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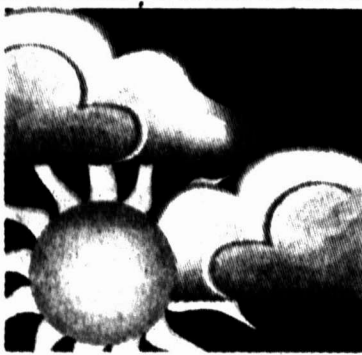
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Blarney clue

On Thursday the clue to the Chamber of Commerce's St. Patrick's Day promotion "Find Blarney the Leprechaun," can be found at a travel store. The finder of the Blarney figurine will win \$100 in Pampa Bucks. Tuesday's clue was at Best Kept Secrets.

MARSHALL (AP) — One of the 20 people arrested last month in connection with a crack cocaine ring now faces a federal murder charge.

The FBI on Tuesday charged Boris Dawson, 28, in the murder of Francois Dean of Shreveport, La., KLTU-TV in Tyler reported Tuesday.

Dean was killed Jan. 1, 1999, at a club outside Marshall.

The FBI also issued an arrest warrant for a second suspect in the murder — 27-year-old George Gray. He was not in custody Tuesday night.

Dawson was arrested Feb. 14 along with 19 others suspected of 95 percent of the crack trafficking in the Marshall area. The members of the group ranged in age from 19 to 62.

Dean's murder was connected with the drug ring, said Lori Bailey, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Dallas. She would not elaborate.

Local, state and federal authorities have been investigating the group since November 1998.

- Peggy Marie King, 76, artist.
- Butch McCravens, 52, former owner Butch's Roustabout Service.
- Clarence Upton, 85, former PISD, USPS employee.

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Tornado sirens sound warning

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

The first tornado siren blasts of the year sent Pampans scattering for cover a little after 3 p.m. yesterday when a long, narrow, fast-moving squall line came through the area leaving wind damage in its wake.

The most severe damage locally was at Perry Lefors Airport where winds, clocked at 83 mph, picked up a storage building used by State Rep. Warren Chisum and smashed it into an airplane hangar. An airport spokesman said the single-engine Bonanza housed in the hangar is owned by Bob Conner and Scott Smith. Several other buildings there were damaged also.

Another area hit was at Kingsmill, west of Celanese on Highway 60, where some grain storage bins were sent flying, landing on the railroad track causing train traffic to halt until the bins were moved.

Also, big rigs on Interstate 40 and other panhandle roads had a tough time battling the winds which, according to reports, blew at least five of them off roadways.

In the Pampa area, law enforcement storm spotters saw what appeared to be a tunnel cloud about one mile southwest

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(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Perry Lefors Airport is the scene of heavy damage that resulted when winds clocked at 83 mph. struck shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Early ballot numbers may signify heavy voter turnout

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local voters are flocking to the polls to cast their ballots in the primary election on March 14.

County Clerk Susan Winborne said 752 voters have voted in the Republican Primary while 70 have cast ballots in the Democratic Primary. The early voting, which began Feb. 24, continues through 5 p.m. Friday in the Gray County Courthouse at the county courthouse for both primaries.

Pampa Independent School District's Spring Break is March 13-17, and many of those casting early voting ballots are expecting to be out of town.

(See VOTER, Page 2)

Bush, Gore score victories, countdown to November on

WASHINGTON (AP) — Never mind the calendar. For Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the general election contest is under way.

After earlier election night surprises, bumps in the road, thousands of miles traveled and millions of dollars spent, the presidential race is back to where it began: a fall campaign between Gore and Bush.

Super Tuesday races yielded a rich harvest of delegates for both front-runners, enabling them to turn their full attention to each other.

And they did — in victory speeches from

Nashville, Tenn., and Austin, Texas, designed to put them firmly in general election mode.

"You ain't seen nothing yet. Our fight has just begun," Gore proclaimed in coasting to a 15-state sweep and retiring his campaign against challenger Bill Bradley, "a good man for whom I have great respect."

Gore said Democrats were "the party of the mainstream... We appeal to hope, not anger, not to exclusion."

Gore challenged Bush to twice-weekly debates later on.

(See COUNTDOWN, Page 2)

Pampa man hurt foiling theft

A Pampa man stopped a would-be thief at Brogan's Boozery Tuesday night, and paid for it with a broken tooth and a cut to the inside of his bottom lip.

A patron in the store at the time, Jesus Velasquez, 30, was hit with a bottle after stopping an unidentified black male from leaving Brogan's Boozery with a \$22.40 bottle of Crown Royal and a \$6.45 bottle of Seagrams, according to the police report.

Velasquez was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center, according to the offense report, but PRMC spokesman Terry Barnes said PRMC had no record

of a Velasquez being admitted Tuesday night. The black male fled the scene, but left the two bottles. The Crown Royal was recovered, but the Seagrams was broken. Police estimate the total loss at \$6.45.

Because of the injury, charges were changed from theft to aggravated robbery. Police are still investigating, and have no suspect.

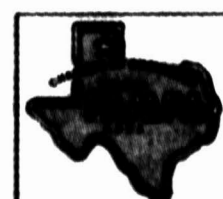
Brogan's employee Deborah Diane Wildcat, 42, was working during the incident. Wildcat was unavailable for comment, as was Brogan's Boozery.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
A concrete basement tunnel at the Bank of America building provided safe housing when the tornado sirens blared. Six-year-old Jesus Cabrales finds comfort in the arms of his mother, Elida Cabrales, who owns E-C Fashions, 108 Cuyler, and came to the nearby bank for safety. At left is Susan Triplehorn, PEDC executive director. Her office is upstairs in the bank.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

KING, Peggy Marie — 2 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, McLean.

Obituaries

PEGGY MARIE KING

McLEAN — Peggy Marie King, 76, died Monday, March 6, 2000, at Herford. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Quinton Newton officiating assisted by Chaplain Doris Huckert. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. King was born Sept. 30, 1924, at Childress, to Arthur and Elizabeth Waller Greer. She lived in the McLean area most of her life, moving to the region as a child. She was an artist, painting ceramics and in oils.

She belonged to First Assembly of God Church of McLean.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon King, on June 13, 1992; a sister, Hazel Clements; and three brothers, N.H. Greer, Mackie Greer and Gene Greer.

Survivors include a daughter, Darla Cook of Burbank, Calif.; a son, Roy King of Amarillo; two sisters, Annis Corbett of Hereford and Cora Jane Barnes of Corsicana; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to First Assembly of God Church of McLean.

BUTCH McCRAVENS

CANADIAN — Butch McCravens, 52, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Prairie Dell Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Jahnel, pastor of Mobeetie First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. McCravens was born at Hatton, Ark., and graduated from high school at Silverton, Texas. He married Dobie Sanders in 1976 at Canadian. He had been a Canadian resident since 1969, moving from Silverton. He owned-operated Butch's Roustabout Service from 1977-85 and served as a 4-H leader for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; a son, Tyrel McCravens of Canadian; his mother, Emaloy McCravens of Canadian; two sisters, Judy Godden and Barbara Johnson, both of Canadian; and his grandmother, Vesta Blackwood of Mena, Ark.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

CLARENCE UPTON

Clarence Upton, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Upton was born Sept. 15, 1914, at Hart, Okla. He worked at a grain elevator at Memphis, Texas. He first came to Pampa in 1947, moving from Memphis. He married Edna Cox in 1968 at Pampa. He was a custodian for Pampa Independent School District and was employed with U.S. Postal Service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

He moved to Moore, Okla., in 1992, returned to Pampa in 1994, moved to McLean in 1995 and returned to Pampa in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

Survivors include three sisters, Dorothy Searl, Drucilla Totty and Imogene Adams, all of Pampa.

Emergency numbers

- Ambulance.....911
- Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
- Emergas.....665-5777
- Fire.....911
- Police (emergency).....911
- Police (non-emergency).....669-5700
- SPS.....1-800-750-2520
- Water.....669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and offenses during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, March 7

Joy Bybee, 37, 617 N. Christy, was arrested on a capias warrant stemming from a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.

Pampa Middle School reported a fight in the 2400 block of Charles.

An aggravated robbery was reported at Brogan's Boozery in the 1000 block of East Frederic. (see related story, pg. 1)

A 30-pack of Budweiser was reported stolen from the Allsup's in the 300 block of North Hobart.

A toolbox valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a private residence in the 1400 block of Dogwood.

Wednesday, March 8

Pete Vargas Perez, 21, 1209 Darby, was arrested on a municipal warrant stemming from a charge of simple assault.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Wednesday, March 8.

Tuesday, March 7

Orlando Madrid, 17, 931 Murphy, was cited for passing on the right. Madrid, driving a Chevrolet Cheyenne pickup, attempted to pass a Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Blanche Russey Lilly, 59, 1948 N. Nelson. Madrid and Lilly were both heading north on Hobart. Madrid attempted to pass Lilly on the right side of her Blazer as she was attempting to turn right off of Hobart. No injuries were reported. The accident occurred at 5:09 p.m.

Holly Kay Huddleston, 21, Guymon, Okla., was cited for disregarding a stop light. Huddleston, driving a Mazda 626, was heading north on Ballard when she failed to stop at a stoplight in the intersection of Ballard and Browning and collided with a GMC Sierra pickup, driven by Lenor Gonzalez Helfer, 32, 914 Twigford. No injuries were reported. The accident occurred at 4:30 p.m.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, March 7

9:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hwy 152 eight miles west of Pampa. No more information given.

Fires

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

Tuesday, March 7

8:01 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a structure fire in the 2300 block of Cherokee. Fire Captain Arnsen said a hot water heater went through a floor and "started smoking."

3:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel investigated damages at the Perry Lefors Airfield.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.06	IRE	6.1/16	dn 1/4
Milo	2.99	KMI	29	dn 13/16
Corn	3.42	Kerr McGee	53 1/16	up 1/8
Soybeans	4.12	Limited	31 3/4	dn 3/16
		McDonald's	30 1/4	dn 1/8
		Exam Mobil	78 11/16	dn 1 5/16
		New Atmos	15 5/8	up 1/16
		NCE	25	up 11/16
		OKI	22 3/8	up 1/2
		Pennsey's	13 15/16	dn 5/16
		Phillips	40 3/16	dn 5/16
		Procter Nat	8 13/16	dn 1/4
		SLB	77 7/8	dn 4 5/16
		Iconoco	7 1/4	NC
		Leviso	40 3/8	dn 7/8
		Ullman	21 1/16	dn 7/16
		Wal Mart	46 1/16	dn 1/2
		Williams	47 9/16	dn 15/16

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

Amerco	52 9/16	up 1 7/8
Arco	79 5/8	up 4
Cabot	25	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	18	up 1/8
Chevron	79 7/8	dn 1 1/8
Coca Cola	46 3/8	dn 1/4
Columbia/HCA	21	up 1/4
Faxon	69 5/16	dn 2
Halliburton	41 5/8	dn 2 7/8
IRE	6 1/16	dn 1/4
KMI	29	dn 13/16
Kerr McGee	53 1/16	up 1/8
Limited	31 3/4	dn 3/16
McDonald's	30 1/4	dn 1/8
Exam Mobil	78 11/16	dn 1 5/16
New Atmos	15 5/8	up 1/16
NCE	25	up 11/16
OKI	22 3/8	up 1/2
Pennsey's	13 15/16	dn 5/16
Phillips	40 3/16	dn 5/16
Procter Nat	8 13/16	dn 1/4
SLB	77 7/8	dn 4 5/16
Iconoco	7 1/4	NC
Leviso	40 3/8	dn 7/8
Ullman	21 1/16	dn 7/16
Wal Mart	46 1/16	dn 1/2
Williams	47 9/16	dn 15/16
New York Gold	292.50	
Silver		
West Texas Crude	33.74	

Airline workers buy 1 of 3 winning tickets for \$150 million lottery

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Gary and Bev Ruff didn't just get rich when they won a third of last week's \$150 million Powerball jackpot. They suddenly became more daring, too.

"We like to scuba dive," Gary Ruff said Tuesday as the couple turned in their winning ticket. "When we get everything straight — get a house, a car and everything we want — we're going to head down to the Caribbean and swim with the sharks."

His wife jokingly interrupted: "Yeah, and I'm going to have lots of money after that, after the sharks eat him!"

The Ruffs brought one of the three jackpot-winning tickets in the multi-state lottery Saturday.

Minnesota resident Keith Goergen also won a share of the jackpot. The 36-year-old machinist carried his ticket to lottery headquarters on Monday, after keeping it all weekend for safekeeping in the refrigerator.

A group of American Airlines mechanics from Tulsa, Okla., were the other winners. Tom Stack was beginning to think he was throwing away \$10 a month by joining his 25 co-workers in their monthly lottery pool, a ritual they practiced for two years.

But the 37-year-old never missed a month and his investment paid off.

"I guess I just thought this is going to be our time," Stack said.

Since Powerball is not available in Oklahoma, Marco Enriquez drove an hour north each month to a convenience store just across the border in Caney, Kan., to purchase the tickets for the group.

"It's overwhelming," Enriquez, 38, said during a news conference Tuesday at Kansas Lottery's headquarters. "I think I speak for everybody when I say it quite hasn't hit us yet."

Powerball rules give jackpot winners the option of taking the entire prize over 25 years, or getting about half in a lump sum.

Like the Ruffs, the airline workers chose the lump sum of \$25.9 million. After taxes, each member of the group will receive \$668,458.

Goergen took the option of collecting \$50 million each over 25 years, for annual payments of about \$1.3 million.

"We're not really the trip kind of people," said wife Carol Goergen, a computer programmer at the Mayo Clinic. "Maybe we'll take the kids to Disney World."

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WINDS

of the city which prompted Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall to sound the sirens about 3:10 p.m.

"When we got word about the funnel cloud, it was decided to sound the sirens," Hall said. Though no funnel was confirmed by the National Weather Service, "we can't take a chance with human life."

Hall said wall clouds such as the one which hit Pampa, can produce cone-shaped clouds that appear to be funnel clouds. Also, the clouds can often be associated with wind shear - a sudden down burst of fast-moving winds.

Pampa's weatherman, meteorologist Darrell

Sehorn, said the squall line reached from Kansas to Midland and was traveling east at about 50 mph. As a result of the quick movement, only .22 inch of rain was left behind in town. There was also some pea and marble-size hail.

Sehorn, general manager of KGRO/KMOX radio station, 1701 N. Banks, said wind gauges at the station registered a top-out wind of 58 mph.

While he can't "confirm or deny" a tornado, Sehorn suspects the high winds were not the result of a funnel cloud but were "straight winds."

"This seems to be a jump [on spring storm season] with the warm weather we have been having," Sehorn said.

The next chance of rain is Friday but Sehorn said he does not expect any harsh weather then like that experienced Tuesday.

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VOTER

Other locally contested races are County Commission Precinct 1 as incumbent Joe Wheeler is being challenged by Gene Gee.

All incumbent constables are being opposed on the ballot. Constable, Precinct 1 & 3 James H. Lewis is being challenged by Curtis Dalton, Randy Stubblefield and Michael Ray.

Constable Precinct 2 Chris Lockridge will be facing Robert Douglas and Paul Sublett in the primary.

Incumbent Constable Precinct 4 Frank W. Sparling is being challenged by Chris McMinn.

Voters can cross over party lines to vote but when voting in the Republican primary, the voter registration card will be stamped Republican at the polling place, and the Democrats will also stamp the cards at the Democrat voting precinct.

Governor Bush's race for the White House gained ground following the Super Tuesday elections yesterday held in 12 states. Bush beat his primary contender Arizona Senator John McCain in California and New York, who had the most delegates at stake Tuesday, and he also won Ohio, Georgia, Maine, Missouri and Maryland. He also won caucuses in Minnesota and Washington state.

McCain won only in New England as he captured Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont. He has not issued a statement as to whether or not he will continue his fight for the Republican nomination.

Vice President Al Gore appears assured of the Democratic nomination after winning all Super Tuesday contests held across the country yesterday. The Associated Press reported today Bill Bradley, who had attempted to challenge Gore, will bow out of the of the race and endorse Gore.

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COUNTDOWN

Meanwhile, Bush identified his new top priority: "Ending the era of Clinton-Gore."

This, and the nominating conventions are still at least four months away.

It could mean a lot of running in place for Bush and Gore.

But it also gives both parties ample time to heal their internal rifts.

"What is the reality? People are tired of it, they don't like the campaign ads, they don't like all the turmoil. This gives the folks a breather," said Gov. Ed Schafer of North Dakota, chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

As Gore and Bush leveraged strong claims on their respective party nominations, political professionals said the costly intramural contests had strengthened the contenders.

"Calm seas do not a good mariner make," said Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a Bush supporter. "George Bush will be tough, smart, informed and tenacious."

"The vice president's message has been resonating," said Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, who is believed to be available to be Gore's running mate. "As Gore gets stronger, the Republicans are getting weaker."

The busiest day in the history of presidential primaries spelled the virtual end of Bradley's Democratic insurgency.

The former New Jersey senator and basketball star generally was expected to formally withdraw later in the week, after not winning a single contest in months of campaigning.

And the blizzard of balloting may have put a deep freeze on maverick John McCain's spirited Republican run.

"We may meet again in primaries a few days from now and we have both earned a little rest," McCain said, a bit wistfully. Hardly a vow to fight on.

McCain said he would "reflect on the direction of our campaign." A senior aide suggested he might withdraw soon.

McCain found himself unable to transfer the momentum from earlier wins in New Hampshire and Michigan into claiming any of Tuesday's big prizes vital to the delegate race — including California, New York or Ohio.

High-risk attacks on some Christian conservatives appeared to have backfired.

In New York and Ohio, those who said his comments affected

their vote somewhat or a great deal overwhelmingly favored Bush, according to exit polls. Those who said they didn't matter preferred McCain.

Bush won strong support from women, the religious right, voters without college degrees and Republicans. McCain appealed most to independents, crossover Democrats, liberals and those who support abortion rights.

McCain's determined challenge raised inevitable talk of a vice presidential spot on a Bush ticket.

There also was some speculation he could be nominated as the Reform Party's candidate — although the Arizona senator has never given any indication he would consider bolting the GOP.

For Bradley, the odds of wresting the nomination from a sitting vice president just proved too daunting.

"In the end, there was not enough to distinguish himself against an incumbent who was running," said former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

Former jailer sentenced

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A former Denton County Sheriff's Department jailer has been sentenced to six months in prison after being convicted of indecent exposure.

Floyd Fangman, 41, of Corinth, was sentenced on Tuesday, a day after a Denton County jury convicted him on the lesser charge in a case involving a prisoner. Fangman was also fined \$2,000.

"I wish he could have gotten probation," said Fangman's attorney, Charles L. Caperton of Dallas. "That way he could have gotten treatment, but he won't get it while he's in jail."

A prisoner testified that Fangman sexually assaulted him during an Aug. 2, 1998, incident. The jury convicted Fangman for indecent exposure, but acquitted him on two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

The prisoner testified that Fangman forced him to engage in sexual acts. The prisoner also testified that he was threatened by Fangman after trying to resist.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 70 and a wind advisory with west-northwest winds at 25-35 mph and decreasing in the afternoon.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s and north-west winds at 10-20 mph. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a high in the mid 60s and north-northeast winds at 5-15 mph. High yesterday 70; the overnight low, 42.

STATEWIDE — A band of strong thunderstorms was moving out of Texas today after causing some wind damage and dropping large hail on the Panhandle and South Plains. A Pacific cold front followed

the squall line along a line from east of Mineral Wells to south-east of Del Rio.

Showers were falling along a line from Paris and Centerville to Brenham and northeast of San Antonio.

Temperatures have been unseasonably warm this week across most of the state. On Tuesday, Brownsville broke a record for the warmest low reading set for the date.

The National Weather Service said the low temperature of 72 surpassed by one degree the record last set in 1999.

Today, winds were mostly southerly to southeasterly ahead of the cold front at 5 to 15 mph, and southwesterly at 10 to 20 mph behind the frontal bound-

ary and gusts of 30 mph along the coast.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s and 40s to 70s.

Readings included 52 degrees at Abilene, 68 at both Tyler and Longview, 55 at Burnet, 75 at Harlingen and McAllen, 34 at Guadalupe Pass and 51 at Childress.

A chance of showers and thunderstorms was forecast through Saturday.

Highs should range from the in the mid 60s to 90s. Overnight lows were expected from the 20s to 60s.

A wind advisory was posted for the Panhandle and far West Texas. Gusts were reaching 51 mph at Guadalupe Pass.

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Political Action Committee



(Community Camera photo)

The Political Action Committee of the Pampa Board of Realtors met recently to prepare for the TREPAC Auction to be held Tuesday, March 21 at the Pampa County Club. The committee is contacting each member and affiliate members for items to be donated for the auction. PAC's main goal is to support private property rights for Pampans as well as Texans statewide. Above: (left-right) Judi Edwards, co-chairman, Quentin Williams; Donetta Conn and Co-Chairman Linda Daniels, Century 21; (standing) Bill Stephens and Roberta Babb, Quentin Williams; Sandra Bronner, Century 21; and Jim Ward, Norma Ward Realty.

TexYAC youth program seeking members

AUSTIN — The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is seeking civic-minded applicants between the ages of 13-19 to lead Texas in creating new and better opportunities for youth to serve their communities. The Texas Youth Action Council is an organization of talented and ambitious young people dedicated to the promotion of youth representation in creating positive change in communities across Texas.

The mission of TexYAC is to create leadership, volunteerism and networking opportunities for young people engaged in volunteerism efforts across the state. Since its inception, TexYAC has trained over 2,500 people in diversity, leadership and youth involvement, created over 40 different service projects, held five youth summits across Texas, conducted a week-long retreat and helped establish youth volunteer centers and local youth action councils. TexYAC members also act as valuable resources for their communities, schools and state government by advocating youth representation in community planning.

"I admire the genuine passion that everyone has for community service in TexYAC," said Delta Keorinh, a senior at Nimitz High School in Irving and a two-year member of TexYAC. "TexYAC opens horizons for you and gives you greater opportunities after you graduate."

Any youth between 13-19 who has an interest in serving their community and upholding the tradition of the program can apply. Applicants will be evaluated on their relationship to the community, ethic of service and ability to learn. To request an application, call the TxCVCS at 1-800-489-2627 or download a copy from <http://www.bsacserve.org/txcvcs/community/yac/yac.htm>. Applications should be mailed to: P.O. Box 13385, Austin, TX 78711. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 10. For more information, contact LaKesha Pope at 1-800-489-2627 or lakesha.pope@twc.state.tx.us.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

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

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-

May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

MASONIC LODGE
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, 420 W. Kingsmill, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 for Master Masons Degree.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
Lamar Elementary School will hold a Flag Raising Ceremony at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 9 to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PUPPET WORKSHOP
Lovett Memorial Library will hold a puppet-making workshop for children of all ages from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will facilitate the program. Materials will be provided free of charge. Call the library at 669-5780 to register to attend.

TEEN PARTY
A Teen Party for youth age 11-17 is slated for 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Moose Lodge, 401 E. Brown. Proceeds will benefit BSA Hospice. Cost of admission will be \$2.50.

Participants may bring a C.D. and are urged to come with a party dish or finger food. Adult supervision will be provided. Parents must bring the teens and pick them up at midnight. For more information, contact Amy at 665-4786.

BROWN BAG LECTURES
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

TOP O' TEXAS QUEEN CLINIC
Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring a "Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Clinic" from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, March 25, at Pampa Community Building. Cost of the clinic is \$5 per person. This year's pageant will be discussed in detail and pageant clothes will be accepted for resale. For more information, call the rodeo office at 669-0434 or Sonja Daniel at 665-5501.

TFU RALLY
A Rally for Rural American is planned March 19-21 in Washington, D.C. The keynote speaker will be Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. Farmers, ranchers and rural citizens from around the nation are encouraged to attend and visit with lawmakers to discuss current ag-related policies and issues. For more information, visit www.RallyforRuralAmerica.org on the World Wide Web.



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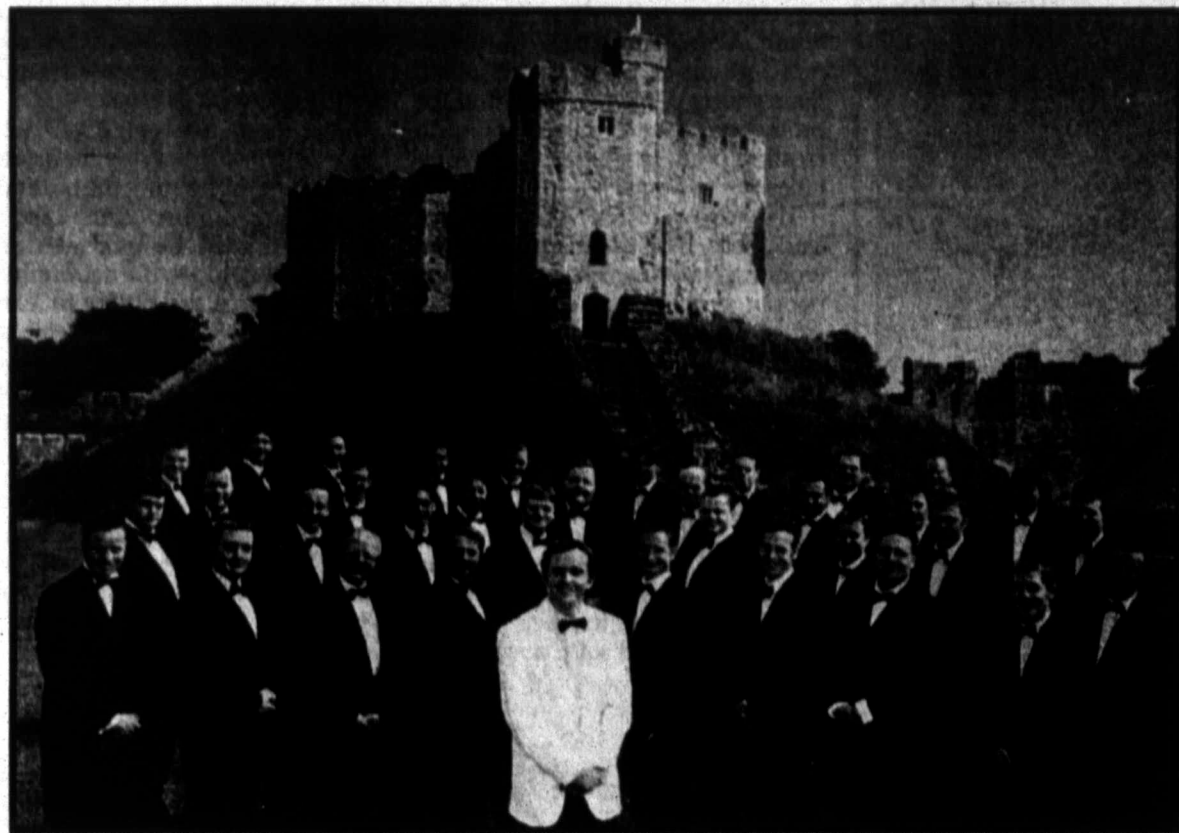
Dr. Ron & Katie Easley and staff

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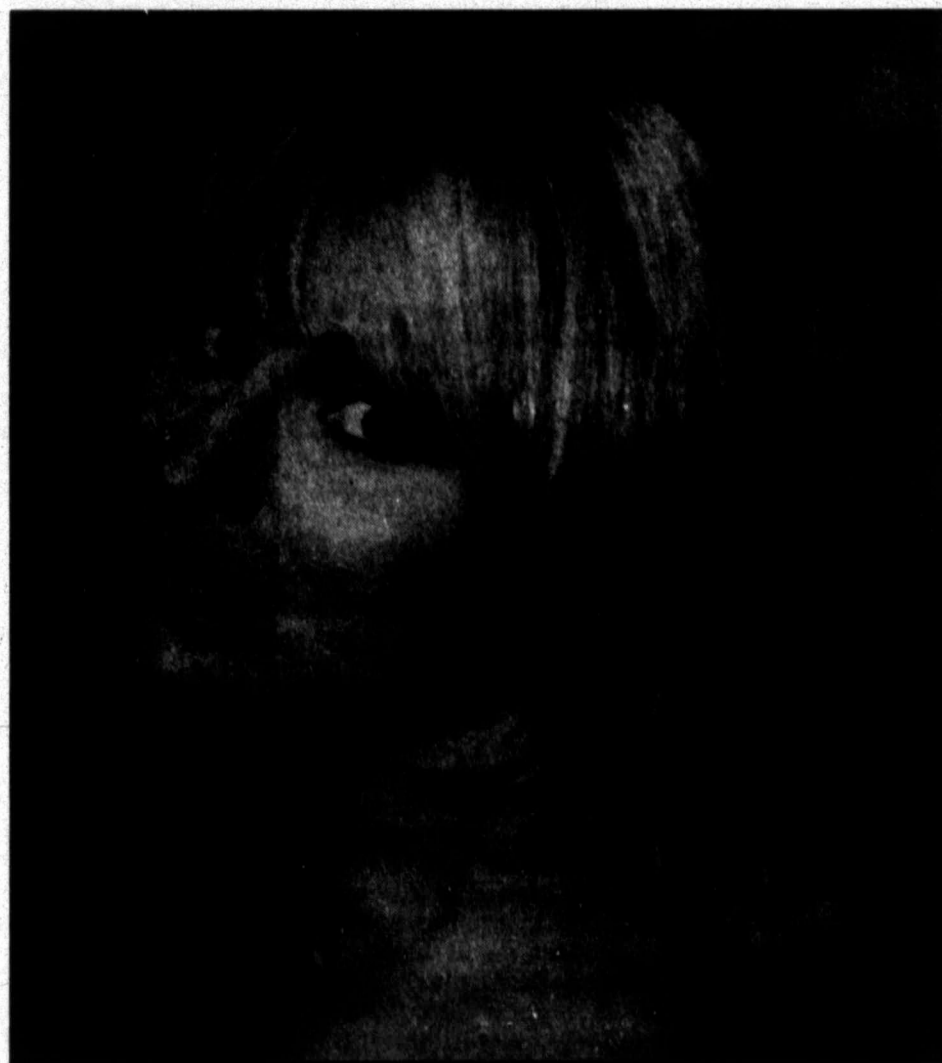
Black Mountain Male Chorus of Wales — Wales, the "land of song, a nation of singers," has a choral tradition that began with the Celtic bards and continued through the religious changes of the Reformation and the Revivalist movement. The Black Mountain Male Chorus of Wales represents the new generation of this Welsh tradition, bringing the early, boisterous, yet gentle power of Welsh choral music to the audience with unbridled excitement. The performance will be co-sponsored with the Borger Community Concert Association. The joint presentation will be held in the Borger High School Auditorium.



Joe Burgstaller — After two sold-out tours this trumpet virtuoso will return for a third season with the Rafael Mendez Project, which combines a salute to one of the America's greatest trumpeters with an exciting educational project. Mendez, an international touring and recording star of the 30s and 40s, was a trumpet phenomenon never since equaled in the Americas. This two-day residency will both educate and captivate local band students and the resulting performance is a proven audience pleaser.



Alborada — Means the "first light of the morning," and signals the beginning of a new day for the Batists family as they bring their music to the world. Led by Milo Batista, the long-time musical director of Khenany, Alborada features a diverse program of Andean folk music, bringing centuries of cultural history to Community Concert stages. Milo Batista has played in concert halls throughout the United States, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and his family band will delight the public with their musical expertise and lively sense of humor.



Roselyn Kind — A powerhouse vocalist, she has been thrilling audiences all over the world with her rich and lyrical interpretations of the music of Broadway, film and the popular standards of the Gershwins, Kern, Berlin and Arden. Ms. Kind, who is equally at home on stage or screen, has been seen on Broadway in *Three from Brooklyn*, Off-broadway in *Whow Me Where The Good Times Are*, on film in *I'm Going To Be Famous* and *The Underachievers*, and on television in *The Nanny*, *Gimme a Break*, *Throb*, and *Saturday Night Live*. She has released several popular albums, and continues to charm and delight concert fans with her unmistakable singing style and versatility.

Local audiences enjoy fine arts entertainment

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa's Community Concert Association's 2000-2001 season membership campaign is currently underway with a particularly attractive series of concerts which are scheduled for the upcoming year.

The membership campaign will end June 1. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families and \$15 for students.

Pampa CCA has reciprocal agreements with the Community Concerts in Borger, Hereford and Plainview. The dates of these programs will be available at a later date.

With the reciprocal agreements in communities other than their hometown, concert association members are able to attend fifteen or more concerts a year with only the price of one membership.

The touring groups take the entertain-

ment to the smaller towns so the residents may enjoy the arts in their home towns.

The concept for Community Concerts began in 1927. Even the stock market crash of 1929 and Dust Bowl Days of the 1930s did not keep people throughout the country from enjoying the performing arts in their hometowns.

In the Dust Bowl towns some families could not afford the fifty cents to attend the concert, but were carried by loans from neighbors or by the local association itself.

Following World War II, community concerts expanded rapidly. The number of community association rose to an all time high of 1,008 between 1945 and 1950.

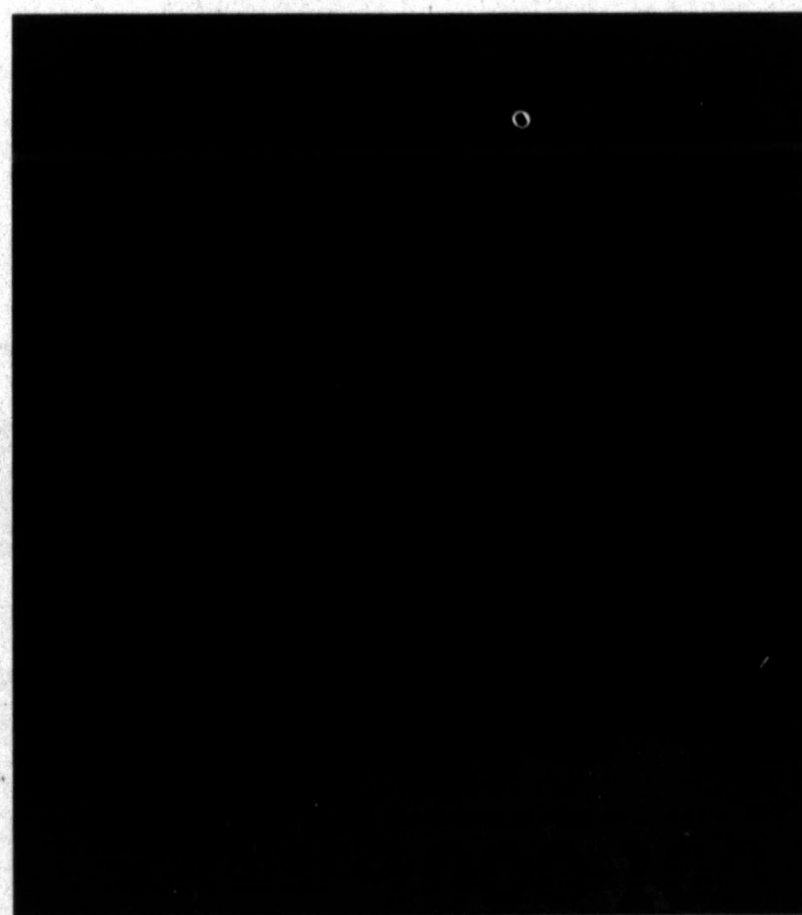
While the number of associations have declined in recent years, the local associations and others in the Texas Panhandle are still active. These concerts remain a vital force in the arts world today.

Some of the artists who have performed

on the tours are the Von Trapp Family Singers, Van Cliburn, Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops, the London Symphony Orchestra with Andre Previn, Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe and a wide and impressive variety of others.

The concerts continue to be of the highest quality as well as a mix of major stars and performers seeking prominence. The goal of the Community Concerts continues to be to offer every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to experience the magic of live performance by bringing artists and audiences together.

Local officers and directors of the local organization are David Cory, president; Ronnie Holmes, presentation chairman; Ruth Reihart and Nancy Coffee, membership drive co-chairmen; Nancy Hahn, treasurer; Lilit Brainard, membership secretary; Evelyn Johnson, corresponding secretary; and Bobby Combs, publicity.



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OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

(Condado de) GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS MARCH 14, 2000 (14 de marzo de 2000)

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Preference for Presidential Nominee (Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
 Al Gore
 Bill Bradley

United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)
 Bobby Wightman
 H. Gerald Bintliff
 Don Clark
 Charles Garfay
 Gene Kelly

United States Representative, District 13 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)
 Curtis Clinesmith

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)
 Bill Vance

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)
 William R. Barr

District Attorney, 31st Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 31)
 Charles L. Kessie

County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)
 Jim Osborne

Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Precinct Chairman, Precinct No. 9 (Presidente del Precincto, Precincto Núm. 9)

Write-in (Voto Escrito)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

(Condado de) GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS MARCH 14, 2000 (14 de marzo de 2000)

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"Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."
Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee (Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

Gary Bauer
 Orrin G. Hatch
 Charles Bass Urban
 John McCain
 George W. Bush
 Steve Forbes
 Alan Keyes
 Uncommitted

United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)
 Kay Bailey Hutchison

United States Representative, District 13 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)
 Mac Thornberry
 David G. Morris

Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)
 Charles R. Matthews

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)
 Andy Draughn
 Michael L. Williams

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)
 Valorie W. Davenport
 Nathan Hecht

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)
 Priscilla Owen

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)
 Rod E. Gorman
 Al Gonzales

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)
 Tom Price
 Gary Trichter
 Connie J. Welby
 Sharon Yelton

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)
 Charles Holcomb
 Tom Greenwell
 John Boston
 Alan Curry
 Guy Williams

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)
 Pat Barber
 Barbara Parker Hervey
 Jim Wallace
 Sally L. Ray
 W.B. "Bernie" House

State Representative, District 88 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 88)
 Warren Chisum

Proposition No. 1 (Proposición Núm. 1)
 Yes (Si)
 No (No)

"Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?" ("¿Deberá ser permitido oraciones religiosas iniciadas por parte de los estudiantes durante eventos deportivos escolares?")
 Yes (Si)
 No (No)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito, 7th, Lugar Núm. 1)
 Deborah Smith McClure
 Brian Quinn

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito, 7th, Lugar Núm. 2)
 Don H. Reavis

District Attorney, 31st Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 31)
 Richard J. (Rick) Roach
 Phil Pendleton
 John Mann

County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)
 Todd L. Alvey

Sheriff (Sherife)
 Don Copeland

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collectore de Impuestos del Condado)
 Sammie Morris

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 1)
 Gene Gee
 Joe H. Wheeley

Constable, Precinct No. 1 & 3 (Condestable, Precincto Núm. 1 y 3)
 Curtis Dalton
 Randy Stubblefield
 Michael Ray
 James H. Lewis

County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)
 Doug Ware

Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Constable, Precinct No. 2 (Condestable, Precincto Núm. 2)
 Chris Lockridge
 Robert Douglas
 Paul Sublett

Constable, Precinct No. 4 (Condestable, Precincto Núm. 4)
 Frank W. Sparling
 Chris McMinn

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Support for incumbents in state races; Calif. bans gay marriage

Californians overwhelmingly voted against gay marriage and rejected a nine-term congressman on a primary election day that otherwise saw strong support for incumbents across the country.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein easily defeated a labor lawyer to win the Democratic nomination for a second full term, while in Ohio, Republican Sen. Mike DeWine brushed aside his GOP challengers. Maryland Sen. Paul Sarbanes polled 84 percent of the Democratic primary vote in his bid for a fifth term.

The incumbent advantage didn't always hold, however.

In a heavily Hispanic district east of Los Angeles, 18-year Rep. Matthew "Marty" Martinez, who had bucked Democratic leadership on gun control and abortion, lost to state Sen. Hilda Solis in his primary. Martinez was the only incumbent in Congress to lose on Tuesday.

With no Republicans running, Solis is all but certain to be elected in November.

California voters decided the fate of 20 ballot initiatives, most controversial among them Proposition 22, which bars the state from recognizing gay marriages if they are legalized elsewhere.

The measure passed 61 percent to 39 percent. Supporters called it a victory for families, while opponents complained the measure was divisive and could be used to keep gay people from seeking health benefits or adopting children.

California voters also decided to retain the 50-cent-a-pack cigarette tax that director Rob Reiner championed two years ago, and to reaffirm their support for gambling on Indian reservations. Another measure significantly increases penalties for teens convicted of crimes.

Moderate Republican Rep. Tom Campbell is giving up a congressional seat in Silicon Valley to take on Feinstein. He easily turned aside two GOP challengers, but Feinstein polled three times as many as voters as Campbell in the open primary.

In Ohio, nine-term Rep. James Traficant Jr., in his first primary challenge, held off three fellow Democrats despite his prediction that he will be indicted in a corruption investigation.

Also in Ohio, real estate broker Ted Celeste, the brother of former Gov. Richard Celeste, won the Democratic primary to oppose DeWine, who hopes to become the first Republican senator re-elected by

Ohio voters since the 1950s.

And in the race to fill the seat of retiring House Budget Chairman John Kasich, Ohio GOP voters went with the candidate he endorsed, state Rep. Patrick Tiberi. Democrats selected Columbus City Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy.

In Maryland, former Howard County Police Chief Paul Rappaport will face Sarbanes after besting seven other candidates in the GOP primary.

Tuesday was also a day for attempted political comebacks, some successful, some not.

In Ohio, Mary Rose Oaker, who spent seven terms in Congress before the House bank scandal upended her career in 1992, won the Democratic nomination for a state House seat from a working-class dis-

ZZZZZZZZ — Super Tuesday a bit deflating for networks

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For the networks, it was more like Flat Tuesday.

As Super Tuesday came to an end, networks rapidly shifted focus to the fall campaign, with perhaps a little wistfulness.

"The game is really over," Fox News Channel's Brit Hume declared after his network proclaimed George W. Bush the winner over John McCain in the California primary.

"It appears that March 7 is living up to its billing as the decisive night in the race for president," CNN's John King agreed.

The networks all but declared McCain and Democratic challenger Bill Bradley dead before polls closed in most of the 16 primary states. Actual results only confirmed that, leaving pundits deflated after the past month's unpredictable roller-coaster ride.

Television's political competition again was left largely to the cable networks. Broadcasters essentially covered the 16-state primary election in brief updates.

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tribut in Cleveland. With no Republican opposition, her victory in November is all but assured.

In California, former Rep. Jay Kim lost in his GOP race against businessman Elia Pirozzi. Kim was ousted by voters after pleading guilty to accepting illegal campaign contributions in 1992, and the Republican party recruited Pirozzi to run against him. Pirozzi will face incumbent Rep. Joe Baca, a Democrat, who ran uncontested.

There were some high-profile non-congressional races. In San Diego, a county supervisor and one of three fellow Republicans — second place was too close to call early today — were headed for a runoff in the race to succeed GOP Mayor Susan Golding, who is prevented by term limits from running

again.

And in Los Angeles County, District Attorney Gil Garcetti, last re-elected after the O.J. Simpson trial, was forced into a runoff in his campaign for a third term amid criticism of his handling of Los Angeles Police Department corruption scandal. He was in a dead heat today with a challenger from his own staff, Deputy District Attorney Steve Cooley.

On the net: Republican Congressional Campaign Committee: <http://www.nrcc.org>
Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee: <http://www.nrsc.org>
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee: <http://www.dccc.org>

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"They have always known that it was an uphill battle," Anne Thompson said from McCain headquarters at 6:10 p.m. EST on MSNBC. "That uphill battle has never looked steeper than tonight."

Thompson used the same line reporting on NBC's "Nightly News" 20 minutes later.

"So far there is nothing to contradict last week's polls indicating this would be a very good day for George Bush and Al Gore," ABC's Peter Jennings said at the opening of "World News Tonight."

Reporters struggled to avoid referring to the McCain campaign in the past tense, though King noted McCain had slipped and done this himself.

During prime-time, ABC, CBS and NBC stuck to brief, hurried reports that lasted barely a minute or two. ABC even preceded one Jennings report by

informing viewers that "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" would soon be seen in its entirety.

That follows the pattern of the campaign, where broadcasters have essentially ceded live political coverage to the cable news channels.

Whether the lack of time had anything to do with it, Jennings was briefly embarrassed when ABC flashed a graphic showing the New York GOP primary race too close to call between Bush and Steve Forbes. Forbes has been out of the campaign for a month.

One of the night's busiest TV victory tours was held by Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson. He turned up, triumphantly, on all the cable news networks when it became clear McCain's attacks on him had backfired.

"I knew it was going to destroy his campaign and I couldn't understand why he did it," Robertson said on Fox News Channel.

SENIOR SCENES

Senior snapshot ...

Name: Clyde (Bud) Hodges
Birth Date & Place: Sept. 17, 1913 near Iowa Park, Texas
Family: My wife, Carrie Lee, passed away over four years ago
Favorite Memory: Riding horses and being a cowboy
When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: Like my Dad



My Best Friend was: My Dad
People Remember Me As Being: A cowboy
My Favorite Toy: A tractor
My Favorite Game: Forty-two
My Favorite Radio Show: All of them
The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: About .30 cents
The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: My folks
The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My Dad
The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: I used to farm over 1,000 acres of wheat
The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was: The dirt storms
The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Becoming a Mason
If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: Stop drinking
My Whole Family Enjoyed: Me every day
The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: My parents
My First Job Was: Driving a tractor
Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: Model T Ford
Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: .05 cents a gallon
On My First Date I Went To: A show
My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: My home
The Fashion Trend Was: Like everyone else
My Favorite Saying Was: Be like my Dad
My Favorite Song Was: Let me call you Sweetheart
Another Memory I Want To Share Is: Be good to everyone else.

Wired seniors ... Internet buffs point, click their way

MELROSE, Mass. (AP) — Natalie Thomson thought dance classes and bridge games would fill her retirement days.

Instead, the 71-year-old — along with a small band of elderly Internet buffs — is pointing and clicking her way into the wired world and, in the process, debunking conventional wisdom that says white hair and the World Wide Web don't mix. "I've fallen in love with computers," said Thomson, as she clicked on a computer mouse recently in the Milano Senior Center in Melrose, a suburb north of Boston.

"Don't count us seniors out — more and more of my friends are going online," she said. For the past three years, Thomson and 24 other Melrose seniors — known as the Silver Stringers — have produced the Melrose Mirror, a community Web page filled with memoirs, war tales, poetry and "random thoughts."

The success of the project, sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab, has spurred seniors in nearby towns and others as far away as Finland to create their own Web sites.

Residents of a senior center in Revere, inspired by the Silver Stringers, set up their community Web page two years

ago. And others in Danvers and the Brighton section of Boston are also set to enter cyberspace in the coming months.

The MIT Media Lab is also sponsoring projects in Costa Rica, Brazil, Thailand and Finland, where seniors in the town of Tampere trade tales online.

In Melrose, MIT provided the seniors with three computers, a scanner and a digital camera, as well as basic software for creating the page.

The Silver Stringers do the rest. "Older people may be a little slower than kids in learning how to use the technology, but once they do, they learn it better and more broadly," said Jack Driscoll, a former editor of The Boston Globe now editor in residence at the Media Lab.

Seniors in America aren't yet surfing the Web en masse. Only 15 percent of those over 65 owned computers in 1997, compared with 36 percent of 50- to 64-year-olds and 48 percent of 40- to 49-year-olds, according to a study conducted for the American Association of Retired Persons.

The survey of 2,000 adults showed that those over 65 are less likely than younger people to say computers have simplified their lives. But lower interest in computers and technology among this group "very likely has to do with limited expo-

sure to many of the latest developments," the study said.

The Melrose group would agree. When MIT contacted them in 1996, nobody there had access to the Internet.

"The hardest part was getting the seniors to touch the computer," said Don Norris, 68, a former newspaper and magazine editor and one of five editors of the Web page.

The Silver Stringers gradually let go of their fears. And now, most of the Melrose Mirror contributors call themselves computer literate.

Thomson, who e-mails Norris often, said she never dreamed three years ago that she would one day spend an average of four hours a day online.

"I ran out to buy a computer and now I'm hooked," she said. "It's changed all of our lives."

Another Silver Stringer, Bill Jodrey, had "absolutely no interest" in the Internet before Thomson invited him to a Melrose Mirror meeting last year.

Now the 86-year-old former mechanical inspector also has his own computer and spends his evenings writing memoirs about his days as a hobo during the Depression.

"It took a lot of talking to get me here," Jodrey said. "I thought computers were too complicated for an old guy like me."

Restraining order in case of poor elderly care

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A court order forbids administrators of two closed elder care facilities in this West Texas city from providing inadequate sanitation and food at other locations.

In the retirement homes, investigators say, elderly residents were sleeping on floors and bedrooms were unsanitary.

The El Paso County attorney's office, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Human Services, is working to enforce state laws that require that assisted-living facilities provide adequate food and bathrooms in sanitary conditions.

"This is an ongoing, cooperative effort. This isn't a one-shot deal," Assistant County Attorney Valli Jo Acosta told the El Paso Times in today's editions.

She said her office expects six to 10 more referrals from the state about allegedly inadequate facilities in the near future.

The current case was filed against Clifford Sheets, owner of the Sheets Retirement Home, and Samuel Ramirez Maldonado, a manager. They operated facilities on Howze Street and Gateway North.

County Court Judge Herb Cooper, who issued the restraining order Friday, will hear an injunction hearing this month.

Both facilities have been closed for months, Acosta said. But the order prevents Sheets and Maldonado from opening another facility elsewhere.

Adult Protective Services relocated 27 people living in both locations after police in October 1999 found people living in squalid conditions at an unlicensed home.

"There were about 16 elderly individuals sleeping on the floor and on the sofas," Officer J. De Avila said. "We did not observe any beds in the house and noticed a strong unsanitary odor coming from the bedroom."

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SENIOR SCENES

Poor and sick elderly in most need of new Medicare drug benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the White House and Congress debate who should be eligible for a new Medicare prescription drug benefit, researchers are bolstering the Republican argument that aid should go to the neediest senior citizens.

"There is a core group of elderly — those who are poor and those who have chronic illness — who have the greatest need for a drug benefit," said John K. Inglehart, founding editor of the policy journal Health Affairs, which published three new studies of retirees' prescription costs and usage in an issue released Monday.

"Together, the studies indicate that, given the Medicare program's limited financial resources, government assistance should be targeted to those beneficiaries most in need," he said.

The findings come as Congress and the Clinton administration wrestle over how best to help elderly and disabled Americans, who get health insurance under Medicare, pay for drugs. Medicare provides no reimbursement for most prescriptions.

At the heart of the debate are questions about who should get expensive new government drug benefits — all Medicare beneficiaries or just those in greatest need.

President Clinton has proposed offering an optional, limited drug benefit to all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries. Republican congressional leaders say it should be targeted more narrowly.

Responding to the new findings, the Clinton administration released a state-

ment from Medicare administrator Nancy-Ann DeParle noting that many middle-class retirees struggle to pay for prescriptions. "We must not limit a benefit to those with low incomes," she said.

One of the studies confirmed past estimates that at least two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries already have some type of drug coverage — generally from private sources such as corporate retirement benefits, HMOs and Medigap insurance, or from state health programs for the poor.

The study also found that a smaller share of retirees with incomes below or near poverty level have drug coverage — 65 percent compared with 69 percent overall.

Researchers John A. Poisal and George S. Chulis, who work at the federal agency that runs Medicare, based their findings on a 1996 government survey of beneficiaries.

The percentage of Medicare recipients who said they were in fair or poor health was roughly the same — about a quarter — regardless of their drug coverage, suggesting similar medical needs.

But the 11.6 million recipients without drug coverage used five fewer prescriptions on average in 1996 and still spent 83 percent more of their own money on drugs — an average \$463 compared with \$253 for those insured, the researchers found.

These disparities were greatest among two subgroups: those near poverty, and disabled Americans under age 65 covered by Medicare.

"Policy-makers should keep this in

mind as they plan how to structure and pay for any Medicare drug benefit," Poisal said.

A second study suggested that senior citizens with chronic illnesses would continue to face high out-of-pocket costs under a widely available but limited Medicare benefit like the one President Clinton has proposed.

The study, financed by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and conducted by private researchers, looked at 1998 claims by 375,000 Americans age 65 and older who have drug coverage as part of a corporate retirement plan.

It found that 18 percent purchased no drugs at all in 1998. But among those who bought drugs used to treat chronic diseases — including diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and osteoporosis — more than one in four spent at least \$2,500, with the top 1 percent spending as much as \$10,000.

Clinton's plan would initially cap Medicare drug reimbursements at \$1,000 annually.

The third study looked at possible consequences for people with chronic illness. It found that elderly patients with high blood pressure are less likely to buy medication for the condition if they lack insurance coverage. Those who did buy it paid 36 cents more per pill and purchased an average of 37 fewer tablets a year than their insured counterparts.

Those findings by Jan Blustein, an assistant health policy professor at New York University, were based on data from a 1995 Medicare beneficiary survey.



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Allergy medicine warning

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Over-the-counter medicines used by millions of hay fever sufferers may affect a person's driving ability more than alcohol, a study indicates.

University of Iowa researchers who tested 40 allergy sufferers in a driving simulator found that the standard dose of antihistamine contained in Benadryl and many similar medicines had a greater effect than a few drinks on driving "coherence," or the ability to match the speed of the vehicle ahead.

The antihistamine, diphenhydramine, also had an effect similar to alcohol on steering stability and the likelihood of crossing into the oncoming lane, according to the study in Tuesday's issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"We were quite surprised to find that diphenhydramine may have an even greater impact on driving an automobile than does alcohol," said Dr. John M. Weiler, a UofI medical professor. "That sends a chilling message. You would not want to be on the road when someone is driving at you who is taking these."

Too few older Americans get colon cancer tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Few elderly Americans are getting screenings for early detection of colon cancer, in spite of new Medicare benefits that pay for them.

"Medicare beneficiaries' use of colorectal cancer services falls far short of recommended levels," says new study by the General Accounting Office, released at a hearing of the Senate Aging Committee Monday.

In 1999, just 14 percent of Americans over age 65 got one of four types of colon cancer detection tests through Medicare, the government health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

The new report said many people may not be getting the

screenings because they don't know Medicare covers them, they are embarrassed to ask their doctor or they believe the tests would be too uncomfortable.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, after lung cancer, with an estimated 129,400 cases and 56,600 deaths reported in 1999. However, it is a slow-developing disease, and early detection and treatment can significantly reduce fatalities.

For people over aged 50, a simple test to detect blood in feces — one symptom of colon cancer — is recommended yearly. Other, more thorough tests, such as colonoscopy, are recommended every 5 to 10 years.

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Frequent Family Weekends Are Wearing Stepmother Out

DEAR ABBY: I am 57. Two years ago, I married a widower with four grown children. This is my second marriage. We moved to Louisville when my husband accepted a lucrative job here.

My dilemma is his four children. Three of them have spouses. Approximately every six weeks, all seven of them visit for a three-day weekend. Abby, they are wearing me out from cooking (none of the girls cook), picking up after them and doing mounds of laundry. After they leave, it takes me three days to clean up the house and recover.

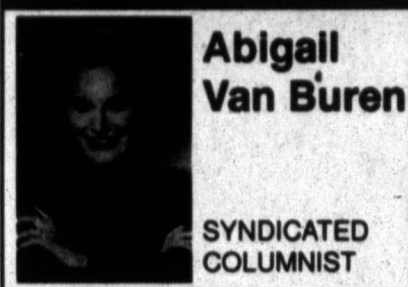
I love my husband and have told him that I just can't do it anymore. He is upset with me and makes me feel like I am keeping him from his children. I have offered to host Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, which is all I can handle. I'm at the point that I dread the holidays.

I have two children of my own and two grandchildren. I love to see them, but not every six weeks! I visit — or they visit — every three to four months, which is enough for me.

Abby, please tell me how to handle the situation without being the "wicked stepmother."

OVERWHELMED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR OVERWHELMED: It is unfair for your husband to expect you to be cook and housemaid for houseguests that frequently. In order to lighten the burden on you, your husband should agree to hire part-time



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

help during the weekends when his children descend upon you, so you'll have the time and energy to enjoy their company, too.

An alternative might be for you and your husband to visit his children on alternating holidays.

You deserve a break once in a while; consider planning an occasional weekend with friends to coincide with his children's visits.

DEAR ABBY: I am now in my third year of marriage to my husband. We have a daughter who is a year old.

Unfortunately, it has become painfully clear that we do not have even one interest in common. My husband could survive to the end of his days with a bed, a computer, a television and a VCR.

I have accepted the fact that this man will never take the world by storm because of his complete lack of ambition. What I can no longer accept is that he has no respect for

anyone. He seems to lack a fundamental concern, compassion and respect for other human beings. On top of this, he is sneaky. His work ethic is low, and he categorizes people who enjoy their work as "workaholics who work one day die." He lacks passion, has no hobbies outside of TV and computers, and could not be less enthused about life.

During the holidays, my mom kills herself to lay out a spread that makes the Ritz pale by comparison, and each year my husband shows up in jeans and a sweatshirt. When I ask him each year to please pack something nice, he gets an attitude. The kicker is that she tries hard each time he is coming to prepare the things he likes. He treats his own mother the same way. She laughs it off and seems to take his lack of manners in stride.

Is there any hope of changing someone who doesn't care what others think of him, or what his actions do in regard to other people's feelings?

STUMPED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUMPED: Sorry — you are fighting a losing battle. There is no way to help someone who is not willing to help himself. But if any of my readers have managed to "raise the dead," I'll pass along their input.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You know how to indulge others with encouraging words and actions. Think about a financial plan and decide what is workable. You can enhance your present moneymaking abilities. An idea might get away from you, however! Use good common sense. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Confusion surrounds bosses and higher-ups. Finding the right solution might be challenging but is worthwhile. Evaluate what is important with a friend who gives you important feedback. As a team, you are unstoppable. You energize others. Tonight: Don't get too carried away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** A boss has great plans, but you might want to mull them over. Though you could come up with an enhanced plan, be careful how you present your ideas. Another is highly responsive to your thoughts. Double-check your facts and figures. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Aim for what you want. Be on time for meetings. You could easily be distracted about a money matter or a partnership. Your sense of humor helps

you zero in on your goals. Count on a friendship; network; touch base with others. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Enhance your image. Be sensitive to a special opportunity. A boss smiles on you. Someone feeds your creativity. Build on established ground with a partner. Together you come up with a good plan. You make waves professionally. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Make calls and gather information. How you view a situation could change considerably because of a partner's feedback. Your sense of what is realistic gains support among those you deal with. Details on a project remain confused. Tonight: Reach out to another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You make headway because of your ability to read between the lines. A co-worker's feedback helps you plow through work. Aim for greater efficiency. Don't let your imagination run away with you. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others seek you out, as popularity soars. What you believed to be crystal clear might change in your mind. Could you be giving mixed messages, too? Others easily flow with your plans, and they are willing to work with you on your terms. Tonight: Say yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Not all the information you receive will be accurate, presently. You could also inadvertently distort what is being said to you. Reconfirm conversations, especially at the office. Remain

upbeat. Accept additional work. A pay raise or promotion remains likely. Tonight: An even pace works best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You get a red alert with funds. You simply aren't seeing the facts here. Communicate, clear out work and brainstorm. Do what you know is solid now. A child or loved one particularly enjoys your additional attention. Good feelings surround you. Tonight: Play the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Family, property and personal matters take high priority. You are unusually lucky in dealing with these issues. You might not be seeing the big picture, however. Discussions need to surround finances and an investment. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You express yourself clearly; others respond to your ideas and feedback. Go for realism rather than unusual ideas. Staying in the here and now is instrumental to your success. Your intuition might lead you down a stray path. Tonight: Out and about.

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Actor Emmanuel Lewis (1971), former football player Brian Bosworth (1965), singer Mickey Gilley (1936)

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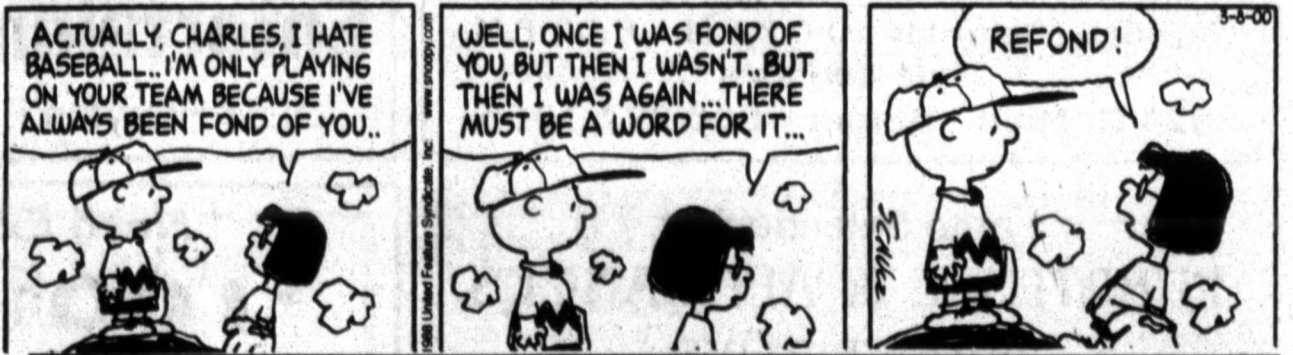
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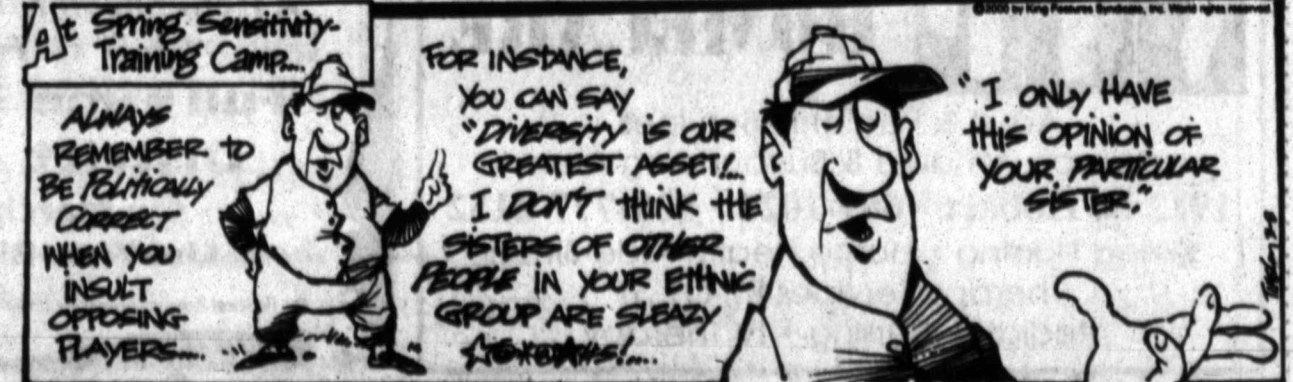
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SPORTS

Five more entries make NCAA field

By The Associated Press

The Zags are back in the NCAA tournament.

Gonzaga, the darling of the 1999 event when it came within one victory of the Final Four, won its second consecutive West Coast Conference tournament by beating Pepperdine 69-65 in overtime Monday night.

Casey Calvary scored 28 points, Ryan Floyd added 14 and Richie Frahm had seven of his 12 points in overtime for Gonzaga (24-8).

"I'm just happy to be back at the Dance," Gonzaga's Matt Santangelo said. "It's just nice to come down and get it out of the committee's control and do it ourselves."

Also known as the Bulldogs, Gonzaga fell to Connecticut by five points in the West Regional final last March. Connecticut

went on to win the NCAA championship.

"This will be the first night that I'll actually sleep for eight hours," first-year coach Mark Few said. "When the buzzer sounded, I felt a huge barbell lifted off my shoulders that's been there since Oct. 15.

The expectations on this team were so out of whack. We've tried to keep that off of them all year."

Craig Lewis had 17 points for Pepperdine (24-8), which still hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament after it won the WCC's regular-season title.

Elsewhere, Creighton beat Southwest Missouri State 57-45 for the Missouri Valley crown; North Carolina-Wilmington took Richmond 57-47 for the Colonial title; Iona outscored Siena 84-80 to win the MAAC; and Central Connecticut State routed Robert Morris 63-46 for

the Northeast championship.

All four winners earned NCAA berths, but can expect low seedings.

Creighton 57, SW Missouri 45
At St. Louis, Ryan Sears hit four straight 3-pointers and keyed a stingy defense.

"We work on defense a lot," Sears said after the Bears won the league's automatic bid for the second straight year.

Creighton (23-9) made nine 3-pointers in snapping a 10-game winning streak by Southwest Missouri (22-10).

NC-Wilmington 57, Richmond 47

At Richmond, Danny Dahl's desperation 3-point heave went in with 1:52 remaining, ending a Richmond rally and clinching North Carolina-Wilmington's first NCAA tournament bid in 37 years of playing basketball.

"I got the ball off the loose rebound, saw there were only three seconds left on the shot clock and turned and threw it up," Dahl said. "It went in."

The Seahawks (18-12) failed in their first four CAA championship appearances. The loss was the first for Richmond (18-12) in five CAA title games since 1985.

Iona 84, Siena 80

At Albany, the Gaels (20-10) won despite an injury to MAAC player of the year Tariq Kirksay, who hurt his hip in the first half.

Dyree Wilson, a sophomore who averaged 14 points during the regular season, scored 27 points on 12-for-17 shooting.

Marcus Faison scored 17 points for Siena (23-8).

Central Connecticut State 63, Robert Morris 46

At Trenton, N.J., the Blue

Devils qualified for their first trip to the NAAs just two years after going 4-22 in their first season as an NEC member. They are 25-5.

"This is the biggest thing to happen at the school," said Rick Mickens, the Northeast Conference player of the year, who had 17 points, five rebounds and five steals. "It's a wonderful feeling."

The key was Central Connecticut's defense on Gene Nabors.

He came into the final having scored 38 in the quarter-finals and 35 in the semi-finals, hitting 26 of 43 shots from the field.

Nabors never got going and finished with five points on 2-of-15 shooting, with no points in the second half, for Robert Morris (18-12).

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a four-man scramble recently.

Results are as follows:
First place: John Darby, Buddy Briley, Jack Davis and George Gamblin, 62.

Second place: Jerry Dorman, Butch Shepherd, Kenneth Williams and Everette Butler, 63.

Third place: Travis Taylor, Jerry Davis, Bill Abernathy and Troy Bennett, 65.

Fourth place: Jim Cantrell, Roy Porter, James Lee and Bill Brown, 65.

Closest to the hole: Travis Taylor, No. 12. It was the third week in a row for Taylor to win closest to the hole.

The Pampa girls' golf team competed in the Tall Tower Invitational last weekend and placed third with a 382.

Stefanie Harwood led the Lady Harvesters with an 88. Maggie Cowan followed with a 95, Cortnie Allison 98, Annie Sims 101 and Cortney Locknane 105.

CORRECTION

PAMPA — The Region Five Silver Glove Championships will be held in Liberal, Kan. instead of Lubbock as was published in Tuesday's Pampa News. Members of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa will be competing in the boxing tournament, which will be held Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Liberal.

BASKETBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Here is the list of past winners of The Associated Press Big 12 Freshman of the Year awards as voted each year by a panel of sportswriters and sportscasters:

- 1997 — Jerald Brown, Texas A&M
- 1998 — Marcus Fizer, Iowa State
- 1999 — Jeff Boschee, Kansas
- 2000 — Bernard King, Texas A&M

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Here is the list of past winners of The Associated Press Big 12 Newcomer of the Year awards as voted each year by a panel of sports writers and sportscasters:

- 1997 — Corey Brewer, Oklahoma
- 1998 — Doug Gottlieb, Oklahoma State
- 1999 — Clifton Cook, Texas A&M
- 2000 — Jamaal Tinsley, Iowa State

SOCCER

CANYON — The Pampa boys' soccer team, depleted by injuries, fell to Canyon 4-1 in a District 3-4A match last weekend.

Jeremy Hall scored the Pampa goal.

The Harvesters have been hit hard by injuries throughout the season.

"We've only got one sub left," said Pampa head coach John True. "We've had some broken bones, some pretty bad injuries."

The Harvesters are at Berger on Saturday.

"Injuries are the only reason we're not going to be in the playoffs. We're just going to try and get ready to play our remaining matches, and start rebuilding for next year," True added.

Pampa's final match will be March 10 against Palo Duro. Starting time is 6 p.m.

Pampa gymnasts qualify for Level 7 North State meet

BIG SPRING — Alyssa Bromwell and Morgan Meharg will be representing Pampa at another Texas State Semi-Finals this weekend in Plano. Both girls qualified to the Level 7 North State meet by making a minimum score of 31.10 All-Around.

Each gymnast will be participating in the Level 7 Semi-Finals for the first time. Alyssa qualified for the meet last year, but chose not to attend. Morgan has only been competing in Level 7 for two months.

Alyssa has attended two state championship competitions in the past. She was the bronze medalist on uneven bars at the Level 5 state meet in 1997 and has earned five other state medals in Level 7 and Level 6 competition in 1998.

She has attended North State meets three times previously.

Most recently, Alyssa won the All-Around at the West Texas State Championships with a personal best of 37.15. Enroute to becoming the Level 7 West Texas Champion, Alyssa also won gold medals on vault 9.375, and floor exercise, 9.525. Both were personal best scores. She had another best-ever score on uneven bars 9.5, for the silver medal. She also won silver on the balance beam with an 8.75.

Morgan was the high scoring and highest placing athlete from District One at the Level 6 state meet this past December. She won four medals and placed eighth All-Around.

At the 1998 Level 5 state meet, Morgan scored a 9.525

for 17th place on uneven bars and was the highest All-Around finisher from District One yet again.

Morgan has been competing in gymnastics since Sept. 1998 and has moved from one level to the next very quickly. This will be her third trip to North State.

At the recent West Texas Championships, Morgan won gold medal honors on vault 9.4, a personal best, and on uneven bars 8.9. She won the silver medal in the All Around with a 35.425 and on floor exercise 9.075. She finished fourth on balance beam, 8.05.

The top finishers at the North State Semi-Finals will qualify to compete at the Level 7 Texas State Championships in April.

Gonzalez, Sosa hit home runs; Yankees' record drops to 0-6

By The Associated Press

Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring. The New York Yankees are still looking for their first win.

Gonzalez connected for one of five homers in the Detroit Tigers' 10-7 loss to the Atlanta Braves in Lakeland, Fla.

"He just looks menacing at the plate, doesn't he?" new Tigers manager Phil Garner said.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He's been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as a designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium. "I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is swinging the bat," Garner said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered in a five-run fifth, but the

Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for four runs with two outs in the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8.

Sosa's drive off the left-field scoreboard at Electric Park was estimated at 425 feet.

At Tampa, Fla., the Yankees dropped to 0-6, losing to the Minnesota Twins 7-5. New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"I'll be the first to let you guys know when it's not early," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "Until then, relax. We're getting close. One of these days very soon, we're going to bust out."

Asked whether he was ready to explode, he laughed.

"No, the Yankees. The Yankees. Not me," he said.

In roster moves, catcher Gregg Zaun was traded to the Kansas City Royals from the Detroit for a player to be named or cash, and pitcher Jeff Juden was placed on

waivers by the Yankees for the purpose of his unconditional release.

In other games:

Reds (ss) 3, Phillies (ss) 1
At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. went hitless and Sean Casey bruised a knee. Griffey flied out to left field and walked twice, leaving him 2-for-8 in four games, with one homer. Casey was hit on the back of the right knee by one of Joe Grahe's pitches in the fourth inning. The first baseman came out of the game but was expected to play today.

Reds (ss) 5, Phillies (ss) 4
At Clearwater, Fla., with his father watching from the stands, Pete Rose Jr. went 2-for-3 in his first start of the spring. He tied the game at 2 with an RBI single in the second off Ron Villone.

Cardinals (ss) 2, Dodgers (ss) 1
At Vero Beach, Fla., five St. Louis pitchers combined on a two-hitter, dropping Los Angeles to 0-5.



West Texas champions Alyssa Bromwell (left) and Morgan Meharg display medals they won at the West Texas Championships.

Women's Big 12 tourney heads into second round

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri Tigers continued their late-season collapse and likely lost any chance of playing in the NCAA tournament with an 83-68 loss to Colorado in the first round of the women's Big 12 Conference Tournament.

In other first-round games Tuesday, Texas defeated Texas A&M 83-72, Nebraska defeated Baylor 82-61 and Oklahoma State held off a rally to defeat Kansas State 67-59.

In quarterfinal action today, top-seeded Iowa State plays Oklahoma State, Kansas plays Nebraska, second-seeded Texas Tech takes on Colorado, and Oklahoma plays Texas.

With 8 minutes, 30 seconds remaining in the second half, No. 10 seed Colorado (10-18) began a 22-9 run that took No.

7 seed Missouri out of the tournament.

Colorado's Jenny Roulier and Mandy Nightingale combined to score 14 of the Buffaloes' final 19 points. Roulier finished with 23, and Nightingale had 21.

After losing four of its last five regular season games, Missouri (17-12) needed a good run in the Big 12 tournament to get an NCAA bid.

"It's so hard to explain this team," Missouri coach Cindy Stein said. "They try so hard. We need to learn how to play with high intensity, under control, and value the ball."

Amanda Lassiter led Missouri with 17 points. Edwina Brown scored 19 of her 25 points in the second half to lead Texas to its first Big 12 tournament win since 1997.

Air League Results

Pampa Air League Match Results (March 4, 2000)

Jonathan Delong 104; Lydia West 86; Zach Delong 80; Elizabeth Delong 77; Abby West 74; Dirk Swope 73; Cama Niccum 73; Seth Simpson 66; Ashley Williams 56; Eleesha Simpson 54; Russell Douglas 42; Josiah West 41; Julie Schuneman 37; Caleb West 16.

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Astros' Holt ready for step two after surgery

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — His buddies might wish better luck for Chris Holt. Holt would settle for a few more runs.

The Houston Astros' No. 5 starter compiled a 5-13 record and 4.66 ERA in last year's comeback season after missing the entire 1998 season recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Although he lost his first six decisions last year, the Astros only scored an average of 4.3 runs in his starts, the lowest on the staff.

"Hopefully a little more luck goes with this year and things fall into place," Holt said. "It (lack of support) was tough, but we joke around about it in the clubhouse. All I can do is go out and pitch my game and not worry about it."

At one stretch last season, Holt was 1-2 with a 2.72 ERA over five starts.

The Astros have a big hole to fill in the rotation after the loss of Mike Hampton (22-4), the Cy Young Award runner-up. The Astros expect Holt to be part of the solution.

"I feel the Holts and (Octavio) Delers are going to grow into a more prominent role," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "Throw in (Scott) Elarton and I think we have the makings of a solid staff that will get better."

Holt thought his career was taking off when he compiled an 8-12 record and 3.52 ERA in 1997, his first full season in the big leagues.

Surgery wiped out his 1998 season.

"The low point was mainly

1998, the frustration of trying to get back," Holt said. "The doctors kept telling you that you would be two weeks behind, you have to keep going. So, once we figured out what exactly was wrong, I think I started getting more confidence that I was going to get back."

After last year's comeback, Holt expects to take the next step this season.

"People ask if I'm going to be able to pick up the slack for Hampton. Well, that's a tough task to take on," Holt said. "I'm up for it, and I'm going to battle and give everything I've got. One guy can't do it. It'll take all of us."

"I'll try to get in six or seven innings and hopefully we're a run up or a run down when I leave. I just want to keep us in

the ball game." Holt is all smiles this spring. All he has to concentrate on is getting ready for the season.

"It's a 100 percent turnaround from last spring," Holt said. "Last year, I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know how the spring was going to go. I didn't know how my shoulder was going to go, if it was going to break down on me, if it was going to be sore."

It wasn't. "This year I can go out there and I'm more comfortable, knowing I have a spot in the rotation, knowing that I can go throw my pitches and work on things I need to work on," he said. "It's more of a comfort, knowing I don't have to prove myself. Holt promises more produc-

tion. "I know what I've got in me," he said. "I'm capable of throwing 200 innings and getting my

ERA in the threes. It's just a matter of fine-tuning everything, and, no, I'm not near where I want to be."

Cowboys hire Wade Wilson

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys struck out when they tried to persuade longtime backup quarterback Jason Garrett to be their new quarterbacks coach.

Instead, the Cowboys found another former Troy Aikman backup for the job.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has hired 41-year-old Wade Wilson to be the new quarterbacks coach for coach Dave Campo's staff. He succeeds Buddy Geis.

staff," Jones said. "He not only has a great level of familiarity with our offensive scheme, but he also has the benefit of working in several other offensive systems on the professional level."

Jones cited Wilson's relationship with Aikman as a reason for his hiring.

"I believe Troy Aikman will be very comfortable with him as our quarterbacks coach, and I believe Wade will be able to help us identify and develop young quarterback prospects for the future," Jones said.

NCAA Conference Tournament Glances

<p>All Times EST America East Conference At The Bob Carpenter Center Newark, Del. First Round Friday, March 3 Boston University 83, Northeastern 57 Hartford 117, New Hampshire 58 Quarterfinals Saturday, March 4 Hofstra 80, Boston University 62 Drexel 71, Vermont 59 Maine 60, Hartford 63 Colgate 79, Towson 69 Semifinals Sunday, March 5 Hofstra 69, Drexel 41 Delaware 58, Maine 46 Championship At Hofstra Arena Hempstead, N.Y. Saturday, March 11 Delaware at Hofstra, 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Atlantic Coast Conference At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. First Round Thursday, March 9 Florida State vs. Georgia Tech, 7 p.m. Virginia vs. Clemson, 9:30 p.m. Second Round Friday, March 10 North Carolina vs. Wake Forest, Noon Maryland vs. Florida State-Georgia Tech winner, 2 p.m. Virginia vs. North Carolina State, 7 p.m. Semifinals Saturday, March 11 Duke-Clemson winner vs. North Carolina-Wake Forest winner, 1:30 p.m. Maryland-Florida State-Georgia Tech winner vs. Virginia-North Carolina State winner, 4 p.m. Championship Sunday, March 12 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Big Ten Conference At The United Center Chicago First Round Thursday, March 9 Michigan vs. Penn State, 2 p.m. Iowa vs. Minnesota, 4:30 p.m. Wisconsin vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m. Quarterfinals Friday, March 10 Illinois vs. Indiana, 12:30 p.m. Ohio St. vs. Michigan-Penn State winner, 3 p.m. Michigan State vs. Iowa-Minnesota winner, 7:30 p.m. Purdue vs. Wisconsin-Northwestern winner, 10 p.m. Semifinals Saturday, March 11 Illinois-Indiana winner vs. Ohio State-Penn State-Michigan winner, 2:30 p.m. Michigan State-Iowa-Minnesota winner vs. Purdue-Wisconsin-Northwestern winner, 6 p.m. Championship Sunday, March 12 Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Big 12 Conference At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo. First Round Thursday, March 9 Nebraska vs. Baylor, 1 p.m. Kansas vs. Kansas State, 3:30 p.m. Colorado vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m. Missouri vs. Texas Tech, 9:30 p.m. Quarterfinals Friday, March 10 Iowa State vs. Nebraska-Baylor winner, 1 p.m. Oklahoma State vs. Kansas-Kansas State winner, 3:30 p.m. Texas vs. Colorado-Texas A&M winner, 7 p.m. Oklahoma vs. Missouri-Texas Tech winner, 9:30 p.m. Semifinals Saturday, March 11 Iowa State-Nebraska-Baylor winner vs. Oklahoma State-Kansas-Kansas State winner, 2 p.m. Texas-Colorado-Texas A&M winner vs. Oklahoma-Missouri-Texas Tech winner, 4:20 p.m. Championship Sunday, March 12 Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Mid-American Conference First Round Wednesday, March 1 At Campus Sites Marshall 83, Buffalo 63 Ohio 77, Western Michigan 52 Toledo 68, Northern Illinois 64, 2OT Miami, Ohio 84, Eastern Michigan 61 Central Michigan 76, Akron 73 At Gund Arena Cleveland Quarterfinals Sunday, March 5 Miami, Ohio 58, Bowling Green 56, OT Marshall 58, Central Michigan 68 Ball State 64, Toledo 63, OT Ohio 69, Kent 68 Semifinals Monday, March 6 Marshall 69, Marshall 63 Ball State 70, Ohio 67 Championship Wednesday, March 8 Miami, Ohio vs. Ball State, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Mid-Continent Conference At The Lawlor Coliseum Reno, Nev. First Round Thursday, March 9 Long Beach State vs. Idaho, 3 p.m. New Mexico State vs. UC Irvine, 5:30 p.m. Utah State vs. Pacific, 9 p.m. UC Santa Barbara vs. Nevada, 11:30 p.m. Semifinals Friday, March 10 Utah State-Pacific winner vs. UC Santa Barbara-Nevada winner, 9 p.m. Long Beach State-Idaho winner vs. New Mexico State-UC Irvine winner, 11:30 p.m. Championship Saturday, March 11 Semifinal winners, 12:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Mountain West Conference (Non-automatic bid) At The Thomas & Mack Center Las Vegas First Round Thursday, March 9 New Mexico vs. Brigham Young, 3 p.m. Utah vs. Air Force, 5:30 p.m. Colorado State vs. Wyoming, 9 p.m. UNLV vs. San Diego State, Mid Semifinals Friday, March 10 New Mexico-Brigham Young winner vs. Utah-Air Force winner, 9 p.m. Colorado State-Wyoming winner vs. UNLV-San Diego State winner, Mid Championship Saturday, March 11 Semifinal winners, 11 p.m. Northwest Conference At Sovereign Bank Arena Portland, Ore. First Round Friday, March 3 St. Francis, N.Y. 68, Monmouth, N.J. 70 Central Connecticut State 63, Maryland-Baltimore County 55 Robert Morris 72, St. Francis, Pa. 52 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 73, Fairleigh Dickinson 68 Semifinals Saturday, March 4 Central Connecticut State 83, St. Francis, N.Y. 73 Maryland-Baltimore County 60, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 61 Championship Monday, March 6 Central Connecticut State 63, Robert Morris 46</p>	<p>Ohio Valley Conference First Round Tuesday, Feb. 29 At Campus Sites Southeast Missouri 76, Tennessee-Martin 74 Eastern Illinois 107, Austin Peay 100, 2OT Murray State 60, Tennessee State 56 Middle Tennessee 67, Tennessee Tech 70 At Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn. Semifinals Saturday, March 4 Murray State 60, Eastern Illinois 70 Southeast Missouri 78, Middle Tennessee 60 Championship Sunday, March 5 Southeast Missouri 67, Murray State 56 Parlor League At Allen & Kirby Sports Center Easton, Pa. First Round Saturday, March 4 Lafayette 71, Army 45 Lehigh 73, Bucknell 62 Colgate 68, Holy Cross 49 Semifinals Sunday, March 5 Lafayette 66, Lehigh 60 Navy 62, Colgate 56 Championship Friday, March 10 Lafayette vs. Navy, 4 p.m. Southeastern Conference At The Georgia Dome Atlanta First Round Thursday, March 9 South Carolina vs. Alabama, 1 p.m. Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt, 3:15 p.m. Mississippi vs. Florida, 7:30 p.m. Georgia vs. Arkansas, 9:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Quarterfinals Friday, March 10 Tennessee vs. South Carolina-Alabama winner, 1 p.m. LSU vs. Mississippi State-Vanderbilt winner, 3:15 p.m. Auburn vs. Mississippi-Florida winner, 7:30 p.m. Kentucky vs. Georgia-Arkansas winner, 9:45 p.m. Semifinals Saturday, March 11 Tennessee-South Carolina-Alabama winner vs. Auburn-Mississippi-Florida winner, 1 p.m. LSU-Mississippi State-Vanderbilt winner vs. Kentucky-Georgia-Arkansas winner, 3:15 p.m. Championship Sunday, March 12 Semifinal winners, Noon</p>	<p>Southern Conference At Bi-Lo Center Greenville, S.C. First Round Thursday, March 9 Chattanooga 90, Western Carolina 75 Furman 77, North Carolina-Greensboro 61 East Tennessee State 85, The Citadel 71 Wofford 81, VMI 72 Quarterfinals Friday, March 10 Appalachian State 68, Chattanooga 66 Furman 68, Georgia Southern 54 College of Charleston 65, East Tennessee State 51 Wofford 65, Davidson 64 Semifinals Saturday, March 11 Appalachian State 60, Furman 56 College of Charleston 74, Wofford 64 Championship Sunday, March 12 Appalachian State 68, College of Charleston 58 Southland Conference First Round Tuesday, March 7 Sam Houston State 49, Nicholls State 48 Lamar 68, Louisiana-Monroe 62 Southwest Texas State 86, Texas-San Antonio 84 Northwestern State 88, Texas-Arlington 85, OT At The Gold Dome Shreveport, La. Semifinals Thursday, March 9 Sam Houston State vs. Northwestern State, 7 or 9:15 p.m. Lamar vs. Southwest Texas State, 7 or 9:15 p.m. Championship Saturday, March 11 Semifinal winners, 11 p.m. Southwestern Athletic Conference At Mississippi Coast Coliseum Biloxi, Miss. First Round Thursday, March 9 Jackson State vs. Alabama State, Noon Texas Southern vs. Mississippi Valley State, 2:30 p.m. Southern vs. Prairie View, 9 p.m. Alcorn State vs. Grambling State, 8:30 p.m. Semifinals Friday, March 10 Texas Southern-Mississippi Valley State winner vs. Southern-Prairie View winner, 6 p.m. Jackson State-Alabama State winner vs. Alcorn State-Grambling State winner, 8:30 p.m. Championship Saturday, March 11 Semifinal winners, 4 p.m. Summit Conference At ALLTEL Arena Little Rock, Ark. First Round Saturday, March 4 New Orleans 67, Denver 65 South Alabama 74, Arkansas-Little Rock 58 Second Round Sunday, March 5 Louisiana Tech 84, Arkansas State 77 Louisiana-Lafayette 56, New Orleans 35 Southern Kentucky 79, Florida International 60 Semifinals Monday, March 6 Louisiana-Lafayette 73, Louisiana Tech 51 South Alabama 64, Western Kentucky 61 Championship Tuesday, March 7 Louisiana-Lafayette 51, South Alabama 50 Trans America Athletic Conference Jacksonville, Fla. First Round Wednesday, March 1 Mercer 55, Jacksonville 48 Florida Atlantic 66, Stetson 56 Quarterfinals Thursday, March 2 Sanford 80, Campbell 61 Georgia State 77, Florida Atlantic 54 Mercer 79, Troy State 75 Central Florida 74, Jacksonville State 55 Semifinals Friday, March 3 Central Florida 84, Mercer 79 Sanford 83, Georgia State 80 Championship Saturday, March 4 Sanford 78, Central Florida 69</p>
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O'Neal makes case for MVP with 61 points vs. Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In this season of campaigns, Shaquille O'Neal made a convincing pitch to MVP voters — a career-high 61 points.

"It's a good feeling," O'Neal said after the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Clippers 123-103 Monday night for their 16th consecutive victory, equaling their longest winning streak of the season.

"My shots were falling and I felt pretty good. The crowd gave me a lot of energy and I was running," he said. "They weren't double-teaming me that much, so I was just trying to get it deep and take the high-percentage shot."

O'Neal, playing on his 28th birthday, also grabbed 23

rebounds. He shot 24-for-35 from the field and 13-for-22 from the line in 45 minutes.

"He's the MVP without a doubt," Glen Rice said. "He's having a tremendous season both offensively and defensively and he's been a great leader for this team."

A sellout crowd of 20,385 at Staples Center — the largest to attend an NBA game in Southern California — certainly thought so.

Fans chanted "MVP, MVP" when O'Neal sank a free throw to complete a three-point play for his 59th point with 4:12 remaining.

The usually blasé Los Angeles fans were on their feet cheering each time O'Neal scored in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal's teammates were happy to help him break the 60-point barrier, making him the first NBA player to do since San Antonio's David Robinson scored 71 points against the Clippers in April 1994.

"We showed our appreciation to him that he is having a heck of a year," said Ron Harper, who had four assists. "I'm not surprised he hasn't scored 60 before. That's something that's hard to do."

Making it easier was the fact that 7-foot Clippers center Michael Olowokandi played just 14 minutes because of five fouls. His absence created a size deficit against the 7-foot-1 O'Neal that the Clippers couldn't overcome.

"We knew that if we moved

the ball and found Shaq in the middle of the lane, he'd have the position," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "So the team hooked up well and played exactly the way we'd like to see them do it."

O'Neal thanked his teammates for giving him the ball where he likes it, down in the low post so he can dunk with abandon.

"I think every star will admit that it takes a lot of team play for a guy to have a night like that," Jackson said. "But it takes the individual effort to want to do that and have the doggedness that it takes to persevere in very difficult situations."

"Shaq started out shooting foul shots very poorly, but kept

his confidence going. I think that helped him and the crowd helped him," Jackson said. "Then he got his rhythm during the course of the game and it seemed like everything started to go for him."

Asked if O'Neal should be the league's MVP, Jackson replied, "Who knows? That's for someone else to decide. He's our MVP."

O'Neal dominated the final quarter, scoring 19 points — including 15 straight — capped by a dunk off an assist from Kobe Bryant before leaving with 2:33 remaining.

"The players on the bench wanted him to score 60 and it was really a team effort," said Jackson, who coached the Chicago Bulls the last time

Michael Jordan scored 60 points in 1993. "Once he got to 40-something, they all started pulling for him."

Fans behind the Lakers bench greeted O'Neal with a brief chorus of "Happy Birthday." Later, a videotape of the game was left in his locker.

O'Neal's teammates said he asked them for just one thing on his birthday — to get him the ball.

"Everybody agreed, let him do what he wanted to do," Harper said.

There was, however, one thing O'Neal could not do — get his allotment of complimentary tickets.

"Don't make me pay for tickets," he said.

Cowboy balladeer to perform at Armstrong County Museum Banquet

CLAUDE — Cowboy balladeer Larry Buchanan will perform during the annual Armstrong County Museum Banquet to be held at 6 p.m., Friday, March 10 in the Armstrong County Activity Center in Claude. Buchanan will be

accompanied by bass player Bryan Pickel and fiddler Correy Williams. Buchanan, a West Texas farm boy, began his professional career as a Southwestern Balladeer in the 1980s. He currently tours the nation, performing in theaters, at

festivals, fairs, schools, museums, corporate events and community concerts. The balladeer has appeared in several movies including "Desperado" and "Young Guns" as well as Opryland Park in Nashville

and Silver Dollar City in Branson. He has also appeared with Waylon Jennings, Tom T. Hall, Jack Palance, Hoyt Axton and many more. Whether yodeling, crooning a sentimental cowboy ballad or swinging

out a spirited hoe-down on his fiddle, Buchanan appeals to audiences of all ages. Cost of admission will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call (806) 226-2187 or (806) 226-2451.



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PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0003.

14s Plumbing/Heat

JACK'S Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, Plumbing Supplies & Repair Parts.

JACK'S Plumbing/Heating. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer & drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating/ Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

14t Radio/Tv

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN
We have tvs, VCRs, camcorders, to suit your needs. Rent by hour, day, week. We do service on most major brand of tvs & VCRs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Entertainment, 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

19 Situations

NEW Mom wants to babysit in her home. Call Amy at 669-7961.

21 Help Wanted

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

HELP WANTED Start Immediately \$1900 @ mo, guaranteed to those who qualify. No exp. necessary. Call for information 354-6716.

WANTED Property Mgr., part-time, 20 unit family property, Pampa, Tx. Must have management & clerical skills. Send resume to MJS Management, Fax 903-756-7621, Attn: Terry.

ATTENTION Work From Home up to \$25-\$75/hr PT/FT Internet/Mail Order 1-888-248-4593

ST. Ann's Nursing Home has an immediate opening for the following position: CNA-FT 6:30A-3:00P. Benefits include insurance, meals furnished, retirement & car expense. Apply in person-Spr 293 off Hwy. 601n Panhandle 665-3541.

HOMEWORERS \$635 wkly. processing mail. Easy! No exp. 1-800-426-3203 ext. 5200 24 hrs.

MCLEAN Care Center is hiring: kitchen, maint., LVN, nurse aide, housekeeping. 605 W. 7th, McLean, 779-2469.

OFFICE position avail. Requirements: Able to communicate verbally & written, lift at least 60 lbs., take some call thru week and some weekends. Please apply 1521 N. Hobart. No phone calls.

MEREDITH House is accepting applications for an aide to work full time. Contact Cinda 665-5668.

LVN's needed, all shifts available. Contact Connie Steadman at Coronado Healthcare.

OTR truck driver, 2 yrs. minimum exp. Apply in person Koyote Trucking, 725 S. Cuyler.

LABORERS and roofers needed. Apply in person, 7-7:15 a.m. 805 S. Cuyler, Mon-Fri.

SIRLOIN Stockade now hiring all positions: day/night, full/part time. Apply in person. EOE.

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NEED someone to clean 2 br., 1 ba. house, once every 2 weeks, wash dishes, light laundry (not my personal laundry), vacuum, dust & other general duties. Send references & salary desired to Box 93 c/o Pampa News, Po Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

50 Building Suppl.
White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

HOUSTON LUMBER 420 W. Foster 669-6881

55 Landscaping

WEST Texas Landscaping & Irrigation. Residential & commercial. 669-0158, mobile 663-1277

60 Household

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS
Rent 1 piece or house full Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom 801 W. Francis 665-3361

27 in. Sony console TV, \$75. Call 665-4335.

69 Misc.

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CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

INTERNET ACCESS The leading Internet Service provider in the Eastern Texas Panhandle. PAMPA CYBER NET 1319 N. HOBART PAMPA, TEXAS 806-665-8501

ANTIQUE Clock Repair, auth. by Ridgeway & Howard Miller. Larry Norton, 669-7916 alt. 5.

Dentures Complete Set \$395.00 1-800-688-3411

'94 Toyota Snug Topper for sale, \$400. 669-6833 lv. message.

69a Garage Sales

1608 N. Summer. Infant thru 4 yr. old clothes, lots of baby items-car seats, walker, baby gate, etc., women's clothes, sm. car tv. lots of misc. 8 a.m. Thur., Fri., Sat.

ESTATE SALE 120 N. FAULKNER 10-4 P.M. THURS. 9th

L&P Interiors, 110 S. Cuyler-Moving Sale, Mar. 9, 10, 11th. Fabrics, rods, shades, furn., glassware, antiques, collectibles. 40-70% off. Open 10-5 p.m.

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

75 Feeds/Seeds

BEARDLESS Wheat Hay, Grass Hay, Red Top Calf Hay. Delivery Awa. Call 669-0027.

SQUARE BALES Grass Hay \$2.50. Delivered. 779-2877.

77 Livest./Equip.

SERVICEABLE Age Black Angus bulls, reg. or commercial. We have 51 different bloodlines to fit your cow herd needs. For info. Thomas Angus, Reynold, Ok. 580-655-4318.

80 Pets & Suppl.

CANINE and Feline grooming. Boarding. Science diets. Roysse Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

PET Patch, 866 W. Foster, 665-5504. Grooming by Mona, fresh, salt fish, sm. animals, supplies. Beef 'N' More dog & cat food.

ABOUT Town Dog Grooming. Pick up & Delivery Service. Kelly Cult, 665-5959

The Country Clip Dog Grooming Teresa Aubank 665-8714 Sat. appointments avail.

SM. black dog, free to the right home, very sweet, perfect family pet. 665-8946, 662-9514

TO give away to good home, 2-6 wk. old kittens. 669-3224.

95 Furn. Apts.

Equal Housing Opportunity
All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." State law also forbids discrimination based on these factors. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

1 bdr. furnished, Dogwood Apts. References and deposit required. 669-2981, 669-9817.

2 room furn., downstairs apt., \$250, all bills pd. Washer/dryer, gar. 669-7716.

BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bedroom starting at \$335. All utilities included available. 3 & 6 mo. leases. Pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149. Open Mo-Fr 8:30-5:30, Sa 10-4, Su 1-4.

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1 & 2 bedroom houses for rent. Call 669-9532.

99 Stor. Bldgs.
TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

102 Bus. Rent.
OFFICE Space for rent, 3 months free rent. 669-6841.

OFFICE Spaces Available. Utilities and Cleaning services provided. Call 669-6823.

103 Homes For Sale
Twila Fisher Century 21 Pampa Realty 665-3560, 663-1442 669-0007

1201 Farley 3/1.5/3 car gar., corner lot, \$20,000 C-21 Pampa Realty JimD 669-0007

1723 Chestnut 4 bdr., 2 ba., dbl. gar. Why pay rent, when you can own? Approx. \$600 mo., approx. \$3500 moves you in. Gaut & Co. 806-355-1070, 806-359-3025.

2 br., gar., fenced, util. Needs little or no work. OWC- \$256.67 mo. 48 mo. 424 Pitts, 669-6995.

96 Unfurn. Apts.

CLEAN 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, all bills paid. 669-3672, 665-5900

PAM APARTMENTS Seniors or Disabled Rent based On Income Call about Move-In Specials 669-2594 1200 N. Wells 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Schneider House Apts. Seniors or Disabled Rent Based On Income 120 S. Russell 665-0415

97 Furn. Houses

3 bdr., 1 1/2 ba., \$300 mo. 2 bdr., 1 ba., \$275 mo. 1 bdr., \$175 mo. 1 acre. 665-8781, 665-1193

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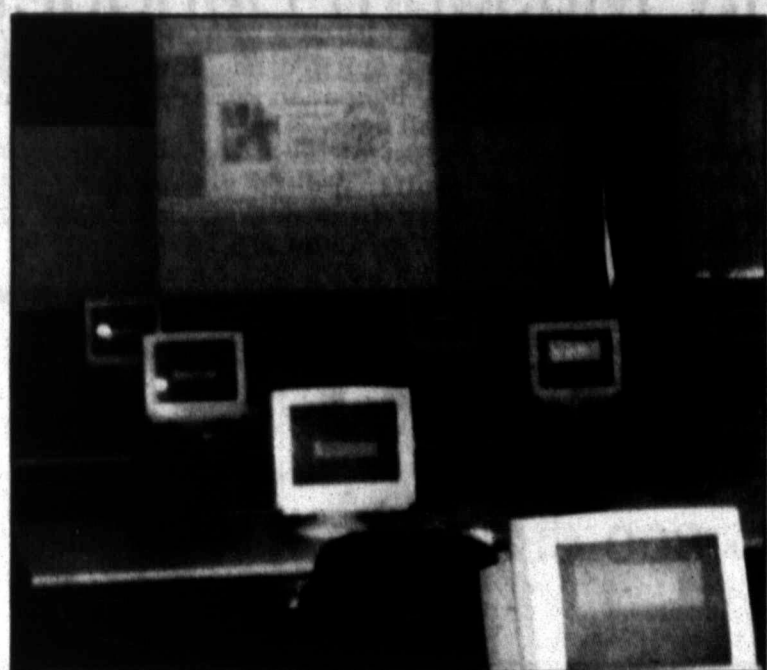
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State Representative Warren Chisum told the crowd at the M.K. Brown Academic Center dedication, "This is a red-letter day for Pampa."



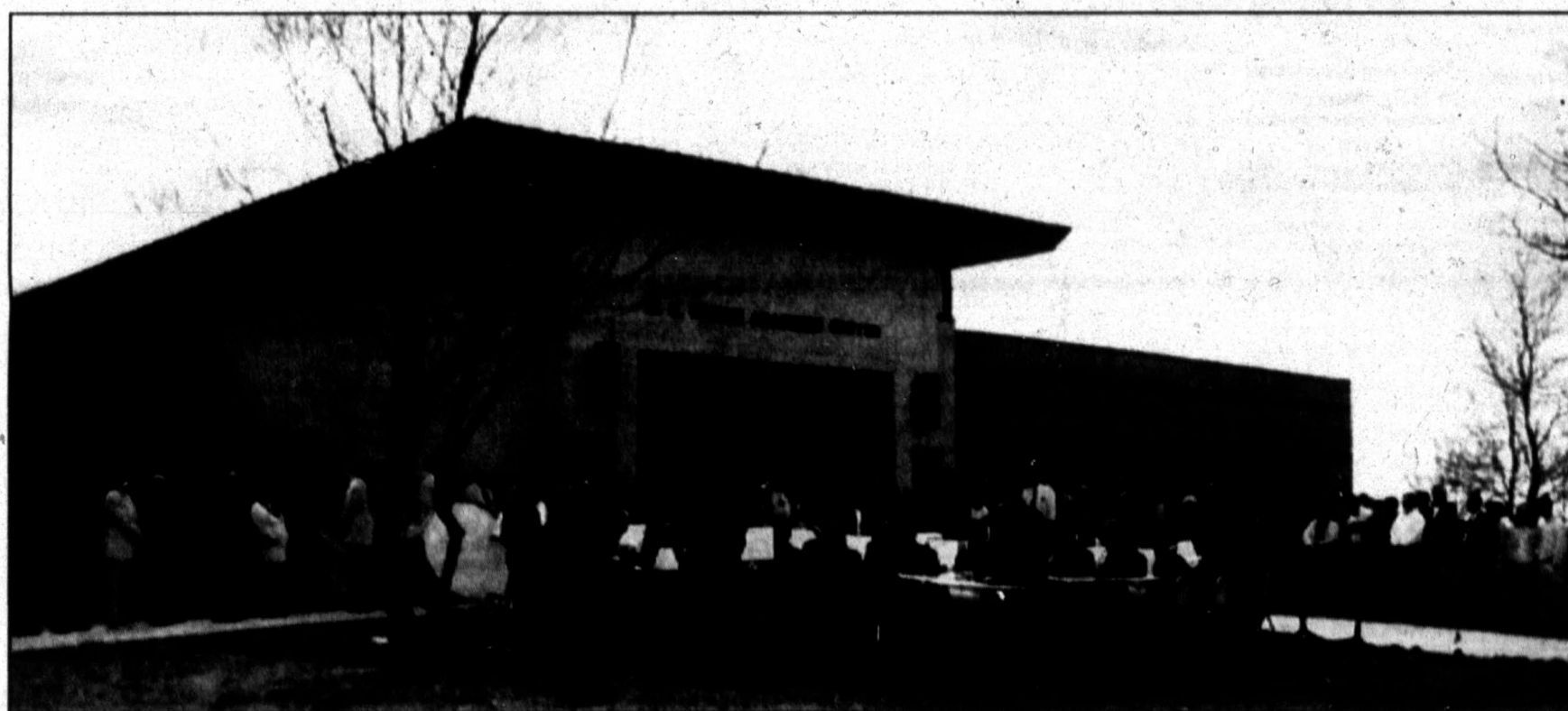
The learning resource center, donated by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, will allow students after-class computer access.

Dedication day at Clarendon College- Pampa Center



In Memory
M. K. BROWN
Pioneer-Visionary-Philanthropist
M.K. BROWN FOUNDATION, INC.

The M.K. Brown Foundation, Inc., made the single-largest donation to the Pampa Center Foundation. The M.K. Brown Foundation made a \$600,000 challenge-grant in May of 1998.



The Pride of Pampa Band provided musical entertainment for the opening of the new facility.

Pampa News photos
by Keith Anderson



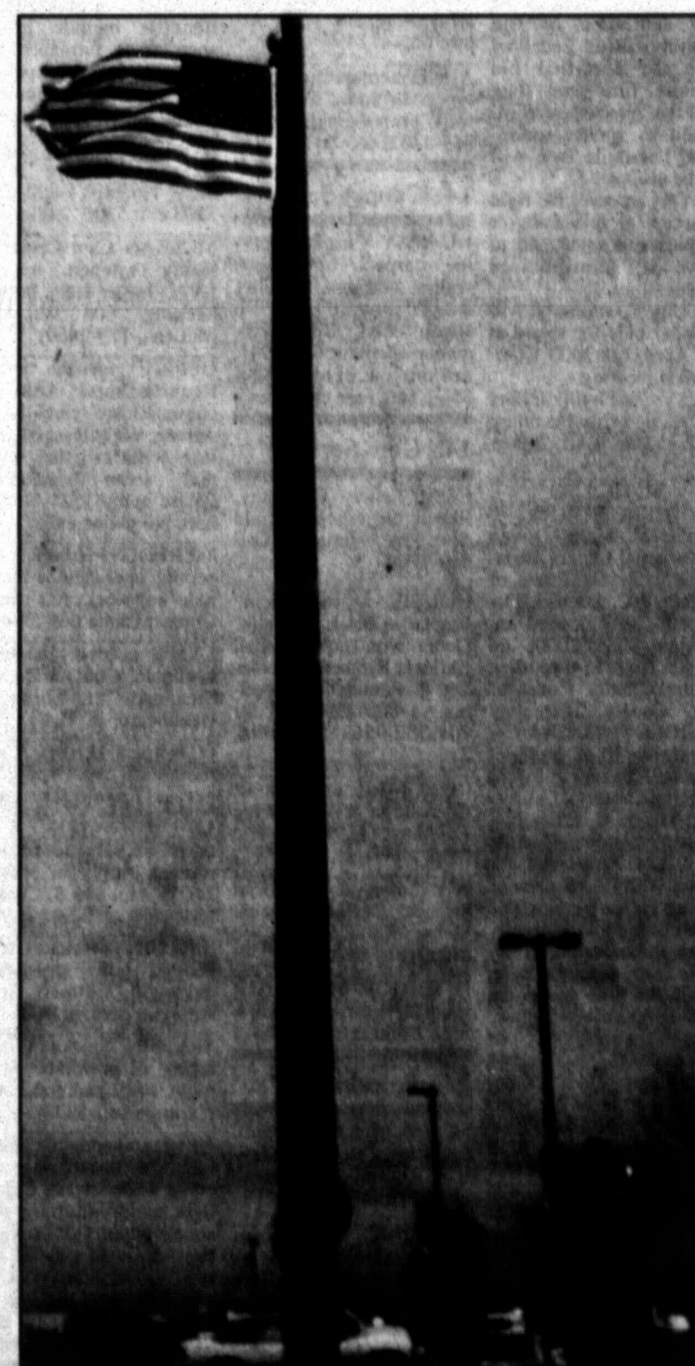
From left: PCF board members Katrina Bigham, Mike Ruff, and Don Lane cut the ribbon. Also cutting the ribbon were CCPC Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, PCF board member Doug Carmichael, CC President Dr. Myles Shelton, and State Representative Warren Chisum.



Flutists Holly Myers, Ashley Hathcoat, and Dori Edens performed at the Sunday dedication.



Trumpeters Matt Dyer, Luke Wilson, and Jonathon Brockington performed at the dedication.



The Pampa Police honor guard raises the flag of the United States of America, while the Pride of Pampa band played the national anthem. Shortly after the flag-raising, three airplanes in formation flew over the M.K. Brown Academic Center.