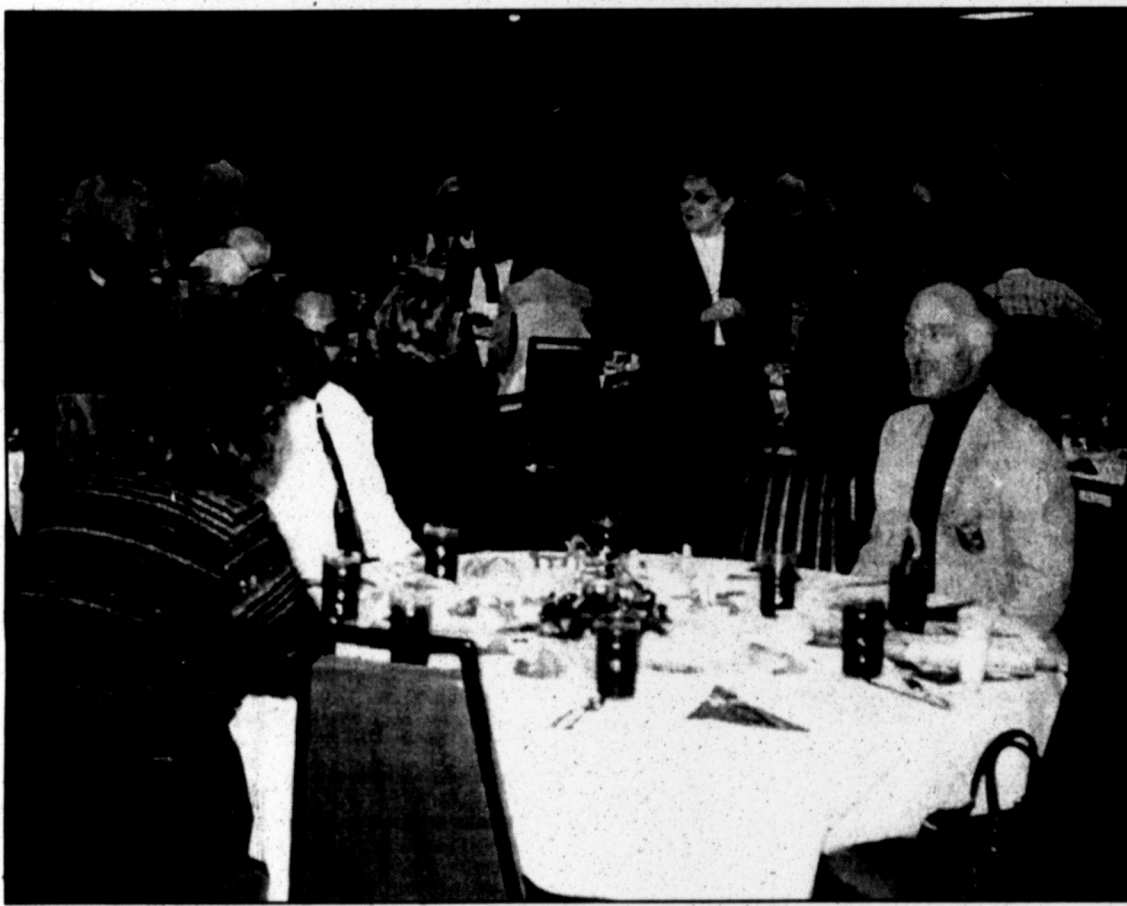
In addition, we especially want to thank *The Pampa News* for all their hard work in putting together the Chamber Banquet tabloid just prior to the event. The tabloid is always very colorful, well done and full of Chamber information that our members and the public should know. *The Pampa News* and KGRO/KOMX both provided excellent coverage of the banquet. We do not want to forget the staff of the M.K. Brown Auditorium for their courteous hard work, as well as the Chamber staff for their continued excellence in putting the banquet and all of our events together. Success comes only when everyone works together as a team, and we have a great team consisting of volunteers, members and staff.

Before I close, it is now time to get down to work on our upcoming events including: the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament on May 18 and 19, the Business Expo on June 22, and the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament in July. In addition, the Tourism, Retail, Promotion and Membership committees are busily working towards another great year of growth and development.

Please come join us with all of your creativity, energy and ideas. It will be greatly appreciated.

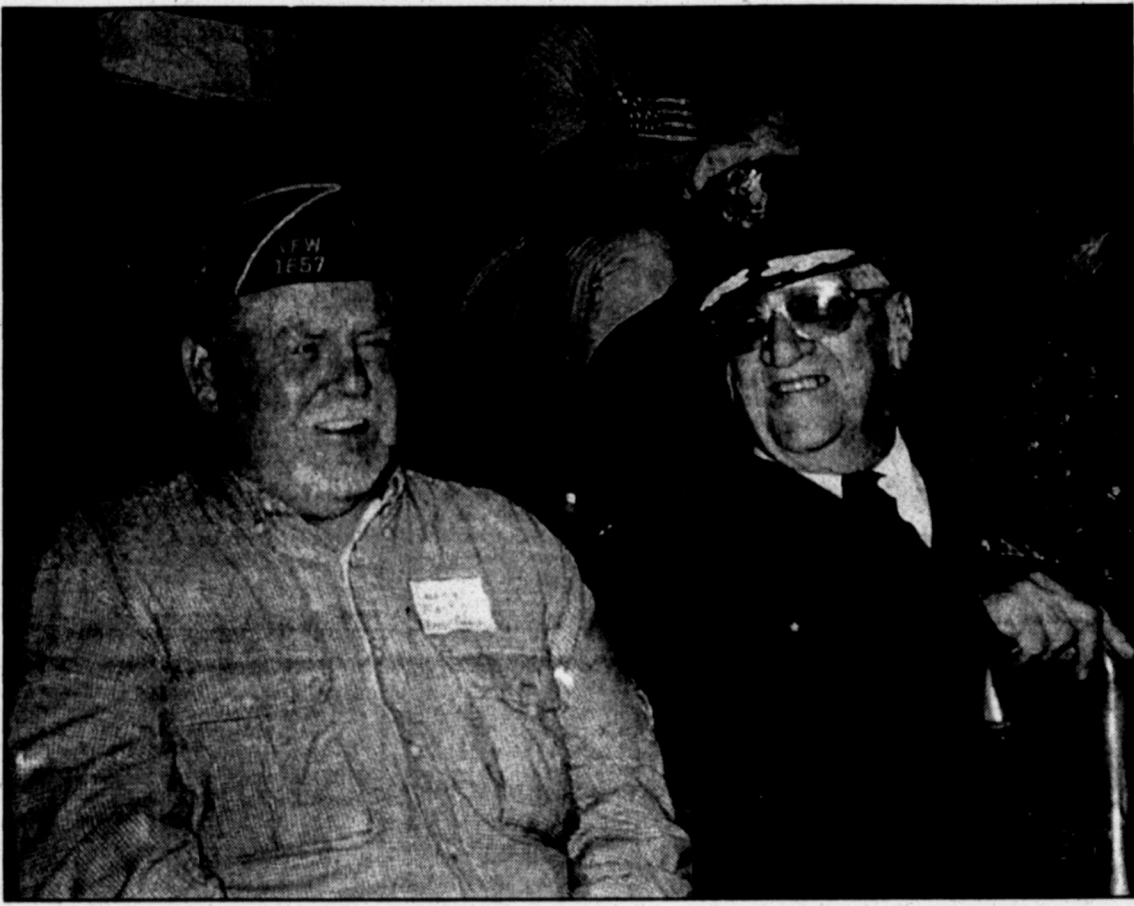
Sincerely,

Clay Rice
Executive Director
Pampa Chamber of Commerce



(Courtesy photo)

More than 200 Chamber members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening at the 73rd annual Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award ceremony.



(Courtesy photo)

Mike Porter, curator of the Freedom Museum USA and Danny Martin, left, enjoy opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics held Feb. 23 at McNeely Field House here.

CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 19
11:45 a.m.

Speaker: David Terry, Director of Client Services
West Texas A & M University Office of Business Services

Caterer: R & R Catering

Sponsor: Quentin Williams Realtors

MARCH CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

— Gold Coat Luncheon at Chaney's - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19

— Chamber Monthly Luncheon - 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, March 21

— Full Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 21

— Promotion Committee - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26

— Tourism Committee - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

— Promotion Committee - 11:45 a.m.

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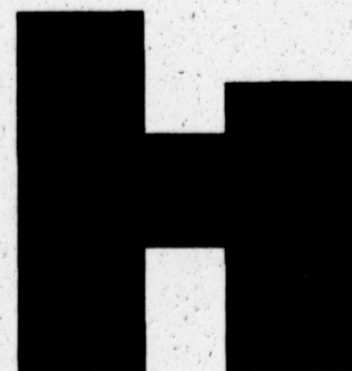
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