

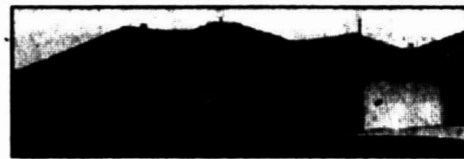
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CANADIAN - A convenience store clerk trying to get away from robbers and two customers attempting to come inside at the same time served to foil an armed robbery in Canadian shortly before midnight Wednesday.

"That destroyed their plans," Hemphill Chief Sheriff's Deputy Doug Tennant, said of the commotion that occurred after the duo had duct-taped the male clerk's hands.

Meanwhile, the robbers of the south Allsup's, who were armed with a loaded sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, managed to get out of the store and into a blue Buick and fled.

But their getaway only extended about 20 miles.

Roberts County Deputy Paul Sublett, on the look-out for the suspects just east of the Miami city limits, spotted the Buick and pulled the car over without incident, a spokesman there said. The shotgun was recovered from the back seat.

Charged with armed robbery and in the Hemphill County Jail this morning in lieu of \$25,000 bond each were Kevin Burton, 21, of Pampa, and Keith Ratliff, 21, of Canadian, Tennant said.

LOTTERY
 AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 18-21-40-41-42-47.
 Estimated jackpot: \$9 million.
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 Estimated jackpot: \$13 million.

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Filing opens Monday in city election

Wards 2, 4 incumbents to run again

By KATE B. DICKSON
 ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER



Jeff Andrews

Incumbent Pampa City Commissioner Faustina Curry will seek her fifth term in office and Commissioner Jeff Andrews will seek his fourth two-year term in the May 4 election.

Both said they gave some thought to not running again but, in the end, the two said they still have more to give and do for the city and its citizens.

Filing for the Ward No. 2 (Andrews) and No. 4 (Curry) seats starts at 8 a.m. Monday in Pampa City Hall in the city secretary's office on the second floor.

Filing closes at 5 p.m. on March 20. Filing

hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

"I thought about it for a little while," Andrews said, "... not that I haven't thought about it before each (filing) time."

"Doing something for the city and helping to do what the people want," are the two primary things that draw him to the job, Andrews said.

"Ultimately, this is the town in which I have chosen to make a living and to raise a family," he said.

Andrews believes there "are lots of positive things on the horizon" for Pampa but said the city's "financial management" will continue to present a challenge.

The fact that Pampa's infrastructure was

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Faustina Curry

City Commission considering trailer tax exemption law

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

City Commissioners here got their first look at an ordinance exempting travel trailers from ad valorem taxes this week.

The announcement of the city's intentions to offer a travel trailer tax exemption sent a collective sigh of relief through the room where commissioners had met in a work session Tuesday.

A group of citizens filled the conference room, apparently ready for battle over the controversial tax recently enacted following a constitutional amendment approved by voters last November.

City Attorney Don Lane offered the proposed ordinance for commissioners to consider at the Tuesday work session.

"This is just for consideration," Lane told commissioners, explaining the ordinance must have two readings before it becomes law.

"If it's passed in early March, that would allow six to seven weeks for (trailer owners) to file applications of exemption," he said.

Applications for exemptions must be filed by April 30. The exemption applies to the taxes to be billed in October.

As it reads now, the ordinance defines a travel trailer as a house trailer-type vehicle or camper trailer, whether mobile or set on a location, that is less than 400 square feet in area and is designed as a temporary living quarters for recreational purposes - not as a permanent dwelling.

Such a vehicle is exempt if it meets the definition in the ordinance and is not held or used to make money.

Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for the Gray County Appraisal District, explained that according to an opinion from the state Attorney General's office, trailer owners must apply for an exemption each

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King and Queen of Hearts



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Crowned Valentine King and Queen at the Coronado Healthcare Center Thursday morning were Mr. and Mrs. James Brown. The Browns, both residents at the center, have been married 63 years. The couple will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17. See Page 12 for another Pampa couple's special love letter.

Roses for everyone.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Valentine roses were the order of the day Monday at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League luncheon in the party room of the The Coffee Shop. From left to right, front row, Frankie Hildenbrand, Brigett Pomerhn, Mary Stroebel and Jimmie Koch; back row, Kathy Hammer, Eleanor Tyre, Ruth Riehart, Mona Franke and Esther McAdoo.

Changes in store for kids' Medicaid

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Children's Medicaid eligibility is changing in Texas.

Requirements for the application process have been simplified, said Sam Truelock, public information officer for the Texas Department of Human Services.

He said the eligibility requirements for children under 19 and 20 years of age have not been changed, but the Children's Medicaid will be more like coverage provided

ed by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The changes took place effective Jan. 1, 2002, following the passage of Texas Senate Bill No. 43 which required major changes in the Medicaid eligibility policy for children under 19 years of age.

Truelock said unifying the application process and streamlining the eligibility approval process have simplified the Children's Medicaid program.

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County to look at trailer tax exemption at Friday meeting

Tax on travel trailers will be one of the items on the Gray County Commission agenda when they meet at 9 a.m. Friday morning. The meeting will be in the Gray County Courtroom, 315 N. Ballard.

Other items include considering a hanger lease agreement with Leonard Hudson Drilling Company and the treasurer's report.

Also, the commission will consider deleting Alicia Heil's name from a special vehicle inventory tax account at Bank of America and Pampa Banking Center of Pampa. Heil will be retiring next week after working in the tax office 42 years.

The names of Gaye Whitehead, Christie Browne and Dona Kitterman will be proposed to be added to the accounts.

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designed for a larger population is a big factor in making the dollars work, he said.

"We're blessed with things like M.K. Brown (Civic Auditorium), Recreation Park, many other parks and lots of streets," Andrews said. "These are assets, but they are (financial) burdens, too."

For Curry, she said, "I gave running again a lot of thought. This has really been a difficult year in which to help run the city ... but I don't want to give up."

Curry said there are areas in which "I can still give direction" and while noting everyone doesn't always agree with all her decisions, she says, "I can represent all the people. I'm a good listener and I can consider all sides of the story."

Like Andrews, Curry is concerned about the city's financial health though she said strides have been made in recent years to put Pampa on better monetary footing.

When she first ran for office, Curry said she had "a vision" of improving the physical aspect of the city, such as parks, M.K. Brown, the library and more.

That, she says, "Is something that's exceptionally hard to do given the decline in population and decline in revenue."

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year. He stressed that while the city and county officials can choose whether or not to levy the tax, school districts must apply the tax.

The new tax has created quite a controversy since voters approved Amendment 14 in the Nov. 16 constitutional election.

Officials say voters may have found the ballot confusing.

It read "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for

the production of income.

State Rep. Warren Chisum said earlier that the legislation's intent was to tax "snowbirds" who spend winters in travel trailers in South Texas and do not pay any taxes there.

"The intent was to tax the snowbirds from other states but the way it got worded, it virtually moved travel trailers from its tax-exempt status in the tax code to a new and taxable tax code location," Chisum has said.

"We're only doing what we can do according to the limitations placed on us," Mayor Lonny Robbins commented at the meeting.

"Reluctantly, we're going to do what we have to do," Bagley said.

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Simplification of the Children's Medicaid program has contributed several unique features:

- Initial applications and renewal for Children's Medicaid are processed by mail or telephone;
- Children under 19 years of age are certified for six-month periods and, in most cases, remain continuously eligible;
- To make Medicaid renewal easier, a renewal form will automatically be mailed to the parent prior to expiration of coverage;
- Applications may be accepted at any health and human services agency; and
- Documentation and verification procedures for children under 19 years of age will be the same as those required for CHIP. Assets questions are the same and do not require verification.

Applications for Children's Medicaid may be obtained from a local office of the Texas Department of Human Services.

In addition, an application may be downloaded from www.dhs.state.tx.us/Forms/Forms1014. Information covering other TDHS Programs and Services is available through the State of Texas Assistance and Referral System - www.txstars.net.

Trailer tax ramifications ripple throughout Texas

HARLINGEN (AP) — Voters who thought they were approving a property tax exemption for trailer-residing Winter Texans did the reverse — codify a new statewide trailer tax.

The 12-word proposition that went before voters in November called for an exemption for the trailers, a popular mode of housing for senior citizens who make annual migrations from the chilly North and Canada. Winter Texans are viewed as a crucial part of the South Texas economy.

The problem is that before there could be an exemption, the law had to state that the trailers otherwise were not exempt. Where the code previously said nothing about the trailers, the law now clearly labels them as taxable. Since the option to exempt does not apply to school districts, every travel trailer in the state apparently is now subject to school taxes.

"We believe the bill conflicts with constitutional provisions and we are currently working with the various parties to try and address that," Gov. Rick Perry's spokesman Gene Acuna said. "The governor's intent is not to have travel trailers subject to property tax."

"I don't want to perpetuate something gone wrong," Cameron County chief appraiser Mike Amezcua said, "but on the other hand

it puts me in a tough position because I have to comply with the law."

Authors of the legislation blame wording disparities between the ballot and the bill on the biennial end-of-session rush.

"Everybody missed it. It's like a ten-year fluke," said Paul Cowan, spokesman for Sen. Eddie Lucio, a bill sponsor.

"I guess it moved through the process and went and went and went," bill sponsor Rep. Kino Flores said.




Senior citizens who petitioned for the measure are now fuming, and school districts across Texas may face an uncollectible tax base that will hurt their state and federal aid.

"I already pay taxes on the land and now they're being taxed again," said Sam Varnell, owner of three recreational vehicle resorts in Cameron and Hidalgo counties. "People who come here then decide to leave their trailer, they're getting taxed because it's sitting there..."

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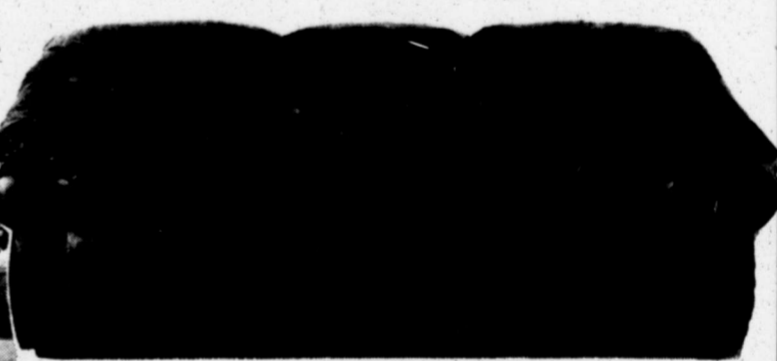


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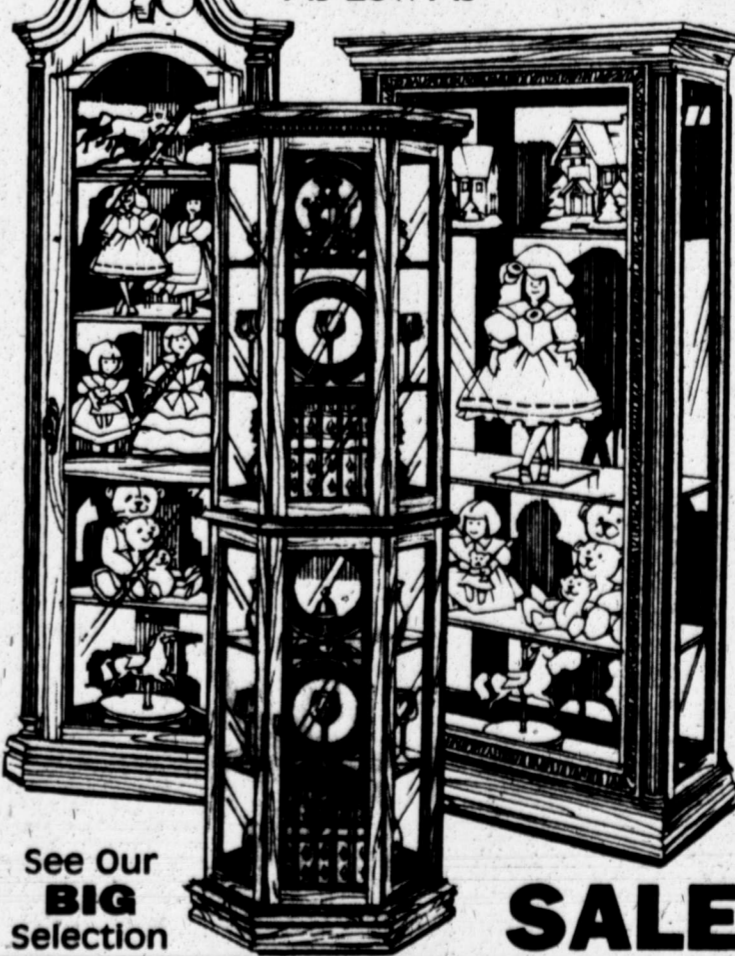


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LeFors, Lefors, Leefors

LeFors, Lefors, or Leefors. The pronunciation for the name of this town has always been a pet peeve of mine. In recent weeks, the historical pages in *The Pampa News* has brought it to mind again. I love history, but like for things to be factual. It is my understanding that the town was named after the LeFors family. Their name is pronounced, LaFors. When people speak of the airport, it is called Perry LeFors. The statue of Emmet LeFors is also pronounced LaFors. The Sunday *Pampa News* shows Perry LeFors name as such in the article, but the caption under his picture is Lefors. The town is also spelled, Lefors. In past historical pages in the *News* show it to be spelled, LeFors. That is the correct spelling and I wonder when it was changed? The thing that irks me the most is to hear people pronounce the town's name as, Leefors. I sincerely wonder when that started? There is no way you can get that pronunciation from LeFors or Lefors!

Sherry Swires
 McLean

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Olympics highlight sportsmanship

Buried amid the swirling Olympic ice skating controversy is probably one of the best stories to come out of the Olympics — good sportsmanship.

As the scores and rankings of Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier were posted in the pairs competition Monday night, skating fans were booing, commentators were aghast (and were expressing their shock across the airwaves) and fans sitting in their homes across the world were stunned.

The skating world and the outside world were stunned and shocked. Jamie and David were not the winners selected by the judges. Their performance was spectacular, and the emotion in it just added to it.

Their reaction was superb. Although obviously disappointed, the young skating pair still smiled as Jamie's body language expressed "I don't know why." Still she smiled.

The example of good sportsmanship is the example every young athlete should attempt to emulate.

In interviews I've seen with them since Monday night, the couple just say, "It happened. You have to go on. We have to put it behind us."

I am marveling at the maturity of those words. Someone has taught them very well. Their parents, their coaches, whomever. The example they have given



NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

is fantastic.

As I was attending a youth basketball game Tuesday night in which my grandson was playing, I again thought of the example of those two young Canadians.

Arriving early for the game, I watched about half of the previous game. I really wasn't looking forward to enduring Zac's game when I saw the conduct of one of the coaches in the previous game. Temper tantrums and berating the young boys was my opinion of his behavior.

Towards the end of the first game I noticed one of the boys' attitude was getting pretty bad. He seemed to have lost his self-esteem and he began making mistakes. It was a hard-fought game, and only one point separated the two teams when the buzzer rang. Those young boys went off the court like they were failures. They weren't — they played exceptionally good for boys that age, but they looked quite dejected.

Extremely relieved was my mood when Zac's team began to play and both

team's coaches were encouraging but not demeaning.

I was glad I only watched one Bobby Knight-want-to-be.

Whatever happens in the Olympic controversy will be decided by powers greater than me. It appears there may be a shake-up in the manner of judging, and there should be.

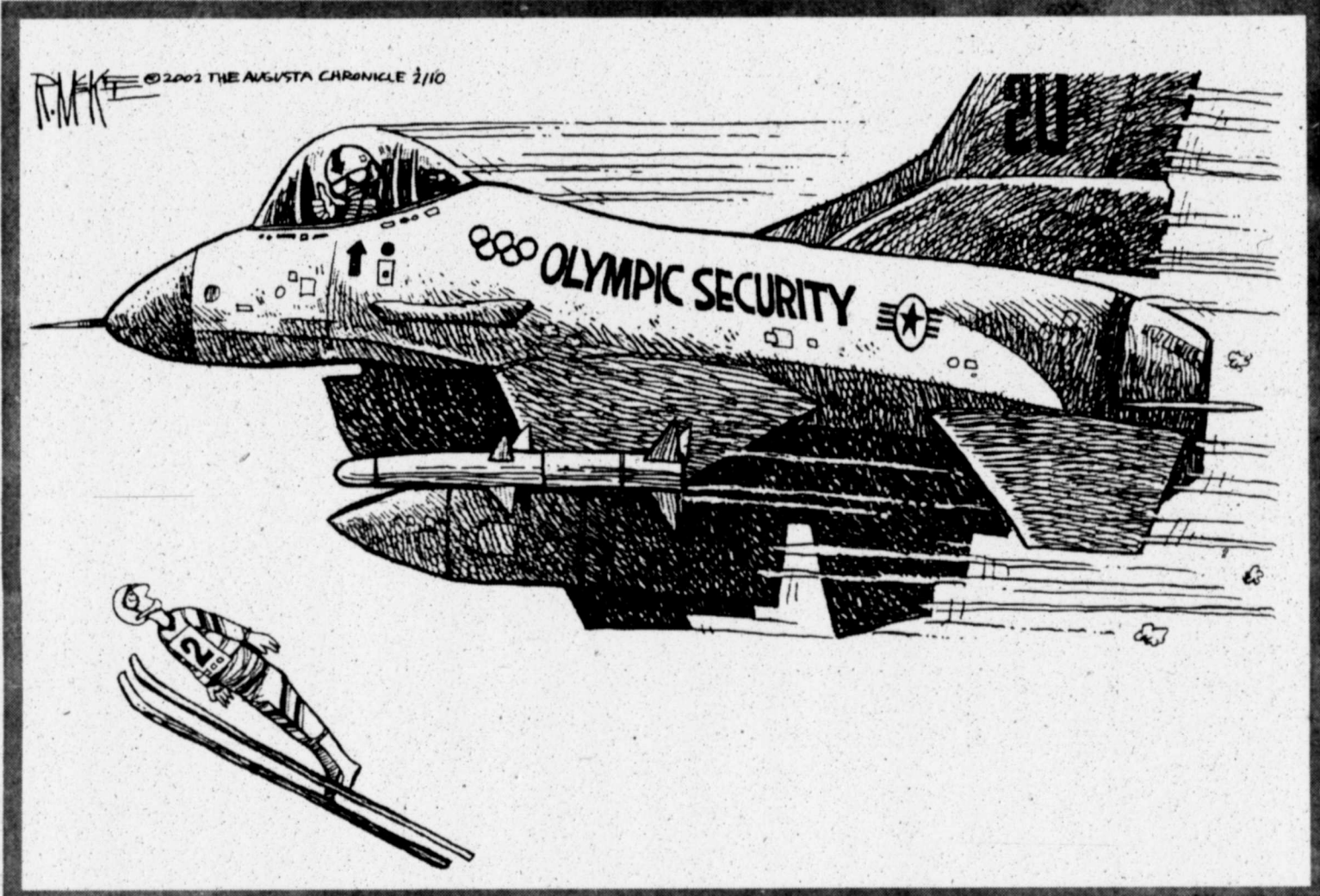
Sports which are judged and not timed have always experienced these type controversies. I have been an ice skating fan since Peggy Fleming won her gold medal in 1968, and this isn't the first time this type judging has occurred. It was just the most obvious and widely televised. A change should be made.

When Scott Hamilton, perhaps the most respected person in the ice skating field, commented on the judging and showed film clips of both the Russians and the Canadians doing their required elements, the scores did seem quite unfair.

In the meantime, let's continue to watch and support these fantastic young people for their talent, hard work and competitiveness.

Let's let them know we appreciate their good sportsmanship, and encourage our young children and grandchildren to start a trend of demanding good sportsmanship.

It starts with the parents and coaches.



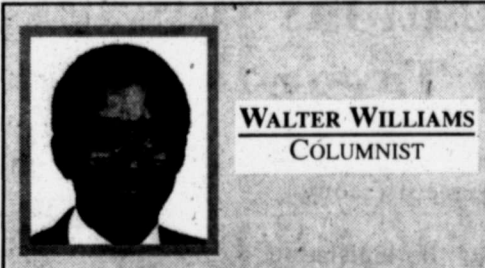
Not all students fit elite schools

Racial preferences, quotas and affirmative action in university admission practices have lost political and, increasingly, legal support.

As a result, states such as California, Texas and Florida have implemented a substitute practice called "percentage plans" as a means for determining who will be admitted to their flagship universities. In Texas, students in the top 10 percent of their high school class, based on grade point averages (GPA) alone — not SAT scores — are guaranteed admission. In California, it's soon to be 12.5 percent, and Florida it's 20 percent. The percentage plan applies to all high schools, whether it's a school where a student with an A average might achieve a 1300 or 1400 score on the SAT, or a school where A students might not be able to achieve an 800 or 900 SAT score.

Let's ignore the inequities and resources misallocation that arises from the possibility that a B student at one school who might achieve a SAT score of 1100 is denied admission while his A-average counterpart at another school can't score 900 is admitted. Instead, let's ask whether the policy serves the best interests of black students.

From the evidence that I see, civil-rights leaders, white liberals and college administrators seem to be more concerned with black student enrollment rates and the heck with whether they graduate. Black students are simply tools



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

to keep government agencies, black politicians and civil-rights organizations off their backs or to make them feel good.

You say, "What's the evidence, Williams?" Nationally, only 35 percent of black freshmen, compared to 60 percent of white freshmen, graduate; moreover, those who do graduate have grade point averages considerably lower than their white peers. I might add that the white graduation rate is nothing to write home about.

University of San Diego law professor Gail Heriot sheds a bit of light on this issue in her article "The Politics of Admissions in California" in the Fall 2001 issue of *Academic Questions*. California's Proposition 209-ended racial admissions quotas. As a result, minority student admissions at UC Berkeley, California's flagship university, fell.

What went unnoticed in all the hand-wringing was that at less prestigious, but respectable, "California" universities minority enrollment posted impressive gains. Black students were simply being admitted to universities where their acad-

emic credentials were more in line with their fellow students. For example, at UC San Diego, in the year before Proposition 209's implementation, only one black freshman had a GPA of 3.5 or better — a single black honor student in a class of 3,268 — in contrast to 20 percent of white students with a 3.5 GPA.

Was this because there were no black students capable of doing honors work at UC San Diego? Certainly not. Those who might have been on the honors list at UC San Diego had been recruited, and became failures, at California's flagship universities: Berkeley, and UCLA. Proposition 209 has changed UC San Diego; no longer are black honor students a rarity. In 1998, a full 20 percent of black freshman could boast of a 3.5 GPA.

Black students, and for that matter any student, will perform better, have greater graduation chances — not to mention greater pride and self-worth — by attending a university where his skills are closer to that of his peers. It's somewhat analogous to putting a young, inexperienced boxer in the ring with Lennox Lewis. That boxer might have the potential to be a world champion, but he's going to have his brains beaten and his career ended before he learns how to even bob and weave.

You say, "But what about diversity and multiculturalism at the nation's elite universities?" In my book, that's their problem.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2002. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship *Ranger* carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1899, Congress approved, and President

McKinley signed, legislation authorizing states to use voting machines for federal elections.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park.

In 1929, the "St.

Valentine's Day, Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

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(Courtesy photos)

Brittany Chisum and Thomas Fraser, far left, will represent Community Christian School of Pampa in the fifth grade Patriotic Oration competition at the regional Association of Christian Schools International Speech Meet in Dalhart this coming Friday. (Left-right)

Blake Chisum, Amelia Bachler and Tawnee Williams, center, will represent Community Christian Schools in the Fable and Folklore division, and Rachel Jones and Kayla Cox, far right, will represent the school in the Bible memorization division at the competition.

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District receives grant

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) in White Deer was recently among 10 groups receiving matching

grants from the Texas Department of Agriculture to conduct weather modification or precipitation enhancement over almost one-third of Texas covering 51 million acres from the High Plains to the

Lower Rio Grande Valley. PGCD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$183,412. Precipitation enhancement, also known as cloud-seeding, stimulates clouds to generate more rainfall than normally

produced. Rainfall is maximized from clouds through the introduction of seeding agents, such as silver iodide. The 77th Legislature moved the grant portion of the weather modification program from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to TDA on Sept. 1. The program's permitting and licensing section, which authorizes political subdivisions to conduct cloud seeding, was also moved Sept. 1 from TNRCC to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

"Precipitation enhancement is an integral part of the state's long-term water management plan," Combs said. "Many districts involved in precipitation enhancement have seen positive results. For example, the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring has compared seeded years with unseeded years from 1971 to 1990 and found rainfall totals to be 2 1/2 to 4 inches above normal during seeded years. During this same time frame, cotton yields were 64 percent above

normal during seeded years. "In addition to higher crop yields, precipitation enhancement can improve grazing conditions for livestock, reduce irrigation costs and improve water quality," Combs said. "The practice also helps to increase rainfall runoff into reservoirs and aquifers."

"The High Plains Water District has estimated that

increased crop yields resulting from one inch of extra rain at the right time on major crops in the area could have a market value of about \$81 million with a regional economic impact of about \$284 million," Combs said.

The 10 TDA weather modification grants totaled \$1,933,197 for fiscal year 2002.

WTAMU launches pilot program

CANYON — More than 50 members of the West Texas A&M University faculty are ready to talk about everything from spiders to performance anxiety thanks to a pilot program between WTAMU and two area school districts.

Faculty Specialists for Public School Service is a new program created at WTAMU to bring University faculty members into school classrooms to share their expertise and give students a firsthand look at college-level teaching. The pilot program will benefit the Amarillo and Canyon Independent School Districts.

"A college education is a good thing, and we want more of our area students to get an exposure to that," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "We want these high school students to experience college-level teaching and see that college teachers aren't mystical, that they are real people."

Recent numbers show a decrease in white male enrollment in colleges and universities across the country. Killebrew said it is a national

phenomenon as many are lured into the workforce by construction and other businesses.

"We want to see more students choosing to get a college education," he said. "An educated workforce means higher paying jobs, a better economy and opportunity for individuals to advance in their careers."

Organizing the pilot program began in early December. Deans from the various colleges at WTAMU met with department heads to begin recruiting volunteers.

"We got a great response from the WTAMU faculty," Dr. Ted Guffy, professor of education and dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences, said, "and the superintendents from both school districts are very excited about it."

Faculty Specialists for Public School Service is a proactive approach to provide a service to public schools at the middle and secondary levels. It gives University faculty an opportunity to see what today's students are learning, and gives the students an

opportunity to learn and interact with college faculty.

WTAMU faculty volunteering their services for the program will work with the public school teacher as guest lecturers and research advisers or as consultants for special projects in their specified area of expertise.

Most of the more than 50 faculty volunteers are available on a one-time basis each semester, but many have indicated their willingness to be available for as many as three times per semester.

Faculty volunteers for the program come from each of the University's four colleges in departments ranging from mathematics, physical sciences and engineering technology to music and dance. Topics include everything from nursing, agriculture and computers to storytelling, law enforcement and modern British literature.

Request forms and information about the faculty volunteers and their area of specialization are available at www.wtamu.edu/academic/ess/special.htm. For more information, call (806) 651-2600.

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PAMPA, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17, 1928.

(NMA Service)

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BOWERS GETS TWO NEW GUSHERS

First of 1928 Paving Petitions Asks for Five Blocks

REQUEST WILL RECEIVE FIRST HEARING LATER

Property Owners on Francis Avenue Are Signers

OTHER CITIZENS ARE INTERESTED

C. O. Busby Is Made Recorder and Court Judge

More than five blocks of paving is asked in the first petition presented to the city commission this year...

The paving asked is on Francis avenue, to connect with the present paving in front of Central high school...

Those signing the petition constitute practically every property owner, and are, with their frontage...

Financially, the city has valuations to enable it to issue warrants for paving...

In addition to transacting routine business the commission last night appointed C. O. Busby as city recorder and judge of the corporation court...

Six of Kind Won This Poker Game Sunday

A quiet little poker game in a local hotel, was rudely interrupted early Sunday morning when a masked man stepped into the room...

Thoms Widow



Mrs. Ruth McCurry Thoms, widow of C. Ivy Thoms, drug store proprietor who was slain by Edward Hickman and Welby Hunt, Kansas City youths...

Automobile Show Attracts Interest in Other Places

An oldtime fiddlers' contest followed by a square dance will feature the entertainment at the opening night of the big Pampa automobile show...

December Showed Fewer Failures Than Usual in Texas

AUSTIN, Jan. 17.—During the month of December there were fewer commercial failures in Texas than for any December on the records of the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas...

POLL TAX TO BE IMPORTANT THING IN 1928

Many Political Meetings and Elections Are Scheduled

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GIVEN

Pampa Committees Out to Make Big Vote Possible

The "Pay Your Poll Tax" campaign in this community is well under way today, with many committees beginning to see all individuals in their assigned territory...

First Lady of the Democrats

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is shown surrounded by a group of Democratic national committeewomen at the party's gathering in Washington...

National Capital in Turmoil as Many Fires Are Started by Unknown Persons—Firemen Work to Exhaustion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Five extra alarm fires, interspersed with several minor ones and a few false ones, threw the national capital into a state of turmoil last night and early today...

Pampa Leads Big District in Number of Phones Installed

Pampa's percentage of telephones installed during the year 1927 was greater than that of any other city in this division...

Baptist Leaders Will Come Here on January 27

A general meeting of Baptists of this section will be held in Pampa January 27. It was announced by the Rev. D. H. Truhitt, pastor of the local First Baptist church...

Punishment of Girl's Slayer to Be Speeded Up

KONIA, Mich., Jan. 17.—Urging quick action by the State to forestall any further attempts at mob violence, Governor Green today called representatives of the attorney-general's office here...

Expression Teacher Arrives in the City

Mrs. Arthur B. Kirby has come here to teach expression in the school with the local school...

Big Wells to Boost Totals in Gray Area

Texas and Gulf Have 3,000 Barrels From Heavy Pay

OIL IN EACH OF .44 GRAVITY

Guernsey Oil Company Will Shoot Its No. 1 McKinney



The Texas company has another gusher in the Bowers pool of the South Pampa field. It is making a steady 146 barrels an hour...

The Texas company's No. 1 Bowers in the southwest corner of the southeast half of section 33, block B-2, began flowing 200 barrels an hour...

It made 2,200 barrels the first 24 hours, mostly from first pay.

The Phillips Petroleum company is ready to commence drilling on its No. 4, A. R. Kelley in section 22, block B12.

The same company has leases to drill in section 27, block B-2, in the Bowers lease.

The Mid-Kansas Oil company of Tulsa has made locations to drill in section 23, block 27, on the south lease and in section 22, block 22, on the Newton lease, in Gray county.

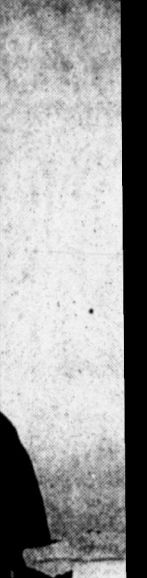
Plans are being rushed forward so that the new building will be completed before July 1.

This will be a part of the Conquest campaign being conducted by Texas Baptists to retire debts on the denomination's schools and to meet other expenses.

Rev. Truhitt has been assured by Dr. George Truett, general director of the campaign, and by Dr. L. R. Roraback, state organizer, that some of the best Texas Baptists will be represented here.

Expression Teacher Arrives in the City Mrs. Arthur B. Kirby has come here to teach expression in the school with the local school...

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THE HAG (AP) — defense against charges, Sloan on Thursday actions in the struggle against and said he twisted facts...

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Prince Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland Prince Charles and official wife, Thursday by that his Elizabeth II, low in a sign of conciliation and its former...

The two ahead despite continuing cremation prince's Margaret, who end. Charles short his trip England in ti...

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Republican forum



(Community Camera photo) Sammie Morris and Gaye Whitehead of Top O' Texas Republican Women are helping in the preparations for a Republican forum entitled "Meet the Republican Candidates" slated at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18 at the Knights of Columbus building in Pampa.

Former Yugoslavian leader begins defense

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Launching his defense against war crimes charges, Slobodan Milosevic on Thursday justified his actions in the Balkans as a "struggle against terrorism," and said he was a victim of twisted facts and "terrible fabrication."

Pointing his finger and thumping his desk, Milosevic, the first head of state brought to trial before an international tribunal, went on the offensive and accused Western nations of acting to break up Yugoslavia and making up atrocities blamed on him.

It was the former Yugoslav leader's first response after the prosecution opened its case before the U.N. war crimes tribunal with an exhaustive two-day recital of horrors in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. Milosevic stands accused of masterminding a ruthless campaign of murder and expulsion during a decade of wars in the Balkans in his quest to create a "Greater Serbia."

Milosevic, 60, faces 66 counts of genocide and other war crimes. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. His case is the most prominent war crimes trial since military tribunals tried the leaders of Nazi Germany and Japan after World War II.

He spoke in Serbian and with animation in an address that appeared directed as much toward the television audience in Serbia as toward the three international judges trying him.

Milosevic, who has refused to appoint an attorney, asked the court to release him from detention so he could better

prepare his case. "I only have one phone, while you have a huge apparatus behind you," he said, nodding toward the prosecution table. "You want me to swim a 100-meter race with my hands and legs tied." He again denounced the trial as illegal. "You basically have nothing," he told the prosecutors. "You just want to invent things. This is a political trial, and this has nothing to do with the law itself."

Milosevic mocked the court, painting it as an instrument of Western powers he says deliberately undermined the Yugoslav federation by encouraging Bosnia to secede in 1992.

"Your bosses broke up Yugoslavia," he said. "They pushed Bosnia into a civil war. The Serbs did not start the war. It is nonsensical to accuse the wrong side," he said.

He said the case aimed to prosecute the whole Serbian people. "Our citizens stand accused, citizens who lent their massive support to me," he said. "My conduct was an expression of the will of the people."

Milosevic began with the war in Kosovo, the first of three indictments against him. He rejected as "a terrible fabrication" accusations that Serb military forces expelled hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanians, and said they in fact fled from the Kosovo Liberation Army and NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

"When people were fleeing from these places of conflict, this is called deportation," he said. "They want to make me accountable for the crimes they perpetrated themselves," he said.

Community Christian School



(Courtesy photo) (Back row, left-right) Dane Pereira, Bill Haley, Jonathan Murray, Spencer Bachler, (front row, l-r), Ashlei Taylor, Kristen Ladd and Bobby Haley will represent Community Christian School of Pampa in the poetry memorization division of the regional Association of Christian Schools International Speech Meet in Dalhart this coming Friday.

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Prince Charles visits Ireland for second time

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Prince Charles began his second official visit to Ireland on Thursday by expressing hope that his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, might soon follow in a sign of growing reconciliation between Britain and its former possession.

The two-day visit went ahead despite arrangements continuing for the funeral and cremation Friday of the prince's aunt, Princess Margaret, who died last weekend. Charles planned to cut short his travels to return to England in time.

At his first stop — the state residence of Irish President Mary McAleese, which served as the home of British viceroys until Ireland's independence 80 years ago — Charles was asked whether he expected his mother, who has never visited Ireland, would follow.

"We hope so," he said. Charles' itinerary includes visits to a Dublin center for homeless people and drug addicts, a new wing of the

Irish National Gallery, homes for the elderly and disabled youths, and a peace and reconciliation center in the Wicklow Mountains south of the capital.

He canceled plans on Friday afternoon to visit the Burren, one of Ireland's most celebrated landscapes of stone, so that he could return to England in time for the funeral.

In 1995, eight months after the outlawed Irish Republican Army called a cease-fire, Charles became the first member of the British royal family to visit the Republic of Ireland. He suffered minor heckling at the time, but since then several visits by other prominent British royals have proved trouble-free.

Charles' visit was designed to illustrate the increasingly strong bonds between Britain and Ireland following the 1998 Good Friday peace pact for Northern Ireland, which remained part of the United Kingdom when the rest of Ireland won independence in 1922.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Sees Couple's Honeymoon As Good Time For Family Trip

DEAR ABBY: I have a huge problem. My fiance and I have been together for three years and are being married in October. The problem is my soon-to-be mother-in-law. She is a great lady and we get along very well; however, she insists on accompanying us on our honeymoon! She keeps pushing the idea of making it a family trip.

My fiance told her the honeymoon is going to be just for us. He tried to tell her we all could go someplace together another time, but she got upset. She abruptly got off the phone with him, saying she was "only joking," but she'd work on me.

This is a nightmare. She's normally a pleasant and reasonable person whom I like a lot. That's why I don't understand why she can't see this is a huge intrusion.

Please help. I don't want to have to change my honeymoon destination to someplace she may not want to go.

BRIDE-TO-BE
 IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: It's not a matter of finding a destination where your future mother-in-law doesn't want to go. This "great lady" seems to have control issues or a serious case of separation anxiety. She's dead set on going wherever her son goes. She could benefit from counseling.

Although I have printed letters in the past from couples who included extended family on their honeymoon — and a good

time was had by all — unless all parties are equally enthusiastic, it is extremely presumptuous for an in-law to continue to harp on it once the suggestion has been rejected.

Unless you want your marriage to turn into a family affair, you and your fiance must stand your ground.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is expecting a child soon and plans to use our surname because her husband's name is foreign and could be interpreted to mean something naughty in English. She wants to spare her child the embarrassment of being teased when she gets to school.

There is an uproar over this among the grandparents. Our son-in-law says it's OK with him. Is this now an accepted practice, or is it something new?

DESPERATE GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: It's something relatively new. It started when women began hyphenating their names and adding them to their husband's. Some husbands also began hyphenating their names to coincide with the wife's.

As your letter proves, there is more than one answer to the question, "What's in a name?" — pride, tradition, social standing, money or misery, depending on what the name is.

DEAR ABBY: Recently a reader asked if a fifth anniversary was too soon to renew wedding vows. You told her to go for it. I agree with you.

I have a collection of ladies magazines from the 1930s and '40s. During those uncertain times, it was fashionable to celebrate 50th anniversaries, but they included 50 months, 50 weeks — or even 50 days!

Bring on the cake and punch! In these uncertain times, any celebration of love, commitment, family, faith, joy or happiness should not be missed!

GAIL A. THOMPSON,
 LIBERTY MO.

P.S. We were married 30 years last November.

DEAR GAIL: I agree. Belated happy anniversary to you and your lucky husband.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY READERS: Thanks to you, writing this column is a love-in every day of the year!

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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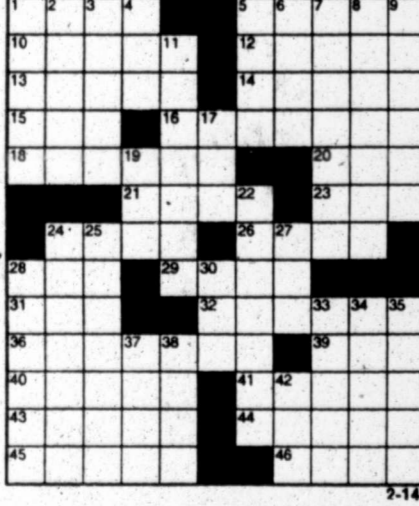
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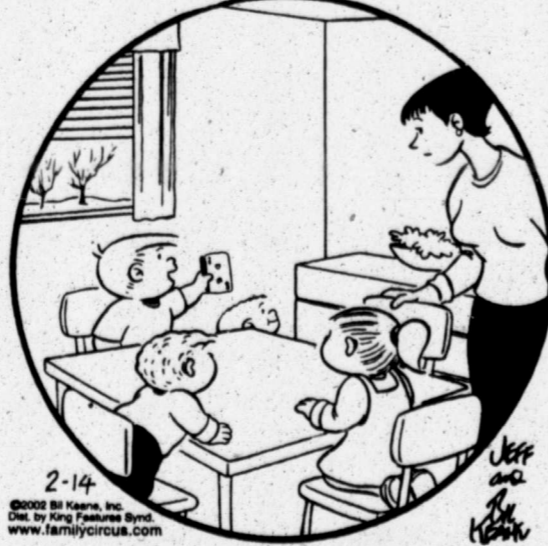
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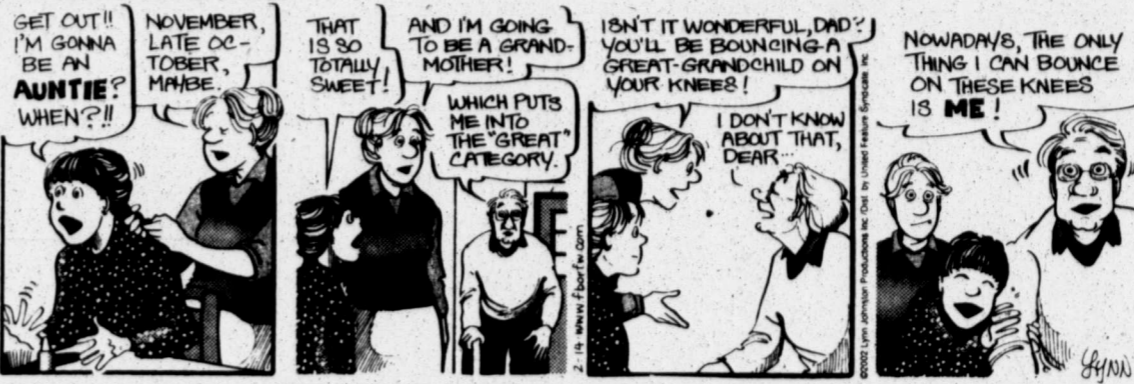
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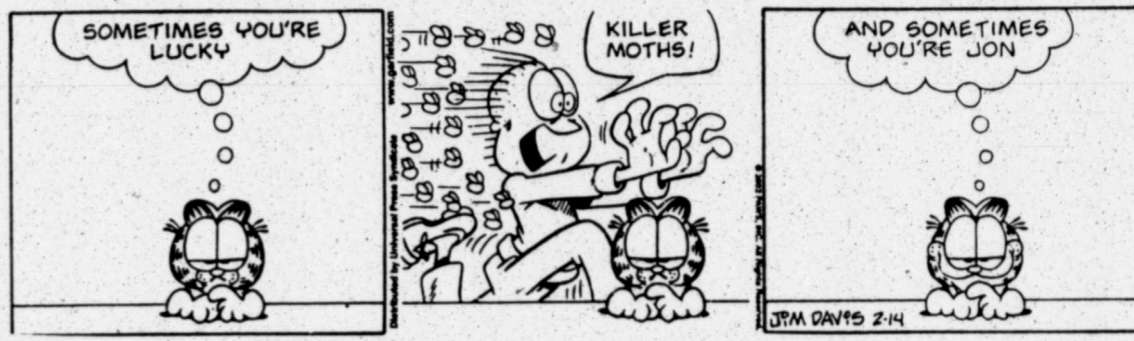
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SPORTS

Pampa Takedown Club wrestlers place at state

HUNTSVILLE — All nine wrestlers entered in the state tournament at Huntsville made Pampa proud.

The wrestlers were all members of The Pampa Takedown Club.

"Everyone seemed to be in the same frame of mind: focused. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them. These kids turned a lot of heads in Texas," said club coach Rick Urquhart.

Zach Bradley took first place in the 90-pound class in Division One. Three wrestlers, Cameron Wall, Steven Botello and Kasey Urquhart, finished second in their respective weight classes.

Bradley was recently named the Texas Division One Wrestler of the Year. He was nominated to the World All-Star Team by Cliff Keen Athletic and Wrestling USA magazine.

Urquhart said the state trip wouldn't have been possible without the outstanding support of Pampa individuals and business people.

"God has blessed and used our supporters as a tool," he added. "Thanks everyone."

The state meet was held Feb. 9.

State Meet Results

Division One (90 pounds): Zach Bradley, first place.

Division Two (49 pounds):

Cameron Wall, second place.

Division Two (61 pounds): Steven Botello, second place.

Division Four (75 pounds): Kasey Urquhart, second place.

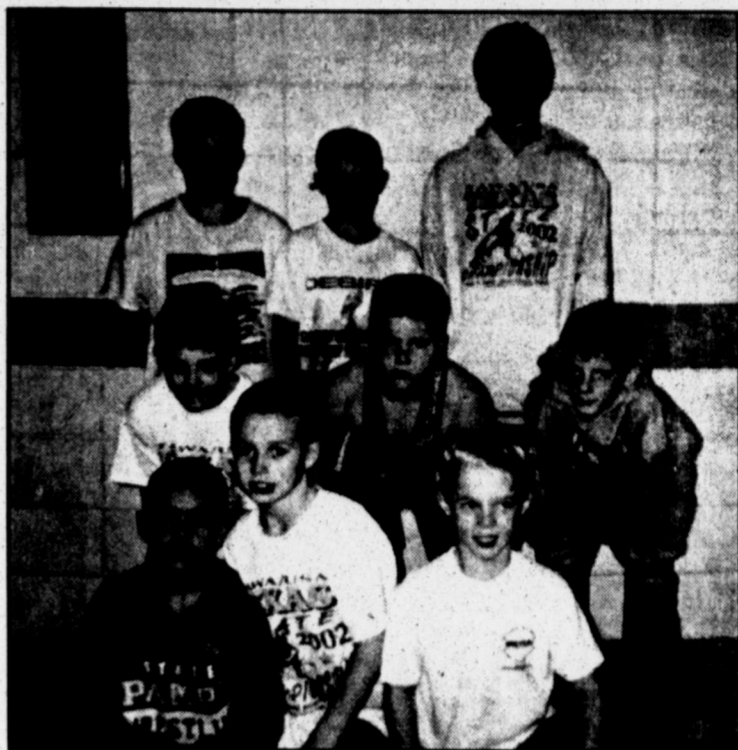
Division Two (70 pounds): Andrew Regalado, fourth place.

Division Three (66 pounds): Cody Schiffman, fifth place.

Division Four (120 pounds): Taylor Fatheree, fifth place.

Division Two (75 pounds): Garrett Fatheree, top 10.

Division Four (120 pounds): John Burns, top 10.



(Courtesy photo)

Competing in the state wrestling tournament were (front row, l-r) Steven Botello, Cody Schiffman and Cameron Wall; (middle row, l-r) Andrew Regalado, Zach Bradley and Garrett Fatheree; (back row, l-r) John Burns, Kasey Urquhart and Taylor Fatheree.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

CANYON — Groom was defeated by Nazareth 74-50 Tuesday night in a girls bi-district game at the WT Fieldhouse.

Wendy Black was Nazareth's top scorer with 16 points.

Candace Bohr led Groom with 12 points, followed by Krisanne Davis 10.

FRITCH — Fort Elliott defeated Texline 58-44 Tuesday night in a bi-district girls basketball game.

Tamera Hartline scored 21 points and Amanda Mick added 17 to lead Fort Elliott scoring.

Mary Gutierrez scored 26 points for Texline.

FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, \$24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

The deal, which runs through 2006, was announced Wednesday. It contains a \$4 million signing bonus.

Had Fiedler pursued free agency, the Dolphins could have kept him by matching any offer.

"This was the one place that I wanted to be," said Fiedler, who has 34 touchdown passes and 33 interceptions in two seasons with Miami. "The excitement level I have coming back is definitely high, knowing the coaching staff is backing me, and knowing they have the respect that I can be a winning quarterback."

BASEBALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Florida and Tampa Bay were among the 18 teams originally considered for elimination this year, baseball's top lawyer told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"There were a number of teams that were contraction candidates, including teams from the state of Florida," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer, said when questioned Wednesday by committee chairman Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt.

Montreal and Minnesota eventually were chosen as the targeted teams, a move that dominated the offseason until contraction was blocked for this year in the courts.

Wednesday's 2 1/2-hour hearing was far less contentious and far more informative than a similar session held Dec. 6 by the House Judiciary Committee, which also is considering legislation to further restrict baseball's antitrust exemption.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who frustrated members of the House panel with evasive answers, did not testify this time.

Among Wednesday's revelations:

— Union head Donald Fehr committed to increasing revenue sharing, but management officials said the players' initial proposal was to raise the amount of locally shared revenue from 20 percent to 22.5 percent, rather than the 50 percent in the owners' plan.

— DuPuy said Alabama businessman Donald Watkins "submitted at least a preliminary offer to acquire the Minnesota Twins."

Young players in spring spotlight at Astros camp

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros had a youth movement in their pitching rotation last season. They can only hope the inexperienced left side of their infield performs as well this year.

Pitchers and catchers reported to training camp at Kissimmee, Fla., Thursday for workouts beginning Friday. The group included Wade Miller, Roy Oswalt and Carlos Hernandez, young pitching surprises last season.

Miller had a solid 16-8 record in 32 starts in his first full season in the rotation. Oswalt started the season in Double-A and ended up with a 14-3 record and the runner-up for NL rookie of the year.

Hernandez allowed two earned runs in 17 2-3 innings and quickly became a fan favorite before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury.

But as far as general man-

er Gerry Hunsicker is concerned, his green pitchers are rock-solid compared to his prospects at third base and shortstop.

"The left side of our infield is our biggest concern," Hunsicker said. "It's more because of a lack of experience than feeling like we don't have the talent there."

The departure of Vinny Castilla at third base has left Chris Truby and minor-leaguer Morgan Ensberg to battle for the starting position.

Shortstop Julio Lugo, who struggled at the position last season, will get competition from Olympic gold medalist Adam Everett.

"I believe we have the talent to be productive on the left side of the infield but until they get to the major league level and prove themselves, they are unknown," Hunsicker said.

Truby struggled early last

season after getting a try at third base and spent part of the season in Triple-A New Orleans.

Everett came up to the majors late last season. He struggled at the plate but has shown signs of brilliance in the field.

The Astros' outfield will be young too, following the departure of Moises Alou, who shifted to the Chicago Cubs.

Daryle Ward finally will get a clear shot at a starting position, probably left field, and Lance Berkman is coming off an All-Star performance. He's slated for right field with Richard Hidalgo returning in center field.

"It's been a tough couple of years for him," Hunsicker said of Ward. "Three years ago he was ahead of Lance in the pecking order and all of a sudden, Lance got an opportunity to play and kind of leapfrogged ahead of Daryle."

"It's been a tough wait but now he's getting his chance. He'll be ready to go. I have all the confidence in the world in him."

Mental toughness marked the performances of Miller and Oswalt last season and

Hunsicker expects no less concentration this season.

"That's what separates the winners from the rest of the pack," Hunsicker said. "They are guys who can keep their focus. I don't anticipate any problems in that area."

WT hosts Lunar Bowl

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Student Activities Council and Recreational Sports are sponsoring a Lunar Bowl from 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at the Virgil Henson Activities Center.

The Lunar Bowl will feature a glow-in-the-dark atmosphere including glowing pins and bowling balls.

Free food and drinks will be provided at the event and

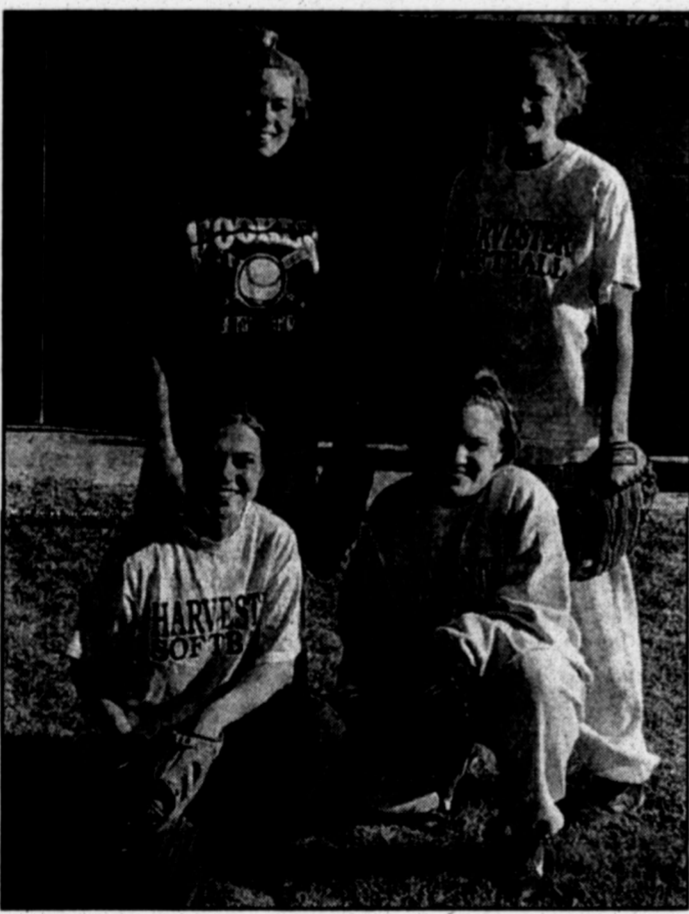
drawings for doorprizes will take place throughout the evening.

The event is free of charge for all WTAMU students. Non-students will be charged for each game.

The Lunar Bowl is just one of many programs that are scheduled for the spring semester in an effort to attract campus-wide student involvement.

For more information, call (806) 651-2313.

Varsity outfielders



Varsity outfielders on the Pampa High softball team this season are (bottom row, l-r) Abbi Covalt and Lindsey Ledbetter; (top row, l-r) Morgan White and Dusti Wilson. The Lady Harvesters open the season at 9 a.m. Friday against River Road in the Borger Tournament.

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Pampa third in 8th grade tourney

PAMPA — Pampa placed third in the District 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament, defeating Borger 36-24 in the final game.
 Brandon Barker led Pampa's scoring attack with 22 points.
 Eric Kingcade followed with 7.

Pampa was fourth in the B team division.

8th Grade Tournament

A Division

Game One
Canyon 16 27 32 45
Pampa 5 21 26 30
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Game Two
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Dumas 12 20 25 31
 P - Barker 14, Teichmann 6,

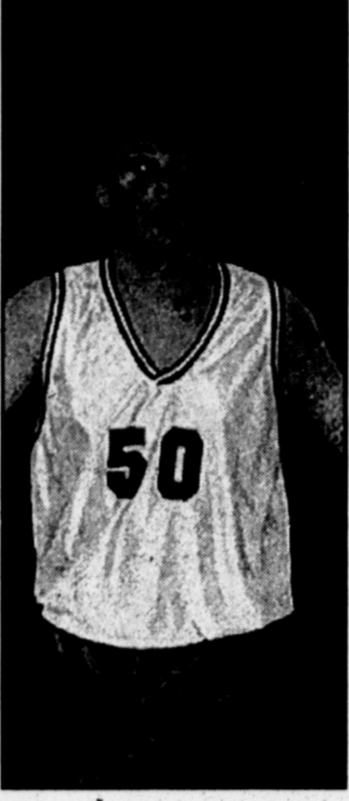
Torres 4, Robbins 3, Kotara 3, B. Smith 2, Kingcade 2.

Game Three
Pampa 5 14 25 36
Borger 2 13 17 24
 P - Barker 22, Kingcade 7, Torres 5, Robbins 2.

Game One
Pampa 11 19 32 45
Borger 6 14 24 44
 P - Franks 12, Davis 9, Moler 8, Holloman 6, Goldsmith 3, Henley 3, Scott 2, Anguano 2.

Game Two
Valleyview 8 18 28 47
Pampa 3 9 19 29
 P - Moler 8, Franks 7, Scott 4, Goldsmith 3, Hightower 3, Davis 3, Lowery 1.

Game Three
Hereford 10 26 36 50
Pampa 5 10 16 29
 P - Franks 20, Moler 3, Davis 3, Henley 2, Anguano 1.



Eric Kingcade (50) had 7 points in the win over Borger.

Pairs flap overshadowing events like Miller's medal, Ohno's debut

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Even on a day when Bode Miller stormed back from 15th to a silver and Apolo Anton Ohno began his bid for four medals, there was no escaping the dominant story of these Winter Olympics: the judging scandal in pairs skating.

The head of the French Olympic team said Wednesday night that a judge from his country was pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted to give the gold to the Russians over the Canadians.

The controversy surely will be on the minds of everyone at the Salt Lake Ice Center on Thursday night when the men's pairs title is decided. Miller's comeback was a great start on getting the focus back on the action.

Actually, it was a bad start that made it so memorable. He fell during the downhill part of the combined and came out 15th, roughly 2 1/2 minutes behind Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt. Then the event moved to slalom, Miller's specialty, and his run of 49.73 seconds is sure to become a staple of future Olympic highlights.

His dash was more than a second faster than the next-best time even though he shattered a gate en route. Aamodt held on for the gold, his sixth Olympic medal, the most by an Alpine skier.

"I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do," Miller said. "I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I decided to ski how I wanted to ski."

Miller's medal was the only one Wednesday for the United States, upping the host's total to 10. Germany earned six, vaulting to top of the overall list with 12.

Ohno could help make up the difference. The short track speedskating star got off to an electric start Wednesday by advancing to the 1,000-meter quarterfinals and by helping the U.S. team move into the semifinals in the 5,000 relay, his every glide cheered by 15,000 fans at the Salt Lake Ice Center.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," he said. On Thursday, medals were to be awarded in men's cross country 10K freestyle, women's combined slalom, women's 500 meter speedskating and men's figure skating.

— SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING: South Korea's Ko Gi-hyun became the youngest individual Olympic medalist in short-track history, winning the women's 1,500 meters at age 15. Teammate Choi Eun-kyung got silver and Evgenia Radanova of Bulgaria got bronze. The South Korean men,

however, were disqualified from the 5,000 relay because star Min Ryong took out an Italian on a spectacular crash. Min was treated at a local hospital, then released.

America's women skaters didn't fare well. Amy Peterson, the U.S. flag bearer during the opening ceremony, "ran out of juice" in the 1,500 meter semifinals and failed to advance. Erin Porter was disqualified after causing an opponent to fall.

Ohno's teammate Rusty Smith also advanced in the men's 1,000, setting an Olympic record in the process.

— BIATHLON: Now that Ole Einar Bjoerndalen has become the first biathlete to win three gold medals, he can set his sights on his next target — becoming the first biathlete to win three golds at one Olympics.

Don't bet against him. Bjoerndalen hit all 10 targets to win the 10-kilometer sprint Wednesday, two days after nailing 18 of 20 to win the 20K biathlon.

Germany's Sven Fischer was second in the 10K, while Austria's Wolfgang Perner won the bronze. In the women's 7.5K sprint, Germans Kati Wilhelm and Uschi Disl went 1-2, with Sweden's Magdalena Forsberg, the sport's dominant woman for the past five years, winning her second bronze of the games.

— SKI JUMPING: Simon Ammann of Switzerland — an engaging Harry Potter lookalike — added to his gold-medal collection by winning

Blazers end Mavs' road streak

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers talked about coming out strong after the All-Star break. Now they're talking about staying strong. Rasheed Wallace scored 24 points, and Bonzi Wells added 22 and a career-high nine assists as Portland ended Dallas' franchise-record eight-game road winning streak with a 114-103 victory Wednesday night.

"We regained the momentum we had a couple of weeks ago," said Wells, referring to an 11-2 stretch in late January. "After losing the last two before the break, we really needed this win. Dale Davis had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who outrebounded Dallas 45-27. Wallace had nine rebounds and Wells eight. "We're not a strong rebounding team," Dallas

coach Don Nelson said. "We didn't pursue the ball very well. They did, and that's probably why they won the game." The Blazers came into the break having lost three of four, all on the road.

"We talked before the game that we wanted to start anew in the next 30 games," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "We needed to start over and focus, not on other teams, but on ourselves."

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points for the Mavericks. Tim Hardaway and Juwan Howard scored 19 apiece.

Portland came out with a strong defensive effort, forcing 15 turnovers leading to 20 points.

"Defense wins games, and you saw that tonight," Cheeks said. "We maintained defensive pressure, contested shots

and contained their big three shooters."

Portland went ahead in the second quarter with a 10-0 run. After that, the Mavericks were never closer than four points, when it was 100-96 with 7:40 remaining. But the Blazers scored 10 of the next 11 points to put the game out of reach.

Damon Stoudamire had 19 points, seven rebounds and eight assists for Portland. Scottie Pippen had 13 points and 10 assists.

"We've started with a clean slate — we're 1-0 and it's a new season," Wallace said. "Once playoff time comes around, nobody wants to play us. We have nothing to lose and anything can happen."

Dallas point guard Steve Nash, who scored 39 points on the Blazers in December, struggled with only three points on 1-of-7 shooting.

Cowboys turn back OU in OT

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Perhaps a victory over No. 4 Oklahoma will be enough to show Oklahoma State it can win without leading scorer Maurice Baker.

The 16th-ranked Cowboys, who struggled in a loss at Fresno State on Sunday with Baker out due to a sprained ankle, beat Oklahoma 79-72 in overtime Wednesday night.

"We've been having a hard time convincing those guys that Mo's not out there and that you've got to go out there and take care of the basketball, have good shot selection, play excellent defense and play your butt off," Cowboys coach Eddie Sutton said.

With Baker watching in street clothes, the Cowboys got big nights from Ivan McFarlin and Melvin Sanders, committed just eight turnovers and shot 46 percent compared with 33 percent for Oklahoma.

McFarlin, a sophomore, scored eight of his career-high 22 points in overtime. Sanders, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds, helped hold Oklahoma guard Hollis Price to 10 points, seven below his average.

"It's always a big win over Oklahoma," Sutton said. "But when you're playing the fourth-best team in the country and

you're staggering like we've been staggering, then it's extra special."

The Cowboys (19-6, 6-5 Big 12) lost five of eight coming into the game. Oklahoma (19-4, 8-3) had won four in a row, but coach Kelvin Sampson said he fully expected Oklahoma State to play well without Baker.

"Basketball is a game of today," he said. "That was last Sunday. Today, they were good and that was a tough team out there tonight." Oklahoma got 27 points and 11 rebounds from Aaron McGhee, and 15 points from reserve Jason Detrick. The Sooners also had a 50-39 edge in rebounding, but Sampson wasn't happy with his team's effort.

"When you go on the road, you better have tough kids," he said. "I didn't like our toughness."

Oklahoma State scored the first nine points of the second half to take a 33-31 lead. Sanders started the run with a 3-pointer and a dunk off a steal.

The teams traded the lead seven times after that before the Cowboys scored eight points, including fast-break baskets by Victor Williams and Sanders, to take a 56-51 lead with 3:37 remaining. Price then made four free

throws in a 6-2 run that closed the Sooners to 58-57 with 2:32 left. A free throw by Williams and a basket by McFarlin pushed the lead back to four with 1:27 left, but McGhee and Detrick each made two free throws in the final minute to tie it at 61.

A turnover gave Oklahoma a chance to win the game in regulation, but Quannas White's jumper missed.

In overtime, McFarlin scored consecutive inside baskets on assists from Williams to give Oklahoma State a 69-67 lead with 2:18 left. McFarlin then stole a pass and took it the other way for a dunk and a four-point lead at the 1:57 mark.

After McGhee scored on a follow shot with 1:39 remaining, Williams scored on a leaper in the lane. Then the Cowboys, who were just 4-of-12 from the foul line in the first half, made six straight from the line to seal the victory.

Fredrik Jonzen, who made four of those free throws, had 19 points for the Cowboys. Williams had 13 points and six assists.

"We needed to win it bad," Sanders said. "We had our backs against the ropes, to tell the truth — 18-6, we didn't have our star player."

the 120 meter championship Wednesday in addition to his victory in the 90 meters.

Poland's Adam Malysz, who was third to Ammann at the shorter distance, finished second this time. Finland's Matti Hautamaeki was third.

The United States team still has a long way to go. With Alan Albom coming 34th and Clint Jones 42nd, no American has been in the top 25 at the last three Olympics.

— HOCKEY: Canada and Sweden will play Saturday to settle their round-robin group in women's Olympic hockey. Both improved to 2-0 with victories by the same score: 7-0. Canada beat Russia, eliminating the bronze medalist from last year's world championships, and Sweden beat Kazakhstan.

On Thursday, the U.S. women play China and Finland faces Germany.

In men's action, Switzerland beat Belarus 2-1 and Ukraine beat France 4-2. None of those teams are headed to the medals round, which begins Friday when the U.S. men play Finland.

— LUGE: Sylke Otto, who failed to qualify for the previous two Winter Olympics after competing in Albertville in 1992, won the 100th gold medal for Germany at all Winter games.

"Those were very tough years, but there is nothing missing in my career now," she said.

The German women swept the event, with Barbara Niedernhuber taking silver and defending Olympic champion Silke Kraushaar getting

bronze.

Becky Wilczak was fifth, equaling the highest singles finish for a U.S. woman.

— CURLING: The U.S. men lost twice, falling 9-8 to Germany and 6-5 to Norway, to sink near the bottom of the standings. Canada remained undefeated, beating last-place France 8-1, while Germany lost for the first time, 7-6 to

Britain. Also, Finland beat Switzerland 6-5, Switzerland beat Sweden 8-7, Sweden beat Denmark 9-5 and Norway beat Britain 7-6.

The Canadian women improved to 4-0 with a 6-4 victory over the United States, while Germany and Switzerland both beat Japan 5-3 to improve to 3-0. Denmark beat Sweden 11-9.

Stars defeat Rangers

DALLAS (AP) — Are the Dallas Stars putting things together? They'll have to wait until after the Olympic break to know for sure.

Using new combinations of lines, the Stars beat the New York Rangers 4-2 Wednesday night in their last game before a 13-day hiatus surrounding the Olympics.

"It's a game where we can go into the break positively," Stars center Mike Modano said. "We feel we are getting better and more confident."

The Stars (26-20-7-4), who have won five straight division titles, go into the break tied with Vancouver for eighth place — and the final playoff spot — in the Western Conference. The Rangers (27-25-4-3) are eighth in the Eastern Conference.

"If we keep playing like this, we'll be on our way," Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk said.

Modano and Nieuwendyk both scored third-period goals for Dallas, which never led until then.

The go-ahead goal by Modano came with 9:34 left. His 29th goal was set up by Brenden Morrow and Jamie Langenbrunner.

Nieuwendyk was credited with his 21st goal when Benoit

Brunet's shot ricocheted off his skate and past goalie Mike Richter for some insurance with 3:05 left.

The Stars had scored just once in four of the six games since Rick Wilson replaced fired coach Ken Hitchcock. So Wilson continued shaking up the lines in search of a spark, and he found some.

By putting Langenbrunner on the first line with Morrow and Modano, the Stars were able to move Jere Lehtinen to the right side of the No. 3 line with struggling center Pierre Turgeon.

Turgeon scored in his second straight game after going without a goal in 28 of the previous 29. That goal tied the game at 1 just 90 seconds into the second period.

The Rangers led 1-0 when Eric Lindros put a long rebound under the leg of Ed Belfour at the 17:29 mark of the first period. Lindros assisted on Matthew Barnaby's fifth goal, six minutes into the second period, that put New York ahead 2-1.

The Stars got even at 2 on Lehtinen's rebound goal on a power play midway through the second period.

BOWLING		SCOREBOARD	
Harvester Lanes	League Individual Results	By The Associated Press	
Casino League		EAST	
(Week 21)		American U. 78, Bucknell 67	
Week's Top Scores		Army 78, Lafayette 69	
High scratch series: Peggy Smith 538; High scratch game: Sheila Winton 199.		Boston College 89, Providence 79	
Wednesday Night Mixed League		Colgate 66, Navy 65	
(Week 19)		Holy Cross 79, Lehigh 40	
Week's Top Scores		Iona 65, Rider 63	
Men		James Madison 80, Hofstra 71	
High scratch series: Andy Anderson 709; High scratch game: Dan Anderson 243; High handicap series: Eddie Beecher 642; High handicap game: Kelley Dewey and Charlie Sutterfield 225.		La Salle 71, Temple 67	
Women		Manhattan 73, Canisius 53	
High scratch series: Becky Hall 524; High scratch game: Kristi Lee 181; High handicap series: Bettye Sue Clegg 664; High handicap game: Toni Connolly 235.		Md.-Eastern Shore 61, Hartford 57	
Senior League		Niagara 65, Loyola, Md. 42	
(Week 2)		Penn St. 71, Iowa 65	
Week's Top Scores		Rhode Island 70, Fordham 64	
Men		St. Bonaventure 60, Massachusetts 56	
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Women		Vermont 86, Binghamton 71	
High scratch game: Nell Laughlin 174; High scratch series: Nell Laughlin 482.		Virginia Tech 78, West Virginia 63	
Chamber Merchants League		SOUTH	
(Week 20)		Alabama 52, South Carolina 51	
Week's Top Scores		Auburn 65, Mississippi 62	
Men		Charlotte 75, Memphis 63	
High scratch game: Red Mills 203; High scratch series: Red Mills 527.		Clark Atlanta 86, Morris Brown 84	
Women		Clemson 118, Wake Forest 115, 2OT	
High scratch game: Nell Laughlin 174; High scratch series: Nell Laughlin 482.		Davidson 64, Georgia Southern 56	
Chamber Merchants League		Kentucky 67, Vanderbilt 59	
(Week 20)		LSU 68, Mississippi St. 65, OT	
Week's Top Scores		Maryland 85, Georgia Tech 65	
Men		Miami 79, St. John's 56	
High scratch game: Bud Hess 213; High scratch series: Joe Smith 573.		N.C.-Wilmington 66, William & Mary 58	
Women		Richmond 61, Saint Joseph's 59	
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Casino League		MIDWEST	
(Week 19)		Ball St. 87, Buffalo 63	
Week's Top Scores		Bowling Green 82, E. Michigan 61	
High scratch series: Gary Winton 628; High scratch game: Dave Thomas 223.		Creighton 95, Drake 91, OT	
Long Star League		Dayton 82, Duquesne 50	
(Week 20)		Illinois St. 73, Evansville 55	
Week's Top Scores		Indiana St. 71, Bradley 66	
High scratch game: Carla Schiffman 225; High scratch series: Kim Davis 590.		Iowa St. 89, Colorado 63	
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FRIDAY, FEB. 15, 2002

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)

**** The moon in your sign makes you the zodiac star. Others pick up on your sense of well-being. Family bombards you with news and different requests. What begins as a serious talk turns into a creative and/or romantic chat. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Slow down, because you could be on overload. Listen carefully to someone's sharing. You could be overwhelmed with all that you're hearing. Slow down and take all the time that you need. If you feel uptight about finances, don't spend! Tonight: Vanish quickly.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Meetings take you in a new direction. In fact, what starts out as business turns into play before you know it. A money opportunity seems too good to be true. You could be frivolous in your choices. Worry less right now. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Where the gang is.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** You're in the spotlight. You might have swallowed way too much for your own good. Still, you decide that you can do it, and you can. Use instincts with someone who has power over you. A

partner could be unusually enthusiastic and happy. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Rethink a matter close to your heart. You might be well-advised to detach, if you can. Whatever might be going on behind the scenes or in your personal life could add a bounce to your step. Be careful of someone you meet right now. Check this person out. Tonight: Go to a favorite music spot.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Relate to others as if each person is the most important person in your life. Friends come to your rescue and drag you out of work if you're not out in time. Your imagination leads you in a new direction. Make a friendship out of a work relationship. Tonight: Togetherness works.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Others seek you out, though you might have a difficult time leaving your work. All work and no play could make you most unhappy. Loosen up and enjoy your life. Your imagination leads you on a new route emotionally. Tonight: Follow the gang.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Focus on what needs to get done. Work demands your attention, though realize someone at a distance waits to hear from you. Reach out for this person.
BORN TODAY: Actress Jane Seymour (1951), astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564), actor Chris Farley (1964)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Befriend someone and listen to his or her perspective. What you see developing is a warm friendship, if you both just relax and be yourselves. Resist pegging anyone into a slot. Enjoy the uniqueness of those around you. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Honor priorities, even in the present playful mood that surrounds you. Once you have accomplished what you need to, you can let loose. Family dominates your thoughts. Check out an investment with care. You know what works. Tonight: Stay close to home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** How you see someone might change because of the joyous and playful nature of those around you. Question yourself. Evaluate whether you might be unusually hard on a loved one or child. Open up a discussion to air out different views. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Deal with spending. Someone could easily tease you down a trail that, generally, you might prefer not to go down. Laugh more and enjoy yourself with a loved one, but also know when to say "no." Use your intuition with spending. Tonight: Your treat. Your pleasure.

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Lyndon's Love Letter



By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Valentine's Day is unquestionably the most romantic day of the year. Many weddings are scheduled on that day because of the romance associated with Valentine's Day.

Traditionally, it is the day of the year when expressions of love are expressed with flowers and candy. Cards are sent to loved ones signifying the day.

Both lavish and inexpensive gifts are given to loved ones.

One local man, however, expressed his love for his wife in words.

Lyndon Field wrote a romantic letter to his wife, Kelly, at Christmas. He presented it to her along with seven pictures of her encircle her CD, "Listen With Your Heart." The letter reads:

Dear Joyce,

What can I say? What a life we have together! While looking at these photos, I see the timid little girl of 17 years that would hardly sing in front of me, and in no way would she even think of singing in front of a crowd.

I remember the quiet teenager who secretly wanted to perform for someone, but was afraid of going outside her comfort zone. (The comfort zone was mighty small in those days!)

I remember the young girlfriend of a drummer, secretly wishing that she could be a member of the band, but was never invited to do so. (I feel kinda bad about that one, kid.)

A few years later, I see a young lady trying her wings and singing for a few close friends in a Sunday

School class. And being so terrified that she was sick at her stomach.)

Then, a short time later, this same lady is the one talking her husband into singing with her in front of these same loving friends at church.

I close my eyes and relive traveling on vacations with her singing love songs to me while riding on the back of a motorcycle, riding shotgun in the car, singing from the concert hall in the back of the van, inside the vacation cabins and at the amphitheater at Lake Meredith. (That's when she received a rousing standing ovation from the crowd of one.)

I was sitting dead center, halfway up in the cheap seats. Wow!! What a concert that I received!! I whistled, hollered and jumped up and cheered. I felt so lucky to be alone with you on that day! There hasn't been a better concert before, or after, in that old place. That was just another one of those experiences that was just for you and me, kid.

I remember another time at another natural amphitheater in the middle of nowhere, (somewhere in New Mexico) where we thought we were all alone. After I finally convinced you that we were all alone, and with much persuasion, you sang "How Great Thou Art."

While it was echoing off the back of the canyon walls, your spirit sang to the most inner parts of my soul. After you finished, all I could do was stand there and soak it in.

Moments later, a couple walked up behind us and thanked you for their spiritual experience.

I also remember stopping in the middle of nowhere, beside an old pot-holed, wornout road, opening the door of an old church, and singing with you, while you played a

few songs out of an old dusty hymnal on an old dusty, out-of-tune, upright piano.

Before leaving there, even though you were about to bust, (if I remember correctly) I believe that I had trouble talking you into using the facilities out back of that old church. Remember the outhouse, kid? (See how the comfort zone has expanded over the years?)

Now, I am the proud husband of the singing lady that will sing at the drop of a hat in front of hundreds of folks; who will minister to anyone including family, friends, strangers, and convicts. You not only add joy to people at weddings, and bring comfort to the grieving at funerals through your singing. But you also minister with your total being.

I will never forget watching your dream come true in the recording studio. Nothing can diminish the vision that I was privileged to be a part of that night. You were standing there in front of that big ole microphone, in your blue overalls and tennis shoes, wearing the studio headphones, eyes closed, totally lost in your own little world.

It was like watching a little girl that was totally unaware of the presence of anyone else. You were swaying and dancing around, lost in the musical moment, singing beautiful lyrics, drawing beautiful word pictures with your sign language, and you were totally at peace with yourself and the world. I just stood there crying, turned to Kelly (Rushing, the CD's producer) and said, "Man, what a sight that we are seeing here! What a privilege it is to see this!"

Dreams do come true! I love being your husband!

Lyndon