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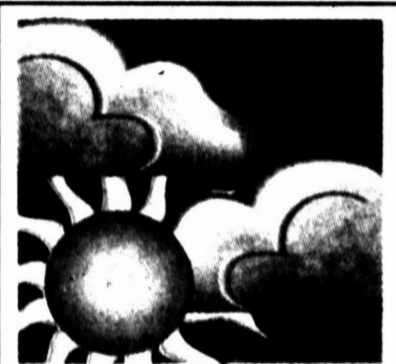
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PAMPA — Anyone who wants to vote in the March 14 Democratic or Republican primaries must register by Monday, Feb. 14. The voter registration card must be turned in to the county election authority or postmarked by that day. Early voting for the primaries will begin statewide Monday, Feb. 28. The law allows county election authorities to open early voting polls Saturday, Feb. 26 or Sunday, Feb. 27 but requires the polls opening by Feb. 28. The last day of early voting will be Friday, March 10.

HOUSTON (AP) — An ex-lawman convicted of offering death-for-hire services is to be released from prison with a clean record, thanks to a Wednesday order from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Bill Planter, 52, has been behind bars since his 1996 conviction for soliciting capital murder. Prosecutors said the ex-police chief of Splendora contacted the bereaved father of a murdered woman and offered to avenge his daughter's death. Planter offered to kill Robert Fratta for \$10,000, prosecutors said.

Fratta is on death row for arranging the death of his estranged wife, Farah, who was shot in the garage of her Atascocita home in 1994.

After Farah's slaying, her father, Lex Baquer, waged a bitter battle for the custody of his three grandchildren.

It was then that Planter contacted the father and offered to work as a hitman, prosecutors said. The pair's meetings and phone calls were recorded by police.

- **Bessie Lucille Laycock, 89**, homemaker.
- **Vetola G. Young Parker, 88**, former Briscoe News writer.

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DA candidates square off ...

Backlong, full-time vs. part-time prosecutor topics in Q-A session

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 Staff Writer

CANADIAN — There was one chair empty at the District Attorney Candidate's forum.

John Mann, Phil Pendleton and Charles Kessie sat before newspaper reporters from across the five-county 31st Judicial District Thursday afternoon. Only Rick Roach was absent.

"Mr. Roach declined the invitation...sort of," said Laurie Ezzell Brown, editor of *The Canadian Record* and organizer of the forum. "He said he'd come if I didn't."

Roach told *The Pampa News* Friday morning he had a prior commitment.

Roach, Mann and Pendleton

are running in the Republican primary March 14. Kessie, a Democrat, will challenge the winner of the three-way Republican race in the general election in November.

Of those that were there, District Attorney John Mann was questioned about accusations that he wasn't pursuing prosecutions aggressively enough.

Charles Kessie, Hemphill County Attorney, said he had talked to Mann about the situation. Kessie said he didn't think the situation would change until there was a change in prosecutors.

Mann replied that while his office doesn't keep statistics, indictments were up in Gray County. He did admit, however,



John Mann

that there is a conflict between his office and that of Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson.

The incumbent district attorney replied there is often a conflict between law enforcement officers and prosecutors. He said that in putting together a felony case for trial there are certain investigative and administrative steps that have to be followed.

"My office holds schools for officers," Mann said. "Lipscomb



Phil Pendleton

doesn't attend." He said the quality of the cases from Lipscomb County was declining and that his office was handling only about 60 percent of the number of cases it had before Sheriff James Robertson took office.

"It's a frustrating problem not only for Mr. Robertson, but for me," Mann said.

A case in point, he said, was a child molestation case that hap-



Charles Kessie

pened in May, 1998. Mann said it was presented to his office in August, 1998, and the man accused of molesting a child in Lipscomb County was indicted in the next term of the Lipscomb County grand jury which was in the fall of 1998.

There are usually only about two grand juries in Lipscomb County per year. Mann said that he has no control over the calendar. (See DA, Page 2)

Touch of Spring fleeting ...



Big sister Brandi Fields takes little sister Haeli and little brother Christopher out for some driver's education this week enjoying temperatures that were in the 70s. But that all changed today with a cool front. Some warmer weather should return Sunday but temps will only be about 60.

Probation violation sends man to jail on burglary conviction

WHEELER — A 24-year-old Berger man was in Wheeler County jail today after his probation was revoked in a 1995 burglary conviction.

Gaspar Esparza III was awaiting transfer today to a state jail facility from the Wheeler County jail after his was probation was revoked in 31st District Court by Judge Steven Emmert.

Esparza was convicted of burglary of a building in Shamrock along with two others in 1995.

Authorities said that while the other two had made restitution and served their sentences, Esparza was delinquent in his restitution payment and court fees.

Authorities said he had also not reported to his probation officer.

Judge Emmert ordered Esparza transferred to a state jail facility for two years less the time he has served in the Wheeler County jail.

Republicans: Clinton's farm aid 'woefully short'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say the Clinton administration's \$5.8 billion package of farm assistance is "woefully short" and unfairly targets assistance to small and medium-size operations.

The centerpiece of the administration's plan, which would be the third multibillion-dollar farm bailout in as many years, is a new "supplemental income" program that would cost \$3.1 billion and be targeted toward small and moderate-size farmers. An additional \$1.3 billion is earmarked for farmers who participate in conservation programs.

"I don't think it's going anywhere," the House Agriculture Committee chairman, GOP Rep. Larry Combest of Texas, said at

a news conference Thursday. The administration "came up with something that is woefully short."

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., the chairman of the Senate's agricultural appropriations committee, told Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman at a hearing that many Southern producers would not qualify for the supplemental income program because of a proposed \$30,000 cap on payments. He said the payments would be skewed toward smaller farmers in the upper Midwest.

Glickman said his proposals should serve as an "intellectual framework for what the emergency package should look like."

The supplemental income payments

would be pegged to the average gross income nationally over the past five years for eight major crops — corn, wheat, cotton, rice, soybeans, sorghum, oats and barley.

Congress has provided \$15 billion in special assistance to farmers over the past two years to compensate for low commodity prices and crop failures. Glickman had criticized the way Congress distributed the money in 1998 and 1999 but did not propose an alternative plan for making the payments until this year.

The Agriculture Department expects net farm income this year to drop \$7.6 billion, or 16 percent, barring another aid package from Congress. Existing govern-

ment programs are expected to provide farmers with \$17 billion in direct payments this year.

Glickman said it was important to direct some of the extra aid that Congress approves this year toward conservation programs, another idea to which Republicans have reacted coolly.

Combest announced plans for a series of hearings on farm policy that will start March 6 in Lubbock, Texas, and continue March 17-18 in Memphis, Tenn., and Auburn, Ala. Additional hearings, which have not been scheduled, will be held in Washington and in Boise, Idaho; Kutztown, Pa.; Peoria, Ill.; Raleigh, N.C.; Sacramento, Calif.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and West Chester, Ohio.

Red Cross offers babysitting class

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor

A certified babysitter is just what some young parents are seeking for their children. Pampa's American Red Cross is providing the training for the first such course in the Pampa area.

Prospective babysitters will learn all about babysitting during the Red Cross-sponsored class, said Stephanie Guest, executive director. Topics include first aid, rescue breathing, learning how to interact with different ages of children, and safety issues.

Also the prospective babysitters will learn how to feed and diaper infants, potty training, bed times, how to handle emergency situations will be covered as well as how to create a safe play environment.

Communication with children as well as teaching children to behave without criticizing the child will be taught, said Guest.

"This will be a good learning experience," said Guest. She said the students in the class will receive a bag with a first aid kit, as well as a manual with emergency information.

The class will be from 3:30 — 7:30 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday at the Red Cross Office at 108 N. Russell. Both sessions are required for the eight-hour class. Instructor is Jana Gregory.

Minimum age to enroll in the class is 11 years old.

Cost of the course will be \$25. Preregistration and prepayment are required, said Guest. Additional information may be obtained by calling 669-7121.

Grand jurors return indictments

WHEELER — A Wheeler County grand jury true-billed five this week on charges ranging from possession of marijuana to forgery.

Aratha Curry of Shamrock and Melissa Beth Johnson of Erick, Okla., were both indicted on charges of forgery in connection with about \$400 in stolen checks written at the Irish Inn on Jan. 2.

Both were free today on \$2,500 bond each.

James Daniel Ketchum of Shamrock was in Wheeler County jail today in lieu of bond after being indicted on charges of forgery. District Attorney John Mann said today the indictment stems from accusations that Ketchum wrote his own paycheck for labor that he did in Shamrock last July.

Bond for Ketchum is \$2,500.

Maria Elena Sanchez and Ricardo Antonio Rios-Arcia of California were in Wheeler County jail after being indicted for possession of marijuana. The pair was arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper Doug Acker after a traffic stop in December on Interstate 40.

Officers said Acker found 55 pounds of what he believed to be marijuana in the car the pair were traveling in. Officers also seized a 1990 Mazda and \$5,400 in cash.

Bond for Sanchez is \$5,000. Bond for Rios-Arcia is \$25,000.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LAYCOCK, Bessie Lucille — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
PARKER, Vetola G. Young — 2 p.m., Allison School Gym, Allison.

Obituaries

BESSIE LUCILLE LAYCOCK

WHEELER — Bessie Lucille Laycock, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheeler, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Laycock was born Sept. 24, 1910, at Stephenville, to Jude and Emma Sechrist. She married Carrel Laycock on Jan. 7, 1927, at Wellington; he died in 1989. The couple moved from Dozier to Wheeler in 1945 and farmed and ranched. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Kay Laycock, in 1985.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Reeves of Wheeler, Carolyn Merchant of San Antonio and Glenda Crossman of Pampa; a son, Clyde Laycock of Pampa; two sisters, Irene Smith of Houston and Nolda Bond of Altus, Okla.; a brother, John Sechrist of Hurst; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Wheeler or to a favorite charity.

VETOLA G. YOUNG PARKER

WHEELER — Vetola G. Young Parker, 88, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at Moore County Hospital in Dumas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Allison School Gym at Allison with Raymond Jones of Pampa and Truman Teel of Dill City, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Zybch Cemetery at Allison under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Parker was born Nov. 16, 1911, near Altus, Okla., to N.F. and Flora Young. The family lived in the Altus and Eldorado area prior to moving to the Briscoe area in 1930. She married Zearl Coleman "Colie" Parker on Sept. 14, 1932, at Briscoe; he died in 1990. She worked in Briscoe and wrote the Briscoe News for the Wheeler newspaper for many years. She belonged to Allison Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Willie; a daughter, Toline Clark; two grandchildren; a brother; and a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Zetha Dougherty of Pampa; five sons, Leroy Parker of Amarillo, Ted Parker, Garry Parker and Nelson Parker, all of Dumas, and Weldon Parker of Forgan, Okla.; four sisters, Daphne Barry, Madell Pillers and Una McGaughey, all of Amarillo, and Troice Davis of Bentonville, Ark.; a brother, N.F. Young of Broken Arrow, Okla.; 37 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Allison Church of Christ.

Fires

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

6:30 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel gave a fire prevention program at a health fair at Woodrow Wilson Elementary.

Police report

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

Police received a report of harassment in the 300 block of Anne.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of East Foster.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Darby.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

Jerry Lee Music, 32, 1201 E. Fredric #14, was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Tim Edward Garcia, 40, Dallas, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on outstanding warrants.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

11:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.

12:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

3:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Scott and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Feb. 11

12:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

1:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

3:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

6:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Gray and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Coca-Cola	55 3/8	dn 1 5/16
Columbia/HCA	26 7/8	NC
Enron	66 11/16	dn 15/16
Halliburton	35 5/8	up 3/16
IBM	117	NC
KMI	28	NC
Kerr McGee	48 1/2	up 3/4
Limited	15 1/16	dn 3/8
McDonald's	34 15/16	up 9/16
Exxon Mobil	76 1/8	up 1/4
New Atmos	17	dn 3/16
NCE	18 5/16	up 1/8
Phillips	17 9/16	dn 5/16
Phillips	37 11/16	dn 5/16
Pioneer Nat.	8 3/16	dn 1/8
SLB	59 1/2	up 7/16
Texaco	49 3/4	dn 7/8
Ultramar	23 5/16	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	36 3/16	dn 13/16
Williams	42 5/8	up 3/8
New York Gold	315.75	5.36
West Texas Crude	29.43	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	19 1/16	up 1/8
Fidelity Magell	134.03	
Puritan	18.35	

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

Amoco	46 5/8	dn 1 1/2
Arco	66 1/16	dn 1 1/16
Cabot	23 3/16	up 3/8
Cabot O&G	15 5/16	dn 1/4
Chevron	70 3/8	dn 7/16

Varney was talk of the town

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jim Varney lit up television station switchboards, stopped traffic and turned into the talk of the town when he was the pitch man for Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Stores.

"The reaction to him was really almost unbelievable," Terry Holden, director of marketing for Braum's, said Thursday of the comedian who took the character "Ernest" from commercial success to the big screen.

Varney, 50, died Thursday of lung cancer.

Holden worked with Varney when Varney was spokesman for Braum's in the 1980s. Braum's had Varney's character for the Dallas, Tulsa and Oklahoma City markets.

"He did our commercials in 1983 and 1984 and was a huge hit," Holden said.

Sixteen years later, Holden said he still gets calls. When people find out he works for Braum's, they'll ask if he knows Ernest.

Holden said the Tuttle-based company got some negative reaction at first when it switched to the Ernest campaign. "That quickly turned to where he was literally the topic of conversations," Holden said.

Varney became a cult figure in the 1980s in the series of regional commercials, portraying Ernest P. Worrell, a know-it-all good of boy whose best-known phrase was "Know-what-I-mean?" and who addressed a character known as "Vern."

Varney did about 30 commercials for Braum's. In them, he got his fingers slammed in a house window, fell off a ladder and got shocked fooling with

a broken TV set. In addition to dairy products, he plugged a variety of businesses from car dealerships, pizza and broadcast stations, including KPRC-TV in Houston.

Holden said a Tulsa station received so many calls from people wanting to know when the Braum's commercials with Ernest would air that the station ran a message on the screen each morning at 7:30 a.m. to let viewers know the time table.

"Jim Varney in person was hilarious," Holden said. He described Varney as like a kid who always needed attention. All he had to do to get it was give his big grin and everybody would recognize him.

Holden said the company would bring him in for tours twice a year, hitting four stores in each of its largest markets in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Dallas.

Varney's appearance in Dallas once caused a traffic jam all the way back along Interstate 635. "We had to drive on the shoulder to get around everybody" and get Varney to the store.

"It was really a phenomenal thing," Holden said. Holden said Varney was just as funny in person as he was in the commercials. But he also was very intelligent and had a rounded career. He could do 40 to 50 voice impressions and was a Shakespearean actor.

"He wasn't somebody that just kind of got a high school degree and just fell onto the stage," Holden said. "He could talk theater. He could talk Hollywood. He could talk finance. He could talk history."

Bacterial meningitis claims boy, 3

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 3-year-old boy who attended an Arlington day-care center has died after he was hospitalized with bacterial meningitis, health officials said.

Michael Tyler Johnson of Arlington died at 11:57 p.m. Wednesday at Cook Children's Medical Center, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

Parents of the child's classmates, who attend Children's Academy in southwest Arlington, were noti-

fied and have started antibiotic treatment, health officials said.

The disease is fatal in 5 to 15 percent of all cases, said Bobby Jones, manager of epidemiology and health information for the Tarrant County health department.

This is the first case of the infection diagnosed in Tarrant County this year, health officials said.

It can take two to 10 days for symptoms to appear after exposure to the disease, officials said, but in most situations a person exposed to the disease will not

become ill. When it is fatal, the disease can progress rapidly, within several hours.

The infection, which is contagious, requires very close contact with an infected person's saliva, Jones said. It is often spread by coughing within a range of 3 feet of the person, kissing or drinking from a glass after the infected individual. Symptoms include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and exhaustion. In some cases, a purplish-red rash appears.

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dar of the court.

Mann said he was ready when the case came up at the next docket call, but the defense attorney asked for and got a continuance, something that he said has happened several times.

The District Attorney said the case is now set for March 21.

Mann said that if sheriffs in the other four counties of the 31st District, Hemphill, Roberts, Wheeler and Gray, were polled, they would be for him.

Mann then challenged Kessie about an assistant county attorney Hemphill County hired to help Kessie with a backlog of cases.

Kessie said that the county commission had hired an assistant for him, and that it was at his suggestion.

Kessie, who has a private civil practice in addition to his duties as county attorney, said he opposes a private civil practice for the district attorney's job. He said such a situation cuts into the attention a person can give to a job such as county or district attorney.

Both Pendleton and Kessie said they would give up their private practices if elected to the district attorney's position.

Mann, who also maintains a private civil practice, said he would keep his private practice.

Under state law, Pendleton said, a district attorney can maintain a private civil practice and be paid \$88,000 a year or he can elect to be a full time district attorney and be paid \$101,000 to \$109,000 a year.

Mann said that although the state, not the county, pays a district attorney's salary, the money still comes from the taxpayer.

Pendleton said there could be a savings, though,

because with a full time district attorney there would be no need for an assistant district attorney at \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year.

But Kessie disagreed, saying that one man could not cover five counties without an assistant, a position with which Mann agreed.

Mann was also questioned about not letting officers testify before grand juries, but he said that was a matter of time management, not policy.

He said that 85 to 90 percent of a presentation to a grand jury consisted of police reports.

"When you present 10 to 30 cases a day, and you only have one day, there is only time to read the reports," he said.

To bring in a string of witnesses would be too time consuming, he said. He added that it is not the policy of his office to prevent officers from testifying. He said he has in the past asked officers to testify, but not often because of time constraints.

Kessie came to Mann's defense saying Mann called an officer recently when Kessie was assisting him with a grand jury presentation.

Mann has been 31st and 223rd District Attorney for eight years. Kessie has been Hemphill County Attorney for 15. Kessie said he had served as both a prosecutor and defense lawyer in the military. Mann and Pendleton have both been defense trial lawyers.

"That's the best experience you can have," Mann said, concerning training for the district attorney's job.

"Behind this table," Mann said in his closing remarks, "there are three honest, capable, desirable people, but I think I'm the one that ought to be elected."

"I'd hire John as my first assistant," Kessie quipped.

Texas round up ...

Van crash kills four students

KARNACK, Texas (AP) — Gashes in a rural East Texas highway and a boot stuck in a roadside puddle are among the clues left after a van crash left four Prairie View A&M track students dead.

Six other students were seriously injured Thursday night in the one-vehicle accident, which happened on Texas Highway 43, just south of the Marion County line, according to the state Department of Public Safety.

Those killed were Houston Watson, of Greenville; Jerome Jackson, of Dallas; Samuel Sturms, of Jasper, and Vernon James II, of Vallejo, Calif.

The injured are coach Hoover Wright, Lamar Adams, David Aterbery, Lewis Edmonson, Trenton Harris and Rashad Shelton, according to Prairie View A&M officials. They were reported in serious to fair condition.

The group was en route to Pine Bluff, Ark., for an indoor track meet when the wreck occurred just before 7 p.m., university spokesman Bryan Barrows said. Ten students were in the van when it flipped near Karnack, about 20 miles north of Marshall.

Records in tobacco case requested

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal investigators have stepped up their efforts to gather information about a former Texas attorney general's hiring of five private lawyers who helped the state win a \$17.3 billion settlement from the tobacco industry.

Dan Morales' successor, Attorney General John Cornyn, has been subpoenaed to provide a federal grand jury in Houston with records of his own internal investigation of the lawyers' work and how they were hired.

The Houston Chronicle obtained a copy of the subpoena Thursday under an open records

request. Although it was known that FBI agents had begun interviewing potential witnesses several months ago, the subpoena is the first public record to reveal the inquiry has advanced to a grand jury, according to the newspaper.

Cornyn's office declined to comment on the subpoena or its own investigation. But Cornyn has questioned Morales' contingency agreement with the private lawyers, who were awarded \$3.3 billion in legal fees to be paid by the tobacco companies.

Among the matters Cornyn and the federal grand jury are believed to be looking into are allegations raised almost two years ago by Houston trial attorney Joe Jamail that Morales demanded \$1 million from each of several lawyers he considered hiring for the tobacco lawsuit.

Elsewhere: REVIVED FIGHT: Texas teachers, who saw their latest effort to get state-paid health insurance die last year in the Legislature, are renewing their fight. The first of several town meetings scheduled around the state on the issue, was held Thursday night in Dallas. ... PASSENGERS REACT: Passengers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport say they're more worried about flying after the deadly crash of an Alaska Airlines jet, but they're glad federal officials are requiring inspections of all MD-80s and DC-9s.

Margaret Evans, who flew from D-FW to Orange County, Calif., said she asked her plane's pilot if the aircraft's stabilizer was in good condition. "This issue was on my mind but I still flew," she said. ... FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFITS: Fort Worth is trying to put the burden of paying the death benefits of two firefighters on two smaller cities, claiming in a suit that the firefighters were volunteering and not on official duty when they were killed during a church fire a year ago. ...

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Colder today with a high of 40-45 and northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, cold with a low of 20-25 and east winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow's high 40-45 mph with southeast winds at 10-20 mph. High yesterday of 73; the overnight low was 28.

STATEWIDE — Skies over Texas were mostly partly cloudy today, with afternoon highs in southern and western parts of

the state expected to reach the 80s.

Low clouds were noted over parts of Southeast Texas and the western portion of the state this morning. Winds were mostly light and, at their strongest, gustied at 15 mph.

High temperatures in South Texas should be mostly in the 80s, with 70s along the coast. Partly to mostly cloudy skies will prevail tonight. Lows should be in the 50s and 60s.

West Texas and the Panhandle has a chance for showers under

partly to mostly cloudy skies. High temperatures should range from the upper 30s across the Panhandle to the mid 80s along the Rio Grande. Lows tonight should be from near 15 degrees over the far north to the mid 40s over the far south.

It should be mostly sunny in North Texas. But the eastern portion of the area is expected to be mostly cloudy, with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High temperatures should be in the 60s, with lows tonight from the mid 30s to mid 40s.

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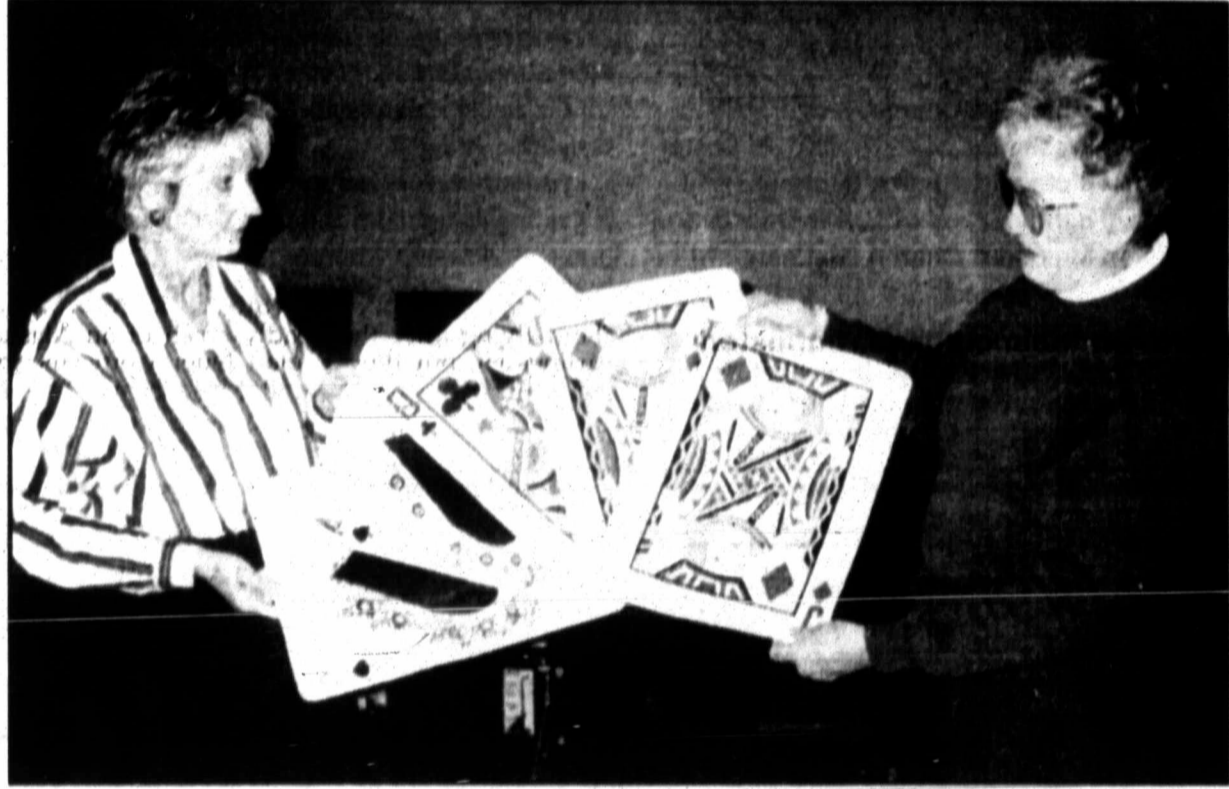
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(Special photos)

Beta Sigma Phi members are busy preparing for the Mardi Gras Dance and Casino slated from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 per couple in advance or for \$30 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, call 665-6037. Fence Walker will entertain at the dance. Above: (Top) members Charlene Morriss, Mary Baten, Terry Harrison and Teresa Curfman, Preceptor Chi; (middle) Morriss, Baten; (bottom) Curfman, Alberta Jeffries, Preceptor Chi.

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 Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

COMMUNITY BOOK FAIR
Austin Elementary School will hold a Book Fair from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 16-18. To kick-off the event, a Community Night will be held from 4-8 p.m. Feb. 15. "Buy a book. Read to a child."

DISCOVERY CENTER
The Board of Trustees and staff of Don Harrington Discovery Center will hold the Center's 2000 annual meeting from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 17. Call (806) 355-9548, ext. 12, before Feb. 11 to RSVP. Attendees will tour the new east wing during the evening.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friends of Southwestern Art will host its fourth annual Membership Meeting and Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The guest speaker will be William H. Gerdtz, professor emeritus of art history at the Graduate School of the City University of New York. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be reserved by calling (806) 651-2244. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 15.

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 pre-school 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.

AMERICAN YOUTH ABROAD

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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
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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.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to

attend any work session.
PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

NATURE HIKE

A 2.5-mile nature hike is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 along the Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail in Palo Duro Canyon. The group will be discussing canyon history, geology, wildlife and plant life. All participants should bring plenty of water, sunscreen and good hiking shoes.


STARGAZING PARTY

The Amarillo Astronomy Club will meet for a Stargazing Party at 7 p.m. March 25 at Palo Duro Park Visitor Center. Refreshments will be provided.

TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host both the Fred Howard Antique Tractor and Equipment Show, held annually, and the Minneapolis Moline Collectors' National Winter Convention March 2-4 at Ollie Center in Plainview. Activities will include a Cowboy Chuck Wagon Breakfast, a tractor pull, agriculture-related tours and much more. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call Byron and Charlotte Brock, (806) 652-2652; Rex and Wanda Davey, (806) 293-2740; or Chuck Humphreys, (806) 296-9315.

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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

HEBREWS 13:8

RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:13-16 (NIV)

Tomorrow is not to be boasted of as if it were certain, James tells us. It's not guaranteed.

Conquering Roman generals returned with victory parades through the streets of the city. Just behind the general, a servant stood in the chariot and whispered to him a reminder, "all fame is fleeting."

In Jewish wedding ceremonies, the bride and groom drink from a small, delicate wine glass. When emptied, it's dropped to the floor and crushed underfoot. Thus, on one of the happiest days of life, the couple remind themselves that life is fragile.

Like a vapor or fog, it appears briefly and all too soon is gone.

Jesus told of a rich, foolish farmer. Exulting in his abundance, the man boasted of all he'd do the next day. The word from Heaven



By Rev. Albert Maggard

First Pentecostal Holiness Church

declared him a fool. It announced that his soul was required that night and posed the question, "Then whose shall these things be?"

James declared the folly of boasting about tomorrow. He reminds us, "You know not what shall be on the next day."

With this uncertainty made clear, he tells us not to plan apart from God's will. The greatest security in life is found in doing the will of God.

How, then, should we face tomorrow? First of all — not with anxiety.

The theologian Soren Kirkegaard asked, "What is anxiety?" Answering his own question, he said, "It is the next day."

In Matthew 6:34 (NIV), Jesus told us, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow

will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

God's grace, like manna, comes fresh from Heaven each day — and is always enough for that day. It's when we carry tomorrow's burden along with today's, that we break down.

In that remarkable sixth chapter of Matthew, Jesus gives us a list of things not to worry about.

He who clothes lilies with splendor and feeds sparrows, indicated we'd be in his care and need not worry.

Knowing that our lives and the future are both in his hands, gives us courage to face the next day. As Saint Paul observed, "Knowing that whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Because this is true, we do our planning to live in God's will.

We face tomorrow, knowing that it can be better than yesterday — better than today. "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

To Joshua, God said, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow I will do wonders." Who can imagine what wonderful things God has prepared for your tomorrow?

Pausing to salute a life lived ...

Driving from Canyon to Amarillo on I-27 on Wednesday, on the opposite side of the highway I saw a sheriff's car with flashing red and blue lights trailing a long string of vehicles behind. It was mid-day and the hearses, cars and trucks which followed the patrol car burned their headlights.

The car in front of me pulled to the right hand shoulder of the highway. I stopped behind him and a truck pulled in behind me. Other cars and trucks soon joined our arrested string.

The funeral procession the other side of the road, maybe 30 cars long, passed us by. Cars and trucks on our side resumed their trip.

For the three or four minutes I sat parked on the interstate, that old sense of loss, of death and respect for its sting, overwhelmed me. I wondered if the guy in the Toyota in

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

front of me or the guy in the F-150 behind me felt the same or if they were annoyed by their internal compulsion to follow the custom of stopping in deference to the traveling bereaved.

It was a sad few minutes. The recollection

of my father's death about a year and a half ago was oddly fresh. I remembered our June 10 funeral procession to Mt. Pisgah cemetery, just outside my hometown, and the drivers who honored my father's memory by moving aside for our little band. As we followed the Owen Funeral Home hearse, I kept thinking, "This is Little Daddy's last hurrah, his last hurrah."

The world in absolute terms was saying its last goodbye to a decent man.

I, and I presume the others who stopped on Wednesday, didn't know who rested in the casket inside the long white hearse traveling on I-27. We did not know who mourned that lost life. Our strangerly little salute was all we had to give to a life lived.

Hurrah! Hurrah! to you.

Ten Commandments replacing abortion as key Christian issue, scholar says

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — With its message on yard signs, book covers and the walls of courthouses and public classrooms, a Ten Commandments movement is pushing forward around the nation.

Like anti-abortion legislation earlier, the right to display the commandments has become a high-priority issue for Christian groups, says Frank Flinn, an adjunct professor of religious studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

Proponents argue that the framework for America's system of laws is based on the 10 rules that the biblical book of Exodus says God gave to Moses. The rules should be displayed in schools, they say, insisting that it is legal if the display is paid for with private funds.

The movement stems from a "heartcry," says Janet Parshall, spokeswoman for Family Research Council, a Christian lobby group in Washington, D.C., which has distributed 750,000 Ten Commandments book covers. She says she does not know if the shooters at Columbine High School in Colorado would have been deterred by seeing the Ten Commandments, "but I'm willing to risk the try."

The American Civil Liberties Union disagrees. In Kentucky, the ACLU filed suit Nov. 18 against McCreary and Pulaski counties and the Harlan County schools after the commandments were publicly displayed. The ACLU cites a 1980 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the posting of the commandments in schools amounted to an unconstitutional government promotion of religion, which is forbidden by the First Amendment. The suits are pending.

In the court of public opinion, Christian groups cannot go wrong by promoting the Ten Commandments, says Flinn, a First Amendment expert. "The opposition is immediately put in a weak position. If I tell you, 'No, the Ten Commandments don't belong in a courtroom or in a classroom,' then automatically I look like I'm for murder and fornication and theft."

Roy Moore, an Alabama circuit judge who refused to take down the commandments posted in his courtroom in 1995, has spoken at Christian rallies across the country. He encourages school boards to post the Ten Commandments even if it means a costly lawsuit for the district.

Disputed U.S. bishop says he's no longer an Episcopalian

AMBRIDGE, Pa. (AP) — A conservative U.S. priest who was consecrated a bishop in Singapore without authorization from America's Episcopal Church maintains that he followed proper procedures because he is no longer part of that denomination.

John H. Rodgers Jr., former dean and adjunct professor at a seminary in Ambridge, explained in a telephone interview that his Episcopal bishop in Pittsburgh transferred his clergy credentials to the Anglican province of Southeast Asia in which he became a bishop Jan. 29. The Episcopal Church is the recognized U.S. branch of the worldwide Anglican faith.

He said South Carolina's bishop transferred credentials of a second new U.S. bishop consecrated in the same rite, Charles H. Murphy III, to his new archdiocese in Rwanda.

Religion briefs...

Rushing Wind Emmaus to meet
Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at First United Methodist Church, 200 N. McGee, in Borger. Members of all churches are welcome to attend. A potluck meal will be served and a nursery will be provided. A board of directors meeting will precede the meeting at 5 p.m. and a sponsor's hour will follow the service.

Men's Walk Feb. 17-20
A men's Walk to Emmaus, to be sponsored by Rushing Wind, is slated Feb. 17-20 at Waka Christian Center in Perryton. John Harris of Hartley will serve as lay director and the Rev. Steve Ulrey will be spiritual director. For more information, call (806) 435-2149.

Monthly Gospel Sing Sunday
The monthly Gospel Singing at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. The informal two-hours of inspirational singing and music takes place the second Sunday of each month and is an area-wide event. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation cordially invites the public to attend.

Revival services start Thursday
Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West and Buckler, will host revival services by Evangelist Durand Sculthorp beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 18, 19 and 20. Sculthorp favors youth ministry and previously pastored at Vernon and San Angelo. The public is cordially invited to attend the revival services.

Video seminar Feb. 14-18
Barrett Baptist Church will present a video seminar, "Secrets to Lasting Love," by Dr. Gary Smalley and sons from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 14-18. The public is welcome to attend this special presentation. Dr. Smalley speaks to both married couples and to singles searching for a mate. Whether dating, divorced, newly-wed, single or married, there is something for everyone in the series. If planning to attend, call 665-1370.

Free concert in Amarillo
The American Family Radio - 90.7 FM and Southwest Baptist Church is sponsoring a Dallas Holm Concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at Southwest Baptist Church, 8201 Canyon Drive, Amarillo. The concert is free. A food drive will be conducted. The food will go to High Plains Food Bank. For questions or additional information contact Chester Beavers, Administrator, Southwest Baptist Church, Amarillo, 353-3761.

Rev. Nancy James to speak

SKELLYTOWN — Skellytown First Assembly of God Church, 411 Chamberlin, will present the Rev. Nancy James, Triumph Ministries, at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14-Saturday, Feb. 19 and at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20. This is the Rev. James's fifth visit to First Assembly.

James suffered a tragic accident involving hundreds when a bridge collapsed inside a hotel. After surviving the tragedy, she felt called on to preach the gospel and spread the goodness of God. She preaches the word of God from the Bible with signs and wonders to follow.

Danny Trussell, pastor of Skellytown First Assembly, cordially invites all to attend these special services.

For more information, call 848-2939.

Filmmaking suspended in Hindu holy city

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — India's government has given filmmaker Deepa Mehta a written order suspending shooting of her controversial movie "Water" in the Hindu holy city of Varanasi for two weeks. Alok Kumar, the district magistrate of Varanasi, said he was barring the shooting for fear of violence from Hindu nationalists who say the film is offensive to Hinduism.

"It is a tragic case, not only for filmmakers but for every human being who believes they live in a democracy," Mehta told the Associated Press in a phone interview from Varanasi.

Meanwhile, 200 women carrying rolling pins demonstrated on the streets of Varanasi shouting slogans against Mehta and her film, which is about an Indian widow trying to break the tradition that isolates widows from their families and society. The third part in a trilogy by Mehta, it is set in Varanasi, 420 miles east of New Delhi, on the banks of the sacred Ganges River, where thousands of widows come to live out their lives in dilapidated shelters.



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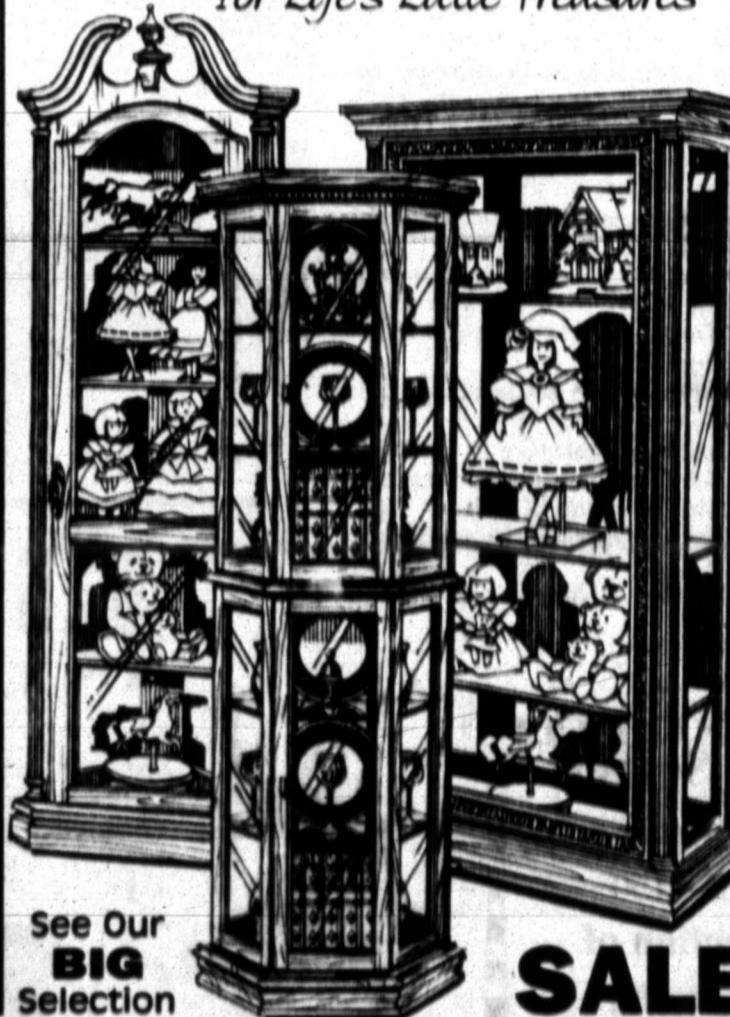


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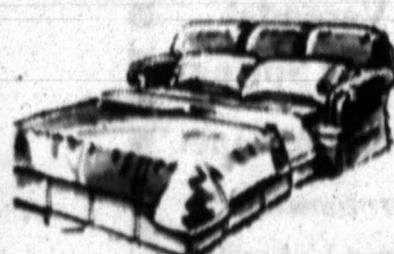
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Odds and ends ...

Funerals may be broadcast on Internet

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The cycle of life — as broadcast in cyberspace — is almost complete.

Births already have been shown live over the Internet. Now a funeral director wants to broadcast funerals online.

Fred Ferguson said Thursday that he decided to do it out of compassion for loved ones who cannot attend services in person. So far, Ferguson hasn't had any takers on his site, www.FergusonFuneralHome.com.

"I don't think there's going to be a big demand for it," said Ferguson, who is providing the service for free. "But we've got it if anybody wants it." For now, he may be the only one. But industry experts think others will follow.

"What you are dealing with here is the front end of a trend. Death is different now than it was 50 years ago because family, friends and relatives are more scattered," said Kelly Smith of the Wisconsin-based National Funeral Directors Association. "If we reach the point where the computer is the tie that binds the family, more directors will use the Internet."

Seals in Seal Beach? Maybe

SEAL BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Some folks would like the city to live up to its name.

"It's just a feel-good kind of thing," said Kim Masoner, who plans to ask city officials Monday to anchor a barge offshore as a rest stop for seals and sea lions. "It's heartwarming to watch the seals play in the water."

Seals don't come to Seal Beach, which is fine with some.

"You won't find too many fishermen who'll say it's a good thing," said Ken Dumong, who owns a bait-and-tackle shop on Seal Beach Pier. "Once you hook a fish, it's a target. We watched them bite the bellies out of the fish and throw the rest away."

Harbor seals — shy, solitary animals — almost never come near Seal Beach, although up until the 1950s there were sea lions around.

Sea lions are unpopular with many fishermen and boaters in nearby Newport Beach, where the animals have broken into bait bins and squat on anchored boats, a noisy and often stinky problem.

Masoner, who represents a handful of business owners, said she wasn't proposing a large spectacle.

"This is a small town. We'll keep it that way. We just want some seals," she said.

Valuable Bible found in garbage

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A Bible dating to 1630 has been recovered from an abandoned house by a police officer who found it on a pile of garbage near a burning rug.

"It seemed like a miracle it wasn't damaged," Capt. Thomas Krug said.

The book was printed in Strasbourg, France. It's

printed in German and has commentaries quoting Martin Luther, who in 1517 initiated the Protestant Reformation. The leather front cover and back wooden panels binding the 30-pound book have yellowed, but the surface is in good condition.

A handwritten notation says the book belongs to Mrs. James Sheldon, with an address and the year 1630. Glued to the inside of the back cover are two faded newspaper clippings from the early 1920s telling of other old Bibles in western New York.

The woman who had owned the house died recently and police say they have been unable to find any relatives. If no one comes forward soon, the Bible may wind up on the auction block, with proceeds going to the city.

Stolen paintings resurface

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Three paintings stolen during a museum break-in 22 years ago have been returned to the walls of the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum.

The paintings were swiped on Christmas Eve 1978. They reappeared in November at William Doyle Galleries in New York, left in a bag by an anonymous man now being sought by the FBI and San Francisco police.

Harry Parker III, director of museums for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, said he had no idea where the paintings have been. But on Thursday, he proudly showed off the damaged art and the 18th century Dutch cabinet that the thief scaled to escape.

The most significant of the returned paintings is "Portrait of a Rabbi." It was long thought to be painted by Rembrandt van Rijn, though experts now say it likely is the work of one of his followers.

The other paintings were "Interior of the Church of Saint Lawrence, Rotterdam," by Anthonie de Lorme and "River Scene at Night (Harbor Scene)" a sweeping landscape by Aert van der Neer.

When returned, "River Scene" had been cut into three pieces.

Police just want to crash parties

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Rowdy high school parties that get broken up by the police aren't uncommon. Now state law enforcement agencies are hoping to crash the parties before they get out of hand.

State officials this week announced a new toll-free "Party Line" that can be called by anyone who hears of teen parties involving alcohol. Police are urging teachers, school administrators and parents across the state to call.

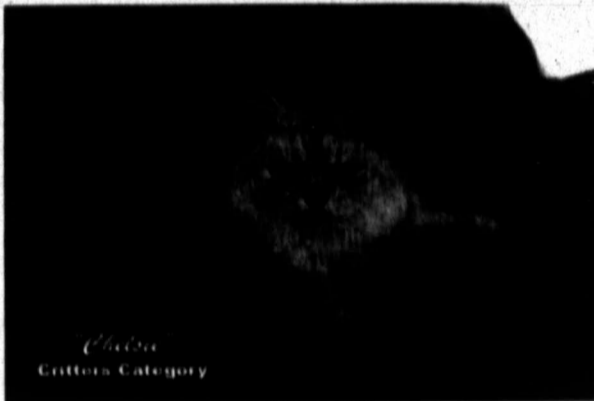
Officials say the crackdown is in part a response to a pair of party-related stabbing deaths in Albuquerque. Both parties where the teens died involved alcohol.

Police also hope the hot line will help them stem the tide of drunken driving in New Mexico.

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BSP fund-raiser



(Special photo)

Beta Sigma Phi Preceptor Chi members Gerry Caylor and Irvine Riphahn prepare for the Mardi Gras Dance and Casino slated from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 per couple in advance or for \$30 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, call 665-6037. Fence Walker will be the featured entertainment.

Meredith House



(Special photo)

Celebrating birthdays this month at Meredith House are (standing, left-right) Margie Forde, Clyde Curry, (sitting, l-r) Jennie Hinkley and Cletus Butcher.

WT seeking man/woman of the century

CANYON — West Texas A&M University is seeking nominations for the WTAMU Man and Woman of the Century.

"The year 2000 gave many of us the opportunity to remember the people we've known and the places we've been," Salem Wieck, WTAMU student body president, said. "In keeping with the spirit of remembering the past, we are searching for the WTAMU Man and Woman of the Century."

The university plans to mark the duo as the centerpiece of the new Buffalo Walk, a series of bricks and sculptures planned for the north side of Old Main. "Their names will be the first on the Buffalo Walk," Wieck said. "This will truly mark their place in WTAMU's history on campus."

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All nominations are due by March 15 and should include the individual's service to WTAMU, the person's impact on society, information that sets the nominee apart and details that make the person worthy of being honored as Man/Woman of the Century.

Nominees must be former or present members of the WTAMU administration, faculty, staff or alumni. Nominations must include the nominee's dates of service, address or family's/friend's address (if nominee is deceased).

The recipients will be honored at the Phoenix Club Banquet May 6 and at commencement exercises May 13.

For more information or a nomination form, contact WFAMU Student Government at (806) 651-2386.

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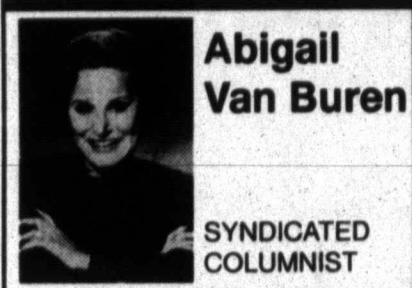
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Doing Right Thing Doesn't Necessarily Mean Marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have a son who met a girl at work. One thing led to another, and now she is pregnant. This relationship is about two months old. He has told me on several occasions that he does not love her but wants to do the "right" thing. Should a man marry just to give the child a name when in reality he would rather not?
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DEAR SOON: Doing the "right" thing does not necessarily mean marrying a girl he doesn't love and impregnated accidentally. There are other ways your son can fulfill his obligation. If your son is certain that he is the father, his name can be put on the baby's birth certificate — which means he will be obligated to provide child support until the child reaches adulthood. Perhaps when your son and this girl get to know each other better, they will decide they care enough about each other to make a lifetime commitment. But to marry in haste would, in my opinion, only compound their mistake.

Tampa's advice about having elderly relatives record their memories for future generations is wonderful. As the family historian and genealogist, I know how valuable these personal histories can be.

However, I'm asking you to remind your readers that magnetic media are surprisingly fragile. Recording artists and engineers have gone back to the studio only to discover that tapes made as recently as 30 years ago are flaking away and worthless. Cassette tapes that sit on a shelf untouched for decades develop "dropouts" for no reason. Media preferences change, too — many children growing up today have no idea what to do with a vinyl phonograph record, and the same fate could befall today's audio and videocassettes.

By all means, have Aunt Edna record her history. But if she gives

you an audio recording, make sure you transcribe it right away as a backup. And if you use a word processor, print the file. A computer file will last only as long as today's word processor, and the hard drive is a magnetic medium as well, making it as vulnerable as audiotape. The paper might yellow, but it stands a better chance of surviving the centuries than tapes and computer disks.

And while you're printing the file, make several copies and send them to various relatives who might also be interested in saving them for posterity. Some will inevitably be destroyed, but the more copies that are made, the more likely one will be preserved.

CHARLES O'REILLY,
 RUTHERFORD, N.J.

DEAR CHARLES: I hope families who are interested in preserving their family histories will take your advice. Technology has taken a giant leap in the last 100 years. It's ironic, however, that the most reliable way of preserving the information is still on paper — a "technology" that was perfected 2,000 years ago.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 13, 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)
 ***** Reach out for others. Take a friend's suggestion and run with it. You generally have a good time together and appreciate his creative contribution. A missed call could cause a problem, but it doesn't have to. Tonight: Go for what you want — don't stand on ceremony. This week: Talk, plan and think, then go for it on Thursday. What a recipe for success!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You identify with what you possess, and you sometimes need to review whether your "things" accurately reflect who you are. Think about your professional image when deciding on a purchase. A partner could give you flak because of the cost. Tonight: Treat yourself well!
 This week: Use your financial wizardry to manifest more wealth. Expect others to ask for help.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Sometimes there is no stopping you; right now, you are quite a powerhouse. Pursue a dream or long-term desire. Gather with friends; touch base with another at a distance. Make plans to meet halfway. Tonight: Don't let another upset you; he could be jealous.
 This week: Beaming; you enter the week Go, do and be.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Let another make plans and take the initiative. You go out of your way for others a lot. Calm down now and pull back. Sometimes you learn more not by

asking questions, but by being passive instead. Don't worry about a change in plans. You can deal with it. Tonight: Make it an early night.
 This week: Ponder possibilities carefully on Monday, then whirl into action. There is no stopping you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Get together with friends; indulge; be your ever-gregarious self. Invite a close friend or loved one to join in; wherever you are, a good time is had by all. Be careful with a rebellious child; your words fall on deaf ears for now. Tonight: Be with those you enjoy.
 This week: The highs are high and the lows are low. Good news comes when the week ends with applause.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Take charge and do what you need to do to bring others together. You easily clear out a last-minute piece of work and get the job done efficiently. A family member is clearly out of sorts; no matter what happens, you can't please him. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.
 This week: You take charge; others are thankful. Success greets you midweek. You will need to slow down soon.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Take a day vacation. A child or loved one has always shared how much he would love to spend special time with you. Make it so. Don't get uptight about a change in plans or a little snafu. Relax, and don't get into minor problems. Tonight: Enjoying yourself.
 This week: Strong diplomatic skills must come into play if you want to get the job done. You will see results by week's end.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Make time for that special person in your life. Relating can be pure joy.
 You reveal much more of your long-term dreams and hopes than you have in a long time. Another loves seeing this side

of you. Be careful about an expenditure. Tonight: Enjoy togetherness.
 This week: Work as a team, playing devil's advocate. Focus and responsibility mark your excellence.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You can easily become out of sorts by misreading another's comment or by making mountains out of molehills. Your imagination is a tremendous gift; use it with friends and to visualize. Get together for a visit and munchies, perhaps near water. Tonight: Relax at home. This week: Happiness surrounds you, as you love to be gregarious. Work gains as a result.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Allow yourself time to do things just for you. You don't have to please everyone. A financial expenditure could bring you a great deal of happiness. Don't misjudge another's comments; he is simply demonstrating another side. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. This week: Creativity is on track. Use this magic wand toward work first, then toward relationships. You manage to enhance your finances along the way!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Others adore you naturally light, fun tone. Don't hold back. Remain spontaneous with friends, and especially with a loved one who enjoys your sense of humor. A friend could encourage a financial expenditure. You know better! Tonight: Be a kid in a sandbox — play!
 This week: Expansion simply happens on the homefront, which makes you feel great. Think about work midweek!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Take time with family. You might have a home project to finish. You relax and allow your mind to wander while completing what you need. Don't exaggerate another's request. You are simply out of sorts with this person. Recognize your feelings. Tonight: Don't make it complicated.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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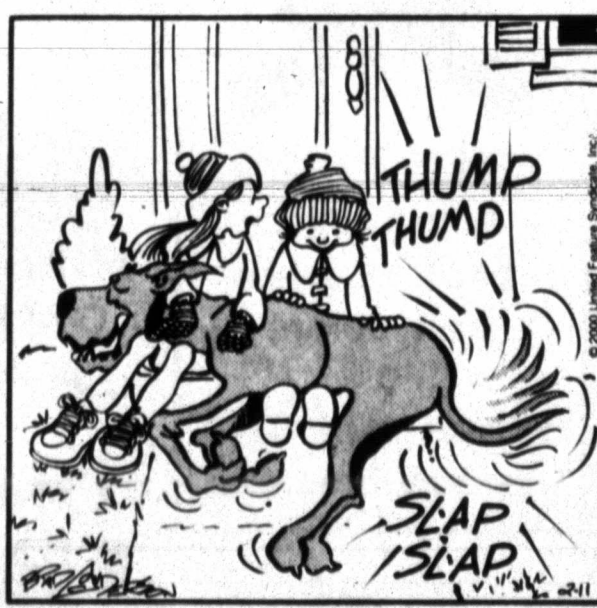
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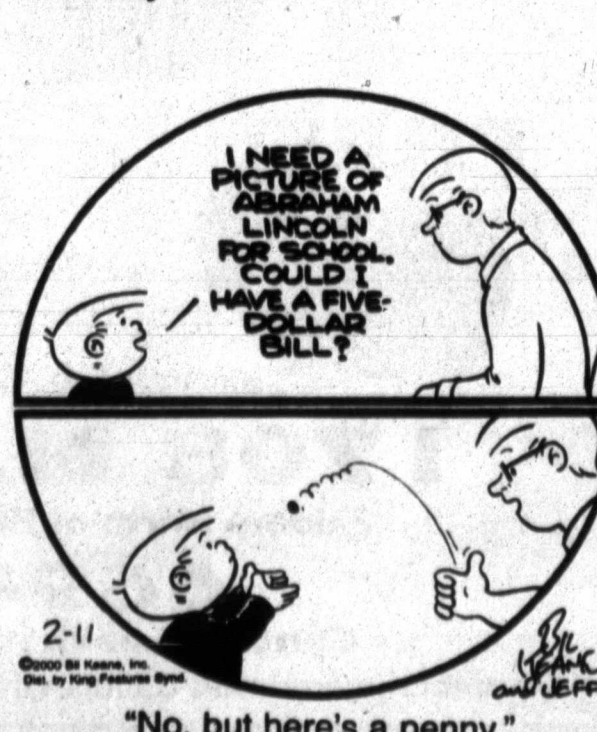
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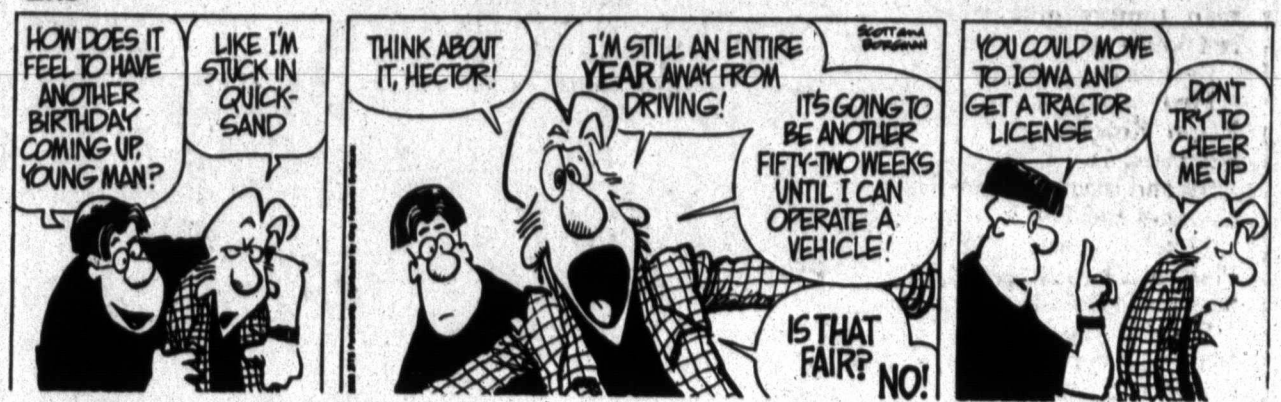


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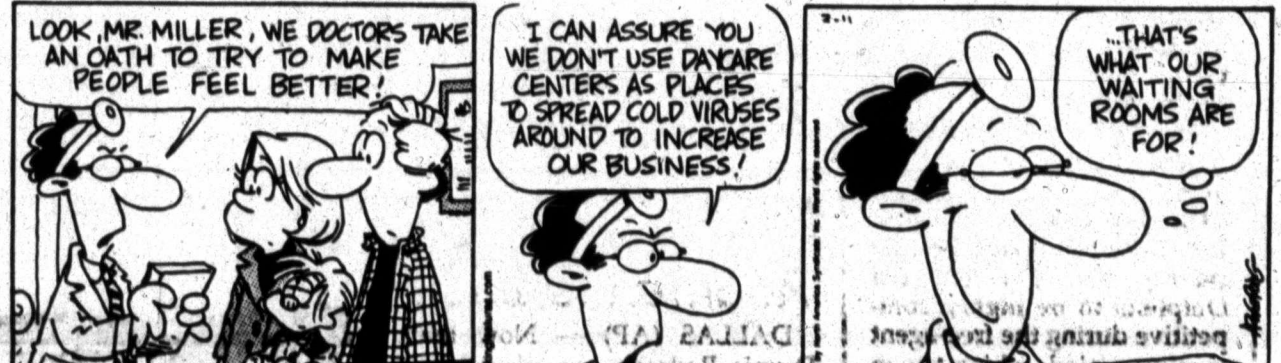
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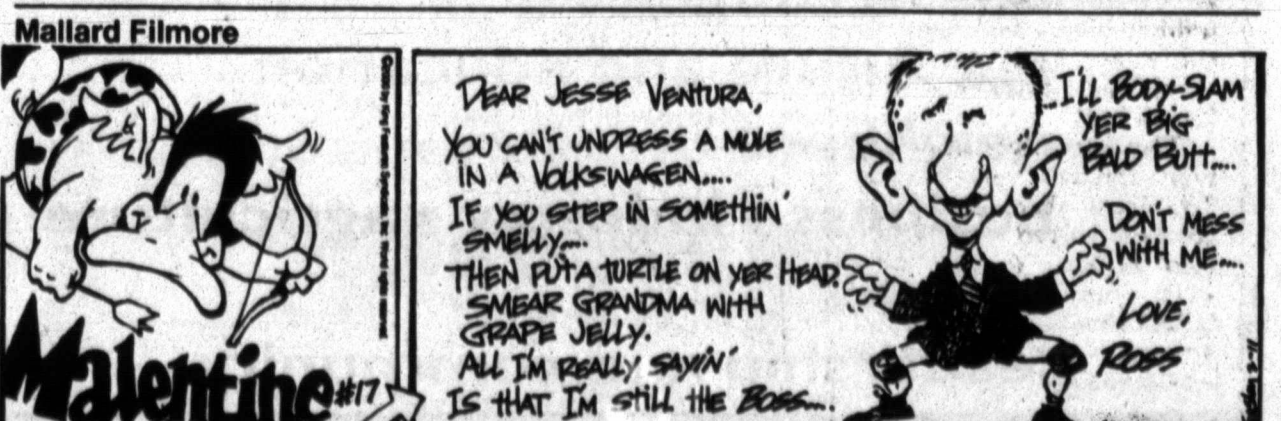
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SPORTS

Longhorns close in on another Big 12 crown

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — To win the Big 12, someone is going to have to win on the road. The Texas Longhorns figure it might as well be them.

Texas (16-6, 7-2) starts a critical run toward a second straight conference title Saturday on the road against Missouri (14-7, 7-2).

The 18th-ranked Longhorns are tied for third with Missouri and No. 16 Oklahoma, a game behind No. 17 Iowa State and No. 14 Oklahoma State.

"This is probably one of the biggest games of the year," said Longhorns forward Gabe Muoneke.

"We can either put ourselves in position to control our own destiny or in a position of where we need help at the end of the season," he said. "If we win our games at home and pull an upset or two on the road, we can

be Big 12 champs again."

The top five teams in the conference are a combined 24-1 at home in league play. The only blemish on the perfect home slate is Iowa State's 72-62 win at Missouri on Wednesday.

"The team that's drawn first blood is Iowa State," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "You're talking about a contender going on the road and beating another contender. That's what it's going to take."

After Missouri, Texas plays Oklahoma State and Baylor at home before traveling to Iowa State.

"We have to take care of business," said guard Ivan Wagner.

Texas missed an opportunity with a Jan. 31 blowout loss at Oklahoma, a team they beat two weeks earlier at home, Muoneke said.

"I don't think at the time we knew how important it was

until we lost," he said. "I've never been a big believer of talking about a team's most important game of the year, but this is one of those games I go into knowing I want to win badly."

Texas' other league loss came on the road when the Longhorns dropped a 73-65 defeat at Oklahoma State.

Texas may be heading into its toughest stretch at just the right time.

While many teams are becoming fatigued this time of year, the Longhorns seem to have caught their second wind.

"There's no question we were tired a week ago. We were a tired team mentally and physically," Barnes said. "We had some guys who definitely were not on top of it. I thought we came back with some good energy."

They'll need it again Saturday. Before the loss to Iowa

State, Missouri had won seven straight and scored more than 80 points five times. The Tigers have made 193 3-pointers, the most in the league.

In Texas' 76-60 win over Texas

Tech on Wednesday, the Longhorns led by as much as 30 points in the second half. Center Chris Mihm scored 23 points to go with 15 rebounds, four assists and three blocks.

7th graders have 11-0 record

PAMPA — The Pampa 7th grade Blue team defeated Dumas 52-12 to complete a perfect season.

Janssen Ellenberger had 14 points and Ricky Gattis 12 to lead Pampa in scoring. Other top scorers were Julian Salazar and Dusty Linderman with 6 points each and Jared Winegeart 5.

The district champions finished the season with an 11-0 record.

The Pampa 8th grade Blue team placed third in the district tournament at Hereford.

They lost the tournament opener to Canyon 45-23.

Leading Pampa scorers were Blake Howard and Darren Allen, each with 5 points.

Pampa came back to beat Borger 35-25.

Jake Hopkins topped Pampa in scoring with 18 points.

In a regular-season game, Pampa lost to Dumas 36-32 in overtime.

Andy Rogers had 11 points and Britton White 6 to lead Pampa scorers.

They finished the season with a 7-7 record.

Cowboys make Coakley an offer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys saved a lot of money Thursday by releasing offensive lineman Everett McIver, then offered some of the cash to Pro Bowl linebacker Dexter Coakley.

The Cowboys had until Friday to decide whether to keep McIver for three more seasons. If they had, he would have received a \$1.6 million bonus and counted \$2.44 million against the cap in 2000.

By letting him go, Dallas saved nearly \$950,000 in cap room this season and opened a spot for Solomon Page, who graded out nearly as high as McIver despite playing mostly when starters were hurt.

McIver leaves Dallas with a permanent reminder of his two-year stay: a small scar on neck from where Michael Irvin accidentally stabbed him with a pair of scissors during training camp in 1998. Other injuries limited McIver to 18 of 32 games.

"Everett has been a great citizen, a great player in Dallas for two years and he's going to take the high road about this," agent Stephen Hayes said. "He's looking forward to his opportunity to move on. There's a lot of teams out there that have a need for a player of his caliber."

Coakley, a restricted free agent, was offered \$1,027,000 for next season. He can still pursue a better deal from another team, but Dallas would have the choice of matching it or receiving a first-round pick as compensation.

Dallas chose not to make a \$1.3 million qualifying offer even though that would have upped the compensation ante to a first- and third-round pick.

Flashback

1949: Pampa opened the high school basketball season by beating Childress 50-30.

Leading scorers for the Harvesters were Jimmy Howard with 16 points and Dwayne Reno 11.

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Public Course had a four-man seniors golf scramble last weekend.

Results are as follows:

First place: Jerry Davis, Ralph Kidgway and Butch Shepherd 61.

Second place: J.B. Holt, Bob Conway and Bob Lyle 64.

Third place: Darrell Phillips, Charles Terrell, Jerry South and Dale Hawkins 64.

Fourth place: Eldon Maxwell, Irvin Williams, Ray Covatt and O.K. Lee 66.

Closest to the hole: Eldon Maxwell, on No. 15.

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Booker ended Wheeler's basketball season Tuesday night.

Booker, led by Brad Frame's 22 points, posted a 69-62 win in the boys game.

Leading scorer for the Mustangs was Craig Bass with 25 points. Bret Goad followed with 13.

Travis Rogers added 17 points for Booker.

Booker won the girls game by the score of 68-52.

Booker's high scorer was Tracy Wynn with 21 points.

Brooke Verden was 17 points and Bekah Morrison 11 to lead Wheeler.

FOOTBALL

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — If the Miami Dolphins are able to retain their free agents and bring in some from other teams, they owe a great deal to Dan Marino.

The NFL's career passing leader voided the final two years of his contract Thursday, clearing \$5.8 million under the salary cap and paving the way for the Dolphins to be highly competitive during the free-agent signing period, which began today.

Marino is now a free agent, but he has not decided whether to retire, return to the Dolphins for less money or opt to do the unthinkable — play elsewhere.

"He deserves to go out on a white horse and with lots of fanfare," said tight end Troy Drayton, who was released by Miami on Thursday. "He's done a lot to revolutionize the quarterback position and the NFL as a whole."

"I can't see Dan in another uniform."

It could happen, though, if Marino wants to contend for a starting job.

Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt has shown little interest in retaining the 38-year-old quarterback.

Marino threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions last season, missing five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury. He finished with a career-low 67.4 passer rating.

Wannstedt has indicated that he would prefer to go with a younger quarterback like Jim Druckenmiller or Damon Huard, who was 4-1 as a starter last season.

"We've got a new coordinator, a new head coach and we're going to have a new offensive system," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said. "And I don't know how Dan fits into that."

"If he intends to retire, he knows the time. He'll pick the right time, and there is no timetable right now to do that."

Marino did have a timetable to void the final two years on his contract. He needed to void his contract by Thursday, or the Dolphins would have had to waive him or pay him \$5.75 million for the 2000 season, plus a \$1 million bonus for being on the roster April 1. Marino would have made \$6.75 million in 2001.

"Dan knew right where we were headed," Jones said. "He knew that voiding the contract helped us. I never said to Dan, 'You've got to void your contract.' We talked about alternatives, but I never once pushed him in any direction."

Soccer signups are scheduled

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association will hold signups for the spring season, Feb. 14-19 at T-Shirts & More from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To participate, a child must be four years old by July 31, 1999. Parents need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to the signups.

Players who participate in the fall season do not need to sign up.

Cost of the program is \$30. This includes jersey, shorts, socks and insurance.

The Association guarantees each player, regardless of experience, at least 50 percent playing time.

T-Shirts & More is located at 111 W. Kingsmill in Pampa. For more information, call 669-1273 after 5 p.m. and leave a message.

Rodman is back

DALLAS (AP) — Now that Dennis Rodman has played his first game for the Dallas Mavericks, the wait begins for his first outlandish act.

There was no reason for Rodman to dye his hair a new shade or to try anything wild on the court in his debut Wednesday night, a 117-106 loss to Seattle.

His mere presence already had him where he wanted to be: in the spotlight.

The key with Rodman will be how he responds once people get used to him being around again. That's when he's likely to start pulling the stunts that have made him more famous than rebounding ever could have.

Another way to push his buttons is for the Mavericks to lose a lot, something that's entirely possible. Just because Rodman knows Dallas' past doesn't mean he's ready to lose more often than he wins.

Still, no matter what Rodman does is interesting to a lot of people. His return to the NBA after 10 months of making movies, wrestling and getting arrested was truly a big-time event.

The game drew 18,203 fans, the second-largest home crowd in the Mavs' 20-year history.

Former Harvester coach is dead

AUSTIN — Terry Culley, former Pampa Harvester basketball and baseball coach, died at home Wednesday after a lengthy illness.

Culley was born in San Angelo June 21, 1928. Reared in Gladewater, he earned a BA and MA degree from North Texas State University.

Following a stint in the Marines, Culley pursued a coaching and teaching career. He was an assistant coach under Clifton McNeely when the Harvesters won four state basketball championships in 1953, 1954, 1958 and 1959. Culley would later become the head coach at Pampa, Grand Prairie, Center and Silsbee.

Upon his retirement in 1986, he settled in Austin to be near his family and also to play golf.

During his career, Culley coached five high school basketball All-Americans, 52 college scholarship recipients and 18 Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star players.

Culley is survived by his wife Virginia (Gina) Baker Culley of

Working for funds



Kendra Raber, Erin Raber and Rainy Hopson of the Pampa Lady Pacers basketball team do yardwork at the PAM Apartments to help their fund-raising efforts. The Lady Pacers are trying to raise enough money so they can go to the state basketball tournament Feb. 24-28 in Galveston. There is also a Mexican Dinner planned for Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 at Highland Christian Church. The dinner is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. All proceeds will help pay for tournament expenses. Call 669-6700 for more information.

Dallas makes more coaching changes

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Former Dallas stars Bill Bates and Jim Jeffcoat received promotions Thursday as the Cowboys came closer to finalizing their new coaching staffs.

Bates moved up to secondary coach after being an assistant on special teams and defense the last two seasons. Jeffcoat will coach defensive ends after being the assistant defensive line coach the

last two years.

From outside the organization, Dallas hired former All-Pro receiver Wes Chandler as receivers coach and Andre Patterson to coach defensive tackles.

Patterson and Jeffcoat are sharing the defensive line job that last season belonged to Jim Bates, who is now defensive coordinator in Miami.

"The tackles and ends are differ-

ent things and have different skills, so to have two guys split the duties will only help us both," said Patterson, who worked in Minnesota the last two years and previously spent three years working with new Dallas defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer.

Chandler, who played 11 seasons with New Orleans, San Diego and San Francisco, has coached six seasons in NFL Europe.

Rocker gives his testimony

NEW YORK (AP) — John Rocker got the chance Thursday to explain his controversial comments, testifying on the second and final day of a hearing he hopes will lead to a reduction in his suspension.

The Atlanta Braves reliever, suspended by commissioner Bud Selig until May 1 and fined \$20,000, was the primary witness called by the players' association, which hoped to convince arbitrator Shyam Das to overturn the penalty.

Das' decision is expected later this month.

"It will be no sooner than 10 days from now," management lawyer Rob Manfred said.

Braves pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report to spring training Feb. 17.

Former major league pitcher Scott Sanderson was the only other witness called by the union. He testified on the effects of shortened spring training.

"It's before the arbitration panel. There's nothing more I can say," union head Donald Fehr said.

"It was a very full day of testimony," Manfred said. "It was eight hours."

In contrast to Wednesday, the first day of the grievance hearing, there were few protesters on the sidewalk outside baseball's offices.

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Pampa Takedown Club members who competed at the Rookie State Tournament were (front row, from left) Alex Smith, Conor Wilson, Ryan Pearson and Kade Wilson; (middle row, from left) Zachary Bradley, Richard Leal, Steven Botello, Trent Carter and Gavin Jimenez; (back row, from left) Trevor Collins, Chafen Wilson, Kayla DeBose, Jarred Moler, Ryan Goldsmith, Greg Wariner and John McAnear.

Pampa Takedown Club members compete in Rookie State tourney

AMARILLO — The Pampa Takedown Club entered a Rookie State Tournament last month in Amarillo. The tournament is for first-year wrestlers. The Takedown Club sent 18 wrestlers to the tournament. They competed in four divisions, ranging from 46 to 110 pounds. "We were very proud of how they all did. We made a name and did very well representing Pampa as the Pampa Takedown Club," said Christy Wall, one of the club mothers. Five Pampa wrestlers captured first-place honors. They were Steven Botello, Zachary Bradley, Kade Wilson,

Richard Leal and Trevor Collins. Pampa results are as follows: **Division One** 46 pounds: Gavin Jimenez, 9th place. 46 pounds: Conor Wilson, 6th place. 49 pounds: Alex Smith, 5th place. 52 pounds: Steven Botello, 1st place. 56 pounds: Trent Carter, 2nd place. 65 pounds: Ryan Pearson, 2nd place. 65 pounds: Brandon Chariez, 6th place. **Division Two** 52 pounds: Kade Wilson, first place.

55 pounds: John McAnear, 6th place. 70 pounds: Reid Bradley, 7th place. **Division Three** 55 pounds: Richard Leal, 1st place. 58 pounds: Greg Wariner, 3rd place. 64 pounds: Ryan Goldsmith, 3rd place. 70 pounds: Trevor Collins, 1st place. **Division Four** 75 pounds: Chafen Wilson, 7th place. 100 pounds: Jarred Moler, 6th place. 110 pounds: Kayla DeBose, 6th place.

Suns making noise in NBA action

PHOENIX (AP) — With everybody finally healthy, the Phoenix Suns are beginning to make some noise in the Western Conference. The Suns won their third in a row and fifth in six games Thursday night with a 101-85 blowout of the Minnesota Timberwolves. "We're feeling good about ourselves right now," Phoenix coach Scott Skiles said. While Phoenix was cruising into the All-Star break, the Timberwolves were struggling, especially Kevin Garnett. For 176 consecutive games, he has scored in double figures, the longest current streak in the NBA, but it almost ended in Phoenix. Hounded by a tight, double-teaming defense led by Cliff Robinson, Garnett was just 5-for-21 from the field for a season-low 10 points as the Suns handed the Timberwolves their second one-sided loss in as many nights. "It's a terrible way to go into the break," Garnett said. "The best thing is, tomorrow's another day." In other NBA games, Sacramento defeated Denver 96-84 and Vancouver beat the Los Angeles Clippers 112-90. Garnett didn't reach double figures until 5:05 remained in the game, and left for good shortly thereafter. "We didn't shoot the ball well, and that's a key for us," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "We're like fifth in the league in field-goal percentage, and we just didn't shoot the ball well. We've played two teams in the last couple of games that

played well, and executed well, and played with emotion and played aggressively." The Suns had six players in double figures, including all five starters, but it was the defense that impressed Skiles. "Overall we're very, very happy with our defense right now," Skiles said. "When we stick our defensive principles, we're pretty good defensively." Jason Kidd and Robinson scored 16 apiece. Luc Longley had 14 points and a season-high 12 rebounds, while Penny Hardaway and Shawn Marion added 12 points apiece. Marion, in his second game back after missing 31 following arthroscopic knee surgery, gives the Suns some much-needed athleticism. "When Shawn came back, he brought an added dimension of rebounding, running and dunking the shots, getting the fans into the game," Hardaway said. "You hadn't seen a lot of that since he's been hurt." Sam Mitchell scored 16 for Minnesota, which shot just 38 percent compared with the Suns' 49 percent. Malik Sealy scored 11, all in the first half. The Timberwolves, beaten by the Lakers by 31 points Wednesday night in Los Angeles, were down in a hurry against Phoenix, too. The Suns used a second-quarter blitz to build a 22-point lead and were up 59-39 at the half. Phoenix started the third quarter with a 13-4 run to go up 72-43 on Kidd's 15-footer with 7:12 left in the period. The Suns outscored the

Timberwolves 30-6 during an 8 1/2-minute span in the first half. "The guy who really turned it up during that stretch was Jason," Skiles said. "He went through a three or four-minute span where he was all over the place. He made a couple of great offensive plays, he had a big block by the basket, he had a steal. When he turns it up like that, we all feed off of him." **Grizzlies 112, Clippers 90** Michael Dickerson scored a career-high 40 points, and Vancouver set a team record with its seventh road victory. Dickerson, whose previous best was 31 last season against Minnesota, nearly reached Bryant Reeves' club mark of 41 points. Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 22 points for the Grizzlies, who won for the fourth time in 14 games despite the absence of Mark West with stomach flu and Cherokee Parks because of a bruised right knee. Los Angeles has lost six in a row and 20 of 22. The Clippers dressed only eight players because of injuries to Tyrone Nesby, Eric Murdock, Brian Skinner and leading scorer Maurice Taylor. **Kings 96, Nuggets 84** Chris Webber had 22 points and 14 rebounds as Sacramento won for the 11th time in 12 home games. Denver, playing without injured point guard Nick Van Exel, lost its fifth in a row and 10th straight on the road. Antonio McDyeess scored 21 points for the Nuggets.

Griffey Jr. traded from Mariners to Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Junior has come home. Following three months of often deadlocked trade talks, the Cincinnati Reds reunited Ken Griffey Jr. with his father and his hometown Thursday by sending four players to the Seattle Mariners. The final piece of the deal came when Griffey agreed to a nine-year contract worth \$116.5 million, the richest package in baseball history. The pact covers from 2000-09, and the Reds even have an option for a 10th season. While Griffey boarded a plane in Florida to fly to Cincinnati for a news conference, euphoric fans honked horns on the streets, put

up "Welcome Home" signs in their yards and reveled in the team's most celebrated trade since Pete Rose returned as player-manager in 1984. "His name comes up like Pete Rose's name as far as Cincinnati," said coach Ron Oester, a native who played for the Reds. "That's the magnitude he's at for Cincinnati fans." And for all of baseball, too. Widely regarded as the best all-around player in the game, the 30-year-old Griffey is considered a threat to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. Junior already has hit 398 with his sweet, left-handed swing, and was voted onto baseball's All-Century

team last fall. Perhaps never before has such a great player been traded in his prime. Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby and Frank Robinson are others that come to mind. Cincinnati is the only fielder the 10-time All-Star center fielder wanted to play. And when spring training begins later this month, his trademark backward hat will have a "C" on it. Pitcher Brett Tomko and outfielder Mike Cameron were sent to Seattle for Griffey, along with a pair of minor leaguers: infielder Antonio Perez and right-hander Jake Meyer. "It's like being traded for Jordan or something," Tomko said.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
Major Scores			
By The Associated Press			
EAST			
American U. 73, Old Dominion 66, OT	Cent. Connecticut 84, Monmouth, N.J. 48	Delaware 87, Boston U. 77	Fairleigh Dickinson 72, Quinnipiac 55
Georgetown 90, Southern U. 67	Hampson 71, Duquesne 64	Hofstra 82, Hartford 58	Northeastern 74, Towson 73
Robert Morris 81, Wagner 73	Siena 100, Loyola, Md. 67	St. Bonaventure 61, Virginia Tech 54	St. Francis, N.Y. 80, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 69
St. Francis, Pa. 87, Sacred Heart 66	Temple 75, Fordham 61	UMBC 85, Long Island 54	Vermont 73, Drexel 72
West Virginia 62, Pittsburgh 58	SOUTH		
Austin Peay 63, E. Kentucky 58	George Mason 73, Richmond 65	Jacksonville St. 74, Jacksonville 68	Louisville 82, Syracuse 69
Mercer 67, Calif. State 65	Morehead St. 104, Tennessee St. 73	New Orleans 58, Fla. International 56	Nicholls St. 59, Texas-San Antonio 57
SW Texas 72, SE Louisiana 53	Samford 92, Simpson 57	Troy St. 88, Florida Atlantic 66	MIDWEST
Butler 68, Detroit 62	Ill.-Chicago 59, Wis.-Green Bay 44	Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 74, Oral Roberts 72	Loyola 79, Wb.-Milwaukee 77
Murray St. 75, E. Illinois 67	S. Illinois 72, Wichita St. 63	SE Missouri 80, Tenn.-Martin 68	SW Missouri St. 61, Drake 51
Vanderbilt 92, UMKC 76	Wright St. 91, Cleveland St. 88	Youngstown St. 70, Chicago St. 65	SOUTHWEST
Boise St. 83, North Texas 63	Lamar 52, Stephen F. Austin 75	Louisiana Tech 58, Arkansas 51	Louisiana-Lafayette 88, Ark.-Little Rock 62
SMU 82, San Jose St. 51	Sam Houston St. 62, Louisiana-Monroe 77	TCU 106, Hawaii 96	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 96, Belmont 79
Texas-Arlington 78, Northwestern St. 77	FAR WEST		
Arizona 65, Washington 56	Arizona St. 61, Washington St. 79, OT	California 70, Oregon St. 68	Denver 73, Air Force 60
Long Beach St. 78, Penn.	How Women's Top 25 Fared		
How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared Thursday:			
No. 1 Connecticut (21-1) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Rutgers, Saturday.			
No. 2 Tennessee (20-3) beat Mississippi 70-49. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.			
No. 3 Georgia (24-2) beat South Carolina 84-61. Next: at Kentucky, Thursday, Feb. 17.			
No. 4 Louisiana Tech (18-2) beat Florida International 88-52. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.			
No. 5 Notre Dame (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.			
No. 6 Penn State (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Purdue, Sunday.			
No. 7 LSU (18-4) lost to Alabama 72-68. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.			
No. 8 Iowa State (18-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Sunday.			
No. 9 Texas Tech (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.			
No. 10 Rutgers (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Connecticut, Saturday.			
No. 11 North Carolina State (19-4) beat Maryland 74-66. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.			
No. 12 UC Santa Barbara (19-3) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Friday.			
No. 13 Auburn (17-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.			
No. 14 Duke (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Friday.			
No. 15 Purdue (17-5) beat Indiana 75-62. Next: at No. 6 Penn State, Sunday.			
No. 16 Arizona (19-3) beat Washington 96-81. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday.			
No. 17 Oklahoma (19-4) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.			
No. 18 Old Dominion (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. UNC-Wilmington, Friday.			
No. 19 Boston College (18-3) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Saturday.			
No. 20 UCLA (13-6) did not play. Next: at Southern California, Saturday.			
No. 21 Mississippi State (17-5) lost to Vanderbilt 77-62. Next: vs. Albany, Ga., Sunday.			
No. 22 Virginia (18-6) beat Florida State 74-59. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Sunday.			
No. 23 Kansas (17-5) beat Texas 94-52. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.			
No. 24 Stanford (14-6) lost to Oregon 61-57. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.			
No. 25 Tulane (20-3) beat Houston 83-53. Next: vs. South Florida, Saturday.			

NEW YORK METS			
Assigned INF Mike Krukewitz and INF David Lamb outright to Norfolk of the International League.			
FOOTBALL			
National Football League			
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Designated DE Simeon Rice as an exclusive franchise player.			
ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Jessie Tuggle on a four-year contract.			
BUFFALO BILLS—Released DE Bruce Smith and RB Thurman Thomas.			
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LT Rod Jones to a three-year contract.			
DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Bill Bates secondary coach, Jim Jeffcoat defensive ends coach, Wes Chandler receivers coach and Andre Patterson defensive tackle coach.			
Released OL Everett Mohler.			
DENVER BRONCOS—Released DE Alfred Williams and DE Neil Smith. Placed QB Chris Miller on reserve-retired status.			
DETROIT LIONS—Designated DE Robert Porcher as a non-exclusive rights franchise player. Released DT Dan Coakley.			
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named Bob Slowik defensive backs coach, Lionel Washington assistant secondary coach, and Jeff Jagodzinski tight ends coach.			
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with TE Ken Dierks on a five-year contract. Tendered one-year contract offers to OT Adam Meadows, QB Kelly Holcomb and RB Lesland McElroy.			
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Designated DE Tony Brackens as a non-exclusive rights franchise player. Agreed to terms with CB Aaron Beasley and OL Zach Wiegert. Signed DT Seth Payne to two-year contract extension. Announced the resignation of Larry Pasquale, special teams coach.			
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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed S Lawyer Milloy to a seven-year contract. Released OT Bruce Armstrong.			
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Ron Zook defensive coordinator, Sam Clancy defensive line coach, Dave Atkins running backs coach, and Jack Henry offensive line coach.			
NEW YORK GIANTS—Released QB Kent Graham, RB Greg Brown, LB Marcus Buckley, C Lance Scott and C Brian Williams. Re-signed S Sam Garrea to a four-year contract. Named Michael Pope tight ends coach.			
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released CB Carrien Gordon, TE Derrick Walker, LB Richard Harvey and SS Anthony Newman. Signed WR Tim Brown, LB Greg Biekert, G Steve Wisniewski and QB Bobby Hoving.			
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Designated DT Norman Hand as an exclusive franchise player. Released QB Erik Kramer and CB Jimmy Spencer. Signed WR Kevin Sawyer and LB Richard Hogans. Announced the retirement of G Aaron Taylor.			
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released LB Chris Craft, S Toya Jones, DT Matt Kenney, T Josh Koblitz and TE Justin Swift.			
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Designated WR Joey Galloway as an exclusive franchise player. Released LB Darrin Smith and FB Mack Strong.			
TENNESSEE TITANS—Fired O'Neill Gilbert, linebackers coach.			
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Designated RB Stephen Davis as an exclusive franchise player.			
HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Named Todd Sharrack director of communications.			
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Sven Butenschon from Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.			
COLLEGE			
COASTAL CAROLINA—Signed Pete Strickland, men's basketball coach, to a two-year contract extension through the 2003-04 season.			
SOUTHERN MAINE—Named Eric Miller men's soccer coach and Ken Tubbs men's lacrosse coach.			
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI—Named Paul Petrino quarterbacks coach. Announced the retirement of Sam Hall, men's golf coach.			

PRO BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association			
At A Glance			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Miami	W	L	Pct
New York	30	17	.638
Philadelphia	27	20	.571
Orlando	24	26	.480
Boston	21	28	.429
New Jersey	19	30	.388
Washington	15	34	.306
Central Division			
Indiana	32	16	.667
Charlotte	27	20	.571
Toronto	26	21	.553
Detroit	25	23	.521
Milwaukee	26	24	.520
Atlanta	19	28	.404
Cleveland	19	30	.388
Chicago	10	37	.213
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
San Antonio	W	L	Pct
Utah	32	17	.653
Minnesota	29	18	.617
Denver	27	20	.571
Dallas	20	28	.417
Houston	20	30	.400
Vancouver	14	34	.292
Pacific Division			
Portland	38	11	.776
L.A. Lakers	37	11	.771
Sacramento	30	18	.625
Seattle	31	20	.608
Phoenix	29	19	.604
Golden State	12	35	.255
L.A. Clippers	11	38	.224
Wednesday's Games			
Indiana 113, Boston 104	Philadelphia 92, New Jersey 90	Atlanta 116, Houston 100	

Orlando 107, Washington 96			
Miami 115, Golden State 100	Charlotte 103, Cleveland 91	New York 108, Milwaukee 103	Detroit 115, Toronto 108, OT
Seattle 117, Dallas 106	Utah 113, Chicago 96	San Antonio 105, Denver 87	Portland 107, L.A. Clippers 100
L.A. Lakers 114, Minnesota 101	Thursday's Games	Phoenix 101, Minnesota 85	Sacramento 96, Denver 84
Vancouver 112, L.A. Clippers 90	Friday's Games	No games scheduled	Saturday's Games
No games scheduled	Sunday's Games	No games scheduled	Sunday's Games
All-Star Game at Oakland, Calif., 6:30 p.m.			

HOCKEY			
NHL Games at a Glance			
All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
New Jersey	W	L	RT
Philadelphia	27	16	10
Pittsburgh	24	15	4
N.Y. Rangers	23	24	8
N.Y. Islanders	14	34	6
Northeast Division			
Toronto	30	19	6
Ottawa	25	19	9
Boston	18	22	15
Buffalo	23	25	7
Montreal	18	28	7
Southeast Division			
Florida	31	18	4
Washington	26	18	9
Carolina	22	25	8
Tampa Bay	12	35	6
Atlanta	11	38	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
St. Louis	W	L	RT
St. Louis	34	15	6
Edmonton	22	13	7
Nashville	20	29	6
Chicago	18	27	2
Northwest Division			
Colorado	W	L	RT
Colorado	28	21	8
Edmonton	22	13	7
Calgary	23	25	6
Vancouver	16	27	10
Pacific Division			
Dallas	W	L	RT
Dallas	29	19	6
Phoenix	29	19	6
San Jose	23	28	7
Los Angeles	24	22	7
Anaheim	23	25	8
Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation goal.			
Wednesday's Games			
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 2	New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 1	Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 2	Florida 4, San Jose 1
Los Angeles 5, Phoenix 2	Vancouver 4, Calgary 3	Dallas 5, Anaheim 3	Thursday's Games
Late Game Not Included	Detroit 2, St. Louis 0		
Washington 1, Montreal 0	Edmonton 3, Philadelphia 2	N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 4	OT Buffalo 2, Nashville 1
Calgary at Colorado, 10 p.m.	Friday's Games	Florida at Ottawa, 7 p.m.	Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.	San Jose at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.	Saturday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.	Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.	Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.	Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.	Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.	Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Nashville, 8 p.m.	Calgary at Phoenix, 10 p.m.	Sunday's Games	San Jose at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Buffalo, 2 p.m.	N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.	Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.	Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.

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Eastern Division			
Shreveport	W	L	Pts
Shreveport	31	12	57
Monroe	28	15	40
Lake Charles	26	17	39
Arkansas	21	16	8
Tupelo	16	23	9
Alexandria	15	23	7
Central Division			
Central Texas	W	L	Pts
Central Texas	36	11	73
Austin	28	16	35
Corpus Christi	21	18	30
Fort Worth	18	21	15
Waco	11	14	24
Abilene	6	16	4
Western Division			
New Mexico	W	L	Pts
New Mexico	33	13	69
Lubbock	32	12	66
El Paso	28	15	57
Odeesa	20	23	44
San Angelo	18	28	35
Amarillo	15	28	35
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Thursday's Games			
Tupelo 5, Arkansas 4	SO	Lubbock 4, El Paso 3	San Angelo 3, San Jose 0
Friday's Games	New Mexico at Arkansas		
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Cooking foods at proper internal temperature vital

AUSTIN — Talk temperature with a cook and the image that usually pops to mind is the heating gauge on a kitchen's oven. Bake at 350 degrees — cook slowly at 275 degrees — sear at 425 degrees.

But an even more critical temperature is the one that

foods reach internally. Food safety experts at Texas Department of Health say that foods are properly cooked when they are heated long enough and at a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria. And those temperatures vary with the type of food.

"The key is to use a meat thermometer for accuracy," said Ione Wenzel of the TDH Retail Foods Division. "It's the one sure way to know that meat and poultry are thor-

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right temperature."

Many cooks, especially those who have been standing over a hot stove for years, use the look and touch method of judging whether a dish is ready to serve. Are the juices from meat and poultry clear rather than pink? Does the thigh joint of a turkey or chicken move easily? Have the hamburgers turned from red to brown? Is the fish opaque and flake easily with a fork?

"These used to be great indicators of whether food was

completely cooked," Wenzel said. "However, we now know from good science that there are times these types of visual indicators can be wrong. Some beef ground into hamburger can turn brown well before it reaches a safe temperature. And although the meat on a turkey leg may be properly cooked, stuffing inside the bird may require more cooking time or a higher temperature to be fully cooked and destroy any harmful bacteria. Also, many microwave ovens have 'cold spots' which can keep parts of a food from reaching safe temperatures."

Using a meat thermometer should be a habit, Wenzel advises, one which takes the guesswork out of cooking safely.

"A meat thermometer can be used for all foods," she said.

It will measure temperature of casseroles, meat loaves, egg dishes and ham as well as meat and poultry to assure that bacteria such as salmonella and E. coli 0157:H7 have been destroyed."

According to Wenzel, there are several types of meat thermometers available at grocery, hardware or kitchen supply stores. They include:

—Regular, oven-proof thermometers that go in food at the beginning of the cooking time and can be read easily.

—Instant-read and digital types, not intended to go into the oven, but that give a quick reading when inserted into the food after cooking.

—Pop-up thermometers, most often found in turkey. They also may be purchased for other types of meat.

—Microwave-safe thermometers designed to be used only in microwave ovens.

"Whatever the type, be sure the thermometer used is clean and is specifically designed for meat and poultry cooking," Wenzel said. "Others, such as those used in making candy, will not work with meat and poultry. Also, be sure the meat thermometer has an easy-to-read dial, one that it is made with stainless steel and has a shatter-proof clear lens."

Most meat thermometers are accurate to within plus or minus 2 degrees.

"For poultry, insert the meat thermometer into the inner thigh area near the breast but not touching bone," Wenzel said. "For beef, pork, lamb, veal or ham — roasts, steaks or chops — the thermometer should go into the center of the thickest part, away from bone, fat and gristle. For ground meat and poultry, casseroles and egg dishes place the thermometer in the thickest area. Insert the thermometer sideways in thin foods such as patties."

The temperature of stuffing also should be measured, according to Wenzel. At the end of the standing time, the internal temperature of stuffing should reach 165 degrees F. Reheated foods should reach the same 165 degrees F mark. Soups and gravies should be brought to a rolling boil. When holding or serving a buffet, hot cooked foods must remain at 140 degrees F or higher. (And cold foods should be kept at 41 degrees F or lower.)

After each use, wash the stem section of the meat thermometer thoroughly in hot, soapy water.

"A meat thermometer should be as much a part of safe cooking as pot holders and clean utensils," Wenzel said. "It's a habit that can help keep families healthy."

Minimum Safe Internal Cooking Temperatures

- Poultry, stuffing and dressing — 165 degrees F
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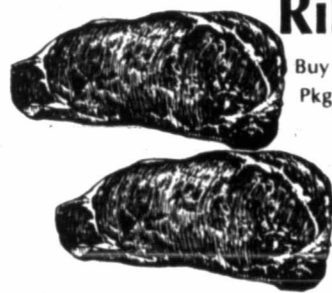


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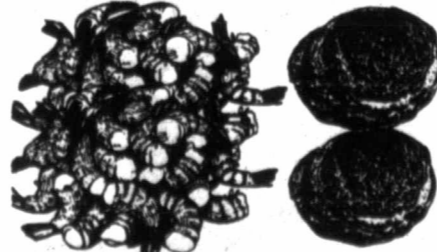
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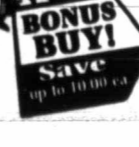
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Young voters get informed

by Lisa Wilson and Staff Reports

For many of today's youths, politics is something of a mystery and of little interest.

"I don't really look into that kind of stuff," said freshman Kevin Yourec.

This is shown by the small percentage of young voters, a total of only 33 percent.

With such terms as delegates, electoral votes, right wing, left wing, and such, it may be difficult for younger voters to understand the process. According to PHS government teacher Steve Porter, less than 10 percent of youths know and understand major political issues.

First, there are republicans and democrats. Each group is based upon social beliefs and interests.

For example, Republicans believe citizens have the right to bear arms. They believe in capital punishment, restricting or outlawing abortion, and abstinence-based sex education in schools. The front runners for the Republican nomination are George Bush and John McCain.

Where as Democrats support gun control, safe sex education in schools, oppose capital punishment, and restricting abortion.

Major candidates for the Democratic nomination are Bill Bradley and Al Gore.

There are also third party candidates that range from the reform party, represented by Pat Buchanan, to less well-know parties such as the libertarian party, whose presidential candidate is Harry Browne, and taxpayer parties, all of which are independent parties.

Next are the conservatives and liberals. A liberal favors progress and reform, a new way of doing things, and looks to the future for an improved society.

On the other hand, a conservative favors society as it once was, opposed to abrupt change, and values tradition.

Although in many cases Republicans are conservatives, and Democrats are liberals, the two can be intermixed.

Now comes voting.

The first step in deciding the presidency are the primaries, which are currently taking place. In the primaries each candidate is campaigning for the nomination of their party. Voters go to the polls to decide which candidate they want -

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Teacher Steve Porter helps seniors Jennifer Munn and Colby Brazil register to vote.

Black history month needs recognition

by Shauna Broaddus Features Editor

It is 1956, lunch hour at a busy restaurant.

In the background is laughter, talking, dishes clanging, and the sound of a cash register dinging. People are eating corn dogs and pies in booths and on stools at the bar.

A waitress spots two unwelcome customers in the corner booth.

She walks over and asks annoyingly, "Don't you know this is an all-white restaurant?"

Pampa High School sophomore Dasirae Davis said it is situations like this one that non-blacks forget about in today's society.

"No one really acknowledges the civil rights movement," Davis said. "It's like it died already."

In remembrance of the civil rights movement and African American heritage, Americans are celebrating Black History this month.

"I t should be recognized more at Pampa High School, as well as at home," Davis said.

Davis said blacks are not given enough credit for what they have done in the past.

Davis is a 16-year-old and has six brothers and sisters.

Two of her sisters and two of her brothers are step family. Two of her sisters are her real sisters.

Davis' role model is Maya Angelo, because she thinks

of higher expectations of African Americans, and she speaks her mind without caring.

Davis wants to go to college at South Plains.

South Plains.

"I want to be a nurse, because I like helping people when they are sick," Davis said.

Davis believes that her

skin color will have an effect on what and how she will do in the future.

"It might affect me, but if they haven't grown up by then it's a personal problem," Davis said.

Davis just laughs when someone has a racist remark towards her.

"It's been okay for me growing up in Pampa because I don't let stuff like that bother me," Davis said.

Although Davis doesn't care how people treat her, she doesn't think our society will ever treat all people equal.

"Too many people are hung up on tradition. They're not really prejudice, it's the way they

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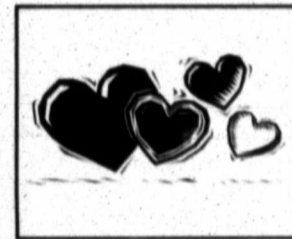
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to be represented by in the presidential election.

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The vote that a person casts, however, is not what truly elects the president. By each person voting they are telling their state delegates who to vote for.

Those votes are what really determines the result of the election. A delegate is a spokesperson for the state's population.

Lastly, why do so many youths not vote? Many claim that they do not understand the issues.

"Not many kids know

much about that kind of stuff," said student Michael Eskridge.

Some say they are just more concerned with what is affecting them right now.

"They do not care about politics, they are more concerned with fun and games," Eskridge

said.

Whatever your views on politics, remember by casting your vote you are taking part in forming the future.

That one vote may make a world of difference.

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The smaller the town the bigger the mouths



Marcie Bennett
Managing Editor

In my opinion, the biggest problem in Pampa is not the lack of activities for teens. It is people who cannot mind there own

business. This town, and especially this school has a big problem with people who stick their noses where they don't belong.

Everywhere I go I am finding out information about someone that I don't want, or need to know. People I've never even talked to in my life come up to me and just shout my business for everyone to hear.

I have a problem with this myself. I get started on a topic

and I just can't keep my mouth shut. I know, or think I know something and I just have to tell everyone I know.

Taming my tongue, however is one thing I've resolved to do. So what is the big deal about gossip? Sticks and stones may break my

bones but words will never hurt me. Right? Wrong. Whoever authored that statement had obviously never been the subject of the kind of vicious rumors that circulate at PHS on a daily basis.

We have pregnancy rumors, stories about rivalries that don't exist, and fictional fights. When we put all this into circulation we don't think about the subjects of these rumors.

Many students have left school to go to PLC or have

moved to an entirely different town because they were the subject of gossip that was so

I have been sucked into rumors more than once in my life. There are people who dislike me and I have no idea why until I find out that I supposedly was talking about them behind their back. By the time we get to the root of the problem we have already said things in defense that we can't take back and then there really is a conflict.

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terrible they could no longer bare to face their peers.

Even if these rumors are true, who are we to make their lives our business and judge them based on one event that we've heard happened. The way they live their lives and the choices they make are their business and no one else.

Gossip not only hurts people, it starts conflicts based on what other people think they heard.

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Valentine's not always about love

by Kristina Hartman
Business Manager

Roses are red, violets are blue you may love me but I hate you.

Why do some people love Valentine's Day so much?

I personally can't stand any part of cupid's arrow. All the pink hearts and cuddly bears given out, what's the deal?

Do you remember remember when you used to make Valentine cards in elementary school ... well what happened to some people when they hit middle school? They got their hearts broken.

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Fetter says there is nothing positive about being excluded in town



Mary Fetter

I was completely floored.

In almost two years of wearing all black and dying my hair, I had never been bothered by the looks people gave me, until one particular incident at a local restaurant that shall remain nameless triggered a weird reaction.

I walked in, and stood at the front for more than fifteen minutes while no one came.

For the duration of this wait, I was given some of the nastiest, most evil looks I could have imagined from the other diners, mostly members of the upperclass.

It wasn't until a group of older people came in the door that five people rushed up to the front.

Does this mean anything? Probably not. But it did provide a stark polarity to the "Positive about Pampa" section that ran in the paper the next morning.

Yeah, this town is full of friendly people.

Unfortunately, there are stipulations tacked onto ev-

erything, and this is no exception.

In Pampa, the requirements for the general public to acknowledge you as a real human being include dressing nicely, (which means wearing colors) attending church regularly, and being a person who will not challenge the accepted ideology of the town in any way.

In other words, an aristocratic, non-thinking, herd-follower. I'm filled with delight at the possibility of conversion.

Now, before I continue, I have to say that I have a lot of friends in this town, both students and adults, who do not have this outlook.

They are not included in the outline of the Pampa mentality stated above. They are what I like to call decent human beings.

In my observations over the past 17 years, I have found this town to be completely stagnant.

Nothing ever changes, very few people want to break out of their comfortable shell for the mere sake of finding some new ideas and improving their own way of thinking.

In addition to this, I find the hypocrisy level astounding. I cannot for the life of me hope to comprehend a bunch of people who will go on everything has a purpose, including people like me.

And it's not to help bring Satan and all things bad into the world. Maybe, quite the opposite.

But you'll never know until you open up your eyes, your minds, and yes, your hearts a little bit and quit feeding the blind hatred festering over this town.

This is the kind of senseless evil that gets people murdered, and lets cold-blooded killers walk free.

I have pretty close relationships with some of the most upstanding people in this town and I have learned a lot from them as I suspect they have learned a few things from me. Destroying misconceptions is one of the things I do best.

My point is that a dirty look on your face gains you nothing but a dirty look back and a missed opportunity.

Being nice to someone you would not normally be nice to will not have Satan knocking on your bedroom window. In fact, I think Christianity tends to smile upon it.

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Media must balance entertainment, good taste



Stephanie Braddock
Columnist

Most of us are a little too familiar with the outbreaks of tragedy that have occurred in the past few years, O.J. Simpson/Nichole Smith, Princess Diana, Columbine, J.F.K. Jr., etc.

These stories of grief have plugged the air ways every time you turn on the television. But I've got to ask why?

Surely, it is not truly out of respect for the media to parade these people's lives and deaths on prime time television 24/7.

It makes me wonder what they would have to say if they were alive to tell their own story.

There comes a place when we have to try to find the thin line between informing the public, and entertaining it at the cost of others' pain.

After the death of Brian Deneke in Amarillo, which was a story that hits very close to home with me, I was pleased at first to see a little coverage on national television of the events that led to this malicious act. Then, before I knew it, everytime I turned on the television that was all I saw.

This led me to ask a few questions.

1. Why is it that no one really cared to cover the incident until two years after it happened, until an outbreak of competition hit to get to it?

2. What would it be like for his close friends and family to sit down to what some T.V. and constantly be reminded of their son/friend's

death?
3. Would he have really wanted to be remembered as the freak kid that got killed by a

"There comes a place when we have to try to find the thin line between informing the public, and entertaining it at the cost of others' pain."

prep?
After really sitting down to think about this I decided it was all too much. That is just the problem, too much.

An acknowledgment of the case would have been very nice, not just in Brian's case, but in all of the cases mentioned above. Yet when people are bombarded by the details they soon become soured to the problem, and it completely loses its meaning.

There are many different issues that each of these bring up.

First the cases such as J.F.K. Jr., Princess Diana, and

O.J. Simpson say to me that the life of a celebrity is worth far more than the life of a common person.

This is adding to the whole idea and convincing people that they are not worth as much as the rich and beautiful. Is that what we really want to teach our children?

Next, the announcements of all of the school shootings.

No one ever stopped to think that by publicizing them the way they were could lead to an even bigger problem.

By doing all of the "Inside the minds of the shooter" specials you are sending the message to other small children that if they go out and do something this shocking they can be famous, too.

Also, you are not creating a sense of awareness that will prevent the problem, all that has happened is that a larger problem was created.

The message was sent out to fear everything that is different, judge, stereotype, and isolate all that could even come close to resembling someone that

"looks" like they might do something like that.

Isn't that part of what started the whole problem in the beginning? Should we really add to it?

What we have to realize is that the media and airwaves are probably the most influential thing out there.

There is a certain responsibility that is being overlooked as the issue of good taste and benefit are being clouded with greed and gossip.

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The love story of Valentine's Day has now become a requirement and those not caught up in the whirlwind of love end up crying themselves to sleep when they don't get a plastic rose or a hug-a-gram.

Maybe if people would think about those that aren't getting something and pitch-in anonymously it would be better.

The entire fact that you have to show "love" with gifts and flowers is stupid, wrong, and I just don't get it.

Why only on that day? Why not make it special and unexpected and not just on February 14?

**"I always thought I could run away from love, but everywhere I go there it is."
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♥ High School Sweethearts

Even at a young age, Pampa High School senior Casey Owens and junior Vicki Williams say they see themselves together in 10 years.

"We get along well and we can tell each other anything," say the young couple.

They met in Mr. Knight's science when Casey was a sophomore and when Vicki was a freshman.

"She sat next to me and we just started talking; we dated for about three months my sophomore year and broke up before we got back together," said Casey.

Three major characteristics that Casey enjoys most about Vicki are "her great personality, her beauty, and how she's such a loving person." Vicki enjoys Casey, she said, because he is "so caring, devoted and loving."

"We have been dating 11 months," Vicki said.

They say they have talked about marriage and that their families support them very much.

"I got a promise ring from Casey last Christmas, and he said that he's going to try to go to school nearby so that we can stay in touch with each other," said Vicki.

Even though this young couple is still in high school, it just goes to show that love can be found in the most unexpected places.

♥ A Wedding Story

With their first baby on the way, Kara and Scott Hathouse celebrated their third wedding anniversary January 4, 2000. Kara first saw Scott at a church revival at Texas Tech University which they both were attending at the time. They finally met at an end of the year church picnic. The relationship began after Scott gave Kara a ride home after her ride left her.

"She planned that out," Scott still insists. After that they began to see each other. Their first date was at a Chinese restaurant, and Scott made Kara roses out of paper napkins.

What attracted them to each other, Kara replied while laughing, was "his cute butt," his intelligence, faith and his sense of humor. Scott answered "her freckles and really long big black hair," she's a good wholesome person, and "the fact that she laughed at my jokes." Scott and Kara finally realized that they truly loved one another because their feelings for each other had not changed after a major argument.

After about a year and a half of dating, Scott and Kara talked about an engagement, but nothing ever happened. Scott had finished school and was living in Pampa working at Celanese, and Kara was three hours away at Texas Tech University.

Wondering about where their relationship was headed and if he was ever going to propose, Kara told Scott on Halloween that after her graduation it might be best to end their relationship because a long distance one would be very hard.

Scott, who had been planning on proposing to Kara on her birthday Dec. 2, got mad and told her his secret plans. After hearing that he was planning on marrying her, she decided not to move. Scott, however, did not propose on her birthday. Instead, on New Year's Eve, his birthday, he proposed at a restaurant in Albuquerque where they were staying.

"He looked terrified, or maybe just anxious," said Kara.

The hardest part about being newlyweds, according to the Hathouses, was that they had to learn to share and that they needed to spend time apart. Also, the financial arrangements are very difficult to handle because both like to spend money.

"We should have married thrifty people," Kara said.

The Hathouses have two dogs, Thunder and Blue, and are expecting their first baby in Feb. Important factors in a marriage, according to Scott and Kara, are that the couple needs to be each other's best friends and have the same beliefs, goals, and values.

Advice that Kara and Scott give to teenagers as they date is to find someone you enjoy doing activities with and that you can tell your darkest secrets to, and someone that you like as a person, not just as cute.

♥ In the Middle

Twenty years later, Pam and Michael Zemenak remember their past with such love and fondness – it seems as if it were yesterday.

Pam was about 19 and Michael about 25 when they first met. This chance meeting did not evolve into anything more than a few spoken words, and each went on with their lives. A couple of years later Pam and Michael were set up on a blind date by his roommate and his roommate's girlfriend. That blind date went very well and developed into a two-year relationship.

"Her looks attracted me at first, but it was getting to know her that made it stick," said Michael.

"He was always a lot of fun," said Pam.

Pam realized that Michael was the person she wanted to marry when they went to New Orleans with her family.

"He was like part of the family," said Pam.

Michael knew because of how compatible they were and because they had developed a great relationship.

He asked her to marry him in his apartment while they were watching T.V.



Windy Wagner ngela Phillips



"He just got down all of a sudden on his knees. It was such a surprise," said Pam.

Compared to most, their wedding day, Aug. 11, 1979, was pretty calm. He played golf and she just hung out with family.

"What I remember most is his best friend's mom followed me around trying to convince me to eat something," Pam recalls.

The first week after their honeymoon in Hawaii, Michael had to go on a business trip to Peru

for about two weeks.

"That was the hardest part at first. Michael was always traveling because of his job, and it seemed like forever till he got back," said Pam.

"Coming home to a cookbook that was set on fire after Pam tried to cook dinner for her parents was pretty difficult, too," said Michael.

After living in Beaumont a few blocks away from Pam's family, Michael was transferred to the IRJ site in Pampet. Getting used to this move was extremely difficult for Pam.

"It felt like someone took a chainsaw and severed me from my family," said Pam.

"But the good that came out of that was worth it; we formed our own family by being alone and realizing it was us," Pam said.

The family that the Zemenaks formed includes Katherine who is a junior, Ryan who is a freshman, and Karnaie who is a dachshund. The birth of their children will always be one of the most joyous times in their lives.

Communication has been a very difficult part of their marriage.

"We are getting better, but it's only been 20 years. It's going to take another 20 to perfect it," said Michael.

"Miscommunication is the root of all evil," laughed Pam.

Important factors in a successful marriage according to the Zemenaks are communication, love, and compromise.

"You have to act like a three-legged race person; you have to rely on the other person in order to win," said Pam.

The Zemenaks offer much advice to teenagers who are dating or considering it.

"Take your time to get to know each other, have fun, and be able to communicate what you are really feeling. Marriage is not to be entered into lightly because it is such a great commitment between yourself, your spouse, and God," the couple concludes.

♥ Alone at Last

After 50 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan say their relationship began with a blind date set up by his brother. Mrs. Duncan was attracted to him because he was six years older and "he was a man of the world." He thought "she was a pretty college girl." Two months later, on a trip to his parent's cabin with three other couples, Mr. Duncan proposed.

"He said, 'Will ya?' and I said, 'uh huh,'" said Mrs. Duncan, and two months later, Nov. 6, 1950, they were married.

When they first began married life together, everything went pretty smoothly, except Mrs. Duncan could not cook. They lived on Jrito pie for several months and they never had very imaginative things to eat.

Their family consists of two girls and a boy, and now they have three grandsons. Family time is very important to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and they took their kids on many trips, especially skiing (Mr. Duncan has been skiing consecutively for thirty three years and is planning his next trip sometime soon) and to the lake. One of Mrs. Duncan's most memorable trips was when she took her kids and some of their friends to the lake by herself.

Throughout their marriage they have learned that having patience, being able to compromise, and being flexible are extremely important.

"You get to the point where you don't want to break in one another," said Mr. Duncan.

Advice they give to teenagers dating is to keep your thinking in your head, try to have more patience and work things out, and to have respect for each other. Having a friendship is also very important to the Duncans.



(Clockwise from the top) High school sweethearts Casey Owens and Vicki Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan on their wedding day in 1950; Michael and Pam Zemenak; The Duncans today; Kara and Scott Flathouse on their wedding day; Michael and Pam Zemenak on their wedding day.



Up Close...

Name: Derek Smith *but not too personal*

Grade: 11

Age: 16



Q: Who is the most influential person in your life? Why?

A: My grandfather, he had cancer and never stopped fighting.

Q: What is something unique about you in particular?

A: I play hockey.

Q: If you have to pick two words to describe you, what would they be?

A: Quiet, friendly

Q: Are you planning on attending college after school?

A: Yes, Texas Christians University.

Q: What career do you think you will be interested in after you have graduated?

A: Phycology

Q: What hobbies are you interested in?

A: Hockey

Q: How old were you when you started playing hockey?

A: 11

Q: Where did you live when you came to Pampa?

A: Plano

Q: What is the most extreme thing that has ever happened to you?

A: During a hockey game I was skating and my pants fell down.

Choir musical success

by Kristina Hartman

Lights, Camera, Action. The curtain went up and "The Pajama Game," PHS's 37th Choir musical, began. Year after year, Choir Director, Mr. Fred Mays the head of the choir department comes back for more gut wrenching suspense preparing for the moment when the curtain comes up and the final product is shown.

Without PHS students, Mays said, he wouldn't be so interested in producing an annual musical involving close to 100 people.

"If the students didn't want to do it - I wouldn't do it," Mays said.

But students do keep coming back.

"It was another cultural experience that high school students could have taken advantage of," said senior Dillon Hill, the male lead of this year's musical.

In "The Pajama Game" Sid (Hill) is desperately trying to keep the factory workers happy

while not giving them the seven-and-a-half cent raise they all want.

However, in the midst of this chaos, Sid falls in love with Babe (Traci Shelton), the head of the Grievance Committee. To fix the bookkeeping situation, Sid has to take Gladys (Courtney Lang), on a date to get her "key," and that causes Hines (Josh Gibson), an incredibly jealous trick shooter, to start shooting outside of the factory. All of this was packed into

two and a half hours of entertainment.

The show took two and a half months to produce but, said junior Ryan Sells, the rehearsal process unified the cast.

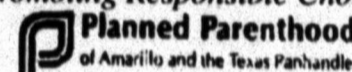
"The show was a bonding experience between me and the people I have been with for a long time," said Sells.

And so the curtain goes down once again on the choir musical, that is until next year.

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"I plan on spending time with the ones I love, especially my boyfriend, Tarrel Johnson."
-Sophomore Stephanie Price



"Give my girl Tasha, what she's always wanted, a lot of love."
-Freshman Kirk Reed



"Waiting for that person I deeply, truly love."
-Freshman Erica Helms



"Hopefully spend time with my girlfriend."
-Senior Josh Wagstaff

Romance Roulette

by Callie Veal
Opinion Editor

On January 26th Casey Lee was offered five dollars by Kailey Richardson to buy a raffle ticket for a blind date. Little did she know the following day her name would be chosen along with Jason Burklow as the winners of a fun-filled night with us. "When I found out I won I just couldn't believe it," Lee said.

Even though they were excited for their evening, some parents had a few problems with the situation. "My mom was okay with it, but my dad was kinda mad," said Lee. After a long Saturday for both the participants 5:30 rolled around and both were picked up separately.

At 5:45 Jason sat alone at a corner table with a single pink rose. After Casey arrives they, sit, talk, and eat. After dinner they are

split up again, in order to get responses on the date so far. "It's going pretty good; we just talked pretty much," Lee said.

Next to the high school to watch the karaoke contest from their front row seats marked his and hers. At intermission they were introduced to the audience as the blind date winners. "That was kinda embarrassing because all the guys started singing," Lee said.

After the show they went to Braums for ice cream, then at around 11:00 both went home. The two were followed all night by a video camera and reporters. "The camera stayed in our faces all night," Burklow said.

On a scale of one to ten Lee rated the date an eight. Burklow rated the date an eight also.

Embarrassing moment of the night was when Lee fell into the car and hit her head on the door while Burklow video taped.

Both agree they had fun and interesting night and plan to stay friends. Lee was later paid \$20 dollars by the same friend because she actually won. "My friend was mad at me because she didn't win and I did," Lee said.



Blind date winners Casey Lee and Jason Burklow sit and watch the Karaoke contest.

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Instant Messengers

by Michael Frels

Like other generations before, teens are eager to get in touch with friends. But there's a tech-age twist: Now you can chat with up to seven people at a time.

This is possible through computer programs called instant messengers. These free, downloadable programs allow you to carry on private, truly instant online conversations by exchanging typed messages with a group of pals called a "Buddy List." People you add to your buddy list could be friends from your hometown or somebody as far as Australia. Since millions and millions have caught on to this popular mode of online communication you won't have trouble finding somebody you know to chat with.

I took six of the most frequently downloaded instant messengers on the net and compared, in search for the best. These are the results, starting with the best:

1. ICQ(I Seek You)
www.icq.com

Ease of Use - ****
Instant Messaging - *****
Privacy - *****

2. AIM (AOL Instant Messenger)
http://www.aol.com/

Ease of Use - *****
Instant Messaging - ****
Privacy - ***

American Online started all this buddy list business. Though not even AIM 2.0 can compete with ICQ, they have not been left in the buddy list dust. This one was the best when it comes to ease of use. If you tire of ICQ's feature overload/overkill, take your buddies with AIM instead.

Others also compared:
3. ichat Pager
http://www.ichat.com/plugin/download/pager.html

Ease of use - *****
Instant Messaging - ***
Privacy - **

4. ExcitePAL
http://www.excite.com/communities

Ease of use - ****
Instant Messaging - ***
Privacy - **

5. YahooPager
http://messenger.yahoo.com/

Ease of use - ****
Instant Messaging - ****
Privacy - *

6. PowWow
http://www.powwow.com/powwow/

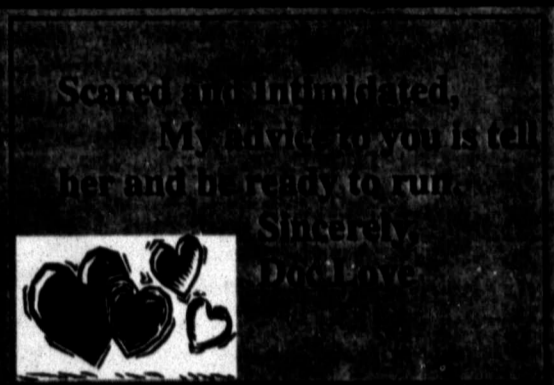
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Soccer coach sets example

by **Callie Veal**
Opinions Editor

Last year's PHS girl's soccer team defied all odds and made it all but two steps away from state.

"Last season we surprised a lot of people," said varsity coach Laura Patulea.

Many account the team's newfound success on Patulea's experience.

"She helped the program come a long way," said senior captain Candice Cathey.

Born in San Antonio, Patulea began playing soccer at age 10 and coaching at 16. Her family was very involved in sports.

"My parents were soccerholics, and my dad played probaseball," said Patulea.

Patulea went on to play on the U.S. National Team for four years, and was a two-time All-American player.

She attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas on a full soccer scholarship. After college she continued to play and coach and was named 1994 coach of the year.

Now in Pampa, many of her players say she has helped the team go above and beyond anything expected. After last year's success, she was named 1999 4A coach of the year and regional all-star coach.

This year the team hopes to be fortunate enough to make it to state tournament.

"I hope that we all can be grateful for our hard work," said sophomore Jessica Burns.

Team captains senior Candice Cathey and sophomore Misti Northcutt, along with seven starters, are returning from last year.

The team practices after school from 4:00-5:30 pm.

The girls have earned an invitation to the Duncanville Tournament, which is a highly regarded soccer tournament.

This is a new year and according to Patulea they hope to prove last year was not just a fluke.

"This year we will prove



Coach Patulea briefs players Desiree Vigil and Jessica Burns

it by winning district," Patulea said.

The players are also happy about their new coach.

"She is a good coach, she knows what she is doing," said Cathey.

Close bond unites teams

by **David Phillips**

A coach's experience can mean the difference between walking off with the golden trophy or staggering away in defeat.

"I have been coaching for eleven years," boys soccer coach John True said. "Nine of those were in club leagues."

True expressed some of the goals he would like to see the team accomplish.

"Our main goal is to win district," True said. "I think it is possible because of our senior leadership and experience."

Among some of the team's boy players is senior Swiss exchange student Felix Stahli. Stahli said he has high hopes for the team.

"Our team is good, and I think that we will go very far," Stahli said.

Stahli said he enjoys playing because of the strong bond the team has.

"I like all of the people I play soccer with," Stahli said. "I have made a lot of good friends on the team."

The girl's soccer team is also gearing up for another tough season.

"I hope we go as far as we did last year. I think the close ties our team has as a group will work to our advantage," player Misti Northcutt said.

Northcutt said she started playing soccer because of the competition.

"I love the game because of the 5A schools that we play against. They give us challenges that really improve our game," Northcutt said.

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Great talent discovered on campus

Senior student sets her sights on making it to Olympics

by **Marcie Bennett**
Managing Editor

"On your mark."
 You look around at the hundreds of people all watching you. Adrenaline is pumping throughout your body.

"Get set."
 Your stomach is doing flip-flops as your anticipation builds.

"Go."
 Senior Vaughn Evans knows just what it is like to feel this kind of tension. Her way of dealing with it is to block out everything but the race.

"You get out there and you just have to block every-



Vaughn Evans

thing out and run," Evans said.

But all the anxiety involved is just part of using the gift she possesses.

"It's a natural talent. I just use the talent God gave me," said Evans.

Evans is a member of the PHS track team and has gone to state every year since she was a freshman.

"Being a freshman and going to state was very exciting. It will stick in my head as long as I live. It was great," Evans said.

According to Evans, competing at a state level is much more challenging than the competition in this area.

"It is easy to win here. But state's another ball game,"

she said. "You have to run a little faster to win this one."

Evans is looking to take her talent even further

and you just have to block out everything but the race," Evans said.

than high school. She has received offers from 18 different colleges who want her to run for them.

"I definitely knew that if I wanted to go to school and have it paid for it would be

through a track scholarship," Evans said.

It is a good feeling to be pursued by schools who have noticed her talent, Evans said.

"To know you've been recognized is really cool," she said.

Evans has dreams of running as far as her talent will take her.

"I would so like to be running in the Olympics like Mary Anne Jones," said Evans.

Track is a very demanding sport, according to Evans.

"It's hard work. It is 20 below and we are still running," Evans said.

Swimmers excel in 1999-2000 season



Sophomores Clay David (left) and Ben Whitten – two members of the district winning swim teams led this year by Coach Amy Seitz practice swim techniques during practice this week at the Youth Center.

Calendar of Events FEBRUARY

11th - Speech at Canyon; swim regionals
 12th - Veterans' dinner at MIFAC building
 13th - Homecoming

here against Canyon
 14th - Homecoming yearbook money collected; deliver roses
 15th - Boys basketball here against Dumas; boys and girls here against Borger
 17th - D-F-A-D ending
 19th - Boys and girls at Palo

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 21st - Ninth and tenth grade parent meeting; pre-enrollment; all-region jazz audition; junior-sophomore parent meeting
 23rd - Pre-enrollment
 TAAS writing; junior assembly

12:50 p.m.
 23rd - TAAS math; pre-enrollment; freshman assembly 12:50 p.m.
 24th - Reading TAAS; progress reports; pre-enrollment
 25th - Swimming state; all region jazz clinic; girls soccer at

Randall; boys soccer here against Randall
 28th - Assembly auditorium; homeroom; senior scholarship
 29th - All pre-enrollment due boys and girls soccer here against Caprock.