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### LOCAL

#### ACT I play auditions set for Monday, Feb. 3

Auditions for ACT I's next play will be Monday, Feb. 3 beginning at 7 p.m. at the community theater located on the west side of Pampa Mall. "Murder in Green Meadows" is billed as a psychological thriller. Thomas and Joan have moved to Green Meadows, a housing addition developed by Thomas. They meet neighbors, Carolyn and Jeff, and by the end of act one, someone is dead. Cast requirements: two men, two women - ages 30-50. Show dates are the last of April, first of May. If anyone is interested but can't make Monday auditions please call Kayla, 663-0559.

#### Skellytown church hosts healing service on Feb. 1

SKELLYTOWN - River of Life Church, 411 Chamberlain, is hosting a healing service at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1. Anyone in need or knowing someone in need of healing are invited to attend.

### DEATHS

J.W. "Jim" Campbell, 71, rancher, businessman.

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# Attorney: Don't rush to judgment

Teacher accused of indecency will be exonerated, lawyer says

By NANCY YOUNG  
 MANAGING EDITOR

Gregory Scott Bullard, 34, will be exonerated of indecency with a child charges, but will have a taint on his reputation afterwards, Pampa attorney Harold Comer said in a Thursday afternoon interview at his office.

A native of Pampa, Bullard was arrested Saturday by Gray County

deputies on a warrant out of Potter County in connection with the alleged incident which reportedly occurred in early December 2002 at St. Mary's Catholic School in Amarillo where Bullard was teaching second grade.

The incident reportedly involved a second grade female.

"Greg is a decent young man. He and his family have been respected members of this community for a long

time," said Comer. "Greg trusts the justice department and he feels he will be exonerated. I feel that when he is exonerated there still is going to be that taint that goes along with being accused with an offense such as this. Regardless of the outcome of the case, people are going to remember Greg as being a person who was accused of the charge of sexual abuse of a child, and that is a taint that just doesn't go

away." Comer said Bullard was in his first year of teaching at St. Mary's when the alleged incident occurred and has been terminated by the school.

"Greg is a teacher. He loves teaching and that is what he went to school to do," said Comer. He said Bullard, who graduated from PHS in the mid-

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### Got beef?



(Photo by David Bowser)

Amy, Lilith and Sena Brainard, area residents, enjoy lunch at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tenn., during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association annual convention. Cattlemen from across the nation gathered in Nashville this week to discuss issues concerning the beef industry.

# Robber buys gas, nabs cash

By NANCY YOUNG  
 MANAGING EDITOR

After filling his vehicle with gasoline, an armed suspect robbed a local convenience store early this morning.

At approximately 12:45 a.m., today, a suspect described as a white male with oriental features drove up to the gas pumps at Allsup's, 2501 Alcock, and filled his gray mini-van with fuel.

He then entered the store, drew a knife on the clerk and demanded money. After the clerk gave him the money, the suspect left in

the van northbound on Price Road.

Gray County Sheriff's Department said in a news release that the amount of money taken in the robbery is undetermined at this time.

The lone clerk in the store at the time of the robbery was not injured, said sheriff department officials.

According to Deputy Randy Langwell of the Gray County Sheriff's Department, it has been approximately a year since there was an armed robbery reported in the county. He said the last one occurred in Alanreed.

Deputies are continuing their investigation.

# Riddle dies for tire iron murder

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Delivering his final statement in French and English, a burglar who authorities said began his career while in elementary school was executed Thursday for fatally bludgeoning an Amarillo man with a tire iron during a home burglary.

"I love all of you," Granville Riddle said, speaking first in French and then in English. "I have no grudges against anyone and I would like to say to the world I have always been a nice person."

"I've never been mean-hearted or cruel. I wish everybody well."

With his Swiss prison bride sobbing and murmuring in French as she watched through a window nearby, Riddle said, "Je t'aime." He then gasped and let out a long breath as the drugs began to take effect.

He was pronounced dead nine minutes later at 6:17 p.m.

"I have no grudges against anyone and I would like to say to the world I have always been a nice person. I've never been mean-hearted or cruel. I wish everybody well."

— Granville Riddle

Riddle, 32, didn't deny his involvement in the Oct. 9, 1988, beating death of Ronnie Bennett, 39, but contended he hit Bennett more than a dozen times in self-defense.

Riddle was the sixth person to be executed in Texas this year and the third this week. Two more are scheduled for next week.

"I'm just a normal small town boy," Riddle, who declined to speak with reporters in the week's preceding his execution, said on an Internet Web site devoted

to prisoners seeking pen pals. "I am caring and I am considerate."

His record disputed that.

"He's been a problem for law enforcement since he got old enough to even think about being a problem for law enforcement," said Randall Sims, an assistant district attorney in Potter County who indicated Riddle's first burglary was at age 8. "That's not good old country boys. That's prison material."

Besides numerous burglaries, including a church, school and a restaurant where his mother worked, he had arrests for drug possession and auto theft. In April 1988, he was sent to prison after getting a seven-year term for burglary but was paroled after just 2 1/2 months during a time when Texas was experiencing a prison bed shortage.

In November 1988, the

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# First steps

School board hires firm for superintendent search

By DEE LARAMORE  
 EDITOR

In a called meeting Thursday, school board members took two more steps toward finding a superintendent to lead the Pampa Independent School District.

First, they increased the interim superintendent Jane Steele's salary by \$2,000 per month and second, they hired an outside consultant to assist in the search.

After meeting briefly behind closed doors, the board reconvened and approved a motion to increase Jane Steele's salary by \$2,000 per month while she serves as interim superintendent. According to the motion, the entire increase is to be applied toward salary and none towards travel. The school board named Steele, assistant superintendent - instruction, to the position at the Jan. 21 meeting.

After hearing a presentation by Don Killough and Kathee Lupton of Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent Search Services, the board agreed to contract the organization to help find someone to replace Dr. Dawson Orr who resigned from PISD to accept the

superintendent's post at Wichita Falls ISD.

According to the terms of the contract, PISD will pay the firm \$7,500 and travel expenses for their services. Killough told the board that an invoice will be sent about six weeks after the new superintendent begins work here.

"Hiring a superintendent is the most important decision you'll make as a board," Killough said.

Only one person on the Pampa ISD Board of Education - John Curry - has gone through a superintendent search. Curry said he was on the board when it hired Orr as assistant superintendent and then promoted him to superintendent 13 years ago.

"It is the hardest job you've ever had as a board of trustees and the most rewarding, too," Lupton added.

Killough, director of TASB's Superintendent Search Services, said he has served as a search consultant for 12 years and has been the organization's director for three years. He taught in the Houston school districts for many years before teaching at the University of Texas at Austin.

Lupton, field services rep-

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### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH TIMELINE

After hiring Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent Search Services, Pampa school board members agreed to the following timeline for the superintendent search.

**Feb. 12-13** - Leadership profile development including meetings with Pampa school district staff and teachers, site base committees, parents, booster organizations, business and civic leaders and a town hall meeting.

**Feb. 20** - Board receives a superintendent characteristic profile and draft of a brochure advertising for candidates.

**March 28** - Application deadline.

**April 8** - Board reviews applications and short list recommendations.

**April 11,12** - Board conducts interviews.

**April 14** - Consultant follows-up with board after interviews.

**April 15,16,17** - Top three candidates and spouses are interviewed by the board and their spouses in an informal situation.

**April 22,23** - Three board members visit the leading candidate's school district.

**April 24** - Board announces top finalist.

**May 16** - Board hires superintendent.

**July 1** - New superintendent begins work.

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### ON RECORD

#### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported one incident.

Friday, Jan. 31

An armed robbery was reported at a convenience store located at 2501 Alcock.

#### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrest and incidents.

Thursday, Jan. 30

A report of disorderly conduct was taken in the 1200 block of North Russell. Theft of a license plate valued at \$12.80 was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville. Destruction of property (graffiti) was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium parking lot. Someone broke out the driver's window of a vehicle and took a CD player, approximately 15 CDs, a back pack, two school books, and a ski coat. Loss was estimated at \$600. The CDs, books and ski coat were recovered later that night.

Assault by threat was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Theft of checks was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. The checks were recovered.

Friday, Jan. 31

Floyd Mullen, 40, 520 Yeager, was arrested for two municipal warrants.

#### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Saturday, Jan. 25

5:03 p.m. — A Dodge Caravan owned by Judy Saunders Clendennen, 100 Rabbit Lane, was struck by an unknown vehicle while legally parked in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

#### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Jan. 30

12:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard; one person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

2:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

6:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSAW.

Friday, Jan. 31

12:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSAW.

#### STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.28	Halliburton	18.43	-0.37
Milo	3.88	Triad Hospitals	26.58	-0.46
Corn	4.41	NOI	20.18	+0.01
Soybeans	4.89	KMI	44.78	-0.28
		XCEL	10.99	+0.04
		Kerr McGee	41.49	-0.38
		Limited	12.31	+0.11
		Williams	3.44	-0.05
		McDonalds	14.05	-0.41
		Exxon Mobil	33.58	+0.35
		Atmos	22.11	+0.10
		Pioneer Nat	23.91	+0.11
		Penney's	19.53	+0.26
		COP	47.33	-0.12
		Schlumberger	30.07	-0.04
		Tenneco	3.62	+0.09
		CVX	63.24	-0.96
		Wal-Mart	47.80	+0.23
		OKE	17.09	-0.01
		NS Group	6.80	+0.11

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

BP	37.56	+0.05	New York Gold	369.95
Celanese	19.17	-0.04	Silver	4.88
Cabot Corp	24.70	+0.05	West Texas Crude	33.85
Coca Cola	39.50	+0.30		
VLO	33.50	-0.65		

## EPA monitoring plants in Southeast Texas with hidden mobile detector

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal regulators are busy taking air samples from around industrial plants in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area, but most folks probably don't know it.

That's because their monitoring is hidden from sight, inside an unmarked Bluebird school bus.

The scientists have working since Monday night, slowly steering the bus down streets dotted with industrial stacks looking for plumes of white smoke.

The goal is collect data to better understand the extent of air pollution in the heavily industrialized region and how it may be affecting nearby communities.

a person's hand after handling a bomb.

The bus is equipped with a snorkel-like appendage attached to the top of the bus sucks in the outside air, carrying it to a device that separates and analyzes more than a dozen different chemical compounds.

The equipment is seeking the invisible pollutants in Jefferson County. The dozen or so chemicals, known as volatile organic compounds, seep from the area's major refineries and petrochemical plants and contribute to smog. But alone, they can cause illnesses ranging from

cancer to kidney disease.

Plants owned by Premcor, Huntsman, Motiva and Ethyl were the targets on Wednesday. Federal data shows these facilities have released more than two million pounds of air pollution in 2000 alone.

The EPA said that concentrations detected so far have been low, but people living nearby could still be affected by plant's emissions.

"There are a lot of people that are sensitive to chemicals at much lower concentrations. There is evidence that cancer can exist well below the standards," Hansen told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions.

## City Briefs

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

**CHURCH GARAGE Sale!** Sat. Feb. 1st. 8-7 711 E. Harvester-Pampa Chapel, to benefit Youth Group. If it's cold come on downstairs. For info. call 665-1579, 669-9635.

**MEREDITH HOUSE** has a Respite Room avail, for temporary care. 24 hr. licensed assisted liv. 665-5668.

**DUNLAPS WILL** close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 1st and will be closed all day Sunday, Feb 2nd, for inventory! We will reopen Monday Feb. 3rd, at 10am!

**PAMPA COUNTRY Club** Buffet open to public, Sun. 11:30-1:30. Prime Rib & Meats- quite Chicken. 669-3286 for reserv.

**FAIRVIEW CEMETERY** will begin picking up Christmas decorations on Feb. 3rd

**ROLANDA'S JUST** received new scents, spray-on potpourri oil. 1621 N. Hobart

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## OBITUARIES

### J.W. 'JIM' CAMPBELL 1931-2003

J.W. "Jim" Campbell, 71, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Campbell was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1950. He received a B.S. degree in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University in 1954.

He married Anne Moseley on July 22, 1951, in Pampa.

He was heavily involved in ranching, oil and gas, investments and banking. He was a former co-owner and stockholder with First National Bank in Wheeler, Citizens Bank & Trust, First State Bank in Miami and First State Bank in Canadian.

He was very active in the Republican Party

and was former district chairman of the Republican Party. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Anne, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Martha Campbell and Don and Sue Campbell, all of Pampa; and seven grandchildren, Brandon Campbell, Benjamin Campbell, Elizabeth Campbell, Bill Campbell, Kathryn Campbell, Chris Campbell and Victoria Campbell, all of Pampa. He was preceded in death by a son, William David Campbell, in 1974.

The family requests memorials be to The Opportunity Plan, Inc., P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015-1035.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, breezy conditions and highs in the mid 60s with north winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds 20 to 30 mph shifting to the southwest 25 to 35 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Much colder. Highs in the mid 40s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

### STATEWIDE

Fog developed across wide sections of Texas overnight as a high-pressure ridge continued settling across the state, bringing the prospect of warmer temperatures by the weekend.

Areas of fog developed in North Texas, but visibilities generally remained over two miles. An exception was at Gray Army Air Field where fog reduced the visibility to one-half mile.

Widespread fog was also reported over South Texas, with some locations from the Hill Country into the Coastal

Bend having visibilities less than one-half mile. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s to 50s.

In West Texas, readings were mainly in the 40s and 50s. Extremes were 33 degrees at Junction and 56 degrees at Port Isabel.

Other readings were 37 degrees at Wichita Falls and 50 degrees at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene.

Winds were mostly southerly and westerly at 5 to 15 mph, but southerly at up to 20 mph in the west.

Skies were cloudy in all of South Texas except for the Edwards Plateau, with partly cloudy conditions in the west. A cold front extended from southeastern Kansas to east of Childress and into southeastern New Mexico.

Winds had shifted to the northwest behind the front.

Daytime highs by Sunday were expected to reach the 60s, except for some 50s in far western mountains and 70s from the Concho Valley into the Big Bend.

Overnight lows should be in the 30s to 50s.

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## TEACHER

to-late-1980s worked his way through college the past 12 years to obtain his degree to teach.

Comer said, in recent years, teachers have become concerned about showing affection to a child or disciplining a child.

"They are wary of showing any affection for a child or disciplining a child because they feel they might be accused of either physical or sexual abuse of a child."

He said it was particularly true in the Catholic Church, alluding to reports of some priests being accused of sexual abuse.

"It hasn't been too long ago where a teacher could hold hands with a child going down the hall or give them an affectionate hug or give them maybe a friendly kiss on the forehead and it wouldn't raise an eyebrow," he said. "Now those actions have taken on a more sinister type of significance."

He said when people are accused of sexual abuse with a child they lose the presumption of innocence until proven

guilty, and, he said, the presumption remains throughout the legal process of investigation.

Comer said he hoped people will give Bullard the presumption of innocence and not rush to judgment until the case is over.

Stating he could not go into the facts of the case, Comer said if the incident had occurred 10 years ago it "would not cause any concern at all."

The incident was reported to school officials by a staff member who in turn contacted authorities.

Comer said that anyone who witnesses a suspected act of sexual abuse is mandated by Texas law to report it to the authorities.

The charge against Bullard has not gone before a Potter County grand jury, said Comer. The Amarillo Police Department and Child Protective Services are conducting the investigation.

Bullard's contract was terminated by the school in December, said Cathy Lexa, media director of the Amarillo Diocese of the Catholic Church.

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## SEARCH

representative, served on the Shallowater school board for 12 years, the TASB board for six years, and has 14 years experience as a TASB field representative for this district.

Killough explained how the organization will help the board find a new superintendent.

"You will make all the decisions," he emphasized. "All we do is facilitate."

The steps of the process, designed to meet the needs of the board, he said, include making a timeline, meeting with staff and community to develop a profile of characteristics wanted in the new superintendent, print brochures and advertise for applications, review applications and make a short list for the board to consider, initial interviews, finalist interviews, visit the prospective top finalist's school district, announce the top finalist, and hire the finalist.

Their services also include transition support for a year after the superin-

tendent is hired, Killough added. He said this assistance can include goal setting, team building, and supporting the superintendent and school board relationship.

Killough said the firm, which employs 15 consultants, places 25 to 35 superintendents a year.

"What is your success ratio?" Curry asked.

Every three years, the firm conducts a study, Killough replied. According to the study, the firm's success rate is approximately 85 percent. He said of the 15 percent that didn't succeed, "some went to a bigger job, some retired, and some just weren't matches."

"I found in my time on the school board that TASB is reliable. I think their consulting firm will help us. I think this is the road we need to pursue," said Board President Lee Porter.

In other action Thursday, board members authorized Steele and Mark McVay, assistant superintendent - finance, to represent PISD for all banking and investment accounts.

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## RIDDLE

jail numerous times — succeeding once for three days. He also attempted to electrify his cell door with wires from his radio and television and was involved in several fights with other inmates.

Evidence at his trial showed Riddle and a friend drove to Bennett's home.

He gave conflicting statements, saying he broke in by prying open a screen with the tire iron and later saying he found a door unlocked and went in that way. Evidence showed a kitchen window had been pried open.

Riddle testified Bennett, who he knew and who he described as drunk, made a sexual advance that angered him, so he responded by hitting the man some 15 times with the tire iron.

But evidence showed Bennett at the time of the attack had a blood-alcohol level of 0.29, enough to render him unconscious.

The friend, Brad Bybee, who was waiting outside, testified Riddle called him in, pointed out some items he could steal, then swung the lug wrench — blunt end first

— at Bennett's head, leaving it buried in the dead man's skull.

Bybee reacted in horror and fled. Riddle panicked, grabbed the victim's wallet and drove off in the victim's truck, which was found burned the next day in a ravine near Borger, about 40 miles to the northeast.

Bybee was picked up by police and fingered Riddle, who was arrested five days later.

On the Net:  
Granville Riddle:  
<http://www.100megsfree4.com/bingola35/GRiddle/granvilleriddle.html>

Texas Department of Criminal Justice:  
<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/stat/scheduledexecutions.htm>

# Bush meets with Blair, like-minded ally, in short time frame before war decision

By JENNIFER LOVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush's closest ally in the effort to disarm Saddam Hussein, said Friday that Iraq must provide "100 percent cooperation" with United Nations weapons inspectors and "it's absolutely clear they're not."

Blair said he saw no need for setting an "arbitrary timetable" for the end of diplomatic efforts to persuade Iraq to comply with United Nations disarmament demands. But, echoing comments from administration officials, he said a scheduled report from weapons inspectors on Feb. 14 was a pivotal moment, after which "action should follow."

Blair made his comments a few hours before meeting with Bush at the White House. Plans for the two men to meet in the less formal surroundings of the presidential retreat at Camp David were scrapped because of bad weather.

"They'll talk about the best steps to work together, to consult with a friend and ally, about how to keep the pressure on so Saddam Hussein disarms," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in advance of the meeting.

Bush and Blair arranged their meeting at the same time the Pentagon carried out the latest phase of a psychological campaign to loosen Saddam's grip on his country. U.S. aircraft dropped 360,000 leaflets over Al Kut in southern Iraq to indicate local radio frequencies on which Iraqis can hear U.S. messages broadcast from EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft.

## U.S. steps up psychological campaign in southern Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military is escalating its psychological warfare campaign in Iraq as part of a broader effort to stir dissent among Iraqi soldiers and undermine ordinary Iraqis' allegiance to President Saddam Hussein.

On Friday, U.S. aircraft dropped 360,000 leaflets over Al Kut in southern Iraq to indicate local radio frequencies on which Iraqis can hear messages broadcast by EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft. It was the second straight day of leaflet drops and the tenth in January.

More than 1.4 million leaflets have been dropped since Jan. 23, according to U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for military operations in the Persian Gulf.

The radio messages have multiple themes aimed both at members of the Iraqi military and ordinary citizens. One asserts that Saddam "spews forth political rhetoric along with a false sense of national pride to deceive" his soldiers "to serve his own unlawful purposes." Alluding to desertion or revolt, it adds: "Make the decision."

In addition to alerting Iraqis to radio frequencies on which they can hear U.S. broadcasts, some leaflets have specific messages. One says

Some of the leaflets warned that Iraqis who repair fiber optic communications sites in southern Iraq are in danger of being killed by periodic U.S. and British bombings.

Vice President Dick Cheney told members of the Republican National Committee that the threat posed by Iraq is too great to ignore. "Confronting the threat offered by Iraq is not a distraction in the war on terror," Cheney said. "It is absolutely crucial to waging the war on terror."

Bush was welcoming Blair at the White House as part of what the White House says will be a busy, brief round of diplomacy aimed at building the case against Saddam. Thus far, Bush's schedule is largely devoted to leaders already converted to his side, including a telephone call Friday to Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, and a meeting next week with Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller.

Bush meets Tuesday with Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the king of Bahrain. That nation, with its useful naval facilities, has stood with the United States in the past.

On the eve of the critical Blair summit, Bush administration officials cautioned there was no firm deadline for when talks with allies would cease and the president would make a decision on war.

But the administration's timetable of "weeks, not months" — uttered by Bush and administration officials throughout the day — was given some specificity. State Department spokesman Richard

Boucher said the administration envisions a diplomatic window of "a couple of weeks" — which would coincide with the Feb. 14 report due to the U.N. Security Council from weapons inspectors combing Iraq for the banned nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs Bush says Saddam has.

Several senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if Saddam has not disarmed and diplomacy has run its course when the report is filed, Bush is unlikely to condone more weapons inspections.

One Bush option is to seek a second United Nations resolution, either authorizing military force or simply declaring the Iraqi leader in violation of last fall's version. The president discussed — but has not committed to — the idea with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, another voice of support amid a mostly skeptical Europe who nonetheless wants U.N. backing for war. Bush has repeatedly said he would wage war with willing allies without U.N. backing, if necessary.

Blair, in an interview on CNN, declined to say how much longer diplomacy — and the weapons inspectors — should be given to work.

"I don't think we should have some arbitrary timetable," he said. "I think what we need to do is to have the timing governed by the judgment, are the inspectors getting the full cooperation. Not 50 percent, 60 percent, 20 percent cooperation, 100 percent cooperation from the Iraqi authorities. Now at the moment, it's absolutely clear they're not," he said.

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**Broadest-ever U.S. Christian alliance planned**

By **RICHARD N. OSTLING**  
AP Religion Writer

Church leaders from 30 denominations agreed Wednesday on a proposal to create the broadest alliance of Christians ever formed in the United States.

The steering committee of the budding effort, tentatively called Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., will invite a wide range of national church bodies and agencies over the next several weeks to join them.

The loosely knit alliance would represent five segments of U.S. Christianity, listed in the plan as "Evangelical/Pentecostal, Historic Protestant, Orthodox, Racial/Ethnic and Roman Catholic."

The Catholic church and most evangelicals and Pentecostals do not belong to the National Council of Churches, which is currently the nation's largest ecumenical group. If the new alliance does emerge, it could supplant the National Council or radically alter its role in American Christianity.

Catholic Bishop Tod Brown of Orange,

**T**he loosely knit alliance would represent five segments of U.S. Christianity, listed in the plan as 'Evangelical/Pentecostal, Historic Protestant, Orthodox, Racial/Ethnic and Roman Catholic.'

Calif., and Baltimore's Cardinal William Keeler were among the 55 participants who met at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Both are members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' ecumenical committee.

"I don't think there has ever been anything like this attempted before in this country," Brown said.

The Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, steering committee chair and chief executive of the Reformed Church in America, called the meeting "a remarkable breakthrough. We gathered a wide representation of the Christian churches in the U.S.A. and were able to inspire them into making a deep com-

mitment together."

Brown said the U.S. Catholic hierarchy could decide on the proposal within two years. Granberg-Michaelson said that's the likely timetable to go from the planning stage to formal launch of the organization.

One sticking point: The nation's largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, may be reluctant to join, though it had an observer at the meeting.

The idea of a broad Christian alliance emerged from discussions three years ago within the National Council. The council is not sponsoring the new unity effort, though its chief executive is participating in it.

The organization would gather groups that

"believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior according to the Scriptures" and "worship and serve One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

The proposal being sent to churches says that, in the early stages, the alliance will exist mostly for common worship, fellowship and dialogue on "commonalities" and "differences." Later, it would become more active in "speaking to society with a common voice, whenever possible," and sponsor forums where Christians could address specific issues.

The Catholic church belongs to similar interdenominational organizations in some other nations.

The National Council and rival National Association of Evangelicals each have faced organizational woes in recent years.

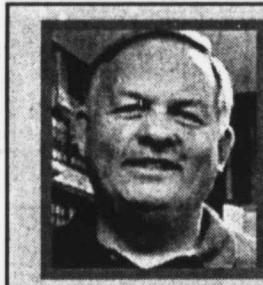
The National Council currently includes 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with 100,000 local congregations. The National Association of Evangelicals unites 51 denominations, 45,000 congregations and 250 inter-church agencies. U.S. Catholicism has 65.3 million members in 19,500 parishes.

**The good, the bad, and the ugly**

A couple of weeks ago I bumped into two ministers with whom I have had little contact over that past few years. I asked both of them, "How are things going?" In both cases they replied, "Everything is just fantastic!" They then asked me, "How are things going with you?" And in both cases I replied, "Oh, good, bad and ugly!" Both were very shocked at the answer, one even commenting, "That doesn't sound very optimistic or even Christian." Both then asked me to explain. Here is my explanation.

First, take note of these Bible verses. "For many are invited, but few are chosen." Mt 22:14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Mt 7:13-14 Where in the world did we ever get the idea that the multitudes would ever be interested in the gospel? I think that the core of the problem might just be that we have looked "in the world." The scriptures are clear on this matter. With unbelievers things will never be fantastic.

Second, if everything



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"going fantastic" were a requirement for success, who would qualify as one of the biggest failures to ever hit this planet? That's right, Jesus! He was God in the flesh and lived for about 33 years and diligently ministered for over three years and when all was said and done just prior to His death, how many faithful disciples could He scrape together? Not many.

Third, if we think everything is going "just fantastic," maybe we aren't looking at the whole picture. I was consulting a group of church elders several months back when one of them began to talk about how important "numbers" (church attendance) were. I agreed that every Christian needed to pray for more lost souls to come to know Jesus and to witness accordingly.

However, I told him that focusing on numbers was a major mistake. He asked, "What makes you think so?" I

had done a little research about their church and asked him, "When was your highest attendance over the past five years?" He said that he couldn't recall and I said that I could. "It was two Sundays before your church split, wasn't it? That morning how did you think things were going? And in spite of your booming church attendance that day, how healthy would now you say your church was then? Sick, huh? You see your church had a cancer, but the numbers really looked good."

Fourth, I asked them both, "By fantastic, do you mean that no one is gossiping in your church or prideful or failing to tithe? Do you mean that every member is praying every day and wearing their Bibles out through study? Do you mean that every member treats all other members with friendliness and love and kindness? Do you mean that all of your church family is witness-

ing regularly to the lost? If you mean all of that, then I would agree with you that at your church everything is fantastic. Now if that isn't what you mean, then fantastic wouldn't be the most accurate way to describe things."

Now maybe "good, bad & ugly" is a bit of an overstatement, but it does help Christians who tend to wear rose-colored glasses and think everything is fantastic to get a more accurate picture of how things really are. We are aliens living in a foreign land. This is not home. And things will not be fantastic until we get home. So until we get to heaven, maybe we should shoot for a little more honesty when someone asks us, "How are things going?" As long as we live in this alien world, some things will always be going good, but some things will always be going bad and there might even be a couple of ugly things. So let's praise the Lord for the good and blame the devil for the bad & ugly. And each day may we ask the Lord for the strength to war against the bad & the ugly.

Then I John 4:4 can be our encouragement. "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." God bless.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

## Miscarriage Ends Pregnancy But Not Teens' Relationship

**DEAR ABBY:** I am the mother of a 15-year-old daughter, "Brandy," who is a pretty good kid. She has caused me very little trouble — she gets good grades, has well-behaved friends, etc. My problem is she got herself pregnant by her boyfriend of three months. He's a good kid, too. (I'll call him Danny.)

Brandy ended up having a miscarriage, so now we're back to "life as usual," as she and Danny see it. However, I am having a tough time with Danny hanging around. I can no longer look him in the eye. His parents were no help at all during the hellish week we experienced when Brandy was pregnant.

Should I allow Danny to keep dating my daughter or send him packing? I feel caught in the middle. As a parent, I feel I should put a stop to the relationship. However, if I do, I'm afraid Brandy might run away. (I remember well how I felt when I was her age.) Please help, Abby.

TORN MOM IN OHIO

**DEAR TORN MOM:** Consider this near-miss a wakeup call! You are overdue for a serious talk with Danny and his parents, because had the pregnancy continued, Danny would have been equally responsible for caring for and supporting his child.

It's time to face up to the fact that your children are now sexually active. Worry less that your daughter will run away, and more about what will happen if

she and Danny conceive again.

Danny and Brandy must learn that sex carries with it great responsibility — one that can sometimes last 18 years or more. Further, there is the danger of sexually transmitted disease to be considered. I urge you to schedule a doctor's appointment for both of them. If that's not possible, contact Planned Parenthood. Brandy and Danny need to learn everything they can about birth control and self-control.

**DEAR ABBY:** This Christmas, I received a beautiful gold necklace as a gift from my father. However, the pendant is in the shape of a religious symbol. I understand it may

have been unclear to him that I feel reluctant to wear such a necklace, but in good conscience, I cannot because I follow a different faith.

Should I exchange it, or keep it and never wear it? I do not want to offend my dad, as he is my birth father and we met only recently. Since we are in the beginning of our relationship, I don't want to mess it up.

On the other hand, it seems a waste to own jewelry that is never worn — and I'm sure he'd notice. Please help me, Abby. If I exchange the necklace, there's a 100-day limit.

VEKED IN VEGAS

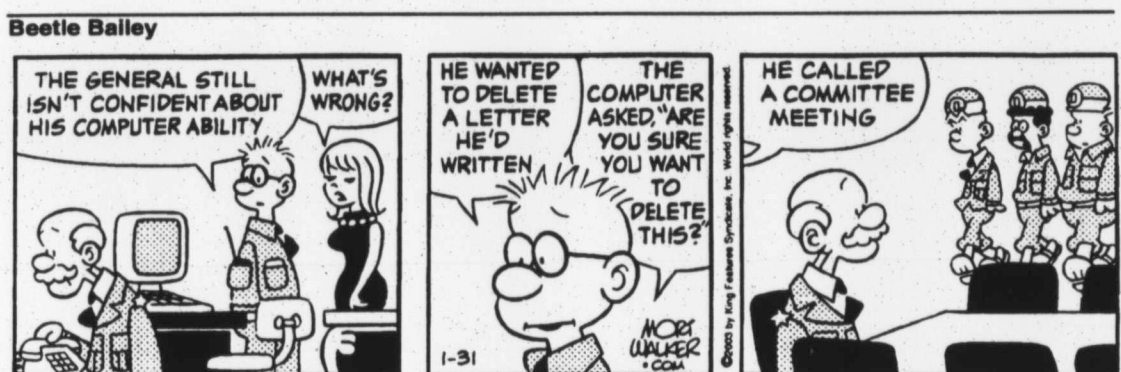
**DEAR VEKED:** Write your father a note. Thank him for his thoughtfulness and generosity. Explain why you want to exchange the necklace. Your reason is a valid one. It's possible that, since you are just getting to know each other, he's unaware your religious beliefs differ from his.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Ted," beats me up bad. It's not me I'm worried about — it's our 4-month-old baby girl. Ted threatens to kill me and the baby if I leave. He hits, slaps and kicks me almost daily. Please help me.

DESPERATE IN ITHACA, N.Y.

**DEAR DESPERATE:** Call the Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is 1-800-799-7233. Tell the counselor who answers what you have written to me. He or she will help you to formulate an escape plan. For your daughter's sake, please don't wait.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.



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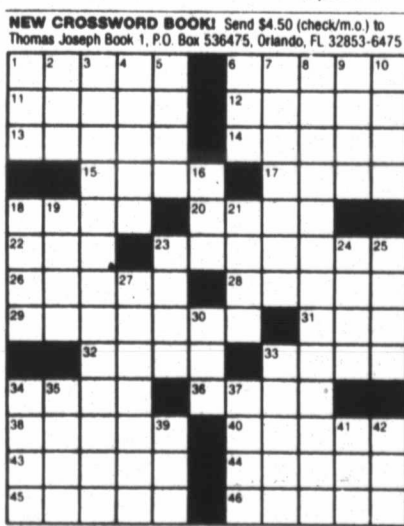
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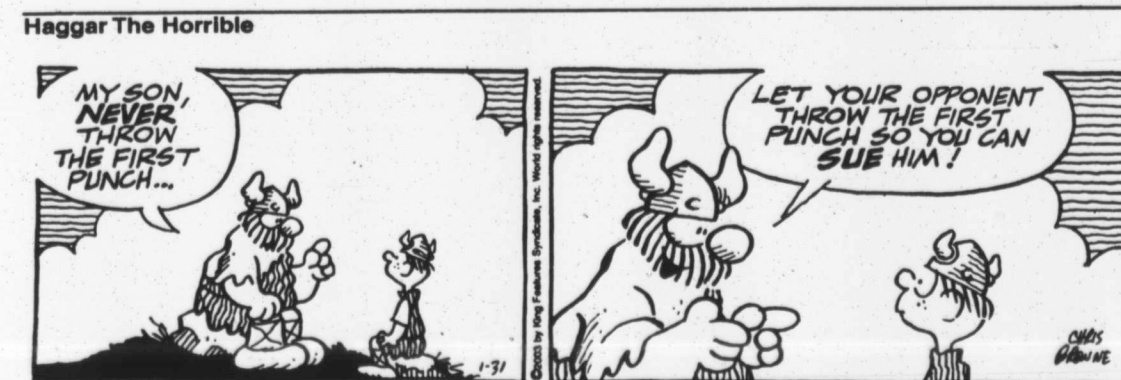
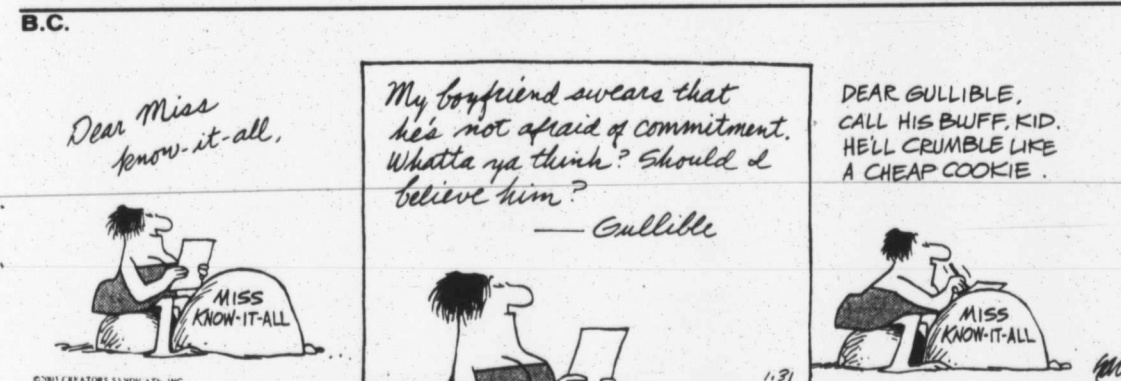
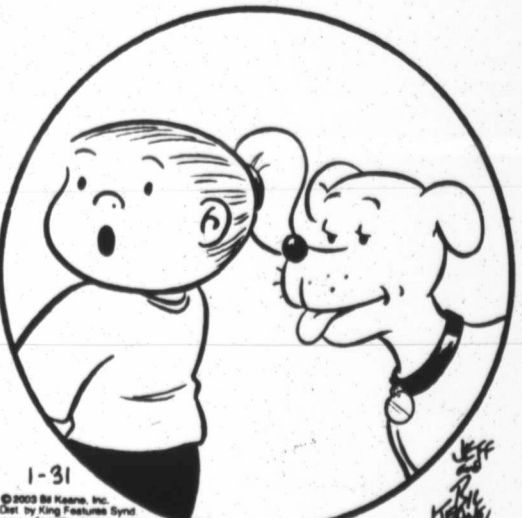
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## SPORTS

## Harvesters open spring with double victories

LEVELLAND — The Pampa Harvester tennis team opened the spring season with impressive wins over Levelland (16-2) and Big Spring (12-4).

Big Spring had won its district in the Fall Team Tennis season and advanced to the regional quarter-

finals.

"We hit a lot more balls in off-season this year and I believe it made a difference. We hit the ball well for the first match," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles.

Senior Helen Brooks went undefeated (4-0) against Big Spring and Levelland.

## Tennis

She defeated Veronica Villarreal, Big Spring's No. 1 singles player.

Senior Abby Bradley and freshman Ashlee Lucas also went 4-0, dropping just one set in four matches.

Both Pampa boys' doubles teams of seniors Jay Gerber-David Thacker and junior Zack Hucks-senior Tyler Howard were undefeated against Big Spring and Levelland. Thacker and Gerber won all four matches in straight sets.

Junior Britton White (4-0 for the outings) defeated Jay Schroff, Big Spring's No. 1 singles player, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1. Schroff was regional semi-finalist last spring.

"Britton got off to a slow start in the match, but got strong and more aggressive as the match progressed," coach Quarles said. "This was a big win for Britton and I'm proud of him."

Pampa travels to the Grapevine Invitational next week.

**Pampa 12, Big Spring 4**  
**Pampa Results**  
**Girls' Doubles**

Abby Bradley-Ashlee Lucas (P) def. Partee-Roffers, 6-2, 6-0; Payton Baird-Lacy Long (P) def. Chesworth-Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-3; Bradley-Lucas (P) def. Chesworth-Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-3; Partee-Roffers (B) def. Baird Long, 6-3, 6-2.

**Boys' Doubles**  
Jay Gerber-David Thacker (P) def. M. Shroff-Vela, 6-0, 6-1; Zach Hucks-Tyler Howard (P) def. Paredez-Smiley, 6-3, 6-1; Gerber-Thacker (P) def. Paredez-Smiley, 6-4, 6-1; Hucks-Howard (P) def. M. Shroff-Vela, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

**Girls' Singles**  
Helen Brooks (P) def. Veronica Villarreal, 6-4, 6-1; Heather Parnell (B) def. Myca Vinson, 6-7, 6-2; Helen Brooks (P) def. Heather Parnell, 6-1, 6-1; Veronica Villarreal (B) def. Myca Vinson, 6-2, 6-3.

**Boys Singles**  
Britton White (P) def. Jay Schroff, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; Kevin Turner (P) def. Justin Ferrell, 6-1, 6-1; Adam Etchison (P) def. Justin Ferrell, 7-5, 6-2; Jay Schroff (B) def. Kevin Turner, 6-1, 6-1.

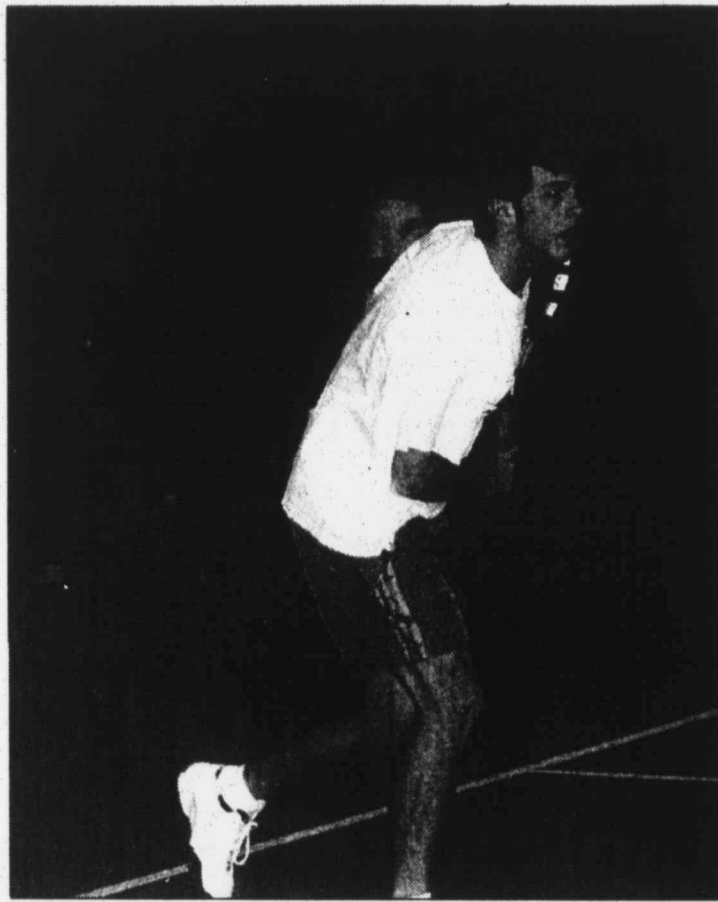
**Pampa 17, Levelland 2**  
**Girls' Doubles**  
Abby Bradley-Ashlee Lucas (P) def. Wilde-Henderson, 6-3,

4-6, 6-4; Payton Baird-Lacy Long (P) def. Boles-Cook, 6-3, 6-1; Bradley-Lucas (P) def. Boles-Cook, 6-0, 6-1; Wilde-Henderson (L) def. Baird-Long, 6-1, 6-1.

**Boys' Doubles**  
Jay Gerber-Jay Thacker (P) def. Levick-Brown, 6-1, 6-1; Zach Hucks-Tyler Howard (P) def. Kimberling-Dunn, 6-2, 6-0; Gerber-Thacker (P) def. Kimberling-Dunn, 6-1, 6-0; Hucks-Howard (P) def. Levick-Brown, 6-2, 6-3; Etchison-Morton (P) def. Lawson-Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

**Girls' Singles**  
Helen Brooks (P) def. Amanda Gillit, 6-0, 6-1; Myca Vinson (P) def. Sarah John, 6-2, 6-2; Helen Brooks (P) def. Sarah John, 6-0, 6-0; Myca Vinson (P) def. Amanda Gillit, 6-3, 6-0.

**Boys' Singles**  
Britton White (P) def. Jeff Contreras, 6-0, 6-3; Kevin Turner (P) def. Chamer Williams, 7-6, 6-1; Adam Etchison (P) def. Scott Lawson, 6-0, 6-1; Austin Morton (P) def. Jared Smith, 6-3, 6-0; Britton White (P) def. Chamer Williams, 6-1, 6-4; Jeff Contreras (L) def. Kevin Turner, 6-3, 6-3.



Pampa junior Britton White had a 4-0 record in the spring openers.

## Top-ranked Arizona shocked by Stanford, 82-77

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — So much for Arizona's lofty goal of going undefeated in the Pac-10. The Wildcats didn't even make it halfway through the conference schedule.

Stanford weathered a 20-3 late run and knocked off the country's top-ranked team 82-77 on Thursday night before a disbelieving packed house at McKale Center.

"Give them credit for not panicking," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "It takes a pretty solid basketball team to maintain their composure, and they certainly did that."

The Cardinal beat a No. 1-ranked team for just the third time in 26 tries — and first time on the road — but there was no wild celebration afterward.

The Stanford players exchanged pats on the back and a couple of hugs, then

walked to the locker room. After all, it was the third year in a row that Stanford had won at McKale.

"We've beat ranked teams before. They just happened to be No. 1," Stanford's Nick Robinson said. "The fact that we'd beaten them here the two times previous, we had a lot of confidence."

The loss compounded what already had been a lousy week for the Wildcats. They had rallied from 20 points down to win by 17 at Kansas on Saturday. But rather than basking in that victory, they had to answer questions about an allegation that some players pilfered candy bars and change from a motel vending machine.

Luke Walton, the only suspect identified by a witness, denied it, as did the other players. An assistant coach reimbursed the motel \$80 and

no charges were filed.

Arizona (15-2, 7-1) remained tied with California for first in the Pac-10. No. 20 Cal lost at Arizona State 75-70 Thursday night. The Bears play at Arizona on Saturday.

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday night, it was No. 5 Duke 80, Butler 60; No. 10 Maryland 75, North Carolina State 60; and No. 22 Oregon 96, UCLA 91 in overtime.

Matt Lottich scored 23 points, including 5-of-8 3-pointers, for Stanford. His 3-pointer with 58 seconds left put Stanford ahead 80-75.

"Our goal is to finish in the top three in the Pac-10," Lottich said. "This was a big step."

Julius Barnes, who had 14 points and 10 assists but shot just 4-for-21, sank both free throws in a one-and-one situation with 8.5 seconds to play

to seal the victory.

"Julius helped me get some great shots," Lottich said. "They were sucking down on him, so he was kicking the ball out to me."

Jason Gardner scored 22, and Walton a season-high 20 for the Wildcats, who committed 19 turnovers and were

14-for-26 at the line.

"We have to take better care of the ball," Olson said. "That's the worst part of our game right now."

Salim Stoudamire, who scored 34 at Kansas, played just 17 minutes because of foul trouble and had three points on 1-for-5 shooting.

## Groom sweeps Samnorwood

GROOM — Groom swept past Samnorwood in District 4-1A basketball games earlier this week.

Senior forward Lance Ollinger scored 20 points to lead the Tigers to a 75-35 win in the boys' tilt. Teammate Cody Babcock chipped in 16.

Donald Ward had 17 points for Samnorwood. Ryan Ward had 8.

Groom is 3-5 in district and 8-17 for the season.

In the girls' game, Groom notched an 89-25 victory.

Amanda Conrad led Groom scoring with 22 points.

Amanda Martin followed with 12.

Amanda Driver led Samnorwood with 12.

The Tigerettes evened their district record at 4-4. For the season, they are 18-8.

Groom hosts Valley tonight.

## Commission opens doors for Title IX changes

By JOSEPH WHITE  
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — While neither side could claim an outright victory in the final votes by the Bush administration's Title IX commission, those who say the landmark gender equity law has hurt men's sports felt they gained some momentum for change.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics considered about two dozen recommendations for Title IX during two days of sometimes contentious meetings. The most sweeping overhauls failed to pass — one proposal produced a 7-7 tie — but the panel voted Thursday in favor of tinkering with the ways students and athletes are counted to measure compliance with the law.

"It's very obvious that everyone recognizes that there needs to be change, and this is a great first step," said Mike Moyer, the executive director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

"It will certainly stem further loss of programs," added Moyer, whose organization has filed a lawsuit claiming Title IX has led to the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams as schools try

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## - Mike Moyer, executive director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association

to meet the equality standards.

The commission will forward its report to Education Secretary Rod Paige, who will consider the recommendations. It takes an act of Congress to fundamentally change the law, but Paige can alter the way compliance is measured.

"I am very pleased that the commission has agreed on a number of reforms that will strengthen Title IX," Paige said.

Title IX prohibits gender discrimination in public and private schools that receive federal funding, which almost all do. It covers admissions, recruitment, course offerings, counseling, financial aid, student health and student housing, as well as athletics.

The commission only looked at sports, where the law's effect has been profound. The number of girls participating in high school sports rose from 294,000 in 1971 to 2.8

million in 2002. The number of women in college sports increased fivefold during the same time.

But about 400 men's college teams were eliminated during the 1990s, with wrestling taking a particularly hard hit, as schools attempted to meet a standard that requires a ratio of male and female athletes similar to the overall student population.

The commission recommended several changes to the standard. The changes deal with roster spots, nonscholarship athletics and nontraditional students.

Women's advocates who preferred the status quo were alarmed by the proposed changes, saying they could chip away at progress that has been made.

"The commission has opened the door for the secretary to do a lot of damage to Title IX," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation. "They changed the

way of counting collegiate participation. The number of male athletes will be deflated; the number of female athletes will be inflated."

One change would establish a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that count toward Title IX compliance, rather than the actual number of athletes on a team.

Commission co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford, said the rule would prevent a school from stacking "100 women on the rowing team" to comply with the law.

Critics countered that the rule could allow a school to add scores of male athletes — notably non-scholarship walk-ons — beyond the preset limits without them counting toward Title IX compliance.

The commission went further on the issue of unrecruited walk-ons and nontraditional students — such as those who are part-time — recommending that none be counted as part of the Title IX proportionality test. The change would mostly affect smaller schools, particularly community colleges, although some Division I schools would be affected.

The 7-7 vote came on a revamped proposal by Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow to

allow schools to comply by having a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the student body makeup, with a leeway of 2 to 3 percentage points. Her earlier proposal called for a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

Commissioner Julie Foudey, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team, was among those who voted against that proposal. She said the current standard should be left alone and better enforced.

Yow said she felt her proposal would have passed had the 15th commissioner been present. Lisa Graham Keegan, chief executive officer of Education Leaders Council, arrived late because she was taking part in another panel on teacher standards. She did not comment on how she would have voted.

"It's OK — it's going to be in the report anyway," Yow said. Tie votes get a separate mention in the final report.

Although most of the commissioners seemed in favor of changing the proportionality standard, their proposals were so varied that none could muster a majority. The most sweeping would have eliminated the proportionality requirement altogether. It failed 11-4.

## NOTEBOOK

## SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7 Monday night in the high school athletic fieldhouse.

All club members are urged to attend.

Pampa opens the district season Tuesday at Canyon.

## ROLLER HOCKEY

PAMPA — Pampa Kids and Youth Club will be having sign ups for Roller Hockey

Date & Time:  
February 1, 2003 10a.m.-3p.m.

February 8,  
2003 10a.m.-12p.m.

February 15,  
2003 10a.m.-12p.m.

Place: Baker Elementary  
At the concession stand  
For more information contact Joe Anstey 669-1533 or Janet Harris 664-3813.

## BASKETBALL

## MILWAUKEE (AP)

— Michael Jordan is just glad to be going to another All-Star game and doesn't mind watching the tipoff from the bench, either.

Jordan turned down offers from Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson to relinquish their starting spots in the All-Star game.

McGrady, the Orlando guard who led the Eastern Conference in fan balloting, made his offer Thursday. Iverson made a similar offer in a private phone call a week and a half ago, Jordan revealed Thursday night before Washington's game against Milwaukee.

"It's not like I've never had a start. I've had plenty of starts," Jordan said.

Jordan said McGrady and Iverson are "entitled to" their starting status, but he appreciated the offers nonetheless.

"It shows what type of people they are, about the history of the game, about guys who have paved the way," Jordan said. "I would have done it for Dr. J. and I'm sure Dr. J. would have done it for someone else."

"That, to me, just shows how much they care about the game. I take it as a compliment, but I would rather for them to play and start and let me come off the bench."

Jordan said Iverson called him after the starting lineups were announced earlier this month.

"He said, 'If you don't mind, I'd like to step aside and let you start,'" Jordan recounted. "No one knew about it. He called me personally and I didn't make it known."

Precedent has been set for McGrady's and Iverson's offer.

John Havlicek started in 1978 because current Wizards coach Doug Collins stepped aside.

"I've always kidded him to this day that it was very difficult for a Sixer to step aside for a Celtic," Collins said.

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# Five Buccaneers glad to reach Pro Bowl at last

**KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP)** — After the monthlong play-off grind, tension of the Super Bowl and crazy victory celebrations, Tampa Bay safety John Lynch still doesn't want to rest.

Not until next week, anyway.

Lynch yawned and squinted through the morning sun toward the Pacific Ocean on Thursday before the NFC Pro Bowl team's workouts. The Buccaneers' star was sleepy, jet-lagged and exhausted, but he thought it was all a small price for his first chance to be an NFL champion and an all-star in the same season.

ever-improving offense.

Like Lynch, the rest of the Buccaneers are worn out, but willing to play.

"There's a lot of stress — not bad stress, but stress," Johnson said. "The first time I slept since the game was (Wednesday) night. I hadn't slept since Sunday."

Only defensive tackle Warren Sapp declined the chance to add another week of physical punishment to his busy schedule, citing a knee injury in dropping out of his sixth Pro Bowl appearance.

The four days since the Buccaneers' 48-21 thrashing of the Oakland Raiders in San Diego have been a whirlwind of activity — something that's unfamiliar to most of the Bucs. Several players appeared on talk shows and made public appearances, and everyone gathered in Tampa on Tuesday for a victory parade.

all the bad times and bad seasons. I haven't been there for that long."

The rest of the Pro Bowlers on both teams said the Buccaneers' championship was well deserved. Most of the Buccaneers' peers sounded a common theme: While Tampa Bay's defense might have won the title, it wouldn't have succeeded without the offense.

"People talked about them like they didn't have an offense. They've got a great offense," Dallas Cowboys linebacker La'Roi Glover said. "They had a great season on both sides of the ball. They deserved to win it all. They're the kings of the Pro Bowl this week."

The Buccaneers' Pro Bowlers hadn't begun thinking ahead to next season or contemplating the possible departure of defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, who had planned to interview for the 49ers' vacant head coaching position before signing a three-year extension with the Buccaneers later Thursday.

"There's definitely a difference when you come over here as a Super Bowl winner," said Lynch, in his fourth Pro Bowl. "It's a better feeling. The guys have a respect for you. You're more tired than you ever were before, but it's worth it. It's sooooo worth it."

Five members of the Buccaneers were at the Ihilani resort on the west side of Oahu for their first Pro Bowl workouts: Lynch, quarterback Brad Johnson, linebacker Derrick Brooks, defensive end Simeon Rice and fullback Mike Alstott.

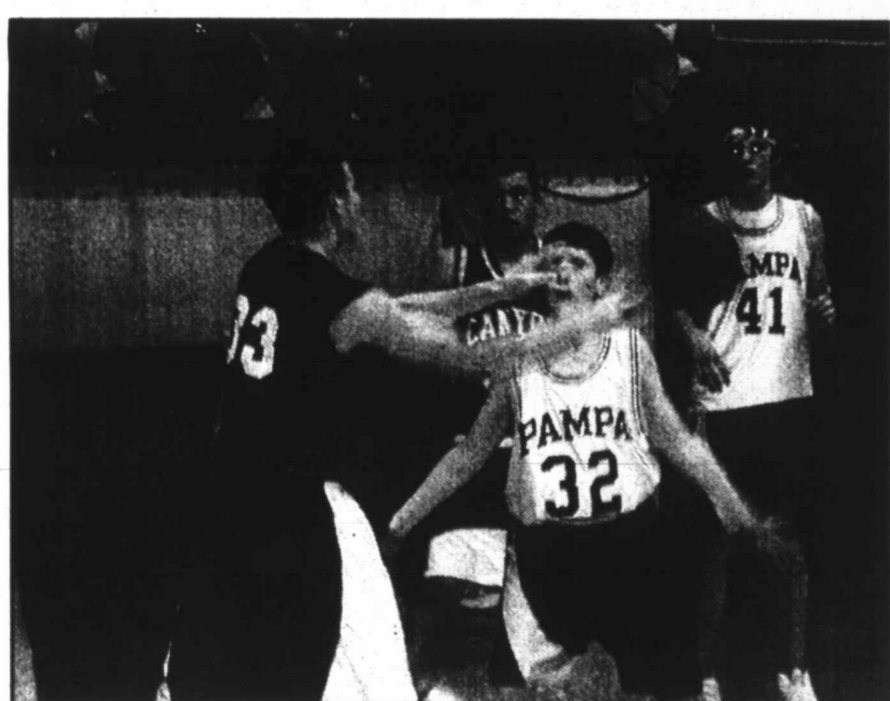
They joined forces with 16 players from the Philadelphia Eagles and the San Francisco 49ers who were sent home from the playoffs by Tampa Bay's defensive machine and

"The first time it hit home for me was the parade," said Johnson, who got his second Pro Bowl trip after Atlanta's Michael Vick dropped out last week. "You could see the frustration of all those Bucs fans just get lifted. I don't think anybody can understand what that means to a team and a community until you actually win it all."

"I really felt it when I saw John Lynch and Warren Sapp hugging, because they've been through it all, through

"We want him to stay, but it's hard to even think about that right now," Rice said. "I mean, we're in Hawaii! We've got the players and the scheme that will make us good for a long time. I think. We're not going to be satisfied with just one championship. We've got that taste for success now."

## Playing defense



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Weston Teichmann (32) and Jarrett Kotara (41) of the Pampa freshmen boys team go on the defense in a recent game. Pampa, which has an 8-1 district record, has two regular-season games remaining until the District Tournament starts on Feb. 6.

## Rangers lose in Sather's debut as coach

By The Associated Press

Glen Sather has a lot of work to do to keep his promise.

Hours after taking over as coach of the New York Rangers and guaranteeing a playoff spot, Sather watched his team squander a late lead in a 4-3 overtime loss to Colorado on Thursday night.

"We're making the playoffs," the 60-year-old Sather said after the team's morning practice.

Sather, New York's president and general manager, took over after firing Bryan Trottier 54 games into his first season as an NHL coach. Sather, who coached Edmonton to four Stanley Cups in the 1980s but hadn't been behind the bench since 1994, took the job after assistant coach Jim Schoenfeld declined the opportunity.

"I can't believe that Glen Sather is coaching the New York Rangers," said captain Mark Messier, who played for Sather in Edmonton. "I can't believe we're in this situation again, and it's hard to believe that he's in the situation to be coaching."

Colorado spoiled Sather's debut, with Alex Tanguay tying it with 4:18 left in regulation and Greg de Vries scoring the winner 2:29 into overtime.

"I thought the guys played hard," Sather said. "They did everything except win the hockey game."

The Rangers (21-26-6-2) earned a point to increase their season total to 50, good for 11th place in the

Eastern Conference. The top eight teams will qualify for the playoffs.

In other NHL games, it was: Washington 2, Pittsburgh 1; Columbus 2, Nashville 1; New York Islanders 3, Montreal 1; Tampa Bay 3, Carolina 1; Florida 2, Detroit 2; Toronto 5, Atlanta 2; New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 1; Chicago 3, Boston 1; St. Louis 2, Buffalo 1 in overtime; Edmonton 3, Vancouver 3; Anaheim 4, San Jose 3; and Los Angeles 3, Ottawa 0.

Tanguay had two goals, and Peter Forsberg added a goal and two assists for the Avalanche, 3-0-2 in their last five games.

When de Vries scored, Sather threw his hands up in disgust and tossed his chewing gum to the floor. Eric Lindros nearly won it early in the extra session for New York, but couldn't get a shot past backup goalie David Aebischer.

Matthew Barnaby, Petr Nedved and Bobby Holik scored for the Rangers, who trailed 2-0 and came back to take a 3-2 lead in the third period — drawing a brief smile from Sather.

"We're going to get better," Sather said. "We can't take a night off. We have to play every game like that."

**Blues 2, Sabres, OT**

At St. Louis, Keith Tkachuk scored with 1:34 left in overtime as the Blues extended their Central Division lead to two points over Detroit heading into the All-Star break.

## Jay Haas not eager to join senior set on pro golf tour

**LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP)** — Nothing like a warm, sunny day, well-manicured greens and a 61 to make an aging golfer want to hang around the tour for a while longer.

Jay Haas, nearing eligibility for the senior tour, shot the best round of his 26 years on the PGA Tour, an 11-under 61 that gave him a one-stroke lead Thursday in the Bob Hope Classic.

"I love it being warm. I guess my old bones just work a little better in this weather. The conditions were just fabulous," Haas said after temperatures reached the high 70s.

His 61 wasn't the only one on a day when scores went really low. Second-year tour player Pat Perez also had an 11-under round, but his only tied him for third.

Harrison Frazar's 62 left him one shot back of Haas. First-round co-leader Stephen Ames had a 67 and was tied with Perez and Joe Durant at 14 under. Durant, the winner two years ago, had a 63.

Haas, the 1988 Hope winner, was still grinning a half hour after he rolled in a 3-foot putt on No. 18 for his 11th birdie of the day.

Asked if he had thought about the senior tour, Haas, who turns 50 on Dec. 2, replied: "I've thought of it, sure. But I feel like this is the major leagues right here and this is what I want to do for as long as I can do it."

"There's plenty of time for that. I'm not wishing away another year real quick so I can play on the senior tour. To play well and to compete with the best players in the world, that's the

ultimate for me."

The 61s were two shots off the PGA Tour record of 59 set by Al Geiberger in 1977, equaled by Chip Beck in 1991, and matched again by David Duval when he won the Hope in 1999.

Duval, this time making the Hope his first event of the year, ballooned to a second-round 78 after an opening 65.

Haas' 61 came on the same 6,930-yard PGA West course where Duval shot his closing 59 four years earlier. Perez, who birdied his first six holes and 10 of the first 11 before getting pars on five consecutive holes, played at the 6,972-yard Bermuda Dunes Country Club.

"Ten under through 11, I've never done that," Peréz said. "I was as confident as anything. I thought, 'No one

TRANSACTIONS		PRO BASKETBALL		
<b>LOS ANGELES DODGERS</b> —Signed INF Ron Coomer to a minor league contract. Named John Shoemaker manager and George Hendrick hitting coach for Las Vegas of the PCL; Scott Little manager, Brian Trauler hitting coach and Ken Howell pitching coach for Vero Beach of the FSL; Dann Bilardello manager, Gary Ingram hitting coach and Roger McDowell pitching coach for South Georgia of the South Atlantic League; Travis Barbary manager of Ogden of the Pioneer League and George Culver pitching coach and Mariano Duncan hitting coach for the Dodgers of the Gulf Coast League.				<b>National Basketball Association</b>
<b>MONTREAL EXPOS</b> —Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Downs on a one-year contract and OF Damon Buford on a minor league contract. Named Chris Bourjos special assignment scout and Mike Toomey special assignment scout for the Northeast.				<b>At A Glance</b>
<b>PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES</b> —Agreed to terms with 2B Placido Polanco on a one-year contract.				<b>By The Associated Press</b>
<b>National Basketball Association</b>				<b>All Times EST</b>
<b>ATLANTA HAWKS</b> —Signed G Jermaine Jackson to a 10-day contract.				<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>
<b>NEW ORLEANS HORNETS</b> —Signed G Robert Pack for the rest of the season.				<b>Atlantic Division</b>
<b>National Football League</b>				<b>W L Pct GB</b>
<b>CAROLINA PANTHERS</b> —Allocated CB Adesola Baden, WR Eugene Baker, TE Kirk McMullen, G Tommy Moody, CB Chris Pointer, and DT Darian Tate to NFL Europe.				New Jersey 30 14 .682 —
<b>HOUSTON TEXANS</b> —Allocated WR John Minardi, WR LaVell Boyd, TE Rashod Kent, S Glenn Sumner and LB Terrell Washington to NFL Europe.				Boston 26 18 .591 4
<b>JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS</b> —Signed RB David Allen, DE Lionel Barnes, TE Matt Cercone, WR Henry Douglas, QB Quinn Gray, WR Kerry Hood, S Abdul Howard, DT Reggie McGrew, CB Jason Olford, and WR Francis St. Paul.				Philadelphia 23 21 .523 7
<b>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS</b> —Named John Hufnagel quarterbacks coach.				Orlando 23 23 .500 8
<b>NEW ORLEANS SAINTS</b> —Named Conrad Kowal senior director of marketing and business development.				Washington 22 23 .489 8 1/2
<b>National Hockey League</b>				Miami 15 29 .341 15
<b>ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS</b> —Acquired D Sandis Ozolish and LW-D Lance Ward from the Florida Panthers for C Matt Cullen, D Pavel Trnka and a fourth-round pick in the 2003 entry draft.				<b>Central Division</b>
<b>ATLANTA THRASHERS</b> —Assigned F Jeff Farkas to Chicago of the AHL.				<b>W L Pct GB</b>
<b>CALGARY FLAMES</b> —Recalled D Jordan Leopold from Saint John of the AHL.				Indiana 33 12 .733 —
<b>CAROLINA HURRICANES</b> —Recalled D Steve Halko from Lowell of the AHL.				Detroit 28 15 .651 4
<b>COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS</b> —Assigned D Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre to Syracuse of the AHL.				Milwaukee 22 21 .512 10
<b>NASHVILLE PREDATORS</b> —Assigned C Greg Classen to Milwaukee of the AHL.				New Orleans 23 22 .511 10
<b>NEW JERSEY DEVILS</b> —Assigned LW Christian Berglund and C Stephen Goulla to Albany of the AHL.				Chicago 17 27 .386 15 1/2
<b>NEW YORK RANGERS</b> —Named				Atlanta 16 28 .364 16 1/2
				Toronto 11 33 .250 21 1/2
				Cleveland 9 36 .200 24
				<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>
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				Washington 98, Phoenix 93
				Cleveland 104, L.A. Clippers 100
				Indiana 102, Miami 95
				Houston 100, Memphis 95
				Minnesota 106, San Antonio 95
				Milwaukee 92, New Orleans 93
				New Jersey 92, Denver 66
				<b>Tuesday's Games</b>
				Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
				Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
				Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
				Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
				Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
				Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
				<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
				San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m.
				Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
				Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
				New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
				Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
				Toronto at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
				Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
				Dallas at Houston, 9 p.m.
				L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
				Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
				<b>Thursday's Games</b>
				Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
				Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
				Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
				<b>Friday's Game</b>
				Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
				<b>Saturday's Game</b>
				Grand Rapids at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
				<b>Sunday's Game</b>
				San Jose at Arizona, 3 p.m.
				Georgia at Colorado, 3 p.m.
				Indiana at Detroit, 3 p.m.
				New York at Dallas, 3 p.m.
				Orlando at Chicago, 3 p.m.
				Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.



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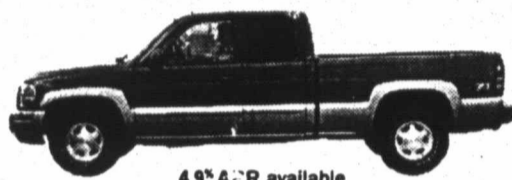
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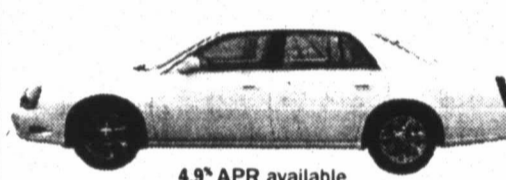
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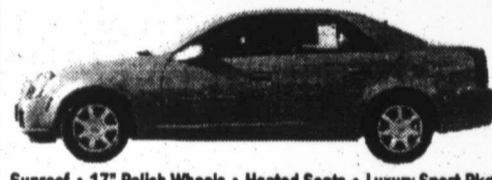
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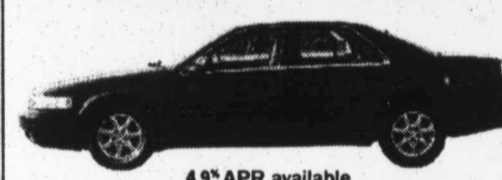
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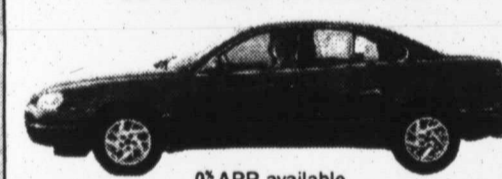
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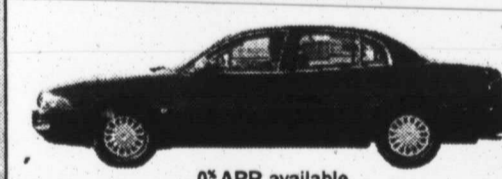
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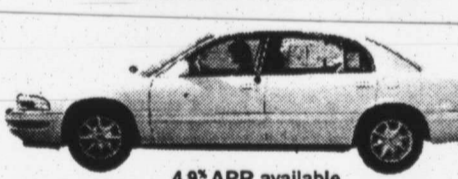
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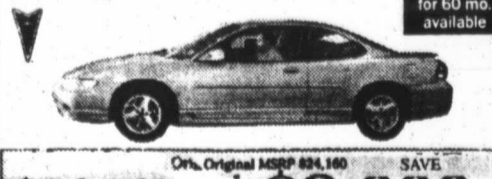
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