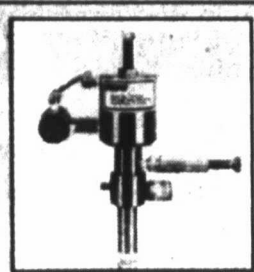


JOHN T. KING & SONS
OILFIELD SPECIALTY ... UNITS • PARTS • SERVICES
918 S. BARNES • 806-669-3711



THE PAMPAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2004

***** ALL FOR ADC 780
 *01 BV04227 12/31/14
 SOUTHWEST MICRO PUBLISHING
 2627 E YANDELL DR
 EL PASO TX 79903-3743

No. 873 • Pampa, Texas
 50 cents Daily • Sunday \$1



LOCAL
Red Cross to offer CPR instructor class

A CPR/First Aid instructor course is being offered by the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Persons interested in taking the course or who would like more information, can contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121 or 1-800-297-2270.

DEATHS

James M. Culpepper, 90, services pending.

George H. Flaherty, 85, insurance manager.

R.H. 'Harvey' Nienstiel, 97, certified public accountant.

Tree Planting Season Is Here

WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE
 120 S. HOBART 669-0158

CHILDERS BROTHERS INC. HOUSE LEVELING
 Uneven Floors
 Floor Bracing
 Cracks In Bricks
 Sticking Doors & Windows
 Interior Wall Cracking
 FREE ESTIMATES
 1-800-299-9563
 WWW.CHILDERSLEVELING.COM

FRED BROWN TREE AND TURF
 Tree & Yard Spraying
 Insect & Weed Control
 Deep Root Feeding
 CALL 806-662-3141
 PAMPA, TX.

STODWALL CONSTRUCTION
 For all your repair or remodeling needs
 "Satisfaction Guaranteed"
 Dustin Stoddard 886-7926
 Brian Wall 898-0555

403 (b) with local service!

Edward Jones
 Duane Harp
 1921 N. Hobart
 Pampa, TX 79065
 665-6753
 Serving Individual Investors Since 1871
 Member SIPC

LENTZ CONOCO
 300 N. Hobart 665-3281
 Complete Auto Service
 Pennzoil Stop. Go. Pennzoil.

Iraq may be slipping into civil war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunni politicians speak angrily of U.S. bias toward their Shiite rivals. Kurds are more outspoken in demanding self rule — if not independence. And someone — perhaps al-Qaida, perhaps Saddam Hussein loyalists — killed more than 100 people in recent suicide bombings.

Rivalry and resentment among Iraq's ethnic and religious groups have become much more pronounced since Saddam's ouster in April. And those tensions are rising as various groups jockey for position with the approaching June 30 deadline for Iraqis to retake power.

The fault lines are emerging for a possible civil war.

Veteran U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who just finished a visit to the

country, pointedly warned Iraqi leaders they face "very serious dangers" if they do not put the interests of the nation ahead of those of their clans, tribes, ethnic groups and religious communities.

"I have appealed to the members of the Governing Council and to Iraqis in every part of Iraq to be conscious that civil wars do not happen because a person makes a decision. Today, I'm going to start a civil war," Brahimi told a news conference on Friday at the end of a mission to discuss ways of setting up an empowered Iraqi government.

Brahimi, who helped mediate civil conflicts in Lebanon and Yemen, told Iraqis that civil wars erupt "because people are reckless, people are selfish,

because people think more of themselves than they do of their country."

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, agreed that civil war was possible, citing conflicts that erupted in the former Yugoslavia and Soviet Union after the collapse of Communist authoritarian rule.

Even before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq last March, some Western and Arab scholars predicted the country would plunge into civil war as soon as Saddam's totalitarian rule collapsed.

So far, many Iraqis insist they are determined to keep the peace, saying their nation is already worn down by three devastating wars since 1980, decades of dictatorship and nearly 13 years of crippling U.N. sanctions.

"We never fought each other," said

Hamid al-Kafai, spokesman for Iraq's Governing Council. "We are one nation and we will stay united."

However, unity has always proven difficult in Iraq, cobbled together from three separate Ottoman provinces by colonial Britain after World War I.

Saddam's Baath party held the rival clans, tribes, ethnic groups and religious communities together through a mixture of terror against its domestic enemies and patronage to those who remained loyal.

That formula held the nation together after Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War after Shiites and Kurds rose up, only to be crushed by Saddam's forces.

With Saddam gone, signs of social disintegration are emerging. The

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

Filing opens for local ISD board seats

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Filing opened Saturday for two positions up for election to the Pampa Independent School District's board of education, and March 15 will be the last day to file.

The two positions to be elected are for Places 6 and 7. School Board President Joe Martinez currently holds Place 6, and Bill Jones represents Place 7.

Persons who wish to run for either of these positions may go to Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, to file for a place on the ballot.

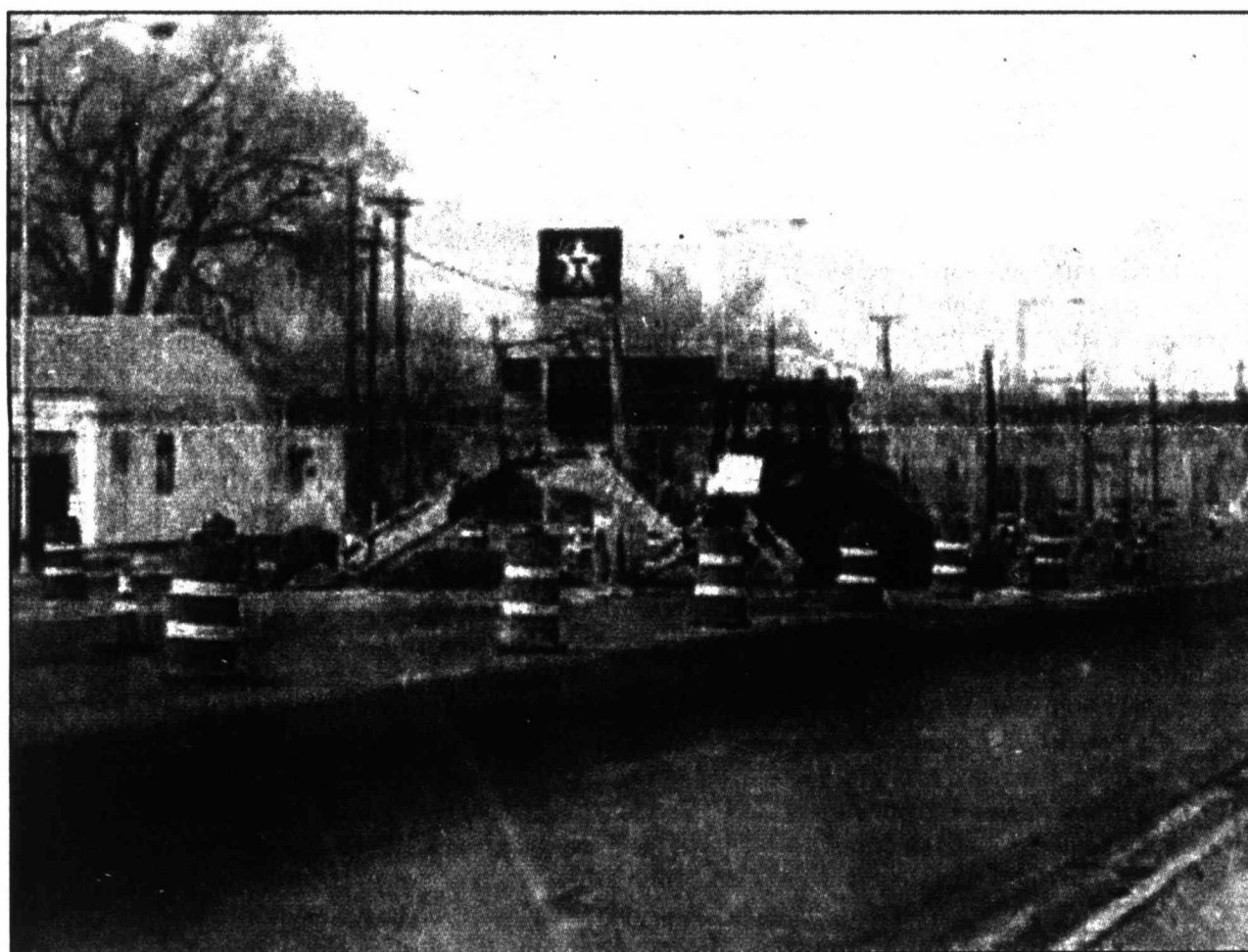
Early voting will be April 28 through May 11 at Carver Center. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Voters who wish to cast their ballots by mail may apply for a ballot between March 16 and May 7. For mailing address to request a ballot, call 669-4700 and ask for the personnel department.

Pampa residents who are not already registered to vote and wish to vote in the election have through April 15 to register in order to be eligible to participate in the school board balloting.

Election day will be May 15 in Lovett Memorial Library.

Single file, please



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Fog shrouds the bright orange traffic barrels on Brown Avenue early today. Traffic was restricted to one lane in each direction on Brown Avenue immediately west of Cuyler Street this morning due to utility work which involved digging up the pavement. About two blocks of the avenue were marked with the bright orange barrels, and traffic was limited to one lane in each direction for about one block. The work is being done to repair a water line, according to a City of Pampa water office spokesperson.

Cattlemen, IBP trial on hold for holiday

By DAVID BOWSER
 SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The courtroom is dark. The judge, lawyers, spectators and jury have gone home until Tuesday in the class-action lawsuit against IBP, the world's largest beef packer.

U.S. Senior District Judge Lyle Strom returned to his home in Nebraska Friday evening. He indicated that if the jury had more questions he would deal with them by telephone. Otherwise, U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson of Montgomery would hear the verdict.

Jay Thomas Jorgensen, one of IBP's team of attorneys, said late Friday that most of the defense team had gone home, but he and the remainder of the team would return to Montgomery Tuesday.

David Domina, one of the cattlemen's attorneys, has a trial in Omaha next week. He said he, like the judge, would participate by phone.

Randy Beard of Guntersville, Ala., and Joe Whatley of Birmingham, Ala., the remainder of the cattlemen's legal team, are expected to be in Montgomery next week.

Friday, however, was not without its excitement.

Lawyer rushed to the Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Federal Courthouse about 2:30 p.m. Friday after a message from the jury to Judge Strom indicated they might have reached a verdict, but upon arriving, attorneys for both sides were informed the jury had failed to reach a verdict after three and a half days of deliberations and that they were being dismissed for the long holiday week-end.

Monday is President's Day. The jury

will resume their deliberations Tuesday morning.

Friday marked the end of the fifth week of the trial. The cattlemen who brought the suit spent two weeks presenting testimony in the case. IBP lawyers spent a week with their witnesses on the stand.

Lawyers for the two sides spent Monday with the judge hammering out the charge to the jury.

Closing arguments were Tuesday morning. The jury got the case shortly before 1 p.m. Tuesday.

"South Alabama juries are notoriously slow," said Beard, a lawyer from North Alabama.

The lawsuit accuses IBP, now Tyson's Fresh Meat, of using captive supplies of cattle, cattle controlled by the packer more than seven days prior to slaughter and without a negotiated price at the time of the sale, to depress

the cash cattle market in violation of federal law. The cattlemen claim that IBP had marketing agreements with various cattle feeders to deliver cattle more than a week in advance and, therefore, the packer doesn't have to be in the cash market to buy cattle every day.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Middle District of Alabama because one of the six cattlemen suing IBP, Henry Lee Pickett, ranches in the state. The others live in Kansas, Nebraska, Montana and South Dakota.

Certified a class action lawsuit in 2002, the cattlemen are claiming that some 35,000 cattlemen and 4,000 feed-yards that sold cattle to IBP between Feb. 1, 1994, and Oct. 31, 2002, suffered more than \$2.1 billion in damages because of lower prices in the cash cattle market.

FEB 16 2004

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
 Come In And Meet Joel To Receive
10% Off With This Coupon

Brown's Shoe Warehouse

Open 7 Days A Week
 Monday-Saturday 9-7
 Sunday 1-5
 1500 North Hobart
 Pampa • 665-5691

OBITUARIES

JAMES M. CULPEPPER
1913-2004

James M. Culpepper, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Culpepper was born March 8, 1913 in Briscoe County, Texas. He married Rubye Inez Green on Oct. 21, 1933 in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 1998. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1938. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

Survivors include one son, Billy James

Culpepper from Warrensburg, Mo.; one daughter, Linda Gail Shultz of Bedford; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Cory Culpepper.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, BSA Hospice, and caregivers Pauline Denton, Gynell King, Hazel Scott and Carolyn Shook.

— Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

R.H. "HARVEY" NENSTIEL
1907-2004

R.H. "Harvey" Nensiel, 97, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in Pampa. Graveside services are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial services are to be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nensiel was born on Feb. 9, 1907 at Ithaca, Neb. He married Ruth Ball on Sept. 20, 1930 in Topeka, Kan. She preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 2003. He came to Pampa in 1938 from Amarillo, and he was the only certified public accountant in Gray County at that time. He retired in 1996 after serving as building manager for the Combs-Worley

Building for 57 years. Mr. Nensiel also served on the Board of Directors for First National Bank for 11 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Phyllis Smith.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Icard and husband, John, of Las Cruces, N.M.; one brother, Donald Nensiel and wife, Clara, of Pampa; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

— Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

GEORGE H. FLAHERTY
1918-2004

George H. Flaherty, 85, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, in Pampa. The body was cremated and is unavailable for viewing. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Leland Lewis of the First Assembly of God Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Flaherty was born April 22, 1918 at Higgins. He moved with his family to Pampa and attended Pampa schools. He joined the U.S. Army in 1935 and served in the horse-drawn field artillery at Laramie, Wyo. He became a member of a trick horse riding team while in the service. During World War II, he worked for Cabot Corp. manufacturing gun barrels for the war. He helped build the dam at Lake McLellan during the Depression, which was a WPA project when President Roosevelt was in office. He married Virginia Powers in 1938. He became an insurance agent for the American National Life Insurance Company and was promoted to assistant manager in 1968 for the Pampa branch office. He also worked for Montgomery Ward as a salesman for many years. Upon his retirement,



he was a custodian for the First National Bank. For many years, he drove to Codell, Okla., to pastor a small country church which he enjoyed very much. He worked with the

Boy Scouts of America in 1960. He was a member of the AARP, was president of the local chapter for several years, and received the 1990 National Community Service Award from AARP. He was appointed ombudsman for Gray County and helped start the AARP kitchen band.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Virginia, of the home; two sons, Michael Flaherty and wife, Janice, of Amarillo and Kent Flaherty and wife, Loretta, of Pampa; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

— Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

NENSTIEL, R.H. "Harvey" — Graveside, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery. Memorial, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 12

A possible civil incident was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. The matter was referred to the county attorney's office.

Four reports of forgery were made at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

Domestic violence with injuries was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner. The victim received a cut above one of her eyes that required stitches. She was treated and released.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 900 block of East 23rd Avenue. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

Friday, Feb. 13

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2300 block of Primrose.

A male juvenile was arrested at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, for class disruption. He was released to the juvenile probation office.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road. A window was broken out of a vehicle. Estimated loss was \$600.

A 15-year-old male was reported as a runaway in the 1600 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2300 block of Primrose. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was \$500.

Theft was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. Nine packages of allergy medication were taken, for an estimated loss of \$13.10.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Injury to a police officer was reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the parking lot of Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

A violin was taken from a locked vehicle. Method of entry was unknown. Estimated loss was \$1,000.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Perry. A shotgun was taken; method of entry was unknown. Estimated loss was \$300.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Hamilton. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 1600 block of Faulkner.

An information report concerning possible telephone harassment was taken in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen. A headlight and rear window were broken out of a vehicle. Estimated loss was \$270.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart. Several DVDs were taken, for an estimated loss of \$200.

Injury to an officer was reported in the 300 block of Tignor. Minor injuries, not requiring medical attention, were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Canadian. Method of entry was unknown. Taken were tools, a tool box, and a chain saw. Estimated loss was \$550.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Violation of a protective order was reported at the Super Playground, in the 1000 block of North Frost.

An information report on a welfare concern was taken in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. A 12-pack of beer was stolen, with an estimated loss of \$9.

David Earl Fields, 32, 1073 Prairie, was arrested in the 1000 block of Prairie for burglary of a habitation.

Jaime Gaytan Estrada, 32, 1101 Juniper, was arrested at 200 W. Francis for two warrants for public intoxication.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 14

5 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Hamilton and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

5:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell. No patient found.

11:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, Feb. 15

8:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported one to PRMC.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

12:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague and transported one to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Byran Dale Helms, 21, 8522 County Road 2, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a capias pro fine for failure to appear.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 14

6:48 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1000 block of Love Street.

Sunday, Feb. 15

8:07 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

2 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a heater investigation in the 800 block of North Dwight. No problem was found.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 12

2:35 p.m. — A green pickup, driver unknown, collided with a legally parked 1998 GMC Sierra pickup, owned by Anthony Ray Albus, 23, Canadian, in a private parking lot at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart. No citations were issued. The green pickup left the scene.

Friday, Feb. 13

11:14 p.m. — A 1991 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Kleigh Dawn Sweeney, 16, 864 S. Banks, collided with a telephone pole in the 500 block of 23rd Avenue. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

Health care fund cuts spurs protest from Texas counties

HOUSTON (AP) — Facing a wave of indigent health care cuts from Texas government officials, 165 counties have passed resolutions protesting unfunded state mandates and seeking a constitutional amendment barring them.

Resolutions backed by unionized state employees to rein in an overhaul of 12 social service agencies, put the brakes on privatization, study negative local economic impacts and restore state health care cuts have passed in at least 10 other counties.

Indigent health care cuts total more than \$33 million a year for Harris County alone.

County officials argue that state lawmakers who boasted about erasing a \$10 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes last year simply passed the health care buck to local property owners.

"Basically, it's a tax, a tax increase to the counties, the property owners," said Dale Wortham, a Harris County Hospital District board member who hopes to persuade county commissioners to pass a resolution seeking to slow the social services overhaul. "There's a big deficit, and somebody's got to pay it. Whether that check comes

from the counties or the state, it's still got to be paid."

Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously passed the unfunded mandates resolution last December. In Travis and Bexar counties, the resolution calling for a slowdown of the state's unprecedented changes for social services was adopted.

"It's an indication that people are starting to figure out what's going on and understanding the importance of what was passed," Anne Dunkelberg, health policy analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a think tank that studies issues affecting low-income Texans, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

In Callahan and Eastland counties, officials said they do not receive enough money from the state each year to meet the increasing demand for indigent health care, and their tax revenues are too small to make up the difference.

The two West Texas counties have sent letters to local physicians informing them that more funds won't be available for eight months.

"The truth is that we don't have a bottomless pit that we can reach into and pull out

more money," Callahan County Judge Roger Corn told the Abilene Reporter-News. "We budget what the state tells us to, but it seems that there is just never enough money to do what we need to do."

Eastland County Judge Brad Stephenson said he sent a letter explaining the county's financial problems to the health care providers Jan. 30. Corn sent a letter last week to physicians. The counties will not be able to replenish their budgets until the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

The grassroots unfunded mandates initiative, pushed by the Texas Association of Counties, is designed to counteract shifting tax burdens to counties to provide attorneys for poor defendants and the extra sticker shock of deep health care cuts from the past session, said the county association's spokeswoman, Elna Christopher.

"Health care cuts with the Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid were a big chunk of unfunded mandates this past session in that those hospitals cannot turn away sick folks," Christopher said, referring to federal law prohibiting turning away indigents at public or private hospital emergency rooms.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 30. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the upper 60s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the upper 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Fog and low clouds shrouded parts of North and West Texas early Monday as moisture lingered from recent snowfalls in the areas. A very weak upper-level system moved eastward and into the lower Mississippi valley region. Early-morning temperatures ranged from 20 degrees in Dalhart to 49 at both McAllen and Brownsville. Readings across the Panhandle and North Texas ranged from

the upper 20s along the Red River Valley to mid-30s in Temple and Killeen. Winds were light and variable across East Texas, near the center of a surface high pressure ridge. Cirrus clouds also covered eastern sections of the state. Across West and Central Texas, winds were southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph. Fog also developed across the eastern Panhandle and South Plains where the ground was saturated from recent snowfall.

City Briefs

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

CALL BELLMART for breakfast & lunch. Eat in, take-out or delivery. Burgers, fajitas, chicken, salad, etc. 669-7469. Open Mon-Sat. at 5:00 am.

CLOTHING ROOM Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ (bldg across the street, south of Pampa High School) Tues., Feb. 17th, open 9-1. 665-2373, lv. msg.

MILLER BOBCAT 225 for sale. Call 669-7612.

OPENING SOON! Patrick's Game Room, 310 W. Foster.

Vale

Warren Valenti Health

Carl S Day K

Rich to A

Feb. 19. Panhandle American will be Country Feb. 19.

Guest Spears, Associate scheduled overview industry. Social p.m., foll

Sup

C

Denver screen spons

Mu of a

PANH House M will be t Feb. 22 at 12:30 Young. Opera w

In ch area teach um but i

Look America tauquas with the museum

For n the mus

Valentine royalty



(Courtesy photo)

Warren Bowers and Garnet Poole were Valentine King and Queen at Coronado Healthcare Center here in Pampa.



(Courtesy photo)

Carl Slate and Vivian Jones were the Valentine's Day King and Queen at Pampa Nursing Center.

Richard Spears to speak to API group Thursday

February meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will be held at the Pampa Country Club on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Guest speaker Richard Spears, of Spears & Associates of Tulsa, Okla., is scheduled to give an overview of the oil and gas industry.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a barbecue buffet at 7 p.m. Cost of the buffet is \$15 per person.

Door prizes are furnished by Halliburton. API members may bring a spouse or guest. API memberships will be available at the door.

Upcoming API events include the March meeting on March 18, annual fish fry on April 3, and the 52nd annual Scholarship Tournament at the Pampa Country Club on May 21.

Super Bowl giveaway



(Courtesy photo)

Denver Moose of Lefors won a 20-inch flat screen television set in a Super Bowl giveaway sponsored by Heard-Jones and Coca Cola.

Museum offers afternoon of arts and entertainment

PANHANDLE — According to Carson County Square House Museum Director Viola Moore, the Panhandle museum will be the site of a special "Afternoon with the Arts" Sunday, Feb. 22 in its Hazlewood Auditorium. The afternoon will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a gourmet meal prepared by Mary Beth Young. Performers from the Lone Star Ballet and the Amarillo Opera will perform at 1 p.m.

In charge of the production is King Hill, drama coach and area teacher who has long held an interest in not only the museum but in the Texas Panhandle itself.

Looking back at the entertainment traditions of frontier America — its traveling shows, steamboats, Vaudeville, chautauquas and post-Depression era variety shows — "Afternoon with the Arts" is reminiscent of such traditions, combining, museum officials say, good friends, good food and good fun.

For more information about this upcoming program, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

San Francisco's gay weddings continue and so does the promise of a legal fight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dozens of same-sex couples lined up outside City Hall in heavy rain early Monday, waiting for city offices to open so they could join more than 1,700 other gay and lesbian couples who have exchanged vows in the last few days.

While hundreds of same-sex marriages kept City Hall offices buzzing through the weekend, conservative activists promised a relentless legal challenge.

The Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund sued to block the same-sex unions, and San Francisco Superior Court Judge James L. Warren has scheduled a hearing Tuesday in the case. A second legal challenge filed by a California group is also scheduled for a court hearing Tuesday. Briefs were due Monday.

More than 1,700 marriage licenses have been issued to same-sex couples since Thursday. Although some may choose to wait before actually getting married, hundreds have already gone before city officials to exchange vows and be declared "spouses for life," often in ceremonies scattered

around the interior of the ornate City Hall.

New Mayor Gavin Newsom touched off the wedding spree by ordering officials to issue licenses to same-sex couples, declaring that he was merely ensuring equal treatment of gays and lesbians. Newsom later officiated personally at the weddings of his chief of staff and policy director, both of whom married their longtime partners.

Critics have pointed to a ballot initiative approved by California voters in 2000 that says the state will only recognize marriages between a man and woman. Randy Thomasson, the director of the Campaign for California Families, one of the groups challenging the marriages in court, said last week that Newsom "can't play God."

On Sunday, a small group of protesters stood across the street from City Hall holding signs protesting

same-sex unions.

The critics seemed to make little difference to most of the people inside the building, where the mood was both busy and joyous. Many clerks and sheriff's deputies volunteered their time to work over the weekend.

Rich Walker and Brad Chilcoat, who have owned a home together in San Francisco for the last three and a half years, exchanged their vows at the top of City Hall's grand staircase, and said later that the city's recognition of their union added special meaning.

"It's official. It's official," Walker said, displaying the marriage certificate stamped with both their names.

The certificate, Chilcoat said, "moves us from second-class citizens to equal status."

Walker, 50, and Chilcoat, 41, walked out of City Hall arm-in-arm, cheered by the crowds of people waiting outside.

Roadside bombs kill two soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Roadside bombs killed two U.S. soldiers in separate attacks Monday in Baghdad and a city to the northeast, the U.S. military said, and an American civilian was shot and killed in a weekend ambush.

A grenade exploded in an elementary school playground in a Shiite Muslim neighborhood of Baghdad on Monday,

killing one child and wounding four others. The children apparently triggered the explosive, hidden in some garbage, while they were playing, Iraqi police said.

In the ambush Saturday, gunmen in a white sedan opened fire on a taxi carrying Americans from a religious group from the site of the ancient city of Babylon to Baghdad, the U.S. Command

said in a statement. It did not identify the group, but a number of Christian humanitarian organizations are working in Iraq.

In one of Monday's roadside bombings an American soldier from Task Force Iron Horse was killed in the center of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, the 4th Infantry Division said.

Two Iraqis were arrested, one with a cell phone that may have been used to detonate the bomb, said Master Sgt. Robert Cargie, a division spokesman in Tikrit.

The other fatal bombing occurred in the center of Baghdad about 9:20 a.m., killing one soldier from the 1st Armored Division and wounding another. The 1st Armored is due to leave Iraq in the coming weeks and be replaced by the 1st Cavalry Division.

The latest deaths bring to 540 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the United States launched the Iraq war in March. Most have died since President Bush declared an end to active combat May 1.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy chief of operations, reported an average of 17 engagements a day between U.S. soldiers and insurgents during the past week, down from about 22-24 the previous week.

In the northern oil center of

Kirkuk, gunmen in a car opened fire at passers-by in a mainly Kurdish neighborhood Sunday night, killing one Kurdish man and wounding two other people, police said. The attackers escaped.

Ethnic tensions are high in the oil-rich city, where Sunni Muslim Arabs, Kurds, Turkomans and others are vying for dominance.

Attacks against the U.S.-led occupation force have continued unabated despite the capture of Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13 and the arrest of numerous figures whom the American military has identified as key figures behind the insurgency.

U.S. officials are divided about whether Iraqis or foreign fighters are responsible for recent attacks, including last week's bold daylight assault against police and civil defense compounds in Fallujah in which at least 25 people were killed.

On Monday, Kimmitt said it appeared all the attackers wounded or killed in Fallujah were Iraqis, despite initial reports that foreigners including Lebanese and Iranians were involved.

He said a number of Iraqis were being questioned in connection with the attack, including the mayor of Fallujah who had submitted his resignation a few days before the Saturday assault.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

IRAQ

Shiites and Kurds believe they now have a historical opportunity to regain their rights — to the alarm of the Sunni Arabs.

Majority Shiites expect to translate their number — an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 25 million people — into real political power.

The demands of their most influential spiritual leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, for an early election to choose a transitional legislature have pitted them against the Sunni Arab minority, who feel that such a ballot will further marginalize them.

The Sunni Arabs, bristling at the loss of their privileges under Saddam, have challenged the widely held view that the Shiites constitute a majority and accuse them of colluding with the Americans against them. Following Saturday's bloody attack against police and civil defense units in the Sunni stronghold Fallujah, rumors spread through the city that Shiite Muslim militiamen were responsible, although that seemed unlikely.

Sunni frustrations are behind the enduring anti-American insurgency in Baghdad and in Sunni-dominated areas to the north and west of the capital. Shiites have for the most part left the Americans in peace. The Shiite clerical leadership believes that it will inherit power as the Americans gradually withdraw.

"It flies in the face of Iraq's history of the past 80 years to imagine that the Sunnis will accept Shiite domination or allow them to rule," said Gareth Stansfield of the Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies at England's University of Exeter.

In a letter released by U.S. authorities Wednesday, an anti-American operative, believed to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, tells leaders of al-Qaida that turning the coun-

try's religious communities against one another is the best way to undermine U.S. policy in Iraq.

"The potential for a civil war is already in place," said Stansfield of Exeter University. "It does not need al-Qaida to encourage it."

The Kurds, believed to form 15-20 percent of the population, remain fixated on a single goal — preserving and expanding the self rule they have enjoyed in their northern regions since 1991.

Kurds are locked in a power struggle with Sunni Arabs over the limits of federalism in the new Iraq. Kurdish claims to Kirkuk have served to unite the oil-rich city's Arab and ethnic Turkish residents against them and have raised alarm bells here and in neighboring countries over the possible dismemberment of Iraq.

Worsening tensions come at a time of increased suicide attacks against Iraqis who cooperate with the U.S.-led coalition. Such attacks cast doubt on U.S. claims that Iraqi security forces can maintain order after the handover of sovereignty this summer.

John Mann
Lawyer
115 W. Foster
"Across From The Conco"
806-665-2555
Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Speculation

Any 3 Rooms of CARPET Cleaned

BLACKMON MOORING STEAMATIC
Over 50 Years of Quality Service

3 Rooms **\$119**
ANY SIZE for

We Work Late!
Appointments from 8am to 8pm Monday through Saturday

BLACKMON MOORING STEAMATIC
TOLL FREE - 24 HOURS
1.877.730.1948

Schedule appointments online at: www.blackmonmooring.com
Appointments must be scheduled within the next 7 days. Service must be performed within 25 days. Residential cleaning service only.
Code: NP101 State License # TACL8015348E

FEB 16 2004

The Pampa News Comics

MONDAY • February 16, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman Looks for Man Her Age Who Is Ready to Settle Down

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and single. I am always hearing about women suffering from midlife crises, but have you ever heard of a mid-20s one? My single friends and I all seem to have the same problem. We are out of college and beyond our days of "flings." So why is it that while we are ready to settle down and meet someone, the men our age act like they are still in college? Is there anywhere I can meet someone mature and my age? Should I go to church to find someone, like my mom says? Look to older men? Or am I doomed 'til I'm over 30?

RORY IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR RORY: In the 1950s, "success" for girls was defined as marrying early and having children. Since then, however, more women have jobs and careers, and it is not unusual for men and women to get graduate degrees before thinking about marriage. Couple that with the fact that an adolescent mentality seems to have stretched beyond the teens into the mid-to-late 20s, and it's not surprising that many young men do not feel ready to commit.

You may have to expand your horizons a bit in the age department if you want to settle down now. Consider someone in his late 20s. Then go where like-minded people gather: graduate school, special-interest clubs, volunteer organizations, square or line dancing, church or a political-action group.

Remember that it's important to take the time to really get to know someone before you give your heart — or anything else.

DEAR ABBY: This is an update on Project Lifesaver, a new nonprofit police organization that locates wandering victims of Alzheimer's disease and special-needs kids using electronic tracking. Your columns devoted to dementia prompted me to write, since our service allows seniors to remain at home longer and gives much-needed

stress reduction to their caregivers. To date, Project Lifesaver has located 878 people in an average rescue time of 19 to 20 minutes. There have been no deaths or injuries, and everyone reported missing has been located. According to the National Alzheimer's Association, an average of 32,000 people wander away from homes and nursing homes each year.

Those at risk of wandering wear a 1-ounce wrist transmitter that emits a radio tracking signal 24/7. When caregivers discover their loved one is missing, they call 911, and Project Lifesaver-trained police officers respond to locate the person quickly.

The system works day or night, inside or outside. The price for the service through the police department ranges from free to \$35 per month, depending on financial need. Project Lifesaver is currently in about 200 police departments.

Caregivers interested in Project Lifesaver for their community should contact their local police or sheriff's department and ask them to contact me at the Chesapeake, Va., Sheriff's SAR Unit at (757) 546-5502. Thank you.

CHIEF GENE SAUNDERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROJECT LIFESAVER

DEAR CHIEF SAUNDERS: Be careful what you wish for. Project Lifesaver sounds like a terrific public service to me. I'm pleased to make my readers aware of it. Get ready for the onslaught!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

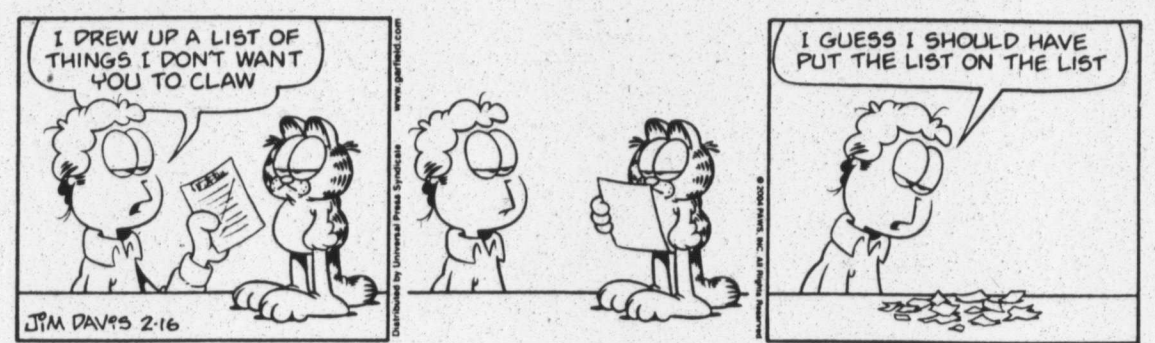
For Better Or Worse



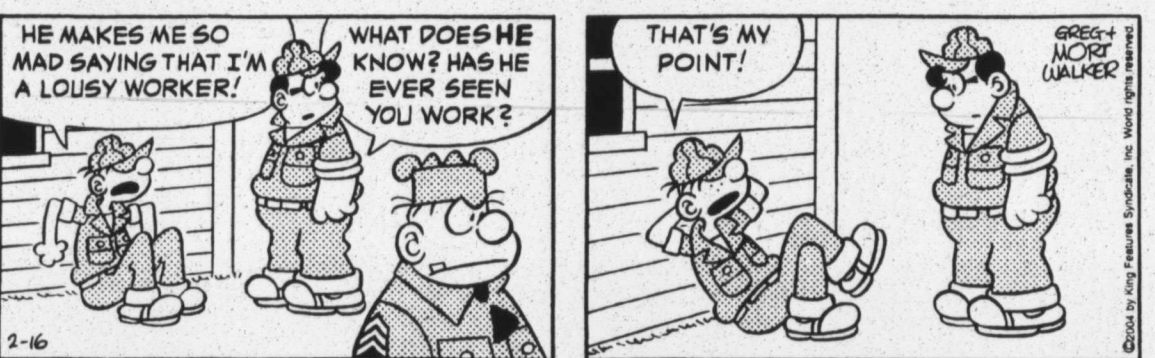
Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

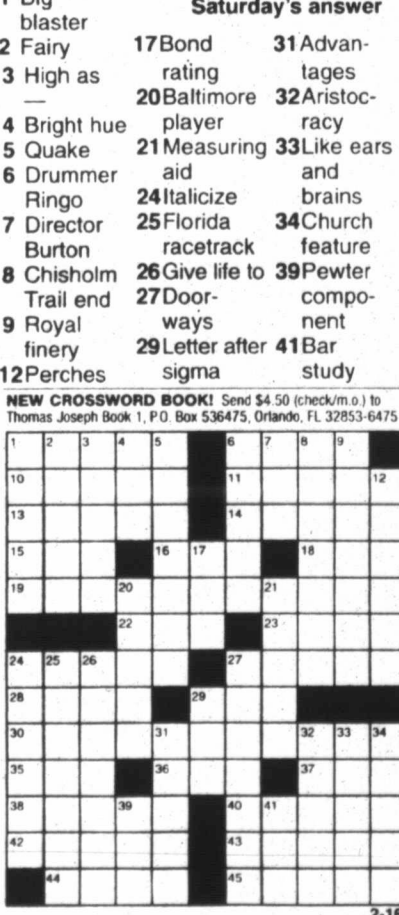
CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Subsequently 6 Flag feature 10 Chopper rider 11 Rome's river 13 Recording tape coating 14 Mexican pal 15 Cambridge sch. 16 Damage Philosopher — Tzu 19 Some kegs 22 Menu phrase 23 Foot or fathom 24 Barber's offering 27 Entreaties 28 Fork part 29 Foot part 30 Old water holders 35 Shade tree 36 Ump's call 37 Sever 38 Old alliance 40 Suspect's story 42 Gown material

DOWN 1 Big blaster 2 Fairy 3 High as 4 Bright hue 5 Quake 6 Drummer Ringo 7 Director Burton 8 Chisholm Trail end 9 Royal finery 12 Perches 17 Bond 20 Baltimore player 21 Measuring aid 24 Italicize Florida racetrack 26 Give life to 27 Doorways 29 Letter after sigma 31 Advancing lages 32 Aristocracy 33 Like ears and brains 34 Church feature 39 Pewter component 41 Bar study

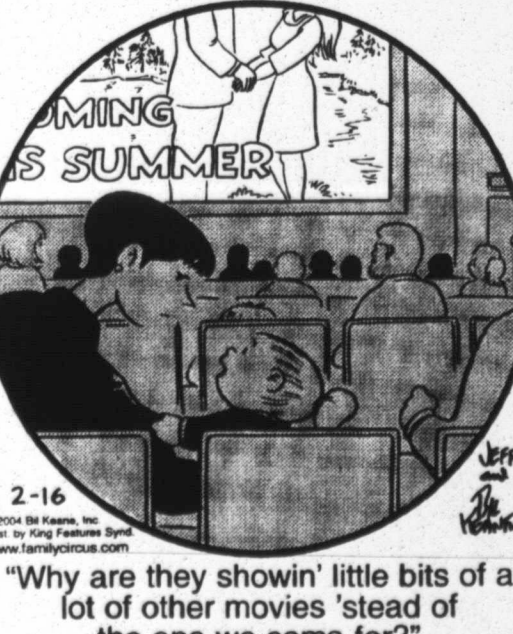
Saturday's answer



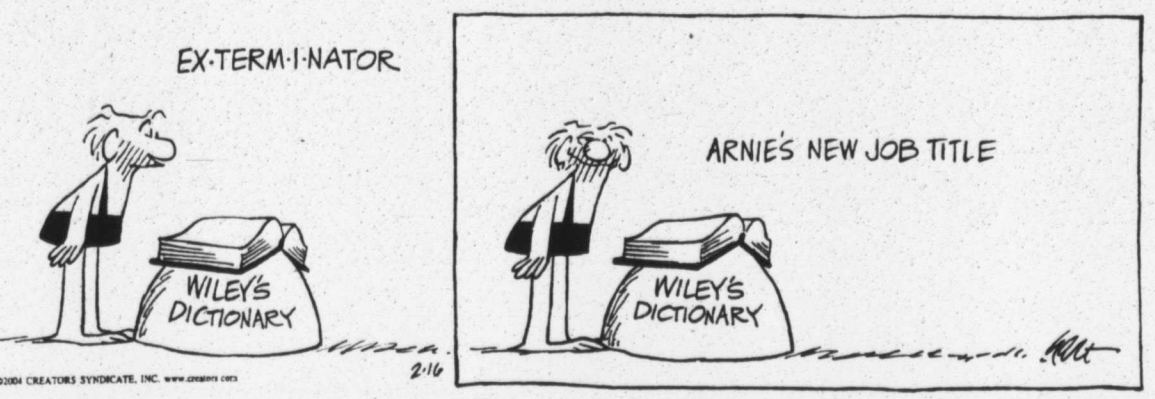
Marmaduke



The Family Circus



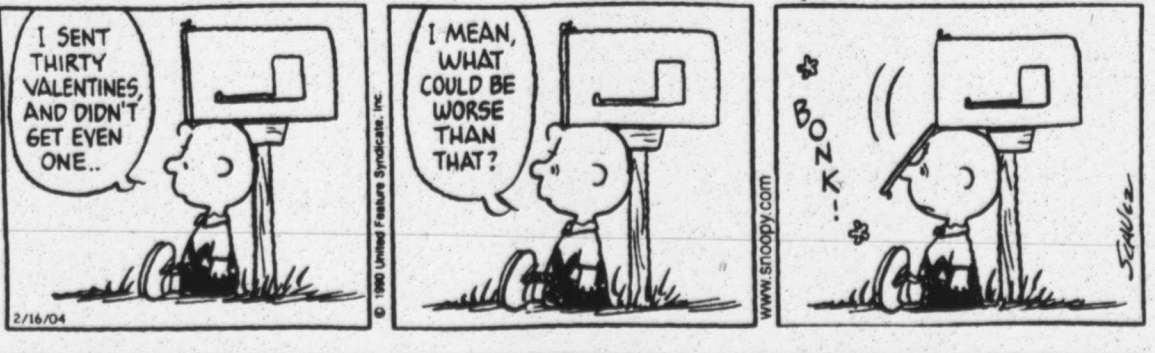
B.C.



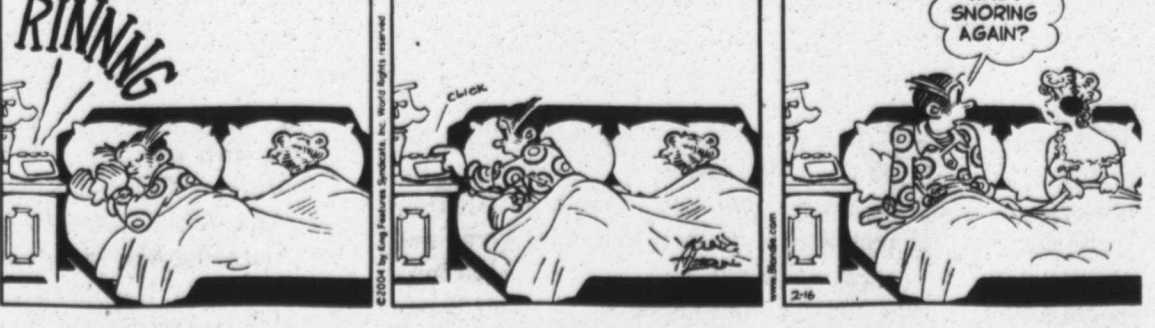
Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



GOLF

SAN JUAN... John Daly... bunker shot... a three... Buick Inv... PGA Tour... nine years.

Riley, who... Torrey Pin... belief as hi... on the par... the way ar... Donald ear... feet.

Since Briti... British Op... — his seco... has gone... divorce, h... alcohol rel... to see wh... fourth wif... mer on d... charges fr... gave birth... Daly wo... fifth PGA... almost as... one, the 19... was the ni...

BASEB

PAMP... Baseball... meet at 7... the Read... PHS Athl... Plans... for the... raiser. All... are urged... BASKE

LOS A

— Shaq g... and Kobe... minutes. I... n't have a... In addi... Star game... area since... itive from... wasn't dec... minute.

Shaqu... nine dunk... rebound... helped... Conferen... 136-132... become th... the host... MVP hon... Kobe... points in... arriving la... team pict... "LA... explained.

The La... the perfor... is a sign... after the... they've... injuries a... following... "Both... winning,"... Kevin Ga... Bryant —... this game... step on th... ness, and... pate that... the Lake...

The P... departm... own e-m... Storie... coaches... sports... submitte... escour@... Photo... Peg four... Storie... mitted b...

SPORTS

Lucas, Oklahoma State Cowboys flying high

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — First John Lucas suits up for Baylor and beats Oklahoma State.

Then John Lucas suits up for Oklahoma State and beats Baylor.

The biggest problem with most college basketball teams is the lack of a point guard with spirit and skills like Lucas.

When the Cowboys got Lucas this year as a transfer from tragedy-marred Baylor, they went from a fourth-place finish in the Big 12 to where they stand today — ranked No. 10 and leading the league with a 9-1 mark with six games to go.

In his first game against Baylor since transferring last

summer, the 5-foot-11 point guard scored 13 points and had four assists Saturday to lead No. 10 Oklahoma State to a 91-58 rout of the over-matched Bears.

Last season, Lucas had 20 points to lead the Bears to a 74-72 victory over Oklahoma State that ended Baylor's 22-game road losing skid.

For the season, Lucas is second in conference play with almost 18 points a game and leads in assists-to-turnovers ratio.

Lucas had little to say to his former teammates before the game and hurried through the traditional handshake with the opposing team afterward.

"It was just another game to me," Lucas said afterward.

"It was cool to see them out there on the floor, but I only knew three or four of them."

The victory nudged the Cowboys (18-2, 9-1 Big 12) into the Big 12 lead because No. 11 Texas proved again how hard it is to win on the road.

Iowa State, which had been beaten by 31 points at Kansas State its previous game, pulled off a 78-77 upset of the Longhorns (17-4, 8-2). It was the biggest win of the year for Iowa State (14-7, 5-5) and a bitter loss for Texas.

Elsewhere in the Big 12 on Saturday, freshman Drew Lavender scored 31 points and Oklahoma (16-5, 6-4) beat Texas A&M 78-72, keep-

ing the Aggies (7-14, 0-10) winless in the league; and No. 18 Texas Tech (18-6, 6-4) beat Kansas State 82-71 to hand the Wildcats (11-10, 3-7) their 21st consecutive conference road loss.

In Sunday conference action, Nebraska packed its fieldhouse and whipped No. 12 Kansas 74-55. Andrew Drevo, John Turek and Nate Johnson each scored 14 points for the Huskers, who won their third straight win overall and beat the Jayhawks for the first time in 10 meetings.

The Jayhawks (15-6, 7-3), who lost 80-60 at Oklahoma State on Monday night, had not suffered double-digit losses in consecutive conference games since 1983.

Jeff Graves, Kansas' troubled senior post man, did not even dress for the game. Coach Bill Self said NCAA rules allow visiting teams to use only 15 players "and 15 players had a better week than him."

In another Sunday matinee, Missouri swamped UNLV 94-60 in its most dominating game of the year. The Tigers (11-10) were led by Arthur Johnson's 23 points and a career-best 20 from freshman Thomas Gardner.

The Tigers took a commanding 54-27 lead behind a season-best 13 3-pointers and never let UNLV in the game.

Jason Conley added 17 points and Travon Bryant 11 for Missouri.

Pampa seeks a playoff spot with visit to Plainview



Pampa's Jed Martin (23) had 17 points in the first meeting against Plainview.

PAMPA — In the regular-season finale Tuesday night, the Pampa Harvesters can decide their own playoff fate.

Pampa travels to Plainview for a 7:30 p.m. game to close out the 2003-2004 regular season. With a victory, the Harvesters can clinch or tie for a playoff spot.

Pampa with a 6-5 record is tied with Dumas and Caprock for third place. Plainview at 7-4 is holding onto second place.

Pampa won rather handily 65-53 in the first meeting with Plainview. Senior pivot Chance Bower had 19 points and senior guard Jed Martin 17 to lead the Harvesters.

Plainview downed Dumas 84-70 last weekend to set up the showdown with Pampa.

Sophomore guard Jamar Wall led the

Bulldogs with 18 points. Kenon Uddley was right behind with 17.

.....

Pampa exploded for 31 points in the fourth quarter to defeat Randall 61-48 in junior varsity action last weekend.

Sharrod Young led Pampa in scoring with 16 points. Braydon Barker and Tyler Hall followed with 11 each.

Pampa led by only two (30-28) after three quarters, but Weston Teichmann hit three 3-point goals in the fourth quarter to lead the scoring outburst. Teichmann finished with 9 points, while Brett Ferrell followed with 6, Eric Kingcade 4, Tyson Hickman 2 and Craig Crowell 2. Barker had 5 rebounds, 4 assists and a pair of three-point goals while Hall had one three-point goal and 6 rebounds.

Hoops with hoopla at NBA All-Star game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Old school and ever-dignified, Bill Russell had to be baffled by what he saw at the NBA All-Star game.

This was not basketball as Russell remembered it or played it.

The game Sunday, on Russell's 70th birthday, was flashy and fast and pure fun for a hip-hop generation, a 136-132 victory by the West over the East that was filled with acrobatic moves, alley-oop passes and high-flying dunks — 44 dunks in all.

It was NBA star power surrounded by show biz stars — Janet Jackson, not risking another wardrobe malfunction as she sat primly in her courtside seat; Beyonce singing and dancing sexily at halftime; Jay-Z, Heather Locklear and basketball junkie Jack Nicholson, among others, bringing their charisma to the scene.

American Idol star Kelly Clarkson sang a sweet "Happy Birthday" tribute to Russell at the end of the first quarter, charming the crowd even if it seemed to embarrass

the old Boston Celtics center.

In Russell's day, the NBA All-Star game was a relatively sedate affair with none of the made-for-TV glitz that has grown up around it. Now it's All-Star weekend, with the Rookie Challenge against the sophomores on Friday night, the 3-point shooting contest, dunking contest and skills contest on Saturday night, and parties galore around the clock.

Has it gotten better? Maybe. It's hoops with hoopla, more exciting for sure, and no less an exhibition of basketball prowess. If it turns off old-time purists with its high-wire act of uncontested dunks, it appeals to younger fans who can't get enough jams.

"I thought it was fun," Kobe Bryant said. "Nowadays, with all the hoopla that surrounds the All-Star game you kind of lose sight of the game itself. Tonight's game, it was a lot of energy, hardly any defense early, but late in the ballgame things started tightening up a

little bit. It was a nail-biter at the end. It was a good show."

It was exactly that, and if you liked basketball and had a pulse you couldn't help but enjoy it, along with all the singing and dancing that came packaged with it.

You just had to accept that this was not the same game that Russell and Jerry West and Oscar Robertson played. It wasn't the same game that Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Larry Bird played, or even the one that Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Karl Malone played.

It's sort of evolved to a more freewheeling, gravity-defying level that has d'funked the old game.

When Bryant took a mere layup on a breakaway after a steal by the West team in the fourth quarter, fans booed him. They came for sizzle and pop, not basic shots.

Bryant didn't disappoint the crowd most of the night. After getting the loudest, longest ovation of all the players introduced between Oscar-style gold statues

before the game, Bryant delivered his share of dunks, alley-oop passes and spinning fadeaways and scored 20 points.

Allen Iverson brought a different side to his own offensive creativity. He bounced the ball off the glass to set up a dunk by Vince Carter, lobbed an alley-oop almost straight up for another jam and threaded a perfect pass between defenders to Ron Artest. Leaving the scoring to others this time, Iverson dished out 11 assists.

Playing on the Lakers' homecourt, Bryant was the fans' favorite to stand out in this All-Star game. The second favorite, Shaquille O'Neal, claimed the MVP award with his 24 points and 11 rebounds, and he brought roars from the crowd with his steal and full-court drive toward a thundering dunk that landed him in the second row of seats.

"I moved all the way out of the way," Jason Kidd said. "You've got to think about your family."

Parks headed for state

AMARILLO — Pampa heavyweight Kevin Parks is heading for the state wrestling tournament after a qualifying win at the Region 1 Meet last weekend in Amarillo.

The 275-pound senior defeated Jose Cereceras of El Paso Fabens in a wrestle-back to take fourth at regionals. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to state.

After dropping his first match, Parks bounced back

to win five consecutive matches to qualify for state.

Two other Pampa wrestlers, John Burns (140 pounds) and Joel Palmateer (175 pounds), failed to place at regionals, but they did win one match each.

"I'm almost as excited for John as I am for Kevin. John's just a freshman, so I'm excited about him coming back. Joel's a senior and he had a good year," said PHS coach Josh Cadenhead.

Daddy's along for the ride as Junior wins first Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was reminiscing about his father when someone brought over a cell phone.

Hold on, guys. Junior needs to take this call.

It's the president.

Even George Bush couldn't resist the urge to congratulate Earnhardt after his emotional victory in Sunday's Daytona 500 — six years to the day that his late father won NASCAR's premier race for the first — and only — time.

This one was straight from a storybook. The son of the seven-time series champion takes the checkered flag in the race that consumed his father

— and eventually took his life.

Not far from the spot where the Intimidator died in a last-lap crash during the 2001 race, his son was carried on the shoulders of his crew, feted by an adoring crowd and even praised by the guys who tried to beat him.

"Considering what this kid went through, losing his father here at the Daytona 500 ... it's nice to see him get his victory here, too," said Tony Stewart, the victim of a daring pass by Earnhardt with 20 laps to go. "I think his father's really proud."

Bush was on hand to start the race, but left at about the midway point. Shortly after

Earnhardt's emotional win, the president put in a call.

"Take it easy," Earnhardt drawled at the end of their brief conversation, reflecting the laid-back style of a driver who likes to wear his hat backward and hang out with rock bands.

While this product of the MTV era is a different man than his hardscrabble father, Junior didn't fall too far from the tree. His pass of Stewart — with no drafting help, the cars nearly trading paint through the trioval at 190 mph — would have made the old man proud.

And Junior's passion for Daytona is right up there with his father's.

The Intimidator failed to win

the 500 on his first 19 tries — losing in just about every way imaginable.

He finally broke through on the 20th attempt in 1998, a victory that had not been approached in popularity until Sunday.

"To be honest, this is more important to me than any race I run all year," Earnhardt Jr. said. "There's more emphasis on winning the race because of what happened here."

He remembered his father's increasing frustration as his Daytona quest was felled by a blown tire here, a wreck there.

"You would see it year after year after year," Earnhardt Jr. said. "Not many things, if any-

thing at all, bothered that man. But I could see it on his face. I could tell it bothered him."

Showing the impatience of youth, the 29-year-old Earnhardt won the race on just his fifth try. And Daddy was along for the ride.

"He was over in the passenger side with me," Junior said. "I'm sure he was having a blast."

After Earnhardt's pass at the end of lap 180, Stewart tried valiantly to catch up. He briefly pulled beside the No. 8 car coming out of turn two, but Junior showed his muscle on the backstretch and kept Stewart in the rearview mirror.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

SAN DIEGO (AP) — John Daly hit a 100-foot bunker shot within 4 inches to win a three-man playoff in the Buick Invitational, his first PGA Tour victory in nearly nine years.

It wasn't over until Chris Riley, who grew up playing Torrey Pines, watched in disbelief as his 5-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th rimmed all the way around the cup. Luke Donald earlier missed from 6 feet.

Since winning the '95 British Open at St. Andrews — his second major — Daly has gone through another divorce, had another trip to alcohol rehab, and now waits to see what happens to his fourth wife, indicted last summer on drug and gambling charges five days after she gave birth to his first son.

Daly won \$864,000 for his fifth PGA Tour victory. It was almost as surprising as the first one, the 1991 PGA, when he was the ninth alternate.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 Thursday night in the Ready Room at the PHS Athletic Fieldhouse.

Plans will be finalized for the upcoming fundraiser. All baseball parents are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaq got the MVP award, and Kobe played the most minutes. Lakers fans couldn't have asked for more.

In addition, the first All-Star game in the Los Angeles area since 1983 was competitive from start to finish and wasn't decided until the final minute.

Shaquille O'Neal made nine dunks in a 24-point, 11-rebound performance that helped the Western Conference beat the East 136-132 on Sunday night to become the 12th player from the host city to earn All-Star MVP honors.

Kobe Bryant scored 20 points in 36 minutes after arriving late and missing the team picture.

"LA traffic," he explained.

The Lakers no doubt hope the performance of their stars is a sign of what's to come after the All-Star break, since they've struggled with injuries and other problems following an 18-3 start.

"Both of them are about winning," said Minnesota's Kevin Garnett of O'Neal and Bryant — his teammates in this game. "Whenever they step on the court, it's all business, and you have to anticipate that every time you play the Lakers."

The Pampa News sports department now has its own e-mail address.

Stories and photos from coaches and volunteer sports reporters can be submitted to moosescour@yahoo.com.

Photos need to have a J-Peg format.

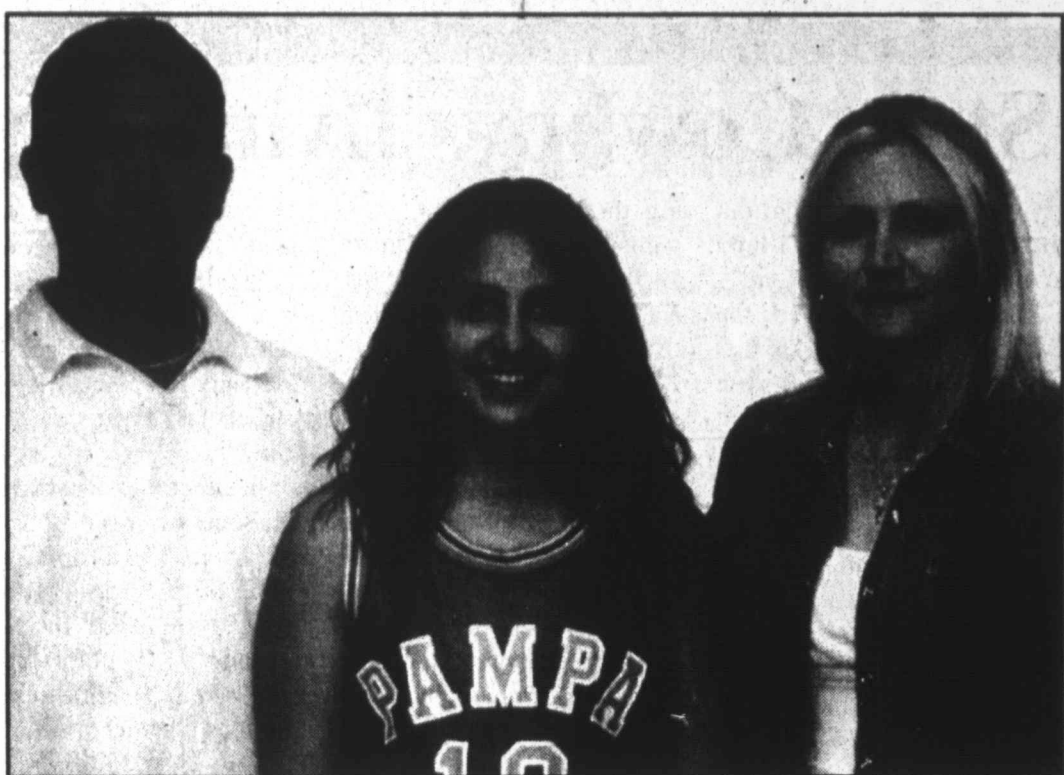
Stories can still be submitted by fax to 669-2520.

FEB

16

2004

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Kali Jimenez is a 9th grader on the Pampa Lady Harvesters' junior varsity basketball team this year. Her parents are Misty and Alfredo Jimenez, above. Kali's other activities include volleyball, band, color guard and softball.

Yankees, Rangers agree on Rodriguez trade, await Selig OK

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was getting ready to head to New York, and the Yankees were planning to greet him with a news conference.

The Yankees and Texas Rangers finalized the terms of their shocking trade Sunday, and the players' association approved the deal for the American League MVP.

All that remained was for baseball commissioner Bud Selig to give his OK, which the teams expected Monday.

"I was just as surprised as the Yankee fans when I opened up my paper today," President Bush, the Rangers' former owner, told NBC at the Daytona 500. "It, obviously, is a big deal. ... A-Rod's a great

player and the Yanks are going to be a heck of a team with him in the infield."

Texas will pay \$67 million of the \$179 million left on Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract, the biggest transfer in a baseball deal, and will get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named.

Rodriguez will move from shortstop, a position at which he's been a seven-time All-Star, to third base, where he will replace injured Aaron Boone. The Yankees will keep their captain, Derek Jeter, at shortstop.

"I don't think he ever thought about playing another position until the concept came up," said Rodriguez's agent,

Scott Boras. "He decided it didn't make a difference — shortstop, third base, center field. He wanted the opportunity to play on a competitive team."

The Rangers will wind up paying \$140 million for three seasons with Rodriguez, an average of \$46.7 million annually for three last-place finishes in the AL West. The Yankees will owe him \$112 million over seven years.

Baseball's biggest spenders will raise their payroll to about \$190 million.

"The disparity is not healthy for the sport," Arizona Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said. "But everyone runs their team the way they see fit, and they did it by the rules."

Hometown honors Delhomme and Davis honored with parade

BREAUX BRIDGE, La. (AP) — Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme and Houston Texans running back Dominick Davis were honored in a parade and ceremony in their home town Sunday.

Authorities estimated the crowd at about 7,000 people. The population of Breaux Bridge is only a few hundred more than that.

Also honored were three members of LSU's national championship football team: Jessie Daniels, Jonathan Zenon and Kory Hebert.

"It's a tribute to not only us as athletes but the town we're from, these parks we

grew up on," Delhomme said. "It's an honor."

Delhomme keeps a home on family property here and is living there now. Two weeks ago, he nearly led the Panthers to a Super Bowl victory against the New England Patriots, who won on a field goal in the waning seconds.

Delhomme said he's been embarrassed at times by all the adulation he's gotten since returning home.

He talked about going to Wal-Mart on a recent rainy morning, expecting that few people would be there.

Before he knew it, some-

one was announcing his presence over the store's public address system.

On Sunday, he sought at times to remind his lifelong neighbors that he's the same guy they knew growing up.

"I'm just Jake," he said. Davis, a former LSU star, ran for 1,031 yards and eight touchdowns for the Texans in 2003, his rookie season.

"The things we need to do, me Jake and the guys at LSU, we just got to keep coming back home and showing them what's going on and keep showing them positive things," Davis said.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EST				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—
New York	25	29	.463	7 1/2
Boston	23	31	.426	9 1/2
Philadelphia	22	31	.415	10
Miami	22	32	.407	10 1/2
Washington	16	34	.320	14 1/2
Orlando	13	41	.241	19 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	39	14	.736	—
Detroit	33	21	.611	6 1/2
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10 1/2
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	11
Toronto	25	26	.490	13
Cleveland	20	33	.377	19
Atlanta	18	35	.340	21
Chicago	15	38	.283	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	15	.712	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2 1/2
Dallas	33	19	.635	4
Houston	30	22	.577	7
Memphis	30	22	.577	7
Denver	31	23	.574	7
Utah	26	27	.491	11 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	37	13	.740	—
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	6
Seattle	25	27	.481	13
Portland	24	27	.471	13 1/2
Golden State	23	28	.451	14 1/2
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	15 1/2
Phoenix	18	37	.327	21 1/2

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Game
West All-Stars 136, East All-Stars 132

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF
Buick Invitational Scores
By The Associated Press
Sunday

At Torrey Pines South Course		
San Diego		
Purse: \$4.8 million		
Yardage: 7,568; Par: 72		
Final Round		
x-won on first playoff hole.		
x-John Daly, \$864,000	69-66-68-75	— 278
Chris Riley, \$422,400	67-71-71-69	— 278
Luke Donald, \$422,400	69-69-71-69	— 278
Phil Mickelson, \$174,000	74-69-69-67	— 279
Thomas Bjorn, \$174,000	70-69-72-68	— 279
Bo Pelt, \$174,000	68-68-73-70	— 279
S. Maruyama, \$174,000	72-67-71-69	— 279
Duffy Waldorf, \$174,000	68-70-71-70	— 279
Jesper Parnevik, \$174,000	65-73-70-71	— 279
Tiger Woods, \$106,400	71-68-72-69	— 280
Billy Mayfair, \$106,400	72-65-72-71	— 280
Jay Haas, \$106,400	70-69-70-71	— 280
Brandt Jobe, \$106,400	69-69-70-72	— 280
Tom Pernice, Jr., \$106,400	71-68-69-72	— 280
Stewart Cink, \$106,400	70-63-71-76	— 280
Niclas Fasth, \$72,000	70-68-74-69	— 281
Craig Barlow, \$72,000	66-73-71-71	— 281
Brett Quigley, \$72,000	70-68-72-71	— 281
Tom Lehman, \$72,000	66-73-70-72	— 281
Steve Flesch, \$72,000	67-68-72-74	— 281
Rory Sabbatini, \$51,840	69-73-71-69	— 282
Hank Kuehne, \$51,840	73-67-71-71	— 282
Bob Tway, \$51,840	66-73-71-72	— 282
Stephen Leaney, \$51,840	72-65-71-74	— 282
K.J. Choi, \$37,440	68-73-74-69	— 284
Vaughn Taylor, \$37,440	74-65-72-73	— 284
Woody Austin, \$37,440	70-71-70-73	— 284
Roger Tambellini, \$37,440	68-71-70-75	— 284
Dennis Paulson, \$37,440	69-69-67-79	— 284

TRANSACTIONS
Weekend Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Orlando Merced on a minor league contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with IB-OF John Mabry and LHP Doug Creek on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Acquired C Joel Przybilla from Milwaukee as part of a three-team trade with New York.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Traded F Keith Van Horn to Milwaukee for F Tim Thomas and C Michael Doleac and a 2005 second-round draft pick to Atlanta for C Nazr Mohammed.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled RW David Ling from Syracuse of the AHL.
EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled G Michael Morrison from Toronto of the AHL.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Denis Hamel from Binghamton of the AHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned F Ryan Kesler to Manitoba of the AHL. Recalled G Alex Auld from Manitoba and then reassigned him back to Manitoba.

COLLEGE
RICHMOND—Announced the resignation of Jim Reid, football coach, to become defensive line coach at Syracuse.

N.C. State topples top-ranked Duke

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — After 2 1/2 months of nearly perfect basketball, Duke suddenly finds itself in a race.

The top-ranked Blue Devils played sloppy and paid for it Sunday night against a streaking North Carolina State team, falling to the No. 21 Wolfpack 78-74.

The win moved the Wolfpack (16-5, 9-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) within one game of the Blue Devils (21-2, 10-1) with five conference games left and opened the door for either Stanford or Saint Joseph's to be No. 1 in The Associated Press poll.

"This kind of reminds us what it feels like to be at the bottom. You kind of have that sour taste in your mouth," Duke captain Chris Duhon said. "I hope it opens our eyes and lets us know this is a new race. We had an opportunity to get a good cushion but we didn't, and now we've given them confidence and given them hope."

N.C. State's two best players — Julius Hodge and Marcus Melvin — scored 18 points each, with Hodge sinking two free throws with 7 seconds left and the Wolfpack up by two.

The nation's top free-throw shooting team made 12 straight from the line over the final 1:10 to help seal the program's first win over a top-ranked team since beating North Carolina in February 1998.

Surging N.C. State has won five straight ACC regular-season games for the first time in 30 years.

"We have to stay true to what we've been doing to get to this point and that's just coming every day with a good attitude and working hard," Melvin said. "Hey, we've got to go to practice tomorrow."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 4 Pittsburgh 75, No. 5

Connecticut 68; Nebraska 74, No. 12 Kansas 55; No. 20 Wake Forest 91, No. 13 Cincinnati 85; and No. 14 North Carolina 97, Maryland 86.

Duke's defense — its staple all season — failed the Blue Devils, allowing dribble penetration on numerous possessions as the Wolfpack shot 52 percent and got half their points in the paint.

"Maybe we took things for granted and lost a bit of our hunger," Duhon said. "Maybe we lost a little bit of our edge."

Duke was also outworked for one of the few times this season.

"We got on the floor," Melvin said. "We made a conscious effort to do the little things. The loose balls went our way. The rebounds came our way and we beat a great basketball team."

N.C. State coach Herb Sendek had a difficult time making his way to the media room after countless hugs from Wolfpack supporters.

When asked the last time he hugged that many people, Sendek said: "At my wedding."

Hodge had 14 of his 18 points in the second half, while Iliian Evtimov had 15.

J.J. Redick had 28 points for Duke, which was ranked No. 1 for the last four weeks.

"One of the reasons this is such a special moment is because it's Duke," Sendek said. "When you stop and think about what they've been able to accomplish and put it into a historical sense it's remarkable. So, to be able to compete with them, is special."

Duhon rallied the Blue Devils from a double-digit deficit to within two early in the second half with two long 3-pointers 37 seconds apart.

However, Duke couldn't

pull closer than three until the final seven seconds when the Wolfpack threw the ball away on an inbounds pass and Sean Dockery hit a shot in the lane.

But Hodge swished two free throws to hand Duke its first loss since late November as thousands of Wolfpack fans flooded the court.

Duke trailed for less than 30 minutes during its 18-game winning streak. But the Blue Devils led for only two possessions against the Wolfpack in the program's first loss since Purdue in the Great Alaska Shootout.

"This is not a good feeling," freshman Luol Deng said.

No. 4 Pittsburgh 75, No. 5 Connecticut 68.

Jaron Brown scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and the Panthers (23-2, 9-2) held on to first place in the Big East by extending their home winning streak to 40 games — the longest in Division I. Pitt is 18-0 at home this season and 34-0 since the Petersen Events Center opened last season.

Ben Gordon scored 23 points, including two late 3-pointers that made it a six-point game in the final minute, for the Huskies (19-5, 7-3), who lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Desperados win Arena football tilt

DALLAS (AP) — Glenn Gauntt threw for 225 yards and five touchdowns, three to Jason Shelley, in the Dallas Desperados' 51-47 victory over Philadelphia on Sunday in the Arena Football League.

Shelley also ran for a touchdown for the Desperados (1-1).

Tyrone Jones returned a kickoff 54 yards for a touchdown for the Soul (0-2).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
17, 2004:
You might do more this year. You will active during the seeing life from: Investigate your eye to new views ent values and gain financially investments. Sp even more. Som as if you don't h everything you y you get a checku a vacation. Refus you are single, twists and turns. you get involved son might be er If attached, sper one-on-one leve you want to boni CORN reads you

The Stars Show:
Have: 5-Dyna
Average: 2-So-s

ARIES (March 21-31)
★★★★ You might what you've alr with the rote, a instigate anythr your desk; atte You could be s you'll get done, to steer clear of in an older r TAURUS (April 20-30)
★★★★ Do resu need to reche Something is ru ten to office ge element of misu running throug

TexSc Fel
Note: It is illegal to medical and legal e
PREGNANT AN
specializes in you. 1-800-361-9333. Re is available.
PREGNANT? CC
We can help. We s with birthmothers n day. 1-866-921-056
BUSINESS
1,800-VENDING, best locations. 1- THOUSANDS O owners nationwide. a business, call Gre 1-800-999-5416
COL
BUYING OLD CC
foreign. Singles, c 1-972-853-9153. 1 Denny Polly, P.O. 1
DRIV
CO. DRIVERS.
live in TX, OK, 1 (70%), home ve .32 cents. Excell months plus T/T or Rick. 1-800-1 Inc. www.natfre
DRIVERS ANI
MORE CASH! NI bonus. Van, flat CDL training av 1-866-333-8801.
DRIVERS.
OWNERS/OPER
2004 pay increa and 6 months ext 1-877-242-0972.
DRIVER - CC
Teams and Sol plan. Owner/Op Solos, Teams a 1-888-MORE P
DRIVER. EXCI
gram! Low moni solos and teams a spouse or friend.
DRIVER TRAI
prizes! 15 day CE 1-866-280-5309.
DRIVERS-NEW
Lease Operator paydays! In-ca Class A/C/DL. 6 www.continental
DRIVERS... N
CDL training! 1 and transportati ment. Sign on b 1-800-231-5209
DRIVERS - OTI
refrigerated carr of miles, 1-800 Conwell Corp.
NOTICE: While the Texas Attor
Call this

1 Public Notice

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE DATE OF SALE

FEBRUARY 18, 2004 PLACE: 210 E. BROWN PAMPA, TX. TIME: 10 A.M.-3 P.M. Be advised that the vehicles listed below have been accepted for storage in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Storage Facility Act (V.C.S., 6687-9A). This vehicle was towed in Pampa, Texas by the authority of the Gray County Law Enforcement. This letter is to inform you that these vehicles are presently being stored at MA'S AUTO TOWING & RECOVERY, 210 E. BROWN, PAMPA.

1 Public Notice

TEXAS 79065. If the lien holders of this vehicle fail to pay the charges accumulated from the date the vehicle was placed in storage, vehicle will be deemed abandoned and will be sold for charges incurred by the storage facility. List: 1979 CHEVYVIN# FH41K9G144709 1994 PLYM VIN# 3P3AP28K2RT244265 1982 JEEP VIN# JJCNA15N5CT040525 1977 DODGE VIN# WH41G7A214348 1986 DODGE VIN# 1B7FD14TXGS100114 D-98 Feb. 16, 17, 2004

5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

10 Lost/Found

FOUND two small hairy black dogs by the Railroad Depot & Post Office. Call 806-570-1969.

13 Bus. Opp.

LOCAL VENDING ROUTE 60 vending machines / exc. locations. All for \$10,995. 800-234-6982.

14d Carpentry

CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / comm. Deaver Construction. Call 669-6347.

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...! pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

14b Gen. Serv.

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

IS your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in bricks or walls? Door won't close? Call Childers Brothers, Inc. Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo.

HUSBAND for Hire. Will do most household repairs. References. Milton Brown, 664-0171 (cell#).

SUPERIOR Quality Kensington replacement windows and doors. Guaranteed 30% fuel savings! Shawn Deaver Const. 662-2977 or 665-0354.

♦ Taylor

Ceramic Tile Works♦ Handicap Conversions Shower Installation Floor Tile & Regrouting Keith 665-0328 or lv. msg

THE Floor Store, 2100A Perryton Parkway, Pampa. All types flooring avail. & Jerry's Installation, all types flooring installed. Restretching & repairs. 665-4455, 664-7959

14n Painting

INT./EXT. painting, mud tape. 35 yr. exp. References. Call Gene Calder 665-4840.

14s Plumbing/Heat

DRAIN Troubles?? THRIFT drain cleaner is the best on the market! Chief Plastics, 1237 S. Barnes, Pampa, 665-6716 or toll free 800-649-6716 V/MC/Disc/AmEx/Debit

JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115- faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC

Larry Baker Plumbing

Heating/ Air Conditioning Berger Hwy. 665-4392

19 Situations

WOULD Like To Clean Houses. Call Pam 665-2164.

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE

Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

EXP. Oil Field Tank Truck Drivers w/ current Class A CDL. Competitive pay and benefits. Interview at Hwy. 60 & 83 South, Canadian, Tx. at G.P. Guinn, Inc. or call Tonnie 806-273-2362.

WANTED exp. truck mechanic. Will consider trainee. Prefer current CDL license. Tools and equip. provided. Competitive pay and benefits. Interview at G.P. Guinn, Inc. 101 Carolina, Berger or call Don 806-273-2362

OPENING for mature, dependable cashier, hours 1pm-6pm daily. Apply at 1020 E. Frederic.

EXPERIENCED Compressor Mechanic. Call Doug Estes with Panhandle Compression, Inc. in Perryton. 806-435-2628.

EXPERIENCED Pumpers. Call Panhandle Pumping in Perryton, Call Doug at (806)435-2628.

FULL TIME CNA's needed for 3-11 & Great benefits. Apply in person, St. Ann's Nursing Home, Panhandle 537-3194.

WANTED: I need one person to help me with my business in Pampa. If you have a sales personality & desire an above average income call 669-0672.

HOUSTON LUMBER 420 W. Foster 669-6881

54 Farm Equip. 14X20 portable barn. Slight freight damage. Has 9x7 ohd/ 2016 window/side door. Cheap. 358-9597.

60 Household \$202 QN mattress set, brand new never used with warranty. QN Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr, list \$550, sell \$236, Full Pillow top Double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr, List \$400, sell \$208, Full size mattress set new, never used \$180, \$230 King mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, \$268 King Pillow top mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, Queen Cherry sleigh bed, new, still boxed, List \$750 sell \$399, new 7 pc QN cherry wood bdrm set w/sleigh bed, still boxed, sell \$999, new 7 pc QN Pinewood bdrm set w/4 poster bed, still boxed, \$999. Call 806-517-1050.

Beautifully furn. 1 bdr. starting at \$350. We pay gas & water, you pay elec. 3.8k mo. leases. Pool & laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville 665-7149 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat 10-4

DOGWOOD Apts. 1 bedroom, furnished. References & dep. required. 669-9817 or 669-2981.

EFFI apt. \$300 mo., bills pd. Rooms \$24.50 day, \$100 wk. & up, air, tv, cable, phone. 669-3221.

1 bdr. apt., furn. or unfurn. Starting at \$275. All utilities pd. Courtyard Apts., 1031 N. Sumner, 669-9712.

114 Recre. Veh. 1997 Starcraft pop-up camper, used very little, \$2800. Call 665-1144.

115 Trailer Parks TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos Quality Sales 1300 N. Hobart 669-0433 Make your next car a Quality Car

Doug Boyd Motor Co. "On The Spot Financing" 821 W. Wilks 669-6062

CULBERSON-STOWERS Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick GMC-Olds-Cadillac 805 N. Hobart 665-1665

1964 El Camino, body only \$300. 1983 Ford Club Wagon van, \$1500. Call 434-1525, 665-1055

121 Trucks ACCEPTING sealed bids on a 1993 Chev. pu. extended cab, 4x4. Call 835-2773. Lefors FCU reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

2-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

XIJW MYIPDCW FYLFPY IKY PQDDPY XLKY DCIJ DCY VIJQDLKB LR DCYQK FLBYYBQLJB. — RKIJT

PPLWN MKQACD

Saturday's Cryptoquote: A MAN MAY BE SAID TO LOVE MOST TRULY THAT WOMAN IN WHOSE COMPANY HE CAN FEEL DROWSY IN COMFORT. — GEORGE JEAN NATHAN

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004:

You might do more thinking than acting this year. You will want to become more active during the fall, but still you are seeing life from a renewed perspective. Investigate your past few years with an eye to new views. You open up to different values and perspectives. You will gain financially through others or your investments. Specialize in your field even more. Sometimes you might feel as if you don't have enough energy for everything you want to do. Make sure you get a checkup, if need be. Schedule a vacation. Refuse to be a workaholic. If you are single, your life takes many twists and turns. Be very careful whom you get involved with, because that person might be emotionally unavailable. If attached, spend plenty of time on a one-on-one level with your sweetie if you want to bond more closely. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be required to repeat what you've already done. In fact, stay with the rote, and you'll do well. Don't instigate anything new for today. Clear your desk; attend necessary meetings. You could be surprised by how much you'll get done, especially if you choose to steer clear of others. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Do research, though you might need to recheck your information. Something is running amok. Do not listen to office gossip, because there is an element of misunderstanding or hearsay running through it. Soon you'll get the

whole story. Tonight: Buy a new CD. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work with a partner, but clarify each piece of information. You might need to repeat a conversation you are having right now. Listen to a child or loved one who has much to share. Get down to the basics right now. No hemming and hawing. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You know what you want and where you are going. Carefully consider your options surrounding a child or loved one. Others seek you out. Don't buy into each piece of information. What you are hearing might be wrong. Tonight: Let your popularity lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ All work and no play does not make the Lion happy right now, but unfortunately that pattern is the case. You will clear out a lot if you rely on yourself and no one else. Stay on top of calls and messages. One easily could slip through the cracks. Tonight: Get some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You think you got something clarified with a loved one or child. The operative word here is "think." Don't be surprised if you need to have this conversation one more time. You will be creative in finding the answer. Tonight: Play a little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

If you have the inclination to stay home, do so. Sometimes you find it hard to get others to understand where you are coming from, especially right now. It would be best if you could work from home right now. Tonight: Remain close to the hearth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You easily say what you think. Laughter surrounds a conversa-

tion once it becomes clear everyone is hearing something different. Add more glee to your life by taking situations less seriously. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Though you know what you are doing, whatever you do probably will need to be redone. Stick with menial tasks, avoiding major decisions. You also will find that you have to have a conversation again that you have today. Tonight: Stay light and enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Let your personality speak. Right now seriousness has no place in your day, because major decisions cannot be made. Stop and network. Check in with those who make a difference in your life. Loosen up and enjoy. Tonight: Play away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Conclusions you reach right now might not be grounded. Brainstorm, let your mind roam and allow your creativity to flourish. What you see and hear could be quite different tomorrow. Stay open. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Join friends and associates, knowing that nothing much can be written in stone right now. You'll see life from a renewed point of view if you lighten up. Socialize and network all you want. Think positively. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY

Athlete Michael Jordan (1963), actor Alan Bates (1934), singer Bryan White (1974)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

(c) 2004 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN Week of Feb. 15, 2004

ADOPTION

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.

PREGNANT AND ALONE? Adoption Wise specializes in you, the birthmother. Call toll free 1-800-961-9333. Relocation and financial assistance is available.

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? We can help. We specialize in matching families with birthmothers nationwide. Toll Free 24 hours a day. 1-866-921-9153. One True Gift Adoptions.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

1.800.VENDING, 90 MACHINES- \$9,120. The best locations. 1-800-836-3464, 24 hours.

THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES for sale by owners nationwide. If interested in buying or selling a business, call Greater Western Business Services: 1-800-999-SALE or visit www.gwbs.com

COINS WANTED

BUYING OLD COINS and paper money, U.S. and foreign. Singles, collections, accumulations. Call 1-972-853-9153, write or ship insured for offer. Denny Polly, P.O. Box 550, Nevada, TX 75173.

DRIVERS WANTED

CO. DRIVERS, GREAT opportunities if you live in TX, OK, LA, AR! Regional - 10 states (70%), home weekly - \$600-\$800 OTR-start 32 cents. Excellent benefits include 401k, 6 months plus T/T experience with CDL/A. Bob or Rick, 1-800-666-0380, National Freight, Inc. www.natlfreight.com

DRIVERS AND OWNER/OPERATORS... MORE CASH! NEW YEAR, NEW PAY! Sign-on bonus. Van, flatbed, autohaul and heavy haul. CDL training available. Swift Transportation, 1-866-333-8801, www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com

DRIVERS, COMPANY AND OWNER/OPERATORS - Great regional pay. 2004 pay increase. Class A/CDL with HazMat and 6 months experience required. Home weekly. 1-877-242-9972.

DRIVER - COVENANT TRANSPORT. Teams and Solos check out our new pay plan. Owner/Operators, Experienced Drivers, Solos, Teams and Graduate Students. Call 1-888-MORE PAY (1-888-667-3729).

DRIVER. EXCELLENT LEASE/purchase program! Low monthly payments. Owner/operator, solos and teams also needed! Training program for spouse or friend. CRST, 1-800-767-6918.

DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED at Werner Enterprises! 15 day CDL training! Work and train in TX! 1-866-280-5309.

DRIVERS-NEW PAY PKG! Longhaul, Regional, Lease Operators, Company Drivers! Friday paydays! In-cab e-mail, Family voice mail, Class A/CDL, 6 months OTR. 1-800-745-9670, www.continental.com

DRIVERS... NO EXPERIENCE? Low cost CDL training! NO CREDIT CHECK. Lodging and transportation provided. Tuition reimbursement. Sign on bonus, van, flatbed and autohaul. 1-800-231-5209, www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com

DRIVERS-OTR. EXPERIENCED drivers, major refrigerated carrier, 48 and Canada, great pay/lots of miles, 1-800-569-9232. Students welcome. Conwell Corp.

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop

Call this Newspaper to Advertise Statewide and Regionally or Call 512-477-6755.

OWNER/OPERATORS, IF you own your own truck, Fikes Truck Line is looking for you. We have the need for 11 Owner/Operators in the Texas area! Cargo and liability insurance furnished. Comdata fuel card, home weekends by choice, weekly settlements and direct deposit, permits furnished and much more! Small fleets welcome! 1-877-321-0186.

OWNER/OPERATORS WANTED. Experience the total package - pay, benefits and miles! 83cpm plus fuel surcharge, weekly settlements and cell phone reimbursement. Northstar Express, 1-877-836-3451.

THE INDUSTRY'S TOP PAY. No trick bonuses, no longevity, Make from 40 cents/mile to .43 cents/mile to start! Includes a penny for safety. Heartland Express, 1-800-441-4953, www.heartlandexpress.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AIRLINE MECHANIC - RAPID training for a high paying career - Aviation Maintenance. FAA predicts severe shortage. Financial Aid - Job Placement. Call free, 1-888-349-5387 AIM, 5 locations.

AVON CALLING! NEED extra money? Work part/full time from home. Earn up to 50%. Call for 30 Day Starter Kit. 1-800-211-0502 (ISR).

COOL TRAVEL JOB. Entry level positions, 18+, no experience necessary; 2 weeks paid training, transportation, lodging provided. \$500 signing bonus to start. Success Express, Toll Free, 1-800-518-0918.

JOIN OUR TEAM and make a difference. In the Texas Army National Guard you can get money for college and career training. Call 1-800-GO-GUARD.

POLICE OFFICER LOOKING for a community-oriented agency with assignments in investigations, gang, drug, domestic violence task forces, and more? Consider a career with the Artesia Police Department. Competitive salary. Generous overtime, retirement, health, dental, vision, disability. Rural community in eastern New Mexico with one of the best public schools in the state. Must be a certified law enforcement officer. Able to pass background check, pre-employment psychological and physical examinations. Apply at www.artesianm.com or 1-505-746-3593.

EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION POSTAL JOBS FOR 2004. \$16.20-\$39.00/hr. Paid training. Full Benefits, no experience necessary. Green card OK. Call Exam Preparation, 1-866-895-3696. Ext. 5656.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE SAWMILLS \$2,695.00 -LUMBERMATE-2000 and Lumber-Lite-24. Norwood Industries also manufactures utility ATV attachments, log skidders, portable board edgers and forestry equipment. www.norwoodindustries.com. Free information: 1-800-578-1363, Ext. 300N.

FINANCIAL SERVICES \$\$\$CASH\$\$\$ - Cash now for structured settlements, annuities and insurance payouts. 1-800-794-7310. J.G. Wentworth...J.G. Wentworth means cash now for structured settlements.

CASH FOR STRUCTURED settlements/annuity payments. It's your money! Get cash now when you need it most. Oldest/best in the business. Settlement Purchasers. 1-877-Money-Me.

GET CASH NOW against your pending lawsuit or settlement! We buy, structured settlements too. No credit checks. 1-800-790-9992, www.money4lawsuits.com

FOR SALE FREE 4-ROOM DIRECTV SYSTEM including installation! FREE 3 MONTHS HBO (7 movie channels) with subscription. Access 225+ TV channels. Digital quality! Limited Offer. Restrictions apply. 1-800-264-3458.

UNIQUE SHOPPING ON-LINE: Jewelry, wind chimes, stained glass, candles, quilts, blown glass, wood crafts, pottery, NASCAR collectibles and more. www.smokymountainmarketplace.com

WOLF TANNING BEDS - Affordable - Convenient. Tan at home. Payments from \$25/month. FREE color catalog. Call today. 1-888-839-5160.

HEALTHCARE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE! Medical savings program. Savings on: Physicians, Dental, Vision, Prescriptions and more. Members receive up to \$5,000 Emergency Room accident benefit. Pre-existing conditions OK. www.healthcareplanofamerica.com. 1-800-785-7133.

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE? Run your own quotes now at www.BenefitAdvisorsOnline.com. Individual, group, children only, temporary, life, dental. Top companies. Or call now 1-800-903-6880.

PET SUPPLIES ALL NEW HAPPY JACK ProDog(R) and ProPup(R) dewormer: Chewable, flavored. Convenient, economical. Gets all 4 major worms. For pups and large dogs. Distributed by Nelson Wholesale, 1-325-643-3636.

REAL ESTATE 50.25 ACRES, NATIVE, exotic game, hogs, trophy, well water, electricity, southwest of Rocksprings, \$1,958 down, \$233/month. TX vet. 1-800-876-9720, texasrandland.com

A FIRST TIME offer. 100 acres - \$44,900. Trophy whitetails and mule deer. Rolling hills and draws, great access. Abundant trophy, quail, small game. More available, E-Z terms. Texas Land and Ranches, 1-866-899-5263.

RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 140 acres only \$49,900. Adjacent to National Forest, elk, deer, small game. Abutting ranch preserve for added permanent open space. Great sportsman area. Absolutely beautiful setting and land. Remote and private but with year round road access and still an EZ drive to exciting Ruidoso. Best financing ever. 1-866-350-5263.

STEEL BUILDINGS BUILDING KITS! GENUINE SteelMaster(R) structural steel arch building kits at huge savings - 20x40: 30x58: 50x200. Perfect for workshops/garages. Call 1-800-341-7007. www.SteelMasterUSA.com

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad. \$400 308 Newspapers, 1.1 Million Circulation North Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 389,000 Circulation South Region Only \$175 102 Newspapers, 465,000 Circulation West Region Only \$175 103 Newspapers, 251,000 Circulation To Order: Call This Newspaper, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

60 Household

ADMIRAL designer series, heavy duty 20 lb. extra lg. capacity washer /dryer. \$225, 669-1898

69 Misc.

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

CASH for old gold jewelry at Rhearus Diamond Shop 11 N. Cuyler

TRUCK Driver needed. Must have current CDL, pass drug test, DOT physical, have good driving record. Apply in person 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., Bouldard & Leverich Supply, Hwy. 152 West, Pampa.

SIMPLE Simons is now hiring FT/PT for all positions come by inside Taylor Mart on Highway 60 or call 669-7707

SALES- Technical Sales, looking for motivated individual who is comfortable on the phone, is capable of understanding technical concepts. 665-5010.

SCADA Technician wanted for the installation & trouble shooting of telemetry for gas & water measurement & pressures. Knowledge of VFD's & strong background in radio communications, computers required. Must have mechanical ability to work on pressure sensitive controllers on gas driven equipment. Must be able to pass pre-employment criteria. Pay starts \$17.00/hr depending on exp. Qualified applicants contact HR at (719) 846-7898 or fax (719) 846-1104.

LVN / Management Assistant wanted for local Assisted Living. Some duties include assessment of residents,

Dear Members,

This is a good time to give you some information on upcoming Chamber events and additional events that we will be helping with in the next few months. Not only will these upcoming events be fun, but several of the events will bring new dollars into the community.

We are looking forward, once again this year, to helping with the Frank Phillips College - West Texas A&M University College Rodeo, taking place on April 8, 9, & 10, 2004, at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. This is the second year that the rodeo will be in Pampa and there will be 300 - 400 competitors in town this year. We look forward to a long affiliation with this rodeo.

The 75th Annual Chamber Banquet and the 2003 Citizen of the Year Award will take place on Tuesday, April 13th in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Jamie Lou Garren of Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC is the chairman of this year's banquet. Please make plans to attend the banquet and look for additional details in the upcoming March newsletter and calendar of events.

Moving to May, the Chamber Retail Committee will once again work with David Teichman of Hidden Hills Golf Course and Mark Hughes of the Pampa Country Club to put on the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament. This is the Retail Committee's opportunity to raise funds to help promote retail events such as the Business Expo, Christmas Parade and the "Shop Pampa and Win" drawings.

Keep in mind that one of Pampa's signature events, the Top O' Texas Rodeo, has moved from July to the first week in June. The Rodeo will take place on June 3, 4, & 5, 2004, with the Rodeo Parade being held on Saturday, June 5th. The Kid Pony Show will take place the following week, on June 7, 8, & 9.

In addition, the local classic car club, the High Plains Cruisers, will hold a "Cruise Night" on Saturday, June 12th. This is an event that has the potential to bring large numbers of car enthusiasts to town to take part in a number of events to be held during the day and culminating with a "cruise" in the evening. This is a family oriented festivity, and one we look forward to seeing grow in the future.


The Chamber will then have one of its biggest events of the year on Saturday, June 19th. The Chamber Business Expo has grown each year and offers Pampa area businesses and organizations an opportunity to deliver their messages to the public. We promote the Expo not only locally but also in the other communities of the eastern Texas Panhandle. Registration and sponsorship information will be available in the March newsletter.

One more event that we always look forward to each year, the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament, will take place in July, as always.

This only gets us through the first seven months of the year with lots more to come after this. All of the above attractions, as well as others, will help us have a very prosperous year in Pampa.

We have a lot to look forward to and encourage everyone to continue supporting all of the great events the Pampa area has to offer.

Sincerely,



Clay Rice
Executive Director

FEBRUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 17th @ 11:45 a.m.
in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building

Speaker: Wes Reeves - Xcel Energy

Sponsor: State Farm Insurance - Gayla Rigdon

Caterer: Clint & Sons Smokehouse

Welcome New Members!

Bonney's Treasurers
1425 Alcock
Bonnie Immel, owner

Quality Sales
1300 N. Hobart
Ted Hutto, owner

Barry Haenisch
Superintendent, Pampa ISD
Individual Member

Dale Roth
Individual Member

SavOn Office Supplies
1201 N. Hobart
Nita Brown, manager

Pampa Print Shop, Inc.
1314 N. Hobart
Gregory & Larry Stroud, new owners

Reed's Pumping Service
518 N. Faulkner,
Roy Reed, owner

Celebrating five years of business



(Courtesy photo)

Congratulations to The Coffee Shop on five very successful years in business and thousands of happy customers served. Happy customers celebrating the anniversary include, back row, Leroy Hill, H. L. Meers and Bob Haines. Coffee Shop employees include, front row, Jan Edmondson, Rachael Banks, and Jean Terry.

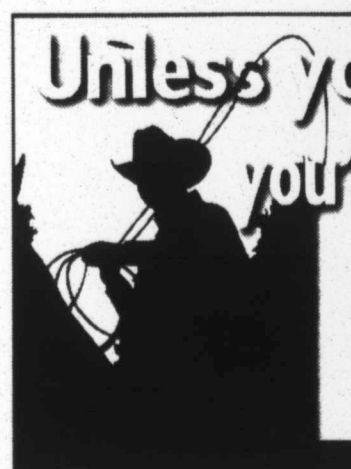
THC guest reception



(Courtesy photo)

Members of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee and the Top O' Texans Goldcoats, along with Mayor Lonny Robbins and City Manager Mitch Grant held a reception for Janie Headrick and Teresa Caldwell of the Texas Historical Commission on Friday, Feb. 6, in the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. The Texas Historical Commission will be placing a coordinator for the new "Texas Plains Historical Trail" region in one of four communities under consideration. The City of Pampa is offering to provide the coordinator an office at City Hall with desk, file cabinets and office equipment. An announcement will be made by the THC on Feb. 19.

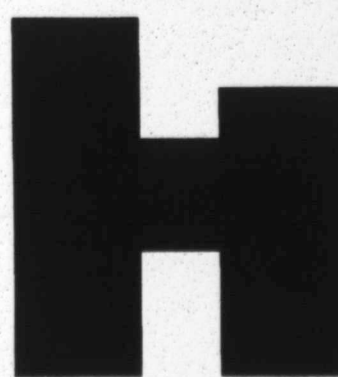
Unless you **SHOP HERE** before you buy...
you'll never know if you got the **BEST DEAL!**



Culberson - Stowers, Inc.
S I N C E 1 9 2 7

GMC BREAK US THROUGH **BUICK** THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN STYLE **CADILLAC** Part of the GM **WE'VE GOT THIS!**

805 N. Hobart • Pampa, TX 79065 • ph: 806.665.1665 • 800.879.1665



**PAMPA
REGIONAL
MEDICAL
CENTER**

One Medical Plaza
Pampa, Texas
806-665-3721

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

AN OFFICE OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAUPACA, WI.
Member FDIC

PAMPA TEXAS BRANCH
P.O. Box 2750
1224 N. Hobart
806-665-0022

SHAMROCK TEXAS BRANCH
P.O. Box 590
305 N. Main
806-256-2181

CHILDRESS TEXAS BRANCH
501 Commerce Street
940-937-2514