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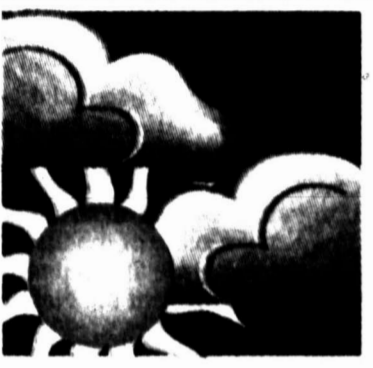
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PAMPA — Pampa United Way is giving applications for 501 (C) 3 non-profit organizations to be included in the budget allocation process. Organizations may pick up applications at 200 N. Ballafd, Suite 105, or call 669-1001 for more information on the process. Deadline for picking up applications is Feb. 15. Those accepted into the budget allocation process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed. For admission guidelines contact United Way.

PAMPA — Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will sponsor a blood drive for 13-year-old Stacy Pepper, Pampa Middle School student, from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at First Christian Church in Pampa. Stacy is the daughter of Robbie and Jim Pepper. She was diagnosed with lymphoma in December and is currently undergoing treatment which sometimes requires blood and blood products. For more information, call (806) 358-4563.

HOUSTON (AP) — Parole violators forced to do jail time are swamping the Harris County Jail, and an official pleaded for state help in dealing with the costly problem.

The number of suspected parole violators locked up has been steadily increasing, and officials can't really find a precise reason why.

- **Angelica Cazimajou Garriga, 83**, descendant of a French noble family.
- **Steve Lesher, 45**, former City of Pampa employee.
- **Helen Russell, 80**, longtime Panhandle resident.
- **Raymond S. Taggart, 73**, retired from U.S. Navy.
- **Robert Terry Williams, 48**, Titan Industries employee.

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Loan saves Celebration of Lights

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Christmas 2000 is 11 months away, but it is very good news to the Pampa community that Pampa's traditional Celebration of Lights is going to continue during the holiday season.

The organization has obtained a loan of \$35,000 to purchase the lighted displays which are viewed during the Christmas holiday season each year at Recreation Park, located near the Rodeo Arena, according to Kathleen Chaney, one of the board members of the organization.

She said the loan will be repaid by sponsorships of the lighted exhibits. She added if additional funds are needed the organization will rely on gate receipts obtained from visitors to the display.

The Pampa display is popular with residents throughout the area as they come from throughout the Panhandle each year to visit the displays and see the newest ones which have been constructed. The Celebration of Lights has been an

economic boon to the Pampa community.

Chaney said the group will be seeking sponsorships of the displays by local residents in the near future to help defray the loan expense. She said members of the group are seeking a permanent building location to store the displays as well as provide an indoor place for the group to repair and restore current displays in an annual maintenance program.

When a permanent building facility is located for the Celebration of Lights organization, Monday work nights will be held again, said Chaney.

Plans for the Celebration of Lights for the coming year will be discussed at a board meeting of the group to be held Sunday. Board members are Carroll Clark, Mark Bailey, Colleen Eskridge, Mary Lou Lane, Susan Winborne, Kathleen and John Chaney.

Volunteers have manned the displays located at Recreation Park between the end of November extending to the end of December each year. The lighted displays are of a Christmas theme.

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Nativity scenes, Gingerbread Houses, candy canes, Santa and Eli scenes, Christmas trees and numerous Santa-related displays are among the brightly decorated scenes.

Novelty displays with cartoon characters are popular with not only the youngest viewers of the holiday exhibits, but also the older visitors as they drive through the park viewing the displays in celebration of Christmas during the holiday season. Solemn observances of the Christmas season are also displayed.

Many southwest and western displays are also featured as the western heritage

of the Pampa area is showcased. Jordan Unit inmates have become an invaluable asset in the Celebration of Lights each season, said Chaney. The inmates erect and dismantle many of the Christmas displays for the organization each year. She said the inmates have become an essential part of the project.

The tradition of the Celebration of Lights display began in Pampa over 50 years ago and has expanded to the present hundreds of lights in the displays. People come from all over the Panhandle to visit the lighted scene annually.

Skinner case action awaits judge's ruling

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

A death row inmate convicted of killing a family of three in Pampa complains of not being able to smell the outside world, hear the wind blow or the birds chirping.

"It's a hard existence," Hank Skinner says on his web page.

Death row inmates don't have access to computers but supporters who maintain websites correspond with prisoners by letter then update sites. One Skinner website address is www.cdinet.demon.co.uk

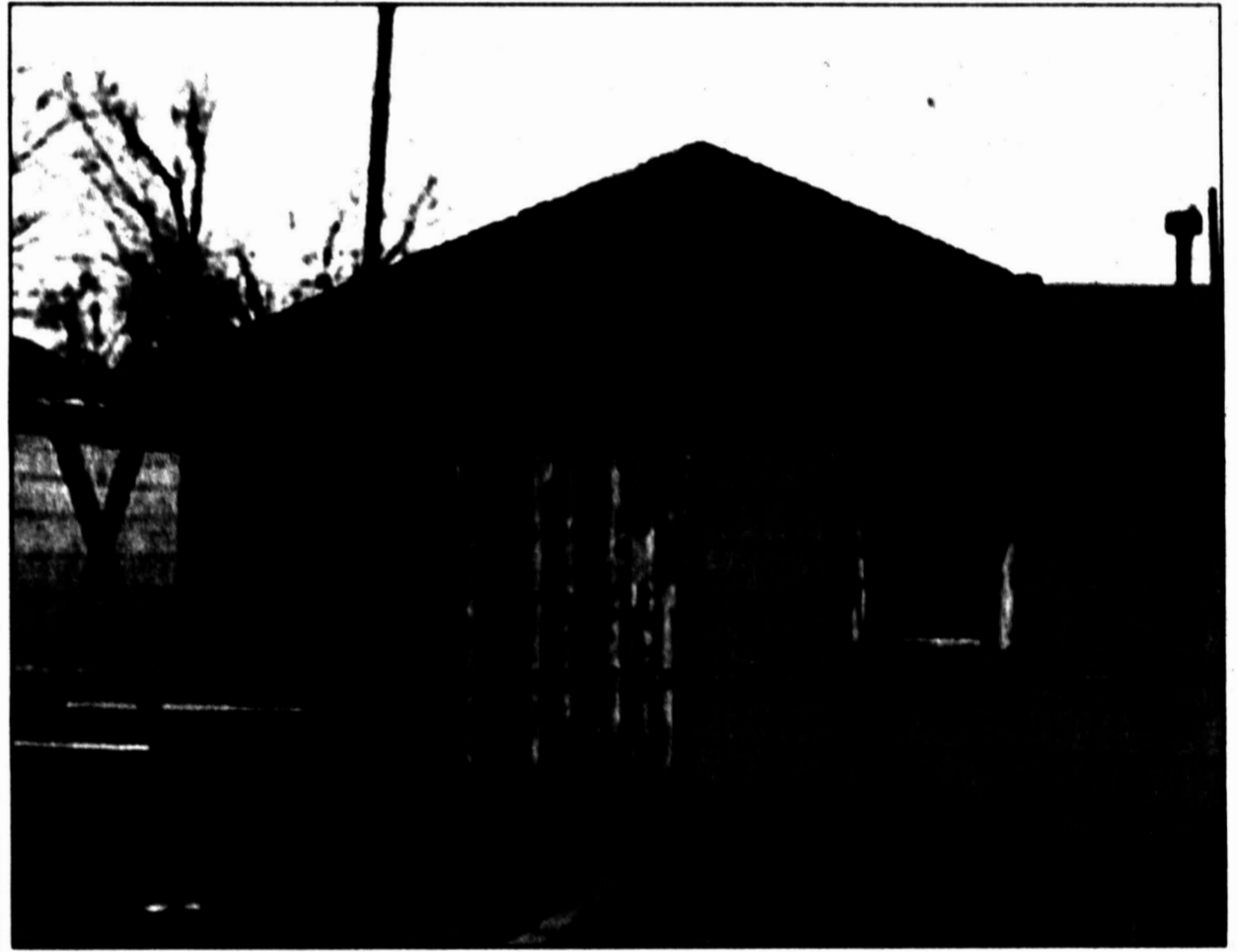
Henry "Hank" Watkins Skinner, 37, was convicted of murder in the deaths of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20, on New Year's Eve, 1993.

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Skinner's lawyer, Steven C. Losch of Longview, was appointed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to handle Skinner's appeal, but a writ of habeas corpus, his final appeal at the state level, was denied by then 31st District Court Judge M. Kent Sims on the grounds that it was not filed prior to the deadline outlined in the state penal code, a ruling later affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. (See SKINNER, Page 2)

Fire damages dwelling



An uninhabited structure at 1300 E. Francis was heavily damaged by fire Thursday night. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation. The fire call came in at 9:16 p.m. According to a Gray County Tax Office clerk the tax office has no record of the 1300 address. Fire Marshal Gary Stevens was unavailable for comment because he was out of town this morning.

DOE: Downsizing at Pantex to continue

The Energy Department is expected to award a new Pantex Plant contract this summer, but a DOE official says he expects budgets to get slimmer and downsizing to continue.

The DOE is scheduled to award the bid in July after reviewing an anticipated three to five proposals to operate the facility, said Earl Whiteman, chairman of the Source Evaluation Board that will review the contracts.

"We are placing a lot of emphasis on companies that have experience operating nuclear facilities and meeting today's standards for operating the facilities," he said.

The contract runs for five years and may be extended five more years, he said. The winning bidder will

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receive up to \$20 million a year if it negotiates and meets performance-based incentives for Pantex weapons work. The Pantex budget runs about \$300 million a year.

Energy Department officials are not releasing the names of companies expected to bid, but representatives of major government contractors such as Westinghouse, EG&G, Lockheed and B&W Federal Services attended a pre-bid conference Thursday.

The contract held by Mason & Hanger Corp. expires in September.

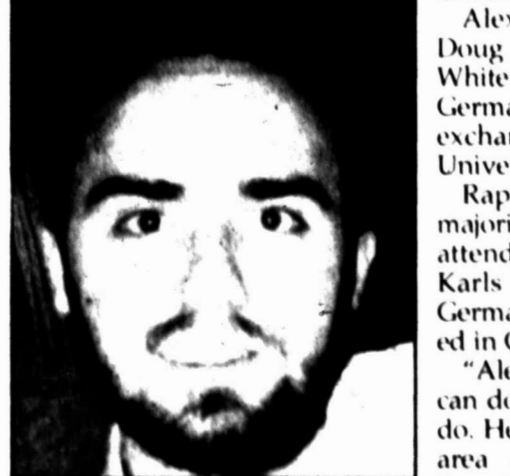
"Our expectation is that the site's workload and staffing level will be flat and reduced somewhat over the next 10 years, and you will see a lot of incentives on cost reduction and efficiency," Whiteman said.

The DOE contract-award process normally takes years, but the department is moving quickly this year to award contracts for the Y-12 plant in Tennessee, the Kansas City Plant in Missouri and Pantex.

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Study, missionary work beckon pair abroad

A 22-year-old White Deer man went to Tubingen, Germany, Sept. 1, as part of a student exchange



Alexander Rapstine

program at the University of Texas, and a 21-year-old Pampa woman is leaving for Kiev, Ukraine, Feb. 9.

Alexander Rapstine, son of Doug and Jennifer Rapstine of White Deer, is spending a year in Germany as part of a student exchange program at the University of Texas.

Rapstine is a senior at UT, majoring in German. Rapstine is attending classes at Eberhard Karls University in Tubingen, Germany. All classes are conducted in German.

"Alexander is a bright guy that can do anything that he wants to do. He literally could go into any area and shine," Dad Doug Rapstine said. Rapstine received a \$1,000

scholarship from the UT Study Abroad Council. Also, he received a \$2,000 Eva Stevenson Woods Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

Rapstine will conclude his studies at Eberhard Karls University July 24, and will be honored at a spring dinner hosted by Larry Faulkner, president of UT.

Heather Fernuiik, daughter of Ron and Taci Fernuiik of Pampa, will leave for Kiev, Ukraine, Feb. 9 to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She will serve for 18 months in the Ukraine. Fernuiik recently graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, with a bachelors degree in music and a minor in Russian.

"We are extremely proud of her accomplishments and her commitment to her religious beliefs. We support her in all that she pursues," Mom Taci Fernuiik said.

Fernuiik completed her degree at BYU in just two-and-a-half years. Fernuiik, a 1997 Pampa High School salutatorian, was selected by the president of BYU to speak at a conference in Las Vegas, representing the "ideal BYU student."

She was chosen as one of five American women to participate in an extensive language study program at BYU, even living in the Russian housing complex.

She translated and interpreted for the World Congress on Families II, and the World Deaf Conference. She plans to pursue

graduate studies when she gets back from the Ukraine.



Heather Fernuiik

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GARRIGA, Angelica Cazimajou - 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Kelley Chapel, Pampa.
RUSSELL, Helen - 2 p.m., Panhandle Church of Christ, Panhandle.
TAGGART, Raymond S. - 2 p.m., Veteran's Chapel, Amarillo.
WILLIAMS, Robert Terry - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

ANGELICA CAZIMAJOU GARRIGA WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - Angelica Cazimajou Garriga, 83, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Valley Crest Nursing Home at Wilkes-Barre. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kelley Chapel of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa with Dr. Edwin M. Cooley officiating. Burial of the ashes will be in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Mamary-Durkin Funeral Service Corp. in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Garriga was born Dec. 19, 1916, at Cardenas, Cuba, to the late Julio and Angelica Cazimajou. A devoted wife and mother, she was a descendant of a French noble family whose relative fought alongside Lafayette during the American War of Independence. She attended First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mario M. Garriga, on May 4, 1970, at Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Maria R. Culver of Clarksville, Tenn.; and a son, Mario S. Garriga of Richland, Wash.; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

STEVE LESHER
 Steve Lesh, 45, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in First Assembly of God Church with Michael Moss, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lesh was born Feb. 4, 1954, at Wheeler. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life, attending Pampa schools. For 11 years, he was a service attendant for the City of Pampa at the central garage.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack F. Lesh, on March 3, 1985.

Survivors include his mother, Melba A. Lesh, of the home; three sisters, Elaine Tristram of Santa Fe, Texas, and Patricia Lesh and Linda Caldwell, both of Pampa; and three brothers, Dewey Hutchinson, David Lesh and Tim Lesh, all of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106; or to American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26566, Austin, TX 78755.

HELEN RUSSELL
PANHANDLE - Helen Russell, 80, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Panhandle Church of Christ with Leonard Harper of Spearman officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. Russell was born at Sumner, Ill. She married Cecil Russell on July 3, 1936, at Panhandle. She had been a Panhandle resident since 1936.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Russell, in 1976.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil; a daughter, Nancy Snider of Pampa; a son, Carolton Joe of Rockport; two sisters, Anna Belle Welch of Fort Smith, Ark., and Mary Barkley of Claude; a brother, Willard Garipey of Odessa; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

RAYMOND S. TAGGART
AMARILLO - Raymond S. Taggart, 73, stepfather of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Veteran's Chapel with Chris Kuttin, chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at sea. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Taggart was born at Nashville, Ind. He married Calista Murphy in 1946 at Yuma, Ariz.; she died in 1995. He worked as a rigger.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1934-62 and was cited for meritorious and distinguished service during World War II by Admiral Halsey.

Survivors include a daughter, Calista Kelley of Amarillo; two sons, Raymond Taggart of Orange City, Fla., and Noel Taggart of Descanso, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Selma Richards of Pampa and Mona Ridgeway of Amarillo; a stepson, Dennis Murphy of Hesperia, Calif.; and 21 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Veterans Administration Nursing Home.

ROBERT TERRY WILLIAMS
 Robert Terry Williams, 48, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Tom Russell, minister of Central Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Williams was born March 26, 1951, at Erick, Okla. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1969 and West Texas State University in 1973, majoring in music. He was band director for Angleton Independent School District for 16 years prior to returning to Pampa where he was employed with Titan Industries.

He volunteered with Good Samaritan Christian Services.

Survivors include his parents, Robert E. and Ova Lee Williams of Pampa; and a brother, Joe Williams of Carrollton.

The family requests memorials be to Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

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

Thursday, Feb. 3
 A suicide threat was reported in the 400 block of East Foster.
 A fight was reported at Pampa Middle School.
 A simple assault was reported at Pampa Middle School.
 A simple assault was reported at Pampa High School.

Found property was reported at the tennis courts of Pampa High School.
 An unattended death was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests and incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 3
 Donna Phillips, 18, 727 Denver, was jailed on a bond surrender and theft charges.
 Desmond Johnson, 23, 1045 Huff, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.
 John Paul Smith, 42, 210 N. Gillespie, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 3
 9:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Darby; no one transported.
 10:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 12:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to PRMC.
 1:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Crest and transported one to PRMC.
 2:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.
 3:00 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility.
 4:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 7:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.T.H.
 9:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of East Foster on a fire standby.
 9:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC.
 9:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1300 block of East Foster on a fire standby.
 11:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.
 11:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Foster; no one transported.

Friday, Feb. 4
 12:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Gray and transported one to N.W.T.H.

Fires

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

Thursday, Feb. 3
 9:12 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 1200 block of Darby.
 6:06 p.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart.
 9:16 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire at 1300 E. Francis. (See related picture page 1)
 10:02 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a structure fire at 1065 Varnon.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ateberry Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat.....	2.09	
Milo.....	2.91	
Corn.....	3.36	
Soybeans.....	4.11	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Occidental.....	19 3/4	up 1/4
Fidelity Magellan.....	134.14	
Puritan.....	18.80	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco.....	49 3/8	dn 2 13/16
Arco.....	68 13/16	dn 1/16
Cabot.....	23 5/8	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G.....	15 13/16	up 1/16
Chevron.....	80 7/16	dn 1
Coca-Cola.....	56 9/16	up 1 5/16
Columbia/HCA.....	28 3/4	dn 1/8
Enron.....	63 3/16	dn 1/2
Halliburton.....	36 11/16	dn 11/16
IRI.....	5 1/8	up 1/16
KMI.....	27 1/4	up 1/16
Kerr McCree.....	54 1/2	up 3/4
Limited.....	35 1/16	up 1/4
McDonald's.....	35 1/16	up 1/16
Exxon Mobil.....	81 1/2	dn 5/16
New Atmos.....	17 1/2	dn 5/16
NCE.....	29 3/16	dn 5/16
Penney's.....	18 1/8	NC
Phillips.....	39	dn 3/8
Pioneer Nat.....	8 15/16	dn 1/16
SLB.....	60 5/8	dn 11/16
Tenneco.....	10	NC
Texasco.....	51 1/2	up 1/8
UltraMar.....	23 1/4	up 3/8
Wal-Mart.....	57 1/4	dn 1 1/8
Williams.....	37 15/16	dn 1/4
New York Gold.....	287.40	
Silver.....	5.23	
West Texas Crude.....	28.02	

Emergency numbers

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

SKINNER

Loesch filed for a writ of habeas corpus at the federal level in Judge Robinson's court Feb. 2, 1999, but the Texas Legislature last spring amended the Texas penal code to allow Skinner and several other prisoners on death row who had been late in filing, another chance for a writ of habeas corpus, their final chance at appeal at the state level.

After that law went into effect, the Texas Attorney General's office filed a motion with Judge Robinson asking that Skinner's motion at the federal level be dismissed because Skinner still had a possible remedy at the state level.

In a motion filed by Loesch on Skinner's behalf on Sept. 27, 1999, Loesch said that Skinner does not object to going back to state court, but that dismissing the motion for a writ of habeas corpus at the federal level would leave him with the possibility that if he had to turn to the federal appeals process, he could find himself in a situation where the time limit on his appeal could have again expired. Consequently, Loesch is asking Judge Robinson to hold the motion in abeyance until the appeal at the state level is completed.

The state will not consider habeas corpus while Skinner is pursuing it in federal court.

Along the way, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals had Loesch arrested for failing to return \$17,475 in legal fees they said he had not earned.

In a Sept. 20, letter to Skinner, posted on the internet, Loesch said he had to borrow money to get out of jail and that he may have to withdraw from the case, although he did file a motion in federal court a week later to put Skinner's federal writ of habeas corpus on hold.

Attempts this past week to reach Loesch have failed. Phone calls and faxes to his office have gone unanswered.

Texas Lawyer, an industry newspaper, however, said that Loesch may be the latest casualty in a long-running war between the Court of Criminal Appeals and the criminal-defense bar over payment of fees to habeas lawyers.

The question remains, however, whether the amendment will indeed allow Skinner to file. Possibly with an eye toward this, Loesch's motion asking Judge Robinson to hold the federal habeas in abeyance notes that the amendment has not been reviewed nor tested in court.

Pampa District Attorney John Mann, who prosecuted the case against Skinner, said no action could be taken until Judge Robinson rules on the motions before her.

People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - Is David Letterman planning a Valentine's Day surprise for his fans?
 His representatives weren't commenting Thursday on reports that the "Late Show" host, who is recovering from heart surgery, will return to his show Feb. 14.

"We suspect Dave will be back sooner rather than later," spokesman Steve Rubenstein said. "He's been doing great. But no date has been set."

Letterman paid a surprise visit to his office Monday for a couple of hours and talked with staff members about his first show back. He's since left the country on vacation, Rubenstein said.

Rumors of a Feb. 14 return apparently spread since CBS has not formally canceled that week's show or told expected guests they won't be needed.

Letterman had an emergency bypass on Jan. 14.

Key pieces of downed jet located

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) - With startling speed, investigators have located three key pieces of evidence in the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261: both "black boxes" and the tail control singled out by the pilots before the jet's plunge into the Pacific Ocean.

The flight data recorder was recovered from the ocean floor by the Navy on Thursday, not far from where the cockpit voice recorder was found a day earlier. Also spotted was a large piece of the tail, complete with the airline's distinctive logo of a smiling Alaskan native.

All were in about 650 feet of water some 10 miles from shore. It is where the MD-83 crashed Monday, killing all 88 people aboard.

A Navy submersible sent up video images of a piece of the fuselage with four windows, several pieces up to six feet wide and numerous smaller pieces, said John Hammerschmidt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Also captured were pictures of the tail's horizontal stabilizer, which has been the focus of the investigation. NTSB officials said they were not able to describe the condition of the tail and stabilizer.

Hammerschmidt declined to say whether searchers had found any bodies, some of which are believed trapped under the debris. Recovery efforts were to resume today.

Meanwhile, friends and relatives of the victims gathered Thursday on a beach facing the Santa Barbara Channel for a private memorial.

Flashpoint in fight over mandatory drug tests

LOCKNEY, Texas (AP) - Larry Tannahill has spent his life working the land in west Texas, where livestock and agriculture dominate the economy. His roots are deep and so are his convictions.

Tannahill is refusing to allow his 12-year-old son, Brady, to be tested for drugs by the Lockney Independent School District. Mandatory testing for the district's teachers and 400 students in grades 6 through 12 was completed Thursday.

Brady, the only holdout, now faces the same punishment as someone who tested positive: a 21-day suspension from extracurricular activities, at least three days' in-school suspension and three sessions of substance abuse counseling.

The sixth-grader also could be required to take a drug test every month for a year. Each time he refuses, he will be considered a repeat offender, and the punishment gets more strict. Tannahill planned to appeal his son's suspension.

"My son is an A and B student," he said, standing outside the rural Lutheran church he attends, amid miles of farm land. "He's never been in trouble and right now they are saying he's guilty."

City Briefs

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PRICES ARE melting, most winter items 1/2 price, Twice Is Nice, your upscale re-sale shop!

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COYOTE CLUB welcomes "Buddy Payne" live music, Fri. & Sat. Pool tournament-Thurs., Ladies Pool Tournament-Mon.

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"NEARLY NEW", now accepting your clothing for consignment store opening soon, 2143 N. Hobart, 665-3860. See ya there, Lajuana, Pam & Sue

NOW OPEN Jim's Barber Shop, 316 S. Cuyler, 665-5111. Tues. - Sat. Walk-ins welcome!

THE COTTAGE Collection has Hairbows by Jersey Girls & 2 new Antique Booths. Booths avail. 922 W. 23rd.

THINKING ABOUT replacing that old gas space heater or floor furnace? Come see us, we just might have what you're looking for. Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60, 665-9333.

VALENTINE TABLE Decorations. Some Mardi Gras supplies, candle holders, mirror balls & lights are just a few of the items you might find at "We Might Have It" Party Supplies and Rentals, 1945 N. Hobart, 665-1841 or 665-2061.

WE HAVE most of her favorite things, new shipment of Sterling Jewelry, Crystal Groupies, Power Bead Bracelets, & interchangeable Rings just in time for Valentines Day at Twice Is Nice!

Weather focus

PAMPA - Partly sunny with a high in the mid 40s and north-northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 20s and southeast winds at 5-10 mph. Partly sunny tomorrow with a high in the upper 50s and south-southwest at 10-20 mph. High yesterday of 57, the overnight low was 30.

STATEWIDE - A cold front moved through North Texas late Thursday, but temperatures were in no rush to drop.

At 3 a.m. today, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport reported a reading of 47 degrees, not the type of weather usually associated with a February cold front. However, behind the front, it was 31 in Childress. To the east, it was 48 in Tyler. Wind chill values were dropping throughout the area.

A weak ridge of high pressure kept skies mostly clear overnight in South Texas. Some patchy fog and low clouds were reported near the coast and at Matagorda. At 4 a.m., it was 42 degrees in

Huntsville and 51 in Galveston and College Station.

Temperatures were mostly in the mid-30s to low 40s in West Texas. It was a chilly 27 degrees early today in Amarillo. Skies over the area were clear except for a blanket of mid-level clouds over the northern Panhandle.

Highs today are expected to only reach into the 40s in the Panhandle. Much of the state was expecting readings in 50s and 60s while temperatures in the 70s were expected along the Rio Grande.

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Lake Meredith NRA, Alibates Flint Quarries complete performance plan

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area's and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument's recently completed its annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

The goals described in the park's annual performance plan are derived from the 1997 National Park Service Strategic Plan, which establishes a performance management process for the Service and incorporates the requirements of GPRA. The Strategic Plan is available on the NPS home page at <http://www.nps.gov/>.

Five hundred twenty-two thousand dollars is budgeted for resource and visitor protection activities including law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical services, wildland fire suppression, concession monitoring activities, SCUBA team training and equipment, and a special events such as the annual River and Lake Cleanup and the Fourth of July fireworks celebrations.

Seventy-eight thousand dollars was budgeted for park interpretation and visitor education, including tours of Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. This does not include an \$11,000 grant for 2000 from the Exxon Corporation for cooperative outreach education with the local

schools. Three thousand dollars was included for the park's volunteer program.

An additional \$51,441 is earmarked for wildland fire suppression support and seasonal firefighters, plus \$185,097 for hazardous fuel reduction and resource management burns. These funds are not included in the total above as they come from statewide fire suppression accounts.

An estimated \$65,000 in fee revenues from the congressionally mandated Fee Demonstration Program will be used to construct breakwaters, improve launch ramp courtesy docks, complete the high wing warning system, and for other boating related improvements.

Five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars pays for water treatment and distribution, waste water treatment, solid waste management, utilities, fuel, supplies and materials, travel and training, safety training media and equipment, and repairs to vehicles, heavy equipment, and boats. This also includes repair or replacement of navigational aids, maintenance and grading of roads and trails, and repairs to buildings. We also provide limited assistance to other parks in the region such as Capulin Volcano National Monument and Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

In addition to this, special

equipment replacement funding for the park amounted to \$75,000. This was used to replace a backhoe.

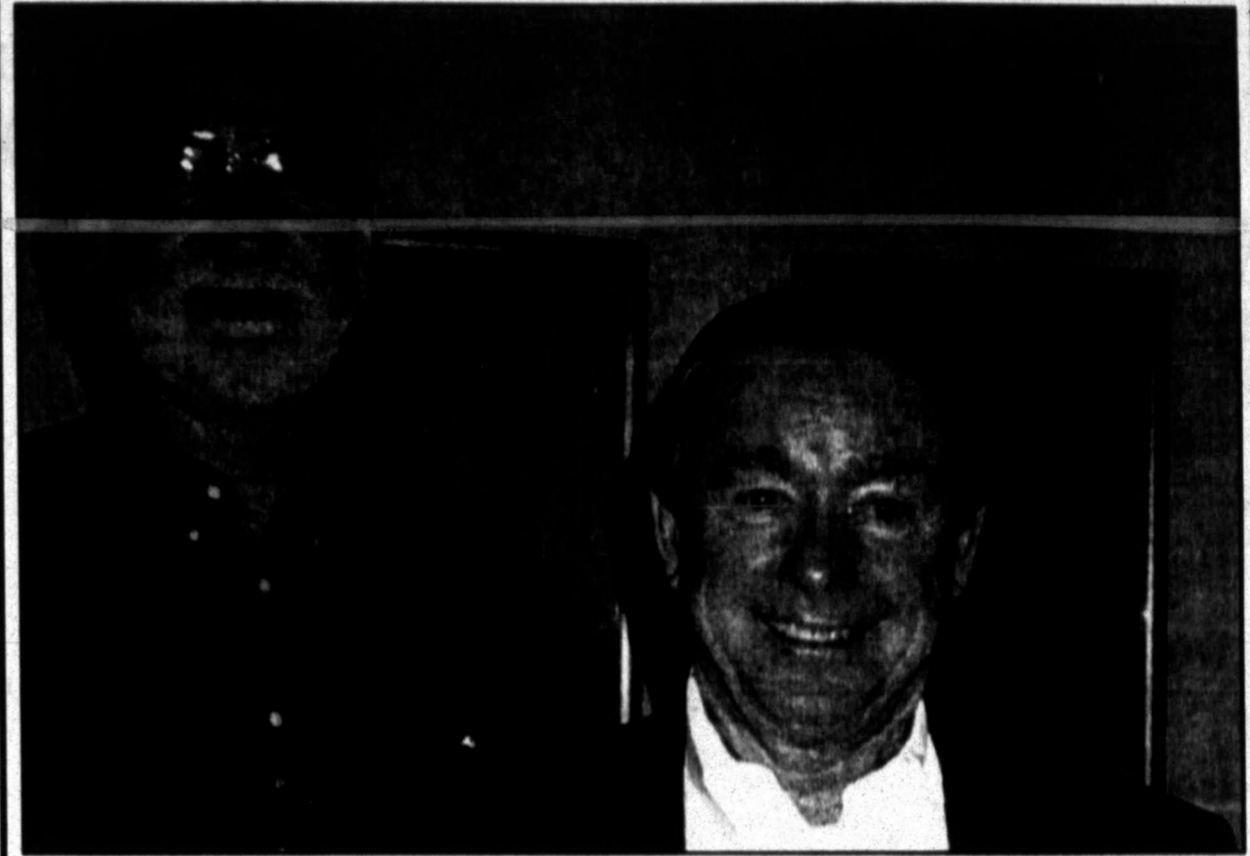
Three hundred sixty thousand dollars was budgeted for park management, clerical support, property management, purchasing, contracting, personnel support, program management and administration, including office supplies.

One hundred six thousand, five hundred dollars is budgeted for maintenance, rental, and fuel for park vehicles.

"The funding we receive at Lake Meredith and Alibates Flint Quarries is used to protect the visitors and the resources they come here to enjoy, and to maintain the taxpayers' investment in visitor use facilities," Superintendent Benjamin said. "We provide the highest value possible for every dollar we receive thanks to a dedicated and hard working staff and many wonderful volunteers."

A copy of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area's and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument's completed annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) is available by writing to: Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, Texas, 79036 or via electronic mail.

API meeting



(Community Camera photo)

Dale Greenhouse, American Petroleum Institute, left, and Warren Chisum, right, 88th District Representative, attended the annual API installation of officers meeting recently.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, February 14, 2000, the Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting to discuss possible changes to the route selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System. The Texas Trunk System is a planned 4-lane divided highway system that includes and complements the interstate highway system. The system has not changed since its adoption by the Transportation Commission in 1990.

TPP is proposing to review the existing selection criteria codified in the Texas Administrative Code and receive comments on possible additions to the criteria at a series of public meetings held throughout the state. These changes, if adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, could add highways to the existing system.

The meeting will be held at the following location:

Childress Fair Park Auditorium
Just north of US 287 on Commerce St.
Childress, Texas
February 14, 2000

From 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., displays showing the current Trunk System and selection criteria will be available for review. During this time, TPP staff will be available to answer questions. At 7:00 p.m., there will be a formal presentation followed by a public comment period.

At each location, the meeting will include (1) a discussion of the Trunk system development; (2) a presentation on existing selection criteria and (3) an overview of the impacts of changing the criteria and the steps involved.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meetings. Comments regarding proposed changes to the Trunk system selection criteria are requested. Verbal comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may be presented at the public meeting or may be mailed or delivered to Mr. Alvin R. Lueddecke, Jr., P. E., Transportation Planning and Programming Division, Texas Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217 or electronically mailed (e-mailed) to pthurin@dot.state.tx.us. To be included in the official public hearing record, written comments must be received or postmarked by March 8, 2000.

Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs and who plan to attend the public hearing may contact the Childress TxDOT District office at, 940-937-7154.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Kevon Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

SENIOR PARENTS MEETING

A Class of 2000 Prom meeting for senior parents will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Pampa High School, Room 301. All interested senior parents are urged to attend.

FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

The Big Texan Steak Ranch will join High Plains Food Bank and America's Second Harvest in a nationwide food drive Jan. 10-Feb. 10. The Big Texan will offer a \$1 discount for every can of food donated (up to five cans) at the restaurant. The discount can be used toward the purchase of a prime rib dinner at Cal Farley Chicken-fried Steak.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Feb. 14 in First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905, (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

DINOSAUR DAYS

Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will sponsor "Dinosaur Days" throughout the month of February at Lake Meredith Museum, 103 N. Robey, Fritch. Activities are geared for preschool through third grade children. To arrange a program, schedule a tour or for more information, call the museum at (806) 857-2458. The dinosaur program will be presented from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.



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RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

"Dishonest politician" and "honest person." This is a term I heard the during the lowa caucuses. The politician being talked about was referred to as a "honest man" but a "dishonest politician."

The speaker went on to talk about the stress, the unbelievable process each four years and problems today's politicians face. This was offered as justification for being a dishonest politician and a honest man at the same time. I think this is a great idea.

We can have dishonest preachers and ministers but of course they would be honest people, er, ah, persons. Then there is dishonest sheriffs, business owners, taxpayers, members of the media, mayors, judges, car dealers, basketball referees, correctional officers, principals, teachers and police officers.

Of course these are all honest people, just dishonest in their, or, while in their, or, ah, during their, well ... while they are the politician, car dealer, sheriff, teacher, preacher, etcetera. The moment they are not those things they are honest. Right?! This is of

By Dave Schlewitz

Chaplain
of Jordan Unit,
TDCJ-ID

course because of all the stress they go through each time they have a job evaluation, crisis, face prospects of a raise, political winds shift, etc., etc.

Wait a minute! Just what kind of people are we? Do we really want to compartmentalize our virtues, religious faith and honesty? Do we really feel fulfilled when we compromise our honesty and morality? Is our God we serve pleased with this type of life? What kind of lives are we leading? What substance are we really made of when we vacillate as this? How one can be "honest" and "dis-

honest" at the same time is a self-serving, dishonest statement. I don't see how I can compartmentalize my virtues, morality and honesty. If I am honest, then it stands to reason I will be an honest person in my professional life as well as my personal life. I can't see the difference. The other way is setting myself up for a fall.

When Jacob faced his father-in-law he said, "my honesty will testify for me in the future" (Genesis 30:33). Jacob had his troubles and one of them was his personal integrity. He had his wrestling match in a place called "Bethel." Many believe this is where he wrestled with the angel of God. Really he was wrestling with his own character, his own integrity, honesty. What kind of person was he going to be? Whose would he be? Whom would he serve? This is a question that faces each of us. May each of us, whether we are politicians, preachers, car dealers, mayors or teachers surrender ourselves as Jacob did to serve God and to let our honesty testify for us in the future.

Don't make her just trophy for Jesus

Religion news services are reporting Jane Fonda, actress, aerobicist and advocate for liberal causes, has become a Christian.

The reports, which all seem to be second hand and short on detail, have in common that she heard the gospel from her driver over a period of time. Another bit of scoop has it that she attends a Bible study in Atlanta. To my knowledge, Fonda has neither denied nor confirmed the reports.

But what an interesting idea. Fonda, for many became the antithesis of American values during the late 1960s when her anti-war activism was bluntly vocal. The nickname "Hanoi Jane" lingers in the minds of those who saw her as offering aid and comfort to the North Vietnamese enemy when American soldiers were dying in the name of

From
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Back
Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

freedom. Later, her marriage to media magnate Ted Turner, from whom she is now estranged, with his public antipathy toward Christianity

Painted her with the same brush. But now we hear she's come to know God. If so, the angels are singing and we are delightfully compelled to rejoice with them. We can only wish her peace and joy, comfort and contentment. One might hope she and Turner will be reconciled in their life together.

But what I wish for her most is privacy in the measure she desires it. If she intends someday to make a statement, indeed if there is a statement to make, it should be done in her own time and way. That information should be Fonda's to share, not Christendom's to co-opt for marketing purposes. She should not, like Norma McCorvey of Roe v. Wade fame, become just a trophy for Jesus.

Amarillo pastor at Trinity Feb. 13

Jimmy Evans, senior pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, will be ministering at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa, 1200 S. Sumner. A reception will be held in the church's fellowship hall following the service.

During his 18 years of service at Trinity Fellowship, Evans has seen the church grow from 900 to more than 5,000 members. Author of three books ("Marriage on the Rock," "Freedom from Your Past" and "This Functional Family"), Evans communicates God's truths in clear and practical terms. He and wife, Karen, co-host the weekly 30-minute television program "Marriage and Family Magazine" which is broadcast nationally and in Canada. Through practical teaching, he shares the principles God taught he and his wife when their



Jimmy Evans

marriage was on the brink of divorce.

The couple have been married for over 26 years and have two married children, Julie and Brent. For more information, call Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, 665-3255.

Calvary will host piano concert Feb. 6

Calvary Baptist Church will present pianist Enoch in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church.

Enoch travels 250,000 miles each year and has performed on national television, radio and in thousands of concerts. Enoch appeals to all ages. His piano has no language barriers. His remarkable natural gifts and talent create a relaxing mood of praise and worship.

Enoch combines his unique keyboard style with exciting background orchestration, bringing out new colors in the pieces he performs. Musical styles are mixed so there is something for everyone. A concert with Enoch is full of musical virtuosity, spiritual zeal, enjoyable lightness and flair.

One pastor writes, "Rarely have we been inspired as we were with the outstanding music ministry of Enoch. Enoch plays with finesse and expertise and with the humility of a man deeply moved by God."



Enoch

The performance will be both entertaining and moving. It is free, but a love offering will be taken to help pay Enoch's expenses and travel from California. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street, one mile east of Wal-Mart. For more information, call 665-0842 or go to www.calvary-baptist.pampa.com.

Conference draws thousands

CINCINNATI (AP) — More than 17,000 women gathered this week at a sold-out Women of Faith conference, listening to Christian motivational speakers and reexamining their lives.

"I think as women, we wear many hats, juggle many priorities, and play superwoman. We take so little time for ourselves," said Kathy Lamb, who organized a group from her church to attend.

Although the conference is reminiscent of mass faith gatherings like Promise Keepers and the Million Man March, Women of Faith focuses less on making new commitments to families and communities and more on reminding women of God's love

and grace, said Christie Barnes, executive director.

The conference has grown in popularity since its inception in 1996, when 30,000 women attended conferences throughout the country. Organizers expect to attract 400,000 this year at 25 conferences.

The speakers, all women, offer testimonies touching on such issues as parenting, divorce, childbirth and loss.

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Jordan Unit inmates Michael Simpson, Craig Bernard and Stevan Wright recently graduated from the 52-week study of the book of John known as "Free For Sure."

Bible study group's graduation held recently at Jordan Unit

By JERRY GUTHRIE
Jordan Unit

Prison Fellowship Ministries held its fifth Jordan Unit Bible study graduation recently. Three student inmates were honored for completing the Book of John Gospel curriculum.

The one-year class is taught by local PFM volunteers each Thursday evening. The class is a scripture lesson based solely on the gospel of John. All lessons are open-book studies with a PFM volunteer in each group to direct, teach and listen to the student inmates.

Different and unique study styles are used during the 52-week course. After each session is opened in prayer and prayer praises and prayer requests, the inmates then study Bible history. Throughout the group discussion, volunteers guide the inmates with open book Bible history. Every evening a fact-based skit is used to demonstrate a Bible lesson. These skits bring tears of joy and laughter as the inmates play different roles.

PFM are sincere teachers. They donate their time to lead inmates to Jesus Christ. Every volunteer has been heard to say that they learn something new every class night.

For 52 weeks, the students and teachers bond together in prayer needs. Inmates proudly boast of miracles witnessed from these prayer sessions. Inmates proclaim, "This is not a paid for commercial it is real!" Inmates and volunteers agree that

they have witnessed cancers healed and relationships restored. Jeremiah 30:17 states: "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, said the Lord." And this scripture holds true for all.

The joyous event saw PFM volunteer Joyce Fields sing two uplifting songs, bringing the captive audience to their feet in applause and gratitude for her angelic God-given musical talent.

The graduation was not a simple event. It was life-changing, gift-giving men and volunteers new life. Best of all, you too can become a vital part of PFM. Just contact the local PFM office in Pampa.

In attendance at this special occasion were graduates from the previous graduations. These men all agree on the importance of the PFM volunteer group. We all reach out and ask for you to respond to your faith and become a true fisher of men. We need volunteers and your teaching ability is needed. You can help volunteers and inmates become "Free for Sure." Please inquire about a position with Jordan Unit's Chaplain Schlewitz at 665-7700.

The three student inmates honored were Michael Simpson, Craig Bernard and Stevan Wright.

The entire PFM class wishes to praise the unit warden and his staff for their help every Thursday evening. A special thanks must be given to our Captain Argo and her staff for the fantastic cake and refreshments at our graduation. You all are in our prayers!

Promise Keepers shuts regional offices

DENVER (AP) — Promise Keepers, the Evangelical group that stages mass revival meetings for men, has closed all eight of its U.S. regional offices and consolidated field work at headquarters. Ed Barron, vice president for

U.S. Ministries, said the new structure would "greatly enhance our communication and use of resources." Previously, the organization has had financial problems and staff cutbacks. Promise Keepers has not set

dates for its 2000 conference schedule but it plans first-time visits to: Albuquerque, N.M.; Baton Rouge, La.; Louisville, Ky.; Lynchburg, Va.; Oklahoma City; Orlando, Fla.; and Worcester, Mass.

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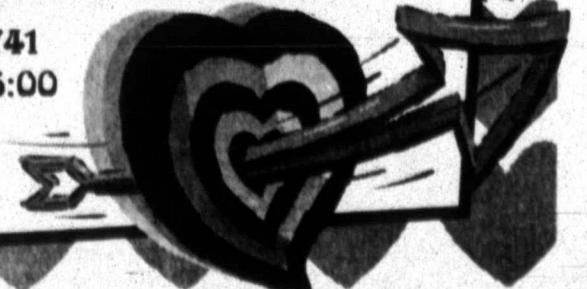
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Man Having Second Thoughts About Hosting Teen-Age Cousin

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old man and not very close to my extended family. Out of the blue, my teen-age cousin called and asked if he could come and stay at my house for a week while he looks at colleges in Los Angeles. Of course, I agreed, but now I realize that entertaining and feeding a 17-year-old for a week will be somewhat costly — and I am by no means wealthy.

Should I call and ask his parents to provide expense money, or, by initially accepting my cousin's request, is the responsibility now mine?

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could be the beginning of a rewarding relationship for both of you.

DEAR "JOHN": It was kind of you to agree to host your young cousin, and it will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to become better acquainted with your extended family.

Call ahead and ask what he would like to do while visiting you, and you'll have a better idea of what he "expects." Most teen-agers like hot dogs and hamburgers, and watching videos — none of which should break your budget. If what he wants is expensive, tell him honestly that you can't afford it, and let his parents come up with the extra cash.

Enjoy your time together. It

I do it, and I have never noticed any negative impact on our lives.

If someone came to me, like "Stacking" to Grandma, and accused me of having a drinking problem, I would probably be just as "hostile and defensive" as Grandma, and then be labeled "in denial." It's a no-win situation.

Please, all you children of alcoholics, don't perceive all drinking as being a "problem." For some people it is; for some it isn't.

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DEAR NO PROBLEM: Whether Grandma is or is not a problem drinker may be open to interpretation. The woman's "social drinking" was unpleasant enough to her daughter that she doesn't want to subject her own children to it. And as a parent, that's her choice to make.

While many people can drink socially without becoming problem drinkers, I'm not so sure that the majority of them would react with hostility were they told they had a drinking problem. The normal reaction is to laugh, not to become defensive. In fact, when someone becomes defensive, that individual should examine more closely the reason why.

has a case of the jitters. By taking off and changing your setting, you'll soothe your soul and get yet another perspective. Do not minimize the importance of a different environment. Try a talk again.

Tonight: Distant horizons call.

This week: Check out another's perspective. Do your homework. Wednesday, act on what you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Ask questions, but be prepared for unusual answers. Your vision of what could be is obviously a lot different from another's. A close friend or partner shares what is going on with him. Togetherness is enhanced. Honor another's vulnerability. Tonight: Nice and close.

This week: Let others run with the ball while you relax and watch what happens. You get a different point of view as a result.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Go with an energy surge this morning. Clear out any odds and ends that need to be done. Socialize and visit with friends in the later day. You find another's affable manner irresistible. Realize what you want in a relationship. Tonight: Another knows how to appeal to you.

This week: Others hold the cards on Monday and Tuesday. Negotiate on Wednesday and Thursday for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Creativity surges; how active you become depends on how much you are into your imagination. Taking a lazy day could be OK. You need some time off. Listen to what another shares. Be sensitive to someone who makes a big difference in your life. Tonight: Kick back.

This week: You had better like the work ethic, as you have a lot of work ahead of you. Leave networking until later in the

week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Build greater security. Someone close to home creates uproar. Decide to back off. Be more active — some exercise might be right up your alley. Invite a friend or loved one to join you in a preferred winter sport. You naturally enjoy yourself. Tonight: A child becomes chat-ty.

This week: Your imagination goes hog-wild. Let it. Try funneling it into work. Maybe you can accomplish while you're having fun!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Make calls early on, as you might opt to become the happy recluse later on. Whether you curl up with a good book, surf the Net or visit with a child, you need some quiet time. Another clearly enjoys your company. Pick when you want to be out and about. Tonight: Anchor in.

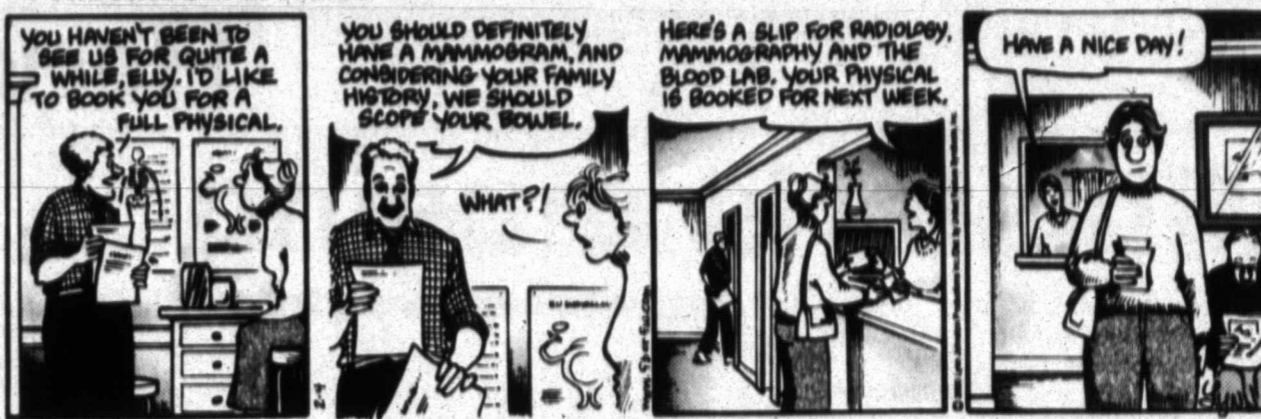
This week: Dig into your resources. Use your unusually high energy to clear out any obstacles. Another approach works wonders. Your job is to find it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You could have a marvelous idea — and soon. You and somebody else could be involved. Everything doesn't go exactly the way you thought it would, but that's OK. The overall outcome is positive. Luckily, you're naturally hard to dissuade. Keep at it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You are so smart today, you should be able to figure out anything. If you're also practical, compassionate and sensitive to the feelings of others, you'll be unstoppable. But, who would want to stop you? You're awesome!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You've been working up to this confrontation for quite a while. You know what you want, so don't settle for anything less. Even a person who's decisive may not have your best interests at heart. Hold out for what works best for you, even if you have to wait.

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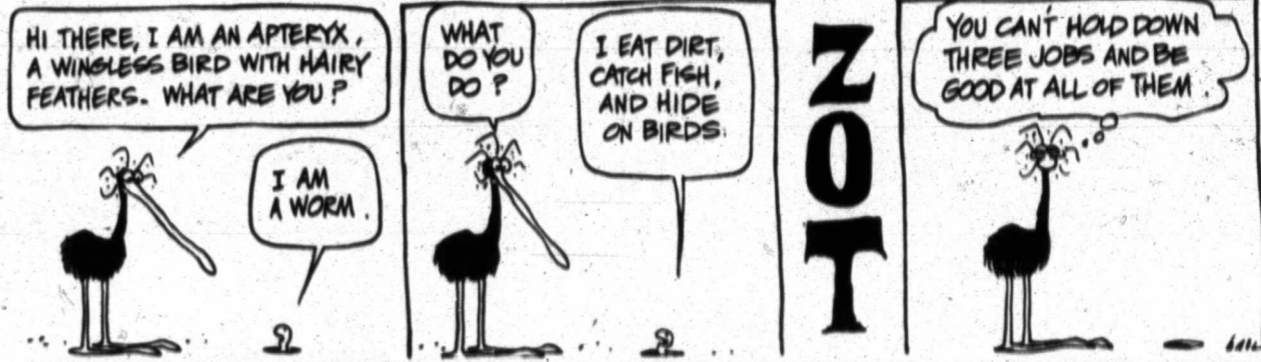
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)

*** Take a deep breath. If necessary, pull away from the craziness that surrounds your life. Take some time off to recharge, think and center. Visit with a young relative who you find amusing yet very interesting. Don't push. This is your day of rest. Tonight: Early to bed.

This week: Revamp plans on Monday and Tuesday, then execute them. You'll get the results you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Focus on what is important to you. Do nothing halfway. You will be pleased with the end result. Instincts help you with an older relative. Others respond to your suggestions. Make time to gather with friends. A favorite pastime calls. Tonight: Where your friends are.

This week: Don't waste time. Zero in on what you want on Monday. After that, you are on cruise control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Take the initiative. Others respond to your energy. Make plans for a day outing, or see a favorite art show. You gain understanding because of a key conversation. Guard against putting others on a pedestal. In the long run, you'll both lose. Tonight: In the limelight.

This week: Others want you to take responsibility. If you do, you'll get all the applause on Wednesday and Thursday. Why not, then?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Take time with a partner who

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 22 "Exodus" hero
 - 23 Purple swallows
 - 26 "Sweet Dreams" star
 - 28 "Be quiet!"
 - 29 Train pullers
 - 31 Safari sight
 - 32 Brick carriers
 - 33 Rough guess
 - 34 Ship pole
 - 36 Big rig
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 - 44 Like good sentries
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa High football player Kaleb Snelgrooves broke into the school record book this season, becoming the first Harvester quarterback to surpass the 1,000-yard mark in passing.

Snelgrooves, a senior, threw for 1,292 yards and three touchdowns in 1999. He had over 100 yards passing in 8 of 11 games, including a 246-yard game in Pampa's bi-district tilt against Frenship. He completed 86 of 197 pass attempts during the season.

Snelgrooves received the annual Fighting Heart Award at this year's PHS football banquet.

BASKETBALL

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — On a night when Tulsa coach Bill Self could find little to be happy about, the 17th-ranked Golden Hurricanes did play some good defense.

Southern Methodist shot just 24 percent from the field, including 1-for-18 from 3-point range, and Tulsa came away with a 70-59 victory Thursday night.

Damon Hancock of SMU was 1-for-10 from the field and that was better than the 0-for-9 of Stephen Woods.

"We were lucky tonight because they missed their shots," Self said. "Other than a win, I didn't see much good come out of this."

Self's team battled foul trouble and saw most of a 20-point lead vanish before it pulled away over the final minutes.

The Golden Hurricane (21-2, 6-1 Western Athletic Conference), whose cool under pressure had amazed Self in the past, became flustered in a rugged game that saw five players foul out.

The Mustangs (16-5, 4-3) finished with a 58-42 rebound advantage but they couldn't overcome the horrible shooting.

Tulsa forced 23 turnovers, 15 on steals, and blocked eight shots.

"I admired their defense in the first half," SMU coach Mike Dement said of Tulsa, which led 38-23 at halftime. "They really bodied us well."

Eric Coley scored 14 points for the Golden Hurricane and had five steals.

His 3-pointer with 7 1/2 minutes left in the first half made him only the second player in Tulsa history to register 1,000 career points, 500 rebounds and 200 steals.

Tony Heard added 11 points and four steals for the Golden Hurricane, while Marcus Hill had 10 points.

Tulsa lost sixth man David Shelton to fouls with 6 1/2 minutes to go; Coley fouled out with 3:18 remaining and center Brandon Kurtz, who had 10 points, did the same a minute later.

SMU, which had second-half runs of 13-2 and 9-0, was able to get within four points in the final minutes before Tulsa pulled away.

"I think for the most part, any win is a good win," Coley said. "It got ugly out there, but we know we can play better."

Jeryl Sasser had 15 points for the Mustangs, who forced 22 turnovers and had 13 steals, while Willie Davis added 13 points and four steals.

Both Sasser and Davis fouled out in the final minutes and SMU's rally fizzled.

"I'm proud of our guys for battling back," said Dement, noting his team was 2-5 in the WAC at this point last season.

Self wondered if his team lost focus in "trying too hard" and said it was hampered by too many mental mistakes.

"We have got to start rebounding well and playing smarter," he said. "We caught SMU when they were having an off shooting night. Normally when you hold a team to 5-of-30 shooting in the first half you expect to be up by more than 15."

Pampa hosts PD

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Palo Duro in a District 3-4A basketball twinbill tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

It will be the final home game for the Lady Harvesters, who are 3-5 in district play and 13-10 for the season. Palo Duro is 27-3 for the season and 6-0 in district.

The Lady Dons along with Hereford have already clinched playoff spots. Dumas currently holds down third place at 4-4, but that playoff spot is still open. Pampa and Borger still have a shot at it.

Hereford clinched a playoff spot last Tuesday night by beating Pampa, but the Lady Harvesters put up quite a battle. There were 17 lead changes in the game before Hereford pulled away to a 58-54 win at the end.

Emily Hartman had 17 points and Jennifer Lindsey 10 to lead the Lady Harvesters attack.

Pampa enters the boys game at 9-16 for the season and 2-4 in district. PD is 5-3 in district and 20-6 overall.

Palo Duro holds down second place in league standings behind unbeaten Hereford, 6-

0. Pampa is tied with Borger and Caprock for the third-place playoff spot.

None of the playoff berths in the boys race have been clinched yet.

The Harvesters will be looking to avenge a 53-30 loss to PD in the first-round game. Pampa is coming off a 65-39 loss to Hereford Tuesday night.

PAMPA — The Pampa 8th grade boys basketball team is participating in the Hereford Tournament.

Pampa Red lost to Hereford 33-26.

Leading scorer was Johnny Moore with 8 points.

Pampa Red also lost to Borger 61-46. Quentin Ellis, Johnny Story and Aaron Silva all had 8 points each.

Pampa meets Valleyview in more tournament action at 2 p.m. Saturday. Pampa middle school teams close out the season Monday at Dumas. Gametime is 5:30 for the 8th grade B and 7th grade A teams, and 6:45 for the 8th grade A and 7th grade B teams.

PSHOF will honor Pampans on Sunday

Frank McCullough and Wendell Palmer of Pampa will be recognized during the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. in Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

McCullough is the PSHOF golf coach of the year. Going into his 19th year as Pampa High golf coach, McCullough guided the Lady Harvesters to the state tournament for the second consecutive year. They were third in 1998 and fifth last season.

McCullough also led the PHS boys team to the state tournament twice. The Harvesters were fourth in 1989 and eighth in 1992. McCullough has taken a team or an individual to the regional tournament each year since he's been at Pampa.

McCullough's girls teams will be looking to win their fourth straight district championship this spring and a third consecutive trip to Austin in May.

Palmer, a Masters track and field champion, will be receiving his third PSHOF special achievement award. He won the age group national title in a pentathlon event last summer and received the Phil Partridge Award, which goes to the top two men and women during the pentathlon.

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Bass anglers



(Special photo)

New officers, outgoing officers and club members in the High Plains Bass Anglers were recognized during a recent awards banquet. Front row (l-r) Benny Baker, 2000 secretary-treasurer-tournament director; Bill Allen, member, and Robert Yearwood, member. Back row (l-r) Doug Youree, 2000 vice-president; Keith Woods, 1999 vice-president; Dicky McCarn, 1999 assistant tournament director; Tyson Paronto, 1999 secretary-treasurer-tournament director, and Trent Watson, member.

XFL will be fun, McMahon says

NEW YORK (AP) — Peyton Manning, Marshall Faulk, Stone Cold Steve Austin?

Yes, says World Wrestling Federation mastermind Vince McMahon, who unveiled plans Thursday for his latest (and most unlikely) creation — the XFL, a new pro football league set to open in February 2001.

No scripts. No sideshows. No, really.

Expect the usual WWF marketing blitz to accompany the league's launching. But don't expect the same outrageous, rehearsed antics that have propelled McMahon's WWF to the top of the cable television ratings.

The WWF is 100 percent entertainment," McMahon said. "But the XFL is 100 percent sports."

So the outcomes will not be scripted?

"Nooo," said McMahon, his eyes rolling skyward in the WWF's midtown Manhattan restaurant. "Nooo."

The league will run from February-April, commencing right after the Super Bowl. Though they won't compete head to head, McMahon still lobbed several verbal grenades at the old guard of the NFL.

"Why football?" asked McMahon, echoing a question no doubt pondered from coast to coast. "Some have suggested the NFL is the 'No Fun League.' The XFL will be the extremely fun league. This will be a blast."

Why football? McMahon offered another answer: "I personally think that figure skating sucks."

It's a new world for McMahon, the "sports entertainment"

impresario who converted professional wrestling from a low-brow, oft-mocked pursuit into a low-brow, oft-mocked multi-million dollar business.

But that was done with script writers, and bigger-than-life characters such as Hulk Hogan and Mankind, and phony feuds and bogus friendships.

Here's the reality of the XFL: McMahon said the start-up costs for the eight-team league will run him "somewhere south of \$100 million." There will be teams in New York, Miami, Orlando, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco, with two more teams to be announced.

Ex-Dallas Cowboys star Drew Pearson is on the league's football advisory committee, and 15-time Emmy-winning broadcast executive Michael Weisman is working on its television team.

There's no immediate word on a television contract, although negotiations are continuing, league executives said. McMahon boldly predicted the league could turn a profit within three years.

History doesn't support that view. Investors in the USFL and the WFL, and assorted other NFLs have long since taken their balls and gone home.

McMahon said his league will succeed by attracting the young viewers already tuned into the WWF, along with the football fans suffering post-Super Bowl withdrawal.

He also promised innovative television coverage, from helmet cameras to sideline and locker room access.

But don't expect to see wrestlers like Triple H and the Undertaker in pads and cleats:

"Their interest in the XFL will be as fans," McMahon promised.

A reverse cross-over, with football players climbing into the ring, could happen, McMahon said. That's old hat for McMahon, who paid Hall of Fame linebacker Lawrence Taylor a reported \$500,000 to appear at Wrestlemania XI — a spectacle unseen since Wrestlemania X.

McMahon said his league would feature smashmouth football: "This will not be a league for pantywaists or sissies." Toward that goal, players on winning teams will receive bigger paychecks than the losers.

"That's really the American way," said McMahon, sounding dangerously like Don King.

Despite McMahon's confidence, there are many XFL skeptics, from Wall Street experts who questioned its affect on WWF stock to people in the marketing business.

"I'm pretty much calling it a joke," said Ryan Schinman, president of the entertainment and marketing firm CNB Entertainment. "I look at Vince McMahon as an innovator, a pioneer, a marketing genius. That's what baffles me.

"Why do this?"

Optimists schedule Babe Ruth baseball meeting

PAMPA — The Babe Ruth League of the Pampa Optimist baseball program will hold an organizational meeting Monday night at 7:15 at the Optimist Building, 601 E. Craven, according to David Hutto, Babe Ruth Commissioner.

"We had a great league and a great time last year," said Bill Simon, a coach for Foto Time. "Cree Companies beat our team on the last day of the season to win the league championship."

Other teams competing in the league last year included Triangle Well Service, Lions Club, Holmes Sports Center and Bank of America. The

league is for players 13 to 15 years of age.

"We will have some openings for managers and coaches," Hutto said. "We are also trying to develop interest in having a special program for the 13-year-old players moving up."

Hutto requested persons interested in the league to attend the organizational meeting.

League officers are Joe Martinez, Assistant Commissioner; Pam Morehead, Secretary; Bob Dixon, head scorekeeper; Rick Harris, Head Umpire and Mike Zemanek, Player Agent.

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Jonathan Carr attempts a free throw for the Miami Warriors in an Optimist boys basketball game. The Pampa Optimists have leagues for both boys and girls.

Duke-Carolina didn't disappoint

By The Associated Press

It's about time to drop words like "arguably" or one of the best in college basketball when describing the Duke-North Carolina rivalry.

The schools eight miles apart met for the 250th time Thursday night and came up with another beauty as No. 3 Duke beat the Tar Heels 90-86 in overtime.

"The hype really didn't measure up to the performance of all the youngsters in that ball game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I thought there was sensational basketball out on the court by both teams."

Duke (17-2, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) had a 19-point lead in the second half, but the Tar Heels (13-9, 4-4) scored on 19 of their final 22 possessions of regulation — the last a 3-pointer by Joseph Forte with 5.2 seconds left — to tie it 73-73 and set off the crowd of 22,570 at the Smith Center.

The Blue Devils scored on their first six possessions of overtime to win the 17th straight overall and extend their own record with their 30th consecutive ACC regular season victory.

It was their 16th straight ACC road victory and fourth overtime game of the season.

"Our guys have done well in overtime, but I don't want them to take me there anymore," Krzyzewski said.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 1 Cincinnati 70, North Carolina Charlotte 62; No. 2 Stanford 78, UCLA 63; No. 9 Arizona 77, No. 23 Oregon 71; Iowa 77, No. 15 Kansas 69; and No. 17 Tulsa 70, Southern Methodist 59.

Shane Battier had 25 points for Duke, Chris Carrawell had 23 and Carlos Boozer had seven of his 15 in the overtime.

"We could have easily put our heads down when it went into overtime," Carrawell said. "I know I was saying, 'Oh God, not here, not now.' But we stuck in there and we fought."

Ed Cota had 21 points for North Carolina, which was not ranked in this matchup for the first time since 1990, while Forte had 20.

"Duke is a great team. I thought so before and I even think more so now," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said. "We just got ourselves in too big of a hole."

"I think they're the best team in the country. Mike has done a tremendous job of molding those freshmen in with Battier and Carrawell and (Nate) James."

Duke led 41-24 at halftime as the Tar Heels committed 14 turnovers. "The first half was maybe the worst half we've played," Guthridge said.

The rematch is March 4, at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

No. 1 Cincinnati 70, N.C. Charlotte 62

Kenyon Martin had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots to lead the Bearcats (21-1, 9-0 Conference USA) to their 13th consecutive victory and avoid their third straight loss at Halton Arena. Jobey Thomas had 19 points for the 49ers (12-9, 4-4), who lost for the first time in eight home games this season.

No. 2 Stanford 78, UCLA 63

Freshman Casey Jacobsen scored 12 of his 17 points over the final 13 1/2 minutes as the Cardinal (18-1, 7-1 Pac-10) won their sixth straight over the Bruins and their third in a row at Pauley Pavilion. Freshman Jason Kapono led UCLA (12-7, 3-5) with 21 points.

No. 9 Arizona 77, No. 23 Oregon 71

Loren Woods had 16 points, 10

rebounds and an NCAA record-tying 14 blocked shots for the Wildcats (18-4, 7-1 Pac-10), who trailed most of the game and didn't lead by more than two points until there were 23 seconds left. It was Arizona's first triple double since Damon Stoudamire had one against Oregon in 1995. Alex Scales had 18 points for the Ducks (15-4, 6-2), who lost for the 15th consecutive time at McKale Center.

Woods equaled the NCAA mark set by David Robinson of Navy in 1986 and tied by Shawn Bradley of BYU in 1990 and Roy Rogers of Alabama in 1996.

Iowa 77, No. 15 Kansas 69

Jacob Jaacks had 16 points and 10 rebounds as the Hawkeyes (10-10) beat the Jayhawks for the second straight season and won for the third time in their last four games. Freshman Nick Collison, a native of Iowa who was jeered by the crowd throughout the game, had a season-high 21 points and 10 rebounds for Kansas (16-5), which had lost three of four.

McLean cagers to play at Silverton

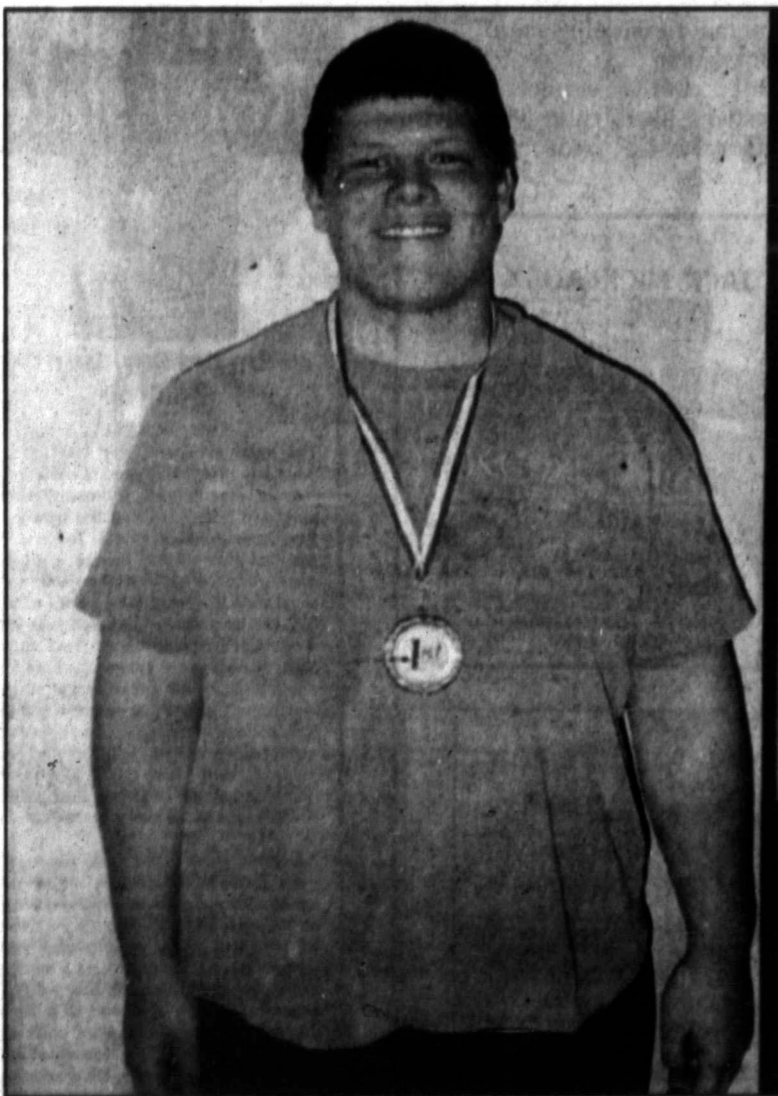
McLEAN — McLean cagers take a break from district action tonight when they travel to Silverton for pair of games.

McLean boys are coming off a 52-48 District 9-1A win against Hedley on Tuesday night. Frankie Sparling had 16 points and Chris Hauck 14 to lead the McLean scoring.

The Tigers are 4-3 in district play and 9-10 for the season.

McLean lost the girls game 80-38. Amanda Cline had 10 points and Shalea Steel 9 for the Tigerettes.

First-place lifter



(Special photo)

Pampa High sophomore Matt Dudley lifted 1,240 pounds to take first place in the Super Heavyweight Division at a Borger Power Lifting Tournament

Rockets honor Drexler, retire his No. 22

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler has taken the next step toward the Hall of Fame.

In 15 pro seasons, Drexler earned a spot among the top 50 players of all time and Thursday night, the Houston Rockets retired his No. 22.

Can the Hall of Fame be far behind? Not in the opinion of those who lined up to praise the 10-time NBA All-Star voted one of the NBA's 50 greatest players of all time.

Drexler's stature in the NBA was reflected by the guest list attending the ceremonies that included Hall of Famer Julius Erving and Drexler's first pro coach, Jack Ramsay.

"He could turn a game around and he could do it quickly," Ramsay said. "He could get a steal and go down and score and then get another steal and go score. It was amazing."

Erving, a good friend, also saluted Drexler.

"I think the highest honor you can pay an athlete is to go to the Hall of Fame," Erving said. "The second is to have your jersey hang in the rafters of the building you called home."

Carroll Dawson, Rockets executive vice president, basketball, will always appreciate Drexler's contributions to the team's second NBA title.

"That team came out of the sixth playoff spot and Clyde was a big part of it," Dawson said. "Every year now, coaches with

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PRO BASKETBALL

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At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	26	16	.636	—
New York	27	17	.614	1
Philadelphia	25	21	.543	4
Orlando	21	26	.447	8 1/2
Boston	20	25	.444	8 1/2
New Jersey	17	28	.378	11 1/2
Washington	15	31	.326	14

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	29	15	.659	—
Milwaukee	26	21	.553	4 1/2
Charlotte	24	20	.545	5
Toronto	24	20	.545	5
Detroit	22	23	.489	7 1/2
Cleveland	19	26	.422	10 1/2
Atlanta	17	28	.395	11 1/2
Chicago	9	34	.209	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	30	16	.652	—
Utah	27	17	.614	2
Minnesota	25	18	.581	3 1/2
Denver	21	22	.488	7 1/2
Houston	19	27	.413	11
Dallas	18	27	.400	11 1/2
Vancouver	12	32	.273	17

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	34	11	.756	—
Portland	34	11	.756	—
Sacramento	28	16	.636	5 1/2
Seattle	25	18	.577	8
Phoenix	26	18	.591	7 1/2
Golden State	11	32	.256	22
L.A. Clippers	11	34	.244	23

Wednesday's Games

Miami 105, Boston 103
Washington 103, Minnesota 93
Atlanta 87, New Jersey 89
Sacramento 113, Detroit 110
Phoenix 114, L.A. Clippers 68
Denver 135, Milwaukee 112
Chicago 88, Seattle 81
Golden State 101, Vancouver 95

Thursday's Games

New York 98, Portland 88
Houston 109, Philadelphia 106
San Antonio 112, Toronto 95
Dallas 106, Charlotte 86
Milwaukee 102, Utah 99

Friday's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, 1 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

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Arkansas 21 16 7 49 175 181
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Central Texas 35 10 1 71 187 106
Austin 23 17 3 49 175 159
Corpus Christi 20 16 8 48 189 195
Fort Worth 21 18 3 45 145 142

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Western Division

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New Mexico 31 13 3 65 210 160
Lubbock 30 10 3 62 204 148
El Paso 24 17 5 53 191 187
Odessa 18 23 4 40 156 185
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Amarillo 14 27 4 32 137 200

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Thursday's Games

New Mexico 8, Odessa 3
Shreveport 3, Fort Worth 2, SO

Friday's Games

El Paso at Alexandria
San Angelo at Lubbock
Lake Charles at Tupelo
Corpus Christi at Austin

Saturday's Games

Amarillo at Alexandria
Odessa at Lubbock
San Angelo at New Mexico
Corpus Christi at Shreveport
Fort Worth at Austin

Sunday's Games

Central Texas at Austin
Amarillo at Shreveport
Lubbock at New Mexico
Monroe at Lake Charles

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA—Named Rob Levine senior vice president, new league development, effective March 1.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Named Frank Layden basketball consultant.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with TE Brian Saxon.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Jim Haslett coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Suspended F Joe Murray until further notice for insubordination.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Acquired D John Nesternikoff from the New York Rangers for RW Jason Dawe and assigned Nesternikoff to Milwaukee of the IHL.
Acquired D Stewart Malunga from the Washington Capitals for a 2001 conditional draft pick, and assigned him to Milwaukee.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Robert Esche from Springfield of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned D Bryan Heimer to Worcester of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed F Kris King to the minor leagues. Activated D Gerald Diдук.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Acquired D Scott Vermillion and a 2000 second-round draft pick from Kansas City for D Peter Vermeir, MF Matt McKeon and a 2000 second-round draft pick.

COLLEGE
LAFAYETTE—Named John Loose defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Promoted Mike Joseph to special teams coordinator and running backs coach and Mark Reardon to recruiting coordinator and defensive backs coach.
TEXAS A&M—Named Pete Hoener running backs coach.
UTICA STATE—Named P.J. Gondok men's soccer coach.
WABASH—Named George Perry III men's soccer coach and facilities manager.
WEBB—Named Mike Palermo baseball coach.

Spurs end Raptors winning streak

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan had two points in the first quarter and four in the fourth. It was what happened in between that made all the difference.

Duncan scored 26 of his 32 points in the second and third quarters and the San Antonio Spurs kept Vince Carter off the highlight reels in a 112-95 victory over Toronto that ended the Raptors' four-game winning streak.

"I consider this to be a heck of a win," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who changed strategy from the team's first meeting and had his players double-team Carter every time he touched the ball.
Carter had a hot hand from the

outside in the first quarter, shooting 4-for-6, but he went 1-for-9 in the second half and finished without any dunks as the Spurs held him five points below his average.

Duncan shot 11-for-21 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line, doing almost all his damage in the second and third quarters when San Antonio took control with runs of 10-0 and 20-2. He also had 17 rebounds, seven assists and three steals.

Duncan, who reached 30 points for the 12th time this season, left the game for good with 5:24 remaining and the Spurs ahead by 18.

"Their defensive intensity stepped up," said Tracy McGrady, who led Toronto with 21 points.

"Everything was going smoothly in the first quarter for us, but in the second quarter we saw a whole new team on the defensive end, and Tim Duncan was just fabulous."

With the memory of Carter scoring 39 against them less than a month old, Duncan called it "another revenge game for us" during the team's morning shootaround. That mindset showed.

"We didn't give him an opportunity to look at the basket, figure out what he wanted to do and then go do it," Duncan said. "We made him pass the ball, he didn't have the ball every time down the floor getting easy ones, and that affects people. You get them out of their rhythm and they can't roll."

Hoener joins A&M coaching job

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State offensive coordinator Pete Hoener is resigning to join the coaching staff at Big 12 rival Texas A&M.

Hoener has been at Iowa State for two years and is credited with putting in a versatile offense that improved the Cyclones' running game. Iowa State finished 15th nationally in rushing last fall and Darren Davis ran for 1,388 yards.

Before moving to Iowa State, Hoener spent six seasons at TCU. He has two daughters at Texas schools, one at A&M, and said being closer to his family was a major reason for the move.

"That was real important for myself and my wife at this point in our lives," said Hoener, who'll

coach A&M's running backs. "Then, obviously, the chance to go to a program like Texas A&M with its tradition is also exciting."

Texas A&M went 8-4 last season and finished second in the Big 12's South Division. The Aggies were 94-28 in the 1990s.

Iowa State coach Dan McCarthy said he'll continue many of Hoener's offensive philosophies, which include quick passes, the option and spread formations featuring three and four wide receivers.

"Pete obviously directed the offense and he did a fine job," McCarthy said, "but the rest of the staff is intact and we get a lot of real good ideas from everybody."

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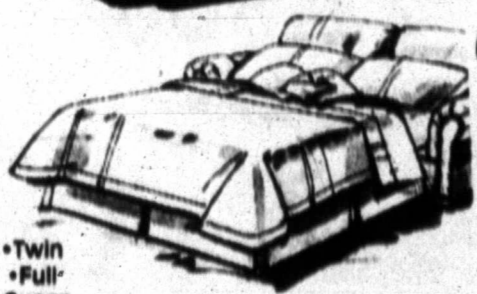
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Texas round up ...

Injured Aggie looks ahead to recovery

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The last Aggie to remain hospitalized from the Nov. 18 bonfire collapse said he's looking forward to a change of scenery.

John Comstock, a freshman at Texas A&M, said he plans to return to classes next fall.

"I'm just looking forward to going to rehab and getting well and being able to have a full recovery," he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "This has been a long road already."

Comstock's condition was upgraded last week from critical to serious at College Station Medical Center, where he is being treated.

The 19-year-old Richardson resident, who was the last to be rescued in the collapse, was pinned under a log for almost seven hours when the 59-foot stack tumbled to the ground while he and others worked to construct the pile. Twelve people died and 26 were injured; the incident is under investigation.

Jury to decide fate of officer's killer

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who fought arrest for a suspected car theft was convicted Thursday of capital murder for shooting the arresting officer, Troy Blando, and leaving the plainclothes investigator to die in a hotel parking lot.

A jury found Jeffrey Demond Williams, 24, guilty after about three hours of deliberation.

The panel of eight women and four men must now decide if Williams gets the death penalty or life in prison for killing Blando, the Houston Chronicle reported. A life sentence would mean Williams serves at least 40 years before he can be paroled.

A veteran of the Houston Police Department, Blando, 39, was killed May 19 after he pulled into a parking lot of a motel and blocked a stolen car from getting away. Blando was apparently shot while trying to handcuff Williams, who was driving the stolen vehicle.

After an exchange of gunfire, Williams fled the parking lot on foot while a wounded Blando got on his police radio twice to describe the man who had shot him.

Supporters rally around councilman

DALLAS (AP) — Supporters of longtime civil rights leader Al Lipscomb say they will stick by the convicted felon, who resigned Thursday from the Dallas City Council.

More than 100 of Lipscomb's supporters surrounded him, chanting "We Love Al," as he announced he would leave the public office he had held for all but two of the past 16 years.

An Amarillo jury convicted Lipscomb last week of 65 counts of conspiracy and bribery. Prosecutors said that over a period of several years he accepted monthly payments of \$1,000 cash and other gifts from Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards in exchange for voting in the company's favor on tax-related issues.

Lipscomb, who maintains his innocence and vows to appeal the verdict to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, was hoping to remain on the council. He stepped down, his attorney said, because, otherwise, he risked being jailed pending

his April 10 sentencing.

Lipscomb ally Roy Williams said he believes justice was not served by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall moving Lipscomb's trial 300 miles away to Amarillo.

Sixth-grader's suspension to be appealed

LOCKNEY, Texas (AP) — Larry Tannahill plans to meet with the superintendent of Lockney Independent School District this morning to appeal his 12-year-old son's punishment for refusing to take a mandatory drug test that the district required of all students as part of a new drug policy.

Brady Tannahill, a sixth-grader at Lockney Junior High School, was the only drug-testing holdout of the 400 students in grades 6 through 12 in this small farming community. Students in Lockney were required to return a parental consent form to the school by Monday. Urine tests were conducted on students and teachers throughout the week.

On Thursday, Lockney Superintendent Raymond Lusk informed the elder Tannahill that he would have 72 hours to appeal his son's punishment for refusing the test, which is the same as someone who had tested positive for drugs: a 21-day suspension from extracurricular activities, at least three days' in-school suspension and three sessions of substance-abuse counseling.

Brady will also be required to take a monthly drug test for a year. Each time he refuses, it will be considered a repeat offense, and the punishment escalates.

"It will be done first thing in the morning," Tannahill said Thursday of the appeal. "Brady will go to classes as usual until the appeal process is over. ... His academics come first and if they are going to leave him alone, he needs to stay in there and keep learning."

Microsoft enters tax program business, adopts small town

COMFORT, Texas (AP) — Software giant Microsoft Corp. may not know how to placate the U.S. Department of Justice, but with the help of this small town hopes to show it knows the ins and outs of the IRS.

Microsoft "adopted" this town of about 1,900 tax filers to be the test area for its TaxSaver tax preparation software, new to the marketplace this tax season. It's also playing off the name of the Hill Country community, suggesting that the new software will provide comfort for taxpayers.

Microsoft, which Justice Department attorneys are reported to favor breaking up, wouldn't release its estimate of TaxSaver sales this season. But the company said it hopes to tap into the growing tax preparation software market, which includes offerings such as Intuit Inc.'s TurboTax and MacIntax, and Block Financial Corp.'s Kiplinger Tax Cut.

The population of Comfort, located about 45 miles northwest of San Antonio, isn't exactly known because it's an unincorporated community. As many as 8,000 are estimated to live in the town's vicinity.

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